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## Mari Jane Lopez-Taff Sworn in as Mayor



Citrus Heights council members from left are: Tim Schaefer, District 5; former mayor Dr. Jayna Karpinski-Costa, District 4; Porsche Middleton, Vice Mayor, District 5; incoming Mayor MariJane Lopez-Taff, District 2; Kelsey Nelson, Council Member, District 1 and Citrus Heights Police Chief Alex Turcotte.

Story and photo by Thomas J. Sullivan

**CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG)** - The city of Citrus Heights has welcomed a new mayor, with Mari Jane Lopez-Taff assuming her duties at last Wednesday's city council meeting following a unanimous vote. Council Member Porsche Middleton was also selected by a unanimous vote as Vice Mayor. Each will serve one-year terms in 2026.

Bill Shirley, president of CHASEN District 2, presented the new mayor with a bouquet of red roses during opening public comment,

acknowledging her service to both the city and the district she proudly served.

Members of the public, the Citrus Heights Police Department and city staff welcomed the incoming mayor with a round of applause, before returning to a full consent calendar.

Moments were set aside for group photos while individual council staff took time to move each of the plastic nametags on the dais to coincide with each council member's new official seating assignment.

Outgoing mayor Dr. Jayna Karpinski-Costa, who served one year and three months after former

Mayor Bret Daniels resigned his seat, passed the gavel to Lopez-Taff before the meeting officially resumed.

Karpinski previously served as mayor in 2011 during a prior term on the city council. She later left the council but then returned in 2022 after being elected to her District 4 seat. Her current four-year term expires in 2026.

Councilmember Middleton has also previously served as mayor and vice mayor. She was elected to the City Council in 2018 and was re-elected in November 2022 to represent City Council District 5. Her

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## Council Discusses Possible Restrictions on Food Truck Operations

By Shaunna Boyd

**CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG)** - At the Dec. 10 meeting, the Citrus Heights City Council selected MariJane Lopez-Taff to serve as mayor and Porsche Middleton as vice mayor for the upcoming year.

The council then considered a renewal application for the state's Pro-Housing Incentive Program (PIP), which was established in 2021 to incentivize compliance with Housing Element requirements and pro-housing policies in four categories: favorable zoning and land use, acceleration of housing production timeframes, reduction of construction and development costs and providing financial subsidies.

Pro-housing designations are approved through the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) and last for three years. Citrus Heights received the designation in December 2022 and received \$960,000 during the first funding round. Those funds were used to support the city's partnership with Habitat for Humanity on the Sayonara Drive Redevelopment Project.

If the designation renewal is approved, Citrus Heights will be eligible for up to \$990,000 in this round, which could support housing rehabilitation projects, down payment assistance programs, utility infrastructure improvements and other initiatives to support affordable housing in the city.

The application documents the city's existing pro-housing policies, such as the permit-ready Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) program, integrated housing policies in the Sunrise Tomorrow Specific Plan, and interdepartmental and interagency coordination on development projects.

Senior Planner Alison Bermudez said that through the Pro-Housing Incentive Program designation, the city is "awarded for the good work that we already do."

Vice Mayor Porsche Middleton highlighted the fact that not many cities are able to get this

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## Board Approves Flexible Housing Pool to Address Homelessness

Sacramento County News Release

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - On Dec. 9, 2025, the Board of Supervisors approved a multi-year plan to launch a Flexible Housing Pool (FHP), a coordinated, countywide system that aligns rental assistance, housing navigation and supportive services for eligible Medi-Cal members.

With this approval, this initiative will position Sacramento County at the forefront of statewide efforts to integrate health care, housing and homelessness response systems.

A Flexible Housing Pool helps residents experiencing or at risk of homelessness secure and maintain stable housing.

The Flexible Housing Pool is envisioned as a centralized program to serve as the fiscal and administrative intermediary for the California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal

(CalAIM) Transitional Rent and Housing Deposits benefits.

