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Boulevard Raises the Banner



Carmichael Improvement District executive Rachael Taylor and chairman Nick Bloise display samples of new Fair Oaks Boulevard banners.

**Story and photo
by Susan Maxwell Skinner**

CARMICHAEL, CA (MPG) - Forty-six banners touting Carmichael as a destination and business hub were erected this week on Fair Oaks Boulevard.

Festooning streetlight poles between Manzanita and El Camino Avenues, the lofty vinyl pendants are a new outreach by the Carmichael Improvement District.

"We've long wanted to add color and presence to our main street," says CID executive director Rachael Taylor. "These banners highlight what is exciting and unique in our area. They say we're proud of our community."

With a bill of over \$12,000, the project cost met by CID's image

and enhancement budget. The four-year-old organization fosters image improvement, security and prosperity for the central district. CID programs are funded by an annual assessment on commercial properties in central Carmichael.

The eight-foot banners represent attractions such as restaurants, recreation and services. A bocce court version (pictured) plugs the sporting facility recently completed by Carmichael Recreation and Park District. Other images celebrate local beauty salons and the abundance of dining opportunities.

"Our first priority is to represent CID stakeholders businesses," explains CID board chairman Nick Bloise. "We plan to add more banners to the boulevard as time and budget

allows. We'd also like to keep things fresh by changing some images seasonally." Manufactured by the Fresno company Sierra Display, the pendants raised by Reese Installations of Lockeford, CA. The project required permits and many months of communication with County departments. Installation coincides with near-completion of Phase 3 of Sacramento County's Fair Oaks Boulevard Improvement Project; a one-mile facelift that has clogged the busy corridor—on and off—for eight years.

"Carmichael's main street is looking better than it has for many decades," says Taylor. "Our banners will be one more enhancement."

Learn about Carmichael Improvement District at www.discovercarmichael.com ★

Debate Continues on School Board Expansion

Story by Shaunna Boyd

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - As part of the San Juan Unified School District's (SJUSD) transition from at-large elections to trustee-area elections, eight drafts maps were released for public review on July 6. Meetings were held on July 13, 14, and 15 – at the district office and various schools throughout the district, as well as two online meetings – to gather public input about the potential trustee-area boundaries.

The transition comes in response to an allegation that the current at-large system violates the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA), which strives to ensure protected classes of voters have the ability to influence the outcome of elections. In the existing at-large system, voters in the district vote on all candidates running for open seats on the SJUSD Board of Education, and candidates can live anywhere in the district. After a final map is selected in the transition process, Board members will be elected only by voters within the trustee-areas where they reside. This should ensure that minority groups and economically disadvantaged areas of the district receive local representation.

Eight draft maps were created, four with five trustee areas and four with seven trustee areas. The areas must be compact and contiguous, so nearby areas are grouped together in a variety of configurations, giving the community many options to review. Wherever possible, boundaries were drawn along major roadways within the district. Although this often means that people across the street from each other would be assigned to different voting areas, using major thoroughfares ensures that those divisions don't happen between people who consider themselves neighbors. The boundaries must be drawn somewhere, and major roadways are preferable to dividing local neighborhoods.

Due to the district's total population and dispersed demographics, it wasn't possible to create any minority majority trustee areas—neither with one minority group as the majority, nor a plurality where the total population of minority groups represent a voting majority. However, some of the map options do have higher concentrations of minority voters compared to the district average based on population, so that is a factor the Board can consider when choosing the final map.

Throughout the course of nine public meetings, some common themes emerged in the feedback from community members. Many

New Facility Offers Help for Teens



Staffers join Carmichael Chamber of Commerce members to open the Evolve Treatment Center. Program director Gauri Sanchez wields scissors.

**Story and photo
by Susan Maxwell
Skinner**

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - A private treatment

center for teenagers with mental health problems has opened designer doors near Carmichael.

Located in Arden Oaks, the Evolve Treatment

Center offers therapeutic programs for 12 to 17-year-olds. Clients will be referred to the facility from all over Northern California; stays range

from 30 to 60 days.

In the 5600 sq ft premises, teens suffering depression, anger management issues, self-injuring

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County Board Confirms Two New Directors

By Kim Nava, Sacramento County

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - After an extensive nationwide search and recruitment, the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors yesterday concurred with the Interim County Executive's appointment of two director-level positions: Director of Child Support Services and the Director of Homeless Initiatives – both effective July 18, 2021.

Child Support Services
Acting Child Support Services Director Dalen Fredrickson has been appointed as the permanent director of a department he has been serving since 2015, first as Assistant Director and most recently as Acting Director since March 2021.

"Dalen has been an important part of Child Support Services for more than six years, and we are pleased to appoint him to a position he has been serving well for several months," said Bruce Wagstaff, Deputy County Executive for Social Services. "I have the highest confidence that he will

continue to provide excellent leadership and bring innovative ideas to the department."

As an Assistant Director, Fredrickson has promoted and directed a wide variety of child support programs and department goals and initiatives. Prior to serving at the County, he worked as an industry consultant and in various executive-level positions with private child support corporations and state agencies.

Fredrickson obtained his Juris Doctorate from Northwestern California University School of Law and is licensed to practice law in the state of California. He also possesses a Master of Business Administration degree and a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration, both from Brigham Young University.

In addition to his experience and education, Dalen has extensive experience representing the County's Child Support Services Department to the State of California Department of Child Support Services (DCSS) and the Child Support Directors Association (CSDA), including

serving on statewide committees and delivering trainings at conferences to industry professionals.

Homeless Initiatives

Emily Halcon has been appointed as Director of Homeless Initiatives.

After extensive outreach and networking, as well as posting national job advertisements, the interview panel, made up of multiple County executives, a Personnel Services representative, and an external industry professional, collectively identified Emily Halcon as the best and most qualified candidate.

"Knowing that we already had the best candidate in-house for this critical position ensures that Emily is ready to hit the ground running and take our homeless response to the next level," said Interim County Executive Ann Edwards. "We're thrilled to welcome Emily as a permanent part of the county team dedicated to serving such a vulnerable population."

Halcon has more than 15 years of

experience directing and leading homeless initiatives and programs related to ending homelessness. Currently, she is working with Sacramento County as a Homeless Initiatives Consultant. In her current contractor role, she works directly with County leaders and across departments, providing guidance regarding the best approach to delivering key homeless programs as well as the integration of county-wide homeless programs and services.

Prior to serving at the County, Halcon worked for six years as the Homeless Services Manager for the City of Sacramento. Before working for the City of Sacramento, she worked in various positions that support homelessness and housing programs and services, including working as a consultant for the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency.

Halcon has a Master of Science degree in Community Development from the University of California, Davis and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from Gettysburg College. ★

Sac County Recommends Masking

Sacramento County PIO

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Due to the recent day-over-day case rate increases of COVID-19 from the highly infectious Delta variant, the Sacramento County Public Health Officer strongly recommends masking indoors. In less than a month, Sacramento's daily case rate has risen drastically, from 3.8 on June 20 to 10 on July 14.

While cases continue to surge and until vaccination rates have increased in Sacramento County, vaccinated residents are strongly recommended to wear masks in indoor settings where vaccination verification is not required and the vaccination status of others is unknown. For example, in a workplace where employee rules allow for no mask after self-attestation of vaccination status, masks do not need to be worn by those who are vaccinated. But in a public space such as a grocery store or restaurant, masks are strongly recommended, regardless of vaccination status.

The current California Department of Public Health (CDPH) masking mandate requires individuals that are not vaccinated to wear face coverings in indoor settings. In addition, face coverings are required in health-care settings, jails, public transportation and schools.

The steep increase in daily cases is in part,

due to the highly contagious Delta variant. Sacramento County currently has 101 confirmed cases, however not every specimen is tested for the variants – so actual numbers may be much higher.

