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KEEPING IT REAL

## Among California's Seditious Seven



Congressman Ken Calvert

Congressman Jay Obernolte

*"[N]ever play with insurrection unless you are fully prepared to face the consequences of your play. Insurrection is a calculus with very indefinite magnitudes, the value of which may change every day; the forces opposed to you have all the advantage of organization, discipline, and habitual authority: unless you bring strong odds against them you are defeated and ruined."*

- Karl Marx

**M**uch continues to be written about the national tragedy of the failed insurrection that continues to rock the nation.

Without a doubt the deadly events at the nation's Capitol on January 6th forced this country to take a long hard look in the mirror. No longer is this nation able to pretend concerns over White nationalism are hyperbolic; that warnings about the dangers of White Supremacists were unwarranted, or that there are those at all levels of governments who support and enable such ideology.

More than 150 years since the end of the Civil War, those who believe in the flawed theory of White superiority, who despise the idea of multiculturalism and fear the very idea of not being in power with unlimited control continue to fight for a cause "lost" decades ago.

What we learned is at the local, state and federal levels we can no longer afford to turn a blind eye to the large swath of Americans still clinging to remnants of this "Lost Cause," to

pretend their penchant for violence is not real.

But what happens, you ask, when duly elected officials in your own community demonstrate their commitment to this cause? The answer is simple—they must be held accountable at the polls.

Those committed to a mindset of White Supremacy are working overtime to pull this nation apart, using the old and festering wound of racism. Like a sore attempting to scab over, they peel the scab away again, and over again.

Yet, despite the treacherous attempted insurrection fueled by the madman-in-chief soon to leave office, and cosigned by his legislative supporters, there is a healing balm in the recognition these people—though great in number—do not represent most of the nation. In addition, there is hope and a cautious optimism



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## Homeless Students



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**A** 2019 survey of 40,000 students at 57 California community colleges revealed 60% of them were housing insecure in the previous year and 19% were homeless during the same period.

The survey noted of the 1,952 students who responded from the Inland Empire/Desert Region, the numbers were only slightly better—58% were housing insecure and 15% were homeless.

Despite the hardships faced by these students, the National Center for Homeless Education reported many unaccompanied homeless youths aspire to higher education but find the barriers to enrollment and attendance to be overwhelming. There are, however, support services available for these young people at the state and federal level.

### The McKinney-Vento Act

The McKinney-Vento Act provides rights and services to children and youth experiencing homelessness. This legislation defines an

unaccompanied homeless youth as a youth whose living situation is not “fixed, regular, and adequate and who is “not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian.” This can include those who have run away from home or have been asked to leave home by a parent or guardian.

### College Cost Reduction and Access Act

According to a 2015 survey by the National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth, finances are the second most common barrier that homeless youth face in accessing postsecondary education—with “lack of knowledge of services available” taking first place.

Unaccompanied youth are often estranged from their parents, which leads to difficulty with filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form which in most cases requires them to provide information about their parents’ finances and to have their parents sign the completed

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## Curt Hagman Re Elected Chairman of the Board

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Supervisor Curt Hagman was unanimously re-elected by his colleagues to serve a second two-year term as Chairman of the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors. The Board unanimously elected Supervisor Dawn Rowe to serve as Vice Chair.

Citing Hagman's able and accomplished leadership of the county during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, on Tuesday Jan. 5, the Board waived a 50-year-old county policy precluding chairs from serving two consecutive terms.

"Our chairman has done an exemplary job during COVID," Vice Chair Rowe said in proposing the policy waiver. "During a pandemic is not the time to change leadership."

Rowe pointed to Hagman's long-standing relationships with international business groups which has provided cash grants to more than 5,000 county businesses, and the establishment of the Skilled Nursing Facility Task Force during his watch.

"The one thing you have to be very, very careful of when you're in the middle of a crisis and you have a leader who is handling the situation and



Curt Hagman

everything is well in hand is changing leadership unless you have a very good reason," said First District Supervisor Paul Cook, a retired Marine



Dawn Rowe

Corps Colonel.

"Maintaining leadership will help keep

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## KEEPING IT REAL

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in the promise of the coming administration.

In the meantime, there is a reckoning and soul searching that must take place within our own local jurisdiction involving some of those who represent the inland region in Congress.

California's delegation to the U.S. House of Representatives has about 53 members including Democratic Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi and Republican House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy. Although the majority of the state's Congressional representatives are Democrats, all representatives regardless of party, take the same oath—to uphold the nation's Constitution.

Despite this oath, 147 House Republicans from across the country voted not to certify the Presidential election, including seven from California. Among the seven, two are rooted in the inland region—Representative Ken Calvert

of Corona and Representative Jay Obernolte of Big Bear Lake.

For those who would argue these men represent the passions of their constituents I acknowledge that may well be true; but it is also true they took an oath to the U.S. Constitution. They also know there was absolutely zero foundation for their seditious act beyond racism and blind loyalty to a leader and political party obviously and largely steeped in racist and anti-Semitic sentiments and ideology. Though this is not true of all in their party, very few have found a voice loud enough to disavow it.

The racism embedded in Republican claims of election fraud was so overt it harkened back to some of the most egregious actions of their forebears to deny the franchise to Black voters. To some extent the lemmings in the

electorate who bought into the endless cycle of disinformation, inflammatory rhetoric and unrelenting falsehoods about a rigged election might generously be considered willfully ignorant especially since more than 50 courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court, deemed otherwise.

