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Some seniors and disabled people will miss out on new California state payments. Californians who don't file taxes — because they don't earn enough to owe any — won't receive the new round of state payments. That includes some seniors and disabled people, as well as some of the lowest-income adults. Photo courtesyPixabay

By Grace Gedy, CALMatters.org

Some 23 million Californians' bank accounts will get a boost of \$200 to \$1,050, thanks to a new round of payments approved by state lawmakers.

But the payments, aimed at mitigating higher prices for gas and other goods, will leave out lots of low-income Californians. Among those passed over are some seniors, many living on disability benefits, and some of the lowest-income adults.

That's because the direct deposits and debit cards — expected to begin arriving in late October and conclude in January 2023 — will be sent out based on tax returns.

About 3 million Californians are in families that earn little enough that they aren't required to file taxes, according to research by Public Policy Institute of California for its 2019 California Poverty Measure. The poverty rate among people who live in families that don't need to file taxes is 60%, the institute estimates. Neither the state Department of Finance nor the Franchise Tax Board, which is responsible for collecting state personal income tax in California, knew exactly how many Californians will be left out of the rebate.

The Legislature wanted to create a program to send payments to people who don't file taxes and aren't enrolled in safety net programs that

received a boost in the budget. But after negotiations with the Newsom administration, that proposal didn't make it into the final budget.

H.D. Palmer, spokesperson for the Department of Finance, said that he couldn't offer specifics on why the proposal didn't make it into the final budget, but that proposals from both sides didn't make it into the compromise.

Representatives for Senate President Pro Tem Toni Atkins and Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon said nobody could figure out how to administer such payments.

"Ultimately, the configuration of the rebate was subject to three-party negotiations as part of the final

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Public Input Sought on Adult Community Corrections

Yolo County News Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) – As the Yolo County Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) develops its 2023-2025 Strategic Plan, it seeks public input at two community engagement meetings regarding efforts to reform corrections practices, emphasizing evidence-based practices and cost-effective strategies.

The first community engagement meeting will occur on July 19 and then be repeated on August 8. The two opportunities for the community to provide feedback will include a brief presentation on the mission and goals of the CCP, an update on current projects, and relevant budget information for project funding in the coming years.

"Our continued focus is to implement cost-effective strategies that are known to improve public safety," said Yolo County Chief Probation Officer Dan Fruchtenicht. "Fortunately, we benefit from engaged residents and a forward-thinking CCP which will ensure the 2023-2025 CCP Strategic Plan continues to meet the corrections challenges and needs of our communities."

In 2011, Assembly Bill 109 (Public Safety Realignment) went into effect. Among other things, this legislation shifted responsibility for all adults sentenced for non-violent, non-serious, and non-sexual offenses from state to local jurisdictions giving local law enforcement the right and ability to manage these individuals in smarter, more cost-effective ways. With AB 109, Community Corrections Partnerships throughout the state were tasked with planning for the change and implementing local plans.

By state statute (CA Penal Code §1229), CCPs are led by county chief probation officers and formed by representatives from the court, the District Attorney, the Public Defender, a police chief, the Sheriff, the County Office of Education, county heads for mental

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Judge Deems Redistricting Map Non-Compliant

By Michele Townsend

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Armed with more than 150 signatures and a breakdown of why the Broderick/Bryte area of West Sacramento should be considered one community of interest, the Broderick/Bryte Neighborhood Association took the City of West Sacramento to court to fight the decision of which map was chosen for the upcoming redistricting. Historically, the two have always been considered one neighborhood. In addition, the BBNA declared that Map 4A was chosen to avoid changing the status of the existing city council.

Map 4A was the map chosen by the city council.

The problem with Map 4A was that it split Broderick and Bryte right down the middle. By doing this, it put Bryte in a district with the state streets and Broderick in with the bridge district. This didn't make sense to community members, the school district or even the county supervisors.

The idea behind redistricting is to set it up so that people with like interests and situations are grouped together. That group then elects a representative from that area to be their voice in decisions that will affect their community. In the past, Broderick and Bryte have not really had a chance to be heard because the population of the rest of

the city outnumbered them by such a large margin. There has also been a huge difference in economic status between the north and south side of town. Most people in the south part of West Sacramento own their homes. In the Broderick/Bryte area it is a much higher likelihood that they rent. In redistricting, there will have to be a representative from each district, giving each community of interest a voice.

The plaintiffs in this case stated that Map 4A was so unfair because more than one fourth of the city's population lives in the Broderick/Bryte area, and it would be highly unlikely that they would ever be able to elect a representative if

the area is split in half. They also brought up that Orozco and Ledesma's area would then have two representatives on the city council.

Councilmember Dawnté West explained that if Broderick and Bryte were combined into one district, it would make that area a "super-majority". However, together they make 34 percent. That is not a super-majority, but it is enough to be heard. Dawnté said that the area would be better off being with "two voices" from weaker districts. If the area was split as planned, neither area would consist of a big enough population to have any voice in those separate districts.

Judge Samuel McAdam

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Meet San Francisco’s Newest Giant: The Yermínator

1-on-1 exclusive with Yermín Mercedes

Story and photo by Shaun Holkko, sports editor

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - With two outs in the top of the ninth inning of a 15-4 blowout between the Chicago White Sox and Minnesota Twins, Yermín Mercedes swung on a 3-0 pitch and crushed it to left center field for a home run.

Most people would think that such a moment deserves cheers and admiration from the winning team’s manager. However, that was not the case on May 17, 2021. White Sox manager Tony La Russa, who was 76 years old at the time with more than three decades of MLB managerial experience, called the moment a “big mistake” when he spoke to the media following the 16-4 victory.

According to Mercedes, he was surprised when he heard his manager’s comments to the media. La Russa said one thing to him privately in the locker room, and then said the opposite in his post-game press conference.

Baseball is America’s national pastime for a reason, and with that, comes an old school mentality from some people like La Russa who employ platitudes like the “unwritten rules” of baseball. La Russa’s disapproval went on to have a negative effect on the rising star and Mercedes was never as productive for Chicago statistically following that fateful day in May.

“We don’t have that rule in baseball,” Mercedes told the Messenger Publishing Group before making his debut with the Sacramento River Cats on June 21. “He’s an old manager. In that moment after the game, he came into my locker and he talked to me and said, ‘I got you, you’re okay, it’s my fault.’ Because I



Giants first baseman Yermín Mercedes kicks his left leg and prepares to swing at a pitch during his debut with the River Cats, a 13-5 win against El Paso on Tuesday, June 21 at Sutter Health Park in Sacramento.

never saw the sign and he never gave me the sign. I think he gave it to the (base) coach, but he didn’t give it to me.

“I always go to home plate and make a swing; do the best I can do in the game for the whole team.”

The Yermínator went from leading MLB in batting average (.364) to suddenly plummeting back down to Earth (.271) near the league average. The drop in production led to him being demoted back to Triple-A. Mercedes suffered an injury during spring training this year and had surgery in March before eventually being designated for assignment on June 12.

While with Chicago, Mercedes showed flashes of greatness. The Dominican Republic native set a major league record as the

first player in modern MLB history to begin a season with eight consecutive hits, earning him MLB Rookie of the Month honors in April 2021. On April 2, 2021, Mercedes made history as the only White Sox player to record five hits in his first major league start.

“Big Yerm,” as he refers to himself, said he didn’t do anything abnormal during the hot streak. He just stuck to his daily pregame routine and approached the plate during each at bat with the goal of making solid contact.

“I never imagined I [would] be 5-for-5 in my first game in 2021,” Mercedes said. “Then the next day, I go 3-for-3 so in that moment I had 8-for-8. My next at bat I just popped out to center field and said ‘Wow, it’s unbelievable.’ Because I never, never

imagined I would make it 8-for-8 in that moment.”

