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## Watching the Watchers




**New Legislation Can Strengthen Police Oversight But, It's Up to the People to Make it Mandatory**

**Inside: Here Are More Reasons to Vote NO on Measure S**



# CALIFORNIA EDUCATORS SAY VOTE YES ON PROP 15



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- Erika Jones, Kindergarten Teacher

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## KEEPING IT REAL

### 'What's the Matter Boss, We Sick?'



President Trump speaking at CPAC (Gage Skidmore/Flickr)

*"Listen, baby, people do funny things. Specially us. The cards are stacked against us and just trying to stay in the game, stay alive and in the game, makes us do funny things. Things we can't help. Things that make us hurt one another."*

—Toni Morrison, "Song of Solomon"

It is a question that has weighed on my mind in recent years. In all honesty, ever since the current fate of this nation was sealed with the election of one Donald J. Trump in November 2016.

In one way, my ponderings were not so much driven by the hateful antics of the president but more by the complicity of Black people who have remained staunchly entrenched in the Republican Party.

I believe their continued loyalty to the party's current brand of politics lends an aura of legitimacy to Trump's racist antics, as evidenced by the marblemouthed verbal gymnastics they offer in his defense when he frequently goes off the rails. Now, it is very possible they are speaking out against him behind closed doors and, if that is the case, they are nothing less than cowards.

Who are these Black people who remain loyal to a party that plots day and night to undue the progress it took Black people 401 years to attain and was paid for with the blood and sweat of our ancestors?

By remaining loyal to the Republican Party, they remain loyal to its abhorrent behavior, they give glaring approval to the hatefulness sweeping this nation.

Now, I know many will argue, "What about the

history of the Democratic Party?"

You will get no argument from me on that point—there is a racial pox on both their houses, and we remember who they are. But today is a different day, these are different times, and it is Trump and the Republican Party who are working overtime to take us back beyond the days of Madmen, to the era of Reconstruction, and I'll bet even further back in time if they thought it possible.

And yet, Black people of some prominence continue to stand with him, unapologetic in their duplicity. On the one hand standing in their Blackness, and on the other placating to power, as the "Magic Negro."

The question I continue to ask myself again and again is, "Who are these people?" These Black men and women who stand tall, live out loud as Republicans, yet remain starkly mute, embarrassingly silent as their party and its leaders use every tool, every lever of power to undermine Black progress and denigrate Black lives?

The most recent and glaring example of this is



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## California to Pause Unemployment Claims for 2 Weeks

AP | California

California will not accept new unemployment claims for the next two weeks as the state works to prevent fraud and reduce a backlog as more than 2 million people are out of work statewide during the coronavirus pandemic, officials said late Saturday.

Nearly 600,000 Californians are part of a backlog where their unemployment claims have not been processed by the state's Employment Development Department for more than 21 days, the state said in a news release. There are also 1 million cases where residents received payments but are awaiting a resolution to their modified claims.

The Employment Development Department has been hampered throughout the pandemic by outdated technology at a time when California is seeing an unprecedented wave of unemployment claims. While the department estimates that about 2.1 million residents were out of work statewide last month, California's unemployment rate fell to 11.4% in August, down from 13.5% in July.

Anyone who files new claims until Oct. 5 will be asked to provide contact information so the Employment Development Department can reach out after the two weeks is over. Californians who are already in the unemployment system are not expected to see an interruption in their

payments during the two-week period.

The state has 1.6 million pending unemployment claims that still need eligibility verification, according to the Sacramento Bee. Officials do not expect that to be resolved until late January.

The state plans to implement a new online identity verification tool during the two-week period that would reduce the number of claims needed to be processed by hand and potentially reduce suspected fraud.

"New claimants should not see a delay in benefit payments, and in fact many of them will actually get their payments faster as they avoid the older time-intensive ID Verification process," Employment Development Department Director Sharon Hilliard wrote in a letter dated Friday to California Gov. Gavin Newsom.

Hilliard's actions, including the two-week pause on new claims, stem from recommendations made by an unemployment "strike team" that was appointed by Newsom in July. The governor wanted the team to address the current unemployment issues from the pandemic, as well as consider long-term solutions to get the department better suited for future economic downturns.



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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS  
RFP-SAS21-15

Omnitrans is accepting Proposals for:

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Proposal are due at 3:00 p.m. PST, Tuesday, November 17, 2020. Proposal must be submitted electronically using Omnitrans' Procurement online bidding system at [www.omnitrans.org/bids](http://www.omnitrans.org/bids).

Non-mandatory pre-proposal conference scheduled for Monday 9:30 a.m. October 19, 2020 at 1700 W. Fifth Street, San Bernardino, CA 92411.

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PROBATES

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER  
ESTATE OF:  
ROBERTA JENKINS  
Case Number PRRI2001335

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: ROBERT JENKINS. A Petition for Probate has been filed by LATEBA BRADLEY in the Superior Court of California, County of: RIVERSIDE. The Petition for Probate requests that LATEBA BRADLEY be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. court. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:  
Date: 11/6/2020 Time: 8:30 A.M., DEPT 8, SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 4050 MAIN ST, RIVERSIDE, CA 92501.

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: Lateba Bradley, 2981 Summerfield LN, Riverside, CA 92503

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SUMMONS

SUMMONS  
CASE NUMBER FLRI1906014  
Notice to Respondent: JOSE MANUEL RAMOS

You are being sued Petitioner's name is: ARCELIA RAMOS  
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/serfhelp](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/serfhelp)), at the California legal Services Web site ([www.lawhelpcalifornia.org](http://www.lawhelpcalifornia.org)), or by contacting your local county bar association. Tiene 30 dias corridos despues de haber recibido la entrega legal de esta Citacion y Peticion para presentar una Respuesta (formulario FL-120 o FL-123) ante la corte y efectuar la entrega legal de una copia al demandante. Una carta o llamada telefonica no basta para 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](http://www.sucorte.ca.gov)), en el sitio Web de los Servicios Legales de California ([www.lawhelpcalifornia.org](http://www.lawhelpcalifornia.org)) o poniendose en contacto con el colegio de abogados de su condado.