The program will prioritize Behavioral Health Bridge Housing (BHH) participants experiencing homelessness with immediate housing needs to exit shelter in year one.

The county aims to expand the program over time to braid additional funding streams, including Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA), Providing Access and Transforming Health Capacity and Infrastructure Transition, Expansion and Development (PATH CITED), and Managed Care Plan (MCP) contributions.

The Flexible Housing Pool provides landlord engagement, risk mitigation and tenancy support activities across multiple programs and populations.

The program is envisioned to establish a centralized referral, tracking and reporting system

to streamline access to housing resources across County departments and Managed Care Plan partners.

Recent state policy shifts have established both the mandate and the resources for a pooled housing model to enhance a coordinated housing system for Medi-Cal members with complex needs.

CalAIM Transitional Rent, effective Jan 1, 2026, requires Managed Care Plans (Anthem Blue Cross, Health Net, Molina Healthcare and Kaiser Permanente) to provide short-term rental assistance for eligible members, prioritizing individuals with behavioral health needs. Behavioral Health Services Act, effective July 1, 2026, requires counties to dedicate 30 percent of Behavioral Health Services Act funds to housing interventions.

The state also created the PATH CITED grant through the CA

Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), of which Sacramento County was awarded \$5.8 million to fund both the assigned Flexible Housing Pool contract with Brilliant Corners and some additional components that will come in the future.

By aligning county, state and Managed Care Plan investments, the Flexible Housing Pool creates a sustainable platform that strengthens accountability, expands housing opportunities and builds long-term community trust.

Sacramento County Department of Homeless Services & Housing (DHS), in partnership with Sacramento County Department of Health Services (DHS), will function as the lead agency. Partnerships with Managed Care Plans and local housing providers are a critical piece to the success of this program. The county has selected Brilliant Corners

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# Tree Lighting Rings in the Holidays



Brooklyn poses with the holiday bear in Santa's Wonderland of holiday inflatables. Photo by Elise Spleiss



Mrs. Claus poses with Emma, 9, Aria, 11, Ashley, 9, and Aubriana, 11. Photo by Elise Spleiss



For the second year, Lichen K-8 students entertained the audience. Photo by Marisa Brown

By Elise Spleiss

**CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG)** - More than 1,000 residents and guests from Citrus Heights and beyond arrived at the Citrus Heights City Hall on Dec. 4 to take part in the official kick-off to the Christmas season, the annual Citrus Heights Christmas Tree Lighting.

Attendees were greeted by the music of the 60-piece Citrus Heights Community Marching Band's Christmas repertoire led by Kody Tickner with Executive Director Bill Cook looking on. The band celebrated its 20th anniversary in June at the site of the future Kathy Cook Memorial Amphitheater in Rusch Park. The beloved Citrus Heights Community Marching Band's founder, Kathy Cook, died in 2021.

The familiar voice of Jingle Julie, long-time Master of Ceremony for the evening, then prepared the audience for a night of family fun with a myriad of activities to discover.

While waiting for Santa to arrive and hit the switch to light the tree, attendees were welcomed by Mayor Jayna Karpinski-Costa, who thanked

the Community Marching Band for their "wonderful music every year."

Karpinski-Costa introduced City Council members Vice Mayor MariJane Lopez-Taff, Tim Schaefer and Kelsey Nelson, all who thanked those in attendance for being there and contributing to a successful evening. City Manager Ash Feeney recognized sponsors and community partners Sacramento Metro Fire and the Citrus Heights Police Activities League.

Santa and Mrs. Claus finally arrived at the delight of all, and with the flick of a switch, thousands of lights from the tree lit up the sky as a gentle snow began to fall. For the second year, the Lichen K-8 choir sang several songs.

The now 23-foot coastal redwood was planted at the former City Hall building in 2015 as part of the construction for the new City Hall, which opened in 2016. Following its lighting, the crowds participated in the many activities offered.

