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## CHP Welcomes Nine New Graduating Canine Teams

CHP News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The California Highway Patrol (CHP) announced on April 28, 2023, the graduation and deployment of nine new canine teams. After months of intensive training, the teams were certified during a ceremony at the Canine Training Facility on the CHP Academy grounds.

"These loyal and brave public servants play a critical role in supporting the mission of the Department," said CHP Commissioner Sean Duryee. "Canines have a keen sense of smell that helps them detect items that a human officer cannot, such as narcotics and explosives. Both the canine and their handler's skills are refined during the hundreds of hours of intense training, ensuring the teams are prepared to serve throughout the state."



Officer Alexander Frazer demonstrates the training and obedience involved for certification during a ceremony at the Canine Training Facility on the CHP Academy grounds. Photo courtesy: CHP

The graduates consist of six Patrol and Narcotics Detection Canine teams and three Explosives Detection Canine teams, all of which meet the guidelines set by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards

and Training. The newest team members include four Belgian Malinois, two Dutch Shepherds, and three German Shepherd dogs. Once graduated, the CHP will have a total of 51 teams deployed throughout the state.

Each canine's partner, or handler, is an experienced CHP officer with experience ranging from five to 22 years. The officers represent six of the CHP's eight geographic regions, including: Valley, *Continued on page 3*

## Indoor Masking Optional in Yolo County May 1

Yolo County News Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - Yolo County Public Health has revised its indoor masking guidance, now making masking optional indoors, effective May 1, 2023.

With clinics and hospitals filled with ill patients and widespread absences from school and work in late 2022, a recommendation for all persons 2 years and older to wear a mask indoors was put in place to protect against COVID-19, influenza, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) and other respiratory viruses broadly circulating at the time. Fortunately, the respiratory virus situation has since improved. Wastewater levels of the SARS-CoV-2 virus that causes COVID-19 are low in Yolo County (<https://data.wastewater-scan.org/>), along with levels of influenza, RSV and human metapneumovirus. Therefore, effective May 1, the masking guidance for persons 2 years and older is to consider masking in indoor settings, aligning with current COVID-19 guidance from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The CDC has designated Yolo County as having a Low COVID-19 Community Level which is based on a combination of hospital-related metrics and new COVID-19 cases in the community. In communities where the COVID-19 Community Level is Low, CDPH advises that people wear a mask based on personal preference, informed by their own personal level of risk. Vulnerable persons, such as older adults, persons with underlying conditions or compromised immune systems, and those who live with them, are encouraged to consider wearing a mask in crowded indoor public spaces.

Even when the COVID-19 Community Level is Low, people are advised to wear a mask in certain situations:

For 10 days after close

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## James Marshall Preschool Seeks Alumni



James Marshall Preschool will celebrate its 70th anniversary in the fall of 2024 and wishes to contact former students and parents for the get-together. Photo courtesy of James Marshall Preschool

James Marshall News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - A preschool in West Sacramento is looking for alumni to interview for an oral history of the organization. The project would compile memorabilia and stories about the past 70 years of fun, friends,

and fingerprints. James Marshall Preschool (JMPNS) will have photos and memorabilia on display at the reception for their art exhibit entitled Kids and Creativity: Celebrating the process over the product. "This exhibit showcases an open-ended, process-oriented approach to child

creativity," said JMPNS Director Erin Hinson, "while also highlighting JMPNS' long history in West Sacramento as a quality family-centered program."

The reception will take place at Gallery 1075 on Tuesday, May 9th from 5-8pm. Alumni are invited to view and identify

themselves in archival photos and potentially join the list of people to be interviewed for the James Marshall oral history project.

James Marshall Parent Nursery School (now James Marshall Preschool) was founded by a co-operative of families in 1954 in an unincorporated neighborhood of Yolo County. The city was incorporated as West Sacramento in 1987, and this is still where James Marshall Preschoolers come to learn and play.

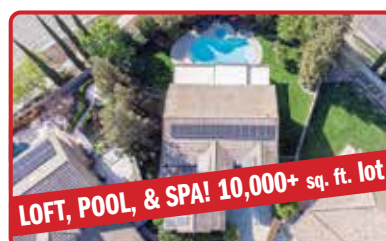
"Having stayed in the same neighborhood for nearly seven decades gives us a unique opportunity to capture not just the history of early childhood education, but the history of the neighborhood itself," said Emma Fulenwider, a biographer and chairperson on the James Marshall Preschool Board of Directors. Since its founding, the preschool has always been governed by a co-operative of preschool parents.

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# Spare The Air Program Begins in the Month of May

**YSAQMD News Release**

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - Spare The Air season begins on May 1st across the Sacramento Region, and the Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District (District) is urging residents to prepare by signing up for air quality alerts at ysaqmd.enviroflash.info. Each year from May through October, the region experiences days when ground-level ozone or "smog" reaches unhealthy levels. By registering for EnviroFlash, District residents can choose to receive daily air quality forecasts, alerts by Air Quality Index (AQI) level, or 'Spare The Air' action day notifications to their email inbox or by text.

Northern California summers are full of hot, sunny days that contribute to the production of ground-level ozone or "smog" through chemical reactions between nitrogen oxides (NOx) and volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in the presence of sunlight. Vehicle emissions and the bowl-like shape of the Sacramento Valley, combined with summer heat and weather conditions, allow ozone pollution to become trapped close to the ground, impacting the air we breathe.

When ozone pollution levels are high, even healthy people can experience negative impacts. Those most susceptible



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include: children, older adults, pregnant women, those with asthma, and lung or heart disease. Temporary exposure symptoms may include irritation of the eyes, nose or throat, coughing, chest tightness, or breathing difficulties during exercise or outdoor activities.

"The Spare The Air program provides residents valuable air quality information and actions they can take to help reduce vehicle emissions in our region that contribute to increased ozone levels," said Executive Director Gretchen Bennitt. "Registering to receive Spare The Air alerts, and knowing when an alert is issued, provides the opportunity for our residents to protect themselves and their loved ones on days when air quality may be less than optimal. This can

include; whether to stay indoors, limiting rigorous activity outside, or reaching out to check on family and friends who may have compromised health."

A Spare The Air alert is issued when the regional AQI is forecast to reach 126 or higher. On these days, residents can do their part by:

Walking or riding a bike for short trips, especially in the morning when ozone pollution is at its lowest; Combine errands into fewer trips to drive less; Postpone driving, if possible, until the 'Spare The Air' alert is over; Taking public transit – it is easy on the air and the wallet. Many transit agencies offer free rides on Spare The Air days; Sharing a ride with a co-worker or friend; Telecommuting.

Spare The Air is an educational and advisory program that runs annually from May through October in the greater Sacramento region in partnership with the Sacramento Metropolitan, El Dorado, Feather River, Placer and Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management Districts. Learn more ways to do your part at [www.sparetheair.com](http://www.sparetheair.com).

Sign up for the District's quarterly newsletter Air Aware and register for air quality alerts at [www.ysaqmd.org](http://www.ysaqmd.org). Connect with the District on Facebook or Twitter at YoloSolanoAir, or on Nextdoor at Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District. ★

# CAL FIRE Launches New Online Burn Permit Application

**CAL FIRE Special Release**

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - CAL FIRE has launched a new Online Burn Permit application platform that offers the public a user-friendly way to request a burn permit. Burn permits that are available on this platform include the following:

- Residential Burning (LE-62A) is burning outdoors at a single or two-family dwelling unit or residence using burn piles less than 4ft x 4ft. All residential burn permits expire on April 30 annually and a new permit must be applied for on May 1st.
- General Burning (LE-5) consists of agricultural burning, incinerator barrel burning in specific counties, burn piles, small parcels or strips, small plots of grass or weeds, or burn on vacant land. This permit is also used for a Hazardous Project work that could cause a fire (e.g., outdoor welding, grinding, metal work, hot work etc.).
- Broadcast Burning (LE-7/8) is controlled application of fire to the land for

fuels reduction purposes (e.g., grasslands, shrublands, and oak woodlands). No pile burning!