The name and address of the court is: Superior Court of California, County of Riverside, SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, RIVERSIDE-FAMILY LAW, 4175 MAIN ST, RIVERSIDE, CA 92501 The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an Attorney is, ARCELIA RAMOS 7155 HUNT AVENUE, RIVERSIDE, CA 92509. Notice to the person served: You are served as an individual.  
Clerk, by S. ANDERSON, Deputy  
DATE: AUG 07, 2019  
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NAME CHANGE

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR  
CHANGE OF NAME  
CASE NUMBER COC2003981

To All Interested Persons: Petitioner: MONA DIANE ZAYER filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: MONA DIANE ZAYER to: TARA MONA DIANE HATTAR . 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 court may grant the petition without a hearing. Notice of Hearing: Date: 11/18/20 Time: 8:00AM Dept: C2. The address of the court is: SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 505 S. BUENA VISTA, ROOM 201, CORONA, CA 92882, CORONA COURTHOUSE. 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: 9/15/2020  
CB HARMAN Judge of the Superior Court  
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR  
CHANGE OF NAME  
CASE NUMBER MVC2004496

To All Interested Persons: Petitioner: BRANDON BEN filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: BRANDON BEN to. BRANDON BEN - LIVINGSTON . 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 court may grant the petition without a hearing. Notice of Hearing: Date: 11/12/2020 Time: 1:00PM Dept: MV2. The address of the court is: SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 13800 Heacock St, Building D201, Moreno Valley, Ca 92553, Moreno Valley Courthouse. 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: 9/23/2020  
Eric V. Issac, Judge of the Superior Court  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES

The following persons) is (are) doing business as:  
**EXECUTIVE BUSINESS WRITING**  
**16512 Dartmoor Circle**  
**Moreno Valley, California 92555**  
**RIVERSIDE COUNTY**  
**Beverly Ann Crockett**  
**16512 Dartmoor Circle**  
**Moreno Valley, California 92555**  
This business is conducted by: Individual  
Registrant commenced to transact

business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 08/24/2020  
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 (\$1000.00) s. Beverly Ann Crockett  
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 8/26/2020  
I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

NOTICE- In accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920, a fictitious business name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 et seq., business and professions code). I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.  
Peter Aldana, County Clerk,  
FILE NO. R-202008897  
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The following persons) is (are) doing business as:  
**SECOND CHANCE ALLIANCE**  
**8655 Arlington Ave, Apartment #85**  
**Riverside, CA 92503**  
**RIVERSIDE COUNTY**  
**2226 East Devonshire Ave, Apt. A**  
**Hemet, CA 92544**  
**Aaron Dejohn Pratt**  
**2226 East Devonshire Ave, Apt. A**  
**Hemet, CA 92544**

This business is conducted by: Individual  
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 09/20/2013  
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 (\$1000.00) s. Aaron Pratt  
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 09/08/2020  
I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.  
NOTICE- In accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920, a fictitious business name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days

after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 et seq., business and professions code). I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

Peter Aldana, County Clerk,  
FILE NO. R-202009263  
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The following persons) is (are) doing business as:  
**WHATLEY STRATEGIES**  
**1243 Columbia Avenue, Suite B-4**  
**Riverside, CA 92507**  
**RIVERSIDE COUNTY**  
**Riverside Printing Technology, Inc**  
**1243 Columbia Avenue, Suite B-4**  
**Riverside, CA 92507**  
**CA**

This business is conducted by: Corporation  
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 3/16/2020  
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 (\$1000.00) s. Rebecca Whatley, President  
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 08/26/2020  
I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

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Peter Aldana, County Clerk,  
FILE NO. R-202008818  
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The following persons) is (are) doing business as:  
**EXTRAORDINARY OUTCOMES EVENT PLANNING**  
**26702 Rose Bud Lane**  
**Moreno Valley, CA 92555**  
**RIVERSIDE COUNTY**  
**Sharon Johnson Ramsey**  
**18242 Lakepointe Dr**  
**Riverside, California 92503**

**Latanya Marie Johnson**  
**26702 Rose Bud Lane**  
**Moreno Valley, CA 92555**

This business is conducted by: Co-partners  
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 (\$1000.00) s. Sharon Ramsey  
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 09/02/2020  
I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

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Peter Aldana, County Clerk,  
FILE NO. R-202009047  
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The following persons) is (are) doing business as:  
**LINEAGE ESTATES LLC**  
**42456 E. Whittier Ave**  
**Hemet, CA 92544**  
**RIVERSIDE COUNTY**  
**Lineage Estates LLC**  
**42456 E. Whittier Ave**  
**Hemet, CA 92544**  
**CALIFORNIA**

This business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company  
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 (\$1000.00) s. Cameron Caldwell, Managing Member  
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (sec. 1440 et. seq. b & p code)  
Statement was filed with the County of Riverside on 09/02/2020  
I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.  
NOTICE- In accordance with subdivision

# San Bernardino County Welcomes New CEO

S.E. Williams | VOICE Staff

On Thursday, October 1st San Bernardino County officials appointed Leonard X. Hernandez the county's new Chief Operating Officer.

Hernandez will succeed Gary McBride, who has served as CEO for nearly three years and will remain with the County as Strategic Projects Director under a contract extension approved by the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday.

Responding to the appointment Hernandez, who began his career with the county more than 20 years ago as a library employee, said, "I am humbled by the confidence the Board of Supervisors has placed in me and grateful for the opportunity to lead this great County organization, which has been my professional home for so many years."

After his time with the County Library Hernandez gained additional experience and sharpened his management skills with the City of Riverside as the Director of Libraries before returning to San Bernardino in 2010 as County Librarian.

"I have known Leonard since 2006, when he was the manager of the Fontana Branch Library," said Board of Supervisors Vice Chair Josie Gonzales. "Throughout the years, I have watched him grow as a leader and I have seen his commitment to serving the community."

Gonzales further noted as a Supervisor for the past 16 years, there is no

decision more important than the selection of the county's CEO. "I have full confidence in Leonard, and I have no doubt that he will help guide our County to new heights in the years to come."



Leonard X. Hernandez

In 2016 Hernandez became the Interim County Chief Operating Officer and then in 2017, Hernandez was officially appointed to the position of County Chief Operating Officer. In that role, Hernandez has coordinated the County's multi-departmental response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Under the leadership of the Board of Supervisors the County's COVID Task Force has led the State in its response to the pandemic and service to the public.

"We are excited to welcome Leonard Hernandez as our County's new CEO," said Board of Supervisors Chairman Curt Hagman. "COVID-19 has presented many unique challenges within our community, and Leonard's extensive experience within the County and his integral role on the executive leadership team have strongly positioned him to lead the County during this unique time. His talents, leadership, and dedication to seeing the County thrive will serve him well as CEO."

Hernandez is a resident of San Bernardino County."

# New Scholarship for Black Law Students Boosted by Scali Rasmussen

AP | Los Angeles

Building on a longstanding practice of promoting diversity at law schools and law firms, Scali Rasmussen has made a substantial contribution to a newly established scholarship fund for students at Southwestern Law School identifying as African American and/or Black.

Launched this month by Southwestern's Black Law Students Association, the Black Lawyers Matter Scholarship Fund is intended to help address the drastic deficit of minority voices within law. The school shared this month that only five percent of the country's lawyers are Black, indicating that social and racial equality are elusive within the bench and bar.

