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## Meals on Wheels 50th Anniversary



Meals on Wheels staff member Stephanie Vierra does home delivery. Photo courtesy of Meals on Wheels Yolo

### Meals on Wheels Yolo County Press Release

**YOLO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - From good-hearted parishioners making meals for a few dozen seniors in a small kitchen at St. John's Church of Christ in Woodland to an institutional meal production facility now nourishing more than 1,200 older adults throughout Yolo County and hundreds more regionally, Meals on Wheels Yolo County (MOW Yolo) has consistently

been rooted in community support and service.

"My budget doesn't extend far and I eat only one meal a day, the one delivered by Meals on Wheels Yolo," said Eclare Hannifen, a Meals on Wheels Yolo meal recipient in Woodland. "It's literally a lifesaver."

Celebrating its 50th year of ensuring a safety net for tens of thousands of seniors such as Hannifen over the years, Meals on Wheels Yolo is focused on sustaining this vital work

amidst an increasingly challenging fiscal environment.

"The silver lining of the pandemic was the one-time funding that built up the food security network, allowing Meals on Wheels Yolo to scale by 300 percent to meet increasing need amongst the growing senior population," said Meals on Wheels Yolo Executive Director Joy Cohan. "Now backfilling those depleted revenue sources on an

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## PG&E Assistance Day Helps Customers

By Seth Henderson

**WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - To help customers one-on-one, answering questions about energy bills, discounts and other programs at the West Sacramento Community Center, Pacific Gas and Electric's (PG&E) will hold a Customer Assistance Day from 3 to 7 p.m. Sept. 29, located in the Community Room.

According to a PG&E press release, customers are encouraged to bring their bill statements, photo identification and proof of income. Residential and small-to-medium business customers can attend. Veterans will also have the opportunity to discuss different benefits. The West Sacramento Community Center is at 1075 West Capitol Ave.

"The assistance day is designed to help customers with really any questions they may have about their PG&E accounts, help enroll them in any discount programs or different rate options to save them money, and provide some analysis of their usage that may identify vampire appliances or other activities that are costing them more," said PG&E's spokesperson Paul Moreno said. "For example, some people use portable electric heaters or may have aging appliances that are drawing more energy. There are also programs to help income-qualified customers with energy efficiency upgrades."

Customers can inquire about income-eligible assistance programs, Moreno said, offering programs to help low-to-moderate-income customers pay past due bills, preventing service disruptions. The PG&E Match My Payment program matches "dollar-for-dollar" qualifying customers who pay at least \$50 toward their outstanding bill.

Moreno said other programs include energy assistance, debt management plans and rate assistance. Customers depending on power for medical needs can inquire about the Medical Baseline program, offering energy

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## Council Approves West Sacramento Homelessness Program Changes

By John McCallum

**WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - The abrupt closure of a regional organization addressing homelessness has forced the City of West Sacramento to take a similarly abrupt step to continue those services locally.

At its Sept. 17 meeting, City Council approved a resolution creating an in-house homeless emergency housing program. The need for the move was due to the sudden closure of the Downtown Streets Team organization which had been under two contracts with the city since 2023 and 2024 to operate homelessness assistance in two local motels, as well as a program to clean up homeless camps.



City Council approved a resolution creating an in-house homeless emergency housing program. Photo by Apollo22 from Pixabay

West Sacramento Economic Development and Housing Department housing manager Raul

Huerta told council that moving quickly to create the city program stemmed from the need to maintain

case management services for about 90 homeless or at risk of homelessness

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# Get Lost in the Local Arts of West Sacramento

By Seth Henderson

**WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - At Gallery 1075, located at 1075 W. Capitol Ave., artwork from West Sacramento Art Guild members hangs in the gallery.

Gallery 1075 curator and lead recreation leader for the City of West Sacramento Evan Harté said that the city's partnership with the art guild provides a platform for local artists to display their artwork for free at the West Sacramento Community Center. A monthly reception is open to the public and, he said, the gallery is a zero-fee, zero-commission opportunity from the city for artists to display and sell their work.

The gallery's large windows facing West Capitol Avenue provide a view of the artwork to anyone who takes the bus, drives or walks by the community center, Harté said.

"Our entire goal is just to find these really amazing artists in our local community and give them that platform that they otherwise wouldn't have to get their foot in that kind of artistic community," Harté said.

One of the best parts of the gallery, Harté said, was recognizing all the local talent that has always been around.

West Sacramento-native Grady Owings said it was his first time visiting Gallery 1075 and he did so on behalf of an invitation from his friend Chris Von Haunalter, a member of the West Sacramento Art Guild.

Owings, who didn't know about the gallery until Von Haunalter mentioned it to him, said the paintings are great. Particularly, a painting depicting a portrait of a Native American Chief caught Owings' attention.

The artist behind the brush strokes of the Native American Chief, "Strong Wind" in oils, a West Sacramento Art Guild member, said that she uses oils, acrylics, pens, ink, collage and photography mediums in her art. She has been a guild member for almost a decade and started creating art when she was teenager.

"The reason why I brought this in is because I want everybody to realize that you don't just pick the medium," the artist said. "Your mind has got



West Sacramento Resident Grady Owings is photographed admiring a piece of artwork depicting the Tower Bridge in West Sacramento. Photo by Seth Henderson

to open up. Do what you like and try to expand your horizons."

Von Haunalter said that he has been practicing art for about 30 years and started in his 20s. He said his landscape and abstract works use colored pencils and acrylics.

Spending most of his

production time traveling within about 100 miles of the Sacramento area, Von Haunalter said that he is often balancing between the natural and urban landscapes within the city's versatile geographic location, centrally located from the Sierra Mountain Range, Delta, downtown areas and wine country.

Nikita Gill, a beginning artist who recently moved to West Sacramento with her partner in July from Canada, said that she was looking for art-related events and activities to attend in the community. She said the exhibition showed how people are inspired by many different things.

Regarding the Native American Chief painting, Gill said that "you can see the emotion in his eyes coming across."

West Sacramento Art Guild Board Secretary and He Brews Coffee and Tea

Company owner Michael Hayes said that his opportunity with the guild was seen as an extension of the artistic opportunities he provided through his establishment.

Hayes said period specific pieces bring back memories of a "kinder, gentler world."

"We're blessed that we have this space available that the city is welcoming," Hayes said.

Anyone can join the art guild and Hayes said that he encourages artists of all ages and backgrounds from the entire Sacramento region to venture their way to the West Sacramento Community Center every third Thursday of the month for their regularly scheduled meetings.

Hayes said the goal of the guild and the gallery is to bring like-minded individuals together to express themselves in a healthy and collaborative way.

Guild members meet every third Thursday of the month from 6 to 8 p.m.

The next art guild meeting is scheduled for Oct. 16, and the theme is "Arts in the Heart," according to Gallery 1075's link on the City of Sacramento's website. To learn more about Gallery 1075, visit <https://www.cityofwestsacramento.org/government/departments/parks-recreation/community-center/gallery-1075>.

To learn more about the West Sacramento Art Guild, visit its Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100063183012604> or follow the City of West Sacramento's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/CityofWestSacramento>.

"We're trying to get as many different individuals together that love the arts to celebrate the art in West Sacramento," Hayes said.



Members of the West Sacramento Art Guild and spectators of the guild's monthly meeting chat over refreshments in Gallery 1075, located within the West Sacramento Community Center at 1075 W. Capitol Ave. Photo courtesy of Gallery 1075 Curator Evan Harté

## Council Approves Homelessness Program Changes

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individuals using the Downtown Streets Team program.

These services include finding and maintaining secure permanent housing but also address the "underlying issues" leading to their homelessness.

Downtown Streets Team also provided services to individuals who are "justice-impacted, systemic trauma" and those "out of the workforce for an extended period of time."

The Downtown Streets Team organization announced in late August that its doors were closing, due to political and financial challenges. Founded in Palo Alto in 2005, the organization worked in 16 communities on homelessness issues and street litter, communities including West Sacramento, Davis, Sacramento, Modesto, San Francisco, San Jose and Santa Cruz.

"The funding landscape for nonprofits and community-based organizations at large has shifted in an extreme way and we are feeling the impacts of that," Downtown Streets Team CEO Julie Gardner said in an Aug. 30 Modesto Bee story.

