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End Run Around the Rules California lawmakers: 'any flavor of affordable housing you could possibly want'



A patchwork of bills are giving housing developers and local governments more options to reduce red tape for housing projects.

BY BEN CHRISTOPHER, **CALMATTERS.ORG**

You may not have seen the headlines (there weren't any). You may have missed the raucous debate (there wasn't much of one). But with the end of the legislative session last week, California is now on the verge of laying down a welcome mat for most major affordable housing projects across the state.

That's not because of a single bill, but a patchwork

of current and former legislation that, taken together, "basically covers any flavor of affordable housing you could possibly want to build," said Linda Mandolini, president of Eden Housing, an affordable housing development nonprofit.

Homes designated for low-income occupants, like all housing projects, face a gauntlet of potential challenges and hold-ups that add to the already exorbitant cost of affordable housing in California.

Those hurdles include lawsuits filed under the wide-ranging California Environmental Quality Act, extensive public hearings and other forms of opposition from local government.

Now, affordable housing projects — in most places and most of the time — may soon be exempt from all that, fitted out in a suit of procedural armor made up of some half a dozen bills

A bill now sitting on

the governor's desk would cover up one of the last chinks in that armor. Assembly Bill 1449, authored by two Democratic Assemblymembers,

David Alvarez of San Diego and Buffy Wicks of Oakland, would exempt certain affordable apartment developments from review under CEQA. To qualify, projects would have to be located in dense urban areas, set aside each unit

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County **Executive Announces** Retirement



Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - County Executive Ann Edwards has announced her retirement, effective Jan. 26, 2024.

"It has been an honor of a lifetime to serve as County Executive for the last three years," said Edwards. "My primary goals from the beginning were to provide stability to the organization, build trust within and outside the organization and transform the County's organizational culture.

"I want to express my heartfelt appreciation for the incredible leadership team that has stood by my side throughout this journey. Together, we have tackled numerous challenges and worked tirelessly to make our county a better place for all its residents. Their efforts have not only made my tenure as County Executive successful but have also positively impacted the lives of countless individuals.

"I also extend my deepest gratitude to the Board of Supervisors for their trust and unwavering support throughout my tenure as County Executive. Serving this community has been an incredible journey, and it would not have been possible without the collaboration and dedication of these esteemed individuals.

"The Board of Supervisors has played a vital role in shaping our county's policies and initiatives, and their commitment to our shared vision for a better future has been truly inspiring." "Ann took on signifi-

cant responsibilities during a critical period in our County's history when she began her tenure in 2020," said District 3 Supervisor and Board Chair Rich Desmond. "I speak on behalf of the entire Board when I say that Ann's steady leadership and unwavering commitment to the well-being of the County's organization and residents was instrumental in navigating the challenges we faced."

The Board Supervisors will announce the appointment of an Continued on page 6

A Journey from Homelessness to Hope and Stability

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Amelia reaches to gently pet the fluffing feathers of her baby parrot Sunshine. Her brilliant orange, yellow and green feathers puff up in happiness as she moves her head around, signaling her content.

Amelia maneuvers around her one-bedroom cottage in a push wheelchair. Her bedroom has enough room for a twin bed, Sunshine's cage and perch and a vanity that is strewn with makeup and lotions. The living room has a couch, a kitchen table and a corner shelf filled with paints, brushes, and a few painted canvases. Every canvas has a flower scape - beautiful colors and symmetry. The bathroom is also covered in painted canvases - except for the shower, which is

Quinn Cottages is tucked

filled with a shower chair to accommodate Ameila's



away on a forgotten street just north of downtown Sacramento, between Women's Empowerment and the North A Street shelter. It is fully fenced and secure, but when you walk into the unassuming community, the

colorful bungalows are beautiful and eye-catching. Flowerpots and windchimes cover tiny porches and patches of grass. Residents lounge around in the communal spaces – one person totes a laundry basket to the

of the compound. Another puts a dollar into a soda machine. A small black dog barks protectively at each person who walks by while perched on his owner's lap.

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for someone earning less than 80% the area median income and abide by stricter labor standards, among other requirements.

Though modest and technical sounding, that's unusually broad for new construction in California.

"I do think it's gonna be very consequential but it's kind of flown under the radar," Alvarez said. His explanation why: "The politics of where Californians are and certainly where the Legislature is — we want to see results. We want to see housing being produced."

Taken together with a handful of other bills and current laws, said Mark Stivers, a lobbyist with the California Housing Partnership, which co-sponsored AB 1449, the new legislation "effectively make it possible for affordable housing providers to develop nearly all viable sites in California by-right and exempt from CEQA review."

Speeding up approval for these projects comes with a trade-off. Environmental justice organizations, labor unions and various opponents of new development see CEQA as a vital tool to weigh in on what gets built, where and under what terms.

"Our communities rely

heavily on CEQA to be able to get more information about proposed developments that might be contributing to further pollution," said Grecia Orozco, a staff attorney with the nonprofit Center on Race, Poverty and the Environment.

Local activists also often flood the public meetings of city councils and planning boards to pressure elected officials to block unpopular projects or extract concessions from developers.

Whether AB 1449 and a handful of similar bills become law is now up to Gov. Gavin Newsom. Supporters have reason to be optimistic. The Newsom administration is pushing local governments to approve an unprecedented 2.5 million additional homes by 2030, he called the CEQA process "broken" and in the spring he rolled out a package of bills aimed at speeding up environmental challenges to projects — though housing was not included.

He has until Oct. 14 to sign or veto the bills now sitting on his desk.

The Alvarez-Wicks bill isn't the first legislative effort to grease the skids for new affordable housing.

Two others, both authored by San Francisco Democratic Sen. Scott Wiener, would force local governments to automatically approve apartment buildings in housing-strapped parts of the state and most affordable housing projects on the properties of houses of worship and nonprofit colleges, so long as they comply with a list of zoning, affordability and labor requirements.

A third piece of legislation by San Jose Democratic Sen. Dave Cortese exempts the decision by local governments to fund affordable housing projects from environmental challenges, too. Newsom already signed it.

Still awaiting the governor's pen are a handful of bills that make it more difficult to stall housing projects through environmental lawsuits in general. That includes a bill by Sen. Nancy Skinner, a Berkeley Democrat, that would make it easier for courts to toss out environmental challenges they deem "frivolous" or "solely intended to cause unnecessary delay." Another by Assemblymember Phil Ting, a San Francisco Democrat, would give local officials a deadline by which to approve or deny a project's environmental review.

The Ting proposal was

fiercely opposed by many environmental activists and the State Building and Construction Trades Council, an umbrella group that represents many unionized construction workers. The bill would also make it more difficult for courts to award legal fees to groups that sue to block projects through CEQA.

J.P. Rose, a staff attorney with the Center for Biological Diversity, which regularly brings such suits, called that provision "the largest weakening of CEQA in recent history."

