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## Woman of The Year!



Vice Mayor Quirina Orozco with Assemblymember Cecilia Aguiar-Curry after being awarded Woman of the Year on Saturday March 20, 2023. Photo by Michele Townsend

By Michele Townsend

**WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - In honor of Women's History Month, the California State Assembly recognized women from each Assembly District on Monday, March 20, 2023. Each Assemblymember chose a woman within their district whom they deemed Woman of the Year. In District 4 (our district), Assembly Member Cecilia Aguiar-Curry awarded that honor to our very own West Sacramento Vice Mayor, Quirina Orozco.

Assemblywoman Aguiar-Curry requested the following statement be included:

"Quirina Orozco has been a force in the Sacramento region as a woman in politics we can all look up to. Not only is she a City Councilmember, but her work has been consistently fighting and uplifting others. Orozco is a proven community leader.

Earning a Bachelor's degree from UC Berkeley, a Master's in Public Policy from Harvard, and her Law Degree from UC Berkeley Law, education and advancing herself has been a clear priority for Orozco. She has used that experience to help some of the most vulnerable people.

She began her career as a prosecutor for the Sacramento County

District Attorney's Office in 2005. Assigned to the Special Assault & Child Abuse team, she handles the prosecution of crimes involving the abuse of children.

Committing herself to her community, she has been Past Chair of the Executive Board of the Yolo County Children's Alliance (YCCA), the founder of West Sac Kids Give Back, and helped the development of the City's Disney KaBOOM Park in the Bryte and Broderick neighborhoods.

In addition to that, Orozco is a senior fellow of the American Leadership Forum Mountain Valley Chapter, an active member of the

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## Failed Silicon Valley Bank, the Newsoms, and Connected Friends

By Katy Grimes, CaliforniaGlobe.com

The Silicon Valley Bank failure and shut-down is because of "idiot bank management under an incompetent board," according to Shark Tank star Kevin O'Leary.

"O'Leary joined Fox News hosts Bill Hemmer and Dana Perino on Tuesday to discuss the Silicon Valley Bank failure and the announcement that deposits would be protected," Mediaite reported. "President Joe Biden announced this week that people's 'deposits are safe.'"

"O'Leary blasted the plan, arguing it will simply provide a safety net for mismanagement. The Shark Tank star argued Silicon Valley Bank collapsed because of 'idiot management,' as opposed to a regulatory issue. 'Idiot' managers, he said, are now free to behave more irresponsibly."

It appears there are plenty of idiots and incompetents involved in the bank, focused on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion loan and investment goals, rather than responsible financial outcomes.

But the bailout/cover up may be more of the story in the long run – as in *Why did Janet Yellen, Secretary of the Treasury in the the Biden administration state last Friday that there would be no bailouts*, and by Sunday, the President effectively said there would in fact be a bailout and depositors would be made whole.

What changed in 48 hours?

For one thing, pure panic in the Silicon Valley Democrat donor base. And as likely is pure panic from California's governor and the "First Partner."

As the Globe reported Sunday:

"California Governor Gavin Newsom issued a statement Saturday morning in response to the appointment of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) as receiver of Silicon Valley Bank:

"Over the last 48 hours, I have been in touch with the highest levels of leadership at the White House and Treasury. Everyone is working with FDIC to

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## Celebrate Earth Day this Spring!

*Learn about Conservationism and Be Part of the Solution!*



Earth Day is the perfect celebration to accompany Easter egg hunts. Photo courtesy of Professional Events

By Jeni Tickler-Threadgill, Professional Events

**WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Join the City of

West Sacramento as it celebrates Earth Day and Spring on April 8, 2023, at Bryte Park from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Learn about conservation while

enjoying music, food, shopping, and interactive activities at one of West Sacramento's featured City parks. This free, family event will have fun

and activities for all ages, ideas and resources for living more sustainably, unique craft items from local artisans and flavorful

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# Sky River Casino and River Cats Partner for 2023 Season

**River Cats News Release**

**WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - The Sacramento River Cats and Sky River Casino are excited to jointly announce their multi-year partnership for the naming rights of Sutter Health Park's Solon Club, the semi exclusive club area along the right-field line.

"Sky River Casino is an organization much like the River Cats who prides itself on community outreach, its members, and supporting the greater Sacramento region", said Sacramento River Cats

President and COO, Chip Maxson. "We are very excited about our new partnership with Sky River Casino as we team up to support our community and bring fun and excitement to River Cats fans."

The Solon Club, a name inspired by the former club that played in Sacramento until 1976, is the perfect place to enjoy a baseball game, the beautiful city skyline, and intimate cocktail parties.

"We're thrilled to partner with the Sacramento River Cats and join the community in celebrating America's love

for baseball," said Sky River Casino's President and Chief Operating Officer Chris Gibase. "It is especially fitting for Sky River to align with the Solon Club that showcases the rich history of baseball that brings so many Northern Californians together to enjoy our national pastime."

Aside from branding the Sky River Casino Solon Club, the River Cats and Sky River Casino will also focus on a handful of prize opportunities through Fan Compass, an enter-to-win sweepstakes platform. ★

# Yolo DA Recognizes Crime Victims' Rights Week in April

**Yolo County District Attorney Press Release**

**WOODLAND, CA (MPG)** - The Yolo County District Attorney's Office will honor crime victims during the 2023 National Crime Victims' Rights Week with the 17th Annual Crime Victims' Tribute.

This year's theme is "Elevate. Engage. Effect Change," and crime victims will be recognized during the week of April 23-29, 2023. Yolo County Victim Services Division will emphasize the importance of giving survivors and their families a voice, and continuing to educate individuals, service providers, and communities to respond to crime and support the ongoing healing process of victims and survivors.

National Crime Victims' Rights Week is an opportunity to renew our commitment to underserved crime victims, to create and establish partnerships, to enhance services and offerings from local providers, and to ensure

that all victims of crime receive the necessary support to address their victimization and begin the healing process on their own terms.

As a community, we are all affected when our family, friends, neighbors, coworkers, and acquaintances are victims of crime. We also have an obligation to bring our voices together and speak for those who are vulnerable and those whose voices are weak due to being at different stages of healing from victimization. Victim Services Program Manager, Laura Valdes, stated that "It is a call of duty for all of us. The Yolo County District Attorney's Office always looks for innovative ways to continue to assist victims to become survivors. Our latest effort is the creation of 'HEAR US YOLO,' a group of survivors who provide a strong voice when it comes to victim issues. Survivors speak from experience and 'Elevate. Engage. Effect Change'."

Yolo County Victim

Services will begin National Crime Victims' Rights Week with their annual Crime Victims' Tribute, which honors Yolo County crime victim survivors, their families and those that advocate on their behalf. The event will be held on April 25, 2023, from 12-1 p.m., at the Woodland Opera House, located at 340 Second Street, in Woodland.


The entire community is invited to the event to join us as we pay tribute to individuals who are part of our strong community, not only as victims but as survivors. For additional information about the 2023 National Crime Victims' Rights Week and how to help crime victims in your community, please contact Yolo County Victim Services at (530) 666-8187 or visit [www.yoloda.org](http://www.yoloda.org). If you are a Yolo County crime victim, interested in becoming a voice for "HEAR US YOLO," please visit our webpage for more information: <https://yoloda.org/hear-us-yolo>. ★

MEMORIAL

JIM PARRISH • 9/18/1933 – 2/28/2023

Jim Parrish was born on September 18, 1933, and passed away on February 28, 2023.

Jim spent his entire adult life as a West Sacramento resident. Through his working life he owned and operated several service stations, worked for Ramos Oil and eventually moved to servicing vehicles. Through his work and his support of community, Jim was very well known throughout town. A real man's man, Jim would go almost every day to meet his friends. Jim was known to be a very good,



about a year ago and the family is taking comfort that they are together now. Jim and Jeanette also have five grandchildren – Constance, Keith Jr., James, Mary and Jennifer. They also have seven great grandchildren and 11 great-great grandchildren.

Jim's funeral service is scheduled for March 30 at 2 p.m. at the River City Funeral Home, 910 Soule Street. A wake party will be held for him immediately following at the West Sacramento VFW, located directly across the street from the funeral home.

down-to-earth man who always told the truth, even when it hurt.


Jim was married to the love of his life, Jeanette, for 71 years. They had three children – Connie, Jimmy Jr. and Danny. The couple suffered the loss of their son Danny

MEMORIAL

NANCY CAUDLE • 7/4/1939 – 3/4/2023

Nancy Caudle passed away at home on March 4 after a long illness that she courageously battled for the past six years.

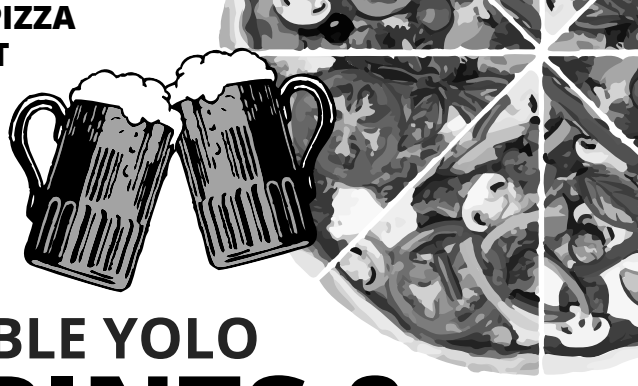
Nancy taught elementary school for the Washington Unified School District for 38 years at Elkhorn Village Elementary School. She taught 5th grade her first year and then taught kindergarten for the



remaining 37 years, retiring in 1999. She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Charles, her daughter Terri Dobson (Phillip) and grandchildren Ryan and Sydney Dobson.

Services will be held at Trinity Presbyterian Church in West Sacramento on Saturday, April 1 at 11:00 a.m.

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# West Sacramento Deputy Chief of Police to Retire



Deputy Chief Carl Crouch  
WSPD News Release

**WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - After 25 years of service with the West Sacramento Police Department, **Deputy Chief Carl Crouch** is announcing his retirement. Carl's official last day will be May 8th. DC Crouch has served as a patrol officer, FTO, OIC and department trainer. As a Sergeant, he served as a Patrol Sgt., Investigations Sgt, and Administrative Sgt. Upon promoting to Lieutenant, DC Crouch served in Patrol and in Administration. Upon appointment to Deputy Chief, he has assisted our department as we navigated our way through COVID-19 and the past years of uncertainty that have come upon our profession.

In anticipation of the retirement of DC Crouch, an internal recruitment process was conducted to select the next Deputy Chief. **Lieutenant Charles Meeks** has been selected to serve as the next Deputy Chief. Lt. Meeks came to WSPD after his retirement with the Sacramento Sheriff's Department where he served for 23 years and was the Commander in charge of the main jail (the largest division in the department). He was the Commander of the Work Release and Security Services Bureau. Additionally, he was the Assistant Commander of the Central Patrol Division and served as the department's Academy Director. Please join us in congratulating both Deputy Chief Crouch and Lt. Meeks on their next endeavors! ★



Lieutenant Charles Meeks

# Celebrate Earth Day

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creations from local fresh food vendors and the kids will be hunting for 2,500 eggs!

Highlights include: FREE Chando's taco to the first 50 people who arrive to the Info Booth after 10 a.m. - limit 4 tacos per family; first 50 people to visit the River Cats booth & sign-up for the newsletter get a FREE ticket to the April 22 Earth Day Game (max. two per fan); arts and crafts for the kids; meet non-releasable Birds of Prey Ambassadors from Hawks, Honkers & Hoots; great food provided Chando's Taco; and a free raffle with great prizes like 4 tickets to Drake's: The Barn 4th of July Event!



Learning is one of the most fun activities kids can partake of on Earth Day. Photo courtesy of Professional Events

Make sure to bring the kids for the Egg Hunt! 10:30 a.m., ages 4 & under; 11:00 a.m., ages 5-7; and 11:30 a.m., ages 8-12.

Ride your bike to the event and park for free with the Bike Valet. Get

to the event by carpool, JUMP or Via Rideshare. Use Via Rideshare for \$1 to and from the Event. Details at <https://recyclingfun.org/>

Bryte Park is located at 1225 Carrie Street, West Sacramento. ★

# Failed Silicon Valley Bank and Newsom

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stabilize the situation as quickly as possible, to protect jobs, people's livelihoods, and the entire innovation ecosystem that has served as a tent pole for our economy."

The Intercept just reported Tuesday Gov. Gavin Newsom failed to mention that President Biden's announcement also protected his own businesses in Silicon Valley Bank."CADE, Odette, and PlumpJack, three wineries owned by Newsom, are listed as clients of SVB on the bank's website. Newsom also maintained personal accounts at SVB for years, according to a longtime former employee of Newsom's who handled his finances, and who requested anonymity to avoid professional reprisal."

Newsom also neglected to say that he and the First Partner have even deeper ties with Silicon Valley Bank – Silicon Valley Bank President of Capital John China gave \$100,000 "Behested" gift to the Newsom's nonprofit, California Partners Project, Open the Books discovered, the Globe reported.

Notably, a 2019 IRS Form 990 for Newsom's California Partner Project reports only \$50k in total gross receipts. This seems inaccurate given the new information of Newsom's behested payments. The Globe did not find any record of 2020-2021 IRS Form 990 filings on the IRS website, but did find IRS Form 990 filings with the California Office of the Attorney General Charities registry. ★

# Illegal Cannabis Cultivation Operation Shut Down

Yolo County News Release

**WOODLAND, CA (MPG)** - On March 15, the Yolo County Cannabis Unit shut down an illegal cannabis cultivation operation in Guinda.

In collaboration with the Yolo County Sheriff's Office, Code Enforcement and the Building Division, an inspection warrant was served to a property located on State Highway 16 in the Capay Valley community of Guinda to inspect a building suspected of illegally growing cannabis. The inspection confirmed an illegal cannabis grow operation on the property with over 1,000 plants in varying stages of growth.

In addition to finding the illegal cannabis grow, multiple building code violations were observed involving electrical, plumbing, fire, mechanical, accessibility and occupancy. Code Enforcement has yellow-tagged the building (notice of an unsafe building) for an electrical hazard and PG&E has been asked to cut power to the building.

This was the first inspection warrant issued under the Cannabis Unit's new illegal cannabis abatement program.

A Notice of Violation has been issued to the property owner to bring the building up to current code and to cease the illegal cannabis operation. For each day that the property is in violation, penalties will be assessed up to \$10,000 per day for the unlicensed cultivation and up to \$1,000 per day for each building code violation.

"I am proud of the work that the Cannabis Unit has done to develop and implement an illegal cannabis abatement program," said Interim Community Services Director Leslie Lindbo. "It is important that we work to eliminate these illegal operations for both the safety of the public and in fairness to our licensed cannabis cultivation operators who are being undercut by the illicit cannabis market. I want to thank all our partners in the Cannabis Unit, Building Division, Code Enforcement and the Sheriff's Office who were key in making this operation a success." ★

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- Free raffle with great prizes like: 4 tickets to **Drake's: The Barn** 4th of July Event
- **Chando's Tacos** Food Truck. FREE Chando's taco voucher to the first 50 people who arrive to the Info Booth after 10:00am. Limit 4 vouchers per family.
- Meet non-releasable Birds of Prey Ambassadors from Hawks, Honkers & Hoots
- Music and fun activities for all ages
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# West Sacramento News Briefs

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## Lower Energy Bills

Three recent developments will help lower your natural gas bill by as much as 75 percent in March, on average, compared to February: Market prices for natural gas have dropped significantly; PG&E is applying the state's annual April Climate Credit one month early; And, you'll use less natural gas as colder temperatures moderate.

After three months of higher-than-normal gas market prices driving up bills, we're hoping this news will bring some relief. Your bill for April might be higher than March because the Climate Credit is being applied one month earlier than usual. However, your gas bill should decrease during spring and summer as you use less gas for heating.

PG&E does not control the market prices for gas and electricity and does not mark up the cost of gas and electricity that it purchases on behalf of customers. We're still working to keep bills as low as possible today, and to stabilize bills for the long term.

## National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week - Awareness is the first step!

This is the perfect time to share the facts about drugs and alcohol with kids and start the conversation about the science of drug use and addiction. Natural High is an organization that is here to make sure you have the resources you need to support the kids in your life. It's important for kids to learn the facts about fentanyl and fake prescription pills, so they've created two free, easy-to-use lessons. It takes just 30 minutes to share this information and potentially save a life. Every kid needs to have a discussion with a caring adult about the dangers of experimenting with substances. Whether you're a parent or an educator, you can have the right conversation to potentially save a kid's life. The Natural High Fentanyl Toolkit has everything you need to protect kids from the dangers of fentanyl. It includes a powerful 6 minute video that can be viewed on their site, YouTube, Vimeo, or downloaded to watch at a later time. It is free. In addition, there is educational material available and a question guide for parents and educators. Please visit [www.natural-high.org/fentanyl2](http://www.natural-high.org/fentanyl2)

## Help Prioritize the City's Age-Friendly Action Plan

As a member of the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities, West Sacramento is committed to make the city more pleasant and livable for seniors.

