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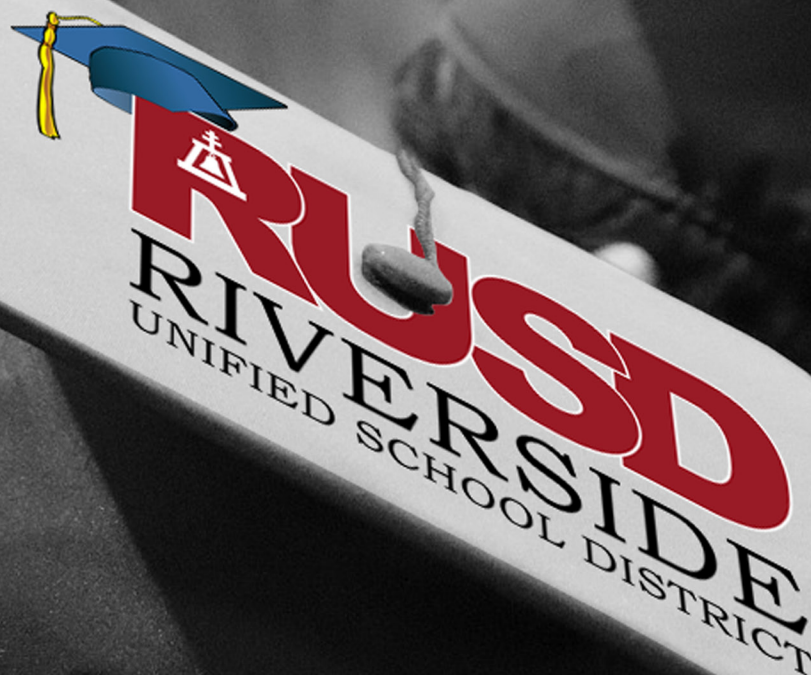
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## KEEPING IT REAL

### A Rat's Nest aka the West Valley Water District

*"Sing for the damage that we've done. And, the worse things that we'll do."*

*- Zwei Tanzerinnen, Franz von Stuck, Alpha Rats Nest*

**T**rying to discern an honest broker among the players at the West Valley Water District is nearly impossible as one or another of the agency's board and/or company administrators are accused of corruption or are being tarnished and thrown out of their jobs by a cabal associated with those who are.

I, for one, am among the skeptics when it comes to the recent mutiny against the agency's General Manager Clarence Mansell and the striking revelations brought against him by a coalition of sixteen purportedly aggrieved management employees who, according to a SCNG report, claimed in a letter how, "It has become a tragedy that our employees no longer have confidence in the leadership of the General Manager." And, "This comes after claims of retaliation, harassment, bullying, hostile work environment and much more."

I had to stop reading and ask myself rhetorically, 'Did these people sleep through the last few years?' Mansell is not the first General Manager to be questionably pushed aside at WVWD. Are these aggrieved managers acting independently or are they following someone else's playbook?

Mansell's predecessor Matthew Litchfield claimed he was threatened with termination for refusing to do what he claimed was then WVWD Board President Clifford Young's bidding to dismiss employees on a hit list without just cause. When Litchfield refused, Young and his supporters on the board levied allegations against him somewhat like those alleged against Mansell.

Litchfield ultimately resigned (probably in lieu of termination) and filed suit against the agency. His suit was one among many filed against the WVWD as a result of C. Young's antics. Most were settled at the ratepayers' expense. C. Young's ally Robert Christman served as interim General Manager for a brief period before Mansell came on board.

C. Young joined WVWD's Board in December 2015 and by July 2016 the agency was in chaos. Since that time chaos and alleged corruption at the

agency have overshadowed customer service. The list of board members or high-level officials tainted with allegations of corruption, the names of employees terminated for questionable reasons, investigations, fines and conflict between members on the board is unbounded.

The agency is a rats' nest that is so expansive, those who attempt to navigate its boundaries can either slip into the nest or be subjected to attack when they refuse to voluntarily climb into the nest with the rest.

Was this the case with General Manager Clarence Mansell? The timing certainly seems suspicious. Now, as a result, the mettle of newly elected board member and recently appointed president Channing Hawkins will be quickly tested. Does he have the political strength and fortitude to remain an honest broker? Can he rise above the chaos, distance himself from the nest of corruption, deceit and conflict as an independent thinker?

Will Hawkins be fair and judicious as he guides the board through consideration of the complaints against Mansell and decides whether to act against him? Only time will tell.

I know its cliché to say "timing is everything" but it is, and the timing of the uprising against Mansell is suspicious. What or who is really driving the effort to push Mansell out of his job, and destroy his professional reputation in the process?

To blame Mansell for failings of leadership in an agency that is dysfunctional to its core; led by a board of directors whose members are under clouds of suspicion; and supported by legal representation that is also of dubious consideration is both striking and demonstrably unfair. Especially considering the vortex of double-crossing dysfunction he's had to manage under since assuming his position in July 2018.

