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# KEEPING IT REAL

# America, A Country Without Compassion for Its Homeless



Front row, left to right: Associate Justice Sonia Sotomayor, Associate Justice Clarence Thomas, Chief Justice John G. Roberts, Jr., Associate Justice Samuel A. Alito, Jr., and Associate Justice Elena Kagan; Back row, left to right: Associate Justice Amy Coney Barrett, Associate Justice Neil M. Gorsuch, Associate Justice Brett M. Kavanaugh, and Associate Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson. Credit: Fred Schilling, Collection of the Supreme Court of the United States

mong the many ways the U.S. Supreme Court stretched its conservative wings last week was through a series of right wing rulings that set the internet and morally conscious citizens across the country on fire with an overwhelming sense of injustice and a powerful determination that the country must change course.

Besides ruling that the nation's former President, Donald J. Trump was/is entitled to nearly unbridled immunity when he holds the title of president. In the Chevron ruling the court has fired a warning shot across the bough that what conservatives consider aggressive rules and regulations—particularly in relation to the changing climate and other regulations related to water, etc. may reverse course as the rules regarding who may authorize some of these regulations are now changed.

One of the most dispassionate rulings by

the high court this session involves the nation's growing homeless population which in turn impacts Blacks in particular. This is because according to a December 2023 report by the National Alliance to End Homelessness, although Blacks are only about 13% percent of the nation's general population, they account for fully 37% of the people experiencing homelessness. When you consider homeless families with children, Blacks account for more than 50% of that population.

In its City of Grants Pass v. Johnson ruling last week, the high court determined that the Eighth Amendment clause of the U.S. Constitution that prohibits "cruel and unusual punishment" does not prevent a municipality from enforcing criminal penalties against homeless people who are sleeping outdoors. This ruling is a green light for cities and counties to tear down homeless encampments at-

# Op Ed: Unmasking the Hidden Chains of Modern Slavery



Cois M. Byrd Detention Center in Murrietta, CA. Contrary to popular belief, the Thirteenth Amendment abolished chattel slavery, however legal systems of oppression found new forms which included a clause that permits involuntary servitude as a punishment for crime. (source: riversidesheriff.org)

# **By Jamial Black**

n July 5, 1852, at Corinthian Hall in Rochester, New York, Frederick Douglass delivered a powerful address organized by the Rochester Ladies' Anti-Slavery Society. In his speech, Douglass declared that laudatory statements about American values such as liberty, citizenship, and freedom were a grave offense to the enslaved population who were denied these very rights. He highlighted not only the brutal captivity of enslaved people but also the relentless exploitation, cruelty, and torture they endured. Yesterday marked the anniversary of this speech, and today, as California considers reforms to its legal and penal systems, Douglass's words resonate, urging us to reflect on how far we have come and the injustices that persist.

Contrary to popular belief, the Thirteenth

Amendment abolished chattel slavery, however legal systems of oppression found new forms which included a clause that permits involuntary servitude as a punishment for crime. This sadistic loophole has evolved into a form of modern-day slavery within the prison industrial complex, disproportionately affecting Black and Brown individuals.

The systemic biases ingrained in our legal and penal systems perpetuate past injustices, underscoring the need for immediate reforms this upcoming election, such as California's proposed ACA 8, commonly known as the End Slavery In California Act, and Proposition 47 (Prop 47).

Prop 47 was passed in 2014 and aimed to address some historically racist systemic issues by reclassifying certain non-violent criminal offenses from felonies to misdemeanors. This bold measure aimed to reduce mass incarceration and relieve its devastating impact on communities of color. However, this journey towards true justice and equality is ongoing and will take a collective effort to see equitable results. Recent discussions around amending Prop 47 highlight the need to balance public safety with the imperative of social justice.

ACA 8 echoes how crucial it is for this type of social justice work to coexist at a pivotal time in history where we are being the change that we would like to see in this world. Understanding

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In a racist society, it is not enough to be non-racist, we must be anti-racist.

- Angela Davis, American Political Activist

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ACA 8 and its intersection with Juneteenth symbolizes equality, freedom, and justice for all. In the land of the free, we must all make a full and final declaration that any and every form of slavery is immoral and illegal. An inherently coercive and exploitative act should never be experienced by anyone. The reality that we are living in a time where classism and racism are current dialog throughout the country indicates a dream deferred in our beloved community. Slavery in the guise of any other name, such as involuntary servitude, is still SLAVERY!

Indentured servitude—cloaked in the guise of American justice—represents a profound moral and ethical failing. Forcing individuals into such conditions is not only unjust but also perpetuates a system of human exploitation that we can no longer tolerate. It is imperative

## **Breanna Reeves | Staff**

s the Chair of the Budget Subcommittee on Human Services, Assemblymember Dr. Corey Jackson announced the allocation of \$5 million to expand California's Basic Income Pilot Program to cover seniors.

Across the state, a number of guaranteed income pilot projects have been launched to give money directly to underserved and low-income individuals, with no strings attached. California is the first state to pilot its own guaranteed income programs, using funding from CA Gov.