Our Age-Friendly Action Plan lays out projects to improve quality of life for older residents. We're in the process of updating this plan and need your input!

Are you concerned about housing, transportation, activities, health, or other topics like social inclusion?

Please call our Age-Friendly Survey message line at 916-617-5045 and record your ideas for improvements. Español 916-617-5044; Русский 916-617-5046

## Yolo County Children's Alliance Community Resource Events

2023 has a full schedule of resources, fun, and plenty of ways for our community to get involved!

**Family Fun Night at Bryte Park**, Thursday, May 11; **Backpack & School Supply Giveaway**, Sat. Aug. 5; **Family Fun Barn at the Yolo County Fair**, Aug. 16-20; **Community Giveaway Day**, Sat. Nov. 18; **Holiday Toy Distribution**, Sat. Dec. 16. *All dates are subject to change. Please use YCCA social media channels for the most updated information!*

## Looking to make a positive impact on children and families in Yolo County?

Starting NOW until one-week before an event, we are looking for sponsors, donors, drive-hosters, and volunteers!

Learn more about getting sponsoring as a business, school, or individual through our Resource Event Page!

## YCCA Email Change - Update Your Rolodex!

YCCA is growing our programs and services, and with that comes a few other updates! All YCCA emails have changed to end in @yolokids.org. Previously @yolocounty.org

## Saturday Night Power Outage

Saturday night (March 18th) a power outage hit West Sacramento that left well over 2,739 people in the dark. PG&E worked as quickly as they could but the power was out from 8:28 p.m. until about 10 p.m., even later in some areas. A media spokesman for PG&E said that they don't know what caused the power outage, but it is under investigation. ★

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# Crime Reports

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- 3-01-23 JONATHAN LUGO Arrested for DUI alcohol/refusal to take chemical test and DUI alcohol 0.08%/refusal to take chemical test after Police responded to man sleeping in car. Lugo allegedly admitted to driving there after getting fired and blew a .32% Blood Alcohol.
- 3-07-23 EDDIE AGUILAR Arrested for possession of unlawful paraphernalia, disorderly conduct/loitering on private property, and a bench warrant after allegedly being caught inside of a fenced, posted, construction site without permission.
- 3-07-23 TERRY CHAFIN Arrested for possession of controlled substance and violation of probation of postrelease community supervision.
- 3-09-23 JASON NAMBIAR Arrested for warrant.
- 3-11-23 JOSEPH HERNANDEZ-FLORES Arrested for disorderly conduct/alcohol after Police responded to a call about a fight on Sacramento Ave. after an apparent vehicle collision.
- 3-11-23 MARISSA HERNANDEZ-FLORES Arrested for DUI/alcohol and DUI 0.08%.
- 3-12-23 RAFAEL DACANAY Arrested for violation of parole.
- 3-12-23 SANDI DELMELIS An unsigned Notice to appear was issued for battery.
- 3-13-23 VLADISLAV BARANOVYCH Arrested for taking vehicle without owner's consent/vehicle theft, possession of stolen vehicle, violation of probation of postrelease community supervision.
- 3-13-23 ARON SALINAS Arrested for two felony warrants and three misdemeanor warrants.

## INCIDENT/CRIME REPORTS

- 3-04-23 Suspect threw a rock through victim's vehicle on Longspur Ln. \$1 loss. Vandalism.
- 3-06-23 Unknown suspect cut through a fence on Tradewinds Cir. and punctured a hole in the gas tank and stole gas from a company F150. \$451 loss. Vandalism, Petty theft.
- 3-07-23 An unknown subject broke a window to gain access to a building on Boatman Ave. The subject took the cash register containing approximately \$150. \$200 loss. Burglary.
- 3-09-23 Vehicle Burglary. \$560 loss. Burglary.
- 3-09-23 Unknown subjects forced entry into the business. Subjects seen running from the location. \$900 loss. Burglary.
- 3-09-23 The unknown suspect damaged the washing machine in the hotel. \$1 loss. Vandalism.
- 3-09-23 Unknown suspect pried open a community mailbox and gained access. \$1 loss. Commit Mail Theft.
- 3-09-23 Subject arrested and booked into Yolo County Jail for DUI. Police observed a vehicle traveling the wrong way and conducted a vehicle stop. The driver was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. DUI and DUI 0.08%.
- 3-10-23 Unknown suspect entered the victim's unlocked vehicle on Almond St. and removed property. \$402 loss. Petty theft.
- 3-10-23 Unknown suspect broke into victim's vehicle and stole items. \$3,000 loss. Burglary.
- 3-10-23 Unknown subject broke back passenger window of locked vehicle and took a black backpack, containing a wallet and Apple airpods. \$250 loss. Burglary.
- 3-11-23 Report filed on alleged prowling of Jeremiah Savage. Peek inhabited building with loitering.
- 3-12-23 Vehicle driver side window was smashed in bottom corner and cracked throughout the rest. \$500 loss. Vandalism.
- 3-12-23 Fence was cut and a vehicles battery and gas were stolen. \$200 loss. Burglary.
- 3-13-23 Vehicle was entered by an unknown suspect and was ransacked and a few items were stolen. \$1,100 loss. Burglary.
- 3-13-23 Vehicle Burglary. \$800 loss. Burglary.
- 3-13-23 Front passenger window was destroyed. \$425 loss. Vandalism.
- 3-14-23 Vehicle Vandalism. \$5,000 loss. Vandalism.
- 3-14-23 Grand theft from AM/PM convenience store. 1,000 loss. Grand theft.
- 3-14-23 Unknown suspect burglarized the victim's vehicle. \$1,137 loss. Burglary.
- 3-15-23 Vehicle Burglary. \$2,000 loss. Burglary.

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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
#CV2023-0316
Yury Nikolay Randak has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Yury Nikolay Randak to Yuriel Nicholas Randak.

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#CV2023-463
Florence Marie Ferreira and Carter Alexander Mudd have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Florence Marie Ferreira to Florence Marie Dawson; Carter Alexander Mudd to Carter Alexander Dawson.

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
#CV2023-383
Mohammad Mahdi Mohammad Nader has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Mohammad Mahdi Mohammad Nader to Mahdi Herawi.

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME
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#CV2023-383
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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 4/4/2023 @ 2:00PM: Mary Margaret McBride Furniture, Denise Champagne boxes, Victor Quezada 1 bedroom, boxes, small furniture, Karen

of the decedent.
The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

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.)

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 deceased, 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 del-

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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 Attorney for Petitioner is: Dylan P. Hyatt, The Law Offices of Hassell and Hyatt, PC, 7420 Greenhaven Drive, Suite 115, Sacramento, CA 95831; 916-292-8009

NOTICE OF ORDER FOR PROBATE
ESTATE OF GAIL LYN BLUE CASE NO. PR2023-0011

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of Gail Lyn Blue
An Order for Probate has been entered in the Superior Court of California, County of Yolo, located at 1000 Main Street, Woodland, CA 95695, as follows: Date of hearing: March 22, 2023, Time: 9:00 a.m. Dept.: 11 Judge: Timothy L. Fall
The Court finds: All notices required by law have been given. Decedent died on December 30, 2022, a resident of the California

County named above. Decedent died intestate.

The Court orders: Jason Blue is appointed personal representative administrator and letters shall issue on qualification. Full authority is granted to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. Bond is not required. Marlee C. Anderson is appointed probate referee.

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 personal 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: Soohyun King Garafola King & McCord LLP 7801 Folsom Blvd., Suite 109 Sacramento, CA 95826 916-794-3003 Publish March 10, 17 & 24, 2023 BLUE 3-24-23

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Pre-Bid Meeting: A onsite at 2040 Lake Washington Blvd, West Sacramento Pre-bid meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 21st, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. This is a mandatory pre-bid walk.

- 1. Completion of Work: All work shall be completed within Ninety (90) working days from the date designated on the Notice to Proceed.
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3. Questions: Project-specific questions must be submitted through the City's ProcureNow link at https://secure.procurenow.com/portal/cityofwestsacramento.
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6. Construction License: Bidder must possess a current Class "B" General 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.
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.
9. Award: The award shall be made to the lowest responsible Bidder whose proposal complies with the specified requirements.
10. Rejection of Bids: The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or to waive immaterial irregularities in any bid.

- 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.

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By: Christopher Dority
NAME, Project Manager
Date: March 8, 2023



## Defendant Convicted in Joint Prosecution of Murders in Sacramento/Yolo Counties

### Yolo County DA News Release

**WOODLAND, CA (MPG)** - On March 8, 2023, 29-year-old Sacramento resident, Trevaun Roman Turney, was convicted by a Yolo County jury of the first-degree murder of Maria Aguilera in Sacramento County and the first-degree murder of Colleen Paolinelli in Yolo County. The jury also found true the special circumstance of multiple murders and that Turney has a prior 2013 strike conviction for robbery.

On March 9, 2019, Maria Aguilera, an unhoused woman in the Sacramento area, was found bludgeoned to death and naked from the waist down inside a canvas wagon in Sacramento. Sacramento homicide detectives pursued leads in the case, but a suspect was not identified. On January 19, 2021, another unhoused woman in the Sacramento area, Colleen Paolinelli,

was found bludgeoned to death and naked from the waist down at a bus stop in West Sacramento, in Yolo County. West Sacramento detectives discovered surveillance footage showing an individual stopping at the bus stop on multiple occasions between the time when Ms. Paolinelli was last seen alive and when she was found murdered. It also showed that individual making four striking motions while he was at the bus stop. Although West Sacramento detectives were able to determine a physical description of the individual, a suspect was not identified at that time. On November 16, 2021, Sacramento detectives viewed a West Sacramento Police bulletin seeking to identify Ms. Paolinelli's murderer with physical descriptors and stills taken from surveillance footage. Sacramento detectives immediately recognized the individual as Trevaun Turney.

On November 24, 2021,

Turney was arrested for the murder of Ms. Paolinelli after admitting to West Sacramento detectives that he was the person in the surveillance footage at the scene of Ms. Paolinelli's murder. That same day, Sacramento detectives collected Turney's DNA. The Sacramento County District Attorney's Crime Lab matched Turney's DNA to DNA found on Aguilera's body and on the canvas wagon where her body was discovered. Turney was then arrested for the murder of Ms. Aguilera.

Turney faces a maximum sentence of life in prison without the possibility of parole. On March 29, 2023, a sentencing date will be set by the Honorable Peter Williams.

This case was tried in Yolo County in a joint prosecution by the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office and Yolo County District Attorney's Office. ★

## Woman of The Year!



Left to right: Vice mayor's daughters Erika Orozco, Alexis Orozco, Vice Mayor Quirina Orozco, Assemblywoman Cecilia Aguiar-Curry and vice mayor's husband Jose Orozco celebrate the Woman of the Year 2023 award. Photo by Michele Townsend

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Mighty West Sacramento Rotary Club, and a graduate of the Hispanic Organized for Political Equality (HOPE) Leadership Institute.

As a mother of four, Orozco is a proud West Sacramento Little League and West Sacramento Soccer Club parent and supporter, and she has a proven record of helping the next generation of her community. Being the community

leader she is, Orozco ran and was elected to the West Sacramento City Council in 2016, and was re-elected in 2020. She currently serves as the City's Mayor Pro Tem, Vice Chair of the Sacramento County Regional Sanitation District, member of the Countywide Executive Commission for the Homeless 10-Year Plan, and alternate to the Port Commission.

For these reasons, I am honored to have Quirina

Orozco be Woman of the Year 2023!"

Vice Mayor Orozco simply said, "This award is dedicated to all of our remarkably brilliant and talented young West Sac girls who will soon step up to lead our city forward. Whether it's dominating the softball field, flexing entrepreneurial skills, selling Girl Scout cookies, or volunteering for West Sac Girls Give Back, keep inspiring us to leave our world a better place." ★

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### TRUSTEE SALE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE  
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of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$1,035,631.31 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 beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused a Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. Dated: 03/13/2023 THE MORTGAGE LAW FIRM, PLC The Mortgage Law Firm, PLC. may be attempting to collect a Any information obtained may be used for that purpose. Adriana Durham/Authorized Signature 27368 Via Industria, Ste. 201, Temecula, CA 92590 (619) 465-8200 FOR TRUSTEE'S SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL (800) 280-2832 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 Web site - www.auction.com - for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case: 162558. 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 Web site. 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 for information regarding the trustee's sale, or visit this internet website www.auction.com or https://tracker.auction.com/sb1079/ for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case Ts# 162558 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. A-4777629 03/24/2023, 03/31/2023, 04/07/2023 SL\_629 4-7-23

### TRUSTEE SALE

T.S. No.: 9462-5752 TSG Order No.: 220536959 A.P.N.: 014-343-008-000 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 12/18/2014. 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. NBS Default Services, LLC, as the duly appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded 01/07/2015 as Document No.: 2015-0000336-00, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Yolo County, California, executed by: JAHANGIR KHAN, A MARRIED PERSON, as Trustor, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable in full at time of sale by cash, a cashier's check drawn by 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). All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and state, and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. Sale Date & Time: 04/17/2023 at 1:00 PM Sale Location: At the North Entrance of the West Sacramento City Hall, 1110 W. Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1040 ANNA STREET, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95605 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said 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 said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any,

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## ORDINANCE 23-01

### AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST SACRAMENTO AMENDING REPEALING AND RE-ENACTING MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 5.28 (CANNABIS RETAIL) AND AMENDING TITLE 17 (ZONING) PERTAINING TO RETAIL CANNABIS SALES AND MICROBUSINESSES

**Section 1. Purpose.** The purpose of this Ordinance is to repeal and re-enact Municipal Code Chapter 5.28 (Cannabis Retail) and Amend Title 17 (Zoning) to facilitate retail cannabis sales and microbusinesses.

**Section 2. Amendments.** The following sections of the West Sacramento Municipal Code are hereby amended to read as follows:

#### Chapter 5.28 CANNABIS RETAIL

Sections:

**5.28.010 Purpose and intent.**

**5.28.020 Definitions.**

**5.28.030 City cannabis license required.**

**5.20.040 City cannabis license application.**

**5.28.050 Review of city cannabis license application and appeals.**

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**5.28.028 General conditions for all city cannabis licenses.**

**5.28.090 Conditions for specific city cannabis licenses.**

**5.28.100 Prohibited cannabis uses.**

**5.28.110 Fees.**

**5.28.120 Penalties.**

**5.28.130 Severability – Miscellaneous provisions.**

**5.28.010 Purpose and intent.**

(a) On October 9, 2015, Governor Brown approved a series of bills commonly referred to as the “Medical Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act” (MCRSA), effective January 1, 2016, which created a state licensing and regulatory framework for the cultivation, manufacture, transportation, storage, distribution, and sale of medical cannabis.

(b) In November 2016, California voters approved Proposition 64, known as the “Control, Regulate and Tax Adult Use of Marijuana Act,” referred to as the “Adult Use of Marijuana Act” (AUMA), which legalized, subject to certain restrictions, specified nonmedical or adult cannabis uses for purposes of state law.

(c) Thereafter, the state legislature passed the “Medicinal and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act” (MAUCRSA), which reconciled the differences between MCRSA and AUMA, and created a comprehensive state licensing and regulatory framework for the cultivation, manufacture, transportation, storage, distribution, delivery and sale of both adult and medicinal use of cannabis.

(d) It is the purpose and the intent of the City Council to regulate cannabis businesses consistent with state law and to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of West Sacramento. The regulations in this chapter do not interfere with a qualified patient’s right to obtain and use cannabis as authorized by state law, nor do they criminalize the possession or cultivation of cannabis by certain individuals as allowed under state law.

(e) Cannabis businesses shall comply with all provisions of the West Sacramento Municipal Code, state law, and all other applicable local codes and regulations, including all applicable land use and zoning regulations imposed on cannabis businesses. It is the intent of this chapter neither to condone or legitimize the illegal use or consumption of cannabis under federal, state, or local law, nor to authorize the operation of a legal business in an illegal manner.

(f) It is the purpose and the intent of the City Council to afford opportunities for those parties negatively and disproportionately impacted by the War on Drugs and to advance social equity and opportunity.

**5.28.020 Definitions.**

For purposes of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply:

*Accessory building or structure* see West Sacramento Municipal Code §17.51.