In recent years the WVWD—largely as a



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## Officers Forced to Wait, Said They Were “Intentionally Refused” Service

**Riverside, CA** – Riverside County Sheriff Chad Bianco tweeted last week, “Two of our deputies were refused service at Starbucks. The anti-police culture repeatedly displayed by Starbucks employees must end.” This alleged incident follows on the heels of a spate of stories across the country describing similar episodes.

On Friday December 13, 2019 a Starbucks spokesperson responded to the Riverside incident stating, “There is simply no excuse for how two Riverside deputies were ignored for nearly 5 minutes at our store on Thursday evening. We are deeply sorry and reached out to apologize directly to them. We take full responsibility for any intentional or unintentional disrespect shown to law enforcement on whom we depend every day to keep our stores and communities safe. No customer, in or out of uniform, should ever have that experience at a Starbucks. The partners (employees) who worked that evening will not be scheduled to work while we investigate and take the appropriate steps.”

The Riverside incident followed a report in July regarding six officers who purchased drinks in Tempe, AZ and were standing together talking when a Starbucks barista asked them to leave. The Tempe incident came on the heels of a highly publicized report in April about an incident in Philadelphia, PA where two Black men were forced to leave a Starbucks for no reason by police at the request of a barista.

# Acorn Technology Announces Job Openings as Company Prepares for Rapid Growth

## Riverside

In November Acorn Technology Services (Acorn) was selected from a pool of more than 220 nominees and awarded The 2019 Spirit of the Entrepreneur Award.

Under the leadership of CEO, Mickey McGuire Acorn has become one of Southern California's leading technology providers of Managed IT Services ("MITS") and is has become one of Southern California's leading technology providers of Managed IT Services ("MITS") and is now preparing for what it expects to be a year of rapid growth in 2020.

The company has provided high-quality IT solutions to its customers for twenty years. Its diverse client base stretches across 17 states and internationally with clients in Canada and the European Union and its customers are supported by a team of U.S. based technical experts and customer service representatives.



Acorn currently has open positions for both entry level and system administrator technical service representatives and is seeking local candidates to fill them. In response to an expanding government sector, Acorn has also created non-technical openings for both Account and Project Managers. Specific job descriptions are available at [www.acorntechservices.com/careers](http://www.acorntechservices.com/careers). Those interested in applying can send their resume to [careers@AcornTechServices.com](mailto:careers@AcornTechServices.com).

"Our team was built by both recruiting top talent in the community and growing our entry-level technicians," says James Walter, Director of Technology "The strength of our company culture stems from the investment we have made in establishing an open and collaborative environment."

# Gevale Ashford Honored as Omega Man of the Year

## Riverside

The Pi Rho Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. GLG Science, Education and Community Service Association Inc. recently honored Gevale Ashford as the organization's Man of the Year for his exemplary service to the community and the organization.



Gevale Ashford (c), along with Fmr. Assemblymember Cheryl R. Brown (l) and his wife (r).

Ashford was presented the honor during the organization's 55th Anniversary celebration at the Riverside Convention Center before a sold-out audience. His service to the organization and community included untold hours devoted to computer work and raising scholarship money for local students.

Ashford was initiated in 2001, and from 2002 to 2006 served as Vice Basileus Sigma Eta. He graduated from Cal State San Bernardino in 2006 with a degree in Computer Science. He has served as Pi Rho Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity's Keeper of Records and Seals since 2018. Ashford is a Fiber Optic Network Architect for Frontier Communications.

Others recognized at the event included Richard Nichols who received the Founder's Lifetime Achievement Award; Rushawn Moulton received

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Youth Professions Conference



**San Bernardino, CA** – On November 23, 2019 Baldy View ROP students in the San Bernardino region attended an interactive and informational health professions conference at the Western University of Health Services in Pomona.

Nearly 300 students with unique backgrounds and career goals for the future, teachers and staff attended the conference. The group had one common goal—to become part of the future health workforce in the Inland Empire. The students began the conference with an inspiring speech from Dr. Paola Case of Kaiser Permanente. Case has been a partner of the Interactive Healthcare Policy Consortium (IHPC) for several years and has a passion to empower youth.

In breakout sessions students had an opportunity to explore three unique healthcare careers from a list that included several options. Following the third breakout session students returned to the lecture hall for a presentation by osteopathic medical students, Brian Diep and Gilbert Hernandez who spoke on entrepreneurship in the medical fields. Teams of student attendees also shared their ideas about how to create a healthier community through health fairs in the inland region.



# Spread Joy this Holiday with MLK’s Power Messages about Love

*“Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into friend.” - Martin Luther King Jr.*

Martin Luther King Jr. spoke eloquently and compellingly about equality, freedom, social justice, courage, family, friendship, and forgiveness, but his most powerful messages of all were about love. Martin Luther King’s words inspired us all and you can continue his legacy of love by sharing these Martin Luther King Jr. quotes about love.

They are just as relevant and applicable today as they were decades ago, and they are a perfect way to remember King as we celebrate the Christmas holidays.

What makes Martin Luther King Jr.’s quotes so special is that we can directly see the impact they’ve had on the world. King showed us that words matter, that they can spark change, and bring together a nation of people. He taught us that in order to fight injustice, we must always be vocal — that “our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.”

