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## State Street Rehab Project Starts



From left, Councilwoman Verna Sulpizio Hull, project engineer Bridget McGinnis, Mayor Martha Guerrero, Councilwoman Quirina Orozco, Yolo County Supervisor Oscar Villegas and Capital Projects Director Ariana Adame officially break ground in the State Street Neighborhood, one of the city's oldest communities dating back to the 1950s. Photo courtesy of the City of West Sacramento

*By Angela Underwood*

**WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - State Street concrete crumbling will no longer be a thing.

On Sept. 12, Mayor Martha Guerrero, Councilwomen Verna Sulpizio-Hull Quirina Orozco and other officials dug their shovels deep, breaking ground for the long-awaited State Street Rehabilitation Project.

Some of the oldest neighborhood streets north of the Deep-Water Channel have become an eyesore and a stumbling block. However, according to Capital Projects director Ariana Adame, who opened the ceremony, that is about to change.

"Thank you so much for being here this morning as we celebrate this important project for West

Sacramento's infrastructure, specifically the State Streets neighborhood," Adame said. "The roads and gutters and some of the curbs have frankly just crumbled over time, and we're here to fix them."

October concrete labor and Spring 2025 road work "will improve the roads in the area bounded by Stone Boulevard, Park Boulevard, 15th Street and Jefferson Boulevard," Adame said.

"We are laying down six-lane miles of hot mix asphalt, enough to fill over three Olympic-sized swimming pools," Adame said, adding thanks to all assistant, senior and principal engineers, and construction inspectors involved. "That's five lane miles of slurry seal will be added, equivalent to covering 9.5

football fields."

At the Aug. 21 council meeting, Councilwomen Sulpizio-Hull and Orozco anticipated the ground-breaking after approving the contract award with George Reed, Inc. for more than \$6.7 million.

As a resident of State Street, where she said trees are wreaking havoc on the concrete, Orozco said she hoped for this since 2016. Sulpizio-Hull, who governs the project, wanted assurance that the public is kept up-to-date on all progress.

Adame passed off the microphone to Mayor Guerrero, who first thanked attending council members, City Manager Aaron Laurel and Vice-Mayor Dawnte Early, who was not in attendance.

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## Broderick Boat Ramp Cleanup Day is Sept. 21

*Yolo County News Release*

**WOODLAND, CA (MPG)** - At the Yolo County Board of Supervisors meeting on Sept. 10, the Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution declaring Saturday, Sept. 21 as Annual Coast and Creek Cleanup Day in Yolo County.

Yolo County District 1 Supervisor Oscar Villegas and District 3 Supervisor Mary Vixie Sandy will host a Broderick Boat Ramp Cleanup in partnership with the California Coastal Commission and their board colleagues from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 21. The event will take place at 151 County Road 136 in West Sacramento.

"Our waterways are essential to our daily lives, providing clean drinking water, supporting fishing, agriculture, and recreation. Volunteering for a few hours to help keep this waterway free of debris is a simple yet impactful way to contribute while experiencing the confluence up close," said Supervisor Oscar Villegas.

Sponsored by the California Coastal Commission, this year's cleanup is particularly significant as it marks the 40th anniversary of the statewide initiative, underscoring the critical need to safeguard marine and riparian environments. Over the past four decades, this event has successfully removed hundreds of thousands of pounds of waste from various waterways, including beaches, shorelines, and inland areas. It serves as a valuable opportunity for families, community groups, and educational institutions to come together in preserving and enhancing local waterways and parks. The cleanup also supports the preparation of Yolo County's riverfront for the myriads of cultural and sporting events that contribute to the region's appeal.

Supervisor Mary Vixie Sandy added, "I am proud to join my board colleague and our community partners in cleaning up the Broderick Boat Ramp. Our rivers and waterways are crucial to Yolo County's ecosystem and quality of life. By participating in

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## West Sacramento Repair Café Opens New Location

*By Annie Kerr*

**WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - The West Sacramento Repair Café has a new location at Holy Cross Parish: 1321 Anna St., West Sacramento.

If you haven't been to one, it's a wonderful opportunity to get several different items repaired on the spot, such as household goods, small appliances, clothing, jewelry, bicycles and more according to participants. Participants added that it's a free service because of a dedicated group of volunteers from the West Sacramento community. Several of the volunteers are bilingual, making it easier to assist residents with their requests. The café is



Volunteers Peter and Bob repair a clock. Photo courtesy of Ani Durst

open to everyone, with no income restrictions.

According to Ani Durst, a member of the Repair

Café's organizing team, the café celebrated its first anniversary in June and is the only one of its

kind in West Sacramento. The concept began overseas in Europe in 2009,

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# Rebuilding Together Sacramento - Every Step Counts

By Angela Underwood

**WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - With age comes added safety.

The City of West Sacramento senior population understands the safety that a level step or a hand-rail provides, making minor construction projects priorities in their lives.

However, not every city senior has the immediate means to install, hence Rebuilding Together Sacramento, which provides free home safety modifications to older, low-to-moderate-income residents.

“As our population ages, keeping seniors safe in their homes for as long as possible becomes a priority for their overall well-being and quality of life,” said West Sacramento Safe at Home Program coordinator Kaisa Miller.

“Minor home modifications such as handrails, grab bars, toilet risers and shower hoses help achieve this goal,” Miller said. “These simple yet effective changes can significantly reduce the



Rebuilding Together Sacramento and the City of West Sacramento provide home modifications for low- to moderate-income seniors here. Photo courtesy of the City of West Sacramento

risk of falls and injuries.”

One city senior will say the same in a promotional video featuring Rebuilding Together Sacramento’s chief installer and the resident. In her garage, Nicole Carlson details how installing a handrail, installing a grab bar and modifying the step

height provide safety.

“I wasn’t scared at all; he had ID, and he was very friendly and very nice,” Carlson said, walking up the new stairs that replaced 24-year-old stairs. “I feel safer when I go into the garage.”

The free service available

to low-to-moderate-income seniors is simple. Call 916-617-4659 for help and Measure E will pick up the tab.

“Measure E is a sales tax measure that allows funding to help create an age-friendly community,” Miller said. “This collaboration between

the city and Rebuilding Together Sacramento is an important partnership that brings these Safe at Home services to West Sacramento.”

Miller noted that Rebuilding Together Sacramento, which has modified area senior homes since 1991, leverages a variety of volunteers and staff to maintain service costs significantly below market rates.

No matter the rate, “the comfort and security that seniors experience in their familiar surroundings cannot be overstated,” Miller said.

“By implementing these modifications, we not only ensure the physical safety of our elderly population but also support their emotional and psychological health,” Miller said. “The ability to remain in their own homes, surrounded by memories and personal belongings, provides a sense of continuity and stability that is

invaluable during aging.”

Don’t wait for another step that can cause harm; contact the city at 916-617-4659 to help any senior who might benefit from grab bars, handrails or threshold ramps. The service also includes providing toilet or shower assist units, energy-efficient bulbs, transfer poles and carbon-monoxide detectors.

“It’s been absolutely fantastic,” Carlson said in the video. “Give it a shot; you can’t go wrong.”

Miller said these modifications are often more cost-effective than alternatives such as assisted living facilities.

“It’s a win-win solution for seniors, their families and the community,” Miller said.

For more information on the program or ways to support the service, Miller suggests visiting [rebuildingtogethersacramento.org](http://rebuildingtogethersacramento.org).



Rebuilding Together Sacramento and the City of West Sacramento work together for area seniors needing home repairs. Photo courtesy of the City of West Sacramento



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# Free Preserving Classes for Yolo County

Yolo County News Release

**WOODLAND, CA (MPG)** - To celebrate Farm to Fork Month this September, the Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency’s (HHSA) Hanna and Herbert Bauer Memorial Community Garden and CalFresh Healthy Living programs are hosting a free class in Woodland on preserving food from local gardens.

Yolo County gardeners of all experience levels are invited to learn from UCCE Master Food Preservers of Yolo and Solano Counties on Saturday, Sept. 28, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. No gardening experience is necessary, and all are welcome to attend.