For Calvert, Obernolte and others who cosigned the nonsense and voted against certifying the election thereby giving a veneer of credibility to the madness, there can be no forgiveness.

The hypocrisy of so many Republicans who, while clinging to the Constitution with one hand, spewed words of comfort to the rioting insurrectionists as they voted against the Constitution, was galling.

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# classifieds & public notices

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### Fleet Services Specialist San Bernardino County \$32,510.40 - \$44,678.40 Annually

The Fleet Management Department is recruiting for (1) Fleet Services Specialist in the West Valley Service Center who performs preventive maintenance and repairs on light duty, medium duty, heavy trucks and equipment. For more details, review the announcement at [www.sbcounty.gov/jobs](http://www.sbcounty.gov/jobs). Apply by 12/18/20 at 5 PM, (909) 387-8304 - EEO/ADA

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## NAME CHANGE

### ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER CVCO 2000589

To All Interested Persons: Petitioner: X'ZAVIER ZHAYNE E'STEPHON BRENT PROWELL filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: X'ZAVIER ZHAYNE E'STEPHON BRENT PROWELL to. STEPHON TAYLOR. The Court Orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the may grant the petition without a hearing. Notice of Hearing: Date: 02/03/2021 Time: 8:30 AM Dept: MV2. The address of the court is: SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 505 S. BUENA VISTA AVE, RM 201, CORONA, CA 92882. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Black Voice News, 1201 University Avenue, Suite 210, Riverside, CA 92507. Date: DEC 11, 2020 C.B. HARMAN, Judge of the Superior Court  
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### ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

### CASE NUMBER MVC 2003975

To All Interested Persons: Petitioner: JOSE EDUARDO HERNANDEZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: JOSE EDUARDO HERNANDEZ to. EDDIE HERNANDEZ. The Court Orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the may grant the petition without a hearing. Notice of Hearing: Date: 1/14/2021 Time: 8:30 AM Dept: MV2. The address of the court is: SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 505 S. BUENA VISTA AVE, RM 201, CORONA, CA 92882. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Black Voice News, 1201 University Avenue, Suite 210, Riverside, CA 92507.

Date: DEC 11, 2020

C.B. HARMAN, Judge of the Superior Court

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### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: PEARL BARTLETT aka PEARL McGHEE PIERCY aka PEARL PIERCY

#### Case Number PRRI 2000325

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: PEARL BARTLETT aka PEARL McGHEE PIERCY aka PEARL PIERCY A Petition for Probate has been filed by WILLIAM W. BARTLETT in the Superior Court of California, County of: RIVERSIDE. The Petition for Probate requests that WILLIAM W. BARTLETT be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The will requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions

without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:

Date: Feb 3, 2021 Time: 8:30 A.M., DEPT 08, SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 4050 MAIN ST, RIVERSIDE, CA 92501, CENTRAL DISTRICT. If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Petitioner or Attorney for the Petitioner: Bryan C. Hartnell, ESQ. Hartnell Law Group, A Professional Law Corporation, 25757 Redlands Boulevard, Redlands, CA 92373-8453  
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## SUMMONS

### SUMMONS (FAMILY LAW)

#### CASE NUMBER FLRI2007556

Notice to Respondent: ARMANDO G. VAZQUEZ

You are being sued Petitioner's name is: NIMNEH JACKSON-VAZQUEZ

You have 30 calendar days after this Summons and Petition are served on you to file a Response (form FL-120 or FL-123) at the court and have a copy served on the petitioner. A letter or phone call will not protect you. If you do not file your Response on time, the court may make orders affecting your

marriage or domestic partnership, your property, and custody of your children. You may be ordered to pay support and attorney fees and costs. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the clerk for a fee waiver form. If you want legal advice, contact a lawyer immediately. You can get information about finding lawyers at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center ([www.courtinfo.ca.gov/serflhelp](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/serflhelp)), at the California legal Services Web site ([www.lawhelpcalifornia.org](http://www.lawhelpcalifornia.org)), or by contacting your local county bar association.

Tiene 30 dias corridos despues de haber recibido la entrega legal de esta Citacion y Peticion para presentar una Respuesta (formulario FL-120 o FL-123) ante la corte y efectuar la entrega legal de una copia al demandante. Una carta o llamada telefonica no basta para protergerlo. Si no presenta su Respuesta a tiempo, la corte puede dar ordenes que afecten su matrimonio o pareja de hecho, sus bienes y la custodia de sus hijos. La corte tambien le puede ordenar que pague manutencion, y honorarios y costos legales. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentacio, pida al secretario un formulario de exencion de cuotas. Si desea obtener asesoramiento legal, pongase en contacto de inmediato con un abogado. Puede obtener informacion para encontrar a un abogado en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California ([www.sucorte.ca.gov](http://www.sucorte.ca.gov)), en el sitio Web de los Servicios Legales de California ([www.lawhelpcalifornia.org](http://www.lawhelpcalifornia.org)) o poniendose en contacto con el colegio de abogados de su condado.

The name and address of the court is: SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, RIVERSIDE COUNTY CALIFORNIA, 4175 MAIN STREET, RIVERSIDE, CA 92501 The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney are: Nimneh Jackson-Vazquez, 28393 Championship Drive, Moreno Valley, CA 92555. Notice to the person served: You are served as an individual.

