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Voter Fraud...The New "Lost Cause"



Certainly, time will tell whether there is organized and pervasive voter fraud being perpetrated here in Riverside County or if Bianco will turn up a small number of easily explainable errors that can occur on occasion without malice or forethought and then proceed to use those for some type of political leverage. (source: naacp.org)

If we've learned nothing else during the age of Trump, we've learned that the illusion of voter fraud runs deep among many remaining in the Republican Party to the point that it supersedes almost everything else on their agenda including truth, justice, fairness, legality, integrity, even threats to human life.

Despite this illusion, in what's been defined as an "exhaustive piece of reporting by the Associated Press" found fewer than 475 cases of potential voter fraud out of 25 million votes cast nationally in the 2020 Presidential Election and yet, the Big Lie—though waning in intensity—persists.

And nowhere is the issue of voter fraud sputtering along more inappropriately than here in Riverside County. And now it appears, where Republican District Attorney Mike Hestrin once beat the drum on this issue, Riverside has a new "voter fraud drum major" in the guise of Sheriff Chad Bianco—who is himself under investigation.

Amid claims of election fraud ahead of the

November 2020 election, Hestrin and Riverside County Supervisor Karen Spiegel allegedly pressured the Registrar of Voters to remove a ballot dropbox that had been available to voters for over 20 years, threatening to sue if she didn't. The registrar argues that their request was intended to suppress voters.

Hestrin also purportedly pushed the county's Registrar of Voters to place undercover agents at polling places and capture the license plates of those delivering ballots to drop off locations during the 2020 election cycle among other antics.

In fairness to Bianco, I guess he is just following the political playbook on voter fraud while he also deflects from the investigation into his own department by the California Attorney General's office.

Not unlike the cast of fervent believers or manipulative misfits (however you choose to define them) banging the drum for Trump and proclaiming voter fraud in the wake of the 2020

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Gift a Kid a Book: Encouraging Early Learning in San Bernardino County



Did you know that about 90% of a child's brain develops by age five? (Chris Allen, VOICE)

Ellen Perrault | Staff

Through its Gift a Kid a Book campaign, First 5 San Bernardino (F5SB) is helping parents and caregivers encourage a love of reading and learning in our youngest San Bernardino County residents.

The fall campaign, which launched in October, will run through December, featuring information and resources in both English and Spanish.

Children develop much of their capacity

for learning during the earliest years since this is the time when the brain undergoes its most dramatic growth, "Ninety percent of a child's brain develops by age five, so it is crucial for us to educate our community on the role books play in a young child's life," explained First 5 San Bernardino Executive Director Karen Scott. "Reading to babies and young children builds the important foundation for language and writing skills that will have a lifelong effect on a child's ability to learn," Scott concluded.

Children under five have many milestones,

which families often celebrate with toys, treats or clothing. Gift a Kid a Book introduces the idea of gifting a book instead! These milestones could be celebrating the first day of school, becoming a big sister, the first trip to the dentist and, of course, birthdays and the holidays.

The Gift a Kid a Book message is reaching San Bernardino County residents through digital advertising, radio spots, billboards, community

“

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- Karen Scott
First 5 SB Executive Director

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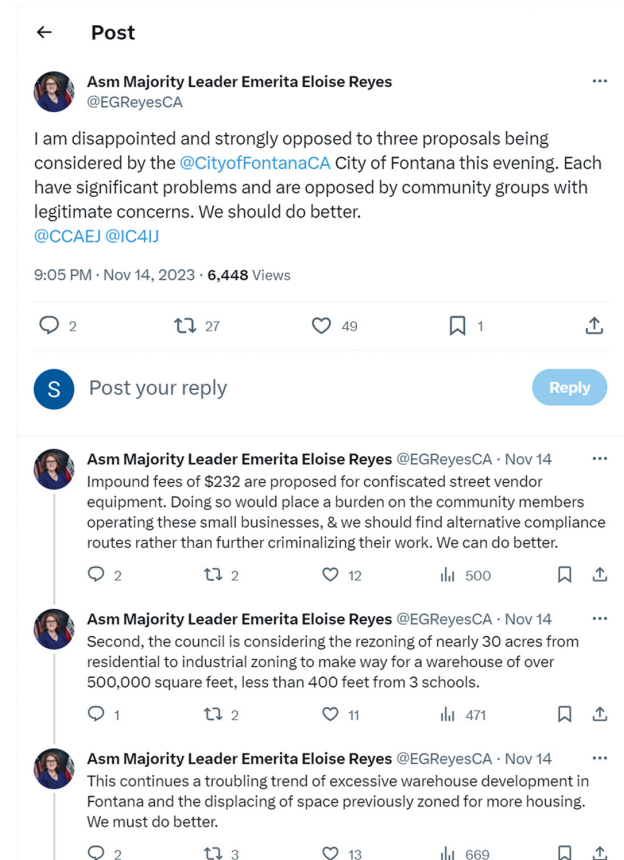
events, publicity and social media. The campaign webpage, First5SanBernardino.org/reading, features a list of book recommendations by age, a collection of partner resources, reading activities and downloadable bookmarks in English and Spanish.

Visit First5SanBernardino.org/reading or follow @First5SanBernardino for more information.

S.E. Williams | Executive Editor

To some critics it seemed completely arbitrary when Mayor Aquanetta Warren reduced the public comment period down from three minutes per speaker to one minute per speaker during the October 24, 2023, meeting of the Fontana City Council.

“We have a number of cards,” said Warren. “Over 30. And, I would like to ask my council members to oblige me ... my mayoral duties... and say we are going to cut the comments down to one minute,” declared Warren. “So, please



On November 14, 2023 Assemblymember Eloise Gomez Reyes posted these comments on X regarding actions by the Fontana City Council. (Screenshot by S. E. Williams)

adjust your comments.”

Warren provided this advisory after running through a list of do’s and don’ts for the approximately 30 people who submitted cards to make public comments that evening.