The Sacramento region is renowned as the Farm to Fork capital of the world, and this class offers Yolo County residents an opportunity to enhance their ability to consume fresh, local produce by gaining skills and knowledge that make home gardening and food preserving both fun and easy. The class will cover fruit and vegetable canning, and drying, and will include a hands-on “make and take” activity where participants can create and take home an



Free class in Woodland on preserving food from local gardens. Image by jf-gabnor from Pixabay

edible, handcrafted treat. “Enhancing access to fresh fruits and vegetables and providing education on their preparation and preservation reflects HHSA’s dedication to supporting community well-being,” said Brian Vaughn, Health and Human Services Agency Public Health Branch Director. “Our region, rich in agricultural resources, benefits greatly from our community garden program and our collaboration with the Master Gardeners of Yolo County. Through classes like these, HHSA intends to help everyone enjoy the abundance of seasonal produce throughout the year.” These classes are entirely free and part of the Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency’s commitment to offering education that empowers residents

to incorporate fresh fruits and vegetables into their diets, promoting healthier living. Pre-registration is required for attendance. To register, please contact Nick Gazda at Nick.Gazda@YoloCounty.gov or call (530) 666-8429. Please, be sure to register by Sept. 27. The garden is located at 137 N. Cottonwood Street in Woodland, behind the Health and Human Services Agency Bauer Building. Participants are encouraged to dress for warm weather and bring water. In the event of extreme heat or poor air quality, the class will be moved indoors. Free classes are offered throughout the year at the Hanna and Herbert Bauer Memorial Garden. To learn more about garden activities and classes, please visit: [www.YoloCounty.gov/Garden](http://www.YoloCounty.gov/Garden). ★

# Broderick Boat Ramp Cleanup Day is Sept. 21

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this cleanup, we reinforce our commitment to environmental protection and highlight the power of community action.” In addition to the Broderick Boat Ramp, this year’s cleanup effort in Yolo County will include six other locations, such as Putah and Cache Creeks, the Woodland Farmers Central Ditch and the City

of Davis Pond areas. Phil Stevens from the Putah Creek Council noted that the California Coastal Commission represents the largest volunteer effort globally, with the Putah Creek Council leading local efforts in Yolo and Solano Counties since 1988. The Broderick Boat Ramp Cleanup connects to Yolo County’s Strategic

Plan by upholding the Collaborative Community and Sustainable Environment pillars that identify the organizations goals by preserving natural resource through effective water management and by maximizing relationships with stakeholders to improve outcomes. For more information on how to participate locally, visit [www.Coastal.CA.gov](http://www.Coastal.CA.gov). ★

# Jesse Salinas to Talk on Ensuring Election Integrity in Yolo County

League of Women Voters of Woodland News Release

**YOLO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - As the November elections draw near, people may have questions about the voting process and how the Yolo County Election’s Office will go about its job. Elections staff view their responsibility as maintaining transparency while working toward civic engagement, and Yolo County’s Assessor/Clerk Recorder/Registrar of Voters, Jesse Salinas, has agreed to talk about the process at the Woodland League of Women Voters’ request at 7 p.m., Monday, Sept. 23, at the Woodland Community & Senior Center, 2001 East St. The gathering is open to the public, not just members of the Woodland league. Light refreshments will be provided during the Sept. 23 event and Woodland TV will broadcast the talk. A recording will also be uploaded at <https://youtube.com/live/lc-pitJdQLc>. Elections Office staff have been gearing up for months in anticipation of a busy day Tuesday, Nov. 5, when ballots are cast at vote centers countywide. Salinas has been in charge of county elections since 2016 and has been

working since that time to create a simple and transparent process that allows people to cast their ballots either in person or by mail, while at the same time expanding access to the rural areas countywide. Salinas and his staff were particularly challenged during the pandemic, when people couldn’t vote at their customary polling places. As a result, 13 “vote centers” countywide were established along with a mobile vote center that travels into the rural communities. County residents first saw the implementation of a vote center like model beginning in 2020 and during the California recall election of Gov. Gavin Newsom. Yolo County officially transitioned to a Vote Center Act County in June 2022. Salinas viewed that election and others as a challenge to “our process and [to] improve it for Yolo County voters.” “I always strive to conduct a fair, accessible and transparent election,” said Salinas. “Some of the following are examples of specific things we have done, including purchasing new voter equipment and an election management system, continuously updating our voter records, signature training for all staff and

transparency through various communication/invitations to observe.” The Woodland League of Women Voters is celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year and is continuing to work to achieve its goal of outreach and education as it closes in on this election. “The importance of this election is unprecedented, both nationally, but also at the local level. In the upcoming election each city has a measure on the ballot,” said Salinas. “Ensuring the election process goes smoothly for all voters is vital, especially during this period of extra scrutiny,” added Lorna Carrievau, League president. “We appreciate Mr. Salinas discussing its complexities and how the Elections Office has responded to so many concerns.” In addition to the presentation by Salinas, on Oct. 3, the League will host a forum between Mike Thompson and John Munn for State Senate District 3 with the Davis Area League. The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan, grassroots, national organization, dedicated to local voter education and empowering citizens to shape better communities for more than 100 years. ★

# West Sacramento Repair Café Opens New Location



Volunteer Elena fills out a work order for a repair. Photo courtesy of Ani Durst

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which boomed and now there are 3,000 repair cafes in Europe, and 300 in the United States. The organizing team also consists of T. Young and A. Burkner. “It creates a stronger community,” Durst said. The café is limited to two items per person so more residents can be helped each month. This is community service at its best through one-on-one contact, according to a resident who did not want to be named. For example, at one event, a resident named Shu was able to have his trousers lengthened and re-hemmed. Volunteers Felipe and Maricela

restrung beaded necklaces and replaced broken clasps. “It’s a win-win situation and everyone leaves with a smile on their face, having made a new personal connection through help given, and help received,” said the resident. The Repair Café operates on the last Saturday of every month. “Aren’t we lucky that it’s not just a one-time event? What a benefit to the community, neighbors helping neighbors just because they can,” the resident added. If you know family members, friends and/or work or school acquaintances who could benefit from the repairs or who

wants to learn or teach repair, tell them about the community’s next Repair Café event. It will be from 9 a.m. to noon on Sept. 28 at the Holy Cross Parish multipurpose room. Enter on Todhunter and follow the signs. You can also find a flier on the City of West Sacramento events calendar at [www.city-ofwestsacramento.org/government/city-calendar](http://www.city-ofwestsacramento.org/government/city-calendar). “Purpose and service are key to well-being. It actually feels good to do good” is a quote the Repair Café always has on the door, according to Durst. For more information, message the Repairs Café at 916-245-0338. ★

# State Street Rehab Project Starts



Here is a rendering of all the roads included in the long-awaited State Street Rehabilitation Project costing more than \$6 million with an expected late 2025 completion date. Photo courtesy of the City of West Sacramento

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“This is an incredible project that will transform some of our city’s old streets,” Guererro said, adding that improving State Street roads and infrastructure increases and enhances residents’ quality of life. “This project is part of West Sacramento’s commitment to maintaining and upgrading the city’s infrastructure to support current and future needs.” Additional infrastructure upgrades in the coming months include conduit installation, according to

the mayor. “Though not immediately visible, this project lays the groundwork for future city infrastructure with the installation of conduit,” Guererro said. “This will help connect critical technological improvements moving forward.” The multi-million-dollar makeover includes more than 2.5 miles of curb and gutter improvements, with 31 curb ramp replacements, ensuring enhanced pedestrian accessibility. “It’s important to note that sidewalk repair is not

included in this project but the sidewalks have been identified for consideration in the future ending funding,” Guererro said. “This State Streets project represents a significant investment in the future of our city, ensuring that we continue to improve infrastructure for our residents.” Like Orozco, the mayor said she “can’t wait for the smooth streets and gutters.” “Thanks, Capital Projects and Public Works, for your continued care of our roadways,” Guererro said. ★

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Social Security Matters

About Widow's Benefits vs. Benefits from my Ex-spouse

35th Annual A Day in The Country Supports Farmland Conservation



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

**Dear Rusty:** In November I will be 60 and eligible for widow's benefits. My late husband's Social Security was approximately \$2,300 when he passed around 7 years ago. FYI, my ex-husband is still working and will probably receive the highest SS when he retires in about 5 years (we were married for more than 10 years). Either of these is more than my own Social Security will be, so how does this work? Will this turn into my Social Security? Can I start on one and switch to the other later? **Signed: Wondering Widow**

**Dear Wondering Widow:** Provided you have not remarried before age 60, you have a choice which benefit to receive – either your deceased husband's benefit as his surviving spouse, or your ex-spouse benefit from your ex-husband while he is still living. Taking your survivor benefit from your deceased husband will likely be best because it is based on 100% of his SS amount when he died, whereas your ex-spouse

benefit from your living ex-husband is based on 50% of his FRA entitlement. To get an ex-spouse benefit from your ex-husband (which you can't get until you are 62), your own SS retirement benefit would need to be less than 50% of your ex's FRA entitlement.

As you know, you will be eligible for survivor (widow's) benefits from your deceased husband when you are 60 but be aware that by taking your survivor benefit at 60, it will be reduced for early claiming. Rather than 100% of your husband's SS benefit, at age 60 you will get about 71.5%. Your surviving spouse benefit reaches maximum at your full retirement age (FRA) of 67 and will grow to that point but will be reduced if taken prior to that.

Also, if you are working, Social Security's "earnings test" will apply until you reach your full retirement age, so your plans for working may influence your decision on when to claim your widow's benefit. If you exceed the earnings limit (\$22,320 for 2024; it changes annually), Social Security will take away \$1 in benefits for every \$2 you are over the limit. They "take away" by withholding future benefits until the penalty is satisfied, which means you would go some number of months without benefits. And, if you substantially exceed the earnings limit you may even be temporarily ineligible for any

SS benefits (until you earn less or reach your FRA - the earnings test goes away at your FRA).