On June 18, the San Francisco Giants claimed Mercedes off waivers, giving the excited 29-year-old a fresh start and a new home. Mercedes made his debut for the Giants’ Triple-A affiliate, the Sacramento River Cats, on June 21. Just like in his first start for Chicago, Mercedes recorded a hit in his first at bat for Sacramento, as the starting first baseman. Mercedes went 2-for-5 in his first game for the River Cats.

It didn’t take long for Mercedes to get the call to return to the big leagues as on June 26, the Giants recalled him from Sacramento to replace infielder Brandon Crawford who was placed on the 10-day injured list. Mercedes was 5-for-16 at

the plate with two walks in four games for the River Cats.

Mercedes was optioned back to Sacramento three days later on June 29 after outfielder LaMonte Wade was activated off the IL. Then four days later, the Yermínator was back like he never left, returning to the Giants on July 3 to replace infielder Thairo Estrada, who was placed on the COVID-19-related IL.

“I know I can help the team out there,” Mercedes proclaimed with confidence. “I know they need me because I’m a good baseball player, I know that. I need to focus on working hard every time, every day coming to the ballpark. It doesn’t matter what the people say because when the people talk about you, it’s because you’re important. If you aren’t important, the people don’t talk about you.”

Mercedes provides the Giants with defensive versatility as he regularly plays first base, catcher and designated hitter. With highly touted prospect Joey Bart recently demoted back to Triple-A, that could open a door for Mercedes to stay in the major leagues for the long run as a catcher.

In five games so far with San Francisco, Mercedes has gone 4-for-11 at the plate with two doubles, two runs scored and two walks. Defensively, he has started once at catcher and first base, respectively, with the other three starts as the designated hitter.

“The future has not been written,” John Connor said in the 1984 film, The Terminator. “There is no fate but what we make for ourselves.”

Whether or not Mercedes remains with the Giants long term is yet to be seen. However, whenever an opportunity presents itself, the Yermínator will be ready. ★



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agreed with the plaintiffs and deemed Map 4A non-compliant according to the Fair Maps Act, and that the North area of town should be considered as one. He wrote, “This is the exact type of neighborhood the FAIR MAPS Act was designed to protect—namely, a geographically continuous, compact, easily identifiable, and historically disadvantaged, low-income neighborhood with a long history and a common social and economic profile.”

In addition, he wrote, “It is also apparent that when the parties entered into the Settlement Agreement, the plaintiffs would have reasonably believed that the City would not divide, or at least would have minimized division of its neighborhood when drawing the district lines.”

The judge reviewed the alternative maps provided and said that by comparing

several categories, the plaintiff’s map was the most fair, then the equity map, then Map 4A. He also stated that he believed the plaintiff’s map had district lines drawn with the idea of preserving neighborhoods and communities of interest, not how it affects the incumbents (city council). He decided on the plaintiff’s map.

A closed session emergency City Council meeting was held, and the city attorney said they will not be appealing it. Mayor Martha Guerrero was very tight lipped about the rest of the meeting. Mayor Guerrero abstained when the council voted on Map 4A because she said she was not happy with it and took into consideration the input of the community.

“Congratulations to the plaintiffs on their victory. I applaud their passion for what’s best for their community,” said Mayor Guerrero. ★

Assembly Request Action by the Governor to Protect the Trucking Industry

Assembly Republicans News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - On Tuesday, July 5, Assembly Republicans sent a letter to Governor Gavin Newsom, urging him to delay implementation of AB 5 or exempt independent truckers entirely from its employee reclassification (ABC) test. The Supreme Court declined to hear a case on June 30th that would have challenged the new law, now putting AB 5 on the fast-track for going into effect in California.

“California’s and the nation’s economy in part depends on our ability to move products through our ports. The employment standards that AB 5 sets for independent truckers puts more undue stress on our economy and will increase shipping costs, driving inflation even higher. We are trying to prevent our already strained supply chain from getting worse, and if there are cuts to the trucking workforce, this will hurt both businesses and consumers.”

-Assembly Republican Leader James Gallagher

“The sad reality is that the devastating ramifications of this ruling will be felt most

among minority truck owners - my constituents. Not only will the rollout of AB 5 hamper minority truck owners in their goal to achieve the American Dream, but it will also force our owner-operator fleets to give up their independence and ability to work on their own terms. Many of the signatories of this letter argued strongly against AB 5 on these grounds. While I respect the Supreme Court’s decision, this issue falls upon the failures of our state to prevent unintended consequences of rash policy decisions, such as AB 5.”

-Assemblymember Devon Mathis

The letter calls on Governor Newsom to use his executive powers to either delay application of AB 5 or exempt the trucking industry altogether from the ABC test, which determines whether a worker is an employee or an independent contractor. By not taking action, the Governor would be eliminating 20 percent of California’s vital supply chain workforce.

To view the letter signed by California Assembly Republicans in its entirety, please visit this link: <https://asmrc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Letter-to-Newsom-AB-5-7.5.22.pdf>. ★

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budget, and there were concerns that there wasn’t an efficient and secure way of accomplishing a grant program to non-tax filers,” said a statement from the office of Atkins, a San Diego Democrat.

The Legislature “really wanted to get help to these people, but ... we were not able to do it logistically,” said a spokesperson for Rendon, a South Gate Democrat.

The payments will go out to Californians who filed 2020 tax returns by October 2021, according to the Franchise Tax Board, which has a tool for calculating how much you are eligible to receive based on how much you earn and other factors.

But in California, people earning less than \$19,310 who don’t have a child or someone else depending on them – one of many different gross income thresholds – aren’t required to file income taxes. The state also doesn’t count Social Security retirement or disability benefits as taxable income, meaning people who receive those benefits aren’t required to pay taxes, so long as they have minimal other income.

Lawmakers tried to aid some low-earners who may not file taxes by increasing payments for people receiving CalWorks benefits, a program for needy families. They also increased benefits for people who receive Supplemental Security Income – a state-supplemented version of social security benefits for senior or disabled people who would otherwise not qualify for, or have extremely small social security payments.

The boosts for people in those two programs are good, said Trinh Phan, a senior staff attorney focused on economic security at Justice in Aging, which advocates for low-income older adults. But, she said, the budget package still leaves out some people who are very low-income.

For example, someone getting by just on Social Security Disability Insurance could miss out on this rebate and the boosts to CalWorks and Supplemental Security Income: They might earn little enough that they don’t have to file taxes, but if they don’t have kids they likely won’t qualify for CalWorks. And, if their disability benefits pay more than \$1060.21 per month, they wouldn’t qualify for Supplemental Security Income either, said Phan.

About a quarter of Americans over 65 live in households where 90% of the family income is Social Security, according to the Social Security Administration. The average retired worker benefit in California is about \$1,500 per month, or \$18,000 per year. The average SSDI benefit is about \$1,300 per month, or \$15,600 per year.

Some low-income Californians won’t receive the rebate, Department of Finance

spokesperson H.D. Palmer said. But he pointed out that many people who aren’t required to file taxes still choose to do so, sometimes to receive other benefits distributed through the system. In 2020, an additional 500,000 low-income tax returns were filed in California, Palmer said in a statement, “presumably to qualify for a Golden State Stimulus payment or perhaps even a federal relief payment.” Palmer also pointed to other forms of financial assistance in the budget, such as \$1.4 billion in aid for people with unpaid utility bills.

People who don’t pay taxes and aren’t in a benefits program run by California are hard for the state to reach quickly with aid. Social security benefits are administered by the federal government, and the state doesn’t have data on recipients, said Jesse Rothenstein, a professor of public policy and economics at University of California, Berkeley, and faculty director of the California Policy Lab.

“It’s obviously not great that we’re missing people, and many of them are some of the most vulnerable people in the economy,” said Rothenstein. But, he said, “It’s not as if there’s a mechanism available that reaches everybody.” Given a set of imperfect options, using the tax system was the best choice, Rothenstein said.