The fact that this long list of bills passed the Legislature — some by healthy margins — amounts to a notable political shift, said Christopher Elmendorf, a law professor at UC Davis who advised Ting on the bill.

"I think it illustrates that a sea change is underfoot in how people are starting to think about these environmental review laws," he said, though he noted that the shift in California is still modest compared to those underway in other

Earlier this year, the Washington legislature nearly unanimously passed a law to exempt virtually all new urban housing from that state's environmental

protection law.

Many of the California bills build on a law passed last year that streamlines affordable housing construction along commercial corridors.

In cobbling together the law, its author, Wicks, struck a compromise: In exempting certain housing projects from environmental challenge and other local hurdles, developers would pay workers a higher minimum wage, provide them with health care benefits and abide by other stricter labor standards. That trade was the key to winning the support of the state carpenters' union and breaking up a legislative logjam that had stymied housing production bills for years.

It also provided a template for Wiener's two streamlining bills this year, along with the Alvarez-Wicks CEQA exemption

"That really laid the foundation for those of us who did work in the housing space this year," said Alvarez.

"Our communities rely heavily on CEQA to be able to get more information about proposed developments that might be contributing to further pollution."

Not every pro-housing advocate or CEQA critic is

so content with the bargain.

"A lot of these bills help a little," said Jennifer Hernandez, a land use attorney at the law firm Holland & Knight, who has catalogued CEQA challenges to housing projects for years. But she notes that swapping out the threat of environmental litigation with higher payroll expenses just replaces one cost with another.

In practice, she said, these exemptions are only likely to clear the way for substantial new housing construction in higher cost areas where developers can make up the difference by charging higher rents to non-subsidized residents. "You really need premium rentals to pay for those higher labor standards," she said.

But for many affordable housing developers, it's still a trade worth making.

"You've got really strong laws, clear exemptions, and an attorney general who's willing to step up and say you got to build it," said Mandolini with Eden Housing, who has been working on housing in the state for more than two decades. "This is the best it has been in California...If this had all existed 20 years ago, we might have built a lot more housing a lot faster."

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A Journey from Homelessness to Hope and Stability



Art helps Amelia in keeping a good spirit after a horrific accident left her disabled, homeless and desperate. Photo courtesy of

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The cottages are clustered in a series of small neighborhoods, each oriented around a shared common space. The perimeter is fenced, monitored with a security system, and has controlled front gate access. A central community building houses a computer room, a library/ small conference room, a multipurpose room, and a community kitchen. Residents participate in a rigorous and comprehensive two-year program from which they graduate. The campus is funded through Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA), which is partially funded by Sacramento County, and operated by

To qualify for a referral to Quinn Cottages, residents must have a disability - either physically or mentally. In Ameila's case, she is mostly wheelchair-bound - from a car accident that nearly took her life, but instead, drastically changed everything about her and her future.

Ameila came to Sacramento when she was 15 - placed out of San Francisco into a group home for foster children. Ameila is a self-described jack of all trades. She was a singer, a bartender - she loved to goldmine. "I gave those boys a run for their money! I always find gold." Her favorite spot is up near Bear River.

She had a dream to be on American Idol - a beautiful singing voice, only heard now in saved files on her phone. Ameila was going to school to be a nurse - until her life was turned upside down. Nearly three years ago, Amelia was driving in a convertible BMW when she was hit by a tow truck. The accident was horrific part of the windshield frame went into her forehead; her windpipe was crushed and her spine fractured. First responders performed a tracheotomy just to help her breathe. She lay in the hospital, in a coma for days. While in a coma, Amelia suffered two strokes, leaving the left side of her body weak. Doctors planned to take her off life-support, but a friend insisted she would get better and wake up. And she did wake up – but she was severely injured, permanently.

The singing voice she once had was forever damaged, the left side of her body was weak and useless, and her legs were unable to hold up her body. She needed full-time care. She lived with her father, whom she had been caretaking for before the accident. They hired an in-home caretaker for Amelia, but after they started abusing her, Amelia fired the caretaker. Amelia, without a job, insurance money to fall back on, and no trust in other people,

became homeless. Amelia was able to get into a shelter quickly – her various disabilities made her highly vulnerable outside. But an empty promise from a boyfriend to move into a hotel, causing her to self-exit the

shelter, again left her on the streets with few resources and nowhere to go.

Amelia's situation represents the greatest fear – many people are just one major life curveball away from homelessness. Disabled, homeless and desperate, Amelia used drugs to numb the pain of her accident – physically, emotionally, and mentally. Drugs were her escape from the nightmare her life had become, but also the deep scars of her upbringing. A mother who never loved her, children who had been put into the system and dream after dream shattered through bad decisions and bad relationships.

Six months ago, Amelia went into the Salvation Army shelter – again, a chance to shelter safely while pursuing recovery and stability. But Amelia knew she blew it again when they found drugs on her person. She was exited from the shelter for violating the rules. She moved out onto the American River Parkway. It was there she met Jenny, an outreach worker with Community HealthWorks, formerly Sacramento Covered. Jenny and her colleagues do outreach and engagement to unhoused people, specifically on the Parkway – a priority funded by the Board of Supervisors to help alleviate the burden on both the campers and the environment.

Considering Amelia's history and disabilities, Jenny worked with Amelia on an application for Quinn Cottages. It took nearly six months of consistent work with Amelia, following up on her application, making sure she had all her documents in place and getting adequate health care for treatment of her injuries before a bungalow opened up at Quinn Cottages.

Before Amelia could move in, she suffered another injury -a broken foot. The day that Community HealthWorks workers came to move her out of her tent and into her own apartment – they had to lift her out of her tent because she couldn't move. It truly does take a village of compassionate, dedicated people to help the most vulnerable.

Amelia sits, grateful and peaceful as she looks around her cottage. "It is safe and secure here. There are rules and structure. People can't just come in here without permission." She putts around the compound in a power wheelchair. Her friend Larry, also in a power wheelchair, challenges her to a friendly race. They zip ahead, laughing.

She is clean and sober – knowing that she cannot succeed here if she uses. She wants to go to art school and maybe teach others how to paint. Maybe it will bring them the same peace it brings her. She enjoys cooking for herself and getting together with the other residents of Quinn Cottages. "We're a community." Her sister comes and visits her every week. Amelia is only 49 years old – despite her disabilities, she has so much life ahead of her. She is ready to make the most of it.

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SAFE CU Appoints New SVP of Information Technology

SAFE Credit Union

FOLSOM, CA (MPG) - Experienced IT professional Michelle Bradshaw joins SAFE CU as Senior Vice President, Information Technology.

With over 27 years of technology leadership experience, Bradshaw most recently served as SVP, Enterprise Product Management for Global Credit Union, one of the nation's largest credit unions with over 750,000 members.