Clerk, by D. Cortez, Deputy  
DATE: 12/11/2020

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

**LIT + WICK**

**1134 Mescal St**

**Perris, CA 92571**

**RIVERSIDE COUNTY**

**LOVIN(ME)LANIN LLC**

**1267 Willis St, Ste 200**

### Redding, CA 96001

#### CA

This business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company Registrant(s) has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1000).)

s. Tijera Shanklin /Owner/ Member The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (sec. 1440 et. seq. b & p code) Statement was filed with the County of Riverside on 12/21/2020 I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

NOTICE- In accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920, a fictitious business name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 et seq., business and professions code). I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

Peter Aldana, County Clerk,

FILE NO. R-202013189

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The following person(s) is (are)

doing business as:

**HMC SOLUTIONS**

**6865 Weaver St**

**Riverside, CA 92504**

**RIVERSIDE COUNTY**

**PO BOX 1700**

**Riverside, CA 92502**

**Executive Facilities Services, Inc.**

**6865 Weaver St**

**Riverside, CA 92504**

This business is conducted by: Corporation

Registrant(s) has not yet begun to transact business under the

fictitious business name(s) listed above.

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1000).)

s. Debra A. Ferraro, Secretary

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (sec. 1440 et. seq. b & p code) Statement was filed with the County of Riverside on 12/21/2020 I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

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Peter Aldana, County Clerk,

FILE NO. R- 202013092

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

**PROSPER HOME I**

**UNITED TOOL GROUP**

**A LIGHT IN THE NIGHT**

**PROSPER HOME II**

**2575 Orange St**

**Riverside, CA 92501**

**RIVERSIDE COUNTY**

**Enrique - Roman**

**2575 Orange St**

**Riverside, CA 92501**

This business is conducted by: Individual

Registrant(s) has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true





Nancy Pelosi June 16, 2020 by United States Congress, Office of Nancy Pelosi (Courtesy of Twitter.com)

## Trump Impeached After Capitol Riot in Historic Second Charge

Lisa Mascaro, Mary Clare Jalonick, Jonathan Lemire and Alan Fram | Associated Press

President Donald Trump was impeached by the U.S. House for a historic second time Wednesday, charged with "incitement of insurrection" over the deadly mob siege of the Capitol in a swift and stunning collapse of his final days in office.

With the Capitol secured by armed National Guard troops inside and out, the House voted 232-197 to impeach Trump. The proceedings moved at lightning speed, with lawmakers voting just one week after violent pro-Trump loyalists stormed the U.S. Capitol after the president's calls for them to "fight like hell" against the election results.

Ten Republicans fled Trump, joining Democrats who said he needed to be held accountable and warned ominously of a "clear and present danger" if Congress should leave him unchecked before Democrat Joe Biden's inauguration Jan. 20.

Trump is the only U.S. president to be twice impeached. It was the most bipartisan presidential impeachment in modern times, more so than against Bill Clinton in 1998.

The Capitol insurrection stunned and angered lawmakers, who were sent scrambling for safety as the mob descended, and it revealed the

fragility of the nation's history of peaceful transfers of power. The riot also forced a reckoning among some Republicans, who have stood by Trump throughout his presidency and largely allowed him to spread false attacks against the integrity of the 2020 election.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi invoked Abraham Lincoln and the Bible, imploring lawmakers to uphold their oath to defend the Constitution from all enemies, foreign "and domestic."

She said of Trump: "He must go, he is a clear and present danger to the nation that we all love."

Holed up at the White House, watching the proceedings on TV, Trump took no responsibility for the bloody riot seen around the world, but issued a statement urging "NO violence, NO lawbreaking and NO vandalism of any kind" to disrupt Biden's ascension to the White House.

In the face of the accusations against him and with the FBI warning of more violence, Trump said, "That is not what I stand for, and it is not what America stands for. I call on ALL Americans to help ease tensions and calm tempers."

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## Don't Get Scammed - Jury Duty Service

Staff | VOICE News

**T**he Riverside County District Attorney's office has reported on a jury duty scam occurring in the county and around the state. According to officials, members of the public are being contacted by con artists who claim to be with either the Superior Court or the sheriff's department.

The scammer subsequently asks for personal identification information from the intended victim either over the phone or by offering to set up an in-person meeting.

The scam involves the con demanding payment to clear up an outstanding warrant that was supposedly issued because the victim failed to perform his/her jury duty service.

The scammer usually demands payment via a pre-paid credit card transaction of some sort. There was even an instance where the scammer asked the victim to meet at the courthouse to collect the purported "fine" and clear the warrant.

Officials warn these calls or contacts are fraudulent and have no connection with either the court or the sheriff's department. Keep in mind neither the court nor sheriff's department employee will ever contact you or any other member of the public asking for personal or financial information in place of attending jury duty or to clear up any supposed failure to report for jury service.

If you should receive such a call you are advised to hang up and immediately contact your local law enforcement agency to report the crime. Don't get scammed.



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# Deceptive Veterans' Charity Misled Donors With False Solicitations

S.E. Williams | Executive Editor

**O**n January 12th California Attorney General Xavier Becerra announced he and a coalition of 11 attorneys general had secured a multistate settlement against a deceptive veterans' charity, Healing Heroes Network (HHN), Inc. and its former directors.

In 2009 the Florida-based charity established itself in California and operated collectively as the American Injured Veterans, American Injured Veterans Foundation, Injured American Veterans Foundation, Get the Bikes, Harleys for Heroes, Hero Giveaways, Outdoors for Heroes, Tablets for Heroes and Welcome Home Heroes.