*Adult cannabis use or adult use* means all uses of cannabis and cannabis products by adults 21 years of age and over, also referred to as “recreational” or “personal” cannabis use.

*AUMA* refers to the California State law entitled “Control, Regulate and Tax Adult Use of Marijuana Act of 2016,” also known as Proposition 64, and any regulations promulgated thereunder.

*Buffer area or buffer areas* means the minimum separation distance between a particular commercial cannabis activity or use and a particular “sensitive land use” or activity, e.g., schools, child day care facility, or youth community centers, as designated by state laws or regulations, or as set forth in this chapter and in Title 17 (Zoning). The separation distance shall be the horizontal distance measured in a straight line from the property line of the sensitive use to the closest property line of the lot on which the commercial cannabis activity or use is to be located, without regard to intervening structures (“as the crow flies”).

*Cannabis* includes the term “marijuana” and means all parts of the plant *Cannabis sativa* Linnaeus, *Cannabis indica*, or *Cannabis ruderalis*, whether growing or not; the seeds thereof; the resin, whether crude or purified, extracted from any part of the plant; and every compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of the plant, its seeds, or resin. “Cannabis” also means the separated resin, whether crude or purified, obtained from cannabis. “Cannabis” does not include the mature stalks of the plant, fiber produced from the stalks, oil or cake made from the seeds of the plant, any other compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of the mature stalks (except the resin extracted therefrom), fiber, oil, or cake, or the sterilized seed of the plant which is incapable of germination, as defined by California Business and Professions Code §26001(f), or any successor statute thereto. For this chapter, “cannabis” does not mean “industrial hemp” as defined by §11018.5 of the Health and Safety Code, as that section may be amended or interpreted by the California courts or superseded by any successor statute.

*Cannabis accessories* means any equipment, products, materials or paraphernalia of any kind which are used, intended for use, or designed for use in planting, propagating, cultivating, growing, harvesting, manufacturing, compounding, converting, producing, processing, preparing, testing, analyzing, packaging, repackaging, storing, smoking, vaporizing, or containing cannabis, or for ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise introducing cannabis or cannabis products into the human body, as defined by California Health and Safety Code §11018.2, or any successor statute thereto.

*Cannabis business* means any commercial operation engaged in the lawful sale, manufacture, distribution, processing, cultivation, and/or testing of cannabis and cannabis products.

*Cannabis business owner or owner* means a person who is entitled to a share of at least twenty percent of the profits of the commercial cannabis business, as defined by California Code of Regulations §15003.

*Cannabis product* means marijuana or cannabis that has undergone a process whereby the plant material has been transformed into a concentrate, including, but not limited to, concentrated cannabis, an edible, a topical product containing cannabis, or concentrated cannabis and other ingredients, as defined by Health and Safety Code §11018.1, or any successor statute thereto.

*Cannabis regulation or cannabis regulations* means, collectively, the regulations codified at: California Business and Professions Code §26000 et seq., “Medicinal and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act” (MAUCRSA); California Code of Regulations Title 4, Division 19, Department of Cannabis Control; and any successor regulations thereto. The generic terms “regulations” or “laws” include cannabis regulations.

*CBD* means the compound cannabidiol, as defined by the California Code of Regulations, Title 17, Division 1, Chapter 13, §40100, or any successor statute or regulation thereto.

*Chief of Police* means the City of West Sacramento Chief of Police or designee.

*City approval* means, collectively, any applicable local cannabis license, cannabis permit, stamp, signature, or other notation on approved plans, use permit, minor use permit, administrative permit, zoning clearance, variance, exception, building permit, business or other license, environmental permit, or other applicable entitlement or approval, and compliance with applicable state and local laws and regulations.

*City cannabis license* means a revocable license that is issued by the City Manager for a cannabis business or commercial activity, which is permitted under this chapter and licensed by the state, as identified in California Business Code §26050(a), or any successor statute thereto.

*City Manager* means the City of West Sacramento City Manager or designee.

*Customer* means a natural person 21 years of age or older, a qualified patient, or a primary caregiver, as defined by California Business and Professions Code §26001(n), or any successor statute thereto, or anyone else authorized to purchase cannabis or cannabis accessories under California law.

*Department of Cannabis Control (DCC)* means the lead state agency or successor agency responsible for regulating and licensing commercial medicinal and adult use cannabis in California, which is also responsible for licensing retailers, distributors, testing laboratories, microbusinesses, and temporary cannabis events.

*Delivery* means the commercial transfer of cannabis or cannabis product or products to a customer, and includes the use by a cannabis retailer of any technology platform, as defined by California Business and Professions Code §26001(p), or any successor statute thereto.

*Dispensary.* See “Retailer.”

*Indoor* means any location that is within a fully enclosed nonresidential building or structure, or private residence.

*Industrial hemp* means a crop that is limited to types of the plant *Cannabis sativa* L. having no more than three tenths of one percent tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) contained in the dried flowering tops, whether growing or not; the seeds of the plant; the resin extracted from any part of the plant; and every compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of the plant, its seeds or resin produced therefrom.

*MAUCRSA* means the Medicinal and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (Business and Professions Code §26000 et seq.).

*MCRSA* means the Medical Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act.

*Medicinal cannabis or medical cannabis use* means the use of cannabis for the purposes set forth in the Compassionate Use Act and the Medical Marijuana Program Act, as defined in California Health and Safety Code §11362.5, or any successor statute thereto.

*Microbusiness* means a cannabis business allowed to engage in the cultivation of cannabis on an area less than 10,000 square feet, and to act as a licensed distributor, Level 1 manufacturer (Type 6

license), if duly licensed by the Department of Cannabis Control, as defined by California Business and Professions Code §26070(a)(3)(A), or any successor statute thereto. A microbusiness shall engage in at least three of the following commercial cannabis activities: non-storefront retail, distribution, distribution-transport only, manufacturing, and/or cultivation.

*Minor* means any person who is under 21 years of age.

*Non-storefront retailer* means a cannabis business or commercial activity that is closed to the public and only sells cannabis, cannabis products, and cannabis accessories exclusively through delivery, as defined by California Business and Professions Code §26001(p), or any successor statute thereto.

*Outdoor* means any location within the city that is not within a fully enclosed nonresidential building or structure, or within a private residence.

*Parcel* means any parcel of real property that may be separately sold in compliance with the Subdivision Map Act (California Government Code §66410 et seq.). A parcel may or may not be improved, including but not limited to buildings, structures, and/or private residences.

*Person* includes any individual, firm, entity, co-partnership, joint venture, association, corporation, limited liability company, estate, trust, business trust, receiver, syndicate, or any other group or combination acting as a unit, and the plural as well as the singular, as defined by California Business and Professions Code §26001(an), or any successor statute thereto.

*Primary caregiver*, as defined by California Health and Safety Code §11362.7(d), or successor statute thereto, means an individual, designated by a qualified patient or by the person with an identification card, who has consistently assumed responsibility for the housing, health, or safety of that patient or person, including cases in which a qualified patient or person receives medical care or supportive services, or both, from: (1) a clinic licensed pursuant to Chapter 1 of Division 2 of the Health and Safety Code; (2) a health care facility licensed pursuant to Chapter 2 of Division 2 of the Health and Safety Code; (3) a residential care facility for persons with chronic life-threatening illness licensed pursuant to Chapter 3.01 of Division 2 of the Health and Safety Code; (4) a residential care facility for the elderly licensed pursuant to Chapter 3.2 of Division 2 of the Health and Safety Code; and (5) the delivery, administration or provision of medical cannabis by a designated primary caregiver to the qualified patient of the primary caregiver or the person with an identification card who has designated the individual as a primary caregiver at the primary residence of the qualified patient or person with an identification card who has designated the individual as a primary caregiver.

*Private residence* means a legally permitted house, an apartment unit, a mobile home, an accessory dwelling unit, or other similar dwelling. To the extent allowed by law, a private residence must be currently, presently, and lawfully utilized as the primary dwelling of one or more natural persons.

*Qualified patient* means a patient that uses or ingests cannabis or cannabis products for medical purposes, as defined in California Health and Safety Code §11362.7, or any successor statutes thereto.

*Regulatory approval* means, collectively, any applicable state cannabis license, state or regional environmental permit, laws, rules, regulations, or other applicable entitlement or approval, and compliance with applicable state and local laws and regulations.

*Retailer* means a cannabis business, either “storefront retailer” or “non-storefront retailer,” which provides for the retail sale and/or delivery of cannabis, cannabis products, and cannabis accessories to customers from a physical location from which commercial cannabis activities are conducted, as that term is used in California Business and Professions Code §26070 et seq, or any successor statute thereto.

*Sensitive land use* means a legally established use within the city consisting of (1) a public or private school that provides on-site instruction from transitional kindergarten to grade 12 with an enrollment of at least 100 students; (2) a child day care facility, other than a large or small licensed family day care home, and includes infant centers, preschools, extended day care facilities, and school age child care centers; or (3) a youth community center, which is defined as a public or private facility that is primarily used to host recreational or social activities for minors, including, but not limited to, private youth membership organizations or clubs, social service teenage club facilities, video arcades, or similar amusement park facilities. Youth community center does not include martial arts studios, swim schools, music classes, painting classes, gymnastic studios, theatre companies, birthday party rooms, science and educational facilities, performing arts studios, and tutoring facilities.

*State license* means any license or permit issued by a state agency for a cannabis use, activity or type, as identified in California Business and Professions Code §26050(a), or any successor statute thereto.

*Storefront retailer* means a cannabis business or commercial activity that has premises with direct physical access for the public.

*THC* means the compound 9-tetrahydrocannabinol, as defined by the California Code of Regulations, Title 17, Division 1, Chapter 13, §40100, or any successor statute or regulation thereto.

**5.28.030 City cannabis license required for retail.**

(a) *City cannabis license required.* No retail cannabis business shall be allowed to operate within the city unless the cannabis business first obtains a city cannabis license from the City Manager. The city cannabis license shall be specific to the location where the cannabis business will operate and shall specify the type of commercial cannabis activity. Multiple operating locations for the same cannabis business will require separate city cannabis licenses. In addition, multiple cannabis activities shall require separate city cannabis licenses for each license type, as described in subsection (e) of this section.

(b) *Approvals required prior to commencing operation.* No cannabis business may operate in the city until the business has obtained the following:

- (1) The appropriate land use approval (development agreement, design review, administrative approval, and/or zoning clearance) from the city, including the appropriate environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA);
- (2) The corresponding state license or regulatory approval for the specific cannabis use or activity.
- (3) A city cannabis license from the city.
- (4) A fully executed development agreement if required by the city.

(c) *Revocable license.* Any city cannabis license issued under this chapter is a revocable license; the issuance or granting of a license under this chapter expressly does not constitute or provide for a permanent right or vested land use right to conduct a cannabis business, use, or cannabis commercial activity with the city.

(d) *Types of licenses.* A cannabis business may apply for any of the following city cannabis licenses for cannabis businesses operating within city limits:

- (1) *City cannabis microbusiness license.* A city cannabis microbusiness license is required for a cannabis business that conducts at least three of the following activities: (a) cultivation (indoor only) of cannabis in an area less than 10,000 square feet; (b) distribution; (c) manufacturing; (d) non-storefront retail; and/or (e) distribution-transport only.
- (2) *City cannabis non-storefront retailer license.* A city cannabis non-storefront retailer license is required for a cannabis business or commercial activity which provides for the retail sale of cannabis and cannabis products to customers from a physical location via delivery and is closed to the public.
- (3) *City cannabis storefront retailer license.* A city cannabis storefront retailer license is required for a cannabis business or commercial activity which provides for the retail sale of cannabis and cannabis products to customers from a fixed location with direct physical access for the public and includes delivery (see City cannabis non-storefront retailer license).
- (4) *Equity cannabis applicants.* A person or party may apply for one or more of the above license types as an equity applicant. (Equity program approved through Administrative Regulation by Council resolution).

(e) *Determination of city cannabis license type.* As the state or the Department of Cannabis Control develops additional or amends existing state licenses for cannabis businesses or activities, the City Manager shall have the discretion to issue a city cannabis license to the extent the additional state license businesses or activities are like any of the city cannabis license types approved to be issued by the city.

(f) *Exceptions to city cannabis license requirement.* The following noncommercial activities are allowed and do not require a city cannabis license under this chapter, provided the use or activity does not constitute a commercial cannabis business or activity and complies with state and local laws:

- (1) Possession of not more than 28.5 grams of cannabis not in the form of concentrated cannabis by persons 21 years of age or older for personal consumption.
- (2) Possession of no more than eight grams of cannabis in the form of concentrated cannabis, including as contained in cannabis products, by persons 21 years of age or older for personal consumption.
- (3) Possession, planting, cultivating, harvesting, drying, or processing of not more than six living cannabis plants by persons 21 years of age or older in a private residence or inside an accessory building or structure on a parcel developed with a private residence, within a fully enclosed, secure, locked space, for noncommercial use/purposes consistent with state law.
- (4) Possession by a qualified patient or primary caregiver.

**5.28.040 City cannabis license application.**

(a) The City Manager shall prepare Administrative Procedure Guidelines and Review Criteria for the City’s evaluation of Cannabis Business permit applications and subsequent issuance including an equity pilot program as approved by the City Council;

(b) The Administrative Procedure Guidelines shall provide the process for soliciting applications including timeframes, limitations, requirements, forms, and rules for completing applications;

(c) The Review Criteria shall include detailed instructions on the methodology to be used to evaluate applications on a point, or other evaluation system, tied to particular sets of criteria;

(d) The Review Criteria shall be applied to determine which candidates will be eligible to proceed to the final selection process as determined by the City Manager;

(e) The City Manager shall be authorized to prepare any necessary forms and adopt any necessary rules to implement the Administrative Procedure Guidelines and Review Criteria.

(f) In considering whether to deny a cannabis license application or refuse to renew a cannabis license, the City Manager may consider the same criteria the Department of Cannabis Control considers, as codified in 4 C.C.R. §15017.

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## ORDINANCE 23-01 (Continued)

### AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST SACRAMENTO AMENDING REPEALING AND RE-ENACTING MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 5.28 (CANNABIS RETAIL) AND AMENDING TITLE 17 (ZONING) PERTAINING TO RETAIL CANNABIS SALES AND MICROBUSINESSES

#### 5.28.050 Review of city cannabis license application and appeals.

- (a) *Review of application.* The City Manager shall consider the application, and the results from any investigation into the application, as deemed necessary by the City Manager.
- (b) *Notification of decision.* The City Manager's notification of his or her decision on the application shall be made in writing and shall either include conditions of approval, if deemed necessary by the City Manager, or the reasons for the denial of the application. Notification of denial shall be delivered by first class mail to the applicant. If denied, no license shall be issued unless a successful appeal of the denial is made within the requisite time frame.
- (c) *Appeal of decision.*
- (1) Within ten calendar days after the date of the City Manager's decision, an applicant may appeal the decision by notifying the City Clerk in writing of the appeal, the reasons for the appeal, and paying any applicable fees.
  - (2) The City Clerk shall set a hearing on the appeal and shall fix a date and time certain, within 45 calendar days after the receipt of the applicant's appeal, unless the city and the applicant agree to a longer time, to consider the appeal. The City Clerk shall provide notice of the date, time, and place of hearing.
  - (3) The City Manager shall appoint a Hearing Officer to hear the appeal and determine the order of procedure, and rule on all objections to admissibility of evidence. The applicant and the City Manager shall each have the right to submit documents, call and examine witnesses, cross-examine witnesses, and argue their respective positions. The proceeding shall be informal, and the strict rules of evidence shall not apply, and all evidence shall be admissible which is of the kind that reasonably prudent persons rely upon in making decisions.
  - (4) The Hearing Officer shall issue a written decision within fifteen calendar days after the close of the hearing. The decision of the Hearing Officer shall be final.
- (d) *Grounds for denial, renewal denial, revocation, or suspension of license.* The granting of a license or a renewal thereof may be denied, and an existing license revoked or suspended if:
- (1) The cannabis business owner has knowingly made a false statement in the application or in any reports or other documents furnished to the city.
  - (2) The cannabis business owner has been convicted of an offense that is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the cannabis business for which the application is made, which includes but is not limited to:
    - a. A violent felony conviction, as specified in Penal Code §667.5(c).
    - b. A serious felony conviction, as specified in Penal Code §1192.7.
    - c. A felony conviction involving fraud, deceit or embezzlement.
    - d. A felony conviction for hiring, employing, or using a minor in transporting, carrying, selling, giving away, preparing for sale, or peddling any controlled substance to a minor; or selling, offering to sell, furnishing, offering to furnish, administering, or giving any controlled substance to a minor.
    - e. A felony conviction for drug trafficking with an enhancement pursuant to Health and Safety Code §11370.4 or 11379.8.
  - (3) The cannabis business or a cannabis business owner has been sanctioned by a licensing authority or other city or county for unauthorized commercial cannabis activity.
  - (4) The granting or renewing of the license would perpetuate or encourage any of the following:
    - a. Providing or exposing cannabis or cannabis products to minors;
    - b. Generation of revenue from the sale of cannabis or cannabis products to fund criminal enterprises, gangs, cartels, and similar persons;
    - c. Diversion of cannabis or cannabis products to jurisdictions outside of the state;
    - d. Trafficking of other illegal drugs or facilitation of other illegal activity;
    - e. Violence or the use of firearms;
    - f. The illegal or unauthorized use of public lands in the cultivation of cannabis; or
    - g. The use of federal property for commercial cannabis activity.
  - (5) For any other reason that would allow the state to deny a license or permit under AUMA, MCRSA, and/or MAUCRSA, or any other state law.
  - (6) Fails to pay required city fees and taxes.
  - (7) Violates any provision of AUMA, MCRSA, MAUCRSA, state license, city cannabis license, or the West Sacramento Municipal Code (including the zoning code).
  - (8) Except as provided in subsections (d)(2)(d) and (e) of this section, an application for a city cannabis license shall not be denied if the sole ground for denial is based upon a prior conviction of either §11350 or §11357 of the California Health and Safety Code. An application for a license also shall not be denied if the state would be prohibited from denying a license pursuant to either §26057(b)(5) or §26059 of the California Business and Professions Code. Conviction of any controlled substance felony after license issuance shall be grounds for revocation of a license or denial of the renewal of a license.
  - (9) The cannabis business is in violation of the West Sacramento Municipal Code (including Zoning Code).
  - (10) The cannabis business is in violation of applicable state and local laws and regulations.
  - (11) The cannabis business or cannabis business owner does not have current, valid state or regulatory approval or is in violation of a state or regulatory approval.
  - (12) The cannabis business is in violation of any city approval, including conditions imposed on the license for the commercial cannabis activity or use.

