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# Parade Returns to Thrill Crowds



The world-famous Budweiser Clydesdale Horses pulled the red, beer wagon through Rancho Cordova. Photo by Jose Lopez

By Chris Ching

**RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG)** - After COVID-19 pulled a direct halt to last year's 4th of July Parade, Rancho Cordova residents were more than ready to see the return of the traditional procession celebrating the country's birthday taking place Saturday, July 3.

"It's a sense of normalcy," said Desiree Richardson watching the parade on its 1 1/2 mile trek down Coloma Road with her husband and kids. "It's nice to get outside and spend time with the family".

Even though California has begun its reopening, the city still was one of the few in the region holding holiday festivities (which were organized by the Cordova Community Council and sponsored by the city). The parade featured 60 participants including the

world-famous Budweiser Clydesdale Horses, Mexican Dancing Horses plus local governmental, law enforcement, recreational, religious and veterans organizations amongst others. Six marching bands kept the toes a tapping including one from Cordova High School.

After the performance of the National Anthem by Michelle Honor, the parade (the 36th year of) kicked off by siren blaring city police on motorcycles, a Sac Metro firetruck and Mills Fire District fire engine with Rancho Cordova of the Year, Rod Borba, as Grand Marshal, followed closely by the chauffeured City Council and other city employees. On footstep was Mayor Garrett Hatwood in a big 4th of July themed hat passing out candy to parade goers lining Coloma.

These All-America City heroes were backed up by a team-up of

"superheroes" as Captain America and Spiderman mixed with Superman and Wonder Woman (and many other characters) much to the excitement of the crowd. When asked which city Supes preferred - his hometown of Metropolis or Rancho Cordova - the man in the big red cape chose the latter. And if he had indeed taken to the skies, he would have had to watch out for the thrilling close flyover by a Sac Metro helicopter.

While not the hottest day recorded for past parades, many still huddled under tents and umbrellas to keep out of the sun's direct rays. Staying cool and hydrated was a running theme throughout the parade, as some participants shot water guns at the crowds or passed out water bottles. The group on the Capitol City Towing Truck were even submerged in inflatable pools of water.

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## County Updates Climate Action Plan

By Ken Casparis

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - Sacramento County Planning and Environmental Review (PER) staff are hard at work on the final draft of the Communitywide Climate Action Plan (CAP), which aims to significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions and prepare the County for climate-related impacts for decades to come.

PER staff expects the final draft CAP will be available for public review sometime in mid summer. You can be among the first to see it by signing up for email or text alerts.

Climate change is expected to affect the region in a variety of ways: hotter temperatures and more extreme heat events; increased wildfire risks; unpredictable rainfall and flooding; reduced snowpack and impacts to the water supply, among others.

The CAP will serve as a policy and technical document that will be used to update other plans and codes - such as the Sacramento County General Plan and County Building Codes - to help the County reach greenhouse gas reduction targets.

"The Climate Action Plan is an extremely important project so we are really taking our time and listening to our residents and the experts to make sure that we get it right," said Todd Smith, Principal Planner. "Our goal is to have an implementable communitywide plan that reduces Sacramento County's contributions to climate change while addressing its impacts."

Following public review, PER staff hopes to get the CAP before the Board of Supervisors for approval in late fall 2021.

Presentations from past public workshops and Board of Supervisors meetings that give examples of some of the concepts under consideration are available on the Planning and Environmental Review website.

For questions about the CAP, email [ClimateActionPlan@sac-county.net](mailto:ClimateActionPlan@sac-county.net). ★

# New Community Pool Opens

By Thomas J. Sullivan

**RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG)** - Beat the summer heat and take a plunge in the new Cordova Community Pool at Hagan Community Park!

A formal public dedication was held on Monday, June 28. Located at 2197 Chase Drive, the Cordova Community Pool Replacement Project includes two new pools and a pool facility building. The competitive pool includes a one-meter diving board, eight deep water swimming lanes, and two warm-up/cool-down lanes.

The project, which opened for bid in February 2020, was supported in part by Measure H Community Enhancement Funds from the city of Rancho Cordova.

Finished at an estimated cost of \$7.2 million, the new pool's design is based on its close connection to water. The pool site is surrounded by a man-made pond. A new water



Cordova Recreation & Park District Board Members and staff celebrate the Cordova Community Pool opening. Center: Chairperson Rick Sloan (with scissors) cuts ribbon, while Director Michael Yearwood holds ribbon with Secretary Inez Reyes. Photo by Thomas J. Sullivan

feature at the entrance to the new Rancho Cordova Community Pool mimics the flow of the American River as it fills a series of reservoirs and spills over the associated dams as it flows from the Sierras to the Sacramento Delta.

Its new family-friendly, zero-entry, ADA-compliant,

wheelchair-accessible pool offers multiple water play features for toddlers and small children.

The project also included the building of a new 3,604 square-foot equipment/locker room building, new pool decking with pedestrian lighting, new fencing in the pool area, replacement of existing fencing

to meet a "no-climb-over" requirement and related site work.

Opening remarks made by officials of the Cordova Recreation and Park District (CRPD) during the dedication ceremony recognized the hard work of all who made the Cordova

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# Halting Child Support Debt

Legislature looks to halt collections, for some

By Nigel Duara and Kate Cimini, CALMatters.org

California lawmakers have advanced a budget proposal to stop collecting child support debt from some parents who are receiving cash assistance, but the proposed solutions are a far cry from what advocates for those debt-holders sought in January.

The Legislature's budget proposal would reduce or expunge debt owed to the government — not the debt owed to families — for parents whose only source of income is from Supplemental Security Income or State Supplementary Payment, the Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants, a combination of SSI/SSP and Social Security Disability Insurance benefits, or Veterans Administration disability benefits.

The proposal could cut a break for a narrow subset of the larger population of Californians who owe child support debt to the government; the state did not release to CalMatters the exact number of people receiving those benefits who owe child support debt, and it's unclear if the state has that number.

For context, the Senate Appropriations Committee found that removing all people in arrears from child support debt would cost the state hundreds of millions of dollars and save only \$3.7 million in the general fund by letting go of 98 full-time Department of Child



California lawmakers have advanced a budget proposal to stop collecting child support debt from some parents who are receiving cash assistance. Photo courtesy Keira Burton from Pexels

Support Services employees who work in child support debt collection.