"This position plays a vital role in executing our business strategy, says SAFE EVP and Chief Technology Officer, Michael McCarthy. "After an extensive search, I am pleased we have found a true leader in the field who can drive our increasingly complex IT needs as SAFE grows and expands our digital capabilities."

As part of a corporate reorganization effort announced in January, Bradshaw will lead several key teams including Core Applications, Operations, Business Transformation.

" I ' m incredibly passionate about aligning technology with business objectives and culture. I am so impressed with SAFE's commitment to their members and to engaging within



SAFE Credit Union SVP, IT Michelle Bradshaw. Courtesy photo

the communities they serve," says Bradshaw. "That strong moral compass and deeply rooted values are the foundation I look forward to building upon as SAFE aligns its IT strategy and expands into the future."

Bradshaw

shares SAFE's commitment to giving back to the community through volunteer service. She is the current chair of the board of directors of Live & Learn, a Maricopa County based non-profit committed to empowering women experiencing poverty, violence, and homelessness to break the cycle through education, training, and support. Bradshaw brings her leadership and empathy to the organization with programs including bridging the digital divide and implementing neighborhood grants.

For more information about SAFE Credit Union SVP, IT Michelle Bradshaw, or to schedule an interview, contact SAFE Credit Union Vice President of Corporate Communications

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SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - As September unfolds, it's not only a time when the seasons begin to change, but also a poignant reminder that preparedness is a vital aspect of responsible pet ownership. September, designated as National Preparedness Month, serves as a timely prompt to underscore the importance of preparing for emergencies that can impact our furry companions. While many of us diligently stock up on emergency supplies and develop evacuation plans for our families, it's equally crucial to extend this preparedness to our beloved pets. After all, they are not just animals, but cherished members of our households, relying on us for their safety and well-being when unforeseen disasters strike.

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- (4) Learn where your pet likes to hide in your house when frightened. Finding your pet quickly will help you evacuate faster;
- (5) Identify a location to take your pet if you need to leave your immediate area. Keep in mind that disaster shelters for people may not be open to pets. Scout hotels and motels with pet-friendly policies in advance and ask relatives or friends if they could house you and your pet;
- (6) Carry pictures of your pet in the event of separation. Pictures should be high-resolution and well-lit so that your pet is easily identifiable;
- (7) If you need to evacuate, consider taking a pet carrier or crate for transport and safe-keeping.

These seven steps can help ensure that all family members - including our beloved pets-are ready to face an emergency together. Families looking to learn more about disaster preparedness and safety for family members both two- and four-legged can visit the Ready Campaign

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California Legislature resolves fast food

franchise battle but another industry still rages



By Dan Walters, **CALMatters.org**

California The Legislature devoted much of its time this year to a battle over regulating wages and working conditions of fastfood workers.

Last year, legislators and Gov. Gavin Newsom created a state agency that would oversee the fast-food industry, which fought back with a referendum asking voters to overturn the new law, arguing that it would undermine the franchise business model.

With the referendum qualified for the ballot, the battle was rejoined this year with a proposal to make parent companies liable for labor law violations, further eroding the franchise model.

Ultimately, the clash was resolved with a compromise that gave sponsors of the legislation, unions mostly, what they wanted, including a new \$20 minimum wage, but removed the threat to the franchise system. Newsom signed the compromise legislation, Assembly Bill 1228, last week, and the fast food industry will remove its referendum from the 2024 ballot.

"Signature of AB 1228 preserves the franchise business model in the state and solidifies the best possible outcome for workers, local restaurant owners, and brands," Matt Haller, president of the International Franchise Association, said in a statement.

While the fast-food battle drew much media attention, there was another, much quieter clash over the franchise business model, involving a much more important segment of the consumer economy: new car sales.

This one, however, pitted auto manufacturers against their own franchised dealers in California and it's still underway as each side tries to persuade Newsom to favor its position.

During the 1930s, as the nation's auto industry consolidated into a few major manufacturers, they created a system for selling their vehicles through local franchised dealers.

When European and Asian automakers began peddling their vehicles in the United States after World War II, they also adopted the franchise system.

Dealerships often became major businesses unto themselves, particularly when corporations acquired multiple franchises. And it is common knowledge that dealerships profit handsomely from after-sale maintenance and repair work for their new car customers, as well as used car

In many states, holders of valuable new car franchises bolstered their monopolies by persuading legislatures to pass laws making it illegal for anyone other than franchised dealers to sell new cars.

Relationships between automakers and their franchisees haven't always

been smooth and their clashes have often reached the political arena, but the underlying system has remained intact.

Then Elon Musk and Tesla came along.

Musk refused to sell his revolutionary, battery-powered cars through franchised dealers and set up his own dealerships, incurring the wrath of franchisees. Tesla waged legal battles in states that had barred or limited its direct sales to customers.

By and by, however, as major manufacturers began making their own electric cars, they began toying with the notion of emulating Tesla and bypassing franchises in favor of direct

Franchised dealerships see that as a threat to their place in the multibillion-dollar business of selling and servicing new cars. In California alone, upwards of 2 million new cars and light trucks are sold each year.

Enter Assembly Bill 473, introduced at the behest of the state's franchised new car dealers. It would put some tight restrictions on the ability of automakers to bypass the franchise system and also deals with other aspects of the business such as construction of electric car chargers and subscription services to new car owners.

The automakers mounted a lobbying campaign to block the bill but it survived committee and floor votes and has landed on Newsom's desk.

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



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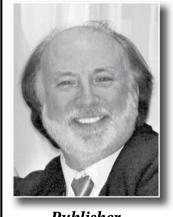
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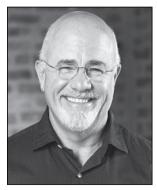


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It's Not a Good Long-Term Plan

Dear Dave,

My girlfriend's parents are divorced, and they're both in their early seventies. We talked the other night, and she's thinking about buying them each life insurance policies. The only coverage her dad has is through his employer. Her mom has remarried, and she doesn't have any life insurance at all. On top of this, her dad is worried he might have to pay her mom's funeral expenses if she died, and he's not in good enough shape financially to do that. Do you have any advice?

- Joshua

Dear Joshua,

If the only life insurance her dad has is furnished through his employer, then he probably won't have **Dave Ramsey Says** it anymore once he stops working. I suppose it's fine

if she wants to buy them each a small policy, but it's liable to be pretty expensive at their age.

Now, she can do this, but I don't think it would be a good long-term plan. I'd tell your girlfriend she needs to start saving money and building up her own wealth. If she had just \$20,000 in savings, that'd be more than enough to bury two people. Please understand, I don't mean to sound insensitive. We're talking solely about the economics involved in this kind of situation.