It’s also the choice lawmakers made when distributing two rounds of Golden State Stimulus payments in 2021. After that move, they faced criticism from disability advocates, and seniors who were left out.

“To see that they have done it again this year is just further proof that nobody’s paying attention to people who need the most help,” said Charis Hill, a disability advocate who lives in Sacramento.

California’s government doesn’t know much about the people who don’t file taxes. The Franchise Tax Board doesn’t track the number of residents who aren’t required to file taxes, or what share of those people live in poverty, according to statements in response to CalMatters’ questions. A spokesperson for the board said that no state agencies appear to track that information.

The difficulty of reaching people with this payment exposes a weakness in the state’s system “that needs to be addressed on a longer-term basis,” said Chris Hoene, executive director of the California Budget and Policy Center, which advocates for targeting aid to lower-income people. Part of the solution would be better data sharing between the federal government and the states, he said.

But, given the options policymakers were considering – including giving money to car owners, as Gov. Newsom proposed, and cutting the gas tax – he thinks the payments based on income are a good outcome. ★

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health, employment, substance abuse programs and social services, the County Administrative Officer or a designee from the Board of Supervisors, and representative for victim interests and a community-based organization. The CCP is required to develop a strategic plan for the Board of Supervisors’ approval.

With community input, the CCP has developed and implemented two strategic plans since its inception.

Members of the CCP will attend the community engagement meetings, which will be facilitated and held via Zoom on Tuesday, July 19, from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. (link to register: <http://bit.ly/yoloCCPjuly19>) and again on Monday, August 8, from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. (link to register: <http://bit.ly/yoloCCPAug8>). Spanish translation services will be available during these meetings.

For more information about the CCP, visit www.YoloCounty.org/CCP. ★

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Social Security Matters

Working While Collecting Early Benefits



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: How much would be withheld from my social security benefits? I am 62 and can claim about \$1,900 a month now. I'm still working, making about \$75K per year. How much of my benefits would I get? What would be withheld from me and when would I get it back? And would there be any penalty? **Signed: Eligible but Working**

Dear Eligible: In the scenario you describe, you will not be eligible to collect Social Security retirement benefits at this time because your earnings are too high. Here's how that is determined:

- At age 62, you are subject to Social Security's "earnings test" which limits how much you can earn while collecting early benefits. The earnings limit applies until you reach your full retirement age (FRA), which for you is 67.
- Your penalty for exceeding the earnings limit now would be \$1 for every \$2 you are over the limit. At your current salary of \$75K per year, you will be over the 2022 annual earnings limit of \$19,560 by \$55,440, which means you would owe Social Security \$27,720. Since your age

62 benefit amount is about \$1900 per month (\$22,800/year), your annual SS benefit would be insufficient to offset the penalty for exceeding the earnings limit, thus you would not be entitled to a Social Security benefit because of your current earnings. You will again be eligible to collect SS when your earnings are substantially less, or when you reach your full retirement age, whichever occurs first.

Social Security's earnings test affects everyone who works and earns when collecting benefits before reaching full retirement age. Each year, Social Security sets a limit for how much can be earned before benefits are affected (the 2022 limit is \$19,560; it increases slightly each year). Those who exceed the limit pay a "penalty" of \$1 for every \$2 they are over the limit, which must be paid to SS either in a lump sum, or by having benefits withheld for enough months for SS to recover what is owed. If your Social Security benefit isn't enough to offset the penalty for exceeding the earnings limit, no benefits will be paid.

Those collecting early benefits who earn only slightly more than the annual earnings limit can collect some benefits each year because their penalty is small enough. For example, someone earning \$25,000 per year would exceed the 2022 earnings limit by \$5440 and, thus, incur a penalty of \$2720. That would probably mean about 2 months of withheld benefits, enabling them to get benefits for the remaining 10 months of the year. Social Security

will withhold benefits for enough months to recover whatever the beneficiary owes for exceeding the limit.

The rules surrounding Social Security's earning test are somewhat complex. For example, there is a "first year rule" which exempts salary earned prior to claiming SS from counting toward the earnings limit. When someone first claims Social Security mid-year they are, instead, subject to a monthly limit (\$1630 for 2022) for the remaining months of the calendar year. If the monthly limit is exceeded, no benefits are payable for that month. The earnings limit no longer applies when full retirement age is reached but is still in effect in the months of that year prior to attaining FRA. The earnings limit during those months is much higher and the "penalty" for exceeding it is less.

Social Security prefers that those working and collecting early benefits contact them in advance to withhold benefits for as long as needed to offset the expected penalty. Doing so will avoid an Overpayment Notice being issued in the following year when your earnings amount is received from the IRS.

After full retirement age, Social Security will adjust the beneficiary's payment to account for months benefits were withheld and increase the monthly amount accordingly. That will result in some, or perhaps all, of the withheld benefits being recovered over time (depending on longevity).

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California's Chronic Technology Woes Will Be Probed



By Dan Walters CALMatters.org

Last month's primary election was the latest test for a state computer system that is supposed to provide timely and complete data on campaign contributions, lobbying expenditures and other financial aspects of the political process.

Cal-Access, as it's known, struggled to do what it was supposed to do, which surprises exactly no one who tries to use the system.

It's not a new problem. The shortcomings of the 23-year-old political reporting system have been known for years. The former secretary of state, Alex Padilla, once described Cal-Access as "a Frankenstein's monster of code" that is in need of "a complete rebuild" and sponsored 2016 legislation to create a replacement.

Then-Gov. Jerry Brown, himself a former secretary of state, agreed that the system needed an overhaul and signed the legislation. A successor system was supposed to be ready within a few years, but it wasn't.

Last year, Padilla was appointed to the U.S. Senate. Shirley Weber, a Democratic assemblywoman from San Diego, was named as his successor and she more or less scrapped what Padilla had done on the Cal-Access

Replacement System or CARS, as it's called.

"To ensure that the CARS project can fully meet its statutory obligations, the scheduled June 30, 2021, rollout of the project will be postponed," Weber said. "Moving forward, the secretary of state's office will assess the project's state of readiness so that on the date it goes live it will meet the expectations of the public, stakeholders and the regulated community."

It's another example of a syndrome that has plagued state government for years. While California's Silicon Valley and other technology hubs may be global leaders in the development of information technology, its state government has been chronically incapable of implementing IT systems that work as promised.

One of the most spectacular IT failures was a meltdown in the Employment Development Department's handling of claims for unemployment insurance benefits from hundreds of thousands of California workers who lost their jobs due to pandemic-related shutdowns, compounded by approving billions of dollars in payments to fraudsters.

The long list of IT systems that that have failed, incurred huge cost overruns and/or were delayed for years is, or at least should be, especially embarrassing to Gov. Gavin Newsom. In 2013, he published a book, "Citizenville: How to Take the Town Square Digital and Reinvent Government," predicting that technology would transform American democracy and end political gridlock.

California's sorry record

of IT failure raises the obvious question of "why?" Is it bureaucratic sclerosis? Is it an inability to define missions precisely enough for software engineers to design solutions? Do vendors overpromise results to pad their bills?

The state auditor's office has identified managerial shortcomings in many specific projects, such as one dubbed FISCal, supposedly a comprehensive integration of financial data. However, there's never been an analysis of what obviously is a systemic procurement failure — until now.

Last week, the Legislature's audit committee directed the auditor's office to examine the entire IT procurement system, beginning with the Department of Technology, which was created several years back to solve the chronic problem.

The audit was requested by Assemblywoman Cottie Petrie-Norris, an Irvine Democrat who chairs the Assembly Accountability and Administrative Review Committee.

"The pandemic showed us the disastrous results of state IT systems that are overloaded, antiquated, and not ready for the task ahead," Petrie-Norris said. "This audit request is a critically needed look at the technology systems Californians should be able to easily rely on every day to interact with their government and obtain vital services."