The proposal still needs to be negotiated with the Newsom administration.

Still, advocates for the poor had asked the state to go farther by forgiving old, uncollectible debt. And the current proposal leaves the state's 10% interest rate on child support debt, one of the highest interest rates of its kind in the country.

The theory behind child support is that a parent who doesn't have custody of a child supports the child with monthly payments. But that's not how it works

in practice for parents who also receive cash assistance from the federal welfare-to-work Temporary Assistance to Needy Families program, known as CalWORKS in California.

As CalMatters and The Salinas Californian reported last month, California takes a piece of the child support payments owed to custodial parents, usually mothers, receiving these cash benefits. In some cases, that piece is more than half of the total payment. Meanwhile, if the noncustodial parent falls behind on child support payments, that debt piles up through

an interest rate of 10%.

The state itself, in a report commissioned by the child support services agency, has had academics saying since at least 2003 that much of that debt is uncollectible. If states don't recover the money from parents, the state itself owes the federal government the debt. Some states have begun to pass through 100% of child support payments to families, and Colorado passed a law dictating that the state repay the federal government.

Most states are like California, which passes through \$100 for families

on public assistance with one child and \$200 for families with two or more children. Last year, Gov. Gavin Newsom vetoed an Assembly measure that would have eliminated California's 10% interest charges, saying the state needs the money.

Last week, the governor's office told CalMatters that "given the revenue impact" of ending collections on child support debt, Newsom "sought to have this issue addressed through the budget process" when he vetoed the Assembly measure.

It seems that day has arrived.

Federal data shows California is keeping an unusually high portion of the child support payments — more than 3½ times the national average. That has a knock-on effect for the parents responsible for that debt: They have a harder time getting and keeping jobs, their drivers' licenses are subject to revocation and the children and non-custodial parents receive less.

This article is part of the California Divide, a collaboration among newsrooms examining income inequality and economic survival in California. ★

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**Stuart Greenbaum, book author and editor.**  
Photo: Greenbaum Public Relations

## Greenbaum Public Relations

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - If you have never looked skyward into the deep blue yonder and given a second thought to just how far outer space really goes, the new book *Humble Sky* cautions, you should make more of an effort to let your imagination run wild.

In the 72-page novella such inspired thinking produces astonishing, if virtually incomprehensible, results courtesy of the similarly uninhibited minds of the main characters: Henry Bakersfeld, an ingenious old man living with dementia, and Sherman, a curious young boy living in the Bronx. Together the intergenerational odd couple not only imagine but ultimately discover the essence of farthest outer space.

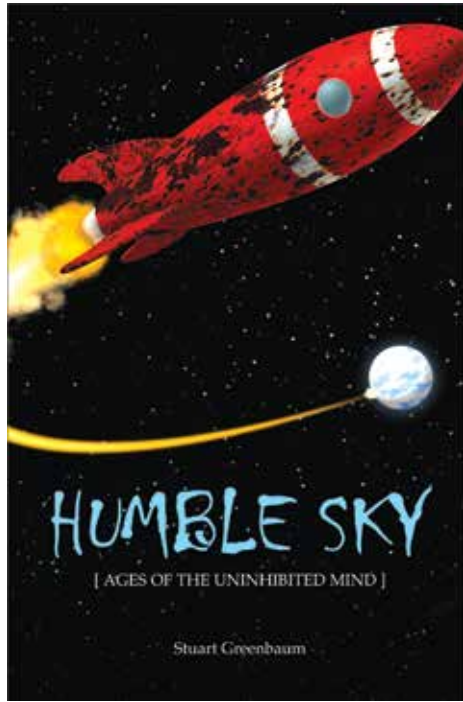
"The characters are beautifully rendered, and the story unfolds with great wit and pathos," said Carla Gardini, executive producer of "The Hundred-Foot Journey" and numerous other films and TV shows with "coming of age" themes.

Through the back-and-forth of their life stories readers learn to appreciate the intersection of cosmology and philosophy, as well as that of curiosity, humility, and the range of ages of the uninhibited mind.

"This is a wonderfully thought-provoking, sobering tale that offers plenty of space for interpretation," said James M.

Berklan, executive editor of *McKnight's Long-term Care News*, a leading national source of information on healthy aging. "I was engrossed with every shift of focus and subplot – from authentic to surreal."

Author Stuart Greenbaum is a veteran public relations professional who has directed numerous statewide and national initiatives to influence public behavior on social concerns involving health, education, environment, safety, and most recently longevity. He is the author or editor of multiple books, including *Longevity Rules*, *Media Takes: On Aging*, *Before the Age Boom Goes*, *Educated Public Relations*, and *Set Straight on Bullies*. *Humble Sky* is his first work of fiction. Additionally, he writes regularly for professional journals, newspapers, and his online culture blog, also titled *Humble Sky* ([www.humblesky.net](http://www.humblesky.net)). He recently con-



cluded his second term as a Governor's appointee to the California Commission on Aging. Greenbaum, 67, lives in Sacramento, California.

Purchase *Humble Sky* for \$10 at <http://book.humblesky.net> ★

# New Community Pool Opens



**The new Cordova Community Pool is immense including eight deep water swimming lanes, and two warm-up/cool-down lanes.** Photo by Thomas J. Sullivan

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Community Pool Replacement Project come to life.

Patrick Larkin, CRPD General Manager recognized Laura L. Taylor, Park Planning Manager and Jill Nunes, Director of Parks and Recreation for their efforts in steering the project to completion.

Taylor recognized and praised the involvement of many community partners and the public for their input in selecting the final pool design. She also recognized the project's physical engineering features which demonstrate energy savings and sustainability.

"Out with the old, and in with the new," said Rick Sloan, 2021 Chairperson, Cordova Recreation and Parks District. "This is definitely a project from the heart. The passion that was poured into this facility will keep these two new pools full and flourishing for our community members to enjoy for another 50 years," Sloan said.

"It's a gorgeous day to open the pool," said Linda Budge, Rancho Cordova city councilmember. Budge emphasized the important role the community pool has served in teaching swimming and water safety skills to living along the American River.

"We're remembering the pool's rich community history in teaching our young people to swim and we're opening a chapter for generations to come," Budge said.

Ken Cooley, 8th District State

Assemblyman praised the project's completion on time and on budget. The Rancho Cordova Community Pool was an important part of his own family's life, recognizing his children and generations of others who swam for the Blue Marlins and other youth teams.