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California's robust partnerships to tackle illegal fentanyl are leading to significant results time and time again...
We will continue to take fentanyl out of our neighborhoods, hold drug traffickers accountable, and expand access to life-saving medicine to benefit all Californians.

- Gov. Gavin Newsom

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Gavin Newsom's approved 2021 budget.

Funding secured by Assemblymember Jackson will provide grants to organizations dedicated to serving adults aged 60 and older, putting much-needed money directly into the pockets of seniors who struggle to meet their everyday needs.

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) currently oversees state guaranteed income pilot programs and will administer the expansion of this pilot program. The CDSS prioritizes funding for pilot programs that serve

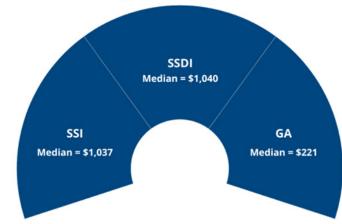
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# Assemblymember Dr. Corey Jackson Secures \$5M for Expansion of Basic Income Pilot Program for Seniors



Funding secured by Assemblymember Dr. Corey Jackson will provide grants to organizations dedicated to serving adults aged 60 and older, putting much-needed money directly into the pockets of seniors who struggle to meet their everyday needs. (Photo courtesy of a60.asmdc.org)

# The Top Three Reported Income Sources for Unhoused Older Adults Were SSI, SSDI, and General Assistance A Significant Number of Individuals Also Reported Having Income from Work.



Note: SSI = Social Security Income. SSDI = Social Security Disability Insurance. GA = General Assistance. Source: Custom tabulations from the California Homeless Data Integration System

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Registrant commenced to transact

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# S.E. Williams | Executive Editor

Black Voice News is thrilled to announce it was recently selected as a host newsroom for the 2024 California Local News Fellowship program and is preparing to welcome a new reporter to our newsroom team.

The Local News Fellowship is a multi-year, state-funded initiative facilitated by the UC Berkeley Graduate School for Journalism.

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With a national crisis in local journalism upon us, every single one of these fellows and newsrooms is a sign of hope...We're honored to support the next generation of journalists and help invigorate a national movement for robust local news.

- Christa Scharfenberg California Local News Fellowship Director

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Its goal is to support and strengthen local news reporting in California, with a focus on underserved communities. Each year, the program places up to 40 early-career journalism fellows in newsrooms around the state for two-year, full-time reporting positions.

After interviewing a number of competitive candidates, Black Voice News is preparing to welcome its top pick, Alyssah Hall.

Alyssah, a longtime resident of the Inland Empire, holds a degree in journalism from Cal State Los Angeles, is passionate about pursuing a career in multimedia journalism and equally committed to solutions oriented reporting of underserved communities. Her passion and

# Black Voice News Prepares to Welcome California Local News Fellow, Alyssah Hall



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commitment align perfectly with the goals, mission and objectives of Black Voice News.

Although it's early in her career, Alyssah joins the Black Voice News team with experience as a community news reporter. She has also produced content for KPFK's Cal State LA Community News Hour, and currently reports for the L.A. Sentinel.

Just as with our Report for America and CatchLight Local

Fellows, the California Local News Fellowship program provides an amazing opportunity for small news organizations like Black Voice News to enhance its ability to report on items of interest and importance to the inland region.



BVN new report Alyssah Hall

"With a national crisis in local journalism upon us, every single one of these fellows and newsrooms is a sign of hope," California Local News Fellowship Director Christa Scharfenberg said in a press release announcing the 2024 cohort. "We're honored to support the next generation of journalists and help invigorate a national movement for robust local news."

The California Local News Fellowship comes at a time when so

many media outlets, both large and small, have succumbed to the economic pressures of the nation's economy in recent years. The initiative is helping contribute to the long-term viability of local news in California.

# Lawmakers Incensed by "Watering Down" of Language in Child Sex Solicitation Bill



Brianna Moseley, a human trafficking survivor, Dr. Stephany Powell, and Sen. Shannon Grove (R-Bakersfield) address the Assembly Public Safety Committee on July 2 about amendments made to SB 1414. CBM photo by Antonio Ray Harvey

# Antonio Ray Harvey Calfornia Black Media

Assembly Public Safety Committee voted to advance Senate Bill (SB) 1414 with an 8-0 vote. The legislation is an anti-sex-trafficking measure designed to increase penalties for those who purchase sex from children,

SB 1414, co- authored by Senators Shannon Grove (R-Bakersfield), Anna Caballero (D-Merced) and Senator Susan Rubio (D-Baldwin Park), will be reviewed by the Assembly Appropriations Committee after the legislature break ends on Aug. 5.

The legislation has received bipartisan support. However, "critical amendments" were removed, Grove said. She is not satisfied with the language currently in the bill and is pressing members of the Assembly Public Safety Committee to allow key provisions to be restored.

"I am disappointed that they didn't accept the amendments for all minors to be protected under felony convictions," Grove said after the committee's vote.

"I am not going to give up fighting for those 16 and 17-year-olds – and all minors," Grove stated. "Now, the district attorneys would have to prove two crimes: that they were bought and sold in order to go back to the perpetrator (trafficker) who initiated the whole process."