If you claim your surviving spouse benefits from your deceased husband first, and your ex-husband later dies, you do have the option to switch to the higher survivor benefit from your ex-husband. In effect, if both husbands are deceased, you have a choice which benefit to take (and, obviously, you'd chose the higher of the two).

None of this, however, happens automatically. To claim your surviving spouse benefit you will need to contact Social Security directly at 1.800.772.1213 (or call your local SS office) to make an appointment to apply for widow's benefits.

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Yolo Land Trust News Release

CLARKSBURG, CA (MPG)

- Supporters of the Yolo Land Trust (YLT) gathered on Sunday, Sept. 8 for the 35th Annual A Day in the Country. This event has been a cherished tradition for 35 years, continually bringing together the community to celebrate and support Yolo Land Trust's mission to conserve agricultural land in Yolo County.

"We come together not only to celebrate the legacy and abundance of local agriculture," explained Yolo Land Trust Executive Director John Currey, "but also to build meaningful connections with our dedicated supporters. Together, we acknowledge the irreplaceable nature of Yolo County farmland and the crucial need to protect it for future generations."

Originally a potluck, A Day in the Country has evolved since 1989 to feature a diverse array of culinary offerings from renowned restaurants, all spotlighting Yolo County's rich agricultural bounty. Reflecting on the event, one supporter shared, "Great event and excellent food! The caliber of restaurants who participate is always impressive."

This year's event showcased 11 restaurants

serving dishes crafted from the freshest local ingredients. Highlights included Cucumber Gazpacho from Chez Panisse, Chile Verde Carnitas and Serrano Pepper Milk Bread from Faria Bakery, and Bahn Mi Endive from Kitchen 428. Yolo Land Trust Emeritus Board Member Paul Muller of Full Belly Farm plays a crucial role in the event's success by connecting chefs with local growers.

The event took place amidst the scenic vineyard and Home Ranch at Bogle Family Vineyards in Clarksburg. The Bogle family, who have a conservation easement with Yolo Land Trust on nearby farmland, share Yolo Land Trust's commitment to preserving local agricultural land. Yolo Land Trust Board Member Lynnel Pollock expressed gratitude to Jody Bogle for hosting, noting the historical connection between the Bogle family and the event's origins. Jody reminisced about past events and her involvement with her mother, Patty Bogle, a former member of the original event planning committee along with Pollock.

In celebration of the 35th anniversary, a history wall and photo slideshow highlighted Yolo Land Trust's journey from its founding to the present day. The

event was attended by many past and founding board members, including Helen Thomson, who, alongside Rich Rominger, was instrumental in establishing the Yolo Land Conservation Trust. Additionally, the Yolo County Board of Supervisors presented Yolo Land Trust with a Proclamation recognizing 35 years of community engagement through A Day in the Country.


The event's success was made possible by the dedicated efforts of local farmers, restaurants, wineries, breweries, and volunteers. Special thanks are due to Pioneer High School FFA, Clarksburg 4-H, Woodland Community College's Culinary Arts & Agriculture Departments, and Bayer staff for their invaluable volunteer support.

Yolo Land Trust is deeply appreciative of the community's support through sponsorships and ticket purchases. The success of A Day in the Country provides funding to advance Yolo Land Trust's mission of conserving farmland in Yolo County. Since its founding in 1988, the Yolo Land Trust has permanently conserved more than 13,030 farmland acres on more than 78 farms in Yolo County. ★



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# WUSD Heightens Safety Protocols

By Angela Underwood

**WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Two hours after sending “I love u guys” in a text to her parents, Emily Keyes was killed in a 2006 Colorado school shooting.

Before taking his own life, the suicidal gunman took the life of the 16-year-old Platte Canyon High School student, who was one of six female hostages sexually assaulted.

Emily’s text is now the name of a foundation created by a group of school resource officers, business owners, principals, attorney and executive staff.

“Emily’s final text messages to her parents gave the I Love U Guys Foundation a voice,” said Allyson Jones, foundation communications manager, adding that since 2006, “The foundation has used that voice to restore and protect the joy of youth by providing resources and training on crisis response and post-crisis reunification to schools, districts, departments, agencies, organizations and communities across the world.”

Nearly two decades later, countless student names are on a long list of nationwide school shootings, with students packing fear along with lunch in their book bags.

“It’s simple: students thrive in an environment they feel safe in; without that sense of safety, learning becomes secondary,” Jones said, adding the need for

Standard Response Protocol (SRP). “It plays an important role in fostering that safe environment by providing students and staff with clear, common language and actions in an emergency.”

Although Emily did not survive her school emergency, her life makes Washington Unified School District (WUSD) students safer here, as the district is implementing the foundation’s procedures.

Communications director Giorgos Kazanis said that district officials will announce the Standard Response Protocol and explain how it is being implemented in all schools in the coming weeks.

“We encourage families to discuss this information at home and continue to be our partners in creating a secure, nurturing environment for learning and growth,” Kazanis said, adding that the tools given will equip students, staff, and community members to respond effectively to various scenarios.

“Moreover, these protocols align with best practices recommended by law enforcement and emergency management professionals,” Kazanis said. “They’re adaptable to various situations, which is essential in our ever-changing world, where new challenges can arise unexpectedly.”

Jones agreed. “Knowing what to do in a crisis gives students the confidence to respond quickly and effectively, so their

focus can remain on learning,” Jones said, adding that the foundation has not had direct correspondence with the district.

“We are happy to hear that they find our programs useful and are implementing them.”

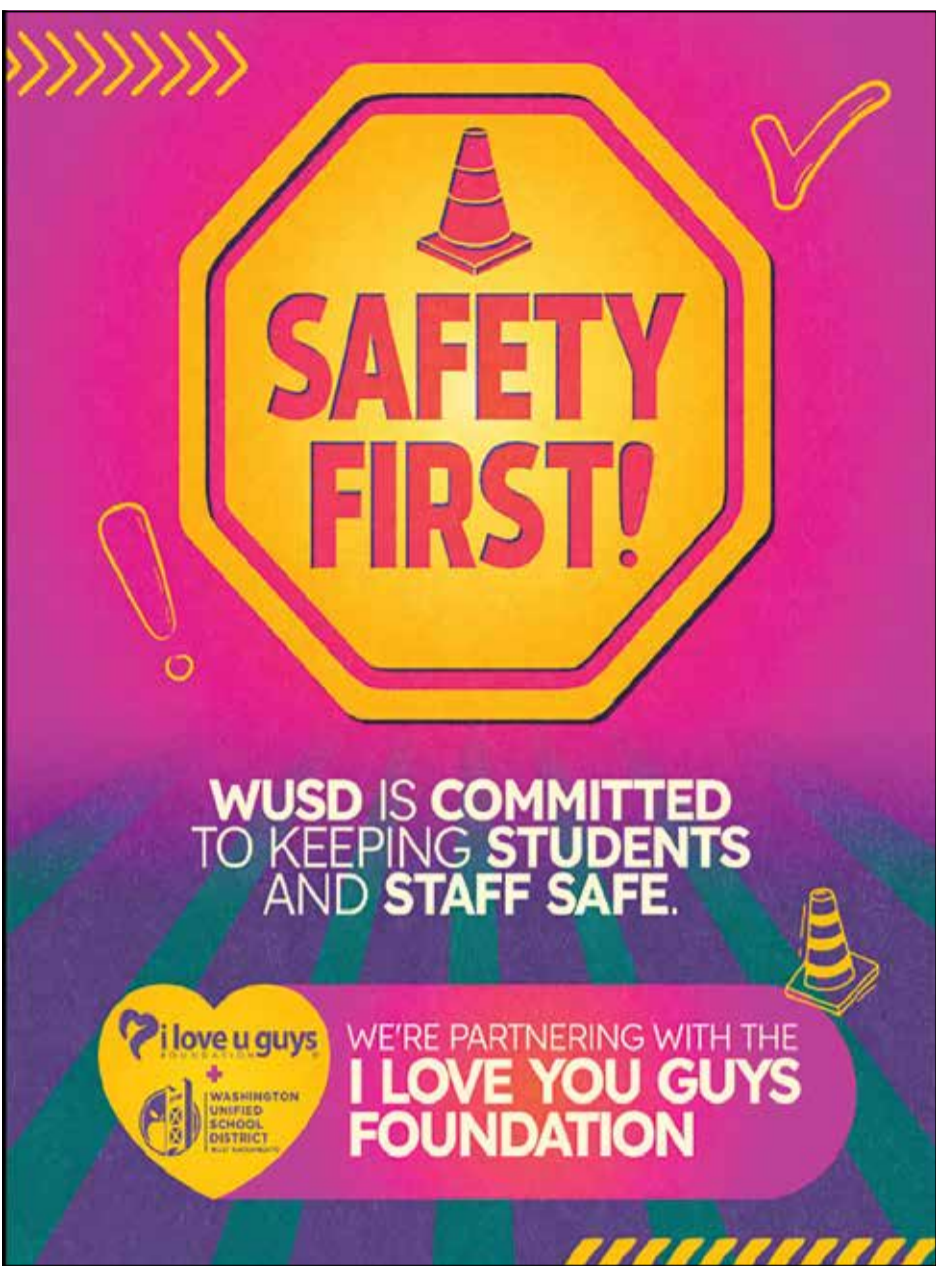
Kazanis said that the particular Standard Response Protocol is “known for its practicality and effectiveness, provides a clear, consistent approach to emergency situations, which complements and enhances our existing safety measures.”