"Educational opportunity remains one of the great hurdles for social advancement among disadvantaged communities, with the cost of higher education being especially challenging. Any means by which we can expand education opportunities brings all of us one step closer to addressing racial and social injustice," added Scali Rasmussen Partner Jeffrey W. Erdman, who co-chairs the firm's Diversity Initiative, which promotes diversity within the firm and among the



Black Law Students Association  
Southwestern Law School

Above: Scali Rasmussen Partner Jeffrey W. Erdman and Scali Rasmussen Founder and Managing Partner Christian Scali

greater legal community.

"Diversity in the workplace is more important than ever, so we are doing what we can to make an impact," said Scali Rasmussen Founder and Managing Partner Christian Scali, who has committed the firm to diversity and equality since its founding

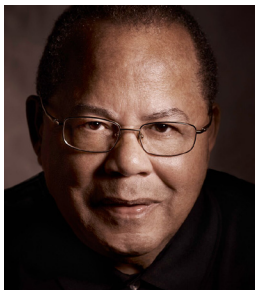
Erdman, who earned his JD at Southwestern in 1995, has been praised by National Law Journal's Trailblazers magazine for working to create a more diverse bar and judiciary.

Debbie Leathers, Southwestern's Associate Dean for Institutional Advancement, has reached out to the firm, saying, "I do not know how to thank you enough for you and your firm's generosity! This is extraordinary!"

Scali Rasmussen attorneys are thought leaders within their areas of practice, including a formidable knowledge of the automotive industry. The firm's attorneys provide litigation services in a broad scope of practice areas as well as counsel and education on new and trending issues including distribution and franchise, consumer product safety, privacy and advertising, and employment law.



# Here Are More Reasons to Vote NO on Measure S



**Hardy Brown, Sr.**  
**Contributor**

*Photo by Benoit Maphettes*

**F**or those in the City of San Bernardino who may still be wavering about how to vote on the city's Measure S, here are a few additional and important reasons we encourage you to vote NO.

A NO vote also has particular resonance for the city's Black and Brown communities (as well as working class Whites), many of whom struggle daily to make ends meet because they have lost their jobs or continued working as essential workers who often make long commutes to low-wage jobs often risking their lives in the midst of the ongoing COVID-19 crisis.

Measure S would raise taxes on local residents in the City of San Bernardino long recognized as one of the most economically insecure communities in the nation, only to have those dollars doled out to local police and city officials who do not live in the community and pay no taxes here.

Over the years these officials and the police union, during times of fiscal stress, conspired to ensure pay increases for police officers regardless of what services local residents might be forced to do without and regardless of fiscal pressures of the day.

Twenty-eight percent of the city's residents live in poverty and according to the U.S. Census Bureau. In 2018 the median household income of San Bernardino residents was \$43,136 before the current crisis.

Despite this reality, city officials have pushed Measure S onto local voters without consideration and they believe, without consequence. Maybe they think voters are asleep or do not understand the implications of disparity especially when the median income of the city's residents is compared to the salaries of city officials and the police. Consider the following additional reasons to Vote NO on Measure S.

Acting Police Chief Eric McBride was forced to withdraw from the search for a police chief



(Top): Acting Police Chief Eric McBride, Lt. Eric Fyvie, Capt. Brian Pellis, Capt. Adam Affrunti, Lt. Frank Macomber (Bottom); Lt. Vicki Cervantes, Lt. Brian Harris, Asst. Chief David Green, Mayor John Valdivia, Ret. Police Chief Jarrod Burguan

in the City of El Monte because of the anti immigrant policies he professed during his tenure as Mayor of Hemet. In his current role as Acting Police Chief he earns \$457,797 per year—more than 10 ½ times the median income of San Bernardino.

Acting Assistant Police Chief David Green, who has earned himself a reputation for shooting Black people, is paid \$398,781 per year or 9.25 times more the city's median income earner.

The San Bernardino Police Officers Association President Brian Lewis, who holds the rank of Detective, earns \$271,000.

Here are other salaries of San Bernardino Police Department elites for you to consider and weigh in the equation as you prepare to vote on Measure S:

- Paul Williams, \$370,712
- Brian Pellis, \$355,292
- Adam Affrunti, \$355,291
- Vicki Cervantes, \$350,038
- Robert Young, \$315,139
- Eric Fyvie \$314,401
- Frank Macomber, \$314,307
- Brian Harris \$307,810
- Timothy Crocker, \$276,112

Mayor John Valdivia earns \$106,916 per year for his service to the city. He is personally defending himself against three lawsuits currently and would love for city taxpayers to cover his personal attorney fees. Although he was largely turned down in this quest by the City Council earlier this year, he is certain to ask again after the November election.

Between now and election day, as many readers in the City of San Bernardino are forced to "Rob Peter to Pay Paul"; or worry about having enough gas money to make it back and forth to work until your next pay day; or hope you have enough groceries to make it through the week; or toss and turn as you try to figure out how you will catch up on mortgage or rent payments when the moratorium ends; or are forced to cut prescription pills in half because you don't have enough money to pick up your refills; or forgo a doctor's appointment because you can't cover the co-pay; or sigh in disgust, anger and dismay when another Black or Brown man or woman is mistreated, disrespected or worse by the police, take a moment to remember how much you are paying in taxes so the city can pay such exorbitant salaries these very officers who don't

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# More “Black Girl Magic” – Ignite Leadership Academy for Girls Welcomes New Facilitators for 2020 Session

S.E. Williams | VOICE Staff

**B**eginning Saturday, October 3, girls from across the Inland Region embarked on an amazing learning experience as participants in the 2020 session of the Ignite Leadership Academy for Girls.

The Ignite Leadership Academy for Girls (Ignite), designed for girls between the ages of 11 and 14, introduces participants to studies in science, technology, engineering, and math by focusing on a myriad of subjects including cutting edge technology, Esri GIS community mapping, how to create apps in addition to life skills including leadership development, team building, social media etiquette, presentation skills and more.

The comprehensive eight-week program, online this year as a result of COVID-19, is an innovative concept brought to life by Shirley Coates, President/CEO of the Society of Extraordinary Women and Executive Director of the Ignite Leadership Academy for Girls.

Ignite is supported by the Mapping Black California initiative under the leadership of Dr. Paulette Brown Hinds, Publisher of the IE Voice and Black Voice News, The Community Foundation, the Southern California Gas Company, the Walmart Foundation and has also received funding through the CARES Act.

Coates recently shared her enthusiasm about this year’s academy and the aspiring leaders who will facilitate it. Though she has led the sessions since the program’s inception, this year she has handed the reins of Academy facilitators to two aspiring and capable young leaders: Kennedy Schneider and Kennedy Wilson, as she continues in an administrative capacity.

