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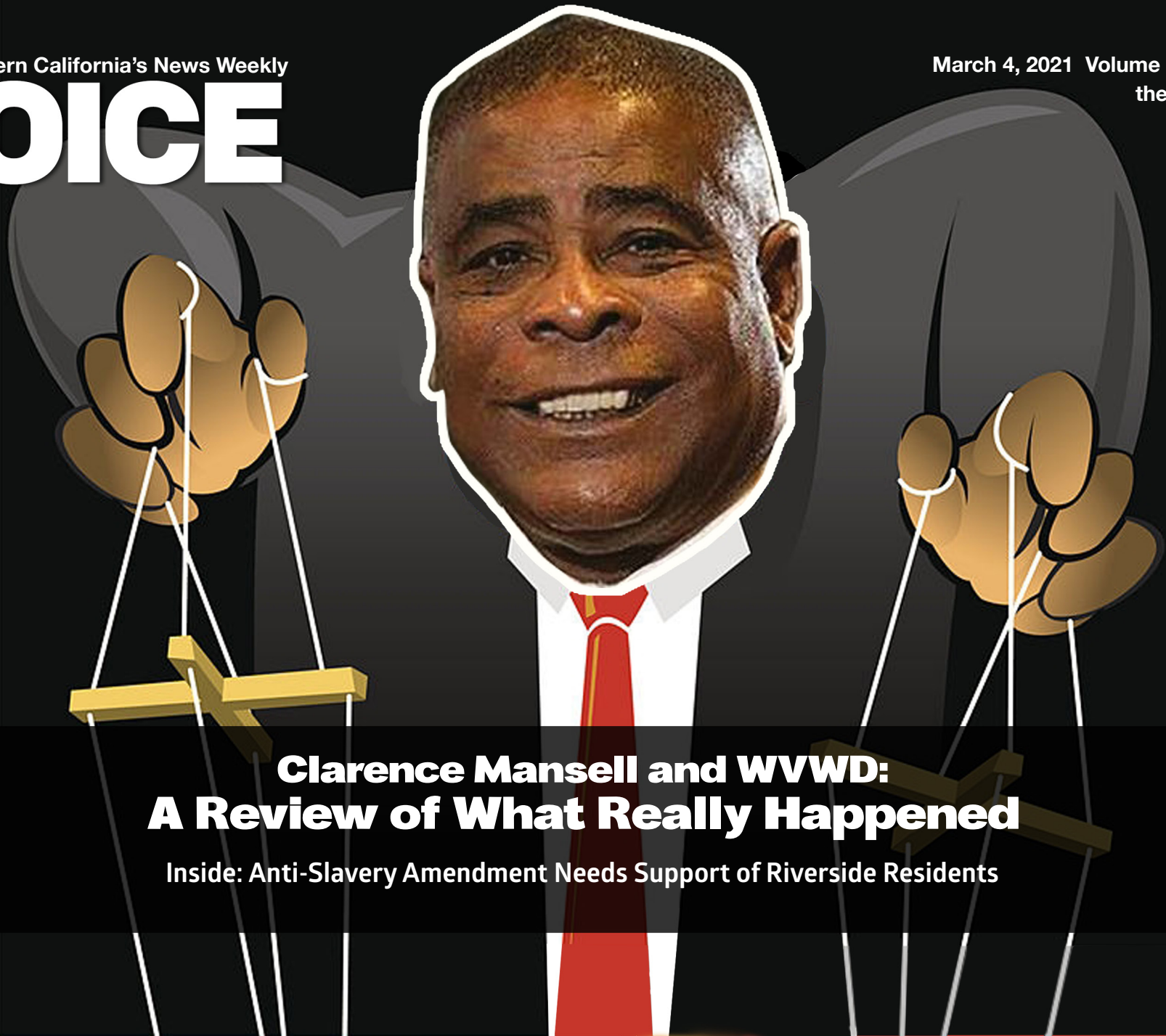
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Inside: Anti-Slavery Amendment Needs Support of Riverside Residents



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KEEPING IT REAL

Is Riverside County's "Cancel Culture" Advocate an Advocate for Slavery?



California State Senator Melissa Melendez

"Every advocate of slavery naturally desires to see blasted, and crushed, the liberty promised the Black man/[woman] . . . It may seem strange that any men/[women] should dare to ask a just God's assistance in wringing their bread from the sweat of other men's faces. . . I approve the declaration in favor of so amending the Constitution as to prohibit slavery throughout the nation."

- Abraham Lincoln

Like the 13th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, California's Constitution proclaims, "neither slavery nor involuntary servitude—unless for punishment of a crime—shall ever be tolerated."

This clause, not only in these constitutions but in state constitutions around the country, provides a canyon-wide chasm for incarcerated Americans to be exploited for their labor in ways as intrusive and pervasive as chattel slavery.

As elucidated in the seminal documentary, Ava Duvernay's 13th., America's prison-industrial complex not only provides virtually free labor, it is fattening the coffers of corporations and governments alike in a mutually beneficial and perverse coalition that exploits Black and Brown bodies with awareness, but without an inkling of consideration to what the system has done and continues to do to them and the families left behind in their beleaguered communities.

Those trapped in this billion-dollar industry, create wealth for the political-corporate

partnerships while they are paid pennies on a dollar, and then those pennies are collected by the prison to pay fees related to their own incarceration, unable to earn enough to help with family needs at home.

Consider some of the multi-million-dollar companies repeating the benefits of this system: McDonald's, Wendy's, Walmart, Sprint, Starbucks, Verizon Wireless, Victoria's Secret, J.C. Penny's, Whole Foods, Target, IBM, Texas Instruments, Boeing, Nordstroms, Intel, AT&T, British Petroleum, Microsoft, Honda Motor Company, Macy's, Nintendo and others.

Perhaps what may be even more galling, according to the Malta Justice Initiative, is many of these same corporations participate in inmate work-release programs where they receive a Work Opportunity Tax Credit of \$2,400 for every work-release inmate they employ as a



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Disability Rights in the Workplace

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Federal law protects people with disabilities from discrimination in employment. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 21.9% of Californians have some type of disability.