So, using King’s words as our own, let’s promise never to be silent. Read his works, listen to his speeches, and internalize his message. If there is one thing the world will always need more of, it’s love. Here are some of his best thoughts, insights, and words of wisdom about love that are pertinent today, and every day.

1. *“I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear.”*
2. *“Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into friend.”*
3. *“Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.”*
4. *“In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends.”*
5. *“The time is always right to do what is right.”*
6. *“Every man must decide whether he will walk in the light of creative altruism or in the darkness of destructive selfishness.”*
7. *“Forgiveness is not an occasional act; it is a constant attitude.”*

8. *“Life’s most persistent and urgent question is, ‘What are you doing for others?’”*

9. *“Man must evolve for all human conflict a method which rejects revenge, aggression and retaliation. The foundation of such a method is love.”*

10. *“At the center of non-violence stands the principle of love.”*

11. *“I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality. This is why right, temporarily defeated, is stronger than evil triumphant.”*

Martin Luther King Jr. inspired the human race to strive for harmony among all people. His tragic death shocked the nation, but his words and his dedication to equality continue to inspire our nation and world.

I hope these famous Martin Luther King Jr. quotes lift your heart and spirit.

Happy Holidays!

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### NAME CHANGE

#### ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

**CASE NUMBER C0C 1912153**

To All Interested Persons: Petitioner: JANET ROSARIO MEJIA (aka) JANNET QUINONES filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: JANET ROSARIO MEJIA (aka) JANNET QUINONES to, JEANNETTE Q-MEJIA 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: 01/15/2020 Time: 8:00am, Dept C2. The address of the court is: SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 505 S. BUENA VISTA AVE, RM 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: Nov 12, 2019 ERIC ISAAC, Judge of the Superior Court **p. 11/28, 12/5, 12/12, 12/19/2019**

#### ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

**CASE NUMBER C0C 1912358**

To All Interested Persons: Petitioner:

YOLANDA MORENO RAMIREZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: YOLANDA MORENO RAMIREZ to, YOLANDA MORENO MORAN. 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: 01/08/2020 Time: 8:00am, Dept C2. The address of the court is: SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 505 S. BUENA VISTA AVE, RM 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: Nov 18, 2019 TAMARA WAGNER, Judge of the Superior Court **p. 11/28, 12/5, 12/12, 12/19/2019**

#### ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

**CASE NUMBER MVC 1912319**

To All Interested Persons: Petitioner: ADRIAN JOSE BECERRA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: ADRIAN JOSE BECERRA to, ADRIAN JOSE GUTIERREZ. 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: January 1, 2020 Time: 1:00 pm, Dept MV2. The address of the court is: SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 13800 HEACOCK STREET, #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: Nov 14, 2019 ERIC V. ISSAC, Judge of the Superior Court **p. 12/5, 12/12, 12/19, 12/26/2019**

#### ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

**CASE NUMBER C0C 1912604**

To All Interested Persons: Petitioner: VIRIDIANA GAONA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: VIRIDIANA GAONA aka VIRIDIANA ROMERO CASTAXEDA-GAONA to, VIRIDIANA CASTANEDA. 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: 01/22/2020 Time: 8:00am, Dept C2. The address of the court is: SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 505 S. BUENA VISTA AVE, RM 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: Nov 26, 2019 CHRISTOPHER B. HARMON, Judge of the Superior Court **p. 12/5, 12/12, 12/19, 12/26/2019**

#### ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

**CASE NUMBER MVC 1913617**

To All Interested Persons: Petitioner: DESTINY JADA GOODEN filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: DESTINY JADA GOODEN to, DEZTINY JADA BAXTER. 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: 01/23/2020 Time: 1:00pm, Dept MV2. The address of the court is: SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 13800 HEACOCK

STREET, BLDG. D #201, 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: Nov 21, 2019 ERIC V. ISAAC, Judge of the Superior Court **p. 12/5, 12/12, 12/19, 12/26/2019**

#### ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

**CASE NUMBER MVC 1913924**

To All Interested Persons: Petitioner: MARK ANTHONY PHILLIPS filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: MARK ANTHONY PHILLIPS to, MARK ANTHONY HARRELL. 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: 01/30/2020 Time: 1:00pm, Dept MV2. The address of the court is: SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 13800 HEACOCK STREET, BLDG. D #201, MORENO VALLEY, CA 92553, MORENO VALLEY CIVIL. 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: 11/27/2019 MICKIE E. REED, Judge of the Superior Court **p. 12/12, 12/19, 12/26/2019, 1/2/2020**

Riverside, CA 92507. Date: Dec 05, 2019 DAVID E. GREGORY, Judge of the Superior Court **p. 12/12, 12/19, 12/26/2019, 1/2/2020**

#### ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

**CASE NUMBER PSC 1908570**

To All Interested Persons: Petitioner: TESSA DANIELLE ROJAS VELASCO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: TESSA DANIELLE ROJAS VELASCO to, TESSA DANIELLE VELASCO. 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: 02/07/2020 Time: 8:30am, Dept. PS4 address of the court is: SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 3255 E. TAHQUITZ CANYON WAY, PALM SPRINGS, CA 92262. 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: 11/27/2019 MICKIE E. REED, Judge of the Superior Court **p. 12/12, 12/19, 12/26/2019, 1/2/2020**

#### ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME



# Measure Protecting 300 Jobs at March Air Reserve Passes U.S. House of Representatives

Washington D.C.

