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Leadership Program Raises Funds for Lettermans

Rio Linda High School Leadership Fundraiser Seeks to Provide Memorabilia, School Pride



Twin Rivers Unified School District leadership students pose for a photo after a district wide leadership event. Some Rio Linda High School Students can be seen in their black and gold letterman jackets. Photo courtesy of the Twin Rivers Unified School District

By Seth Henderson

RIO LINDA, CA (MPG) - Students in Rio Linda High School's leadership program are raising funds for letterman jackets, seeking to raise a total of \$10,000 by Nov. 15 to help leadership students in the program showcase their school pride.

Varsity Made, a letterman jacket company out of San Diego, has partnered with Rio Linda High's athletic department in the past for the program's varsity letterman jackets and other campus

programs have taken an interest. Student leadership teacher Kimberly Felix said that she reached out to a representative from Varsity Made who came to the school and helped the leadership students set up a fundraiser using an application on their phones.

Felix said 15% of the total funds raised gets donated back to the school's leadership program and that Varsity Made donated a letterman jacket to the leadership program. The fundraiser

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A screenshot from the Varsity Made website shows a baseline letterman jacket for the Rio Linda High School leadership student's fundraiser, lasting until Nov. 15.

Sacramento's Looming Federal Funding Cuts to Homelessness Programs

By MPG Staff

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Sacramento officials and homelessness response leaders are warning that proposed federal funding changes and ongoing government shutdown disruptions could severely impact local housing stability and services for people experiencing homelessness.

On Oct. 28, elected officials from across Sacramento gathered to discuss strategies to strengthen partnerships and accountability in addressing homelessness. The meeting emphasized the urgency of coordination and a shared commitment to lasting solutions, according to Sacramento Steps Forward (SSF), the nonprofit organization that leads the region's homelessness

response system.

"Federal funding is the backbone of many of our community's most successful housing programs," said Lisa Bates, CEO of Sacramento Steps Forward. "With shifting policies and funding caps being proposed, we must

work together locally to preserve progress and protect our most vulnerable neighbors."

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is expected to propose a major shift in federal homelessness funding

by capping the share of Continuum of Care (CoC) dollars that can support permanent housing at 30 percent. Sacramento currently dedicates nearly 87 percent of its \$40.5 million in federal CoC funding to permanent housing,

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Individuals experiencing homelessness in Sacramento County sit in encampments at the intersection of North B Street and Ahern Street in 2025. Photo by Seth Henderson

Life Sentence for Darnell Erby

By MPG Staff

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Honorable Laurel White sentenced Darnell Erby to life in prison without the possibility of parole on November 7 for the brutal 2022 murder of 77-year-old Pamela May, a North Highlands resident.

On June 17, a jury convicted Erby of first-degree murder with the special circumstance that the murder occurred during a burglary, as well as mutilation and five counts of burglary, with allegations that he was armed with a deadly weapon found true. The jury also determined that Erby had prior strike convictions for residential burglary and that his prior convictions were numerous and increasingly serious.

Evidence showed that Erby acquainted himself with the victim, who lived alone. In the early morning hours of July 15, 2022, he entered her home through a gap in the back fence, bound her face and hands with clothing, and killed her. He stole property and attempted to transfer ownership of the victim's home into his name. In the following days, Erby returned and dismembered the victim's body, placing the remains into garbage bags before law enforcement discovered the crime.

At the time of the murder, Erby was on early release from state prison. He had previously been convicted and sentenced in August 2017 in both Placer and Amador Counties to serve over 12 years for multiple offenses. He had a long history of criminal behavior, including eight separate felony convictions and over 20 arrests spanning the past two decades. Both the Placer and Amador County District Attorney's Offices opposed his early release, citing his repetitive criminal activity and high risk of violence. Erby was denied parole in 2018 and 2020, but was later released under California's non-violent early release program, despite these warnings.

"Our community deserves to know why this dangerous offender was released," said Placer County District Attorney Morgan Gire. "These early-release decisions are having deadly impacts, and residents need assurance that violent individuals will not be returned to our streets."

The Placer County District Attorney's Office continues to request documentation from the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) regarding the decision to release Erby and what steps are being taken to prevent similar situations in the future. ★

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Legislative Updates and Brunch at the Lunch Bunch

Assemblymember Josh Hoover Shares Community Updates with Brunch Attendees

Story and photos
by Seth Henderson

NORTH HIGHLANDS, CA (MPG) - Community members discussed upcoming holiday events, community updates and listened to guest speaker Josh Hoover, an assemblyman for Assembly District 7, at the Tri-Communities Lunch Bunch in North Highlands at the Brookfields Restaurant on Nov. 6.

More than 25 people attended the monthly event, which takes place on the first Thursday of every month and has for more than 40 years. Pancake Palace, the former meeting location for the Lunch Bunch, is expected to be recognized as 7th Assembly District’s business of the year in December, Hoover said, anticipating an opening date for the restaurant to be announced.

Other topics Hoover discussed at the Lunch Bunch were education, the cost of living, homelessness and legislation. He said the governor’s desk saw more than 900 bills, signing nearly 800 of them into law, which will go into effect on Jan. 1. He also spoke about the ongoing improvement projects to the Watt Avenue corridor.

Hoover said the last time he attended the Lunch Bunch, he discussed a bipartisan audit of homelessness spending in 2023, looking at every dollar spent on homelessness in our space over the last six or seven years, since 2019.

“I was glad that the audit got passed. I was not happy with the results of the audit, which essentially found that we’ve spent \$24 billion taxpayer dollars over the last six years or so, and in 2019, our homeless population in California was 151,000 individuals,” Hoover said. “Today, it is 187,000 individuals. So, not only have we spent a lot of



Assemblyman Josh Hoover, (front, center), poses for a group photo with attendees from November’s monthly Tri-Communities Lunch Bunch gathering at Brookfields Restaurant in North Highlands on Nov. 6.

taxpayer dollars on this crisis, but we’ve actually seen the crisis get worse.”

Hoover said that housing first programs are the sole recipient of state resources, so a bill authored by a colleague of Hoover’s, on the other side of the aisle, authored a bill that would have allowed 25% of California resources on a recovery focused program. He said services and treatment for individuals in housing first programs is completely voluntary and that they don’t work for everyone.

Recovery focused programs that require sobriety to participate, such as St. John’s Program for Real Change, City of Refuge in Sacramento, Powerhouse and others do not receive a single dollar of state funding, Hoover said.