Under the two West Sacramento contracts, Downtown Streets Team employed seven full-time case managers, two managers and two part-time assistants at a total cost of \$852,203.

Under the city model, the assistants and manager/director positions are eliminated, with seven, limited-term "Program Tech I" hires serving as case managers at a total cost of \$924,300.

With Downtown Streets Team closing its doors by the end of October, Huerta said, speed in hiring is essential to maintaining services to existing clients. According to a staff report, the move to in-house will also ensure consistent and high-quality documentation of services, allocate staff where program needs are greatest and provide operational flexibility.

"It is definitely going to be a challenge to hire so many people at once," Huerta added.

The move also preserves the "Encampment Cleanup & Support" portion of the program. West Sacramento was in negotiations with Downtown Streets

Team to continue the program that provided three part-time positions, one part-time driver and one program manager at an annual cost of \$370,000.

Moving this program in-house will instead employ three Tier II "extra help laborers" to engage in camp clean up on an interim basis at a cost of \$115,390. As with the case management services, manager duties will be absorbed by current city staff. Besides salaries and benefits, in-house costs include equipment and training.

According to the report, the combined costs for the in-house program will produce a savings of \$235,000. Furthermore, case management services are covered by more than \$1.157 million in grant funding while council dedicated \$422,507 in Measure E tax receipts in the 2025-2026 budget to the cleanup program.

While asking questions about the costs and funding sources, Councilwoman Dawnté Early expressed concerns about the increased workload on management staff. She told program manager James Mayoral that absorbing former management

duties and responsibilities could mean "more work for you."

"What gets put to the side?" Early asked.

Mayoral said that it wouldn't amount to a huge change in his and others' duties. The change would provide more opportunity and flexibility in handling cases, according to Mayoral.

Councilmember Verna Sulpizio Hull and Councilwoman Quirina Orozco expressed concerns about the city retaining aspects of the Downtown Streets Team program under the in-house model.

Orozco pointed to factors that made the program unique to West Sacramento while Sulpizio Hull referenced the organization's "weekly success meetings," one of which Orozco attended and left her emotional from the power of its impact.

"How do we not lose this as we take this in house?" Orozco asked.

There will be plenty of opportunities to build relationships for individuals at the housing sites, Mayoral said, while also getting them involved in the community in a way that will

improve their situation.

Huerta added that those weekly meetings had much value and it would be looked at how to possibly continue the meetings under the in-house model.

Several nonprofit organizations in the region could take on these services, said Early, asking why the city hadn't reached out to them for proposals on doing the work.

Due to Downtown Streets Team's sudden closure, Huerta said, there wasn't enough time to bring on another outside source for the services. Doing so would require the city to go through the formal request for proposal process, which takes time.

"The staff feels we can make this work," Huerta added.

Mayor Martha Guerrero thanked Huerta, Mayoral and the rest of their staff for the quick response to the closure and willingness to take on the work. Several council members work with homelessness, Guerrero said, and the council as a collective body has plenty of experience with the issue.

"We're here. You're not alone," Guerrero added. ★

## PG&E Assistance Day Helps Customers

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reduction on energy bills for those customers. According to the 2025 Residential California Climate Credit Schedules for Electric and Natural Gas on the California Public Utilities Commission's website, residential PG&E customers received a \$58.23 credit on their bill in April and can

expect the same credit on their October bill.

"Every spring and fall, millions of California residents receive the California Climate Credit on their electric and natural gas bills. The California Climate Credit is part of California's efforts to fight climate change," the utilities commission's website said.

To learn about PG&E's financial assistance programs, visit [www.pge.com/en/account/billing-and-assistance/financial-assistance.html](http://www.pge.com/en/account/billing-and-assistance/financial-assistance.html).

To learn more about the California Climate Credit, visit [www.cpuc.ca.gov/industries-and-topics/natural-gas/greenhouse-gas-cap-and-trade-program/california-climate-credit](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/industries-and-topics/natural-gas/greenhouse-gas-cap-and-trade-program/california-climate-credit) ★

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# Meals on Wheels Reflects on 50th Anniversary

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annual basis is our highest priority, so we can preserve service to the more than 1,200 seniors depending upon us and hold out hope to reach more older adults who need us as the baby boom generation ages and the senior population explodes. Federal and state government provides only 15 percent of our annual budget, and there are no ongoing county funds.”

To avoid joining the club of senior nutrition organizations nationwide cutting seniors’ access to meals to stay afloat financially, as well as to address a growing wait list locally for meals, Meals on Wheels Yolo is celebrating its 50th anniversary with both a themed “50-For-50 Challenge” campaign and the launch of “Club EAT – Eat, Age, Thrive,” recognizing community investments in Meals on Wheels Yolo’s mission to nourish and engage seniors in Yolo County.

“It costs \$4,000 per senior annually to freshly prepare and transport 240 home-delivered meals, offer more than 100 wellness checks at the front door, perform quarterly in-person and phone reassessments by trained staff and connect seniors with other critical community resources as needed to age in place healthily and safely,” Cohan said. “The safety net provided is so much more than just a meal, and it’s laborious and logistics-intensive to provide. Thus, the urgent need for donor engagement, and increased volunteerism, as well.”

The “50-For-50

Challenge” invites at least 50 donors to sponsor a senior for a year, or for any part of a year that represents a meaningful gift for the donor.

“While an investment of \$4,000 to ‘adopt’ a local senior for a year is amazing, \$83 provides for a senior for a week, and any amount in between advances what Meals on Wheels Yolo can continue to accomplish in a time of mounting uncertainty,” Cohan added. “Volunteer time also can both offset some staff expenses and increase Meals on Wheels Yolo’s reach to locations where seniors are awaiting the nutrition and engagement at the heart of our mission.”

Nearly 200 seniors currently are on the wait list for Meals on Wheels Yolo’s home-delivered meals services. As recently as a year ago, Meals on Wheels Yolo was fiscally positioned to onboard seniors to nutrition programs immediately and no wait list existed.

Despite assessments to ensure that the very most vulnerable seniors are placed at the top of the list, staff and board members worry that too many seniors are at risk of unhealthy, unsafe living conditions as a result of Meals on Wheels Yolo’s current inability to serve them all.

“It’s with great pride and a feeling of tremendous responsibility that our staff and our board serve as a lifeline for so many hungry and isolated aging adults,” said Meals on Wheels Yolo Board Chair Bridget Levich. “We are challenged by a constrained budget to stay fully staffed,

compensate competitively and provide for employees’ own well-being amidst these circumstances.”

A significant source of community pride over the organization’s 50-year history has been Meals on Wheels Yolo’s institutional meal production facility, known as the Meals on Wheels-Sutter Health Senior Nutrition Center. Originally in a far smaller, outdated location in Woodland and now in a more modern, recently re-equipped setting in Winters (formerly the Buckhorn Restaurant’s catering facility prior to the pandemic), the site offers Meals on Wheels Yolo’s Food Services team the capacity to produce, package and transport meals on a scale more appropriate to the county’s full need, which points to more than 8,000 seniors living in poverty per the 2020 Census.

The meal production facility also makes Meals on Wheels Yolo an outlier amongst senior nutrition programs in the region. Most such programs, including those in neighboring Sacramento and Solano counties, don’t operate their own kitchens. Rather, they source meals from mass meal manufacturers or restaurants, often at a higher price and with less opportunity for a fresh and local approach.

“Again, thanks to one-time, pandemic-era investments that positioned Meals on Wheels Yolo in a facility capable of transforming the quality of life for seniors in our communities, there is an historic opportunity to care for older adults in Yolo



William Thurston, a Meals on Wheels Yolo West Sacramento meal recipient, praises the organization for helping him recover after a hospital visit. Photo courtesy of Meals on Wheels Yolo

County, if Meals on Wheels Yolo can inspire and sustain the consistent revenue required to maximize the potential of the location and of the organization,” Cohan said.

In addition to outreach about the “50-For-50 Challenge” to private donors this fall, Meals on Wheels Yolo is leveraging the meal production facility to provide supplementary reimbursement revenue by contracting with other senior nutrition programs and nonprofit organizations serving seniors to provide their meals. These include organizations for seniors in Colusa, Butte, Yuba and Sutter counties, as well as Dignity Health’s Yolo Adult Day Health Center and Yolo Cares’ Galileo Place Adult Day Center and Joshua’s House Hospice for

unhoused individuals.

