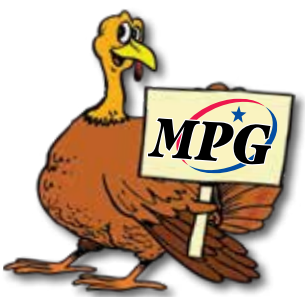




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Rio Linda FFA Program Broadens Student's Horizons



Rio Linda High School Future Farmers of America (FFA) program officers from left to right are, Kennedy Edmon, Leah Crowe, Vice President Ava Smith, President Kailyn Robson, Kathryn Carson and Gabriella Rodriguez at a monthly meeting on Nov. 17 in the cafeteria.

**Story and photos
by Seth Henderson**

RIO LINDA, CA (MPG) - With 280 registered members, Rio Linda High School's Future Farmers of America (FFA) program is led by its six officers and two advisors, preparing students to become professionals in whatever industry they choose to navigate.

Program advisor and agriculture mechanics teacher, Emily Rhea, said students follow a new theme each month, with November representing thankfulness. At the program's monthly meeting in the cafeteria on Nov. 17, students wrote letters to veterans and expressed what they're thankful for.

The program hosted a Tri-Tip dinner fundraiser on Nov. 19 to raise

money for the various field trips, gear, tools, supplies and other needs, Rhea said. More than 160 tri-tips were sold, making up more than 100 meals.

"We're very thankful for the community and staff and everyone around us supporting us," Rhea said. "It was a really big deal. The students went out there and fundraised, they did an

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Sacramento County Clerk of the Board Appointed



Todd Stermer
**Sacramento County
News Release**

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, at its Nov. 4 meeting, unanimously concurred with the County Executive's appointment of Todd Stermer as the county's new Clerk of the Board, effective Dec. 1.

"Todd Stermer brings an outstanding blend of experience, innovation and public service to the Clerk of the Board's Office," said County Executive David Villanueva. "His commitment to accessibility, transparency and operational excellence will continue to enhance how we serve the Board, County departments and the public."

Stermer currently serves as the city clerk for the City of Fresno, a position he has held since 2021. In that role, he oversees the administrative support and functions of the Clerk's Office and service to the City Council and various legislative bodies.

While leading at the City Clerk's Office, Stermer led significant improvements to accessibility and efficiency. He introduced live AI-generated translation in 61 languages, incorporated American Sign Language interpretation into City Council meetings and enhanced communication access for the deaf and hard-of-hearing community through new assistive technologies.

Stermer is an active leader in professional organizations in the industry. He served as a past chair of the Central California Clerks Association and past voting board member of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks. He is a recent member of the California Municipal Clerks Association Board, a Master Municipal Clerk and a Notary Public. Stermer was also a previous member of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks and California Municipal Clerks Association Legislative committees, which monitored, analyzed and lobbied for legislation impacting Municipal Clerks.

Prior to his current position, Stermer served in several roles for the City of Fresno from 2008 to 2021, including senior budget analyst, senior management analyst, assistant city clerk and legal assistant. ★

Job Readiness Fair Offers More Than Applications

**Sacramento County
News Release**

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Mather Community Campus (MCC) is home to hundreds of adults, families and transitional aged youth in shelter and transitional housing who are experiencing homelessness. With a variety of programs and services designed to address barriers to exiting homelessness, the participants living at Mather Community Campus are offered the resources they need to knock down each barrier they face.

One of those barriers is employment. Job readiness is more than just finding employment opportunities and submitting applications. Job readiness means looking good, feeling confident and understanding how to navigate the complicated nature of resumes, interviews and call-backs. Job readiness means being document ready, finding transportation and setting up an email address.

Look good, feel good. Haircuts, business attire, shoes that fit and clothes that are clean, taking a shower, brushing teeth and hair; these are tangibles that housed people, even those who are job hunting, take for granted.

Do you remember applying for your first job? You had no work history, no experience except maybe those neighbor kids you babysat that summer when you were 15, you weren't sure who was hiring teenagers, you didn't have a car; it made it a little bit more difficult, didn't it?

Now imagine being an adult, perhaps in your 40s or 50s, without a permanent address, living out of a backpack. You have no consistent access to a shower, to regular



Residents at Mather Community Campus can participate in job fairs, equipping them with the skills, presentation and confidence to successfully re-enter the workforce. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

grooming opportunities, you have a massive gap in your work history, no reliable transportation, no access to a computer to build a resume or search for work ... feels impossible. Frankly, how can you worry about finding a job when you don't even know if you'll be safe while sleeping that night?

The stability and safety of living in a shelter affords residents the breathing space they need to thrive; access to a bathroom and shower, three meals a day, laundry service, a door that

locks. Only after folks' basic needs are met can they truly focus on the next step, which is building income.

"People feel unprepared to re-enter the workforce after they've been out for years. They aren't confident in their skills or presentation," said Shelby Greenhill, employment developer for Next Move Homeless Services. "Once here, once they are secure and safe in shelter, we can work with them to get ready, to feel

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Giving Machines Help Local Charities ‘Light the World’

By Gary Zavoral

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Residents throughout the greater Sacramento area have already started to “Light the World” through Giving Machines, vending machines with items representing life-changing gifts for those in need. The Light the World Giving Machines were installed Monday, Nov. 17, inside the Westfield Galleria at Roseville and will be available through Dec. 8.

This is the fourth year that the Light the World Giving Machines have been hosted at the Roseville mall at 1151 Galleria Blvd. During the first three years, residents throughout the Sacramento region have donated nearly \$850,000 to local and global charities.

“These vending machines offer a unique and memorable way to light the world with love by serving and caring for others both locally and globally,” said Bruce Anderson, director of the local effort. “For many parents, it offers an effective way to teach children about giving to good causes and the joy there is by helping others.”

The Light the World Giving Machine initiative is part of a global effort to promote the true spirit of the holidays by giving gifts to those in need. This year, Giving Machine kiosks, sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, will be in 126 cities around the world, with 100 percent of the money going to the designated nonprofit organizations.

The Sacramento-area Giving Machines in Roseville this year feature



The Duncan children from Loomis display the gifts for the needy they purchased from the Giving Machine in Roseville on Monday, Nov. 17. Photo courtesy of Light The World Giving Machine

five new local charities, each offering five gifts from which to choose, including the Salvation Army.

“This year’s collaboration with the Giving Machine allows us to serve more families, more children and more seniors than ever before,” said Major Peter Pemberton, Sacramento County coordinator with the Salvation Army.

The Sacramento area’s oldest active charity, the Sacramento Children’s Home, is also included in the Giving Machine.

“The Sacramento Children’s Home is deeply grateful to be selected as a Giving Machine beneficiary this year,” said Todd Koolakian, the organization’s director of philanthropy.

Here’s a closer look at the organizations featured in the Roseville Giving Machines and a sampling

of the gifts that individuals and families can purchase for them to deliver:

Jake’s Journey Home: This local nonprofit supports veterans and other community members experiencing homelessness or housing instability. Through the Giving Machine, donors can fund urgent needs like public transit cards, hygiene kits or an interview outfit.

Stand Up Placer: Stand Up Placer provides emergency services, support and healing programs for those who have experienced abuse. Donations in the Giving Machine include therapy sessions, crisis support for children and emergency food.

Sunrise Christian Food Ministry: Serving residents of Sacramento County and beyond, Sunrise Christian Food Ministry distributes food

and other needed items to those facing food insecurity. From the machine, donors can fund meals, hygiene kits and a backpack full of food for students.