“In the case of St. John’s – 75% success rate at getting people out of the cycle of homelessness, which really is the key. ^{SEP} That is the goal,” Hoover said.

Hoover said the bill would have allocated billions of dollars of resources to go to recovery focused programs, but was vetoed by the governor. He said the legislature is working to keep working on changing the status quo of homelessness, working

with local partners.

Highlighting public safety, Hoover said that both business owners and residents can appreciate the passage of Proposition 36, allowing increased felony charges and fines for certain drug and theft crimes over \$950. The governor has allocated zero dollars for the implementation of Prop 36, he said, but multiple assemblymembers wrote letters to the budget committee asking for \$400 million to implement the proposition. The governor compromised at \$200 million and Hoover said the debate for more funding will come again soon.

“What Prop 36 is going to allow, is if you hit multiple stores or do anything, beyond that \$950 limit, the law enforcement can now aggregate those crimes and actually charge you with the higher penalty and hold you accountable,” Hoover said.

Hoover mentioned the upcoming closures of two oil refineries in California that would dramatically impact the way Californians purchase and use fuel, pushing costs higher than they currently are before the refineries close. He said legislation was passed, reducing certain regulations in parts of the state where oil production takes place.

“We obviously know that we are moving in the direction of a clean energy future, but what we also know is that we’re not getting there today and we’re not getting there tomorrow, and we absolutely cannot make things more expensive for consumers in the meantime,” Hoover said.

Assembly Bill 1454 addresses pupil literacy and phonics based learning, Hoover said, which passed with bipartisan support, surrounding concerns among legislators, educators and parents in California. The move away from phonics based learning in the ‘90s was a detriment to the students, Hoover said, and AB 1454 was a step in the right direction.

An excerpt from the bill’s additions to the Education Code, set to take place no later than Jan. 1 2028 read, “Evidence-based means of teaching foundational reading skills, which shall include explicit and systematic instruction in print concepts, phonological awareness, phonics and word recognition, and fluency to all pupils, and attending to oral and written language development, vocabulary and background knowledge, and comprehension, including tiered

supports for pupils with reading difficulties, English learners, and pupils with exceptional needs,” according to the legislative documents.

Additionally, Hoover said a bill he authored, AB 3216, the Phone-Free School Act, prohibiting or limiting students from using smartphones by July 1 next year, was a precursor to the banning of ultra processed foods in school lunches this year and that he looks to continue advocating for the region.

The Tri-Communities Lunch Bunch is a joint meeting between community members from North Highlands, Rio Linda and Elverta. The event features business owners, employees, community leaders and residents who are looking to get more involved in their community.

The next Lunch Bunch is expected to take place on Dec. 4 at the Brookfields Restaurant on Madison Avenue in North Highlands. To be added to the lunch bunch mailing list, notifying recipients of upcoming meetings, email Charlea Moore at charhorseranch@aol.com. The Brookfields Restaurant is located at 4343 Madison Ave. ★



Assemblyman Josh Hoover mingles with Lunch Bunch attendees after the event at Brookfields Restaurant in North Highlands on Nov. 6.



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SacSewer accepted the 2025 Utility of the Future Today award at the Water Environment Federation’s Technical Exhibition and Conference in Chicago on Sept. 30. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Area Sewer District

Sacramento Area Sewer District (SacSewer) News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento region’s sewage collection, treatment and resource recovery utility has earned national recognition for its innovative partnerships that protect local waterways and strengthen community resilience.

The Sacramento Area Sewer District (SacSewer) has been named a 2025 Utility of the Future Today by the Water Environment Federation for its leadership in the category of Watershed Stewardship, a distinction that highlights SacSewer’s flagship Confluence Regional Partnership Program (Confluence Program).

The Confluence Program was recognized specifically for its Watershed Management, Septic Tank Conversion, Public Education and American River Parkway and River Cleanup categories. By leveraging non-rate, non-fee revenues, the program invests in community-driven projects that enhance the region’s environmental health, educational opportunities and economic vitality.

Since its inception, the Confluence Program has supported dozens of local efforts that reduce pollution, restore natural habitats and provide hands-on learning experiences that inspire environmental stewardship throughout the region.

SacSewer leaders recently accepted the award at Water Environment Federation’s Technical Exhibition and Conference in Chicago, joining top utilities from across

the nation recognized for forward-thinking programs that deliver lasting community benefits.

Only a select group of utilities worldwide earn the Utility of the Future Today designation each year and SacSewer’s fourth recognition, following awards in 2016, 2019 and 2022, highlights its ongoing commitment to advancing sustainability and community-focused initiatives.

“This recognition underscores how community partnerships can make a lasting difference,” said SacSewer General Manager Christoph Dobson.

“Being named a Utility of the Future Today reflects how deeply SacSewer’s work is woven into the fabric of the communities we serve through programs like the Confluence Program that strengthen those communities, protect the environment and create long-term benefits for the Sacramento region,” Dobson said.

Since 2016, the program’s founding partners, the National Association of Clean Water Agencies, Water Environment Federation, Water Research Foundation, WaterReuse Association and the U.S. Water Alliance; have celebrated utilities that are redefining what it means to be sustainable, community-focused and forward-looking. Honorees are selected after a rigorous review by a committee of industry leaders and experts.

With ongoing investments in innovation and sustainability, SacSewer continues to set the bar for utilities nationwide working to safeguard public health and the environment. ★

Leadership Program Raises Funds for Lettermans



Twin Rivers Unified School District leadership students are sworn in as student board members on Nov. 4. Photo courtesy of the Twin Rivers Unified School District

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started towards the beginning of October and Felix said varsity jackets can cost nearly \$400 for a simple design or hundreds more depending on customization of patches and other features.

“Making sure students understand you don’t have to be an athlete to show your school pride and show off what achievements and accomplishments you have,” Felix said. “So, that’s when I reached out to the (Varsity Made) rep and asked about getting something set up for our leadership students because most of my leadership students are heavily in our campus.”

According to the fundraiser’s website as of press time, more than \$5,000 had been raised through more than 100 individuals with the highest donation amount reported at \$200.