The other thing your girlfriend should do is have a discussion with her mom to find out if the stepfather has the money to handle that kind of thing. When it comes right down to it, any final expenses for her mom would be his responsibility now - not her dad's. She should have a discussion with her dad about preparing for things, too. But if her dad's got insurance through work, and the stepdad is ready to pay for her mom's burial, then they're covered for the immediate future.

In short, I wouldn't do it unless they absolutely don't have this sort of thing covered. Even then, I'd prefer she just covered it with cash, because all we're talking about is enough to cover burial costs. No matter what anyone else says, Joshua, a nice funeral doesn't have to be crazy expensive.

- Dave

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



Grasshoppers, Crickets Destroy Crops in North State

Farmers along the California-Oregon border have reported millions of dollars in losses from a torrent of grasshoppers and Mormon crickets feeding on rangeland and irrigated crops this season. Siskiyou County Agricultural Commissioner James Smith filed a request with the California Office of Emergency Services seeking a disaster declaration from the secretary of the state Department of Food and Agriculture. The preliminary damage to farmers in the county is estimated at \$8.6 million in reported crop losses of pasture, rangeland, alfalfa and small

State Potato Farmers Boosted by Ample Water and Higher Prices

After a four-year decline in potato production nationwide, this season's crop appears poised to buck the trend, spurred by strong demand and improved water supplies. Higher processing contract prices are driving much of the increased acreage. California's mostly fresh-market growers may see prices decline once harvest starts elsewhere. California's fall and spring fresh-market potato crops typically enjoy prices two to three times those of Idaho russets because they fill specialty markets and hit a market window when other states aren't harvesting.

Lara Announces Deal With Insurers to Address California Coverage Crisis

California's top insurance regulator has announced a plan intended to halt the exodus of property insurance companies from the state and improve coverage options for people in wildfire-prone areas. The regulatory changes, announced a week after negotiations in the state Legislature on an insurance bill broke down, will allow insurance companies to incorporate forward-looking catastrophe modeling when setting insurance premium rates. In exchange, they will be required to write a guaranteed percentage of policies covering owners of properties in high-risk areas for wildfires.

Farm Technology, Robot Parade Draws Crowds in Salinas

The autonomous agriculture industry and some 1,500 visitors came to the Salinas Sports Complex last week to meet the farm robots of today and tomorrow. The Sept. 19-21 FIRA USA gathering matched agricultural technology inventors with growers and venture capitalists. It featured researchers and graduate students from around the world presenting their findings in "Lightning Talks." It drew crowds for farm technology demonstrations, including a farm robot parade. The Salinas Valley is taking a leading role in pioneering agricultural technology.



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County Executive Announces Retirement

Continued from page 1 interim/acting County Executive at a later date.

During Edwards' tenure, she implemented a significant number of high-level organizational changes to improve the County's overall functions in a number of key areas.

Beginning in early 2021, Edwards increased transparency and engagement in the 2021-22 budget process through several new public presentations, including public budget workshops and study sessions.

During the 2022-23 budget process, she proposed a Community Engagement Plan, adopted by the Board in June 2021, which identified priority areas of growth from advisory boards and commissions, local governments and community groups; engaged a professional public opinion polling firm to survey the public in the County's budget priorities; and provided recommended budget priorities based on the outcomes of the resident survey.

In addition, the County developed a Budget in Brief summary, explaining in plain language budget basics and the budget process, as well as a Budget Explorer Tool that allows users access to the County's budget, view total appropriations reimbursements and revenues by Agency, as well as the percentages for each Agency. FY 2022-23 and 2023-24 included significant contributions to General Fund Reserves, also known as the County's "Rainy Day Fund."

Under Edwards' leadership, the County restructured its agencies and formed a new Public Safety and Justice Agency to ensure the most effective oversight, accountability, communication and coordination for justice-involved agencies in the

In July 2021, Edwards implemented the Organizational Culture Change Project in order to transform the County's cultural expectations. The project included a survey in which all employees assessed the current culture, which provided a benchmark and insight for its desired culture.

Currently in the second phase of the Initiative, the County is offering a high-performance training curriculum to staff countywide and has launched a Guiding Coalition to keep the County's Core Purpose, Vision, Mission and Core Values top of mind for staff throughout the year.

As part of the organizational transformation, Edwards launched an employee academy centered on skills, abilities, competencies, mentorship and attributes of leaders. The Leadership Development program supports the County's goal to transform the organization's culture and provide exemplary service to the community.

The resulting organizational transformation has borne out in positive ways. Most notably, Sacramento County recently made Forbes list of America's Best Employers by State 2023. Sacramento County's position is at #79 in California, which includes public and private employers. The last time Sacramento County was on the list was at #357 in 2018 and dropped off the list entirely in 2019.

Before her work in the public sector, Edwards was the Clinical Director for the River Oak Center for children from 1997-98 and was an Executive Director, Program Coordinator and Clinician for seriously emotionally disturbed children and youths at Victor Treatment Centers from 1993-1997.

Prior to becoming County Executive in 2020, Edwards worked as Sacramento County's Director of Human Assistance since 2014 and worked as the Director for Social Services for Solano County. Prior to Solano County, she worked for Sacramento County between 1998 and 2013, serving as Chief Deputy County Executive for Countywide Services, Director of Health and Human Services, Director of Mental Health Services, Division Manager for Adult Mental Health and Program Manager for Child and Family Mental Health.

"Together with the County's 13,000 employees, it has been a privilege to serve people and watch our communities thrive," said Edwards. "Now it's time for me to take a step back, do some traveling and enjoy more time with my family, especially my three wonderful grandchildren."

Secured Property Tax Bills Mailed This Month

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Sacramento County will mail about 481,774 secured property tax bills which are payable beginning November 1, 2023. These tax bills are mailed only once a year; however, property owners may pay their bills in two installment payments:

The first installment payment is due on November 1, 2023. Payments will be accepted without penalty until 5 p.m. on December 11, 2023; The second installment payment is due on February 1, 2024. Payments will be accepted without penalty until 5 p.m. on April 10, 2024; Both installments may be paid when the first installment is due. A reminder notice will not be mailed for the second installment.

Taxpayers may sign up for online e-mail notifications for annual secured property tax bills and reminders before delinquent dates. Choose "e-Subscribe for property tax payment notifications" to receive these notifications.

Payments can be made online via credit card or electronic check. Taxpayers may print tax bill installment payment stubs to mail in with their payments. Taxpayers may also pay by credit card or electronic check over the telephone at (844) 430-2823. There is a convenience fee for credit and debit cards. Electronic checks

Payment can be made in person at the Sacramento County Tax Collector's Office at 700 H Street, Room 1710, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. In-person payments can be paid via cash, check, credit card, debit card or money order. A convenience fee will apply for credit card and debit card transactions.

