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Supreme Court Decision Could Endanger Domestic Violence Victims



Last week, the U.S. Supreme Court heard arguments urging the court to reverse a decision that could potentially endanger domestic violence victims by allowing firearms to remain in the hands of their abusers. (source: ysu.edu)

If you or someone you know are experiencing domestic violence, local and statewide resources can be found by reading this story on BlackVoiceNews.com.

Of the estimated 4,970 female victims of murder and nonnegligent manslaughter in 2021, according to Bureau of Justice Statistics, law enforcement agency reports indicated that 34% of these women were killed by an intimate partner compared to roughly 6% of the 17,970 males murdered that year who were victims of intimate partner homicide.

Women in this country are more likely to be murdered during pregnancy or soon after childbirth than to die from the three leading obstetric causes of maternal death including high blood pressure disorders, hemorrhage, or sepsis according to experts. Sadly, most of these homicides are connected to the lethal combination of firearms and intimate partner violence according to a 2022 report by the Harvard School of Public Health.

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Advocate Shares Her Experience with Crime Free Multi-Housing Program



The Crime Free Multi-Housing Program was a partnership with property managers, owners, landlords and residents. The stated goal was to reduce crime through community partnerships. However, many believed the program was all too often used instead to discriminate against Black and brown residents. (source: rhdcca.org)

Shakeara Mingo | Staff

When the Riverside City Council ended its Crime Free Multi-Housing Program in September while simultaneously continuing to support multi-family housing operations and tenants through the Neighborhood Policing Centers Model, Neighborhood Watch Program, it was a great victory for activists who had long advocated for the program to be abolished.

The Crime Free Multi-Housing Program is

a partnership with property managers, owners, landlords and residents. The Program, initiated in Arizona in 1992, is now international with nearly 2,000 cities in 48 U.S. States, 5 Canadian Provinces, England, Nigeria, and Puerto Rico, participating.

Although the stated goal of the initiative, as proffered by the Riverside City Council, is to reduce crime through community partnerships and proactive steps to improve the quality of life

for everyone in the community, many believe - and the U.S. Department of Justice proved - that in some municipalities the program was being used instead to discriminate against Black and brown residents as was the case in the City of Hesperia.

Recently, Black Voice News spoke with fair housing advocate Pastor Sharon Green about the Crime Free Multi-Housing Program.



According to Pastor Sharon Green of the Victor Valley Resource Center located in the city of Hesperia, "if law enforcement came to your apartment two or or more times, they [could] evict you. They do not need a reason to come to your house either." (source: Yelp.com)

She explained how under the auspices of the program, "if law enforcement came to your apartment two or or more times, they [could] evict you. They do not need a reason to come to your house either."

Pastor Green directs the nonprofit Victor Valley Resource Center located in the city of Hesperia.

Pastor Sharon understands the consequences of the program all too well because she experienced targeting by deputies/police because her non profit, as she described it, "was in the wrong area." The Victor Valley Resource Center provides transitional housing for those exiting incarceration and civic leaders where the transitional house is located, did not like that. In response, they used the Crime-Free

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Ellen Perrault | Staff

On November 3, 2023, the Inland Empire Community Foundation (IECF) and the Black Equity Initiative of the Inland Empire (BEI-IE) announced that the IE Black Equity Fund has raised more than \$6 million since launching in 2020.

The announcement, made during a special event in Riverside, marked a significant

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I'm thrilled to witness the outpouring of support and enthusiasm for the IE Black Equity Fund...Remarkably, we exceeded our original \$5 million goal. The \$6 million we've raised is a testament to the community's support of providing critical resources that strengthen the capacity of our organizations. As we celebrate this important milestone, we also know that we must remain vigilant on our journey toward progress.

*- Pastor Samuel Casey
Executive Director of C.O.P.E and BEI Co-Founder*

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milestone for the Fund and its mission to support nonprofit organizations and initiatives that are led by – and serve – the Black community in the Inland Empire.

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(Top right): Assemblymember Dr. Corey A. Jackson Presents \$1 Million for the IE Black Equity Fund. (Bottom left): Bob Ross, CEO, The California Endowment, accepts recognition for his support of the Black Equity Fund. (Bottom right): "I'm thrilled to witness the outpouring of support and enthusiasm for the IE Black Equity Fund," said Pastor Sam Casey, BEI-IE Co-Founder, and Executive Director at Congregations Organized for Prophetic Change, (C.O.P.E.) while also cautioning "We must remain vigilant on our journey toward progress. (source: iegives.org)

IE Black Equity Fund Raises \$6 Million to Empower Inland Empire's Black Community



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AMENDED SUMMONS (FAMILY LAW)

Case Number FLRI2304941

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KEVIN JONATHAN GREEN

You are being sued. Petitioner's name is: VERSHALL HARKNESS GREEN

You have 30 calendar days after this Summons and Petition are served on you to file a Response (form FL-120)) at the court and have a copy served on the petitioner. A letter or phone call will not protect you. If you do not file your Response on time, the court may make orders affecting your right to custody of your children. You may also be ordered to pay support and attorney fees and costs. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the clerk for a fee waiver form. If you want legal advice, contact a lawyer immediately. You can get information about finding lawyers at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), at the California legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), or by contacting your local county bar association.