A commemorative plaque gave special thanks to Rancho Cordova Mayor Garrett Gatewood, Vice Mayor Donald Terry and city councilmembers Linda Budge, David M. Sander and Siri Pulipati, former city councilmember Robert J. McGarvey and City Manager Cyrus Abhar.

An additional plaque recognized members of Cordova Recreation and Park District management team and the project architect LPA, Inc., pool designer Aquatic Design Group, Inc., contractor SW Allen Construction, Inc. and construction managers Salaber Associates, Inc. for their efforts in completing the project.

The Rancho Cordova Community Pool is open through August 5, Monday through Thursday from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Friday hours through August 6 are from 2 to 7 p.m. Park entrance fee is \$5 per person.

Visit <https://crpd.com/programs/aquatics/> to learn more about the city's summer aquatics program. Group swim lessons are available this summer. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, lessons will have additional physical distancing requirements, safety protocols and limited space. Please call 916-369-9844 for more information. ★



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# RCPD Team Members Retire after Long Careers



**Charlene (Greenly) Pettigrew (forefront) and Therese Burke participate in a holiday parade in the City of Rancho Cordova.** Photo: City of Rancho Cordova

## City of Rancho Cordova

**RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG)** - Join the Rancho Cordova Police Department (RCPD) as it congratulates two members of its team as they retire from long-time law enforcement careers, Therese Burke and Charlene (Greenly) Pettigrew!

Burke retired from a 36-year career with the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office. She first came to Rancho Cordova in 1993 working in the Service Center on Dawes Street and brought many programs to the community.

In 2003, Burke joined RCPD as the Towing Officer before becoming the Traffic Analyst. In this role, she entered thousands of citations and reports, responded to resident

inquiries and concerns, and greeted visitors to the Service Center. Burke was also a valued part of the behind-the-scenes team at many Rancho Cordova events.

Burke had a knack for detail, knowledge of the city, and ability to form instant connections with residents. She was known for her willingness to assist with anything at any time, no matter how difficult the task.

Burke also held several community roles in Rancho Cordova through the years. She was Honorary Mayor of Rancho Cordova, part of the cityhood effort, the first female member of the city's Planning Commission, and more.

Pettigrew retired from a 21-year career with the Sheriff's Office. She joined RCPD in 2005 to

support the newly formed police department.

Equipment, services and purchasing required someone with attention to detail and the ability to balance the support all teams needed side-by-side. Pettigrew stepped up to the challenge and threw her heart into making every day count.

Pettigrew has also been behind-the-scenes of Rancho Cordova events, such as the Fourth of July Celebration and California Capital Airshow, as well as Driving Under the Influence checkpoints. From making hundreds of last minute shopping trips to dropping off loaded ice chests, she was focused on ensuring her team was taken care of as they kept the community safe.

RCPD wishes Burke and Pettigrew all the best in their next chapter! ★



# RCPD and Eskaton Announce Partnership to Support Residents



CARES, which stands for Connect And Ring Every Senior, was created and modeled through Eskaton's Telephone Reassurance Program. Photo by Artem Podrez from Pexels

## City of Rancho Cordova

### RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG)

The Rancho Cordova Police Department (RCPD) and Eskaton are proud to announce a new program, Rancho Cordova CARES, that provides daily phone calls to adults over the age of 65 by RCPD volunteers in the City of Rancho Cordova.

Rancho Cordova CARES, which stands for Connect And Ring Every Senior, was created and modeled through Eskaton's Telephone Reassurance Program. The program is designed to form connections between residents and RCPD volunteers through daily cost-free calls to share life experiences, memories and laughter. Volunteers will also

be able to refer residents to Eskaton's Resource Navigator who can assist them with accessing resources, education and support groups.

RCPD regularly builds relationships with residents and businesses to identify public safety needs and work together to address them. While RCPD has several programs in place to support the Rancho Cordova community, it wanted to further expand its support of residents 65+ years of age.

"We are proud to partner with Eskaton to support the residents of our community, especially during a time when they have been feeling more isolated than ever," said Rancho Cordova Assistant Chief of Police Matt Warren. "Ensuring Rancho Cordova is a safe

community for everyone comes in many forms. Our team will not only build relationships but be able to lend a helping hand if a resident needs it."

Since 1996, Eskaton's Telephone Reassurance Program has created a supportive social network for adult community members. Since its launch, Eskaton volunteers throughout Northern California and across the United States have made 1.5 million friendly phone calls to program participants to provide connection and support.

"Our program strives to provide older adults with social connection and emotional reassurance, so partnering with a local police department to reach residents in the Rancho Cordova community made a lot of sense," said Program Manager Christie Hebditch.

RCPD is the first law enforcement agency to partner with Eskaton to bring the program to a city and hopes to expand to in-person visits when COVID-19 safety protocols permit it.

Rancho Cordova residents can sign up for this free program by:

Calling 916.334.1072 and selecting option #1; Submitting an online application at [RanchoCordovaPD.com/RanchoCordovaCARES](http://RanchoCordovaPD.com/RanchoCordovaCARES); Visiting RCPD, 2897 Kilgore Road, Monday-Friday from 9 AM-5 PM

For more information or questions on the program, call RCPD's Service Center at 916.875.9600. ★



By Bob McGarvey

Our 4th of July parade (which was on July 3 as was mentioned in the past) was a tremendous success, and there was a great turnout. I was honored to become a part in the parade with our City Council Members. The convertible my wife and I were on was a beautiful car. The identification on the car said "Council Member Emeritus Robert J. McGarvey." I really want to thank the City for including us in the parade. Assemblyman Ken Cooley and his family were also in that part of the parade

There were 7 marching bands in the parade, and each band received some money for participating and to help each band because music/arts are usually among the first programs to cut when budgets are tight. We greatly appreciate them adding their talent to our parade. There were also floats, individuals, and being able to see and thank our Veterans is always a very important part of our parade. The Rancho Cordova VFW Post 10125, and the American Legion Post 709 were part of it. People I can't forget are the active duty Veterans who were also part of the parade, and are among those who protect our

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freedom, liberty, and each and every one of us.

This year there were some "Heroes" who were part of the parade too. Walking alongside the Council Members in the program were "Superman", "Superwoman", "Batman", "Spiderman", and there were some heroes I couldn't identify, but I am sure that all we need to do is ask any one of the kids who were there and we would find out. We would then get their identification and what amazing things each hero can do. That was a great surprise for the kids.