Here is what you should know regarding employment

- You do not have to inform an employer of your disability when you apply for a job or when you are hired — even if later you need a reasonable accommodation.
- If you can do the job, it is unlawful for an employer to refuse to hire or promote you, to fire or demote you, to harass you, or to pay you less because of your disability.
- You are also protected from unnecessary medical inquiries at work.
- You have the right to ask for and receive “reasonable accommodations” that allow you to have an equal chance to succeed.
- However, private employers with fewer than 15 employees are not covered by federal disability nondiscrimination laws.

If you need a reasonable accommodation

- Let your employer know that you have a disability and request a reasonable accommodation.
- You may need to provide a doctor’s note if your employer asks for one.
- If your employer says no to your requested modification, try to keep the conversation going. Try to think of another change that would help or ask your employer to look at the Job Accommodation Network website.

If you believe your rights were violated

- File a charge of discrimination with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission or the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing.
- The deadline for filing a complaint with the EEOC or your state agency may be as short as 180 days.
- If you are a federal employee, contact your EEO counselor within 45 days.
- Contact a lawyer.



(Source: aclu.com)

Here is what you need to know when renting a home

- You have the right to be treated like any other prospective tenant when applying to rent a home as discrimination based on one’s disability is illegal under federal law
- You can make physical changes to your rental unit to make it more accessible to you
- Private landlords are not required to make these access changes for you so you may have to make them yourselves; however, if you do, landlords may ask you to restore the unit to how it was or put money in an escrow account to ensure they can restore it.
- You have a right to reasonable accommodations in relation to rules, policies, practices, or services
- You may have additional rights in public housing, in housing that is federally funded, and in public spaces associated with your housing such as parking lots, garages, lobbies, and sidewalks.

If you believe your rights were violated

- File a complaint with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) or with a state <https://www.dfeh.ca.gov/> or local

fair housing agency.

- You must file a complaint with HUD within one year of the last date of alleged discrimination under the Fair Housing Act.
- In some cases, the right federal agency may be the U.S. Department of Justice.
- Contact a lawyer.

Disability discrimination in public spaces

- Under the Americans with Disabilities Act, it is illegal for businesses open to the public such as stores, hotels, restaurants, museums, theatres, and doctors’ offices to discriminate against people with disabilities.
- You have the right not to be excluded from these spaces
- The ADA only requires that businesses make architectural changes to their buildings that are “readily achievable.” Nonetheless, because the ADA has been in effect for 28 years, most businesses and buildings should have made themselves fully accessible to people with disabilities.
- Newly constructed commercial buildings must be fully accessible.

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Shipping Schemes and Malware

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San Bernardino County officials are warning residents of the most recent twist to an ongoing scam.

With the increased online shopping during the COVID-19 pandemic predators are leveraging this increased activity as an opportunity to seek your personal information in a scam that continues to escalate.

The scam begins with an email or text message supposedly from United Parcel Service (UPS) or FedEx. It states you have an item that is ready to ship but you need to update your shipping preferences—even though there is no package. If you click on the link or download the attachment, it is very likely you will end up with malware.

Malware is software that damages your computer, cell phone or other device with a virus that allows a scam predator to access your identity and other personal information.

Do not let this happen.

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and the Better Business Bureau (BBB) recommend the following to avoid any delivery confusion and potential scams:



- Do not click! If you receive an unexpected email or text message, do not click on any links or open any attachments.
- Enroll yourself on the company website. If you are expecting packages from UPS or FedEx, sign up online so that you can check status and account information for yourself.
- Guard against malware. Keep your software up to date on all your devices. Set your security software, internet browser and operating system (like Windows or Mac OS X) to update

automatically.

- Always protect your personal information. This includes your full name, address, birthdate, Social Security, and account numbers.

If you think you may be a victim of a scam, contact San Bernardino County Adult Protective Services (APS) at 1 877-565-2020 or your local police department.

You may also report scam predators to the FTC, BBB, APS and the Federal Bureau of Investigation Internet Crime Complaint Center.

I N T H E N E W S

Inland Empire Black Education Agenda Released

Staff | VOICE

Nonprofit leader, BLU Educational Foundation, committed to advancing equity in public education for Black students in the Inland Empire has released the Inland Empire Black Education Agenda, in partnership with the University of California, Riverside's Center of Innovation.

The Inland Empire Black Education Agenda shares the top priorities and recommendations for public education institutions and leaders interested in advancing equity, diversity, and inclusion in public education.

On Thursday, Feb. 18 the partnership convened education, nonprofit and community leaders, and stakeholders from across the Inland Empire and introduced the education

agenda for Black students. Priorities in the plan were derived from a survey of over ten nonprofit organizations and more than 1,000 Black families living in the Inland Empire. The survey explored concerns, opportunities, and supports needed for Black student success in San Bernardino and Riverside county schools.

“The Black Education Agenda has been in development for over three years and is a community effort. Elders, youth, educators, and the community have all contributed to the culmination of the report. This is an investment in the future of our students and families across the Inland Empire,” said Dina Walker, founder and CEO of BLU Educational Foundation.

Survey respondents expressed some of their

top priorities were to include a more culturally relevant curriculum in K-12 education about the history, culture, and contributions of Black people throughout the Diaspora. Also, respondents would like to see more high-quality Black educators and administrators hired. According to the California Department of Education, African American teachers, counselors, and administrators make up just 4% of all certificated faculty in California.

The research found in a meta-analysis of teachers' expectations for different racial minority students (Tenenbaum & Ruck, 2007) found that teachers have lower expectations for Black students than all other students. Latino

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NAME CHANGE

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER CVCO2100352

To All Interested Persons: Petitioner: KEVIN CORIA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: KEVIN CORIA to KELVINO KEVIN CORIA. 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: 04/21/2021 Time: 8:30 AM Dept: C1. 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: 2/22/2021

C.B. HARMAN, Judge of the Superior Court

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PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: LOU ANNA SMITH

Case Number PRRI 2000009

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: LOU ANNA SMITH. A Petition for Probate has been filed by CHARLIE JOINER in the Superior Court of California, County of: RIVERSIDE. The Petition for Probate requests that CHARLIE JOINER be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. 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: MARCH 23, 2021 Time: 8:30 A.M. YOU MUST APPEAR BY TELEPHONE BY CALLING 844-621-3956 MEETING #804837437. 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: CHARLIE JOINER 151 MONDALE COURT, PAHRUMP, NV 89048
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SUMMONS

SUMMONS (FAMILY LAW) CASE NUMBER 20FL007745E

Notice to Respondent: SELAMAWIT SOIR BEYENE

You are being sued Petitioner's name is: GEORGE BRUNO, JR.