“While compassionate, generous Yolo County residents continue to be called upon to provide more than 75 percent of Meals on Wheels Yolo’s annual budget to perform our mission, embracing and supplementing with social enterprise may further avoid the heartbreak of denying assistance to seniors whom we’re currently nourishing, as well as an expanded wait list,” Cohan said. “It’s necessary, even though it compounds the complex, logistics-intensive nature of our daily work.”

Social enterprise is an entrepreneurial approach to a nonprofit’s business operations, providing goods or services to propel the mission of other social benefit organizations, and enabling the nonprofit provider to

reinvest the earnings back into its own charitable mission.

“Meals on Wheels Yolo’s drive and innovation over the past few years to chase every opportunity to nourish and engage more seniors and in previously unserved and underserved areas of the county has been dynamic,” said Yolo County Supervisor Lucas Frerichs. “While Meals on Wheels Yolo is steeped in tradition as a reliable community resource for the elderly, it’s going to require an increasingly clever approach to remain so, as the organization’s next 50 years unfolds.”

Recalling his return home from a recent hospital stay, Meals on Wheels Yolo meal recipient William Thurston of West Sacramento spoke about recovering alone, as well as a reliance on processed foods before connecting with Meals on Wheels Yolo for healthy, hearty meals and friendly doorstep visits by the volunteers delivering them.

“I was in dire straits when I got out of the hospital,” Thurston said. “I couldn’t stand up for very long. I couldn’t even cook a pot of soup; that’s how bad it was. I was in a wheelchair and it looked like life was over. But then I found the Meals on Wheels program.”

To learn more about Meals on Wheels Yolo’s mission to nourish and engage seniors in Yolo County, donate to the “50-For-50 Challenge,” volunteer or connect with nutrition services, visit <https://mowoyo.org>, email [info@mowoyo.org](mailto:info@mowoyo.org) or call 530-662-7035. ★

## Pumpkins at the Patch

*Carve A Path, Pick a Patch, It’s Pumpkin Season*



In West Sacramento, Dave’s Pumpkin Patch opened on Sept. 20 and is located at 3010 Burrows Ave. The patch is an establishment of Vierra Farms, according to the farm’s website at [www.vierrafarms.com](http://www.vierrafarms.com).

**Story and photo by Seth Henderson**

**YOLO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - As the fall season sets in, pumpkin patches begin to open in Yolo County with locations in West Sacramento, Woodland and Davis, offering attractions, food and entertainment for all ages.

In West Sacramento, Dave’s Pumpkin Patch opened on Sept. 20 and is located at 3010 Burrows Avenue. The patch is an establishment of Vierra Farms, according to the farm’s website. Events are marked on the website’s “Calendar of Events” tab through Oct. 31. Events include live music, a corn maze, movie nights, “Boots and Brews” and “Farm to Fork Friday Night Dinners.”

On Oct. 17, Dave’s Pumpkin Patch is scheduled to have a “Kings Night” featuring Slamson and the Sacramento Kings to celebrate the King’s season, according to the pumpkin

patch’s website. The event will take place from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and kids wearing Kings gear will receive a free mini pumpkin. To learn more about Dave’s Pumpkin patch at Vierra Farms, visit <https://www.vierrafarms.com>.

Bobby Dazzler’s Pumpkin Patch in Woodland, located at 23300 County Road 99D, also opened for pumpkin season on Sept. 20 with free admission, free parking and a free play zone. Dazzler Farms features locally-grown pumpkins, with some grown on site and others trucked in from other local fields.

The site consists of eight different attractions, including a hay maze, corn bath, bounce house, bungee jump, cow train, face painting and petting zoo. Attractions outside of the play zone require tickets that can be purchased online or in person at the ticket booth.

Ticket purchases do not guarantee admission to

attractions, according to the website. Attraction tickets are limited and attractions may be canceled at any time due to weather as a safety precaution. To learn more about Dazzler Farms, visit <https://www.dazzlerfarms.com/patch>.

Slated to open in October is Impossible Acres, located at 37945 County Road. 31 in Davis. According to the organization’s website, events are scheduled at Incredible Acres from Oct. 1 through Oct. 31.

Impossible Acres features an Animal Barn with \$7 admission for children aged one to 12 years, including free admission for one adult. Admission to the Animal Barn for ages 13 and up is \$4 and the establishment accepts cash by \$20 denominations or below in addition to tap-to-pay.

To learn more about Impossible Acres, visit its website at <https://impossibleacres.com/> or call 530-750-0451. ★

## Bridge Repair on South River Road Underway

*Full Lane Closures Expected*

**Yolo County News Release**

**CLARKSBURG, CA (MPG)** - Sacramento County’s construction contractor is currently repairing the bridge over Sutter Slough on South River Road, approximately eight miles south in the town of Clarksburg. The road’s name as it continues south of the bridge is Sutter Slough Bridge Road. The project, managed and funded by Sacramento County, began earlier this month and is scheduled to continue through Friday, Oct. 10, weather permitting. The work is necessary

to repair structural damage caused by a truck collision last year.

To complete the work, lane closures with alternating traffic are scheduled weekdays during the week of Sept. 2 to 5, Sept. 8 to 12, Sept. 29 to Oct. 3 and Oct. 6 to 10.

Full bridge closure was in effect the week of Sept. 15 to 19 and the week of Sept. 22 to 26. Full closure is required to safely complete work across the entire bridge deck.

Travelers should expect delays and are encouraged to use alternate routes during the closures. Detour signage is in place,

and local access to properties and businesses within the closed section will be maintained. The bridge is expected to be fully open to traffic on weekends.

For the latest updates, visit Sacramento County’s webpage for Road and Lane Closures at [www.SacCounty.gov](http://www.SacCounty.gov). Yolo County continues to update its road closures map as information is shared by Sacramento County at [www.YoloCounty.gov/road-closures](http://www.YoloCounty.gov/road-closures). The public is urged to slow down and obey all construction signs and flaggers when traveling through the work zone. ★

## Community Harvest Festival

### Saturday, October 11th

### 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

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# Crime Reports

## WEST SACRAMENTO



### ARREST REPORTS

**Sergey Aleksandr Perepelitsin**, 30, was arrested Friday, Sept. 5 on Riverpoint Court by West Sacramento Police for petty theft of retail merchandise. This was a merchant detention.

**Chelsea Nicole Payne**, 36, was arrested Thursday, Sept. 11 at Jefferson Boulevard and Merkley Avenue by West Sacramento Police for multiple outstanding warrants. Officer on patrol observed Payne, known to have outstanding warrants. A records check confirmed the warrants and Payne was transported to Yolo County Jail.

**Amanda Claire Castilione**, 34, was arrested Friday, Sept. 12 on Cummins Way by West Sacramento Police for multiple outstanding warrants. Officer conducted an enforcement stop on a vehicle in violation of multiple California Vehicle Codes. The front passenger identified herself as Castilione and informed the officer she may have an outstanding warrant. Officer conducted a records check and found multiple warrants including a felony no-bail and Castilione was transported to Yolo County Jail.

**Larry Ray Richey**, 30, was cited Saturday, Sept. 13 for shoplifting at Town Center Plaza by West Sacramento Police and provided a Notice to Appear.

**James David Fischer**, 39, was arrested Saturday, Sept. 13 on F Street by West Sacramento Police. Officer was dispatched to the location for report of a kidnapping that occurred in Sacramento. Per the reporting party, the vehicle was headed to the West Sacramento location. Officer arrived on the scene, observed the reported vehicle and conducted a high-risk stop. The passenger, identified as Fischer, was found to have an outstanding felony warrant and was transported to Yolo County Jail.

**Jazmine Cheyeam Ramirez**, 30, was arrested Sunday, Sept. 14 at Harbor Boulevard and Rice Avenue by West Sacramento Police for an outstanding felony warrant. Officer was dispatched to the location for report of a female subject standing on the roof of a truck. Upon arrival, officer located Ramirez, who pointed to a male on the sidewalk and said she didn't want to be around him. The officer confirmed Ramirez was not the victim of a crime and that no other crimes had been committed. A records check revealed the warrant and she was taken into custody and transported to Yolo County Jail.