SB 1414 made it off the Senate floor with a 36-0 bipartisan vote on May 23. Before the floor vote in the Senate, the Senate Public Safety Committee amended SB 1414, weakening protections for children ages 16 and 17, Grove said.

The committee's amendments included charging violators who purchase children 15 and under for sex as wobblers (crimes that can be punished as a felony or misdemeanor). According to the current language of the bill, solicitation of a 16 and 17-year-old child is only punishable as a misdemeanor. The second amendment to the bill calls for the felony charge to only carry possible jail time -- not time in prison.

Grove and her supporters' other concern is

that a third amendment to SB 1414 states that only perpetrators with a previous conviction of buying sex from a child 15 or under, on the second offense and with over a 10-year age gap of the victim, must register as a tier one sex offender.

Dr. Stephany Powell, a retired Los Angeles Police Department sergeant who has over 30 years of sexual exploitation and trafficking experience gained through law enforcement, testified in front of the Assembly Public Safety



California Democrats have once again demonstrated their commitment to protecting vulnerable children from abuse and exploitation... With the recently adopted amendments, SB 1414 now represents a smart policy solution that prioritizes the safety and well-being of all minors.

- Anne Irwin Founder & Director, California Smart Justice



Committee.

"First of all, there's no way in the world that (these amendments) are protecting a 16 or 17-year-old," said Powell, who now assists victims of human trafficking. "Just by the age alone, they are considered to be a victim of human trafficking. That's your proof right there."

Assemblymember Kevin McCarty (D-Sacramento), chair of the Public Safety Committee and a member of the California Legislative Black Caucus (CLBC), told Grove that he supports SB 1414 and commended her efforts to bring "more accountability to the sex trade."

# Supreme Court Ruling Allows Cities to Enforce Bans on Homeless Camps

by Breanna Reeves



he Supreme Court ruled that cities are allowed to enforce bans on homeless individuals who sleep outside in public places. The 6-3 ruling, decided on June 28, overturned a California appeals court ruling that found these laws to be cruel and unusual punishment under the Eighth Amendment.

In the case City of Grants Pass v. Johnson, the Court ruled that the Eighth Amendment clause that prohibits "cruel and unusual punishment" does not prevent the City of Grants Pass, OR from enforcing criminal penalties against homeless people who are sleeping outdoors.

"Homelessness is complex. Its causes are many. So may be the public policy responses required to address it," wrote Justice Neil Gorsuch, who delivered the majority opinion. "The Constitution's Eighth Amendment serves many important functions, but it does not authorize federal judges to wrest those rights and responsibilities from the American people and in their place dictate this Nation's homelessness policy."

With the Court leaving the decision in state hands on whether to enforce penalties such as fines and jail time on homeless individuals sleeping or camping in public spaces, housing advocates are disappointed by the Court's ruling.

In a state like California — home to 30% of the nation's homeless population — encampment sweeps are commonplace across cities like Los Angeles and San Francisco. Although homeless individuals are not always criminally penalized, encampment sweeps often inflict more harm

# Kappa Alpha Psi Hosts Leadership Conference for African American Boys at UC Riversido



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he Riverside Alumni chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. hosted the third annual Western Province Kappa League Conference on the campus of the University of California – Riverside during the weekend of June 28 - 30, 2024. The event brought together dozens of African American young men in the Kappa League mentor program chapters from Southern and Northern California, Arizona, Nevada, and Washington for three days of leadership training, mentorship, and fellowship.

The Kappa Leaguers experienced a glimpse of college life as they spent the weekend sleeping in the dorms and eating in the campus cafeteria in between attending various workshops. The Director of Intercollegiate Athletics for the University of California, Riverside, Wesley Mallette, hosted an Athletic Panel and discussed NIL. San Bernardino Unified School District Chief of Police Joseph Paulino talked to the young men about how to interact with law enforcement.

Acclaimed television, film and stage actor and National Kappa League Spokesperson John Marshall Jones moderated several discussion sessions. Undergraduate members of the fraternity led a panel discussion about preparing for college as well as sharing their academic and social experiences as university students. Other workshop topics included financial literacy, a Shark Tank simulation, and STEM activity.

Shannon Faulk, Western Province Guide Right Chair, said President Barack Obama reminded him of why the Kappa League Conference is so important. Faulk referred to Obama's statement, "In a global economy where the most valuable skill you can sell is your knowledge, a good education is no longer just a pathway to opportunity -- it is a prerequisite."

Faulk stressed that there was a need for the conference. "It is

# e, June 28-30, 2024



Top: WPKLC Kappa Brothas; WPKLC; Bottom: WPKLC Auditorium; WPKLC Classroom (Photos by Mojazz LLC and Carl Tyler

imperative that we hold our Kappa League Conference where there will be an opportunity to have vital conversations surrounding the value of a good education and pursuing different career opportunities, the importance of how you interact with law enforcement and the state of affairs within the African American community," he said. "This will be the first time that many of our young men will ever be on a college campus, and it is our hope that over the course of the weekend, we will provide them an exciting, informative and an inside look into the college experience and

other life surviving skills as they forge ahead into manhood."

