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Sacramento County Public School Students Eligible for \$1,500 Scholarships



Two students proudly wearing their CalKIDS shirts at the CalKIDS One Year Anniversary event. Photo courtesy of CalKIDS

CalKIDS News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - College acceptance and financial aid letters are arriving soon, and high school seniors and college students have a major opportunity to ease their higher education costs through the CalKIDS program.

CalKIDS is the nation's largest child development account program, providing scholarships for higher education. This statewide initiative, administered by the ScholarShare Investment Board, provides eligible California public school students with CalKIDS Scholarships worth up to \$1,500, helping them take the next

step toward college or career training by easing financial barriers to higher education.

In Sacramento County, more than \$81 million in CalKIDS Scholarships has been made available to public school students over the last three years, providing critical financial support for their higher education. A CalKIDS Scholarship does not require students to submit essays, meet a minimum grade point average (GPA), or provide recommendation letters.

"CalKIDS is an incredible resource for families," said State Treasurer Fiona Ma, chair of the ScholarShare Investment Board. "Claiming a

CalKIDS Scholarship is the easiest step students can take on their path to higher education, and we want every eligible student to claim their scholarship account and take full advantage of this opportunity."

Eligible students can use their CalKIDS Scholarship accounts for tuition and fees, books and supplies, and computer equipment. Since 2022, approximately \$1 billion in CalKIDS Scholarships have been made available to more than 2 million of California's public high school students.

For students like Estuardo from San Francisco State University, the CalKIDS

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Mental Health Rehabilitation Center Lease Approved

**Sacramento County
News Release**

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - On April 22, the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors approved a significant step forward in the creation of a new Mental Health Rehabilitation Center for adults.

The board authorized the execution of a 30-year lease agreement and sub-lease with WellSpace Health for a new facility at 6790 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento. The lease will run from Jan. 1, 2027, through Dec. 31, 2056.

This proposed facility, approximately 24,700 square feet in size, is expected to be completed by Dec. 31, 2026. It will feature a 32-bed, 24-hour residential program designed for individuals 18 years or older living with mental disorders.

The program will provide intensive support and rehabilitative services to help residents develop skills to become self-sufficient, with the hope of increasing levels of independence and developing skills to reintegrate back into society.

WellSpace Health, the nonprofit organization partnering with the county, will manage the facility, ensuring that it provides the highest level of care for those in need. The lease agreement also ensures the county's first right of refusal on available beds, allowing for the county to place individuals in need of care directly into the facility.

The \$23.57 million needed for the construction of the Mental Health Rehabilitation Center will come from Round three of the State of California's Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program grant. In addition, the county will provide a required grant match of \$1.98 million, which will come from Sacramento County's Patient Care Revenue, along with up to \$1.5 million in possible cost overrun funding.

The new facility is an essential part of the county's commitment to improving mental health services and addressing the growing need for mental health care across the region. By providing a stable and supportive living environment for individuals in recovery, Sacramento County is helping to break down barriers to mental health treatment and support.

For more information, visit dhs.sacounty.gov/BHS/Pages/BHS-Home.aspx. ★

Twin River Unified Names Classified Employees of the Year

By Idaly Valencia

MCCLELLAN PARK, CA (MPG)

- Twin Rivers Unified School District (TRUSD) classified employees Keren Beukema and Efrain Alanis have been named Sacramento County Classified School Employees of the Year for 2025, in recognition of their extraordinary dedication and profound impact on students and families.

Evaluators from participating districts reviewed applications and video recordings of the nominees. The highest-scoring candidate in each category, nine categories total, was selected for their exemplary work performance, school and community involvement, and leadership. The winner in each category now qualifies to represent Sacramento County in the California Classified School Employees of the



Efrain Alanis, an academic and career advisor at Twin Rivers Adult School, was selected as Employee of the Year in the Health and Student Services Category by the Sacramento County Office of Education for 2025. Photo courtesy of Twin Rivers Unified School District

Year competition.

Beukema, a library media technician at Martin Luther King Jr. Technology Academy, was selected as



Keren Beukema, a library media technician at Martin Luther King Jr. Technology Academy, was selected as Employee of the Year in the Paraprofessional Services Category by the Sacramento County Office of Education for 2025. Photo courtesy of Twin Rivers Unified School District

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Sacramento Zoo Welcomes Two Clouded Leopards

Sacramento Zoo News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento Zoo announced the arrival of two clouded leopards, Serai and Rajasi, on April 17.

The pair is settling in and can be spotted in their new habitat next to the capybaras at the Big Cat Row exhibit. In the next few weeks, they will alternate time in their habitat, getting some solo time to learn the new space.

Clouded leopards cannot roar like a large cat but they can make a “purr” sound, similar to (but not exactly like) a small cat. They have the longest tail and longest canine teeth in relation to their body size of any cat species. They have special ankle bones that allow them to rotate their ankles backward, allowing them to climb headfirst down a tree and even hang on upside down to the underside of a branch.

Globally, populations are declining, mostly due to habitat loss. Unfortunately, clouded leopards are also still hunted and



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The Sacramento Zoo partners with the Clouded Leopard Working Group to provide funding for their important conservation work. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Zoo

killed for their unique pelts and they are occasionally killed when caught in snares.

The Sacramento Zoo partners with the Clouded Leopard Working Group to provide funding for their important conservation work. Conservation efforts for the clouded leopard are focused on education for the human communities that live in their region, providing resources that allow humans to coexist with these cats and protecting the habitat of the clouded leopard so that it cannot be destroyed.

The Sacramento Zoo is home to more than 300 native, rare and endangered animals and is one of more than 200 accredited institutions of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums. The zoo inspires conservation awareness and action through exceptional animal care, education and recreation, and it welcomes an average of 500,000 visitors a year.

The zoo is at 3930 West Land Park Drive, Sacramento. For more information, go online to saczoo.org, email info@saczoo.org or call 916-808-5888. ★

Sacramento Leads with Automated Bike Lane Enforcement Technology

Sacramento Regional Transit News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The City of Sacramento and Sacramento Regional Transit (SacRT) are partnering to launch automated bike lane enforcement, making Sacramento the first city in California and in the United States to enforce bike lanes using technology installed on transit buses.

This initiative expands upon SacRT’s automated bus stop enforcement program, which currently equips 100 SacRT buses with camera systems to identify and report vehicles illegally parked along bus stops. Now, that same technology will also target illegal parking in bike lanes, a move by the City of Sacramento to protect vulnerable road users and improve roadway safety citywide.