The permits are for projects located within the State Responsibility Area and other jurisdictions where CAL FIRE has authority to require them. Users can now fill out the application form from anywhere they have internet access. The applicant will receive email confirmations throughout the process and the Department will have easy access to the records electronically.

Once the application is submitted, a CAL FIRE representative will review and process the information. If a site visit is required, the Department representative will schedule a time with the applicant and move the project forward. Even with a valid burn permit from CAL FIRE, residents must confirm that it is a permissive burn day with their local air quality management agency. The contact phone numbers will appear on the permit. For more information on the online burn permit application, visit [burnpermit.fire.ca.gov](http://burnpermit.fire.ca.gov) ★

# County Seeks Applicants for Action Board

**Yolo County News Release**

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - The Yolo County Board of Supervisors is seeking applications for openings on its Community Services Action Board.

The Community Services Action Board's mission is to combat poverty by promoting the health, safety, stability and self-sufficiency of low-income persons residing in Yolo County. The board is advisory to the Board of Supervisors with the following primary functions:

- Convening bi-monthly meetings to evaluate local progress towards combating poverty in Yolo County;
- Conducting a biannual community needs assessment to

identify critical gaps in Yolo County's social service system; Overseeing the provision of services using Community Services Block Grant funds by reviewing project proposals and making recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on expenditures; Monitoring the performance of Community Services Block Grant-funded programs by examining outcome reports and conducting annual site visits; Serving as advocates for Yolo County residents living in poverty

The Community Services Action Board currently has the following vacancies:

Representatives of the low-income population (may be

low-income persons or persons working for an organization serving the low-income population); Representative for District 4 - Supervisorial Districts found at [www.YoloCounty.org](http://www.YoloCounty.org) (go to: Government > Board of Supervisors); Representatives of community-based organizations.

The Community Services Action Board meets in-person on the second Tuesday of every other month from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. Those interested in serving may complete an application found at [www.YoloCounty.org](http://www.YoloCounty.org) (go to: Government > Advisory Bodies). For more information on the Community Services Action Board, email Anisa Vallejo at: [Anisa.Vallejo@yolo-county.org](mailto:Anisa.Vallejo@yolo-county.org). ★

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# James Marshall Preschool Seeks Alumni

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Preschool will celebrate their 70th anniversary in the fall of 2024 and have asked the News Ledger to help in contacting former students and parents.

This is not the first partnership between the paper and the preschool. "In going back through our archives, I found an announcement that the News Ledger ran in 1968 asking readers to spread the news about their fourteenth

anniversary so that they could get as many members of its first preschool class together, who at the time would have been graduating from high school," Fulenwider said. "Now, we're asking them to help us track down not just that first class, but all the classes who have followed.

"To me, this proves that the more things change, the more they stay the same. In sixty years, despite all the technology,

the local newspaper and word of mouth are still the best way to get the word out."

The James Marshall Preschool oral history project is partly funded by a grant from the West Sacramento Foundation.

For information about contributing stories, photos or funding to the preservation of this piece of local West Sacramento history, call 916-237-7136 or email jmpnscommunityinvolvement@gmail.com ★

# Albert Garcia Named New President of Sacramento City College

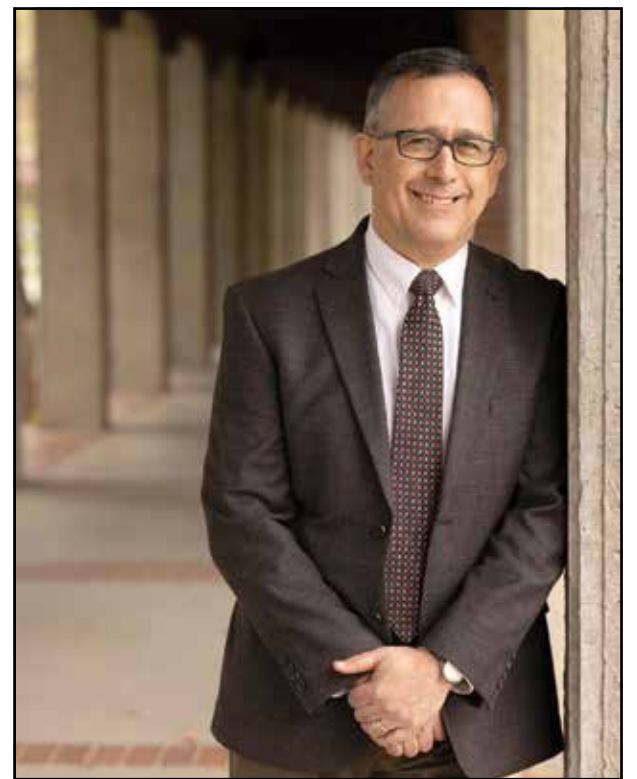
**Sacramento City College News Release**

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) -** Albert Garcia has been appointed as the new President of Sacramento City College by the Los Rios Community College Board of Trustees at their April 12, 2023 meeting. Garcia has served as the interim president of the college since July 1, 2022.

"I have been incredibly fortunate to have served SCC's students and college community in so many ways over the years," Garcia says. "This school gets in your blood. Now I have the honor to serve as president. I feel the opportunity this presents. I feel the obligation, and I'm thankful I get to work in this wonderful place with these fantastic people, doing all we can to make our students' lives better."

Garcia has held several different positions during his more than 30-year career at the college. He was hired as an English professor in 1991 and held two terms as English Department Chair. In 2004, he took a position as Dean of the Language and Literature Division, then in 2018, accepted a promotion as Vice President of Instruction. Additionally, in 2017, he held an interim role as Associate Vice Chancellor of Instruction at the Los Rios Workforce and Economic Development Center.

"Albert is well known throughout the college, and around our district, for his thoughtful and



Sacramento City College's new president, Albert Garcia, stands in the walkways of the college's main campus in Sacramento. Photo courtesy of Sacramento City College

collaborative nature, for his kindness, his intellect, and for his deep commitment to serving students and to our college and districtwide focus on equity and anti-racism," says Brian King, Chancellor of the Los Rios Community College District. "Albert is also a published poet, a craft which requires a level of personal introspection that will undoubtedly serve him well as a college President."

"The Board of Trustees is thrilled to have unanimously approved Dr. Garcia's appointment as President of Sacramento City College," said John Knight, President of the Los Rios Board of Trustees. "He is

exceptionally well-respected, and the entire Board looks forward to seeing the great work that he will lead on behalf of the students at Sacramento City College."

Garcia has a B.A. in English from California State University, Chico, an MFA in Creative Writing (Poetry) from University of Montana, and an Ed.D in Higher Education and Organizational Change from Benedictine University. He grew up in rural Northern California and as a young man, worked as a ranger in Lassen Volcanic National Park. He continues to write poetry and often draws inspiration from his experiences with the natural world. ★

# Use Caution: American River Running Cold and Swift



Sacramento County warns those wanting to get in the waters of the American Rivers that cold waters combined with swift flows are a recipe for disasters. Photo by Dave Dawson

**Sacramento County News Release**

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) -** With temperatures on the rise this weekend, swimming in the American River may sound like a great way to beat the heat, but, with the snowmelt causing the river to run so cold and swiftly, Sacramento County Regional Parks is advising residents to find other ways to beat the heat.

"Cold rivers are dangerous rivers, and right now the American River is running colder than most people realize," said Liz Bellas, Director of Regional Parks. "Water flowing through the American River right now is in the low 50 degrees. We typically see water in the high 50-/low 60-degree range at this time of year."

According to the National Weather

Service, "Cold water drains body heat up to four times faster than cold air. When your body hits cold water, 'cold shock' can cause dramatic changes in breathing, heart rate and blood pressure. The sudden gasp and rapid breathing alone creates a greater risk of drowning even for confident swimmers in calm waters."

Flows out of Nimbus Dam into the American River this weekend will be around 8,000 cubic feet per second (cfs), which is quite high. A typical Sacramento summer sees outflows into the American at around 2,000 cfs or less.