Tiene 30 dias corridos despues de haber recibido la entrega legal de esta Citacion y Peticion para presentar una Respuesta (formulario FL-120) ante la corte y efectuar la entrega legal de una copia al demandante. Una carta o llamada telefonica no basta para protegerlo. Si no presenta su Respuesta a tiempo, la corte puede dar ordenes que afecten su matrimonio o pareja de hecho, sus bienes y la custodia de sus hijos. La corte tambien le puede ordenar que pague manutencion, y honorarios y costos legales. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentacio, pida al secretario un formulario de exencion de cuotas. Si desea obtener asesoramiento legal, pongase en contacto de inmediato con un abogado. Puede obtener informacion para encontrar a un abogado en el Cervo de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.suorte.ca.gov), en el sitio Web de los Servicios Legales de California (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org) o poniendose en contacto con el colegio de abogados de su condado. The name and address of the court is: SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 4175 MAIN STREET, RIVERSIDE, CA 92501. The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an Attorney is, VERSHALL HARKNESS GREEN 25890 Iris Avenue, Unit A, Moreno Valley, CA 92551. Notice to the person served: You are served as an individual.

Clerk, by A. Bethel, Deputy
DATE: SEP 14, 2023

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

CARING TRAVELS

25439 Ceremony Ave

Moreno Valley, CA 92551

RIVERSIDE COUNTY

Kimberly Lynn White

25439 Ceremony Ave

Moreno Valley, CA 92551

This business is conducted by: Individual
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s. Kimberly Lynn White

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

LAT'N SWEETS

LATN SWEETS

990 Whimbrel Way

Perris, CA 92571

RIVERSIDE COUNTY

James – Chavez

990 Whimbrel Way

Perris, CA 92571

This business is conducted by: Individual
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s. James Chavez

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

CORAZON BOX

4220 Ottawa Avenue

Riverside, CA 92507

RIVERSIDE COUNTY

Rogelio Vergara Morales

4220 Ottawa Avenue

Riverside, CA 92507

This business is conducted by: Individual
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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. Rogelio Vergara Morales

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Peter Aldana, Riverside County Clerk,
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The following persons) is (are) doing business as:

MACA TRUCKING

91968 Rebecca Rd

Mecca, CA 92254

RIVERSIDE COUNTY

Macario Avila Perez Jr

91968 Rebecca Rd

Mecca, CA 92254

This business is conducted by: Individual
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 05/19/2015

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. Macario Avila Perez Jr

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Peter Aldana, Riverside County Clerk,
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The following persons) is (are) doing business as:

PERSONAL TOUCH CATERING

42181 Roanoke St

Temecula, CA 92591

RIVERSIDE COUNTY

42181 Roanoke St

Temecula, CA 92591

Michael Leon Rivers

42181 Roanoke St

Temecula, CA 92591

This business is conducted by: Individual
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 11/15/1991

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

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Peter Aldana, Riverside County Clerk,
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The following persons) is (are) doing business as:

CARNIVAL EVENT CENTER LLC

22500 Town Circle Suite 2060

Moreno Valley, CA 92553

RIVERSIDE COUNTY

CARNIVAL EVENT CENTER LLC

22500 Town Circle Suite 2060

Moreno Valley, CA 92553

CA

This business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 06/06/23

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. Neftali Carrera Chavez, Managing Member

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Peter Aldana, Riverside County Clerk,
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The following persons) is (are) doing business as:

THE 8 TEAM

27120 Eucalyptus Ave, Suite G-339

Moreno Valley, CA 92555

RIVERSIDE COUNTY

28820 Bay Avenue

Moreno Valley, CA 92555

Jarod Salas

28820 Bay Avenue

Moreno Valley, CA 92555

Brandy Salas

28820 Bay Avenue

Moreno Valley, CA 92555

This business is conducted by: Married Couple
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s. Jarod Salas

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Peter Aldana, Riverside County Clerk,
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The following persons) is (are) doing business as:

AVF INTERNATIONAL TRADING

COMPASSIONATE JOURNEY NON

EMERGENCY TRANSPORT LLC

COMPASSIONATE JOURNEY TRANSPORT

8468 Lucia St

Riverside, CA 92508

RIVERSIDE COUNTY

Compassionate Journey Non Emergency

Transport LLC

8468 Lucia St

Riverside, CA 92508

CA

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

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s. Benjamin Cesar V. Fernandez, Managing Member

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Peter Aldana, Riverside County Clerk,
FILE NO. R-202315678
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The following persons) is (are) doing business as:

BSL BY FAITH

15934 La Costa Alta Dr

Moreno Valley, CA 92555

RIVERSIDE COUNTY

Jamie Renee Johnson

15934 La Costa Alta Dr

Moreno Valley, CA 92555

This business is conducted by: Individual
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s. Jamie Renee Johnson

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Peter Aldana, Riverside County Clerk,
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TAQUERIA LOS 2 PLEBES

500 S State St Suite 111

San Jacinto, CA 92583

RIVERSIDE COUNTY

Alexis Maximiliano Duran Lopez

12149 Nita Dr

Moreno Valley, CA 92557

This business is conducted by: Individual
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s. Alexis Duran Lopez

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Peter Aldana, Riverside County Clerk,
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The following persons) is (are) doing business as:

CALVARY LOVE CHURCH

25771 Jefferson Ave

Murrieta, CA 92562

RIVERSIDE COUNTY

JESUS LOVE KOREAN CHURCH

27570 Commerce Center Dr. Ste 125

Temecula, CA 92590

Aryana Noroozi | Staff

In the late 1990's Mark McKay found himself in the mortuary business, working at what he described as a large funeral chain with locations throughout the United States.