Conference Chair Louis Winder agreed. "Our goal is to empower our young men to achieve more as they advance towards manhood by engaging in interactive activities and hearing from guest speakers," he said.

The conference was sponsored by the Inland Empire Diamond Foundation, Western Province of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., National Kappa League, the University of California, Riverside, GRAD Foundation, and Bridge Builders.

# FEATURE STORY





Left: A community healthcare worker approaches a homeless encampment in San Bernardino on May 1, 2024; Right: The Healthcare in Action street medicine team visits a patient in the encampment he lives in Rialto, California. (Aryana Noroozi for Black Voice News/ CatchLight Local)

**Supreme Court Ruling,** continued from page 9 on homeless individuals.

"We are literally writing a formula designed to disenfranchise unhoused communities. I will even go as far to say particularly unhoused communities of color, and so it's painful," said Claire Jefferson-Glipa, executive director of Family Promise, a Riverside-based organization that serves unhoused children and their families. "This ruling itself is really dangerous work."

The California Budget & Policy Center reported that in calendar year 2021, among the 270,000 individuals who made contact with local homeless providers, Black Californians comprised over one in four of the unhoused people who made contact.

Jefferson-Glipa emphasized that the Court's decision is part of a greater theme: "We don't want to see homelessness."

In a dissenting opinion, Justice Sonia Sotomayor wrote that criminalizing homelessness and sleep is "unconscionable and unconstitutional."

"Criminalizing homelessness can cause a destabilizing cascade of harm," Sotomayor wrote. While acknowledging the dangers and risks of large homeless encampments, she noted the shortcomings cities face

with lack of shelters, safety risks among vulnerable homeless individuals, and how unpaid fines among homeless individuals result in the loss of employment and benefits.

According to Jefferson-Glipa, the Court's decision does nothing to address the root causes of homelessness such as the growing housing crisis, lack of community investments, fractured support services and lack of consensus on what it means to be homeless.

There are two definitions of homelessness often used across the U.S. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) defines homelessness across four categories: literally homeless; imminent risk of homelessness; homeless under other federal statutes; and fleeing/attempting to flee domestic violence. However, each category does not receive access to supportive service grants or is subject to partial access to services.

The other definition is utilized by the California Department of Education which uses the McKinney-Vento Act. In this definition, homeless children and youth are defined as individuals who do not have a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.

Jefferson-Glipa explained that these definitions are lacking in understanding the complexities of homelessness and does not recognize unstable housing such as hopping from one temporary residence to another in order to survive. As a result, homeless individuals and families do not qualify for different subsidies or vouchers under either definition.

Oftentimes, to access resources as a homeless person, organizations examine the length of time spent being houseless (within 30 days), excluding living in a temporary motel or short-term residence. To receive access to some services, a person must be literally houseless, according to Jefferson-Glipa.

"To add fuel to that fire is this most recent decision by those folks that wear those robes — I can't even call them justices because there's nothing just about it," Jefferson-Glipa explained. "We would like for this challenge to not disturb our eyes and to not hold us accountable to the promise of this nation: life, liberty and pursuit of happiness."

Following the Court's ruling, Gov. Gavin Newsom applauded the outcome that gives states the authority to "enforce policies to clear unsafe encampments from our streets."

But local authorities across California have already practiced removing encampments continued on page 19

# Riverside Montessori Academy Celebrates WASC Accreditation & New Playground with First-Ever Community Open House

# **VOICE Contributor**

This summer marks a historic moment for Riverside Montessori Academy (RIVMA) as it hosts its first-ever public Open House events. Scheduled for July 24 and July 25 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, these events will take place at both their Pachappa and Indiana locations. The Open House events provide a unique opportunity for the entire community to discover the vibrant educational environment that has been a cornerstone of Riverside for nearly four decades.

For 38 years, RIVMA has been more than just a school; it has been a nurturing space where young minds flourish and families find a supportive community. The upcoming Open House events will offer a glimpse into what makes the academy unique. Visitors will have the chance to meet dedicated staff, explore classrooms, and learn about the Montessori approach that has successfully shaped thousands of young learners from Riverside and neighboring communities.

The community Open House events are in celebration of two recent and significant achievements for the school. RIVMA recently earned accreditation from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) this past Spring, affirming its commitment to excellence in education and childcare. This accreditation is a testament to RIVMA's relentless pursuit of high standards and quality in all aspects of its programs.

Additionally, the Pachappa campus has unveiled a brand-new playground, designed to enhance students' outdoor play experiences. This new addition not only provides a safe and fun environment for physical activity, but also supports the holistic development central to the Montessori philosophy.

"As a family, no decision is more important than choosing a school for your child. When a child is a part of our school, we honor the confidence and trust parents place in our hands and take on this role with care and responsibility,"





said Dr. Amila Chandrapala, Executive Director of Riverside Montessori Academy.

RIVMA's history in Riverside is rich and deeply rooted. From its early days to now, the mission has always been to offer an exceptional Montessori education that fosters the social, emotional, and intellectual growth of students. The programs, ranging from Preschool to 4th grade, are designed to create a robust and equitable learning experience for all children.