When vehicles park illegally in bike lanes, cyclists are forced into traffic, putting them at greater risk of serious injury or worse. By keeping bike lanes clear, this program enhances safety and predictability for everyone on the road, whether they are walking, biking, driving or riding transit.

One-hundred SacRT buses are equipped with front-facing cameras powered by machine learning and artificial intelligence (AI) from Hayden AI. These cameras detect and record instances of illegal parking in Sacramento bus stops and bike lanes. When a violation occurs, the system captures a short video and a photo of the vehicle’s license plate, and the exact time and location of the incident. This information is then sent to the City of Sacramento for review and violation processing.



When vehicles park illegally in bike lanes, cyclists are forced into traffic, putting them at greater risk of serious injury or worse. Image by Mircea Iancu from Pixabay

As of April 14, drivers illegally parked in Sacramento bike lanes receive warning notices in the mail. Violations with an accompanying fine will be

issued, starting June 13.

This program is made possible by Assembly Bill 361 (AB 361), which authorizes California cities to use forward-facing cameras for enforcing parking violations in bike lanes and transit zones, a vital legislative step toward making streets safer for everyone.

“We’re proud to be the first city in the country to use this technology to help keep our bike lanes clear,” said Staci Hovermale, parking services manager for the City of Sacramento. “This tool helps us enforce existing parking rules more effectively, improving safety for cyclists and ensuring everyone shares the road responsibly.”

Said SacRT General Manager/Chief Executive Officer Henry Li, “Keeping bike lanes clear is an important part of making

Sacramento a place where everyone can thrive. This program will help improve safety and travel times for everyone on Sacramento roads, no matter how you travel around.”

California-based Hayden AI is providing the automated bus stop and bike lane enforcement camera systems for SacRT buses and Duncan Solutions is providing the violation processing software. All evidence packages of parking violations detected by the camera systems are reviewed and ultimately approved or rejected by City of Sacramento parking enforcement officers.

“We’re honored to support Sacramento in leading the way for bike lane safety,” said Lisa Schule, executive chairwoman of Hayden AI. “Using AI technology to protect bike lanes is a transformative shift for urban mobility and safety.” ★



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Scholarships for Students



ScholarShare Investment Board staff speak to students in Sacramento about CalKIDS. Photo courtesy of CalKIDS

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Scholarship was a game-changer. “I was absolutely surprised...I didn’t know I could have money for school just like that. I used my funds for tuition...it took a big load off my back. Now I can finally focus on my education,” said Estuardo.

Sacramento County has made efforts to ensure students and families are aware of and claim their CalKIDS accounts. The ScholarShare Investment Board has worked diligently to establish strong partnerships with local high schools, school districts, community-based organizations and financial aid directors at community colleges and universities. Partners like Sacramento California Student Opportunity and Access Program Consortium (Cal-SOAP) play a vital role in spreading awareness and helping students access the funds available to them.

Claiming a CalKIDS Scholarship is quick and easy. Families simply need the student’s Statewide Student Identifier (SSID), a ten-digit number which can be obtained by contacting their school directly. Once they have the Statewide Student Identifier, parents or students can visit CalKIDS.org to check eligibility and claim a scholarship account in just minutes.

The funds can be used at accredited colleges, universities, trade schools and career programs across the country. Once enrolled in a higher education program, students can log into their CalKIDS account to request a distribution directly to their school to cover qualifying educational expenses.

“Studies show that students with just \$500 or less set aside for college are three times more likely to attend college and four times more likely to graduate,” said Executive Director Cassandra DiBenedetto. “CalKIDS Accounts are more than financial assistance, they’re an investment in students’ futures, and we want to give every one of these students a reason to believe in their path to higher education.”

With roughly one in two Sacramento County public school students eligible for a CalKIDS Scholarship and key

college decisions and financial aid deadlines approaching, now is the time for students and families to check their eligibility and claim their scholarship account.

For more information on eligibility, scholarship amounts and how to claim a CalKIDS Scholarship account, visit CalKIDS.org.

The California Kids Investment and Development Savings Program (CalKIDS) is the nation’s largest child development account program, providing scholarships for higher education. To learn more, visit CalKIDS.org. ★



ScholarShare Investment Board staff promote CalKIDS at community college conference. Photo courtesy of CalKIDS

Twin River Unified Names Classified Employees of the Year



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School District has a record to show for their commitment to excellence. The district has seen 13 of its classified professionals named Sacramento County Classified School Employees of the Year since 2020 and 41 classified professionals over the past 15 years in various categories. Additionally, three of the Twin Rivers United School District's team members earned California State Classified Employees of the Year honors in 2024, 2021 and 2020.

Beukema said that she was “incredibly honored and truly humbled,” to have been named as an Employee of the Year by the county.

“It means so much to be recognized in this way as a Sacramento County Classified School Employee of the Year for 2025. I am truly thankful to be part of a community that values and supports one another. Knowing my efforts make a positive impact on our students and families touches my heart,” said Beukema. “I am grateful to my colleagues, school and district leadership, and everyone who’s been part of this journey.”

Beukema said that she always knew it was her mission to create a space for others to feel comfortable, just like the library was for her as a child.

“The small things I do each day, helping a student, supporting a coworker or going the extra mile, remind me what truly matters. It’s easy to give your all when you love what you do. I am proud to see the library at Martin Luther King Jr. Technology Academy become the hub of the campus for both staff and students,” said Beukema.

As an academic and career advisor, Alanis expresses his passion for serving students and helping them overcome challenges to reach their goals.

“To be recognized for something I love doing every day is incredibly meaningful. It’s not just a personal achievement; it’s a reflection of the hard work and dedication of our entire

school community. I’m proud to represent Twin Rivers and the amazing work we do together to support our students and families,” said Alanis.

Both Alanis and Beukema shared that their dedication to their students/staff and being consistent in their work was what contributed to this achievement.

“I meet each student where they are, listen to their stories and help guide them toward their goals with empathy and encouragement. Whether it’s helping someone enroll, find resources, or navigate career pathways, I always strive to make sure they feel supported and seen,” said Alanis. “I also think being a consistent, positive presence in our school community and collaborating closely with staff and families played a big role.”

Beukema shared that “my consistency, willingness to help wherever needed, and genuine care for the people I work with, both students and staff, contributed to earning this recognition. I always have a positive attitude, stay dependable, and go above and beyond, not because I expect recognition, but because I take pride in my work.”

On June 29, the Sacramento County Office of Education, in sponsorship with Schools First Credit Union, will reserve suites at a River Cats baseball game for the nine employees who were recognized at the county level. They will also be invited to celebrate their achievement at a Sacramento Republic FC soccer game on Oct. 5.