Jahmeir Buttler, a 17-year-old junior at Rio Linda High School, has reportedly raised more than \$1,000 and was the highest earner for the fundraiser as of press time. Buttler said he sent the fundraiser’s link to his friends and family, looking to get a letterman jacket to showcase his involvement in leadership and clubs. He said

the jacket would be a way to display how much fun he’s had in leadership, pushing himself out of his comfort zone.

“All the rallies and other stuff we do shows that we’re really committed and we help the school give life to the school because without it, it would be really boring,” Buttler said.

Excited for his senior year, Buttler said that it has been a fun ride at Rio Linda High and that he is thankful for the skill that he’s learned in leadership.

Eighteen-year-old senior and leadership vice president for the Class of ‘26, Brandon Monroy, has reportedly raised more than \$800. He said he was able to raise the funds by asking friends, family and coworkers. A letterman jacket would allow Monroy to represent his community and school pride wherever he goes, Monroy said.

“In this class, it’s all about communication,” Monroy said. “Because before that, I wasn’t really good at communicating – now I’m good at communicating.”

Joe Hess, a representative with Varsity Made in the Bay Area, said that each athlete keeps 100% of the funds raised and people who want to donate can feel

comfortable, knowing that the money goes directly to students.

“We created an app that basically allows students to create a little locker with their merchandise and share it with their contacts,” Hess said, “making it super easy to purchase and it ships directly to the person buying it. It takes all the hassle away from the coach.”

For fall sports within the past two months, Hess said that Varsity Made has already helped roughly 400 students receive letterman jackets through various school programs.

“You don’t know who’s up there thinking about you or wants to be charitable,” Hess said.

According to a post from the Rio Linda High School Facebook page, students who are not in leadership can contact Felix to see about raising funds for a letterman jacket.

To donate or view the fundraiser’s website, visit <https://varsitymade.co/pages/rio-linda-high-school-leadership>.

Rio Linda High School is located at 6309 Dry Creek Road in Rio Linda and is part of the Twin Rivers Unified High School District. The school’s website is <http://rlhs.twinriversusd.org/>. ★

Defendant Convicted of Shooting, Murdering Ex-Wife

Sacramento District Attorney’s Office News Release

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Brian Christiansen was convicted by a jury of second-degree murder. The jury also found true allegations that Christiansen used a firearm to cause death and that he took advantage of a position of trust.

Christiansen and his ex-wife, Alma Christiansen, had a history of family violence. On



May 7, 2023, Sacramento police officers responded to Christiansen’s home after he reported that he shot his ex-wife six times. Officers located the victim deceased in the backyard. Christiansen admitted

to law enforcement that he shot the unarmed victim during a physical altercation.

Christiansen faces a maximum sentence of 40 years to life in prison. Sentencing is set for January 23, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 26 before the Honorable Benjamin Galloway.

To see more news releases from the Sacramento County District Attorney’s Office, visit <https://www.sacda.org/media/latest-news/>. ★

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A black and white photograph showing a large, industrial-style building with a corrugated metal exterior. A large roll-up door is visible. In front of the building, there is a makeshift encampment with several tents made of tarps, debris, and a small white utility vehicle. A sign on the left side of the building reads "CITY OF LOS ANGELES".

If the proposed HUD funding cap is approved, Sacramento could lose support for nearly 65 percent of its current housing capacity, potentially displacing 1,431 individuals and families. Delays in the release of CoC funds due to the federal government shutdown are also disrupting payments to housing providers and threatening the

For more information about Sacramento Steps Forward and its homelessness response efforts, visit www.sacstepsforward.org. ★



That said, I still think it's extremely important to associate with people who are at, and beyond, the level you find yourself. It doesn't matter if you're talking about spiritual de-

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



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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



In the NBA there are no white flags or throwing in the towel when the game is so lopsided that you can’t bear to watch another minute. No, that option just doesn’t exist.

After defeating the mighty Milwaukee Bucks on their home floor and backing that up with a win against the bay area Golden State Warriors, fans were beginning to raise an eyebrow. It appeared that the Sactown boys were starting to gel, but lopsided losses to Oklahoma City and the Minnesota Timberwolves removed any temporary euphoria that Kings fans might be feeling.

Exposed? 100% exposed and more than just a little bit embarrassing, and what did we get to hear from head coach Doug Christie? We were told once again that the Kings need to play better defense as they had just allowed 144 points on their home court.

Defense you say. In the past 12 months the Sacramento Kings have walked out the door Davion Mitchell, Jonas Valanciunas, and Isaac Jones, and what do they have to show in return. Not a single player, and my question is why did you give up on each of these players?

The Sacramento franchise is suffering from a prolonged attack of talent fatigue. That’s a condition that renders front office’s the inability to assess talent, and the Kings have been suffering from this malady for decades. Even a change in ownership didn’t fix the problem, as Vivek Ranadive took over where the Maloofs left off, and the Sacramento fans believed that some semblance of normality would finally surface.

But alas, that has not been the case. G.M.’s and coaches have come and gone, but the same inability to assess talent remains.

Last night, fan favorite and the Kings best defender Keon Ellis remained on the bench for the first 3 quarters watching the game, before coach Christie seemed to remember that he was available and then came in when the game was long decided.

Russell Westbrook is the real deal and still has a load of game at the tender age of 36. Westbrook has quickly won the hearts of fans, and much like Domantas Sabonis he brings 100% effort every night.

Westbrook is a pleasure to watch and if used correctly can be a game changer.

Drew Eubanks has been a pleasant surprise that no one saw coming and backing up Sabonis as Domantas has battled nagging injuries early in the season, Eubanks has been more than earning his keep.

The play of Zach Lavine cannot be overstated as he has been stellar from start to finish and could easily be heading to an all-star invitation. LaVine has stepped up his defensive presence while leading the team in scoring nearly every night. His 3-point shooting is over 40% and is among the league leaders. Add to that the component of leadership, and it’s safe to say the Kings would not have 3-wins were it not for Zach Lavine.

Once again, the Kings are getting what they paid for in DeMar DeRozan and much like Russell Westbrook, DeMar looks ageless.

So why have the Kings lost 7 or the first 10 games? I go directly to the inability to assess the talent that is already on this team.

Sitting Keon Ellis for 3 quarters for the 2nd straight game against a high-powered Minnesota team lacks understanding, but it’s not just Ellis that is a head scratcher. Why has Doug McDermott sat on the bench for the first 10 games when he is a proven 3-pont shooter and could be used as a rotational player. Not just garbage time, but minutes in the first half as well.