The cold water combined with the swift flows are a recipe for disaster. Don't be bold, the water is cold, so please stay off the river. For more water safety tips, visit LifeLooksGoodOnYou.org. ★

# Indoor Masking Optional in Yolo County May 1

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contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19; When around others indoors between days 6 and 10 after a COVID-19 infection; In indoor areas of public transportation and transportation hubs.

Businesses or organizations displaying County-provided signs recommending masking are asked to take the signs down for now, although the signs might be needed again if the COVID-19 situation changes. Businesses

and other entities are reminded that they can choose to require masking on their premises (with exceptions for children under 2 and persons with conditions that prevent wearing a mask) and that no person can be stopped from wearing a mask as a condition of participation in an activity or entry into a venue or business, unless wearing a mask would pose a safety hazard.

"After a tough fall and winter with high levels of respiratory viral illness due to COVID-19, flu

and RSV, I am pleased to be able to lift the masking recommendation and transition to optional masking in indoor spaces in Yolo County," said Dr. Aimee Sisson, Yolo County's Public Health Officer. "While COVID-19 has not gone away, current levels of the virus that causes COVID-19 are low and flu season has ended. We will continue to monitor COVID-19 metrics and may need to recommend masking again if disease levels rise. ★

# New Canine Teams Graduating

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Golden Gate, Southern, Border, Coastal, and Inland Division. Once deployed, the handlers will spend a minimum of eight hours every week completing scenario-based training with their canines to ensure the highest level of peak performance in the field.

The CHP uses canines to perform a variety of tasks, including detecting human scent, contraband, and explosives. The CHP canines are also used to assist allied agencies in apprehending criminals, detecting explosives or drugs, and in locating



The new K9 CHP graduates consist of dogs which will be part of six Patrol and Narcotics Detection Canine teams and three Explosives Detection Canine teams. Photo courtesy CHP

at-risk missing persons. The mission of the CHP is to provide the highest level of Safety, Service, and Security. ★

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# Teacher Pension Fund Betrays Its Mission



**Commentary**  
by Ted Gaines

If you think that CalSTRS, the behemoth pension system that supports California's retired teachers, is focused on pensions, you are wrong. The largest teacher-focused pension system in the country is abandoning its core fiduciary role to chase left-wing political goals. Its mission creep will hurt teachers, taxpayers, and students alike.

In April, CalSTRS issued an extraordinary press release stating their priorities for the companies they invest in, including corporate greenhouse gas disclosures. CalSTRS is interested in achieving a "net zero" emissions portfolio. Of course, CalSTRS is also interested in corporate diversity, and states: "CalSTRS will vote against an entire board of directors that does not include at least one woman and against a board's nominating and governance committee if at least 30% of its board members are not women. Furthermore, CalSTRS will vote against the nominating and governance committees of Russell 3000 companies that do not disclose their

board members' diversity characteristics."

CalSTRS' Board has morphed into Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez with a \$300-billion billy club to swing at businesses that aren't sufficiently Progressive.

If you were scouring the news for a few words about supporting corporate boards trying to grow profits, entering or creating new markets, utilizing innovation, expanding geographically, then CalSTRS is not the investment entity for you.

Who has time for the actual business of business when you can be leading a social revolution?

CalSTRS might want to check out the work of Bjorn Lomborg, who shows that the climate catastrophists claims about global warming deaths, costs, hurricanes, polar bears, forest fires, etc. are routinely contorted to further the policy agenda of the anti-fossil fuel crowd.

They might want to ask teachers if they themselves are willing to pay out of their own pockets for these political goals.

They might want to ask parents if they are willing to take dollars out of their children's classrooms to diversify corporate boards.

Because the problem with CalSTRS lifting its leftist political banner above all others is that the organization has an actual role, which is fiduciary. Its job isn't to be in the political vanguard but to caretake and grow its investments to meet its payout obligations.

CalSTRS pension payments are funded by payments from the state, from teachers and school districts. If investment gains fall short, contributions need to increase.

The system was already facing a serious insolvency threat in 2040, which is a blink of an eye for a pension system. In 2014, the legislature crafted a plan to stave off the problem and mandated increased contributions from all parties.

California has seen an explosion of education spending in the past decade. Parents hope and assume that their taxpayer dollars go towards classroom enrichment, student activities, training that increases student performance, and so on. Some of it surely has.

But when investments fall short, school spending will go to backfilling pension obligations. That has also been the case. What good is that increased school spending if it doesn't benefit students?

Women and minorities should, of course, be welcome on every corporate board without a discriminatory roadblock. But their presence should indicate merit, not government fiat or race-and-gender box checking. Diversity itself should not be the goal for corporate governance.

Every single California government activity should not be Progressive activism. CalSTRS should honor the teachers, parents, taxpayers and students who are all affected by its decisions and stick to its fiduciary job. ★

# Inflation Continues to Take Bite Out of Organic Fresh Produce Sales

## Organic Produce Network News Release

**MONTEREY, CA (MPG)** - Ongoing inflation continued to impact organic fresh produce sales in the first quarter of 2023 as overall dollar sales grew by slightly less than 1 percent, and volume declined by 3.4 percent from the same per year-over-year period, according to the *Q1 2023 Organic Produce Performance Report* released by Organic Produce Network (OPN) and Category Partners.

Overall, the total produce department gained 2.6 percent in dollars for Q1 2023 compared to the same period in 2022 and declined by 1.3 percent in volume. Sales of organic fresh produce totaled nearly \$2.4 billion for the first quarter of 2023, while overall volume topped 703 million pounds. Conventional produce dollars rose higher than organic dollars by about 2 percent and declined in volume by a smaller degree than organic. The average price gap between conventional and organic is now the largest it has been in the last four years.

The *Q1 2023 Organic Produce Performance Report* uses Nielsen IQ syndicated data to track and report the performance of organic fresh produce—and specifically the 20 leading organic categories. The report suggests that the rising prices may cause consumers to be more selective in their organic shopping.

"In an inflationary period, we see this standard of growth for dollars and decline for volume repeated for most organic and conventional items. When we look at pricing, conventional produce average price per pound grew by 4.3 percent compared to the first quarter of 2022, while organic produce average price per pound rose by 4 percent," said Tom Barnes, CEO of Category Partners. "With rising prices, we may be seeing more selective organic shopping from consumers as they substitute conventional items for higher-priced organic items."

Organic tomatoes were the most noticeable example of substitution as their price per pound increased by almost three times the amount of conventional, resulting in a volume decline of 8 percent. Most other categories with large differentials in price increase (compared to conventional) did not see large drops in organic volume.

Organic grapes had an incredible quarter with a 37.3 percent increase in volume and a 40.2 percent increase in dollars. The first quarter is deep into the import season for

grapes. Imported organic grapes are closing in on entering the top 20 organic categories in Q1 with \$22 million in sales for the quarter this year, which places them in the 22nd spot by dollars. A 40 percent increase in dollars and a 37 percent increase in volume means that import grapes are a category to keep an eye on as we continue to track organic produce sales each quarter.

Prepackaged salads and the berry category (strawberries, raspberries, blueberries, and blackberries) led the quarter as the top organic produce categories in dollars, accounting for nearly 40 percent of all sales.

Current trends show both conventional and organic produce volume shrinking year over year. At the same time, while volume for conventional produce is below 2020 and organics are on par with 2020, both are consistently gaining in dollars. For the first quarter of 2023, half of the leading 20 organic categories posted increases in dollars. Organic onions generated the largest percent increase in dollars at 10 percent, followed by bell peppers, lettuce, and herbs. Inversely, avocados posted the largest decline in dollars, while apples also posted noticeable declines.

In the first quarter of this year, 15 of the leading 20 categories posted declines in volume, with only seven of those 15 categories displaying positive year-over-year dollar growth. Organic apples posted the largest year-over-year decline in volume (by total pounds) of the leading categories, followed by bananas and carrots.