Both employees will now advance to the state-level competition for the California Classified School Employees of the Year award. The California Office of Education hosts its annual Employee of the Year luncheon at the end of May, for those who are selected to represent their respective county and category at the state level. Names of employees selected for the state competition will be announced; for updates visit cde.ca.gov/ta/sr/cl. ★

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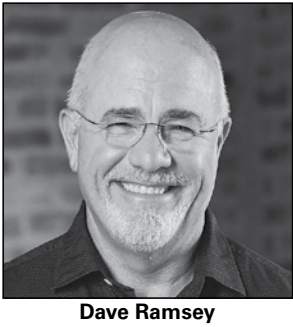
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Dear Dave,

My wife has run her own small business for the last three years. I try to be positive, and help whenever I can, but the truth is things aren't going very well. In fact, the business has never really shown signs of getting off the ground. Over the last several months, we've been putting part of what I make at my job into the business to help keep it open. We've also taken money out of savings to bolster things, and now our savings account is pretty low. I want to support her, because she loves what she's doing. But we have three kids, and I make about \$60,000 a year. Things have been pretty tight financially for a while. What do you think we should do?

— Isaac

Dear Isaac,

I'm an entrepreneur and business owner. So, trust me, I totally under-

Dave Ramsey Says

You've Got to Get on the Same Page

stand the excitement and allure that goes along with having your own business. But your own household and its immediate financial responsibilities should come first.

Here's the thing. If you're putting other money into a business account, that's a decent sign you're not making money in the business. The only money that should go into the business account is income the business creates. So, at this point, I think you and your wife need to sit down together, and have a serious, but gentle, talk about things.

Set aside time—together—and complete a written profit and loss statement on her business. While you're at it, you also need to make a written household budget. The numbers won't lie, and it's going to be your job to be loving and understanding during all this. But the main thing you folks need is to get on the same page financially before the situation gets any worse.

Again, when it comes to the business, put all her expenses on the profit and loss statement in detail. Then, write out what it would take for her to break even each month. I hate that things have turned out this way, Isaac. But with everything that's been going on in your finances, if she's not, at a bare minimum, breaking even at this point, then I'm afraid it's time for her to do something else.

— Dave

Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national best-selling 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 Ramsey Solutions. ★

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John F. Kennedy Assassination Files Revealed ‘A State Within a State’



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The vast importance of the John F. Kennedy (JFK) Assassination Files, hidden from the public for 62 years through multiple congressional hearings over the years, just released by President Donald Trump under enormous opposition to its release, was not who killed John F. Kennedy, but that the entity who did still exists.

The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) has always been the prime suspect. I was a boy of 16 and heard this at the time. This notion that it was more than just Oswald was quickly smothered by the then Deep State media who preferred and promoted the lone-wolf narrative, but it never felt right nor was it ever fully accepted by most Americans. The Federal Bureau of Investigation “suddenly uncovered” 2,000 John F. Kennedy related files, these reveal the Central Intelligence Agency as a “state within a state” and most responsible for the assassination.

These files prove the existence

of the Deep State in 1963 powerful enough by then, over years of development and secrecy, to kill the president of the United States and keep that fact from being revealed until all responsible for the death were unpunished and safely dead. There is no organization that is more Deep State than the Central Intelligence Agency.

This is the importance of the John F. Kennedy Assassination Files. Second to this in importance is, since it was never fully revealed, removed and punished then, it is still in place 62 years later in our day. These files show it is not unreasonable to believe that they also want Donald Trump dead as he too, like Kennedy, seeks to reveal them.

Every president from both political parties had access to these files and chose not to have them declassified. Two presidents in particular knew the intimate details up close and personal. Lyndon Baines Johnson, who benefited most by Kennedy’s death by replacing him as president, and Jerald Ford who was a member of the Johnson appointed Warren Commission to hide our own governments involvement in the assassination of our own.

LibertyUnderFire has published much on the assassination over the many years and as new things came out. Mostly the new documents reveal what those who have followed this story already knew but it is good for the new generation.

Yes, the documents first tried to blame the assassination on Cuba and the Soviets. We, among others debunked this story. There were three reasons Kennedy was assassinated:

He opposed the CIA’s Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba.

He wanted America’s withdrawal from the Vietnam War

He opposed the Federal Reserve’s Central Bank currency control authorizing the printing of silver certificates in defiance of it (Why the Deep State Assassination of John F. Kennedy? LibertyUnderFire.com, Dec 6, 2023).

Opposition to these three issues could not be tolerated. Kennedy could not be controlled by them so they could not wait another year for a new election to remove him.

The “new” files confirm that Lee Harvey Oswald was in fact a Central Intelligence Agency asset, “recruited by the CIA in JAPAN while he was in the service at the Naval Air Facility Atsugi in the late 1950’s.” The Naval Air Facility Atsugi (NAFA) was “a known CIA hub for covert operations, including U2 spy plane missions from 1957 to 1958” as per a suppressed document from his commander at the base at the time.

Documents show that “as late as 1996 this story was almost broke by ‘a credible UPI reporter’ and had to be covered up 30 years after the assassination.”

The “CIA was deeply concerned about the story getting traction.” They rightly realized it could be viewed “as a smoking gun.” They allowed just enough information out “to appear transparent while withholding the most damning evidence that Oswald was recruited, trained, and groomed by the CIA during his time in Japan.”

We soon learned of Oswald’s defection to the Soviet Union in

1959, his return to the U.S. in 1962, and his eventual role in the assassination in 1963. This was common knowledge soon after the assassination.

President Kennedy was warned of the presence of a “state within a state” or the Deep State as we call it today. Presidential adviser Arthur Schlesinger, in a 15-page Memo to John F. Kennedy called for Kennedy to break up the CIA in 1961.

“Schlesinger called the CIA a rogue ‘state within a state’... his memo told the president ‘The contemporary CIA possesses many of the characteristics of ‘a state within a state’ adding ‘there is no doctrine governing our conduct of clandestine operations.’”

Schlesinger noted that, “A number of governments still in power know that they have been targets of CIA attempts at overthrow, not a state of mind calculated to stimulate friendly feelings” toward the US. He also wrote, “CIA operations have not been held effectively subordinate to US foreign policy,” He told the president, “In practice the State Department had become a ‘rubber stamp’ for CIA clandestine operations.”

A month after John F. Kennedy’s assassination, former President Harry Truman, “echoed Schlesinger’s fears outlined in the 1961 Memo. There is something about the way the CIA has been functioning that is casting a shadow over our historic position.”

