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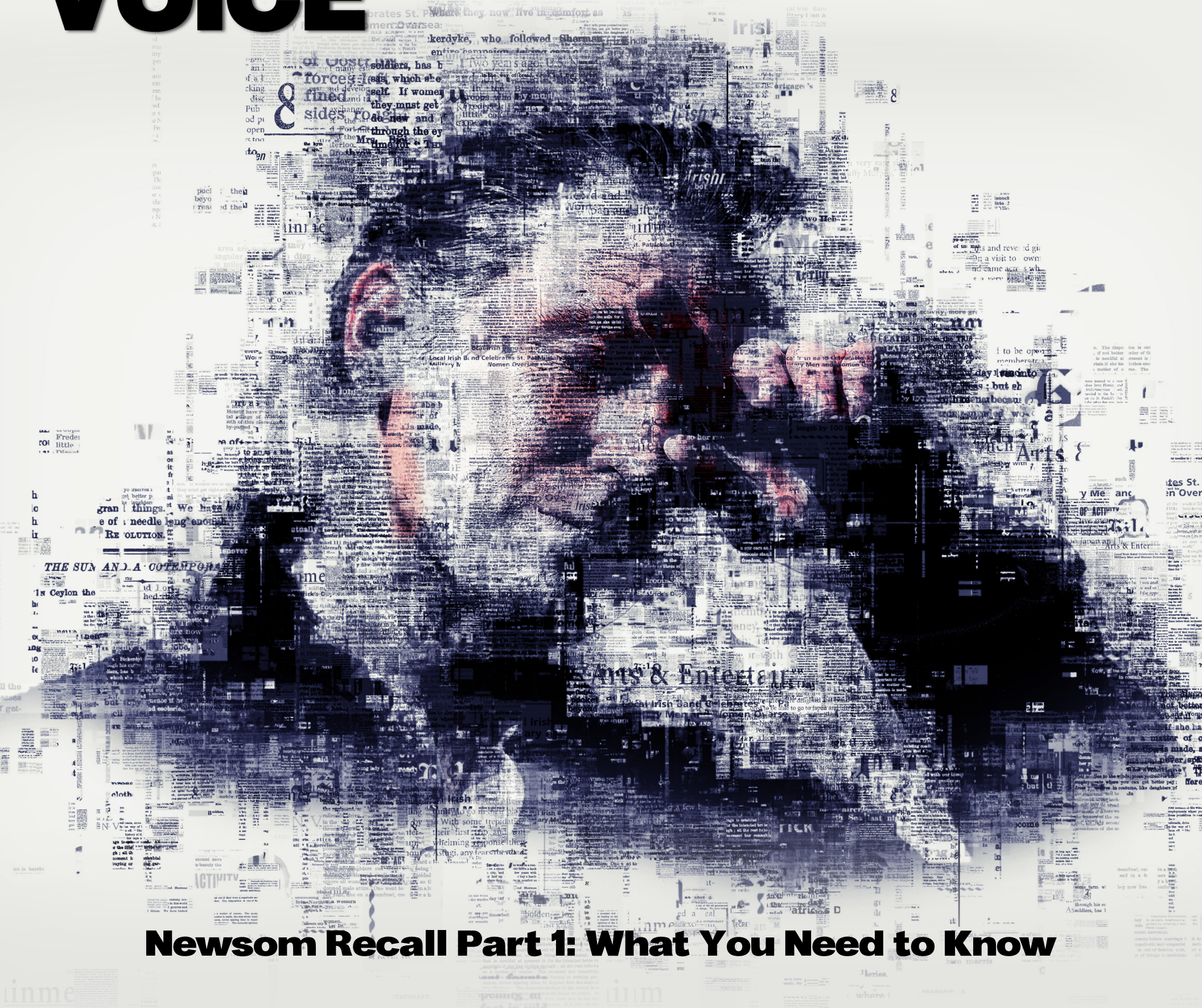
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# Keeping it Real with S.E. Williams VOICE

## Riverside's Grand Jury Rejects Local Buy-In to Trump's Big Lie

*"And if all others accepted the lie which the Party imposed—if all records told the same tale—then the lie passed into history and became truth. 'Who controls the past' ran the Party slogan, 'controls the future: who controls the present controls the past.'"*

- George Orwell, 1984

When the Riverside County Grand Jury released its 2020-2021 Civil Grand Jury Report on July 2, among the several issues it explored during the recent session was election fraud.

It appears the issue was taken up to assuage the maniacal blatherings of high-level Republicans in local leadership and their minion-minded followers still clinging and perpetuating the "Big Lie" of the former president, Donald John Trump.

The Grand Jury grappled with the following question,

"Was the Riverside County November 2020 Consolidated General Election Administered Fairly and Impartially?"

The question I ask is, why are we wasting tax dollars to investigate something we know is a charade? Especially when we have already learned that doing so, regardless of the outcome of the investigation as we've witnessed from municipality to municipality and from state to state around the country—the response remains the same—Republicans continue to perpetuate the Big Lie.

After all, that is the point, isn't it . . . to keep the lie alive? To fuel the maddening hysteria and illogical anger of those driven nearly mad by the idea abdicating White privilege for the sake of realizing American ideals?

As French philosopher Alexandre Koyré explained, "The mob believes everything it is

told, provided only that it be repeated over and over; provided too, that its passions, hatreds, fears are catered to. He said, "Nor need one try to stay within the limits of plausibility. On the contrary, the grosser, the bigger, the cruder the lie, the more readily it is believed and followed." Koyré died in April 1964 in Paris, France but



reading this excerpt one would think he had penned it as a commentary on what is happening in America today. Now, thanks to the seeding of the Big Lie by Trump and the sinister enabling by Republican leaders, taxpayers

across the country are absorbing untold costs to chase an illusion to placate the delusion of a weak former president, undergirded by the scheming desires of power mongers, and fueled by the hatred of racists.

The Grand Jury (Jury) explained that it undertook the investigation in response to several politicians and media personalities who claimed the changes in state election laws would increase the chances of election irregularities and fraud. And those disingenuous trepidations were soon followed in the wake of the November 2020 General Election with many of these same individuals and/or groups claiming election irregularities and fraud had occurred in Riverside.

