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For Representative Barbara Lee, the CA Senate Race Ain't No Crystal Stair

Black women have been saving the Democratic Party. But, does the Democratic Party support Black women?

The answer seems obvious as Black women continue to be woefully underrepresented at the federal and state levels among elected officials and political candidates.

Politics is a cynical and dirty game where white guys with money, whether Democrat or Republican, continue to have the advantage.

Take the California Senate race for example. There are no less than 22 candidates competing and yet two white guys consider each other as the only real competition in the field—Democrat Adam Schiff and Republican Steve Garvey.

As noted by BVN reporter, Breanna Reeves, in California Senate Race: Schiff, Porter Lead in Polls Ahead of Primary Elections, there are however, four candidates who have actually emerged as frontrunners. Beyond Schiff and Garvey, there are also Democratic House Representatives. Katie Porter and Barbara Lee. Porter is ahead of Garvey by one percentage point in the polls for a tenuous second place, claiming 19% and 18% respectively in a recent poll, while Schiff is firmly leading with 24% and Lee, the only Black among those leading in the race, is a distant fourth, barely making double digits (10%) in the polls.

Schiff, after outspending his rivals last year, finished 2023, with \$35M in cash on hand—reportedly more than all the other candidates combined. He is the obvious darling of Democratic Party leadership which makes it clear that although party bosses may talk a good line when in pursuit of Black women voters, the party can't seem to put real support or money behind viable Black women candidates—even those eminently qualified like Lee and this, despite there not being a single elected Black woman in the U.S. Senate. Truth be told, Black women have remained a rarity in the U.S. Senate, having a presence in the esteemed chamber only 11 of the 235 years since it first convened in 1789.

Despite the the Democratic Party's awakening in recent years to the reality that Black women are the mainstay of its constituency, it still can't help but use the same stale political double speech and disingenuous sleight of hand to try and have it both ways with Black women voters as if we are too dense to figure out the game.



U.S. Representative and CA Senate candidate Barbara Lee is currently a distant fourth in the race to fill the seat left vacant by CA Senator Dianne Feinstein who passed away last year. Lee had hoped to run as an incumbent after Newsom promised to temporarily fill the vacant seat with a Black woman. However, much to the chagrin of Lee and her supporters, Newsom appointed a different Black woman, Laphonza Butler, who expressed no interest in running to fill the seat for a full term. (source: barbaraaleeforca.com)

Take for example Newsom's new rule when it was time to appoint someone to replace Dianne Feinstein after she passed away last year. Yes, he kept his commitment to appoint a Black woman but he simultaneously deprived the most competitive Black woman vying for the position, Barbara Lee, the advantage of incumbency, by appointing another Black woman, Laphonza Butler, to the position who expressed no interest or intention of running for the position to serve a full term.

He did this despite the fact that he had no reservations about giving Alex Padilla the incumbency advantage when Kamala Harris became Vice President just three short years ago. At that time, although he could have replaced the lone Black woman senator with another Black woman, he made a promise to do so in the future instead because in that moment, there was a greater need to secure his political bonafide with the Hispanic community. Certainly a Latino Senator from California was warranted and Padilla continues to do a good job.

So it begs the question regarding why he couldn't muster the courage to do the same for a Black woman

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Matsuyama Wins Tiger Woods Genesis Invitational

Charlie Sifford Exemption Player Chase Johnson makes the cut at Riviera



Tiger Woods hosts The Genesis Invitational on the same Riviera course he made his 1992 debut at age 16. (Photo: Jon Gaede BVN/NNPA)

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Tiger Woods plays in his first 2024 PGA event, as Japan's Hideki Matsuyama went low on Sunday, firing a nine under par 62 on a demanding Riviera course to become the first Japanese player to win the tournament at 17 under.

Genesis tournament host Tiger Woods was forced to withdraw during his second round on Friday, due to a severe case of influenza. Woods has hosted the Genesis Tournament in recent years, the same course where he made his initial debut in 1992, at the age of 16.

After three rounds, former UCLA Bruin Patrick Cantlay led the field with a two-stroke lead over Will Zalatoris and Olympic gold medalist Xander Schauffele. Just behind the leaders, Luke List, Harris English, Jason Day, Adam Hadwin and eventual winner Hideki Matsuyama made their runs. World number one

Scottie Scheffler and Murrieta's Rickey Fowler who finished at (-3)

Matsuyama's Sunday back nine was simply phenomenal, marked by bullseye iron play and unconscious putting on a course known for its historically difficult and deceptive greens. To put his final round in perspective, Hideki was a distant six strokes off the lead on hole 11, making a birdie on the 12th for his third in a row. He then birdied 15, 16 and 17 to post a 62, three shots clear of the field.

"To win this tournament was one of my goals when I turned professional and I am a little disappointed that Tiger Woods isn't here to hand me the trophy," said Hideki Matsuyama.

Matsuyama has overcome a recent back and a severe neck issue so painful that he didn't know if he would play again. With the win, he jumped 35 spots on the world ranking list to 20th.

Chase Johnson, this year's recipient of the

Charlie Sifford Memorial Exemption, made the cut at +1 on Friday and played the weekend with the field. Since 2009, the exemption has been a unique effort by the PGA to support the diversity of the game.

"Chase earned the Charlie Sifford Memorial Exemption with his play over the past year," Woods declared.

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Venus and Serena Williams offered Wild Cards at BNP Tournament in Indian Wells



Serena Williams from 2015 BNP tournament play in Indian Wells. The annual professional tennis event returns March 3-17. (Photo: Jon Gaede BVN/NNPA)

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The annual Paribas (BNP) professional tennis tournament is scheduled to be held at Indian Wells Tennis Garden March 3-17. World Number 1 singles players Novak Djokovic and Iga Swiatek will be in the draw.

Both Venus Williams and her sister Serena were offered wild cards to play the BNP this year, however, only Venus has committed to play at this time. Now 43, Venus Williams returns to the desert tournament for the first time since 2019. Venus has 49 WTA titles, including four Olympic gold medals, on her substantial tennis resume.

Coco Gauff, currently ranked third in WTA rankings after winning the U.S. Open in 2023, will play singles and doubles at the tournament. At just 19, Gauff's constancy, tenacity and elevated play has made her a crowd favorite.

**Edward Henderson
California Black Media**

For Jessica Calix, a mother from San Diego, and her 8-year-old son, it was just another typical Monday. She dropped him off at his public charter school and worked on some volunteer activities for the Parent Teacher Association.

However, later that day, torrential rain showers came and washed away the life she knew in a matter of moments.