The Salvation Army: The Salvation Army, with services throughout the greater Sacramento region, provides shelter, food and long-term pathways to self-sufficiency.

Sacramento Children’s Home: This organization has been dedicated to the care and support of the area’s most vulnerable children and families for nearly 160 years. Through the Giving Machine, donors can buy baby food for a low-income parent, pajamas for a child staying at the Children’s Home and parenting classes.

Additionally, there are two global charities with offerings in the Roseville Giving Machine. They are:

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, which helps refugees displaced by conflict or disaster, and Mentors International, which empowers entrepreneurs in developing countries by providing micro-loans, training and mentorship. From the machine, donors can give a cooking pot or a baby goat to start a family business.

In addition to the Giving Machines in the Westfield Galleria at Roseville, there will also be Giving Machines at the Modesto Vintage Faire Mall with five different local charities. The Modesto Giving Machines open Friday, Nov. 21, and run through Friday, Dec. 12.

The Greater Sacramento Giving Machine in Roseville will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Friday, Nov. 21, at 11 a.m.

featuring VIPs from the community and the charities. Santa J. Claus will make a special appearance with children to make purchases for his Christmas journey from the Giving Machine. Following the ceremony, there will be numerous performances over the following weeks at the Westfield Galleria Light the World Giving Machine kiosks.

For more information on the Greater Sacramento and Modesto Light the World Giving Machine efforts, a calendar of events and a full listing of what’s inside the local Giving Machines, go to www.givingmachinesgreatersacramento.org.

For more information on the global initiative and information on how to make an online donation, go to www.LightTheWorld.org. ★



The Reyes-Cairo boys of West Sacramento excitedly see the cards of the gifts they purchased fall to the bottom of the Giving Machine. Photo courtesy of Light The World Giving Machine

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More Than Just Agriculture



FFA officers lead students in a pie-eating contest during the program’s monthly meeting in the cafeteria on Nov. 17.

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amazing job for the short turnaround time that we had.”
The program’s officers said that different pins and accolades can be acquired throughout a student’s tenure in FFA, featuring titles such as Stars, Degrees, Recognition, Proficiency and job title. Each officer sported their pins on their official program attire, featuring a business formal type of dress code.
“That’s what’s so great about FFA, just as a whole. It’s not just about agriculture,” program officer Kathryn Carson said. “We have a bunch of different speaking competitions, in ways, even if you don’t want to go into agriculture, we prepare you just for life, which I think is a really important basis.”
The FFA officers shared their desired career industry after high school,

sharing fields such as biochemistry, clinical psychology, veterinary medicine, marine biology, plant science and marketing. The officers said they have become a big family, coming from various backgrounds and growing closer with each other through the years.
“I think we work really well together as a team, so when it goes to planning events, we all are already on the same wavelength,” Carson said, “and then it comes really easily to us when we’re planning everything and making sure everything’s set.”
Many of the officers are also leaders of other committees on campus, making the need for coordination and regular communication a priority. Members of the program have traveled to both in-state and out-of-state competitions, conferences and other field trips, learning about vital

agricultural practices used in specific regions.
President Kailyn Robson said she had not significantly been out of California before her trip to Indiana for a large conference, saying “It was so nice to hear from people outside of California and their Ag perspective. The climate’s different, the environment’s different and the social aspect over there is so different.”
The officers said the various workshops fostered friendships across the country, participating in multiple activities in the communities the program travels to. Coming from a small town, in Rio Linda, the program pushes members to think beyond what they’re capable of, they said.
In addition to the standard meeting agenda, students competed in a pie eating contest, fishing for gummy worms on a paper

plate filled with whipped cream. A sea of phone cameras faced the pie-eating participants as they dove in headfirst with their hands behind their back.
Rhea said that the program is student-led, meaning that the six female officers sat down for three days to intensely plan out the events for the year, delegating tasks and setting goals.
“This program is not a one person show,” Rhea said. “It definitely has a lot to do with the officers, the alumni, the advisory board, the admin. Literally everyone on campus. The community – everyone’s involved in the chopper somewhere or how.”
Program officers emceed the meeting, delegating members to their designated activities and students enjoyed a time of fellowship towards the end of the meeting, with pies from Apple Hill.



Advisors for Rio Linda High School’s FFA program looked forward to the Nov. 17 monthly meeting in the cafeteria.



FFA members at Rio Linda High School meet often throughout the year.

Officer Kennedy Edmon, said that the monthly meetings are not mandatory, but that the students can receive Activity Points, which will later be tallied at the end of the year for the opportunity to win various prizes. Edmon said that students who earn the most Activity Points have a chance to win a trip to a destination over summer break, such as the Roseville Golf and Country Club. Other prizes range in tiers, earning students various merchandise, such as key chains, water bottles and drawstring bags.
Several students recently attended a field trip to the Sills Family Farm, also known as Pleasant Grove Farms on Nov. 14, one of

the many events funded by the program’s various fundraisers and an alumni meeting took place on Nov. 18.
To learn more about the Rio Linda FFA program, visit its website at sites.google.com/view/riolindaffa/home?authuser=0. Follow the program’s Instagram page for updates about meetings, events, fundraisers and more at <https://www.instagram.com/riolinda.ffa/>.
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FFA members at Rio Linda High School pose for a group photo during a monthly meeting in the cafeteria on Nov. 17.

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Job Readiness Fair Offers More Than Applications

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confident. This helps takes the pressure off them doing it all by themselves.”

What Mather Community Campus and its operator Next Move Homeless Services provides to its clients is truly intangible. Help. Access. Accountability. Resources. The campus not only houses the Employment Program but the Job Readiness Fair pulls together a variety of resources and Community Based Organizations (CBOs) to equip job seekers with everything they need to start their job hunt.

You cannot get a job without an ID, a social security card and address. Next Move helps clients get critical documents like birth certificates, I.D.s and social security cards and open bank accounts.

Beyond access to the computer lab on campus, staff provide guidance and suggestions on how to build a resume and how to leverage past work history to build out the skills and experience needed for job applications.

Having access to a computer allows job applicants to easily search for open positions, apply and set up email addresses to maintain consistent communication channels with hiring agencies.

For many, access to job training is cost prohibitive. But through partnerships with Community Based Organizations and local businesses, Mather Community Campus residents can get the critical training they need to get job ready.

How nervous were you before you went into your first job interview? Job readiness puts potential applicants through mock interviews, not only helping to calm their nerves but equipping them with the responses and confidence needed to impress potential employers.

The stigma of being homeless is one of the highest barriers to people finding employment. Not having reliable transportation or the funds to bring or buy lunch, being self-conscience because your clothes don’t fit or might not be newly laundered. But having connections to unhoused-friendly employers helps to ease the transition back into the workforce.

The clothing closet is one of the most used resources of the job readiness fair – providing professional clothing, shoes, coats, belts and more.

“There are so many resources here,” said Charlotte, who has been a resident of Mather Community Campus for seven months. “They’re helping me repair my credit. I realized I got too comfortable but I am ready to improve my life. I have a background in healthcare. They helped me build a resume and apply for jobs at Board and Care homes.”

The first Job Readiness Fair hosted by Next Move at Mather Community Campus included vendors from the Sacramento County Personnel Department, Sacramento Libraries, Goodwill Industries, Francis House Center, CA Health Collaborative, Sacramento Employment and Training Agency (SETA), Folsom Cordova Adult School, Credit Help and more. Besides the clothing closet, Next Move offered toiletry kits, lunch coolers and interview kits to go.