#### (e) *Suspension and revocation.*

- (1) If the City Manager deems continuation of the operation of a cannabis business will cause a significant threat to the health, safety or welfare of the public, the Chief of Police may immediately suspend the city cannabis license and all rights and privileges thereunder until a Hearing Officer renders a written decision on the revocation of the city cannabis license.
- (2) The City Manager shall give notice to the cannabis business of his or her intent to revoke a city cannabis license in the same manner as the notice of the application decision and provide the City Clerk with a copy of the notice.
- (3) The hearing for the revocation of the city cannabis license shall be set and conducted in the same manner as an appeal of decision. The decision of the Hearing Officer shall be final.

#### 5.28.060 City cannabis license term.

- (a) *Duration.* The city cannabis license shall be valid for one year from the date of issuance.
- (b) *Renewal.* A license renewal application and any applicable fees must be submitted at least 60 days before the expiration of the license. Failure to submit a renewal application prior to the expiration date of the license will result in the automatic expiration of the license on the expiration date. License renewal is subject to the laws and regulations effective at the time of renewal, which may be substantially different than the regulations currently in place and may require the submittal of additional information to ensure that the new standards are met. No person shall have any entitlement or vested right to receive a license under this chapter.
- (c) *Application deemed withdrawn.* To promote efficient review and timely decisions, any cannabis license application governed under this chapter will be automatically deemed withdrawn by the applicant, without any further action by the city, if the applicant fails to tender a substantive response to the city within 45 calendar days after the Police Department deems the application incomplete in a written notice to the applicant. The Police Department may, in its sole and absolute discretion, grant a written extension for up to a total of 15 calendar days if the applicant submits a written request prior to the deemed-withdrawn date that shows good cause to grant the extension. Any extension shall be subject to additional fees.
- (d) *License expiration.* Any city cannabis license approved pursuant to this chapter or pursuant to a competitive selection process shall automatically expire and become null and void, without any further action by the city, unless the proposed cannabis use is established within twelve months from the date of approval by the decision-making body or if the cannabis use ceases for a period of twelve months, as determined by the City Manager, at any time after its commencement. The City Manager may, at its sole and absolute discretion, grant a written extension for an additional six months, if the applicant submits a written request prior to the expiration date that demonstrates that they have diligently attempted to exercise the license but were unable due to circumstances beyond their control. Any extension shall be subject to any additional fees.
- (e) *Resubmittal.*
- (1) *Resubmittal prohibited within twelve months.* For a period of twelve months following expiration of a cannabis license application or expiration of a cannabis license, no application for the same or substantially similar license for the same site shall be submitted. If a new application is allowed pursuant to subsection (e)(2) of this section, a completely new application shall be filed, including all submittal requirements and current filing fees, in accordance with the requirements of this chapter.
  - (2) *City determination.* The Community Development Department shall determine whether the new application is the same or substantially similar to the expired application or license and shall issue a written determination to the applicant.
  - (3) *Appeal.* The determination of the Community Development Department may be appealed to the Administrative Hearing Officer within ten calendar days of the date of decision. The decision of the Administrative Hearing Officer shall be final.

#### 5.28.070 City cannabis license transfer or modification.

- (a) A city cannabis license is nontransferable to another location, and no transfer to another cannabis businessowner or modifications to a permitted facility may be made unless the City Manager approves the transfer or modification. The City Manager may also refer the request for transfer or modification to the City Council for consideration.
- (b) A request for change in license ownership or of key employees who make operational, or management decisions shall be submitted to the City Manager on a city form at least 60 days prior to the anticipated transfer of ownership, or, in the case of change of management employees, within 15 calendar days, together with any applicable fee(s). Requests submitted later than these time periods will be processed only in the city's discretion and may be subject

to an expedited processing fee. A new owner(s) or key employees shall meet all requirements for applicants of an initial license. The request shall include the following information:

- (1) Identifying information for the new cannabis business owner(s) and management as required in an initial city cannabis license application;
  - (2) A written certification by the new cannabis business owner as required in an initial license application;
  - (3) The specific date on which the transfer is to occur; and
  - (4) Acknowledgment of full responsibility for complying with the existing license.
- (c) *Change in security plan.* A request to modify the security plan shall be submitted to the City Manager in writing at least 30 days prior to the anticipated change, together with the applicable fee.
- (d) *Change of contact information.* A request for change in cannabis business contact information shall be submitted to the City Manager in writing at least 30 days prior to the anticipated change, together with the applicable fee.

#### 5.28.080 General conditions for all city cannabis licenses.

- (a) *State license.* The cannabis business shall hold a valid state license for the equivalent state license type for the entire duration of the city cannabis license.
- (b) *Sensitive land use.* No cannabis business shall be located within 250 feet of a sensitive land use, as defined in **§5.28.020**.
- (c) *Prohibited products.* No cannabis business may sell, store, distribute or allow the consumption of any alcoholic beverages or tobacco products on or at any premises where cannabis is sold.
- (d) *Cannabis consumption on site prohibited.* No cannabis business may allow, permit, or provide for the consumption of cannabis products on site where the cannabis business is located, with or without compensation.
- (e) *Hours of operation.* All permitted facilities, except for storefront retail, shall be closed to the general public. No direct sales of cannabis or cannabis products to the general public shall occur from businesses without a licensed retail component, except via delivery from a licensed business to a private residence. The City Manager may limit the hours for transporter deliveries and pick-ups. Storefront retail cannabis businesses shall not be open to customers outside of 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily without authorization from the City Manager.
- (f) *Odor control.* Odors shall be contained within the licensed tenant space on which the commercial cannabis activity is located. Cannabis licensees shall prevent all odors generated from the cannabis use from escaping buildings to the extent that odor cannot be detected by a reasonable person of normal sensitivity outside the buildings, on adjacent properties or public rights-of-way, or within any other unit located within the same building as the cannabis licensee, if the use only occupies a portion of a building. If the city receives any odor complaints and determines that cannabis odor is not being controlled as required by this Chapter, the cannabis business shall work with the city staff to correct odor concerns. Unresolved or repeated odor complaints may be the basis for suspension or revocation of the city cannabis license or denial of city cannabis license renewal.
- (g) *Business conducted within building.* No production, distribution, storage, display or wholesale of cannabis and cannabis products shall be visible from the exterior of the building where the commercial cannabis activity is being conducted, except as authorized by the City Manager.
- (h) *Protection of minors.* No cannabis business shall employ anyone who is younger than 21 years of age. No cannabis business shall sell or advertise to sell any cannabis, cannabis product or cannabis accessory to minors, except in circumstances where the minor is over 18 years of age and is permitted or allowed by state law to purchase or possess medicinal cannabis, as set forth in California Business and Professions Code §26140, or any successor statute thereto.
- (i) *Security.* All cannabis businesses shall maintain a commercial burglar alarm monitoring system, install a video surveillance system, and comply with the security plan approved by the City Manager. A cannabis business shall notify the City Manager and the Police Department immediately, and within 24 hours after discovering any of the following:
  - (1) Diversion, theft, loss, or any criminal activity involving the cannabis or cannabis products or any agent or employee of the licensee.
  - (2) The loss or unauthorized alteration of records related to cannabis or cannabis products, registered qualifying patients, primary caregivers or employees or agents.
  - (3) Significant discrepancies identified during inventory.
  - (4) Any other material breach of security.
- (j) *Labeling and packages.* Labels and packages of cannabis and cannabis products shall meet all state and federal labeling and packaging requirements.
- (k) *Inspections.* City representatives may enter and inspect the property of every cannabis business to ensure compliance and enforcement of the provisions of this chapter, except that the inspection and copying of private medical records shall be made available to the Police Department only pursuant to a properly executed search warrant, subpoena, or court order. Such inspections shall occur during normal regular business hours unless the city has provided prior written notice to the cannabis business for an after-hours inspection. Upon request, the cannabis business shall timely provide the city official with records related to the business, including, but not limited to, utility bills from the commercial energy provider for the premises, inventory, financial records, and inventory tracking records. This section shall not limit any inspection authorized under any other provision of law or regulation. Cannabis businesses shall make inspections available not less than every two months.
- (l) *Business license.* Obtain and maintain a business license from the city.
- (m) *Insurance.* Maintain at all times commercial general liability providing coverage at least as broad as ISO CGL Form 00 01 on an occurrence basis for bodily injury, including death, of one or more persons, property damage and personal injury with limits of not less than \$2,000,000 per occurrence and comprehensive automobile liability (owned, non-owned, hired) providing coverage at least as broad as ISO Form CA 00 01 on an occurrence basis for bodily injury, including death, of one or more persons, property damage and personal injury, with limits of not less than \$2,000,000. The commercial general liability policy shall provide contractual liability, shall include a severability of interest or equivalent wording, shall include an endorsement that specifies the insurance coverage afforded to the city shall be primary and noncontributory, and shall name the city, its officials, and employees as additional insured. Failure to maintain insurance as required herein at all times shall be grounds for suspension of the city cannabis license immediately and, ultimately, revocation.
- (n) *Indemnification.* By accepting the city cannabis license and executing the application form, each licensee agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless to the fullest extent permitted by law the city, its officers, officials, agents and employees from and against any and all actual and alleged damages, claims, liabilities, costs (including attorney's fees), suits or other expenses resulting from and arising out of or in connection with licensee's operations, except such liability caused by the active negligence, sole negligence or willful misconduct of the city, its officers, agents and employees.
- (o) *Recordkeeping.* Maintain, for a minimum of seven years, a written accounting or ledger of all cash, receipts, credit card transactions, and reimbursements (including any in-kind contributions), as well as records of all operational expenditures and costs incurred by the licensee in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices and standards typically applicable to business records, which shall be made available to the city during business hours for inspection upon reasonable notice by the Chief of Police.
- (p) *Notice of violations.* Notify the City Manager within three calendar days of any notices of violations or other corrective action ordered by a state or other local licensing authority and provide copies of the relevant documents.
- (q) *Building permits.* The cannabis business shall obtain all building permits required pursuant to Title 15 for any electrical, plumbing, or other construction activities.
- (r) *Planning permits.* The cannabis business shall obtain all planning permits, as required by the city's zoning code. Cannabis businesses are required to upgrade any property that does not meet current development standards and shall submit a complete design and site review application for review and approval prior to occupancy.
- (s) *Sewer discharge.* No cannabis, cannabis byproducts, or associated hazardous materials may be discharged into the sanitary sewer system (including, but not limited to, sinks, toilets, or storm drains).
- (t) *Secure trash receptacles.* All indoor and outdoor trash receptacles shall be locked and secured in manner to prevent tampering, theft, and/or removal of any cannabis refuse or the trash receptacle.
- (u) *Waste disposal.* Disposal of cannabis, cannabis products, and cannabis waste shall occur in accordance with state law.
- (v) *Temporary cannabis events.* Temporary cannabis events are prohibited within the City.
- (w) *Other agency approvals.* The cannabis business shall be required to obtain approval from any other agencies having jurisdiction.

#### 5.28.090 Conditions for specific city cannabis licenses.

In addition to the general conditions included in **§5.28.028**, the following city cannabis licenses approved or issued by the City Manager shall also be subject to the following conditions as deemed appropriate to the proposed commercial cannabis activity or use:

- (a) *City cannabis microbusiness license.* A city cannabis microbusiness license is subject to the following conditions:
- (1) Storefront retail as part of a microbusiness license is prohibited.
  - (2) Submittal of a dimensioned floor plan showing location of separate components of microbusiness (type of cannabis uses) and their respective square footage.
  - (3) If non-storefront retail is proposed, the business shall comply with all conditions included in subsection (2) of this section.
  - (4) If cultivation is proposed:
    - a. Outdoor cultivation is prohibited.
    - b. Cultivation of cannabis shall be conducted in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations governing the use of pesticides. Any fumigation or insecticidal fogging shall comply with the California Fire Code Chapter 26 (Fumigation and Insecticidal Fogging).
    - c. All cultivation operations shall submit an odor control and mitigation plan with

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# ORDINANCE 23-01

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detailed information about the proposed ventilation system, including technical specifications indicating that the system can prevent the release of cannabis odors from the cultivation operation.

- d. All cultivation operations shall submit a wastewater and water conservation plan.
- (b) *City cannabis non-storefront retailer license.* A city cannabis retail non-storefront license is subject to all of the following conditions:
  - (1) All cannabis products shall be loaded and unloaded inside a building.
  - (2) The number, location, and hours of security guards shall be included in the application submittal.
  - (3) A theft prevention plan shall be reviewed and approved by the Chief of Police or designee.
  - (4) Any other specific conditions as directed by the City Council as part of a competitive selection process.
- (c) *City cannabis storefront retailer license.* A city cannabis retail storefront license is subject to all of the following conditions:
  - (1) An applicant for a storefront retailer license shall be subject to a hybrid competitive merit-based evaluation and lottery process, as established by the City Council.
  - (2) A security plan must include procedures for verifying identification of customers both before entering the retail establishment and again before receiving cannabis or cannabis products.
  - (3) The number, location, and hours of security guards shall be included in the application submittal.
  - (4) A theft prevention plan shall be reviewed and approved by the Chief of Police or designee.
  - (5) On-site security guard(s) shall monitor activity within 150 feet of building entrance to ensure no cannabis consumption is occurring in the vicinity of the business, including parking areas.
  - (6) A neighborhood responsibility plan that demonstrates how the business will reduce adverse impacts to the surrounding neighborhood, including neighborhood outreach, methods for future communication, and dispute resolution, shall be submitted and approved by the city.
  - (7) Cannabis and cannabis products that are not used for display purposes or immediate sale shall be stored in a secured and locked room, safe, or vault, and in a manner reasonably designed to prevent diversion, theft, and loss.
  - (8) The business owner shall take reasonable steps to discourage and correct objectionable conditions that constitute a nuisance in parking areas, sidewalks, alleys and areas surrounding the premises during business hours if directly related to the patrons of the subject retailer. For purposes of this subsection, "reasonable steps" shall include calling the police in a timely manner and requesting those engaging in nuisance activities to cease those activities, unless personal safety would be threatened in making the request.
  - (9) The public entrance shall meet California accessibility criteria.
  - (10) A storefront retail licensee shall not conduct sales exclusively by delivery.
  - (11) The business owner shall remove litter on and in front of the premises and, if necessary, on public sidewalks within 100 feet of the facility two times, with a minimum of four-hour intervals, each operating day.