“I started seeing cars all over the place,” said Calix, who experienced firsthand the Jan. 22 storm that killed three people and significantly

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*- Jessica Calix
San Diego Resident*

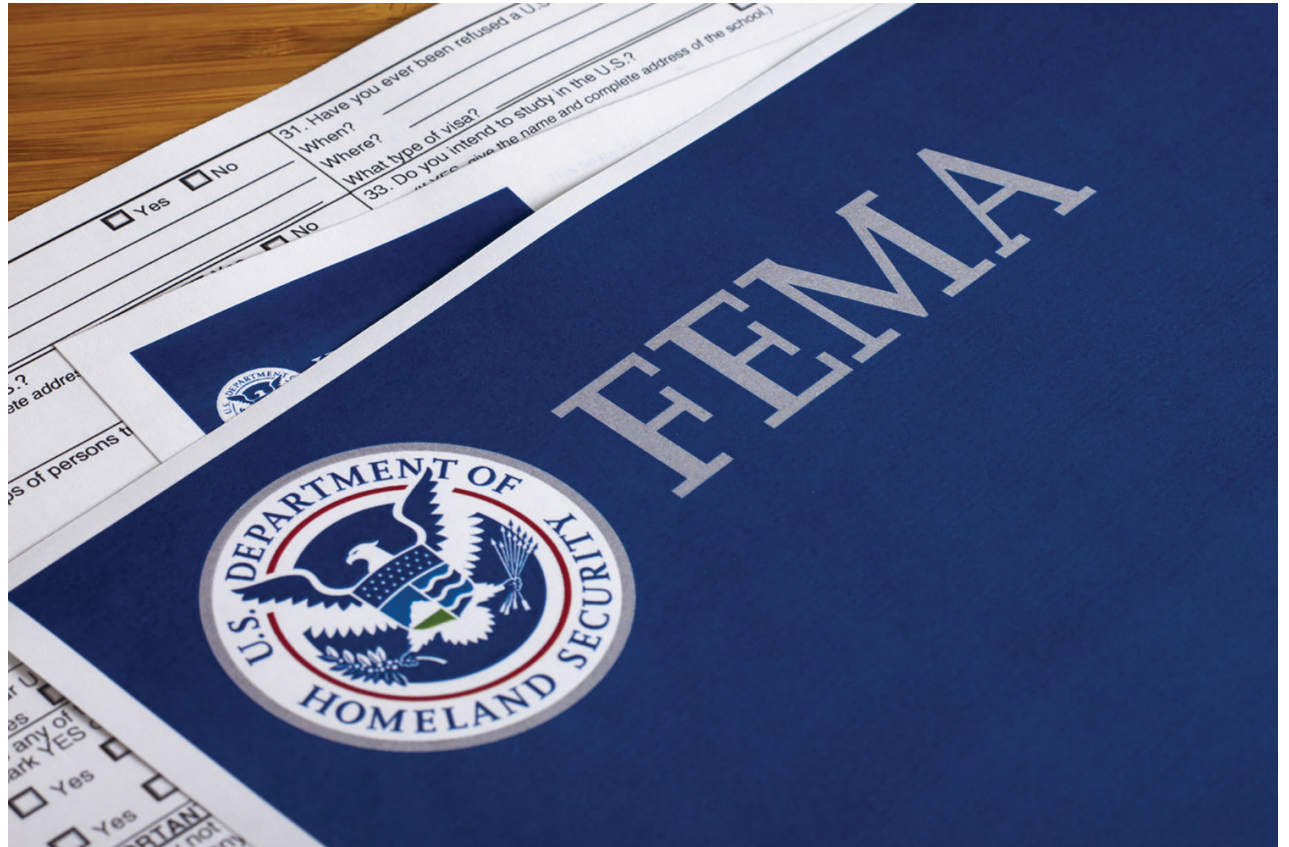
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damaged more than 800 homes, including hers, in primarily lower income communities where the rate of flood insurance coverage is exceptionally low.

“Within an hour I found out that my street is flooded. My neighbor Face Timed me from the water in her living room. In that moment I knew that everything was gone.”

The storm dumped more than 2 inches of rain in just two hours. According to the National Weather Service, it was the fourth wettest day in San Diego since 1850.

Help for Storm Victims: FEMA Arrives in California to Provide Relief



“At its highest point, there was 7 feet of water. A whole neighborhood turned into a lake. People were in there fighting for their lives. Rescue workers didn’t have the supplies to help them. It was such a crazy situation,” Calix said.

Nearly a month later, on Feb. 19, FEMA announced that federal disaster assistance had been made available to California to aid recovery efforts in the areas affected by severe storms and flooding, from January 21-23, 2024.

While the federal aid was a welcome relief, Calix was underwhelmed by the city’s initial response to the disaster.

“When you’re in an underserved community, you know it. It’s an attitude. You see it when you need to call a firetruck or anything, you see this attitude that they don’t believe you until the problem is glaring,” she stated. “That was the tone of what was happening. That’s why the all the flood damage happened. It was preventable.

It was a shock to know my neighbors were in the water and the fire department was just sitting in their cars waiting for someone to bring supplies to save people. There were no helicopters, no backup, nothing. How are we unprepared for this in every way?”

Now that FEMA assistance is available in California, authorities have provided information to help storm victims access it.

How can flood victims apply for FEMA assistance?

The FEMA app is a one-stop shop for victims to register for assistance, click on a desktop link or call 800-621-3362.

What information is FEMA going to ask for when registering?

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California Senate Race: Schiff, Porter Lead in Polls Ahead of Primary Elections



With 22 candidates competing to become California's next senator, four candidates have emerged as frontrunners including Republican Steve Garvey (L); Democratic Rep. Barbara Lee (Center L); Democratic Rep. Katie Porter (Center R); and Democratic Rep. Adam Schiff (R). (source: dornsife.usc.edu)

Schiff is leading the race with 24% of voter support, followed by Porter with 19% and Garvey with 18%. Lee falls behind with 10% of voter support. Only the top two candidates with the most votes will be on the November ballot.

Prior to the televised debate hosted on Feb. 20, most of the candidates had participated in forums hosted by ethnic communities including the Latino Community Foundation and Spanish-language network Univision and Ethnic Media Services (EMS).

Earlier this month EMS and California Black Media hosted a live virtual U.S. Senate forum where frontrunner candidates were invited. While invited, Garvey was the only candidate of the four not in attendance.

During the forum, candidates gave short speeches about their history and qualifications before being asked questions from media representatives on the virtual forum.

Meet Senate candidate Barbara Lee

Lee has been a U.S. representative from California since 1998. Born and raised in El Paso, Texas, Lee shared details about her background including being a survivor of domestic violence, a former business owner and a recipient of a master's degree in social work. Lee has been endorsed by the California Working Families Party and Black Women Organized for Political Action PAC.