After seven years in the business, he began to question his purpose.

"I said, 'What can I do to give back? What [should] be my purpose in life?'"

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They won't tell that veteran family, 'Hey, you don't have to buy from us, you have a free plan out there [at a VA national cemetery]... [A casket] is important, because veterans need to be transported in something decent and respectable.

- Mark McKay

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McKay said he found that purpose by lowering funeral costs. Today he owns and operates four mortuaries in the cities of Los Angeles, Fontana, Riverside and Victorville. In Riverside, where many retirees of March Air Reserve Base reside, his mission of giving back is specific: to serve veterans and their families.

McKay hails from a family of veterans, who instilled in him strong morals of public conduct, good citizenship and respect. Working with other veteran families in preparation for a loved one's funeral, McKay has identified one of the largest obstacles to this process: many are unaware of what veterans burial benefits they have and how to fully utilize them.

McKay describes a common problem of

VOICE Veterans Day Coverage Mortuary Owner Mark McKay Gives Back to Veterans



Mark McKay poses for a portrait in his Riverside mortuary location while a memorial counselor, Emily Welte, works behind him on November 9, 2023. Located minutes from the Riverside National Cemetery and former March Air Reserve Base, McKay's Mortuary serves primarily veteran families here. He says his purpose in life is giving back to families so they can afford the funeral costs to honor their loved one. (Aryana Noroozi for Black Voice News / CatchLight Local)

public cemeteries selling veteran families burial spaces with a lack of transparency.

"They won't tell that veteran family, 'Hey, you don't have to buy from us, you have a free plan out there [at a VA national cemetery]," he said.

He explained that if a veteran is one hundred percent retired, there are very few costs left for the family to bear. However, for many families those costs can still be difficult to navigate and finance. McKay works with families to meet these costs in a number of ways, one being a casket donation program.

"[A casket] is important, because veterans need to be transported in something decent and respectable," he said.

Located just minutes from Riverside National Cemetery, McKay Mortuary supports veteran families to take full advantage of their benefits and also helps those who do not have any family caring for them.

Indigent veterans are defined by the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) as those who do not have enough resources available in their estate to cover the burial and funeral expenses when they pass away. Part of McKay's mission is to serve these veterans by providing afterlife services for them, even before they pass away.

Many of these individuals are in nursing

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Under the auspices of the crime free Multi-Housing Program, if law enforcement comes to your apartment two or more times, they can evict you. "They do not need a reason to come to your house either," shared Pastor Sharon Green of the nonprofit Victor Valley Resource Center. (source: linkedin.com)

Housing program to allegedly target her organization.

According to Pastor Sharon, the way the Crime-Free program is written, if you call for law enforcement assistance more than two times in a rental property, you can end up being evicted. Whether you're convicted of anything or not, once you've committed a crime—

even if your name was brought up as a suspect, for example—you can lose your housing.

"If you end up in rental property, they can force the landlord or the owners to evict you. If [for example] they say, 'Oh, we suspect they committed a crime,' whether you were there, whether you did it or not, they can still call the landlord and start that process." Also, according to Pastor Sharon, under the Crime-Free Housing program the landlord risks getting fined if they don't comply.

"They went into meetings, council meetings, calling us cockroaches, saying they need to get them out. . . get us out of their communities. That we were a detriment. They don't need us there. They don't want us there" Pastor Sharon declared adamantly, referring to actions of the Hesperia City Council.

On November 17 2015, in response to the influx of people of color, the City Council of Hesperia passed a new ordinance requiring registration and regulation of housing rental businesses.

It required all landlords to register their properties, pay an annual fee, or face fines, and/or a misdemeanor charge. Landlords were also required to submit all tenancy applicants' names to HPD for criminal background screening, pay for the service, or be fined for non-compliance. All rental properties within Hesperia were subjected to annual inspections purportedly

seeking criminal evidence, at a cost of \$100 to landlords. Landlords were also required to correct areas that could hide criminal activity or face a \$400 fine.

Owners of rental property were also required to add a Hesperia approved "Crime-free Lease Addendum" to all residential leases. The Addendum provided if any occupant, guest, or other person under the occupant's control had one instance of criminal activity on or near the property, this would result in a Three-Day Notice to Quit.

Infuriated over the injustice her organization was experiencing Pastor Sharon went to city officials. However, when she tried to talk to them they said that law enforcement did not want them in the community and that they were "gonna run them out." The ACLU had to step in. All of this eventually led to a federal lawsuit and eventual settlement.