Despite the flat dollar growth and minor decline in volume across the country, OPN Co-founder and CEO Matt Seeley is bullish on the long-term prospects for growth of organic fresh produce. "Inflation and supply chain challenges have impacted pricing in the short term; however, organic fresh produce will remain an important component of weekly food shopping as consumers look for healthy, safe, and nutritious products for their families," he said.

The *Q1 2023 Organic Produce Performance Report* covers total food sales in the US, including all outlets (i.e., supermarkets, mass merchandisers, club stores, dollar stores, convenience stores, and military commissaries) over the months of January, February, and March of this year. The full Q1 2023 Organic Produce Performance Report is available on the Organic Produce Network website. ★

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**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

PURPOSE: The Governing Board of the Washington Unified School District, in order to comply with the requirements of Board Policy 6141, will hold a public hearing on May 11, 2023, at 6:30 pm for the purpose of adopting instructional materials for Math K-5.

DATE: Thursday, May 11, 2023  
 TIME: Meetings begins at 6:30 pm  
 LOCATION: West Sacramento Civic Center, Council Chambers, 1100 West Capitol Ave., West Sacramento, Ca. 95691

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

PURPOSE: The Yolo County SELPA/Superintendents' Council will conduct a public hearing to receive comment by members of the community on the Yolo County SELPA Annual Budget Plan, and Annual Service Plan for 2023- 2024.

DATE: Monday, May 1, 2023  
 TIME: 8:40 a.m.  
 LOCATION: Yolo County Office of Education Conference Center, Davis Room 1280 Santa Anita Court, Suite 120 Woodland, CA 95776-6127 Posted this 26th day of April 2023.

Posted this 26th day of April 2023.  
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**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**  
**May 17, 2023**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 66018, the West Sacramento City Council will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday May 17, 2023, at the West Sacramento Civic Center, City Council Chambers, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, California, at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as possible on the item(s) listed below.

Members of the public are welcome to watch the meeting Livestream (<https://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/government/meetings-agendas/city-council>), or on Astound Broadband Channel 20 and to submit comments in writing by 4:00 PM on May 17, 2023.

To submit a comment in writing, please email [clerk@cityofwestsacramento.org](mailto:clerk@cityofwestsacramento.org) and write "Public Comment" in the subject line. In the body of the email, include the item number and/or title of the item as well as your comments. All comments received by 4:00 PM will be provided to the City Council. The comments submitted shall become part of the record of the meeting.

6:00 p.m.  
**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**Public Hearing and Consideration of First Reading of Ordinance 23-7 Pertaining to an Amendment to the Term of the River Park Development Agreement (Laffey)**

River Park is a project approved in 2008 consisting of a residential village with up to 2,284 residences of varying types and densities, a village core with commercial and mixed uses on 452 acres in the Southport area's Southeast Village. As part of the approvals given on June 18, 2008, the City and the then-landowner entered into a Development Agreement (DA) for a 15-year term via Ordinance 08-06. This proposed amendment, effectuated via Ordinance 23-7, would extend the term of the DA for one year with an additional year at the discretion of the City Manager. No other changes to the DA are proposed. The current landowner is proposing revisions to the project, which would be considered by the Planning Commission and City Council in the future. The proposed DA time extension is within the scope of the previously certified EIR (SCH #2005062027). The action does not require further environmental review pursuant to Sections 15162 and 15168 of the CEQA Guidelines. APPLICANT/OWNER: Sun M Capital, LLC, 4010 Palos Verdes Drive North, Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274.

*David Tilley*  
 David W. Tilley, Principal Planner

**NOTE:** If you challenge the nature of a proposed action in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230277 The following person(s) is doing business as: OT Press, 3166 Pender Island Street, West Sacramento, CA 95691. Vince Wetzel, 3166 Pender Island Street, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 3/17/2023. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 3/23/2023. By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy Publish: April 14, 21, 28 & May 5, 2023 OT 5-5-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230224 The following person(s) is doing business as: Alumalux USA / Exterior Perfection / Alumalux Coatings / Alumalux / Speedy Plots, 2509 Del Monte Street, West Sacramento, CA 95691. Exterior Perfection Builders Inc., 2509 Del Monte Street, West Sacramento, CA 95691. 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. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 3/13/2023. By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy Publish: April 14, 21, 28 & May 5, 2023 ALUMALUX 5-5-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230308 The following person(s) is doing business as: Absolute Mortgage Company / Boschken Properties / Flat Coat Travel / Boschken Lock & Key, 133 F Street, Davis, CA 95616. Boschken Inc., 133 F Street, Davis, CA 95616. 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. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 3/31/2023. By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy Publish: April 14, 21, 28 & May 5, 2023 ABSOLUTE 5-5-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230393 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CALREPAIRS, 1706 Donner Way, Woodland, CA 95695 County of YOLO Mailing Address: 1706 Donner Way, Woodland, CA 95695 AVG PAINTING LLC, 1706 Donner Way, Woodland, CA 95695 This business is conducted by a limited liability company The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. AVG PAINTING LLC S/ Victor Garcia, Managing Manager, This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 03/28/2023. Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder kquam, Deputy 4/14, 4/21, 4/28, 5/5/23 CNS-3681418# NEWS-LEDGER DJ\_418 5-5-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230289 The following person(s) is doing business as: A.P. Studio, 3540 Silverwood Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691. Alexander Parunin, 3540 Silverwood Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on March 20, 2023. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 3/28/2023. By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy Publish: April 21, 28, May 5 & 12, 2023 AP 5-12-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230342 The following person(s) is doing business as: Anchored Outdoors Guide Service / Eli's Guide Services, 1645 Alamo Place, West Sacramento, CA 95691. Jeffrey S Ratter, 730 Ashley Avenue, Woodland, CA 95695. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 4/18/2023. By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy Publish: April 28, May 5, 12, & 19, 2023 ANCHORED 5-19-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230372 The following person(s) are doing business as: Senior Slimmers, Boomer Slimmers, Senior Fasting, Senior Keto, 3810 Mendocino Court, West Sacramento, CA 95691. Andrew V Pierce and Nancy A Levy, 3810 Mendocino Court, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by a General Partnership. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 4/18/2023. By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy Publish: April 28, May 5, 12, & 19, 2023 SENIOR 5-19-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230334 The following person(s) is doing business as: 3python, 2455 W Capitol Ave Apt 146, West Sacramento, CA 95691, County of Yolo. Alexandr Bessarab, 2455 W Capitol Ave Apt 146, West Sacramento, CA 95691 This business is conducted by Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A/s/ Alexandr Bessarab This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 04/07/2023. Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder By: kquam, Deputy Publish: 4/28, 5/5, 5/12, 5/19/23 CNS-3694140# NEWS-LEDGER DJ\_140 5/19/2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230352 The following person(s) is doing business as: Heal & Conquer Counseling Services, 1601 Merkle Avenue, #592, West Sacramento, CA 95691. Araceli Alicia Vega, 2377 Portola Street, West Sacramento, CA 94691. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 4/5/2023. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 4/13/2023. By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy Publish: April 21, 28, May 5 & 12, 2023 HEAL 5-12-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230286 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: 1. UNIVERSITY COURT, 2. UNIVERSITY COURT APARTMENTS, 515 SYCAMORE LANE, DAVIS, CA 95616 County of YOLO Mailing Address: 515 SYCAMORE LANE, DAVIS, CA 95616 GP SYCAMORE LANE, LLC (PARTNER), 2805 DICKENS STREET STE 103, SAN DIEGO, CA 92106 THE WILLIAM G. AYYAD TRUST DATED 04/04/96 (PARTNER), 2805 DICKENS STREET STE 103, SAN DIEGO, CA 92106 This business is conducted by a Limited Partnership The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/10/2004. S/ WILLIAM AYYAD, MANAGER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 03/27/2023. Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder KQUAM, Deputy 4/21, 4/28, 5/5, 5/12/23 CNS-3690174# NEWS-LEDGER DJ\_174 5-12-23