"The drastic increase in cases is concerning – as is the number of people choosing not to get vaccinated," said Sacramento County Public Health Officer Olivia Kasirye. "Our best protection against COVID-19 continues to be the vaccine. We urge all eligible residents to get vaccinated in order to protect themselves, and their family and friends."

Those who are not vaccinated or only partially vaccinated remain highly vulnerable to the infectious Delta variant. Vaccinations have proven to be effective against the Delta variant and all variants of COVID-19 – slowing the rate of spread and mitigating severe symptoms. All residents 12 and older are strongly encouraged to get vaccinated as soon as possible. Currently, only 47 percent of the County's population is fully vaccinated. Public Health is increasing efforts to offer free, easy and accessible vaccinations clinics to Sacramento County residents. For a list of vaccination clinics, visit the Sacramento County Public Health Vaccination website, call 2-1-1 or visit www.MyTurn.ca.gov. Homebound residents can contact 2-1-1 to request in-home vaccination services. ★

Unsecured Property Taxes Due Aug. 31, 2021

Sacramento County Unsecured Tax Unit

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Annual bills for Sacramento County unsecured personal property taxes for fiscal year 2021-2022 will be mailing as of July 16, 2021, and are payable without delinquent penalties through Aug. 31, 2021.

Unsecured property tax bills are mailed to all owners of unsecured property in July of each year. If you owned unsecured property in Sacramento County, such as a boat or aircraft, or if you leased or owned fixtures and equipment related to a business on Jan. 1, 2021, and do not receive a tax bill by Aug. 7, 2021, please contact the Sacramento County Tax Collector's Unsecured Property Tax Unit at (916) 874-7833, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday - Friday excluding holidays.

Nonreceipt of a tax bill does not excuse delinquency or allow the tax

collector to cancel penalties or collection costs.

Tax bills become delinquent if not paid in the Tax Collector's Office by 5 p.m. on Aug. 31, 2021, or received by mail bearing a postmark of Aug. 31, 2021.

If the tax bill is not paid by the delinquency date, a 10 percent penalty and collection cost will be added. DMV registration may be withheld on watercraft if unsecured property taxes are reported delinquent. If a tax bill remains unpaid after Oct. 31, 2021, additional collection costs and monthly penalties at the rate of 1.5 percent will be added to the base tax.

Payments may be made by mail or in person at the County Tax Collector's Office located at 700 "H" Street, Room 1710, Sacramento, CA 95814, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday - Friday, holidays excluded. For credit/debit or eCheck payments please visit the Sacramento County Property Tax Bill Information System website. ★

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New Facility Offers Help for Teens Animal Center Opens

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behavior, substance abuse and personality disorders will receive care. Tucked into a residential neighborhood near Arden Way, the home will host six or fewer clients at a time. A ratio of one staffer per three guests is supplied. Program costs are typically shared between families and their insurance companies.

From landscaping to décor – and featuring a chef’s kitchen straight out of House Beautiful -- the center has an atmosphere more resort than institution. “Our home plays a big part in our programs,” explains Evolve spokesperson Judy Sylvia. “We need lots of space for treatment activities and teens need to be comfortable while they’re focusing on their well-being. We hope to see them gain skills to cope with what causes them distress. We want young people to thrive and find a life worth living.”

Silvia notes that despite increasing youth distress, mental care centers for teens are in short supply. Her company operates 12 facilities in California and plans more. “There’s so much need right now,” she says. “Fortunately, the stigma around

mental illness is becoming less. But we live in unprecedented times, with challenges we’ve never seen before.”

Programs are built around counseling, group therapy, psychiatric evaluation and skill training. Recreation opportunities include horse riding (the center boasts an Elk Grove stables), hiking, art, cooking, music and fitness training. A large swimming pool is part of the one-acre property. Computers are allowed only for educational purposes and school-age children must complete at least two hours of study per day. Cell phones are prohibited. “We should all learn coping skills instead of using a phone as a distraction,” considers Silvia.

Daily menus are prepared by a professional chef. Children rise on schedule; meals are a group activity.

Client families are closely involved in treatment. “These kids will be going home,” says Silvia. “Parents and siblings need learn to support their teen who has mental health problems. Recovery can’t just end when they leave us.”

Learn about the center at www.evolvevetreatment.com ★



Lead gift contributor, Zoe K. McCrea provides keynote remarks at the June 23rd event, along with Sacramento City Mayor Darrell Steinberg, Sacramento City Councilmember Katie Valenzuela, Allison Otto, Executive Vice President Otto Construction, and Sacramento SPCA CEO Kenn Altine. Photo by Yuki Lkhagvasuren

Sacramento SPCA Press Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - On June 23rd, 2021, the Sacramento SPCA celebrated the completion of the Zoe K. McCrea Animal Health Center – home to the state’s largest high-quality/high-volume spay neuter clinic.

During a special open house hosted in front of the new 10,000 square foot state-of-the-art animal hospital located at the Sacramento SPCA, state and local public officials joined Sacramento SPCA CEO Kenn Altine, staff and other special guests to commemorate this life-saving accomplishment and tour the new medical facility.

Although the new health center just opened in late January, The Sacramento SPCA’s commitment to providing extraordinary veterinary service on behalf of animals and celebrating the human-animal bond has already been recognized by the California Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA). Kenn Altine, Sacramento SPCA CEO, accepted the CVMA’s Meritorious Service Award at the organization’s virtual conference last week and was also recently featured in the California Veterinarian Magazine.

Opening the Zoe K. McCrea Animal Health Center has already increased surgery capacity at the Sacramento SPCA this year and positioned the organization to meet the growing needs of pets and the people who love them in our community by doubling surgery capacity over the next 5 years.

As of June 30, 2021, more than 8,100 animals have been altered in the new Zoe K. McCrea Animal Health Center, including animals waiting for a new home at the Sacramento SPCA, publicly owned animals, community cats, and animals from other local shelters and rescues.

Beginning Friday, July 2nd, the Sacramento SPCA is hosting a special



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adoption event to help large dogs and adult cats find new homes. For the month of July, the adoption fee for all dogs who weigh 50 lbs or more will be \$50 (normally \$110) and adult cats who are 7 months and older can be adopted for \$5 (normally \$45). In addition, the fee to adopt rabbits will also be reduced to \$5 (normally \$45).

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BARC is Back at SMF



With these friendly faces around, passengers can't help but stop, take a breath and relax before continuing their journey. Photo by Andrea Sandoval/Sac County

By Scott Johnston, Sacramento County

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - After an 18-month hiatus, the BARC team is back at Sacramento International Airport (SMF). These special pups' friendly faces and "Pet Me" vests are relieving the stress of travel for many passengers. The program was halted due to the pandemic, but as of July 7, the dogs are making a comeback.

RC - short for the Boarding Area Relaxation Corps - greets guests once they pass through security, with big smiles and wagging tails. Studies show spending time with dogs can reduce blood pressure and anxiety while boosting feelings of relaxation and well-being. Traveling can be stressful for some people - from a fear of flying to worrying about delays or cancellations - BARC dogs provide a furry dose of relief.

Rose Margolis and Sophie, a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, have been with the program since the beginning. She was looking for a fun activity to do with her dogs and wanted

something interactive that gave them both a way to meet people. She knows Sophie helps those who are nervous about flying.

"A little girl was completely terrified and wouldn't stop crying until she laid down with Sophie," Margolis said. "She was so much more relaxed, and we love being able to see that."

Jennifer Baer-Riedhart and Logan, a Great Pyrenees with soulful eyes, is a big hit with even the littlest passengers - even though he's much bigger than they are.

"When he lays down the little ones like to lay on him," Jennifer said. "He is so happy to be here with all the people. I'm so glad we're back."

Colbert, a 14-year-old black Lab, was one of the first dogs in the program and is nearing retirement. He is happy to pose for photos and get in a few snuggles with adults and kids before they head off to their gate. His handler, Jenniene Cheng says the BARC team helps create a sense of security.

