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Holy Cross Festival Returns



Ariette Alcala paints young Jio's face for the festivities.

Story and photos by Michele Townsend

WEST SACRAMENTO (MPG) - Holy Cross was rocking this weekend at the comeback of the Holy Cross Parish Festival. The festival had a little different layout and look this time, but after being unable to have the festival due to COVID, it was a great way to come back. New look, or not, like all past Holy Cross Festivals, hundreds of people came to visit friends, eat good food, listen to good

music, dance and let the kids play. It was a hot day, but people cooled off with an ice-cold soda or cold beer or wine. Kids had games to play for prizes, face painting and a dunk tank. The multi-cultural food filled the air with delicious smells. Everyone was welcome to sit at the tables that were set up under a canopy, bring a blanket for the lawn, sit in some small bleachers, or bring their own lawn chairs. Friends and family, young and old, enjoyed the music with the highlight

being the smooth, classic music of the Sugar High Band on Saturday night. Other music included DJ Pete, Two Brothers/San Pedro, Tony, Francisco Voz Del Marichi, Enrique Garcia y Grupo and Los Juarez. The Holy Cross Festival is always a great place to run into friends that you may not have seen in a while. One thing that you can always count on is seeing a lot of smiling faces. It's a great way to share and visit with your community before everyone goes back to school. ★

West Sacramento Resident Named to Local United Way Board



Kristin Thébaud Communications News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - John Petrovich of West Sacramento has joined the board of directors for United Way California Capital Region. He will help lead the 100-year-old nonprofit that is working to end poverty for local families, starting in school.

Petrovich serves as Sacramento managing principal for Deloitte. He is responsible for Deloitte's market in Sacramento and the more than 500 Deloitte professionals who live in Sacramento. He uses technology and business transformation to help state governments across the country better serve their citizens. Petrovich primarily focuses on unemployment insurance modernization and serves on Deloitte's national labor and workforce leadership team, leading the firm's national markets for unemployment insurance, workforce, paid family medical leave, disability and workers' compensation. He holds a bachelor's degree in computer science from Purdue University. Petrovich joins other new board members Emily Santanelli of Lincoln, Amy Krause of Land Park, Dr. Robert Snowden of Elk Grove, and Bay Area residents September Hargrove and Brett Studholme.

"We are proud to have this fantastic slate of community leaders join our board of directors in our 100th anniversary year," said Dr. Dawnté Early, president and CEO, United Way California Capital Region. "They will contribute critical resources as we begin a new century Continued on page 3

Local Woman Fights for Lyme Disease Awareness



Melissa Moya receives one of many treatments for her Lyme disease. Photo courtesy of Melissa Moya

By Tamara Warta

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - For as long as we've had a way to share news, stories of devastating diseases and how they affect lives are often shared both on television and social media. While COVID-19 held the headlines for a good three years, other illnesses have never been fully brought

into the spotlight of public awareness. Lyme disease is an example of a condition we rarely hear about, especially those of us living in the city and surrounding suburbs of Sacramento. Melissa Moya agrees. "I would like for them (Sacramento County residents) to know to take that extra moment to protect themselves before going out," says Moya,

founder of Lyme Fight Foundation. Moya's own Lyme disease journey started seven years ago, and it was a path she never expected to find herself on. Following a hysterectomy, she started to not feel well, suffering with aches, pains, and brain fog, among other symptoms. "It took me three years to figure out

what was wrong," she recalls. "I went to doctors in Sacramento and San Francisco, and even to the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota." After suspecting a variety of illnesses including Fibromyalgia, Moya finally received her diagnosis of Lyme, Bartonella, and Babesia. Unwilling to sit back and live passively Continued on page 2



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with this new reality, Moya formed the foundation in April of 2020. As she says, “My silver lining turned into the foundation.”

Lyme Fight Foundation aims to educate, raise awareness, and provide information and resources. They work with both the general community and those who are suffering from Lyme disease and its complications. Lyme disease treatment is not typically covered by health insurance, and Moya herself incurred a cost of \$50,000 for one surgery. It can also be difficult to diagnose. According to Columbia University Irving Medical Center, in early Lyme disease the test is negative 50-65% of the time. This is difficult news for an illness that must be treated as early as possible for success.

Known as “the great imitator” due to its penchant for being diagnosed as other illnesses first, some have claimed to achieved remission, but for most Lyme patients like Moya, the condition is chronic and lifelong. Her Lyme disease has broken through her brain barrier and also reached her heart. As a former marathon runner and track coach, her days are now physically limited.

“Your whole day is really just going through your protocol,” Moya shares, explaining that life with Lyme disease includes pills, treatments, and definitely a nap. “I can’t do what I used to. I am usually limited to a couple of outings per day.”

While the doctors never determined exactly how or where Moya contracted Lyme disease, she has made it her mission to protect others from a similar



Moya with Sacramento County Supervisor Rich Desmond receiving a Board of Supervisors Resolution this past May, which was Lyme Disease Awareness Month. Photo courtesy of Melissa Moya

experience. While she has spent portions of the past four years traveling to San Rafael for further treatment, she is also furthering the spread of information and awareness wherever she can here at home. Lyme Fight Foundation holds workshops and speaking engagements, provides medical and tick testing resources, and arranges peer mentoring. The group is also holding a gala on September 30 at the Gibbons Community Center in Carmichael.

When asked what was the biggest reward of running Lyme Fight Foundation, which consists of just herself and three women on an executive board, she says it’s been the opportunity to talk with others who are dealing with Lyme disease, and the relief in their voices to find someone who understands. The biggest challenge?

“Getting people to realize how serious it is and to understand,” says Moya.

Locals would be wise to listen to her. The Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito

and Vector Control District have discovered ten times more ticks than usual in 2023, including even on the beaches of San Francisco, which isn’t a typical place to find them. Such an unexpected surge in the tick population is exactly why Moya continues her Lyme Fight Foundation work, even when she struggles to feel healthy most days.

“Everybody need[s] to know what [is] out there,” she said, “where you can go for treatment... and have ticks tested if you find one.”

If you would like to get involved with Lyme Fight Foundation, the nonprofit is always looking for volunteers and donors. Besides the upcoming Gala, the group can be found holding a Lyme awareness rally at the Capital, serving the community at river cleanups and at local races including the California International Marathon. You can visit their website, lymefightfoundation.org, or call (916) 628-6692 for more information. ★

Assembly Speaker pro Tempore Aguiar-Curry Secures Funds for Fire Protection District

From the Office of Cecilia Aguiar-Curry

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Assembly Speaker pro Tempore Cecilia Aguiar-Curry (D-Winters) secured an additional \$1.1 million in the California State Budget for Yolo County. The funds include \$487,484 to the County of Yolo for Meals on Wheels (MOW Yolo), \$255,000 to the City of West Sacramento for the Recovery Café, and \$378,539 to the Clarksburg Fire Protection District. This comes after her announcement earlier this year of having collaborated with Senator Bill Dodd (D-Napa) to secure \$1 million for the Yolo Crisis Nursery.

“I am proud to have been able to win State funding to help the neediest of my constituents in Yolo County and help make them safer,” said Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry. “These investments will help support seniors, provide a safe haven for vulnerable community members, and fire safety for the tri-county area in and around Clarksburg.”

Yolo County will utilize the budget funds to complete MOW Yolo’s Operation Accelerate to expand its kitchen capacity. Yolo will finalize their lease of a second kitchen in Winters, which will allow them to dramatically expand meal preparation from 350 to at least 1,250 meals every weekday for senior nutrition and socialization needs for food-insecure aging adults throughout Yolo County. The kitchen capacity expansion over all budget, including lease payments and costs for equipment, raw food, and personnel from February 2023 – December 2024, is just under \$1.4 million. Yolo County and Agency on Aging Area 4 committed the funds from the American Rescue Plan (ARP) to help complete the kitchen capacity project.

“This is a game-changing investment in Meals on Wheels Yolo County’s ability to establish and sustain the meal production capacity required to nourish and engage more of the 8,000

seniors currently living in poverty in Yolo County. As many as 1,300 aging adults can be served, a doubling of the status quo, as a result of ‘Operation Accelerate’ initiative goals, and this fiscal commitment shepherded by the Assembly Speaker Pro Tempore ensures the initiative’s success,” said Joy Cohan, Executive Director of Meals on Wheels Yolo County. “Because of this support, more Yolo County seniors, especially in rural and other underserved communities, can look forward to healthier outcomes and the opportunity to age in place longer. The Meals on Wheels team is honored and grateful for Assembly Speaker Pro Tempore Aguiar-Curry’s confidence in our readiness to create impact.”