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230263 The following person(s) is doing business as: Palm Gardens Senior Living, 240 Palm Avenue, Woodland, CA 95695. Woodland Care Center Inc., 3700 Hilborn Road, Fairfield, CA 94534. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 3/1/2023. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 3/21/2023. By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy Publish: April 21, 28, May 5 & 12, 2023 PALM 5-12-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230343 The following person(s) is doing business as: Omega Motorcycle 1551 Merkle Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691. Omega Motorcycle, 4435 Park Green Court, Sacramento, CA 95821. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 1/1/2011. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 4/11/2023. By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy Publish: April 21, 28, May 5 & 12, 2023 OMEGA 5-12-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230352 The following person(s) is doing business as: Heal & Conquer Counseling Services, 1601 Merkle Avenue, #592, West Sacramento, CA 95691. Araceli Alicia Vega, 2377 Portola Street, West Sacramento, CA 94691. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 4/5/2023. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 4/13/2023. By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy Publish: April 21, 28, May 5 & 12, 2023 HEAL 5-12-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230286 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: 1. UNIVERSITY COURT, 2. UNIVERSITY COURT APARTMENTS, 515 SYCAMORE LANE, DAVIS, CA 95616 County of YOLO Mailing Address: 515 SYCAMORE LANE, DAVIS, CA 95616 GP SYCAMORE LANE, LLC (PARTNER), 2805 DICKENS STREET STE 103, SAN DIEGO, CA 92106 THE WILLIAM G. AYYAD TRUST DATED 04/04/96 (PARTNER), 2805 DICKENS STREET STE 103, SAN DIEGO, CA 92106 This business is conducted by a Limited Partnership The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/10/2004. S/ WILLIAM AYYAD, MANAGER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 03/27/2023. Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder KQUAM, Deputy 4/21, 4/28, 5/5, 5/12/23 CNS-3690174# NEWS-LEDGER DJ\_174 5-12-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230292 The following person(s) is doing business as: Delta Elementary Charter School / Lighthouse Charter School / Delta Elementary Charter School PTC / Lighthouse Charter School PTC / DECS / LCS / River Charter Schools Lighthouse Charter / LCS PTC / DECS PTC, 36230 North School Street, Clarksburg, CA 95612. River Charter Schools, 36230 North School Street, Clarksburg, CA 95612. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on April 11, 2006. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 3/28/2023. By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy Publish: April 28, May 5, 12, & 19, 2023 RIVER 5-19-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230367 The following person(s) are doing business as: Anchored Outdoors Guide Service / Eli's Guide Services, 1645 Alamo Place, West Sacramento, CA 95691. Elias Escamilla and Lisa Escamilla 1645 Alamo Place This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 4/18/2023. By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy Publish: April 28, May 5, 12, & 19, 2023 ANCHORED 5-19-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230372 The following person(s) are doing business as: Senior Slimmers, Boomer Slimmers, Senior Fasting, Senior Keto, 3810 Mendocino Court, West Sacramento, CA 95691. Andrew V Pierce and Nancy A Levy, 3810 Mendocino Court, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by a General Partnership. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 4/18/2023. By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy Publish: April 28, May 5, 12, & 19, 2023 SENIOR 5-19-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230334 The following person(s) is doing business as: 3python, 2455 W Capitol Ave Apt 146, West Sacramento, CA 95691, County of Yolo. Alexandr Bessarab, 2455 W Capitol Ave Apt 146, West Sacramento, CA 95691 This business is conducted by Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A/s/ Alexandr Bessarab This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 04/07/2023. Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder By: kquam, Deputy Publish: 4/28, 5/5, 5/12, 5/19/23 CNS-3694140# NEWS-LEDGER DJ\_140 5/19/2023

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West Sacramento, CA 95691, This business is conducted by a married couple. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on May 31, 2022. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 4/18/2023. By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy Publish: April 28, May 5, 12, & 19, 2023 ANCHORED 5-19-23

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230337 The following person(s) is doing business as: West Sacramento Self Storage, 2274 Lake Washington Boulevard, West Sacramento, CA 95691. West Sacramento Self Storage LLC, 15500 Erwin Street Suite 4000. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on March 7, 2013. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 4/7/2023. By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy Publish: May 5, 12, 19 & 26, 2023 WEST 5-26-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20230337 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2023-563 Olga Sanchez De Maravilla has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Olga Sanchez De Maravilla aka Olga Sanchez Moreno aka Olga Sanchez to Olga Torres. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 24, 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: March 27, 2023 Donna M. Petre, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: April 21, 28, May 5 & 12, 2023 OLGA 5-12-23

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2023-563 Olga Sanchez De Maravilla has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Olga Sanchez De Maravilla aka Olga Sanchez Moreno aka Olga Sanchez to Olga Torres. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 24, 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: March 27, 2023 Donna M. Petre, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: April 21, 28, May 5 & 12, 2023 OLGA 5-12-23

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2023-0588 Farhad Ahmadzai has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Farhad Ahmadzai to Farhad Azad. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on June 1, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 14, 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: April 4, 2023 David Rosenberg, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: April 21, 28, May 5 & 12, 2023 FARHAD 5-12-23

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2023-0700 Tum Hlei Sung has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Tum Hlei Sung to Rose Mary. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on June 13, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 14, 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: April 17, 2023 Stephen L Mock, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: May 5, 12, 19 & 26, 2023 TUM 5-26-23

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2023-0081 Jazmin Carvalho has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Nala Michelle Higgins to Nala Michelle Carvalho. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on June 21, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 11, located at 725 Court Street Woodland, CA 95695 and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: April 7, 2023 Timothy L Fall, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: May 5, 12, 19 & 26, 2023 JAZMYN 5-26-23

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE MARY M. KRANTZ CASE NO. PR2023-0059 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of MARY M. KRANTZ. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by CLYDE KRANTZ in the Superior Court of California, County of YOLO. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that CLYDE KRANTZ be appointed as personal representative 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 personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or 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: 05/31/23 at 9:00AM in Dept. 11 located at 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 decedent, 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 a person 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. Attorney for Petitioner BRADY DEVEREAUX - SBN 332859 DEVEREAUX ESTATE LAW, PC 455 UNIVERSITY AVE SACRAMENTO CA 95825 Publish: 4/28, 5/5, 5/12/23 CNS-3693820# NEWS-LEDGER DJ\_820 5/12/2023

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# How Pelosi Stopped the Jan. 6, Electoral College Count and Installed Biden



By Harold Pease, Ph.D.

According to Conservative Treehouse in a recent breakthrough article titled “The Parliamentary Motive Behind the J6 Fedsurrection,” March 12, 2023, Nancy Pelosi played the dominant role in stopping the January 6, 2021 Electoral College Count. The federal government had motive in creating the J6 crisis which permitted her “to trigger an emergency session and avoid the 2020 election certification challenges,” thus seating Joe Biden without thorough constitutional review.

On the morning of January 6, 2021 three constitutional processes remained, all easily would have solved the election question between Donald Trump and Joe Biden; one involving the President of the Senate, Mike Pence, one the House of Representatives with Nancy Pelosi, and a third involving both houses using the Electoral Count Act of 1887. All were rejected by Pelosi.

The first, and preferred, has Pence on center stage. “The Constitution reads, ‘The President of the Senate [at the time Vice President Pence] shall, in the presence of the Senate and House of Representatives, open all the certificates and the votes shall then be counted’” (Amendment 12). All Pence had to do when a state submitted two slates was to say, “Arizona (et al.) has submitted two slates one from its state legislature, the other forwarded by the state secretary of state signed by the governor. Since I cannot count both, and only the state legislature is recognized by the Constitution as the proper submitter (Article II, Section I, Clause 2), I will count only it.” Since five of the six contested state legislatures were Republican, Trump would have been reelected.