In exploration of these concerns the Jury began its work by conducting what it defined as

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# Accelerating Spread of COVID Variant Dramatizes Importance of Vaccinations

S.E. Williams | Executive Editor

Officials report despite a dramatic decline in new cases since the introduction of FDA-approved vaccines, San Bernardino County is continuing to see outbreaks of COVID-19. While most of these patients are not experiencing life-threatening illnesses, they still pose a threat to the county's more vulnerable residents.

"Most of the people we are now seeing are young and in generally good health," said Rodney Borger M.D., an emergency room physician at Arrowhead Regional Medical Center (ARMC). "Yet while few face truly life-threatening conditions, many still suffer a variety of unpleasant effects in both the short and long terms."

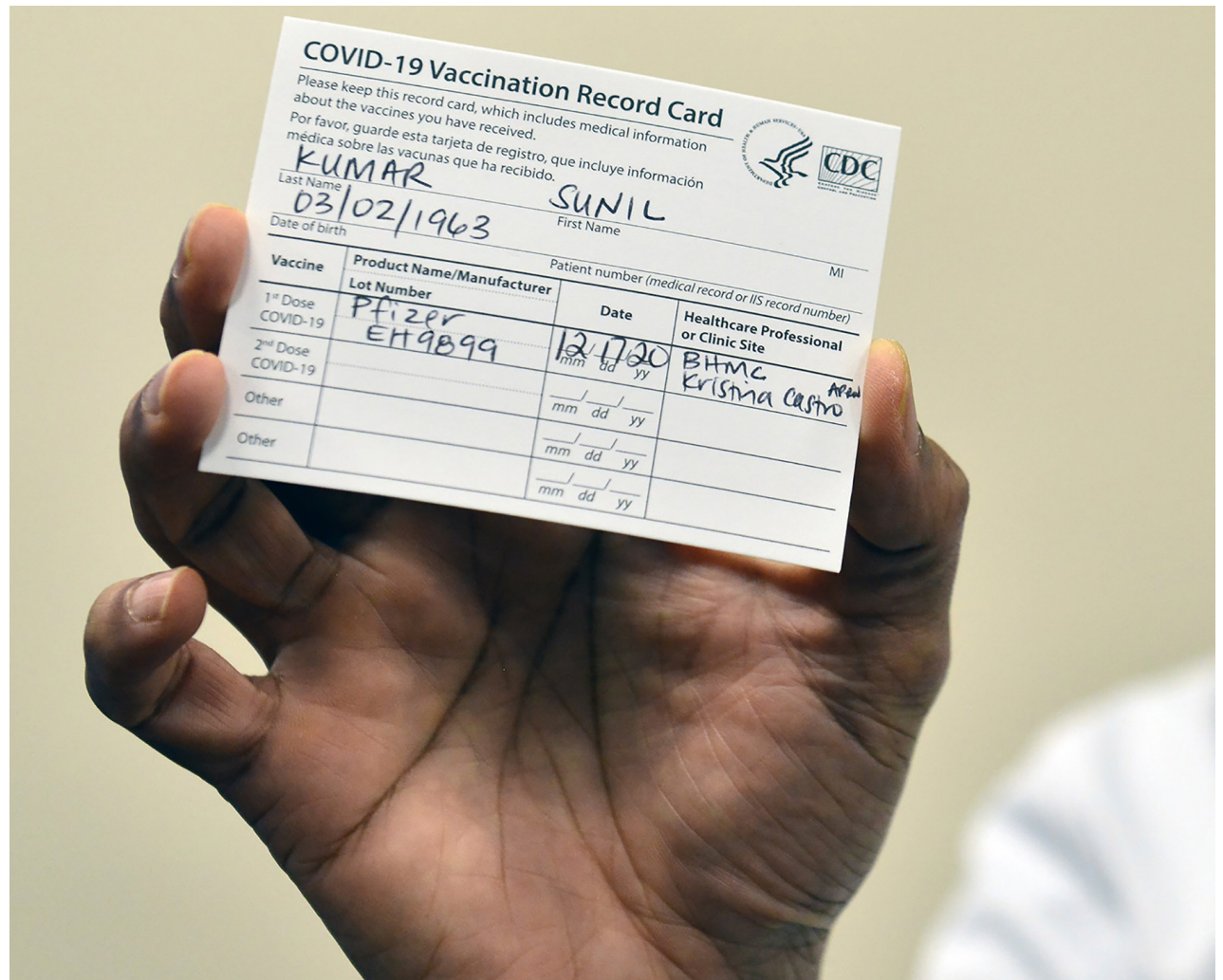
Dr. Borger's greatest concern however is that unvaccinated individuals will spread the virus to residents who are older, otherwise vulnerable to serious consequences, or that may experience long-term effects from the virus. The CDC reports the most common lasting symptoms from getting COVID-19 are fatigue, shortness of breath, cough, joint pain, and chest pain.

"We have done an excellent job getting our most vulnerable residents vaccinated, and the results can be seen in our dramatically lower hospitalization and death rates," Borger explained. "However, a substantial portion of our population has declined, or at least delayed, getting a vaccine shot."

## San Bernardino County Vaccination Rate

The county's COVID-19 Dashboard reflects as of July 8, only 45.5 percent of county residents ages 12 and older are fully vaccinated. Borger went on to stress that virtually every new case currently involves unvaccinated individuals and highlighted how COVID-19 will remain active as long as a significant portion of the population continues to forgo vaccinations.

"Frankly, there is a segment of the population that has simply refused to get vaccinated, including a number of incarcerated individuals," Dr. Borger said. "There is little we can do about this group. However, there are other county



residents who don't oppose vaccinations on principle but have simply neglected to get a shot. These are the people we are urging to get vaccinated — if only to protect others, if not themselves."

## The Unvaccinated Are Vulnerable to Variant

According to Borger the lingering population of unvaccinated individuals is particularly concerning in light of the emergence of the Delta variant of COVID-19, which is significantly more contagious than earlier versions of the coronavirus.

Data recently released by the California Department of Public Health show 35.6 percent of coronavirus variants analyzed in June have

been identified as the Delta variant, which was first identified in India. This data reflects a dramatic increase from May, when it accounted for just 5.6 percent of analyzed coronavirus cases in the state.

"The Delta variant spreads much more quickly and easily than previous strains," he said. "Fortunately, the approved vaccines have been shown to protect against it. So, the solution to the problem remains the same—the need to convince the unvaccinated to invest 20 minutes or so to get a shot.