In partnership with the City of West Sacramento, The West Sacramento Mercy Coalition, an interfaith nonprofit collaborative, they recently launched Recovery Café in West Sacramento. Recovery Café is a nationwide network providing a safe, warm, drug and alcohol-free space to support community members suffering from trauma, homelessness, addiction, and other mental health challenges. Using a proven model, the Mercy Coalition seeks to improve outcomes for these individuals through peer-driven accountability, belonging, and growth model. Supported by the City and charitable contributions, a one-time state budget expenditure of \$225,000 would ensure that Recovery Café operations could remain sustainable through its startup phase.

“As a homegrown West Sacramento nonprofit, we couldn’t be more grateful for the advocacy of Assembly Speaker Pro Tem Aguiar-Curry in securing this budget allocation,” said Don Bosley, Executive director for Mercy Coalition of West Sacramento. “Every week-day, Recovery Cafe West Sacramento wraps its arms around some of our city’s most fragile - those impacted by the trauma of substance-use disorders, homelessness, mental

health disorders, domestic violence, grief, and poverty.”

“The cafe has quickly become more than just an evidence-based mental-health strategy; it’s a healing space of visceral hope, inclusion, resilience, and belonging. It is a resonating pocket of restorative community, where the shared journey of recovery cuts across race, class, identity, age, and socioeconomic position,” emphasized Bosey. “We believe in its mission wholeheartedly, and we’re overwhelmed that our state, county, and city leaders are so tangibly beside us in these efforts. Generations of West Sacramentans will reap the love and support that these dollars are seeding.”

Clarksburg Fire Protection District will use the \$378,539 funds to procure a modern, National Fire Protection Association-approved water tender. Water tenders are essential firefighting equipment to allow water transportation from a water source to a fire scene. The current water tender from the District is 37 years old and relies on some “home-built” components. The District needs updated equipment to respond to wildfires to adequately honor automatic aid agreements with the rest of Yolo County and parts of Sacramento and Solano counties.

“The Clarksburg Fire Protection District (Clarksburg Fire) gratefully thanks Assemblywoman Cecilia Aguiar-Curry for leading the Legislature’s \$378,539 investment in a new 3,000-gallon water tender for Clarksburg Fire,” said Mark Pruner, Board Chair for Clarksburg Fire Protection District. “The new water tender will enhance the operational capabilities of both in-District and mutual aid emergency responses.” Clarksburg Fire provides first responder services in southeastern rural Yolo County and through mutual aid agreements throughout Yolo County, the North Delta, and northern California. ★

Caltrans Marks 50th Anniversary



Department of Transportation signage at Caltrans Headquarters in Sacramento. Photo courtesy of Caltrans

Caltrans News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Fifty years ago this month, the State of California established a new Department

of Transportation (Caltrans) to unify a wide range of transportation functions under a single entity. Since July 1973, the department has managed one of the most complex transportation systems in the nation and helped play a vital role in creating the world’s fourth largest economy.

Five decades later, Caltrans continues its mission to deliver a best-in-class experience for all Californians, regardless of the mode of travel they choose.

To honor the milestone, Caltrans has released an updated history page on its official website. This new content traces the state’s transportation roots from 1895 when the Bureau of Highways was formed and chronicles key developments and noteworthy projects spanning to the present day.

Visit the Caltrans Historical Page at dot.ca.gov/programs/public-affairs/caltrans-history. ★

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Helping Kids Prepare for School



Brother and sister, Ulaina and Herman were very excited to get their new backpacks.

Story and photo by
Michele Townsend

YOLO COUNTY (MPG) - Yolo County Children’s alliance, vendors and community partners worked together to host the school supply and resource fair on Saturday, August 5. Located at the Disney’s Boom Park in Bryte there were games, gifts and information. The event was held at the park but the partners were delivering backpacks through Monday and beyond. Yolo County Children’s Alliance partners with different county nonprofits, school districts, resource partners, Yolo County Housing and YCOE to distribute to families that need it most.

Vendor and partners included: Yolo Food Bank, Habitat for Humanity,

West Sacramento Police, Yolo County Sheriff, Lighthouse Charter School, Washington Unified School District, United Way, Wayfinder Family Services (resources for adoptive families) Air Pollution, No Smoke in the House, Catholic Charities, Yolo County Office of Education, Home Run, West Sac Fun, Parks and Recreation, Center for Workers Rights, Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, Yolo County Oral Health Program, Yolobus, Spark – West Sac Girl’s Softball, Welcome Baby, Communicare, Salud Clinic, and of course Yolo County Children’s Alliance. Each of these organizations hosted a booth at the resource fair. Many of them had games and prizes offered,

including Frisbees, books, pens, t-shirts and much more.

Once the families visited a few of the resource booths, they would get their backpacks full of age-appropriate school supplies, including notebooks, binders, paper, pencils, pens, rulers, scissors, pencil sharpeners, highlighters, colored pencils, crayons, hand sanitizer and of course backpacks. All items were new.

1,100 took home backpacks on Saturday. For those who could not travel to the event many were delivered. More than 3,000 students, county wide, will receive backpacks and supplies during the duration of the backpack giveaway program. ★

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working together to end poverty for families across the region.”

For 100 years, United Way California Capital Region has been working to end poverty by creating stronger, healthier, more compassionate communities. Since 1923, the local United Way has raised more than \$500 million to fight

poverty in the region and help families succeed. The group recently announced a goal to raise \$3 million to help 10,000 kids excel in school by 2025 as part of its work to end poverty for local families. The local United Way has found one place in each community to reach the most families in need: School is square one for ending

poverty. United Way uses its Square One approach to end poverty for local families by helping children excel in school, investing in families, and strengthening schools with resources to address increased poverty and deep roots of racial inequality. For more information or to make a donation, visit www.YourLocalUnitedWay.org★

League of Women Voters Seeks Nominations for Democracy Works Award

League of Women Voters of Woodland News Release

YOLO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Woodland League of Women Voters is seeking nominations for its Democracy Works Award.

Every year the Woodland League of Women Voters presents its Democracy Works award to an individual and/or organization working to “empower voters and defend democracy,” according to League officials.

The League seeks nominees from throughout Yolo County whose actions support people and democratic processes.

These actions may include encouraging equal representation, promoting free and fair elections, expanding voter education

and rights, advocating legislation that promotes democracy and communities, or taking grassroots political action.

The Covid-19 pandemic caused the award to be canceled in recent years. However, past recipients have ranged from Yolo County students working to encourage civic engagement in youth through the annual Youth Empowerment Summit, The Daily Democrat newspaper for sponsoring voter forums and allowing candidates to express their views, as well as Pat Murray for her decades of making democracy and community work in Yolo County.

Nominations are being sought from residents in all areas of Yolo County until Thursday, Aug. 31.

All nominations should describe what the individual, business or organization has done to support the democratic processes.

Forms are available on the league’s website at my.lwv.org/

Interested parties can also request a nomination form by contacting the league via email at woodlandleagueneeds@gmail.com. Completed forms can be mailed to LWV Woodland, Attn: Democracy Works Award, P.O. Box 2463, Woodland, 95776 or emailed to woodlandleagueneeds@gmail.com.

An in-person event honoring any recipients is planned for the evening of October 20, 2023. ★



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State’s Cannabis Enforcement Taskforce Aggressively Combats Illegal Market

California Department of Fish and Wildlife News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Building upon the momentum in Q1 2023, the Unified Cannabis Enforcement Taskforce (UCETF) seized more than \$109 million in illegal cannabis in Q2 2023. This total represents a 104 percent increase from the \$52 million in unlicensed cannabis and cannabis products in Q1 2023.

Additional highlights from the period April 1, 2023, through June 30, 2023, include a 130 percent gain in the number of plants eradicated and a 375 percent increase in the number of firearms seized. The complete details of UCETF’s Q2 2023 results are listed below.

“This well-orchestrated taskforce continues to reach new heights on shutting down a variety of illicit operations that range from dispensaries to indoor grow houses to outdoor cultivation sites among other facets in the illegal supply chain,” said David Bess, Chief of Enforcement for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW). “These enforcement numbers speak volumes on the dedication, perseverance, and organization of this multiagency taskforce. I could not be prouder of what we are accomplishing as a team.”

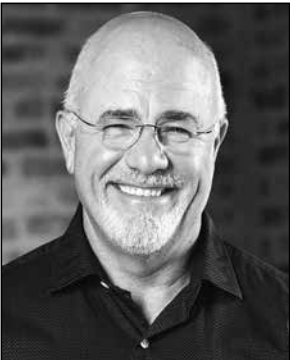
“Our enforcement efforts are becoming increasingly diversified along the illegal cannabis supply chain as we served warrants on several unlicensed dispensaries in this quarter in addition to unlicensed cultivation operations,” stated Bill Jones, Chief of the Law Enforcement Division for DCC. “As the taskforce continues to evolve and the combined resources of our partners plays an even greater role in our operations, we will be disrupting the illegal market at several different points along their supply chain.”