I fail to understand how the Kings can cut ties with Isaac Jones but retain other players that never even see a minute of action.

It didn’t take the Detroit Pistons long to take advantage of the Kings mistake and add Mr. Jones to their roster.

Look for Isaac in the playoffs this year because that’s where you will find him.

If I sound a little frustrated, you read this right. It’s time to wake up and smell the roses and I’m talking to the Kings franchise. Let’s act like we’ve been there before.

Let’s not throw in the towel Kings Fans, but rather hope that the coaching staff wakes up soon!

All the best!

Your thoughts are always welcome at vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com. ★

Pro-Housing Laws Have Failed to Raise New Home Numbers



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

California YIMBY, an organization founded eight years ago to promote housing construction in response to an ever-increasing gap between demand and supply, held a victory party in San Francisco recently.

“Welcome to the most victorious of California YIMBY’s victory parties,” Brian Hanlon, founder and CEO of the organization, told attendees.

Its acronym (Yes In My Backyard) symbolizes its years-long battle with NIMBYs (Not in My Backyard), people and groups who have long thwarted housing projects by pressuring local governments that control land use.

YIMBY’s party marked the passage of several pro-housing legislative measures this year, two of which have long been sought by housing advocates. Assembly Bill 130 exempts many urban housing projects from the California Environmental Quality Act, while Senate Bill 79 makes it easier to building high-density housing near transit stations in large cities.

“2025 was a year,” Hanlon gleefully declared.

The celebratory atmosphere was understandable because this year’s legislative actions capped a half-decade of ever-mounting state government activism on housing that followed Gov. Gavin

Newsom’s 2017 campaign pledge to build 3.5 million new units of housing if elected.

That goal was wildly unrealistic, as Newsom should have known, but he did push hard for legislation to remove barriers to housing development. His housing agency also ramped up pressure on local governments to remove arbitrary hurdles that YIMBY-influenced officials had erected and to meet quotas for identifying land that could be used for housing.

However, the celebration omitted one salient factor: Pro-housing legislative and administrative actions have failed to markedly increase housing production.

New housing starts were around 100,000 a year when Newsom took office in 2019, and they are about that number today, with the net increase even lower.

As the Housing and Community Development Department admits in its statewide housing plan, “Not enough housing being built: During the last ten years, housing production averaged fewer than 80,000 new homes each year, and ongoing production continues to fall far below the projected need of 180,000 additional homes annually.”

The Census Bureau calculates that since Newsom took office, new housing permits in California ranged from a high of 120,780 units in 2022 to a low of 101,546 last year. Newsom’s own budget agrees with the Census Bureau’s data for the same period and projects future construction through 2028 at 100,000 to 104,000 units a year.

Those are the numbers. But how data on housing is collected and collated has been a somewhat murky process,

and opponents of housing projects often challenge how they comport with quotas the state imposes on local communities.

Fortunately, the Census Bureau has unveiled a new statistical tool that should go a long way toward having complete data that includes not only conventional single- and multi-family projects, but alternative forms of housing such as backyard granny flats, officially known as Accessory Dwelling Units; basements or garages that are transformed into apartments; single-family homes converted into duplexes or apartments; mobile homes or office buildings that become housing.

The tool uses several sources of data but is heavily reliant on the Postal Service, which maintains a constantly updated roster of addresses that includes all housing types.

More accurate data should make it easier to overcome conflicts and may even reveal that California’s pro-housing actions have had positive effects that current methodology misses.

“The housing crisis has persisted in part because we haven’t been able to measure our progress accurately,” an article about the new tool published by the Niskanen Center, a think tank, concludes. “With the Census Bureau’s Address Count Listing File data, that excuse is gone. Now the question is whether policymakers will use this powerful new tool to finally build the housing America needs.”

Dan Walters is one of the most decorated and widely syndicated columnists in California history, authoring a column four times a week that offers his view and analysis of the state’s political, economic, social and demographic trends. ★

Social Security Matters

Consider the “Wearing Out” Factor While Deciding When to Claim



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: Enjoyed your recent article on claiming SS benefits. I feel, however, any decision making should also include what I call the “wearing out” factor. Yes, financial need, health, and longevity are definite criteria for a decision. The inevitable problem (I just turned 83) is the speed at which many of us descend down the back side of that hill after we hit around age 65. Yes, one might live to 85-90 but as you age after 65, many physical limitations begin to appear. Only then does one realize their earlier retirement decision (waiting to max out SS) might not have been honestly evaluated to the extent needed. I speak from experience: after having reached 60 in excellent health, I took early retirement from work, then Social Security at 62, and glad I did so. I figure the degree of slope on the backside of that “hill” will increase with age (it did quickly for me), so one best start enjoying a retirement life as soon as financially possible. **Signed: Glad I claimed**

at 62.

Dear Glad I Claimed at 62: Thank you very much for your excellent perspective on the “wearing out” factor. And please know that I wholeheartedly concur with your opinion that waiting for a higher Social Security benefit is not always the most prudent choice. For perspective, however, we have found that far too many people claim Social Security as soon as they are eligible at 62 simply because “it is there,” without fully analyzing whether that is the best option considering their personal circumstances.

You are correct – enjoying your retirement life while you are still physically able is a valid consideration. And that is why we always suggest that evaluating both your financial needs as well as your health and life expectancy is important. Fulfilling one’s “bucket list” is, indeed, an important consideration and if claiming Social Security at age 62 (after evaluating all factors) enables one to do that, then that is exactly the right choice. It obviously was for you.

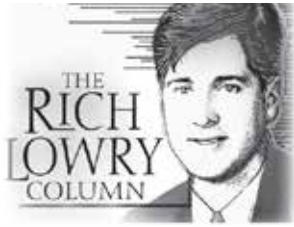
Age does, indeed, tend to slow us down, so if taking the SS money early means being able to enjoy life while you still can, then that is a good decision. But having more money as you age can also make your “golden years” a lot more comfortable.

As we have recently witnessed, inflation has an insidious way of reducing

our financial comfort in retirement. Despite having a retirement pension from your primary working career, imagine how another 25% in your monthly Social Security payment (had you claimed at full retirement age instead of age 62) would help make your senior years more comfortable.

The fact is that no one can predict how long they will live nor whether they will do so in good health. All we can do is evaluate all our options under varying circumstances and make our claiming decision based on that analysis. And that is precisely what we advocate for at the AMAC Foundation’s Social Security Service. In no way did I intend to say that claiming at 62 was never the right choice; only that everyone should look at their complete personal circumstances when deciding when to.