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), at the California legal Services Web site (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 protegerlo. 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), en el sitio Web de los Servicios Legales de California (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 , COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, 250 EAST MAIN STREET, EL CAJON, CA 92020, EAST COUNTY DIVISION The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney are: GEORGE BRUNO, JR, 180 CHAMBERS STREET, APT 10, EL CAJON, CA 92020. Notice to the person served: You are served as an individual.

Clerk, E. Baza

DATE: 10/16/2020

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES

The following persons) is (are) doing business as:

ARMEX-APR

7545 Jurupa Ave #E

Riverside, CA 92504

RIVERSIDE COUNTY

Victor Manuel Alvarez Estrada

16574 Gala Ave

Fontana, CA 92337

This business is conducted by: Individual

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on March-20-2000

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. Victor Manuel Alvarez Estrada

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 01/27/2021

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-202101065

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The following persons) is (are) doing business as:

BODY 'N SOL

1735 Spruce St #D

Riverside, CA 92507

Ardythe Celine Tyszka

3145 Celeste Drive

Riverside, CA 92507

Deborah Helen Schrameck

53860 Avenida Juarez

La Quinta, CA 92253

This business is conducted by: Co-partners

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 21-December-2020

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. Ardythe Celine Tyszka

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 01/25/2021

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Peter Aldana, County Clerk,

FILE NO. R-202100973

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The following persons) is (are) doing business as:

FAV REMODELING SERVICES

13575 Sarita Dr Apt B

Desert Hot Springs, California

92240

RIVERSIDE COUNTY

Faviola Hernandez Villalba

13575 Sarita Dr Apt B

Desert Hot Springs, California

92240

This business is conducted by: Individual

Registrant 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. Faviola Hernandez Villalba

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 01/21/2021

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Peter Aldana, County Clerk,

FILE NO. R-202100614

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The following persons) is (are) doing business as:

MISTER SECURITY

44006 Terraza Ct

Temecula, CA 92592

RIVERSIDE COUNTY

Sahar Solution Inc.

statement on file in my office.

Peter Aldana, County Clerk,

FILE NO. R-202100841

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The following persons) is (are) doing business as:

1-10 MOBIL

43411 Monroe Street

Indio, CA 92201

RIVERSIDE COUNTY

Mina Hani Maksimous

57595 South Valley Lane

La Quinta, CA 92253

This business is conducted by: Individual

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on January, 2016

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. Mina Hani Maksimous

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 01/14/2021

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Peter Aldana, County Clerk,

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Clarence Mansell and WVWD: A Review of What Really Happened

S.E. Williams | Executive Editor

In late January when news broke that the West Valley Water District (WVWD) Board of Directors (BOD) agreed to pay \$450,000 in severance to then General Manager Clarence Mansell, it was regarded by most as one more twist in the ongoing saga that plagued the agency in recent years.

It was during this era of spiraling dysfunction, mind numbing allegations, pointed accusations, counter complaints, alleged threats of violence, malfeasance, a revolving door of—at times—unqualified administrators, lawsuits and misuse of ratepayer funds that Clarence Mansell was allegedly recruited by none other than former BOD president, Clifford Young in 2018.

Beginning in 2016, the WVWD devolved into what critics saw as a breeding ground of dysfunction. In succeeding years, it was apparent, behind nearly every scandal, disruption, or

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Retrospective

West Valley Water District: A Chronology of Corruption, Cronyism, Malfeasance and Mismanagement



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IN THE NEWS

OCTOBER 2016

C. Young berates Smith and Gonzalez before the External Affairs committee, later advises Smith if she is “not with him” he would not guarantee he could protect her. Smith files discrimination complaint against C. Young with U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for harassment, retaliation and gender discrimination.



General Manager Matthew Litchfield advises Smith her claims against C. Young were unsubstantiated and the case was considered close. Litchfield receives a profanity laced phone call from C. Young, upset because he did not reschedule the March 17, 2017 board meeting as directed, but most board members did not want the change. C. Young told him, “[Y]ou’ve gotten yourself in between all this now . . . now you are going to get cut!”



DECEMBER 2016

WVWD makes Smith a settlement offer.

MARCH 2017

APRIL 2017

- Litchfield places an evaluation of the law firm, Tafoya & Garcia, on the April 6 board agenda. Tafoya tells Litchfield he has no authority to do so. Litchfield then receives an email from C. Young warning if he proceeded with the evaluation, it would be an act of insubordination. Board majority kept the item on the agenda. C. Young advises Litchfield “[He] would be lashing out” at him over the process of setting the agenda.
- In a separate incident C. Young threatens to retaliate against Litchfield for pursuing reimbursement on behalf of WVWD for C. Young’s personal printer supplies paid for with ratepayer funds.

NOVEMBER 2017

NOVEMBER 2017

Pre-Election

- Cliff Young files Fair Political Practices Commission complaint against Linda Gonzalez.
- Chief financial officer, Suzanne Cook, files suit against C. Young and WVWD alleging C. Young engaged in improper hiring and financial practices
- Litchfield files claim threatening to sue WVWD alleging C. Young was directing actions without obtaining Board consensus.

Post-Election

- C. Young is re-elected to WVWD; Michael Taylor is elected to first term replacing Linda Gonzalez.
- Dyer resigns under pressure after an investigation spearheaded by C. Young over Dyer’s place of residence. Robert Bourland who was temporarily appointed to replace him was ultimately defeated by Kyle Crowther in a special election.
- C. Young bullies Litchfield into rehiring his political supporter and neighbor Robert Christman as chief financial officer. Christman was previously released from probationary employment with WVWD for poor performance. Litchfield refuses.
- C. Young threatens to retaliate against Litchfield for pursuing reimbursement of personal printer supplies.
- Litchfield sends a letter to the WVWD’s General Counsel Michael Davis expressing opposition to what he describes as “the unlawful conduct of the district and its employees.”
- Four district executives send Litchfield a memo titled “Director Clifford Young Sr. Activities.” The memo outlines examples of C. Dr. Young’s abuse of power and misappropriation of public funds for his own personal benefit. Litchfield forwards memo to General Counsel Davis.
- Davis forwards the information to the board of directors and advises them Litchfield was entitled to WhistleBlower Protection under Article 9 of the District’s Code of Ethics/Board Conduct policies and all other applicable laws.
- The board hires an attorney and tries to force Litchfield to be interviewed without his own lawyer present in violation of the California Rules of Professional Conduct.