A long-overdue look.

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

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Yolo County In-Home Supportive Services Advisory Committee is Recruiting Members

Yolo County News Release

WOODLAND, CA (MPG) - The Yolo County In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Advisory Committee seeks committee members interested in the delivery of IHSS.

The IHSS program helps eligible persons with disabilities remain safely in their homes, helping pay for authorized domestic and personal-care services. The committee has current openings for four consumers and two residents; applicants may live in any part of Yolo County. The Board of Supervisors appoints members to four-year terms.

The committee gives the County's more than 5,800

IHSS care consumers and providers a voice in the program's policy, development, and operations. This group provides recommendations about the enhancement, availability, and quality of IHSS, promoting services that support a positive and productive relationship between consumers and providers and advocates for the program.

"The IHSS Advisory Committee plays a vital role in guiding our program and advocacy priorities," states Kim Britt, Director of IHSS Public Authority/IHSS Manager and staff to the committee. "As a program administrator, this feedback is greatly appreciated and routinely used to make our program

delivery meaningful to our community."


The 11-person committee includes consumers, providers, and interested residents and is a consumer-majority body per its bylaws, bringing a solutions-based approach to challenges and opportunities.

"We secured \$200,000 in American Rescue Plan funds to create a system of paid professional development training for providers," said Committee Chair Kate Laddish. "This will strengthen the whole program: supplying providers with professional development opportunities helps them grow and increases consumers' ability to live safely at home,

rather than going into congregate care."


The IHSS Advisory Committee meets on the second Wednesday of each month from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. and currently meets virtually on Zoom. Residents considering applying are encouraged to attend a meeting. Most committee members spend four to six hours per month on committee business.

Applications can be found and submitted at www.yolocounty.org/government/board-of-supervisors/advisory-bodies. For more information about the IHSS Advisory Committee or about applying to become a member, contact Kim Britt at (530) 661-2676. ★




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YSAQMD Executive Director Mat Ehrhardt Passes Away

**YSAQMD
News Release**

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - It is with profound sadness that the Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District (YSAQMD) announces the passing of Executive Director and Air Pollution Control Officer Mat Ehrhardt, P.E. on June 26, 2022.

“We are deeply shocked and saddened by this sudden and tragic loss. It was a great privilege to know him personally and work alongside Mat for more than 28 years,” Paul Hensleigh, Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer said.

Mr. Ehrhardt held a degree in Mechanical Engineering from California State University of Sacramento, where he was on the Dean’s list (1990-1992) and a member of the Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society. He came to the District in 1997

as an Associate Air Quality Engineer, earning his Professional Engineering license in Mechanical Engineering in 1997 before promoting to Supervising Air Quality Engineer in 2000 and Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer in 2002. In 2005, Mr. Ehrhardt became the Executive Director of YSAQMD, leading operations for nearly 20 years.

Board Chair and Rio Vista Mayor Ronald Kott stated, “Mat served the Board of Directors with unwavering dedication, protecting and improving air quality for communities within the District. His knowledge and leadership will be sorely missed. I extend my sympathies to his family during this time.”

Mat was a strong advocate for clean air, but in a way that made sense for all stakeholders, including the regulated community. Though Yolo-Solano is

a medium size district, Mat’s impact on statewide air quality policy issues was undeniable, including serving as President of the California Air Pollution Control Officer’s Association from 2009 to 2010.

Yolo County Supervisor Donald Saylor and long-time Board Member recalled “Mat was universally respected by staff, the Board and colleagues in air quality management throughout the state and nation. On top of that, he was a warm human being and friend to all. His loss will be deeply felt. My condolences and best wishes to his family at this very stunning time.”

District staff extend their deepest condolences to his wife, daughter and family and asks to keep them in your thoughts at this difficult time. Any details regarding services will be provided on the District website, www.ysaqmd.org, when they are available. ★

DBW Reminds Boaters to Carry a California Boater Card

**California State Parks
News Release**

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - California State Parks’ Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW) reminds California boaters of the requirement to obtain and carry a California Boater Card when boating on state inland and coastal waterways. Applying for one is a simple process, it costs \$10 and lasts a lifetime. Operators who are not in compliance with the law and caught operating a vessel without their California Boater Card will be cited accordingly. This is considered an infraction and base fines can range anywhere from \$100 – \$500.

U.S. Coast Guard boating accident data show that states with some form of boating safety education have fewer accidents and fatalities than states without any boater education requirements. California is one of the last states to implement a mandatory boating education requirement. The law is being phased-in by age. By Jan. 1, 2023, all boaters 50 years of age or younger must carry a card. All boaters, regardless of age, will need to carry one by Jan. 1, 2025. The card is verification that its holder has successfully taken and passed an approved boating safety education course. It is important to note there are exemptions to the law. For example, those operating a rental vessel or possessing a valid marine operator’s license issued by the U.S. Coast Guard do not need to obtain a California Boater Card. To date, DBW has issued more than 143,000 cards.

“It’s not just novice boaters that benefit from this education program by learning the

boating rules of the road,” said DBW Acting Deputy Director Ramona Fernandez. “Even experienced boaters find that a boating safety course can help them improve their boating knowledge and stay up to date with current boating laws.”

Applying for a California Boater Card is a simple process. Boaters can complete their application by visiting CaliforniaBoaterCard.com. The card only costs \$10 and lasts a lifetime. Boaters have an option to complete an online, classroom or a home study course. Boaters only need to complete one of the approved courses. Once DBW has received your application, proof of education and payment, you will receive a 90-day temporary boater card by email. You should receive your official boater card by mail within 30 days from the time the application was approved. Detailed information on the process and information on available boating safety courses is available online at CaliforniaBoaterCard.com. A toll-free telephone support line is also available at (844) 421-8333.

California State Parks and the recreational programs supported by its divisions of Boating and Waterways, Historic Preservation and Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation provide the opportunity for families, friends, and communities to connect. Off-highway motor vehicle recreation, boating activities, horseback riding, cycling, hiking, camping, rock climbing, tours, hikes, school group enrichment, and special events are just some of the activities enjoyed in 279 park units organized into 21 field districts throughout the state. Learn more at www.parks.ca.gov. ★



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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20220543 The following person(s) is doing business as: Chamed Specialisations, 821 Marigold Street, West Sacramento, CA 95691. Lisa Lugo, 821 Marigold Street, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on July 5, 2022. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 7/6/2022. By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy Publish: July 15, 22, 29 & August 5, 2022 CHARMED 8-5-22

ORDER TO SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME

COUNTY OF YOLO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2022-897 Lucila Rolon has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Lucila Rolon to Lucila Rolon Gonzalez. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00 a.m. on August 3, 2022, in Department 9, located at 1000 Main Street Woodland, CA 95695 and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: June 8, 2022 Daniel M. Volk, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: July 1, 8, 15 & 22, 2022 ROLON 7-22-22

COUNTY OF YOLO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2022-864 Trinidette Martinez has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Richard Alfredo Aguirre to Ricardo Alfredo Aguirre. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00 a.m. on July 27, 2022, in Department 10, Room Zoom, located at 1000 Main Street Woodland, CA 95695 and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: June 8, 2022 Samuel T. McAdam, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: July 1, 8, 15 & 22, 2022 MARTINEZ 7-22-22

COUNTY OF YOLO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #CV2022-0993 Chinyi Lydia Kao has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Chinyi Lydia Kao to Chinyi Lydia Ibu Holludun, and Heath Russell Hollingsworth to Sien Heath Russell Holludun. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court at 9:00 a.m. on August 19, 2022, in Department 9, located at 1000 Main Street Woodland, CA 95695 and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: June 24, 2022 Stephen L. Mock, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: July 15, 22, 29 & August 5, 2022 KAO 8-5-22