Having our parade on Saturday July 3 gave us another phenomenal addition to our parade, and that was the "Budweiser Clydesdale Horses". They were beautiful horses to see, and was the first time many in our audience had ever seen them. I was told that we were able to add them or our parade on Saturday because on Sunday they will be in Stockton's parade. They truly added to our spectacular program.

Others who were part of the parade are our Rancho Cordova Police. There were police in motorcycles and cars, some police who were in small vehicles like golf carts who are there to help people who suddenly need help, or maybe they just need a ride for what ever reason, and our Rancho Cordova Police are there. They enjoy

being part of the community, and they appreciate a thank you every once in a while from our citizens. I saw a motorcycle officer go over to little toddlers and talk to them. Their eyes really got very big. They appreciate that too.

The "CCsegerR" band began at 8PM, and they played for almost 2 hours of classic hits and great tributes. They were there on Saturday and were in Hagan Park again on Sunday. Then the fireworks were a few minutes late, but they presented an unbelievable display of beauty and excitement when the program began. They were in time with the music and it was a beautiful performance.

It is easy to talk about the programs in our parade and how wonderful it was this year, but something which I just realized was that we had a few thousand Rancho Cordova citizens, and many others who aren't residents, but came to our city to be with family etc: the audience, the people who really enjoy parades and appreciate all the time and effort that those who are in the parade put in to it. Thank you to our City and the staff who put in many many hours getting it all put together, and all the others who made the July 4, 2021 program greatly appreciated.

From Bob McGarvey, God bless, and we'll see you next time. ★

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# Data Undercut Newsom's 'Roaring Back' Claim



By Dan Walters CALMatters

Virtually any utterance from Gavin Newsom's mouth these days, as well as those from his press office and other outposts of his administration, contains the phrase "roaring back."

When, for example, the Legislature passed a state budget to meet the June 15 constitutional deadline, Newsom issued a statement declaring that "California's economy is coming roaring back."

Not surprisingly, it's also the key slogan in his resistance to a campaign to recall him, something voters will decide later this year.

"Gov. Gavin Newsom has California roaring back," the announcer in one of his campaign spots declares. "Newsom is delivering money to your pocket. Plus an extra \$500 bucks for families with kids - \$4 billion straight to small businesses through the nation's largest grant program - cleaning up our streets and getting 65,000 homeless Californians into housing - and free pre-K for every California child, regardless of income."

To some, it might appear somewhat unseemly that Newsom so obviously merges his official actions - and taxpayers' money - with

his political campaign, but the once-discernible line between politics and policy vanished long ago.

That said, do the facts support Newsom's repetitive "roaring back" claim?

To be sure, some Californians have prospered in the 15 months since Newsom declared a public health emergency due to COVID-19 and imposed restrictions on personal and economic activities.

Those who could continue to work at home maintained their incomes and those on the top rungs of the economic ladder were enriched as the values of their investments such as stocks expanded, thanks largely to the Federal Reserve's cheap money policies.

Newsom has a multi-billion-dollar revenue surplus mostly due to taxes on the affluent, money he's now spending on the wide array of new benefits he's touting in his campaign ads.

However, broader economic data offer scant support for the "roaring back" mantra the governor is chanting these days. It's more like creeping back - slowly.

The state's monthly report on employment, issued on June 18, frames the glacial pace of improvement. The state lost nearly 3 million jobs after Newsom ordered widespread business closures in March 2020, and since then we've recovered roughly half of them. Our 7.9% unemployment rate is still twice what it was before the shutdown and is the third highest of any state, slightly under Hawaii and New Mexico.

In addition to the official unemployment rate, the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics makes other calculations, including an important one on underemployment, called U-6, which includes not only workers without jobs but those who are only marginally attached to the labor force and those working part-time.

California's U-6 rate through the first quarter, 18.4%, was four percentage points above the national figure and the third highest of any state, behind Hawaii and Nevada. Even more disturbingly, the U-6 rate in Los Angeles County, 24.1%, is higher than that of any state.

The federal Bureau of Economic Analysis reported this month that during the first quarter of this year, California's economic output increased by 6.3%, slightly lower than the national rate and in the lowest third of the states.

The federal bureau also reported that California's personal income grew by 42.8% during the first quarter, which sounds impressive until one looks at the nation as a whole and learns that California's growth was the second lowest of any state. The bureau notes that nationwide, "transfer payments" - mostly federal aid programs rather than earned income - accounted for virtually all of personal income growth.

California's economy is recovering, to be sure. But "roaring back?" Hardly.

Dan Walters has been a journalist for nearly 60 years, spending all but a few of those years working for California newspapers. ★



# Opportunity Among Chaos: Pandemic Startups

**Commentary**  
by Marcus N. DiBuduo

In tough times like these, courageous entrepreneurs strike boldly ahead with innovative ideas, often finding success when the future looks bleakest. It doesn't take a historian to know that notable companies forged their legacies when times were toughest: General Electric, Disney, and IBM, to name a few.

Rather than spending extra time on "honey do" lists that now surround you 24/7, spend the time and money working on your passion project: that novel business idea you've had, that product line you've been tinkering with, or teaming up with coworkers to start a new business in a known field.

Before cashing out your savings in hopes of achieving economic and emotional wealth, two steps are needed: identify your idea and develop a plan.

Step 1: Identify your winning idea

If you are going to be successful, you can't just focus on an idea that has the best return on investment (ROI).

The founders of all successful businesses have at least one thing in common: they had a personal interest in their business. If you are curious about running a restaurant, then talk to other restaurateurs. If you have an interesting idea for a mobile phone application, learn what it takes to develop an application from start to finish. If you have always been intrigued by electronic hardware or software development classes.

You can't successfully launch a business in an industry you know nothing about. During this "Great Reset," take time to find what you truly enjoy outside of the confines of the default hamster wheel.

Step 2: The Two (or Seven) P's



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Many believe that the term "entrepreneur" is synonymous with "inventor." The difference however is significant: entrepreneurs are inventors who have heeded the adage of the "7 Ps" (two of the "Ps" are planning and preparation). Many people get so tied up in the technical aspects of developing their product or service that they forget the end goal – to make money.