The second constitutional remedy would have involved Pelosi as then Speaker of the House. The Constitution reads,

“if no person have such majority, then from the persons having the highest numbers ...the House of Representatives shall choose immediately, by ballot, the President. But in choosing the President, the votes shall be taken by states, the representation from each state having one vote; ... and a majority of all the states shall be necessary to a choice” (Amendment 12, U.S. Constitution). In the House each state has only one vote for president, regardless of its size, California and Wyoming each have but one vote. Republicans controlled 28 state delegations, two more than the majority needed to reelect Trump.

Instead, of this constitutional clarity both houses chose a process not in the Constitution itself. The confusing 133 year old Electoral Count Act of 1887, not constitutionally tested, which required both houses giving them an objection process. This required a member of the Senate and of the House each to object to any state’s vote, thereafter to dismiss the two houses to their separate quarters for two hours of discussion rendering a decision before reuniting.

But Pelosi wanted none of these constitutional remedies because all, she perceived, gave Trump a second term. Enter a previously contrived government January 6 crisis which permitted her to trigger an emergency session, deny Pence his constitutional role as President of the Senate to count the votes, avoid the 2020 election certification challenges, bypass the above stated parts of the Constitution and the Electoral Count Act of 1887, and reconvene that evening making Biden President—all obstruction to that end just hours before treasonably removed.

A government engineered January 6 is the only way this could happen. To delay “the certification of state electoral votes requires a crisis. A crisis that creates an ‘emergency’ ...An ‘emergency’ that invokes special house rules.” Special house rules, that allow no “motion challenges to halt the certification” and avoids a vote to “look into voting irregularities and fraud.” Nothing was required of the “house to pause the certification and then vote to determine whether the motions of suspend could move forward.” Nothing

to prevent their certifying the fraud “with no detractors on record.” Perfect!! And the MAGA protestors would be blamed.

The Supreme Court too was removed as a potential threat to their plan. “This effectively gives no standing for a SCOTUS ruling appeal! Understand this. If those two motions, even just one had successfully been voted EVEN IF THE MOTIONS were DENIED IN VOTE, this gives those who presented them with STANDING FOR A CONSTITUTIONAL LEGAL ARGUMENT BEFORE SCOTUS.”

The author of the “Parliamentary Motive Behind the J6 Fedsurrection,” Regitiger, continues, “Just moments, literally 3 minutes before two representatives issued a vote for motions to suspend the certification, the House members were ‘informed’ by capitol police and other ‘agents’ that a protest was about to breach the chambers.” Pelosi “UNILATERALLY UNDER EMERGENCY RULES, suspended the business of the congress.” Moments later “key people: Pence, Pelosi, Schumer, McConnell can be seen being walked out and escorted from the chamber. This effectively halted the Entire Chamber Process.”

When reconvened later that evening Speaker Pelosi “initiated the NEW sessions under special emergency rules. These rules abandon and make it clear that the ONLY purpose of the new session was to EXPEDITE the certification and dismiss all prior regular session procedural rules.” Also, “members were allowed to ‘vote’ in proxy, remotely, not being present.” Also, “clearly, it was at THIS NEW SESSION that VP Pence, President of Congress, would also have no ability to even consider pausing the electoral certification, because there were no motions of disagreements on the matter. The motions were never allowed to be floored in the re-convened house rules later that evening.” BINGO a successful overthrow of the United States government via an election and Nancy Pelosi. Can we please subpoena her emails?

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# Construction Company Owner Sentenced to Prison

## FBI News Release

WASHINGTON, DC (MPG) - A construction company owner in California was sentenced to 78 months’ imprisonment and ordered to pay \$984,699 in restitution for his role in a bid-rigging and bribery scheme involving California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) improvement and repair contracts.

According to a guilty plea entered on Nov. 14, 2022, in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California in Sacramento, Bill R. Miller engaged in a conspiracy from April 2015 through as late as December 2019. As part of the conspiracy, Miller recruited others to submit sham bids on Caltrans contracts, including co-conspirator William D. Opp, a former business partner who pleaded guilty in the case on Oct. 3, 2022.

In addition to pleading guilty to bid rigging, Miller also pleaded guilty to paying bribes to Choon Foo “Keith” Yong, the former Caltrans contract manager who managed the contracts involved on behalf of Caltrans, a California state agency that receives significant federal funding. On April 11, 2022, Yong pleaded guilty for his role in the bid-rigging and bribery scheme. According to Yong’s plea agreement, Yong received the bribes in the form of cash payments, wine, furniture and

remodeling services on his home. The total value of the bribes that Miller paid to Yong was nearly \$1 million. Miller is the first defendant to be sentenced in the case.

“This sentence sends a strong message that criminals who corrupt the competitive bidding process will face stern consequences,” said Assistant Attorney General Jonathan Kanter of the Justice Department’s Antitrust Division. “Protecting infrastructure spending and taxpayer dollars remains a top priority for the Antitrust Division and our Procurement Collusion Strike Force partners.”

“A lengthy investigation and a series of guilty pleas has led to the sentencing today for a bid-rigging and bribery conspiracy,” said U.S. Attorney Phillip A. Talbert for the Eastern District of California. “But our work is not done. Anticompetitive practices harm taxpayers and legitimate businesses alike. My office will continue to investigate and prosecute such conduct.”

“Fair and free competition is essential to ensure taxpayer money is only obligated and spent on essential services and contracts,” said Special Agent in Charge Sean Ragan of the FBI Sacramento Field Office. “The FBI is committed to working with our partners to investigate such allegations, and bringing to justice those

who conspire to enrich themselves by cheating the American public as a whole. We hope this sentence serves as ample warning to anyone contemplating a scheme to falsely influence a government bidding process for personal gain.”

Today’s sentencing is the result of a joint investigation that was conducted by the Antitrust Division’s San Francisco office, the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District of California, and the FBI’s Sacramento Division as part of the Justice Department’s Procurement Collusion Strike Force (PCSF). Trial Attorneys Christopher J. Carlberg and Tai S. Milder and Assistant U.S. Attorney Lee S. Bickley prosecuted the case.

In November 2019, the Department of Justice created the Procurement Collusion Strike Force, a joint law enforcement effort to combat antitrust crimes and related fraudulent schemes that impact government procurement, grant, and program funding at all levels of government — federal, state and local. To contact the Procurement Collusion Strike Force, or to report information on market allocation, price fixing, bid rigging and other anticompetitive conduct related to construction or infrastructure, go to <https://www.justice.gov/procurement-collusion-strike-force> ★

# Big Problems for California’s Income-Based Utility Rates

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Last week the Globe reported that Southern California Edison, Pacific Gas & Electric and San Diego Gas & Electric had just filed a proposal to create income-based utility billing.

Currently, utility bills are based on electricity and gas consumption. The utility companies are now proposing income-based utility billing so that higher-income earners pay for more than they use, subsidizing the rates for lower income customers.

This outrageous proposal isn’t the only of its kind. The Biden Administration is proposing a tax (penalty) for having good credit. Mortgage borrowers with good credit will pay higher fees so borrowers with lower credit scores can get loans.

We reported on a 2021 report from the University of California at Berkeley recommending that the state link California’s highest-in-the-nation electricity bills to customer incomes – ie. your ability to pay.

Authors Severin Borenstein (an economist), Meredith Fowle, and Jim Sallee of the UC Berkeley and the Energy Institute at Haas admit that California’s electricity rates are so high, lower-income households pay a larger share of their income on electricity.

Rather than using all available energy sources to create energy abundance, the Berkeley report proposes “cutting back on the volumetric per-kilowatt-hour charges on customers’ bills and recovering the missing money through constructs tied to customers’ income.”

And the Legislature and Governor approved this scheme through AB 205, which was signed by Gov. Gavin Newsom in June of last year claiming it was needed because the wild swings in utility prices that California experiences.

California has the highest electricity rates in the country. “Those costs could rise even faster over the next decade, as utilities harden their grids against wildfires, grow their share of net-metered rooftop solar and add other costs that will be passed through to utility customers,” Next 10 reported over two years ago.

Since we reported last week, many have recognized “the state’s perpetual march toward a collectivist state,” as Jon Coupal just reported.