As these milestones are celebrated, new families are warmly welcomed to join the community. The Open House events are the perfect opportunity for prospective parents and students to see the vibrant learning environments and understand the values driving the educational approach.

Riverside Montessori Academy looks forward to welcoming the community to the Open House events, taking place from 6 PM to 8 PM on July 24 at 6200 Pachappa Drive and on July 25 at 7141 Indiana Avenue in Riverside, CA.

For more information and to RVSP, visit them on the web at www. RiversideMontessoriAcademy.com or call 951-533-8119.

About Riverside Montessori Academy: Riverside Montessori Academy (RIVMA) has been a trusted educational institution in Riverside for 38 years, providing high-quality Montessori education through its Preschool and Private Elementary Programs. Committed to fostering the social, emotional, and intellectual growth of students, RIVMA offers a nurturing and equitable learning environment that prepares children for a successful future.

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# KEEPING IT REAL

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What difference does it make to the dead, the orphans, and the homeless, whether the mad destruction is wrought under the name of totalitarianism or the holy name of liberty or democracy?

- Mahatma Gandhi

Supreme Court, continued from page 3

will provided such action aligns with the policies of each individual state. The ruling also makes it clear that states are free to bestow penalties such as fines and jail time on homeless individuals caught sleeping or camping in public.

I consider this nothing more than another conservative victory for state's rights.

To learn more about the ruling and its potential impacts on homeless Black people in the Inland Empire and beyond, read Breanna Reeves' report this week titled, Supreme Court Ruling Allows Cities to Enforce Bans on Homeless Camps.

Justice Sonya Sotomayer provided a brilliant dissenting opinion in relation to this case that stated in part how, "Criminalizing homelessness can cause a destabilizing cascade of harm."

The criminalization of homelessness makes me wonder whether the nation's reaction to the crime of being homeless will be handled similar to how this country handled its war against the scourge of crack cocaine. It wasn't considered an illness like addictions to opioids are today. Instead it was used to criminalize an entire community of Black folks who continue to suffer the long term consequences of such criminalization on individuals who were personally impacted and the Black community at large.

In following the dictates of the Supreme Court in this particular case, the nation now appears poised to turn its ire to what some consider America's latest scourge—homelessness.

We will hear officials say they are doing the hard work of addressing the issue of homelessness and are allocating necessary dollars to fix the problem. Yet, the numbers of homeless continue to climb. California alone, which has the nation's highest percent of homeless individuals, has devoted millions upon millions of dollars to address the issue but the needed change is too slow. Not only is it too slow, according to a recent audit by the State of California noted the money being spent on this issue is not being tracked consistently. As such, who knows why some of the programs are not producing the quantitative and qualitative results warranted and what can be done to make the programs effective?

The idea of a person of color ending up with a criminal record because he/she hit a groundswell of bad luck and ended up on the street is unconscionable and yet it possibly happens almost everyday, somewhere in the state.

There are those who look at homeless people with a lack of compassion and an over abundance of disdain but I believe there are many more of us who care about our fellow travelers on this small earth we share.

Those of us who do care must remain vigilant and informed about how the issue of homelessness is being addressed in our local communities. Are people being arrested and charged for being homeless? Will sweeps of local encampments increase?

Let's not wait until the jails are filled and babies and children are removed from their parents merely because they were homeless. If you have ideas about how to help mitigate the problem share them at your local city council or board of supervisors meetings, write the governor if you choose. Your voice matters.

In closing I must reiterate that being homeless is not a crime.

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

S.E. Williams Executive Editor

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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. Derrick Robinson, 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 06/10/2024

I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in

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

Peter Aldana, Riverside County Clerk, FILE NO. B- 202407468 p. 6/27/24, 7/04/24, 7/11/24, 7/18/24

The following persons) is (are) doing

DJ SHORTY 14868 Vinehill St Moreno Valley, CA 92553 RIVERSIDE COUNTY Jose Luis Tortoledo Hernandez 14868 Vinehill St Moreno Valley, CA 92553

This business is 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 quilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1000)

s. Jose Luis Tortoledo Hernandez 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 06/05/2024

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

Peter Aldana, Riverside County Clerk, FILE NO. R- 202407373 p. 6/20/24, 6/27/24, 7/04/24, 7/11/24

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

1048 F Sixth Street

Beaumont, CA 92223 RIVERSIDE COUNTY 1048 E Sixth Street Beaumont, CA 92223 PG Sandbagging LLC 27120 Eucalyptus Ave G222 Moreno Valley, CA 92555

This business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company

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

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is quilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1000)

s. Orisca Paige, Managing Member

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (sec. 1440 et. seq. b &p code) Statement was filed with the County of Riverside on 06/10/2024

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, Riverside County Clerk, FILE NO. R- 202407460 p. 6/20/24, 6/27/24, 7/04/24, 7/11/24

The following persons) is (are) doing

CARZ N CARZ 14136 Bay Circle Eastvale, CA 92880 RIVERSIDE COUNTY **DEEVAN LLC** 14136 Bay Circle Eastvale, CA 92880