Truman wrote, that “he set up the CIA to streamline information gathering... but between his presidency, and John F. Kennedy’s, Truman witnessed a change in the CIA.” He wrote of this, “For some time, I have been

disturbed by the way the CIA has been diverted from its original assignment. It has become operational and at times a policy-making arm of the government. I never had any thought that when I set up the CIA that it would be injected into peacetime cloak and dagger operation.” Truman “called for the termination of the CIA operation duties, and the restoration of the agency to its original assignment as the intelligence arm of the president” (X22 Report, Ep. 3599b, 03/19/2025, 11:59).

Instead of destroying the Central Intelligence Agency as Kennedy intended the Central Intelligence Agency destroyed him, and worse, came to control the organization Kennedy created, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) responsible for administering civilian foreign aid and development Assistance throughout the world.

The “rogue state within a state” came to fund shadow governments and regime change in the world, even in Ukraine in 2014 and the United States in 2020 and thus far got away with it. Most importantly the “rogue state within a state” was never identified, removed or punished and thus is still very much alive today fighting Trump.

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How Transfer Taxes Steal Your Home Equity



Jon Coupal
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As a homeowner, you dutifully pay your property taxes every year, no matter how painful. Notwithstanding Proposition 13’s tax limitations, California is not a low property tax state. According to the Tax Foundation, we rank 18th out of 50 states in per capita property tax collections.

But it could be worse. Much worse. Without Prop. 13, most homeowners would see their property taxed at least double or, in some cases, by a factor of five or six. (For those curious about how much they would pay without Prop. 13, try out Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association’s calculator at [GuessingGame.org](#).)

Prop. 13 works by limiting the property tax rate to one percent and then limiting the increases in “taxable value” to two percent per year. It is the latter provision that allows homeowners in California to build up equity in their homes, year after year, without being forced to sell because of an annual tax bill based on current market value.

But there is another type of property tax that lies in wait for homeowners when they sell their property, transfer taxes. Technically, transfer taxes are not property taxes in the traditional sense because they are not imposed

as an incident of property ownership.

Rather, they are imposed on the sale or other transfer of real property.

When Howard Jarvis wrote Prop. 13, he knew that, if he just limited the ad valorem (based on value) property tax, governments would circumvent that limitation by quickly imposing other local taxes. That’s why Prop. 13 expressly prohibited taxes on the sale of property. Here’s the language: “Cities, Counties and special districts, by a two-thirds vote of the qualified electors of such district, may impose special taxes on such district, except ad valorem taxes on real property or a transaction tax or sales tax on the sale of real property within such City, County or special district.” (emphasis added).

To any normal, fair-minded person, this constitutional language is crystal clear in prohibiting transfer taxes. But the judiciary in California is neither normal nor fair-minded. Over a strong dissent, the California Supreme Court defined “special taxes” as only those taxes that were for a “special purpose.” This created a massive loophole and severely in a way that limited the reach of Prop. 13.

At the time of Proposition 13’s passage in 1978, state law permitted the collection of a “documentary stamp tax” on transferring of interests in real property. The tax, still imposed in many jurisdictions, is relatively modest, with the standard rate being \$1.10 per \$1,000 of value.

But now many cities are imposing real estate transfer taxes in excess of \$45 per \$1,000 of value based on the Home Rule doctrine that grants charter cities more taxing authority. Moreover, under Home Rule, cities can impose higher rates for more valuable property rather than the flat rate of \$1.10 per \$1,000.

Even worse, because of the infamous Upland decision, local governments operating behind the front of “citizen groups” can propose “special taxes” by initiative, evading the requirement of a two-thirds vote of the electorate to pass. And while the courts originally said transfer tax revenue must go into a municipality’s general fund, special taxes under Upland can be exclusively directed to whatever the local government or special interest group, wants.

The worst abuse of Upland occurred in Los Angeles. Pursuant, to Measure United to House Los Angeles (ULA) which became effective in 2023, high-value properties are now subject to very high transfer taxes. Although the ballot measure was sold to the voters as a “mansion tax,” it applies to all properties, both commercial and residential, worth more than \$5 million, including apartments.

As expected, the United to House Los Angeles tax is generating a lot less revenue for homeowners programs than the proponents thought. Instead, it has thrown the real estate market in one of America’s largest cities into chaos. It has gotten so bad that even Mayor Karen Bass said she thinks the whole issue of Measure United to House Los Angeles should be revisited.

For ordinary homeowners, be aware that transfer taxes are only increasing, both in terms of the amount of the tax and the purposes for which they are being collected. There are very powerful progressive interests which intend to impose transfer taxes at a level to completely “recover” all the taxes that were not owed by homeowners because of Prop. 13.

And that’s how they plan to steal the equity in your home.

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Kiley, Tenney Introduce the High-Quality Charter Schools Act



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WASHINGTON, CA (MPG) - On April 11, Representative Kevin Kiley (R-California) joined Representatives Claudia Tenney (R-New York), Nicole Malliotakis (R-New York) and Burgess Owens (R-Utah), in introducing the High-Quality Charter Schools Act to expand school choice by creating a new tax credit for charitable contributions to nonprofit charter school organizations.

The demand for high-quality charter schools continues to outpace supply, in part due to the high start-up costs of opening a new school, which can be up to \$20 million. This legislation would establish a 75% federal tax credit for qualified charitable contributions made to nonprofit charter school organizations with a proven record of success, incentivizing donations to support the development of more high-quality charter schools.

To receive contributions, each eligible organization must establish a separate qualified account to use eligible funds exclusively for charter school expansion within five years of

receipt, and must also conduct annual independent, certified financial and compliance audits.

“Charter schools have a proven track record of success, working to ensure every student, regardless of zip code, is given the opportunity to succeed. The High-Quality Charter Schools Act provides a tax credit for charitable donations that will develop and expand the number of charter schools to provide even more students access to affordable school choice options. In fact, this legislation could lead to nearly tripling the number of children who have the option of attending a charter school. Parents know what is best for their children, and by providing parents with options, we can improve educational outcomes across our country,” said Representative Tenney.

“As a former high school teacher, I understand the important role education plays in our children’s future and the importance of charter school options. The High-Quality Charter Schools Act is a critical measure to expand educational opportunity, uphold rigorous accountability, and foster innovation within our public school system. By supporting this legislation, we are investing in a future where all students can access a high-quality education,” said Representative Kiley.

“School choice is the civil rights issue of our time, and our nation’s future will be determined by whether we win the fight to ensure that every child, no matter their zip code, has access to high-quality

education. The High-Quality Charter Schools Act will help us reach that bright future, with up to \$5 billion a year in tax-credit-driven investment that could help open more than 15,000 new charter schools and unlock life-changing opportunities for millions of students across the country,” said Representative Owens.