The city was sued for its actions in federal court and in December 2022, the U.S. Justice

Department of Justice announced it had secured a landmark agreement to resolve a race and national origin discrimination lawsuit against the City of Hesperia and the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department.

The slurs noted by Pastor Sharon were actually spoken by Hesperia councilmembers. USDOJ observed them speaking openly at a hearing regarding the ordinance, of their intention to target people moving from Los Angeles, purportedly Black and Latino tenants.

The USDOJ quoted Hesperia's former mayor pro tem, Bill Holland, as stating the purpose of the ordinance was to get each landlord "to rid his rental...of that blight" similar to "call[ing] an exterminator out to kill roaches, same difference," Holland concluded.

Recently, California's Governor Newsom signed AB 1418, legislation holding cities, counties, and any municipalities accountable that have these crime free programs in place as they are now illegal in the state of California.

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Attendees included nonprofits, philanthropists, funders, and local officials committed to fostering Black empowerment in the region.

In a stirring message before 200 guests, Assemblymember Dr. Corey A. Jackson announced the allocation of \$1 million to the Fund, bringing the total raised to \$6 million. The funding will make an essential difference in helping to close persistent equity gaps in education, health, employment, and housing for the region's Black community.

"I'm thrilled to witness the outpouring of support and enthusiasm for the IE Black Equity Fund," said Pastor Sam Casey, BEI-IE Co-Founder, and Executive Director at Congregations Organized for Prophetic Change, (C.O.P.E.) "Remarkably, we exceeded our original \$5 million goal. The \$6 million we've raised is a testament to the community's

support of providing critical resources that strengthen the capacity of our organizations. As we celebrate this important milestone, we also know that we must remain vigilant on our journey toward progress."

Dr. Bob Ross, President and CEO of The California Endowment (TCE), was also the program's guest speaker, who encouraged each guest to honor the past sacrifices of others and give back. Under Dr. Ross's leadership, TCE was the first organization to invest \$1 million into the Fund. Leaders from IECF and BEI-IE also presented Dr. Ross with a "Lifetime Commitment to the IE" award.

Grantmaking

The Fund's impact is being felt in the region. It recently granted \$1.027 million to 71 organizations and fiscally-sponsored projects in its second round of grantmaking. Since its inception, the Fund has made grants totaling \$1.7 million to promote racial equity in the region.

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NAACP, C.O.P.E., Others, Urge Accountability from San Bernardino City Council



by Gail Fry

“**W**e’re here to address the racist comments spewed at Amy Malone at the city council meeting on October 18, and to hold the City of San Bernardino, its Council, and the people in power, accountable,” NAACP President Chache Wright confirmed at a November 1, press conference facilitated by Congregations Organized for Prophetic Engagement (C.O.P.E.) and held at the Feldhym Library in San Bernardino.

The NAACP, C.O.P.E., and others are seeking to have the San Bernardino City Council reaffirm its 2020 resolution declaring racism a public health crisis.

“We’re holding this press conference today to let them know and to let the community know, that we’re not going to go silently,” Wright

declared, explaining his intent to create a united front and action to combat racism in the city.

“We are aware that when issues happen to Black people, it affects all of us,” he said while assuring, “We are not making this a Black and brown issue.”

“I’m demanding that our city leadership do what’s necessary so that we don’t have a lot of people like myself deciding that we’re going to have to take things into our own hands,” he asserted.

“We have not, because we ask not,” former California Assemblymember Cheryl Brown declared. “We have to tell them what we want.”

Addressing what occurred at last week’s city council meeting, San Bernardino Mayor Helen Tran said what happened does not define

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their city. But, Brown countered, “I say what happened, sadly, is a continuation of a long history of deliberate discrimination and racism in the city.”

“We fought back and we won,” Brown continued reflecting on past battles in the city, noting there are now three Blacks on the city council, three Blacks on the school board, and one on the County Board of Education.

Brown argued that the mayor, the Police Association, and some of the council members now want to control the Black city council members through a city manager, “But, we will fight and reclaim our rights by showing up at the council meetings.”

Brown promised the NAACP would contact state and federal agencies on civil rights to investigate what this city was doing to its people.

“On September 16, 2020, the city of San Bernardino adopted Resolution Number 2020-232 affirming racism is a public health crisis with a unanimous vote,” former City Council Member Rikke Van Johnson recalled.

Johnson noted councilmembers Fred Shorett, Theodore Sanchez, Sandra Ibarra, and Juan Figueroa voted for that resolution, but did not attend the October 23, press conference condemning the racist incident at the October 18, city council meeting.