WVWD retains The Kaufman Law Firm, APC to investigate allegations against C. Young that he harassed, bullied, and abused former General Manager Matthew Litchfield. Litchfield further alleges C. Young gave him a list of people to hire and terminate under threat of retaliation.

The board hires Clarence Mansell as interim general manager. Mansell is hired by a vote of three to zero in a closed session of the board. C. Young, G. Young and Taylor all approved of his hiring by voting yes. Olinger and Crowther are in absentia. He was recruited by C. Young outside the normal hiring process.

DECEMBER 2017

JANUARY 2018

MARCH 2018

JUNE 2018



- C. Young is selected board president.
- Board approves the hiring of Robert Tafoya (Tafoya & Garcia) as the district’s general legal counsel. At the time, Tafoya also represented the City of Baldwin Park as its city attorney. Olinger was the only board member to vote against his hiring.
- In response to the growing chaos among board members and between C. Young and top administrators concerned ratepayers formed the WVWD Ratepayers Association (RPA) under the leadership of Don Griggs to serve as a bulwark against the dysfunction and growing concerns over misuse of ratepayer funds.
- C. Young places the agency’s assistant general manager, Greg Gage, human resources manager, Karen Logue, and board’s secretary, Shanae Smith, on suspension or administrative leave—Olinger was the only Board member to vote against these actions. All these individuals purportedly supported Clifford Young’s opponent, Gonzalez, in the election.
- Logue and Smith accuse C. Young of not following procedures and skirting guidelines for hiring district personnel. Because tensions are high at the meeting police are present to maintain control.
- C. Young hosts an election victory celebration for himself, Michael Taylor and Kyle Crowther and describes it as a Christmas party and charging it to WVWD. RPA believes Young had violated FPPC regulations when he requested and was reimbursed for the cost of the event which totaled \$1,897.43.



The board dismisses claims of alleged harassment and wrongful termination by Litchfield, Smith, Logue and Ricci. Logue and Litchfield followed with lawsuits against the district claiming unjustifiable terminations.

Anti-Slavery Amendment Needs Support of Riverside Residents



From left to right: Avalon Edwards, Joanna Theolene, Assemblymember Sydney Kamlager, D-Los Angeles and V. Manuel Perez, Riverside County Board of Supervisors

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Proposed state legislation aiming to strip underlying vestiges of slavery from the California Constitution has received an overwhelming amount of criticism from a number of Riverside County residents.

As it stands, the California Constitution prohibits slavery and involuntary servitude “except to punish crime.”

Assemblymember Sydney Kamlager, D-Los Angeles, introduced Assembly Constitutional Amendment 3 (ACA 3) Jan. 17. If passed, the amendment would prohibit slavery and involuntary servitude without exception.

All of Us or None and Legal Services for Prisoners with Children (LSPC), organizations that serve formerly incarcerated people, are sponsoring the initiative and have partnered with their Riverside local chapter, Starting Over Inc., and Supervisor V. Manuel Perez to set the initiative in motion with the Riverside County Board of Supervisors.

Avalon Edwards, policy fellow for Starting Over Inc. said the intention of bringing this to local municipalities is to symbolize support from the county by saying: “yes, we want to abolish all vestiges of slavery from the California State Constitution, we support this,” so once it goes up for a vote in the legislature they can say the entire state of California supports

this.

However, Perez’ proposed resolution was pulled from the agenda twice this month for further research due to aggressive community backlash. When first introduced as agenda item 3.33 on Feb. 1, over 130 public comments swarmed in opposition.

The opposing comments came in a seemingly copy-and-paste format asking the Board to “vote no on agenda item 3.33 or remove it from the agenda.”

Perez said these comments may have been led by an organized effort, however he is unsure about who may be behind it.

“The reason why I say that is because the majority of those folks who called or wrote made the same statement,” he said. “When you see that, it is usually from an organized entity.”

An admitted member of the East Valley Republican Women Federated, who wishes to remain anonymous, submitted a comment Feb. 2 that stated: “I live in Riverside County and ask the Riverside County Board of Supervisors to either vote no on agenda item 3.33 or delete it from the agenda.”

She later denied knowing item 3.33 was related to ACA 3 and insisted her comment was related to mail-in voting fraud.

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- The Public Integrity Unit (PIU) of the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office provides a written assessment regarding two complaints against C. Young. According to the PIU "[Young], without admitting any liability, acknowledged the payments in question were inappropriate."
- C. Young and G. Young ousted as president and vice president of the WVWD Board of Directors after complaints by RPA were forwarded to the Fair Political Practices Commission regarding misuse of ratepayer funds. Michael Taylor was elected president and Kyle Crowther vice president.
- WVWD hired The Kaufman Law Firm again, this time to investigate various complaints made by Clarence Mansell and Deborah Martinez against C. Young. The investigation concludes C. Young subjected Mansell and Martinez to harassment, intimidation, and hostility.



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SEPTEMBER 2018

The WVWD engages the law firm Milon Plas LLP (Pluas) to investigate allegations involving Young and the District in response to RPA's FPPC complaint related to the December 2017 election victory party (aka Christmas celebration).

OCTOBER 2018

DECEMBER 2018

The board disagrees over making a formal request of the State Auditor Controller to complete a full financial audit of the district's fiscal dealings, including legal counsel contracts and contractors, for the preceding two years. The board eventually agrees to have the audit completed by WVWD's contract auditor.

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complaint—stood Clifford Young. What caused the agency's troubled waters to begin churning wildly at that time is unknown beyond the arrival of C. Young's protégé, Greg Young, who was elected to the board in November 2015.