"Shots are free and easy to come by," he continued. "Getting vaccinated now requires nothing more than a walk-in visit to the local pharmacy."



# Candid Conversations: Riverside Unified School District Officials on Education and Equity

**Breanna Reeves | Contributor**

Community organization, Anti-Racist Riverside, held its monthly discussion called “Candid Conversations” on June 26th.

This month’s theme was Education and Equity and featured incoming Riverside Unified School District (RUSD) Superintendent Dr. Renee Hill and Assistant Superintendent, Equity, Access and Community Engagement, Dr. Jacqueline Perez.

Curated by Anti-Racist Riverside member Janice Rooths, Dr. Hill and Dr. Perez discussed the progress of RUSD schools, the implementation of new programs and Ethnic Studies graduation requirements.

Prior to the Board of Education passing the measure to make Ethnic Studies a graduation requirement, RUSD offered both African American Studies and Chicano Studies courses as electives. With Ethnic Studies as a requirement for graduation, the district will integrate the cultural electives already in place as part of meeting the requirements for Ethnic Studies.

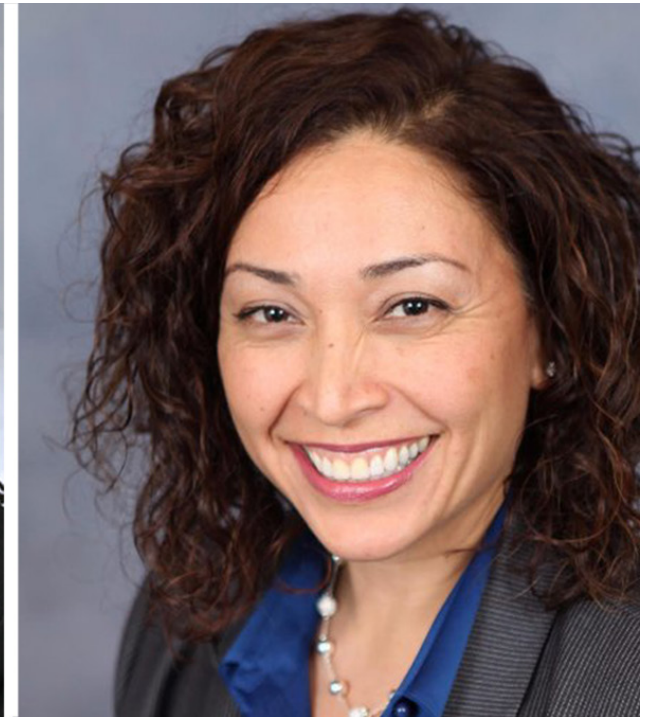
Formerly the Chief Academic Officer, Dr. Hill officially began her tenure as Superintendent on July 1, 2021. The online event allowed community members to speak candidly with Dr. Hill about her plans for the district and ask questions concerning the curriculum throughout the district.

## Critical Race Theory

One participant asked about the district’s efforts to decolonize the curriculum. With the current uproar surrounding Critical Race Theory (CRT) and its implementation into schools, the participant stated that CRT only covers part of history, but there is much more history to cover.

Dr. Hill responded that Ethnic Studies classes will teach students that multiple perspectives exist within history and to recognize that some perspectives are largely taught over others. She emphasized the importance of incorporating literature, historical documents and equitable representation throughout the curriculum.

Critical Race Theory was originally coined



Dr. Renee Hill and Dr. Jacqueline Perez

by legal academic Kimberlé Crenshaw and was initially founded within law as a critique to “how the social construction of race and institutionalized racism perpetuate a racial caste system that relegates people of color to the bottom tiers,” according to Public Policy Professor Janel George.

There have been some statements in regard to CRT that have emerged at school board meetings, according to Dr. Hill. She explained that having discussions and just defining CRT is an important step in fostering conversations around the topic.

Another participant asked what RUSD is doing to address racial issues with students early on. Dr. Hill explained that kids make mistakes, but teaching them how to interact and helping them through their mistakes is fundamental.

## Proactive Measures

In February 2020 there was an incident at King High School in which students posed with a swastika. Dr. Perez explained the steps the district took to combat such racial incidents included establishing a Multicultural

Council and an Equity Committee. The district also implemented proactive measures such as instituting unconscious bias training, an educational book study and inviting the Anti-defamation League to speak to students.

As the 16th largest district in the state, RUSD has a diverse student population who come from a variety of different backgrounds. RUSD has incorporated programs for students such as the Heritage Program to support Black students and the Legacy Program to support non-native English students.

Anti-Racist Riverside holds monthly Candid Conversations where the community discusses different topics. For more information, email [antiracistriverside@gmail.com](mailto:antiracistriverside@gmail.com).

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# A Family Wellness Check: California Invests in Treating Parents and Children Together

Breanna Reeves | Contributor

When a parent takes an infant to the Children's Health Center in San Francisco for a routine checkup, a pediatrician will check the baby's vitals and ask how the child is doing at home.

Then Janelle Bercun, a licensed clinical social worker, who is also in the room, will look at Mom or Dad and pipe up: What is this like for you? Your frustrations? Joys? Challenges? And she stays to work with the parent long after the pediatrician has left.

The facility's team-based treatment is a pilot project, funded by philanthropies. Yet the approach, which California may soon incorporate on a large scale, could hold the key to fostering a healthy home environment where children thrive, child development experts say. Incorporating therapy for the parents, they say, can lower a child's risk of future mental disorders stemming from family trauma and adversity.

Pediatricians' offices generally don't offer formal counseling or guidance to a child's guardian because they can't bill insurance for these services. That could soon change for the roughly 5.4 million children on Medi-Cal, California's Medicaid program for low-income residents, and their parents.

The 2021-22 state budget, which Gov. Gavin Newsom is expected to sign by Monday, dedicates \$800 million, half of it in federal funds, to this new behavioral health benefit over four years. Experts say it would make California the first state to pay for "dyadic care," treating parents and children simultaneously.

"A baby is not showing up by themselves to the pediatrician's office. The caregiver is coming in with their own strengths and stressors," said Dr. Kathryn Margolis, a pediatric psychologist who launched the initiative at the Children's Health Center at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital.

"Without a healthy caregiver, we can't have a healthy baby," Margolis added. "It is the most obvious thing in the world. It is unbelievable it has taken this long to pay for this service."