TRUSTEE SALE

TT.S. NO. 19-59217 APN: 046-421-004-000 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 11/8/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: ALEXANDER G MISTIUK AND VERA MISTIUK, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS Duly Appointed Trustee: ZBS Law, LLP Deed of Trust recorded 11/22/2006, as Instrument No. 2006-0046097-00, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Yolo County, California, Date of Sale: 8/8/2022 at 1:00 PM Place of Sale: North Entrance, West Sacramento City Hall, 1110 W. Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$578,328.64 Note: Because the Beneficiary reserves the right to bid less than the total debt owed, it is possible that at the time of the sale the opening bid may be less than the total debt owed. Street Address or other common designation of real property: 1670 GRANT CT WEST SACRAMENTO, California

95691 Described as follows: As more fully described on said Deed of Trust A.P.N #.: 046-421-004-000 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. 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 (855) 976-3916 or visit this Internet Web site www.auction.com, using the file number assigned to this case 19-59217. 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 (855) 976-3916, or visit this internet website tracker.auction.com/sb1079, using the file number assigned to this case 19-59217 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. Dated: 6/28/2022 ZBS Law, LLP, as Trustee 30 Corporate Park, Suite 450 Irvine, CA 92606 For Non-Automated Sale Information, call: (714) 848-7920 For Sale Information: (855) 976-3916 www.auction.com Michael Busby, Trustee Sale Officer This office is enforcing a security interest of your creditor. To the extent that your obligation has been discharged by a bankruptcy court or is subject to an automatic stay of bankruptcy, this notice is for informational purposes only and does not constitute a demand for payment or any attempt to collect such obligation. EPP 34870 Pub Dates 07/08, 07/15, 07/22/2022 MISTIUK 7-22-22

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Government Code Section 66018, The West Sacramento City Council will conduct a public hearing on August 3, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. to receive comments on the 2022 Annual Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant Program. The hearing will be held at the City of West Sacramento City Hall, second floor, 1110 West Capitol Ave., West Sacramento, California 95691.

The City of West Sacramento receives an annual allocation of CDBG funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The 2022 Annual Action Plan will cover the second year of the City's 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan. CDBG funds must be used for projects that meet at least one of the three HUD national objectives: 1) benefitting low- and moderate-income households; 2) addressing slums or blight conditions; or 3) addressing an urgent need such as flood or earthquake damage. The City will receive \$470,478 in Entitlement CDBG funding for fiscal year 2022/2023. Additional resources for the 2022 Action Plan will include \$100,000 in anticipated program income. The proposed CDBG activities for the 2022 Annual Action Plan do not include programs or projects that displace persons from their homes, businesses, or farms.

Recommended goals and amounts for the 2022 CDBG Annual Action Plan will be as follows:

- Consolidated Plan Goal #1: Address the supportive services needs of persons experiencing homelessness and those at risk of homelessness. (\$85,571);
- Consolidated Plan Goal #3: Construct infrastructure improvements in low-income neighborhoods (\$370,812);
- General administration and planning expenses shall not exceed 20% of the HUD allocation plus program income. (\$114,095).

In addition to the City's regular CDBG allocation, HUD awarded an additional \$116,588 in CDBG-Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funds. Staff intends to allocate \$86,588 of the CDBG-CV award to support the Homekey Program Supportive Services at 817 West Capitol Avenue. This allocation supports Consolidated Plan Goal #1: Address the supportive services needs of persons experiencing homelessness and those at risk of homelessness. The remaining \$30,000 of the CDBG-CV award will be allocated to general administration and planning expenses.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), if you need assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the City Clerk, at clerk@cityofwestsacramento.org, seventy-two

(72) hours prior to the meeting to allow the City to make reasonable arrangements to assure accessibility to this meeting.

Assistance is available to groups representing low-income residents that are interested in learning about CDBG funding for programs or projects. Questions or comments may be directed to Isaah Alford, Community Investment Specialist, at (916) 617-4555 or by email at isaaha@cityofwestsacramento.org.

The City of West Sacramento promotes fair housing and makes all programs available to low- and moderate-income households regardless of age, race, color, religion, sex, national origin, sexual preference, marital status or disability.

Aviso de Audiencia Pública

En conformidad con la Sección 66018 del Código de Gobierno, el Concejo Municipal de West Sacramento llevará a cabo una audiencia pública el 3 de agosto de 2022 a las 7:00 p.m. para recibir comentarios sobre el Plan de Acción Anual 2022 para el Programa de Subsidios Globales para el Desarrollo Comunitario (CDBG, por sus siglas en inglés). La audiencia se llevará a cabo en el Ayuntamiento de la Ciudad de West Sacramento, segundo piso, 1110 West Capitol Ave., West Sacramento, California 95691.

La Ciudad de West Sacramento recibe una asignación anual de fondos CDBG del Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de los Estados Unidos (HUD, por sus siglas en inglés). El Plan de Acción Anual 2022 cubrirá el segundo año del Plan Consolidado 2021-2025 de la Ciudad. Los fondos del CDBG deben utilizarse para proyectos que cumplan al menos uno de los tres objetivos nacionales del HUD: 1) beneficiar a los hogares de ingresos bajos y moderados; 2) abordar las condiciones de los barrios marginales o de tizón; o 3) abordar una necesidad urgente, como daños por inundaciones o terremotos. La Ciudad recibirá \$470,478 en fondos de CDBG para el año fiscal 2022/2023. Los recursos adicionales para el Plan de Acción 2022 incluirán \$100,000 en ingresos anticipados del programa. Las actividades propuestas de CDBG para el Plan de Acción Anual 2022 no incluyen programas o proyectos que desplacen a las personas de sus hogares, negocios o granjas.

Las metas y montos recomendados para el Plan de Acción Anual del CDBG 2022 serán los siguientes:

- Objetivo # 1 del Plan Consolidado: Abordar las necesidades de servicios de apoyo de las personas sin hogar y las que corren el riesgo de quedarse sin hogar. (85.571 dólares);
- Objetivo #3 del Plan Consolidado: Construir mejoras de infraestructura en vecindarios de bajos ingresos (\$370.812);
- Los gastos generales de administración y planificación no excederán el 20% de la asignación de HUD más los ingresos del programa. (114.095 dólares).

Además de la asignación regular de CDBG de la Ciudad, HUD otorgó \$116,588 adicionales en fondos CDBG-Coronavirus (CDBG-CV). El personal tiene la intención de asignar \$86,588 de la asignación CDBG- CV para apoyar los Servicios de Apoyo del Programa Homekey en 817 West Capitol Avenue. Esta asignación apoya la Meta # 1 del Plan Consolidado: Abordar las necesidades de servicios de apoyo de las personas sin hogar y las que corren el riesgo de quedarse sin hogar. Los \$30,000 restantes de la adjudicación CDBG-CV se asignarán a gastos generales de administración y planificación.

En cumplimiento con la Ley de Estadounidenses con Discapacidades (ADA, por sus siglas en inglés), si necesita ayuda para participar en esta reunión, comuníquese con el Secretario de la Ciudad, al clerk@cityofwestsacramento.org, setenta y dos (72) horas antes de la reunión para permitir que la Ciudad haga arreglos razonables para garantizar la accesibilidad a esta reunión.

La asistencia está disponible para grupos que representan a residentes de bajos ingresos que están interesados en aprender sobre los fondos de CDBG para programas o proyectos. Las preguntas o comentarios pueden dirigirse a Isaah Alford, Especialista en Inversión Comunitaria, al (916) 617-4555 o por correo electrónico a isaaha@cityofwestsacramento.org.

La Ciudad de West Sacramento promueve la vivienda justa y pone todos los programas a disposición de los hogares de ingresos bajos y moderados, independientemente de su edad, raza, color, religión, sexo, origen nacional, preferencia sexual, estado civil o discapacidad.