"People stop to pet the dogs and then start up conversations and share stories

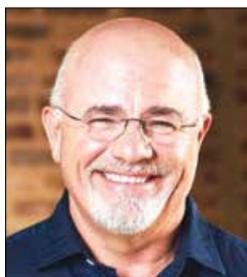
about their dogs," she said. "It's a great way to put people at ease."

BARC dogs have been lifting spirits and calming nerves at SMF since 2015. There are now 27 BARC teams making travel a little less "ruff" in both Terminal A and B.

"The BARC teams make the airport experience less stressful and more fun," said Cindy Nichol, Director of Airports for Sacramento County. "Travel can be a hectic experience and with these friendly faces around, passengers can't help but stop, take a breath and relax before continuing their journey."

They'll be at SMF on Mondays, Wednesdays, and first and third Fridays. Each dog and its handler are part of the Lend A Heart Animals Assisted Therapy organization, a Sacramento-area non-profit, founded in 1987, provides animal-assisted therapy throughout the region. The organization also has additional teams that visit hospitals, nursing homes and libraries.

"There's nothing better than seeing all these smiling faces," said Cheng. ★



Dave Ramsey Says

Borrow your Own Money?

Dear Dave,
I have a question about self-banking with whole term life insurance. The way I understand it, you can accrue a cash balance, borrow against it, and then pay interest to yourself. Is this worth it, or should I stay away from it and continue using a bank?

-Kunal
Dear Kunal,
Actually, it's a whole life policy, not a term policy. And it's an absolute scam. Basically, with whole life you pay about 20 times more for the same amount of insurance that you would with a term policy. The extra money goes into a savings account, and you earn next to nothing on it, even after you finally start to build it up. One of the ways they're pitching

it now is the self-banking concept, where you can use your own money. It's nothing magical or anything, because with a regular checking account you use your own money.

My advice is to stay away from the company that's offering it and anything else they have. It's a really bad product, and it's a scummy way to sell whole life insurance - which is an awful product to begin with. No one, except for folks in that business, believes in it or talks positively about it anymore.

Being able to borrow your own money? Really? Why on earth would anyone want to borrow their own money? It's ridiculous!

-Dave
Should I Tithe on my Business?

Dear Dave,
My wife and I are Christians, and we own a successful small business in our town. Should businesses tithe?

-Barker
Dear Barker,
This is a good question.

Giving is never a bad idea unless you do it irresponsibly and to the point of putting your family in financial danger. To the best of my knowledge, the Bible only addresses the topic of tithing by individuals - not businesses.

Personally, I don't give a tenth of my business gross or net until I receive my paycheck. When that happens - meaning it's profit that I'm going to pay taxes on, or it's salaried income out of my business - I tithe on the profits.

So, I can't really tell you I've found Biblical instruction to give a tenth of your business. Hope this helps!

Dave Ramsey is a seven-time #1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of The Ramsey Show, heard by more than 18 million listeners each week. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today Show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. ★

Society for the Blind Receives \$15K from Union Bank Foundation

By Kristin Thébaud, Thébaud Communications

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Society for the Blind recently received \$15,000 from the MUFG Union Bank Foundation to provide alternative independent living and employment skills for youth and working-age adults with vision loss so they can continue their career paths or begin employment. The grant will fund the group's employment services that include its core blindness skills program and its CareersPLUS program with tracks for youth and adults.

"Though unemployment skyrocketed during the pandemic, most people are surprised to hear that unemployment for people with vision loss has been a whopping 70 percent for decades," said Shari Roeseler, executive director, Society for the Blind. "At Society for the Blind, we always say that people with vision loss can still do almost anything they want - they just have to adapt to do it another way. The same is true in the workplace. We are grateful to the MUFG Union Bank Foundation for helping us expand our employment training skills so we can raise the number of people with vision loss who are gainfully employed."

Through its core blindness skills program, Society for the Blind offers orientation and mobility training to help people navigate with and without a white cane, computers and assistive technology training, Braille literacy, and alternative techniques for cooking, cleaning, shopping, home maintenance, organization, personal finance and more. Society for the Blind's CareersPLUS program includes tracks for youth and adults, providing comprehensive, age-appropriate career readiness, career exploration activities, workshops and a mentor program for teens and young adults experiencing

vision loss. Society for the Blind has been expanding its employment-readiness program for youth and working-age adults, even more rapidly when the pandemic hit and services became remote. In addition to its in-house programs, the group is now partnering with the Blind Institute of Technology in Colorado.

"Helping provide these adaptive skills greatly enhances the opportunities for success in career and life for these individuals," said Ashley Abenoja-Bocek, MUFG Union Bank Foundation relationship manager for Northern California. "Additionally, this assists the business communities with developing qualified local talent to meet their growing needs."

For 67 years, Society for the Blind has created innovative ways to empower individuals living with low vision or blindness to discover, develop and achieve their full potential. Society for the Blind has grown from a dedicated group of volunteers to a nationally recognized agency and the only comprehensive rehabilitative teaching center that provides services for a 27-county region of northern California. The nonprofit provides low-vision eye care, life and job skills training, mentorship, and access to tools to maintain independence for nearly 6,000 youth, working-age adults and seniors experiencing vision loss each year. For more information or to make a donation, visit SocietyfortheBlind.org. The MUFG Union Bank Foundation strives to build stronger communities around the world in providing financial and volunteer resources and business expertise in the areas of affordable housing, community economic and youth development, social services and environmental stewardship. Initiatives include strengthening diversity, inclusion and social justice programs in many communities served. ★

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“Roaring Back” is just a Campaign Slogan, Not Reality



By Dan Walters
CALMatters

Virtually every day, Gov. Gavin Newsom shows up someplace in California to proclaim, for the umpteenth time, that the state is “roaring back” from the COVID-19 pandemic.

These highly orchestrated events are billed as official state business, but in fact are merely political campaign appearances aimed at persuading voters to support him in the Sept. 14 recall election, mostly by touting one of the multi-billion-dollar giveaways in his new state budget.

“As the state comes roaring back from the pandemic, we’re laser-focused on getting this assistance out the door as quickly as possible and providing supports across the board to help Californians get back on their feet,” Newsom said at a stop in Southern California last week to highlight a new program to pay overdue rent.

One could conclude that Newsom, in parceling out cash from an unexpected windfall of revenue, is trying to buy votes with taxpayer money.

There are three troubling aspects to that self-serving effort.

One is that blatant campaigning under the guise of

official business is unsavory. While not uncommon in other states, until now California governors have been fairly meticulous about separating official business from their re-election campaign events.

The second is that in spending so much money so quickly Newsom may be endangering the state’s fiscal health. His predecessor, Jerry Brown, who preached frugality and was wary of launching new programs that could mushroom out of control, warned of the danger in a television interview this month.

Brown said the state faces “fiscal stress” in the years ahead as revenues return to more normal levels. “The word is volatility,” Brown said. “Money comes and money goes. The federal government is going deeper into debt, they are spending money wildly. The state is now spending money. It is not sustainable.”

Brown noted that the state is highly dependent on a relative handful of high-income taxpayers for its revenue, saying, “the growing utter inequality of the economy because the rich people make so damn much money and California happens to tax the rich people disproportionately... we need a more frugal, sustainable, more prudent way of doing business.”

Finally, Newsom’s “roaring back” mantra sidesteps the state’s very real socio-economic problems which, if anything, have worsened during the pandemic. California still has one of the nation’s highest unemployment rates with well over a million jobless workers.

We had the nation’s highest level of poverty before the pandemic and it has surely increased.

The major factor in California’s high poverty is the state’s very high cost of living, particularly for housing, but for other necessities as well, such as gasoline and utilities.

Newsom has offered only token and/or short-term responses to those costs, such as rental and utility bill assistance and cash payments to low-income families that probably, as Brown warns, cannot be sustained.