HHN's stated purpose was to provide therapy to veterans through a nationwide network of providers by assisting those who were injured in the line of duty, promoting mental and physical rehabilitation to the wounded who had sustained traumatic injuries and to offer therapies and services it claimed were not currently provided by the U.S. Department of Veterans



Affairs—as further stated, “For which these heroes are in desperate need.” However, a multistate investigation revealed the charity engaged in deceptive sweepstakes’ mailers and telephone solicitations and promised to use donations to help the wounded veterans.

Court documents show from 2013 through 2017 the organization misled Californians around the state into donating money; misled donors about the charitable program services conducted by the organization; and led donors to believe the organization was being efficiently managed.

Healing Heroes contracted with commercial fundraisers for direct-mail pieces promising the donations would help wounded post 9/11 veterans by providing them and their families with food, shelter, clothing, etc. Additionally, in 2016 and 2017 the organization falsely claimed on social media that 100% of the donations it received went to help veterans.

The investigation found to the contrary. Beginning in 2015 until the organization dissolved in late 2017, it spent on average only about 16% of its gross annual revenue on charitable programs. The remaining balance apparently went to operating expenses.

For example, in California the fundraisers sent out on average 3,800 direct mailers per month to residents all over the state. These mailers grossed about \$874,000 but the charity netted only \$87,400 (10%) to \$131,000, while the rest went to expenses.

According to the investigation donors were misled into contributing millions of dollars owed to deceptive sweepstakes mailers and telephone solicitations by Healing Heroes but, as noted, most of the money was used to pay expenses. This included payments to professional fundraisers, online advertising fees, the salaries of Stacey Spiegel and her son, Neal Spiegel. Funds from donations were also used to buy t-shirts from another Spiegel family member’s t-shirt business.

Under the multi-state settlement agreement announced by Becerra, Healing Heroes was ordered to permanently cease all charitable solicitations to help wounded veterans; its former directors, the Spiegels, agreed to pay \$95,000. The payment will be provided to a veterans’ charity whose mission matches the representations made by Healing Heroes. In

addition, the Spiegels are banned from overseeing, managing, or soliciting charitable contributions for any nonprofit organization for the next five years. Finally, the Spiegels will be required to pay \$400,000 in monetary relief if any of the terms of the settlement agreement are violated.

In 2018 the Census Bureau’s Community Survey noted there were nearly 216,000 veterans living in the inland region. Scams like the one facilitated by Healing Heroes successfully scammed donors who were sincerely committed to helping veterans.

Sadly, deceptive groups preying on the good will of Californians who want to give to local veterans is not an aberration.

In May 2019, Attorney General Becerra coalesced with the Federal Trade Commission and a coalition of attorneys general to secure a \$1.8 million settlement against another fake charity organization promising to help veterans. Help the Vets, Inc., misled donors about its cause and defrauded them out of millions of dollars in donations.

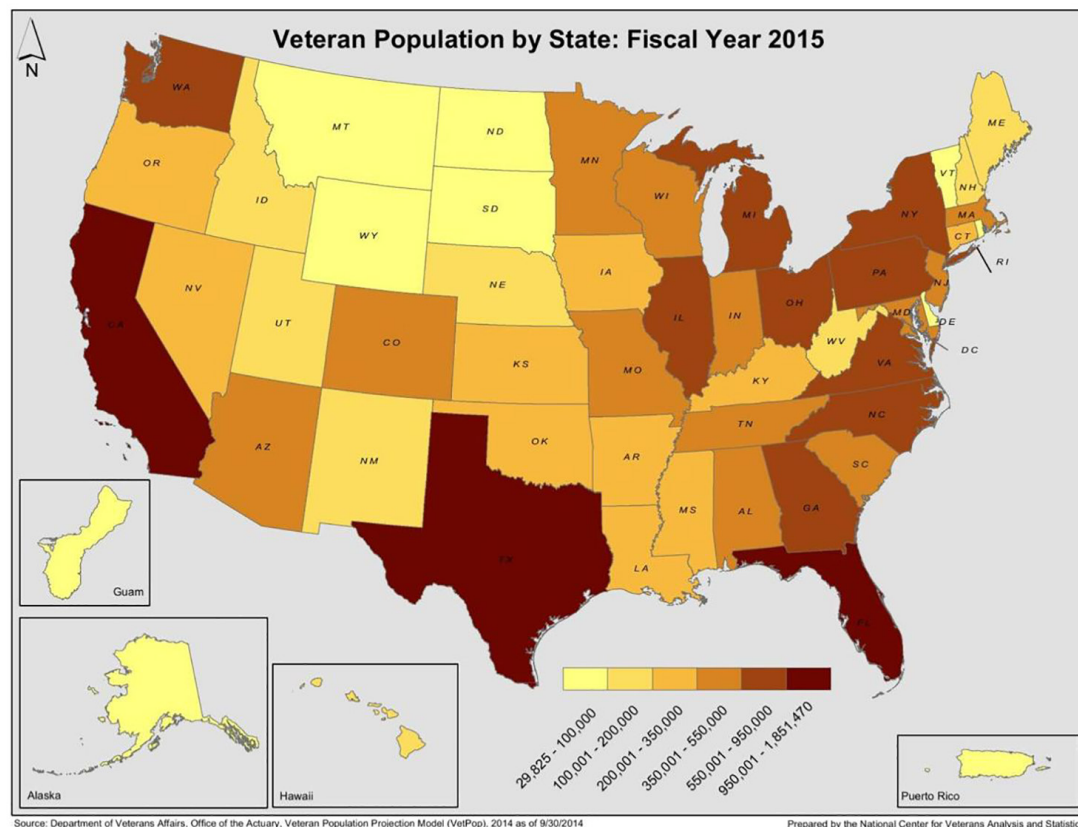
Over a four-year period, the organization used several fictitious business names and solicited \$20 million in donations by misleading donors about its cause.