The new program is among a suite of behavioral health initiatives included in the nearly \$263 billion state budget negotiated between Democratic lawmakers and Newsom, who has made mental health services a signature issue.

The state will spend the next year drafting guidelines for the services that could be covered and working with insurance providers on new billing codes for the new benefit. Beginning July 1, 2022, caregivers who enter a clinic or pediatrician's office with a child up to age 21 for routine well visits will be matched with a social worker or behavioral health specialist. They may be screened for depression, treated for tobacco and alcohol use, or offered family therapy, said Jim Kooler, assistant deputy director of behavioral health at the California Department of Health Care Services. New mothers will get postpartum care; parents could also get help obtaining food vouchers, housing or other help. "It's a pretty amazing array of services that

will be available," Kooler said. "It's things we wouldn't necessarily think about right away, but the health of the young person is impacted."

States including New York and Colorado fund programs that offer holistic care to parents and children together. But California will be the first to offer the service as part of Medicaid pediatric care, said Jennifer Tracey, senior director of growth and sustainability for Zero to Three. The nonprofit organization runs HealthySteps, a program that supports babies and toddlers with integrated care in 24 states, Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico. Getting the benefit funded in the nation's most populous state was a "groundbreaking" win for children's advocacy groups, Tracey said.

"We haven't seen any other state make this kind of investment," she said. "I hope we'll see other states following California."

Newsom and lawmakers this year had a \$76 billion budget surplus and \$27 billion in

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# The Ethics Saga Continues with Legal Woes for Key Players at WVWD

**Gail Fry | Contributor**

As previously reported by The Voice/Black Voice News, after years of corruption, power struggles, settlements paid to disgruntled employees, investigations, a state audit, and disputes between board members leaving ongoing litigation, beleaguered West Valley Water District (WVWD) ratepayers find themselves not only struggling to pay for their life-sustaining water service but also footing the bill for the alleged unethical actions of their combative directors.

## Ongoing Litigation

The whistleblower lawsuit brought on behalf of the district by its director Dr. Clifford Young along with former WVWD employees Patricia Romero and Naisha Davis against Defendants Tafoya & Garcia, LLP., Robert N. Tafoya, Kaufman Law Firm PC., Martin Kaufman, Albright, Yee & Schmidt, APC. (AYS), Clifton Albright, and Robert Katherman and Rob Katherman Consulting was dismissed, leaving a \$50,878.40 legal bill due.

At a June 16, hearing at the Los Angeles Superior Court, the court denied Defendants Tafoya & Garcia, LLP, Robert N. Tafoya's motion for legal fees and costs in the amount of \$50,878.40 against plaintiffs C. Young, Romero and/or Davis finding the defendants "have not submitted any detailed billing records to substantiate their attorneys' fees" while allowing defendants to refile its motion with "evidentiary support." No hearing date has been scheduled.

Defendants Tafoya & Garcia, LLP and Robert N. Tafoya were the only defendants to file a motion for attorney fees and costs. In his motion Tafoya points the finger directly at C. Young, Romero and Davis claiming they used the whistleblower lawsuit as a "sword" against him and to "chill" the investigations Tafoya was conducting into C. Young's "illegal and unethical behavior."

The tables in the case were turned on December 1, 2020, when Albright, Yee & Schmidt, APC. filed a lawsuit in Los Angeles Superior Court against C. Young, Romero, Davis, as well as their attorneys Rachel Fiset, Erin



Perez-Coleman, Michael Zweiback, Zweiback Fiset & Coleman LLP. alleging malicious prosecution, abuse of process, defamation, negligent interference with economic advantage, and intentional interference with economic advantage.

There are now three ongoing lawsuits pending in San Bernardino Superior Court related to this fiasco filed against the district by its former employees, Davis, Romero, and a third former employee, Nadia Loukeh, who filed a lawsuit on June 3, naming WVWD as well as C. Young, and Romero personally. She alleges sex and gender discrimination, retaliation, harassment, a hostile work environment and wrongful termination.

Additionally, according to WVWD press releases and February 23 meeting minutes, the district has paid about \$1.3 million in settlements to its terminated, "disgruntled employees."

Alleged Unethical Directors, Current and Former Employees, and a Potentially Criminal



Michael Taylor and Robert Tafoya

General Counsel

The IE Voice and Black Voice News provided an opportunity to comment about this article to every individual allegedly involved in either unethical behavior or implicated in criminality as written in this story.

**WVWD Director**

## Michael Taylor

Michael Taylor joined the WVWD Board of Directors in December 2017. Formerly the police chief of the City of Baldwin Park, he came under immediate scrutiny according to a Southern California News Group report (SCNG) when his first action was to nominate Baldwin Park City Attorney Robert Tafoya to serve as WVWD's general counsel.

Three weeks before this nomination, Tafoya, as city attorney for Baldwin Park, recommended its City Council approve a controversial, one-year police chief contract with Taylor, one year and two months after Taylor was fired from

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# There's a New Sheriff in Town

S.E. Williams | Executive Editor

The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors unanimously appointed Undersheriff Shannon Dicus to serve as San Bernardino County Sheriff/Coroner/Public Administrator during the remaining 18 months of retiring Sheriff John McMahon's final term in office.

In just 11 months, county voters will decide who will serve as sheriff for four years starting in January 2023.

Critics allege it was unseemly for the board to announce and go through the motions of accepting applications for the position when it appeared from the start the outcome was purportedly, predetermined.

Exiting Sheriff John McMahon himself came to office by appointment as did his predecessor former Sheriff Rod Hoops.

It is this history that fostered cynicism when McMahon announced on Friday June 18, he intended to retire July 16, well before his term expires in January 2023. In the process, he created an opportunity for the board to appoint an interim replacement with all the electoral advantages that it offers for the 2022 election cycle.

McMahon served 36 years in the Sheriff's Department, more than eight of those years as sheriff. The Board of Supervisors was obligated to appoint someone to complete McMahon's term after determining that a special election would not be possible prior to the regularly scheduled June 2022 sheriff's election.

## Dicus Endorsements

"Undersheriff Dicus has been with the Sheriff's Department for 30 years and clearly led the field of applicants in experience and knowledge," said Board of Supervisors Chairman Curt Hagman. "He has overseen or served within virtually every division in the department. This county must have someone who is ready to step into the role of sheriff in nine days."