Kennedy Schneider is an undergraduate student at the University of California, Riverside working toward a degree in Psychology. She is also Project Coordinator for the Footsteps to Freedom Study Tour which takes teachers and administrators from the Inland Empire to learn about the history of the Underground Railroad. Though Schneider has always been intrigued by clinical psychology, she is currently considering a career in industrial psychology as she has a keen interest in business and operational structures.



*Shirley Coates President/CEO of the Society of Extraordinary Women and Executive Director of the Ignite Leadership Academy for Girls, Kennedy Schneider, Co-Facilitator Ignite Leadership Academy for Girls, Kennedy Wilson, Co-Facilitator Ignite Leadership Academy for Girls (Source: Shirley Coates)*

Schneider has also worked with the Ignite program since its inception and is looking forward to her new role with the Academy this year.

Speaking about her experiences with Ignite Academy participants in previous years and her hopes for this year’s session she commented, “I want to take away from this year, a new perspective. Every year, every girl has a different story.” Schneider added how young girls in the program go through so much, just like she and Wilson did at their age. “I wish there was a program like this that I could have experienced,” she shared.

She is looking forward to this year’s slate of speakers. “I am going to learn a lot more about financial literacy, social etiquette and presentation skills,” she noted, adding, “Presenting information to young girls requires unique communication skills,” adding how during the process, “We will enhance our ability to communicate with younger girls in ways that are impactful.”

Kennedy Wilson is a graduate student at the University of Redlands where she is earning a Master of Science degree in Geographic Information Systems (GIS). Though new to the world of GIS she believes in the capabilities of the technology and hopes to harness its power to help underserved communities.

Commenting about exposing Ignite

participants to GIS, Wilson recognizes the importance and possibilities of bringing this technology to communities and using it within governments to be a lot more efficient.

“GIS is an important tool for processing and understanding spatial data,” she explained. Wilson highlighted how GIS can also be used to inform policy decisions. “Getting information to the people and keeping them informed,” she explained is a big part of her long-term goal.

She also sees the power of using GIS to map injustice in ways that enable people to see it and empowers them to find solutions to some of our most pressing social justice challenges.

Commenting about her master’s degree program at the University of Redlands, Wilson believes the knowledge and expertise she is acquiring will provide her with the skills needed to one day teach mapping to students in the Ignite Academy. She looks forward to one day, “Taking a different, active role in how I contribute to this program.”

“The GIS community is ready for more diversity,” she stressed. “It is something you can learn about. You don’t have to be on the outskirts, left out. You can be at the table. But, you have to want it for yourself. You can get there, but you

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# New Legislation Can Strengthen Police Oversight But, It's Up to the People to Make it Mandatory



*Governor Gavin Newsom signs legislation. (Twitter)*

**S.E. Williams | Executive Editor**

**T**he 2020 Legislative session proved to be a record year for police reform in California as one of many issues on a growing list of pandemics gripping the state and nation including COVID-19, high unemployment, housing uncertainty, food insecurity, and an unprecedented loss of businesses.

As Californians maintain a watchful eye on the deadly coronavirus, state legislators also focused on reexamining and reforming the state's approach to criminal justice.

More than a dozen reform bills were proposed this legislative session and certainly many critics believe some of the most dramatic reform measures failed to move forward. One of significance being Assembly Bill (AB) 1506 which called for aberrant police to be permanently banned from policing.

It continues to be the case, as it was with AB 1506, many legislative efforts of substance calling

for police reform are crushed or watered down by the unseemly power and influence—both political and financial—of police unions across the state (and nation) that serves as bulwarks against progress. In this case police unions claimed AB 1506 lacked basic due process protections. However, many, disappointed by the measures failure to pass, have argued the police unions' position is blatantly disingenuous because it is the behavior of bad officers who often deny Black and Brown suspects "due process" when they abuse and kill them at will. They argued this is the very reason such legislation is deemed essential.

Another timely and warranted measure which failed to become law this legislative session though consider among the most relevant for the times, was state Senate Bill (SB) 776 which called for the public release of disciplinary records of officers accused of racist or discriminatory actions and those who have a history of wrongful arrests or

searches, among others. Though SB776 passed by the State Assembly, much to the disappointment of police reform advocates, the democratic led Senate never took it up for serious consideration despite the "fierce urgency of now."

As aggressively as social justice reform advocates like Black Lives Matter, the NAACP and others continued to push for reform this year, police unions, police chiefs, sheriffs, self-styled "law and order" republicans and other opponents to reform appeared to push back even harder.

Yet, despite the powers aligned against those seeking criminal justice reform, such failures have not dissuaded them, and they remain galvanized and determined in their calls for change. Such efforts have successfully elevated public awareness and garnered added support for major reforms in policing. Though admittedly and as evidenced this year, progress continues to occur in fits and starts. Advocates would argue however, this progress is

painfully slow and based on recent history much needed changes will come too late for far too many Black people who continue to lose their lives at the hands of police in numbers that are not only shocking but grossly disproportionate to their percentage of the population.

Based on data from a recent CBS News report for the period January 1, 2020 to August 31, 2020, every 35 hours, and 12 minutes another Black person in America died at the hands of police.

Despite this year's disappointments there were victories in police reform as evidenced on Thursday, October 1 when California Governor Gavin Newsom signed Assembly Bill (AB) 1185 into law. The bill authorizes state level oversight of sheriffs and ensures civilian oversight commissions have the authority to investigate local matters.

Reform efforts in Los Angeles served as the impetus for reconsideration of AB 1185 after the LA County Sheriff Department continuously failed to provide transparency and accountability regarding the conditions inside LA County Jail even after voters overwhelmingly passed Measure R with 71 percent of the vote in March of this year, which required the LA County Sheriff Department to do so.

Under existing law sheriffs in each county are empowered to preserve peace and are authorized to sponsor, supervise; or participate in any project of crime prevention, rehabilitation of those previously convicted of crime; or the suppression of delinquency. It also requires the board of supervisors to oversee the official conduct of all county officers to ensure they perform their duties faithfully.

AB 1185 would authorize (not mandate) a county to establish a sheriff oversight board to assist a county's board of supervisors with those duties as they relate to the sheriff. The law provides this can occur either by action of the board or through a vote of county residents.

Without a mandate the measure appears powerless unless the local board of supervisors operates independent from the influence of local police unions who opposed this legislation or a local measure is placed on the ballot and voters have an opportunity to decide for themselves.

Although sheriff's departments up and down the state resisted the legislation, a report by Fox News in early July laid bare the sentiments of Riverside County Sheriff Chad Bianco and Bill Young, President of the Riverside Sheriff's Association.

"The fundamental way residents of this great county determine the direction of their agencies,



*Chad Bianco, Riverside County Sheriff*

including the office of the sheriff, is at the ballot box," said Young. That is real oversight and accountability!"

According to the report, Young continued, "As an independent and elected official, the sheriff has the duty and responsibility to set and enforce policies in their department, including use of force policies," he purportedly wrote.