The state’s housing shortage continues to put upward pressure on rents and home prices and the \$3.5 billion that Newsom’s new budget contains for affordable housing would build fewer than 10,000 units in a state that’s at least 80,000 units short of meeting its own housing quotas each year.

The key to the housing dilemma is making California more attractive for private investment, but Newsom and legislators have ducked the difficult policy choices to encourage such investment, such as reforming the California Environmental Quality Act and rebuffing efforts by construction unions to claim jurisdiction on housing projects.

California will be truly roaring back when unemployment decreases, housing construction increases, the poverty rate declines, and educational achievement rises. Until then, it’s just a campaign slogan.

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

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Twitter sees jump in government demands to remove content of reporters, news outlets | 14 July 2021 | Twitter Inc saw a surge in government demands worldwide in 2020 to take down content posted by journalists and news outlets, according to data released by the social media platform. In its transparency report published on Wednesday, Twitter said verified accounts of 199 journalists and news outlets on its platform faced 361 legal demands from governments to remove content in the second half of 2020, up 26% from the first half of the year.

FBI Tells Americans to Report 'Family Members and Peers' in Tweet, Gets Blowback | 12 July 2021 | The FBI is receiving criticism for a tweet it posted on July 11 that suggests Americans should monitor "family members and peers" for signs of "mobilization to violence" and report "suspicious behaviors" in an effort to prevent extremist activities. "Family members and peers are often best positioned to witness signs of mobilization to violence. Help prevent homegrown violent extremism. Visit [here] to learn how to spot suspicious behaviors and report them to the #FBI," the tweet read. It also included two photos of an individual highlighted in red accessing a computer... Rep. Dan Bishop (R-Texas) wrote: "These people protected Hillary, abused NSA surveillance databases against Americans, used known, unreliable DNC-funded propaganda to spy on Trump, perpetuated the Russia hoax, & lied to the FISC repeatedly. And now they tell you that you should spy on your family."

Parents Sue City of Washington, D.C., for Vaccinating Minors Without Parental Consent | 14 July 2021 | A recent District of Columbia law, the D.C. Minor Consent for Vaccinations Amendment Act of 2020, allows kids aged 11 and up to get any vaccine recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), including COVID shots, without parental consent or knowledge. The bill passed the D.C. Council on a 10-3 vote last November, and was signed into law by Mayor Muriel Bowser (D) in December. It went into effect on March 19, 2021. On Monday, the Children's Health Defense (CHD) and the Parental Rights Foundation filed a lawsuit in the U.S. District Court for D.C., seeking a court order to rule the law unconstitutional.

CDC sued for withholding records between top personnel and teachers' unions on school reopenings - The CDC allegedly failed to 'completely fulfill' the records request | 15 July 2021 | A watchdog group is suing the Department of Health and Human Services and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention over its failure to produce communications between top agency brass and teachers' unions over school reopenings. Americans for Public Trust (APT), a D.C.-based ethics nonprofit, filed suit Thursday after failing to receive complete records the group says could show "undue political influence" of outside groups over the CDC's decision-making process shaping its school reopening guidance. "A few months back, Americans for Public Trust requested documents from the CDC. However, the CDC released only a handful of pages out of hundreds of documents received," said Caitlin Sutherland, executive director of APT. "And that small portion revealed the teachers' unions influenced the CDC to keep our schools closed."

Three Countries on Earth Declined the COVID Vax. All Three of Their Presidents Are Now Dead | 10 July 2021 | There are only three countries on this planet whose government officials refused to accept the COVID-19 vaccine from the World Health Organization: Burundi, Tanzania, and Haiti. The officials in those countries who declined the vax were presidents in each of those countries. In Burundi, it was President Pierre Nkurunziza. In Tanzania, it was President John Magufuli. In Haiti, it was President Jovenel Moïse. All three of those presidents are now dead. To many people, their deaths look like murder; although the one in Haiti was straight-up murder, he was assassinated by men with guns.

AZ Audit Finds 74,000 Ballots Returned and Counted in 2020 Election with No Record of Being Sent | 15 July 2021 | Audit expert Doug Logan noted that the auditors reported that there were 74,000 ballots that were received and included in the 2020 Election in Maricopa County, Arizona, that were never mailed. Logan reported this along with other issues already identified per their work. 74,243 mail-in ballots found where there is NO clear record of them ever being sent. ★

Child Tax Credits are Coming, and so are the Scammers

By Alma Galvan,
Sacramento Better Business Bureau

OAKLAND, CA (MPG) - As of July 15 and through December 15, if you qualify for payments through the American Rescue Plan Act, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) announced it is sending monthly payments direct deposit, paper checks, or through debit cards. These payments are an advance on the child tax credit, which means eligible people will get up to half of their child tax credit in these monthly payments and the other half when they file their 2021 taxes. You can go to IRS.gov to see who qualifies, how much you may receive, and how to address any problems. You will also have the option of unenrolling from the Advance payments program.

According to the Federal Trade Commission, when it comes to the government being in the news, the scammers will likely use their standard playbook, meaning impostor scams may appear, with con artists pretending to "help" you get your

payments earlier, get more money, or commit identity theft.

BBB and the FTC share these tips:

Avoid Impostor scams - Government agencies like the IRS or Social Security Administration will not call, text, DM, or email you; Do not give out any personal information, like social security numbers, bank account information, or credit/debit card numbers; Eligibility requirements and payment disbursements are monitored by the IRS only; When someone is requiring payments by gift card, wire transfers, or cryptocurrency, it is likely a scam.

For More Information: Learn more tips on how to avoid scams by reading 10 Steps to avoid scams. If you have been the victim of this or another scam, make others aware by filing a report on BBB.org/ScamTracker.

You can also report scams to the FTC at ReportFraud.ftc.gov.

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Templeton Drive, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed
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FLOUR 180201 7-30-21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FBNF2021-05859 Michael Quintero, 5512
Adobe Spring Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758
is doing business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) "The Lawn Ninjas" 5512
Adobe Spring Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed
with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 18,
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LAWN 180201 8-6-21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FBNF2021-06046 Nash & Proper Two, Inc,
1744 Golden Poplar Avenue, Sacramento,
CA 95834 is doing business under the
Fictitious Business Name(s) "Nash &
Proper, Inc" 1744 Golden Poplar Avenue,
Sacramento, CA 95834. Filed with the
Clerk of Sacramento County June 24, 2021
Publish: July 16, 23, 30 & August 6, 2021
NASH 180201 8-6-21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FBNF2021-06047 One Soul LLC, 1744
Golden Poplar Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95834
is doing business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) "Nash & Proper" 1744
Golden Poplar Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95834. Filed
with the Clerk of Sacramento County June 24,
2021 Publish: July 16, 23, 30 & August 6, 2021
NASH(2) 180201 8-6-21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FBNF2021-06303 Rio Rose Hair Studio,
908 21st Street, Sacramento, CA 95811 is
doing business under the Fictitious Business
Name(s) "Rio Rose Hair Studio" 908 21st
Street, Sacramento, CA 95811. Filed with
the Clerk of Sacramento County July 6, 2021
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RIO 80201 8-6-21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FBNF2021-06339 Zaidae Cucio Quial,
2603 Carmichael Way, #7, Carmichael,
CA 95608 is doing business under the
Fictitious Business Name(s) "Althea Career
Center" 8300 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Suite
304, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the
Clerk of Sacramento County July 7, 2021
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ALTHEA 180201 7-30-21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FBNF2021-06235 Ray Tran & Lan
Tran, 7210 Ovar Court, Elk Grove, CA
95757 are doing business under the
Fictitious Business Name(s) "One Milk Tea
Roseville" 1611 Lead Hill Boulevard, Suite
160, Roseville, CA 95661. Filed with the
Clerk of Sacramento County July 6, 2021
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ONE 180201 8-6-21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FBNF2021-06333 Linda Karen DeSna,
6800 2nd Street, Rio Linda, CA 95673 is
doing business under the Fictitious Business
Name(s) "My Choice Cleaning Service" 6800
2nd Street, Rio Linda, CA 95673. Filed with
the Clerk of Sacramento County July 6, 2021
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MY 180201 8-6-21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FBNF2021-06306 Madisen Literal, 7455
Tierra Way, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing
business under the Fictitious Business
Name(s) "Madrowz" 2220 Gold Springs
Court, #104, Gold River, CA 95670. Filed
with the Clerk of Sacramento County July 6,
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MAD 180201 8-6-21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FBNF2021-06201 Dora Sasu LLC, 8263
Lauter Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758 is doing
business under the Fictitious Business Name(s)
"Minnesota Home Care" 7448 Minnesota
Drive, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with
the Clerk of Sacramento County June 2, 2021
Publish: July 16, 23, 30 & August 6, 2021
MINN 180201 8-6-21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FBNF2021-06217 Coffey Staffing Solutions
LLC, 6219 Riverside Boulevard, Sacramento,
CA 95831 is doing business under the
Fictitious Business Name(s) "Coffey Staffing
Solutions LLC" 6219 Riverside Boulevard,
Sacramento, CA 95831. Filed with the Clerk
of Sacramento County June 30, 2021
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COFFEY 180201 8-6-21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FBNF2021-06064 LaShelle Dam, 4324
Birdseye Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758 is
doing business under the Fictitious Business
Name(s) "Little Dam Marketing" 4324 Birdseye
Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the
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LITTLE 180201 8-6-21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FBNF2021-06394 Rupinder Pal Singh
Sandhu, 5424 Calabria Way, Sacramento, CA
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Debate Continues on School Board Expansion