It was obvious from the rustling noises and “What’s?” whispered from the audience that they were surprised by the unexpected reduction in

Arrests Made as Protests Escalate During Fontana City Council Meeting Over Street Vendor Ordinance



(Graphic by Chris Allen, VOICE)

time each would have to address their concerns to the council. Historically, the Fontana City Council accommodates three minute comment periods from members of the community to address the council.

Warren, however, acted within her authority according to the California’s Ralph M. Brown Act that establishes guidelines for open meetings. The Brown Act states in part, “The body may establish procedures for public comment as well as specifying reasonable time limitations on

particular topics or individual speakers.”

It continues, “So long as the body acts fairly with respect to the interest of the public and competing factions, it has great discretion in regulating the time and manner, as distinguished from the content, of testimony by interested members of the public.”

Though in this case it appeared Warren—not the body (city council) made the decision to cut the usual comment period from three

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AMENDED SUMMONS (FAMILY LAW)
Case Number FLRI2304941
Notice to Respondent:
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/serfhelp), 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 Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte .ca.gov), en el sito 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
p. 11/09/23, 11/16/23, 11/23/23, 11/30/23

The following persons) is (are) doing business as:
CRUZTINT
16042 Avenida Merced
Desert Hot Springs, CA 92240
RIVERSIDE COUNTY
Victor – Cruz
16042 Avenida Merced
Desert Hot Springs, CA 92240
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. Victor – Cruz
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I certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.
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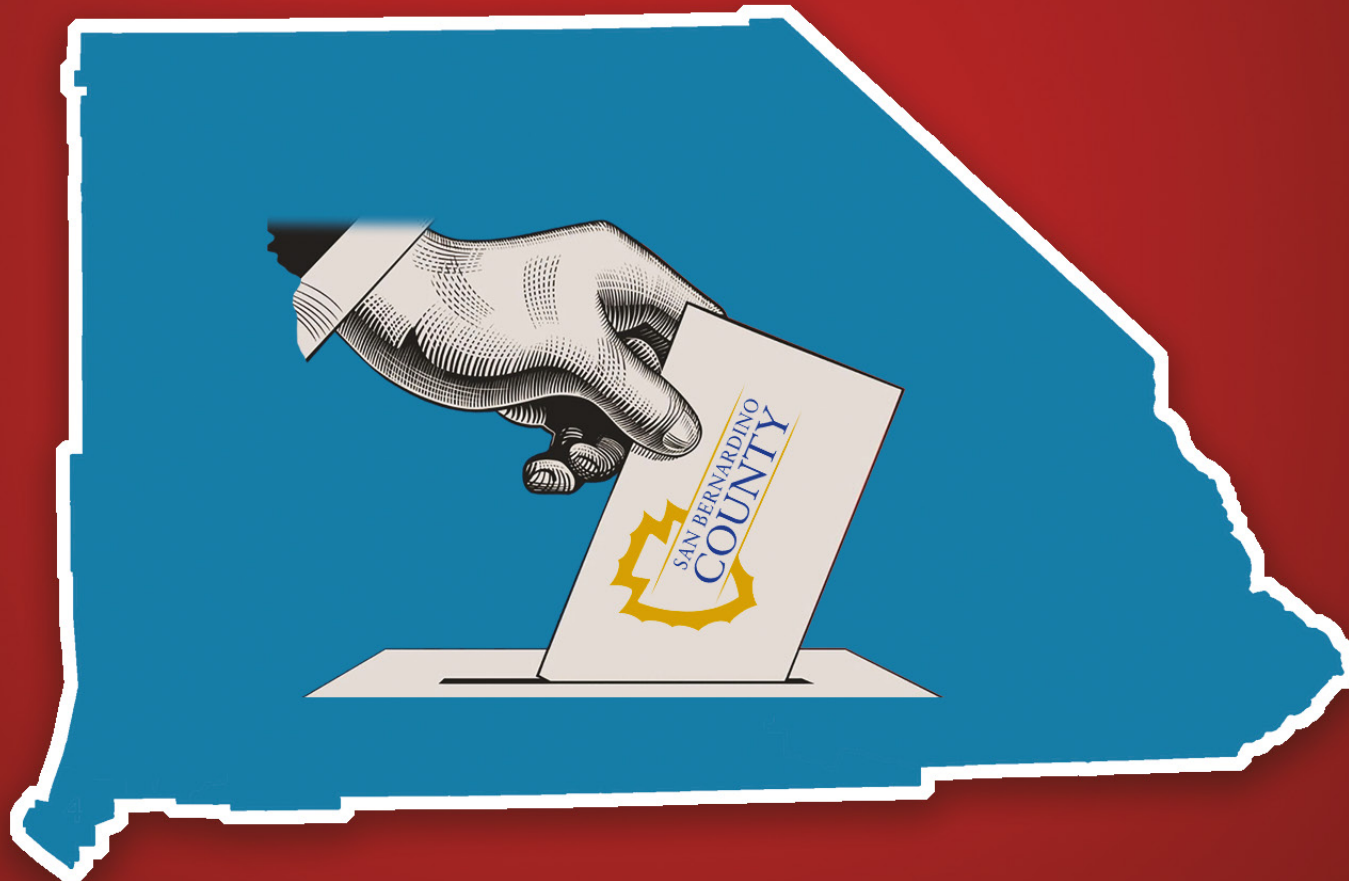
professions code). I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.
Peter Aldana, Riverside County Clerk,
FILE NO. R-202316096
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The following persons) is (are) doing business as:
TRENDYVENDING LLC
1401 21st Street, Suite R
Sacramento, CA 95811
SACRAMENTO COUNTY
4D ABODE LLC
1401 21st Street, Suite R
Sacramento, CA 95811
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.
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. Lanisha Woodmore, 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 11/09/2023
I certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.
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Peter Aldana, Riverside County Clerk,
FILE NO. R-202316461
p. 11/23/23, 11/30/23, 12/07/23, 12/14/23
The following persons) is (are) doing business as:
TL SERVICES
12930 Day St, Ste 105
Moreno Valley, CA 92553
RIVERSIDE COUNTY
10416 Prospector Ln
Moreno Valley, CA 92557
Nguyen Dac Phuoc Tran
Moreno Valley, CA 92557
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. Nguyen Dac Phuoc Tran
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (sec. 1440 et seq. b &p code) Statement was filed with the County of Riverside on 11/14/2023
I certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.
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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-202316588
p. 11/23/23, 11/30/23, 12/07/23, 12/14/23
AMENDED FBN
The following persons) is (are) doing business as:
HER REALTY GROUP
38625 Calistoga Drive, Ste 120
Murrieta, CA 92563
RIVERSIDE COUNTY
2801 E. Kendall Lane
Ontario, CA 91761
KDP ENTERPRISE CORPORATION
2801 E. Kendall Lane
Ontario, CA 91761
CA
This business is conducted by: Corporation
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1000)
s. Keniece Percell, CEO
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 05/25/2023
I certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.
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Peter Aldana, Riverside County Clerk,
FILE NO. R-202308113
p. 6/22/23, 6/29/23, 7/06/23, 7/13/23, 11/23/23, 11/30/23, 12/07/23, 12/14/23
The following persons) is (are) doing business as:
TAB
14047 Versimo Lane
Beaumont, CA 92223
RIVERSIDE COUNTY
Travis Boatin
14047 Versimo Lane
Beaumont, CA 92223
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. Travis Boatin, Tab
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (sec. 1440 et seq. b &p code) Statement was filed with the County of Riverside on 11/1/2023
I certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.
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Peter Aldana, Riverside County Clerk,
FILE NO. R-202316006
p. 11/16/23, 11/23/23, 11/30/23, 12/07/23
The following persons) is (are) doing business as:
SUNSHINE MASSAGE Y
9247 Magnolia Ave
Riverside, CA 92503
RIVERSIDE COUNTY
3731 Via Tortola
Riverside, CA 92503
Wenyng – Yuan
3731 Via Tortola
Riverside, CA 92503
This business is conducted by: Individual
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 03/17/2017
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. Wenyng – Yuan
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (sec. 1440 et seq. b &p code) Statement was filed with the County of Riverside on 11/13/2023
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Peter Aldana, Riverside County Clerk,
FILE NO. R-202316528
p. 11/23/23, 11/30/23, 12/07/23, 12/14/23
The following persons) is (are) doing business as:
READY SNACK GO VENDING
29473 Branwin St
Murrieta, CA 92563
RIVERSIDE COUNTY
Deven Marie Taylor
29473 Branwin St
Murrieta, CA 92563
This business is conducted by: Individual
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1000)
s. Deven Marie Taylor
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Peter Aldana, Riverside County Clerk,
FILE NO. R-202316481
p. 11/23/23, 11/30/23, 12/07/23, 12/14/23
The following persons) is (are) doing business as:
BARBARA NEAL PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING, LMFT
5055 Canyon Crest Dr, Suite 202
Riverside, CA 92507
RIVERSIDE COUNTY
13342 Mimosa Ln
Moreno Valley, CA 92553
Barbara Denise Neal
13342 Mimosa Ln
Moreno Valley, CA 92553
This business is conducted by: Individual
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 1/3/2023
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. Barbara Denise Neal
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (sec. 1440 et seq. b &p code) Statement was filed with the County of Riverside on 11/16/2023
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Peter Aldana, Riverside County Clerk,
FILE NO. R-202316701
p. 11/23/23, 11/30/23, 12/07/23, 12/14/23
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
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.
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s. Jarod Salas
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Peter Aldana, Riverside County Clerk,
FILE NO. R-202315678
p. 11/02/23, 11/09/23, 11/16/23, 11/23/23
STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
File No. R-202012931
LADUE NAILS AND SPA
29910 Murrieta Hot Springs Rd, Ste D
Murrieta, CA 92563
RIVERSIDE COUNTY
Linh Nguyen Nhat Le
31363 Paris Ct
Winchester, CA 92596
This business is conducted by: Individual
The fictitious business name(s) referred to above was filed in Riverside County on 12/16/2020
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code,