“Charter schools across the country, especially here in New York, are facing demand that far exceeds their capacity. I’m proud to join Representative Tenney in introducing this legislation to ensure students and families have greater access to the school of their choice, while also ensuring taxpayers see a strong return on investment in public education,” said Representative Malliotakis.

“This legislation complements the Education Choice for Children Act, which will provide tax credits for contributions for tuition vouchers and which I strongly support,” said Eva Moskowitz, founder and chief executive officer of Success Academy Charter Schools. “Together, these policies will demonstrate universal school choice as a national priority. Americans overwhelmingly support school choice but many elected officials have been intimidated by those who seek to preserve the broken status quo. I commend Representatives Tenney, Malliotakis Owens and Kiley for standing up to the special interests and putting America’s parents first. This is what real leadership looks like.” ★

Ask

DR. UNIVERSE

How do glasses work?

— Prisha, 8, Pennsylvania

Dear Prisha,

I got glasses as a kitten. I put on my new spectacles and was floored by the crisp details. I had no idea you could see individual leaves on trees. I thought everyone saw a green blur.

I talked about that with my friend Dr. Rachna Narula. She’s an eye doctor—called an optometrist—at Washington State University.

She told me that glasses help direct light to the correct spot in the eye so we can see.

“If someone’s eyeball is too short or too long, glasses help focus the image on the retina because that’s where the person can see,” Narula said.

We see because light gets inside our eyeballs and hits a layer of tissue at the very back called the retina. That tissue is full of cells that change light into electrical signals and shoot them up the optic nerve to our brains. Our brains turn the signals into images.

Getting light to hit our retinas depends on different parts of the eye working together. First, the light goes through the clear, squishy tissue at the front of the eye called the cornea.

The cornea bends the light to focus it toward the retina. Then, the lens, which is behind the cornea, bends the light a bit more.

A black and white illustration of the parts of the eyeball.

The pupil and iris also help light get into the eyeball. The pupil is the small dark spot we see in the center of our eyes. It’s like a window that allows light to enter the eye. The iris is the colored part of our eyes. Its muscles make the pupil bigger or smaller to control how much light gets in. Image: NIH/Wiki

Ideally, the cornea and lens work together to bend the light so it hits the retina.

But sometimes the distance from the cornea to the retina is too long or too short. The bent light hits in front of the retina or behind it. That makes our vision blurry.

Some people are near-sighted, or myopic. Their distance vision is blurry. Their eyeballs are too long, so the light focuses in front of the retina.

Some people are far-sighted, or hyperopic. Their up-close vision is blurry. Their eyeballs are too short, so the light focuses behind the retina.

Some people have astigmatism. Their cornea or lens isn’t perfectly round. It’s shaped more like an egg. That scatters the light, making it hit lots of places at the same time. That also makes things blurry.

An optometrist can measure the length and shape of our eyeballs. They use lots of instruments and ask us questions to figure out the perfect lens to correct our vision. Glasses bend the light before it gets to the cornea. So, the glasses lens, the cornea and the eye’s lens work together to bend the light just right.

A glasses lens can curve inward—called concave—to fix near-sightedness. Or the lens can curve outward—called convex—to fix far-sightedness.

You can tell what kind of lenses you have by looking closely at them.

“Concave lenses are thinnest at the center, and as you go out, they become thicker,” Narula said. “Convex lenses are the opposite. They’re thickest in the center and become thinner toward the edges.”

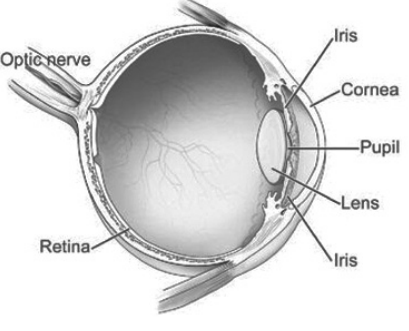
Some eyeballs need both kinds of correction, so some lenses do both.

Narula told me that lots of people don’t realize they’re having trouble seeing—like me thinking trees are green blobs. It can make doing stuff or learning difficult. It can give us headaches or make our eyes super tired.

That’s why we visit the optometrist. The right glasses can reframe how we see the world.

Sincerely,

Dr. Universe



The diagram shows a cross-section of a human eye. Labels include: Optic nerve, Iris, Cornea, Pupil, Lens, and Retina. The diagram illustrates how light enters the eye through the cornea and pupil, is focused by the lens onto the retina, and then travels back out through the pupil and cornea.

Social Security Matters

Please Clear Up Our Confusion about Our Social Security Payments?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I am thoroughly confused. What do I need to do to continue receiving automatic Social Security deposits to my bank account, and maintain our Medicare and Supplement health insurance? My wife has received her SS deposit regularly on the 3rd Wednesday each month with automatic bank deposit for many years. I have received my SS deposit regularly the 4th Wednesday each month with automatic bank deposit also for many years. Can you please tell me what to do to continue receiving these automatic deposits?

First, I hear that we do not need to do anything. Then I hear that we must show up in person at our local SS office to visually confirm our identity. We live 100 miles away from our only SS office, and apparently, they don’t take walk-ins. Next, I hear that we must contact the SS on the internet and answer their questions in order to continue receiving our checks. I am totally confused and don’t know what to do,

and we don’t want to miss our checks or have our Medicare and supplemental insurance cancelled. Can you please help us? **Signed: Confused in Hawaii**


Dear Confused: I know there have been a lot of news media reports and articles written on the recent changes announced by the Social Security Administration (SSA) with respect to a need to confirm one’s identity in-person. Allow me to set you mind at ease because, from what you have described (that you are already receiving Social Security benefits and Medicare insurance), you do not need to do anything to have your Social Security benefits, and your Medicare insurance continue without interruption (and that includes your wife as well).

That which has been reported in the media is sometimes misleading or misinformed, but here at the AMA Foundation’s Social Security Advisory Service we are watching these events very closely and can assure you that your regular benefits will continue uninterrupted. The only people who may be affected by the SSA’s new processes are those who are applying for Social Security for the first time, or those who need to change where their monthly benefit is deposited. In those cases, the SSA is being very careful that no fraud is being attempted and,

thus, the reason for a possible in-person SSA office visit (but only in those specific unique circumstances). But for you and your wife, it will continue to be “business as usual” and you will see no interruption in either your monthly Social Security benefit nor in your usual Medicare coverage and supplement. You don’t need to do anything to have all your benefits continue.

So, please relax and do not worry. And rest assured that here at the AMAC Foundation we are watching all events occurring in Washington, D.C., especially those related to Social Security and Medicare, and will promptly inform our members of anything which affects them.