Charolette said, “Having a job isn’t just about income. It is about confidence and a sense of self-worth. It is about contributing to the community and building a future you can be proud of. This job readiness fair is a godsend.” ★

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DOJ Sues California Over Prop 50’s ‘Power Grab’

The Lawsuit Cites the Equal Protection Clause:

‘Our Constitution Does Not Tolerate This Racial Gerrymander’

By Megan Barth, California Globe

Today (Nov. 13), the U.S. Department of Justice, led by Attorney General Pam Bondi, announced they have joined a lawsuit against California’s redistricting ballot initiative, Proposition 50, which overwhelmingly passed in a special election last week. The lawsuit names Governor Gavin Newsom and Secretary of State Shirley Weber as defendants (see below).

“Race cannot be used as a proxy to advance political interests, but that is precisely what the California General Assembly did with Prop 50,” said Jesus A. Osete, Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights. “Californians were sold an illegal, racially gerrymandered map, but the U.S. Constitution prohibits its use in 2026 and beyond.”

In a social media post, AG Bondi states, “Newsom should be concerned about keeping Californians safe and shutting down Antifa violence, not rigging his state for political gain.”

In an emailed statement to the Associated Press, Bondi continued, “California’s redistricting scheme is a brazen power grab that tramples on civil rights and mocks the democratic process. Governor Newsom’s attempt to entrench one-party rule and silence millions of Californians will not stand.”

Newsom spokesperson Brandon Richards responded in a statement, “These losers lost at the ballot box and soon they will also lose in court.”

The lawsuit cites, “Race cannot be used as a proxy to advance political interests, but that is precisely what the California General Assembly did with Proposition 50 — the recent ballot initiative that junked California’s pre-existing electoral map in favor of a rush-job rejiggering of California’s congressional district lines.”

The AP reports: “The Trump administration accuses California of racial gerrymandering in violation of the Constitution by using race as a factor to favor Hispanic voters with the new map. It asks a judge to prohibit California from using the new map in any future elections.” (Last) week, The Globe reported that the



Gov. Newsom signs ACA 8, redistricting on ballot. Photo courtesy of gov.ca.gov

United States Supreme Court could rain on Newsom’s Prop 50 parade by finding that redistricting by race is unconstitutional, in that race-based redistricting could violate the Constitution’s Equal Protection Clause.

A case currently with the U.S. Supreme Court about racial gerrymandering could nullify California’s just-passed Proposition 50, the mid-decade redistricting scheme Governor Gavin Newsom and Democrats cooked up ahead of the 2026 midterm elections to secure more Democrat seats in Congress by redrawing district maps, or “gerrymandering” numerous California Republicans out of their congressional districts.

The Supreme Court will decide in *Louisiana v. Callais* whether the state’s intentional consideration of race to create these voting districts violates the Constitution’s Equal Protection Clause. The Supreme Court could also invalidate Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act and require race-neutral maps.

The Voting Rights Act of 1965 is a landmark U.S. federal law that prohibits racial discrimination in voting, aiming to protect the voting rights of all citizens, particularly racial minorities.

The high court appears ready to strike down Louisiana’s 2024 congressional map as unconstitutional racial gerrymandering — a violation of the 14th Amendment’s equal protection clause.

Elections Law attorney Mark Meuser explained in detail that “The Supreme

Court could soon change how every congressional map in America is drawn, including California:”

“Callais v. Louisiana, a case that could reshape redistricting for decades.

Here’s what’s at stake: for years, federal courts have interpreted the Voting Rights Act (VRA) to require states to gerrymander congressional districts so minority groups are virtually guaranteed the ability to elect a representative of their same race. Callais challenges that approach, arguing that the current interpretation of the VRA violates the Equal Protection Clause of the U.S. Constitution because it forces states to make race the predominant factor in drawing district lines.

Democratic-aligned advocacy groups have weaponized this reading of the VRA to carve out safe Democratic seats. Instead of drawing compact districts that follow cities, counties, and communities of interest, states are pressured to create bizarre, snake-like districts designed to hit racial targets. The result is a distorted Congress.

In 2024, Donald Trump won the presidential election decisively, yet Republicans hold only a razor-thin margin in the House. That mismatch is not by chance. When districts are drawn to guarantee that one party always wins, it shifts power away from the people and toward special interests. It lets political insiders and activist groups pick the politicians who govern us, rather than letting voters choose their representatives.

If the Court agrees with Callais, the decision could dramatically limit the use of race in redistricting nationwide. That means the gerrymandered maps Gavin Newsom is pushing with Prop 50 could be ruled unconstitutional. This is one of the most important redistricting cases in decades. The outcome could restore fairness, compactness, and accountability to how congressional districts are drawn. “

The DOJ’s lawsuit uses the public statements made by California Democrats as the basis for their complaint:

In the press, California’s legislators and governor sold a plan to promote the interests of Democrats in the upcoming midterm elections. But amongst themselves and on the debate floor, the focus was not partisanship, but race.

“[T]he first thing” that map drawer Paul Mitchell “did in drawing the new map”— the “number one thing that [he] first started thinking about”—was to create a new “majority/minority Latino district.” And legislators focused—not on the purported vote dilution of Democrats elsewhere across the country—but on the supposed dilution of the voting power of racial groups in other states. They feared that a “Latino voice in Texas is worth one third of the representation as a white voice.” That Texas would “slid[e] back” to the days of “Black Codes and Jim Crow.” And that Texas legislators would “silence the voices of Latino voters.” Proposition 50 would serve as a “shield” against “racist maps,” they told each other, so that minorities in California could “stand up and be counted.” The end result is a map that manipulates district lines in the name of bolstering the voting power of Hispanic Californians because of their race.

Our Constitution does not tolerate this racial gerrymander.

Should the Supreme Court find that states have gerrymandered districts based on race, thereby violating the Equal Protection Clause, an estimated 30 states may be impacted and forced to redistrict ahead of the 2026 midterm elections, in a outcome that could lead to Republicans drawing 19 more seats and Democrats losing up to a dozen local seats, primarily in the South. A decision by the Supreme Court is expected as early as next Spring. ★

Prop. 50 Passage Sets Off a Chain of Political and Legal Maneuvers

By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

When California voters overwhelmingly passed Proposition 50 on Tuesday (Nov. 4), they set in motion political and possibly legal maneuvers that will ultimately determine whether its overt purpose, increasing Democratic congressional members by five or more seats, becomes reality.

The first is a political scramble among politicians in both parties to determine who will run where in next year’s congressional elections.

Ambitious Democrats are lining up to run in the newly gerrymandered districts, some of which have been tailored to favor particular candidates.

The most obvious example is a district that stretches from the heavily Republican northeastern corner of the state to the northern suburbs of San Francisco, seemingly made to order for Mike McGuire, the outgoing president pro tem of the state Senate. In creating that district, Gov. Gavin Newsom and the Legislature aim to unseat Republican Doug LaMalfa, who now represents northeastern California in Congress.

The plan would, if successful, shrink Republican districts from nine to four, meaning that in some areas, such as in inland Southern California, current GOP incumbents would be compelled to either retire or joust among themselves for survival.

Prop. 50’s political impacts hinge on the assumption that maps ratified by the ballot measure actually are in effect for next year’s elections. While it’s likely they will be used, there’s a possibility that courts will intervene.

By happenstance, Prop. 50’s pro-Democrat gerrymander and the recent pro-Republican gerrymander in Texas are occurring just as the U.S. Supreme Court weighs a major case involving the federal Voting Rights Act. Its outcome could impact both.