Over 60 Offices Up for Election in San Bernardino County



Considering running for elected office? You have until Friday, December 8, 2023 to file for the March 5, 2024 Presidential Primary Election. (Graphic by Chris Allen, VOICE).

Ellen Perrault | Staff

Candidate filing for the March 5, 2024 Presidential Primary Election began Monday, Nov. 13 and continues through 5 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 8 at the San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters.

Nearly 60 federal, state, county, judicial and local offices are up for election in San Bernardino County, which include United States Senator, United States Representatives for districts 23, 25, 28, 33, 35 and 40, State Senators for districts 19, 23, 25, 29 and 31, members of the State Assembly for districts 34, 36, 39, 41, 45, 47, 50, 53, 58 and 59, County Supervisors for districts 1, 3 and 5, Superior Court Judges for 30 offices and

Chaffey Community College District Governing Board Members, Areas 3, 4 and 5.

Qualified citizens may also file candidacy documents for partisan nominations for United States President or various county central committee seats.

When a person obtains candidacy documents, he or she must be a registered voter residing in the district and division/area. Additionally, candidates for the office of county supervisor must have been a registered voter in the relevant district by Nov. 8.

Citizens interested in running for office may obtain the appropriate candidacy documents from the San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters, 777 E. Rialto Avenue in San Bernardino

from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Completed documents must be filed with the Registrar of Voters by 5 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 8. Citizens interested in running for offices up for election in the cities of Loma Linda or San Bernardino must pick up and file their candidate filing documents at the appropriate City Clerk's office during regular business hours.