Coupal, President of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, explains AB 205 is even worse because the bill “bypassed many of the normal procedures for enacting legislation. It did this because it was a so-called ‘budget

trailer bill.’”

“While the ‘budget bill’ is constitutionally mandated to be enacted by June 15, it only passes by that date for one reason — so the legislators can continue to receive their paychecks.”

“Moreover, after the enactment of the budget, there are so-called ‘junior budget bills’ amending the fake June 15th budget as well as last-minute ‘budget trailer bills’ directing the spending of billions in ways that the budget bill itself did not direct.”

“AB 205, the ‘energy trailer bill,’ received scant public attention and no meaningful public hearings were held. But its impacts are profound, and not in a good way.”

Is this new utility charge a tax or fee?

Coupal explains: “Trying to shoehorn an income component into utility rates converts ‘ratepayers’ into ‘taxpayers,’ and Californians have had their fill of high taxes.”

The difference between a tax and a fee is more than semantics.

Taxes are imposed for generalized government services like education, public safety, transportation, and even for a reasonable safety net for the less fortunate.

But a “fee” or “charge” has always correlated to the receipt of a specific service.

There is some good news in the face of California’s race to Marxism. Coupal explains:

“A coalition of taxpayer and business organizations have already qualified the Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act (TPA) for the 2024 ballot. Among its many provisions is not only further clarification of what a ‘tax’ is but also a provision that requires any tax to be approved by a legislative body rather than some administrative agency or other authority not directly accountable to voters.”

California’s politicians and unelected agency leaders are limiting energy sources rather than using an all-of-the-above approach to energy production in California: Oil, gas, coal, nuclear, hydroelectric, solar and wind.

If all we are allowed to use is renewable energy for electricity production – a deliberate energy shortage – statewide shortages and rolling blackouts inevitably become the new California normal. “We are being conditioned to accept this as normal by some very evil leaders,” we said. Fortunately, Jon Coupal says “this battle on behalf of California’s beleaguered taxpayers and ratepayers is not over.” ★

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# Social Security Matters

## About Social Security Benefits for My Minor Children



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

**Dear Rusty:** I will be 62 in 2024 and am considering starting benefits at that time. I will have two children under the age of 18. One of them will be 10 and the other 15. Will they be able to draw benefits in addition to my benefits? **Signed: Father of Two**

**Dear Father of Two:** Yes, if you claim your Social Security retirement benefits at 62, your minor children will be able to get benefits from you until they are 18 years old (or up to 19 if still in high school). You will likely be designated as Representative Payee for those benefits and will be obligated to use them only for your children's behalf (which could include simply saving the money for their future). But there's more to consider.

Normally, a minor child is eligible for 50% of the parent's full retirement age (FRA) entitlement (even if you claim at 62), but Social Security's Family Maximum will likely restrict each child's benefit to make it less than 50%. Then, once the 15 year old ages-out of eligibility at 18 (or 19), the younger child's benefit will increase to the full

50% of your FRA amount. That is - unless you are married and your wife will also be collecting a spousal benefit on your record. In that case the Family Maximum will limit payments for all of the dependents receiving payments based on your SS record (both your children and your wife). Generally, the Family Maximum is between 150% and 188% of your FRA entitlement, from which your own FRA entitlement is subtracted, leaving 50% to 88% of the Family Maximum for your dependents.

It's important to remember that by claiming your own SS retirement benefit at age 62 your monthly payment will be cut by 30% (you'll get 70% of your FRA entitlement), and that is a permanent reduction. So, you may wish to evaluate whether the money your children will get until they are 18 will offset the lifetime reduction to your own benefit payment. Your life expectancy is important when making that decision, and if you wish to estimate your potential longevity I suggest using this tool: <https://socialsecurityreport.org/tools/life-expectancy-calculator/>.

It's also important to remember that claiming benefits before your full retirement age will mean that, if you work, you'll be subject to Social Security's "earnings test" which limits how much you can earn before some of your benefits are taken away. The earnings limit changes annually (it's \$21,240 for 2023) and, if the limit is exceeded, SS will withhold \$1 in benefits for every \$2 you are

over the limit. They will withhold future benefits to recover anything you owe for exceeding the earnings limit and, if your benefits are withheld for this reason, your dependents' benefits will also be withheld for those same months. So, your plans for working should be weighed carefully in deciding whether to claim your Social Security benefits early.

To summarize: If you won't work full time after age 62 and you're comfortable with 70% of your FRA benefit entitlement for the rest of your life, then claiming at 62 will also entitle your children (and possibly your wife) to dependent benefits (restricted by the Family Maximum). But, if you continue to work full time, Social Security's earnings test will likely mean neither you nor your dependents can receive full Social Security benefits at this time. And for clarity, the earnings limit no longer applies after you reach your full retirement age.

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# How Proposed Changes to Ballot Measures Could Affect Election Results



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

When Major League Baseball opened its 2023 season this month, players and managers had to contend with a raft of new rules, including time limits on pitchers and batters and limits on bunching infielders on one side of the diamond.

Whether the new rules speed up the games, as intended, is still uncertain, but it is certain that they will affect outcomes to some unknown extent. Changing the rules of any game changes outcomes, and what's true in sports is also true of politics.

The most obvious example of how changing rules affects outcomes is redistricting - the redrawing of legislative and congressional districts after each decennial census. Republicans hold a majority in Congress largely because GOP-controlled state legislatures redrew congressional districts to give the party more opportunities to win seats. For decades, Democrats have done the same thing when they had the chance.

This year's session of the California Legislature includes three major efforts to change rules governing ballot measures, all of which could affect outcomes.

One of them, Senate Bill 858 - and a

companion measure, Senate Constitutional Amendment 3 - is the latest of many attempts to remove the attorney general's authority to write the official titles for statewide ballot measures. Introduced by Sen. Roger Niello, a Republican from the Sacramento suburbs, the two measures would give the task to the Legislature's budget analyst, who already provides the fiscal analysis of proposed measures.

It's a change that should be made because recent attorneys general, all Democrats, have blatantly skewed official titles, with positive slants for liberal measures such as tax increases and negative ones for proposals of conservative groups. Judges have occasionally intervened in extreme cases, but generally defer to the attorney general.

Not surprisingly, those on the left want to maintain the status quo so Niello's two-bill package is likely to join other proposed reforms in the legislative trash pile.

The other two efforts to change the rules governing ballot measures come from Democrats and thus are more likely to be enacted.

One, by Sen. Scott Wiener, a San Francisco Democrat, would as originally introduced and approved by a Senate committee would have undone two genuine ballot measure reforms that the Legislature passed and former Gov. Jerry Brown signed less than a decade ago. They require local tax and bond ballot measures to clearly state their financial impacts in the 75-word summaries that appear on the ballot and prohibit authorities from using summaries to extol the proposals' virtues.

Local government officials hate the reforms because giving voters unvarnished facts might make them less likely to pass such measures. Originally, Wiener's Senate Bill 532 would have shifted the financial data to the voters' pamphlet, thus freeing officials to once again use ballot summaries for propaganda.

Late last week, however, Wiener toned down the measure, retaining the requirement to explain tax consequences in ballot measure summaries, but allowing that information to appear without counting against the 75-word limit on summaries.

Finally, there's Assembly Bill 421, carried by Assemblyman Isaac Bryan, a Democrat from Culver City, at the behest of unions and other liberal organizations.

As the Legislature turned to the left in recent years and enacted many new business regulations, those impacted by the new laws have increasingly turned to the ballot to thwart them. AB 421 is clearly aimed at making it much more difficult - or even impossible - for business groups to overturn laws via ballot measures, either referenda or initiatives, by imposing very tight new rules on qualifying them for the ballot.

AB 421 is likely to win legislative approval, but its ultimate fate is in doubt. Both Gov. Gavin Newsom and his predecessor vetoed similar proposals in the past.