“[Resolution 2020-232] called on the city to actively participate in the dismantling of racism by supporting community efforts to amplify issues of racism and engaging actively and authentically with communities of color

(Far left): NAACP President Chache Wright addresses attendees at a November 1, press conference facilitated by Congregations Organized for Prophetic Engagement (C.O.P.E) and held at the Feldhym Library in San Bernardino to demand San Bernardino City Council reaffirm its commitment to racism as a public health crisis. (Top): Attendees listen intently as NAACP President Chache Wright addressed the audience at a November 1, press conference facilitated by Congregations Organized for Prophetic Engagement (C.O.P.E) to demand action by the San Bernardino City Council after racial slurs were hurled at city resident Amy Malone, as she spoke during the public comment period at the October 18 meeting of the city council. (Middle): Some attendees of the November 1, press conference pose in solidarity to a demand that the San Bernardino City Council reaffirm its commitment to racism as a public health crisis. (Bottom): C.O.P.E. member staffs a table of literature about the organization and its mission outside the Feldhym Library in San Bernardino on November 1, 2023. (All photos by passionnetproductions.com)



Amy Malone is interrupted by a plethora of racial slurs while speaking at the San Bernardino City Council Meeting on October 19, 2023. (Bottom): Cheryl and Hardy Brown share comments against the appointment of Charles A Montoya to serve as city manager during a public discussion at the October 30, 2023, meeting of the San Bernardino City Council. (youtube.com screenshot by Gail Fry)

throughout our city,” Van Johnson stated recalling its promise.

City Council Meeting Interrupted by Racist Epithets

During its public comment over the selection of a new city manager, at the San Bernardino City Council Meeting on October 18, a speaker Amy Malone was suddenly interrupted by racist epithets shouted out by members of the public attending via Zoom.

Malone, a Black woman, addressing the board as a taxpayer and resident of San Bernardino, said she could not understand how the city council was discussing an unqualified candidate [Charles Montoya] for the position of city manager.

“This city already has a track record of having corruption, we have issues that we are trying to rebuild from, and you are setting someone up for failure,” Malone opined explaining it is about

the best interests of the city.

“Somebody shut this Ni**er up... Go home, you... b**ch. Go back to Africa if you don’t like it,” remote voices could be heard interrupting Malone, as she spoke.

Mayor Pro Tem Fred Shorett interjected and asked Malone to wait before she proceeded with her comments.

“Mr. Shorett, I would ask that you apologize first, for what just came through while you’re telling me to wait,” Malone admonished.

“Sorry, that should not have happened,” Shorett responded, adding he could not agree more that it was inappropriate, but it was a technical issue over which he had no control.

“So, to me, that should have been the first thing said to every African American in this place,” Malone objected.

The outburst hung over the spirited public discussion, for the council’s consideration of its new city manager.

Controversial Vote for City Manager

It was clear from the many public members who spoke out against Montoya during the meeting that the council’s decision to appoint him would lay the groundwork for controversy.

The majority of speakers objected to Montoya’s employment history, which they said reflected a termination for prohibited acts by the City of Avondale, Arizona, a resulting lawsuit, an Arizona Attorney General investigation, and a spotty work history.

Wright objected to the city’s proposed choice of Montoya as city manager explaining the city should not select people with a proven track record of running from place to place.

“I’m very concerned about your candidate tonight,” attorney Tim Prince voiced explaining his concern comes from a letter signed by the City of Avondale in Arizona as to why Montoya had to be fired under their legal fiduciary duties. Prince listed violating the city charter, directing staff to pay him funds that he claimed from the city, taking a loan against his retirement account, failing to make timely payments, seeking and receiving excess tuition reimbursement funds,

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VOICE Veterans Day Coverage

Riverside County Honors Veterans with Green Light Display



Riverside's County Administration Center is lit with a green light to honor veterans on November 7, 2023. (Aryana Noroozi for Black Voice News/CatchLight Local)

Aryana Noroozi | Staff

Riverside lit up its County Administration Center building with green lights in solidarity with the National Association of Counties (NACo) and the National Association of County Veterans Service Officers (NACVSO).

On Tuesday Nov. 7, Supervisors Karen Spiegel and Chuck Washington thanked veterans in their opening remarks at the Riverside County ceremonial light-switch event.

Riverside County is part of the nation's 3,069 counties, parishes, and boroughs in Operation Green Light, which signifies support and appreciation for veterans.

The County Administration building will remain lit in green from Nov. 7 through Nov. 12.

"Our commitment to our veterans is unwavering. This gesture, simple but significant, is our way of

saying 'thank you' for their immense sacrifices," said Supervisor Spiegel. "We are proud to light up our administration building in green as a symbol of our ongoing support and recognition of their service."

"If you need help, there's help here."

Daniel Martinez has countless memories of his service in the U.S. Navy Reserves. One of his favorite memories is celebrating his eighteenth birthday at sea during the world's fourth largest typhoon.

Martinez, who joined the Navy at sixteen and served in the Vietnam War, traveled to Japan, the Philippines, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Malaysia, and Singapore. He also took part in a covert mission in Cambodia and later Desert Shield. While he recalls those experiences fondly, he also faces the difficult memories from his service.

"When I go back to that place, it's dark," he said. Martinez shared how after his service he suffered from substance abuse and once attempted suicide.

"That's why I have my sister come with me because if I were to drive home right now, and thinking about all this — [it] wouldn't be good," he added.

Today, Martinez has been sober for 34 years. He credited the Riverside County Department of Veteran Services for his opportunity to seek treatment for post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and lung disease treatment from Agent Orange exposure.