Contact the Registrar of Voters at (909) 387-8300 to find out more about running for office or to schedule a video conference or in-person candidate filing appointment. You may also visit [SBCountyElections.com](https://sbcountyelections.com) to learn more.

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At the opening of the November 14, 2023, city council meeting, Fontana Mayor Aquanetta Warren reads a prepared statement in response to public comments made during the October 24, 2023, city council related to a new city ordinance focused on street vendors. The November 14 meeting eventually devolved into chaos and the chamber was cleared. Link to Warren's opening comments. (youtube.com screenshot by S. E. Williams)

minutes to one. As noted above, she prefaced her announcement to cut the allotted time for comments to one minute by asking “my council members to oblige me.”

Regardless—the proverbial die was cast.

Community members had gathered in great numbers in the council chambers on October 24, to make their voices heard on the city's controversial street vendor ordinance initially passed by the council on October 10, 2023. The ordinance empowers a private company, contracted by the city to impound all of a street vendors' equipment if he/she is not in compliance with the city's health and safety standards policies. The ordinance also imposes an impound fee if the vendor wants to retrieve their impounded equipment.

A majority of speakers were against the ordinance

Many of those who spoke said they did not feel heard by the mayor and expressed their concern that the street vendors were being singled out even as the city has so many other safety considerations that were not being dealt with by the council.

Among the other safety concerns cited

passionately by some of the speakers were allegations of people doing drugs in the parking lot of Walmart and Stater Bros. market; city roads with no lights; warehouses and trucks polluting the community and the purported poisoning of kids by building warehouses next to high schools; students [overdosing] in school gyms, among other safety considerations and additional comments regarding the criminalization and oppression of street vendors.

The public comments grew more and more heated during the session until citizens exploded with expletives as the mayor gave warning after warning and eventually shut down the meeting altogether.

Although Warren made a valiant effort to maintain order, even calling for two breaks during the session, the public comment period went sideways.

Tensions had not cooled when more than two weeks later at the November 14 meeting of the Fontana City Council, the session once again grew so heated, the chamber was cleared and the meeting was continued to the following morning but not before five people were arrested—one

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Combating Racism as a Public Health Crisis, Part 2

Santa Cruz County's Inclusive Resolution



Joy Flynn, community organizer, kneels while holding an “I Can’t Breathe” sign on May 30, 2020 in downtown Santa Cruz, memorializing the last words spoken by 46-year-old George Floyd just before he was murdered by Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin. (Photo by Kevin Painchaud)

Editor’s Note: Mapping Black California (MBC), created by Black Voice News, is a project that aims to collect and publish data to help eliminate systemic inequalities. One of MBC’s projects is an interactive map of official declarations by local and regional government officials establishing racism as a public health crisis. The aim of this is to provide a resource for tracking and holding these entities accountable for following through on declarations and statements. For this series, Black Voice News partnered with The Starling Lab for Data Integrity, a research lab anchored at Stanford University’s School of Engineering and the University of Southern California’s Shoah Foundation. The Lab prototypes authentication technologies and principles to bring journalists, legal experts and archivists into the emerging world of the decentralized web. These tools underscore the importance of accuracy and serve to combat mis- and disinformation. Decentralized tools can create a technological chain that identifies the history, or “provenance,” of a piece of digital content, serving to reduce information uncertainty and bolster trust in digital content. To learn more about these technologies, read this article online at [BlackVoiceNews.com](https://blackvoiceneeds.com).

by Breanna Reeves

In the midst of a global pandemic that further exposed systemic racial inequity in health care, ongoing violence against Black people and other longstanding injustices, formal government resolutions that declared racism as a public health crisis were groundbreaking.

The acknowledgement that Black individuals have been physically, economically, financially and emotionally crippled by racist institutional policies gave way to validation across many communities. For some local governments, that acknowledgement came with pledges to address these unequal systems and practices, and to implement new procedures and

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policies that would ensure equity, inclusion and justice.

While 31 jurisdictions made declarations and passed resolutions, their resolutions vary greatly. Some resolutions include robust lists of actions and strategic plans on how new policies will be implemented to address institutional racism. Other resolutions use vague and broad language that lacks specific details on how the city or local government plans to carry out some of the pledges.

According to the Racism as a Public Health Crisis Dashboard, created by research team Alex Reed and Candice Mays of Mapping Black California (MBC), Santa Cruz County and the City of Oakland have some of the most inclusive resolutions.

Across nine different action categories and 39 different measures outlined by MBC's rubric, Santa Cruz County's resolution incorporates actions across six of the nine different categories which include Data & Accountability, Community Engagement and Economic Opportunities.

On Aug. 18, 2020, the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors unanimously passed a resolution to declare racism a public health crisis. Included in the declaration are actions that reference incorporating education efforts, promoting community engagement, and "partnering and building alliances with local organizations that have a legacy and track record of confronting racism."

The idea to propose the declaration in Santa Cruz was the result of existent and growing racial inequality across the county as national conversations about racism gained traction. Efforts to broaden the declaration from the city level to the county level was a collaborative effort that included Justin Cummings, who was the mayor of the City of Santa Cruz during the time; county board supervisors; and community representative Joy Flynn, founding member of Santa Cruz County Black Coalition for Justice and Racial Equity.

Cummings shared that Flynn was the first community member to hold a demonstration in the wake of George Floyd's murder, bringing more awareness of racism in the region. With the declaration, the city and county were very intentional about focusing these conversations



Joy Flynn poses beside the Black Lives Matter mural located on Center Street, in Downtown Santa Cruz, in front of City Hall. (Kevin Painchaud)

on Black communities and communities of color, and understanding how they are being treated.

"What I hoped for with the action that I did is that I wanted the wider and the whiter community to recognize that Black people live here, and this is affecting us," Flynn said. "We need to be seen, and we need to be seen by one another because we're all so siloed."