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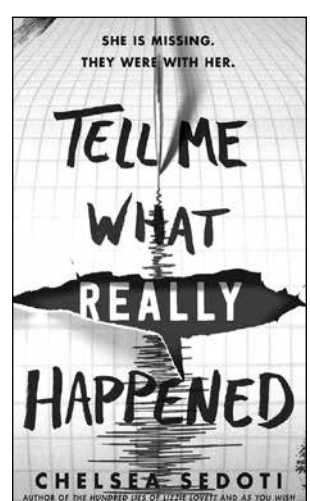
## Tell Me What Really Happened

by Chelsea Sedoti

Five teens went into the woods camping, but only four came out. Salvation Creek has its own stories and legends, and they were usually about people who have gone missing, but neither Nolan, John, Maylee, Abigail, or Petra cared. They were out for a fun weekend camping, making smores, and getting away from their parents, confident that nothing bad would happen.

Then Maylee disappears in the dead of night, and suddenly, it's a scramble to find her. After hours of searching, the dark start to play their tricks; Petra, John, Nolan and John succumb to their fear and seek help. Now, the four remaining friends are all under suspicion. Who is telling the truth, who has something to hide, and what really happened in the woods?

Now, as each of them sit in the police interrogation room it's time for their stories to unfold. But it quickly becomes apparent that each of them has their secrets and someone is not telling the truth. Nolan, haunted by his childhood trauma, knows that Bigfoot is real and



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even has eyewitness accounts, and tonight he is about to see him again. John, Maylee's boyfriend, and the only one in the group to ask for a lawyer, is still recovered from the accident that changed his life. Is he the one hiding something? Abigail has her own history with Maylee, one she can't forget and the only reason she joined the trip, but no one knows their past or the secrets they shared. Petra is the only one that believes Maylee is still alive and will stop at nothing to find her. All four friends have their secrets, but is one of them a killer?

Tell Me What Really

Happened will have readers guessing after every page. A mystery told in four different voices, all with individual accounts of what really happened. Chelsea Sedoti has the ability to keep her readers hooked until the very last page as the truth becomes harder to decipher with four different versions of the night. Yet the truth gets even murkier when secrets and hidden agendas start to surface. Could this be the work of a stalker in the woods, the act of Bigfoot, and why did Maylee set up this last-minute camping trip? The truth is out there, but it will take all four stories to get there.

Tell Me What Really Happened opens the door to a situation of truth versus reality, fear versus the mind, and the desire to be seen against the impact of social media. While each of these five teenagers believes they are in control of their own story, they will each have to battle their monsters in order for the truth to surface. A fast-paced story that is as entertaining as it is profound. The perfect mystery to take on any trip or stash away for summer reading. ★

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# Two Midweek Certified Farmers Markets Debut this Week

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Two Downtown Sacramento Certified Farmers' Markets returned to the grid beginning on Wednesday, May 3 and Thursday, May 4, 2023. Downtown visitors, residents and workers can select hot lunch options from an array of Sacramento's fresh food vendors while also picking up their weekly groceries supplied by local farmers on Capitol Mall on Wednesdays and in Cesar Chavez Plaza on Thursdays.

"As the Farm-to-Fork capital, it's great to provide an outdoor grocery store on the main street of California's state capital, as well as a historical city center," says Michael Ault, executive director of the Downtown Sacramento Partnership. "Just as residential buildings are adding amenities for their residents, it's equally important for us to add amenities for our community in the public space, and our summer activations do exactly that. We're proud to shorten the supply chain and create a space that connects people with farmers and growers while meeting the needs of a community hungry for fresh choices."

Downtown Sacramento's midweek Certified Farmers' Market returns to Capitol Mall on Wednesdays for another season. Including a growing selection of famers to accommodate the shifting

growing season, downtown workers, residents, and visitors are welcome to stroll up and down Capitol Mall to buy their weekly, locally sourced groceries, baked goods, fresh flowers and more, and end their experience with dining "Al Fresco" from an array of hot food vendors and food trucks from Sacramento's favorites.

Returning to the weekly market is the convenient and popular Chefs' Priority Pick-Up, a program that directly connects farmers to chefs, bringing new farmers to meet the needs of local restaurants and businesses. Chefs have a priority hour from 9 to 10 a.m. and Downtown Sacramento Partnership will provide chefs with carts to assist with shopping.

Customers shopping with a CalFresh/EBT card or Pandemic EBT card can use their benefits at the Capitol Mall Farmers' Market or Bodega Days Farmers' Market thanks to Alchemist CDC. Customers are encouraged to visit the CalFresh booth before they shop, deduct whatever amount they would like to spend from their card, and it will be given back to them in \$1 vouchers that are valid on all eligible items with participating vendors. Customers can also earn up to \$10 free dollars in Market Match for fresh produce.

In proud partnership with La Cosecha, Bodega Days at Cesar Chavez Plaza returns bigger and better than ever as a Certified Farmers

Market on Thursdays. Set under the new lights being strung throughout the plaza, paired with the incoming semi-permanent seating infrastructure, this activation is perfect for increasing social connection downtown and enhancing community. Plus, upbeat live music will add extra energy and vibrancy to the plaza, and the new culinary activation will be highlighted by local artists and makers, farmers offering fresh fruits, vegetables, and flowers plus local vendors offering hot lunches, foods, and beverages.

**Downtown Farmers Markets Schedule:**

**Capitol Mall Farmers Market** – Wednesdays: 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. May 3 to Sept. 27 at the Capitol Mall (6th Street & Capitol Mall); **Bodega Days at Cesar Chavez Plaza** – Thursdays: 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. May 4 to Sept. 28 at Cesar Chavez Plaza (9th & J Streets)

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*Non-profit HomeShare American River Celebrates Dozens of Happy Housemates*



Two years in, HomeShare American River is proven as a powerful, versatile tool to unlock rental income and affordable housing. Left to right: Lynn Nelson, Rev. Virgil Nelson, Sofia de Melo, Justin Ellerby, Tara Benavides, Steve Davis. Photo courtesy of HomeShare American River.

**HomeShare American River News Release**

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - In July 2021, interfaith non-profit Placer People of Faith Together (ppoft.org) launched a powerful, versatile tool to unlock both rental income and naturally-affordable housing throughout the Greater Sacramento live-work area. More than 50 such non-profit supported homesharing programs have been valuably serving their communities throughout the US, some for as long as 50 years. But there was no such service in our region until PPOFT decided to start HomeShare American River.

Almost two years later, non-profit housemate-matching and -support service HomeShare American River (HSAR) has matched up dozens of happy housemates across the region into safe, fair, valuable, and durable arrangements. HSAR makes matches in homes (whether owned or rented) located within an hour's drive of Roseville, including Nevada City, Placerville,

Lodi, Dixon, Yuba City, and Marysville. HSAR provides help for potential "Hosts" and "Guests" throughout the entire arrangement: screening, matchmaking (including facilitating exchanges of household services for lowered rent), and active support/trouble-



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shooting. And while Hosts set the rents they charge, HSAR doesn't charge them or their Guests anything for its service, including the background checks. Instead, HSAR is entirely funded by the Agency on Aging/Area 4 and a generous private donor, meaning that HSAR is beholden to neither Host nor Guest... just to its social mission to serve both of them equally for as long as they live together.

Since launching, HSAR has made 24 matches from Nevada City to Elk Grove. Matched Hosts and Guests vary widely in age (22-84), rents paid (\$550-900, including utilities), income, and walks of life, but all have the most important thing in common: they make "great neighbors down the hall" to each other. And that also means HSAR has effectively created many new units of housing, without hammering a single nail!

As Executive Director and Co-Founder Justin Ellerby says, "Two things tell me that this service can make a dent in a lot of big problems. One: The gratitude and relief I hear from our happily-matched clients. Two: Almost everyone I tell about this service reacts with almost the exact same words: 'This is SO needed!'"

Potential Hosts and Guests can learn more about HSAR at [homeshareamericanriver.org](http://homeshareamericanriver.org)/apply or by calling (916) 360-0074. Partners and supporters will find much more information at [homeshareamericanriver.org/collaborate](http://homeshareamericanriver.org/collaborate). ★

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