“It’s a tool that we believe will empower our school community and instill confidence in our ability to respond to any emergency,” Kazanis said, adding that I Love U Guys programs are in more than 50,000 schools, districts, departments, agencies, organizations and communities worldwide.

“The foundation is here to support and provide additional training, and we look forward to working with the Washington Unified School District in the future,” Jones said.

Before I Love U Guys, Washington Unified School District has always prioritized safety, according to Kazanis. In the last calendar year, district school leaders participated in approximately 18 trainings hosted throughout the district.

“This extensive training schedule underscores Washington Unified School



Here is Washington Unified School District’s advertisement for its new partnership with the I Love U Guys Foundation, a comprehensive school safety program. Photo courtesy of Washington Unified School District

District’s dedication to prioritizing safety and staying ahead of emerging trends and best practices,” Kazanis said. “By prioritizing safety in this comprehensive way,

we’re creating an environment where students can thrive academically and emotionally.” Schools should be “a place of creativity,

critical thinking and where personal growth can flourish,” according to Kazanis, who said that is only possible with a strong foundation of safety and security. ★

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# UC Davis Alumnus Discovers New Species of Praying Mantis

By Kathy Keatley Garvey, UC Davis Department of Entomology and Nematology

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - He never expected to discover a new praying mantis species.

But a juvenile mantis that UC Davis alumnus Lohitashwa “Lohit” Garikipati collected on a 2019 trip to Madera Canyon, Arizona, proved not to be the commonly known California mantis, *Stagmomantis wheeleri*, but a new species.

It all started when Garikipati, now a newly enrolled doctoral student at the Richard Glider Graduate School at the American Museum of Natural History, joined his friends and fellow entomologists to collect specimens on multiple trips to southern Arizona.

“That individual that I collected in 2019 failed to molt to adult,” Garikipati said. “In subsequent years, I went back looking for a similar individual, but with no luck. It wasn’t until Peter Clausen (a citizen scientist in Sonoita, Ariz.) sent me an adult female that I had the inkling it might be a new species.”

Subsequent research, spanning comparative morphology, citizen science contributions, and captive observations, resulted in a mantis researcher’s dream: he’d discovered a new species.

His newly published research, "Description and Total Ontogeny of the Sonoran Tiger Mantis, *Stagmomantis clauseni* sp. nov., and Key to the Subgenus *Nigralora* (Mantodea: Mantidae)," appears in *Zootaxa* at 10.11646/zootaxa.5501.1.4.

He named it *Stagmomantis clauseni*, in honor of Clausen. Its common name, “Sonoran Tiger Mantis,” refers to its locality, aggressiveness and coloring.

“Peter is one of the founders of hobbyist pages like mantidforum.net that I joined as a kid and learned quite a bit about mantises from other hobbyists around the world,” Garikipati said. “He also continues to participate in research in a citizen science capacity by helping researchers by collecting and documenting specimens from Arizona and surrounding areas.” Clausen is on Instagram at <https://www.instagram.com/bugsincyberspace/>.

The Sonoran Tiger Mantis is "a really aggressive species and will stalk prey from pretty far away!" Garikipati said. “The tiger portion of its name comes from the pretty active nature of this species, as it tends to move around and forage rather than remaining still for large periods of time, compared to other mantises. When threatened, they will readily hold their ground and flash their bright hindwing coloration and abdominal striping, bare their mandibles, and strike at aggressors.”

The coloring? To be specific, “this species has bright orange/gold on the inner margins of the forecoxa and ventral margin of the propleuron and has bright black banding along the posterior margin of the first few tergites (dorsal segments) of the abdomen. All those things immediately made me think of a tiger.”

Garikipati further describes *S. clauseni* as “a low-foliage predator, staying close to the ground in 5 feet or less vegetation.



The new species of praying mantis, *Stagmomantis clauseni*, or the common name, Sonoran Tiger Mantis, that UC Davis alumnus Lohit Garikipati discovered. Photo by Lohit Garikipati

“It’s able to weave within and around tight or dense foliage in the desert and will absolutely chase down prey using its long legs. They’re pretty aggressive, so even insects—and potentially small vertebrates similar or slightly larger in size--would be on the menu!”

Garikipati said the species “tend to lay their oothecae (egg cases) near each other, which is atypical for most mantises. And they usually lay their egg cases under rocks.”

With Garikipati’s discovery, there are now 28 described native species of mantises in the United States. “And more are likely,” he points out. “There has not yet been a comprehensive genomic or even genital comparison of mantises in the United States, so there may be many cryptic (obscure) species, especially since all native species have flightless females and, in some cases, flightless males.”

Globally, the number of described mantis species is estimated at 2500. Mantids inhabit every continent except Antarctica. Carl Linnaeus, the father of modern taxonomy, named the first described mantis as *Mantis religiosa* because the insect appears to be praying when its front legs are resting.

Females of most mantis species live six to 12 months, Garikipati says, while the males have a shorter life span, especially when they lose their head (sexual cannibalism). In the tropics mantises live longer; the female lifespan is an estimated two or three years.

Lohit became fascinated with insects as a child growing up in Pleasanton, Alameda County. At first, lady beetles (aka ladybugs), drew his attention. But mantises soon took over. “They really captured my attention because they were much more interactive compared to other insects--primarily because they are very visual animals--and their predation strategy is just really cool. Add on some great camouflage and behavioral variation with very little research done on this group and the allure of curiosity would probably be hard for many people to ignore!”

Lohit holds a bachelor’s degree in entomology (June 2019) from UC Davis, where he worked as a lab assistant for Professor Jason Bond before and after his

graduation. He helped curate the mantis collection at the Bohart Museum of Entomology and shared his expertise at the Bohart Museum open houses, where he showed his personal collection and fielded questions.

Lohit received his master’s degree from Towson University (TU), Maryland in June 2024, completing his thesis, “Prey Capture in Hidden Predators: Examining the Strike Kinematics of Praying Mantis Ecomorphs.”

Now studying for his doctorate in the comparative biology program at AMNH, he’s a member of the laboratory of major professor Jessica Ware.

Looking back, Garikipati marvels at how it basically took a village to find the new species. “This species “is very special--not just because it’s a new species but also because it involved many friends and colleagues in different facets that helped make it happen. For example, I wouldn’t have collected that specimen in 2019 if Joel Hernandez (UC Davis alumnus) hadn’t invited me to tag along to Arizona, which wouldn’t have happened had I had not started working at the Bohart Museum of

Entomology, and thanks to Lynn Kimsey (UC Davis distinguished professor and then Bohart director) for taking me in! Alex Nguyen (UC Davis alumnus) collected an additional paratype, and other citizen scientists also raised specimens of this species to provide behavioral data and confirm that captive-raised individuals fell within the size range of wild collected individuals, suggesting little to no effect of captive rearing on size.”

“It’s very much a love letter to the capability of citizen scientists and hobbyists to understand animals that are infrequently encountered,” Garikipati said. “This species is very uncommonly seen, despite its relatively expansive range. But thanks to citizen science and hobbyists we can generate far more replicates and collect behavioral and life history information that may take multiple field seasons otherwise!”

Garikipati is one of few academic researchers in the United States who study praying mantises.

“In the U.S., the TU Mantis Lab that I just graduated from is really taking the lead in examining mantis behavior and

physiology,” he said, “and I believe there is just a few active mantis systematists here, though I haven’t seen articles from them as frequently in recent years.”

Garikipati’s field work on mantises extends to Belize, South America and Guyana. “Nowhere else yet but I am aiming to do some field work in South Africa, Australia, Madagascar, and India if opportunities arise!”

Lohit has reared and studied mantises for 16 years. “In the entire time I have probably reared more than 60 species, though I stopped counting, so it could be higher. I presently have around 10 species—the ones I am describing or have other behavioral projects planned for!”

Of the species in his collection, *Choeradodis* sp. is his favorite. “They occupy a niche few invertebrate predators typically do--leaf top mesopredators in the tropics. So, they are occasionally found in the wild with insect remains of course, as well as those of small lizards like anoles.”

His mantises feed on Turkestan cockroaches, *Blatta lateralis*, also known as *Periplaneta lateralis*, that he rears. He does not feed them crickets. “The roaches cannot climb the

plastic containers, and they cannot jump like crickets,” he says.