Martinez fought for his case to access benefits for thirty years, but was continuously denied by the federal Veterans Administration. Eventually, he began working with Riverside County's Assistant Director of Veterans Services, Adam French, who was able to send in the paperwork and secure Martinez's benefits within a month. Martinez was even awarded a Vietnam War service medal, which he'd been previously denied for years.

"My message to other veterans is that if you need help, there's help here," said Martinez. "When I was out of Vietnam, there was no help. The only help we got was a hospital jail or suicide. Now you got all these organizations out here, just saying, 'Come, we'll take care of you. Just get here and we'll do the rest.'"

He formed a nonprofit of his own called United Veterans Corner Resources. The organization provides resources such as food and clothing drives, workforce postings and a pipeline to addiction support for veterans.

Martinez works hard to learn about other organizations and their services in order to understand where to send his community if there is a need he cannot directly meet.

Martinez explained that Riverside County is a leading force in providing resources to its veterans, but knows that not every veteran in the U.S. may have the same access to these resources.

"I've seen a lot of veterans that are really bad [off] out there...in small towns across the U.S. they don't have the [same] type of funding," he explained.

Now, Martinez is writing a book as he continues to help others. He enjoys spending time with his sister, who also lived in Vietnam while her husband fought in the Vietnam War.

"What I would really like to see is more effort [put] into peace than we do in the war," Martinez said.

A New Leader for Riverside's Veterans Services: Gregory Coffos merges a passion for public service, leadership, and veteran service

If Gregory Coffos, recently appointed lead of the County of Riverside Veterans' Services Department,

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(Top left): On November 9, 2023, McKay stands in a showroom that contains caskets, urns, and other afterlife options for families to pick for their loved ones. (Top right): A hearse drives through Riverside National Cemetery on November 9, 2023. McKay's Mortuary is located minutes away and serves a large population of veteran families. Part of Mark McKay's mission is to help these families fully utilize their benefits that their loved one earned through their service. (Aryana Noroozi for Black Voice News / CatchLight Local); (Bottom 4 images): At a memorial service at Riverside National Cemetery in October, Mark McKay and his wife, Robin, were honored by the Veterans Administration as the only mortuary that serves indigent veterans when they die. (Courtesy of Mark McKay)

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homes and rehabilitation facilities and therefore do not have control over their finances, which are often very limited to begin with. McKay has developed relationships with social workers in these facilities to allocate some of the veterans' funds towards their afterlife services.

McKay is currently in the final steps of launching a nonprofit organization that will implement further solutions to address this issue by serving as a pipeline between social workers and the funeral home.

In October, McKay and his wife, Robin, were honored by the Veterans Administration at the Riverside National Cemetery as the only mortuary that serves indigent veterans when they die.

McKay maintains that a conversation can make a significant impact on the honoring of veterans and their families. His work in Riverside is a means to serve those who may not have loved ones to honor them after their passing. McKay is also dedicated to supporting veterans families who are unaware of how to utilize what their family member's service guarantees or who may have trouble covering the remaining costs.

"That's my purpose in life," he said.



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that could potentially endanger domestic violence victims by allowing firearms to remain in the hands of their abusers.

The case involves a ruling by the 5th District Court of Appeals in *U.S. v. Rahimi*, that would invalidate a federal law prohibiting adjudicated domestic abusers (someone found guilty) subject to Domestic Violence Restraining Orders (DVROs) from possessing firearms.

In its decision, the Fifth Circuit vacated the criminal conviction of a defendant who had possessed a firearm while subject to a DVRO. The DVRO was issued against him after it was determined he had assaulted his ex-girlfriend and would likely to do so again.

A quest to overturn the Fifth Circuit's ruling—along with the potential fate of untold numbers of domestic violence victims around the nation—now rests in the hands of an extremely conservative panel of U.S. Supreme Court justices. If their previous rulings in cases involving women is any indication of their leaning in this case, it raises justifiable concern.

A recently released CA Department of Justice (CA DOJ) Office of Gun Violence Prevention report offers an in-depth look at the connections between domestic violence and firearms. The report highlights how “over the past decade, a majority of all female homicide victims in CA were killed by a current or former intimate partner or family member, and a majority of child homicide victims between the ages of one and 14 were killed by a family member.”

California, like elsewhere in the country, also experienced substantial increases in domestic violence-related calls for law enforcement assistance related to the reported use or threatened use of firearms during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Court records also showed a 17% decrease in the number of cases filed seeking protections of a DVRO in the state during the pandemic. Some experts believe this may have been due in part to victims being shut in with their abusers during the COVID-19 stay at home order, thus limiting victims' ability to seek help.

At the county level in the Inland Empire, domestic violence-related calls for law

enforcement assistance during the period 2018-2022 in Riverside County totalled 34,464 with 212 of those calls involving firearms. During the same period, San Bernardino County experienced 41,896 domestic violence calls, 676 of them involved firearms.

Despite these sobering local numbers, California has made significant long-term progress in reducing the incidents of domestic violence involving firearms and in reducing gun homicide rates for women and children. According to CA DOJ, from 1993 to 2019, the state noted “a 63% reduction in per capita rates of domestic violence-related calls for law enforcement assistance involving firearms, a 61% reduction in domestic violence-related gun homicides, a 67% reduction in female-victim gun homicide rates, and an 80% reduction in gun homicide rates for children aged 14 and under.”