The Voting Rights Act, passed by Congress in 1965 to bolster the civil rights of minorities, particularly Black people in Southern states, prohibits any voting procedure “which results in a denial or abridgement of the right of any citizen of

the United States to vote on account of race or color.”

While the law bars exclusionary voting laws, it has been widely interpreted to require creation of districts specifically to increase chances for racial groups to elect representatives from their communities.

California’s independent redistricting commission, in plans drawn after the 2010 and 2020 censuses, adopted that interpretation, and the newly gerrymandered districts do as well.

However, the interpretation is being challenged before the Supreme Court in a case out of Louisiana, and its conservative members, a majority, have indicated both during arguments and in past rulings that they may consider it to be racial discrimination against white voters.

“This court held that race-based affirmative action in higher education must come to an end,” Solicitor Gen. D. John Sauer wrote in his brief in the Louisiana case. The same is true, he said, for using the Voting Rights Act to draw legislative districts that are likely to elect Black or Latino candidates.

President Donald Trump’s Justice Department monitored Tuesday’s (Nov. 4) voting and could contend that California’s new congressional maps are discriminatory and should be suspended until the Supreme Court renders its decision.

Trump seemed to hint about intervention in a Truth Social post Tuesday (Nov. 4) denouncing Prop. 50 as a “GIANT SCAM” and said that mailed ballots, by far the most prominent form of voting, disenfranchise Republicans and are “under very serious legal and criminal review.” He closed with “STAY TUNED!”

In 2001, the threat of intervention by Republican President George W. Bush’s administration thwarted plans by California’s Legislature for a gerrymander favoring Democrats, forcing them to make a deal with Republicans on maps that maintained the partisan status quo.

Even a brief interruption could undermine what Newsom and the Legislature seek in Prop. 50 because candidate filing for congressional districts opens on Dec. 19, and if the new maps are in legal limbo, current districts would be used for the 2026 elections. ★

McGuire Challenges GOP Rep. LaMalfa for New Prop. 50 Seat

By Maya C. Miller, CALMatters.org

California Senate President Pro Tem Mike McGuire has officially launched his challenge to longtime Republican Rep. Doug LaMalfa in a congressional district drastically redrawn by Proposition 50.

The Santa Rosa Democrat, who will hit his 12-year term limit in the Legislature next year, was widely viewed once the new maps were drawn as a prospective challenger to LaMalfa, a rice farmer from Oroville who has represented the North State in Congress since 2013.

LaMalfa’s current district stretches from Siskiyou County and much of the Oregon-California border down through rural Shasta and Sutter Counties. Under the new voter-approved Prop. 50 maps, the district shifts south out of Modoc County and jogs westward to pick up parts of Sonoma County and McGuire’s home base of Santa Rosa.

McGuire will face heavy skepticism from some northern rural residents in the 1st Congressional District, who just a few years ago tried to secede from liberal California to form the conservative “state of Jefferson” with rural parts of southern Oregon.

In an apparent effort to head off inevitable accusations of being out of touch with rural life, McGuire spent much of his launch video doubling down on promises to prioritize farmers’ needs and “make sure rural communities get their fair share.”

“I know these roads. I



Senate President Pro Tem Mike McGuire speaks during a press conference before Gov. Gavin Newsom signs the Election Rigging Response Act at the Capitol Annex Swing Space in Sacramento on Aug. 21. Photo by Miguel Gutierrez Jr., CalMatters

know these towns,” McGuire says as he strolls down a tree-lined country road, a white pickup truck clearly visible in the background. “This district is big, it’s rural, and now more than ever, it needs a fighter.”

After devastating wildfires that wiped out thousands of homes and killed dozens in Sonoma and Napa counties in 2017, McGuire made wildfire prevention his signature issue in the Legislature. Following the Palisades and Eaton fires in January, McGuire ushered through an ambitious 13-bill package that expanded insurance coverage and sped up rebuilding of damaged homes after destructive fires.

His critics have said McGuire’s singular focus on wildfire issues sometimes clouded his ability to balance and prioritize other policy areas, especially once he ascended to the role of pro tem last February, succeeding the well-regarded former Sen. Toni Atkins and becoming the chief traffic cop for which bills could come to the Senate floor.

McGuire also developed a

reputation for holding out on negotiations until he could extract a win for his policy priorities or his constituents: He was the top recipient of budget “earmarks” for local projects back home, funds that he will surely tout as major wins during his campaign.

During last-minute negotiations on a multi-pronged climate and energy policy deal earlier this fall, Gov. Gavin Newsom had to make an eleventh hour visit to the Capitol to push McGuire and his team onto the same page as him and Assembly leadership.

McGuire promised in his launch video to deliver “no drama, no BS, no gimmicks” if elected to Congress. And while he mostly shied away from the argument that he would flip a seat from Republican to Democratic control, he did acknowledge that he would push back on the Trump administration.

“Don’t worry, I will always stand up to the destructive policies of Donald Trump,” he said in the video. “I’m all in — every damn day.”

Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris

November 5 seems like a long time ago, but that’s the last time the Sacramento Kings won a basketball game. Since then, it has been a string of defeats that now registers six with an average deficit of 20 points per defeat.

When things are going this badly, it’s important to look for a lifeline. A sliver of hope or a whisp of sunlight on a dreary day.

Fans are looking forward to the return of 4th year man Keegan Murray to help right the ship.

While Keegan has not ascended to the level of an all-star, Keegan has made definite strides in particular with regards to his defensive presence and his rebounding.

Domantas Sabonis is off to a slow start due to injuries and is still ranked 4th in the NBA in rebounding, but he needs some help. Drew Eubanks has been a pleasant surprise coming off the bench and keeping the Kings in games, but Jonas Valanciunas has been sorely missed.

Gone are the days when the celebrated big man would come off the bench and give the Kings perhaps the best one-two punch in basketball.

Fans will forever scratch their heads and ask the question why, as the Kings allowed Valanciunas to walk out the back door and sign with the Denver Nuggets. Not surprisingly, the Nuggets are in the top 10 in rebounding while the Kings rank 25th in the league.

But the conundrum is not just the lack of rebounding or even the lack of talent on this Sacramento team. It resides in their inability to work together as a team and play up to their individual ability. Cohesive they are not, and sadly the answer at point guard in Dennis Schrader has been a bust when he’s in the starting lineup.

Head coach Doug Christie sent Schrader to the bench when his contribution became almost nonexistent, and surprisingly Dennis responded when 2 stellar games in a row.

Yes, there is talent on this team, but knowing how to place the talent so the team begins to flow has been a mystery.

Ten games back with a 3-11 start is far from what the Kings franchise had expected, and it has prompted pundits and fans alike to begin calling for a complete rebuilding of the team.

What that represents to Kings fans is the likelihood that your favorite player may soon be playing for another franchise, and it’s a hard pill to swallow.

For me, over the course of just one year, I saw Davion Mitchell, DeAaron Fox, Trey Lyles, Jonas Valanciunas, and Isaac Jones all cast to the winds, and I believe the Kings would be a much better team with a much better record if they had all 5 of these players back.

Bad decisions simply must stop. Some were made from the Monte McNair administration, but some are from current brain trust with Scott Perry at the helm. Make no mistake about it, Vivek Ranadive has had his hand in many if not all the player fax paus, and if things are going to change for the better, the owner must start letting the GM and coaches have some level of autonomy.

But fans are buying tickets and going to games with expectations. How can the players and coaches turn humbling defeats into victories.

Coaches must start analyzing the talent on this team and putting them in positions to win. That means using the strengths of every player and giving him the opportunity to use those strengths.