He photographs the mantises with his Nikon 3200, mounted with a 90mm macro lens, and a Cygnustech Diffuser.

His research on *S. clauseni* is his fourth publication. His partner, Nicole Williamson, now a project scientist at an environmental consulting company, created the distribution map for the manuscript.


Noted science communicator Alie Ward featured him May 22 on her popular podcast, *Ologies*. (See <https://www.alieward.com/ologies/mantodeology>).

“When a mantis expert is quoted in the media, there’s a good chance it’s him,” Ward said, adding that she follows him on Instagram, @Mantodeology. He has nearly 19,000 followers.

“Get your fill of mantid mythology, evolutionary gossip, sexual cannibalism, mantis motherhood, their alien egg cases, huge eyes, pet advice, and why they can show you the way to hell with this delightful entomologist, UC Davis entomology graduate and longtime keeper of mantids,” she teased. “You’ll lose your mind, but not your head.” ★



Lohit Garikipati poses for a photo. Photo courtesy of Lohit Garikipati



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The Thirteenth Child

by Erin A. Craig

Hazel Trepas was born the thirteenth child. Castaway and discarded as if her presence didn't mean anything until the day she was promised to the Gods and sold like a piece of cloth. Hazel waited every year for her godfather to come and collect her. Merrick, the God of Death, was the only one who wanted her, but even following Death himself was a better option than staying with family. Years passed as Hazel slept in the barn, watching her siblings receive the last scrap of food and sleeping as siblings in the house. As the years dragged on, her mother became angrier that the God she sold her daughter to wouldn't come to collect his ware. Then, on Hazel's birthday, as she sat cast the shadows, Merrick arrived, promising her greatness and a full life. However, even the life he set before her wouldn't be easy.

Now blessed with being a notable healer, Merrick gifts Hazel the ability to render the cure for any sickness. But with a great gift also comes a great sacrifice. Hazel

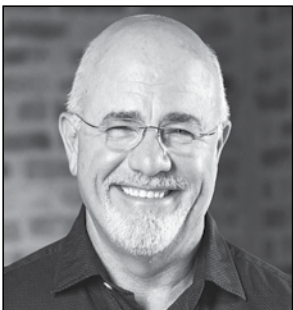


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can also see the mark of Death on those patients, and it is up to her to end their suffering. Yet those souls are permanently marked to forever follow Hazel in their ghostly forms. Both blessed and cursed, Hazel finds solace in her new purpose until the day, it leads her to the royal court. The King is deathly ill, and his sickness has no cure, but what if Hazel defies Death and saves him anyway? To make matters even more confusing, she meets the King's arrogant, defiant

son, Leopold, who has a disdain for everyone and everything but Hazel. Now left with an impossible choice, Hazel must decide between what she is sent there to do and what her heart might be leading her towards.

What happens when you defy Death himself and choose your own path? In a story of life and death and the fragile existence in between, Erin Craig once again takes her readers to the edge of storytelling only to show them what lies just beyond the cliff. Gripping, intense, and even dark, Erin Craig's story of Hazel and Merrick will creep around readers like a low, dense fog, lulling them into its fold. Like stepping into the pages of a new version of Grimm's fairy tales, this enchanting story is the perfect addition to her other beautiful retellings. With strong characters that readers cannot help but want to follow and a love story that awakens hope in the most unlikely places. The Thirteenth Child is the perfect read for a fall night, which is best read under a blanket by the light of a candle. ★



Dave Ramsey

Dear Dave,

I'm pretty responsible with finances, but my girlfriend is in a bad situation with her money and her career. She has a huge car payment, and lots of credit card debt. On top of this, it takes almost 40% of what she brings home each month just to pay rent, and she quit her job because she decided she didn't like it anymore. She's been floating lots of ideas, like filing bankruptcy or moving in with me. She thinks us living together will help her learn to be more responsible with her finances. I'm concerned that if she can't handle her finances on her own, what will happen if we move in together? Your advice would be appreciated.

– Dan

Dear Dan,

I can't say if she's technically bankrupt at this point. But for starters, she definitely needs to sell the car and find a cheaper place to live. I'm also not

Dave Ramsey Says

A "Heart Problem"

sure how long you two have been seeing each other, but this is someone to keep dating, not marry or let move in.

The hard reality is that bankruptcy's not going to solve anything if she's got a heart problem. By "heart problem," I mean if she buys things thinking stuff will make her happy and living way beyond her means in the process. Lots of folks mistakenly think they are where they live or what they drive. Those are the kinds of heart problems I'm talking about. And it's the way I was years ago before going broke knocked some sense into me. It wasn't until then I realized I had to make some serious changes in my life.

Don't get me wrong. What I've just said doesn't mean this lady's a bad person. It just means she's got some growing up to do. And all the money matters aside, you don't just up and quit your job without a solid plan in place unless there's a serious matter of principle at stake, or you're the victim of abuse or harassment. Leaving one job for another is fine. But the idea of suddenly deciding you

just don't like something, then walking away from it when you've got a bunch of financial obligations, is just plain irresponsible. You don't jump off the dock until the boat arrives!

Again, I don't know all the details behind her finances, but chances are she's not bankrupt. There are some character issues in all this that need to be addressed, though. If it were me, I'd suggest she spend some time seeing a good financial counselor—one with the heart of a teacher. Then, you can act as her support system to help keep her on track, and encourage her to keep moving forward toward getting control of her money.

– Dave

*Dave Ramsey is a national best-selling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show, heard by more than 20 million listeners each week. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for the company, Ramsey Solutions. ★*



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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240712  
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Cheryl Ann Bremer, 240 North College Street, Woodland, CA 95695. This business is conducted by An Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on August 21, 2012.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on August 20, 2024.  
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy  
Publish: August 30, Sept 6, 13, 20, 2024  
REMEMBER 9-20-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240736  
The following person(s) is doing business as: Bennett Building Company, 140 B Street, Suite 5, #235 Davis, CA 95616.  
John Bennett Makela, 140 B Street, Suite 5, #235 Davis, CA 95616 . This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on August 27, 2024.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 08/27/2024.  
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy  
Publish: September 6, 13, 20, 27, 2024  
BENNETT 9-27-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240735  
The following person(s) is doing business as: Insight Coffee Roasters, 3650 Industrial Boulevard, West Sacramento, CA 95691.  
Sun & Soil Health Co., LLC. This business is conducted by Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on February 7, 2023.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 08/27/2024.  
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy  
Publish: September 6, 13, 20, 27, 2024  
INSIGHT 9-27-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240756  
The following person(s) is doing business as: JPayne Trucking LLC/Payne Trucking LLC, 579 Ariel Court, Woodland, CA 95695.  
Payne Trucking LLC, 579 Ariel Court, Woodland, CA 95695. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 08/27/2024.  
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy  
Publish: September 6, 13, 20, 27, 2024  
JPAYNE 9-27-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240723  
The following person(s) is doing business as: IE Construction, 3929 East Guasti Road, Suite F, Ontario, CA 91761.  
Integrated Energy Group, LLC, 3929 East Guasti Road, Suite F, Ontario, CA 91761. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on August 15, 2024.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 08/23/2024.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy  
Publish: September 6, 13, 20, 27, 2024  
IE 9-27-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240744  
The following person(s) is doing business as: Haynes Studio Architects, 884 Graphite Lane, West Sacramento, CA 95691.  
William Jude Haynes, 884 Graphite Lane, 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 August 26, 2024.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 08/28/2024.  
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy  
Publish: September 6, 13, 20, 27, 2024  
HAYNES 9-27-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240677  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
Wirth Candle Company, 515 Main Street, Woodland, CA 95695 County of YOLO  
Mailing Address: 3830 Quinones Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95835  
Ratchet Consulting, LLC, 3830 Quinones Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95835  
This business is conducted by a limited liability company  
The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.  
Ratchet Consulting, LLC  
S/ LACEY HILLIARD, OFFICER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 08/08/2024.  
Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder  
ZHERNANDEZ, Deputy  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240730  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
The Posh Bagel, 206 F St, Davis, CA 95616 County of YOLO  
Mailing Address: 206 F St, Davis, CA 95616  
VanLoc Enterprises, 206 F St, Davis, CA 95616  
This business is conducted by a Corporation  
The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on VanLoc Enterprises.  
VanLoc Enterprises  
S/ Van Kich Tran, CEO  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 08/26/2024.  
Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240707  
The following person(s) is doing business as:  
RAMOS OIL COMPANY, 1515 SOUTH RIVER ROAD WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95691, County of YOLO.  
EFUEL, LLC, 12 JOURNEY, SUITE 200, ALISO VIEJO, CA 92656  
This business is conducted by LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A  
/s/ JEREMY R. WHEELER, VICE PRESIDENT  
EFUEL, LLC  
This statement was filed with the