Part of Santa Cruz County's declaration included promoting racially equitable economic development. For Black residents in Santa Cruz, addressing affordable housing is one of the most pressing issues. An annual report by the National Low Income Housing Coalition released in June noted that Santa Cruz County is the most expensive area for renters in the U.S.

According to a 2023 housing report released by the Santa Cruz Planning Department, Black/African American mortgage rate applications were rejected in roughly 33% of the cases, compared to between 13% and 21% for other applicants.

Addressing affordable housing was one of many elements that Santa Cruz focused on. City and county officials also set out to understand ongoing issues with equitable health care access and police interactions within Black communities.

"We know if we improve those conditions for African Americans, we improve those conditions for everyone, as a whole," Cummings explained. In 2020, Cummings became the first Black man appointed to serve as mayor of Santa Cruz. In November 2022, Cummings was elected as Third District Supervisor and is the first Black individual to serve on the County Board of Supervisors.

County Supervisor Zach Friend explained that his conversations with Flynn helped identify issues that arise as a result of systemic racism in Santa Cruz County and what the outcomes are. The board also developed partnerships with other departments and organizations to analyze issues impacting Black communities such as law enforcement policies.

Within Santa Cruz's declaration is a pledge to identify "clear goals and objectives, including periodic reports to the public to assess progress and

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capitalize on opportunities to further advance racial equity.”

Equity and Funding for Marginalized Communities

Following increased conversations around police practices after a series of fatal altercations with Black individuals like Breonna Taylor, Rayshard Brooks and Manuel Ellis, Santa Cruz County’s Criminal Justice Council (CJC) reviewed its law enforcement policies regarding use of force, technology and community transparency, among other standards.

The CJC is made up of local elected officials, the head of each local police agency, the district attorney and Chief Probation Officer, the public defender, the county superintendent of schools, and local non-profit leaders, among others.

Published in 2021, Friend and Cummings co-authored a report in partnership with law enforcement agencies that examined policies and procedures.

“In our county, this proposal was met with support across all the sectors that we were challenging these issues with. Over the last couple of years, there has been some movement in each of those sectors to help address, or at least provide, in a more transparent way, the issues that are being faced in each of those sub-sectors,” Friend said.

The report was compiled based on survey responses from police chiefs of Santa Cruz, Scotts Valley, Capitola, Watsonville and the South County Santa Cruz County Sheriff, distributed in 2021. The analysis assessed the responses from different law enforcement agencies to questions like, “Does your department report out on complaints against police personnel to elected officials, to the community, or both?” Eighty percent of law enforcement agencies that were surveyed answered “none of the above.”

Another survey question asked, “Does your agency require implicit bias training?” One hundred percent of law enforcement agencies that were surveyed responded “yes.”

Conversations between Cummings and former Santa Cruz Police Chief Andrew Mills revealed that the department had been practicing transparency and accountability policies, but the public had been unaware about these practices. Additionally, Cummings learned that Black residents — who make up roughly 1.5% of the county population — have different sentiments about law enforcement agencies across county regions.

The 2021 report was inspired by concerns expressed by Black community members and conversations with the police chief to understand what gaps in procedures exist, and how they compare across different regions.

“Let’s see if we can fill those gaps. It really was a great opportunity for us to conduct that review, and now have a document that we can refer people to when these kinds of situations come up and these questions arise,” Cummings said.

As a result of the report, Santa Cruz County’s Sheriff implemented the practice of independent review. In 2023, the board of supervisors established the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) “to ensure that the Santa Cruz County Sheriff’s Office...is transparent and accountable to all residents of Santa Cruz County.”

According to the OIG’s scope of work, the agency has access to the Sheriff Office’s complaint database and other records, and will “regularly assess” systems. The OIG will also review allegations of misconduct and complaints made by community members against the Sheriff’s Office.

An important element of Santa Cruz’s strategy for making their declaration

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Assemblymember Dr. Corey A. Jackson to Present State of the 60th Annual Report



Dr. Corey A. Jackson, Assemblymember, 60th District invites residents of his district to join an online event to reflect on the achievements of the past year and plans for the coming year. (source: Chris Allen, VOICE/a60.asmdc.org)

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On Thursday, December 7, 2023, Dr. Corey A. Jackson, Assemblymember, 60th District is presenting the State of the 60th Annual Report, where Jackson and the community will reflect on the achievements of the past year and share the district's vision for the future. Your presence will add immense value to this virtual event.

The event, scheduled to begin at 6:00 pm will be livestreamed online via Facebook, Assemblymember Jackson's Website and Zoom

(a Zoom link will be provided upon registration).

According to Jackson the event will include a legislative update that will provide insights to the legislative landscape that has shaped the region over the past year and provide an opportunity to learn about the policies Jackson has been successful in getting signed by the governor.

The event will also provide an opportunity to "Celebrate the successes and milestones for our financial endeavors and budget wins that we have accomplished in the 60th Assembly

District," explained Jackson.

Finally, Jackson will share his vision for the future. "I will unveil our strategic vision, outlining the exciting initiatives and projects that will shape the trajectory of our district in the years to come," Jackson shared in a press release announcing the event. .

The State of the 60th Annual Report "promises

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I will unveil our strategic vision, outlining the exciting initiatives and projects that will shape the trajectory of our district in the years to come... [it] promises to be an enlightening and enriching experience, providing you with a comprehensive overview of the positive strides our district has taken.

- Dr. Corey Jackson
Assemblymember (D-Perris)

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to be an enlightening and enriching experience, providing you with a comprehensive overview of the positive strides our district has taken. We want you to leave feeling informed, inspired, and proud of the collective accomplishments we've achieved together," he concluded.



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November is Native American Heritage month when the nation acknowledges and honors the rich and diverse cultures, histories, and contributions of Native Americans.

This month, the City of Riverside, that stands on the traditional and ancestral lands of the Cahuilla Nation; Gabrielino-Tongva People; Payomkawichum /the Luiseño Indians; and the Yuhaaviatam, clan of Maara'yam /the Serrano is honoring Native American people.