**London Ferrell Standifer**, 60, was arrested Tuesday, Sept. 16 at 5th Street and Bridge Street by West Sacramento Police. Officers were dispatched to Riverfront Street for a battery that had just occurred. Investigation revealed the victim asked Standifer to leave the property and not go through the trash, at which time Standifer punched them in the face. Standifer left and the victim called 911. Officers attempted to detain Standifer a short distance away, but he refused to follow verbal commands and attempted to flee. Officers attempted to physically detain him and he willfully and physically resisted them. Standifer grabbed the collar of an officer's uniform and damaged it. After continuing to resist, Standifer was eventually arrested and the victim signed a citizen's arrest form, wishing to prosecute. A records check revealed Standifer was also a sex registrant and not in compliance. He was transported to Yolo County Jail, charged with battery, resisting an officer and failing to register as a sex offender.

**Alan I. Waldman**, 70, was arrested Tuesday, Sept. 16 on West Capitol Avenue by West Sacramento Police. Officer responded to a vandalism call at the location. It was reported that a man smashed building windows and threw his feces along the building walls, causing more than \$1,000 of damage. Officers located a man matching the description, identified as Waldman, and a records check revealed outstanding warrants. Waldman was transported to Yolo County Jail for the warrants and vandalism.

**Angelo Marko Moreno**, 37, was transported Tuesday, Sept. 16 from Rio Cosumnes Correctional Center on Bruceville Road to Yolo County Jail by West Sacramento Police for outstanding warrants.

### INCIDENTS / CRIME REPORTS

**Thursday, Sept. 4** – victim on California Street reports he left his vehicle unlocked in the parking lot when he returned home. Later that day, he noticed miscellaneous items valued at \$115 had been taken, including a work badge, phone charger, sunglasses, and more.

**Saturday, Sept. 6** – victim reports their vehicle was broken into at a residential facility on Madrone Avenue by an unknown subject. Various items were stolen, including AirPods, cash, documents and mechanic tools. Loss valued at \$650.

**Saturday, Sept. 6** – victim on Apache Street reports that unknown suspect(s) fraudulently obtained approximately \$2,500 from them via an email scam.

**Sunday, Sept. 7** – victim reports unknown suspect(s) gained access to his vehicle at a service station on Riverfront Street and took items of value. Suspect(s) fled the scene, committing grand theft and theft by use of access card information; loss valued at \$4,310.

**Tuesday, Sept. 9** – victim reports an unknown suspect broke the GPS and screen on their vehicle at a residential facility on Lighthouse Drive. Damage value estimated at \$2,000.

**Tuesday, Sept. 9** – victim reports an unknown suspect broke their vehicle windshield while at a store on Ikea Court. Damage value estimated at \$1,000.

**Wednesday, Sept. 10** – victim on Marigold Street reports unknown suspect(s) broke out the window to their garage and fled the scene. Damage value estimated at \$2,000.

**Wednesday, Sept. 10** – victim at a residential facility on Roaring Creek Street reports theft of a package by an unknown suspect. Video on Ring camera captured the suspect dumping the box. Unknown value of loss.

**Friday, Sept. 12** – victim in a single-family home on Limewood Road reports an unknown suspect took a package from their porch. Package contents were worth \$9,000.

**Friday, Sept. 12** – victim reports 3 bicycles, valued at \$6,182, were taken by unknown suspect(s) from the apartment storage room on Mill Street.

**Sunday, Sept. 14** – a business on West Capitol Avenue reports a commercial burglary with the subject caught on surveillance video. A laptop computer and liquor, valued at \$12,001 were taken.

**Monday, Sept. 15** – victim reports unknown suspect(s) broke two windows on their vehicle in a parking lot on Evergreen Circle. Suspect(s) took a sports jacket and a bucket of tools and miscellaneous items, valued at \$2,750, then fled the scene.

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(916) 371-5875  
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# Women's and Children's Center Celebrates Decade of Care

## More than 61,605 Babies Delivered There So Far

### Sutter Health News Release

*Editor's Note: The Anderson Lucchetti Women's and Children's Center's patients are from throughout Northern California and beyond, including from Sacramento, Yuba/Sutter, Yolo, Placer, El Dorado and Stanislaus counties. The center held a 10th-anniversary celebration on Aug. 21.*

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - When Sutter Medical Center, Sacramento's new Anderson Lucchetti Women's and Children's Center opened in Midtown on Aug. 8, 2015, expectant mothers and new families were welcomed with the highest standard of maternity and pediatric care in Sacramento.

From beginning to end of the birth plan, parents received care in spacious suites with their newborn on the top patient floor of midtown Sacramento's tallest building with great views. Then, as their child grew up, parents knew that they could continue to receive exceptional care in the same facility.

In the past 10 years, Sutter Medical Center, Sacramento has welcomed more newborns than in any decade of its 100-year history: 61,605 babies, to be exact.

But the Anderson Lucchetti Women's and Children's Center is far more than a place to welcome new life. It houses Northern California's largest and most advanced neonatal intensive care unit and a high-risk maternity ward where mothers receive round-the-clock care to give their babies a healthy start. It also includes a comprehensive pediatric hospital within its walls, treating children facing complex, cardiac, oncological, neurological and other serious conditions.

"We're proud to provide not just advanced medical treatments but a healing environment where mothers and children feel supported, safe and truly cared for every step of their journey," said Rachael McKinney, president of Sutter Health's Greater Sacramento Division and interim CEO of Sutter Medical Center, Sacramento.

In 2005, the Anderson and Lucchetti families generously committed \$18 million to Sutter Health to support the Women's and Children's Center's construction. A decade later, in August 2015, the Anderson Lucchetti Women's and Children's Center opened as a 395,241-square-foot, 242-bed acute-care hospital where patients and their families could obtain the highest level of neonatal and pediatric intensive care services, pediatric cardiac, neurological and cancer services, and high-risk and conventional maternity



**The Bradley family of Manteca and their 10-year-old triplets help celebrate the 10th anniversary of Sutter Health's Anderson Lucchetti Women's and Children's Center in midtown Sacramento on Aug. 21. The triplets were born premature at Sutter Memorial Hospital in East Sacramento and were transferred on Aug. 8, 2015 to the NICU (Neonatal Intensive Care Unit) at the new Anderson Lucchetti Women's and Children's Center. In front are the triplets, from left, Carly, Ally and Sydney; holding photos of the day they were born. In back, from left, are parents Wendy and Todd Bradley, Sutter Children's Center Medical Director Craig Swanson, Sutter Health Greater Sacramento Division President Rachael McKinney, and Sutter Medical Center, Sacramento Women's and Children's Services executive Whitney Clark. Photo courtesy of Sutter Health**

services, as well as other services. Construction costs totaled \$821 million.

In its 100-year history, from the original Sutter Hospital to Sutter Memorial Hospital to the Anderson Lucchetti Women's and Children's Center, the number of babies born total 417,428, more than the city of Sacramento's population circa the year 2000.

In Anderson Lucchetti Women's and Children's Center's first 10 years, there have been 1,152 sets of twins, 35 sets of triplets and one set of quadruplets. The smallest baby weighed 13.6 ounces and the biggest baby weighed 15 pounds, 7.3 ounces.

"Every baby born here represents a unique story of hope, resilience and the extraordinary care that our team is dedicated to providing," said Whitney Clark, women's and children's services executive for Sutter Medical Center, Sacramento. "From the tiniest premies to the biggest bundles of joy, we are honored to support families through every miracle and milestone."

For 50 years, Sutter Medical Center, Sacramento has been on the forefront of care for women with high-risk pregnancies and their babies, who often need the advanced care of a NICU (Neonatal Intensive Care Unit). To help ensure these babies are delivered as healthy as possible, the high-risk maternity physicians (known as perinatologists) help mothers carry their pregnancies as long as medically safe. Extended hospital stays are common for these mothers, sometimes lasting

many weeks or even months, making the hospital their home away from home.

The Anderson Lucchetti Women's and Children's Center was built with a special unit designed especially for them. The 21 all-private, spacious rooms allow mothers to relax comfortably, welcome visits from family and even personalize the space to feel like home.

"Our goal is to support both mother and baby through every step of their high-risk pregnancy, giving them the best chance for a healthy delivery," said Dr. William Gilbert, Sutter Health's longtime perinatologist and women's service line medical director. "The private, comfortable rooms at Anderson Lucchetti provide a nurturing environment that helps reduce stress and promote healing, making a challenging time a little easier for families."