Payments can be sent via mail to P.O. Box 508, Sacramento, CA 95812-0508. The Tax Collector accepts and processes payments based on the postmark date. Payments may not be credited to the tax bill for several business days depending upon the volume of payments received, whether payments were submitted with the correct payment stubs, and/ or whether envelopes were postmarked by the delinquent

Property tax law (Prop 8) requires that parcels be assessed at their factored Prop 13 value, or their fair market value (as of January 1, 2023, property tax lien date), whichever is less.

A rising real estate market can cause higher-than-expected increases in a parcel's annual tax bill if that parcel was in Prop 8 status last year. However, the assessed value of any parcel cannot increase beyond that parcel's factored Prop 13 level. The 2% inflation cap applies only to Prop 13 assessments. It does not apply to Prop 8 assessments, which by law must track the property's market value until it reaches the Prop 13 factored

Find assessed values on the Assessor's website under "Assessed Value Lookup," including this year's value and the factored Prop 13 value for comparison. If a taxpayer has evidence that their assessed value as of January 1, 2023, was less than that shown on this year's (2023-2024) tax bill, they should:

Visit the Assessor's Website; Call the Assessor's Office at (916) 875-0700; or Email the Assessor's Office at Assessor@ SacCounty.gov

Taxpayers may obtain current-year tax bill information, copies of property tax bills, direct levy information, delinquent prior-year tax information, and amounts due through the Sacramento County Online Property Tax Bill Information System, searching by APN or address. Find a QR Code on your tax bill payment stub for use with smartphones to connect to our website.

Sacramento County also has a 24-hour/7-day-a-week Automated Property Tax Information Line that provides information on tax subjects and access to detailed billing and payment information. Tax specialists are available from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Reach the system and tax specialists by calling (916) 874-6622.

If you own property and do not receive a tax bill by October 15, 2023, you may obtain tax bill copies, property tax information and payment stubs (coupons) on the Tax Collector's website.

Revenue &Tax Code 2610.5 "Failure to receive a tax bill does not relieve the property owner of the liability to pay taxes in a timely manner or give the Tax Collector reason to cancel penalties imposed for late payment."

Even if your tax bill is being paid by a lending institution (mortgage company), state law requires that a copy of the tax bill be sent to the property owner; all property owners should receive either the original tax bill or an "Owner's Information Copy." It is the responsibility of the property owner to keep their mailing address current with the Assessor's Office. To update your mailing address, please contact the Assessor's Office in writing at 3636 American River Drive, Suite 200, Sacramento, CA 95864 or via email at Assessor@saccounty.gov. Please make sure you include a parcel number and phone number with all correspondence.

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A Promise Made

Life is not always kind. We suffer setbacks, loss from divorce, surviving disasters, dealing with life-threatening diseases, and I could go on and on with what we deal with on a daily basis. Frank **D'Maio** knows what that's like. He has been there and wants to help others deal with adversities and evolve to emotional prosperity. You see, Franks's wife was diagnosed with breast cancer, and that's when he began a journal. He told me on my radio show POPPOFF that it opened the door to his soul. That journal became a gift. But it wasn't that way at the beginning. It was a repository for emotional intimate moments, outbursts of screaming in words, and things he wanted to remember or forget. He added that, in his opinion, husbands are ill-equipped to handle the jumbled emotions of grief, trauma, and hopelessness. They attempt to create an "emotional fortress" that fails to protect them from the pain of loss. So that's when he wrote "A Promise Made, A Promise Kept." It's a husband's journey through journaling to heal the loss of his spouse. And it's written with other husbands in mind. He shares his emotional decline of being left behind with no specific group counseling geared toward the level of loss and the depth of a rabbit hole delivered by breast cancer. Granted, group counseling is a general approach, but moving forward isn't about the steps or stages, it's about oscillating through layers of emotions and recalling important moments of positive memory. That's why he wrote the book to provide others a glimpse into the process of trial and error he went through. Eight years later he participated in a group counseling program

and received training as a peer support group facilitator. Here are five points to start cleaning the negative chaos in our emotional house through journaling.

- 1. Allow, Accept, And Acknowledge Mourning And Grief. Writing those feelings in a journal gives you time to evaluate them.
- 2. Surrender And Let Others Help. Don't be stubborn or pig-headed, thinking you can do it all alone. Frank said he tried and failed until 2012 when he hit emotional bottom and sought group counseling.
- 3. Lower Your Expectations Of Getting Over The Loss. The emotion is raw, but it doesn't have to define who you are as a human being in pain. 4. Show Blame Out The Door. Shame
- and guilt only drag a person down a reminder of stored negative memories. These act as triggers or what he prefers to call prompts. 5. Laugh Often And Out Loud. Laugh
- at yourself. Laughter releases hormones, making a person show joy, happiness, and improved spirit. Remember moments of laughter and joy. Those shared emotions leave you smiling and playful with the innocence of a child again. If you want additional information on

Frank D'Maio and his book "A Promise Made, A Promise Kept" check out his website FJDwriter.com. Life goes on, but it isn't easy when your pain persists. Hopefully, Frank's book can give you solace from any loss. PEACE AND LOVE ALWAYS!!!

Rep. Kiley's PRESS Act Now at 20 Bipartisan Co-sponsors

Office of Representative Kevin Kiley

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG) -Rep. Kevin Kiley (R-CA) announced that his bipartisan PRESS Act now has 20 bipartisan co-sponsors. The PRESS Act was introduced by Rep. Kiley on June 21, 2023, with Rep. Jamie Raskin (D-MD) and has been introduced by Senators Lee (R-UT), Durbin (D-IL), and Wyden (D-OR) in the US Senate. This legislation ensures reporters cannot be compelled by the government to disclose their confidential sources or research files, and protects their data held by third parties like phone and internet

companies from being secretly seized by the government without the opportunity to challenge those demands in court. On July 19, the PRESS Act received unanimous support from the House Judiciary Committee.

"It is more important than ever to have bipartisan support for the protection of First Amendment freedoms, and I am grateful that so many colleagues on both sides of the aisle have joined me as co-authors. The Judiciary Committee unanimously passed this legislation to secure a core constitutional right and make our government more representative and accountable. I look forward to getting it passed on the House Floor and ultimately signed into law by the President." -Congressman Kevin Kiley (R-CA)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-05470 T.L.S. Park, Inc., 3811 Recycle Road Suite B, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Benzeen Auto Sales" 3811 Recycle Road Suite B. Rancho Cordova, CA 95742. Filed with

the Clerk of Sacramento County July 21, 2023 Publish: Sept 15, 22, 29, Oct 6, 2023 **BENZEEN** 10-6-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-06519 Clay Martin Smith, 6860 Woodlock Way. Citrus Heights. CA 95621 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "United Rights Defense Group" 6860 Woodlock Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September Publish: Sept 15, 22, 29, Oct 6, 2023