**5.28.100 Prohibited cannabis uses.**

The following cannabis businesses, uses and activities are expressly prohibited in the city:

- (a) *Cannabis commercial activity.* No person shall engage in, conduct, operate, manage, or carry on, or permit to be engaged in, conducted or carried on, any commercial cannabis uses or activity, other than as expressly permitted by section 17.30.080 or by city licensing under this chapter.
- (b) *Outdoor cultivation.* No person owning, renting, leasing, occupying, or having charge or possession of any parcel shall cause or allow such parcel to be used for the outdoor cultivation of cannabis for personal, commercial, or any other purposes.
- (c) *Industrial hemp cultivation.* No person owning, renting, leasing, occupying or having charge or possession of any parcel shall cause or allow such parcel to be used for the outdoor cultivation of industrial hemp for personal, commercial, or any other purpose.
- (d) *Special events, festivals, and/or fairs.* The sale of cannabis is prohibited at special events, festivals, and/or fairs.

**5.28.110 Fees.**

Applicants and city cannabis licensees shall pay all applicable fees as set forth in the City Council adopted resolution establishing fees and charges for municipal services. Applicants and city cannabis licensees shall also pay the amount as prescribed by the Department of Justice of the state of California for the processing of applicant's fingerprints. Fees shall not be prorated or refunded in the event of a denial, suspension, or revocation of the license.

**5.28.120 Penalties.**

- (a) As set forth in §1.12.010, any violation of this chapter or regulation promulgated under this chapter is a misdemeanor punishable pursuant to §1.12.020, except that a violation may be charged and prosecuted as an infraction in the discretion of the prosecuting attorney.
- (b) In addition to the penalties herein provided, any violation of this chapter or regulation promulgated under this chapter is hereby declared to be a public nuisance under Title 19, and subject to the remedies enumerated in §1.08.
- (c) Any person who willfully or knowingly engages in a violation of this chapter or who owns, possesses, controls, or has charge of any parcel of real property in the city upon which a violation of this chapter is maintained and who has actual knowledge of such violation (or would have actual knowledge of such violation after reasonable inquiry) shall be subject to the penalties and remedies provided by this chapter.
- (d) Any violation of this chapter shall constitute a separate offense for each day the violation occurs or persists and may be subject to an administrative citation and fine, as provided for in §1.12.040.
- (e) These penalties and remedies are cumulative and are in addition to any other penalties and remedies available to the city.

**5.28.130 Severability – Miscellaneous provisions.**

- (a) *Severability.* If any section, subsection, clause, phrase, or portion of this chapter is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this chapter. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted the ordinance codified in this chapter and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, clauses, phrases or portions be declared invalid or unconstitutional.
- (b) *Conflicts.* In the event of any conflict with other provisions of the West Sacramento Municipal Code the more restrictive standards shall apply.

**Title 17 (Zoning)**

TABLE 17.10.020: LAND USE REGULATIONS—EMPLOYMENT ZONES						
"P" = Permitted use		"C" = Conditional Use Permit required				
"M" = Minor Use Permit required		"-." Use not allowed				
"D" Development Agreement						
Use Classification	M-L	M-1	M-2	M-3	B-P	Additional Regulations
<b>Commercial Uses</b>						
Cannabis Retailer-Non-Storefront (Delivery Only)	D	D	D	D	D	See WSMC §5.28
Cannabis Microbusiness	D	D	D	D	D	See WSMC §5.28

Add to Appendix A: Master Land Use/Zoning Matrix

**Chapter 17.12 Storefront Retail Cannabis Overlay Zones**

**17.12.010 Purpose and Applicability**

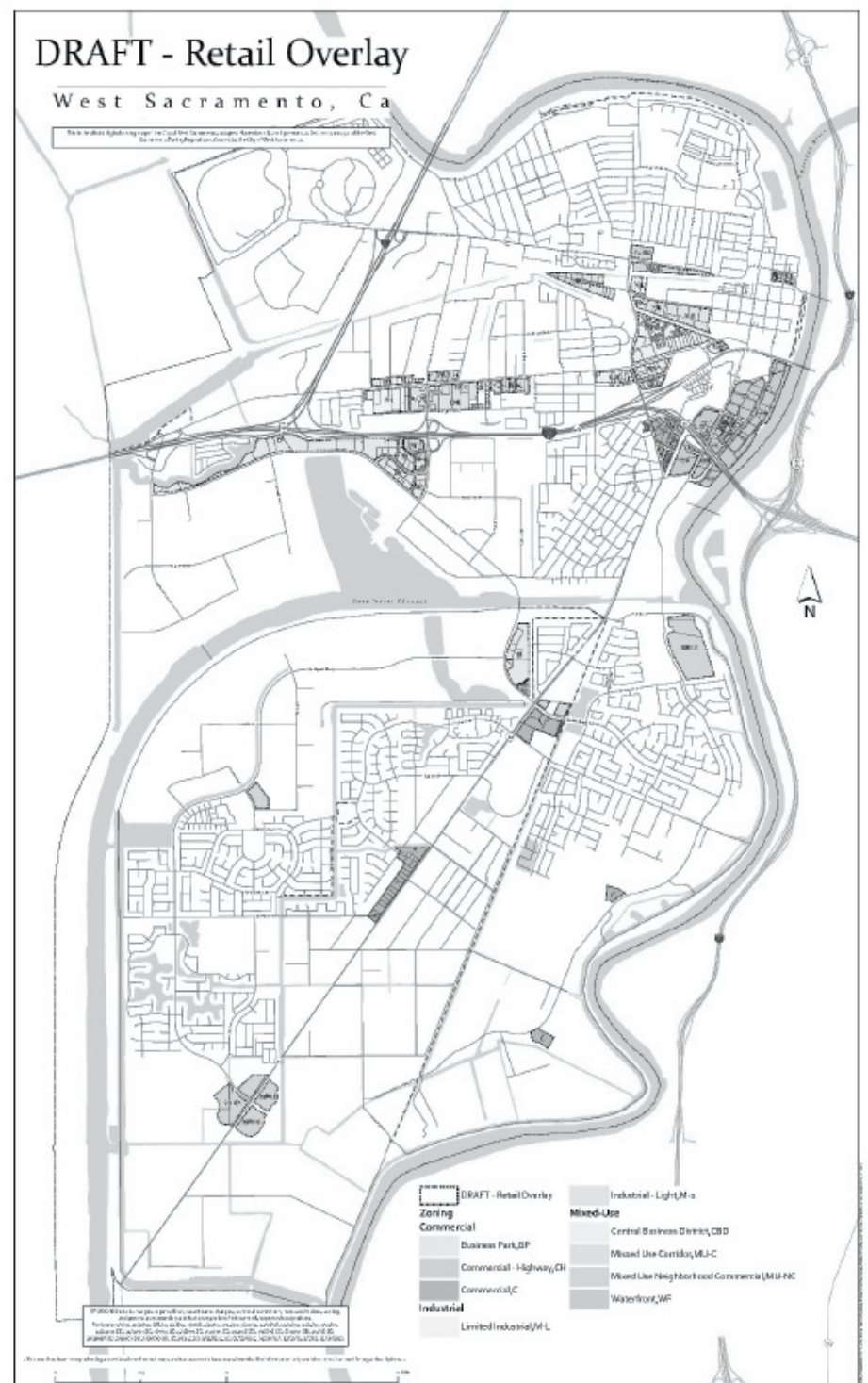
The Purpose of the Storefront Retail Cannabis Overlay Zones are to:

- A. Establish where storefront retail cannabis businesses may locate subject to all required approvals.
- B. Protect sensitive uses from potential incompatibilities with storefront retail cannabis businesses.

**17.12.020 Land Use Regulations**

- A. Storefront retail cannabis business on West Capitol Avenue must be at least 500 feet apart.
- B. Additional standards and requirements can be found in Chapter 5.28.

**12.030 Map**



**17.30.080 Cannabis**

- (a) Cannabis Retail. Storefront cannabis retailers, microbusinesses and dispensaries are regulated pursuant to Chapter 5.28, Cannabis Retail.

**Section 3. Effective Date and Publication.** This Ordinance shall take effect 30 days following City Council Adoption.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of West Sacramento on this 15th day of March 2023, by the following vote:

**AYES:** Sulpizio Hull, Orozco, Early, Alcalá, Guerrero.  
**NOES:** None.  
**ABSENT:** None.

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 Martha Guerrero, Mayor

ATTEST:

Approved as to form:

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 Jennifer Cusmir  
 City Clerk

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 Jeffrey Mitchell  
 City Attorney

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## ORDINANCE 23-6

### AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST SACRAMENTO AMENDING CHAPTERS 15.12 AND 15.14 OF THE CITY OF WEST SACRAMENTO MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE 2022 CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS CODE WITH LOCAL AMENDMENTS

The City Council of the City of West Sacramento does ordain as follows:

**Section 1. Purpose and Authority.** The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend Chapter 15.12 and Chapter 15.14.

**Section 2. Amendment of Chapter.** Chapter 15.12 of the West Sacramento Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

**15.12.010 Title.**

This chapter shall be known as the West Sacramento Building Code, and may be cited as such, and will be referred to herein as "this code."

**15.12.020 Application.**

This code shall be the exclusive source of regulations for any owner or authorized agent who intends to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, replace, demolish, or change the equipment, change the use and occupancy, change the location, maintain or remove any building, structure or any appurtenances connected or attached to such buildings or structures throughout the City of West Sacramento.

**15.12.030 Conflicts with Other Laws, Rules, etc.**

In the event of any conflict between this code and any state or federal law, rule or regulation, that requirement which establishes the higher standard of safety or accessibility shall govern. Failure to comply with such standard of safety or accessibility shall be a violation of this code.

**15.12.040 Adoption of California Building Standards Codes.**

The following is hereby adopted by reference and incorporated in this code, except as expressly amended or superseded by the provisions of this chapter:

- A. The 2022 California Administrative Code, Title 24, Part 1, Chapters 4 (Article 1 Essential Service Buildings & Article 3 Local Buildings), and 10 only.
- B. The 2022 California Building Code, Title 24, Part 2, Volumes 1 and 2 of the California Code of Regulations, including the entire following Chapter: Volume 1 of 2, Chapter 1, Scope and Administration, Division I and Division II, as further amended herein, Volume 2 of 2, Chapter 31 (Special Construction), including the following Appendices: Appendix I (Patio Covers), Appendix J (Grading) and Appendix P (Emergency Housing). The following sections are hereby revised:
  - a. Volume 1 of 2, Section 101.1 Title. Insert The City of West Sacramento.
- C. The 2022 California Residential Code, Title 24, Part 2.5 of the California Code of Regulations, including the following Appendices: Appendix AH (Patio Covers), Appendix AQ (Tiny Houses), Appendix AX (Swimming Pool Safety Act) and Appendix AZ (Emergency Housing).
- D. The 2022 California Electrical Code, Title 24, Part 3 of the California Code of Regulations.
- E. The 2022 California Mechanical Code, Title 24, Part 4 of the California Code of Regulations.
- F. The 2022 California Plumbing Code, Title 24, Part 5 of the California Code of Regulations, including Table 4-1 (Chapter 4).
- G. The 2022 California Energy Code, Title 24, Part 6 of the California Code of Regulations.
- H. The 2022 California Historical Code, Title 24, Part 8 of the California Code of Regulations.
- I. The 2022 California Existing Building Code, Title 24, Part 10 of the California Code of Regulations, including the following Sections: Sections 107, 111, 113, 114, 115, 116 and 117.
- J. The 2022 California Green Building Standards Code, Title 24, Part 11 (CAL Green) of the California Code of Regulations.
- K. The 2022 California Referenced Standards Code, Title 24, Part 12 of the California Code of Regulations.
- L. The International Property Maintenance Code, 2021 edition, as published by the International Code Council including Appendix A Boarding Standard and as further amended herein. The following sections are hereby revised:
  - a. Section 101.1. Insert City of West Sacramento
  - b. Section 102.3 Application of other codes is hereby amended to read as follows:
    - i. Repairs, additions or alterations to a structure, or changes of occupancy, shall be done in accordance with the procedures and provisions of NFPA 70 and the 2022 California Building Code, Parts 1, 2, 2.5, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 as amended herein.
  - c. Section 103.1. Insert City of West Sacramento
  - d. Section 302.4. Insert twelve inches (12")
  - e. Section 304.14. Insert October 1st to May 1st
  - f. Section 602.3. Insert October 1st to May 1st
  - g. Section 602.4. Insert October 1st to May 1st

**15.12.050 Interpretation.**

The purpose of this code is to establish the minimum requirements to safeguard the public health, safety, and general welfare through structural strength, means of egress, facility stability, access to persons with disabilities, sanitation, adequate lighting and ventilation and energy conservation; safety to life and property from fire and other hazards attributed to the built environment; and to provide safety to fire fighters and emergency responders during emergency operations.

**15.12.060 Liability.**

The provisions of this code shall not be construed as imposing upon the City of West Sacramento any liability or responsibility for damage to persons or property resulting from defective work, nor shall the City of West Sacramento, or any official, employee or agent thereof, be held as assuming any such liability or responsibility by reason of the review or inspection authorized by the provisions of this code of any permits or certificates issued under this code.

**Section 3. Amendment of Chapter 15.14.** Chapter 15.14 of the West Sacramento Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

**15.14.010 Adoption of California Fire Code.**

The 2022 California Fire Code, Title 24, Part 9 of the California Code of Regulations, and appendices Chapter 4, B, BB, C, CC, and D are hereby adopted by the City of West Sacramento and incorporated by this reference into the City of West Sacramento Municipal Code, as amended by this Chapter.

**15.14.020 Enforcement.**

The Fire Code shall be enforced by the Community Risk Reduction Division of the City of West Sacramento Fire Department under the supervision of the Fire Marshal.

**15.14.030 Definitions.**

The following definitions are exclusively applicable to Chapter 15.14:

- A. Whenever the words "city," "jurisdiction" or "city or jurisdiction" are used in the California Fire Code, it shall mean the City of West Sacramento.
- B. Whenever the term "chief appointing authority of the jurisdiction" is used in the California Fire Code, it shall mean the City Manager of the City of West Sacramento.
- C. Whenever the term "legal representation of the jurisdiction" is used in the California Fire Code, it shall mean the City Attorney of the City of West Sacramento.
- D. Whenever the term "fire department" is used in the California Fire Code, it shall mean the West Sacramento Fire Department.
- E. Whenever the term "jurisdiction's keeper of records" is used in the California Fire Code, it shall mean the City Clerk of the City of West Sacramento.
- F. Whenever the term "fire code official" is used in the California Fire Code, it shall mean the Fire Marshal of the City of West Sacramento.
- G. Whenever the term "governing body" is used in the California Fire Code, it shall mean the City Council of the City of West Sacramento.

**15.14.040 Amendments to the California Fire Code.**

A. Section 112.4 of Chapter 1 of the California Fire Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Section 112.4 Violation penalties.** Violations of a provision of this code or the failure to comply with any of the requirements thereof or who shall erect, install, alter, repair or do work in violation of the approved construction documents or directive of the fire code official, or of a permit or certificate used under provisions of this code, shall be a misdemeanor. Each day that prohibited conditions are maintained shall constitute a separate offense, except as waived by the fire code official. The imposition of any penalty shall not prevent the enforced removal of prohibited conditions or excuse the violation.

B. Section 202 of Chapter 2 of the California Fire Code is hereby amended to add and amend the following definitions:

**AREA, RURAL.** Are areas within the City of West Sacramento in which adequate and reliable water supply systems for firefighting purposes do not exist or any area beyond a five-minute emergency response time.

**BUILDING.** Any structure used or intended for supporting or sheltering any use or occupancy, including manufactured homes, mobile homes, and modulars.

C. Section 503.2.3 of Chapter 5 of the California Fire Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Section 503.2.3 Surface.** Fire apparatus access roads shall be designed and maintained to support the imposed loads of fire apparatus, shall meet the minimum road specifications as set forth in the latest published edition of the City of West Sacramento Community Development Department Engineering Division Standard Specifications, and shall provide all weather driving capabilities.

D. Section 503.2.4 of Chapter 5 of the California Fire Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Section 503.2.4 Turning radius.** For all turns on public and private roads the minimum inside turning radius shall be 26 feet and the minimum outside turning radius shall be 46 feet.

E. Section 503.2.7 of Chapter 5 of the California Fire Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Section 503.2.7 Grade.** The grade of a fire apparatus access road shall be a maximum of 12 percent.

F. Section 503.2.8 of Chapter 5 of the California Fire Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Section 503.2.8 Angles of approach and departure.** The first ten feet of approach and departure for fire apparatus access roads shall have a maximum grade of 8.5 percent.