"There's a real concern among Black women about their voices being heard. As we know, Black women are the most loyal voting bloc in the Democratic Party — over 91% voted for President Biden in the last election," said Tanu Henry, managing editor of California Black Media. "How will you ensure their voices continue to be heard in our national debates and their perspectives considered in national policymaking?"

Henry posed this question to each candidate, beginning with Lee. As the vice chair of the

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With less than a week away from the primary elections, four U.S. Senate candidates participated in a final debate hosted by NBC4 and Telemundo 52 before voters head to the polls on March 5.

The senate race has garnered much attention following the death of California Democratic Sen. Dianne Feinstein last year. This race marks the state's first open race for a Senate seat since Feinstein was first elected in 1992. Feinstein,

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Black women fight for everyone...So, it's important that I be in the Senate to have that perspective and that lens that would be missing in the United States Senate.

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U.S. Representative &
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the nation's longest-serving woman senator, died at age 90. Though Gov. Gavin Newsom appointed Laphonza Butler to replace Feinstein and complete the term, Butler stated early on that she would not run for a full Senate term in 2024.

With 22 candidates competing to become California's next senator, four candidates have emerged as frontrunners: Democratic Rep. Adam Schiff, former L.A. Dodgers baseball player and Republican Steve Garvey, Democratic Rep. Katie Porter and Democratic Rep. Barbara Lee.

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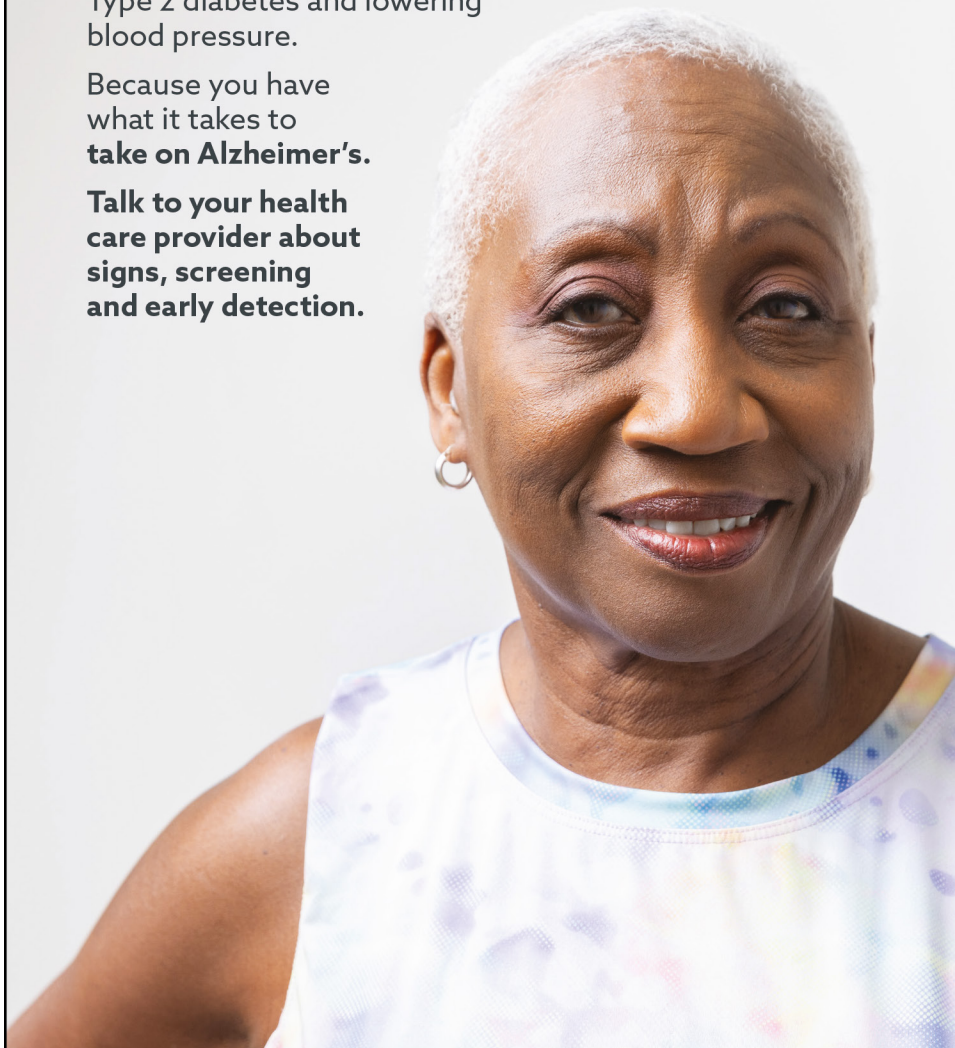
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Hideki Matsuyama shoots an incredible 62 to bury the field and win the Genesis Invitational by three. (Photo: Jon Gaede BVN)



Chase Johnson, this year's Charlie Sifford Memorial Exemption player makes the cut and plays the weekend. (Photo Robert Attical BVN)

During the last APGA Tour season, Johnson played near the top of the leaderboard in all 11 tournaments, including three wins and seven second place finishes. "The best part is playing this historical course," said Johnson, who compares the iconic fairway on 18 to an amphitheater.

Riviera's subtle design dictates that players consistently put the ball into favorable positions on the fairways, although Chase met the challenge of the course all week, he reflected that his putting needs to be better on the tougher greens like this. Johnson returned to the APGA Tour this week to compete in the Cisco Black History Month Classic in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida.

"I really appreciate playing at Riviera and I will be back," Johnson stated.

A Hold That Won't Let Go: Mental Health Impacts of Criminal Justice Contact

by Aryana Noroozi

Driving down the 10 freeway east at 5 a.m. the sun would still sleep below the horizon for over an hour as Adam Garcia and his mother, Nena, traveled to his court hearing at the Larson Justice Center in Indio, CA, located in Riverside County's Coachella Valley. Every month, they make sure to leave Los Angeles by 4 a.m. to account for traffic or car issues. Court starts at 8:30 a.m.

Adam has attended monthly court proceedings for over five years since being charged with being over the age of 21, and enticing a minor under 16-years-old to a location to engage in unlawful sexual intercourse. He was arrested three times – in Newport Beach in October 2018, in Studio City in March 2021, and in the City of San Fernando in April 2021.

In 2018, Adam was arrested under an initial arrest warrant issued by the Riverside County Sheriff's Department, and was later released on bail. Two years later, while trying to gain access to an August 2020 court date, security claimed that Adam was exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms and denied him entry. Adam's request to revoke the arrest warrant for being denied entry to the court was denied. This led to Adam having three arrests on his record as of Spring 2021— which Adam claims were illegal — leaving him traumatized.

Adam lives in constant fear of being targeted by the Riverside County District Attorney since charges were refiled against him in December 2021, after the original charges were dismissed by the appellate court. This ongoing fear is why he requested to be photographed anonymously.