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New California School Data Project Fulfills Campaign Promise Newsom Made



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

Governor Gavin Newsom can, and should, be faulted for making campaign promises six years ago that he must have known were impossible to achieve, such as his vows to create single-payer health care and build 3.5 million new housing units.

When reminded of them after becoming governor, he dismissed them as “aspirational,” a caveat he neglected to attach to his original pledges.

Nevertheless, credit is due when one of his promises becomes reality, as it did this week when the state launched the beginnings of a long-needed system of tracking how the state’s public-school students fare in classrooms and later in life.

The Cradle-to-Career (C2C) project released its first batch of numbers, along with video tutorials on how to access the data.

“With the C2C Student Pathways Dashboard now live, Californians can visualize their futures by seeing disconnected data from across sectors and previously unavailable insights, all in one place,” Newsom said in a statement. “The Golden State is once again leading the way in innovation, connecting our education system to the workforce to ensure everyone has the freedom to succeed.”

However, not everyone in the rarified ranks of education researchers and reformers echoed Newsom’s boasts.

Alex Barrios, president of the Educational Results Partnership, a business-backed education policy coalition, complained that “the dashboard fails to do what it promised. It doesn’t represent the journeys of all students and how they navigate to and through careers.

“By following the career trajectories of only college graduates, it assumes the only path to success for students is through a four-year college degree,” Barrio alleges.

The new data system should include all of the factors that Barrio’s organization lists, but its criticism may be premature, since officials say they intend to expand the project’s scope as rapidly as it can obtain data.

Assuming that the project does widen its reach, C2C, as it’s dubbed, not only will be a lasting accomplishment for Newsom, but it will fill a void that’s existed far too long. Without reliable data on outcomes, the nation’s largest school system operates in an accountability vacuum, which the education establishment seems to prefer.

The state Department of Education has a “dashboard” that purports to give parents, taxpayers and voters a picture of how well schools are doing their job. However, the current system is a mish-mash of educational jargon that is difficult to decipher. It also skews the ratings in ways that minimize actual academic achievement, such as in reading, writing and mathematics, and elevates peripheral factors it calls “multiple measures.”

Thus, it downplays the fact

that California’s students fare very poorly vis-a-vis those in other states and the “achievement gap” still broadly separates low-income and English-learner students from those with more privileged circumstances.

Education reformers have long pushed for obtaining and publishing more objective and complete data, especially after former Governor Jerry Brown and the Legislature overhauled school finance a decade ago to provide more funds to schools with substantial numbers of what were called “at-risk” students.

Better numbers would, the reformers said, provide a clearer understanding of whether Brown’s Local Control Funding Formula was working.

Brown, however, backed the education establishment’s preference for getting the money without strict accountability for how it was spent and whether it was having a positive effect. He said he trusted that local school officials would spend the extra money wisely, calling it “subsidiarity,” a secular version of an obscure religious principle.

After Newsom succeeded Brown, he quickly reversed that position and called for a comprehensive data system to track how students were faring during and after their journeys through the school system. The Legislature responded by authorizing the C2C system.

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Lincoln-Leavitt Insurance Agency, Inc., 650 North Main Street, Lakeport, CA 95453 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Pyyorre Insurance Agency" 310 S Main Street, Fort Bragg, CA 95437. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 20, 2025
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PYORRE 5-2-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02460
Vickie Wilson, 7711 Greenback Lane, #107, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Healing Missions Foundation" 7711 Green Back Lane, #107,

Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 1, 2025
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HEALING 5-2-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02158
J3 Financial LLC, 4311 N Ravenswood Avenue, Suite 329, Chicago, IL 60613 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "ClearFi Loans" 4311 N Ravenswood Avenue, Suite 329, Chicago, IL 60613. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 20, 2025
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CLEAR 5-2-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02502
Its Floor Inc, 5705 North Haven Drive, North Highlands, CA 95660 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Its Floor Inc" 5705 North Haven Drive, North Highlands, CA 95660. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 1, 2025
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FLOOR 5-2-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-01763
LGAA, LLC, PO Box 130, Cedar City, UT 84721 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Leavitt Affiliated Independent Insurance Agency" 136 W University Boulevard, Cedar City, UT 84720. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 7, 2025
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LEAVITT 5-2-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-01908
Serenity Mobile Blood Services, LLC, 705 Gold Lake Drive, Suite 250, Folsom, CA 95630 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Serenity Mobile Blood Services" 705 Gold Lake Drive, Suite 250, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 13, 2025
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SERENITY 5-2-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02582
Teresa D. Powell, 1401 21st Street, #6242, Sacramento, CA 95811 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Surrender The Mind Life Coach" 1401 21st Street, #6242, Sacramento, CA 95811. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 3, 2025
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SURRENDER 5-2-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02441
Astra Force Guards Inc, 4781 Pell Drive, Suite 4, Sacramento, CA 95838 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Astra Force Guards" 4781 Pell Drive, Suite 4, Sacramento, CA 95838. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 28, 2025
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02465
Shirin Beauty Inc, 7840 Madison Avenue, Suite #150 #151, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Shirin Salon Suites" 7840 Madison Avenue, Suite #150 #151, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 1, 2025
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SHIRIN 5-2-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02333
Golden Moments Care Home Inc., 3128 Merrywood Drive, Sacramento, CA 95825 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Golden Moments Care Home Inc/ Golden Moments Care" 2651 Armstrong Drive, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 25, 2025
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GOLDEN 5-9-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-01820
Burgett Incorporated, 11290 Point East Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Pianodisc" 11290 Point East Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 11, 2025
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PIANO 5-9-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02717
Gabriel McCrea LLC, 4505 Armadale Way, Sacramento, CA 95823 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Savage Vogue" 3626 Fair Oaks Boulevard, #100, Sacramento, CA 95864. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 9, 2025
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SAVAGE 5-9-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02477
Vinh Xuan Tran, 3700 Rosecrest Circle, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Pho 32" 6035 Stockton Boulevard, Suite A, Sacramento, CA 95824. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 1, 2025
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PHO 5-9-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02684
John T Price, 3485 Orange Grove Avenue, Suite H, North Highlands CA 95660 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "John T Price DBA USA Replacement Auto