County Clerk of Yolo County on 08/19/2024.  
Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder  
By: ZHERNANDEZ, Deputy  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240704  
The following person(s) is doing business as: B & C Partnership, 1011 Waterford Drive, West Sacramento, CA 95605.  
Shauna Snell, 1011 Waterford Drive, West Sacramento, CA 95605. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 8/19/2024.  
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy  
Publish: Sept 13, 20, 27, Oct 4, 2024  
B&C 10-4-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240752  
The following person(s) is doing business as: California Casino Training, 3820 Cortes Island Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691.  
Long Vinh Huynh, 3820 Cortes Island Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on August 30, 2024.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 8/30/2024.  
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy  
Publish: Sept 13, 20, 27, Oct 4, 2024  
CALIFORNIA 10-4-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240754  
The following person(s) is doing business as: BlastNBins, 1551 Squaw Valley Drive, Woodland, CA 95776.  
Jose Luis Gasca, 1551 Squaw Valley Drive, Woodland, CA 95776. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on August 30, 2024.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 8/30/2024.  
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy  
Publish: Sept 13, 20, 27, Oct 4, 2024  
BLASTNBINS 10-4-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240739  
The following person(s) is doing business as: Ramos Fuels, 1515 South River Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691.  
Ramos Oil Co., Inc., 1515 South River Road, West Sacramento, Ca 95691. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 8/27/2024.  
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy  
Publish: Sept 13, 20, 27, Oct 4, 2024  
RAMOS 10-4-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240753  
The following person(s) is doing business as: Cubit Construction Corporation, 1551 Squaw Valley Drive, Woodland, CA 95776  
Angel Osbaldo Gasca and Jose-fina Iniguez, 1551 Squaw Valley Drive, Woodland, CA 95776. This business is conducted by a General Partnership. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious

business name or names listed above on N/A.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 8/30/2024.  
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy  
Publish: Sept 13, 20, 27, Oct 4, 2024  
CUBIT 10-4-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240638  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
Woodland Smiles Dentistry, 2061 Bronze Star Dr., Suite 100, Woodland, CA 95776 County of YOLO  
Mailing Address: 17000 Red Hill Ave., Attn: Legal Dept., Irvine, CA 92614  
Gill and Macchiarella Dental Corporation, 17000 Red Hill Ave., Attn: Legal Dept., Irvine, CA 92614  
This business is conducted by a Corporation  
The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 06/2023.  
Gill and Macchiarella Dental Corporation  
S/ Bianca Macchiarella, President,  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 07/24/2024.  
Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder  
kquam, Deputy  
9/13, 9/20, 9/27, 10/4/24  
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NEWS-LEDGER 10-4-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240777  
The following person(s) is doing business as: Timberwood Custom Cabinets, 2959 Promenade Street, Suite 100, West Sacramento, CA 95691.  
John M. Zonneveld, 2959 Promenade Street, Suite 100, 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 September 1978.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 9/9/2024.  
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy  
Publish: Sept 20, 27, Oct 4, 11, 2024  
TIMBERWOOD 10-11-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240773  
The following person(s) is doing business as: JJ's Hawaiian BBQ, 2300 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691.  
West Sac Food Inc, 205 Hawkcrest Circle, Sacramento, CA 95835. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 9/6/2024.  
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy  
Publish: Sept 20, 27, Oct 4, 11, 2024  
JJS 10-11-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240688  
The following person(s) is doing business as: West Valley Baptist Church, 18045 County Road 95, Woodland, CA 95695.  
West Valley Church of Woodland, Inc., 18045 County Road 95, Woodland, CA 95695. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 3/27/1997.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 8/12/2024.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy  
Publish: Sept 20, 27, Oct 4, 11, 2024  
WEST 10-11-24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20240771  
The following person(s) is doing business as:  
United Rentals General Engineering, 100 First Stamford Place, Suite 700 Stamford, Ct 06902, County of Fairfield.  
United Rentals (North America), Inc., 100 First Stamford Place, Suite 700 Stamford, Ct 06902  
This business is conducted by Corporation.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 08/30/2019  
/s/ JOLI GROSS, SVP UNITED RENTALS (NORTH AMERICA) INC.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 09/05/2024.  
Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder  
By: MBRAUN, Deputy  
9/20, 9/27, 10/4, 10/11/24  
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NEWS-LEDGER 10-11-24

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME  
#CV2024-2075  
Faiga Ejaz and Zeeshan Naeem have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Yousuf Zeeshan to Yusuf Zeeshan Naeem.  
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on October 1, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 11, located at 1000 Main Street Woodland, CA 95695 and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.  
Dated: August 19, 2024  
Timothy L. Fall, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: August 30, Sept 6, 13, 20, 2024  
NAEEM 9-20-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME  
#CV2024-2152  
Divina Regalla has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Divina Regalla to Divina Fritz.  
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on October 9, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 14, located at 1000 Main Street Woodland, CA 95695 and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.  
Dated: August 26, 2024  
Samuel T. McAdam, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: September 6, 13, 20, 27, 2024  
REGALLA 9-27-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME  
#CV2024-1964  
Lidlia Chitoraga and Alexandru Chitoraga has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Shalom Richard Chitoraga to Richard Shalom Chitoraga.  
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on October 9, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 14, located at 1000 Main Street Woodland, CA 95695 and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.

Dated: August 28, 2024  
Samuel T. McAdam, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: Sept 13, 20, 27, Oct 4, 2024  
CHITORAGA 10-4-24

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME  
#CV2024-2280  
Virginia Margaret Pascucci has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Virginia Margaret Pascucci to Virginia Margaret Nakano.  
IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on October 23, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 14, located at 1000 Main Street Woodland, CA 95695 and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.  
Dated: September 9, 2024  
Samuel T. McAdam, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: Sept 20, 27, Oct 4, 11, 2024  
NAKANO 10-11-24

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF CLARENCE E. WALKER  
CASE NO. PR2024-0208  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Clarence E. Walker.  
A Petition for Probate has been filed by Eleanor Walker, in the Superior Court of California, County of Yolo, requesting Eleanor Walker be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.  
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.  
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: September 26, 2024, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 14. Superior Court of California, County of Yolo, 1000 Main Street, Woodland, CA 95695.  
This matter is set for a court hearing/appearance using the Zoom application for the above referenced date and time. In order to participate in your Zoom hearing, you must either use a computer or smart device with internet access, and have downloaded the Zoom application. If you do not have compatible technology, then you can attend the hearing using a telephone and calling the designated toll free telephone conference line. You must appear by Zoom application or telephone using the designated department account referenced below at least 5 minutes before your scheduled hearing date and time; and wait for a court representative to take roll. Department 129 Zoom link: <https://sacourt.zoom.us/j/9294438> or toll free telephone conference line @ (888) 475-4999, with meeting ID #689-534-3925

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PAUL THOMPSON	01-09-2020	00289050	\$122.64	501, 506, 511
KARLA E HARLAN	02-11-2020	00289708	\$500.00	803
ABIDE BUILDERS	02-25-2020	00289970	\$1,700.00	506
NICHOLAS S LEWIS	03-03-2020	00290147	\$253.00	101
ANDY DONALD	03-05-2020	00290217	\$100.00	501, 506, 511
ILGIA	03-05-2020	00290233	\$150.00	101
PEACEKEEPER PRODUCTS INT'L	03-05-2020	00290255	\$180.00	101
ARCHIE WRIGHT ETAL	03-05-2020	00290285	\$100.00	501, 506, 511
CALIFORNIA CENTRAL VALLEY	03-12-2020	00290378	\$165.00	652
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE ITA	04-01-2020	00290755	\$4,000.00	516
MELISSA ROMERO	04-15-2020	00290975	\$198.33	501, 506, 511
MICHELLE GIBBONS	05-06-2020	00291214	\$250.00	101
CHARMEE CASTRO	06-18-2020	00291894	\$180.00	110
AMANDA NITA PADILLA	06-18-2020	00291946	\$40.00	254
VIKTOR LEZHNNENKO	07-02-2020	00292247	\$2,750.00	803, 650

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA	07-09-2020	00292410	\$245.00	871
ABEDIN MAHAD	07-30-2020	00292711	\$144.50	101
GOLD MOUNTAIN DISTRIBUTION	08-04-2020	00292794	\$84.55	101
GEORGE BRUNELL	08-13-2020	00292969	\$167.54	501, 506, 511
ROBERT A WELLMAN	09-04-2020	00293383	\$32.00	101
ESTATE OF ROBERT YOUNG	11-03-2020	00294438	\$110.19	506
JANA FILLMAN	11-19-2020	00294677	\$100.00	501, 506, 511
QAISAR ABAD	12-10-2020	00295007	\$223.19	501, 506, 511
PAVEL KARNAUKH	12-17-2020	00295185	\$100.00	501, 506, 511
KIMBERLY PEDERSEN	12-23-2020	00295313	\$260.70	501, 506, 511
ANYA CROSS	02-25-2021	00296218	\$163.41	501, 506, 511
JC NELSON SUPPLY CO	04-08-2021	00296880	\$115.42	101
CHARMEE CASTRO	05-27-2021	00297725	\$160.00	110
WAZIR KHAN	05-27-2021	00297766	\$68.87	501, 506, 511
TOMAS PEREZ	05-27-2021	00297789	\$92.80	501, 506, 511
VITALIE CONDRIUC	06-17-2021	00298106	\$39.42	501, 506

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# CHP Swears in Largest Class of New Officers in Over Two Years

The Swearing-In Of 119 Officers Marks the Biggest Graduating Class Since the Launch of The June 2022 Recruitment Campaign

## California Highway Patrol News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - On Sept. 13, 119 new officers took their oath to serve and protect the people of California during a graduation ceremony at the California Highway Patrol (CHP) Academy in West Sacramento.