Adam says he is innocent.

This fear began after Adam was arrested in 2021 outside his home at gunpoint by an alleged fugitive recovery agent, who claimed to be a sheriff. The Ventura County Sheriff's Office had no record of such a person, according to a public records request.

Since being arrested in Los Angeles County and transported to a detention center in Riverside, Adam and his mother, who witnessed his arrest, constantly fear being followed and arrested by a plainclothes fugitive recovery agent claiming to be police officers.

Adam's fear of being arrested isn't uncommon. A 2023 analysis of arrests made by the Los Angeles Police Department between 2019 and 2022 demonstrates the disparate rate of Black and Latino people who



Nena Garcia uses a lint roller to remove dog fur from her son, Adam Garcia's clothing before entering the Larson Justice Center in Indio for his court hearing on January 23, 2024. They arrived just after sunset to ensure they had enough time to make it to court if they encountered any traffic or car trouble. Adam's interaction with the criminal justice system leaves them feeling constantly afraid. Since his arrests in 2021, they spend almost every hour of the day together out of fear of Adam being rearrested. (Aryana Noroozi for Black Voice News / CatchLight Local)

are arrested. According to the analysis of police data by Los Angeles City Controller Kenneth Mejia, Black people account for 8% of the county's population, but accounted for 27% of all arrests. Latinos, who makeup 48% of the county, accounted for 51% of all arrests.

In a research article published by Kristin Turney and Sara Wakefield, they note that several forms of criminal justice contact can result in life-altering changes and are important to understanding “the creation and maintenance of inequality.” They reference the murder of Philando Castile, who, prior to being shot by the police, had been pulled over dozens of times over the course of several years for minor traffic violations.

“One uneventful police stop or citation on its own might be considered inconsequential. Some might also be tempted to consider even many police stops less consequential if they never lead to deeper contact

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Nena carries binders full of legal documents and books to her car on January 22, 2024 after working all day at a cafe to prepare for Adam's court case the following morning. During court, she noted the fatigue and exhaustion that she felt from the preparation. (Aryana Noroozi for Black Voice News / CatchLight Local)

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within the system. But how many is too many and what are the consequences for inequality?" the authors questioned.

After the incident, the family abandoned their Studio City apartment, left all their possessions behind including Adam's paintings that lined every wall, and moved into a family member's nearby home where Nena encouraged Adam to stay inside for months.

"When we're thinking about why arrest would be a mental health stressor, it's both the physical experience and emotional experience of arrest," said Naomi Sugie, University of California, Irvine (UCI) professor of Criminology, Law and Society, in an interview with Black Voice News.

"Arrest can also entail what we refer to as anticipatory stress," which Sugie explained involves uncertainty about what will happen as a result of the arrest.

"When you look at security cameras, when you look at random people... imagine walking around the mall, thinking that somebody is possibly following you, or that they might reverse the bail [just] while you're [out] walking or going to eat a good meal," Adam remarked about his life now.

Before 2018, Adam used to wake up and head to the gym. He said used to live in a nice neighborhood and drive a BMW. He enjoyed going dancing with friends, DJing and painting. As a coffee lover, he aspired to open his own coffee shop. Adam's passion, above all, was producing music. From 2006 to 2007, he studied audio engineering at the Los Angeles Musicians Institute.

"It feels like life is over," he said. "Because at one point, I had a very good life."

A waiting game

Now, Adam wakes up fearful everyday. He is never without a member of his family, even to the point of informing them when he uses the restroom in public places like malls. Adam's days are filled with studying the law and writing motions to have the case dismissed.

Throughout Adam's interactions with the criminal justice system, he has encountered difficult and unprecedented challenges. Attorneys assigned to him from both the public defender's office and the conflicts panel both declared conflicts of interest throughout his case.

A conflicts panel consists of a group of private attorneys who are appointed to cases when the public defender's office declares a conflict of interest. Adam has kept a list of the attorneys that have represented him at some point in the last five years. The list includes



Documents that Adam utilizes to fight his case line the floor of their former apartment in the San Fernando Valley on September 21, 2022. Since moving out due to mold infestation, Nena, Adam, his father and younger brother have stayed with family members for nearly six months. Fighting the case consumes their time and financial resources, and has taken a toll on the entire family. (Aryana Noroozi for Black Voice News / CatchLight Local)

public defenders, conflict panel attorneys and private attorneys.

In late 2023, Ryan Markson, Adam's former attorney from the conflicts panel, ordered him to complete a psychological competency evaluation in 2024, Markson recused himself after Adam requested an investigation into Markson by the state bar.

Adam has been studying the criminal justice system and has had to navigate the intricacies of the law, all while facing the possibility of imprisonment.

Currently, Adam is waiting to meet his new conflicts panel appointed attorney, which he believes he should not be working with because of the panel's previous declaration of conflict. At the crux of these changes lies the impact of his ongoing interactions with the criminal justice system on his mental health.

"I feel discriminated against. I feel poor," Adam said, explaining how his case has ruined his self-esteem.

"Why would anybody want to be my friend now? Look what's on my record. I feel like nobody would

want to give me a chance."

Nena said she feels like a gun is to her head.

"They're just waiting to pull the f— trigger on us, and [everyday] I'm trying to find a way for us to dodge that gun," Nena expressed.

Nena is a real estate broker and mortgage broker, but the burden of Adam's case prevents her from working. "Sometimes buying a home is going to take somebody six months. How can I spend six months trying to show properties when my son's life is going down the drain?" Nena asked. Adam lives with his younger brother, mother and father. His case has impacted all of their lives.

Tangible impacts of criminal justice contact

Incarceration is just one facet of the criminal justice system that impacts a person's mental health. According to a research study by UCI professors Sugie and Kristin Turney, other forms of criminal justice contact have lasting effects on a person's mental health.

Their study, "Beyond Incarceration: Criminal Justice Contact and Mental Health," examines the factors that



Photograph of a painting Adam made before his case began. He lost most of his artwork when his family left their apartment out of fear after he was followed and arrested there in 2021. (Courtesy of Adam Garcia)

on prosecution,” Quarles said. “It can drive you to a different place. Mentally, it can break you. I’ve seen people get broken.”

Much data and research exists detailing how incarceration affects a person’s mental health, however, there are few studies that examine the impact of the mental health of people who encounter different levels of the criminal justice system, like Adam.

In their research, Sugie and Turney found that “the consequences of criminal justice contact for mental health have a far greater reach than previously considered.”

In examining the link between criminal justice contact and mental health, the authors use a framework to examine the connection by acknowledging how being arrested can be a stressor that gives way to other stressors, such as feelings of powerlessness, uncertainty, stigma and police contact. All of these stressors may directly increase mental health problems.