“The Department of Toxic Substances Control brings its mission to safeguard public health and the environment to the Unified Cannabis Enforcement Taskforce, playing a crucial role alongside dedicated partners in promoting responsible growth of the cannabis industry,” said DTSC Chief Investigator, Hansen Pang. “Through our expertise in addressing environmental concerns, including contamination, hazardous waste, and banned pesticides, we collaborate to eliminate the adverse impact of the illegal cannabis market.”

UCETF is supporting the legal cannabis market by investigating and disrupting illegal grow sites as well as shutting down illegal manufacturing, distribution, and retail operations. By working closely with state, local, and federal law enforcement agencies, UCETF’s enforcement actions protect consumer and public safety, safeguard the environment, and deprive illegal cannabis operators and transnational criminal organizations of illicit revenue that undercuts the regulated cannabis market in California.

In 2023 UCETF has seized \$161,921,709.44 in unlicensed cannabis through the serving of 113 search warrants. The taskforce has also eradicated 173,499 plants and seized 23 firearms.

Created in 2022, the Unified Cannabis Enforcement Taskforce has been charged by the Governor to better align state efforts and increase cannabis enforcement coordination between state, local and federal partners. The Taskforce is co-chaired by the Department of Cannabis Control (DCC) and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) and coordinated by the Homeland Security Division of Cal OES. The taskforce includes more than two dozen local, state, and federal partners working together to disrupt the illegal cannabis market. ★



Love Them Enough to Teach Them Well

Dear Dave,

My husband and I are having arguments about money where our children are concerned. They are both 16, and I think they should have part-time jobs and be learning the value of work. He feels they’re only young once and wants them to enjoy being teenagers. He also gives them money anytime they ask. I want our kids to have fun, too, but this is beginning to cause tension in our relationship. I’d love your advice.

– Kaytee

Dear Kaytee,

I understand your concern. I’m sure your husband has a good heart, but by doing this he’s acting like a friend instead of a parent. In the process, he’s allowing them to be nothing but

Dave Ramsey Says

takers and consumers. He’s setting them both up for lifetimes of helplessness and ridiculous expectations without realizing it.

But yes, kids should absolutely learn to work, make money and manage it wisely from an early age. My wife and I gave nice gifts to our kids from time to time, but they also worked and made money for themselves. And the nicer gifts we gave them were for special occasions. Even then we didn’t go crazy with things.

Still, the biggest problem you and your husband are experiencing is a communication breakdown. Your husband should stop being so impulsive, and grow a backbone where the kids are concerned. You’ve recognized this—and you’re right about it—so it’s up to you to take the first step in finding a solution.

Try sitting down with him, just the two of you, and sincerely explaining your feelings. Let him know you love him and how generous he is. But let him know, too, you’re worried this is having a

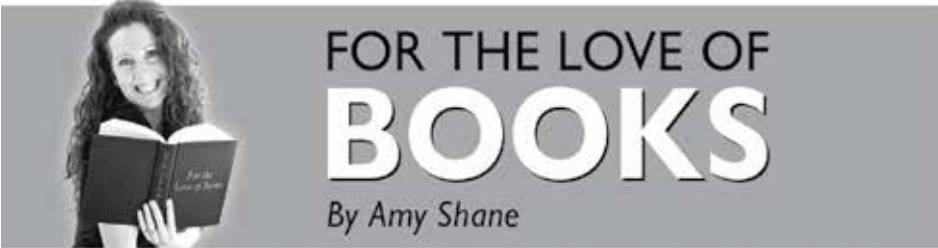
negative impact on your children and why. Talk it out, openly and honestly, and try to agree on some changes together. There’s a middle ground here, but it’s going to take some time and effort from both of you to reach it.

Most of all, it means you two will have to communicate with each other like mature, caring adults, and pull together for the sake of your kids. It might be difficult at first, but it’ll be worth it in the long run. For you and them.

Thanks, Kaytee!

– Dave

**Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national best-selling author, personal finance expert and host of “The Ramsey Show.” He has appeared on “Good Morning America,” “CBS This Morning,” “Today,” Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people take control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for the company Ramsey Solutions.* ★



A Multitude of Dreams

by Mara Rutherford

It has been over a year since the bloody Mori Roja plague swept over, taking with it more than its fair share and leaving a wake of famine, devastation, and fear in its wake.

Princess Imogen and her sisters have been safely harbored within her father's castle walls. With boarded-up windows and barricaded doors, they have been safely hidden away from the plague and any wanderer who might be carrying it. But Imogen is also hiding a dark secret; she isn't the rightful princess of King Stuart; she is a mere imposter, posing as the princess in order to keep King Stuart from descending deeper into madness. However, it has been a year, food rations are finally dwindling, and the King is falling even deeper into madness. The King still insists on throwing lavish balls and parties within the castle, oblivious of the dire situation within and the death toll on the outside, forcing those within the castle to flee in order to survive.

Nico Mott once lived a life of status until the plague destroyed the life he once knew. Now, thanks to Lord Crane, Nico has safe shelter with the others taken in, but the



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price for his safety might be more than he can pay. Forced to head out into the plague-riddled world, Nico searches for other survivors to bring back to Lord Crane. However, Nico never expected to find a boarded-up castle full of survivors and one princess determined to get out.

Armed with a quick plan, Nico knows teaming up with the princess to help her escape poses more danger than either of them could have anticipated. The plague has left more than a death toll, but something else entirely, something that wants to feed on any survivor. Now Nico and Imogen

will have to band together in order to survive, but will their web of lies be their fall?

Mara Rutherford skillfully reimagines Edgar Allan Poe's Masque of the Red Death into a story of hidden identities, romance, and suspense.

Delectably dark and gothic, A Multitude of Dreams takes readers deep into a story of survival and the unexpected. Told in dual points of view, readers will be able to fall inside the minds of Nico and Imogen as they navigate their post-plague world and the dangers around every bend. This story takes time to build and wind its way into the reader's heart, but before they know it, Mara Rutherford has taken it by surprise, opening the door to romance and hidden monsters. Strong character building allows readers to root for some to succeed and for some to fail, but in the end, root for the main characters to get out alive. A *Multitude of Dreams* possesses everything a true adventure story should have, a castle, a strong-willed fake princess, secret entrances, a mad King, and an evil that lurks outside. ★

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By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: July 21, 28, August 4, 11, 2023
FARRELL 8-11-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230594
The following person(s) is doing business as: J&J Farms, 27042 Middle Golf Drive, El Macero, CA 95618.
Jeffrey Joseph Middlekauff, 27042 Middle Golf Drive, El Macero, CA 95618. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on July 12, 2023.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 7/13/2023.
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230553
The following person(s) is doing business as:
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Dominic San Filippo, 2400 Pole Line Rd Apt 71, Davis, CA 95618
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Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
By: kquam, Deputy
7/21, 7/28, 8/4, 8/11/23
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. F20230612
The following person(s) is doing business as:
Capital Valley Investments, 23622 Calabasas Road, Suite 200, Calabasas, CA 91302, County of Los Angeles.
West Coast Redevelopment, Inc., 23622 Calabasas Road, Suite 200, CA 91302
This business is conducted by a Corporation.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A
/s/ Cristina Agra Hughes, President West Coast Redevelopment, Inc.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 07/19/2023.
Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
By: kquam, Deputy
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/s/ Cristina Agra Hughes, President West Coast Redevelopment, Inc.
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Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
By: kquam, Deputy
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230578
The following person(s) is doing business as: Stone Matters, 3605 Voleyln Street, Carmichael, CA 95608.
J. Wood Inc., 3605 Voleyln Street, Carmichael, CA 95608. This business is conducted by A Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 1/10/2015.
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By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: August 11, 18, 25 Sept 1, 2023
STONE 9-1-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230646
The following person(s) is doing business as: Elixide LLC, 1140 Dartmouth Place, Davis, CA 95616.
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business name or names listed above on July 26, 2023.
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By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: August 11, 18, 25 Sept 1, 2023
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230644
The following person(s) is doing business as: Macarena Event Rentals, 1012 Morris Circle, Woodland, CA 95776.
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By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
Publish: August 11, 18, 25 Sept 1, 2023
MACARENA 9-1-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230660
The following person(s) is doing business as: Spero Medical, 120 Court Street, Woodland, CA 95695.
Pregnancy Support Group of Woodland Inc, 120 Court Street, Woodland, CA 95695. This business is conducted by A Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on October 16, 1985.
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By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230607
The following person(s) is doing business as:
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Kaleb Pascual, 3827 Berryessa Pl., West Sacramento CA 95691
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/s/ Kaleb Pascual
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230638
The following person(s) is doing business as:
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Truck Accessories Group, LLC, 28858 Ventura Drive, Elkhart, IN 46517
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/s/ Anthony Gardini as Vice President Truck Accessories Group
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Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder
By: mvra, Deputy
8/11, 8/18, 8/25, 9/1/23
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF YOLO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#CV2023-1165