From a legal standpoint, the crucial part of planning and preparation are protecting yourself and your ideas. The feudal protective strategies of the past – constructing a hefty castle and moat – have been replaced by modern day acts of forming legal entities, preparing written agreements, and acquiring patents or trademark registrations.

Your first step should be building the castle that protects you

and all of your treasures. The castle is the entity you decide to form. This entity, if properly formed, selected, and operated, should protect you from liabilities that may arise in your course of business.

While it may be appealing to use one of the great multitude of low cost online providers of "legal solutions," business attorneys can give countless stories of instances where such providers have sold houses made of straw instead of brick. You should engage legal advisors that can understand the complexities of your personal situation and the liabilities of your business.

Just like inviting visitors in your house during the pandemic, you need to be attentive to those that you invite into your castle. If you plan on having business partners, the rules and expectations

need to be clear at the outset. Is the ownership going to be equal? Is the effort going to be equal? Is the compensation going to be fair? Many would-be successful businesses fail because of unclear expectations.

While it may be uncomfortable to have these discussions with your partners, and it may feel as if signing written agreements with your business partners brings an air of untrustworthiness, it is crucial to have defined roles, responsibilities, and financial expectations up front. Frankly, greed, jealousy, and selfishness generally only appear after businesses become successful – and having proper agreements upfront are the best prophylactics to ensuring a stable and successful business.

If your product, service, or brand is unique – at the very

beginning stages - you must take steps to protect them. Patents are limited monopolies to make, use, and sell a certain product or service and are designed to restrict competition. Trademarks ensure that customers know from whom they are purchasing a product or service, and help prevent your competitors from taking sales from you. The laws to protect patents and trademarks are complex, and failure to take initial steps to protect them may foreclose protection later. Never disclose your idea to third parties without taking initial steps to protect them. Your hard work will be for naught if you don't take steps to prevent others from taking your ideas and competing with you.

Use the gift of time to contemplate taking a leap of faith and inventing and planning your future. ★

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## Nielsen: 'This is a Fake Budget'



Jim Nielsen

From the Office of  
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SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) -  
Senator Jim Nielsen, R-Red

Bluff, today issued the following statement on the passage of the Democrats' Budget Act of 2021:

This is a fake budget and the Democrat-controlled budget process, with no public input or transparency, is a sham.

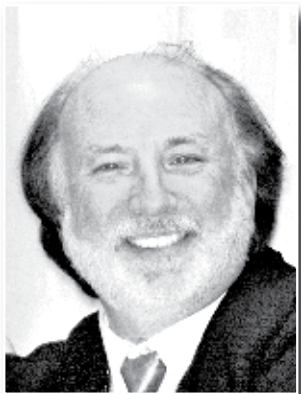
Over the years, there have been a number of challenging budget bills with deficits. This year, California has a substantial surplus. The temptation is to spend it and that's exactly what the Democrats are doing.

The Democrats' irresponsible budget is funding long-term spending using short-term dollars, which might further burden future budgets and get the state, as it has before, into financial trouble.

Following the Budget Act will be dozens of so-called budget trailer bills. Many will contain major policy provisions that will circumvent the normal deliberative legislative process.

Today, I argued for caution and a 'No' vote. ★

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- Welsh dog breed
- With juice, or au \_\_\_\_
- Pirate's yes, pl.
- What a subordinate does
- Cigarette residue
- Chimney cleaner
- Coffin holders
- "Sheep be true!  
-ram-ewel!"
- Poisonous Christmas berry
- \*First U.S. city to host Summer Olympics
- \*Swimmer with most Olympic medals
- Part of a min.
- \*Field hockey's stick and ball, e.g.
- Gayle King's network
- Capital of Latvia
- \*Canoeing: slalom and \_\_\_\_
- Rhine tributary
- Building annexes
- A in AV
- Three-ply cookie
- \*Madison cycling, e.g.
- \*Light ball tap, in volley-ball or tennis
- What hoarders do
- Not happening (2 words)
- Half-rotten
- \*Martial art debuting in Olympics in 2021
- Make a plaintive cry
- Short for although
- Luuu instruments
- Street in Paris
- \* \_\_\_\_ horse in gymnastics
- \*One of pentathlon events
- Kentucky Derby drink
- Rock in a glass
- Small Asian ungulate
- Spy's cover
- Not a win nor a loss
- Run off to marry
- Pat dry
- Eastern Standard Time
- Between shampoo and repeat

DOWN

- Corn units
- Final notice?
- Rod attachment
- Greek sandwiches
- Federal Reserve in relation to U.S. currency
- \*Boxing moves
- \*All-time Olympic record holder in medal count
- Popular fitness magazine
- Military no-show
- Crowd-sourced review platform
- Mature elvers
- I do this with my little eye
- Tibetan mountaineer
- Slipperier
- \_\_\_\_-been
- London's Tyburn Tree, e.g.
- Kick the bucket
- Thailand's neighbor
- Give sheep a haircut
- A valley in Scotland
- "Ant-Man" leading actor
- Dostoevsky's "The \_\_\_\_"
- Beethoven's famous symphony
- \*2021 Olympic host
- Civil Rights icon
- Long adventure story