**T**he National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) which successfully passed out of the U.S. House of Representatives on Wednesday, December 11, 2019 included a provision delaying the consolidation of Defense Media Activity and Protecting 300 Jobs at March Air Reserve Base in Moreno Valley and hundreds of others across the country.

The bi-partisan measure was championed by U. S. Representative Mark Takano, a democrat representing California's 41st congressional district. "Since I was first made aware about potential efforts to consolidate Defense Media Activity (DMA) nationwide, and the threat it posed to jobs for hundreds of military, civilian, and contractor positions in my district at March Air Reserve Base, I have been working diligently with my colleagues to help protect these jobs and hundreds of others across the country."

"I am glad that we were able to include a provision in the final NDAA package to help protect these jobs and to require a thorough report from Department of Defense and Congressional review before the Department can move forward with any plans to consolidate these vital DMA functions. I'd like to thank Representative Ken Calvert (Republican, California District 42), Representative Paul Cook (Republican, California District 8) and my colleagues who supported this bipartisan effort to protect these jobs and



to highlight the potential risk that consolidation of DMA functions would bring to our strategic military advantage."

The provision highlights the need for transparency and accountability regarding DMA. Its language limits and prevents the Secretary of Defense

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## No Way Out

### Governor Newsom Rejects PG&E's Plan to Exit Bankruptcy

**S.E. Williams**

**Contributor**

**F**riday evening California Governor Gavin Newsom rejected a draft amended plan of reorganization submitted for consideration earlier this month by Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) on behalf of the corporation and the utility.

The company needs to secure an agreement regarding the plan so it can draw from a special fund created by Newsom and state legislators designed to help shield utilities when their equipment sparks other catastrophic fires.

In a pointed response to the company's CEO William Johnson, a letter from Newsom reminded him that since the day PG&E filed for bankruptcy protection, the governor had been clear about the state's objectives.

Newsom repeated those objectives for emphasis. "Californians must have access to safe, reliable and affordable service; victims and employees must be treated fairly; and California must continue to make forward progress on our climate change goals." Newsom also noted how these objectives were codified in AB 1054 and must be satisfied as part of any

PG&E effort to exit its bankruptcy status.

According to Newsom, after a thorough review of PG&E's exit proposal, he determined the company's Amended Plan and restructuring request failed to comply with the requirements of AB 1054. It neglected to provide safe, reliable and affordable service to its customers as required.

The decision was a blow to the company and is a major roadblock to its plans to exit bankruptcy protections by the middle of next year.

Newsom's letter admonished PG&E noting its Chapter 11 status has served to punctuate what he described as, "More than two decades of mismanagement, misconduct and failed efforts to improve its safety culture."

Newsom's assessment appeared to be salient as he recalled some of the company's most egregious failures beginning with the devastating San Bruno gas pipeline explosion which killed eight people, caused 58 injuries and destroyed about 38 homes. The company has also been responsible

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## NAACP Annual Freedom Fund Banquet San Bernardino

The San Bernardino Branch of the NAACP Chapter held its Annual Freedom Fund Banquet on Friday, November 22, 2019 at the Arrowhead Country Club in San Bernardino.

Since the 1953 death of Civil Rights Advocate Medgar Evers who was shot down in the driveway of his home in Jackson, Mississippi in 1953 local branches of the NAACP have hosted fundraisers celebrating the excellence in efforts made to advance Black communities across the country.



# Top of the Class

## Riverside County's High School Graduation Rate Leads the State

**S.E. Williams**  
**Contributor**

**R**iverside County achieved the top high school graduation rate this year among the state's ten largest counties.

The good news was revealed in the California Department of Education's 2019 School Dashboard released Thursday, December 12, 2019. Riverside County's graduation rate of 90.1 percent for the class of 2019 earned the county first place for the first time in history. It was also the first time Riverside County achieved a graduation rate above 90 percent.

The Dashboard is an important component of California's five-year overhaul of the state's school accountability system. It provides access to statewide information regarding how each school or district performed. It includes information for both the current and prior year regarding how they have either improved or declined year over year. Information provided in The Dashboard is also broken down by student group including low-income, English learners, foster youth, etc. This information is used to help identify and address achievement gaps.

The Riverside County's 2019 graduation rate is reflective of the effort and dramatic progress made this decade. It is a marked improvement from the county's 77.7 percent graduation rate achieved in 2010 and an increase from a





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graduation rate of 88.9 percent in 2018.

Not only was Riverside first in graduation rates among the state's largest counties, it was the only county to achieve a graduation rate above 90 percent. Also, 16 of the county's 18 school districts with high schools delivered graduation rates above the state average of 84.5 percent.