For thousands of years, Native Americans

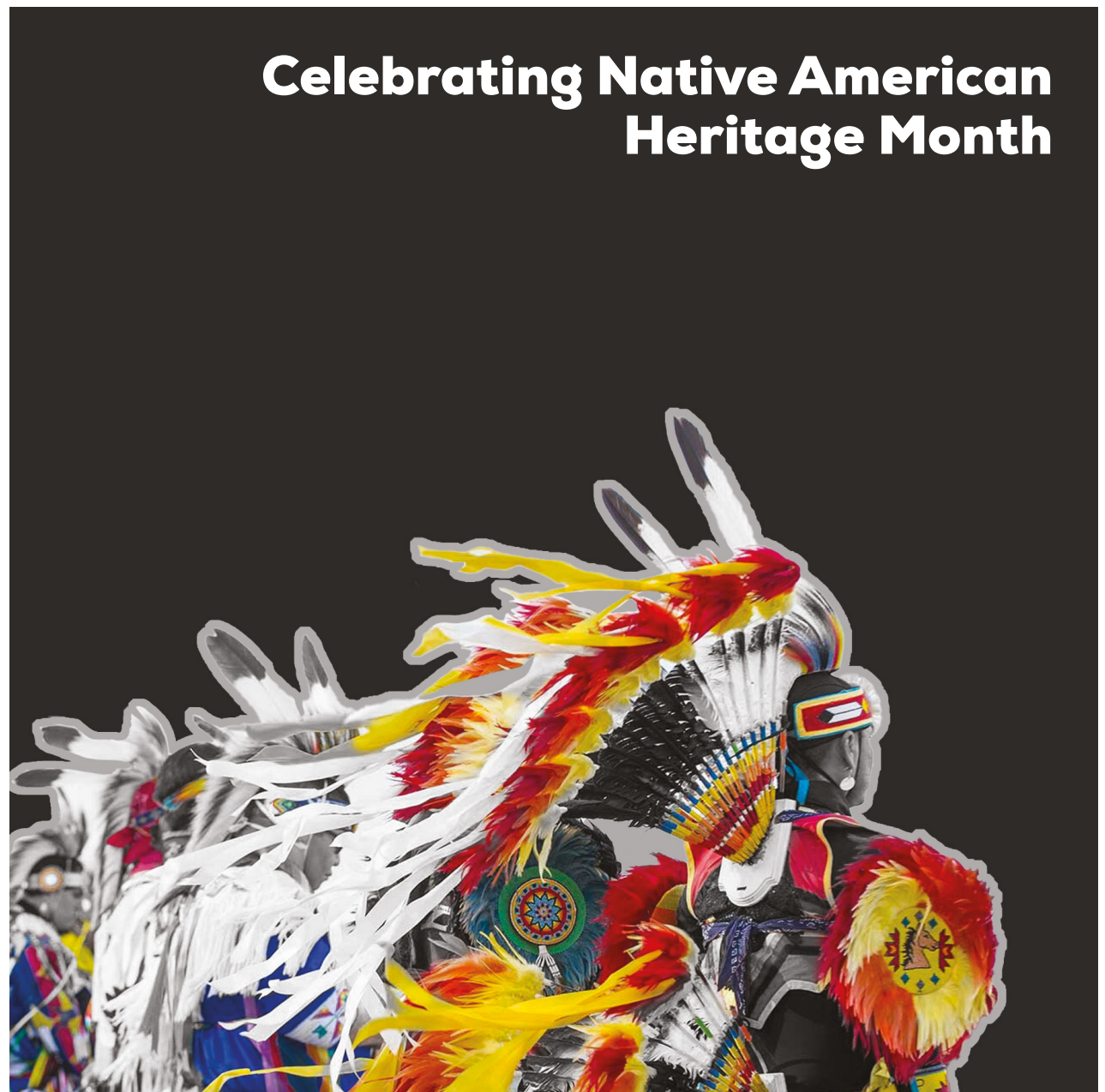


Assemblymember James Ramos performing with the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indian bird singers at Cal State San Bernardino during Native American Heritage month in November 2022. The CSUSB Santos Manuel Student Union North, named after his great-great grandfather. (source: csusb.edu)

lived and thrived in this area despite experiencing great adversity with the arrival of white people. The people of the Inland Empire shared a common environment and a deep reverence for nature. They were also linked through many of their cultural practices including basketry, bird singing, storytelling, as well as hunting and gathering their foods.

The bird singing, of Southern California Native Americans describe the history of the creation and migration of the people in search for their homeland. The songs provide an oral tradition. Songs are sung to remind people of their history and are passed down from generation to generation. Bird singers usually accompany their songs with the sounds of a gourd rattle.

In their Native languages, the people refer to their time here as yesterday, today, and



Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indian bird singers perform at Cal State San Bernardino during at Native American Heritage month in November 2022. (source: csusb.edu)

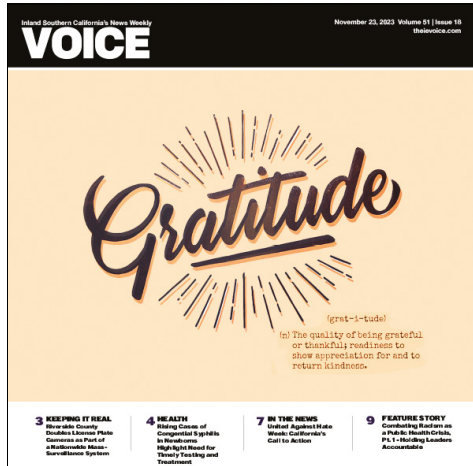
tomorrow.

Despite the many hardships Native American people have experienced, they continue to see a future that offers an unknown potential in the promise of tomorrow.