Nicole Marie Wood has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Nicole Marie Wood to Luna Sage Wood.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on August 30, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 11, located at 1000 Main Street Woodland, CA 95695 and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: July 5, 2023
Timothy L. Fall, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: July 21, 28, August 4, 11, 2023
NICOLE 8-11-23

SUMMONS

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)
CASE NUMBER:
CV2023-0446

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. 23-00063-RM-CA Title No. 8781610 A.P.N. 043-301-009 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 06/20/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN

EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, (cashier's check(s) must be made payable to National Default Servicing Corporation), drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state; will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made in an "as is" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: Marilyn A. Gill, a widow Duly Appointed Trustee: National Default Servicing Corporation Recorded 06/26/2007 as Instrument No. 2007-0022742-00 (or Book, Page) of the Official Records of Yolo County, California. Date of Sale: 08/25/2023 at 12:45 PM Place of Sale: At the rear (North) entrance to the City Hall Building, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$390,901.10 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 52840 Sacramento Street, Clarksburg, CA 95612 A.P.N.: 043-301-009 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The requirements of California Civil Code Section 2923.5(b)/2923.55(c) were fulfilled when the Notice of Default was recorded. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 714-730-2727 or visit this internet website www.ndscorp.com/sales, using the file number assigned to this case 23-00063-RM-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT*: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are a "representative of all eligible tenant buyers" you may be able to purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 888-264-4010, or visit this internet website www.ndscorp.com, using the file number assigned to

this case 23-00063-RM-CA to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as a "representative of all eligible tenant buyers" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. *Pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code, the potential rights described herein shall apply only to public auctions taking place on or after January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2025, unless later extended. Date: 07/05/2023 National Default Servicing Corporation c/o Tiffany and Bosco, P.A., its agent, 1455 Frazee Road, Suite 820 San Diego, CA 92108 Toll Free Phone: 888-264-4010 Sales Line 714-730-2727; Sales Website: www.ndscorp.com Connie Hernandez, Trustee Sales Representative A-4790080
07/21/2023, 07/28/2023, 08/04/2023
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. **CA-22-950261-SH** Order No.: **220685704-CA-VOI YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 9/22/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.** A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. **BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE.** Trustor(s): **ANDREY PENKOV AND ELVIRA PENKOV, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS** Recorded: **10/2/2006** as Instrument No. **2006-0038739-00** of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of **YOLO** County, California; Date of Sale: **9/18/2023 at 1:00 PM** Place of Sale: **At the North Entrance of the West Sacramento City Hall, 1110 W. Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691** Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: **\$617,628.80** The purported property address is: **3895 JENNINGS CT, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95691** Assessor's Parcel No.: **072-051-020-000 NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. **NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:** The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call **800-280-2832** for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this internet website <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned

to this foreclosure by the Trustee: **CA-22-950261-SH**. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. **NOTICE TO TENANT:** You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call **800-280-2832**, or visit this internet website <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: **CA-22-950261-SH** to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. **NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE OWNER-OCCUPANT:** Any prospective owner-occupant as defined in Section 2924m of the California Civil Code who is the last and highest bidder at the trustee's sale shall provide the required affidavit or declaration of eligibility to the auctioneer at the trustee's sale or shall have it delivered to **QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION** by 5 p.m. on the next business day following the trustee's sale at the address set forth in the below signature block. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. Date: **QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION 2763 Camino Del Rio S San Diego, CA 92108 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 800-280-2832 Or Login to: <http://www.qualityloan.com> Reinstatement Line: (866) 645-7711 Ext 5318 QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION. TS No.: **CA-22-950261-SH** IDS**
Pub #0186994 7/28/2023 8/4/2023
8/11/23

LIEN SALE

PUBLIC LIEN SALE
Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the location indicated: **975 F ST West Sacramento, CA 95605 on 8/22/2023 @ 2:00PM:** Justin Mcamill Household items, 3 br house; Paul Smallman surgical equipment; Monique Tatoya Personal items; Gabriel Gomes-Martinez Furniture/Personal Items/Tools; Jocsan Muriel household goods. This auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage-treasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.
8/4, 8/11/23
CNS-3724170#
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NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

Notice is hereby given pursuant to California Business and Professional Codes #21700-21716, Section 2328 of the UCC of the Penal Code, Section 535 the undersigned, StorQuest Express Self Storage/Ramco St. of West Sacramento, will sell at public sale by competitive bidding the personal property of A154 Elsie McCabe, B106 Maria E Garcia, C136 Nathan Ekundayo D198, Sabrina Morgan, D250 JACOB STOVALL, D254 Denise Davis, D343 Gabriela Garcia, E100 Rebecca Hoffman. Property to be sold: Misc. Items. Auctioneer

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LIEN SALE

Company: www.storage treasures.com **The Sale will end at 10:00 AM, August 17, 2023.** Goods must be paid in CASH at site and removed at completion of sale. Sale is subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party. 3005 Ramco St. West Sacramento, CA 95691 (916)241-8600. 8/4, 8/11/23
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ANTHONY EARL LOPEZ AKA; ANTHONY E. LOPEZ, TONY E. LOPEZ CASE NO. PR2023-0179
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Anthony Earl Lopez AKA; Anthony E. Lopez, Tony E. Lopez.
A Petition for Probate has been filed by Delma M. Jernigan, in the Superior Court of California, County of Yolo, requesting Delma M. Jernigan be appointed as

personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: September 7, 2023, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 11. Superior Court of California, County of Yolo, 1000 Main Street, Woodland, CA 95695.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the de-

ceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Petitioner is: Delma M. Jernigan, 3985 Partridge Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691; 916-372-5499
Publish: August 11, 18, 25, 2023
DELMA 8-25-23

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received and submitted **electronically** through the City's Procurement system at <https://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/business/invitation-to-bid> until 2:00 PM local time on Wednesday, August 23, 2023, at which time and place results will be posted and available for public review for the:

CITY OF WEST SACRAMENTO RECREATION CENTER TENNIS COURTS LIGHTING AND DRAINAGE PROJECT

The following invitation for bid involves labor and materials for the Tennis Courts Lighting and Drainage Project. All work to be completed per the approved plans and specifications.

TENTATIVE CITY SCHEDULE:

Bid Publication		August 1, 2023
Cutoff for Pre-Bid RFIs	no later than 10 A.M.	August 10, 2023
Bids Due / Bid Opening	no later than 2 P.M.	August 23, 2023
Award of Contract		September 27, 2023

Pre-Bid Site Meeting: N/A.

Project construction cost estimate: \$967,000

This is not a Federal Aid project.

1. **Completion of Work:** All site work shall be completed within Ninety-Two (92) calendar days. Site work to begin in November and be completed by the end of January. The Notice to Proceed shall be issued following City Council approval of the construction contract.

2. **Obtaining Contract Documents:** Contract documents and plans are available for downloading free of charge through the City's Procurement link at <https://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/business/invitation-to-bid>.

3. **Questions:** Project-specific questions must submitted through the City's Procurement link at <https://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/business/invitation-to-bid>. If appropriate, the City will post responses to Bidder questions through the Procurement system. The cutoff date for submittal of questions is Thursday, August 10, 2023 by 10 A.M. local time.

4. **Submission of Proposals:** Sealed proposals will be received and submitted **electronically** through the City's Procurement system at <https://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/business/invitation-to-bid> until **2:00 PM local time on Wednesday, August 23, 2023**, at which time and place results will be posted and available for public review.

Each Bid must conform and be responsive to this notice and shall be submitted through the City's Procurement system at <https://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/business/invitation-to-bid>.

5. **Bid Security:** Each proposal must be accompanied by a Bid Security in the form of a cashier's check, certified check, or Bid bond executed on the prescribed form, in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the total Bid price payable to the City of West Sacramento.

Bidders are hereby notified that in accordance with the provisions of Public Contract Code section 22300, securities may be substituted for any monies which the City may withhold pursuant to the terms of this Contract to ensure performance.

6. **Construction License:** Bidder must possess a current A, General Engineering Contractor's License issued by the State of California, at the time the Bid is submitted.

7. **Contractor Registration:** All Bidders, and Subcontractors subject to Public Contract Code section 4104, must have registered with the California State Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5 prior to submitting a bid. Furthermore, a Contractor, and all Subcontractors subject to Public Contract Code section 4104, must be registered pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5 before entering into a contract to work on a public project.