This latest class represents a significant step forward in the CHP’s ongoing effort to hire 1,000 officers as part of a statewide recruitment initiative to attract diverse and qualified candidates. “I am grateful to these officers for their service and commitment to protecting Californians and our neighborhoods. As this class advances to posts throughout the Golden State, they should do so with pride, knowing that they represent the best of California as public servants dedicated to making a positive difference in their communities,” said Governor Gavin Newsom. “These individuals have chosen a path of public service and

have undergone months of intense training to prepare,” said CHP Commissioner Sean Duryee. “This career is one of the biggest challenges they will ever undertake, but it is by far the most rewarding. We are honored to welcome them into the CHP family.” The swearing-in ceremony marks the conclusion of a rigorous 26-week training program at the CHP Academy. The new officers will soon begin their assignments at one of California’s 102 CHP Area offices, serving communities throughout the state. Training at the CHP Academy is comprehensive, beginning with a foundation in nobility in policing, leadership, ethics, and cultural diversity. Cadets also receive specialized instruction in responding to mental health crises, vehicle patrol, crash investigation, first aid, and apprehending impaired drivers. Additional training covers traffic control,



CHP welcomed 119 new officers at the Sept. 13 ceremony in West Sacramento. Photo courtesy of CHP

report writing, stolen vehicle recovery, assisting motorists, emergency scene management, and mastery of the California Vehicle Code, Penal Code, and Health and Safety Code. The CHP has seen an outpouring of interest in joining the ranks

since the onset of a multi-year recruitment campaign in June 2022. Last year, more than 19,500 applications were submitted to the Department by people interested in a career serving the public as an officer. With more than 16,000 applications submitted in the first eight months of 2024, the

CHP is on track to surpass the total from last year. To accommodate the increased number of applicants, the CHP began conducting three concurrent cadet classes at our live-in training facility, resulting in six classes graduating per year. The next cadet graduation from the CHP Academy is

scheduled for Nov. 15. For more information about a life-changing career with the CHP, visit our website or join us at the upcoming hiring seminar on Saturday, Sept. 21. The mission of the California Highway Patrol is to provide Safety, Service, and Security. ★

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### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

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

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Petitioner is: Eleanor Walker, P.O. Box 1864, Pittsburg, CA 94565; 510-301-2113

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er, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: October 3, 2024, 9:00 a.m. in Dept TBD. Superior Court of California, County of Yolo, 1000 Main Street, Woodland, CA 95695.

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or Court of California, County of Yolo, requesting Perry Luigi be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: October 1, 2024, 9:00 a.m. in Dept TBD. Superior Court of California, County of Yolo, 1000 Main Street, Woodland, CA 95695.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MATTIE ALINE BANKS, MATTIE A. BANKS  
CASE NO. PR2024-0213

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Mattie Aline Banks, Mattie A. Banks.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by John W. Mackey, in the Superior Court of California, County of Yolo, requesting John W. Mackey be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: October 17, 2024, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 11. Superior Court of California, County of Yolo, 1000 Main Street, Woodland, CA 95695.

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**NOTICE OF LIEN SALE**  
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975 F St, West Sacramento, Ca, 95605 on 9/25/24 @11am: Kathleen Kim: Angelique Dixon: Kaku Medina: Janet Smith: Nicolai Moscaliuc  
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**Purpose:** The Governing Board of the Washington Unified School District, in order to comply with the requirements of Education Code Section 60119 will hold a public hearing on September 26, 2024, at 5:30 p.m., which is on or before the eighth week of school, for the purpose of determining the sufficiency of instructional materials provided to students.

**Date:** Thursday, September 26, 2024

**Time:** Meeting begins at 5:30 p.m.

**Location:** West Sacramento Civic Center, Council Chambers  
1110 West Capitol Avenue  
West Sacramento, CA 95691

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: Self-storage Cube contents of the following customers containing household and other goods will be sold for cash by CubeSmart Management, LLC 541 Harbor Blvd. West Sacramento Ca, 95691 to satisfy a lien on October 10, 2024 at approx. 12:00PM at [www.storagetreasures.com](http://www.storagetreasures.com):

Christine Haddox, Dontreal Davis, Aicha Fousshi-Fischel, Noe Lopez, Damian Allison

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

October 3, 2024

Pursuant to Government Code Section 66018, the West Sacramento Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, October 3, 2024, at West Sacramento Civic Center, City Council Chambers, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, California, at 6:00 PM or as soon thereafter as possible on the item(s) listed below.

Members of the public are welcome to watch the meeting Livestream (<https://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/government/meetings-agendas/planning-commission>), or via Astound Broadband Channel 20 or the City's YouTube channel and to submit comments in writing by 4:00 PM on September 19, 2024.

Any interested person or authorized agent may appear and be heard. To submit a comment in writing, please email [saraho@cityofwestsacramento.org](mailto:saraho@cityofwestsacramento.org) and write "Public Comment" in the subject line. In the body of the email, include the item number and/or title of the item as well as your comments. All comments received by 4:00 PM will be provided to the Planning Commission and posted on the City's website. The comments submitted shall become part of the record of the meeting.

**6:00 p.m.**

**REGULAR AGENDA**

1. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 17 (ZONING)

The purpose of this item is to request the Commission's consideration of an amendment to Municipal Code Title 17 (Zoning) to achieve compliance with Government Code § 65583.2 regarding by-right approval of projects with ≥ 20 percent affordable units. This action falls under the Class 5 Categorical Exemption according to section 15305 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines. Class 5 consist of minor alterations in land use limitations in areas with an average slope of less than 20% which do not result in any changes in land use or density (Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations, Section 15305, CEQA Guidelines).

Daniel Berumen, AICP, Senior Planner  
West Sacramento Planning Division

If you disagree with the decision of the Planning Commission, you have a right of appeal. Only persons who participated in the review process by submitting written testimony or oral testimony at the public hearing, may appeal. Appeals are limited to those issues raised at the Planning Commission meeting. If you challenge any of the above items in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of West Sacramento at, or prior to, the public hearing.

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# Community Center Shares Glimpse of Fall Events

West Sacramento Community Center News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The West Sacramento Community Center opened its doors to the public and held its free summer craft fair on Friday, Aug. 30. The artisans, all members of the Community Center,

showcased their creativity with handmade artifacts including knit and crocheted hats and scarves, jewelry, pottery, handmade greeting cards, artwork, string work and blankets. All the pieces on display were beautiful and of high quality. Hats off to all who participated. Looking for holiday gift ideas? Come out and

support the local artisans of the West Sacramento Community Center at their Winter Craft Fair and enjoy cookies and apple cider as you shop. It will be held at the West Sacramento Community Center, 1075 West Capitol Ave., West Sacramento on Friday, Dec. 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This event is free and open to the public. ★

# California Schools Face Twin Perils: Chronic Absenteeism and Declining Enrollment



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

California’s public schools have a numbers problem — and it’s not just that their students don’t score very highly in national tests of mathematics ability. Their other numbers problem is the financial squeeze posed by declining enrollment, especially in large urban districts, compounded by apparently growing levels of chronic absenteeism, or truancy. “Thirty percent of California public school students were chronically absent from school in 2021-22 — a near tripling of the percentage in 2018-19,” the Public Policy Institute of California declared in a recent report. “Although we do not know if this stark increase in chronic absenteeism, defined as missing at least 10% of the school year or at least 18 days, will continue, the data from last year raises concerns about the pace of students’ learning recovery after the educational setbacks of the COVID-19 pandemic.” California is one of just seven states that base state financial support of local school systems on attendance, rather than enrollment, so the declines in enrollment and attendance comprise a double financial whammy, one of the reasons many school districts are facing budget deficits. Enrollment is an immutable effect of demographic change,