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 people support expanding the Board from five to seven seats, asserting that Board members who represent smaller areas will be better able to understand the local issues, thus leading to better representation and improved student outcomes – particularly in historically underrepresented areas like Arden Arcade and Citrus Heights.
 Still, there were many others who would prefer to see the Board remain at five seats, arguing that five trustee areas would do a better job of keeping the similar areas together. SJUSD serves Arden-Arcade, Carmichael, Citrus Heights, Fair Oaks, Gold River, Orangevale, and part of Sacramento. The trustee areas must be roughly equal in population, but some of these locations are more densely populated than others. So, some residents believe splitting into seven areas will force areas without common interests into the same voting division. Some people also raised the concern that expanding to seven members would mean two additional members who would earn compensation for their work on the

Board. They pointed out that those costs could come at the expense of the school sites.
 Of those who preferred the seven-area maps, some wanted to see changes so that Arden Arcade and North Highlands are grouped together. Proponents of this change suggested that those areas share common interests and similar economic status. Combining them into the same trustee area would strengthen their voices and allow them to elect a Board member who will advocate for their needs.
 Multiple commenters wanted to see Citrus Heights contained in one area to ensure the city has a strong voice on the Board. However, Citrus Heights makes up approximately 25% of the total district population, and due to the trustee-area population requirements, the city will likely have to be represented by at least two Board members. Others saw this as a positive development since Citrus Heights hasn't had local representation on the Board in almost 20 years, so having more than one member elected from within Citrus Heights would greatly improve their representation.

Some feedback asserted it would be best for each area to have a combination of low- and high-performing schools. But others fear that such boundaries would dilute the votes in poorer areas, since more affluent neighborhoods tend to have higher voter turnout. They would prefer neighborhoods be grouped so that struggling areas could share common representation.
 The Board initially directed the demographers to ensure each area included at least one high school in all the map scenarios. But some residents thought that requirement should be abandoned because SJUSD is an open enrollment district and students don't necessarily attend school in the neighborhoods where they live.
 The Board will review all the feedback received and may instruct the demographers to make changes to the draft maps. Revised maps will be posted to the district website (<https://www.sanjuan.edu/>) no later than July 20 so the public can review them and prepare comments ahead of the July 27 meeting, when the Board will vote for a final map. ★

Unemployment Insurance Fund Debt Undermines Safety Net Programs

By Brooke Armour, California Business Roundtable

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The California Legislature has rejected efforts to begin to pay down even the smallest fraction of an estimated \$22 billion Unemployment Insurance (UI) Fund debt, undermining the long-term integrity of the program and guaranteeing that businesses of every size will be forced to pay higher taxes in an effort to pay off the debt.
 “The UI Fund has been critically important during the recession, helping provide support for workers who lost their jobs due to government-mandated closures. But now the Legislature is refusing to provide the program critically needed funding that will help alleviate the \$22 billion – and growing – debt the fund has accumulated after the fifth-largest economy shut down for 15 months,” said Rob Lapsley, president of the California Business Roundtable.
 Employers are paying higher taxes now and must be addressed now. While the state rates were on course to go down prior to the pandemic, the rapid deterioration of the state fund's viability means these higher rates are now likely locked in for another decade or more.
 In addition, federal taxes on employment will go higher as well. As a participant in the federal unemployment fund program, the state cannot carry a UI Fund debt for more than 34 months. If the state continues carrying the debt, businesses will

automatically incur an annual payroll tax increase until the fund debt is paid off. Because of the size of the current UI Fund debt, it is unlikely that the debt will be paid off before the next recession hits, creating a permanent tax increase on all businesses while ensuring this critical safety net will not be there to help workers in the next economic downturn.
 The current UI Fund debt is slated to grow to more than twice the debt the fund incurred during the Great Recession. It took nearly 10 years to pay off that debt, with funds coming from an increase in businesses' state and federal payroll taxes.
 “California businesses already pay the highest unemployment fund tax rate, plus a 15 percent surcharge. Without a significant investment from the state to address the massive UI Fund debt, businesses are now on the hook to pay for debt that they didn't create and cannot afford to pay back.
 “There is no time to delay. This tax increase is hurting employment now, and even higher taxes will go into effect when the federal increases kick in as well. The troubling reality is that businesses will likely never be able to pay off this debt. The debt is so large that we will likely experience another recession before the current debt is paid, creating debt in the fund and erasing any progress businesses have made to pay off existing debt. Permanent insolvency of the state's most critical safety net program is probable if the state does not intervene.” Lapsley concluded. ★



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ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
 #34-2021-00302338
 Robin Craft & Derek Craft have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Ritalino de Leon to Ritalino Craft.
 IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00a.m. on August 10, 2021, in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
 Dated: June 14, 2021
 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
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 CRAFT 180101 7-23-21

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
 #34-2021-00303166
 Anthony J. Lettridge & Jo-Anna R. Carrisoa have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Anthony Joseph Lettridge to Anthony Joseph Servantez and Jo-Anna Rose Marie Carrisoa to Jo-Anna Rose Marie Servantez.
 IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 1:30p.m. on August 26, 2021, in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
 Dated: June 29, 2021
 Shama H. Mesiwala, Judge of the Superior Court
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 SERVANTEZ 180101 7-30-21

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
 #34-2021-00302968
 Sharina Lektis McNeal has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Jeremiah Russ Rostchold to Jeremiah Russ Patton.
 IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00a.m. on August 25, 2021, in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
 Dated: June 24, 2021
 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
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 PATTON 180101 7-30-21

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
 #34-2020-00291519
 Marina P. Schanov has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Marina P. Schanov to Marina P. Yanchinska.
 IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 1:30p.m. on August 19, 2021, in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
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 YANCH 180101 7-30-21

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
 #34-2021-00302868
 Mihai Iusuciu has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Mihai Iusuciu to Mihai Yushchuk.
 IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00a.m. on August 24, 2021, in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, 2nd Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
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 YUSH 180101 7-30-21

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
 #34-2021-00302739
 Delphina Christina Sanchez has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Delphina Christina Sanchez to Delphina Christina Hernandez-Sanchez.
 IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 1:30p.m. on August 18, 2021, in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
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 SANCH 180101 7-30-21

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
 #34-2021-00302815
 Fnu Nasrullah and Fnu Maryam have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Fnu Nasrullah to Nasrullah Haidari and Fnu Maryam to Maryam Haidari.
 IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 1:30p.m. on August 19, 2021, in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
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 HAID 180101 7-30-21