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State Budget Invests to Help Fully Restore California's Tourism Economy

Visit California News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The new state budget agreed upon by Gov. Gavin Newsom and state lawmakers will include \$15 million in marketing funds to support the ongoing recovery of California's tourism economy.

These funds will be used to supplement Visit California's proven tourism efforts by providing direct support for domestic tourism marketing programs aimed at driving increased travel to destinations and communities throughout California.

The new funding builds

on the state's previous investment of \$95 million in tourism marketing stimulus in 2021, which has been critical to reviving the state's hard-hit tourism sector and accelerating the travel industry's path to recovery.

Visitor spending in California grew 46% last year compared to 2020, totaling \$100.2 billion, according to Visit California's 2021 Economic Impact Report. Updated economic projections now forecast that travel spending will reach 2019 levels by 2023 – a year earlier than previous estimates.

“California's travel and hospitality industry is



These funds will be used to supplement Visit California's proven tourism efforts by providing direct support for domestic tourism marketing programs. Photo courtesy of Pixabay

grateful to Gov. Newsom and the Legislature for including \$15 million

in the state budget to continue the tourism economy's recovery from the

devastating pandemic,” said Visit California President and CEO Caroline Beteta. “The state funding will supplement the travel industry's contribution and allow Visit California to continue marketing programs across the nation to inspire travel to the Golden State. The \$95 million allocated by the Legislature a year ago helped California reclaim its nation-leading tourism market share and reestablish itself as one of the state's most reliable job producers. This \$15 million contribution will help finish the job and bring California's tourism economy back to pre-pandemic levels in 2023.”

This stimulus will provide additional resources that will help Visit California close the gap in the state's uneven tourism recovery by supporting marketing programs aimed at promoting family travel, professional meetings and travel to California's urban hubs, which continue to be disproportionately impacted by the pandemic.

Initial projections estimate that the state's \$15 million investment in tourism marketing stimulus will generate at least \$4 billion in visitor spending at California businesses and create 37,600 travel and hospitality jobs. ★

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Sealed proposals will be received and submitted electronically through the City's ProcureNow system at <https://secure.procurenow.com/portal/cityofwestsacramento> until **2:00 p.m. local time on Friday, July 22, 2022**, at which time and place results will be posted and available for public review for the:

NORTH RIVER WALK TRAIL EXTENSION

The proposed work consists of the following: The work generally consists of the removal of existing concrete and asphalt, construction of concrete curb & gutter, sidewalks, asphalt paths, ADA access ramps, tree wells, landscaping & irrigation, lighting, pavement striping & markings, Railroad pedestrian crossings and other related improvements as shown on the plans.

The Contractor shall provide labor, materials, tools, equipment, and incidentals, and shall perform all work necessary to deliver a completed, workmanlike project ready for safe public use and economical maintenance by City forces.

Engineer's Estimate: The Engineer's Estimate for the proposed improvements is **\$1,968,000.00**. The Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) contract goal is **14 percent**.

- Pre-Bid Meeting:** A virtual Pre-bid meeting will be held on **Tuesday, July 5, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.** via Microsoft Teams. Plan holders will be sent information to call or log in. Though not mandatory, attendance is strongly encouraged.
- Completion of Work:** All work shall be completed within **Ninety-five (95) working days** from the date designated on the Notice to Proceed. Plant Establishment is excluded from these working days.
- Obtaining Contract Documents:** Contract documents and plans are available for downloading free of charge through the City's OpenGov/ProcureNow link at <https://secure.procurenow.com/portal/cityofwestsacramento>.
- Questions:** Project-specific questions must be submitted through the City's OpenGov/ProcureNow link at <https://secure.procurenow.com/portal/cityofwestsacramento>. If appropriate, the City will post responses to Bidder questions through the OpenGov/ProcureNow system. The cutoff date for submittal of questions is **Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. local time**.
- Submission of Proposals:** Sealed proposals will be received and submitted electronically through the City's OpenGov/ProcureNow system at <https://secure.procurenow.com/portal/cityofwestsacramento> until **2:00 p.m. local time on Friday, July 22, 2022**, at which time and place results will be posted and available for public review for the:

Each Bid must conform and be responsive to this notice and shall be submitted through the City's OpenGov/ProcureNow system at <https://secure.procurenow.com/portal/cityofwestsacramento>.
- Bid Security:** Each proposal must be accompanied by a Bid Security in the form of a cashier's check, certified check, or Bid bond executed on the prescribed form, in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the total Bid price payable to the City of West Sacramento. Bidders are hereby notified that in accordance with the provisions of Public Contract Code section 22300, securities may be substituted for any monies which the City may withhold pursuant to the terms of this Contract to ensure performance.
- Construction License:** Bidder must possess a current Class "A" General Engineering issued by the State of California at the time the bid is submitted.
- Contractor Registration:** All Bidders, and Subcontractors subject to Public Contract Code section 4104, must have registered with the California State Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5 prior to submitting a bid. Furthermore, a Contractor, and all Subcontractors subject to Public Contract Code section 4104, must be registered pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5 before entering into a contract to work on a public project.
- Preconstruction Conference:** A preconstruction conference will be convened after the Contractor has delivered the necessary bonds, insurance certificates, and signed agreement in proper form as required in the invitation to bid, Bid proposal, and general conditions of these specifications. Prior to any work, the Contractor shall provide the Engineer with a list of key personnel assigned to the project and the telephone numbers where they may be reached at any time. The list shall be made available in sufficient copies and presented at the preconstruction conference.
- Award:** The award shall be made to the lowest responsible Bidder whose proposal complies with the specified requirements. The award of the Contract will be made by the West Sacramento City Council, and the Contractor shall execute the Contract within ten (10) days after it has received the Contract from the City. The City reserves the right to waive any irregularity in the proposals. No Bid may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after the opening of bids.
- Rejection of Bids:** The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or to waive immaterial irregularities in any bid. Any Bid not conforming to the intent and purpose of the Contract Documents may be rejected. The City reserves the right to make all awards in the best interest of the City.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Bonds:** The successful Bidder will be required to furnish a payment bond in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract price, and a faithful performance bond in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract price.

By: Vin Clay
Vin Cay, Supervising Civil Engineer

Date: 6/28/2022 | 1:59:04 PM PDT

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INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received and submitted electronically through the City's ProcureNow system at <https://secure.procurenow.com/portal/cityofwestsacramento> until **2:00 PM local time on Wednesday, August 10, 2022**, at which time and place results will be posted and available for public review for the:

SOUTHPORT LEVEE TRAILHEAD PROJECT

GENERAL SCOPE OF WORK

The proposed Project will include grading and site work on a 2-acre site improvements include: A HMA asphalt parking area with approximately 27 parking stalls (2ADA accessible) and gravel overflow area. A concrete plaza that includes a restroom building, bicycle racks, an informational kiosk, signage, shade elements, seating, other support amenities, and a paved ADA-accessible ramp from the parking lot to the planned Southport Levee Trail.

SITE LOCATION: East end of Linden Road end of Cul-de-sac

TENTATIVE CITY SCHEDULE:

Bid Publication		July 15, 2022
Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Site Meeting		August 3, 2022
Cutoff for Bid RFLs	no later than	5 P.M. August 5, 2022
Bids Due / Bid Opening	no later than	2 P.M. August 10, 2022
City Council Award of Contract		September 21, 2022

Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Site Meeting: Thursday, July 7, 2022, 9 A.M.
East end of Linden Road end of Cul-de-sac

Project construction cost estimate: \$ 1,174,000

This is **NOT** Federal Aid project.