Train conductor Gabriel, father of two children and owner of Inflate the Fun and The Anytime Express train, took riders around



the parking lot even before the festivities began. Gabriel has worked the Citrus Heights tree lighting event since 2018.

"This is the high point of my holiday season, all the tree lightings and Christmas events," Gabriel said. "The kids, they hop on the train, especially if we can get Santa on the train. It makes it even more exciting for them. They make my day."

Residents' Empowerment Association of Citrus Heights (REACH) members handed out colorful Christmas bell necklaces to all attendees. The City of Citrus Heights enlisted many volunteers helping in a variety of capacities at the event, including Mesa Verde High School students.

The Police Activities League (PAL) again put on the Santa's Workshop where service organizations and other groups hosted activities for crafts, games and other kids' activities. Projects were provided by Republic Services, Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce, Purple Pageant Queens and Gramma "V" the

To the amazement of many, especially the children, a gentle snow began to fall just as the Christmas tree lit up. Photo by Marisa Brown

balloon lady. Mesa Verde High School students also volunteered where needed.

Other event sponsors were Republic Services, Sunrise MarketPlace, West Coast Arborist and Kiwanis Club of Citrus Heights.

Attendees who entered the "Photo with Santa (and Mrs. Claus) Room" were transported into a Christmas wonderland of larger-than-life cartoons, holiday inflatables and bright fireplaces on the walls.

The average observer might not consider what sort of planning and dedication goes into this holiday event.

"Planning and executing the entire event begins long before it happens and comes alive with their hard work," said Citrus Heights General Services Director Regina Cave. "The same General Services Department (GSA) staff responsible for what visitors see are the same staff working on the city's beautification crew, fixing traffic signals, filling potholes and cleaning up illegal dumps."

As Mayor Karpinski-Costa said, "It's the season of joy, of giving and sharing and being with family." ★



## Support the Kathy Cook Amphitheater



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# Homeownership Rising in Citrus Heights

By Katie Vance and Greg Micek

*Editor's note: This story was produced as part of a collaboration between Sacramento State University's journalism program and Messenger Publishing Group. Journalism majors used U.S. Census Bureau figures and other large datasets to report on trends occurring throughout the region.*

**CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG)** - Gary Gonzales spent more than two years searching for a home in the Sacramento region, putting in more than 100 offers, including some \$100,000 over asking price, before landing a three-bedroom house in Citrus Heights for \$509,000.

The car salesman said he picked the city for its location near work and schools, and because "to rent a house like this, it costs close to three grand."

Gonzales' story illustrates a gradual shift happening in the city. At a time when homeownership has become out of reach for many Californians, Citrus Heights stands out as one of the last places in the area where homeownership remains attainable.

Census data shows the share of owner-occupied homes in Citrus Heights rose from 55.1% in 2016 to 60.3% in 2023.

Sacramento-area real estate analyst Ryan Lundquist said that affordability is a major factor.

"The median price in Citrus Heights is about 10% lower than the entire county," Lundquist said. "Around \$500,000 is more competitive for buyers, especially first-time buyers."

Lundquist said that about 20% of recent home sales in the city used FHA (Federal Housing Administration) loans, which are common for first-time buyers, and another 4% used VA (Department of Veterans Affairs) loans, indicating the city remains a strong entry point for homebuyers.

Many buyers, especially families, view Citrus Heights as "the next best thing," Veasey said, when they are unable to afford homes in neighboring cities such as Rocklin and Roseville.

Citrus Heights City Councilmember Tim Schaefer pointed to the city's home sizes as a major factor for keeping costs down.

"Our homes, they're more affordable

because they're smaller, 1,000 to 1200 square feet," Schaefer said. "You go to Folsom, Roseville, Rocklin and Lincoln, the typical housing size is larger."

Citrus Heights Mayor Dr. Jayna Karpinski-Costa acknowledged the limitations that the city faces. Much of Citrus Heights is built out, leaving few parcels of untouched land for new housing. The homes that are available to buyers are often decades old, with some dating back to the postwar years when nearby McClellan Air Force Base was active.