He further declared, "No other entity, including the board of supervisors, can enact policy for the sheriff's department."

Bianco's statement was equally revealing, "Politics is killing our country," he declared, "and this is an example." He continued, "[A review] overwhelmingly implies that we are doing something wrong and someone needs to fix it."

Critics, however, saw it differently noting Bianco's statements reflect exactly why such oversight is warranted.

"County sheriffs lead agencies of law enforcement officers that are vested with

extraordinary authority, and the powers to detain, search, arrest, and use deadly force," said the American Civil Liberties Union of California. "These officers are also responsible for the safety and welfare of the more than 75,000 incarcerated individuals in California's jail system. Misuse of these authorities can lead to grave constitutional violations, harms to liberty and the inherent sanctity of human life, and significant public unrest."

Significant public unrest is exactly what helped propel action on this and other demands for police reform.

When AB 1185 was considered during last year's legislative session, the California State Sheriffs Association submitted written opposition to the legislation for consideration during a Senate hearing on the bill in July 2019. Not surprisingly, the Association was joined in its opposition by the Riverside County Sheriff's Department. The written opposition stated, "This bill is unnecessary. Despite the fact that this bill appears based on the faulty premise that sheriffs are subject to the direct supervision of the board of supervisors. . ."

The opposition statement continued, "Specifying this authority in statute will create undue pressure within county governments to create an adversarial relationship with another county office. AB 1185 also potentially codifies language that creates constitutional separation of powers issues."

This year, the legislature and governor passed other legislation aimed at mitigating issues rooted in systemic racism in criminal justice and policing. This included banning the carotid restraint and establishing a requirement for the Office of the California Attorney General to investigate officer-involved shootings of unarmed individuals that result in death.

Other bills passed this session made needed changes to the juvenile justice system designed to help youth offenders have ready access to rehabilitation services closer to their homes in ways that will hopefully help to disrupt the school-to-prison pipeline.

California also became the first state in the nation to establish a task force to examine the issue of reparations to begin the long overdue process of healing the historic wounds of slavery.

Please read the first of a five part series reporting on race and the current state of the Riverside County Sheriff's Department here: <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/52df39615be44239a316f478527fce1f>



*Bill Young, President of the Riverside Sheriff's Association (RSA)*



YES ON 25

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The money bail system is unfair, making it a crime to be poor.

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IN THE NEWS

## Raising Awareness: Black Mothers and Breastfeeding



Saida Maalin | VOICE Staff

A safe virtual space for Black mothers who breastfeed their babies was created and celebrated to raise awareness and educate the community about the various health benefits of breastfeeding for infants and mothers.

The event was important for a variety of reasons including the reality that Black women, on average, breastfeed their babies at lower rates than White women according to a study published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in 2019.

The report showed that among women who gave birth in the U.S. during 2015, 83% on average breastfed their babies. This included 85% of White mothers. However, only 69% of Black mothers did the same—a 16% disparity. There are five compelling reasons more Black mothers should consider breastfeeding their newborns: It increases a child's chance of survival; it reduces a mother's risk of developing breast and ovarian cancer; it boosts the child's immune system; it releases a hormone that is calming to both mother and child; and, according to experts, breast milk changes daily

to meet the baby's needs.

This year's Black mothers and Breastfeeding event was sponsored by Los Angeles County African American Infant and Maternal Mortality (AAIMM) Prevention Initiative, First 5 LA and LA County public health officials.

The three experts who provided feedback and information during the discussion were Dr. Toncé Jackson, Health Equity Manager for the Public Health Foundations Enterprises (PHFE) WIC program; Dr. Melissa Franklin, an award winning Pritzker Fellowship winner; and Asiah Harville, an International board certified lactation consultant at MLK Jr. Community Hospital.

First 5 LA's is a public agency whose goal is to support the healthy and safe development of young children, so by 2028, all L.A. kids are prepared to succeed in school and life by the time they enter kindergarten.

AAIMM's membership includes multiple agencies — community organizations, mental and health care providers, funders and

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It's Easy, it's Free and it Helps

Visit <https://abcovid19.com/testing-sites> to make an appointment. For questions about how to register, call 909-387-3911.



Use the camera on your mobile device and hold it over the QR code to see COVID-19 Testing Sites near you!

**Colton** - Arrowhead Regional Medical Center (ARMC)  
400 N. Poplar Ave., Colton

**Fontana** - Jessie Turner Health and Fitness Community Center  
15555 Summit Ave., Fontana

**Hesperia** - Percy Bakker Center  
9333 E. Ave., Hesperia

**Joshua Tree** - Copper Mountain College (Bell Center)  
6152 Rotary Way, Joshua Tree

**Montclair** - K&S Station  
4985 Ricketts St., Montclair

**Ontario** - Ontario Convention Center (North)  
1947 Convention Center Way, Ontario

**Rancho Cucamonga** - Rancho Sports Center  
8303 Rochester Ave., Rancho Cucamonga

**Rialto** - Department of Behavioral Health Auditorium  
850 E. Foothill Blvd., Rialto

**San Bernardino** - National Orange Show (NOS) (The Dome)  
689 S. E St., San Bernardino

**San Bernardino** - Rodriguez Prep Academy  
1955 Colina St., San Bernardino

**Victorville** - Victor Valley College  
71 Mojave Fish Hatchery Rd., Victorville

## Get Tested

**San Bernardino** - San Bernardino County officials encourage everyone to get tested for COVID-19. In support of this effort it is also making the testing process as easy as possible. Test sites are now open until 6:00 pm daily. In addition, testing sites in Rialto and Victorville will now be open on Saturdays. Testing is one of the fundamental things everyone can do to help curb the spread of the virus and support local efforts to reopen local businesses. In the meantime, the Board of Supervisors continues to urge the state to recognize the county's

efforts to fight the virus and clear the way for broader opening of the economy. Testing is painless, takes only a few minutes to complete, and is free of charge.



## Have a Safe and Happy Halloween

**San Bernardino** - Concerned about safety on Halloween, San Bernardino County officials offer guidance to help residents and businesses avoid practices that could lead to further spread of the coronavirus. Acknowledging that gatherings over the Fourth of July and Labor Day led to noticeable increases in infections rates, officials are asking residents to be extremely cautious. "We are specifically urging residents to consider safer alternatives to traditional activities." For more information about how to stay safe on Halloween, see county guidelines explaining how activities such as trick-or-treating can be enjoyed safely this season.

## Important Dates to Help You Plan Your Vote

Children dressed for Halloween. (Source: San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors Election Day is November 3 and not only are readers encouraged to plan your vote, but we also ask you to be mindful of the following dates offered to assist you with your planning. Registration deadlines are approaching.