These numbers are encouraging, but in reality, if you are a victim of domestic violence today, these numbers don't protect you from the scourge of abuse. We must find a way to end this cycle of violence primarily against women and children.

I commend CA Attorney General Rob Bonta for standing with victims of domestic violence as the Supreme Court considers *U.S. v. Rahimi*. Last week Bonta joined a coalition of 25 attorneys general in filing an amicus brief in the case. The brief urged the nation's highest court to strike down the decision by the appellate court.

Having been raised in a home with a domestic abuser I know too well the courage it took for my mother to leave an abusive relationship with six young children in tow. Experts say it takes an average of seven times, meaning for some—it takes even more attempts. I applaud Bonta's attention to this important issue.

If you or someone you know are experiencing domestic violence, local and statewide resources can be found here. Believe me, I know first hand that there is a way out and you don't have to do it alone.

As always, I'm keeping it real.

S.E. Williams
Executive Editor

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Peter Aldana, Riverside County Clerk,
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Peter Aldana, Riverside County Clerk,
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER CVCO2305181

To All Interested Persons: Petitioner: JESSICA GARCIA, LUIS ANGEL RODRIGUEZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: XAVIER JULIAN RODRIGUEZ to XAVIER ERNESTO RODRIGUEZ. The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why 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: 12/27/2023 Time: 8:00AM Dept: C2. The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 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: 11/7/2023
TAMARA L. WAGNER, Judge of the Superior Court
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER CVMV2305032

To All Interested Persons: Petitioner: CATALINA GARCIA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: CATALINA GARCIA to. CATALINA EMERICK. The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why 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: 12/13/2023 Time: 8:00AM Dept: MV2. The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 13800 HEACOCK STREET. D#201, MORENO VALLEY, CA 92553. MORENO VALLEY 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: 9/25/2023
BELINDA A. HANDY, Judge of the Superior Court
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER CVMV2304730

To All Interested Persons: Petitioner: BESSIE MAE BAKER filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: BESSIE MAE BAKER to. BESSIE MAE GOODIN. The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why 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: 12/11/2023 Time: 8:00AM Dept: MV2. The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 13800 HEACOCK STREET. D#201, MORENO VALLEY, CA 92553. MORENO VALLEY 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

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Martinez and his sister, Nancy Sanchez, pose for a portrait after the Operation Green Light for Veterans ceremonial light-switch event at the Riverside County Administration Center building on Nov. 7, 2023. Sanchez lived with her husband overseas in Germany when he was drafted during the Vietnam war. She provides support to her brother after events like this where he talks about his service. "That's why I have my sister come with me because if I were to drive home right now and thinking about all this [it] wouldn't be good," he said. (Aryana Noroozi for Black Voice News/ CatchLight Local)

could send a single message about veterans to his community, it would be to honor them for the liberties and freedoms Americans enjoy because of their sacrifices.

Coffos is a San Jacinto resident and has worked for the past ten years in the nonprofit sector, supporting unhoused residents secure housing. He served in the Navy for five years as a logistics specialist, assigned to Strike Fighter Squadron 146 in Lemoore, CA.

Coffos and his staff support over 50,000 veterans each year. Their work is centered around supporting these veterans in identifying, registering for, and receiving their benefits.

"I have pretty grand visions of the department. I want to grow it into different dynamics," explained Coffos. "Not just focusing on claims and pensions, but also getting into the homeless initiative and the workforce initiatives and trying to be like a one-stop shop, where veterans can come and be supported all around with a 360 kind of support."

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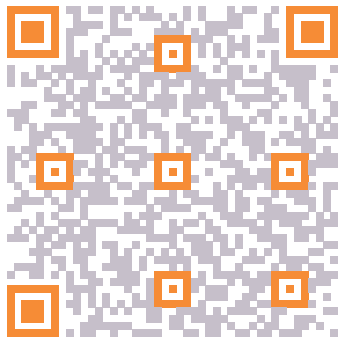
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COMMUNITY

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Pastor Sam Casey, Equity Fund founders Felicia Jones, Dina Walker, and Assemblymember Corey Jackson (middle).

New Research

To better understand the issues affecting the Inland Empire's Black community which comprises 7.3% of the region's population, and to identify where funding might carry the most impact, the IE Black Equity Fund partnered with Mapping Black California to publish the "Black Equity Fund Report."

Building a Culture of Philanthropy

The Fund has raised \$6 million thanks to investments from the California Endowment, the Weingart Foundation, the James Irvine Foundation, Assemblymember Dr. Corey A. Jackson, and support from dozens of corporate and institutional donors. The Fund has also been strengthened by numerous individual donations.

"This is a terrific milestone for the Inland Empire and our Black-led nonprofits," said Brie Griset Smith, Sr. VP of Charitable Giving at IECF. "We are so appreciative of those who gave generously to support the Black Equity Fund at IECF, and to BEI-IE who created this inspiring opportunity to benefit our region."