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Yes, Test Our Nukes

ing nearly 30 a year during one stretch -- and only dropped the atomic bomb twice at the very outset of the nuclear age.

We have an extensive, sophisticated program to continually kick the tires of our nukes through the Stockpile Stewardship Program. It uses computer simulations and the like to establish that everything is in working order. But there is no substitute for explosive tests to ensure that the computer models aren’t missing anything and to make it possible to adjust them with explosive data, especially as our arsenal has changed over the last 30 years.

We should have 100% certainty about the safety, security and reliability of our nuclear arsenal, upon which so much of our national security depends.

The claim that testing will raise international tensions doesn’t make much sense. What is Russia going to do if we conduct a nuclear test? Invade Ukraine? Certainly, Pakistan and North Korea haven’t been dissuaded from getting nukes. “Please, you should like us -- and forswear your own nuclear weapons -- because we don’t do tests” isn’t a compelling argument for any of our adversaries overseas. Otherwise, we wouldn’t have had to bomb Fordow and Natanz.

China and Russia may already be conducting their own nuclear tests. In recent years, reports from both the State and Defense departments have said that Russia has violated the so-called zero-yield standard that it is supposed to be

honoring by conducting supercritical nuclear tests. (Since Russia routinely cheats on all its commitments, this is not a surprise.)

More to the point, both Russia and China have been developing new warheads and delivery vehicles. In other words, they acquired new weapons while we were testing, and have been acquiring new weapons while we haven’t been testing. The consistent thread is developing systems to project their power and threaten us. These are cold-eyed countries that will do whatever they consider in their interest, regardless of how much we might like to think our moral example is affecting them.

Now, there’s no doubt that getting our capacity to conduct an explosive test back up and running will take time, even if Trump and his team remain committed. The president might finish the new White House ballroom before any renewed testing, and Nevada, no doubt, won’t be thrilled by once again hosting underground nuclear explosions.

Yet, Trump is acknowledging an important reality. We have nuclear weapons and they are a central part of our defense and, by extension, that of many of our allies. To not test them -- prudently and safely -- is an asinine leftover from the immediate aftermath of the Cold War that doesn’t serve our interests or make the world safer.

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California Farms Lose \$20,528 Annually to Natural Hazards

Trace One News Release

CALIFORNIA (MPG) - High grocery prices have been a defining economic story in recent years, driven by a combination of factors including pandemic-related supply chain breakdowns and labor shortages. However, an increasingly critical driver of food price inflation has been the impact of natural disasters, such as droughts, floods and hurricanes, on the nation’s agricultural output.

California farms have the largest losses due to natural hazards, according to a new study from Trace One, a company specializing in product lifecycle management and regulatory compliance software for the food and beverage industry.

In April, a devastating weather system massively flooded corn, rice, soybean, and wheat crops in eastern Arkansas, affecting 31% of agricultural acreage in the region and inflicting an estimated \$99 million worth of damage. The agricultural industry in North Carolina was hit hard by Hurricane Helene in late September 2024, prompting the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to grant \$221.2 million in federal disaster assistance block grants to help the industry rebuild in the state.

The increased frequency of natural hazards has created a challenging environment for farmers. However, the effects of climate- and weather-related disasters are not uniform, varying greatly depending on location. To pinpoint where these events are having the greatest impact on farmers and the nation’s food supply, Trace One researchers conducted an in-depth analysis of the latest data from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).



California farms are expected to lose a total of about \$1.3 billion per year to natural disasters, an average per-farm loss of \$20,528, according to Trace One analysis of Federal Emergency Management Agency data. The worst type of natural hazard for California’s agriculture is drought, which can reduce irrigation, shrink harvests and put extra strain on livestock. Photo by Mark Stebnicki <https://www.pexels.com>

According to Federal Emergency Management Agency estimates, natural hazards cause an average of \$3.5 billion in agricultural losses annually, with drought being the single largest contributor. Drought alone accounts for more than half of these losses, averaging \$1.9 billion per year. The financial impact of drought underscores its threat to farmers, particularly in regions reliant on water-intensive crops.

Other significant contributors to agricultural losses include hurricanes, which cause \$485 million in annual losses, along with flooding (\$437 million) and cold waves (\$286 million). Events such as hailstorms, strong winds, and heat waves collectively add hundreds of millions in losses to the yearly toll. While less frequent, disasters

such as tornadoes, winter weather and wildfires also contribute economic strain in certain regions.

Natural disasters impacting agriculture vary significantly across U.S. regions due to differing climates and geographic vulnerabilities. Drought is a persistent challenge on the West Coast, particularly in California, as well as the Southwest and parts of the Southern Plains, where water scarcity hampers crop yields and livestock production.

Hurricanes have the most severe impact in the Southeast and Mid-Atlantic regions, where states such as Florida and North Carolina frequently experience storm surges and high winds that devastate crops and infrastructure. Riverine flooding is most problematic in the Mississippi River

Basin and its extensive tributary networks, as well as in the Pacific Northwest. Cold waves are most prominent in the Midwest and Mountain West, where freezing temperatures can damage crops and livestock operations.

Taken together, California leads the nation in agricultural losses due to natural hazards, with farms in the state incurring an estimated \$1.3 billion in losses annually. This figure dwarfs losses in other states, with drought being the most significant hazard affecting California’s vast agricultural sector. On a per-farm basis, California reports an average loss of \$20,528, which is the highest of any state, reflecting its reliance on high-value crops such as fruits, nuts and vegetables, which are particularly vulnerable to water

shortages. By comparison, Texas, which ranks second, faces an expected annual loss of \$205 million, with droughts again being the primary driver. Iowa, North Carolina, and Florida round out the top five, each suffering from a combination of droughts and hurricanes, although with lower total and per-farm losses than California.

At the county level, California continues to dominate the rankings, with Santa Barbara County reporting the largest expected losses at \$245 million annually. Drought is the principal hazard here, impacting high-value crops including strawberries, vegetables and wine grapes.

Other California counties, such as Yolo, Napa, Sutter and Colusa, also rank highly, with annual losses ranging from \$70 million to \$115 million. These counties experience some of the highest loss rates per farm, with those in Santa Barbara County and Yolo County losing an estimated \$180,339 and \$144,645 each year, respectively.