The Kings have a player under a guaranteed contract that has played in one game for limited minutes by the name of Doug McDermott. McDermott has a reputation for sinking 3’s with great consistency but he has all but been forgotten.

Yes, there are bigger fish to fry than this example, but it starts with the coaching, and getting a maximum effort out of every player every night. Fans need to see that the players care as much as they do.

This team can still win games and even back-to-back games. Let’s keep rooting for this squad and see if we can make some noise.

Don’t lose heart Kings fans. These players are our extended family, and we need to treat them that way!

All the best!

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

California is a High-Tax State

Are More Taxes Balm for Its Budget Deficits?



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

California has long had the reputation — backed by copious data — of being a high-tax state, which made Gov. Gavin Newsom’s declaration last June, in a prerecorded State of the State address, a bit startling.

“Here’s the truth Republicans never tell you: California is not a high-tax state,” Newsom said.

Later he clarified his assertion, saying California’s taxes on low-income residents are relatively lower than those in red states.

“Catering to big business and the rich is also why red states tax their lowest earners far more than California does. They punish you when you’re struggling, but give you a free pass when you’re wealthy,” the governor said.

There’s some truth to that. California’s very progressive income tax system, with the nation’s highest marginal rate of 13.3%, makes its state budget highly dependent on taxing incomes of its wealthiest residents, while those in low- and moderate-income brackets pay little or no income taxes.

Nevertheless, taxes imposed by state and local governments put California in the highest ranks of the 50 states, not only in total — more than \$400 billion a year from all sources — but in per capita terms — more than \$10,000 each — and as a percentage of its \$3.6 trillion in total personal income.

The Washington-based Tax Foundation ranks Californians’ state and local tax burden 48th, one of the highest in the nation, out-taxed only by New York and New Jersey.

“California combines high tax rates with an uncompetitive tax structure, yielding one of the worst rankings on the Index,” the Tax Foundation says.

The state’s \$322 billion 2025-26 budget counts on \$297 billion from about a dozen different taxes, while cities, counties, school districts and other local agencies take in another \$100 billion or so, primarily from property taxes and local shares of the sales tax.

The budget anticipates \$207 billion in general fund revenues. So far revenue is running a bit ahead, but general fund spending is budgeted at \$226 billion. Maneuvers to cover the gap include shifting \$7.1 billion from emergency reserves, pushing the June 2026 state payroll into the following fiscal year and tapping special funds for loans.

State budget experts call it a “structural deficit” that will continue indefinitely in the absence of either sharp spending reductions or tax increases.

There’s little appetite for the former in a Legislature dominated by Democrats but some support for the latter. The California Taxpayers Association recently reported that legislators proposed more than \$16 billion in new taxes and fees during the recently concluded 2025 session.

The battle over taxes appears to be headed for the 2026 ballot, with two pro-taxation measures being pushed by public employee unions and other left-leaning groups and one that would create a new hurdle for local tax increases.

One proposal, backed by the California Teachers Association, would make permanent a temporary tax increase on high-income Californians, first approved in 2012 to close a budget deficit and later extended to 2030 via a ballot measure. All of its revenue, as much as \$15 billion a year, would go to K-12 schools and community colleges.

A second measure, sponsored mainly by the Service Employees International Union-United Healthcare Workers West, would impose a one-time 5% tax on the wealth of California’s billionaires, raising about \$100 billion, which would be spent at the rate of \$25 billion a year to cover the state’s structural deficit and prop up health care services.

The third, sponsored by the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, would overturn a state Supreme Court ruling and re-impose a two-thirds voter approval requirement on all proposed local taxes designated for particular purposes.

California is a blue state with relatively high taxes now. Do voters want to add more or make it difficult to add more?

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

Did the Obama-era Social Security Tax Cuts Hurt the Program?



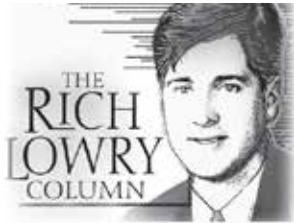
By Russell Gloor, [AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor](http://AMAC.org)

Dear Rusty: I will be retiring early next year but my question to you is: During the Obama administration, payroll taxes that employees pay were cut in half from 6.2% to 3.1%, while the employer’s part stayed the same at 6.2%.This continued for around a year I think. This was an attempt at giving people a tax cut, which I think was a bad idea or maybe the wrong way to have done it. How much damage do you think this may have caused to Social Security?
Signed: Soon to Retire.
Dear Soon to Retire: FYI, the Obama-era cut in the employee portion of FICA payroll taxes and SECA (self-employment tax) was a temporary measure, which has long since expired. However, the legislation which enabled that cut in employee FICA/SECA taxes also included a provision to replenish the Social Security Trust Funds from the General US Treasury in an amount equal to the estimated loss of tax revenue to the Trust Funds. So, in effect, there was little or no impact on the Social Security Trust Funds.

FYI, the Trustees of Social Security have been projecting for many years that the Social Security reserves would be fully depleted in the mid-2030s, unless Congress takes action to reform the SS program. Unfortunately, Congress has not yet taken any meaningful action to accomplish that reform, and the current projection from the Trustees is that all Social Security reserves will be depleted in about 2033, necessitating an across the board cut of about 21% in everyone’s benefit. Time is running short, and we see signs that Congress is finally starting to seriously discuss Social Security reform.

At AMAC, we have developed and submitted to various Congressional Representatives a reform plan which would restore Social Security to full solvency. You can see AMAC’s suggested plan at www.amac.us/social-security-guarantee. And AMAC is working every day in Washington, D.C. to promote Social Security reform to avoid future cuts in benefits. We believe and hope that Congress will eventually reform the Social Security program to avoid future benefit cuts but, unfortunately, not until they can muster sufficient bipartisanship to make the hard choices needed. To this end, contacting your Congressional Representative to demand Social Security reform now would be a good thing to do. The longer Congress delays reform, the harder the choices will be.

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Americans are going to get a little healthier. President Trump cut deals with the drugmakers Eli Lilly and Novo Nordisk to increase access to obesity drugs in a major benefit to American public health.

The agreements are a win-win-win -- good for consumers, good for the companies and good for Trump.

One of the most irrational superstitions of our time is that Big Pharma, which has long been routinely delivering near-miraculous therapeutics to extend and improve our lives, is a public enemy. Its latest breakthrough is a class of so-called GLP-1 drugs that make it easier to lose weight and to avoid associated serious health problems, from Type 2 diabetes to heart disease.

The basic dynamic of the Trump deals is that the companies will, through lower prices, expand their market share, thus generating more revenue. The companies also get tariff relief and expedited review for select drugs.

Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr., the MAHA leader with a paranoid streak about modern medical advances, has been hostile to GLP-1 drugs, the most famous of which is Ozempic, sold by Novo Nordisk.

If everyone could do as many pushups and pullups as the hyper-fit 71-year-old Kennedy, perhaps we could turn our back on GLP-1s.

Certainly, RFK Jr. is correct that Americans should eat better and work out more. But our body mass index has been increasing for about 150 years, as we’ve made calories cheaper and more abundant over time. As it happens, the things that we like to eat or drink that are bad for us -- fast food, soda, chips, cookies -- are cheap, convenient and taste good.

Even if we manage to convince people that they should eat more fruit, vegetables and legumes, while taking a Peloton class every day, not everyone is going to do it as a matter of lifestyle constraints, individual preference or simple lack of willpower.

There’s also the fact that once you put on weight, physiological changes make it more difficult to shed it.