Whether having G. Young by his side bolstered C. Young's willingness to unleash his inner bully remains a mystery. What is clear however, is once his inner bully was unleashed, it set in motion a period of tumult that continued through subsequent years.

Along the way, careers were disrupted, reputations besmirched, rate payers robbed and administrators came and went. Yet, the man who sparked it all, Director Clifford Young, was re-elected in November 2018.

Caught amid this storm was former General Manager Clarence Mansell who was purportedly recruited to the agency in June 2018 by none other than C. Young, who supposedly bypassed the agency's normal hiring process to bring him aboard.

Unfortunately for Mansell, little did he know at the time, within a few short months C. Young would be unceremoniously ousted from his position as BOD president, along with vice president G. Young. Nor could Mansell have foreseen the very man who supported his entry to the agency would play a role in his scapegoating, including Mansell as a defendant in a qui tam lawsuit C. Young initiated, and would allegedly support—if not led the effort—to push Mansell out.

According to WVWD, Mansell was professionally qualified for both positions he held at the agency—assistant general manager and general manager. He brought with him more than 40 years' experience in the industry, was considered by the agency as an accomplished water expert, and had experience collaborating with a variety of policy leaders and agencies throughout California.

When the board elevated Mansell from assistant general manager to general manager six

months later in January 2019, Board President Dr. Michael Taylor stated, "Clarence brings with him the experience that will allow West Valley Water District to become an innovative leader while increasing the service levels our customers deserve."

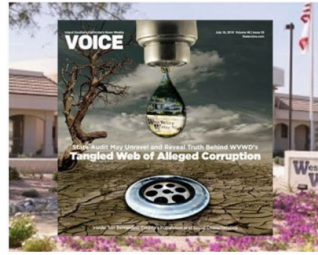
Board Vice President Kyle Crowther declared, "Clarence is incredibly creative and smart, and he is eager to explore new ideas to improve our infrastructure."

When the vote was taken however, Mansell no longer enjoyed the support of C. Young nor his protégé, G. Young—who had also voted yes to his hiring. Both men voted no.

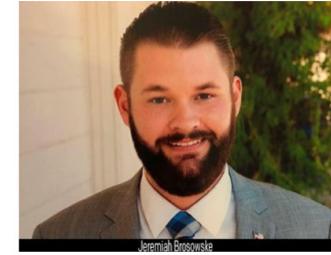
In recent years, the IE Voice and the Black Voice News followed this story closely. The San Bernardino Sun and other local outlets also filed reports. The WVWD took issue with the San Bernardino Sun over the accuracy of its reporting in several articles and to "Set the Record Straight," posted detailed rebuttals on its website.

FEATURE

Board appoints Mansell General Manager by a vote of 4-1. G. Young and G. Young voted no.



At the request of the WVWD, the law firm Milon Pluas LLP (Pluas) investigates allegations against C. Young brought by Griggs on behalf of the RPA. The complaint was based on their detailed report which laid out a compelling case (including documents) in support of their claim C. Young misused ratepayer funds to pay for a political event on Dec. 7, 2017.



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APRIL 2019

MAY 2019

- Milon Pluas LLP begins investigation into allegations involving Young and the District in response to the RPA's FPPC complaint.
- Clifford Young, Chief Financial Officer Naisha Davis, and Assistant Board Secretary Patricia Romero as plaintiffs file "under seal" a qui tam lawsuit in Los Angeles Superior Court, alleging West Valley Water contracted counsels, District General Counsel Robert Tafoya and his law firm, Tafoya & Garcia in addition to West Valley Water District's counsels, consultants, board members and general manager.
- California's Attorney General also receives a qui tam complaint. Missing from the packet of material evidence submitted to the Attorney General is all the correspondence from the Fair Political Practices Commission, including the Fair Political Practices Commission's final notice concluding it would not be proceeding with any action.



Milon Pluas LLP completes investigation and concludes the allegations made against C. Young and the West Valley Water District are substantiated noting the district's own documents were enough to establish conclusively the reimbursement to C. Young (for the December 2017 event) was requested, made and "not in dispute."

Board approves employment agreement with Hesperia City Councilmember Jeremiah Brosowski to fill the position to serve as assistant general manager earning a base salary of \$189,592 and \$62,500 in benefits. Brosowski has no education in water systems; received his higher education from Charter Oaks State College—a public online college which offers a limited number of bachelor's degrees—none related to water systems.



- WVWD files motion to dismiss the qui tam alleging it was an attempt to invalidate the internal district investigations of complaints against C. Young by Litchfield, Gonzalez, Ricci, Logue, Smith and ultimately Mansell. The agency suggests the claim filed under the California False Claims Act, did not meet the legal requirements of such an action and was a politically motivated hit piece lodging spurious allegations of corruption against the members of the board who did not align with C. Young's actions.
- Dr. Michael Taylor announces an impending audit of the agency by the California State Controller's office.
- West Valley Water District Public Affairs Manager Naseem Farooqi files a temporary restraining order in San Bernardino Superior Court alleging director Greg Young threatens to kill him.



JUNE 2019

JULY 2019

AUGUST 2019

SEPTEMBER 2019



WVWD hires Logan Olds as assistant general manager. Olds was former general manager of Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation Authority, an agency investigated by the Federal Office of the Inspector General for alleged misuse of funds associated with a \$33 million FEMA grant.



- Logan Olds abruptly departs from WVWD purportedly claims he did not like being micromanaged by Mansell.
- Black Voice News Publisher Emeritus Hardy Brown Sr. endorses Don Olinger
- WVWD announces the appointment of Shamindra (Rickey) Manbhal as Chief Financial Officer and many in the community question his qualifications and background.

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FEATURE STORY

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“I belong to the Republican Womens’ group in Riverside County. I was asking that HR1 be voted down,” she stated via email. “I checked with two different people at Riverside and this bill is about elections.”

But her comment was identical to several others, many of which included added sentences that clarified opposition to ACA 3.

The email address of Joy Miedecke, East Valley Republican Women Federated president, can be found at the bottom of another comment that

shared the same copy-and-paste format, submitted by Patt Quigg, it read: *“My request of the Board of Supervisors either vote no on agenda item 3.33 or remove it from today’s agenda. This is unconstitutional!”*

Miedecke declined to comment on the organization’s involvement and neither confirmed nor denied whether the organization had misinformed some of their members about agenda item 3.33 being about mail-in fraud.