- October 19 is the last day for online voter registration.
  - Mail in registration must be postmarked by October 19 and in person voter registration ends on Election Day, November 3.
  - The last day to request absentee ballots is October 27. These ballots must be postmarked November 3 for those returning their ballots by mail and if you are returning your ballot in person you have until 9 p.m. the evening of November 3.
  - The early voting period begins October 5 and extends through November 2, though the dates and hours may vary.
  - You can also register and vote on election Day.
- Everyone is encouraged to vote and vote early.

# NO ON 21

*A Flawed Initiative That Will Make The Housing Crisis Worse*

## Prop 21 is Bad for Renters and Homeowners

☒ **NO** immediate relief for renters

☒ **NO** requirements to lower rents

☒ **NO** funding for affordable housing



**ALICE A. HUFFMAN, PhD**  
California Hawaii NAACP State President

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**NO ON 21**   
*A Flawed Initiative That Will Make The Housing Crisis Worse*

*"Renters across California will be forced out of their longtime homes if Prop 21 passes. Prop 21 encourages wealthy corporate landlords to evict tenants so they can convert their units into condos and townhomes, leading to less rental housing supply, higher housing costs and even more homelessness."*

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# YES ON 22

Protect App-Based Work for California's  
Black and Brown Communities at a Critical Time

## Four million Californians are out of work.

But hundreds of thousands have been able to make ends meet by driving with app-based platforms, delivering food, groceries, prescriptions and other essential supplies. Large numbers of Black families in California count on the income and flexible schedules that this independent app-based work provides.

## Prop 22

- **Protects the ability of app-based drivers to work as independent contractors**
- **Saves hundreds of thousands of jobs**
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## KEEPING IT REAL

*What's the Matter, continued from page 3*

Kentucky Attorney General Daniel Cameron, a protégé of the U.S. Senate's Grim Reaper, Mitch McConnell, who on the very day Barack Obama was sworn in as President in January 2009 was already plotting with fellow Republicans to make it almost impossible for Obama to attain success—nation be damned.

I would not be surprised if it was McConnell who advocated for Cameron to stand in the spotlight of the Republican National Convention knowing full well his very presence and words of praise for Trump gave a nod of approval to other Black men tentatively willing to support this monster.

I guess Cameron considered himself a big man in that moment, somehow larger than life. After all, he gave a primetime speech at the convention and his name was circulated as being on the short list for the U.S. Supreme Court. He probably perceived himself at the top of his game—he had the blessings of the president and the support of Mitch McConnell.

He possibly felt so important, so invincible, so empowered that he could lie to a grieving Black mother who merely sought justice for the police killing of her beloved daughter. He lied with a straight face, mustered fake tears, played his own Black card, and then with malice and forethought lied not once, not twice but apparently as many as five times regarding how he positioned the case to the grand jury to yield the results he wanted which were to protect the police officers involved in Breonna Taylor's death even when any thinking person can clearly see their culpability.

He obviously felt no compulsion to do the right thing. Who is this man? I have no words to describe my disgust.

I cannot help but see him as being cut from the same cloth as the Clarence Thomases, the Ward Connerlys, the Condoleezza Rices, the Colin Powells, the J.C. Watts, the Ben Carsons, the Tim Scotts, the Omarosa of America.

And, as we learned from Cameron, such duplicity is not confined at the federal level. We see these Black people at all levels of government. Down with the people, marching with Black Lives Matter, but during moments when it counts, during times of police abuse in their own communities, cannot find the courage to speak out, to call out the police abuse, to call for an independent investigation. We see them leading the Republican Party at the state level bragging about how they want to recruit more Black men and women to the Republican Party, those who cannot grin wide enough when in the company of the president.

We see such individuals who barter the bona fide of their Black skin to be invited into rooms of the powerful, to secure financial support for their political campaigns, to be appointed to commissions, to be invited to the White House. Too often when entering such worlds, they come to believe they are immune from the everyday challenges of being Black in America.

Of course, they speak the words of lived oppression while simultaneously believing themselves to be the “exceptional Blacks,” the “Magic Negroes,” to use an outdated term. They are the “I have a Black friend” friend of those Whites who use them to explain away their own explicit and implicit biases.

The problem is, these Black people begin to believe they are somehow smarter, sharper, the exception to the stereotype definitions of Blacks. They come to believe they are welcomed into the world of elitism because they are special, because they are exceptional, because they are “magic.”

They begin to believe like O.J. Simpson, they are so gifted and so exceptional they can run through airports and jump over cars because, after all, they are “Magic Negroes.” Some however, have learned the hard way that Black exceptionalism does have its limits. Ask O.J., Omarosa and Connerly.

Connerly, of course, is having a brief resurgence in popularity due to Proposition 16 which seeks to restore Affirmative Action in wake of the movement he led more than 20 years ago which destroyed it. He has come in from exile and obscurity, all too happy to once again put a Black face as a seal of approval on a discriminatory policy.

Magic Negroes are not confined to the austere halls of the federal government and their fidelity to the Republican Party at all costs did not end here in California with Ward Connerly.

These “Magic Negroes” appeal to unsuspecting communities who too often, looking for a champion, are wooed by their polished veneer. They are like pied-pipers, luring Blacks with lyrical flourish, “Look at me, the Republicans like me and I’m like you. Trust me, it is not what you think. Don’t believe your lying eyes, Black people. Look at me, I have a seat at the table, and you can too.”

Those who sell this disingenuous happy talk to members of the Black community should be ashamed as voting rights are overturned; healthcare is being threatened, Black youth are being shot down in the streets by police (and I know, by their peers also); Black children are denied access to

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Peter Aldana, County Clerk,  
FILE NO. R-202009074  
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**PERRIS COMMUNITY FAMILY CARE**  
**524 W. 4th St, Suite B**  
**Perris, CA 92570**  
**RIVERSIDE COUNTY**  
**BAWJ MEDICAL SERVICES INC,**  
**A PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL CORPORATION**  
**255 Terracina Blvd, Suite 101**  
**Redlands, CA 92373**  
**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 (\$1000.00) s. Belinda Addo, Secretary

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**Riverside County**  
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**Palm Springs, CA 92262**

This business is conducted by: a corporation  
Registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 1/1/10.

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/s/ Palm Springs Spa Massage Inc.,  
Samuel Frances Rubin, Chief Executive Officer.