“The sham charity claimed to help veterans receive grants, medical assistance, suicide prevention assistance, and family retreats when, in fact, little to none of the funds raised went toward this assistance,” Becerra said. “Californians deserve to trust that their charitable donations are going toward legitimate organizations that have actual charitable programs.”

In this case as part of the \$1.8 million settlement, the court approved distribution of nearly \$912,000 each to two veteran charities, the Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund and Hope for the Warriors.

Among other actions taken against fraudulent veterans’ charities by the Attorney General, in 2017 Becerra reached an earlier multistate settlement with VietNow National Headquarters, Inc., another charity that falsely claimed to help veterans.

Settlement documents revealed VietNow falsely told prospective donors it had significant charitable programs. But of the almost \$4 million it raised over a two-year period, nearly 90% of the funds went directly to its for-profit professional fundraiser, Corporations for Character. Less



Source: Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of the Actuary, Veteran Population Projection Model (VetPop), 2014 as of 9/30/2014

Prepared by the National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics



Photo by Gage Skidmore/Flickr

**“Healing Heroes grossly misled donors into believing that 100 percent of their charitable donations would help a veteran in need. That couldn’t be further from the truth.”**

**- Attorney General Becerra**

than \$10,000 was spent on charitable programs.

As part of the settlement, the organization was dissolved, and its funds distributed to two well-respected veterans’ charities, Fisher House Foundation and Operation Homefront. The settlement also placed a permanent injunction on the organization’s directors and officers—they were banned from any future involvement in running a charity or soliciting donations.

“Veterans and their families sacrifice immensely for our country. They deserve to be treated with the utmost respect and dignity,” said Becerra. “It’s a breach of the public trust to deceive and exploit the goodwill of generous Americans. It’s even worse when you do so at the expense of our veterans. The California Department of Justice will continue to vigorously investigate and prosecute any charity falsely claiming to help our veterans.”

To help ensure our region’s veterans receive charitable contributions intended for their benefit, readers are encouraged to report disreputable charities or fundraisers by filing a complaint with the California Attorney General’s Office. Visit <https://oag.ca.gov/charities> and click on the complaint form.

# Operation



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## California's Fiasco

Additional EDD Benefits for Some, Investigations, Delayed Benefits, Class Action Lawsuit for Others

S.E. Williams | Executive Editor

On Friday, January 15th, the California Employment Development Department (EDD) announced residents in the state are starting to see the availability of up to 11 weeks of additional unemployment benefits from two federal programs.

The state's EDD is automatically reopening Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) and Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Assistance (PEUC) claims for those who had a balance remaining on those claims when the federal CARES Act expired on December 26th. These claimants will not have to re-open their claims, EDD is doing that for them.

The agency will notify claimants via email, text, or mailed notices when they can certify for benefit payments under these programs. Some first payments are already occurring as of January 10 and the Department anticipates completing the re-opening of these extended claims by January 22.

EDD officials further advised for those who had already re-opened their unemployment claim online before being notified by EDD their account was screened and additional information was required, they will be allowed to certify for later weeks in January once the concerns are resolved and EDD will separately make earlier weeks beginning from December 27 available to them.

Since January 3, California has provided \$526.9 million in additional unemployment benefits to more than one million Californians because of the extra \$300 per week Federal Pandemic Additional Compensation (PAC) payments approved by Congress.

Also on Friday, the EDD confirmed to date it has applied fraud screening to 9.7 million unemployment claims established earlier in the COVID-19 pandemic which resulted in more than 1.4 million claims being identified as potentially fraudulent.

"The individuals associated with these claims are receiving emails through their UI online account, or notices sent through the mail, indicating that further payment is temporarily suspended. EDD requires additional information to validate identity or eligibility so payments can



resume for eligible claimants," the Department stated.

Yet, there appears to be among those caught up in this fraud screening process, legitimate claims by individuals now forced to struggle even harder to make ends meet without any income as they wait for their benefit applications to be validated.

On January 9, ABC News confirmed with EDD, and reported those with legitimate claims who are caught up in the sweeping investigation, may be without benefits until February.

EDD began sending notifications on January 6 to verify claimants' identity. These individuals are being routed to ID.me in phases for validating their identity or through EDD's manual ID verification process for those without a UI Online account. As claimants have their identity verified, EDD is removing barriers on claims so payments can continue for those who are eligible. They say this is something that can occur in a matter of a few days.

EDD encourages claimants to review the resources they are receiving to make the process seamless and as quick as possible. The agency also noted how providing any requested documents online is the fastest option, ID.me also offers an option to verify your identity on a video call.

"These claims have eligibility issues associated with them," the agency explained. As such, they are required to complete a questionnaire to determine if they meet requirements for continued benefits.

Claimants are also expected to continue certifying benefits for each week they wish to claim benefits while this additional verification effort is being completed. Doing this should minimize any delays in processing their claims.

For claims ultimately determined not to meet requirements for payment, the individuals associated with them are being notified about the reason(s) for the disqualification of benefits

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# Pushing FDA for Status of Opioid Legislation Implementation

Staff | VOICE News

A coalition of attorneys general including California’s Attorney General Xavier Becerra have urged the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to provide an update on its current actions and information on its proposed work to help combat the opioid epidemic.

There is a sense of urgency for this information because studies have shown the COVID-19 crisis has fueled a devastating rise in overdoses with opioid deaths outpacing COVID-19 fatalities.