Commenters in opposition speculated the item would remove current prison work and rehabilitative programs, and the resolution lacked legal analysis and would put criminals back on the streets.

“This is a play to not keep criminals in jail by changing words around to make people think it is actually slavery that you would want abolished,” Terry Woods, another opposing commentator said.

Perez reiterated ACA 3 will not put criminals on the street. The ultimate goal, he said, is to amend the loophole that allows for “slavery through involuntary servitude” to be used or allowed for punishment of crime. Perez is referencing the 13th Amendment of the United States Constitution.

According to the University of Cincinnati Law Review, the 13th Amendment is commonly referred to as a “slavery loophole” that permits prison labor to be utilized as “slave labor.”

“This is not to open the system of criminals,” he said. “It has to do with antiquated language that I believe is still racist.”

The Oxford English Dictionary defines servitude as the state of being a

slave or completely subject to someone more powerful.

Bill Young, Riverside Sheriffs’ Association president, said he was unsure if this resolution would remove current prison operations.

“As currently written, it is uncertain if this proposed amendment will affect prison work requirements and/or community service programs,” he said in an email.

According to Young, prison programs allow inmates to build skills they can utilize upon release, thereby reducing recidivism. Offenders in

community programs receive the benefit of freedom and provide something of value to the community, he added.

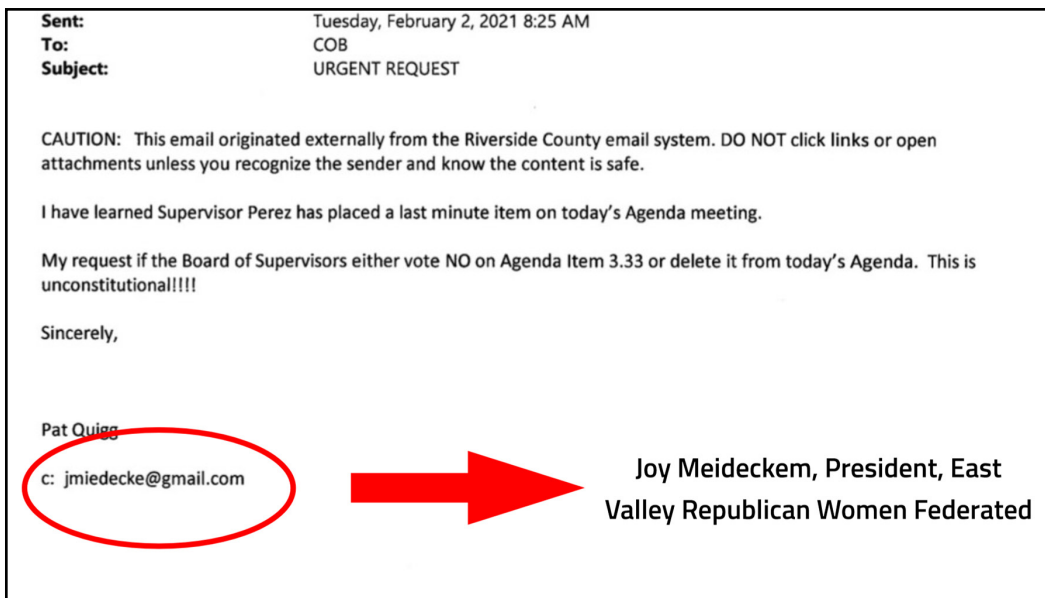
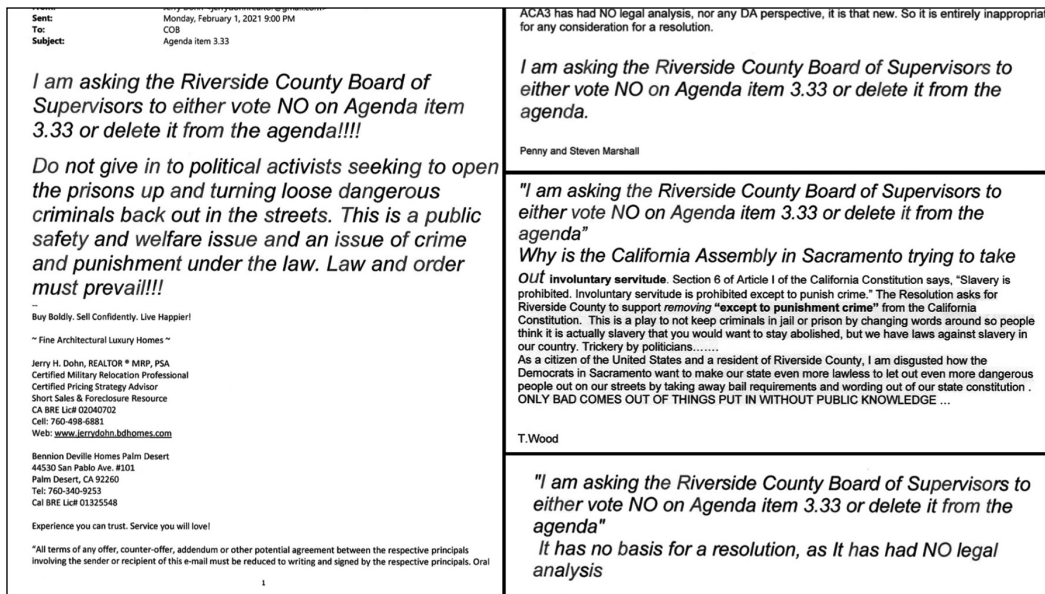
Joanna Theleone, policy manager for Legal Services for Prisoners with Children, implores those who support rehabilitation to divest from the prison industrial complex, and make a concerted effort in investing towards mental health and holistic wrap-around care. She declared, although rehabilitation is necessary, the focus should stay on removing involuntary servitude (slavery) as the legal basis for any program.

“Slavery has nothing to do with rehabilitation and has everything to do with economy,” she said. “You’re convicting people and subjecting them to involuntary servitude to work for pennies to the dollar—removing them from their personal economies where their fiscal impact and support are no longer present. This is detrimental to the families then left behind.”