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Peter Aldana, County Clerk, FILE NO. R-2020-08805  
**p. 9/17, 9/24, 10/1, 10/8/2020**

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

**THE BIG CUZZO**  
**6655 Palm Ave #110**  
**Riverside, CA 92506**  
**RIVERSIDE COUNTY**  
**Brittney Mone Hicks**  
**6655 Palm Ave #110**  
**Riverside, CA 92506**

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

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Peter Aldana, County Clerk,  
FILE NO. R-202009167  
**p. 9/24, 10/01, 10/8, 10/15/2020**

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

**THE GOOD BOX**  
**THE FARM BOX**  
**THE GOOD FARM BOX**  
**THE ORIGINAL FARM BOX**  
**SOMEWHERE IN THE DESERT**  
**9180 Ole St**  
**Morongo Valley, CA 92256**  
**RIVERSIDE COUNTY**  
**Somewhere In The Desert LLC**  
**9180 Old St**  
**Morongo Valley, CA 92256**  
**CA**

This business is conducted by: Limited Liability

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Peter Aldana, County Clerk,  
FILE NO. R-202009567  
**p. 9/24, 10/01, 10/8, 10/15/2020**

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

**B. E. JORDAN TRUCKING**  
**19261 Nuthatch St**  
**Perris, CA 92570**  
**RIVERSIDE COUNTY**  
**Brian Elijah Jordan**

**19261 Nuthatch St**  
**Perris, CA 92570**

This business is conducted by: Individual  
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 04/01/2015

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Peter Aldana, County Clerk,  
FILE NO. R-202009159  
**p. 10/01, 10/8, 10/15, 10/22/2020**

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

**FROM THE YARD**  
**53019 Sweet Juliet Ln**  
**Lake Elsinore, CA 92532**  
**RIVERSIDE COUNTY**  
**Rommel Salameh Maai**  
**53019 Sweet Juliet Ln**  
**Lake Elsinore, CA 92532**

This business is conducted by: Individual  
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on August 8, 2020  
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Peter Aldana, County Clerk,  
FILE NO. R-202009601  
**p. 10/01, 10/8, 10/15, 10/22/2020**

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

**JM PLUMBING & MECHANICAL**  
**15509 Arobles Ct**  
**Moreno Valley, CA 92555**  
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**Javier – Sanchez**  
**15509 Arobles Ct**  
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**Covina, CA 91722**

This business is conducted by: General Partnership

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Peter Aldana, County Clerk,  
FILE NO. R-202009647  
**p. 10/01, 10/8, 10/15, 10/22/2020**

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

**LIFESECRETS COUNSELING SERVICES**  
**6809 Indiana Ave Ste 138**  
**Riverside, CA 92506**  
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**PO BOX 2932**  
**Riverside, CA 92516**  
**Sandra Marie Jackson**  
**1621 Highridge St**  
**Riverside, CA 92506**

This business is conducted by: Individual  
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Peter Aldana, County Clerk,  
FILE NO. R-202009433  
**p. 10/01, 10/8, 10/15, 10/22/2020**

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

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**PRG HOMES**  
**PEETE REALTY GROUP**  
**2995 Van Buren Blvd. Ste A2**  
**Riverside, CA 92503**  
**RIVERSIDE COUNTY**  
**Peete Realty Group Inc**  
**17216 Waugh Ranch Rd**  
**Riverside, CA 92503**  
**CA**

This business is conducted by: Corporation

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**More “Black Girl Magic”,** *continued from page 9*

have to want to get there.”

Schneider concurred with Wilson about the value of introducing Ignite students to the power of GIS. Under the tutelage of Esri GIS experts, Ignite participants will benefit through experiential learning opportunities.

Students will be taught the fundamentals of mapping and how to use Esri ArcGIS mapping software, considered the most powerful mapping and spatial analytics technology available today. This learning experience is made possible through the support of Esri’s founder Jack Dangermond and the commitment of Esri employees who volunteer their time to introduce this technology to girls in the program.

“This year, Esri employees Rebecca Lehman and Melissa Thompson are transitioning into the program as instructors on Esri’s ArcGIS as Joseph Marsh and Katherine Stevens who served as volunteer instructors for four years, transitioned out,” Coates explained. Stevens also played a pivotal role in recruiting Lehman and Thompson to join the program as instructors this year.

Commenting on the commitment of Marsh and Stevens to the Ignite initiative, Coates was deeply sincere as she expressed her appreciation of their contributions and commitment., “We thought we would have them for the first ten weeks and they stayed for years,” she proclaimed. “GIS is a big part of the program,” Schneider assured before further highlighting how the Ignite program also provides girls in attendance with so much beyond an introduction to GIS. “It teaches them how to manage their money, the importance of social etiquette, how to have emotional intelligence,” she explained.

Both Schneider and Wilson added almost in unison, “These are things you do not learn in school, things that schools do not teach.”

Schneider continued, “It teaches them how to carry themselves; interpersonal communications skills, including how to talk to people and how to get their point across.” Regarding social media, “It teaches them how to respond to certain things and whether they should respond to certain things.” Stressing again, “Those are the types of skills we are not taught in school.”

Each week, program participants will also be afforded an opportunity to hear and learn from a special guest speaker. As in previous years, the knowledge, wisdom, experience, and expertise

shared by these experts from different fields is intended to inform students about the unlimited options for career paths available to them, as well as important skills needed to assist them as they navigate their way through life.

Included among this year’s guest speakers are: Retired Tuskegee Airman Col. Charles E. McGee whose motto is “Rise Above Life’s Challenges;” Dr. Paulette Brown-Hinds, Founder of Mapping Black California and Publisher of the IE Voice and Black Voice News; Dr. Francisca Beer, Professor of Finance and Director of the Office of Inclusion and Engagement, Cal State University, San Bernardino; among others.

Schneider believes the program is worth every Saturday the girls will devote to it while making them aware of the many opportunities available. “It can open so many doors,” She affirmed adding, “When one girl participates and she enjoys the program, as I know she will, she will tell her friends. All you need is your computer to have a great experience every Saturday.” Concluding, “It is going to benefit the students so much in the end.”

“I agree with that,” Wilson added. “Opening this one door can change the entire course of your life. I was introduced to it late, and I would say—get introduced to it early. And if you don’t want to do it, that’s fine,” she shared acknowledging GIS may not be the path for everyone., “But, GIS is the future and so many more companies, organizations, local state and federal governments are all using it.”

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**Here are More Reasons,** *continued from page 8*

look like you and don’t live in your community.

Next, think about Measure S and whether you want to pay even more in taxes to afford these individuals and their families, things you cannot afford for yourself and your own family. And then ask yourself whether you are getting your money’s worth for what you already pay in taxes.

If you like others in the community answer with a resounding NO, then we encourage you to vote NO on Measure S.

*Hardy Brown Sr. is Publisher Emeritus of the Black Voice News and S. E. Williams is Executive Editor for the IE Voice and the Black Voice News.*

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quality education; Black seniors die in poverty; unemployment rises; children are going to bed hungry; and all Black people have a COVID target on their backs, while most of these Black Republicans sit complicitly silent. It is appalling.

Maybe these people suffer from what W.E.B. Dubois called double-consciousness. I want to somehow ascribe their inexplicable devotion to today’s Republican Party to this idea, which speaks to the internal conflict experienced by subordinated or colonized groups in an oppressive society.