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-06285 Jeremy Fischer, 4111 Anatolia Rancho Cordova, CA 95742 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Take Flight" 7443 Murieta Drive. Rancho Murieta, CA 95683. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 25, 2023 Publish: Sept 15, 22, 29, Oct 6, 2023 **FLIGHT** 10-6-23

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-06338 Jacqulynn Millard, 11986 Blake Road, Wilton, CA 95693 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Scoobie's Crafts" 11986 Blake Road. Wilton, CA 95693. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 28, 2023 Publish: Sept 15, 22, 29, Oct 6, 2023 10-6-23 **SCOOBIES**

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-06264 Sandra D. Holman, 9487 Golden Drive, Orangevale, CA 95662, and Susan D. Raines, 7947 Charlene Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95610, and David L. Chambers II. 6180 Stone hill Drive, Rocklin, CA 95677 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Monier Building Projects, California General Partnership" 9487 Golden Drive, Orangevale, CA 95662. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 24, 2023 Publish: Sept 15, 22, 29, Oct 6, 2023

MONIER 10-6-23 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FBNF2023-06597 Todd Pollock, 4421 Valmonte Drive, Sacramento, CA 95864 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "BluCC/BluCC Photos" 4421 Valmonte Drive, Sacramento, CA 95864. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 6.2023 Publish: Sept 15, 22, 29, Oct 6, 2023

BLUCC 10-6-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-06621 Orangevale Hospice Inc., 9198 Greenback Lane Suite 115, Orangevale, CA 95662 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "A1 Hospice of Sacramento" 9198 Greenback Lane Suite 115, Orangevale, CA 95662. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 6, 2023 Publish: Sept 15, 22, 29, Oct 6, 2023

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-06461 Asphalt Pavement Consulting and Engineering Services, 8126 Holm Oak Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Asphalt Pavement Consulting and Engineering Services/Pavement Aces" 8126 Holm Oak Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 30, 2023

Publish: Sept 15, 22, 29, Oct 6, 2023 10-6-23 **ASPHALT**

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-06480 Maria Gonzalez, 6000 Landing Point Way, Sacramento, CA 95823 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "All Seasons Cleaning Services" 6000 Landing Point Way, Sacramento, CA 95823. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 31, 2023 Publish: Sept 22, 29, Oct 6, 13, 2023 SEASONS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-06673 Jesus Rios Courier LLC, 6837 Fair Oaks Boulevard #6. Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "A-1 Rapid Live Scan and Mobile Finger Printing" 6722 Fair Oaks Boulevard #204, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September

Publish: Sept 22, 29, Oct 6, 13, 2023 **PRINTING** 10-13-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-06785 Jazz Kashif Burney, 5624 Spyglass Lane, Citrus Heights,

CA 95610 is doing business

under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Elijah's Resource" Śpyglass Lane, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 12, 2023 Publish: Sept 22, 29, Oct 6, 13, 2023

FLIJAHS 10-13-23 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FBNF2023-06503 Melinda Huntsinger, 8449 Lilac Court. Antelope. 95843 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Ventured Treasures" 8449 Lilac Ridge Court. Antelope. CA 95843. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 1, 2023 Publish: Sept 22, 29, Oct 6, 13, 2023 10-13-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FBNF2023-06563 Arsalan, 5840 Watt Avenue Apt A, North Highlands, CA 95660 and Amanullah Rasoli, 3600 Karl Drive Apt B, North Highlands, CA 95660 and Shafigullah Faizi, 570 7th Street #272, West Sacramento, CA 95605 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Watt Halal Market" 5840 Watt Avenue Suite A, North Highlands, CA 95660. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 5, 2023

Publish: Sept 22, 29, Oct 6, 13, 2023 10-13-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-06517 Distribution LLC, 8001 Stutz Court, Sacramento, CA 95828 is doing business unthe Fictitious Business Name(s) "TLC Distribution" 8001 Stutz Court, Sacramento, CA 95828. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September Publish: Sept 22, 29, Oct 6, 13, 2023

10-13-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-06573 Nar Fine Carpentry, Inc., 5600 Elvas Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95819 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Nar Design Group" 5600 Elvas Sacramento, Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95819. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 5.2023

Publish: Sept 22, 29, Oct 6, 13, 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-05780 Lisa Lingham, 9270 Sungold Way, Sacramento, CA 95826 is doing business under the Business Name(s) Fictitious Cleaning Rose "Sparkling Service" 9270 Sungold Way, Sacramento, CA 95826. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 4, 2023 Publish: Sept 22, 29, Oct 6, 13, 2023 SPARKLING 10-13-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-06833 B Family LLC, 4810 Morgan Oak Way, Antelope, CA 95843 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "MJ Residential Cleaning Pro's" 4810 Morgan Oak Way, Antelope, CA 95843. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 13, 2023 Publish: Sept 22, 29, Oct 6, 13, 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-06980 Levon Karapetyan, 11070 Hirschfeld Way Apt 1, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) Services" 11070 Hirschfeld Way Apt 1, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September

Publish: Sept 22, 29, Oct 6, 13, 2023 LEVON 10-13-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-06899 Ecodriveusa LLC, 2183 Benita Drive Suite B, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "EV's Republic" 2183 Benita Drive Suite B, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 13, 2023 Publish: Sept 22, 29, Oct 6, 13, 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-06713 Giambo Consulting LLC, 1401 21st Street Suite R, Sacramento, CA 95811 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sacramento Community Events" 1401 21st Street #4351, Sacramento, CA 95811. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 11, 2023 Publish: Sept 22, 29, Oct 6, 13, 2023

GIAMBO 10-13-23 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FBNF2023-06742 Psychotherapy, Inc.,
Boulevard, 418 Alhambra Boulevard, Sacramento, CA, 95816 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sage River Psychotherapy" 418 Alhambra Boulevard, Sacramento, CA, Boulevard, 95816. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 11, 2023 Publish: Sept 22, 29, Oct 6, 13, 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FBNF2023-06682 Bridgette Bodine, 10091 Red Tail Hawk Way, Sacramento, CA 95829 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "The Bodine Group" 10091 Red Tail Hawk Way, Sacramento, CA 95829. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento

County September 8, 2023 Publish: Sept 22, 29, Oct 6, 13, 2023 **BODINE** 10-13-23 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FBNF2023-06226

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Mizzenmast Court, Flk Grove, CA 95758 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Moonhwa" 9686 Mizzenmast Court, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 23, 2023 Publish: Sept 22, 29, Oct 6, 13, 2023 MOONHWA 10-13-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-06974 Igor Ryshko, 6425 Muana Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is do-

ing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "ProTile" 6425 Muana Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 14, 2023 Publish: Sept 22, 29, Oct 6, 13, 2023 PROTILE 10-13-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-07013 Tisha Torres, 848 U Street, Rio Linda, CA 95673 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Riverview Realty One" 731 M Street, Rio Linda, CA 95673. Filed with the