This business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company

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

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is quilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1000)

s. Naveed Ghori, Managing Member

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (sec. 1440 et. seq.

b &p code) Statement was filed with the County of Riverside on 06/10/2024

I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in

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, Riverside County Clerk, FILE NO. R- 202407552 p. 6/20/24, 6/27/24, 7/04/24, 7/11/24

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR

CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: CVMV2404959

To All Interested Persons: Petitioner: MICHAEL ANTHONY EGANA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: MICHAEL ANTHONY EGANA to. MICHAEL ANTHONY REDDITT. 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: 8/23/2024 Time: 8:00AM Dept: MV2. The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA. COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE. 4050 MAIN STREET, RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA 92501, RIVERSIDE HALL OF JUSTICE. A copy of this Order to Show Cause must 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: 7/2/2024

SAMRA FURBUSH, Judge of the Superior Court

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: CVMV2404522

To All Interested Persons: Petitioner: PRINCESS C. MATA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: VICTOR ELIJAH ACHTMANN to. ELIJAH MATA. 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: 8/9/2024 Time: 8:00AM Dept: MV2. The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 13800 HEACOCK ST. BLDG. D, MORENO VALLEY, CA 92553, MORENO VALLEY COURTHOUSE. A copy of this Order to Show Cause must 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: JUN 18, 2024

SAMRA FURBUSH, Judge of the Superior Court

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER CVCQ2403602

To All Interested Persons: Petitioner: NORWOOD SUEZANN petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: SUEZANN NORWOOD to. SUSAN ANN NORWOOD. 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: 07/24/2024 Time: 8:00AM Dept: C2. The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 505 S. BUENA VISTA, 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: Jun 05, 2024

BARRY TAYLOR, Judge of the Superior

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: CVMV2404022

To All Interested Persons: Petitioner: AMINA PHAL filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: ELIJAH LIAM TOPETE to, ELIJAH LIAM PHAL. 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-7/19/2024 Time: 8:00AM Dept: MV2. The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 13800 HEACOCK ST. BLDG, D. MORENO VALLEY, CA 92553. MORENO VALLEY COURTHOUSE. A copy of this Order to Show Cause must 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: 6/3/2024

SAMRA FURBUSH, Judge of the Superior Court

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER CVCO2403648

To All Interested Persons: Petitioner MIRIAM JAZMIN JIMENEZ ELORES / FDWARD DELGADO VERDIN filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: ANTHONY DELGADO to. ANTHONY DELGADO JIMENEZ 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: 07/31/2024 Time: 8:00AM Dept: C2. The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 505 S. BUENA VISTA, 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: 6/10/24 TAMARA L. WAGNER, Judge of the

Superior Court

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER CVMV2403810

To All Interested Persons: Petitioner: ARIANA FRANCESCA CARRANZA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: LEAH ADREANI ARELLANO AVILA to. LEAH ADREANI AVILA. 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

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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: 7/12/2024 Time: 8:00AM Dept: MV2. The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, MORENO VALLEY BRANCH, 13800 HEACOCK AVENUE D201, MORENO VALLEY, CA 92553-3338. 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: 5/23/2024

SAMRA FURBUSH, Judge of the Superior Court p. 6/20/24, 6/27/24, 7/04/24, 7/11/24

# ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: CVMV2404222

To All Interested Persons: Petitioner: GLORIA GOCHI filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: GLORIA GOCHI to, GREY GOCHI 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: 7/24/2024 Time: 8:00AM Dept: MV2. The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, MORENO VALLEY BRANCH, 13800 HEACOCK AVENUE D201, MORENO VALLEY, CA 92553, A copy of this Order to Show Cause must 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: JUNE 07, 2024

Date: JUNE 07, 2024 SAMRA FURBUSH, Judge of the Superior Court

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER : CVCO2403701

To All Interested Persons: Petitioner: FRANCIS GEORGE BLAZECK filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: FRANCES GEORGE BLAZECK, JR. to. FRANK GEORGE BLAZECK, JR.. 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: 7/31/2024 Time: 8:00AM Dept: C2 The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, CORONA COURT, 505 S. BUENA VISTA AVE, CORONA, CA 92882. A copy of this Order to Show Cause must 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: 06/11/2024

TAMARA L. WAGNER, Judge of the Superior Court

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# ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: CVCO2403679

To All Interested Persons: Petitioner ERMA HOLMES, ANDRE BRADSHAW filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: LILEE CHRISTINE HOLMES to LILEE RAY BRADSHAW. 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: 7/31/2024 Time: 8:00AM Dept: C2. The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA. COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE. 505 S. BUENA VISTA AVENUE, STE 201. CORONA. CA 92882. CORONA BRANCH. 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: 6/12/2024

TAMARA L. WAGNER, Judge of the Superior Court

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# ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER CVSW2405979

To All Interested Persons: Petitioner: JACKSON and CARLA RENTERIA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: ELIJAH JETT JACKSON to. ADONIS JETT JACKSON. 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: 10/31/2024 Time: 8:00AM Dept: S101. The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA. COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, SOUTHWEST JUSTICE CENTER, 30755-D AULD ROAD, SUITE 1226, MURRIETA, CA 92563. 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: JUN 11, 2024 BELINDA A. HANDY, Judge of the Superior Court