In 2019 the graduation rate was not the only area in which the county showed notable improvement. The county's dropout rate fell to an historic low of 4.6 percent. This measure represents the number of students who entered as freshman in county high schools in 2015 and failed to graduate with their peers in 2019. This impacted 1,548 students.

Riverside's improved dropout rate also earned the county a nod of recognition as its result in this regard reflected the lowest dropout rate among California's ten largest counties and Riverside was the only one among them to drive its dropout rate below five percent.

The county's success in reducing its dropout rate this decade is admirable when compared to its 2010 dropout rate of 15.1 percent. Also, 15 of the 18 districts with high schools in Riverside County achieved dropout rates lower than the statewide average of nine percent.

"Every parent, educator, and community leader in Riverside County who has stepped up to support our students and our schools should be proud of this accomplishment. Through collaborative leadership with all 23 school districts, identifying and expanding innovative programs and focusing on a shared commitment to building a sustainable system of support for all students. The future for our graduates, their families, and the region as a whole, is brighter than ever before," said Riverside County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Judy D. White.

Riverside County also saw progress in other key areas including the Achievement Gap, beginning with African American students. This year, though still behind their peers in other racial groups, Black students achieved a graduation rate of 88.3 percent compared to statewide averages of 78.6 percent for Black students and 89.1 for White students.

Students in other groups also graduated at higher rates as follows: Hispanic students – 89.1 percent graduation rate compared to the state average of 82.1 percent; Socioeconomically disadvantaged students – 88.1 percent; Homeless students – 82 percent; English learners – 79.7 percent; Migrant education students – 79 percent; Students with disabilities – 74.6 percent; Foster youth students – 66.3 percent. Foster

students experienced the largest gain among all student groups in Riverside County, improving 7.7 percentage points from 2018 to 2019.

Statewide Achievement Gaps are narrowing in several areas according to the California Department of Education. However, the Department acknowledged significant disparities remain. For example, African Americans showed the largest graduation rate gain among student groups with an increase of 6.2 percent for a total of 78.6 percent of students graduating. The graduation rate for foster youth increased by 4.2 percent for a total of 64.2 percent. By comparison, the graduation rate for White students increased 1.3 percent during that same time period for a total of 89.1 percent.

Results this year overall showed California public schools making progress on four out of six statewide indicators: The statewide graduation rate increased 2.2 percentage points from 83.7 percent to 85.9 percent.

The suspension rate fell slightly from 3.5 percent to 3.4 percent. The college/career readiness rate grew 1.8 percent and as a result, 44.1 percent of students are now considered ready for college when they graduate from high school. And, both math and English language arts (ELA) test scores are up—a 2.9 point increase in math and a 3.1 point increase in ELA.

Because of steady progress, the number of school districts eligible for state assistance based on these indicators fell from 386 last year to 333. Thirty-two public charter schools are also eligible for the first time for state support.

"California public schools are making steady—albeit slow—progress in important areas. We are headed in the right direction," said State Board President Dr. Linda Darling-Hammond in a press statement announcing the release of this year's results. "We also are seeing places

making strong gains—schools and districts that we will want to study further. In other places where progress is stuck, we need to examine the nature of the support being provided to local educators."

This year's Dashboard results also revealed some concerning news. Darling-Hammond noted the disappointing 1.1 percent rise in chronic absenteeism. Students in grades K–8 are considered chronically absent if they miss 10 percent or more of expected days of attendance. "Possible issues that may have contributed to the increase include rising homelessness, work stoppages, and natural disasters/weather, which affect health, housing and transportation," she noted. Adding, "County offices of education will be working with districts to determine specific

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- Dr. Judy White, Riverside County Superintendent of Schools*



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## FEATURE STORY

local causes.”

In the meantime, as Riverside County celebrates its 2019 success it does not intend to rest on its laurels. According to White, “In line with our pledge at the Riverside County Office of Education, we will continue our focused work until every student graduates from high school academically and socially prepared for college, the workforce and civic responsibility.”

Under White’s stewardship the Riverside County Office of Education is responsible for 430,000 students, 23 school districts, 450 schools and nearly 18,000 classrooms.

The 2019 Dashboard results are available online at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/cm/index.asp>. It is available in five languages including English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Tagalog and Mandarin. There is also a Dashboard app available on the iOS App Store, the Google Play Store, and the Microsoft Store by searching for the term “CA Dashboard.”

## NEWS IN BRIEF



Seven Oaks Dam

### Inland Counties Prepare to Defend Against Potential Environmental Lawsuit

**Riverside, CA** – Riverside County, San Bernardino County and Orange County Departments of Public Works along with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers may soon face a claim for environmental damages. The case is expected to be brought by the Arizona-based Center for Biological Diversity in partnership with global environmental group CDP. The organizations are suing over outflows from the Seven Oaks Dam that started on May 11, 2019 and resulted high sediment levels the organizations are claiming disrupted the spawning activity of the sucker fish which populate the Santa Ana River as it runs through Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties. CPD is claiming the outflows overwhelmed the fishes’ foraging grounds with muck and debris. The flow purportedly damaged the fishes’ food supply and smothered their eggs. The flow lasted several days, and the water remained murky for about three months. The Seven Oaks Dam is located northeast of Redlands in San Bernardino County.