When planning the new hospital, leadership was adamant that a helistop for medical emergency helicopters be included. The Anderson Lucchetti Women's and Children's Center helistop has been a lifesaver for hundreds of families. To date, more than 1,500 babies and expectant mothers with complicated pregnancies have been transported by medical helicopter to the facility.

"Having the helistop right on the roof means we can get critically-ill babies and moms the care they need faster than ever before," said Dr. Gustavo Sosa, neonatologist and medical director of the NICU. "It's made a huge impact on how quickly we can respond in

emergencies and that speed can be life-changing. For families facing high-risk situations, this facility offers hope and reassurance when every second matters."

The Sutter NICU began 51 years ago to provide high-quality care to fragile infants. But as more babies needed the advanced services offered at Sutter Memorial Hospital, the NICU outgrew its location. The Anderson Lucchetti Women's and Children's Center's NICU has 61 beds, each in an area that provides privacy for families.

Even after 10 years, Wendy and Todd Bradley of Manteca, who had triplets, talk glowingly about the center's NICU.

"We were really impressed by the cutting-edge technology and the family-friendly atmosphere at the Anderson Lucchetti Women's and Children's Center," Wendy Bradley said. "The new NICU's modern design and spacious rooms gave our family so much more comfort and privacy, which made a world of difference during a stressful time. It truly felt like a place built with families like ours in mind."

The new NICU was the first in Northern California to be outfitted with Angel Eye, a camera system that allows parents to check in on their little ones remotely via smartphone or computer and was a game changer during the COVID-19 pandemic. The system was made possible through donations to a nonprofit organization started by a Sutter NICU family.

The facility made national

headlines when its pediatric heart program successfully performed the first minimally-invasive surgeries on little patients. Instead of opening the chest and cracking the sternum, heart surgeons use a pioneering technique that accesses the heart through a small port underneath the armpit. This method helps children grow up without a long chest scar and recover much faster.

It is one of the many innovative approaches that pediatric interventional cardiologists and heart surgeons have been using at the new Anderson Lucchetti Women's and Children's Center.

Kristal Imbrie's daughter, Ariel, who has Down syndrome and has appeared in several advertisements, was the first in the nation to undergo the minimally-invasive surgery.

"That approach avoided so many complications during recovery: no need to stay still as long, no ribs being cut," Imbrie said. "Especially for a child with special needs, it meant she could bounce back faster. It was like she was on espresso."

The pediatric intensive care unit is equipped to handle a wide range of complex medical conditions, including respiratory failure, sepsis, trauma and complications from chronic illnesses. This specialized unit ensures that children receive the highest level of care during critical times, which includes 20 beds and an additional 10 beds dedicated to pediatric cardiovascular care.

The pediatric ICU also collaborates closely with other specialized departments within Sutter Children's Center, such as pediatric neurology and oncology.

"At our pediatric ICU, we focus on giving each child the care and attention they need when it matters most," said Pediatric Critical Care Director Dr. Daniel Falco. "From breathing problems to complex conditions like cancer or neurological issues, our team works closely together to make sure every child gets the right treatment. By teaming up across specialties, we're able to provide seamless care that supports the whole child and their family through tough times."

*Sutter Medical Center, Sacramento, which consists of the Ose Adams Medical Pavilion and Anderson Lucchetti Women's and Children's Center, is Sutter Health's flagship hospital and includes nationally-renowned institutes for cardiac, neurosciences and oncology care. Sutter Health is a not-for-profit healthcare system. Learn more at [sutterhealth.org](https://sutterhealth.org) and [vitals.sutterhealth.org](https://vitals.sutterhealth.org).* ★

# Sign Up for School Pesticide Notifications

### California Safe Schools News Release

**CALIFORNIA STATE (MPG)** - California Safe Schools, a nonprofit organization dedicated to children's environmental health and safety, reminds parents, guardians, teachers and school staff at all California K-12 public schools and childcare centers to file the Right to Know Pesticide Use Notification form at the start of the school year.

This form is mandated under California legislation, the Healthy Schools Act.

Filing this form with your school office ensures that you receive advance notification of any pesticide applications in or around the school site. It is a critical safeguard and part of each school's commitment to maintaining a safe and healthy learning environment.

Under the Healthy Schools Act, a "school site" is defined as any facility used for public day care, kindergarten, elementary or secondary school purposes. The term includes the buildings or structures, playgrounds, athletic fields, school vehicles or any other area of school property visited or used by pupils. "School site" does not include postsecondary educational facilities attended by secondary pupils or private day care or school facilities.

The Right to Know Notification requires schools to provide at least 72 hours' advance notice before any pesticide application on a campus.

In rare cases when pesticides must be used immediately to address a health or safety emergency, schools can apply them without the standard 72-hour advance notice.

However, the Healthy Schools Act requires that the school district designee make every effort to provide the required notification, even under emergency conditions.

Filing the Right to Know Pesticide Use Notification with your school's Main Office ensures that you will receive alerts before applications occur. This allows parents, guardians or teachers to make informed decisions on application days. Notification can be requested for any reason, not solely for known health concerns.

The Right to Know Pesticide Use Notification program began with the Los Angeles Unified School District's groundbreaking Integrated Pest

Management (IPM) Policy in 1999. This policy embraces the precautionary principle, the idea that if an action or policy has a suspected risk of causing harm to the public or environment, precautionary measures should be taken, even without conclusive scientific evidence. As part of this approach, Los Angeles Unified School District has not used Roundup for more than 20 years, setting an important precedent in protecting children's health. The success of the Los Angeles Unified School District's

Integrated Pest Management policy led directly to the passage of the California Healthy Schools Act of 2000.

The "Right to Know" notifications are a critical tool that ensure parents, guardians, teachers and staff remain informed, connected and empowered within their school community.

"For more information about pesticide application policies at your school, visit your school's website or contact the school or school district directly," said Robina Suwol, founder and executive director of California Safe Schools.

Learn more about the California Healthy Schools Act at [https://www.cdpr.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/hsa\\_factsheet.pdf](https://www.cdpr.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/hsa_factsheet.pdf) and see the full text at [http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/99-00/bill/asm/ab\\_2251\\_2300/ab\\_2260\\_bill\\_20000927\\_chaptered.pdf](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/99-00/bill/asm/ab_2251_2300/ab_2260_bill_20000927_chaptered.pdf).

The California Safe Schools website is <https://www.calisafe.org/> and the California Department of Pesticide Regulation's website is <https://www.cdpr.ca.gov/>.

*California Safe Schools is dedicated to protecting the health and safety of students, teachers, and school staff through education, advocacy, and policy initiatives that promote safe learning environments across California. California Safe Schools spearheaded the effort to create the Los Angeles Unified School District's celebrated Integrated Pest Management Policy in 1999 that led to California legislation such as the Healthy Schools Act.* ★



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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250711  
The following person(s) is doing business as: The Rose Ranch, 53340 S River Road, Clarksburg, CA 95612.

Clinton Wayne Beers and Grace Davis Beers, 421 45<sup>th</sup> Street, Sacramento, CA 95819. This business is conducted by A Married Couple. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on August 11, 2025.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on August 15, 2025.  
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250750  
The following person(s) is doing business as: Aziz Auto, 1540 South River Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

Supreme Quality Solutions LLC, 529 Lilac Lane, West Sacramento, CA 95691. 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 July 15, 2025.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on August 28, 2025.  
By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250660  
The following person(s) is doing business as: Busy Bee Me, 3405 Savannah Lane Apt 525, West Sacramento, CA 95691

Mari E Gavelovksa, 3405 Savannah Lane Apt 525, 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 January 1, 2025. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 7/25/2025.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250661  
The following person(s) is doing business as: Northern Star, 3153 White Fish Bay Street, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

Yari Ovid Gavelovsky 3153 White Fish Bay Street, West Sacramento, CA 95691. This business is conducted by An Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on June 18, 2025.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on July 25, 2025.

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NORTHERN 9-26-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250684  
The following person(s) is doing business as: Z5 Cognitive Wellness, 2108 N Street Suite N, Sacramento, CA 95816.