G. Section 505.1.1 is hereby added to Chapter 5 of the California Fire Code to read as follows:

**Section 505.1.1 Multiple tenant building identification.** Required features:

1. Multiple tenant spaces serviced by vehicular access to the rear through any driveway, alleyway, or parking lot shall have approved address numbers, building numbers or approved building identification placed prior to occupancy on all new and existing buildings as to be plainly visible and legible from the rear access way when deemed necessary by the fire code official.
2. Multiple tenant spaces serviced by rear access through a corridor, exit court, or exit yard shall have approved address numbers, building numbers or approved building identification displayed on the rear of the tenant space, when deemed necessary by the fire code official.
3. Multiple tenant spaces that front on interior walkways or pedestrian malls shall have approved address numbers, building numbers or approved building identification placed over the entrance door in all new and existing buildings.
4. An illuminated directory board shall be required at every entrance when deemed necessary by the fire code official.

H. Section 505.1.2 is hereby added to Chapter 5 of the California Fire Code to read as follows:

**Section 505.1.2 Illumination.** Addressing shall be illuminated at night in all new buildings. Signs shall be internally or externally illuminated when the luminance or the face of a sign is from an external source, it shall have an intensity of not less than 5.0 foot-candles. Internally illuminated signs shall provide equivalent luminance.

I. Section 901.6.4 is hereby added to Chapter 9 of the California Fire Code to read as follows:

**Section 901.6.4 Residential sprinkler system certification for home resale.** All residential occupancies up for resale and equipped with a NFPA 13D sprinkler system or sprinkler system meeting the requirements of the California Residential Code are required to be inspected by qualified personnel; and all necessary repairs shall be completed prior to the closing of escrow.

J. Section 903.2.22 is hereby added to Chapter 9 of the California Fire Code to read as follows:

**Section 903.2.22 Additional automatic fire-extinguishing system requirements.** An approved automatic fire-extinguishing system shall be installed in every new building in which the total combined floor area of all floors, including mezzanine levels, exceeds 4,000 square feet (372 m<sup>2</sup>). Required features:

1. Notwithstanding other provisions of this Code, this rule shall be applied to alterations, additions, and changes of occupancy to all new buildings and buildings in existence as of the effective date of this ordinance.
2. An alteration involving no change in occupancy, use or character of a building in existence as of the effective date of this ordinance, and which does not require an increase in the floor area, total height or number of stories of such existing building, may be made without bringing the entire building into compliance with this section.
3. No change shall be made in the character or occupancy or use of any building or structure in existence as of the effective date of this ordinance unless the entire building or structure is made to comply with this section.

**Section 903.2.22.1 Conditions requiring automatic fire-extinguishing systems.** The following conditions will require an automatic sprinkler system to be installed in all occupancies:

1. Any structure or building that is more than two stories above grade plane or where access to the average height of the roof is more than 25 feet above grade for the purpose of fire department access.W
2. A structure or building that is located on any property in which any portion of the structure or building is more than 400 feet from a fire hydrant or more than 350 feet from a fire hydrant because of a dead-end condition.
3. Any structure or building that is located on any property which any portion of the structure or building is located more than 150 feet from the nearest fire department access road.

**Exceptions:**

1. In rural single-family dwellings without fire sprinklers in existence as of the effective date of this ordinance, wherein additions that increase total floor area up to 2,500 square feet, no sprinkler system will be required.
  - 1.1 Patio covers connected to single-family dwellings shall not be counted when determining total floor area for purposes of Section 903.2.22.1.
2. In rural Group U occupancies that do not exceed 1,000 square feet in total floor area, no sprinkler system will be required.
3. In rural Group U occupancies in existence as of the effective date of this ordinance wherein additions that increase the total floor area up to 1,000 square feet and is provided with exterior wall and opening protection as per Tables 601, 602 and 705.8 of the California Building code, no sprinkler system shall be required.
4. Spaces or areas in telecommunications buildings used exclusively for telecommunications equipment, associated electrical power distribution equipment, batteries and standby engines, provided those spaces or areas are equipped throughout with an automatic fire alarm system and are separated from the remainder of the building by fire barriers consisting of not less than 1-hour fire-resistance-rated walls and 2-hour fire-resistance-rated floor/ceiling assemblies, no sprinkler shall be required.

K. Section 5001.5.3 is hereby added to Chapter 50 of the California Fire Code to read as follows:

**Section 5001.5.3 Hazardous materials inventory fee.** Permitted facilities in which hazardous materials are stored, used or handled are subject to the annual Hazardous Materials Storage Fee, as prescribed by resolution of the City Council.

L. Section 5003.1.5 is hereby added to Chapter 50 of the California Fire Code to read as follows:

**Section 5003.1.5 Parking and garaging.** Vehicles containing hazardous materials in amounts that require placards under state or federal law and possessing the physical hazards listed in Section 5001.2.2 et seq. shall not be left unattended at any time on any residential street or within 500 feet of any residential area, apartment or hotel complex, educational, hospital or care facility; or at any place that would, in the opinion of the fire code official, present a life or safety hazard.

M. Section 5614 is hereby added to Chapter 56 of the California Fire Code to read as follows:

**Section 5614 Prohibited and limited acts.** The storage of explosives and blasting agents is prohibited within the City of West Sacramento. This prohibition shall not apply to the temporary storage of explosives and blasting agents for use in connection with approved blasting operations, wholesale and retail stocks of small arms ammunition, explosive bolts, explosive rivets or cartridges for explosive actuated power tools in quantities involving less than 500 pounds of explosive material. For purposes of Health & Safety Code Section 12007, the fire code official shall be the "issuing authority" and shall be responsible for enforcement.

N. Section 5615 is hereby added to Chapter 56 of the California Fire Code to read as follows:

**Section 5615 Explosives and blasting agents at terminals.** Shipments of explosives or blasting agents through or within the City West Sacramento shall be transported as expeditiously as possible. Explosives and blasting agents may not be maintained in terminals for more than twenty-four hours (24), including Sundays and holidays. Explosive and blasting agents may not be stored in terminals adjacent to areas zoned RRA, R-1-A, R-1-B, R-2, R-3, and R-4 for not more than two (2) hours.

O. Section 5704.2.9.6.1 of Chapter 57 of the California Fire Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Section 5704.2.9.6.1 Locations where above-ground tanks are prohibited.** Storage of Class I and II liquids in above-ground tanks outside of buildings is prohibited within the limits established by law as the limits of districts in which such storage is prohibited in the following zoned areas: RRA, R-1-A, R 1 B, R-2, R 3, R-4, C-1, C-2, C-H, C-W, C-3, P-O, CBD, and WF.

P. Section 5806.2 of Chapter 58 of the California Fire Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

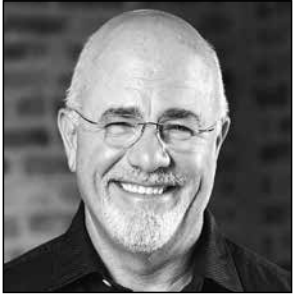
**Section 5806.2 Limitations.** Storage of flammable cryogenic fluids in stationary containers outside of buildings is prohibited within the limits established by law as the limits of districts in which such storage is prohibited in the following zoned areas: RRA, R-1-A, R 1 B, R-2, R 3, R-4, C-1, C-2, C-H, C-W, C-3, P-O, CBD, and WF.

Q. Section 6104.2 of Chapter 61 of the California Fire Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Section 6104.2 Maximum capacity within established limits.** Within the limits established by law restricting the storage of liquefied petroleum gas for the protection of heavily populated or congested areas, the aggregate capacity of any one installation shall not exceed a water capacity of 500 gallons (1,893 L) in the following zoned areas in the City of West Sacramento: RE, RRA, R-1-A, R-1-B, R 2, R-3, R-4, C-1, C-2, C-H, C-W, C-3, P-O, CBD, and WF, and those areas that are heavily populated or congested and as required by provisions of the City's zoning ordinances.

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## Dave Ramsey Says

Dear Remi,

Loaning money to, or borrowing money from, relatives or friends often leads to bruised feelings. I'm sorry you're going through this, but I hope it will teach you and your folks a valuable lesson going forward. There's nothing wrong with giving money in a situation like this, as long as you're not enabling bad behavior by doing so. But a loan between friends or family is something I never recommend.

If they choose to hold a grudge there's really not a lot you can do, especially if you took longer than agreed upon to pay them back. It just takes more time with some people—and in some cases even parents—for those kinds of things to heal. You have to remember, in their minds there's an element of responsibility and trust involved here. But considering it's your mom and dad we're talking about, I'd say they'll lighten up

and become a little easier to be around with time.

Until that happens, though, maybe you could look for chances to mention your new approach to finances during conversations with them. Even something as simple as an off-hand remark about how much you were able to put into savings from your recent paychecks may encourage them to see things in a different light. Letting them know you're actively working to change your ways and gain control of your finances could mean a lot to them. Give it a try!

— Dave

*Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national bestselling author, personal finance expert and host of "The Ramsey Show," heard by more than 18 million listeners. He has appeared on "Good Morning America," "CBS This Morning," "Today," Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, He also serves as CEO of Ramsey Solutions.* ★

### It May Take A Little Time

Dear Dave,

I've having some problems with my parents, and I'm hoping you can help. Last summer I borrowed \$2,500 from them, and it is taking me longer to pay them back than we agreed. Since the pay back date passed, they have made several comments about money when we're together, and our relationship seems strained. I have taken steps in the last couple of months to become more financially responsible. I am now doing things like living on a budget, and putting something from each paycheck into a savings account. How should I approach this issue with them?

— Remi

## Sen. Dodd Introduces Annuity and Life Insurance Consumer Protection Bill

From the Office of Senator Bill Dodd

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Sen. Bill Dodd, D-Napa, announced legislation in partnership with California Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara that would add consumer protections for people investing in annuities and life insurance policies, including many vulnerable seniors, to ensure they are not misled or steered into inappropriate products by unscrupulous insurance agents.

"Annuities and life insurance can be important investment tools but too often, there is incentive for abuse or exploitation," Sen. Dodd said. "That's why I'm glad to partner with Commissioner Ricardo Lara on my latest consumer protection bill, which requires insurance agents to put the best interests of their clients first, ahead of any sales incentives they might make. If they know an annuity or life insurance policy is a bad fit, they will not be able to sell it. My bill is about doing what's right for people who can least afford to be ripped off."

Senate Bill 263 is the latest consumer protection proposal from Sen. Dodd. Earlier this year, he introduced SB 278, which would hold financial institutions accountable for defrauding seniors. Also, this year, he introduced SB 478, which

would outlaw hidden fees in an array of transactions, including banking.

In his continuing effort to protect our state's most vulnerable, Sen. Dodd introduced SB 263, which would require insurance producers and insurance companies to strengthen suitability standards for the sale of annuities and life insurance policies. The bill would ensure California meets federal and national model standards, while providing additional consumer protections. The goal is to prevent the sale of these financial products to people who do not understand them or would not benefit from them.

SB 263 is eligible to be heard in committee for its first vote later this month. The bill is sponsored by Insurance Commissioner Lara and supported by consumer advocates.

"Consumers' best interests must always come ahead of insurance company sales," said Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara, who is sponsoring SB 263. "SB 263 will protect consumers, especially vulnerable populations like our seniors, by requiring all sales of annuities and life insurance policies be based first and foremost on the facts of their individual insurance needs, financial situation, and goals. I commend Sen. Dodd for authoring this common-sense consumer protection bill." ★

## ORDINANCE 23-6 (Continued)

### AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST SACRAMENTO AMENDING CHAPTERS 15.12 AND 15.14 OF THE CITY OF WEST SACRAMENTO MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE 2022 CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS CODE WITH LOCAL AMENDMENTS

**Exception:** In particular installations, this capacity limit shall be determined by the fire code official, after consideration of special features such as topographical conditions, nature of occupancy, and proximity to buildings, capacity of proposed containers, degree of fire protection to be provided and capabilities of the local fire department.

R. Section C102.2 is hereby added to Appendix C of the California Fire Code to read as follows:

**Section C102.2 Hydrants on both sides of street.** Hydrants shall be required on both sides of the street as set forth in the latest published edition of the City of West Sacramento Community Development Department Engineering Division Standard Specifications whenever one or more of the following conditions exist:

- Streets that have median center dividers that make access to hydrants difficult, cause a time delay in fire response, or creates an undue hazard.
- There are four (4) or more lanes of traffic.
- Street width greater than 88 feet from the back of sidewalk.

S. Section C104.2 of Appendix C of the California Fire Code is hereby added to read as follows:

**Section C104.2 Existing fire hydrants.** Required Features:

- Existing single outlet 2.5 inch hydrants shall be changed to an approved City standard hydrant, as set forth in the latest published edition of the City of West Sacramento Community Development Department Engineering Division Standard Specifications when a tentative subdivision or parcel map, merge of lots, change of use of an existing building, expansion of an existing structure or new construction increases the required fire flow.
- Existing single outlet 2.5 inch hydrants located adjacent to project frontage on any city right of way shall be changed to an approved city standard hydrant, as set forth in the latest published edition of the City of West Sacramento Community Development Department Engineering Division Standard Specifications.
- Existing single outlet 2.5 inch hydrants serving new development or construction shall be changed to an approved city standard hydrant, as set forth in the latest published edition of the City of West Sacramento Community Development Department Engineering Division Standard Specifications.
- Where water main improvements are required to meet fire flow and the existing water main has a single 2.5 inch outlet fire hydrant, an upgrade of hydrants will be required.
- Existing hydrants in conflict with new right of way improvements shall be moved to an approved location at no cost to the City of West Sacramento.

**Section 4. Findings.** The City Council of the City of West Sacramento finds and declares that the additions, modifications, and changes made to these codes are either expressly left to the authority having jurisdiction or necessary for the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare due to climatic, geological, or topographical conditions. These amendments are authorized under Health & Safety Code Section 17958 and are identified as follows:

California Building Code Title 24, Part 2, Volumes 1 of the California Code of Regulations, Section 101.1 amendment is necessary for administrative clarification, and does not modify a Building Standard pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Sections 17958, 17958.5, and 17958.7. These amendments establish administrative standards for the effective enforcement of building standards throughout the City of West Sacramento.

#### 1. Climatic

California Fire Code Sections 503.2.3, 503.2.4, 503.2.7, 503.2.8, 901.6.4, 903.2.22, 903.2.22.1, 913.7, 5003.1.5, 5614, 5615, 5704.2.9.6.1, 5806.2, 6104.2, and Appendix D.

Average yearly rainfall for the city is approximately 18 inches. This rainfall normally occurs from October to April. Low-level fog (tulle-fog) is present throughout the winter months reducing roadway visibility. This reduced visibility increases emergency response times. The city is surrounded by levees and multiple water sources. During large storm events the capacity of the city's underground storm water drainage system is exceeded in some areas. The resulting localized flooding and road closures increase emergency response times.

During the summer months, there is generally no measurable precipitation. Temperatures for this dry period range from 70 to 112 degrees Fahrenheit and are frequently accompanied by light to gusty south winds. The relative humidity during summer months ranges from 2-30 millimeters Hg, which is considered arid. The arid condition dries vegetation to a point at which it is exceedingly combustible and easily ignited.

Sections 503.2.3, 503.2.4, 503.2.7, 503.2.8, and Appendix D determine road characteristics that ensure emergency response vehicles have access in all weather conditions. These features are critical when large storm events produce localized flooding or otherwise impact road conditions.

Buildings located in portions of the city where combustible vegetation is present, are at an increased risk of fire. The need for reduced fire area due to climatic conditions within Yolo County warrants a lower sprinkler threshold. Sections 901.6.4, 903.2.22, 903.2.22.1, and 913.7 are amended to address these specific issues by requiring sprinkler and associated systems in buildings that are greater than 4,000 sq. ft. in total floor area. A lower threshold for sprinklers and associated systems will provide more buildings with protection reducing property loss and personal injury.

Section 5003.1.5 has been amended to require vehicles containing hazardous materials in amounts that require placarding to not be left unattended in certain zoned areas. Summertime temperatures from 70 to 112 degrees Fahrenheit are frequently accompanied by light to gusty south winds leading to potentially dangerous fire conditions. The limited amount of hazardous materials stored in residentially zoned areas reduces risk.

Sections 5614 and 5615 limit the storage and transportation of explosives within the city. Summertime temperatures from 70 to 112 degrees Fahrenheit are frequently accompanied by light to gusty south winds leading to potentially dangerous fire conditions. The limited amount of explosive material stored within the city reduces risk.

Section 5704.2.9.6.1 limits the storage of flammable and combustible liquids in residentially zoned areas. Summertime temperatures from 70 to 112 degrees Fahrenheit are frequently accompanied by light to gusty south winds leading to potentially dangerous fire conditions. The limited amount of flammable and combustible liquids stored in residentially zoned areas reduces risk.