# publicnotices

## CASE NUMBER PSC 1908569

To All Interested Persons: Petitioner: JANE KARMINA JIMENEZ VELASCO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: JANE KARMINA JIMENEZ VELASCO to JANE KARMINA VELASCO ROJAS. 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: 02/07/2020 Time: 8:30am, Dept. PS4 address of the court is: SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 3255 E. TAHQUITZ CANYON WAY, PALM SPRINGS, CA 92262 . 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: 11/27/2019  
MICKIE E. REED, Judge of the Superior Court  
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## SUMMONS

### SUMMONS (FAMILY LAW)

#### CASE NUMBER FLR 1903282

Notice to Respondent: LUIS ANTONIO BARRAZA LOPEZ  
You are being sued Petitioner's name is: ELIZABETH LIMON

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/selfhelp](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp)), 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, 4175 Main Street, Riverside, CA 92501. The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an Attorney is, Elizabeth Limon, 10243 Hedrick Ave, Riverside, CA 92503 Notice to the person served: You are served as an individual.

Clerk, by M. Leiva, Deputy  
DATE: 5/1/19

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## PROBATES

### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

#### MARTIN JESUS GARCIA

##### Case Number PRRI 1902093

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of MARTIN JESUS GARCIA, MARTIN GARCIA.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by JUAN CARLOS BUSTOS-ARROYO in the Superior Court of California, County of: RIVERSIDE. The Petition for Probate requests that JUAN CARLOS BUSTOS-ARROYO be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: Date: 1/15/2020 Time: 8:30 A.M. DEPT 11, SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 4050 MAIN ST, RIVERSIDE, CA 92501. RIVERSIDE HISTORIC COURTHOUSE. 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. Attorney for Petitioner: Kristine M. Borgia, Esq. 2155 Chicago Avenue, Suite 306, Riverside, CA 92507  
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### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

#### WILLIAM ASBOL COOPER

##### Case Number PRRI 1902090

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: WILLIAM ASBOL COOPER aka WILLIAM A. COOPER. A Petition for probate has been filed by CHERYL L. COOPER in the Superior Court of California, County of: RIVERSIDE. The Petition for Probate requests that CHERYL L. COOPER be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: Date: 1/29/2020 Time: 8:30 A.M. DEPT 11, SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 4050 MAIN ST, RIVERSIDE, CA 92501. RIVERSIDE HISTORIC COURTHOUSE. 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. Attorney for Petitioner: Michael C. Maddux, Esq., 1894 Commercenter W. Suite 108, San Bernardino, CA 92408

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### SUMMONS (FAMILY LAW)

#### CASE NUMBER RID 1801924

Notice to Respondent: JEANINE THOMAS  
You are being sued Petitioner's name is: ROBERT F THOMAS

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/selfhelp](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp)), 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, 4175 Main Street, Riverside, CA 92501. The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an Attorney is, Robert F. Thomas 12970 Periss Blvd, Apt 214, Moreno Valley, CA 92553 Notice to the person served: You are served as an individual.  
Clerk by Y. Cisneros, Deputy  
DATE: 5/15/19

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### SUMMONS (FAMILY LAW)

#### CASE NUMBER RIC 1822330

Notice to Respondent: CESAR ALONZO LOPEZ; NORMA A. ASTORGA; AND DOES 1-100

You are being sued Petitioner's name is: MICHAEL FANOUS

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/selfhelp](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp)), 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, 4050 Main Street, Riverside, CA 92501. The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an Attorney is: Michael Fanous, in Pro Per, 2515 Parkgate Street, Bakersfield, CA 93311. Notice to the person served: You are served as an individual.

Clerk by Y. Cisneros, Deputy

DATE: Oct 29, 2018

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES

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

### NOBODY'S FAVORITE

7993 Blaisdell Ct

Eastvale, CA 92880

### RIVERSIDE COUNTY

Kody Allyn Orozco

7993 Blaisdell Ct

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. Kody Allyn Orozco

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 11/18/2019

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-201915219

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

### LOTUS AESTHETICA

555 E. Tachevah Drive, Suite 2W102

Palm Springs, CA 92262

### RIVERSIDE COUNTY

555 E. Tachevah Drive, Suite 2W102

Palm Springs, CA 92262

This business is conducted by: Corporation  
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on June 1, 2019

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. Derakhsh Fazoouni, 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 11/13/2019

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-201915080

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

### SALMA AND ASSOCIATES

DOUG SALMA AND ASSOCIATES

17694 Meadow Mist Court

Riverside, CA 92503

### RIVERSIDE COUNTY

3410 La Sierra Avenue Suite F 192

Riverside, CA 92503

Douglas Ralph Salamanca

17694 Meadow Mist Court

Riverside, CA 92503

This business is conducted by: Individual  
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 1991