Glass/Golden West Glass" 3485 Orange Grove Avenue, Suite H, North-Highlands, Ca 95660. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 8, 2025
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JOHN 5-9-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02730
Galina Furdul, 2961 Weston Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Haircut by Galina" 4800 Manzanita Avenue, B7, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 9, 2025
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GALINA 5-9-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02625
Sac City Builders Group LLC, 1017 L Street, #738, Sacramento, CA 95814 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Garner Real Estate/River City Lending" 1517 17th Street, Unit #3, Sacramento, CA 95814. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 4, 2025
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02674
Soto Family Tile Inc., 3351 Tropicana Court, Sacramento, CA 95826 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Soto Family Tile" 3351 Tropicana Court, Sacramento, CA 95826. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 7, 2025
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02455
Sacramento Vagabond Inn Executive Oldtown, LLC, 705 N. Douglas Street, El Segundo, CA 90245 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Vagabond Inn/Vagabond Inn Executive" 909 3rd Street, Sacramento, CA 95814. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 28, 2025
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VAGABOND 5-9-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02269
Protegis, LLC, 1812 Cargo Court, Louisville, KY 40299 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "The Alarm Source" 1812 Cargo Court, Louisville, KY 40299. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 24, 2025
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ALARM 5-9-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02696
GV&K, Inc., 7225 Chestnut Avenue, Orangevale, CA 95662 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Cozy Blooms" 7225 Chestnut Avenue, Orangevale, CA 95662. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 8, 2025
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COZY 5-9-25

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Chase Keller Grigsby, 6425 26th Street, Rio Linda, CA 95673 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Grizzly Electric" 6425 26th Street, Rio Linda, CA 95673. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 8, 2025
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GRIZZLY 5-9-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02389
Megawash LLC, 6008, Fair Oaks Boulevard, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Megawash Laundry" 6008, Fair Oaks Boulevard, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 27, 2025
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MEGA 5-9-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02616
The G Channel LLC, 4176 Old Maple Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "The G Channel Photobooth" 4176 Old Maple Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 4, 2025
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G4 5-9-25

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Christopher Hill, 5728 Shadow Creek Drive, #2, Sacramento, CA 95841 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Arcane Systems" 5728 Shadow Creek Drive, #2, Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 7, 2025
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ARCANE 5-9-25

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Nicholas Haystings, 2100 Del Paso Boulevard, Suite A, Sacramento, CA 95815 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Haystings Auto" 2100 Del Paso Boulevard, Suite A, Sacramento, CA 95815. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 19, 2025
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HAYSTINGS 5-9-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02553
Hong Son DMD, A Professional Corporation, 5825 Oak Place Court, Fair oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Eastern

Avenue Dental" 2605 Eastern Avenue, #2, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 2, 2025
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02527
CPM2 Consulting LLC, 1801 Rolling Hills Road, Sacramento, CA 95864 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "CPM2 Consulting, LLC" 1801 Rolling Hills Road, Sacramento, CA 95864. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 2, 2025
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CPM2 5-9-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02544
Two7detailing LLC, 5218 McKinney Way, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "two7detailing" 5218 McKinney Way, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 2, 2025
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-01646
Clean & Affordable Services LLC, 6330 Sunrise Boulevard, #1010, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "CAS" 6330 Sunrise Boulevard, #1010, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 5, 2025
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CAS 5-9-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02265
Zyam Inc, 1800 Silverwings Court, Morgan Hill, CA 95037 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Blue Bubble Car Wash 2" 2242 Suttersville Road, Sacramento, CA 95822. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 24, 2025
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BLUE 5-9-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02778
Hashmatullah Nazimi, 2740 Fulton Avenue, #214, Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "H.M Consulting Services" 2740 Fulton Avenue, #214, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 10, 2025
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HM 5-9-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02233
National Elite Construction, 5213 Hackberry Lane, Sacramento, CA 95841 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "NEC" 5213 Hackberry Lane, Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 21, 2025
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NEC 5-9-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02508
Aviel Mizrahi, 2494 Quiet Trail Lane, Sacramento, CA 95834 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "A&M Garage Door & Gate Service/A&M Local Garage Door & Gate Service" 2494 Quiet Trail Lane, Sacramento, CA 95834. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 1, 2025
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A&M 5-16-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02913
Dexter L Glover Jr, 3842 Innovator Drive, Sacramento, CA 95834 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "DLG Junk & Recycle" 5325 Dry Creek Road, Sacramento, CA 95838. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 16, 2025
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DLG 5-16-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02642
Xpert Home Lending Inc., 1100 Satellite Boulevard NW, Suwanee, GA 30024 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Croft & CO Lending" 1100 Satellite Boulevard NW, Suwanee, GA 3002. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 4, 2025
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CROFT 5-16-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02824
Teresita C Hernandez Thorpe and Thomas J. V. Thorpe, Jr., 6758 Ellsworth Circle, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Buy Improve Sell" 6758 Ellsworth Circle, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 11, 2025
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BUY 5-16-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02228
JSMJ Group Inc, 21 Farridge Court, Roseville, CA 95678 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Poke Noke" 2254 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 21, 2025
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POKE 5-16-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02775
Fastrip8895 LLC, 8061 Florin Road, Sacramento, CA 95828 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s)

"Fastrip8895 LLC" 8061 Florin Road, Sacramento, CA 95828. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 10, 2025
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FAST 5-16-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-00806
Golden Garden LLC, 4464 Lone Tree Way, #1036, Antioch, CA 94531 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "T.H.Chi" 4464 Lone Tree Way, #1036, Antioch, CA 94531. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County February 5, 2025
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CHI 5-16-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02394
Gabriela Montero, 11983 Mandolin Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "The Complex Traveler" 11983 Mandolin Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 27, 2025
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COMPLEX 5-16-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02159
DBT Doco Investment Inc., 9785 Ellsmere Way, Elk Grove, CA 95757 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Tandoori Pizza" 405 K Street, #240 Space A215, Sacramento, CA 95814. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 20, 2025
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TANDOORI 5-16-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02426
Altamark Properties LLC, 6002 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Megawash Laundromat Carmichael" 6002 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 28, 2025
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WASH 5-16-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02838
Alexis Brady and Whitney Anderson, 650 Fulton Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95825 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Mane Fox" 650 Fulton Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 14, 2025
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MANE 5-16-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02868
OV Elevate LLC, 7352 Single Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Huddle Web Works" 7352 Single Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 15, 2025
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HUDDLE 5-16-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-02780
Thi Do, 8771 Tiogawoods Drive, Sacramento, CA 95828 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "MidTown Nail & Hair" 2720 Aiden Way, Suite

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1. T. Rockwell's "How to Eat Fried ____"

6. Pro football org.

9. Tea servings

13. Relating to axis

14. Gershwin or Levin

15. Break of day

16. Repeat, in music

17. Red Cross bed

18. Arm bones

19. *Mother ____, personification of physical world

21. *Mother ____, fictional dog owner

23. Opposite of hence

24. Sleeveless garment

25. Money source

28. Golfer's destination

30. Pass, as time

35. "Metamorphoses" poet

37. *The Beatles: "Mother ____ comes to me"