Zahra Sattaur Psychological Assessment Services PC, 2108 N Street Suite N, Sacramento, CA 95816. 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 August 5, 2025.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250718  
The following person(s) is doing business as:

**AR SIGNS, 14 W Cross St Apt 3, Woodland, CA 95695**, County of Yolo.

Adrian Aguilar, 14 W Cross St Apt 3, Woodland, CA 95695  
This business is conducted by Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A  
/s/ Adrian Aguilar

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 08/18/2025.

Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250700  
The following person(s) is doing business as:

**NIAPAS HAULING & GUTTERS, 5 DAWN DR, WOODLAND, CA 95695**, County of YOLO.  
MANUEL NIAPAS, 5 DAWN DR WOODLAND, CA 95695  
This business is conducted by INDIVIDUAL.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A  
/s/ MANUEL NIAPAS  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 08/13/2025.

Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder  
By: KQUAM, Deputy  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250701  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

JM Equipment Co., 610 Houston Street, West Sacramento, CA 95691 County of YOLO  
Mailing Address: 3000 Town Center, Suite 2700, Southfield, MI 48075  
North Coast Lift Truck, Inc., 3000 Town Center, Suite 2700, Southfield, MI 48075  
This business is conducted by a Corporation

The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

North Coast Lift Truck, Inc. S/ James Wiese, President  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 08/13/2025.

Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250752  
The following person(s) is doing business as: Betterlifewaps and Better Life Swaps and BLS, 813 Harbor Boulevard PMB #144 West Sacramento, CA 95691.

Andrea Hendrickson, 3287 Southerland 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 13, 2025.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on August 29, 2025.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy  
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BETTER 10-10-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250793  
The following person(s) is doing business as: FGS, 2224 Valley Oak Lane Unit 2063, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

Fatehgarh Sahib Team Inc, 2224 Valley Oak Lane Unit 2063, 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 August 4, 2025.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on September 10, 2025.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250737  
The following person(s) is doing business as:

**El Gabacho Engineers & Co., 352 Redwing Dr, Woodland, CA 95695**, County of Yolo. Optional Mailing Address: 311 W Civic Center Dr Ste B, Santa Ana, CA 92701  
El Gabacho Records L.L.C., 901 H St Ste 120, Sacramento, CA 95814

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The registrant commenced to

transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A

/s/ Christopher Lopez, CEO  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 08/26/2025.

Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder  
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CNS-3966318#  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250749  
The following person(s) is doing business as:

**DISCOVERY HUB, 414 MAIN ST WOODLAND, CA 95695**, County of YOLO.  
RACHEL FELT, 469 CAMELLIA WAY, VACAVILLE, CA 95688  
This business is conducted by INDIVIDUAL.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A  
/s/ RACHEL FELT  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 08/28/2025.

Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder  
By: KQUAM, Deputy  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250693  
The following person(s) is doing business as: FordsWoodWorkX, 2825 Gadwall Court, West Sacramento, 95691.

Steve Ford, 2825 Gadwall Court, 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 January 1, 2025.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250729  
The following person(s) is doing business as: Acasa Senior Care, 3086 Carmel Bay Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

RTA Investments, LLC., 3086 Carmel Bay Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691. 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 21, 2025.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on August 21, 2025.

By: Jesse Salinas, Deputy  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250774  
The following person(s) is doing business as:

**NORCAL HOT MOPS, 379 QUAIL DR, WOODLAND, CA 95695**, County of YOLO.  
SERGIO A VEGA, 379 QUAIL DR WOODLAND, CA 95695  
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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on 09/08/2025.

Jesse Salinas, County Clerk/Recorder  
By: KQUAM, Deputy  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. F20250768  
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**Dollar General Fresh Distribution Center 96510, 3771 Channel Drive, Suite 150, West Sacramento, CA 96691**, County of Yolo.  
Mailing Address: 100 Mission Ridge, Goodlettsville, TN 37072  
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/s/ Daniel M. Wolk, Judge of the Superior Court  
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**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME  
#CV2025-2214

Nasreen Akhtar has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Nasreen Akhtar Khan and Muhammed Latif to Muhammed Latif Khan and .Bibi Azeema to Bibi Azeema Khan

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on October 8, 2025, 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 18, 2025  
Samuel T. McAdam, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025  
AKHTAR 9-26-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME  
#CV2025-2410

Nancy has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Nancy to Nancy Basatia.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on October 15, 2025, 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 27, 2025  
Daniel M. Wolk, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: Sept 12, 19, 26, Oct 3, 2025  
NANCY 10-3-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME  
#CV2025-2507

Salvador Santos and Nicole Lambirth have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Jaxon Ryan Lambirth Santos to Jaxon Ryan Santos.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on November 4, 2025, 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: September 9, 2025  
Timothy L. Fall, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: Sept 26, Oct 3, 10, 17, 2025  
SANTOS 10-17-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF YOLO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME  
#CV2025-2239

Gilbert Cota has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Ryder James Morris to Ryder James Cota.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on November 4, 2025, 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: September 9, 2025  
Timothy L. Fall, Judge of the Superior Court  
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SANTOS 10-17-25

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME  
#CV2025-2239

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SANTOS 10-17-25

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Dated: September 9, 2025  
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title matter appear before this court on November 4, 2025, 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: September 16, 2025  
Timothy L. Fall, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: Sept 26, Oct 3, 10, 17, 2025  
COTA 10-17-25

**LIEN SALE**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION / LIEN SALE**

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DATED: September 5, 2025  
/S/ Stephanie D. Rice  
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**TRUSTEE SALE**

# Another Tuleyome Tale!

## Getting Up Close and Personal with Alkali Milkvetch

By Kristie Ehrhardt

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - Alkali Milkvetch (*Astragalus tener* var. *tener*) is a member of the legume or pea family. The pea family is the third largest family of flowering plants with about 750 genera and well over 19,000 species identified worldwide.

In California alone, there are more than 3,000 recognized species. They can range from diminutive herbaceous annuals to woody vines and shrubs to statuesque trees. Commonly recognized members of this large family range from important agricultural crops such as alfalfa, beans, clover, peanuts, peas and soybeans to the California native Western Redbud and the pretty, yet toxic, wisteria vine.

Many members of this family have a symbiotic relationship with nitrogen-fixing soil bacteria making them vital to agricultural soil health and quality. The family is characterized in part by their distinctive flower parts and shapes and compound leaves but are probably most recognized by their fruits which resemble pea-pods or beans. Some species of milkvetch (*Astragalus* sp.) that occur in California thrive in habitats that would be inhospitable to most other plants.

As the name suggests, Alkali Milkvetch is associated with alkaline or saline soils and can tolerate a higher PH level than many other species. Alkali Milkvetch is endemic to California which makes it extra special because it only occurs here.

It is a California Native Plant Society (CNPS) List 1B species, a plant that is rare, threatened or endangered in California (and in other parts of its global range, however Alkali Milkvetch occurs only in California).

California Native Plant Society List 1B species have endured significant population plunges and might meet the criteria for special-status species listing under the



Alkali Milkvetch is a small, wispy-looking herbaceous annual herb. It is a California Native Plant Society List 1B species, or a plant that is rare, threatened or endangered in California. Photo courtesy of Tuleyome

California Endangered Species Act. Alkali Milkvetch is also listed as a federal Species of Concern under the Federal Endangered Species Act.

Alkali Milkvetch is a relatively small, wispy-looking herbaceous annual herb. It ranges from about an inch and a half to nearly 12 inches tall. The leaves are pinnately compound (structurally like a feather) and they have three to 12 densely arranged pink to purple pea type flowers with elongated pea-shaped fruits that are about an inch long at maturity.

Historically, Alkali Milkvetch occurred in vernal pool regions from the Central Coast, Sacramento, Salinas and San Joaquin Valleys and the Bay Area. Frequently, other associated special-status plants and wildlife species also occur where Alkali Milkvetch is present which often affords the surrounding vernal pool landscape conservation protection.

Alkali Milkvetch is not only endemic to California but also to its habitat of alkaline vernal pools from Sacramento to the Bay Area. Vernal pools are depressions in the landscape underlain by a hard, impermeable layer of soil.

During the rainy months these depressions fill with water as the surrounding landscape becomes saturated – picture a hole in a waterlogged sponge. During the cooler winter months, these ponded depressions support many miniscule but very significant common and special-status invertebrate species such as fairy shrimp, clam shrimp, seed shrimp, copepods, aquatic beetles, aquatic snails and more.