The Cahuilla Nation

The inland basin—including the desert, plains, and canyons south of the San Bernardino and San Jacinto mountains is home to the Cahuilla Nation. The nation consists of nine

federally recognized bands including Aqua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indians, Cabazon Band of Mission Indians, Cahuilla Band of Indians, Los Coyotes Band of Cahuilla and Cupeno Indians of the Los Coyotes Reservation, Morongo Band of Mission Indians, Ramona Band of Cahuilla Indians, Santa Rosa Band of Cahuilla Indians and Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians.



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Presidential election, there are many die-hard believers here in the inland region and many of them hold elected offices.

So, it appears that Hestrin passed the mantle to Bianco though it is still unclear beyond politically correct statements quoted in other outlets as to what exactly is driving Bianco's investigation beyond overused and trite Trump era phrases like wanting to—restore the public's faith in elections.

Bianco claims to have clear justification for the investigation declaring to the Press Enterprise, "When witnesses or victims come forward with claims of criminal conduct, the Sheriff's Office investigates those claims." Certainly, as citizens, we expect nothing less. The question, however, is whether the reports are credible or just political gamesmanship by those in his party who are holding tight to the New Lost Cause of voter fraud.

Another clear example of the pervasive New Lost Cause mindset here in Riverside County is the push to have the Board of Supervisors discontinue use of the Dominion electronic voting machines much maligned by the Republican Party, despite the fact that in mid-April, Fox News reached a near \$800 million dollar civil settlement to avoid a lawsuit over the lies it perpetrated against Dominion machines.

Certainly, time will tell whether there is organized and pervasive voter fraud being perpetrated here in Riverside County or if Bianco will turn up a small number of easily explainable errors that can occur on occasion without malice or forethought and then proceed to use those for some type of political leverage. Doing the math on the Associated Press findings you arrive at a fraud rate of .0019% at the national level. Based on such odds it is hard to see whether Bianco will find anything of substance. But, of course, we can never say never.

Regardless of the outcome, we know the game because we've seen it play out nationally and we know the caliber of characters involved in perpetuating the myth.

In the final analysis, it almost doesn't matter—because we know it's never been about protecting votes... it's all about finding ways to



It is important to protect the integrity of our elections. But we must be careful not to undermine free and fair access to the ballot in the name of preventing phantom voter fraud.

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suppress the vote... including gutting the Voting Rights Act. Gerrymandering the redistricting maps, reducing days, hours and locations of early voting, photo ID laws and the list goes on.

At some point the naysayers will just have to face reality—the BIPOC numbers are too great and getting greater....the New Lost Cause is already lost.

Republicans are running out of options to cheat their way into power... I think they might earn more votes if they faced reality and just spent time serving the people rather than conniving with ways to deprive voters their right to choose representatives who will be reflective of their community and represent their needs and aspirations.

What are they afraid of?

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

S.E. Williams
Executive Editor

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s. Adrian Carrera, CEO
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fictitious business name in violation of the rights
of another under federal, state,
or common law (sec. 1440 et. seq. b & p code)
Statement was filed with the County
of Riverside on 09/22/2023

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MACA TRUCKING
91968 Rebecca Rd
Mecca, CA 92254
RIVERSIDE COUNTY
Macario Avila Perez Jr
91968 Rebecca Rd
Mecca, CA 92254

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Patricia Aldana, Riverside County Clerk,
FILE NO. R-203216441
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ONEAMERICA REAL ESTATE AND
MORTGAGE
3593 Arlington Ave, Suite J
Riverside, CA 92506
RIVERSIDE COUNTY
8015 Golden Star Ave
Riverside, CA 92506
J & A Lazarte Enterprises Inc
3593 Arlington Ave Suite J

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business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.

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s. **Janmie Renee Johnson**
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Peter Aldana, Riverside County Clerk,
FILE NO. R-202315229
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The following persons) is (are) doing business as:

MOLLY LANE BOUTIQUE
43530 Nantes Ct
Temecula, CA 92592
RIVERSIDE COUNTY
Betsy Lynn Garza
43530 Nantes Ct
Temecula, CA 92592
Alejandro Anselmo Garza
43530 Nantes Ct
Temecula, CA 92592

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

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s. **Betsy Lynn Garza**
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Peter Aldana, Riverside County Clerk,
FILE NO. R-202316002
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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
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.

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s. **Kimberly Lynn White**
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Peter Aldana, Riverside County Clerk,
FILE NO. R-202316281
p. 11/16/23, 11/23/23, 11/30/23, 12/07/23

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

ABFAB SERVICE
ABFAB AGENTS
ABFAB LENDING
ABFAB PROS
ABFAB IMPACT
ABFAB NEWS
9491 Oakmount Blvd
Desert Hot Springs, 92240
RIVERSIDE COUNTY
ABFAB ENTERPRISES, LLC
9491 Oakmount Blvd
Desert Hot Springs, 92240
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. **Terry Duane Hibbard, CEO**
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Peter Aldana, Riverside County Clerk,
FILE NO. R-202314858
p. 10/26/23, 11/02/23, 11/09/23, 11/23/23

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: 12/1/2023 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: 9/11/2023 BELINDA A. HANDY, 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 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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HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO
NOTICE FOR "Invitation for Bid"
IFB #PC1348 Foundation Waterproofing Protection and Dressing
HACSB CONTACT PERSON: Claudia Nunez
Procurement Department
Housing Authority of San Bernardino
715 E. Brier Drive, San Bdn, CA 92408
HOW TO OBTAIN BID DOCS: www.hacsb.com/do-business-with-us/ or
https://pbsystem.planetbids.com/portal/40135
PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL RETURN: via PlanetBids website
https://www.planetbids.com/
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FEATURE STORY

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actionable has been engaging with the community. The City of Watsonville established an Ad-Hoc Committee on Policing and Social Equity in 2020, and Santa Cruz County's Criminal Justice Council formed an Ad Hoc Committee on Law Enforcement Policies and Procedures.