Section 5806.2 limits the storage of flammable cryogenic fluids in stationary containers outside of buildings in certain zoned areas. Summertime temperatures from 70 to 112 degrees Fahrenheit are frequently accompanied by light to gusty south winds leading to potentially dangerous fire conditions. The limited amount of flammable cryogenic liquids stored in residentially zoned areas reduces risk.

Section 6104.2 limits the maximum size of liquefied petroleum gas containers to 500 gallons in certain zoned areas. Summertime temperatures from 70 to 112 degrees Fahrenheit are frequently accompanied by light to gusty south winds leading to potentially dangerous fire conditions. The limited amount of liquefied petroleum gas stored in residentially zoned areas reduces risk.

#### 2. Topographical

California Fire Code Sections 505.1.1, 505.1.2, C102.2, and C104.2.

Topographical features within and surrounding the city increase emergency response time. These features include open space, agriculture, bridges, drainage canals, freeways, railroad tracks, and large industrial facilities. Other topographical features include the Sacramento River, the Yolo Flood By-Pass, and the Deep Water Ship Channel. These features require traffic to be either routed around or delayed depending on the topographical feature. Traffic delays caused by railway crossings can be several minutes in length increasing emergency response times. Heavy traffic congestion on city streets acts as a barrier to timely response for fire and emergency vehicles.

Sections 505.1.1 and 505.1.2 have been amended to address the location and visibility of addressing on new and existing buildings. Visible addressing reduces emergency response times for fire and rescue personnel. The ability to quickly locate the proper address is critical when topographical features such as agriculture, bridges, drainage canals, freeways, railroad tracks, and large industrial facilities may delay emergency response personnel.

Sections C102.2 and C104.2 have been amended to ensure an adequate water supply is available when topographical features such as agriculture, bridges, drainage canals, freeways, railroad tracks, and large industrial facilities may delay emergency response personnel.

**Section 5. Filing of Ordinance.** The City Clerk is hereby directed to file a copy of this Ordinance with the California Building Standards Commission.

**Section 6. Severability.** If any provision of this chapter, or the application of any such provision to any person or circumstance shall be held invalid, the remainder of this chapter, to the extent it can be given effect, or the application of those provisions to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid, shall not be affected thereby, and to this end the provisions of this chapter are severable.

**Section 6. Effective Date and Publication.** This ordinance shall take effect 30 days after its adoption, and pursuant to Resolution 99 46 was published in summary format prior to adoption, and a summary will be published within 15 days after adoption in a paper of general circulation published and circulated within the City of West Sacramento.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of West Sacramento this 15th day of March 2023, by the following vote:

AYES: Sulpizio Hull, Alcalá, Early, Orozco, Guerrero.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

Martha Guerrero, Mayor

ATTEST:

Approved as to form:

Jennifer Cusmir  
City Clerk

Jeffrey Mitchell  
City Attorney

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# West Sacramento Giving Money to Your Children

By Michele Townsend

**WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)**

The City of West Sacramento Home Run has a new program that offers free money to all children in West Sacramento. That's right, free money! The Home Run program is a series of programs designed to improve our community through our children. Their vision states, "Through the West Sacramento Home Run, the City of West Sacramento will be a thriving community that benefits children, families and local businesses by providing access to high-quality early learning for all children, opportunities to develop valuable work-readiness skills, and financial assistance for post-secondary education and training."

What this means is that they host six programs that are part of the "cradle to career" initiative. It is funded by Measure E, by charging a quarter cent sales tax. Community members never saw this increase though, because it came at a time when California had sunset on a quarter cent sales tax. Therefore, we just picked up where they left off and the community never received an increase in prices.

On top of that, Home Run reports that yes, our community does pay that when they buy things, but the majority of their funding come from places like IKEA and Walmart where people come from all over to spend money. Therefore, that money gets paid by people from all over.

Home Run has six programs that this tax funds. They include high quality pre-school, college savings accounts, internships, Digital Micro-credentials, college promise and their newest program, Ready, Set, Save.



**Start Small. Save Big.** City of West Sacramento Home Run has a new program that offers free money to all children in West Sacramento. Photo courtesy of City of West Sacramento

Home Run projects have become widely known because quality pre-school is not easy to find. This Home Run program thrives on working with about 30 child-cares across the city to be high quality pre-schools and for early learning to be affordable and accessible for all families in need of it. This includes private childcare and programs with the school district.

Ready, Set, Save has taken a little longer to get off the ground. Data shows that children who have a College Fund, with as little as \$500 in it, are four times more likely to go to college. It also shows that they are three times more likely to complete college. This is because when a college fund even exists, the conversation of college becomes a regular part of household conversation, which in turn plants and grows the thought and goal of being something the child wants to achieve. Basically, if a child is raised thinking that going to college is just part of school and it is expected that they will finish, the likelihood

is much greater that they will.

Ready, Set, Save is that program that will build a college fund for your children without costing you a dime. It is available to all children in West Sacramento. Yes, all children. This includes kids that go to public or private school, kids that aren't in school yet, special needs children and kids that their mothers are pregnant with! That's right, you have to be conceived, but not born yet! The program puts money into an account from the age of 0-18!

So, what is it and how does it work? The program is set up to do quickly and easily on your phone, on a computer or they will even come to you if you do not have access to technology. It's only a couple of questions to sign your child up to begin. From there, it depends on the age of your child.

The program is designed to encourage learning and community involvement. Therefore, if a mother is pregnant and takes a birthing class, money gets put into the account. If they take a

breast-feeding class, money gets put into the account. Once the child is born, every time you read to your child or go to story time or some other community event, money goes into the account.

There are four age groups: 0-4, 5-10, 11-13, 14-18. The younger groups, of course, have the parents primarily doing the work. When you get to the 6-10 age group, it is a little more balanced on who is doing the work. By the time they hit the 14-18 age group, it becomes the work of the child to get that money in the account. Like I said, it's all about education and community involvement.

There is a long list of things that qualify for getting money put into the account. Just a few of these items include attending school functions, bedtime stories, attending or volunteering in community functions (you don't even have to volunteer, you can just attend!), sending a letter to a public official about something they want changed, attending a city council or school board meeting, voting and many more.

Basically, if it is civic or school related, it will likely qualify. People that attend or are involved in an activity that is not on the list can notify the program of what they did and see if it qualifies. Almost always it does.

The money goes into an account for the child. It is inaccessible to the parents. Between the age of 18 and 19 that child needs to have the money transferred into another account. In addition, if your child goes into the military for example, or heaven forbid your child passes away, the money in their account can be transferred to any other child of their choice. It can be transferred to a sibling, a cousin or a neighbor.

It is really easy to sign your child up for this program. Simply go to WSHomeRun.com where it will connect you to the City of West Sacramento website. Or go to <https://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/residents/west-sacramento-home-run/3rd-base-scholarships> answer a few questions and begin to save money! If you have any questions that are not answered on the website, you are welcome to call the Home Run Program at 916-617-4500 and ask to speak with a member of the Home Run Team.

A special note for children with special needs. This program is for you too! The activities may be different, and the parent participation levels may be different, but it still absolutely counts. In addition, all kids can earn up to \$250 per each age group, but when in the older age groups you can catch up. Therefore, if you didn't earn the entire \$250 in the different age groups or signed up when you were older, you can be more involved in high school and still build that money up! ★

## You Know It's Good When...

By Michele Townsend

**WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)**

The Yolo County Children's Alliance is an organization that started out as the brainchild of former Senator Lois Wolk, who worked with Davis' Helen Thomas. Referred to as "Mama Bears," Lois and Helen wanted to see all children in Yolo county have access to health insurance. Additionally, Katie Villegas, former CEO of YCCA and wife of County Supervisor Oscar Villegas, who was a policy councilmember, joined in with Lois and Helen.

Katie then took the YCCA on to become

the growing and loving resource center which nobody had foreseen. She wanted to see someplace where children's resources could come together so that those that need help could find it. In Katie's time with YCCA, the group went from just helping kids get insurance to a place where community members could get help with food, clothes, diapers, paying bills, help with housing and school supplies.

When Katie retired in 2021, she handed the reigns to the current CEO, Jeneba Lahai. Jeneba has lost no motivation or momentum in bringing in sources of all kinds

to help the families and individuals in our area. As the resource center has grown, they have created community events that have helped thousands of people— events like "The Day of Giving" in May, or Community Giveaway Day where hundreds of people receive Thanksgiving meals and coats. In addition, they host a toy giveaway for children around the holidays.

YCCA has grown big enough that they have moved into a portion of former Alyce Norman Elementary School. YCCA just released their annual report presenting the numbers for 2022.

The impressive and amazing numbers of people they helped last year are as follows: 75,059 services were accessed through YCCA's Family Resource Center and the resources and referrals that they provide.

52,014 program services were accessed, including: weekly food distribution, free tax assistance, Nurturing Parenting programming, Emergency Housing vouchers, Emergency food vouchers, CalFresh and Health Insurance enrollment assistance, emergency diapers, formula and food pantry. 16,600 households received weekly groceries through YCCA's food distribution. 426 families remained housed through emergency rental assistance. 295 households received help through the community health initiative and 124 individuals received support through Siemer Family Stability Program.

The numbers don't stop there. 269 children received free behavioral health developmental screenings for children ages 0-5 years old. 135 families were supported through the home visiting program. 102 children graduated from YCCA's parent-child interactive workshops through early childhood education programs. 102 families were supported through YCCA's in-home safety program and 44 parents and caregivers participated in YCCA's English, Spanish, and Dariled Nurturing parenting courses.

826 Individuals received free tax preparation assistance. YCCA staff assisted in bringing \$1,228,715 back into our local economy through refunds. 255 individuals received various forms of support through YCCA's Project Roomkey and Homekey

programs. 25 individuals were permanently housed, 150 unique walk-up clients were helped and more than 10,048 food bags and more than 3,920 hygiene bags and clothing. In addition, two resource fairs were held where an average of 150 people experiencing homelessness attended. And lastly 34 young adults received workforce development support through YCCA's Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act and through the workforce development center.

YCCA continues to give our community the helping hand it needs, when it needs it. They are simply amazing in finding new ways and programs that will assist on topics that are just not covered in the welfare or school systems. They have staff that speak multiple languages, cover the communication gap that is sometimes the biggest challenge of all. ★

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

April 6, 2023

Pursuant to Government Code Section 66018, the West Sacramento Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on Thursday April 6, 2023, at West Sacramento Civic Center, City Council Chambers, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, California, at 6:00 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/planning-commission>), or via Astound Broadband Channel 20 and to submit comments in writing by 4:00 PM on April 6, 2023.

To submit a comment in writing, please email [tanyaf@cityofwestsacramento.org](mailto:tanyaf@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 5:00 PM will be provided to the Planning Commission and posted on the City's website. The comments submitted shall become part of the record of the meeting.

6:00 p.m.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**1. Public Hearing Regarding Proposed River Park Development Agreement Amendment No. 1 (Laffey)**

River Park is an approved project 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 landowner entered into a Development Agreement (DA) for a 15-year term via Ordinance 08-06. The proposed amendment 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 landowner is proposing revisions to the project, which would be considered by the Planning Commission and City Council at a later date. The proposed DA time extension is within the scope of the previously certified EIR (SCH #2005062027). The Planning Commission will consider a resolution recommending approval of an ordinance to the City Council to effectuate the term extension. The City Council will make the final decision on the term extension. 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, Secretary  
West Sacramento Planning Commission

*If you disagree with the decision of the Planning Commission, you have a right of appeal. Only persons who participated in the review process by submitting written testimony or oral testimony at the public hearing, may appeal. Appeals are limited to those issues raised at the Planning Commission meeting. If you challenge any of the above items 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 of West Sacramento at, or prior to, the public hearing.*

## Celebrate Día de los Niños/Libros at Yolo County Library

**Yolo County News Release**

**WOODLAND, CA (MPG)** - Children and their families are invited to join the Yolo County Library in celebrating Día de los Niños/Día de los Libros in April.

Many nations throughout the world celebrate Día de los Niños in the spring to honor and celebrate children who represent the hopes and dreams of every community. Día de los Niños/Día de los Libros emphasizes the importance of literacy for children from all backgrounds while encouraging libraries and community organizations to inspire and empower new generations of achievers. The event also connects children and their families to

diverse books, languages and cultures.

All are welcome to participate in this free, fun and educational celebration on the following days:

- April 15 at 12:00 p.m. Arthur F. Turner Community Library, 1212 Merkley Avenue, West Sacramento.
  - April 25 at 5:00 p.m. South Davis Montgomery Library, 1441 Danbury Street, Davis.
  - April 29 at 11:00 a.m. Mary L. Stephens – Davis Branch Library, 315 E. 14th Street, Davis.
- Children who attend these events will receive a free book, participate in educational activities, watch a special performance at select locations and listen to a story time program.
- "Our Día celebration

across the county will be fun and engaging, and the free books will help add to or create home libraries – an important part of encouraging literacy," said newly appointed County Librarian and Chief Archivist Diana Lopez. "We hope you will join us in the festivities!"

No reservations are required and all programs are free to attend. Programs are sponsored and supported by Yolo County's Friends of the Library groups and the Yolo County Library Foundation. For more information about the Yolo County Library, visit our website at: [www.yolocountylibrary.org](http://www.yolocountylibrary.org) or connect with us on Facebook at: [www.facebook.com/yolocountylibrary.org](http://www.facebook.com/yolocountylibrary.org). ★



# How Does Wildfire Smoke Impact Pregnancy and Children?

UC Davis Health Press Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - How does exposure to wildfire smoke affect pregnant people and their developing babies? UC Davis Health researchers hope to answer that question, thanks to a new two-year, \$1.35 million grant from the Environmental Protection Agency.

The study is led by molecular epidemiologist Rebecca J. Schmidt, an associate professor in Public Health Sciences, and Miriam Nuño, a professor in the Division of Biostatistics.

The researchers are gathering birth and health records as well as data about wildfire smoke exposure in California. They'll look for links between pollution from wildfire smoke and low birth weight, developmental delays, and autism.

The team is also partnering with regional organizations to educate underserved communities about the impact of smoke and provide strategies to reduce exposure.

"This is a California study, but the whole country is being exposed to wildfire smoke," explained Schmidt, who is also a faculty member at the UC Davis MIND Institute, the Perinatal Origins of Disparities (POD) Center, and the Environmental Health Sciences Center. "It's important to find out what the real concerns during pregnancy may be, including perhaps at what times during pregnancy we need to have moms be the most careful about their exposure."

Schmidt has a history of studying the impacts of wildfire smoke on pregnancy and children. Her previous research involved collecting hair, blood and other samples from pregnant people and newborns. Her findings from that study will complement this new work.

Collecting data on smoke exposure, births, and health

Wildfire seasons are becoming longer and more severe. It is estimated that wildfire smoke is linked to 339,000 premature deaths each year worldwide.

In California, where massive wildfires such as the Camp, Caldor and Dixie fires have affected both urban and rural areas, hundreds of thousands of pregnant people have been exposed to wildfire smoke.

"Studies have shown associations between wildfire smoke and lower birth weight or preterm birth, which are linked to later health outcomes," Schmidt said.

The study has four areas of focus:

- Find out which areas of California were exposed to the most wildfire air pollution; Study wildfire smoke exposures before pregnancy and during each trimester of pregnancy; Researchers will look at these in relation to birth weight and gestational age as well as factors like neighborhood and local environment; Explore associations between wildfire smoke exposure and autism and developmental delays; Work with community

partners to share research results and tools to help reduce smoke exposure in vulnerable populations.

"Our first step is to see who has the greatest exposures to these repeated wildfire events," Schmidt explained. "Then we'll look at how that varies by factors such as race, ethnicity, rural versus urban location, poverty level and exposure to other pollutants."

The study will include all people born in California between Jan. 1, 2000, and Dec. 31, 2021, roughly 11 million births. However, when looking at autism and developmental delays, researchers will only include people over 3 years of age by the end of 2021. Autism diagnosis is typically more reliable after this age.

Researchers will use state birth records, historical air monitor readings and health records from the California Department of Developmental Services.

Empowering vulnerable populations  
The study aims to identify vulnerable populations where people are exposed not only to wildfire smoke but also to other pollution and pesticides and have less access to health care.

"Even though we are all exposed to wildfire smoke, we all have different risks," explained Nuño. "If you have can work from home versus having an outdoor job, this is where these differences really manifest."

The researchers are partnering with the March of Dimes, Empower Yolo and the Knights Landing One Health Center, which provides health care in the rural Central Valley community.

Together, they'll deliver their findings and strategies for reducing exposure to wildfire smoke to underserved communities. This will include providing the materials and training to help people make Corsi-Rosenthal Air Boxes. This is a low-cost filtration system that's been shown to be effective at removing particulates from indoor air. Creator Richard L. Corsi, dean of the UC Davis College of Engineering, is a partner on the project.