8. **Preconstruction Conference:** A preconstruction conference will be convened after the Contractor has delivered the necessary bonds, insurance certificates, and signed agreement in proper form as required in the invitation to bid, Bid proposal, and general conditions of these specifications. Prior to any work, the Contractor shall provide the Engineer with a list of key personnel assigned to the project and the telephone numbers where they may be reached at any time. The list shall be made available in sufficient copies and presented at the preconstruction conference.

9. **Award:** The award shall be made to the lowest responsible Bidder whose proposal complies with the specified requirements. The award of the Contract will be made by the West Sacramento City Council, and the Contractor shall execute the Contract within ten (10) days after it has received the Contract from the City. The City reserves the right to waive any irregularity in the proposals. No Bid may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after the opening of bids.

10. **Rejection of Bids:** The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or to waive immaterial irregularities in any bid. Any Bid not conforming to the intent and purpose of the Contract Documents may be rejected. The City reserves the right to make all awards in the best interest of the City.

11. **Disqualification of Bidder:** If there is a reason to believe that collusion exists among any Bidders, none of the bids of the participants in such collusion will be considered and the City may likewise elect to reject all bids received.

12. **Relief of Bidder:** Attention is directed to the provisions of Public Contracts Code section 5101 and the following, concerning relief of Bidders and in particular to the requirements therein that if the Bidder claims a mistake was made in its bid, the Bidder shall give the City written notice, within five (5) days after the opening of bids of the alleged mistake, specifying in the notice, in detail, how the mistake occurred.

13. **Wage Rates:** Bidders are hereby notified that the California Department of Industrial Relations has determined the general prevailing rate of wages for each craft, classification, or type of worker needed to execute the work. Copies of the current schedules for prevailing wages are on file in the City's office, and the contents of those schedules are included herein as if set forth in full.

It shall be mandatory for the Contractor and any Subcontractor under it to pay not less than the said specified rates to laborers and workmen employed by them in the execution of the Contract.

14. **Bonds:** The successful Bidder will be required to furnish a payment bond in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract price, and a faithful performance bond in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract price.

By: Chris Surawski, Project Manager

Date: August 1, 2023

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

CITY OF WEST SACRAMENTO GENERAL PLAN MOBILITY ELEMENT UPDATE

Notice is hereby given that the City of West Sacramento, as lead agency, under the California environmental Quality Act (CEQA) has completed a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) for the City of West Sacramento General Plan Mobility Element Update (the "project"). A description of the project is provided below. The City invites comments on the adequacy and completeness of the environmental analysis described in the Draft SEIR from Friday, August 11 through Monday, September 25th.

Project Location

The project site is the planning area of the city of West Sacramento in eastern Yolo County across the Sacramento River from the city of Sacramento. The city is bounded by the Sacramento River on the east and the Yolo Bypass on the west.

Project Description

The SEIR will supplement the City of West Sacramento General Plan EIR and the Bridge District Specific Plan EIR (State Clearinghouse #2015082061 and 2008072024). This SEIR focuses on providing additional information and analysis necessary to address proposed changes within the Mobility Element of the General Plan Update and transportation diagrams and typical street cross sections included in the Bridge District Specific Plan. The analysis includes updates to estimates of vehicular travel demand and forecast volumes at key roadway segments within the Bridge District Specific Plan Area that would update the information currently available in an appendix to the Bridge District Specific Plan - Appendix B3: Roadways and Vehicular Circulation.

The City is proposing amendments to the Circulation Diagram in the General Plan Mobility Element to incorporate geometries identified in the Pioneer Bluff and Stone Lock Reuse Master Plan, the Washington Realized Sustainable Community Strategy, and the Bridge District Specific Plan as well as updates to the policy language in the General Plan Mobility Element. The City proposes to amend the planned transportation facilities described in the Bridge District Specific Plan, including Volume 2, Section 2.2, the Regulating Plan, which identifies the backbone circulation infrastructure and functional classifications, as well as the "order" (combined streetscape and building design standards guidance).

CEQA has a number of provisions for streamlining the environmental impact review of later projects that are consistent with the General Plan. The City will use this SEIR as the basis for streamlining CEQA reviews of future development projects that are consistent with the General Plan.

Environmental Review Findings

The Draft SEIR describes environmental effects associated with revised policy and implementation language and the revised Circulation Diagram in the updated Mobility

Element as well as the effects associated with revisions to Volumes 2 and 3 of the Bridge District Specific Plan and updated vehicular travel demand estimates. The analysis in the Draft SEIR shows the updates to the General Plan and the Bridge District Specific Plan will have no new significant impacts and no increase in severity of any of the significant and unavoidable impacts disclosed in the 2016 General Plan EIR.

Cortese List

The 2016 General Plan EIR identified one site in the planning area – Capitol Plating - that appears on the DTSC Cortese List. No hazardous materials sites included on a list compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 are present within the planning area. The planning area is not located on a Superfund or other NPL site and therefore would not result in a significant hazard to the public or the environment through exposure to such sites.

Document Availability and Further Information

The Draft SEIR and all documents referenced in the Draft SEIR may be viewed on or after August 11, 2023 on the City's website at <https://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/government/departments/community-development/planning-division/general-plan-2035/general-plan-updates> For more information about this project, contact Seamus Laffey at 916-617-5018 or SeamusL@cityofwestsacramento.org

Public Comment Period

The public comment period begins on August 11, 2023, and end on September 25, 2023. All letters should be emailed to Seamus Laffey, Senior Planner at SeamusL@cityofwestsacramento.org. **All comments must be received no later than 5:00PM on September 25, 2023.** Please limit comments to environmental issues only. Written comments may also be mailed to the address below.

Seamus Laffey, Senior Planner

City of West Sacramento Community Development
Department 1110 West Capitol Avenue, 2nd Floor
West Sacramento, CA 95691

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NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

Date of Notice: August 11, 2023

Name of Responsible Entity [RE]: The City of West Sacramento

Address (e.g., Street No. or P.O. Box): 1110 West Capitol Avenue, 2nd Floor

City, State, Zip Code: West Sacramento, California 95691

Telephone Number of RE: (916) 627-4645

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of West Sacramento.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about August 29, 2023, the City of West Sacramento will authorize the 5 Sacramento LP to submit a request to the HUD for the release of Public Based Vouchers (PBVs) funds under Section 8 of the Housing Act of 1937, as amended, to undertake a project known as the 219 – 221 5th Street Apartments for the purpose of affordable housing, with an estimated total cost of \$11,864,215. Funding includes:

- \$7,556,160 in PBVs
- \$519,380 in Federal Tax Credit/Year for ten years
- \$2,828,686 in total State Tax Credits over four years - which could yield a \$5,997,235 tax-exempt construction loan and \$2,834,207 tax credit equity
- \$1,287,924 Housing Community Development (HCD) Infill Infrastructure Grant
- \$1,569,756 Deferred Developer Fee
- \$166,093 Deferred Reserves & Fees

The project is at 219 – 221 5th Street, West Sacramento, CA 95605.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of West Sacramento has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the City of West Sacramento, Community Development Department, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, 2nd Floor, West Sacramento, CA 95691 and on the City's website under Major Planning Projects and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 A.M to 5 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of West Sacramento Community Development Department, Seamus Laffey, AICP, Senior Planner. All comments received by August 28, 2023, will be considered by the City of West Sacramento prior to authorizing the submission of a request for the release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of West Sacramento certifies to HUD that David Tilley in his capacity as Principal Planner, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the 5 Sacramento LP to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of West Sacramento's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City West Sacramento; (b) the City of West Sacramento has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to HUD – San Francisco Regional Office, One Sansome Street, Suite 1200, San Francisco, CA 94104, (415) 489-6400, CA_Webmanager@hud.gov or HUD – Office of Community Planning and Development/Office of Public Housing at CPDLA@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

David Tilley, Principal Planner, Community Development Department

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Free Sprinkler Check-up - For many homeowners, sprinklers are kind of a mystery. They go off in the middle of the night, the landscaper is the one who fixes them, and the sprinkler timer is an intimidating box in the back of the garage that never gets touched. As a result, residents avoid managing it all together. This is problematic because outdoor water use often accounts for more than half of all residential water use! So, why not sign up for a free Water Wise House Call? City staff can review your sprinkler system to look for issues like misaligned sprinklers, broken sprinklers and sprinklers shooting straight up in the air! To get started, visit wsac.city/water or call 916-617-4590.

Food Scrap Recycling Tips - Recycling your food scraps in your organics cart is great for the environment; but it can also be problematic, particularly in the summer months, when temperatures rise. Here are some simple steps you can take year-round to avoid a stinky organics cart.