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#### PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the San Bernardino Community College District (SBCCD) of San Bernardino County, acting by and through its Governing Board is seeking bids from contractors, Class C-27 Contractors and are DIR registered that are interested in providing construction services for the Perimeter Fencing Project at the San Bernardino Valley College Campus (NIB# CC01-3610-32), Contractors may obtain the NIB document at: http://www. sbccd.org/bids or https://pbsystem. planetbids.com/portal/29414/portalhome All addenda will be posted on the same website, and bidders are solely responsible for obtaining any and all original documents and submitting their BIDS according to the specifications within the NIB document, including all addenda. There will be a Mandatory Pre-Bid Jobwalk Meeting to be held on 6/25/2024 at 10:00 AM PST. BID SUBMISSION's will be in an electronic format ONLY in one single pdf file via PlanetBids by no later than 7/16/2024 @ 2:00 PM PST . See NIB for further

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## NOTICE INVITING PROPOSALS

RFP No. 24-03 Fixed Asset and Technology Device Inventory Services NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the San Bernardino City Unified School District of San

Bernardino County, State of California, acting through its Governing Board, hereafter referred

to as the "District", is soliciting electronic proposal submittals through its OpenGov e-Procurement web portal in response to RFP No. 24-03 Fixed Asset and Technology Device Inventory Services.

Vendors who are desirous of securing a copy of the RFP documents may do so by logging into the District's website at: https://www.sbcusd.com/departments/business-services-division/purchasing/bids-and-request-f or-purchase

RFP responses must conform and be responsive in accordance with the RFP Documents posted through the District's "OpenGov" website portal. Proposals must be submitted electronically up to but not later than Thursday, July 25, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

Contract award is contingent upon availability of funds. Local, Minority and Disabled Veterans Businesses are specifically encouraged to respond. The District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, and to accept or reject any item, to withdraw a line item or entire RFP, and to waive any irregularities or informalities in the Bid document(s). The District may award any. all. or none of this RFP.

By: Lenore McCall, Purchasing Manager Publication: July 11, 2024 Request for Clarification: July 16, 2024

at 11:00 a.m. Virtual Public Proposal Opening: July 25, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

https://meet.google.com/hft-xxcs-kgk?authuser=0
Note: Late entry will not be permitted.

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# HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO

NOTICE FOR "Request for Proposal" RFP PC1381 Valencia Grove Phase III Developer Partner

HACSB CONTACT PERSON: Angie Lardapide, Procurement Housing Authority of San Bernardino 715 E. Brier Drive, San Bernardino, CA 92408

procurement@hacsb.com HOW TO OBTAIN BID DOCS: 1. Access www.hacsb.com

2. Click onto the "Do Business With Us" tab

3. Click on the "Planet Bids" link to download and submit a Proposal with instructions

PROPOSAL SUBMITALL RETURN: Bids submitted through Planet Bids website. PROPOSAL SUBMISSION DATE: August 23, 2024 @ 2PM PST 7/11, 7/18/24 CNS-3830278#

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#### VEHICLE SALE

# NOTICE OF SALE OF VEHICLE Notice is hereby given, pursuant to

Section 3071 of the Civil Code of the State of California.

The undersigned will sell the following

wehicle(s) at lien sale at said time(s) 07/19/2024 at 10:00 AM
Make/Yr. 2015 KIA OPTIMA

Make/Yr. 2015 KIA OPTIMA Lic.: 7NFF119

Vin. # 5XXGM4A7XFG504794 Location: 17610 BROWN ST, PERRIS, CA

Said sale is for the purpose of satisfying lien of the undersigned for towing, storage, labor, materials, and lien charges, together with costs of advertising and expenses of sale.

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# GOVERNMENT

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McCarty said he is willing to make SB 1414 "stronger," but he is not willing to allow Grove to buck the rules of the Legislature to push her amendments through.

"That's not on the table. As the rules, you know, we can't go change that," McCarty said of Grove's amendments request.

On June 2, Anne Irwin, the founder and director of Smart Justice California, emailed California Black Media (CBM) a statement responding to SB 1414. Smart Justice sides with the amendments made by the Democrats in the Senate and the Assembly.

"California Democrats have once again demonstrated their commitment to protecting vulnerable children from abuse and exploitation," Irwin stated. "With the recently adopted amendments, SB 1414 now represents a smart policy solution that prioritizes the safety and well-being of all minors. By allowing felony prosecutions for solicitation of 16 and 17-year-olds when there is evidence of human trafficking, lawmakers have further improved the bill –



which was originally overly broad and would have had harmful unintended consequences."

In its original form, SB 1414 criminalized soliciting or engaging in any act of commercial sex with a child aged 17 and under a felony. Grove also wanted the removal of the 10-year age gap requirement for the sex offender registry.

Grove blames the Democrats in the Senate Public Safety Committee for watering down the bill's language.