Trump has a penchant for White Supremacy. His ideology and racist tendencies are always on display as evidenced in his often vile fascist rhetoric, his disregard for immigrants, how he heartlessly separated children from their parents, how he made it clear he has no problem with torture, how he allowed babies to sleep on floors, left women and girls in unsanitary conditions without even the basic supplies women and teenage girls need to manage their monthly cycles (which brought to mind the indignities endured by Black women during the middle passage and beyond). And recently, we learned of the forced sterilization of female detainees, as well as his calls to some of the most dangerous and racist forces in America to arm themselves and stand by.

With each egregious action, I tilt my head to hear Black Republicans in the inland region and across California speak out against such abominations and all I hear...are crickets.

History taught us, and Malcolm X reminded us in his parable about the two kinds of slaves, how certain slaves, particularly the house slaves, suffered from what might be described as Stockholm Syndrome. In a way, that helps me understand who these people are and why they do not speak out.

The house slave became emotionally attached to his master for favor. “He dressed like his master. He wore his master’s second-hand clothes. He ate food that his master left on the table. And lived in his master’s house.” These house slaves became so invested in their masters, so dependent upon the master for survival and approval, they internalized the master’s experiences. So much so that when the master became ill (as Trump is today), the house slave would say, “What’s the matter boss, we sick?”

Today the nation is sick and at a time when Black Republicans can show courage, few have found their voices locally, statewide, or nationally.

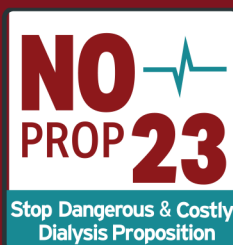
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S.E. Williams  
Editor



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## I N T H E N E W S

*Raising Awareness, continued from page 12*

community members — whose sole purpose is to tackle the high rate of Black infant and maternal deaths in the county of LA.

“Black Breastfeeding Week was affirming, innovative, and dope! CinnaMoms hosted and participated in a series of virtual activities,” Dr. Jackson said. “Unlike previous years where we spent months planning for a large family-type gathering, we met virtually this year which allowed us to bring people together from across the country to celebrate breastfeeding.”

According to Jackson, CinnaMoms is a support group created for Southern California mothers who are parenting and breastfeeding to come together through the support of Heluna Health’s PHFE WIC Program. WIC is a supplemental nutrition program for low-income women, infants, and children up to age five who are at risk. Any Black mother enrolled in the WIC program can access and connect with CinnaMoms at <http://bit.ly/natsupgrp>.

“Our support circles were facilitated by Black lactation consultants who answered questions about pumping, breastfeeding amid a pandemic, and self-care tips. In one support circle, we had 70 participants join the virtual call,” Jackson said.

The conversation was a great way to get into a discussion of the long history of Black women having gone underrepresented in the health field and how Black women as patients are too often treated disparately by doctors in general.

“Sadly, the same racism, bias and prejudice that we find in society can be found in the health care system,” Dr. Franklin said. “Recent accounts of famous Black women in the headlines (Beyonce Knowles, Serena Williams) have called out Black women not being heard, or their concerns not taken seriously. Focus groups of Black women commissioned by First 5 LA revealed similar shared experiences...”

The experiences of Black motherhood from the perspective of Black mothers allowed everyone to connect and share from their learned experience. Dr. Franklin shared her experience of giving birth to two micro premature babies and some of the challenges she has faced and overcame.

As a lactation consultant, Harville was excited to state how fantastic Black Breastfeeding

Week was this year. She said there was a lot of participation from both the Black community and the various genres of birth workers who support Black families.

According to Harville, locating Black lactation consultants may be limited in Southern California so BreastfeedLA has compiled a directory of lactation professionals on its website.

“However, we do exist! Women who are enrolled with WIC can also receive support from the WIC peer counselor program, and most WIC offices provide a breastfeeding hotline to call with questions. Hospitals and clinics sometimes offer a list of local resources for breastfeeding support as well,” Harville said. “I also recommend looking within your immediate community. There may be support groups available, but also look within your family or friends circle. If you know someone who has successfully breastfed, don't be afraid to ask questions.”

According to Dr. Franklin, First 5 LA and AAIMM initiated the conversation so that more people can be part of supportive, healthy and joyous births on behalf of Black families, which can provide an even greater chance of achieving true change, through a transformative system of support.

Harville advises Black women should trust themselves and if they feel something is wrong, speak up. If they believe the doctor is not hearing their concerns or is being dismissive of their questions, then seek another opinion.

“Know your options and your resources—advocate for yourself and your needs. Don't be afraid to change providers and find someone willing to listen to you and meet your needs,” Harville said.

Stay connected and get involved with CinnaMoms via social media and its website. The group hosts two virtual support circles each month. Stay up-to-date on WIC events in Southern California at [www.phfewic.org](http://www.phfewic.org).

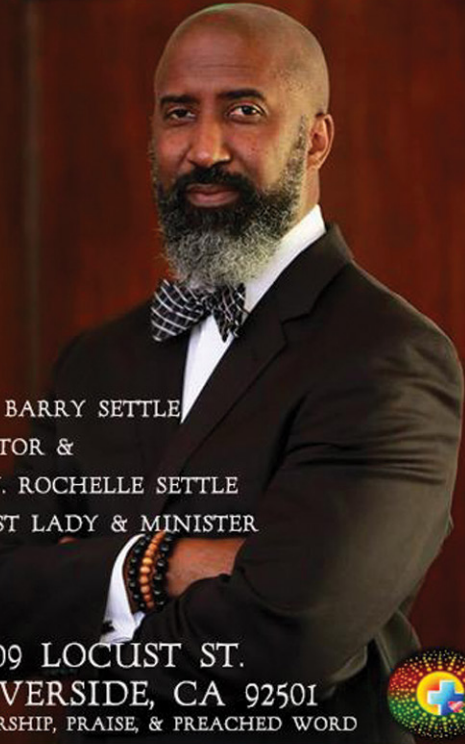


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There's a shortage of affordable housing in America, especially in communities of color. The impact of this health and humanitarian crisis has intensified the need for increased action.

As part of our commitment to invest \$1 billion over four years to advance racial equality and economic opportunity, Bank of America is accelerating our investment in development in neighborhoods of color — including right here in the Inland Empire. We're working side by side with nonprofits and community leaders to help revitalize neighborhoods, expanding on work we've had underway for many years.

My teammates and I remain committed to addressing the Inland Empire's affordable housing gap and helping build the community in which we live and work.



Al Arguello  
Inland Empire Market President



## Building together

Here in the Inland Empire, we're partnering with organizations that are expanding affordable housing options. They include:

**Fair Housing Council of Riverside County**

**Habitat for Humanity San Bernardino**

**Inland Empire Resource Center**

**Neighborhood Housing Services of the Inland Empire**



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