“Anticipatory stress can really have an impact not only on the incarcerated person, but on their family members because they are also anticipating the uncertainty around what happens after this arrest,”



Nena and Adam use their phone to make calls to their family members after Adam’s court hearing in Indio on January 23, 2024. They say they can momentarily relax once court is over. Their drive is three hours each way and they often do not sleep the night before. (Aryana Noroozi for Black Voice News / CatchLight Local)



said Sugie.

Adam’s mother is always sure a family member is with Adam when he calls to check in with his bail bondsman, to act as a witness.

“Why? Because they have traumatized us,” Nena said.

“They took away my thirties”

Adam was 33 when he was first arrested. “I’m 39 and they took away my thirties.”

Today, his mind is occupied by the various potential dangers of his current situation. If found guilty of the charges, Adam said he could face up to 10 years in prison. Each court date contributes to Adam and Nena’s anxiety as they run through possible outcomes.

“Everytime you go to court, you’re probably thinking, ‘Hey, this judge can take away my bail if the judge wants to.’ You never feel safe. You never feel secure when you’re going through that process,” said Monica Nguyen, a Riverside County deputy public defender.

As a member of the mental health court team, Nguyen’s specialty is mental health and competency to stand trial.

“You have to understand that feeling safe and secure is so fundamental to exist as a healthy person,” Nguyen said.

For Adam, one of the biggest impacts of his case is the isolation and “not having anyone to talk to about anything.”

He described recently disclosing his situation to a new friend, “which was very therapeutic for me,” he said.

But this conversation hasn’t always been easy.

“I told two people that I tried to be friends with – I told them that I’m being prosecuted. One of them took it well, the other one doesn’t talk to me anymore,” he said.

His extended family has lent Adam and Nena money to fight the case. But as the years passed, he has fielded questions about when it will end.

“I’m not sure if they believe that it’s even possible to win the case,” Adam said. His aunt has asked him why he doesn’t just take a deal.

Stressors Beyond the System

“Stress proliferation is this idea that one stressor like arrest can then lead to these other stressors, like losing a job, or having problems in your relationships,” said Sugie. “All of those things sort of accumulate and take a real toll on your health and your mental health.”

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Adam’s dog Blue sits beside him under a table at the cafe where Adam writes a motion on February 8, 2024. He and Nena will often stay at the cafe from open to close working on his case. (Aryana Noroozi for Black Voice News / CatchLight Local)

influence how stress is perceived, responded to and managed.

The study “suggests that three forms of criminal justice contact — arrest, conviction, and incarceration, all concentrated among individuals in disadvantaged status positions — are salient stressors that impair mental health.”

Adam Garcia and his mother fall into the category of people who have made criminal justice contact as a result of his arrests and ongoing court proceedings. Coupled with their identities as Mexican Americans and current socioeconomic challenges they are in a disadvantaged position, according to their study.

Vonya Quarles, attorney and co-founder of Starting Over, Inc., a non profit organization that employs a holistic approach to reentry, explained that Black and brown people are overrepresented within the criminal justice system and disproportionately face its impacts, including changes to their psychological well-being.

“People go in without mental illness, or at least it just hasn’t surfaced yet. [They have] no history of a mental health condition. But you go through a process that doesn’t hear your innocence. It ignores your innocence, and focuses

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The combined stress of trying to generate sufficient income, not overdraft their bank accounts, pay for gas, afford notary and document fees weighs heavily on the Garcia family.

Adam relies on the small income other family members generate from working as food delivery couriers throughout the day, picking up and delivering food from restaurants to customers across Los Angeles. The flexible hours are ideal since most of the family's time is dedicated to working on the case, supporting Adam as he writes motions and studies legal processes.

On average, Adam spends six to 12 hours each day preparing legal documents and motions, always accompanied by Nena.

"Even to file the motion, they charge \$2. Sometimes we don't even have \$2. It's so little, but sometimes on a credit card [there] isn't even that."

Adam said anticipating his next court date is nearly impossible and anxiety-inducing. The unpredictability makes it hard for either of them to be tethered to any obligations outside of the case.

Some days he is told to return the following day or week to continue proceedings that were supposed to be previously addressed. Days like that fuels Adams anxiety, considering he travels three hours each way — a total of six hours — to and from court. Oftentimes, they are worried if their car will make the drive without popping a tire and at times, have relied on transportation from others.

"Just getting to court becomes a task or a chore," said Quarles. "Transportation is another barrier, especially here in the inland region. [So is] remembering the court date and remembering it correctly."

Even when Adam and Nena leave the courtroom, the stress of preparing for another court appearance follows them home.

"I wake up as early as possible, so we can squeeze in as much things that we can because there's so much to do... to be ready for his next court date," Nena said. "I always feel like I'm running out of time."

In previous years, they hired private attorneys to defend Adam, but it never worked out. Now, with their resources depleted, it is nearly impossible for Adam to secure a private attorney, so the cycle continues.

Without a full-time job and at their mental capacity, Adam and Nena were unable to secure a new apartment when they were forced to relocate due to a mold infestation. The ongoing stress of their case, combined with their sudden move, has left them without a permanent residence. Over the last six months, they have been staying in their extended family members' homes. Adam's younger brother,



Nena looks over to Adam's screen as he prepares a motion to be heard the following day at his court hearing on January 22, 2024. (Aryana Noroozi for Black Voice News / CatchLight Local)

Bryant, has been financially supporting the family.

Adam has not sought psychological treatment.

"I feel like I don't have time. Because either I go to the psychologist, and he'll waste two hours or three hours of my day when I can be researching and reading or writing the next thing for court," he said.

Adam is unsure if he'll ever seek treatment, even when his case is over. Adam isn't alone. According to NAMI, many communities of color do not seek treatment for their mental health due to stigma, cultural differences and a lack of cultural competence among providers.

"I don't know if I believe in therapy," he said, adding that he has not seen anyone that attended treatment sessions and overcame what they needed to.

Nena said she is a strong believer in jogging everyday, going on a hike or walk on the beach, taking pictures and spending time with friends.

"That's probably, to me, more therapeutic than talking to another person that probably is more messed up than you are and trying to fix you," she said.

However, even if the Garcias decide to seek mental health resources, finding services in their current situation could be difficult, according to Nguyen. Treatment programs are often accessible to people much later such as within prison or in reentry programs.

"We do have treatment programs, but not to assist the average person who needs the treatment to assist them with just getting through the criminal justice system," she said.

Public mental health treatment is offered through Riverside University Health Systems, but those services are "separate and distinct from court processes," Nguyen said. She added that these systems are often already overburdened.

"Although a large literature considers the health consequences of incarceration, it is not the most frequent type of contact, nor is it necessarily the most consequential or long-lasting form of interaction," Sugie and Turner wrote in their study.