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. Douglas Ralph Salamanca

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 11/13/2019

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-201915086

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

SUPERIOR DIFFERENTIATED INSURANCE SOLUTIONS

23820 Ironwood Avenue, Space 70

Moreno Valley, CA 92557

### RIVERSIDE COUNTY

12625 Frederick Street, Suite I5-370

Moreno Valley, CA 92553

### SUPERIOR DIFFERENTIATED INSURANCE SOLUTIONS, LLC

23820 Ironwood Avenue, Space 70

Moreno Valley, CA 92557

### CA

This business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on March 18, 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).)

s. Douglas Ralph Salamanca

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 11/21/2019

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-201915399

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

### SOUTHERN SAUCE 7

38448 Tranquila Ave

Murrieta, CA 92563

### RIVERSIDE COUNTY

Cashay Waynette Williams

38448 Tranquila Ave

Murrieta, CA 92563

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. Cashay Waynette Williams

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 11/18/2019

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-201915226

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

### OMAR CONSTRUCTION

4217 Wheeler St

Riverside, CA 92503

### RIVERSIDE COUNTY

Omar Alonso Velazquez Deras

4217 Wheeler St

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. Omar Alonso Velazquez Deras

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





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the Superior Service Award; A. Majadi was recognized as Citizen of the Year; Gerri Foxall-Kater was honored for going Above and Beyond; Dr. Kyisha Holmes was honored with the Outstanding Academic Leadership Award; Robert G. Goodloe received the Manhood Award; Danny Tillman received the Scholarship Award; Euridici Fitz was given the Perseverance Award; and Marcos Moreno received this year's Uplift Award.

The evening's celebration of Service and Networking for Success was led by Masters of Ceremony C.A. Henderson and featured live music by saxophonist extraordinaire Jay Boykin and a photo booth by Prop and Pose 4 Me, owner/operator Chanae.

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from taking any potential action to consolidate DMA until a report is submitted to Congress. The Secretary must then allow 60 days to pass following the report's submission before taking any action. This reporting requirement will give Congress the opportunity to properly oversee any DMA restructuring or transformations.

The required report, to be completed by the Defense Secretary, must include information regarding DOD's current or future plans to restructure, reduce, or eliminate the functions, personnel, facilities or capabilities of DMA. The report must also include any modifications that have been made or will be made in the future about efforts to consolidate DMA as well as any contractual agreements that have been agreed to or explored with the objective of consolidation. Lastly, the language calls for any DOD directives or administration guidance about consolidating DMA be included in the report.

In April, Takano warned about the potential risk of consolidation of DMA functions at March Air Reserve Base that could have led to the loss of hundreds of jobs and strongly opposed these efforts. Rep. Takano led a bipartisan letter with Representative Calvert and Senators Feinstein and Harris expressing concern and opposition to the Department of Defense's ongoing effort to relocate DMA functions currently stationed at March Air Reserve Base, which would lead to the elimination of more than 300 military, civilian, and contractor positions.

Takano stressed as DOD looks to consolidate its DMA presence nationwide, the Department

result of the Board and other high ranking agency leaders—has endured investigations at both the state and local level, audits, lawsuits, enduring conflicts between board members, ongoing allegations of corruption, a whistleblower complaint, loss of a major insurance policy due to bad decisions by the board and paid expensive settlements as a result of unwarranted terminations. Where were all these administrators and their righteous indignation now aimed at Mansell when all of this occurred?

More recently, on September 11, 2019 the Court of Appeals affirmed sanctions levied against WVWD's general counsel Robert Tafoya by a Los Angeles Superior Court Judge on October 2, 2017. It involved his filing of a false disability lawsuit for a plaintiff. The sanction against him totals \$36,037.54. Tafoya attempted to appeal the sanction to the Supreme Court, but his filing was late, and as a result the court refused to review the petition. The sanction stands and he is at risk of losing his license to practice law. Yet, Tafoya continues to serve as the agency's general counsel. Where is the righteous indignation and letter calling for his termination?

Recently, we also learned the agency's HR and Risk Manager Deborah Martinez and her husband were charged with seven counts of filing false tax returns and failing to report income totaling of more than three and a half million dollars. They will be arraigned on Thursday, December 19. WVWD placed Martinez on

administrative leave but again I ask: Where is the letter of righteous indignation calling for her termination from the sixteen WVWD managers seeking to oust Mansell?

Twice WVWD Board Member Clifford Young has purportedly misused ratepayer funds. In the first incident he was reeducated and pointedly warned by the San Bernardino County District Attorney that his behavior was inappropriate. Yet, Young is again being investigated for similar behavior and despite an article by the SCNG where Young's attorney stated the reported the case was closed, the District Attorney's office is still in the process of investigating the allegation against him. Where is the righteous indignation and letter calling for Clifford Young's resignation from the Board? These are a few examples of egregious behavior by high officials at the WVWD. I can certainly cite others.

It is documented that a group of hungry rats will attack and attempt to devour a sleeping human. In this instance I am using rats as a metaphor for the agency's corrupt actors, both political and otherwise. Until the agency is purged of its bad actors, they will continue to expand their nest of corruption, defrauding ratepayers and abusing the public trust while simultaneously attacking and defaming those who refuse to engage in their malfeasance.