Board Vice Chair Dawn Rowe and Supervisors Janice Rutherford, Joe Baca, Jr., and Col. Paul Cook (Ret.) all enthusiastically supported the appointment of Dicus.

## Qualifications

Dicus joined the Sheriff's Department in 1991 after serving in the U.S. Army as a military police officer and with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Police in Loma Linda.

As undersheriff, Dicus oversees the day-to-day operations of the Sheriff's Department as well as the Internal Affairs, Civil Liabilities, and Bureau of Administration divisions.

His past assignments include corrections at the Glen Helen Rehabilitation and West Valley Detention centers; patrol duties in Apple Valley and Victorville and the Barstow and Victor Valley stations; specialized Investigations (Narcotics, SWAT, and Criminal Intelligence); and support services



New Sheriff Shannon Dicus (top, photo screenshot of SB County Sheriff's video) and exiting Sheriff John McMahon (bottom, photo courtesy of YouTube)

(Technical Services, Communications, Records, and the Bureau of Administration).

Dicus has a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from Cal State San Bernardino and a Master's Degree in Communications from Cal Baptist University.

Watch for more on this story from the IE Voice and Black Voice News in the coming weeks.



# Newsom Recall Part 1: What You Need to Know



Breonna Reeves | Contributor

*Image courtesy of recallgavin2020.com*

**T**he office of California Lieutenant Governor Eleni Kounalakis announced that a special gubernatorial recall election will take place on September 14.

California residents will receive their ballots beginning in August to decide whether Governor Gavin Newsom will remain in office or be replaced.

With the shortened timeline of the special election, the Department of Finance estimated the cost of a statewide special recall election will be about \$276 million.

The recall of Governor Newsom has been brewing for over a year now, fueled by frustration and anger due to protections put in place across California as a result of the pandemic. California officially went into lockdown on March 19, 2020 the first state in the nation to do so in order to slow the transmission of the COVID-19 virus. During the 10 **VOICE** | JULY 15, 2021 | [theievoice.com](http://theievoice.com)

lockdown, more than 40,000 small businesses were forced to close in September because of the restrictions.

The recall's lead proponent is Orrin Heatlie of Folsom, California, who stated that "this rogue Governor has lost sight of [the impact the closure had on small businesses] and must be recalled!"

The campaign to Recall Gavin Newsom met the threshold of verified signatures in April, receiving 1,626,042 signatures which exceeded the number of signatures required. Since the verification of signatures, approximately 58 candidates have filed statements of intention to run in the special election, including John Cox, who lost the gubernatorial election to Newsom in 2018, Riverside District 5 Supervisor Jeff Hewitt (registered as a Libertarian) and former Olympian and TV personality Caitlyn Jenner (registered as a Republican).

This special election is held, it will mark the second time in California's history a vote to recall a sitting governor occurred. The first recall election resulted in Gray Davis' removal and Arnold Schwarzenegger's win in 2003. According to the California Secretary of State's office, there have been 54 previous attempts to recall California governors.

### 2003 Gray Davis Recall versus 2021 Gavin Newsom Recall

Governor Gray Davis was recalled in 2003 during the midst of a recession following the September 11 terrorist attacks, the implementation of a statewide car tax, and an electricity crisis in the state. These economic circumstances led to the recall campaign similar to the recall campaign of Governor Newsom that was launched at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic when restrictions were enforced.

Matt Lesenyie, assistant professor of political science at California State Long Beach (CSULB), who worked in Governor Schwarzenegger's Office of Constituent Affairs & the Office of Planning and Research, explained that the circumstances surrounding Davis' recall and the recall campaign against Newsom are part of a Republican strategy to gain power in the state.

"So, it's not a performance thing. You have a full third—a quarter—of the population that identifies as Republican, [who] hasn't had a competitive candidate for generations, I would say plural," Lesenyie explained. "And if you remove Schwarzenegger and his coming to power through the recall, I mean that's the last bright spot in statewide elections for the Republican party and that's related to their strategy."

During the 2003 Davis recall, there were 135 replacement candidates listed on the ballot. Despite the long list of candidates, the election only calls for a replacement candidate to have the most votes in the event voters do decide to recall a sitting governor. Part of what led to Schwarzenegger's victory was name recognition and popularity.



Year	Democratic	Republican	No Party Preference	Other	Democratic Advantage
2003	44%	35%	16%	5%	+9%
2021	46%	24%	24%	6%	+22%

(Top) Former Governor Gray Davis and Former Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger during the 2003 Recall (Photo courtesy of YouTube screenshot). (Below) The chart displays California Party registration facts in 2003 and now. This chart and data is provided by Probolsky Research, an independent, non-partisan, woman and Latina-owned market and opinion research firm.

"And that's why Schwarzenegger did so well," Lesenyie said. "A lot of people were like this dude has scandals or treated me poorly or there were a lot of questions about his dad's relationship with Nazi sympathizers and stuff, but what was most salient was everybody was like, 'Yo, I've seen his movies. I actually know that guy.'"

Unlike Davis, Newsom is a relatively popular governor amongst California Democrats and has the full support of the Democratic party during this recall campaign. No Democratic frontrunners have emerged so far.

"One key difference is that there was a lot more money pumped into the recall campaign against Gray Davis than there is against Governor Newsom," said Matthew Mendez Garcia, an assistant professor at CSULB. "So, the opponents of the recall, the pro-Newsom side, have outraised their opponents by nearly six to one. So, there's a lot less money, there's

a lot less big names that are fundraising on behalf of the Newsom recall."

Opponents of the recall have raised roughly \$23.1 million and supporters of the recall have raised about \$4.9 million thus far, as reported by Cal Matters via data from the Secretary of State.

Another difference between Davis's recall and the recall campaign against Newsom is voter turnout.

"In 2003 Democrats had a nine percent registration advantage. Republicans have historically turned out in greater numbers than Democrats so that was surmountable at the time for them," said Adam Probolsky, president of Probolsky Research and pollster. "Now the Dem advantage is 22 percent. That ain't surmountable. California is a Democratic state."

"A lot of this rides on Gavin Newsom mobilizing and educating voters. So mobilizing

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federal aid to fund an array of new programs, but they won't come cheap. New outlays include up to \$1.3 billion a year to expand health care to undocumented immigrants age 50 and older; \$12 billion for homeless programs over the next two years; \$4.4 billion in behavioral mental health for people up to age 25 over five years; and \$300 million to bolster the state's public health system beginning next July.