Theolene argued, there is no benefit to prison workforce programs for the purpose of rehabilitation, only to those profiteering from the forced labor, pointing to a recent case in Alameda County.

Aramark, a private for-profit company that sells food prepared by prisoners, allegedly forced pre-trial detainees— including detainees awaiting immigration proceedings at Santa Rita Jail— into involuntary servitude. The company is being sued by over 100 inmates who were put to mandatory work under threat of punitive measures by their jailers, all of whom were not being paid, according to the lawsuit.

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SPECIAL FEATURE

SEPTEMBER 2019

RPA President Don Griggs presents ratepayer concerns to the FPPC documenting how WVWD Board of Directors and its President Clifford Young used ratepayers' money for personal political purposes in relation to an event that occurred in December 2017.



- Channing Hawkins sworn in as new board member, elected to serve as board president and immediately begins efforts to improve administration and conduct unbiased investigations and assessments of the WVWD operations.
- 16 of the district's 18 department managers complain of low morale requests Mansell be removed. According to the letter, "General Manager Mansell has alienated employees by removing responsibilities from specific individuals to those who will do his bidding."

Complainants file an amended qui tam within the required time frame.

OCTOBER 2019



Battle for control of WVWD heats up as Nov. 5, 2019 approaches. G. Young alleges a proposed censure against himself and C. Young. Three board members face re-election including Kyle Crowther-District 1 facing two opponents, business owner Linda Gonzalez and Betty J. Gosney; Don Olinger-District 4 faces labor relations representative Channing Hawkins; and Greg Young-District 5 faces Jackie S. Cox and educational assistant Angel Ramirez.

DECEMBER 2019

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MARCH 2020

Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge hearing qui tam says his analysis of what was presented to the court thus far does not make for a convincing case nor supply the details to back up the plaintiffs' claims. He has given them a limited window (two weeks) during which they must marshal that evidence, if it exists, to substantiate their allegations or the case will be permanently dismissed.

APRIL 2020

Browski departs WVWD with severance pay.

MAY 2020

Litchfield settles years-long lawsuit with WVWD.

JUNE 2020

OCTOBER 2020

Olds returns to WVWD as assistant general manager and Clarence Mansell requests and takes a personal leave of absence.



- California State Controllers (CSC) issue a blistering report of WVWD's internal control systems including failure in how it conducts its operations, prepares financial reports, safeguards agency assets, and ensures proper use of public funds.
- California State Controller's evaluation reviewed conditions at the agency during the period July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2018. C. Young led the WVWD Board of Directors during much, if not all, the period under audit.

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FEATURE STORY

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Inmates allege they were threatened with solitary confinement, lengthier jail sentences and meals kept from them if they refused to work. The contract between Aramark and Alameda County permits prison labor to be used for the profit of a private company without compensation to the worker, which the lawsuit argues is a violation of state and federal law.

In an NPR interview, Dominique Morgan, a formerly incarcerated activist, shared his experience being homeless as a young man. He said he was imprisoned for engaging in what he called “survival crimes,” such as stealing cars to sleep in and writing checks for food and clothes.

While incarcerated, Morgan said he would make \$2.25 for more than 12 hours of work. The Federal Bureau of Prisons reports that inmates earn 12 cents per hour for their work assignments.

“There are incarcerated people in Nebraska who work at the governor’s mansion — literally cleaning the governor’s mansion,” Morgan shared in the interview.

Nebraska, Colorado and Utah have since passed similar legislation removing references of slavery from their state constitutions at the end of last year with high support from their constituents.

“Considering our diversity and values, there is no reason California should not join states such as Utah, Colorado and Nebraska in amending the state constitution to remove this clause,” Helen Regan, one of the few Riverside County residents who supported ACA 3, said in her comment Feb. 9.

Kyle Sweeney, another supporter, wrote that slavery was not abolished, but merely nationalized.

“We steal labor and freedom from our people,” he said. “We uphold the roots of this practice with disproportionate arrests and sentencing of our Black, Hispanic, and Indigenous community members. We build our institutions on stolen labor and call ourselves great.”

The Riverside County Board of Supervisors will vote Mar. 9 at 9:30 a.m. on a resolution that may decide the fate of a statewide effort to remove any rhetoric of slavery from the California Constitution.

If you wish to speak on ACA 3 here are some resources:

- Toolkit (in support) for public comments on ACA 3: <http://bit.ly/A1S6RIV>
- You may submit a public comment by email to cob@rivco.org. If you are calling on the day of, visit <https://www.rivcocob.org/> and click “request to speak.” You may also choose to leave a comment.

You can also weigh in on Twitter, Facebook and/or Instagram.

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Karen Spiegel - District 2

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Outdoor Contact Sports Resume in San Bernardino County



Effective Friday, Feb. 27, high contact and moderate contact outdoor sports under certain conditions resumed in San Bernardino County.

New state guidelines now permit such sports as long as the county meets a specific COVID-19 rate case criterion—the infection case rate remains at or below 14 per 100,000 residents.

“We’re pleased to report that our county has succeeded in reducing our case rate below that threshold, reporting 12.8 cases per 100,000 residents, which means sports can resume.”

The high contact sports include football, rugby and water polo. Moderate contact sports include those played outdoors, including baseball, cheerleading and softball.

To learn more about the updated guidance and obtain information regarding specific requirements for weekly COVID-19 testing, you can review the full guidelines here.



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students receive slightly higher expectations than Black students, while White and Asian students receive the highest expectations. “This is one of the key reasons why educator diversity, combined with cultural competency, is paramount to the success of Black, Indigenous, and students of color,” says Walker.

BLU Educational Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization based in San Bernardino, California, committed to providing education and human services programming to youth, adults, and organizations to build healthy, productive communities. BLU began its work in 2001 in response to the challenges with higher education faced by families with limited

income and limited opportunities in California's Inland Empire (Riverside and San Bernardino Counties).

Currently, BLU Educational Foundation manages multiple education and civic engagement programs that create a comprehensive approach to providing equity in public education and career and college access to Black, Indigenous, and communities of color in the Inland Empire.