"There are people who only want to live in a new home," Karpinski-Costa said. "We don't have a real selection of new homes, because we're so built out."

With little land left for large subdivisions, the city has turned to smaller projects. Habitat for Humanity is building 26 new homes on Sayonara Drive, a street previously said to be the most crime-ridden street within Citrus Heights. Habitat for Humanity's project will provide interest-free mortgages to families through Habitat for Humanity's sweat equity program.

Schools are another concern. Both the mayor and Councilmember Schaefer said that Citrus Heights families often leave the city over concerns with the city's schools, which fall under the San Juan Unified School District.

Despite the city's challenges, Citrus Heights is positioned to remain an affordable option for home ownership in the Sacramento region.

Realtor Jack Veasey, who recently purchased his own home on the border of Citrus Heights and Roseville, said the city will continue to appeal to buyers willing to renovate older homes.

As for new homes in the city, an opportunity could arise in the near-wreckage of the Sunrise Mall. The city's "Sunrise Tomorrow" plan envisions retail, community space and housing; including high-density homes and condos available for purchase.

For residents such as Gonzales, though, the draw goes beyond redevelopment plans and rests in a place they can call their own. As the city looks ahead, Citrus Heights's appeal is what buyers have been chasing all along: affordability, stability and an opportunity to own their home. ★

# Re-New Winter Sports Open for Ski Season



Joe Lizzarraga, owner of Re-New Winter Sports, recently moved his business from a 1,800-square-foot retail space on Madison Avenue to its new home on 8252 Auburn Boulevard, with hope that the new location will encourage new customers to stop by.

Story and photos by Thomas J. Sullivan

**CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG)** - It won't be long before many winter sports enthusiasts start to make their way to ski country where crisp air and fresh packed powder may soon await.

Joe Lizzarraga, owner of Re-New Winter Sports, recently moved his business from an 1,800-square-foot retail space the business outgrew on Madison Avenue in Orangevale to its new home on 8252 Auburn Boulevard, just a few blocks south of the Interstate 80 on-ramp.

Lizzarraga said he hopes its new Citrus Heights location, in close proximity to the interstate, will encourage new customers to stop by and be a more convenient stop for his many returning winter recreation customers who will be heading to the slopes.

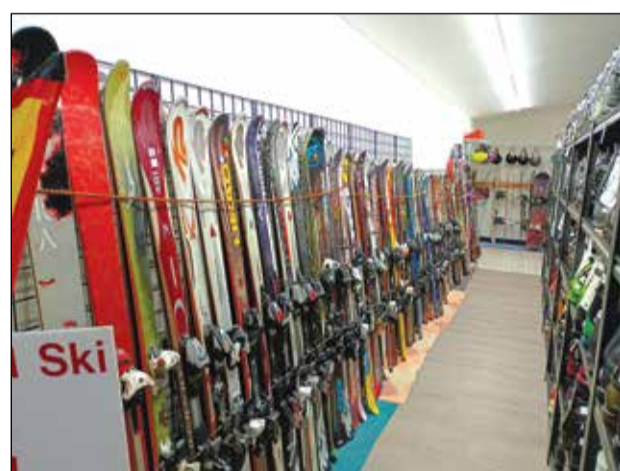
"Re-New Winter Sports offers a huge selection of pre-owned ski wear for the entire family," he said.

Re-New Winter Sports is family owned, with Lizzarraga's spouse and son on hand in the store to help customers during the busiest days of the winter season, he said. The business has grown steadily since its start in Orangevale some five years ago.

The Citrus Heights store is about 1,000 square feet more than the former location with plenty of room to grow, Lizzarraga said. Outside of the sales floor, separate workspaces are set aside for the service and repair of skis, boots and apparel which are traded in and then placed into store inventory.

Lizzarraga said he's looking forward to getting to know the local community in the years ahead now that the recent move is complete.