About 40% of Americans are obese. Wouldn’t it be great for them -- and for American society at large, which spends roughly \$170 billion a year on obesity-related medical costs -- if there were a safe, relatively convenient way for them to slim down?

Lo and behold, here it is. The GLP-1s started out as a treatment for diabetes and have exploded in popularity as weight-loss drugs.

Trump’s reflex to make it easier for people to obtain Ozempic and the like -- while, not incidentally, boosting his reputation as the nation’s foremost deal-maker -- is the correct one. Drug pricing is complicated, but by expanding the sale of the drugs direct to consumers, the companies can reduce prices. Meanwhile, Medicare will do more to cover the drugs, also bringing down their cost.

According to Gallup, about 12% of Americans report having used a GLP-1 drug at some point for weight loss, a stunning increase from about 6% in early 2024. Not coincidentally, Gallup is also now showing a slight dip in obesity. From 2008 -- when the polling organization regularly began asking about weight -- to 2022, the percentage of obese Americans increased by 14 percentage points, to nearly 40%.

Where any number of fashionable diets and continual government exhortations for more physical exertion have failed (before RFK Jr., Michelle Obama was urging, “Let’s Move!”), drugs to slow digestion and reduce the urge to eat are working.

The percentage of Americans using GLP-1s will inevitably keep growing, especially if prices continue to go down, if more oral GLP-1s come online in addition to injectables, and if other medical benefits of the drugs emerge. GLP-1s could easily match the saturation level of statins, the cholesterol-reducing drugs.

By all means, we should all eat more arugula. Until then, we have found a pharmaceutical path to alleviating an ongoing health crisis. President Trump and the drug companies are to be congratulated for their creative cooperation to make it available to more Americans.

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SHOWERIN 11-21-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-07915
Jorge Soto, 14 Ness Court,
Sacramento, CA 95826 is doing
business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) "Capital
City Creations" 14 Ness Court,
Sacramento, CA 95826. Filed
with the Clerk of Sacramento
County October 23, 2025
Publish: Oct 31, Nov 7, 14, 21, 2025
CAPITAL 11-21-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-07687
4001 Restaurant Inc, 4001
Freeport Boulevard Suite 110,
Sacramento, CA 95822 is doing
business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) "Onigiri
Burger" 4001 Freeport Boulevard
Suite 110, Sacramento, CA
95822. Filed with the Clerk of
Sacramento County October 15,
2025
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ONIGIRI 11-21-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-07962
Zimei Gao, 2848 Arden Way
Suite 210A, Sacramento, CA
95825 is doing business under
the Fictitious Business Name(s)
"Jolly Bunny" 2848 Arden Way
Suite 210A, Sacramento, CA
95825. Filed with the Clerk of
Sacramento County October 24,
2025
Publish: November 7, 14, 21, 28, 2025
JOLLY 11-28-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-07977
Felipe Nunez, 32 Twin Leaf
Court, Sacramento, CA 95838
is doing business under the
Fictitious Business Name(s)
"Seguro Electric" 32 Twin
Leaf Court, Sacramento, CA
95838. Filed with the Clerk of
Sacramento County October 27,
2025
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SEGURO 11-28-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-07203
Catherine Wai Hin Ng, 879
Florin Road, Sacramento, CA
95831 is doing business under
the Fictitious Business Name(s)
"Paramita Acupuncture Clinic"
1721 Eastern Avenue, Suite 10,
Sacramento, CA 95864. Filed
with the Clerk of Sacramento
County September 25, 2025
Publish: November 7, 14, 21, 28, 2025
PARAMITA 11-28-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-07845
Elias Martinez Jr., 8152 Follett
Court, Sacramento, CA 95828
is doing business under the
Fictitious Business Name(s)
"Encino E & I Lawn Care" 8152
Follett Court, Sacramento, CA
95828. Filed with the Clerk of

Sacramento County October 21,
2025
Publish: November 7, 14, 21, 28, 2025
ENCINO 11-28-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-07717
CONF LLC, 53 Village Green
Drive, Sacramento, CA 95838
is doing business under the
Fictitious Business Name(s)
"Pipeliners/Pipeliners Drain
Cleaning Plumbing and
Pipelining" 53 Village Green
Drive, Sacramento, CA
95838. Filed with the Clerk of
Sacramento County October 16,
2025
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PIPELINERS 11-28-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF202507467
Ali Muhieddine, 11779
Battenburg Way, Rancho
Cordova, CA 95742 is doing
business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) "Alibaba
Auto Sales" 11779 Battenburg
Way, Rancho Cordova, CA
95742. Filed with the Clerk of
Sacramento County October 8,
2025
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ALIBABA 11-28-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-07764
Arcade Eden, LLC, 2108 N
Street #11996, Sacramento, CA
95816 is doing business under
the Fictitious Business Name(s)
"Pixual" 2108 N Street #11996,
Sacramento, CA 95816. Filed
with the Clerk of Sacramento
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PIXUAL 11-28-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-08040
Wesley Colton Morris, 7716 9th
Street, Elverta, CA 95626 is doing
business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) "Morris &
Sons" 7716 9th Street, Elverta,
CA 95626. Filed with the Clerk
of Sacramento County October
28, 2025
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MORRIS 11-28-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-08057
BBQ & Tree LLC, 5103 Richon
Vista Court, Carmichael, CA
95608 is doing business under
the Fictitious Business Name(s)
"Scratch Again" , 5103 Richon
Vista Court, Carmichael, CA
95608. Filed with the Clerk of
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2025
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SCRATCH 11-28-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-07984
Brady Drouin, 1401 21st Street
Suite R., Sacramento, CA
95811 is doing business under
the Fictitious Business Name(s)
"Drouin Advisory" 1401 21st
Street Suite R., Sacramento,
CA 95811. Filed with the Clerk
of Sacramento County October
27, 2025
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DROUIN 11-28-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-08069
One3One3 Inc, 2620 T Street,
Sacramento, CA 95816 is doing
business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) "Sun Up Market" 2620 T Street,
Sacramento, CA 95816. Filed
with the Clerk of Sacramento
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ONE 11-28-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-08011
Anton Brandon Romero, 6517
Creekmont Way, Citrus Heights,
CA 95621 is doing business
under the Fictitious Business
Name(s) "Recess and Refresh"
2512 Fair Oaks Boulevard #121,
Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed
with the Clerk of Sacramento
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RECESS 11-28-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-07647
SA Management CA Inc, 2377
Gold Meadow Way, Suite 100,
Gold River, CA 95670 is doing
business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) "Manemy
Aesthetic" 2377 Gold Meadow
Way, Suite 100, Gold River, CA
95670. Filed with the Clerk of
Sacramento County October 14,
2025
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MANEMY 11-28-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-07988
Richard Sparks, 6549 Saint
Edgewood Court, Orangevale,
CA 95662 is doing business
under the Fictitious Business
Name(s) "DV8 CULT/DV8 CVLT"
6549 Saint Edgewood Court,
Orangevale, CA 95662. Filed
with the Clerk of Sacramento
County October 27, 2025
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CULT 11-28-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-07943
Daniel Kassity and Tara Kassity,
4120 Douglas Boulevard #306-
366, Granite Bay, CA 95746
are doing business under the
Fictitious Business Name(s)
"McDonald's #10358" 7850
Lichen Drive, Citrus Heights,
CA 95621. Filed with the Clerk
of Sacramento County October
24, 2025
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MCDONALDS 11-28-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-08145
Matthew Howard McGill and
Michelle Carter McGill, 8516
Oakview Lane, Fair Oaks, CA
95628 is doing business under
the Fictitious Business
Name(s) "The McGill Team"
8516 Oakview Lane, Fair Oaks,

CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of
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MCGILL 11-28-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-08139
Pentabridge LLC, 9502 Village
Tree Drive, Elk Grove, CA
95758 is doing business under
the Fictitious Business Name(s)
"Matching Support Services
(MSS)" 3550 Watt Avenue
Suite 190-2, Sacramento, CA
95821. Filed with the Clerk of
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MATCHING 12-5-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-08286
Ricardo Meza, P.O. Box276801,
Sacramento, CA 95827 is doing
business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) "Westview
Logistics" 8905 Gold Leaf Way,
Sacramento, CA 95826. Filed
with the Clerk of Sacramento
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WESTVIEW 12-5-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-07982
Joe Gabbard and Ike Gabbard,
P.O. Box 1992, Fair Oaks, CA
95628 is doing business under
the Fictitious Business Name(s)
"California Colors" 8151
Deseret Avenue, Fair Oaks, CA
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CALIFORNIA 12-5-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-08032
Sacramento Based Adult Day
Services, Inc, 620 Bercut Drive,
Sacramento, CA 95811 is doing
business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) "Kingdom
Living ADHC/Kingdom Living
Adult Day Health Care" 620
Bercut Drive, Sacramento, CA
95811. Filed with the Clerk of
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KINGDOM 12-5-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-08161
Ruslana Shylo, 3660 Rollins
Way, Antelope, CA 95843 is doing
business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) "Dreamland"
3660 Rollins Way, Antelope, CA
95843. Filed with the Clerk of
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DREAMLAND 12-5-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-07834
Tilford Enterprises LLC, 9280
Greenback Lane, Orangevale,
CA 95662 is doing business
under the Fictitious Business
Name(s) "TE Auto Sales" 9280
Greenback Lane, Orangevale,
CA 95662. Filed with the Clerk
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21, 2025
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TE 12-5-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-07981
Pacheco Water Trucks, 19960
Cold Springs, Reno, NV 89508
is doing business under the
Fictitious Business Name(s)
"Pacheco Water Trucks"
19960 Cold Springs, Reno, NV
89508. Filed with the Clerk of
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PACHECO 12-5-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-08268
Jennifer Tracy and Nancy
A. Tracy, 1764 4th Avenue,
Sacramento, CA 95818 is doing
business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) "Woven
Web Designs" 1764 4th Avenue,
Sacramento, CA 95818. Filed
with the Clerk of Sacramento
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WOVEN 12-5-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-08123
Mic Locker LLC, 6616 Vierna
Court, Citrus Heights, CA 95621
is doing business under the
Fictitious Business Name(s)
"DelCampo Sound" 6616 Vierna
Court, Citrus Heights, CA
95621. Filed with the Clerk of
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DELCAMPO 12-5-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-08265
Francisco Javier Cano, 8727
Lakha Circle, Sacramento,
CA 95828 is doing business
under the Fictitious Business
Name(s) "The Stable 916" 8727
Lakha Circle, Sacramento, CA
95828. Filed with the Clerk of
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STABLE 12-5-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-08258
Mark Mroz, 6733 Lincoln Oaks
Drive, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing
business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) "Winko
Group" 6733 Lincoln Oaks Drive,
Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with
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WINSKO 12-5-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-08263
Caitlin Mae Schullstrom, 3399
Egmont Way, Sacramento,
CA 95827 is doing business
under the Fictitious Business
Name(s) "Mae Babe Studio"
3399 Egmont Way, Sacramento,
CA 95827. Filed with the Clerk of

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MAE 12-5-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-08278
Alexander David Martin, 7919
Tanana River Court, Citrus
Heights, CA 95610 is doing
business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) "Trusted
Care Pest Control" 7919 Tanana
River Court, Citrus Heights, CA
95610. Filed with the Clerk of
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TRUSTED 12-5-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-08284
Surinder Singh, 1730 Harwood
Way, Sacramento, CA 95835
is doing business under the
Fictitious Business Name(s)
"GHS Trans" 1730 Harwood
Way, Sacramento, CA
95835. Filed with the Clerk of
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GHS 12-5-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-08243
KVLash Rancho LLC, 9000
Caselman Road, Sacramento,
CA 95829 is doing business
under the Fictitious Business
Name(s) "K&V Lash Studio"
10364 Rockingham Drive,
Sacramento, CA 95827. Filed
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KV 12-5-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-08244
KV Lash LLC, 9000 Caselman
Road, Sacramento, CA 95829
is doing business under the
Fictitious Business Name(s)
"K&V Lash Studio" 6833
Stockton Boulevard Suite
425-435, Sacramento, CA
95823. Filed with the Clerk of
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LASH 12-5-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-08245
KV Lash LLC, 9000 Caselman
Road, Sacramento, CA 95829
is doing business under the
Fictitious Business Name(s)
"K&V Lash Studio" 6611 Folsom-
Auburn Road Suite F, Folsom,
CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk
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KVLASH 12-5-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-07700
Imani Muhammad-Hernandez,
1001 15th Street, Sacramento,
CA 95814 is doing business
under the Fictitious Business
Name(s) "Crowné" 1001
15th Street, Sacramento, CA
95814. Filed with the Clerk of
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CROWNE 12-5-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-08162
Inna Suzanska, 4308 Mascon
Drive, Folsom, CA 95630 is doing
business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) "Lady and
Gentleman Kids" 4308 Mascon
Drive, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed
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LADY 12-5-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-08285
Harjinder Singh, 3812 Water
Mist Way, Sacramento, CA
95835 is doing business under
the Fictitious Business Name(s)
"HSK Trucking" 3812 Water
Mist Way, Sacramento, CA
95835. Filed with the Clerk of
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HSK 12-5-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-07944
Prinze Foundational Planning,
Inc., 2377 Gold Meadow Way,
Suite 100, Gold River, CA
95670 is doing business under
the Fictitious Business Name(s)
"Guidestone Wealth" 2377 Gold
Meadow Way, Suite 100, Gold
River, CA 95670. Filed with the
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GUIDESTONE 12-5-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-07923
Michelle Lancashire, 9708
Latana court, Elk Grove, CA,
95757 is doing business under
the Fictitious Business Name(s)
"Capital Hair Studio" 1500 7th
Street Unit 1C, Sacramento, CA
95814. Filed with the Clerk of
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2025
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CAPITAL 12-5-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT FBNF2025-07965
Block Pro Services LLC,
4032 Senate Avenue, North
Highlands, CA 95660 is doing
business under the Fictitious
Business Name(s) "Cubby
Colors/Cubby Colors LLC"
4032 Senate Avenue, North
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CUBBY 12-5-25

**STATEMENT OF ORDER TO
SHOW FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

SUPERIOR COURT OF
CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#25CV027375

Ivan Asuncion Gutierrez
Martinez has filed a petition with
this court for a decree changing
the name(s) of Isabella Gutierrez
Munoz to Isabella Gutierrez

Munoz.
IT IS ORDERED that all persons
interested in the above-entitled
matter appear before this court
on April 28, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.
in Department 54, located at 813
6th Street, Sacramento, CA
95814, and show cause, if any,
why the petition for Change of
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Dated: November 13, 2025
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of
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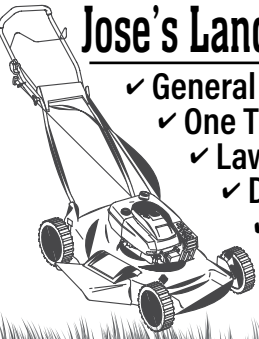
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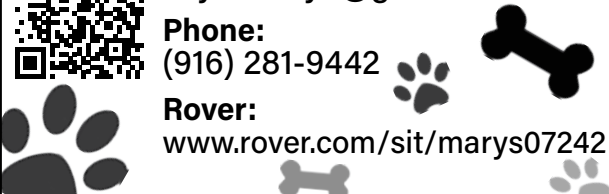
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17. Tiny island

18. *Bring her back! (2 words)

20. Nicholas II of Russia, e.g.

21. Inmate with life sentence

22. *One for Sorrow (Two for _____)

23. Melville's "Pequod," e.g.

26. More fancy

30. Request for tailor

31. Encoded message

34. Land measure

35. Omit

37. *Hush-a-bye, baby, still"

38. Take a base

39. Hokkaido native

40. Veal serving

42. Beehive State native

43. What Cupid did (2 words)

45. *Tip me over!