These invertebrates provide a major food source for amphibians, shore birds and waterfowl migrating through the Pacific Flyway. As the weather warms up, the ponded pools gradually dry down leaving behind vibrant concentric rings of

stunningly colorful (and often endemic) plants and flowers. During the hot and dry summer months, vernal pools dry out completely leaving the once inundated and chromatic depressions barren, cracked and sunbaked.

However, the dehydrated soil at the pool bottoms is deceptive because it is packed with cysts and seeds for the next rainy season's crop of tiny but mighty fauna and flora. One of the special adaptations of vernal pool species is that cysts and seeds can remain dormant in the soil for years upon years until the necessary habitat conditions arise, a drought avoidance strategy beneficial to short-lived species. Although other global Mediterranean climates also maintain vernal pools, California's vernal pools support an immense diversity of plants and animals making them extraordinary. It is believed that historically, California supported seven million

acres of vernal pools, however today our state hosts less than ten percent of the original density as a result of land use changes and habitat fragmentation and degradation.

Although Alkali Milkvetch population numbers have been significantly reduced due to land use changes and loss of pollinators, there is a bright spot for the species. And it is nearly in our own backyards! Alkali Milkvetch was discovered in the vernal pools protected within the Woodland Regional Park Preserve (WRPP) boundaries.

Special care and consideration have been taken, and will continue, to ensure that the Woodland Regional Park Preserve design and encompassing walkways avoid the species and its habitat to preserve the populations on site. It is also believed that the species may benefit from managed grazing and other light land disturbances to help control

competition from non-native species.

Recently, a relatively large Alkali Milkvetch population was discovered in vernal pools that are also known to support Vernal Pool Tadpole Shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*), a federally endangered species near the city of Davis. Additional extant populations have been documented in Alameda, Napa, Merced and Solano Counties. Some of these populations are quite large and occur on protected land.

Conserving vernal pool landscapes preserves many endemic plant and wildlife species while also protecting an important part of California's ecosystem.

Kristie Ehrhardt is Tuleyome's Land Conservation and Stewardship Program Director. Tuleyome is a nonprofit conservation organization based in Woodland. For more information, go to [www.tuleyome.org](http://www.tuleyome.org) ★

## Autistic Children More Likely to Experience Persistent Stomach Problems

UC Davis Health  
News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Children diagnosed with autism are far more likely to experience ongoing gastrointestinal (GI) problems than their typically developing peers. That's the finding of a new UC Davis MIND Institute study published in *Autism*. The research also found that these stomach and digestive issues are linked to greater challenges with sleep, communication, sensory processing and behavior.

The study followed 475 children between the ages of two and 12, including 322 children with autism and 153 with typical development. Families participated in detailed physician-led interviews at multiple time points. This allowed researchers

to track both the frequency and persistence of gastrointestinal symptoms throughout childhood.

The findings show that autistic children were not only more likely to report GI problems, but they were also more likely to have multiple symptoms at once. It was also more likely for these symptoms to persist over many years. Importantly, these symptoms often did not have an identified medical cause. This highlights the need for clinicians and families to pay closer attention to children's overall health and well-being.

"The connection between autism and gut symptoms has not been fully understood. Parents often sense that their child is having digestive issues, but can't tell what is causing them," said Bibiana Restrepo, lead author of the study. She is

a developmental pediatrician and a professor in the Department of Pediatrics. "Our research shows that these symptoms are common, persistent, and can affect many areas of a child's daily life. By identifying and treating them, we may be able to improve both physical comfort and developmental outcomes."

### Stomach problems beyond digestion

Researchers evaluated nine common gastrointestinal symptoms, including constipation, diarrhea, abdominal pain and bloating. While occasional digestive issues are common in all children, the study revealed striking differences between groups.

Children with autism had more GI symptoms at every age studied. They were more likely to experience multiple GI symptoms at the same time. Their GI

symptoms were more likely to persist across childhood, rather than resolve quickly.

These symptoms were strongly associated with other health and behavioral challenges. Children with more frequent GI issues also showed higher rates of sleep difficulties, anxiety, irritability, communication challenges, sensory sensitivities and repetitive behaviors.

"This is a reminder that the brain and the body are deeply connected," said the study's senior author Christine Wu Nordahl. Nordahl is a professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences and directs the Autism Phenome Project at the MIND Institute. "When children are experiencing stomach pain or other GI problems, it doesn't just affect digestion. It can influence sleep, mood, and how they interact with the world around them."

### Addressing common gut issues for children with autism

Although gastrointestinal problems in autism have been reported before, this study is the first analysis of GI symptoms in autistic kids from early to middle childhood. It is also among the largest and most rigorous to track these symptoms over a decade of childhood development.

The researchers emphasize that many GI symptoms are treatable, even when they don't have an obvious medical diagnosis. Increased awareness among clinicians, educators and families can help ensure children get the care they need.

"For parents, this study validates what many have long observed: that GI symptoms are very common in children with autism," Restrepo said. "Clinicians should ask about these issues in routine visits, because effective treatment may help children feel better

and thrive."

The team hopes their findings will lead to greater collaboration between pediatricians, gastroenterologists and autism specialists. By addressing GI health as part of comprehensive autism care, children may gain relief from symptoms that interfere with their growth and development.

"This is not about finding a single cause," Nordahl added. "It's about recognizing the whole child. Supporting gastrointestinal health is one important step toward improving overall quality of life for children with autism."

This study was funded by the National Institute of Mental Health and the UC Davis MIND Institute. It was also supported by the MIND Institute Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Research Center. ★

# Sierra Donor Services Honors Hispanic Heritage Month

## Sierra Donor Services News Release

**WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept. 15–Oct. 15), Sierra Donor Services (SDS) is honoring the vital contributions of Latino donor heroes, transplant recipients and community leaders who are helping advance the mission of organ, eye and tissue donation across California.

“Hispanic Heritage Month is a time to recognize the incredible cultural richness and impact of Latino communities,” said Sean

Van Slyck, Chief Executive Officer of Sierra Donor Services. “We’re proud to work alongside Latino advocates and organizations that are driving awareness and saving lives through organ donation.”

People of color make up 80% of the state of California’s organ transplant waiting list, and nearly half identify as Hispanic or Latino. These communities remain significantly underrepresented on the donor registry. Factors such as language barriers, cultural beliefs and distrust of the health care community often

contribute to the gap.

To help address this disparity, Sierra Donor Services partners with 44 hospitals across Northern California and Nevada to support organ and tissue donation with compassion and cultural sensitivity. These institutions are vital in serving diverse communities, including many Hispanic families who face disproportionate health challenges and rely on access to life-saving transplants. Together, Sierra Donor Services and their partners work to ensure equitable care, honor donor legacies and save lives

across all communities they serve.

“I am living proof that organ donors save lives,” said Elizabeth Arteaga-Ortega, a heart and kidney transplant recipient. “I’m alive today because someone said ‘yes’ to donation. That decision gave me a second chance.”

Throughout Hispanic Heritage Month, Sierra Donor Services is launching a series of outreach efforts aimed at increasing donor registration and building trust within Latino communities:

“Historias de Esperanza”,

a social media campaign, highlights powerful personal stories from Latino donors, transplant recipients and community advocates to raise awareness and celebrate lives saved through donation.

The community partnership initiative means collaborating with organizations such as the National Association of Hispanic Nurses – Sacramento Chapter, Sol Collective and the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce to share culturally relevant education materials and help community members register as

organ and tissue donors.

Sierra Donor Services continues to strengthen connections with local Hispanic media outlets, including Radio Lazer, La Ranchera Radio, Telemundo, and Radio Santísimo, to amplify donation awareness and outreach.

As Sierra Donor Services celebrates its 40th anniversary, their team encourages all Californians, especially those in underrepresented communities, to consider joining them at Donevida.org. For more information, or to register as a donor, visit SierraDonor.org.

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# Smagina New Women's Tennis Assistant Coach

## Sacramento State Athletics News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Former Kansas and Washburn University standout Sonia Smagina joins the California State University, Sacramento women's tennis program as an assistant coach, head coach Sophie Breault announced Sept. 15.

The former assistant coach, Jack Maddocks, resigned to take the associate head coach position at Kansas for 2025-26.

"I'm thrilled to welcome Sonia to our coaching staff," Breault said. "She's a highly-motivated, driven and competitive coach who brings valuable experience from her playing career at Kansas and her coaching tenure at Washburn University. She knows what it takes to compete at the highest level and will help elevate our program and develop our student-athletes."