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
 #34-2021-00302941
 Evelyn Susana Arroyo has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Evelyn Susana Arroyo to Evelyn Valeria Abend.
 IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00a.m. on August 24, 2021, in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, 2nd Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
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 ARROYO 180101 7-30-21

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
 #34-2021-00302944
 Fnu Sharifullah has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Fnu Sharifullah to Sharifullah Mangal.
 IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 1:30p.m. on August 24, 2021, in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
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 MANG 180101 7-30-21

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
 #34-2021-00303108
 Mitchell Bruce Holsobake has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Mitchell Bruce Holsobake to Mitchell Bruce Runquist.
 IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00a.m. on August 25, 2021, in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
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 RUNQU 180101 7-30-21

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
 #34-2021-00302716
 Juan H. Rodriguez has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Juan H. Rodriguez to Johnny H. Rodriguez.
 IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00a.m. on August 18, 2021, in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
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 RODRIG 180101 7-30-21

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
 #34-2021-00303066
 Blair Noelle Nunes has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Blair Noelle Nunes to Blair Noelle Sturm.
 IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00a.m. on August 25, 2021, in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, 2nd Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
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 STURM 180101 7-30-21

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
 #34-2021-00302768
 David Jr. Gonzalez has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of David Jr. Gonzalez to David Gonzalez Ram.
 IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00a.m. on August 18, 2021, in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, 2nd Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
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 RAM 180101 7-30-21

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
 #34-2021-00302799
 Ella Gleyim has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Ella Gleyim to Ella Ilyushenko.
 IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 1:30p.m. on August 18, 2021, in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
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 GLEYM 180101 7-30-21

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
 #34-2021-00302560
 Cynda Suzanne Pelott has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Cynda Suzanne Pelott to Cynda Suzanne Warr, Sophia Sky Pelott to Sophia Sky Warr and Elijah Storm Pelott to Elijah Storm Warr.
 IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00a.m. on August 11, 2021, in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, 2nd Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
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 WARR 180101 7-30-21

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
 #34-2021-00303075
 Michael, Leticia, Caden & Caris Tanner have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Michael David Tanner to Michael David Hughes, Leticia Tanner to Caden James Hughes, and Caris Blake Tanner to Caris Blake Hughes.
 IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 1:30p.m. on August 25, 2021, in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, 2nd Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
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 HUGHES 180101 8-6-21

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
 #34-2021-00299408
 Eric Brandon Johnson Diamond has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Eric Brandon Johnson Diamond to Eric Brandon Johnson.
 IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 1:30p.m. on August 19, 2021, in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
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 JOHNSON 180101 8-6-21

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
 #34-2021-00302471
 Abdul S. Samadi and Sakino have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Sakino to Sakina Samadi, Hadisa to Hadisa Samadi, Hasibulla to Hasib Samadi, Spoghmay to Spoghmay Samadi and Silgaey to Sana Samadi.
 IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00a.m. on August 11, 2021, in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
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 SAMADI 180101 8-6-21

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
 #34-2021-00303514
 Victor Mateo Gallegos has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Victor Mateo Gallegos to Victor Mateo Anderson.
 IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 1:30p.m. on September 1, 2021, in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, 2nd Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
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 GALLEGOS 180101 8-13-21

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
 #34-2021-00303571
 Alexandra Elizabeth Dempsey Cochran has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Alexandra Elizabeth Dempsey Cochran to Alexandra Elizabeth Dempsey Couler.
 IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00a.m. on September 1, 2021, in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, 2nd Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for

Change of Name should not be granted.
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 COCHRAN 180101 8-13-21

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
 #34-2021-00303567
 Maurice Antonio Taylor has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Maurice Antonio Taylor to Maurice Antonio Taylor.
 IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 1:30p.m. on September 1, 2021, in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, 2nd Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
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 TAYLOR 180101 8-13-21

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
 #34-2021-00303485
 Mohd Aqduq Siddiqui has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Mohd Aqduq Siddiqui to Mohammad Aqduq Siddiqui.
 IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 1:30p.m. on August 31, 2021, in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, 2nd Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
 Dated: July 2, 2021
 Shama H. Mesiwala, Judge of the Superior Court
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 SIDDIQUI 180101 8-13-21

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
 #34-2021-00302946
 Tina Marie Phillips-Robinson has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Tina Marie Phillips-Robinson to Tina Marie Phillips.
 IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00a.m. on August 24, 2021, in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
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 PHILLIPS 180101 8-13-21

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
 #34-2021-00303480
 Alexander Nikolay Timchuk has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Alexander Nikolay Timchuk to Alexander Nikolay Pika.
 IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00a.m. on August 31, 2021, in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
 Dated: July 12, 2021
 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
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 TIMCHUK 180101 8-13-21

Emilait Marie Bishop has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Emilait Marie Bishop to Emilait Marie Walker.
 IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 1:30p.m. on September 7, 2021, in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
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 WALKER 180101 8-13-21

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
 #34-2021-00303578
 Leslie Allana Alston has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Leslie Allana Alston to Layla Allana Alston.
 IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 1:30p.m. on September 1, 2021, in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
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Watch out for Airfare Scams When Booking Flights

Better Business Bureau of Northeast California

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - With the availability of COVID-19 vaccines, travel is coming back! That's great news for summer vacation plans... and scammers. BBB Scam Tracker is receiving reports of con artists creating fake airline ticket booking sites or customer service numbers. If you are buying airfare, use caution and double-check the URL or phone number before providing your credit card information.

How the Scam Works

While doing an online search for cheap flights, you come across what seems like a great deal with a major airline. You book the flight – either through the website or by calling a customer support number – and receive a confirmation message. However, when you look more closely at the email, you notice that you never actually received your ticket.

In another version of this scam, you book a flight on a travel website offering deals on airfare. You pay with your credit card like normal. But shortly after making the payment, you receive a call from the company saying that there's been a sudden price increase or an extra charge to finalize your booking. This is something a legitimate company would never do!

In either case, you call the airline to follow up about your flight. After talking to an agent, you find that they have no record of your booking. It turns out you accidentally

purchased tickets through a scam website or a phony customer service number. One victim told BBB Scam Tracker: "I received a phone call right after [I booked the flight] stating that they wanted \$100 per passenger to finalize my flight." Then, after calling the airline to complain, the victim discovered that "the flight wasn't available to begin with. The flight was never booked... this company just charged my card."

How to Avoid Travel Scams

Do your research. If you come across a company you haven't dealt with before, research it before making any purchases. Look on BBB.org for reviews and feedback from previous customers;

Double-check the URL before you enter personal and payment information. It can be easy to click on a sponsored ad or imposter website without noticing. Before you enter any sensitive information, double-check that you are on the right website and that the link is secure. Secure links start with "https:///" and include a lock icon on the purchase page. Learn more at BBB.org/BBBSecure;

Be wary of third-party websites. Some websites appear to offer a legitimate service but are only fronts for a scam. Be suspicious of websites with no working customer service number and no physical address. Typos and grammatical errors can be indications of a scammer's handiwork, too;

Make online purchases with your credit card. Fraudulent

charges made on a credit card can usually be disputed, whereas that might not be the case with other payment methods. Unfortunately, there is no way to get back the personal information you may have shared.

To learn more about planning a getaway during COVID-19, check out this tip from BBB. For ways to protect yourself from travel scams, go to BBB.org/TravelScam. Read more about customer service number scams.

Stay one step ahead of scammers by subscribing to BBB's weekly Scam Alert emails.

If you've been a victim of an airline ticket or other travel scam, please report your experience at BBB.org/ScamTracker. By doing so you can help others to avoid falling prey to scammers.