In 2018, Congress passed the Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment for Patients and Communities Act (SUPPORT Act) which gave the FDA new authority and new requirements for regulating opioids. The goal—to reduce their abuse and also to set guidelines for prescribing opioids and encouraging additional research and safety measures.

“We’re calling on Commissioner Hahn to provide an update on what the FDA has done and will continue to do to help us fight the growing opioid epidemic,” said Becerra. “When the pandemic started, we were in the midst of the opioid epidemic and working to help our communities fight it.”

Becerra continued, “The COVID-19 pandemic has hit us all and further exacerbated the opioid crisis—people need support now more than ever. As a coalition, our goal is to work with the FDA to reduce opioid abuse.”

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## Rev John Woods: A True Friend and Servant of God, Called Home



**Hardy Brown, Sr.**  
**Publisher Emeritus**  
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I was working for Southern California Edison as a customer serviceman assigned to the City of San Bernardino's Westside and portions of Rialto when I met John Woods in the mid-sixties as I turned on the electricity at his home. When I flipped the main circuit breaker on to make sure everything was all right, John approached me from the back door of his house and said, "Hey, glad to see you brother. They let Black people turn on our lights? That's progress. What is your name, I'm John Woods from Tennessee?"

"Nice to meet you, John. I'm Hardy Brown from North Carolina," I replied. We became friends and remained so until his death earlier this month.

From that time forward our families became so close we would babysit their children and became Godparents to their youngest child, Dominic. Now those children, Rev. Dominic Woods, Dr. Rev. Reginald Woods, Dexter Woods and Regina Woods-Prater, have families of their own. John's wife, Willie Mae, passed away two years ago.

When John lost his run for Congress decades ago, I paved the way for Willie Mae and Dexter to gain employment at Kaiser. John was also involved with my Boy Scout troop and visited the Camporee I organized on the westside at Encanto Park to encourage our scouts to stay in school.

We were involved with John's first campaign in his quest to become the first Black to serve on the San Bernardino School Board. Herb Fischer was his Campaign Manager.

Being first sounds good but when racism is thrown into the mix it becomes a little messy. But John, having grown up in the church and in the South, was up to the challenge and pushed the issues students and the Black community cared about.

Black students wanted Black Student Unions (BSU) so John made the motion to establish the right for all groups to organize. Later, he stopped



crosstown bussing because it was placing the entire burden on Black students to carry the load of integrating the schools.

John was later recalled from office by White racists who did not believe Blacks or Latinx Americans should govern their children. All of this is in the public record, but I want to share more things my friend, John, did at St. Paul AME Church and at Kaiser.

Rev. Albert Carter recruited a group of young Black families to join St. Paul at the same time. That group included: John and his wife Willie Mae and their kids; Art and Gertherine Forbes and their kids; Alex and Joyce Powell and their kids; Moses Walters and Linda Walters were already members; Josh and Helen Humphrey and kids, Lionel and Lou Brown and kids; and several other families.

Rev. Carter put us on the Steward Board for training of the church structure and mission. We formed a male chorus and would practice on Sunday mornings. Regina Manning was our musical director with John, Alex and me, taking on the majority roles as lead singers.

John and Art honored the call to preach and enrolled in training at Claremont Theological

Seminary. John eventually changed his membership to New Hope Missionary Baptist Church.

In the early '70s Art Forbes recommended John for the position of Southern California Regional Administrator of Kaiser's Affirmative Action Program. As the program expanded throughout the organization it required more staff.

One day while in my office going about my duties as operations manager, I received a call from Art and John. They advised the local administrators at the Fontana Medical Center wanted me to represent them as Equal Employment Opportunity Coordinator for the Inland Empire Service Area.

John encouraged me to take the position so I could assist the organization to open its doors wider for Blacks and Latinos to gain employment and promotional opportunities (for the few minorities employed in Fontana).

I can truly say it was the best advice from two friends I have ever received. I saw the employment numbers of Blacks, Latinos, and Asians increase year after year without

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**GOLDEN TT**

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**RIVERSIDE COUNTY**

**1968 S. Coast Hwy, #5100**

**Laguna Beach, CA 92561**

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**1968 S. Coast Hwy, #5100**

**Laguna Beach, CA 92561**

**California**

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**Trump Impeached**, continued from page 7

Trump was first impeached by the House in 2019 over his dealings with Ukraine, but the Senate voted in 2020 acquit. He is the first to be impeached twice. None has been convicted by the Senate, but Republicans said Wednesday that could change in the rapidly shifting political environment as officeholders, donors, big business and others peel away from the defeated president.

The soonest Republican Senate leader Mitch McConnell would start an impeachment trial is next Tuesday, the day before Trump is already set to leave the White House, McConnell's office said. The legislation is also intended to prevent Trump from ever running again.

McConnell believes Trump committed impeachable offenses and considers the Democrats' impeachment drive an opportunity to reduce the divisive, chaotic president's hold on the GOP, a Republican strategist told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

McConnell told major donors over the weekend that he was through with Trump, said the strategist, who demanded anonymity to describe McConnell's conversations.

In a note to colleagues Wednesday, McConnell said he had "not made a final decision on how I will vote."

Unlike his first time, Trump faces this impeachment as a weakened leader, having lost his own reelection as well as the Senate Republican majority.

Even Trump ally Kevin McCarthy, the House Republican leader, shifted his position and said Wednesday the president bears responsibility for the horrifying day at the Capitol.