Critics say the spending commits Californians to programs that could be hard to fund in the future. And while offering a new Medi-Cal benefit might be worthwhile, California lawmakers would be better off fixing flaws in the insurance program, said Susan Shelley, vice president of communications for the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association.

For example, the state pays physicians who participate in Medi-Cal among the lowest rates in the nation, she said. And a January 2020 report by the California State Auditor found that just under 48% of children enrolled in Medi-Cal went to the doctor for a preventive visit in 2016-17.

"It's unwise to commit taxpayers to this," Shelley said. "All these little kids are going to grow up and have one huge tax bill."

Offering caregivers preventive behavioral treatment has proven to save money by avoiding bigger health problems down the road, according to legislative budget documents. An analysis by HealthySteps of its sites in New York, Colorado, Arizona and Kentucky showed average annual savings to Medicaid of 204% for patients enrolled in their program. The group reports that children were eight times more likely to receive developmental screenings and twice as likely to go to well visits when their parents participated in the HealthySteps program.

"It's a realization that it's not just about providing services today, but it's about thinking about the services that will help defer costs down the road by doing the right things today," Kooler said.

Making a visit to the pediatrician's office more welcoming to parents, and getting mothers screened for depression and other behavioral issues, could improve California's dismal rate of

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that same position. Tafoya purportedly helped Taylor negotiate the new contract with Baldwin Park.

Former WVWD Director Don Olinger once described Taylor and Tafoya's actions as a quid pro quo. Others purportedly recognized Taylor and Tafoya benefited from each other's actions. Also, experts described Taylo's contract as "extremely unusual," "highly inappropriate," and even "unprecedented."

As part of the negotiated contract Taylor would receive a \$20,000 annual salary increase, a \$25,000 annual pension increase, it prohibited any annual performance evaluation and included a provision protecting him from termination unless he committed a felony offense.

This is the same Taylor now running for the Rialto City Council

### **Former WVWD Assistant General Manager Ricardo Pacheco**

Ricardo Pacheco, formerly a councilmember of Baldwin Park, was recommended by Taylor and hired as WVWD's assistant general manager in December 2017. He was terminated in November 2019 with a severance package, and by June 2020, pleaded guilty to accepting \$37,900 in bribes from a Baldwin Park Police officer working at the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) direction. The Justice Department reported Pacheco accepted bribes in exchange for his political support of the Baldwin Park Police Association's contract.

C. Young, Romero and Davis alleged in their Second Amended Whistleblower Complaint, that Pacheco managed Baldwin Park matters on WVWD's time, maxed out his district credit card with non-district entertainment expenses, and patronized strip clubs during work hours.

In 2019 as a member of the Baldwin Park City Council, Pacheco voted in favor of releasing then Baldwin Park Police Chief Lili Hadsell. She later filed a civil lawsuit against the city alleging gender discrimination, specifically alleging Pacheco and Taylor made sexist comments to her subordinates and conducted a pattern of harassment after Hadsell replaced Taylor. In March 2019, Hadsell was awarded a seven million dollar judgment against the City of Baldwin Park.

### **Former WVWD Human Resources Director Deborah Martinez**

Former WVWD Human Resources Director Deborah Martinez was hired in August 2016, promoted at Taylor's recommendation in December 2017, placed on leave in December 2019, and terminated in April 2020 after it was confirmed she was facing criminal charges for tax fraud--the charges were not related to WVWD. WVWD officials learned of the criminal charges in September 2019, and kept them under wraps for three months until the story broke in the press.

### **WVWD General Counsel Robert Tafoya**

In November 2020, the Los Angeles Times reported the downtown Los Angeles law office of WVWD General Counsel Robert Tafoya and current Baldwin Park City Attorney, were searched by the FBI in an ongoing probe into how Baldwin Park administers cannabis businesses.

The FBI also served search warrants at the home of San Bernardino



*Greg Young and Ricardo Pacheco*

Planning Commissioner, Gabriel Chavez, a San Bernardino County planning commissioner. The report noted a former Baldwin Park police officer testified to receiving complaints from three cannabis operators alleging "questionable business practices" and \$250,000 in bribes paid

to Baldwin Park officials.

Following the FBI search of Tafoya's office, the City of Baldwin Park issued a press release stating it had not been contacted by federal agents, and would cooperate fully with authorities while distancing itself from Tafoya explaining he works for the city on contract.

In a separate incident, the Los Angeles Superior Court sanctioned Attorney Robert Tafoya and his client Lorena Cabrera, \$60,153.56 for filing a frivolous claim for disability discrimination against Cabrera's employer Sonora Foods, Inc. doing business as Popchips, Inc.

A review of WVWD meeting agendas from December 3, 2020 through May 20, 2021, found one closed session item at its May 20 meeting to conduct a performance evaluation of its general counsel, minutes reflect "no reportable action was taken."

The IE Voice and Black Voice News inquired about whether Tafoya's contract with WVWD should be reconsidered in light of the FBI search of his office and his sanction for filing and pursuing a frivolous lawsuit.

WVWD Director Greg Young explained, "As much as the district could benefit from new counsel, I have little faith that the present administration

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## KEEPING IT REAL

*Riverside's Grand Jury, continued from page 3*

an extensive series of interviews from which it identified several concerns and controversies. Subsequently its members met with election officials from all 28 Riverside County cities, county office holders, county department officials, county political party leaders, and individuals employed to conduct the election. In addition, the Jury conducted extensive document reviews and several in-person site visits.

What was the bottom line to all these efforts and associated costs? To most of us who remain grounded in reality it was no surprise to learn the Jury declared the abundance of evidence led it to conclude, “[T]he November 2020 election within Riverside County was administered fairly and impartially and there is no evidence of fraud.”

In the final analysis however, will this conclusion make a bit of difference to those who either believe in and/or are perpetuating the Big Lie?

No. As we ourselves continue to witness and

as Koyré wrote, “Nor is there any need to avoid contradictions: the mob never notices.” He further stressed how it is, “[N]eedless to pretend to any truth: the mob is radically incapable of perceiving it. The mob can never comprehend that its own interests are what is at stake.”