1. Line your kitchen food scrap collection container – Simply lining your food scrap collection container with a paper bag, newspaper, food soiled napkins and paper towels and/or an ASTM D6400 rated compostable plastic bag can make a big difference in the ick factor by providing a barrier for your waste. Don't have a kitchen food scrap collection container? Call Waste Management at 866-844-1508 or email cssacramento@WM.com to have one delivered to your home, free of charge!

2. Keep it cool – Store your food scraps in the refrigerator or freezer until the night before your service day. Keeping food scraps cold for as long as possible will delay the decomposition process and reduce odors in your curbside organics cart. If possible, store your curbside organics cart in a cool, shaded location until your service day.

3. Keep it clean – If food buildup begins to adhere to your curbside organics cart, use a spray nozzle to rinse your cart over a landscaped area. Add a small amount of dish soap to help lift residue. As an added benefit, the rinse water will water your landscaping. Be sure to keep this soapy residue water out of the storm drain system. Finish cleaning your cart by spraying the interior with white vinegar. The vinegar will help to kill bacteria and reduce overall odor once the initial smell of vinegar dissipates.

Friend or Foe: Beneficial Insects - Most bugs are friends, not foes! In fact, 97% of the insects you see are considered "beneficial insects" because they benefit your garden by pollinating your plants, improving the soil and eating the pests that harm your garden. So, how can you invite more "friends" into your garden? Here are a few tips to identify and attract beneficial insects:

1. Find your friends – Many insects are natural enemies of common pests; you just might not recognize them. Find out who your friends are by learning how to identify beneficial insects. An insect can look dramatically different during each stage of its life cycle. It is important to know what the good bugs (bees, ladybugs, soldier beetles, green lacewings) look like in their various life stages. Check it out at ourwaterourworld.org/healthy-garden.

2. Plant for success – By planting native plants that are high in pollen and rich in nectar, you can increase the likelihood that beneficial bugs will find your garden welcoming and stick around.

3. Use pesticides as a last resort

– While pesticides can control pests efficiently, they will also likely harm or kill the beneficial bugs. First, try non-toxic or less-toxic methods, such as traps, deterrents, and preventative measures, to ensure your gardening strategies are sustainable and environmentally friendly. If you must use pesticides, always follow the directions on the label. Did You Know? The stores where you buy pesticides can help you choose a less-toxic option! Visit Our Water Our World at ourwaterourworld.org

City of West Sacramento - Having trouble with an issue in West Sacramento? Let the City know on West Sac Connect! Whether it's potholes, abandoned cars, or any other nuisance in the city, let us know and it will be taken care of at [#WestSacConnect](http://wsac.city/wsconnect), [#WestSacramento](https://twitter.com/WestSacramento), [#CityIssues](https://twitter.com/CityIssues)

FREE COVID-19 rapid testing kits available - COVID is on the rise again. A free test kit vending machine has been moved from the Community Center and installed at the Yolo County Health and Services Agency Office in West Sacramento at 500 Jefferson Blvd. There are also limited free home test kits available at Yolo County libraries including the Arthur F. Turner Library in West Sacramento.

Free Compost to the Community - The City and IRC are partnering up to offer the community free compost on Fridays and Saturdays 9 am to 4 pm, at 485 Regatta Lane. This is a self-serve offering. Manual tools only. Bring your own shovels, gloves, buckets &/or bags to contain the compost. Compost will be available to the public until it runs out and will be replenished on a weekly as needed basis throughout the duration of the program. For more information call (916)617-4590 or visit Westsacrecycles.org

Westfield Park Construction Zone – Due to the construction taking place at Westfield Elementary, please use the Sycamore Trail entrance to access the park.

We have the answer of how to beat the heat this August, come to Van Gogh: The Immersive Experience in West Sacramento! Inside this venue, the air is always cool. The beautiful artwork and giant "wow room" provides a calm environment and an escape from the summer heat.

This blockbuster show continues to draw in people from all over the region. In just over a year, more than 125,000 visitors have come to enjoy the rock star of the art world. Due to the show's popular demand, the show continues to extend its run in West Sacramento.

Van Gogh: The Immersive Experience spans over 27,000 square feet and features a series of museum galleries that provide in-depth detail into the artist's life, works, and techniques. Several galleries use advanced 4K resolution projection mapping, including the show's crown jewel – a 10,000 square foot, soaring Immersive gallery where 400 of van Gogh's works come to life in a spectacular 360-degree light and sound spectacular.

Moose Lodge Steak & Shrimp Fundraiser Dinner – Have a night out supporting the Hemophilia Foundation! On August 19, 2023, The West Sacramento Moose Lodge, located at 3240 Jefferson Blvd. will be holding a Steak & Shrimp Fundraising Dinner. Tickets are \$55 and include steak, shrimp, baked potato & Caesar salad. Event begins at 5 pm, dinner served at 6 pm. Live music by Wealth of Nations from 7 – 9 pm. ★

Crime Reports WEST SACRAMENTO



- 7-26-23 JAMISA MCCASTLE Arrested on felony warrant.
- 7-26-23 MICHAEL LOPEZ Arrested for local felony warrant for domestic violence.
- 7-26-23 DANIEL CANNON Arrested for felony warrant.
- 7-26-23 KAREN WHARTON Arrested for Possession of controlled substance for sale, Transport controlled substance, Possession of unlawful paraphernalia, Possession of switchblade in vehicle.
- 7-26-23 MARILYN MILNER Arrested for Taking vehicle w/o owner's consent, Possession of controlled substance, Possession of paraphernalia.
- 7-27-23 PATRICK VILLEGAS Arrested for one felony warrant and two misdemeanor warrants.
- 7-27-23 ALI HAMEED Arrested for possession of controlled substance.
- 7-28-23 KEVIN HENDRIX Arrested for robbery after Police responded to a call of a man hitting manager with a glass bottle.
- 7-28-23 ABRAHAM SANCHEZ Arrested for trespassing after allegedly being warned prior to leave and not return.
- 7-28-23 DARRICK HURD Arrested for Obstruction/Resisting and Giving false ID to Police after Police responded to a call about a fight with weapons.
- 7-29-23 TANISHA MCGOWENS Arrested for Disorderly conduct:under the influence of drug after Police received a call about a woman walking in the middle of the street.
- 7-30-23 ARON SALINAS Arrested for Felon/Addict in possession of firearm, Prohibited person possession of ammunition, Carrying a concealed weapon with priors, Carrying a concealed weapon prohibited class, Carrying a loaded concealed weapon on person, Possession of controlled substance while armed with a loaded firearm, Possession of a large capacity magazine – felony, Possession of controlled substance after a traffic stop while on searchable probation.
- 7-30-23 JASON TURK Arrested for DUI:Alcohol and Drive while license is suspended for DUI.
- 7-30-23 REGINA MEDINA Arrested for Petty theft and a felony warrant
- 8-01-23 MARCIANO ROBLES Arrested for possession of controlled substance after a traffic stop.
- 8-01-23 RAPHAEL RODRIGUEZ Arrested for a felony warrant.

INCIDENT/CRIME REPORTS

- 7-26-23 three unknown suspects entered the store and stole two cash registers. Each register had approximately \$400 in it, for a total of approximately \$800. \$800 loss. Burglary.
- 7-26-23 Vandalism to wall. \$1,000 loss. Vandalism.
- 7-26-23 Victim arrived to his storage unit and found unknown suspect(s) had forced entry and removed various landscape tools. No prosecution is desired. \$5,600 loss. Burglary.
- 7-26-23 Burglary of storage unit. \$7,132 loss. Burglary.
- 7-26-23 Shoplifting of store merchandise. \$200 loss. Petty theft.
- 7-27-23 Unknown subject entered garage and stole various bottles of alcohol. \$300 loss. Burglary.
- 7-28-23 Unknown suspect broke window to business and attempted to gain entry. \$2,300 loss. Vandalism, Burglary.
- 7-28-23 Officers observed broken window. \$500 loss. Vandalism.
- 7-29-23 Theft of a bike. \$100 loss. Petty theft.
- 7-29-23 Suspect punched victim twice and suspect left the scene. Battery on person.
- 7-29-23 Unidentified suspect punched victim in the face. Battery on person.
- 7-30-23 McCann left the area after being involved in a traffic collision. McCann was located and refused officers commands. McCann resisted arrest. McCann showed objective signs of being under the influence of narcotics. Obstruction/Resisting, Hit & Run:Property damage.
- 7-30-23 Reporting person called to report an attempted burglary the night of 7/29/23. Damage to garage window was present. Appeared to have been pryed open. Reporting person did not have suspect information. Burglary.
- 7-30-23 Vehicle burglary. \$1 loss. Burglary.
- 7-30-23 Catalytic converter stolen. \$2,000 loss. Grand theft.
- 7-30-23 Catalytic converter stolen. \$2,000 loss. Grand theft.
- 7-30-23 Physical altercation between an employee and customer, employee unsure if he wants to press charges.
- 7-31-23 La Mesa RV dealership found their rear chain link fence to be cut as well as an RV parked on the lot had the center dash torn out. \$2,500 loss. Grand theft.