**Crossword Puzzle Solutions on Page 8**

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7	1	9	8	5	3	4	6	2
3	8	6	2	4	9	1	5	7
8	7	5	4	9	6	2	1	3
6	9	2	3	1	8	7	4	5
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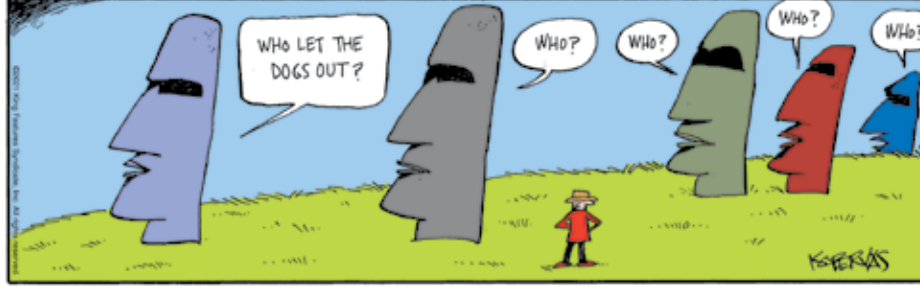
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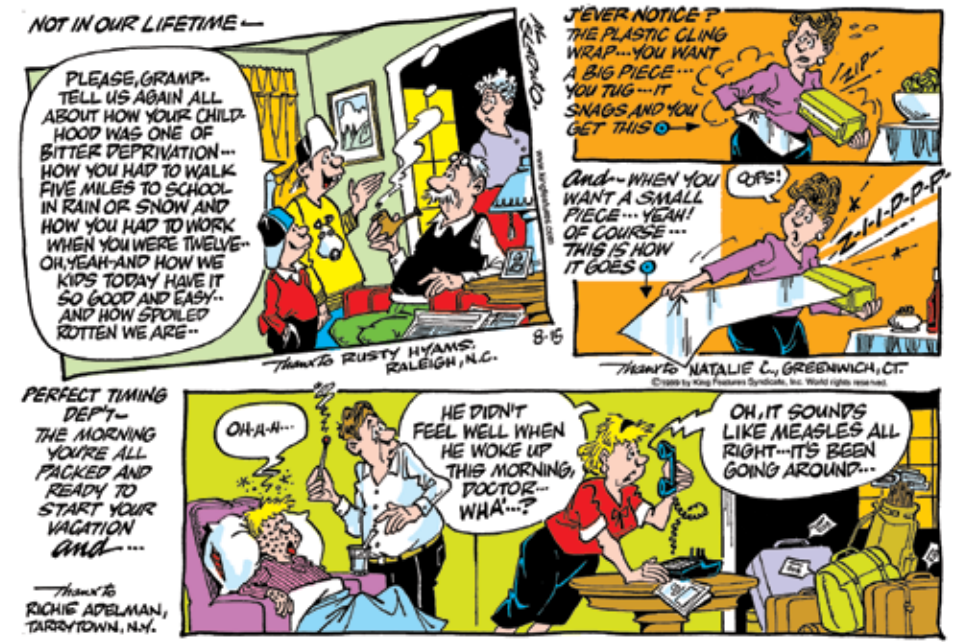
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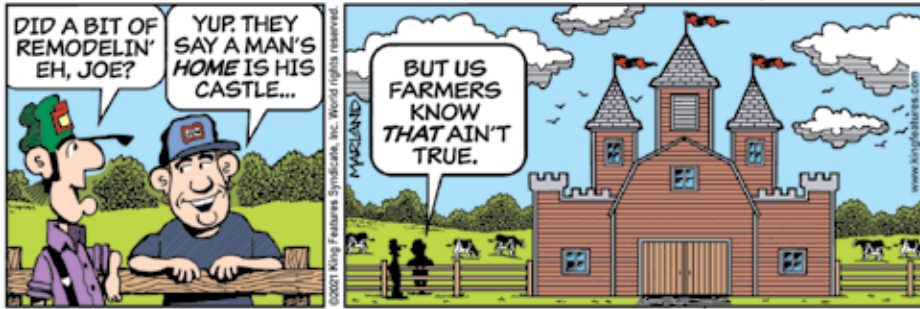
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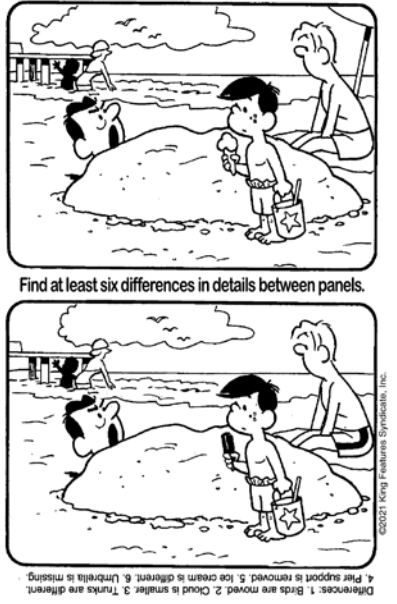
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# City Facilitates Administering Over 1,500 COVID-19 Vaccines

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**RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG)** - The City of Rancho Cordova, through a partnership with Del Paso Heights Community Vaccination Clinic (DPHCVC) and California Northstate University, administered over 1,500 COVID-19 vaccine doses to our community.

The vaccine clinics were held in the center of our city at Rancho Cordova City Hall and offered first and second doses of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines to those 12+. City partners ran the clinics and administered the doses, while city employees and community volunteers staffed the clinics.

To incentivize people to come back for their second dose, the city provided sweet treats, masks and hand sanitizer resulting in the highest second dose return rate of any clinic hosted by DPHCVC.

“The city is proud to do its part to support our residents and businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Rancho Cordova Mayor Garrett Gatewood. “When we were presented with the opportunity to provide vaccinations, we quickly jumped on it to keep our community safe and get Rancho Cordova back to a state of normal!”

While the city’s efforts were a success, our entire community is contributing to the