Yes, California is a Blue state and yes, here in the inland region our elected officials purportedly take office as non-partisans. However, many Republicans in local leadership positions are unabashedly doing all they can to perpetuate the Big Lie at the expense of unwilling taxpayers for their own self aggrandizement and the future of their party.

The Big lie has broken through the barriers of normal partisan disagreements and struck at the core of the nation’s quasi democracy. The Big Lie threatens to cut off America’s fledgling democracy at its core. Though what happens at the national level is important, what happens at the local level is directly impacting and begs the question: Do the actions of the elected officials who persist in perpetuating this lie in Riverside

County represent the majority of its citizens?

If you do not subscribe to the Big Lie, do you know whether your local city councilmember, county supervisor, sheriff, district attorney, police chief, school board member, state legislator or congressional representative does?

Officials are elected to represent the interest of the people—not their own. If they fail to meet this test by mindlessly following the pied piper of racism, misogyny and nativism in pursuit of their own interests, they do not deserve to be reelected. It is never too soon to double local efforts to remove them from office the next time they appear on the ballot.

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

*Serve and make a difference in Riverside County. Apply to be a member of the 2021-2022 Grand Jury.*

S.E. Williams  
Executive Editor



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As our lives slowly return to normal, it's understandable to still feel stressed and anxious. While getting vaccinated and wearing a mask can protect our physical health, our emotional wellbeing is still vulnerable. Old worries and questions have simply turned into new ones. Is it safe to return to work? Can my kids go back to school now? Where do we go from here?

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**ICON REALTY**  
1676 Lorraine Ave  
Corona, CA 92882  
**RIVERSIDE COUNTY**  
Icon Realty  
1676 Lorraine Ave  
Corona, CA 92882  
CA

This business is conducted by: Corporation  
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. Sabrina Irene Hernandez, President  
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Statement was filed with the County of Riverside on 06/15/2021

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Peter Aldana, County Clerk,  
FILE NO. R-202107979  
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The following persons(s) is (are) doing business as:

**GV TRANSPORTATION**  
10115 Jamaica Circle  
Riverside, CA 92503  
**RIVERSIDE COUNTY**  
Brenda Nallely Villegas  
10115 Jamaica Circle  
Riverside, CA 92503

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. Brenda Nallely Villegas  
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Statement was filed with the County of Riverside on 06/22/2021

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Peter Aldana, County Clerk,  
FILE NO. R-202108433  
p. 7/8, 7/15, 7/22, 7/29/2021

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

**NOISE ROOF STUDIOS**  
4713 Hot Creek Road  
Jurupa Valley, CA 91752  
**RIVERSIDE COUNTY**  
4713 Hot Creek Road  
Jurupa Valley, CA 91752  
Josue Angel Munoz  
4713 Hot Creek Road  
Jurupa Valley, CA 91752

This business is conducted by: Individual  
Registrant commenced to transact business under

the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 01/12/2021

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. Josue Angel Munoz  
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Statement was filed with the County of Riverside on 06/23/2021

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Peter Aldana, County Clerk,  
FILE NO. R-202108560  
p. 7/8, 7/15, 7/22, 7/29/2021

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

**ROAD RUNNER TRANSPORTATION**  
2311 Vista Ridge Cir  
Norco, CA 92860  
**RIVERSIDE COUNTY**  
Road Runner Transportation  
2311 Vista Ridge Cir  
Norco, CA 92860  
CA

This business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company

Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.  
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s. Aarika Rowden, Manager  
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Statement was filed with the County of Riverside on 06/25/2021

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Peter Aldana, County Clerk,  
FILE NO. R-202108755  
p. 7/8, 7/15, 7/22, 7/29/2021

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

**JS DESIGN**  
53835 Avenida Mendoza  
La Quinta, CA 92253  
**RIVERSIDE COUNTY**  
Joseph Henry Salwey  
53835 Avenida Mendoza  
La Quinta, CA 92253

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. Joseph Henry Salwey

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Peter Aldana, County Clerk,  
FILE NO. R-202108730  
p. 7/8, 7/15, 7/22, 7/29/2021

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

**ARROW TRADING COMPANY**  
7933 Tallow Tree Cir  
Eastvale, CA 92880  
**RIVERSIDE COUNTY**  
Geoffrey Nicolas Gimenez  
7977 Hazelnut Dr  
Eastvale, CA 92880  
Rhanesa Sarmanta Bhagwani Gimenez  
7977 Hazelnut Dr  
Eastvale, CA 92880

This business is conducted by: Married Couple

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

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s. Geoffrey Nicolas Gimenez

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Statement was filed with the County of Riverside on 06/25/2021

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Peter Aldana, County Clerk,  
FILE NO. R-202108721  
p. 7/8, 7/15, 7/22, 7/29/2021

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

**GEMCO USA**  
7977 Hazelnut Drive  
Eastvale, CA 92880  
**RIVERSIDE COUNTY**  
Rhanesa Sarmanta Bhagwani Gimenez  
7977 Hazelnut Dr  
Eastvale, CA 92880

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. Rhanesa Sarmanta Bhagwani Gimenez

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Statement was filed with the County of Riverside on 06/25/2021

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Peter Aldana, County Clerk,  
FILE NO. R-202108718  
p. 7/15, 7/22, 7/29, 8/5/2021

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

**ABBY ROED**  
**10513 Magnolia Ave. G7**  
**Riverside, CA 92505**  
**RIVERSIDE COUNTY**  
**Abdias Garnica Arevalo**  
**10513 Magnolia Ave. G7**  
**Riverside, CA 92505**

This business is conducted by: Individual  
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 5/26/2021

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. Abdias Garnica Arevalo

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Statement was filed with the County of Riverside on 06/30/2021

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Peter Aldana, County Clerk,  
FILE NO. R-202108941  
p. 7/15, 7/22, 7/29, 8/5/2021

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

**DIANE LYNETTE REALTY SERVICES**  
**DIANE LYNETTE REALTY**  
**3781 Hillside Ave**  
**Norco, CA 92860**  
**RIVERSIDE COUNTY**  
**Diane -Lynette**  
**3781 Hillside Ave**  
**Norco, CA 92860**

This business is conducted by: Individual  
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 01/08/2020

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s. Diane--Lynette

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Statement was filed with the County of Riverside on 07/02/2021