In making a case for the "high crimes and misdemeanors" demanded in the Constitution, the four-page impeachment resolution approved Wednesday relies on Trump's own incendiary rhetoric and the falsehoods he spread about Biden's election victory, including at a rally near the White House on the day of the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol.

A Capitol Police officer died from injuries suffered in the riot, and police shot and killed a woman during the siege. Three other people died in what authorities said were medical emergencies. The riot delayed the tally of



*President Donald Trump speaks in a video statement issued Jan. 13, 2021.*

Electoral College votes that was the last step in finalizing Biden's victory.

Ten Republican lawmakers, including third-ranking House GOP leader Liz Cheney of Wyoming, voted to impeach Trump, cleaving the Republican leadership, and the party itself.

Cheney, whose father is the former Republican vice president, said of Trump's actions summoning the mob that "there has never been a greater betrayal by a President" of his office.

Trump was said to be livid with perceived disloyalty from McConnell and Cheney.

With the team around Trump hollowed out and his Twitter account silenced by the social media company, the president was deeply frustrated that he could not hit back, according to White House officials and Republicans close to the West Wing who weren't authorized to speak publicly about private conversations.

From the White House, Trump leaned on Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina to push Republican senators to resist, while chief of staff Mark Meadows called some of his former colleagues on Capitol Hill.

The president's sturdy popularity with the GOP lawmakers' constituents still had some sway, and most House Republicans voted not to impeach.

Security was exceptionally tight at the Capitol, with tall fences around the complex. Metal-detector screenings were required for lawmakers entering the House chamber, where a week earlier lawmakers huddled inside as police, guns drawn, barricade the door from rioters.

"We are debating this historic measure at a crime scene," said Rep. Jim McGovern, D-Mass. During the debate, some Republicans repeated the falsehoods spread by Trump about the election and argued that the president has been treated unfairly by Democrats from the day he took office.

Other Republicans argued the impeachment was a rushed sham and complained about a double standard applied to his supporters but not to the liberal left. Some simply appealed for the nation to move on.

Rep. Tom McClintock of California said, "Every movement has a lunatic fringe."

Yet Democratic Rep. Jason Crow, D-Colo. and others recounted the harrowing day as rioters pounded on the chamber door trying to break in. Some called it a "coup" attempt.

Rep. Maxine Waters, D-Calif., contended that Trump was "capable of starting a civil war." Conviction and removal of Trump would require

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*Homeless Students, continued from page 5*

form. The College Cost Reduction and Access Act includes provisions to assist unaccompanied homeless youth in filling out the FAFSA form.

## Designation of Independent Student

The designation of “independent student” is critical to enable them to complete the FAFSA. The status of independent student status must be made by one of the following:

1. A school district local homeless education liaison
2. A U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development emergency shelter program director or its designee
3. A Runaway and Homeless Youth Act program director or its designee
4. A college financial aid administrator
5. If a young person becomes homeless and unaccompanied after graduating high school and has not stayed in a HUD- or RHYA-funded shelter, he or she will need to depend on a financial aid administrator at the college/university to make the independent student determination.

## On Campus Outreach and Support

Institutions of higher learning are encouraged to identify unaccompanied homeless youth who attend their college or university:

1. Referring unaccompanied homeless students to support services upon their admission.
2. By placing posters and brochures around campus with the definition of homeless and contact information for someone who can link homeless students with support services.
3. Creating awareness among faculty and staff about unaccompanied homeless youth and the challenges they face so they can help with identification and support.
4. Establish coordination between financial aid offices, student support services, and campus housing.
5. Providing financial aid offices and student support services with information on community-based resources for homeless students, such as food and clothing banks and low-cost healthcare providers.
6. Creating awareness among professors and advisors working with students so they can

refer homeless students to additional help, when needed; specific signs to look for include excessive absences and falling grades.

7. Establishing a food and clothing bank on campus.
8. Planning housing for homeless students when dormitories close; ideas include leaving one residence hall open or establishing a list of “host homes” in the community.
9. Offering a mentoring program for unaccompanied homeless youth.

## Student Support Services

Student Support Services is a U. S. Department of Education Resource program which assists low-income students with staying in college until they earn their degrees including those who are homeless and/or have aged out of the foster care system. . The program authorizes funds to be used for temporary housing during breaks in the academic year for homeless students and students who are in foster care or are aging out of the foster care system. Visit [2.ed.gov/programs/triostudsupp/index.html](https://www2.ed.gov/programs/triostudsupp/index.html) for additional information.

## Educational Opportunity Centers

The Educational Opportunity Centers (EOCs) are funded by the U.S. Department of Education designed to support and assist students from disadvantaged backgrounds in progressing through the academic pipeline from middle school to attainment of a post-baccalaureate degree. EOCs offer a variety of services including support to improve the financial and economic literacy of participants. An key objective of the program is to provide advice on financial aid options, including basic financial planning skills, and to assist in the application process. Visit <https://www2.ed.gov/programs/trioeoc/index.html> for additional information.

## Research Findings by Public Higher Education System

UCs offer the most programs and services for homeless students, followed by CSUs. California Community Colleges offer significantly less resources.

## Conclusion

Recent studies reveal most unaccompanied homeless youth between the ages of ages 18-24 have career goals requiring college completion and recognize higher education is key to overcoming their poverty and unstable circumstances. Knowing what resources are available to assist them with this quest is a critical component of success.

## KEEPING IT REAL

*Among California's, continued from page 5*

Such an inglorious act by U.S. Congressmen to thwart the will of the nation's electorate is unconscionable. These people are unworthy of the office they hold. Regardless of any other consequence for their betrayal, they must be voted out, but they are not the only ones. Beyond these individuals who gave cover to the rioters and insurrectionists, other local officials who tacitly approve of what occurred—should also look for another job.