Adam is one of thousands of residents across Southern California's Inland Empire who has made contact with the criminal justice system. Although he has not been convicted nor incarcerated, —but jailed each time he was arrested — the ongoing court proceedings, fear of police and his inability to create a stable life for his family has left a heavy imprint on his mental health.

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Equality Caucus, Lee explained that she was placed in that role as a result of her fighting for equality and fighting to fix democracy for people of color, for African Americans and for the LGBTQ plus community.

“Black women fight for everyone,” Lee said. “So, it’s important that I be in the Senate to have that perspective and that lens that would be missing in the United States Senate.”

Meet Senate candidate Adam Schiff

When the same question was posed to Schiff, he shared that in his role as Intelligence Committee Chair he noticed that the committee was “very white, very male” and worked to diversify committee staff across other agencies. Beyond diversifying committees, Schiff wants to ensure equitable access to services in the state including health care and equitable distribution of resources.

Schiff is a husband and father of two who grew up in Alamo, CA. Prior to his move to politics, Schiff worked in the U.S. Attorney’s Office in Los Angeles as a federal prosecutor and prosecuted a former Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) agent. Schiff has been a U.S. representative since 2001 and serves as a member of the House Committee on the Judiciary. Schiff is endorsed by United Farm Workers and Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi.

During the EMS live forum, Schiff also addressed environmental injustices that disproportionately impact communities of color throughout the state, emphasizing the Inland Empire.

“I’m going to fight — when I bring back resources to California — to make sure that those resources are equitably distributed, that they go to communities of color, that when we’re dealing with the environment, we’re also dealing with environmental injustices in places like the Inland Empire where you have warehouse built on top of warehouse built on top of warehouse in very suburban and urban areas,” Schiff said.

Meet Senate candidate Katie Porter

In response to Henry’s question, Porter first began by applauding the work of Butler in her role as Feinstein’s replacement.

“There is no doubt that our next senator needs to be a champion for communities of color, particularly for Black Americans,” Porter said.

Before Porter joined Congress, she practiced law and studied consumer protection law under now U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren. Porter then went on to become a “consumer protection advocate.” Porter is a single mother to three school-aged children and is known for using a whiteboard in Congress to get her points across.

Porter addressed California’s affordable housing crisis, and shared her intent on ensuring that the federal government invests in affordable homeownership and works to “undo the harms of racist redlining policies.”

“I think we deserve a senator who doesn’t just talk about our democracy. We need a leader who is active to strengthen our democracy; showing as I have, that a grassroots army can defeat corporate special interests,” Porter said.

According to the PPIC survey, Schiff has the most voter support in the San Francisco Bay Area (32%) and Los Angeles County (26%). Porter’s support is highest in her own district of Orange County and San Diego County (29%). Garvey has the most support in Orange and San Diego Counties (25%), the Inland Empire (24%) and the Central Valley (21%). The survey did not offer voter support data for Lee.

As the primary election draws closer, voters will decide which two candidates will advance to the general election in November. As of now, Schiff and Porter lead with the highest percentage of support among voters, followed by Garvey who is the only Republican candidate among the four leading candidates.

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like Lee? The answer is obvious—someone else was being groomed by party bosses for the position—Adam Schiff.

By appointing another Black woman as a “placeholder” Newsom was able to say he kept his promise even though he simultaneously disadvantaged the most competitive Black woman in the state who was sincerely interested and imminently qualified. Also, in the process, he made the way much easier for the choice of Democratic party leadership and key party donors—Schiff.

It was a move with little risk for the Democratic Party, a clear advantage for Schiff and little loss of credibility for Newsom. After all, the party is confident Black voters will vote the Democratic ticket regardless; and those who follow politics know Lee does not accept PAC or lobbyist money so there was little chance of her raising the top dollars needed to increase her name recognition—something Newsom’s appointment could have assisted with and in doing so, possibly helped to level the playing field for her.

Lee has more than 34 years experience in the political arena—26 years in the U.S. House of Representatives, co-chairs the House Policy and Steering Committee and has a seat on the powerful Appropriations Committee.

Before Newsom’s sleight of hand, Lee was considered a top choice for the Senate from the moment Newsom made his pledge to appoint a Black woman were Feinstein unable to complete her term.

One thing we know for sure, Lee has shown herself to be more courageous than what Newsom proved to be when he was under pressure to make the appointment to replace Feinstein despite his promise.

Lee showed her political courage in the wake of 9/11, when she stood as the lone member of the U.S. House and Senate combined to vote against former President George W. Bush’s foray into Iraq and Afghanistan.

She was rewarded for her courage with death threats and calls of “traitor”.

Through it all, she held true to what she called the central theme of our democracy. She defined it as “[T]he requirement to offer a different point of view if we think that the mainstream point of view is not what’s gonna keep us safe and secure.”

She stood on the point of righteousness and

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Women and Minorities Bear the Brunt of Medical Misdiagnosis



As a Black woman, Charity Watkins is among two of the groups most likely to experience a medical misdiagnosis. Hers put her life at risk. (KATE MEDLEY FOR KFF HEALTH NEWS)

Liz Szabo | Kaiser Health News

Charity Watkins sensed something was deeply wrong when she experienced exhaustion after her daughter was born.

At times, Watkins, then 30, had to stop on the stairway to catch her breath. Her obstetrician said postpartum depression likely caused the weakness and fatigue. When Watkins, who is Black, complained of a cough, her doctor blamed the flu.

About eight weeks after delivery, Watkins thought she was having a heart attack, and her husband took her to the emergency room. After a 5½-hour wait in a North Carolina hospital, she returned home to nurse her baby without seeing a doctor.

When a physician finally examined Watkins three days later, he immediately noticed her legs and stomach were swollen, a sign that her body was retaining fluid. After a chest X-ray, the doctor diagnosed her with heart failure, a serious condition in which the heart becomes too weak to adequately pump oxygen-rich blood to organs throughout the body. Watkins spent two weeks in intensive care.

She said a cardiologist later told her, “We almost lost you.”

Watkins is among 12 million adults misdiagnosed every year in the U.S.

In a study published Jan. 8 in *JAMA Internal Medicine*, researchers found that nearly 1 in 4 hospital patients who died or were transferred to intensive care had experienced a diagnostic error. Nearly 18% of misdiagnosed patients were harmed or died.

In all, an estimated 795,000 patients a year die or are permanently disabled because of misdiagnosis, according to a study published in July in the *BMJ Quality & Safety* periodical.

Some patients are at higher risk than others.

Women and racial and ethnic minorities are 20% to 30% more likely than white men to experience a misdiagnosis, said David Newman-Toker, a professor of neurology at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine and the lead author of the *BMJ* study. “That’s significant and inexcusable,” he said.