In partnership with IE Funders Alliance and IECF, the Fund was created by The Black Equity Initiative – Inland Empire (BEI-IE), a coalition of nonprofit leaders whose work is focused on ending systemic racism and building political and economic power for the Black community in Riverside and San Bernardino counties.

For more information about the IE Black Equity Fund and its mission, visit iegives.org/ieblackequityfund. For more information about BEI-IE, visit www.blackequityie.org.

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failing and refusing to repay vehicle allowance funds that were erroneously dispersed to him.

“[I]f you ran a business and hired people like this you would go out of business,” Prince stated. “Any attorney worth his or her salt would tell you not to hire this person.

Former City Council Member Rikke Van Johnson explained Montoya should not be the first Latino city manager in San Bernardino because he has not stayed in each city where he was previously employed for a substantial time.

“Danger mayor and city council! Danger! Do the right thing for the residents,” Johnson cautioned about red flags.

“Red flag is right,” Former State Assemblymember Cheryl Brown repeated, questioning transparency with the city’s notice, lack of the opportunity to comment, unique closed session schedule, dubious vetting process, and alleged Brown Act violations. “I say that because it’s about time to hire a Latino city manager, but not with Montoya’s legal issues,” Cheryl Brown said reading her husband, Hardy Brown’s, comments on behalf of the NAACP.

“[The] NAACP calls on you to refrain from hiring this person,” Hardy Brown stressed. “And if the council hires him tonight, it is on you.

Christian T. Shaughnessy encouraged citizens to register and exercise their vote on March 5, 2024, and November 3.

City manager approved amid controversy

Director of Human Resources Susie H. Soren introduced the agenda item recommending the City of San Bernardino authorize the mayor to execute an employment agreement for a city manager with Charles A Montoya, to commence on October 30, 2023.

“Today marks a significant milestone for our city,” said Mayor Helen Tran claiming the appointment results from rigorous deliberation and an extensive selection process.

“With Mr. Montoya as a city manager, I’m confident that we are taking a significant step forward, together we will build a stronger, more vibrant, sustainable, and more inclusive city,” Tran concluded.

Black members of the board did not share

Tran’s opinion. “I want to first begin by apologizing for what happened on Zoom. [It is] totally unacceptable, I’m sorry,” Councilmember Ben Reynoso shared, apologizing for council members’ personal attacks. It’s not our job to talk back, we signed up for this job.

“You’ve elected me to deem someone qualified or unqualified, I do not feel that he was qualified for this position,” Reynoso explained.

Reynoso said his recommendation would be to continue with the interim city manager, Charles McNeely, apologizing for the circumstances under which he was leaving.

“I have not received one positive comment for your employment,” Council Member Damon Alexander voiced, explaining, “I can’t do what my ward says I shouldn’t do.”

“I will help you be successful,” Alexander shared, concluding, “But you won’t get the vote here tonight because that’s not what my constituents whom I work for want.”

“I cannot spend your money on hiring someone that I would not hire for my business,” Calvin declared explaining Montoya would not be her choice as our city manager.

Reynoso seconded Calvin’s motion not to choose Mr. Montoya as the city manager.

However, Councilmember Theodore Sanchez countered, “I’ll make a substitute motion to approve the contract.” Councilmember Juan Figueroa affirmed, “I’ll second that motion.”

“Okay, the substitute motion does take precedence,” Mayor Pro Tem Fred Shorett acknowledged, adding, “We will call for the vote on the substitute motion to approve the contract.”

Sanchez, Ibarra, Figueroa, Shorett, and Tran, voted in favor of Montoya with Reynoso, Calvin, and Alexander voting no.

Shorett announced, “The motion passes by three with councilmembers Reynoso, Calvin, and Alexander voting in opposition.”

“And again, welcome. Mr. Montoya,” Shorett said, “I think you’ve got your marching orders.” With the motion passing, interim city manager McNeely thanked the city council and the city staff for the opportunity to serve the community he loves.

The new city manager, Montoya, was then

introduced to the audience.

“I have always given my heart and soul to every single job I’ve ever done,” Montoya assured, claiming he does not even have a speeding ticket on his record.

“We filed a lawsuit with the Attorney General’s office,” Montoya acknowledged about the allegations against him related to Avondale, AZ, explaining it is now in federal district court, “where we will have our day in court with a jury trial.”

“But the truth of the matter is, I have done a very good job,” Montoya claimed, adding, “I’m honest, I’m decent, and I would do everything I’ve done all over again.”

In the wake of the controversial meeting, the City of San Bernardino issued a statement condemning the racist comments and organized a community stand against racism for Monday, October 23, apologizing for the offensive and unacceptable comments.

The city further explained it was working with the San Bernardino Police Department to identify and investigate those involved for violation of Penal Code 403.

“In the meantime, San Bernardino is reviewing its remote comment protocols to identify steps that can be taken to prevent this from happening again,” the statement advised.

Any individual who willfully disturbs or breaks up a public assembly or meeting can be prosecuted under Penal Code Section 403, classified as a misdemeanor punishable by up to 6 months in jail and fines of up to \$1,000.00.

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