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ACROSS

1. Russian czar's edict or proclamation

6. Common stomach disorder, acr.

9. Thai currency

13. Femme fatale

14. Cow greeting?

15. High-quality black tea

16. Heretofore (2 words)

17. Used for making holes

18. Old and feeble

19. "Precedes or follows aikumin a greeting"

21. "Robin Williams, "Good Morning, ____"

23. Family memb.

24. Blood fluids

25. R&R spot

28. Standout

30. All together (2 words)

35. Crafts' companion

37. Hyperbolic tangent

39. River in Paris

40. Traditions typically passed on by word of mouth

41. Home of Darfur

43. Opposite of base

44. Carthage's ancient neighbor

46. Have supper

47. Condoleezza of politics

48. Pleasantly warm

50. Type of mine passage

52. JFK's brother

53. Famous Allen Ginsberg poem

55. Band booking

57. "Hello in Normandy region"

61. "Hello in Haifa"

64. Letter-shaped girder

65. Female reproductive cells

67. Did like a lunatic

69. L in AWOL

70. Nada

71. Greet the day

72. "Musical" constellation

73. Precedes whiz

74. It typically has 4 doors

DOWN

1. Stars and Stripes country

2. *Unspoken greeting in France

3. Ned Stark's youngest daughter

4. Prevents one from seeing

5. Have as logical consequence

6. Mosque prayer leader

7. *Japanese greeting move

8. To crack, as in case

9. Out of shape

10. Kindred

11. "Hello in Spain or in Mexico"

12. Overwhelm like bees

15. Hymns of praise

20. Borders on

22. Choler

24. Shadow-utilizing timepiece

25. "Hi, in France"

26. Prefix with type

27. Places in the heart

29. Praise

31. Kind of hug

32. In accordance with law

33. In the cooler

34. Like surrendered land

36. 1/60th of min, pl.

38. *Shakeable appendage

42. Horse greeting?

45. Don't try this here? (2 words)

49. *Greetings to ____

51. "Toddlers & ____" reality TV

54. Amiss

56. Sunlight's interference

57. Hillary's hubby

58. Do as directed

59. Getting warm

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Another State Debacle

The State spent \$600 million, but can't say whether it helped



A watchtower at the California Health Care Facility in Stockton on Feb. 5, 2023. Photo by Rahul Lal, CalMatters

By **Byrhonda Lyons,**
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As Gov. Gavin Newsom retools the state’s prison system to emphasize rehabilitation, his administration has little evidence that a privately run program for parolees costing taxpayers \$100 million a year works to prevent future crime.

The state does not collect data on whether parolees who participate in the program have found jobs or whether they are returned to prison for another crime. What state data does show is that only 40% of participants completed at least one of the services they were offered.

The information gap frustrates critics of the governor’s policies as well as supporters who want evidence that the state’s investments are working.

“At the end of the day, we’ve come from 160,000 people incarcerated down to 95 (thousand). So, we’ve had some success,” said Assemblymember Reggie Jones-Sawyer, a Los Angeles Democrat, referring to the decline in the state’s prison population since 2011.

“But I also want to ensure the public that they’ve been safe with all these people not recidivating... And the only way we can do that is to come up with data,” he said.

CalMatters’ yearlong investigation of the parolee reentry program draws on court records, state reports and data, contracts, tax forms, policy experts, interviews with vendors and communication with several current and former program

participants — some of whom are back in prison.

CalMatters found:

- Corrections department data is outdated, inaccurate or doesn’t exist. When the department provided CalMatters with a roster of more than 400 locations providing rehabilitation services, we visited 23 of them, finding some with inaccurate addresses, one with a padlocked gate in front of a seemingly closed site, another that appeared to be abandoned, and three where employees said they were no longer providing rehabilitation services.
- Department officials struggled to explain how many people enrolled in the program in 2020-2021. The department published an annual report noting 17,650 participants. Dana Simas, a department spokesperson at the time, told CalMatters the program served 9,516 people. The department later revised that number to 8,213.
- State data show only two out of five parolees who participated in the rehabilitation program in 2020-2021 completed at least one service offered to them. Based on how the state collects data, it’s unclear if anyone finished all of the services offered to them. A spokesperson said the corrections agency “is unable to provide further completion information.”
- State officials rarely review the operations of the four companies that operate the program,

state accountability reviews show. Records show state officials only documented reviews of three of the more than 400 state-funded reentry homes and treatment facilities from 2018 to December 2022.

- Some of the nonprofit vendors that manage reentry homes lease their facilities from their own executives, according to public records, raising “red flags” among experts who say the arrangements could signal financial conflicts of interest.
- The state’s July 2022 list of reentry homes included several with suspended business licenses and nonprofit status revoked years ago by the California Department of Justice — effectively barring them from doing business in California.

The rehabilitation program for parolees formally launched in 2014 under the name Specialized Treatment for Optimized Programming, often referred to as STOP. It is a voluntary program that serves less than a quarter of the roughly 35,000 inmates released from prison each year. Many of the parolees live at the homes; others visit outpatient centers.

The STOP program for parolees, which has cost the state about \$600 million in the past decade, is run by four large contractors. Those companies also contract with nearly 200 nonprofits, private companies or community organizations to provide housing and rehabilitation services for parolees in roughly 450 homes and treatment centers.

All of the contractors told CalMatters that they were proud of the work that they do with the program.

“GEO Reentry Services is proud to operate California’s Specialized Treatment for Optimized Programming ... on behalf of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation,” wrote Monica Hook, GEO’s vice president of communications. “GEO Reentry connects participants in 18 counties with housing, education, and treatment services to support successful reentry and recidivism reduction.”

The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation officials ignored multiple requests for an interview.

Instead, a department’s public affairs official responded to emailed questions with emailed responses and fulfilled many public records requests.

After CalMatters’ inquiries, department official Terri Hardy said by email that the department would begin to track recidivism and the employment rate among participants in the STOP and that it would prevent unlicensed vendors from managing reentry homes and treatment facilities.

Hardy also said by email the department is “currently working on a report that addresses STOP programs.” She added that the department said it has created a tool to “better track” whether the four primary contractors are conducting annual reviews of reentry homes and treatment facilities, which are required.

“CDCR understands the importance of oversight and

accountability in this program,” Hardy said by email. “Since STOP was created in 2014, CDCR has continually worked to make the system better.”

Advocates for the program maintain it is a good investment for the state. They say it provides a soft landing for parolees who otherwise would be on their own and competing for scarce housing in California’s high-priced market.

California’s spending on the parolee program swelled over a decade of reform in the state’s prison system, when Govs. Brown and Newsom backed policy changes that shortened criminal sentences and steered more resources to rehabilitation.

The new policies slimmed down California’s overburdened system, allowing Newsom to close a prison and begin shutting down three more.

California discloses recidivism data on a three-year cycle but the latest report is outdated. In fact, the most recent report describes people who were released from prison in 2017-18 — before Newsom took office.

A separate report by the California State Auditor in 2019 found that prisoners who completed recommended cognitive-based therapy rehabilitation programs recidivated at about the same rate as those who did not. The auditor recommended six legislative actions for lawmakers to ensure rehabilitation programs set performance targets and reduce recidivism.

Lawmakers have not made many of the recommended changes.

To read the entire report go to CalMatters.org ★

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1st Annual Kick-a-Thon to Open Soccer Season

WSSC News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Training approximately 900 players ranging from children and youth ages 4–18, the West Sacramento Competitive Soccer Club (WSSC) has assembled a dynamic team of volunteers including seasoned coaches, family members, and friends to open soccer season with the common goal of fostering a sense of unity and pride among our greater community and encouraging our youth to pursue their dreams in competitive sports.

The West Sacramento Competitive Soccer Club will be celebrating the inaugural Opening Day Kick-a-Thon on Saturday, August 26, 2023, from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Summerfield Park, located

at 2950 Linden Rd. The event will be graced by the participation of local dignitaries and special guest; professional soccer player, Rodrigo “RoRo” Lopez, adding a touch of grandeur to this occasion. As a token of gratitude to our community’s warm embrace, the event will be free to attend, inviting families, friends, and soccer enthusiasts to join in the celebration.