- Completion of Work:** All work shall be completed one hundred twenty (10) working days from the date designated on the Notice to Proceed.
- Obtaining Contract Documents:** Contract documents and plans are available for downloading free of charge through the City's procurement system link at <https://secure.procurenow.com/portal/cityofwestsacramento>.
- Questions:** Project-specific questions must submitted through the City's procurement link at <https://secure.procurenow.com/portal/cityofwestsacramento>. If appropriate, the City will post responses to Bidder questions through the ProcureNow system. The cutoff date for submittal of questions is Friday August 5th by 5:00 PM local time.
- Submission of Proposals:** All proposals must be submitted not later than the date and time prescribed. The Bidder is wholly responsible to ensure its Bid is submitted on the date and at the time and place designated for the opening of bids. Any Bid received after the time and date specified shall not be considered. Any Bid may be withdrawn prior to the scheduled time for opening bids.

Each Bid must conform and be responsive to this notice and must be submitted via the **City's e-Procurement portal** and may not be delivered orally, by paper, by email, by facsimile transmission, or by any other telecommunication or electronic means.
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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.
- Bonds:** The successful Bidder will be required to furnish a payment bond in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract price, and a faithful performance bond in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract price.

By: Jaipal Chahal
Construction & Facilities Development Manager

Date: July 15, 2022

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Kings Find Needed Sharpshooters in Huerter and Monk



Sacramento Kings guard Kevin Huerter, general manager Monte McNair and guard Malik Monk pose for a photo at the players' introductory press conference on Friday, July 8 at the Thomas and Mack Center in Las Vegas. Photo courtesy of the Sacramento Kings

By Shaun Holkko, sports editor

LAS VEGAS, NV (MPG) - Live from the strip in Las Vegas, Sacramento Kings general manager Monte McNair formally introduced two of the team's newest sharpshooters to the media on July 8.

The Kings welcomed Kevin Huerter and Malik Monk to the team Friday afternoon at a press conference held at the Thomas and Mack Center. Both players bring much-needed shooting depth and floor-spacing to Sacramento.

"We had goals going in [to the offseason] about what we wanted to accomplish," McNair said. "Certainly, adding shooting, size, versatility, defense, depth, as well as a coach. We don't think we're done, but we never feel we're done. With these two guys, [they are] two pieces that are going to fit great with the rest of our guys and give us a lot of those things that we were looking for."

Huerter is a 6-foot-7 shooting guard going into his fifth season in the NBA. He was acquired July 1 by the Kings in a trade with the Atlanta Hawks in exchange for Maurice Harkless, Justin Holiday and a future first round pick, according to ESPN. In 74 games with 60 as a starter, Huerter averaged 12.1 points, 3.4 rebounds and 2.7 assists in just under 30 minutes per game for the Hawks last season.

Monk is a 6-foot-3 shooting guard entering his sixth year in the league. He signed with Sacramento as a free agent June 30 for 2-years and \$19 million, according to ESPN 1320 Sacramento. In 76 games with 37 as a starter for the Los Angeles Lakers last season, Monk averaged 13.8 points, 3.4 rebounds and 2.9 assists in just over 28 minutes per game.

Huerter, 23, had spent his entire career with Atlanta until being dealt to the Kings.

"I had a vet tell me in my first two years, 'you never experience the true NBA until you get traded,'" Huerter said. "That for me was like my first true NBA-moment feeling. It's the first time you change teams and meet a whole new group of guys, new organization, so I'm really excited to be here. I feel wanted."

Monk, 24, played one season at the University of Kentucky and played alongside Sacramento's speedy sensation, De'Aaron Fox. The duo led the Wildcats to a 2017 Sweet 16 appearance and became very close.

"I talk to Fox everyday man, so it really wasn't a conversation right before I signed," Monk said. "Got a call from Sac, said they wanted to offer me, so I called Fox to see what he thought about it and made the decision after that. I'm ready to play with my teammate, my brother."

Huerter comes to Sacramento with many nicknames in tow,

including K-Von, Red Velvet and Red Mamba. The 23-year-old said Kings fans can refer to him by any nickname except for K-Von, as that one was exclusive to the ATL.

"I guess that means not one has fully stuck, yet I guess if I got three or four of them," Huerter said. "I think my favorite one when I was in Atlanta was the K-Von. I think that was just something that, you know Atlanta, you know the people there, that was something that was kind of funny. They took Kevin and made me Atlanta's version of Kevin which was K-Von. So, I think that one can stay there."

"But past that, it's really whatever you guys like or feel comfortable with."

Monk played the first four years of his career with the Charlotte Hornets under the guidance of team owner, Michael Jordan, arguably one of the greatest basketball players of all-time. Last season, he played for the Lakers and alongside LeBron James, another one of the all-time greats.

"Life changing experiences from both aspects," Monk said. "With Jordan being the owner, I seen things from that side. With LeBron being a player, I seen things from his side. So, I got a lot of life changing experiences with those guys."

Huerter, Monk and the rest of the Kings will now attempt to halt the longest playoff drought in NBA history at 16 seasons beginning in October. ★

Opportunity Awaits to 'Join the CHP 1,000'



CHP News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The California Highway Patrol (CHP) is embarking on a multiyear recruiting campaign to fill 1,000 vacant officer positions by hiring qualified individuals from California's diverse communities.

The "Join the CHP 1,000" campaign is the Department's attempt to appeal to a wide array of prospective applicants who may not be aware of the life-changing opportunity that awaits with a career with the CHP.

"To meet the increasing demand for our services throughout the state, over the next few years our law enforcement family will be growing exponentially," said CHP Commissioner Amanda Ray. "We are excited to welcome new members to the team so that the CHP can continue to provide the level of service the public has come to expect."

To qualify as a CHP cadet, applicants must be

a United States citizen or a permanent resident who has applied for citizenship, be between the ages of 20 and 35, possess a high school diploma or equivalent, be able to pass a physical abilities test and written exam, and complete a thorough background check with no felony convictions on record.

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A career with the CHP includes paid training. Cadets earn a salary of \$5,563 each month throughout their 26 weeks at the CHP Academy in West Sacramento. After graduation, new officers are assigned to

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Joining the CHP family is an opportunity to be the change and make a difference in the community and the lives of those you serve. For more information about the "Join the CHP 1,000" or to apply, visit www.chpcareers.com or call the statewide Recruitment Unit at (916) 843-4300 today.

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Sacramento History Museum Fully Re-Opened

T-Rock Communications News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Located in the historic district at the Old Sacramento Waterfront, the Sacramento History Museum is now fully re-opened seven-days-a week and offers an exciting new season of Time Travel walking tours.

Popular Old Sacramento Underground tours are available seven-days-a-week and immersive Gold Fever! games are available on weekends.

Sacramento History Museum

Inside the museum, visitors can explore 7,000 square feet of display space with a newly remodeled lobby and spacious layout. In addition to making a stop at the historic print shop on the main floor – and possibly getting glimpses of the TikTok celebrity docent Howard Hatch busy at work – a must-see exhibit is entitled California in Print: Highlights of the Eleanor McClatchy Collection that is on display in the R. Burnett Miller Gallery on the third floor. The exhibit showcases rare items and collectibles from the Eleanor McClatchy Collection housed at the Center for Sacramento History. The Sacramento History Museum is located at 101 I Street in Old Sacramento and is open seven-days-a week from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 for adults, youth ages 6 to 17 cost \$5 and are free for children five and under.

Old Sacramento Underground Tours – Season 12!

Launching from the Sacramento History Museum, Old Sacramento Underground Tour guests enjoy a unique opportunity to explore what has been hidden beneath the city for more than 150 years, while uncovering the facts and legends that lie below historic buildings and sidewalks. Guests explore excavated foundations, enclosed pathways and interesting archaeology exhibits while hearing sounds of 1860 street life and tales of the devastation, perseverance, and determination that led to California's only successful street-raising project. Knowledgeable tour guides provide entertaining experiences with various perspectives that may differ on each tour. Just in time for the 2022 season, new underground tour guides include the likes of Madame Fanny Lanos, Benjamin Franklin Hastings, Francis "Frankie" Bass, Dr. John F. Morse, and Lorinda Washburn, just to name a few. While tour schedules may fluctuate with the seasons, Old Sacramento Underground Tour tickets cost \$22 for adults, \$15 for kids 6-17, and are free for children 5 and younger.