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Peter Aldana, County Clerk,  
FILE NO. R-202109164  
p. 7/15, 7/22, 7/29, 8/5/2021

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

**SHES AWAKE**  
**39250 VIA LAS QUINTAS**  
**MURRIETA, CA 92562**  
**RIVERSIDE COUNTY**  
**Maliha Mashariqi Ahmed**  
**39250 VIA LAS QUINTAS**  
**MURRIETA, CA 92562**

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. Maliha Mashariqi Ahmed

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Peter Aldana, County Clerk,  
FILE NO. R-202108397  
p. 7/15, 7/22, 7/29, 8/5/2021

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

**TREATS ISLAND**  
**1299 Galleria at Tyler Mall, Space 5538**  
**Riverside, CA 92503**  
**RIVERSIDE COUNTY**  
**12534 Carmel Knolls Dr**  
**Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91739**  
**Hall Retail Enterprises, LLC**  
**10808 Foothill BLVD, Ste 160-580**  
**Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730**  
**CA**

This business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company  
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 2/1/2021

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. Laron Hall, President

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Statement was filed with the County of Riverside on 07/06/2021

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Peter Aldana, County Clerk,  
FILE NO. R-202109219  
p. 7/15, 7/22, 7/29, 8/5/2021

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

**F.O.E. (FAMILY OVER EVERYTHING)**  
**29500 Avida Dr**  
**Menifee, CA 92584**  
**RIVERSIDE COUNTY**  
**Rose Safiya Clark**  
**29500 Avida Dr**  
**Menifee, CA 92584**

This business is conducted by: Individual  
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on May 1, 2021

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. Rose Safiya Clark

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Peter Aldana, County Clerk,  
FILE NO. R-202108861  
p. 7/15, 7/22, 7/29, 8/5/2021

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

**L&L ACCOUNTING AND TAX**  
**67450 Ramon Rd**  
**Cathedral City, CA 92234**  
**RIVERSIDE COUNTY**  
**Mario - Lopez**  
**67450 Ramon Rd**  
**Cathedral City, CA 92234**

This business is conducted by: Individual  
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 01/01/2000

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. Mario Lopez

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Peter Aldana, County Clerk,

## IN THE NEWS

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child developmental screenings, said Sarah Crow, managing director of First 5 Center for Children’s Policy.

“California, if it really wants to prioritize children’s health, then we really need to pull out all the stops and start thinking of new, culturally relevant ways to serve our families,” Crow said.

At the clinic in San Francisco, Bercun, the social worker, visits with caregivers for as long as they need, usually about half an hour but sometimes up to an hour. She counsels a mom about a job loss, shows a dad how to soothe his crying infant and guides another mom to lovingly say no to a toddler on the verge of a tantrum. She has helped caregivers develop safety plans if there is violence in the home and has connected them to community resources.

And then there’s the pandemic: She talks families through the isolation so many have felt.

“It’s working through these moments and feeling less alone and building confidence,” Bercun said. “It’s about holding space to explore feelings. My hope is that one day all families could benefit.”

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voters to turn out, informing them an election is happening and then educating them on how to vote,” Garcia said. “Since this isn’t a traditional ballot, he needs to get his supporters, of which there are more of, he needs to get them to come out and then vote ‘no’ and then also not vote for another candidate on the list.”

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and board majority will ever seriously consider making a change.”

“Numerous ratepayers have asked me about why the district continues to use the general council we do even after many of these and past revelations,” Greg Young revealed, concluding, “Sadly,

talk is cheap and politics never change.”

### WVWD Director Dr. Clifford Young

WVWD Director Dr. Clifford Young has faced his own allegations of unethical behavior such as using ratepayers’ money for personal political purposes involving an event in December 2017. He purportedly presented a political victory event as a Christmas celebration, requested and received reimbursement from WVWD totalling \$1,897.43.

At the time, former WVWD Ratepayers Association President (RPA) Don Griggs filed a detailed report to the California Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC). The FPPC found “insufficient evidence” and forwarded the complaint to the California State Attorney General’s Office.

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In October 2018, the San Bernardino County District Attorney’s Office issued a written assessment to WVWD’s attorney regarding two complaints filed against C. Young concerning the reimbursement of \$1,378.58 for travel expenses for a canceled 2016 business trip to Washington, DC and a \$538.41 reimbursement by WVWD in 2016, for fees on his personal LinkedIn account.

The San Bernardino County District Attorney’s Public Integrity Unit reported that C. Young, without admitting any liability, acknowledged the payments in question were inappropriate, the payments were inadvertent and the money repaid.

The allegations continued to dog C.Young, and when pressured by the RPA in September 18 **VOICE** | JULY 15, 2021 | theievoice.com

2018, WVWD retained the law firm Milon Pluas LLP (Pluas) to investigate the allegations in the FPPC complaint. In March 2019, Plaus substantiated the allegations and in April 2019, then WVWD General Manager Clarence Mansell submitted the report to the San Bernardino County District Attorney’s Public Integrity Unit.

In response to a request for comment for this article, Public Affairs Officer Mike Bires of the San Bernardino County District Attorney’s Office explained, “Unfortunately, we are prohibited in speaking about any matters or investigations by our Public Integrity Unit.”

Adding, “Should our office determine a crime has in fact been committed by any elected official and there is evidence which will support us pursuing a criminal case, we will issue a news release..”

Meanwhile, C. Young was primarily at the helm of WVWD during the period, July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2018, audited by the State Controller’s Office.

State auditors found WVWD officials overrode established processes for hiring and promoting employees and failed to retain sufficient documentation to support its hiring

selections or to justify promotions and salary increases that did not adhere to district policy.

They found WVWD held two expensive district meetings outside the district costing ratepayers \$73,602. The auditors could not find justification for the meetings and described them as “lavish” retreats. Directors were compensated without documenting its business purpose or having prior board approval.

Auditors also found questionable reimbursements for travel and meals where they could not verify whether the expenses were district-related or who attended..

WVWD’s credit card practices were also determined to be highly susceptible to fraud, waste, and abuse, where no written justifications were provided and no receipts were maintained.

In addition, state auditors found WVWD failed to comply with its own procurement requirements for professional services requiring contracts over \$10,000 awarded to the lowest qualified bidder with written contracts and purchase orders. The auditor found sole source contracts and in one instance, WVWD paid almost \$100,000 without a written contract.

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