S P E C I A L F E A T U R E

Mansell signs settlement agreement of \$450,000 to be released from the district. The vote was 4-1 with Channing Hawkins, Kyle Crowther, Greg Young, Michael Taylor voting “yes” and Clifford Young voting “no”.

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Clarence Mansell considers a \$450,000 severance package approved by the WWWD.

• You have the right to bring your service animal into any business, even those that have an explicit “no pets” policy.

If you believe your rights were violated

• File an ADA complaint form with the U.S. Department of Justice.

Additional resources

- The Job Accommodation Network, <https://askjan.org/>
 - The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, <https://www.eeoc.gov/laws/types/disability.cfm>
 - National Employment Lawyers Association, <http://exchange.nela.org/memberdirectory/findalawyer>
 - U.S. Department of Housing and Urban development hud.gov/program_offices/fair_housing_equal_opp
 - National Housing Law Project, Reasonable Accommodations for People with Disabilities, <https://www.nhlp.org/initiatives/fair-housing-housing-for-people-with-disabilities/reasonable-accommodations/>
- Source: The American Civil Liberties Union and the Job Accommodations Network*

N E W S I N B R I E F

Riverside County Makes Changes to Vaccination Clinics

The Perris Fairgrounds is now a fulltime testing site. “[The change] will help provide vaccines in locations where they are needed and give greater access to residents in those communities,” said Kim Saruwat.

Three sites will be opened Wednesday and operated by OptumServe in Norco at 1377 Hamner Ave., Temecula at 39716 Winchester Rd., and Desert Hot Springs at 11711 West Dr.

The vaccine site at the Lake Elsinore Stadium, which previously operated two days a week, will be expanded to hours Thursday through Monday. The site will be operated by Curative. The Indio Fairgrounds vaccine site will convert from a county- to a Curative-run location. The Corona High School vaccine site will close Friday, March 5; the staff from the location will be assigned to a new vaccine clinic in Moreno Valley. The location of the Moreno Valley clinic will be announced soon. Those who received their first dose at Corona High School will be notified when and where to receive their second dose. And, the Perris Fairgrounds site, which provided vaccine two days a week, will be converted to a COVID-19 testing site and be opened seven days a week. This change will take effect Tuesday, March 2.

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reward for hiring them.

In the meantime, among those profiting the the most often rail against raising the minimum wage for Black and Brown people who avoided a system designed to entrap them—find themselves instead struggling to keep families afloat while so many of their breadwinners languish in prison—many work 40 hour weeks and still languish below the poverty line.

In the ongoing effort to dismantle the foundations of this overt example of institutional and systemic racism, an effort is underway in California to eliminate the slavery exemption enshrined in the state's constitution.

Earlier this year, a constitutional amendment was introduced in the Assembly to remove the slavery exemption (ACA3) and efforts are underway—including here in Riverside County—for local municipalities to adopt measures in support of amending the state constitution to remove it.

But, before the measure could be discussed by the Riverside County Board of Supervisors a ferocious and organized effort was launched against it. More than a hundred messages of opposition poured into the clerk of the board after the public posting of a recent meeting agenda and in advance of the scheduled meeting where the item was scheduled for discussion.

Most of the comments were a cut and paste statement obviously from a single source.

Many wondered who would advocate for the perpetuation of modern-day slavery, involuntary servitude, human exploitation?

Information soon surfaced pointing to the alleged involvement of none other than Trump acolyte and enthusiast, Cancel Culture advocate, former Lake Elsinore State Assembly representative, aspiring 2022 Republican candidate for Lt. Governor, and state Senator representing the 28th district which includes large swaths of Riverside County—Melissa Melendez.

This week's IE Voice and Black Voice News feature, "Anti-Slavery Amendment Desperately Needs Support of Riverside Residents," by Cheetara Piry, details the organized resistance and how the effort was linked to the Republican organization, East Valley Republican Women Federated.

A simple Google search can reveal the long-standing relationship between Melendez and this organization, while its Facebook page also offers a continuous stream of Melendez commentary. Some will argue it is unfair to make her guilty by association. To that I offer what many of our parents taught us, "People will judge you by the company you keep. Make of this what you will—I did.

What I can tell you is this publication left several messages for Melendez asking her to confirm or deny her involvement in thwarting the

board's consideration of ACA3. Her response...crickets. Again, make of this what you will.

If history is prophecy however, Melendez has repeatedly shown us who she is. Consider her constant railings against immigration; her stunning racist comment about Muslims; her obsession with the re-call of Governor Gavin Newsom over the COVID-19 shutdown; her enabling of the "Big Lie" regarding the 2020 Election when she apparently attacked Democrats on Twitter November 7, 2020 stating, "We all know what you're doing. We are not going to let you cheat and steal this election." And lest we forget, there was also her shameless reposting to her Facebook page of the disgusting comments of a homophobe making a despicable and humiliating mockery of Dr. Rachel Levine, President Joe Biden's historic appointment as Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

And if all of this was not enough, included among Melendez's greatest hateful hits is her unabashed relating of political speech to racial discrimination. In what she has called a move to push back against so-called "cancel culture" where she believes Republicans should be protected in their relentless lying and undermining of the nation's laws and institutions, is unfathomable as is her quest to equate this madness with the centuries-long-hard-fought quest for civil rights. It is simultaneously shameful, disgusting, and in and of itself a dog-whistle of racism.

The Melendez "Diversity of Thought" bill is so unconscionable, it is almost difficult to take her seriously. But, of course, we must. Such rhetoric is not only disingenuous—it is dangerous. Consider her recent written comments to the East Bay Times.

"Cancel culture and the efforts to silence differing opinions and voices should be a growing concern for all of us. A climate of intolerance has been established and has stifled healthy and normal debate. Anyone who values their own freedom of speech should be concerned. This cannot and should not be allowed to continue." She obviously believes such Trump doublespeak continues to be all the rage. Maybe it is in some Republican circles but among most thinking Americans--it is not.

Does Melendez really believe this or is it she just drank too much Trump-ade?

Considering her history, it is not too farfetched to imagine her leveraging opposition to ACA 3 as another quiver in her political bona fides as a loyal minion in the radicalized anti-American-White Supremacists organization now masquerading as the Republican Party, and all it has come to represent.

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

S.E. Williams
Executive Editor

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