Smagina joins the Hornets after serving as an assistant tennis professional at the Eugene Swim & Tennis Club in Oregon for the last nine months following a decorated collegiate career with the Jayhawks and Ichabods.

The Penza, Russia native rose through the junior ranks to earn a spot on the roster at Kansas, where she was a four-year letter winner from 2018 to 2022. She was named to the All-Big 12 Freshman Team following her debut season when she finished a combined 17-4 in singles and 16-5 in doubles play, also picking up second-team all-conference honors in seconds and first-team doubles laurels.

The Jayhawks won the Big 12 Conference Tournament that



An All-American in both singles and doubles play, Sonia Smagina was also named the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association Player of the Year and was a first-team all-conference selection in both singles and doubles. Photo courtesy of Sacramento State Athletics

year, eventually advancing to the National Collegiate Athletic Association Tournament Round of 16 at Stanford before falling.

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, Smagina posted a 7-4 singles record at the No. 1 spot in the Jayhawks' lineup as a sophomore, including posting three wins over nationally ranked opponents before the season came to a premature end.

The next season, Smagina split time at the No. 1 and No. 2 singles positions, finishing 7-11 overall while winning five

matches in doubles play, then followed that up the next year by winning 16 matches overall, 10 of those during the spring season at the No. 3 spot in the lineup, while posting 12 more in doubles competition and helping Kansas to another National Collegiate Athletic Association Tournament berth.

After graduating with her degree in liberal arts and sciences, Smagina completed her final season of eligibility at Division II Washburn University in nearby Topeka, Kan., in

2022-23, posting a 30-3 singles record and a 26-5 mark in doubles play, eventually earning a No. 1 national ranking in singles and ranked as high as No. 5 in the country in doubles.

The 30 singles victories were the second-most in the history of the program at the time, while the 26 doubles triumphs were the sixth-most in a season.

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of the Year and was a first-team all-conference selection in both singles and doubles. She was also the Division II Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) Cup national runner-up during the fall, won the ITA Central Region Division II singles championship, and was a finalist for the region's doubles crown.

Following her playing career, Smagina served one season as a graduate assistant coach at Washburn for both the men's and women's programs while concurrently pursuing her MBA degree. Smagina helped the Ichabod women finish 20-6 overall for the program's first 20-win season since 2018-19, with seven victories over ranked opposition and a third consecutive trip to the National Collegiate Athletic Association Tournament. The team reached as high as No. 3 in the national rankings, the highest in program history.

On the men's side, Smagina helped the Washburn squad to a 20-5 overall record and an undefeated MIAA mark, making an appearance at the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II national championships for the second straight season and advancing to the round of 16. During the fall, the Ichabods claimed a regional singles title, the program's first ITA Cup national title in doubles, and a berth in the Division II fall national championships.

Smagina compiled 12 singles and 23 career doubles wins on the International Tennis Federation pro circuit, ranked as high as No. 1,012 in the world in singles and No. 576 in doubles. ★

## Butler Nominated for Roberto Clemente Award



Lawrence Butler's nomination highlights a season defined by leadership and impact beyond the diamond for the Athletics. Photo by Seth Henderson

### Athletics News Release

**WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Major League Baseball announced that Lawrence Butler has been named the Athletics' nominee for the 2025 Roberto Clemente Award, one of the most prestigious honors in the sport.

The Roberto Clemente Award annually recognizes the Major League player who best represents the game of baseball through extraordinary character, community involvement, philanthropy and positive contributions on and off the field.

Butler's nomination highlights a season defined by leadership and impact beyond the diamond. Through the L4W Foundation,

Butler has created opportunities for inner-city youth by providing financial education, elite baseball training and meaningful mentorship.

Butler has also been an active presence in the Sacramento community, participating in events including Nike RBI Camps, hospital visits at UC Davis Children's Hospital and MLB's Dream Series.

The Athletics were proud to honor Butler during a pregame ceremony on Sept. 23, after press time.

There are 30 nominees for the Roberto Clemente Award. A's fans can help celebrate Butler's impact by casting their vote online for the Roberto Clemente Award winner at [MLBTogether.com/clementeaward](https://MLBTogether.com/clementeaward) through Sept. 28. ★

## Palmatier Picks Up Second Big Sky Weekly Honor



Folsom native Izzy Palmatier won her first award of the year on Aug. 26, following her shutout of Oregon, to open the Outrigger Soccer Kickoff in Honolulu, finishing with eight saves in Sacramento State's 1-0 victory. Photo courtesy of Sacramento State Athletics

### Sacramento State Athletics News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - For the second time this season and the fifth time in her California State University, Sacramento soccer career, junior goalkeeper Izzy Palmatier was named the Big Sky Conference Defensive Player of the Week on Sept. 16 after helping the Hornets shut out CSUN on the road last week.

The Folsom native won her first award of the year back on Aug. 26 following her shutout of Oregon to open the Outrigger Soccer Kickoff in Honolulu, finishing with eight saves in Sacramento State's 1-0 victory.

Palmatier's five defensive player of the week awards rank tied for second in school history alongside Savannah Abercrombie (2008-11) and trails only Aailyah Fesili (2017, 2019-20) for the most by an individual in program history.

Against their future Big West Conference rivals, Palmatier went the distance and finished with seven saves against the Matadors, helping the Hornets clinch only the fourth

win over CSUN in 12 all-time meetings and the first-ever in Northridge in a series that dates back to 1996 when the two programs were Big Sky rivals.

Four of Palmatier's seven stops came in the first half as Sacramento State grabbed a 1-0 lead in the 29th minute and would not relinquish it. Palmatier's final three saves came in the last 11 minutes against a CSUN squad pressing for the equalizer, preserving the team's third shutout of the season.

With her seven saves, Palmatier solidified her hold on fifth place on the school's all-time list with 215, needing just three more to match Fesili on the career chart. Palmatier's 14th career shutout gave her sole possession of third on the school's career chart, standing four shy of Fesili on that list for second place.

The junior entered the week leading the Big Sky in total saves (39), saves per match (6.50), and save percentage (.848), while standing second in overall shutouts (3) and fourth with a 1.27 goals against average, as of press time. ★

## Hastings Joins Republic FC as Partnerships Vice President

### Sacramento Republic FC News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - As preparations for Republic Stadium at the Railyards are in full swing, the club announced the addition of Brian Hastings to its executive team on Aug. 28.

Through the club's strategic partnership with Elevate, Hastings is the first hire in a new team brought on to support partnerships, including naming rights and identifying founding level stadium sponsors, along with other revenue-generating

opportunities at the team's new stadium.

"I'm thrilled to join the front office of Sacramento Republic FC at such a pivotal moment in the club's history," Hastings said. "With the new stadium on the horizon, it's an exciting time to help shape the future of the franchise, continue developing authentic community-driven partnerships and a stadium that is truly transformative for Sacramento."

Hastings comes to the Indomitable Club with decades of sales experience. He got his start in sports with the San Francisco Giants in 2011 as

the senior manager of media sales and sponsorship, driving multimillion-dollar sponsorship sales with iconic brands, including Carmax and McDonald's.

In 2016, Hastings made the move to Sacramento Kings as the director of corporate partnership sales during the team's transition from Sleep Train Arena to Golden 1 Center.

"Brian's experience and passion for fostering meaningful and innovative partnerships will help us continue to set the standard for what USL (United Soccer League) teams can do in both the stadium

and the community," said Republic FC President and General Manager Todd Dunivant. "Thank you to our partners at Elevate for leading the search to find the right fit for this important role."

Hastings later stepped into the role as vice president of business development at Pivot Agency in 2018, where he directed sales strategies for major league sports teams and collegiate institutions. Most notably during this time, Pivot successfully sold the naming rights to San Jose State's basketball arena as well as the stadium for the San Jose Sharks'

minor league team.

Hastings most recently served as the general manager of CIF Sports Properties. He spearheaded statewide sales and activation efforts, setting record-breaking revenue for high school sports programs in California. His team launched innovative sales platforms addressing societal issues such as financial literacy and mental health, while also engaging new sponsors aligned with community-driven values.

For more information about Republic FC's new downtown home, visit [RepublicStadium.com](https://RepublicStadium.com). ★