Researchers call misdiagnosis an urgent public health problem. The study found that rates of misdiagnosis range from 1.5% of heart attacks to 17.5% of strokes and 22.5% of lung cancers.

Weakening of the heart muscle — which led to Watkins’ heart failure — is the most common cause

of maternal death one week to one year after delivery, and is more common among Black women.

Heart failure “should have been No. 1 on the list of possible causes” for Watkins’ symptoms, said Ronald Wyatt, chief science and chief medical officer at the Society to Improve Diagnosis in Medicine, a nonprofit research and advocacy group.

Maternal mortality for Black mothers has increased dramatically in recent years. The United States has the highest maternal mortality rate among developed countries. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, non-Hispanic Black mothers are 2.6 times as likely to die as non-Hispanic white moms. More than half of these deaths take place within a year after delivery.

Research shows that Black women with childbirth-related heart failure are typically diagnosed later than white women, said Jennifer Lewey, co-director of the pregnancy and heart disease program at Penn Medicine. That can allow patients to further deteriorate, making Black women less likely to fully recover and more likely to suffer from weakened hearts for the rest of their lives.

Watkins said the diagnosis changed her life. Doctors advised her “not to have another baby, or I might need a heart transplant,” she said. Being deprived of the chance to have another child, she said, “was devastating.”

Racial and gender disparities are widespread.

Women and minority patients suffering from heart attacks are more likely than others to be discharged without diagnosis or treatment.

Black people with depression are more likely than others to be misdiagnosed with schizophrenia.

Minorities are less likely than whites to be diagnosed early with dementia, depriving them of the opportunities to receive treatments that work best in the early stages of the disease.

Misdiagnosis isn’t new. Doctors have used autopsy studies to estimate the percentage of patients who died with undiagnosed diseases for more than a century. Although those studies show some improvement over time, life-threatening mistakes remain all too common, despite an array of sophisticated diagnostic tools, said Hardeep Singh, a professor at Baylor College of Medicine who studies ways to improve diagnosis.

“The vast majority of diagnoses can be made by getting to know the patient’s story really well, asking follow-up questions, examining the patient, and ordering basic tests,” said Singh, who is also a researcher at Houston’s Michael E. DeBakey VA

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s. Akeem Caldwell, President
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Peter Aldana, Riverside County Clerk, FILE NO. R-202318014
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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
File No. R-201802975
FLEXITIONS

1668 Palmyrita Ave, Unit B
Riverside, CA 92507
RIVERSIDE COUNTY
KURVE, LLC
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CA

This business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company
The fictitious business name(s) referred to above was filed in Riverside County on 03/02/2018

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 is punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1000.))

s. Gary John Hernandez, Managing Member
Peter Aldana, Riverside County, Clerk FILE NO R-201802975
p. 2/15/24, 2/22/24, 2/29/24, 3/07/24

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Carla Altman Taylor
78701 Rockwell Circle
Palm Desert, CA 92211

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s. Carla Altman Taylor
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Peter Aldana, Riverside County Clerk, FILE NO. R-202401039
p. 2/08/24, 2/15/24, 2/22/24, 2/29/24

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CA

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s. Brent Lee, President
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Peter Aldana, Riverside County Clerk, FILE NO. R-202401236
p. 2/08/24, 2/15/24, 2/22/24, 2/29/24

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER CVSW2401141

To All Interested Persons: Petitioner: CITTANY SELLERS filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: CITTANY LYNN NORA SELLES to. CITTANY LYNN NORA BROWN. The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court 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 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: 4/18/24 Time: 8:00AM Dept: S101 . The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 30755-D AULD ROAD, MURRIETA, CA 92563, SOUTHWEST JUSTICE

CENTER. 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: 02/14/24
BELINDA A. HANDY, Judge of the Superior Court
p. 2/29/24, 3/07/24, 3/14/24, 3/21/24

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER CVMV2400736

To All Interested Persons: Petitioner: SAMIR SAID and RIHANA AMIR filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: a. NADIYA SAMIR SAID to. NADIYA SAMIR. b. LINA SAMIR SAID to. LINA SAMIR. The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court 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 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: 3/22/24 Time: 8:00AM Dept: MV2. The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, RIVERSIDE SUPERIOR COURT, MORENO VALLEY BRANCH 13800 HEACOCK STREET #201, MORENO VALLEY, CA 92553 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: 02/21/24
SAMRA FURBUSH, Judge of the Superior Court
p. 2/29/24, 3/07/24, 3/14/24, 3/21/24

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER CVSW2401275

To All Interested Persons: Petitioner: DAISY KRYSYAL RAMIREZ SALGADO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: DAISY KRYSYAL RAMIREZ SALGADO to. DAISY KRYSYAL ESPINOZA SALGADO. The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court 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 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: 5/2/24 Time: 8:00AM Dept: S101 . The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, SOUTHWEST JUSTICE CENTER 30755-D AULD STREET, MURRIETA, CA 92563, SOUTHWEST JUSTICE CENTER. 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: FEB 16, 2024
BELINDA A. HANDY, Judge of the Superior Court
p. 2/22/24, 2/29/24, 3/07/24, 3/14/24

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER CVCO2400741

To All Interested Persons: Petitioner: ANDREI JERICHO BARRERA CASPELLAN filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: ANDREI JERICHO BARRERA CASPELLAN to. ANDREI JERICHO BARRERA OREIRO. The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court 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 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: 3/27/24 Time: 8:00AM Dept: C2 . The address of the court is RIVERSIDE SUPERIOR COURT, CORONA BRANCH, 505 S. BUENA VISTA AVENUE, RM 201, CORONA, CA 92882 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: BLACK VOICE NEWS 1201 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, SUITE 210, RIVERSIDE, CA. 92507

Date: 02/09/24
TAMARA L. WAGNER, Judge of the Superior Court
p. 2/29/24, 3/07/24, 3/14/24, 3/21/24

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER CVMV2400953

To All Interested Persons: Petitioner: JOKANAN DANIEL RUEDA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: JOKANAN DANIEL RUEDA to. MARCUS DANIEL SOLLIZ 3rd. The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court 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 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: 3/29/24 Time: 8:00AM Dept: MV2. The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, MORENO VALLEY BRANCH 13800 HEACOCK STREET D-201, MORENO VALLEY, CALIFORNIA 92553 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: 02/13/24
SAMRA FURBUSH, Judge of the Superior Court
p. 2/29/24, 3/07/24, 3/14/24, 3/21/24

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER CVSW2400073

To All Interested Persons: Petitioner: DANNIE L. FITE filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: DANNIE L. FITE to. DANNIE L. FITE.