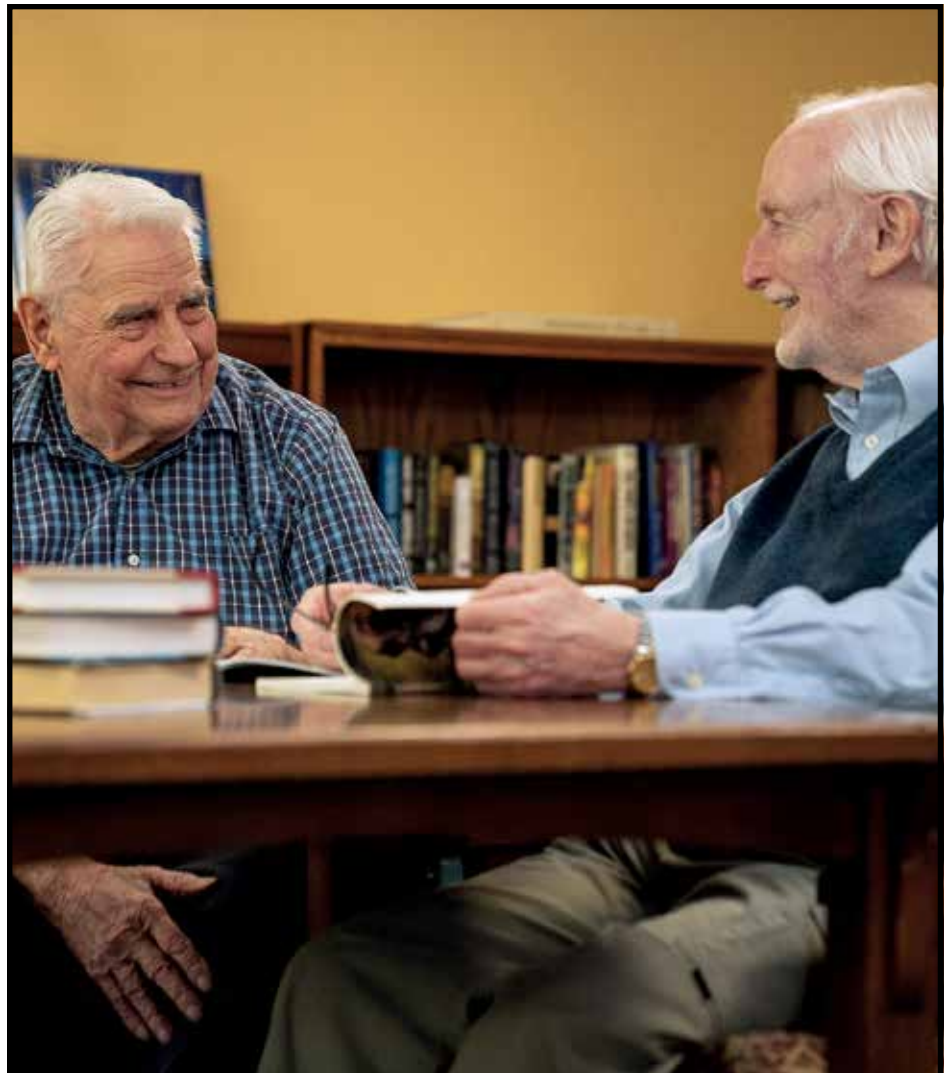
vaccination effort. Most of the city’s neighborhoods are 53-57% vaccinated with one dose, with neighborhoods in the Sunrise Boulevard and Douglas Road area at an impressive 94%!

Vaccines and appointments are now more accessible, but some people still have trouble reaching vaccination sites. In response, the city will be sponsoring smaller, more mobile vaccine clinics to give people a chance to get vaccinated closer to home or work.

“At this point in time, the population we are trying to reach are those that are the hardest to reach, so to have over 1,500 vaccinations administered in such a short period of time is impressive,” said Nancy Bui-Thompson, Administrator of the DPHCVC. “It’s really been lovely to see the community come out because every person that we vaccinate is a life possibly saved. We couldn’t do this without partnerships like those that we have with the City of Rancho Cordova.”

Find a vaccine appointment, the latest vaccine information, and how to request a vaccine clinic for your place of business or worship, by visiting [CityofRanchoCordova.org/VaccineClinic](http://CityofRanchoCordova.org/VaccineClinic).

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### Why Is My Medicare Premium An Extra \$471?



Toni King

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employer health insurance and so I have enrolled in Medicare since I am turning 65 in August. John is a Veteran and is receiving his healthcare from the VA, so he did not have to enroll in Medicare and his healthcare is not costing us anything.

Why is my Medicare costing me an extra \$471 for Medicare Part A and \$148.50 for Medicare Part B? I thought Medicare Part A was free. Is there some form that I did not fill out because I have not worked very much since we married 40+ years ago and was a stay-at-home Mom and now I am the caretaker for our elderly parents? Please explain what I should do to correct my Medicare mistake.

Thank you, Susan from Cleveland, Ohio  
 Susan:

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\$471 each month if you do not qualify for premium free Medicare Part A. If you paid Medicare taxes for 30-39 quarters not 40 quarters, then the standard Part A premium is \$259 each month.

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My advice to you Susan would be to call your local Social Security office since it is the government office which oversees America enrolling in Medicare. Explain your situation that you have always been a stay-at-home spouse, your husband has worked enough quarters to qualify and that you need to appeal your Medicare Part A premium of \$471. Tell the Social Security representative that you are seeking premium-free Medicare Part A due to your husband having enough quarters to qualify.

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For Medicare enrollment questions either call your local Social Security office specific 800 number or call the Toni Says Medicare hotline at 832/519-8664 for help.

**2021 Confused about Medicare and LTC Zoom** webinar is Thursday, July 29th at 4:00 PM. Visit [www.tonisays.com](http://www.tonisays.com) to sign up for Toni’s new webinar event.

Toni King, Medicare author/advocate is giving a \$5 discount to the Toni Says® readers on the new 2021 Medicare Survival Guide® Advanced book at [www.tonisays.com](http://www.tonisays.com). Have a Medicare question? Call 832/519-8664 or email [info@tonisays.com](mailto:info@tonisays.com). ★

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# Parade Returns to Thrill Crowds

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While the parade featured all the hallmarks one would expect of an event of its kind, some unconventional participants threw in

a few surprises. The Heartstoppers Haunted House ensemble dressed up as zombies and other ghoulish figures and a remarkable Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory float

by the Harmer Family wowed onlookers.

The parade ended at Hagan Park and the crowd dispersed to continue their weekend celebrations. Riding on a bicycle with her

friends' kids, resident Becky Thill bedecked in her best patriotic finery (including a tutu) exclaimed "I'm so inspired that Rancho does so much!" ★



By Rick Sloan



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By Jose Lopez



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Clockwise from top left: Cordova High School was one of several marching bands to animate the parade; Wonder Woman mingled with the Rancho Cordova Fourth of July parade crowd; A "little tractor that could" cruised the parade in glorious red, white and blue; Latina dancers added bright colors to the Fourth of July Parade festivity; Kids were happy to join the parade in their bikes; An old Pontiac station wagon is a sweet reminder of family life in the Rancho Cordova of years gone by; 2020 Miss Sacramento County, Imani Wheeler, waves to the cheering crowd at the parade; (Center) 2020 Rancho Cordovan of the Year, Rod Borba, was chauffeured as Grand Marshal in a Mills Fire District truck.

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### City of Rancho Cordova Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE is hereby given that on **Monday July 19, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the City Council of the City of Rancho Cordova will hold a Public Hearing at the **Rancho Cordova City Hall, located at 2729 Prospect Park Drive, Rancho Cordova**, to consider the following:

#### AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDED AND RESTATED DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE ELLIOTT PORTION OF RIO DEL ORO

**REQUEST:** The purpose is to specify developer participation in Sunrise drainage improvements and identify City and Elliott responsibilities for construction of White Rock Road generally from Rancho Cordova Parkway to Collector A.