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ACROSS
1. E-wallet content
6. Pen
9. *Rubik's ____
13. Bryan Stevenson's "Just
14. * ____-Wan Kenobi
15. Egyptian falcon-headed deity
16. Top of a steeple
17. * ____-I-Am"
18. Vernacular
19. "Walking" spring toy
21. "Purple dinosaur
23. Foot the bill
24. Smidgen
25. *KIDZ ____
28. Like a mattress?
30. Stay clear of
35. "Dumbo's were huge
37. "Arnold Lobel's "Frog and ____"
39. Emotional punishment
40. At the summit of
41. Young hooter
43. Shakespeare's hometown river
44. Increase rpms (2 words)
46. "Pinocchio or Baron Munchausen, e.g.
47. Retired, shortened
48. Soft palate vibrations
50. Bob of the boxing world
52. Bovine hangout
53. Give the cold shoulder
55. Unagi on sushi menu
57. "Place called Sesame
60. "Place for Pong and Pac-Man
63. Semolina source
64. It would
66. Mourning fabric
68. Arterial blood vessel
69. Atlantic catch
70. Partner of pains
71. Emeralds and rubies
72. "One of "Little Women"
73. Haul something heavy

DOWN
1. German river
2. Large edible mushroom, pl.
3. Seed covering
4. Substitute for tender
5. *Shenzi, Banzai and Ed in "Lion King"
6. *One in a pocketful
7. Lawyers' league
8. Horizontal bar dance
9. It's knee high by the Fourth of July?
10. Strong desire
11. Channel marker
12. Eastern Standard Time
15. What bullies do
20. City in Japan
22. Past tense of eat
24. Popular salad dressing
25. "Winnie and Paddington
26. Derived from oats
27. Utah city
29. Thanksgiving turkey, e.g.
31. Burn to a crisp
32. Václav of Czechoslovakia
33. Be theatrical
34. "One of the Darling children
36. Horse prod
38. Letter opener
42. More true
45. Bygone Spanish money
49. "He said, ____ said"
51. Place that attracts visitors, pl.
54. Ancient city in Africa
56. Cooler clime conifer
57. "One, two, buckle my ____"
58. Four years in the White House, e.g.
59. * ____ of NIMH"
60. * ____ Walker, American Girl
61. "Matilda" and "The Gremlins" author
62. "The Three Musketeers" sword
63. Tail action
65. "Huck's friend
67. Sixth sense

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8	5	7	1	4	2	6	3	9
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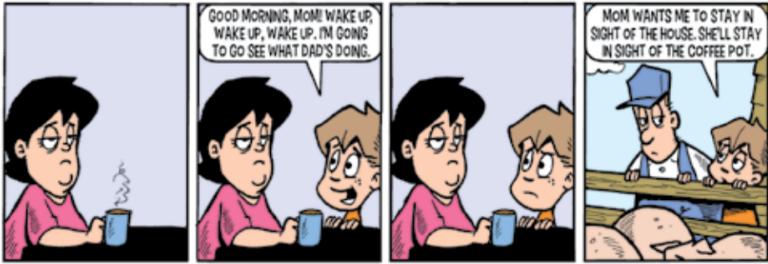
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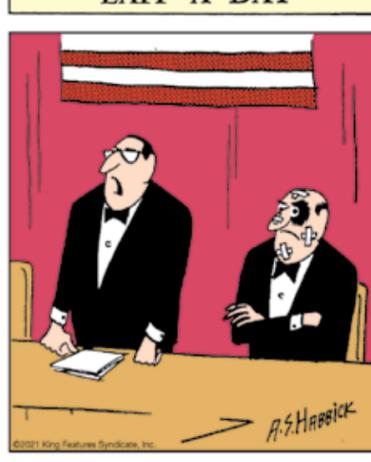


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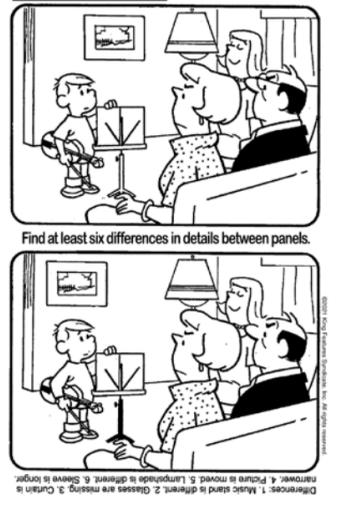


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Ask Toni

Medicare Tips for Baby Boomers



Toni King

Toni:
I am a confused Baby Boomer who needs to make my Medicare decision in November when I turn 65. I do not know where to start or what to do? Can you please help simplify this ordeal? Thanks Janet

from Atlanta, GA
Janet:

Do not feel alone! There are 10,000 Baby Boomers entering Medicare every day for the next 15 years. Most are completely stressed with what their Medicare options are because they know that one wrong move can jeopardize their 401K and life savings which they worked so hard for.

Below are **Medicare Tips** for Baby Boomers or those new to Medicare:

- **Tip #1 Enroll on time:** The only way Medicare is automatic for those turning 65 is when one is already receiving their Social Security check. If you are not receiving your Social Security check and not working full time with true company benefits from either you or your spouse's work, then you will want to enroll in Medicare Parts A and B via online at www.socialsecurity.gov/medicareonly. Those working full-time with true company benefits or are covered under their spouse's benefits may want to delay enrolling in Medicare Parts A and B until they finally retire or happen to be laid off from their current employment.
- **Tip #2 Medicare is NOT FREE:** Medicare covers a lot and there is a cost associated with Medicare Parts A and B. The premium for Part A is at no cost if you worked 10 years or 40 quarters and paid Medicare taxes. Medicare Part B has a premium which is means tested depending on how much you have earned for that year. In 2021, an average Medicare beneficiary pays \$148.50 each month for Part B premium. Medicare Part A (hospital) deductible for 2021 is \$1484 not once a year but is every 60 days or 6 times a year. The 2021 Medicare Part B deductible is \$203 once a year with Medicare paying

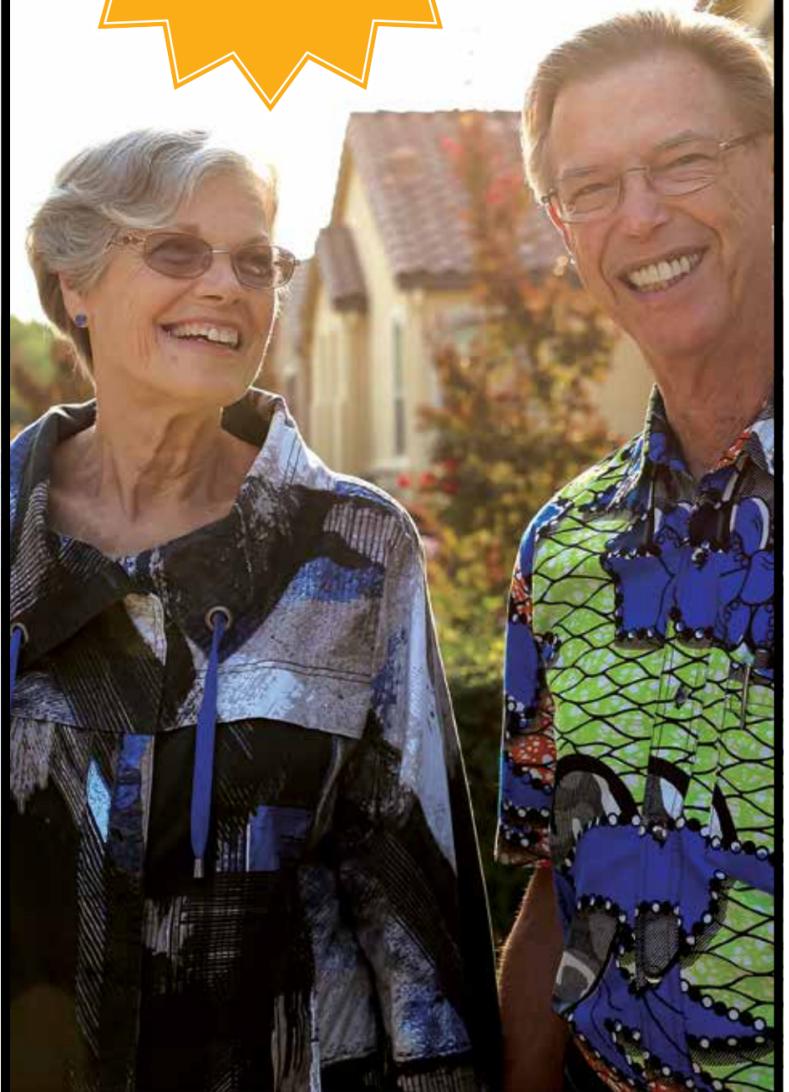
80% of the Medicare approved amount and you paying the remaining 20%.