Additionally, the Circle on Anti-Racism, Economic, and Social Justice (CARESJ) was convened by the former County Supervisor John Leopold and is centered around racial justice and equity. The circle is comprised of seven leaders of color who have been historically marginalized and largely excluded from decision-making processes, including former Santa Cruz NAACP President Brenda Griffin, Cat Moses (formerly Willis), and Flynn.

After a year and a half, and surveying roughly one thousand individuals from the community and county staff, CARESJ developed an equity statement and equity definition that was adopted by the board on Oct. 4, 2023.

"Equity in action in Santa Cruz County is a transformative process that embraces individuals of every status, providing unwavering support, dignity, and compassion," the county's equity statement reads.

Now that the county has a clear definition of equity that will guide their decision-making processes moving forward, Moses said this is just the beginning. One of the next steps is digging into the county's budget and examining how and where funds have been allocated because "numbers don't lie," according to Moses.

"They tell us so much about the state of our decisions, and the state of what is real when it comes to equity," Moses said. "Because that's what it comes down to: race and equity, and getting that language and that understanding into the bureaucracy and model — [that] race and inequity go hand-in-hand."

By actively employing an equity lens, Santa Cruz plans to prioritize what kinds of programs and resources they're going to fund through Collective of Results and Evidence-based (CORE) Investments, a funding model used by the County and the City of Santa Cruz to allocate funding to nonprofit organizations.

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THE GOVERNMENT

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Protesters being arrested during the November 14 meeting of the Fontana City Council. (youtube.com screenshots by S. E. Williams)

allegedly on a warrant.

Reports also indicate there were two subsequent arrests related to the event— one later in the evening when protesters gathered outside the mayor's home and another the following morning at the council chambers.

Warren issued an open letter seeking to clarify the city's position on the controversial ordinance by providing details of Fontana's policies on unlicensed street vendors. She also sought to assure members of the community that the council's action on this issue was not an attack against the Latino community. "[S]ome may feel that we are unfairly targeting our Latino community. This could not be further from the truth."

Warren appears at odds with another local politician who weighed in on the ordinance during the public comment section of the November 14 Fontana City Council meeting. Michael Townsend, a senior district representative for Assemblymember Eloise Gómez Reyes (D-50th District that includes the City of Fontana) stated on behalf of the Assemblymember, "Greater efforts should be made to work with our street vendors as they

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- Mayor Aquanetta Warren

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represent our varied community.”

Reading from a statement by Reyes, Townsend spoke specifically on the impound fee related to the ordinance. “The imposition of a \$232 impound fee on street vendors places an unwarranted burden on these small businesses, impeding economic growth and constraining opportunities for hardworking entrepreneurs.”

Despite community skepticism and push back over motivation behind the council's decision, supporters of the council's action insist this is a safety issue and that small restaurants can not compete with the price points of street vendors.

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Flynn shared that she is pleased with the progress the county has made so far, but at times, there are challenges that arise when collaborating with a governmental system.

“We do not subscribe to your bureaucratic hierarchy because you’re serving us. Everything that you do is to serve the community, therefore, you need the community involvement and input to make this work,” Flynn explained. From the moment the declaration was passed, it was community-led and community-driven.

For Friend, the conversations he’s had with community leaders like Flynn have centered around what actions can be taken to change the structure around the experiences of historically marginalized people in Santa Cruz County.

“My experience has been much more about programs and policies that we’re implementing to actually make this a living document and not a checkbox document,” Friend explained.

By identifying tangible problems in communities like South County which includes the City of Watsonville, city and county officials are working to develop tangible solutions. In October 2021, Santa Cruz County purchased a building in Watsonville that is slated to become a government center so that surrounding communities won’t have to commute an hour to receive social services. Additionally, the county purchased property in South County for the creation of a park because the region lacks activity fields.

Cummings expressed that the dialogue between communities who have been neglected and elected officials is important to learn more about their needs and understand their priorities.

“Because we can say that we care, but it’s really about what we can do, and finding out from those communities what they need and how we can meet those needs,” Cummings concluded.

Measuring success

In the three years since their declaration, Santa Cruz County has made progress on the pledges outlined in their resolution by consistently talking with community members and centering their voices.

“If you’re serving a community that

isn’t very vocal and just kind of goes along with things, then I can understand why it would be [less community-driven],” Flynn explained. “But the problem is, [counties] need to have a community engagement coordinator who’s going out and engaging with the community and asking for their input.”

According to the MBC’s dashboard, none of the resolutions attempt to address all nine action categories and 39 different measures outlined in its rubric. However, Santa Cruz County has made significant strides to address nearly all the actions they referenced in their resolution.

Flynn believes the progress the county has made, while slow moving, has been faster than other jurisdictions. She partly attributes their headway to the community, which is very vocal about its needs.

“When we talk about how promises are made, and declarations are made, and then they disappear — one of the things that we’re aware of is that with the internet, you can delete things and act like they never happened,” Mays explained.

In partnership with MBC, The Starling Lab for Data Integrity used technology that will seal these declarations in time and certify these documents. Unlike using a screenshot of the document that can’t be verified or embedding a tweet that could be deleted later on, The Starling Lab for Data Integrity’s technology captures the full context of a webpage or content that creates a “fingerprint” that cannot be faked.

“Authentication is really important, because we have so much information around us. It’s really important that we establish ways to technically authenticate digital content,” said Lindsay Walker, product lead at The Starling Lab for Data Integrity.

“And if we need to call something into question, we have a piece of evidence, we have an audit trail, we have some unfakeable evidence that something is what it purports to be, or isn’t.”

Sealing the declarations within the dashboard is a way to preserve these documents, and allow residents to revisit the declarations in order to hold city and county governments accountable to the promises made.

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open in Riverside County and closes December 8, 2023. If the incumbent does not file by December 8, 2023, the nomination period will be extended to December 13, 2023, for non-incumbents.

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