According to the data for California, the total expected annual loss due to natural hazards is \$1,283,017,450 and the expected annual loss per farm is \$20,528 for a total of 62,500 farms. California’s expected annual loss rate is 2.2%, the total agriculture value is \$58,490,098,696 and the worst natural hazard for agriculture is drought.

According to the date for the entire United States, the total expected annual loss is \$3,480,816,585 and the expected annual loss per farm is \$1,851 for a total of 1,880,000 farms. The country’s expected annual loss rate is 0.7%, the total agriculture value is \$503,268,663,042 and the worst natural hazard for agriculture is drought. ★

Society for the Blind Offers Services for All Ages

Society for the Blind News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The nonprofit Society for the Blind organization is encouraging residents to honor Blindness Awareness Month throughout October by participating in activities and supporting people with vision loss so they can gain the skills they need to stay independent and thrive.

“Our clients tell us all the time that they thought their life was over when they began losing vision but they discovered it was the beginning of a new chapter,” said Society for the Blind executive director Shari Roeseler. “During Blindness Awareness Month, we want to make sure everyone knows that people can live their best lives with vision loss or blindness when they have the right tools. If you are losing your vision or you know someone who is, we have a wide array of classes and support that will



Society for the Blind’s senior program members learned how to carve pumpkins without vision last October during Blindness Awareness Month. Photo courtesy of Society for the Blind

help you build the skills you need, whether you are a child, working-age adult or senior.”

For more than 70 years, the Society for the Blind organization has continued to create innovative ways to carry out its mission, which is to empower individuals living with low vision or blindness to discover, develop

and achieve their full potential.

Since 1954, Society for the Blind has grown from a dedicated group of volunteers to a nationally recognized agency and the only comprehensive rehabilitative teaching center that provides services for a 27-county region of Northern California. Those counties include Sacramento, Sutter,

Yolo, Yuba, El Dorado, Placer, Amador, Butte and San Joaquin. Society for the Blind is located at 1238 S St., Sacramento.

The nonprofit organization provides low-vision eye care, life and job skills training, mentorship and access to tools to maintain independence for more than 5,000 youth, working-age

adults and seniors experiencing vision loss each year.

In addition to its onsite Low Vision Clinic and assistive technology store, Society for the Blind offers four core classes to ensure people with vision loss can stay active, employed and live life to the fullest. The four core classes are on orientation and mobility, independent living skills, assistive technology and braille.

The nonprofit organization also provides a program for seniors that includes support groups and activities such as yoga and cooking classes.

For youth, Society for the Blind offers a support groups for caregivers and parents of children with vision loss.

The group also provides a braille production program and hosts events open to the public.

To learn more or make a donation, visit online www.SocietyfortheBlind.org. Or call the office at 916-452-8271. ★

AI Runs on Power But Power Isn't Moving Fast Enough



Christian Bonilla
Commentary
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Artificial intelligence is booming and America’s power grid is struggling to keep up.

At the World Economic Forum, President Trump recently warned that “We need double the energy we currently have in the United States for AI to be

as big as we want to have it.” Elon Musk has echoed similar concerns, predicting that AI data centers could overwhelm the electricity supply next year. The Department of Energy predicts that AI-driven electricity demand could increase sixfold by 2030.

They’re right about the scale of AI’s electricity needs. But they’re wrong about the diagnosis.

America doesn’t suffer from a lack of energy resources. We have vast oil and gas reserves, plus growing solar and wind energy capacity. The real problem is getting the electricity that’s already, or soon could be, generated from these energy sources to the data centers where it’s needed.

Solving this coordination challenge will require a new approach to energy infrastructure, one with an eye toward future needs.

This distinction between coordination and total capacity matters. If the problem were simply about generating more electricity overall, the solution would be straightforward: build more power plants and transmission lines to bring power to all the new data centers. But that would and will take years, if not decades. New transmission lines alone often take years to complete.

Instead, we need to build new data centers next to existing energy deposits, such as natural gas fields in places like West Texas,

Oklahoma, North Dakota and elsewhere, so that power-hungry data centers can build on-site generating plants and obtain the electricity they need, without having to connect to the broader grid. Using standardized data center designs and prefabricated components could further accelerate construction timelines and get data centers up and running years faster than previous generations of data centers built in traditional hubs like Northern Virginia or Silicon Valley.

Data center developers already recognize the advantages of this coordinated approach. A recent KPMG survey revealed that 77 percent of data center stakeholders

consider it key to build alongside energy generation.

But in practice, data center developers often struggle to understand and vet energy producers. And in turn, those producers often misunderstand the needs of data center operators.

This is a challenge even for the largest AI developers. The Stargate project, a \$500 billion AI data center investment backed by OpenAI and SoftBank, chose Abilene, Texas, as its flagship site after fielding interest from 16 different states, largely for Abilene’s energy availability, alongside other land and regulatory advantages. Despite the initial fanfare, practical challenges

quickly tempered aspirations and the initiative has mostly stalled. As a result, Stargate has quietly scaled back its 2025 ambitions to building a single data center in Ohio.

To lead in the AI age, America will need more than chips and capital. It needs clearer rules, faster transactions between energy producers and AI developers, and a system that rewards coordination just as much as production.

If we solve this coordination challenge, America can lead the AI revolution and improve everything from health care to education to national security. But if we fail, we’ll be left with plenty of power, just not where it matters. ★

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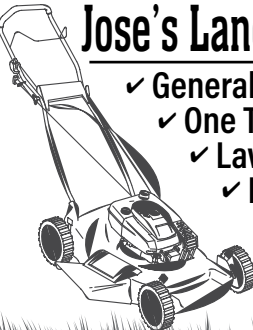
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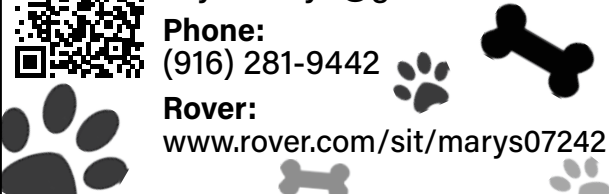
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1. Fresh Prince: " ____ ya later!"

6. Say "no"

9. "Nana" author Émile

13. Capital of Vietnam

14. The home of the brave, acr.

15. Increase rpms (2 words)

16. Like yesteryear

17. Rejuvenating spot

18. Like a solder at attention

19. *Pumpkin pie or pecan pie, e.g.