Participation in the Kick-a-Thon itself is free of charge to any WSSC competitive and recreational player registered for the 2023-24 season between the ages of 9-18. There is also an open adult division for those 18+ years of age wishing to show-off their soccer abilities. To plan accordingly, every Kick-a-Thon participant must pre-register by visiting: [https://forms.gle/](https://forms.gle/Topur22xomF2svS2A)

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Since our club is completely run by volunteers, registered participants are soliciting pledges to help our fundraising efforts. If you would like to make a general donation please go to: <https://app.99pledges.com/fund/westsacomp/west-sac-comp-volunteers>. All proceeds will help offset costs of training gear, referees, field maintenance, tournaments, and more. Most importantly, these funds will allow us to offer player scholarships for local families who may otherwise not have the financial means to participate in competitive sports.

Each registered participant will receive 10 shots on goal with predetermined points given for upper and lower corner goals, and a commemorative T-shirt sponsored by our very own

West Sacramento Police Department. The player with the most points for each age group (9-11, 12-14, and 15-18) wins: 1st place - \$150; 2nd place - \$100; 3rd place - \$50

Adult Open Division participants will have a chance to win a custom WSSC metal artwork piece, hand-crafted WSSC woodwork, or a \$250 gift card to DICK’S Sporting Goods.

The youth player receiving the highest dollar amount in pledges will receive a \$200 Target gift card thanks to a generous donation from our local Southport Town Center Target and the team with the highest percentage of players participating in the Kick-a-Thon will receive a hosted pizza party by our gracious donor, Marco’s Pizza after one of their practices.

The event promises an

array of engaging activities for fans of all ages, including:

Food provided by ¡Ay Jalisco! Taqueria with a portion of the proceeds coming back to our club; Dunk Tank – Players and community members receive 3 attempts for \$5 to dunk coaches and the ever so popular referees; Kona Ice will help keep us cool while donating a share of their earnings from the event; Raffle Prizes ranging from a Nintendo Switch Lite with a Mario Bros. game, a charcoal grill donated by West Sac’s Lowe’s Home Improvement to vouchers from our local and surrounding area favorites such as Kick n’ Mule, Tsuki Sushi, Tina’s Hair & Nail Spa, Lenise’s, Savoury, Fid’s Smog

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For more information about West Sac Competitive Soccer Club please visit <https://www.westsacomp-soccer.org/> or follow us on Instagram at @westsacsoccerclub_competitive and Facebook @West-Sac-Soccer-Club-Competitive-Program ★

City Council Meeting Highlights

West Sacramento News Ledger Staff

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The following information is a summary of items discussed at the August 2, 2023 West Sacramento City Council Meeting, after closed session, land acknowledgment and the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT – 1. Guy Stevenson referred to the new employment contract between the City and City Manager, and asked why bonuses aren’t being handed out to city employees such as public work who works in the rain, etc.? Why is it only the highly paid and lead positions that are getting bonuses? He asked

2. Hossein Edalati, from West Sacramento Soccer Club invited the City Council to attend an upcoming event that the club will be hosting on August 26th.

3. Mike Sanchez spoke about the needed patrol and enforcement around the Broderick Boat Ramp, the River Walk and the surrounding area. He said that he walks that area regularly and is often exposed to open drug use, sales and paraphernalia, campfires, weekenders (people that show up on Thursdays and don’t leave until Mondays), discharging firearms, reckless driving, people being harassed during walks and are afraid for their safety, drinking and fighting.

4. Representatives (2 little girls and an adult) from West Sac Girls Softball

expressed the need for a parking lot that they would like built in the middle of the park between the Little League and the Softball League. He explained that recently a softball tournament (of 20 teams) in Roseville brought in \$1.25 million dollars to the city through restaurants, hotels and spending at other local businesses. West Sac recently hosted a tournament (of 12 teams) that brought in 600 guests and the Softball League had to rent the parking lots from two schools and from Holy Cross Church. He also spoke about the Girls Softball having been left out of the Bryte Park Master Plan and expressed the need for a softball complex.

5. Annie Lightfoot spoke about her concern of the inaccuracy of the 6 months of City Council Meeting Minutes that will be up for approval. She listed several items that she witnessed being discussed and public comments that she witnessed that were not in the minutes. She questioned the accuracy and urged the City Council not to approve the six months’ worth of minutes.

6. Robin Davis spoke to the Council about the issue that tiny homeowners are having on their own property because they are being told that since the tiny homes are on wheels, they are considered a mobile home and must be parked in a mobile home or RV park. She lives in a tiny home on her own, undeveloped land and would like for the city to update their policies because she says

that tiny homes are not “upscaled homelessness.” They are a choice. She suggested a workshop be held for the community so that acceptable changes can be made.

7. Tim Campbell, President of Local 18, requested the members of the City Council that are also members of the Port Commission, to “Please! Schedule meetings and workshops with the workers, union and SSA and share the plan for the port.” In addition he offered that they all work together and asked for transparency. And for help! Tim said that Mayor Martha Guerrero and County Supervisor, Oscar Villegas, have reached out to them for answers to questions but there is still no transparency and no port commission meetings. They need them because there are “huge port issues going on.” He also asked why our town has not requested any type of grant money while the government is giving out millions to ports right now.

8. Mayor Guerrero called up city staff, expressing her concern as to why there was no reference to public comments in the meeting minutes.

Next came the only item on the agenda... the employment contract between the City and City Manager, Aaron Laurel. The adjusted contract lists several amendments. The council discussed the changes and their concerns about them before voting on the changes. The changes were all or none. They were not allowed to

change parts of contract that they disagreed with.

Changes approved in the employment contract between the City of West Sacramento and City Manager Aaron Laurel include: a 3% raise in pay, to be paid by the city’s general fund, the port and the measure G fund (totaling \$7,821 for 2023/24 and \$8,181 for 2024/25 , in addition, when he gives a raise to the city employees that are unrepresented (Police, Fire, Engineers) he will also receive that raise. It will also include an amendment saying that if he were asked to voluntarily vacate the job, he will have a 6 month period of time to vacate, where he will be paid regular wages. He will also receive (in a lump sum) twelve months of severance pay \$276,555 in addition to the payment for his benefits (Cobra payments), also to be given in a lump sum.

Mayor Guerrero stated that this would mean that if the city manager were to be fired, the residents of West Sacramento would be paying for two City Managers and two Assistant City Managers. She reminded the Council that they are not there to represent Laurel, or each other. They are there to represent the wellbeing and wishes of the West Sacramento Community. The council members all agreed on the talent and hard work that Aaron Laurel has exuded. They didn’t, however, agree on the business aspect of the contract.

During Public Comment on this item Ashley McCarthy stated that she

was always taught that if someone gets fired from their job, “it’s time to put on your boots and go find a new one.” She also questioned the severance package, saying “if you’re fired you do not continue getting the benefits you received for working.” Lastly, Ashley said that “if he (City Manager) is getting extra pay because he has the added job of the port, then he needs to do that job and if he is not going to hold meetings, apply for money and provide transparency to the workers, then the council needs to reconsider giving him the extra money.”

The ladies of the City Council all took a chance to speak about their thoughts on the contract. They all agree that Laurel’s performance has earned him the pay raise. Councilwoman Norma Alcala said that it is standard practice to offer a severance of 1-2 weeks of pay for every year that the employee was employed, and that “it was irresponsible to agree to the other amendments.”

Dawnte Early asked questions about the contract as though she were not entirely comfortable with the contract. Although she brought up that unlike other City Managers in the area, Laurel is responsible for the levees and the port. She spoke about the respect that city staff has for Laurel and fears leadership in our city may change if he left. Therefore she believes it should all be kept as incentive to stay.

Verna Hull read her statement about the topic.

This made people in the audience very uncomfortable with how genuine she felt about it. She spoke of the incredible team he has developed and that he has been executing the vision of the city council.

Mayor Pro Tem Orozco spoke about other cities wanting him and that he could easily go elsewhere for more money. She spoke of hard decisions he has had to make for the betterment of the city. And that by including all of the amendments it will only “bring him from number seven to number six” on the rate of pay scale in comparison to nearby cities. She brought up that while building up our city, he has brought down our debt.

Mayor Guerrero said that she did, in fact, compare cities in the area, but there are many more aspects besides population when comparing wages for this job. She said that a six-month cooling off period seems excessive for changing jobs. There are other changes that she would have liked to include but not the way it is written. She mentioned that firefighters have to pay out of their own pocket for certain medical screen, such as cancer screening due to toxins they are exposed to when working and so she can’t see paying a year of medical after he left. She believes that there are too many items that need to be taken care of in the city, and that she would like to see that extra money go to those issues.

The item passed with a 3 – 2 vote. ★



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