- **Tip #3 Learn Medicare's alphabet soup...Parts A, B, C & D:** Original Medicare is Medicare Parts A and B which cover hospital, medical and provider expenses. Medicare Part C, known as Medicare Advantage plan, is another way of receiving your Medicare benefits. Part D is Medicare Prescription Drug plans that can be enrolled as a stand-alone plan with Original Medicare and a Medicare Supplement, or a Medicare Advantage plan with Part D included.
- **Tip #4 Medicare covers a lot:** Medicare Part A covers in-patient hospital, skilled nursing facility care, home health and hospice care. Medicare Part B covers physicians' services, outpatient surgery/services, lab/X-rays, MRIs, durable medical equipment and preventative services, etc.
- **Tip #5 Medicare doesn't cover:** Medical services not covered are vision, hearing or dental expenses or Long Term Care.
- **Tip #6 No Network with Original Medicare and Medicare Supplement/Medigap:** Your healthcare provider or facility bills Medicare directly.
- **Tip #7 Medicare Serves Under 65 Also:** Those under 65 on Social Security Disability or ESRD (end stage renal disease) qualify when they meet Medicare's requirements for enrollment.
- **Tip #8 Medicare Advantage May Be a Good Option:** Know that you can choose between Original Medicare (Parts A & B) or Medicare Advantage plans offered by private insurance companies.
- **Tip #9 Make the Most of Medicare:** Schedule your important screenings, wellness visits or preventative care.

For Medicare enrollment questions call the Toni Says Medicare hotline at 832/519-8664 or email info@tonisays.com for help.

2021 Confused about Medicare and LTC Zoom webinar is Thursday, July 29th at 4:00 PM. Visit 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. ★



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New Home Sales Becoming More Seasonal but Still above Average



Demand for new homes in the Sacramento region remains extremely strong but it appears that sales are beginning to settle into a more normal seasonal pattern. MPG file photo

By John Frith,
The Write Stuff Communications

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - New home sales in the greater Sacramento region remained robust in June as 625 homes were sold, the North State Building Industry Association reported. However, that figure was lower than the 655 sales reported in 2020 -- the first time since May 2020 that sales were lower than in the same month the year before.

Michael LaFortune, the BIA's 2021 Chairman, said it appears the market is returning to a more normal pattern after the tremendous increase in sales during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Demand for new homes in the Sacramento region remains extremely strong but it appears that sales are beginning to settle into a more normal seasonal pattern, unlike the sharp jump that occurred during the second half of 2020," La Fortune said. "June's sales were slightly lower than they were last year, but still well above the monthly average for June."

Since 1997, an average of 392 new homes were sold in June in the region, including Sacramento, Placer, El Dorado, Yolo, Sutter, Yuba and Nevada counties. This year's June total was lower than sales in January through April and slightly higher than in May -- a more normal seasonal pattern than found last year when sales dropped off sharply during the early stages of the pandemic but then hit totals during the latter part of the year not reached since the early 2000s housing boom.

North State CEO Michael Strech said while the economy is beginning to return to normal as pandemic restrictions are eased or lifted, the sales numbers show that there is still a strong demand for new homes in the region, which give families the space and amenities they're looking for.

He cautioned that supply constraints, similar to those being faced in many industries, are causing some delays in construction but that builders are working hard to address them and to keep buyers fully informed of any issues.

And he again called on local governments to take a hard look at the high level of development fees that are ultimately paid by new-home buyers.

"The fee study we released last month shows that government fees average \$95,000 per home in our area -- \$40,000 more than comparable fees in the Central Valley and the Inland Empire region in Southern California. We are continuing to work closely with local officials around the region to find ways to reduce these fees and still ensure that new communities include needed amenities."

The North State BIA is the leading advocate for the home building industry in the greater Sacramento region. Representing more than 500 members who provide 55,000 industry jobs, the North State BIA is committed to preserving and furthering the economic interests of its members, while also working to enhance the industry's standing as a significant contributor to the regional economy. For more information, visit www.northstatebia.org. ★

Motorists Cut Driving Nearly in Half

By Sergio Avila, AAA

WALNUT CREEK, CA (MPG) - New research from the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety's New American Driving Survey (2020) showed the average number of all daily car trips at the start of the pandemic dropped by 45% as COVID-19 and associated restrictions led to a drastic drop in road travel. Daily trips rebounded in May and June but remained 20-25% below their 2019 levels during the remainder of 2020.

According to the research in April 2020: Trips by all modes of transportation plunged by 40 percent; The average number of daily trips for all modes of transportation fell from 3.7 trips per day (2019) to 2.2 trips.

Other key findings:

Daily Car trips: Fell from 3.2 pre-pandemic to 1.8 in April 2020, before rebounding slightly to 2.6 trips for the rest of 2020; **Travel by Urban Areas:** Daily trips dropped 42% (compared to 25% for those living in Suburban areas), before leveling off to a 20%-30% reduction; Travel by transit, taxi, or rideshare: The proportion of people who reported making any trips by transit, taxi, or rideshare plummeted from 5.5% pre-pandemic to 1.7% in April of 2020, before leveling off at approximately 2.4% for the remainder of the year; **Commuter Travel:** Work-related travel by all transportation modes dropped by 40% in April 2020, likely reflecting a mix of layoffs, job losses, and telecommuting. Commuting trips made by workers on days when they worked decreased by approximately 22%. For the remainder of the year, commuting trips were approximately 26% below pre-pandemic levels.

Car fatalities rise despite less travel in 2020

Despite fewer cars on the road and more people staying home, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) recently estimated that 38,680 people died in motor vehicle traffic crashes in 2020 — an increase of about 7.2% over 2019 and the largest projected number of fatalities since 2007.

The most recent AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety Traffic Safety Culture Index (TSCI) found that drivers perceive distracted, aggressive and impaired driving as



The average number of all daily car trips at the start of the pandemic dropped by 45% as COVID-19 and associated restrictions led to a drastic drop in road travel. Photo by Vincent Gerbounin

dangerous. Yet, many drivers admitted to engaging in at least one of these behaviors in the 30 days prior to the survey.

"As the U.S. climbs out of the COVID-19 pandemic, highway safety officials will need to double down on curbing speeding, substance-impaired driving, and failure to buckle up," said Sergio Avila, AAA Northern California spokesperson.

AAA urges drivers to keep everyone safe on the roads and warns drivers against falling back into bad driving habits.

Methodology: This study examined data from the AAA Foundation's New American Driving Survey (New ADS), which surveys a representative sample of U.S. residents ages 16 years or older to collect detailed information about all of the travel they did on the day before the interview. The current study examines the mean daily number of trips made by U.S. residents each month among 7,873 respondents who were interviewed between July 1, 2019 (start of data collection for the New ADS) and December 31, 2020. In the New ADS, a trip refers to any travel from one place to another.

About the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety: Established in 1947 by AAA, the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety is a nonprofit, publicly funded, 501(c)(3) charitable research and educational organization. The AAA Foundation's mission is to prevent traffic deaths and injuries by researching their causes and by educating the public about strategies to prevent crashes and reduce injuries when they do occur. ★

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