both the out-migration of young families to other states and lower birth rates. Chronic truancy, on the other hand, first became notable during the COVID-19 pandemic, when schools were closed for months and many students were unable to keep up with studies via the internet. Another report from the Public Policy Institute of California found that “schools with greater increases in chronic absenteeism saw steeper drops in proficiency rates on the Smarter Balanced (SBAC) English and math tests, when comparing pre-pandemic levels (2018-19) to 2021-22.” During the pandemic, the Legislature and Gov. Gavin Newsom temporarily deviated from basing state aid on attendance, given the massive dislocation of school closures. The situation also reinvigorated an old debate over whether using attendance is outmoded and California should shift to an enrollment-based system. Policy Analysis for California Education, a think tank maintained by the state’s major universities, chimed in with its own take on the issue, to wit: “We find that about 90 percent of districts would receive more funding under an enrollment-based formula than they would under the current ADA-based system, with the biggest boost going to high school districts and districts with more low-income, English learner, and foster youth students.” ADA refers to average daily attendance. The analysis estimated that switching to enrollment would cost about \$3.4 billion a year, since truant students would still qualify their schools for aid. It cautioned, however, that while “switching from attendance to enrollment may help districts gain greater fiscal stability and may shift more resources to school districts with greater student needs,” on the other hand, “the current system includes a fiscal incentive that, most agree, encourages higher attendance, even if that attendance definition is relatively weak.” In other words, switching to enrollment would take schools off the hook in battling truancy. Last year, Anthony Portantino, a Democratic state senator from Glendale, introduced legislation, backed by the public education establishment, including state schools Supt. Tony Thurmond, to make the change. “Enrollment-based funding ensures that California schools are funded more equitably and have greater financial stability and predictability,” Portantino said. However, with the state facing chronic budget deficits of its own and barely able to supply schools with their constitutionally mandated levels of money, Senate Bill 98 faltered. It eventually morphed into merely an instruction to the Legislative Analyst’s Office, the Legislature’s budget advisor, to study the effects of changing to an enrollment-based system and report on it by Jan. 1, 2026. That’s known in political circles as kicking the can down the road, a time-dishonored way for officials to avoid making decisions. Dan Walters is one of most decorated and widely syndicated columnists in California history, authoring a column four times a week that offers his view and analysis of the state’s political, economic, social and demographic trends. ★

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# Matsui Leads Delegation in Urging California to Apply for Federal Behavioral Health Programs

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Congresswoman Doris  
Matsui News Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MPG)

- Congresswoman Doris Matsui (CA-07) led 27 of her colleagues from the California Congressional delegation in a letter to California Health and Human Services Secretary Dr. Mark Ghaly, urging California to apply for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)’s FY 2025 Cooperative Agreements for Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) Planning Grants.

The letter also urged the state to consider applying for the CCBHC Medicaid Demonstration opportunity when it becomes available.

Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics are a specific type of behavioral health clinic required to provide a comprehensive set of services, with an emphasis on the provision of 24/7/365 crisis care; outpatient mental health and substance use disorder treatment services; immediate screenings, risk assessments, and diagnoses; and care coordination including partnerships with emergency rooms, law enforcement, and veterans’ groups. They serve all individuals across the lifespan regardless of insurance status.

“We believe the federal support offered by the CCBHC demonstration will complement ... efforts to establish a stronger continuum of care for Californians seeking behavioral health services,” wrote the lawmakers.

“In California alone, there are already over 20 standalone CCBHCs enhancing access in their communities. Since becoming CCBHCs, many of these clinics have increased the number of children and youth they serve, the number of patients engaged in Medication-Assisted Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD), their mobile crisis response and crisis stabilization capabilities, their engagement with the 9-8-8 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, and more,” the lawmakers continued. “However, the fullest potential of the CCBHC model is only accessible with additional state action to unlock the Medicaid demonstration. The Medicaid demonstration is an extension

of the CCBHC model that allows clinics to receive a flexible prospective payment system (PPS) that supports clinics’ costs of expanding services and increasing the number of clients they serve, while improving clinics’ flexibility to deliver client-centered care.”

A longtime champion for mental and behavioral health, Congresswoman Matsui introduced the Ensuring Excellence in Mental Health Act this past May. This legislation would provide a permanent authorization of the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic model. Congresswoman Matsui has led the effort to expand access to Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Medicaid demonstration and expansion grant program in 2014.

In June 2022, Congresswoman Matsui’s Excellence in Mental Health and Addiction Treatment Act of 2021, legislation that authorized the nationwide expansion of the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic program, was signed into law as part of S. 2938, the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act.

A copy of the letter can be found below.

Dear Secretary Ghaly,

As members of the California Congressional delegation, we write to express our belief that California should apply for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration’s (SAMHSA) FY 2025 Cooperative Agreements for Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) Planning Grants. Further, we believe that California should strongly consider applying for the CCBHC Medicaid Demonstration opportunity when it becomes available. We are greatly appreciative of California’s efforts to address behavioral health through initiatives such as Proposition 1, 9-8-8 implementation, crisis response, and Medicaid behavioral health reform. We believe the federal support offered by the CCBHC demonstration will complement these efforts to

establish a stronger continuum of care for Californians seeking behavioral health services.

CCBHCs are a specific type of behavioral health clinic required to provide a comprehensive set of services, with an emphasis on the provision of 24/7/365 crisis care; outpatient mental health and substance use disorder treatment services; immediate screenings, risk assessments, and diagnoses; and care coordination including partnerships with emergency rooms, law enforcement, and veterans’ groups. They serve all individuals across the lifespan regardless of insurance status.

Since their creation, CCBHCs nationwide have demonstrated extraordinary results in increasing access to care and improving patient outcomes. In California alone, there are already over 20 standalone CCBHCs enhancing access in their communities. Since becoming CCBHCs, many of these clinics have increased the number of children and youth they serve, the number of patients engaged in Medication-Assisted Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD), their mobile crisis response and crisis stabilization capabilities, their engagement with the 9-8-8 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, and more.

However, the fullest potential of the CCBHC model is only accessible with additional state action to unlock the Medicaid demonstration. The Medicaid demonstration is an extension of the CCBHC model that allows clinics to receive a flexible prospective payment system (PPS) that supports clinics’ costs of expanding services and increasing the number of clients they serve, while improving clinics’ flexibility to deliver client-centered care. In states that participate in the demonstration, CCBHCs have increased their capacity by an average of 33%, and increased their staff by a median of 22 positions. In addition, Medicaid status allows CCBHCs to expand their services – for example, 87% of Medicaid CCBHCs offer MOUD, compared to 64% of substance use disorder facilities nationwide.

We believe that California opting into the Medicaid demonstration would significantly benefit not only the

existing CCBHCs, but the future of behavioral health access in California, and complement the current efforts of the Administration to enhance behavioral health care in the state.

CCBHCs can support the Proposition 1 goals to expand the behavioral health continuum, with a particular focus on people who are most seriously ill, vulnerable, or homeless. As a requirement, CCBHCs must serve everyone who walks in the door, regardless of their mental health diagnoses or ability to pay – and the PPS payment supports that cross-cutting care without siloing payment for different populations. This can complement the current Medi-Cal payment system for individuals with mental illness or substance use disorder. CCBHCs are also required to have formal agreements and partnerships with community-based organizations offering social services. Many CCBHCs specifically target outreach and supportive services to individuals experiencing or at risk of homelessness – 91% of CCBHCs proactively assist clients with finding or maintaining stable housing.

In addition, the CCBHC payment supports many of the activities California is pursuing through CalAIM and other behavioral health reform initiatives. The PPS

can adequately and flexibly cover care coordination; care management; transition of care; and Community Supports targeting social determinants of health including Housing Transition Navigation Services, Housing Tenancy and Sustaining Services, Respite Services, Day Habilitation Programs, Community Transition Services, Personal Care and Homemaker Services, Environmental Accessibility Adaptations, and Sobering Centers.

Finally, as California works to address the behavioral health workforce crisis, as mentioned, CCBHCs – especially those in the Medicaid demonstration – have increased workforce capacity. CCBHCs leverage the PPS to support a range of staffing positions, including nontraditional paraprofessionals and non-billable support staff. These staffing positions, not traditionally supported by Medicaid fee-for-service billing, can perform essential roles to support patients such as outreach and peer-to-peer counseling while freeing capacity for licensed clinicians.

Currently, the CCBHC Planning Grant opportunity is available to states to help them prepare an application to participate in a four-year CCBHC Demonstration program. While California is not

required to receive a planning grant in this cycle to be eligible to apply for the demonstration, we believe that given the state’s budgetary constraints, the infusion of targeted resources to support such a planning process may be beneficial. In addition, state associations representing CCBHCs such as the California Council of Community Behavioral Health Agencies (CBHA) and California Primary Care Association (CPCA) are ready and willing to support the state’s efforts to plan the demonstration.

Even if California does not apply for the Planning Grant opportunity, we encourage the state to continue its evaluation of the Medicaid demonstration in advance of the next application opportunity.

We appreciate your attention to behavioral health in the state and continued efforts to innovate and improve care delivery for Californians. We look forward to working with you on this effort and invite you to reach out with any additional questions.


*Congresswoman Doris Matsui represents California’s Seventh Congressional District, which includes the communities of Elk Grove, Galt, West Sacramento, Wilton, Rancho Murieta, Vineyard, Isleton, Walnut Grove, Herald, Clay and the California Delta.* ★

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