39. "The Goldbergs" sibling

40. Unacceptable, to a baby

41. Alpine singing

43. Resembling wings

44. Fill with optimism

46. Fill to satisfaction

47. Orion's ____

48. Like funeral atmosphere

50. Lice eggs

52. Morse code dash

53. Remainder of a cigarette

55. Before skip and a jump

57. *Mother of ____, a.k.a. Daenerys Targaryen

61. *Mother ____, Missionaries of Charity founder

64. Pass

65. Stir or fuss

67. Add together

69. Anomie, alt. sp.

70. Decompose

71. Very angry

72. Puppy sounds

73. "____ no evil, hear no evil"

74. Tennis-affected joint

DOWN

1. Took place

2. Yoked team

3. Capital of Latvia

4. Kind of ray

5. Cast-off skin

6. French Riviera city

7. "To" follower

8. Wood turning device

9. Tulip starter

10. Leo's Karenina

11. ____ gum, food additive

12. Put metal to the pedal, p.t.

15. Difficult to detect

20. With ample space

22. Employ

24. Green and lush, as in trees

25. *Mother ____, investigative journalism nonprofit

26. Convex molding

27. Twofold

29. Cambodia's neighbor

31. A in UAE

32. Heaped

33. Famous Teatro alla ____

34. *Mother ____, personification of planet

36. Shower with affection

38. Abominable snowman

42. River in Hades

45. Personify

49. *Mother Superior is the head one at the convent

51. Foray

54. Former Russian leaders

56. *Mother of ____, a.k.a. nacre

57. June 6, 1944

58. Raja's wife

59. On the surface

60. Emeralds and rubies

61. Carrying bag

62. Hunk of something

63. Lowest female singing voice

66. Female forest ruminant

68. Archery bow wood

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Second Airtanker Added to World’s Largest Aerial Firefighting Fleet

Office of Governor Gavin Newsom News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - With peak fire season on the horizon, Governor Gavin Newsom announced on April 24 that the state’s second C-130 Hercules (C-130H) airtanker is now ready for firefighting operations. This strengthens California’s ability to protect communities from catastrophic wildfire, adding to the largest aerial firefighting fleet in the world.

Last year, California became the first state in the nation to own, operate and deploy a C-130H airtanker for wildfire suppression. The first C-130H was a critical part of the state’s firefight in Los Angeles earlier this year. Since it went into operation, the tanker has flown 90 missions responding to 36 fires and dropping 253,702 gallons of retardant.

Tanker 121, a former United States Coast Guard aircraft, has been officially placed into Cal FIRE service on April 24 after undergoing precise and critical modifications. This is the second of seven planned C-130H airtankers and is a mission-critical asset in an era of increased year-round wildfire frequency and intensity.

These large-capacity, highly specialized aircraft deliver significant volumes of fire retardant in a single mission, enhancing Cal FIRE’s ability to protect communities and natural resources.

Governor Newsom, in partnership with U.S. Senator Alex Padilla, the late U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein and Representative Ken Calvert, spearheaded this initiative for California to take on ownership of these aircraft, speed up the time to have them flying firefighting operations in California and expand Cal FIRE’s firefighting capabilities.

At a hangar in Sacramento, the governor joined CAL FIRE Chief Joe Tyler, firefighting personnel, and those who helped make the C-130H possible to celebrate the milestone.

“The largest aerial firefighting



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force in the world is getting even bigger. Thanks to our champions in Congress – Senator Padilla, Representative Calvert, and the late, great Senator Feinstein, California’s second C-130 airtanker is ready to take flight, just in time ahead of peak fire season,” said Governor Newsom.

On April 24, the governor also received a demonstration of Cal FIRE’s new C-130H simulator, the only one of its kind in the nation owned by a fire department. The simulator helps train pilots and engineers specifically for C-130 firefighting missions.

The journey to integrate the C-130H aircraft into CAL FIRE’s fleet began in 2018 when California secured approval to acquire seven of these aircraft from the Coast Guard. President Joe Biden signed legislation in late 2023, officially transferring ownership of the seven C-130H aircraft to the state, where Cal FIRE would complete the work of retrofitting the aircraft for wildfire suppression operations.

“The completed transfer of federal C-130 airtankers to Cal FIRE is equipping California’s firefighters with significantly expanded capabilities to protect vulnerable communities from

wildfires and save lives,” said Senator Padilla. “Pushing the Air Force to complete this transfer has been a top priority of mine since I joined the Senate, which is why I worked to pass legislation to get it done as quickly as possible. As we saw with the first retrofitted aircraft fighting the Los Angeles fires, these powerful planes will enable California to respond to wildfires more quickly and effectively as we face more extreme conditions and increasingly devastating disasters.”

“The C-130 Hercules aircraft that have been transferred from the federal government to Cal FIRE are game changing additions to our wildfire response aviation arsenal,” said Representative Calvert. “Our bipartisan efforts to secure the C-130s are an important step in better protecting Californians from dangerous wildfires. I look forward to all seven of the C-130s being operational and deployed across California in the near future.”

Cal FIRE’s C-130 program involved substantial contributions from multiple partners. The United States Air Force and the United States Coast Guard provided support in maintaining these aircraft, including the

replacement of inner and outer wing boxes and essential spare parts. Following their arrival at Cal FIRE Aviation Headquarters, the aircraft underwent extensive modifications, including the installation of a 4,000-gallon tank and a sophisticated retardant delivery system (RDS).

“Placing the second C-130H airtanker into service is another milestone in ensuring Californians are protected from the growing threat of wildfire,” said Cal FIRE Director and Fire Chief Joe Tyler. “This addition strengthens our

aerial firefighting capabilities and demonstrates our continued commitment to safeguarding lives, property, and natural resources across the state.”

Even before this, California had built up the largest aerial firefighting fleet in the world, including the recently added - and night-time capable - firefighting Fire Hawk helicopters. These new C-130Hs will be strategically located throughout the state at Cal FIRE bases to mobilize when needed, adding to the helicopters, other aircraft, and firefighters ready to protect Californians. This follows California’s leadership in utilizing innovation and technology to fight fires smarter, leveraging artificial intelligence (AI), satellites and more for wildfire detection, projection and suppression.

In addition to nearly doubling the state’s budget for Cal FIRE in recent years, the state has also dramatically increased work to prevent wildfire. While 57% of California’s forests are federally managed, the state government manages only 3% of the forestland. On state land, more than 2,200 projects are complete or underway, and in recent years, California has treated nearly two million acres, made possible by scaling up investments to ten times the amount from when the governor took office in 2019. ★



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