There are those who might argue the Congressional seats held by Calvert and Obernolte are secure as they were elected by people who think like them. In response I say, if two extreme, right-wing Republican Senators can be defeated in a state that sits at what was once the heart of the old confederacy, I believe anything is possible.

This nation has demonstrated before, and will prove once again—insurrectionists will not prevail.

Of course, this is just my opinion. I'm keeping it real.

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and their appeal rights.

On Friday, the EDD further provided clarification regarding the difference between this fraud investigation suspension of payments as separate from the investigation of possible fraud claims by Bank of America.

In the meantime, CBS reported a San Francisco law firm has filed a class-action lawsuit against Bank of America alleging a number of failings by the bank and its inability to protect those with EDD cards from fraud.

The suit alleges the bank has violated the California Consumer Privacy Act, the Unfair Competition Law, parts of the Electronic Funds Transfer Act, along with breach of contract with the EDD.

"Bank of America is assessing potential fraudulent claims and transactions involving the EDD debit cards, much like any credit card in the banking system," EDD stated. "If you have experienced issues with accessing funds on those cards and have NOT received a message from EDD indicating that more information is needed, then this is an issue that only Bank of America can resolve."

For resolution, please call the number on the back of the card 1-866-692- 9374.

A Bank of America spokesperson provided the following statement:

"As California's unemployment program faces billions of dollars in fraud, Bank of America is working every day with the state to prevent criminals from getting money and ensuring legitimate recipients receive their benefits."

Whether the problem is with criminals, a failure of EDD, or breakdown of consumer protections at Bank of America, the bottom line is millions of innocents are being impacted at a time when things could not be much worse.

*Pushing FDA, continued from page 13*

Becerra cited the impact of overdose deaths in San Francisco, 621 in December, as an example of its impact compared to 173 deaths resulting from COVID-19 during the same period. "The FDA plays a critical role in controlling the opioid epidemic, as the agency is tasked with ensuring the safety and efficacy of opioids and promoting safer, non-addictive alternatives for treating pain," he advised.

In their letter to the FDA, the AGs requested an update on its action in relation to the

SUPPORT Act including research and issuance of new regulations on non-addictive alternatives to opioids and requirements for drugs to be made available in safer packaging with safe disposal features.

*Curt Hagman, continued from page 5*

our county on course as we continue working to protect public health and support our communities during the ongoing pandemic," said Rutherford. "Since she joined the Board in 2018, Supervisor Rowe has proven her mettle when it comes to dealing with the many challenges facing our county and I have no doubt she will be an excellent Vice-Chair."

"Curt Hagman, during the short period of time I've gotten to know him on the Board, has done a great job," said Fifth District Supervisor Joe Baca, Jr., who was elected in November and took office last month.

"I would like to thank my colleagues for their vote of confidence, and we will keep working as a team with county employees and our residents to deal with what 2021 brings," Hagman said. "Hopefully, it's not as eventful as 2020."

The Chair presides over the Board of Supervisors meetings, works with the county executive leadership to set the Board's agenda, and acts as the Board's executive agent and representative.

The appointments are effective immediately.

*Trump Impeached, continued from page 16*

a two-thirds vote in the Senate, which will be evenly divided. Republican Sen. Pat Toomey of Pennsylvania joined Sen. Lisa Murkowski of Alaska over the weekend in calling for Trump to "go away as soon as possible."

Fending off concerns that an impeachment trial would bog down his first days in office, Biden is encouraging senators to divide their time between taking taking up his priorities of confirming his nominees and approving COVID-19 relief while also conducting the trial.

The impeachment bill draws from Trump's own false statements about his election defeat to Biden. Judges across the country, including some nominated by Trump, have repeatedly dismissed cases challenging the election results, and former Attorney General William Barr, a Trump ally, has said there was no sign of

widespread fraud.

The House had first tried to persuade Vice President Mike Pence and the Cabinet to invoke their authority under the 25th Amendment to remove Trump from office. Pence declined to do so, but the House passed the resolution anyway. The impeachment bill also details Trump's pressure on state officials in Georgia to "find" him more votes.

While some have questioned impeaching the president so close to the end of his term, there is precedent. In 1876, during the Ulysses Grant administration, War Secretary William Belknap was impeached by the House the day he resigned, and the Senate convened a trial months later. He was acquitted.

*Associated Press writers Kevin Freking, Andrew Taylor and Zeke Miller contributed to this report.*

## I N M Y O P I N I O N

discriminating against Whites in the process.

The last time I saw John was at my wife Cheryl's birthday celebration a couple of years ago where we took a picture of Hardy II as the first Black to serve on the San Bernardino County Board of Education, John as first Black to serve on the San Bernardino City Unified School District School Board and me as the first Black male to become President of the San Bernardino City Unified School District Board of Education.

We last spoke with John in December, two days before Christmas, to wish him a happy birthday. He shared he was having some health issues but thought everything would be alright as his faith and trust was with the Lord.


To the children of John and Willie Mae Woods I must say your dad was a giant of a man in this community. We all stand on his shoulders and the foundation he laid as a parent, public school board official, business leader, manager at Kaiser, manager at TRW, as a civil engineer, community organizer of Operation Second Chance, board member, and preacher of the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I am happy I was the one who turned on the electricity at the John Woods' family home on the corner of Magnolia and Wilson that day so many years ago, because I was truly blessed by him.




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