The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court 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 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: 3/21/24 Time: 8:00AM Dept: S101. The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 30755-D AULD STREET, MURRIETA, CA 92563, SOUTHWEST JUSTICE CENTER.

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Date: Jan 05, 2024
BELINDA A. HANDY, Judge of the Superior Court
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- A current phone number that can be used to contact victims
- Address of the damaged primary residence
- Social Security number
- A general list of damages and losses
- Information about insurance coverage
- Bank account and routing numbers for direct deposit of funds

“Our number one goal right now is to encourage folks who are uninsured or underinsured to apply for FEMA,” FEMA External Affairs Officer Brady Penn told California Black Media.

“It takes 20 minutes for most folks. Once you’re registered, usually within a couple of days people can see money in their bank accounts. Things are moving quickly and there has already been quite a bit of money already dispersed through these programs,” Penn added. “We

really want as many people as possible who were impacted by that storm in January to apply so they can jumpstart their recovery and get back on their feet.”

Assistance can include grants for temporary housing and home repairs, low-interest loans to cover uninsured property losses, and other programs to help individuals and business owners recover from the effects of the disaster.

FEMA officers are currently in the San Diego area assessing damage and aiding with registration to receive services. Federal funding is also available on a cost-sharing basis for hazard mitigation measures statewide.

“We are also planning to open disaster recovery centers,” said Penn. “There will be at least one, potentially several disaster recovery centers in the county in the coming weeks that will open. Those will be a one-stop shop for

people who were impacted by those storms to go and get assistance. If you applied for FEMA assistance online and you were confused by something or got a letter/call that you didn’t understand, we want you to be able to go in and get assistance. Small Business Admin will be there, state and local people will be there as well. That’s the current layout.”

Calix is hopeful that the FEMA assistance will help the many displaced individuals affected by the flooding last month. She still acknowledges people are hesitant to trust outsiders and many fear they will be denied the services they need.

“It’s this weird balance of trusting the process and things will be ok. When you’re a parent you just have to be strong and not let the uncertainty weigh you down. You have to believe that some kind of miracle is going to come through,” she said.

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Medical Center. When talking to people who've been misdiagnosed, "one of the things we hear over and over is, "The doctor didn't listen to me."

Racial disparities in misdiagnosis are sometimes explained by noting that minority patients are less likely to be insured than white patients and often lack access to high-quality hospitals. But the picture is more complicated, said Monika Goyal, an emergency physician at Children's National Hospital in Washington, D.C., who has documented racial bias in children's health care.

In a 2020 study, Goyal and her colleagues found that Black kids with appendicitis were less likely than their white peers to be correctly diagnosed, even when both groups of patients visited the same hospital.

Although few doctors deliberately discriminate against women or minorities, Goyal said, many are biased without realizing it.

"Racial bias is baked into our culture," Goyal said. "It's important for all of us to start recognizing that."

Demanding schedules, which prevent doctors from spending as much time with patients as they'd like, can contribute to diagnostic errors, said Karen Lutfey Spencer, a professor of health and behavioral sciences at the University of Colorado-Denver. "Doctors are more likely to make biased decisions when they are busy and overworked," Spencer said. "There are some really smart, well-intentioned providers who are getting chewed up in a system that's very unforgiving."

Doctors make better treatment decisions when they're more confident of a diagnosis, Spencer said.

In an experiment, researchers asked doctors to view videos of actors pretending to be patients with heart disease or depression, make a diagnosis, and recommend follow-up actions. Doctors felt far more certain diagnosing white men than Black patients or younger women.

"If they were less certain, they were less likely to take action, such as ordering tests," Spencer said. "If they were less certain, they might just wait to prescribe treatment."

It's easy to see why doctors are more confident when diagnosing white men, Spencer said. For more than a century, medical textbooks have illustrated diseases with stereotypical images of white men. Only 4.5% of images in general medical textbooks feature patients with dark skin.

That may help explain why patients with darker complexions are less likely to receive a timely diagnosis with conditions that affect the skin, from cancer to Lyme disease, which causes a red or pink rash in the earliest stage of infection. Black patients

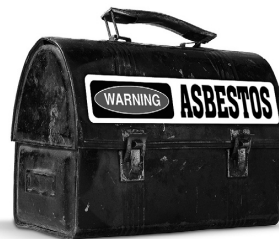
with Lyme disease are more likely to be diagnosed with more advanced disease, which can cause arthritis and damage the heart. Black people with melanoma are about three times as likely as whites to die within five years.

The covid-19 pandemic helped raise awareness that pulse oximeters — the fingertip devices used to measure a patient's pulse and oxygen levels — are less accurate for people with dark skin. The devices work by shining light through the skin; their failures have delayed critical care for many Black patients.

Seven years after her misdiagnosis, Watkins is an assistant professor of social work at North Carolina Central University in Durham, where she studies the psychosocial effects experienced by Black mothers who survive severe childbirth complications.

"Sharing my story is part of my healing," said Watkins, who speaks to medical groups to help doctors improve their care. "It has helped me reclaim power in my life, just to be able to help others."

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more than two decades later, most agree that she, alone among her peers, made the correct call.

The day she cast her vote she declared how she relied on, "My moral compass, my conscience, and my gut for direction," something we certainly need more of in today's political arena where political expediency too often takes precedence over everything else—including morality.

Even now, as most Democrats are dancing around the atrocities of Israel in Gaza and President Joe Biden has tied himself to Israeli President Benjamin Netanyahu, who, not unlike former U.S. President Donald Trump, is facing serious criminal charges including fraud, breach of trust and accepting bribes in three separate scandals involving media moguls and wealthy associates, Lee has called for a permanent ceasefire between Israel and Hamas. Although she affirms Israel deserves to be secure, she expressed her belief that America needs to "prioritize our investments into preventing wars and into development and diplomacy and humanitarian [support]..." while affirming the military solution will always be there.

A real concern continues to exist among many Black women, that we are not being heard, that we cast our votes, but are not represented, that promises are made, and then indiscriminately broken.

There is no guarantee that Lee would have won this year's primary and if she prevailed there was no certainty she would be elected in November. But, what she deserved was the same opportunity that has been afforded to other political players in years passed. She deserved for Newsom to keep his promise—fairly. She deserved a chance to run as an incumbent. After 34 years of loyalty to the Democratic Party, she deserved their loyalty in return.

Instead, what she got, what Black women voters got, was a reminder that no matter how many votes Black women cast, we remain part of a caste system where the political rules of the game are different for us. This too must change. Is Newsom and the state Democratic party ready to enshrine it into law that no competitive candidate in the future will ever be appointed to complete an unfinished term of office so that no one in the future will ever again have the advantage of incumbency? I doubt it.

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

S.E. Williams
Executive Editor



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