Publish: Sept 22, 29, Oct 6, 13, 2023 RIVERVIEW 10-13-23

September 15, 2023

Clerk of Sacramento County

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-07167 QPH Nail Salon LLC, 819 Howe Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95825 doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Top Nail" 819 Howe Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 21, 2023 Publish Sept 29, Oct 6, 13, 20, 2023 TOP 10-20-23 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FBNF2023-06988 Elizabeth Donham, 8274 Mediterranean Way. Sacramento, CA 95826 is doing business under the Fictitious "Writer's Name(s) Block Candles/Writer's Block" Mediterranean Sacramento, CA 95826, Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 14, 2023 Publish Sept 29, Oct 6, 13, 20, 2023 WRITERS 10-20-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-06977 Yannah Brown, 2450 Wurth Court, Sacramento, CA 95825 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) 'Sweet as a Queen" 2450 Wurth Court, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 14, 2023 Publish Sept 29, Oct 6, 13, 20, 2023

10-20-23 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FBNF2023-07014 Café Floracion LLC, 1793 Azurite Way, Sacramento, CA 95833 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "La Café Flora" 1793 Azurite Way. Sacramento, CA 95833. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 15, 2023 Publish Sept 29, Oct 6, 13, 20, 2023 10-20-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-06222 Anna Bilivskaya, 5716 Eugenia Court, Orangevale, CA 95662 doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Nikola Trucking" 5716 Eugenia Court, Orangevale, CA 95662. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 23,

Publish Sept 29, Oct 6, 13, 20, 2023 10-20-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-06619 Zhertovskaia,

Bravado Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Your Favorite cleaning Service" 2702 Bravado Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 6.2023

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-06973 Ilona Timofey, 6145 Spruce Street, Sacramento, CA 95841 doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Folsom Senior Retreat" 6145 Spruce Street, Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 14, 2023 Publish Sept 29, Oct 6, 13, 20, 2023

FOLSOM FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FBNF2023-06726 Wholesome Creations, LLC, 3501 Broadmoor Way, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "FOCUSED. Mindset & Success Coaching Company" 3501 Broadmoor Way, Carmichael, CA Way, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September Publish Sept 29, Oct 6, 13, 20, 2023 10-20-23

FOCUSED FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-06655 Rafaella Guimaraes Freire and Murilo Soares Martins, 12813 Scholarly Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742

are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) Couple Cleaning" 12813 Scholarly Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 7, 2023 Publish Sept 29, Oct 6, 13, 20, 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-07115 Amina Afzal, 7759 Truffle Court,

Antelope, CA 95843 is doing

business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "AA Global

Trade" 5839 Manzanita Avenue Suite #10. Carmichael. CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 20, 2023 Publish Sept 29, Oct 6, 13, 20, 2023

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-07120 Bryan Diaz Rios, 37 Monaghan Circle, Sacramento, CA 95823 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "On Time Pressure Washing" 37 Monaghan Circle, Sacramento, CA 95823. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 20, 2023 Publish Sept 29, Oct 6, 13, 20, 2023 ONTIME 10-20-23 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FBNF2023-07133 Addis Girma, 2392 Coolidge Way, Rancho Cordova, 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Plus General Cleaning Services" 3512 Marcon Avenue 2115, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 20, 2023 Publish Sept 29, Oct 6, 13, 20, 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-07032 Pouya Foroutan, 5985 Devecch Avenue Apt #292, Citrus Heights, CA 95621 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Two of us Trucking" 5985 Devecchi Avenue Apt Citrus Heights, 95621. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 18 2023 Publish Sept 29, Oct 6, 13, 20, 2023 TWO 10-20-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-06601 T. Phillips LLC, 1401 21st Street Suite R, Sacramento, CA 95811 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Factor in Fitness" 1401 21st Street Suite R. Sacramento, CA 95811. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 6.2023 Publish Sept 29, Oct 6, 13, 20, 2023 10-20-23 **FACTOR**

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-06869 Michelle Sund, 8123 Sunrise Boulevard #229, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Michelle's Mobile Notary" 8123 Sunrise Boulevard #229. Citrus Heights, 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 13, 2023 Publish Sept 29, Oct 6, 13, 20, 2023

MICHELLES 10-20-23 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-06575 Khalifa CA, Inc. 3925 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Geo Wheel Works" 3925 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 5, 2023

Publish: October 6, 13, 20, 29, 2023 GEO 10-29-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-06469 VP Auto Sales Inc., 825 M Street Suite 3, Rio Linda, CA 95673 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "VF Auto Sales" 825 M Street Suite 3, Rio Linda, CA 95673. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County August 30, 2023 Publish: October 6, 13, 20, 29, 2023 10-29-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-06675 Nestor Edgardo Romero, 5347 Chatswood Way, Antelope, CA 95843 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Phenomenal Pool Plastering/ Phenomenal Pools" 5347 Chatswood Way, Antelope, CA 95843. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September Publish: October 6, 13, 20, 29, 2023

PHENOMENAL 10-29-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-07267 Lindsey Summer Kohl, 8596 Pershing Avenue, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Nurse Organizes" 8596 Pershing Avenue, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September Publish: October 6, 13, 20, 29, 2023 NURSE 10-29-23

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STATEMENT FBNF2023-07197 The Poet Tree, Inc, 1719 25th Street, Sacramento, CA 95816 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sacramento Poetry Center 1719 25th Street, Sacramento, CA 95816. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 22, 2023 Publish: October 6, 13, 20, 29, 2023 SACRAMENTO 10-29-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-07232 Roberto M. Soto, 9 Benoit Court, Sacramento, CA 95823

is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Blue Rock TC Services" Benoit Court, Sacramento, CA 95823. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 26, 2023 Publish: October 6, 13, 20, 29, 2023 10-29-23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-07002 Sandeep Singh Gill, 4840 Clyde Bank Way, Antelope, CA 95843 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Just Send It Postal" 7889 Lichen Drive, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 15.2023 Publish: October 6, 13, 20, 29, 2023

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2023-07280 Patrick J Clinton, 8001 Andante Drive, Citrus Heights, CA 95621 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) 'Construction Equipment Training Certification" Andante Drive, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 27, 2023 Publish: October 6, 13, 20, 29, 2023

CONSTRUCTION 10-29-23 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT FBNF2023-06122 Lath and Plastering, 1000 Silvano Street Sacramento, CA 95838 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Tapia Lath & Plastering Inc" 5416 Jackson Street #49, North Highlands, CA 95660. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County September 17, 2023 Publish: October 6, 13, 20, 29, 2023

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE **CHANGE OF NAME** #23CV008143

Tyler Khalil Simmons has filed petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Tyler Khalil Simmons to Tyler Khalil Frederick Marshall IT IS ORDERED that all per-

sons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on November 16, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: September 8, 2023 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of

SUPERIOR COURT OF **CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO** ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