"This project will advance solutions to challenges lying at the intersection of climate change and environmental justice, both here in California and in communities around the country," said EPA Pacific Southwest Regional Administrator Martha Guzman. "Advancing scientific research that helps protect public health and the environment is central to EPA's mission and this project will have lasting results for years to come."

Environmental justice is a major focus, notes Nuño, who is also the interim director of the Center for Healthcare Policy and Research.

"Pregnant women are stressed about the impact of wildfires, especially those who are more vulnerable. Justice calls for empowering these women with this information," she said. ★

# Is Silicon Valley Bank's Failure An Omen For California?



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

It would be difficult to overstate Silicon Valley's financial importance to California.

The San Jose-centered high technology industry exploded four decades ago as California's manufacturing sector, which had boomed during and after World War II, was shrinking.

It became the state's single most powerful economic engine, creating products and services that transformed California and had immense global impact. A few days ago, Gov. Gavin Newsom described it the "tent pole for our economy" and for once he wasn't exaggerating.

As other economic sectors and other regions stagnated, Silicon Valley boomed. Without it, California could not have become the fifth – and very possibly the fourth – most powerful economy in the world.

Silicon Valley's mega-corporations, such as Apple, Google and Twitter, sucked in immense amounts of money from every corner of the globe – not only making investors very rich, but creating countless jobs and pumping hundreds of billions of dollars into the state treasury as high income tax rates tapped into the new wealth.

However, there's reason to wonder whether Silicon Valley has reached its peak.

In recent months, Silicon Valley's corporations have been laying off workers and venture capital activity has slowed. A few weeks ago, a local industry organization, Joint Venture Silicon Valley, issued its annual report on the region's economy, stressing a transition from a cauldron of start-up companies to dominance by a few giants.

"Tech is going through a painful period," Russell Hancock, president of the organization said, adding hopefully that "there is no way to construe what is happening as a crisis" for the tech sector.

That was happening before Silicon Valley Bank, which was founded in 1983 as the region began to boom and rode the wave into becoming one of the nation's largest financial houses, suddenly collapsed last week.

The bank experienced a run from depositors and could not raise enough cash to meet demand. State and federal financial regulators quickly stepped in, shuttered the bank and began seeking a buyer. Its failure sent shockwaves through Silicon Valley because of the bank's prominent role in financing start-up companies and providing cash for payrolls and other expenses.

Relatively small depositors were covered by insurance, but hundreds of corporate customers had deposits over the \$250,000 insurance limit and suddenly were unable to make withdrawals.

The immediate crisis was

averted on Sunday when federal authorities arranged for Federal Reserve loans that would allow depositors to make full withdrawals. They also made money available to shore up other specialty banks that might be vulnerable to depositor runs.


Despite the emergency action, however, Silicon Valley Bank's failure is a serious blow to the tech industry because of its pivotal role in financing innovation as a direct lender, as a financial service provider and as a midwife for attracting venture capital.

Federal authorities are looking for a buyer to absorb Silicon Valley Bank, quite possibly one of the nation's larger banks. Even if a buyer emerges, however, the new owner would not have an intimate relationship to the region's yeasty culture of aggressive innovation.

The bank's owners prospered by deeply immersing themselves into that culture but that narrow focus made it vulnerable to outside economic factors. When the Federal Reserve System began raising interest rates to battle inflation, the bank's portfolio of bonds lost value. When the bank was forced to sell those devalued bonds to meet withdrawal demands from depositors, it went into a death spiral.

The question is whether the bank's failure is a harbinger of Silicon Valley's decline.

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



**FOR THE LOVE OF BOOKS**  
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## March Showers Bring New Reads



WildBlood

by Lauren Blackwood; Wednesday Books

Victoria is a Wildblood working for the Exotic Lands Touring Company. As a tour guide since the age of six, Victoria protects those visiting the Jamaican jungle, using her magic to protect them from ghostly monsters. After being kidnapped at the age of six, this is the only life Victoria has known. So, when she is passed over for the promotion to team lead, Victoria decides it's time to prove herself. And when a new client, Thorn, arrives, she knows this is the time. Thorn is more than a wealthy client on the hunt for gold. He is confident and handsome and leaves her wanting more. And when she lands the job to accompany him, everything changes. However, the jungle is treacherous, filled with its own agenda, and now with her heart at stake, she

will have to weigh what is truly important.

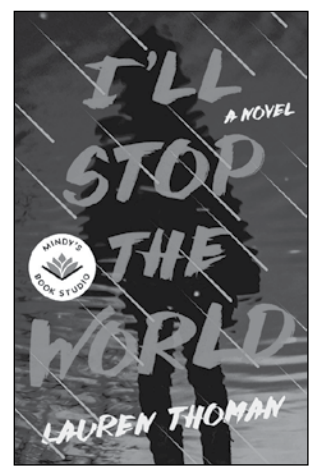
Once again, Lauren Blackwood creates a timeless story filled with deep emotion and imaginative description, elevating her characters to rise above the story with their own deep, complex emotions. *Wildblood* explores desire, acceptance, and adaptation to the circumstances while blending in earthy supernatural elements, all coming together for an impactful storyline.

they have never met, but there is a good reason for that. Rosie is from 1985, and Justin's life is about to take a drastic turn. The eternal optimist Rosie is giving Justin his life's dream. An opportunity to go back to 1985 to try and stop the deadly school fire that killed his grandparents before it happened.

But once you change the past, you inevitability will change the future, leading to unexpected consequences. Will Justin be able to change the past in time, and will the consequences be too devastating and shocking to handle?

Lauren Thoman delivers the dream of second chances and the power of friendship in her debut novel; *I'll Stop the World*. Blending time travel with a thrilling mystery, *I'll Stop the World* rushes readers back to 1985, where time is of the essence, and solving a murder before it happens can change the future.

With the thrilling idea of being able to change one past and ultimately their future, readers mark this book as a unique high-tempo thriller with an unexpended ending. A story that echoes a sweet nod to the 80s, complete with its title and *Back to The Future* feel, but keeps the story unique. Told in many perspectives, this book might take a little bit to get used to, but ultimately takes off to be its powerhouse. ★



I'll Stop the World

by Lauren Thoman; Mindy's Book Studio Amazon

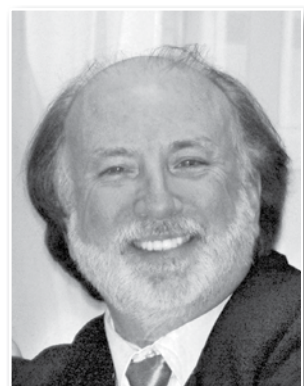
Feeling defined by his grandparent's death in 1985, Justin Warren feels trapped, unable to move past the unsettling feeling behind how they died. Then, by chance, he meets Rosie, and everything begins to change. Even though they attend the same high school and live in the same town,

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# COMICS & PUZZLES

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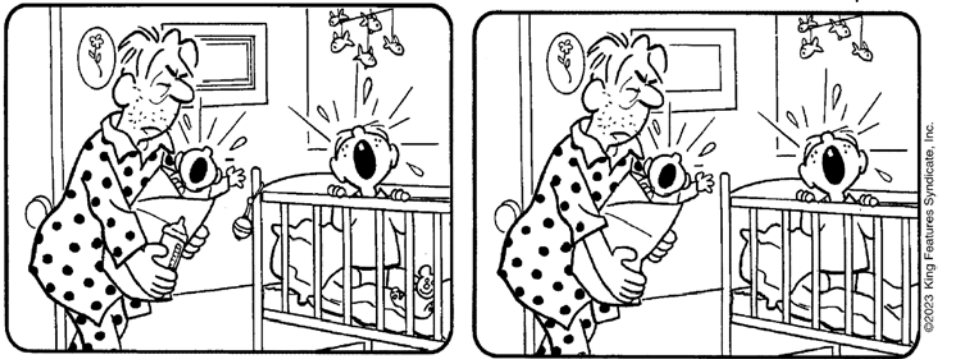
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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

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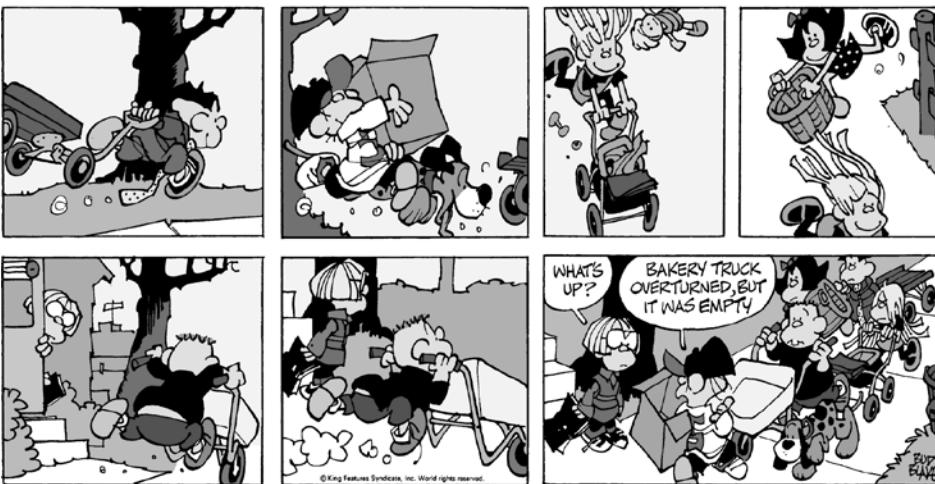
**Out on a Limb**

by Gary Kopervas



**TIGER**

by BUD BLAKE



**GRIN and BEAR IT**



**Just Like Cats & Dogs**

by Dave T. Phipps



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# Matsui, Wenstrup, Wicker, Klobuchar, Reintroduce Benefit Act

**From the office of Doris Matsui**

**WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG)** - Congresswoman Doris Matsui (D-CA) and Rep. Brad Wenstrup (R-OH) recently reintroduced the Better Empowerment Now to Enhance Framework and Improve Treatments (BENEFIT) Act. U.S. Senators Roger Wicker (R-MS) and Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) have introduced companion legislation in the Senate. The legislation would provide patients and advocates the ability to play a larger role in the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) benefit-risk framework for drug approval.

"Access to the best medical treatments is crucial for patients living with rare and ultra-rare diseases, and that is why we must prioritize the work to close the innovation gap for rare disease therapies," said Congresswoman Matsui. "By elevating patient voices and allowing them to share their experiences in the drug development process, we gain key partners in assessing the benefits and risks of new drugs and biologics. I am proud to reintroduce this important bill that will leverage valuable patient-focused drug development data in the FDA's review process."

"As a physician, I know how important it is to listen to patients and make sure their voices are heard. Their perspectives and needs are key to developing the best new drugs and therapies," said Rep. Wenstrup. "I'm supporting the reintroduction of this bipartisan, patient-focused legislation to make sure that patients and advocates are considered during the FDA's review process for new innovative breakthroughs and cures."

"During this Rare Disease Month, Congress has an opportunity to change the lives of millions of Americans who are waiting for groundbreaking drugs to be approved," said Senator Wicker. "Passing the BENEFIT Act would put patients first, giving them a larger role in the drug approval process as researchers work to find more breakthroughs."

"For our health care system to better serve patients living with a rare disease and seeking an approved treatment, we must ensure that the Food and Drug Administration's drug approval process consistently factors in patient experience data," said Senator Klobuchar. "Our bipartisan legislation will give patients and their families a clear seat at the table when the FDA reviews potential new treatments. As the co-chair of the Rare Disease Congressional Caucus, I'll keep working to prioritize the needs of rare disease patients and their loved ones."

Congress has made considerable progress to ensure that the perspective of patients is considered by FDA reviewers evaluating candidate drugs and other medical products. As a result of updates to the Prescription Drug User Fee Act and several provisions in the 21st Century Cures Act, the FDA has a number of programs and policies in place to evaluate the benefits and risks of potential therapies and to gather and assess patient perspectives. But while much progress has been made, some significant gaps remain. One gap is the lack of a requirement in law that the FDA

include patient experience or patient-focused drug development (PFDD) data as part of its risk-benefit framework.

The BENEFIT Act would amend the Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act to ensure that the patient experience, PFDD, and related data be considered as part of the risk-benefit assessment. This would include information developed by a product sponsor or a third party, such as a patient advocacy organization or academic institution. This action will enhance transparency and accountability, sending an important signal to all stakeholders that patient experience data will be incorporated into the agency's review process, encouraging such entities to continue developing and refining scientifically rigorous and meaningful tools and data.

The BENEFIT Act is supported by many organizations, including Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy, EveryLife Foundation for Rare Diseases, Cure SMA, ALS Association, AliveAndKickn, Alpha-1 Foundation, Alport Syndrome Foundation, American Brain Coalition, American Kidney Fund, Ara Parseghian Medical Research Fund, Barth Syndrome Foundation, Beyond Celiac, Coalition Duchenne, Congenital Hyperinsulinism International, CSNK2A1 Foundation, Cure CMD, Cure HHT, Cure Sanfilippo Foundation, CureDuchenne, CureSHANK, Dravet Syndrome Foundation, FND Hope, FORCE: Facing Our Risk of Cancer Empowered, Foundation for Angelman Syndrome Therapeutics (FAST), Foundation for Prader-Willi Research, Genetic Alliance, Hermansky-Pudlak Syndrome Network, Hope For Marian, International Pemphigus Pemphigoid Foundation, International WAGR Syndrome Association, IWSA, Jett Foundation, Kindness Over Muscular Dystrophy, Klippel-Trenaunay (K-T) Support Group, Little Hercules Foundation, Lupus Foundation of America, MLD Foundation, Mucopolidosis Type IV, National Ataxia Foundation, National Health Council, National Kidney Foundation, National MPS Society, National MS Society, NBIA Disorders Association, Organic Acidemia Association, Phelan-McDermid Syndrome Foundation, PXE International, RASopathies Network, RUNX1 Research Program, Ryan's Quest, Sophie's Neighborhood, Stickler Involved People, Sudden Arrhythmia Death Syndromes (SADS) Foundation, Susan G. Komen, SYNGAP1 Foundation, The Global Foundation for Peroxisomal Disorders, TSC Alliance, United Mitochondrial Disease Foundation, Usher 1F Collaborative, Wiskott Aldrich Foundation, and Zack Heger Foundation.

"Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy (PPMD) commends Senators Wicker and Klobuchar and Representatives Matsui and Wenstrup for their bipartisan leadership to re-introduce the BENEFIT Act, legislation that will help ensure the patient voice is heard in the FDA's review process,"



**Congresswoman Doris Matsui.** Courtesy photo

said Pat Furlong, Founding President, and CEO of PPMD. "Now over 5 years after the passage of the 21st Century Cures Act, the FDA, the patient community, and drug developers have spent significant time and effort generating scientifically rigorous, meaningful patient experience data. It is time for FDA to take the next step by providing some official feedback to the community about if and how such data is used when weighing the benefits and risks of a new drug."

"The BENEFIT Act is critical to ensuring that we fully deliver on the promise of patient focused drug development by integrating patient considerations in the form of patient experience data into FDA's signature decision making tool at the time of regulatory review. Our national rare disease community is grateful to our BENEFIT Act champions for ensuring that the lived experience of patients remains central in our regulatory processes," said EveryLife Foundation for Rare Diseases.

"As the national organization that represents adults and children with a neuromuscular disease known as spinal muscular atrophy (SMA), Cure SMA is pleased to support the BENEFIT Act. Patient voice and perspective are critically important throughout the drug development process and have been instrumental for the recent approvals of powerful new treatments for SMA," said Kenneth Hobby, President of Cure SMA. "We applaud Senators Wicker and Klobuchar and Representatives Matsui and Wenstrup for their commitment to individuals with SMA and other rare diseases by requiring that the needs and experiences of patients are considered by the FDA during the drug development and evaluation process."

"The ALS Association applauds Congress for working together to ensure the FDA hears from people living with ALS about their experiences and preferences as part of the FDA's drug approval process," said Melanie Lendnal, Senior Vice Presidents of Policy at the ALS Association. "The ALS Association's ALS Focus survey solicits feedback from people living with ALS and their caregivers on the care and treatments they receive. This information is critically important and must be considered in FDA'S drug approval risk-benefit analysis. People living with ALS do not have time to wait, their experience with new drug therapies should be highly considered by the FDA."

Congresswoman Matsui and Senators Wicker and Klobuchar co-chair the Rare Disease Congressional Caucus, a bipartisan, bicameral caucus providing a platform to engage on policy issues impacting the rare disease community. ★

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