47. Lt.'s inferior

48. Plant louse

50. "Pay as you earn" tax system

52. *How do your ears wobble? (3 words)

56. Sacha Cohen's middle name

57. Render speechless

58. Medley

59. Apathetic

60. Not tanned

61. Nearly

62. Bird's groomer

63. It's open to interpretation

64. #57 Down, pl.

DOWN

1. It's soothing

2. Do as directed

3. British Broadcasting Corporation, colloquially

4. Take a leisurely walk

5. Chill-inducing

6. Procrastinator's word

7. *What the old lady swallowed

8. *She's been to London to visit the Queen

9. Paella pot

10. ____-friendly

11. Expose to moisture

13. One way to cook fish

14. Mountain climber's spike

19. Brother's daughter

22. *Who stole the cookie from the cookie ____?

23. Semolina source

24. Sunny prefix

25. Kind of acid

26. Perceive by touch

27. Frost over (2 words)

28. One of the Muses

29. Find new tenant

32. *What Jack Horner pulled out

33. Not miss

36. *____ of ____ he had ten thousand men

38. Beer garden mug

40. Post-Soviet Union alliance, acr.

41. C2H6, flammable gas

44. With regard to, archaic

46. Software plug-ins

48. Rose oil

49. Young chicken

50. Window glass

51. Geometric calculation

53. Buy and resell

54. Baltic capital

55. Sounds of amazement

56. Baby's apron

57. Self-care resort

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Turkey Trots and Table Spreads

Ways to Celebrate this Thanksgiving

By MPG Staff

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - As the weather turns colder, it's clear that the holiday season is here, a time for gathering with friends and family to celebrate the festivities ahead.

With Thanksgiving Day approaching on Nov. 27, several events and activities across the Sacramento area are offering residents an opportunity to give back, share a meal or simply enjoy time together.

Run to Feed the Hungry

For those looking to give back while getting some steps in, the Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services will host its 32nd annual Run to Feed the Hungry on Thanksgiving morning (8 to 11:30 a.m.). The long-standing Sacramento tradition, presented by KCRA/My58, offers participants the option to run, walk or jog a 5K or 10K course.

This family-friendly event helps raise funds and awareness about hunger in the community. Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services, which has served Sacramento County for more than 49 years, notes that the demand for food assistance has never been greater.

Whether you choose to run or walk, donate to a team or start your own fundraiser, every dollar raised will help feed the more than one in four Sacramentans at risk of hunger. For more information or to register, visit runtofeedthehungry.com.



Those looking to help can contribute to the cause by donating at rivercityfoodbank.givingfuel.com/donate, helping ensure that more families have a Thanksgiving meal to enjoy this season. Photo courtesy of River City Food Bank



Holiday Food Distribution
River City Food Bank is helping make the holidays brighter with its Holiday Food Distribution, which provides healthy groceries for families in need.

Two distribution events are planned. One is at an Arden location, The Center at St. Matthew's 2300 Edison Ave., from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, and another is at the Midtown location, 1800 28th St., from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 25.

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Share the Holiday Cheer
Since 1983, Sacramento Loaves & Fishes has provided homeless survival services and continues its mission this Thanksgiving by collecting donations to serve hearty holiday meals to its guests.

Requested donations include frozen turkeys, marshmallows, apple juice, store-bought pies, whipped cream, cranberry sauce, dinner rolls and dry stuffing mix. Due to county regulations, home-cooked food cannot be accepted.

Donations can be delivered between now and Nov. 23. For fresh bakery items such as pies, deliveries are recommended between Nov. 21 and 23 to ensure freshness through the holiday.

Drop-off hours are from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on weekends at the organization's warehouse, 1251 North C St.

The warehouse will be closed Nov. 29 and Nov. 30. Monetary donations can be mailed to P.O. Box 13495, Sacramento, CA 95813, or made online at sacloaves.org. For questions, call 916-446-0874.

Dine Out for Thanksgiving

Looking to skip the stress of cooking this year? Several local restaurants are offering Thanksgiving meals to either enjoy in-restaurant or at home with family and friends.

Chevy's Fresh Mex, 1369 Garden Highway, will feature a Thanksgiving buffet complete with a roasted turkey and ham carving station, unlimited champagne and mimosas, and an array of sides including apple-jalapeño stuffing, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, a taco station and dessert bar. Prices are \$43.99 for adults and \$14.99 for children. For more details, visit chevys.com/open-thanksgiving.

Yard House, 405 K St. Suite 100, will offer two turkey options of

classic sliced turkey with gravy or fried Nashville hot turkey, both starting at \$29.99 for adults and \$13.99 for children 12 and under. Plates include parmesan mashed potatoes, sausage stuffing, mac and cheese, brussels sprouts, cranberry sauce and a choice of pumpkin praline cheesecake or Oreo sundae for dessert. More details are at yardhouse.com/events/thanksgiving.

At The Firehouse Restaurant, 1112 Second St., guests can enjoy a three-course Thanksgiving menu for \$99 per person and \$45.95 for young patrons. The menu includes a Bloomsdale spinach salad, a choice of roasted breast of free-range turkey, pan-roasted Alaskan halibut, filet mignon or braised sweet potato and ricotta ravioli. Dessert options include Old World carrot cake and pumpkin cheesecake.

Reservations can be made at firehouseoldsac.com/thanksgiving-menu or by calling 916-442-4772.

Friendsgiving and Riverfront Dining

For a more casual celebration, Crawdads on the River will host its 10th annual Friendsgiving event at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26, at 1375 Garden Highway. The evening will include food, music from deejay NADZ and plenty of time to share stories and make memories with friends. Register for the event at bit.ly/4i1Zrm7 (case sensitive).

Finally, those wanting a festive dining experience with a view can celebrate Thanksgiving aboard the historic Delta King Riverboat, 1000 Front St. Guests can enjoy a buffet with roasted turkey, prime rib, mashed potatoes, stuffing, gravy and seasonal desserts, including pumpkin pie. The event runs from noon to 6 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day. Tickets are \$70 for adults and \$28 for children ages 12 and under.

For more information, contact inquiry@deltaking.com or call 916-444-8052. ★



Celebrate Thanksgiving by participating in a morning run, walk or jog at the 32nd annual Run to Feed the Hungry 5K or 10K. Photo courtesy of Run to Feed the Hungry



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Saturday December 6th - Noon

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We will be in your neighborhood collecting canned goods for "RUBY'S BASKET". You can drop off your donations at the Rio Linda Library parking lot or meet us along our route. We will be all dressed up in the holiday spirit, singing christmas carols and handing out candy. There will be a truck following us, collecting goodies along the way.

See you there!!!