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the Superior Court

#23CV006000 Jameelah Love has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Jameelah Love to Erica Renee Parker.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on October 18, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54. located at 813 6th Street. Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: August 4, 2023

Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: Sept 15, 22, 29, Oct 6, 2023 JAMEELAH

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #23CV007752 Chenyale Ja'Nest Staples-

Ware has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Chenyale Ja'Nest Staples- Ware to Ja'Nest Chenyale Staples.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on November 14, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54. located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: September 5, 2023 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court

Publish: Sept 15, 22, 29, Oct 6, 2023 CHENYALĖ SUPERIOR COURT OF **CALIFORNIA**

COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #23CV007746 Anatolyevich Verbovshchuk has filed a peti-

tion with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Pavel Anatolyevich Verbovshchuk to Paul Verbovshuk, and Victoria Drobkov to Victoria Verborshuk. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-en-

titled matter appear before this court on November 30, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: September 1, 2023 Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: Sept 15, 22, 29, Oct 6, 2023

> SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
> COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
> ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE **CHANGE OF NAME** #23CV007184

Mandie Dorene Blake has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of David Erik Hall JR to David Anthony Blake.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on November 21, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street,

tition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: August 22, 2023 Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: Sept 15, 22, 29, Oct 6, 2023 **BLAKE** 10-6-23

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

CHANGE OF NAME

#23CV008449 Jennifer Marie Mullen AKA Jennifer Marie Morgan has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Jennifer Marie Mullen AKA Jennifer Marie Morgan to Jennifer Mullen Morgan. IT IS ORDERED that all per-

sons interested in the above-en-

titled matter appear before this court on November 22, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: September 14, 2023

Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: Sept 22, 29, Oct 6, 13, 2023 **JENNIFER** 10-13-23 SUPERIOR COURT OF **CALIFORNIA**

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

CHANGE OF NAME #23CV007231 Xavion Ray - Earl McDaniel has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Xavion Ray - Earl McDaniel to Xavion Ray Casey.

IT IS ORDERED that all per-

sons interested in the above-en-

titled matter appear before this court on November 2, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: August 23, 2023

Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: Sept 22, 29, Oct 6, 13, 2023 **XAVION** 10-13-23 SUPERIOR COURT OF

COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #23CV008052 Julie Anne Hull has filed a petition with this court for a decree

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changing the name(s) of Julie Anne Hull to Julieanne Bird. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on December 7, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should

not be granted. Dated: September 7, 2023 Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: Sept 22, 29, Oct 6, 13, 2023

10-13-23 SUPERIOR COURT OF **CALIFORNIA** COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO CHANGE OF NAME

#23CV007614 Miguel Gutierrez has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Khaled Adel Awad to Khaled Adel Awad-Gutierrez.
IT IS ORDERED that all per-

sons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on November 8, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: August 29, 2023

Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: Sept 29, Oct 6, 13, 20, 2023 10-20-23 KHALED SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #23CV007245

Sophia Grace Jackson has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Sophia Grace Jackson to Pharen Grey Jackson. IT IS ORDERED that all per-

sons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on November 7, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: August 18, 2023

Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court Publish: Sept 29, Oct 6, 13, 20, 2023 10-20-23 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #23CV007644 Deeba Khorami has filed a pe-

tition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Deeba Khorami to Deeba Kamal. IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-en-

titled matter appear before this court on November 29, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted. Dated: August 30, 2023 Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of

the Superior Court Publish: Sept 29, Oct 6, 13, 20, 2023 DEEBA 10-20-23

Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the pe**OCTOBER 6. 2023**

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State Delivers \$55 Million to Sacramento Water Agencies for Water Resilience Projects

CNRA News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)

- To help combat climate change and drought impacts on regional water supplies, the California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) and Department of Water Resources (DWR) have partnered with local water agencies to implement critical infrastructure upgrades that will improve water resilience and support environmental health in the Sacramento area.

As part of a landmark partnership agreement, the state agencies have committed \$55 million in funding to the Sacramento Regional Water Authority to advance 21 projects designed to boost local water supplies and environmental flows for the Lower American River during dry

Funded projects include new and improved groundwater wells, upgrades to existing wells, pumps, interties and storage facilities. These upgrades will significantly expand the regional water system, giving water providers improved capacity to move supplies between agencies, recharge groundwater aquifers during wet conditions and use available groundwater supplies more sustainability when needed during dry years.

These improvements will allow the region to better withstand intense drought and impacts from climate change, reduce reliance on surface water and distribute supplies where they are needed most to support communities and the environment.

By expanding groundwater supplies and use in the region, local water agencies will be able to reduce diversions from the Lower American River during dry years and increase instream flows necessary to support delicate ecosystems and fish species such as salmon and steelhead. As part of the funding agreement, agencies will allocate 30,000 acre-feet of water in the river in three critical or dry years over an eight-year period once funded infrastructure upgrades are completed and in place. Completed infrastructure upgrades are anticipated within the next two years.

State representatives, water agencies and elected officials gathered today to highlight these investments, which are another step forward in developing a network of groundwater wells, pumps and pipelines that enable local water providers to withdraw and replenish groundwater reserves

"It is gratifying for the state to invest in our decades-long vision for enhancing the role of our groundwater aquifer our natural infrastructure - as a key strategy for adapting the Sacramento region's water system to the changing climate," said Michelle Banonis, Manager of Strategic Affairs for the Regional Water Authority. "This investment will allow us to build on proven methods for securing our water supplies while also providing water for the environment during the driest times, long into the future."

"As California prepares for a future driven by climate change, it's more important than ever that we be proactive and invest in infrastructure that helps secure a reliable water supply. This partnership agreement is a pivotal step forward in securing our water future and DWR looks forward to working with our regional partners," said DWR Director Karla Nemeth.

This funding partnership

demonstrates California's commitment to working with local agencies to increase river flows, restore ecosystems and strengthen water supply reliability in the state.

"This agreement will support projects that modernize infrastructure and improve water resiliency, both of which will enhance flow and habitat for California's native fish populations," said Charlton H. Bonham, Director of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. "We look forward to continued efforts with partners that will bring flexibility in water management and improve habitat in the Central Valley for fish and wildlife."

The Sacramento Regional Water Authority, which represents nearly two dozen water providers serving 2.2 million people in the Sacramento region, will work to implement the funded projects with nine water providers in the region including the City of Roseville, Sacramento County Water Agency, Sacramento Suburban Water District, Carmichael Water District, City of Sacramento, Golden State Water Company, Citrus Heights Water District, Fair Oaks Water District and Orange Vale Water Company.

This funding partnership is also one example of DWR's work to provide funding for local communities under the state's "Go Golden" initiative. The initiative highlights the state's partnership with local organizations and water agencies to implement projects that address water infrastructure, flooding impacts, water conservation, well rehabilitation and fish and wildlife protection as California prepares for a future driven by our chang-



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