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

S.E. Williams  
Editor

has failed to provide sufficient justification for its decision to reallocate DMA resources and staff such as demonstrating that such a move would not impact readiness or DMA's ability to meet its mission requirements. Congress must have the opportunity to consider this impact before DOD is permitted to move forward.

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# Local College Opens On-Campus Innovation Center

## Moreno Valley

Three years ago, leaders at Moreno Valley College had a vision to create a space that would allow for collaboration, innovation and problem solving—that vision is now a reality.

Last week the college officially opened its on-campus iMAKE Innovation Center. The 4,150-square-foot Center, located in the Science and Technology Building, will serve as a hub for innovation and creativity, and lend itself to fostering enthusiasm for learning.

The College was one of 24 institutions to receive a California Community College Maker Implementation Grant from the California Community College Chancellor's office.

Upon receipt of the \$100,000 grant, which is renewable for a second year, MVC set out to create a makerspace community that will provide students and the community with access to innovation equipment and material in order to develop entrepreneurial skills.

According to Melody Graveen, Ed.D., Dean of Instruction, Career & Technical Education at the college, "These are the skills that businesses will be competing for in the 21st century. A space such as this will have a significant impact on student learning and development."

The iMAKE Innovation Center was designed to provide an educational training facility for students, faculty, staff, community members and business leaders.

"Moreno Valley College is committed to paving the road so that our students can succeed," said Robin Steinback, Ph.D. and President,



Moreno Valley College. "This Center will lead to transformational changes when it comes to learning, creating and delivering solutions to today's and tomorrow's problems. The Center is equipped as well as any other college, and maybe even some businesses."

The City of Moreno Valley is partnering with Moreno Valley College on the iMake facility. The lab is designed to provide STEM engagement through hands-on, interactive activities and unique STEM experiences to children throughout the region.

## SPECIAL FEATURE

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for several catastrophic wildfires in the last three years including the Camp Fire which killed 85 people, destroyed the town of Paradise and led to millions of dollars in economic losses to the region.

Although the Governor did not mention it in his letter and it's been several years since it gained national attention residents of Hinkley in San Bernardino County are still suffering the effects of PG&E's ground water contamination caused when it dumped about 370 million gallons of cancer causing chromium-tainted wastewater into unlined wastewater spreading ponds around the town.

The governor also pointed to PG&E's recent management of the public safety power shutoffs which resulted in extreme uncertainty and harm for California residents who rely on power for their health care and for their livelihoods.

"For far too long PG&E has been mismanaged, failed to make adequate investments in fire

safety and fire prevention, and neglected critical infrastructure. PG&E has simply violated the public trust," Newsom stressed further noting the company must be able to meet the stringent requirements of reorganization as determined by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and outlined under AB 1054.

"The CPUC's review of the [PG&E] plan of reorganization is not a rubber stamp," Newsom advised the company. "[I]t is a critical component of AB 1054.

For PG&E's plan to be approved under AB 1054 it must include rigorous governance and management requirements, enforcement mechanisms and a capital structure that will allow the company to make critical safety investments.

The governor preceded to provide PG&E with a list of governance and enforcement systems he believes are necessary and should be incorporated into the company's plan and added

his belief the plan as presented, 'Falls woefully short of the requirements of AB 1054.'

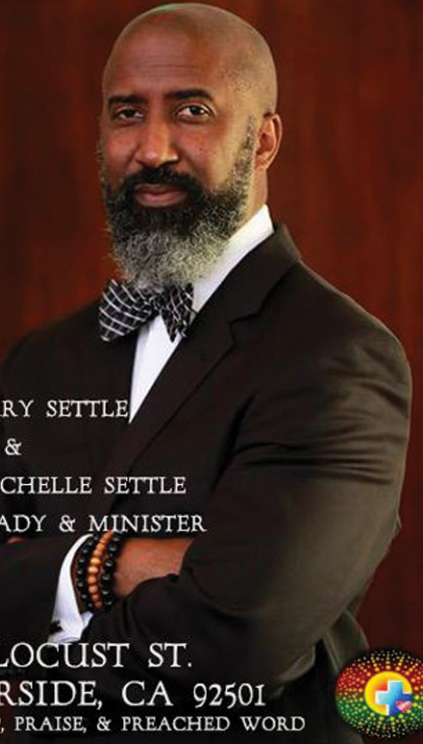
Newsom further noted the company's plan must also include provision for the assumption of any pre-petition settlement agreements related to fire claims as well as providing that all environmental obligations/agreements, issues related to the Diablo Canyon projects and all state tax obligations be assumed by PG&E.

According to the governor PG&E's current plan is not feasible without access to the wildfire funds established under AB 1054. To this end, his closing comments to Johnson were both cutting and direct. "PG&E's board of directors and management have a responsibility to immediately develop a feasible plan," he wrote. "Anything else is irresponsible, a breach of fiduciary duties, and a clear violation of the public trust."



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