21. *Plymouth ____

23. Seek damages

24. Light on one's feet

25. Like The Beatles

28. Certain blast's origins

30. *What tom said

35. Iranian money

37. Precedes GPT

39. Water nymph

40. Wisconsin's western neighbor

41. One tenth

43. Mountain, in Germany

44. The Statue of Liberty island

46. Cat sound

47. Instinctive motive

48. 1970s dance clubs

50. Do like buffaloes

52. Distress acronym

53. Opposite of genuine

55. Bow or bolo

57. *Moisturizing kitchen tool

60. *Turkey prepared certain way

64. Bottom line

65. Pub offering

67. Alley cat, e.g.

68. Extreme suffering

69. International help, e.g.

70. Bullwinkle J. ____

71. Fitness facilities

72. July-August sign of Zodiac

73. More so than #12 Down

DOWN

1. Not barefoot

2. Gender checkbox

3. Peters out

4. Loamy deposit

5. Form a queue (2 words)

6. Head and shoulders sculpture

7. Venomous snake

8. Civil rights organization, acr.

9. Whole number between -1 and 1

10. *Biscuit baker

11. *She took away the football from Charlie Brown

12. Mentally quick, e.g.

15. Put trust in (2 words)

20. Respond

22. Website address ending

24. Eminence

25. *Deep-____, turkey prepared certain way

26. White condiment

27. Sheds tears

29. *Mayflower

31. Hindi courtesy title

32. Coffin holders

33. One of Florida Keys

34. Ruler sides, e.g.

36. Not of the cloth

38. Through, to a poet

42. Muse of love poetry

45. "Killing Me ____ with His Song"

49. Fraternity letters

51. Unwholesome atmosphere

54. Cattle enclosure in African village

56. Bar, legally

57. Unidentified aircraft

58. Niels Bohr's study object

59. Without, à Paris

60. Overhaul

61. *Turkey ____ 5K run

62. "At ____!" military command

63. Indigo user

64. "You're it" game

66. Rest in state

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Sacramento Ballet Offers Bold Visions, Timeless Classics



Sacramento Ballet Company artists Hiyori Ushikubo and Maxence Devaux are in “Connections” from Oct. 24 to Nov. 2. Photos courtesy of Tony Nguyen



Sacramento Ballet Company artists Jennifer Watembach and James Griffen, as the Princess Aurora and Prince Desiree, portray a pose from the famous "Wedding Pas de Deux" from "Sleeping Beauty." Sacramento Ballet will perform a new production of this beloved fairytale in February.



Sacramento Ballet Company artists Mia Steedle and Seungkyun Park, as the Sugar Plum Fairy and Her Cavalier, are in technically challenging roles in Sacramento Ballet's production of "Nutcracker."

Sacramento Ballet News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Sacramento Ballet highly anticipated 2025-26 season has started.

Following the triumph of the 70th Anniversary Season, this year promises an extraordinary mix of breathtaking artistry, innovative choreography and unforgettable performances. With the support of season sponsors Western Health Advantage and Dignity Health, the 2025-26 season invites audiences to witness the magic of both beloved classics and daring new works.

“Our 2024-25 season was a milestone for us as we celebrated the legacy of Sacramento Ballet while embracing bold, new dance works,” said Board President Alyssa Paoletti. “With the 2025-26 season, we’re continuing to build on that momentum by showcasing our dancers’ exceptional talent, reimagining a classic fairytale and pushing the boundaries of ballet through collaborations with some of the world’s most exciting choreographers.”

The season lineup includes the following shows: “Connections” (Oct. 24 to

Nov. 2), “Nutcracker” (Dec. 12 to Dec. 21), “Sleeping Beauty” (Feb. 13 to Feb. 15) “Visions” (March 20 to March 22) and Sacramento Ballet’s annual “Beer & Ballet” (May 28 to May 31).

“It’s always an honor to get to create on the company,” said company artist Julia Feldman, who has been a member since 2010 and has choreographed numerous works on Sacramento Ballet. “I’m incredibly inspired by the artists in this company and excited to make [“Connections”] a piece that celebrates their strength, artistry and complexity.”

Sacramento Ballet’s beloved holiday tradition returns with a spectacular production of “Nutcracker” from Dec. 12 to Dec. 21, featuring live music by the Sacramento Philharmonic and Opera. This magical performance is sure to enchant audiences of all ages. Sacramento Ballet’s “Nutcracker” features the talents of hundreds of young dancers from across the capital region. Each year, these young dancers ensure that Sacramento Ballet’s “Nutcracker” maintains a hometown feel as they dance the roles of shooting stars,

candy canes, mice, toy soldiers, party children and more.

The season will culminate with Sacramento Ballet’s annual “Beer & Ballet” performance from May 28 to May 31, where company artists step into the role of choreographer, creating original works on their follow dancers. This truly unique experience offers a rare glimpse into the creative process while celebrating collaboration, artistry and community. Audience members will receive a complimentary drink from Bike Dog Brewing, adding a festive touch to this event.

Sacramento Ballet is more than a performing arts organization; it is an engine for growth, connection and vitality in California’s capital. The arts generate significant economic activity, supporting local businesses, restaurants and hospitality industries while drawing visitors from across the state.

Beyond dollars and cents, cultural institutions such as Sacramento Ballet increase the quality of life within their communities by fostering creativity, empathy and shared cultural experiences

that bring residents together across backgrounds. As one of California’s leading professional ballet companies, Sacramento Ballet proudly represents the region on local, national and international stages.

Sacramento Ballet’s mission is to enhance the human condition through dance and to make it accessible to everyone. As the region’s only professional dance company, Sacramento Ballet brings world-renowned dancers and choreographers to create groundbreaking work, while showcasing California’s vibrant cultural landscape both locally and internationally.