Gold Fever! Game – Season 5!

Boom or Bust...launching from the newly relocated Sacramento Visitors Center (1000 2nd Street), guests to the Old Sacramento Waterfront can experience what it was like to catch gold fever



The Sacramento History Museum is now fully re-opened seven-days-a week and offers an exciting new season of Time Travel walking tours. Photo courtesy of the Sacramento History Museum

in the River City while getting actively involved in the intriguing Gold Fever! Game and tour. Participants take on personas of characters in history – or "real-life rascals" – who scratched and clawed their way to make this area the center of the Gold Rush. Never the same experience twice, Gold Fever! Game relives Sacramento's early days when gold fever ruled amid horrible disasters that threatened fates and fortunes. To spice things up even more, elements of chance are introduced that could change the fate of tour guests. Through the course of the lively tours that meander through the historic district, visitors discover if they successfully escaped the many floods, if they managed to keep their gold dust (or lost it all at the gambling tables) and if they survived the fires, disease, and occasional steamboat explosion. While tour schedules may fluctuate with the seasons, Gold Fever! Game tickets cost \$12 for adults, \$8 for kids 6-17, and are free for children 5 and younger.

All Time Travel Tour tickets include complimentary admission to the Sacramento History Museum. Guests who book an Old Sacramento Underground Tour and Gold Fever! Game at the same time (even if the tours take place on different days) receive special combo pricing. For more information or to purchase advance tickets for Gold Fever! Games and Old Sacramento Underground Tours, please visit www.sachistorymuseum.org

The Sacramento History Museum is supported by the Sacramento History Alliance, a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization that also manages the Sacramento Visitors Center, Old Sacramento Underground Tours, Gold Fever! Games, Anytime Tours, and Living History Programs, and works collaboratively with the City of Sacramento to support the Center for Sacramento History. For more information about the Sacramento History Museum and Sacramento History Alliance, please visit www.sachistorymuseum.org. ★

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Toni King

Hello Toni:

Recently a local news channel exposed a "granny scam" which stole \$thousands from an elderly woman who thought her adult daughter had been kidnapped.

This is the second scam that I have heard about recently. A friend of mine had a phone call from their grandson who was in jail and needed \$1,600 to bail him out. Both calls were false and has scammed millions from America's elderly.

What is strange is that in both situations the victim was told to go to CVS or Wal-Mart and use Money Gram to instantly send the money. They knew all the personal information about the senior's family and even the nick name that they called their grandparent. Cash was wired, no check or credit card used, so there was no way for those scammed to get their money back.

America reads the Toni Says® Medicare column each week and I thought this would be a great topic for the Medicare community. Please explain what to do if we get one of these calls.

~ Andy, a concerned Grandpa from St. Louis, MO

Great Story, Andy:

With millions of Americans over the age of 55 on Facebook, which contains easily accessible personal information. In today's rapidly growing internet society, it is easier than ever for hackers and scammers to get their hands on our personal data, which helps the scammer steal from unsuspecting victims that grandkids are more valuable than diamonds and rubies.

Many believe that only their family and friends can see their personal information and what they are posting, but the slime of the internet is watching what you are posting. Your Facebook account shows thieves personal information, such as where you live, postings with family and friends, and yours or family members' nicknames. We post personal information about special family occasions, our new cars, engagement rings, and pictures of

vacations and road trips – letting thieves know when we are away from home and providing them with all they need to pull off a scam.

We always tell our kids not to talk to "strangers," but we tend to forget that we all communicate on Facebook, Instagram, and other accounts with online "friends" whom we have never met and really are strangers. Then you get that phone call saying your grandson, daughter or family member is in jail or has been kidnapped. He or she now needs your help and only money will solve this problem. All the scammer has to do is Google the grandparent's phone number, make the call, and the swindle is on!!

Money Gram is the easiest payment system for thieves to manipulate. Be aware of what you are placing online. Scammers take advantage of seniors' compassion and their eagerness to help a family member who is in trouble.

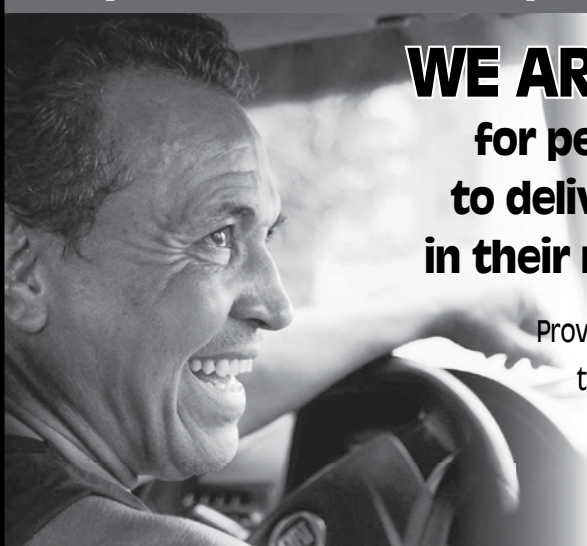
How to Keep the Elderly Phone and Internet Safe from Scammers:

- Make elderly loved ones aware of this scam.
- Have a special password that only you and your family member know. Do not post this special password online or anywhere outsiders can view it.
- Ask the caller detailed questions that only your family member would know.
- Call other relatives to determine the whereabouts of this family member.
- If the caller (who is the scammer) says this situation should be kept a secret and not to tell anyone. Know that this is a "scammer" red flag.
- Check on your loved one discussed in this conversation by calling their current phone number. Always verify they are safe.

Scammers are often operating from other countries, making it almost impossible to prosecute them.

"Confused about Medicare Workshops" are taking a summer vacation and will return in the fall. Medicare consultations are available by contacting the Toni Says® Medicare team at info@tonisays.com or by phone (832) 519-8664. ★

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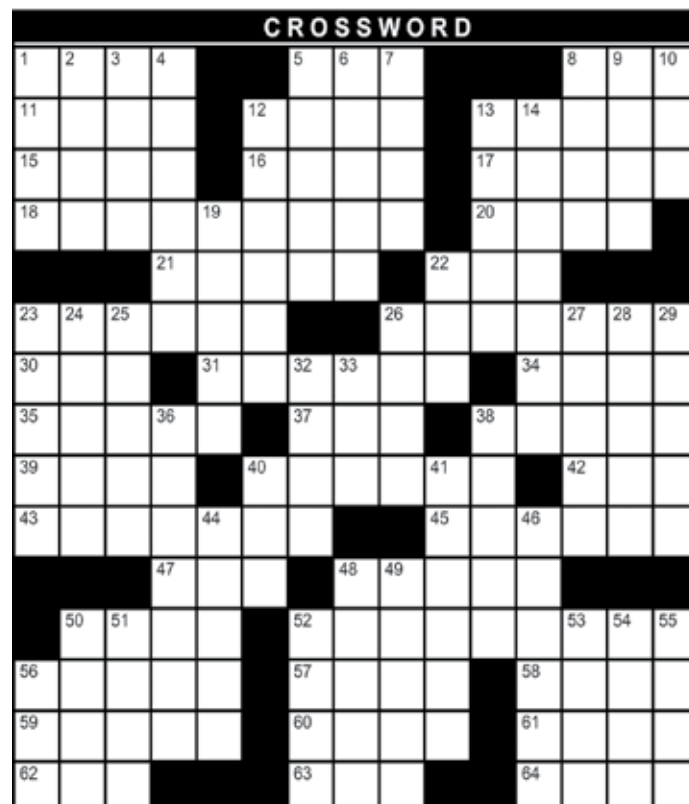
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YEAH--

BY AL SCADUTO

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CAN'T! WE'VE GOT A CHORE LIST A MILE LONG, SIM.

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