**OWNER:** Alta Vista, LLC  
340 Palladio Parkway, Suite 521  
Folsom, CA 95630

**APPLICANT:** Same as Owner

**LOCATION/APN:** Located South of White Rock Road, East of Sunrise Boulevard, North of Douglas Road; APN: 072-0370-071-0000

**ZONING:** RDOSP—various residential, commercial, retail, industrial, mixed use, public and park and open space uses.  
**ENVIRONMENTAL:** Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15183 (Projects Consistent with a Community Plan, General Plan, or Zoning), the project is consistent with the approved Rio Del Oro Specific Plan EIR (State Clearinghouse #2003122057) and the General Plan and Specific Plan zoning for the site. No further environmental analysis is required pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15183.  
**PROJECT MANAGER:** Albert Stricker, P.E., Public Works Director

The City of Rancho Cordova encourages interested parties to attend public meetings and comment on the issues being discussed. If you wish to provide testimony and are unable to attend the meeting, written comments that are delivered to the City Clerk's office prior to the time of the hearing will be made a part of the public record.

Questions regarding this matter should be directed to the City of Rancho Cordova Public Works Department at (916) 851-8710.

#### NOTICE REGARDING CHALLENGES TO DECISIONS

Pursuant to all applicable laws and regulations, including without limitation, California Government Code Section 65009 and/or California Public Resources Code Section 21177, if you wish to challenge in court any of the above decisions (regarding planning, zoning and/or environmental decisions), you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing(s) described in this notice/agenda, or in written correspondence delivered to the city at, or prior to, this public hearing.

#### ADA COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the City Clerk's Department at (916) 851-8720. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting.

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### City of Rancho Cordova Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) and Public Meeting for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2022 NOFA Application Workshop

NOTICE is hereby given that on **Friday, July 23, 2021** the City of Rancho Cordova will release applications and funding criteria for the 2022 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program year, and on **Friday, August 6, 2021**, there will be a NOFA application workshop held with local community stakeholders.

The City expects to receive approximately \$600,000 in CDBG funds for the 2022 program year and has approximately \$115,000 remaining in CDBG-CV funding. The City welcomes applications from eligible non-profits and public agencies to help provide public services and capital improvement projects intended to benefit the quality of life for the city's low- and moderate-income residents.

Applications will be released on **Friday, July 23, 2021** and will be available online through the City's website at [www.cityofranchocordova.org](http://www.cityofranchocordova.org). All applications must be submitted via e-mail to the appropriate City staff.

Applications will be due **Monday, August 30, 2021 at 5:00 pm**. Late applications may be rejected.

Potential applicants for CDBG and CDBG-CV funds must attend the application workshop to be held **Friday, August 6, 2021 at 3:00PM via virtual conference call** if they have not previously received CDBG funds. If you would like to attend this virtual meeting, please contact Stefan Heisler ([sheisler@cityofranchocordova.org](mailto:sheisler@cityofranchocordova.org)) at (916) 851-8757, or Tanner Wolverson ([twolverson@cityofranchocordova.org](mailto:twolverson@cityofranchocordova.org)) at (916) 517-4441 to arrange for call-in attendance and for general questions.

The release of this notice is part of the City's public notice requirements for the City to provide information on its activities to the public.

Thank you for your interest in the CDBG program.

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### INVITATION TO BID HVAC Preventative maintenance and On-call service Contract #2021-96

Sealed Proposal will be received at the office of the City Clerk, City of Rancho Cordova, 2729 Prospect Park Drive, Rancho Cordova CA 95670, up to the hour of **10:00 A.M. on July 22, 2021** and will be publicly opened at 10:00am and read for HVAC Maintenance Contract for the Rancho Cordova City Hall located at 2729 Prospect Park Drive, Rancho Cordova CA 95670 and The Sacramento Children's Museum located at 2701 Prospect Park Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670.

The HVAC Contractor shall provide all materials, equipment and labor for HVAC Service and repairs as needed at 2729 Prospect Park Drive and 2701 Prospect Park Drive in the City of Rancho Cordova as specified in the contract documents. The equipment to be maintained includes but is not limited to, air handlers, evaporative coolers, split systems, exhaust fans, boilers, pumps, gas fired unit heaters, package units, CRAC units, ductless units and forced air systems. Contractor must be a licensed C-36 contractor.

Contractors are encouraged to attend a non-mandatory Pre-Bid Walk is scheduled **Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 10:00 A.M. at Rancho Cordova City Hall located at 2729 Prospect Park Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670.**

Electronic Bid Packages and Plans are available online: [www.cityofranchocordova.org](http://www.cityofranchocordova.org)

For more information or copies of the bid packages and plans, please contact:  
Laurel Bane  
[lbane@cityofranchocordova.org](mailto:lbane@cityofranchocordova.org)  
(916) 851-8953

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Dated: 6/24/21

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On July 16, 2021 at 8:00 am, Golden State Water Company (GSWC) will hold public hearings to present its 2020 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) and Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP) for its Cordova system. California law requires water providers to develop UWMPs every five years and describe how they will meet projected water demands during average and drought years over the next 20 years. It identifies potential future actions in conservation, recycled water, and other water.

This will be the public's opportunity to provide input on the UWMP and WSCP. We encourage your participation. The draft UWMP and WSCP will be available for viewing on GSWC's website - [gswater.com](http://gswater.com) - no later than July 1st 2021.

Public comments in regard to the draft 2020 UWMP and WSCP will be accepted through 5 pm on July 13th, 2021. Comments may be submitted via email at [UWMP@gswater.com](mailto:UWMP@gswater.com) or submitted by phone call to our recorded message line - GSWC 2020 UWMP Customer Comment Line - 877-288-8816. Prior to leaving a recorded comment, please state your name and the name of the water system for which you are leaving the comment. The public may also make realtime comments during our live Zoom Webinar public hearings noted at the times set forth above. Upon conclusion of the public hearing and reviewing all comments, Golden State Water Company may revise, change, modify, and/or adopt the 2020 UWMPs and WSCPs.

Due to the COVID-19 State of Emergency there will be no physical location for the public hearings, and they will only be held by Zoom Webinar. A link to the Zoom Webinar is available on GSWC's website - [gswater.com](http://gswater.com).

If you need assistance accessing the draft documents, you may contact us at [UWMP@gswater.com](mailto:UWMP@gswater.com).

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