Founded in 1954, Sacramento Ballet has remained a beacon of artistic excellence, offering innovative performances, educational programs and community outreach. With support from individual donors, corporations, foundations and government entities, Sacramento Ballet continues to inspire audiences through performances and initiatives that leave a lasting impact on the region. For more information, visit sacballet.org. ★

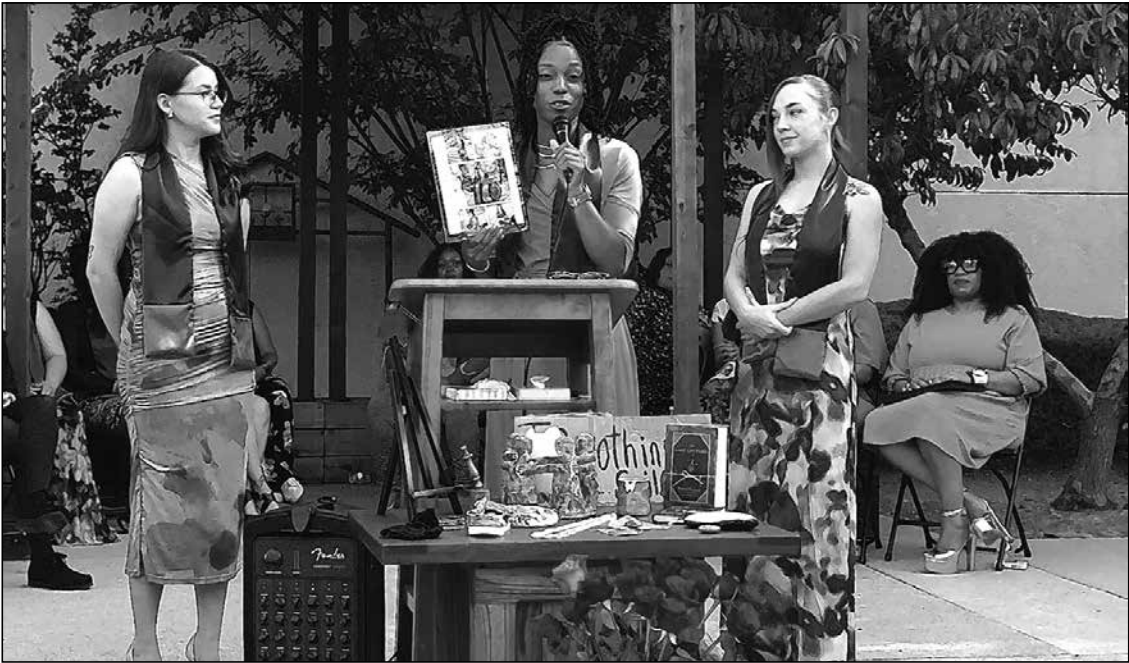
Women’s Empowerment Receives Two-Year \$50,000 Grant

Women’s Empowerment News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Women’s Empowerment has received a two-year grant of \$50,000 in 2025 and 2026 from the Kelly Foundation to empower Sacramento women experiencing homelessness to find affordable housing as they look for jobs with upward mobility so they can eventually afford a permanent home for their families.

“We are proud that our extensive program provides a long-term solution to homelessness while also meeting immediate needs as women navigate the high cost and low availability of housing in Sacramento,” said Lisa Culp, executive director, Women’s Empowerment. “We are grateful to the Kelly Foundation for recognizing that this program is the critical steppingstone that Sacramento women need to transform their lives and rise from homelessness.”

Grant funds will support Women’s Empowerment’s quarterly two-month program where each woman works one-on-one with a social worker, housing specialist and employment specialist. She attends classes and



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support groups and receives free transportation assistance, onsite childcare, meals and more. Funding also will assist the non-profit’s lifetime services for graduates, including counseling, job search and retention support, financial assistance, paid job training and more. Program graduates can receive paid training in a variety of industries including property management, healthcare,

solar energy, mobility, manufacturing and more.

Grant funds also will support the group’s Trellis Gardens transitional workforce housing program where graduates who have secured employment, but still cannot afford market-rate housing for their families, can live in cottages for 12-18 months as they work to increase income, savings and credit scores and

prepare to move into permanent housing.

“Offering support to organizations like Women’s Empowerment reflects our ongoing commitment to strengthening the communities we serve,” said Shawn Kelly Devlin, chairman of the Kelly Foundation. “We are proud to invest in their mission in creating pathways for women out of homelessness and into

economic stability.”

Women’s Empowerment offers the most comprehensive job-readiness program in the Sacramento area designed specifically to help women break the generational cycle of homelessness for themselves and their children. In 2024, 155 graduates secured employment or enrolled in advanced training or school, and 89% of graduates maintained or improved their housing. Since 2001, 1,969 women have graduated from the program with more than 4,000 children. Women’s Empowerment is funded through private donations from the community and grants. To make a donation: www.womens-empowerment.org.

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Sacramento Superior Court Bench Selects Kelly Sullivan as CEO



As Chief Deputy Executive Officer, Kelly Sullivan oversaw key areas of the court, including court operations, judicial services, master calendar services, jury services and information technology. Photo courtesy of the Sacramento Superior Court

Sacramento Superior Court News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento Superior Court judges have selected Kelly Sullivan, the court’s chief deputy executive officer, to serve as the next court executive officer (CEO) on Oct. 16.

“The court is fortunate to have such a talented and dedicated leader ready to step into this role,” said Presiding Judge Bunmi O. Awoniyi. “Throughout her 20-year career with our court, Kelly Sullivan has demonstrated exceptional judgment, professionalism and a deep commitment to serving the public

and supporting the work of our judges and staff.”

As Chief Deputy Executive Officer, Sullivan has overseen key areas of the court, including court operations, judicial services, master calendar services, jury services and information technology. She has been instrumental in advancing the court’s strategic initiatives, expanding access to justice and strengthening operational efficiency.

“We are confident that Kelly Sullivan will continue to advance the court’s mission of access to justice and operational excellence,” added Judge Awoniyi. “She has earned the respect of colleagues across

every division and brings both continuity and innovation to the position.”

Upon accepting the court executive officer appointment, Sullivan expressed gratitude for the opportunity to serve.

“It is an honor to be entrusted with this responsibility,” said Sullivan. “Our court has exceptional judicial officers and an outstanding team of employees who work every day to serve our community with fairness and integrity. I look forward to continuing that work in partnership with them.”

The court executive officer serves as the court’s highest-ranking non-judicial

officer, responsible for overseeing all administrative and operational functions, including fiscal management, human resources, information technology and court services.

The Sacramento Superior Court is the trial court for Sacramento County, handling a wide range of cases, including all civil, criminal, family law, probate and juvenile matters. It operates out of seven locations in the county, employing 700 staff members.

Sullivan succeeds former Court Executive Officer Lee Seale, who retired from court service on Aug. 1. ★