The Assembly Public Safety Committee added amendments requiring proof that 16 and 17-year-olds are victims of human trafficking for a buyer to be held accountable and charged with a stronger penalty.

"It shouldn't be difficult to get a bill out of this building that protects children from those that want to purchase them and buy them for sex," Grove said. "It should be simple. It's completely bipartisan. I have co-authors who are Democrats. I have several Democrats and principal co-authors, but there are a few people in the building who make it sound like we are doing the wrong thing.

Victims of human trafficking, Odessa Perkins and Brianna Moseley were two of many sex trafficking survivors who visited the State Capitol last week to show their support for SB 1414. Some of the survivors were in tears sharing their experiences.

Perkins is the founder of emPOWERment, based in Kern County. The nonprofit services vulnerable youth and human trafficking survivors.

If the Assembly Appropriations Committee votes to advance SB 1414, it will move to the Assembly floor for a vote. In the interim, Grove said she will continue to fight for the amendments she believes will strengthen the bill.

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Top: Dr. Stephany Powell, a former Los Angeles Police Department officer and current expert on human trafficking survivors, speaks with the media about a bill that would help lock up individuals who buy sex from trafficked children. On Powell's right is Sen. Shannon Grove (R-Bakersfield), who co-authored SB 1414 with (not pictured) Sens. Anna Caballero (D-Merced) and Susan Rubio; Bottom: Odessa Perkins comforts a survivor of human trafficking during the Assembly Public Safety Committee hearing on July 2. Perkins, also a survivor, is now a counselor and advocate for young people impacted by the crime. CBM photo by Antonio Ray Harvey.

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that we recognize and address these social evils which undermine the very rights enshrined in our foundational documents.

I stand with my fellow Americans and Californians in demanding comprehensive social justice reform and holding our legislators accountable for enacting transformative policies. We cannot continue to allow our leaders—whom we have entrusted with power—to hold individuals hostage and subjugate them based on past mistakes, depriving them of the benefits of their own labor. The monetization of human labor in this manner is tantamount to modernday human trafficking, and it is our duty to eradicate such practices from our society.

Together, we must advocate for policies that protect human rights and ensure that every individual is treated with dignity and respect. The outcome of this legislation will affect everyone, including those who hold the power to decide. This is not just a call for reform; it is a call for justice and humanity.

This call to action is for everyone who has endured subjugation for far too long and continues to fight tirelessly for liberation, freedom, and justice. The ethical, moral, and social injustices embedded in our government are outdated, cowardly, and a blatant violation of our human rights. We have only one choice: to correct the wrongs of the past and eliminate the last remnants of legalized involuntary servitude. Supporting the passage of ACA 8 and Prop 47 in California is our chance to eradicate social evils in this land of justice and opportunity. What side of history will you stand on?

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California residents who age out of extended foster care at or after 21 years of age, or who are pregnant individuals.

According to the Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC), in early 2023, the poverty rate was higher for seniors (15.2%) compared to children (13.8%) and adults aged 18 to 64 (12.6%). California is also home to one of the nation's largest aging populations, and that number is set to rise over the next decade.

In the Inland Empire, 14.8% of older adults 65 years of age and older live in poverty, according to the PPIC report.

"Our seniors deserve to live their lives with dignity and without the constant stress of financial instability," said Assemblymember Jackson in a press statement. "This \$5 million appropriation is a critical step towards reducing poverty among our senior population. I am committed to continuing the fight for our seniors and ensuring they receive the support they need so that we stop the number of seniors falling into homelessness."

With rising housing costs, older adults are experiencing a financial strain, coupled with those on fixed incomes or who require additional medical/health care services. Additionally, the population of aging adults who are homeless has increased over the last several years. According to the California Budget & Policy Center, state homeless providers made contact with over 215,000 childless adults who need a home or important services. Of that number, 85,310 — nearly 40% — were adults aged 50 and over.

With this program being expanded to seniors, it may support seniors who are on the verge of homelessness. According to Assemblymember Jackson, if successful, there is hope to expand this basic income initiative to all seniors facing poverty in California.

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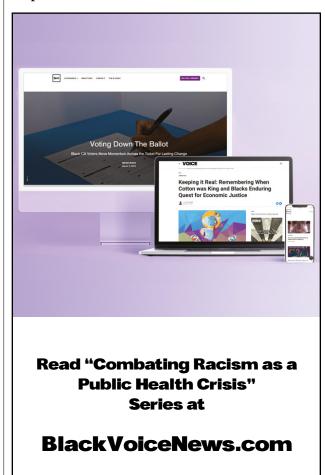
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announcement that they restored a felony for purchasing children in SB 1414," Grove said. "All children in California, across the nation, girls and boys, deserve to be protected equally."

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and homeless individuals from public areas, especially in areas in which events are taking place. Some cities have implemented antihomeless practices such as removing benches from bus stops, adding large planters to sidewalks, and in Los Angeles County, going as far as playing loud music at train stations with large homeless populations to dissuade them from being there.

"It's a challenge, absolutely, to actually see yourself in the humanity of our unhoused community, and then recognize that we all are suffering the same problem," said Jefferson-Glipa.



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