In a good winter season, Lizzarraga expects to rent between 125 to 150 winter



Re-New customers have the option to pay a deposit to rent a complete ski package, or to assemble and purchase their own package of preferred choice of used gear. The shop services both skis and snowboards.

ski and sports equipment packages to his customers before the season ends in mid-April. Then it's a bit of down time with reduced hours until the season begins again just before the Thanksgiving holiday each year.

"We outgrew our former location, and this space we found along Auburn Boulevard was literally ready for occupancy and ready to go," he said.

The building, previously occupied by a florist shop that closed in 2022, had been recently remodeled, he said. Inside, two pairs of vintage wooden skis and snowshoes are hung on a wall behind the front counter. And there's no missing the playful figure of Santa Claus on skis, holding candy cane ski poles.

Adjoining rooms offer a variety of inventory and winter sports clothing from brands including Rossignol, Salomon and Pendleton.

Lizzarraga showed off rows of skis, boots, skis and colorful clothing in a variety of fashionable styles and sizes for both adults and children. There were plenty of gloves, goggles, hats and other accessories also available for purchase.

Customers have the option to pay a deposit to rent a complete ski package, or to assemble and

purchase their own package of preferred choice of used gear which Re-New Winter Sports has in its inventory from leading brand name industry manufacturers, he explained.

"We specialize in the seasonal rental of youth equipment," he said. "It's been our biggest area of growth."

"Families frequently discover that their children outgrow their winter gear at the end of each winter season, so there is a steady volume of high-quality used gear coming in," he said.

"And there's no need to rent daily, when you can save by renting your equipment for the full winter season."

Re-New Winter Sports services both skis and snowboards and offers wax services. Ski package prices vary depending upon the equipment selected and a variable security deposit is required for seasonal rental, Lizzarraga said.

"We're ready to help all our customers make the most of their recreational dollars," he said.

Re-New Winter Sports at 8252 Auburn Blvd. in Citrus Heights is open through mid-April, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday through Monday and is closed on Tuesdays. Call 916-342-5532 for more information. ★

# Dutch Bros Coming to Auburn Boulevard

Story and photo by Thomas J. Sullivan

**CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA (MPG)** - Construction of three new Dutch Bros drive-thru coffee shops in the communities of Orangevale, Citrus Heights and Fair Oaks is planned to begin soon, said Steve Grubbs, of Grubbs Investment LLC in Roseville who is the local Dutch Bros operator in the area.

"We just received (construction) permit approval from the city of Citrus Heights for the Auburn Boulevard location," Grubbs said.

Grubbs had previously filed a design review permit on May 31 with the Citrus Heights Planning Department for the conversion of an 827-square foot drive-thru at 7911 Auburn Blvd., formerly Rally's Burger drive-thru, into a new Dutch Bros.

"We're hoping to start construction on the Citrus Heights location during the week of Dec. 12," he said. Construction is likely to be completed within 60-90 days, according to Grubbs.

Customers will enter and exit the new Dutch Bros quick serve drive-thru from Grand Oaks Boulevard before returning to Auburn Boulevard, which is controlled by a traffic signal.

Construction of traffic improvements at the corner of Grand Oaks Boulevard and Auburn Boulevard are continuing under Phase 2 of the Auburn Boulevard Complete Streets project.

The current exterior color scheme will be changed from bright red and white to dark blue and gray to align with the Dutch Bros



A shuttered former Rally's Burger drive-thru at 7911 Auburn Blvd. at the corner of Grand Oaks Boulevard and Auburn Boulevard will re-open as a Dutch Bros quick-serve drive thru.

aesthetic, and minor interior and exterior improvements to the former Rally's drive-thru which faces Auburn Boulevard are planned.

The front façade of the former Rally's, which features a boomerang-style roof and faces Auburn Boulevard, will remain largely as is, Grubbs said in an earlier interview.

Grubbs said there are no additional proposed changes likely relating to access or the internal circulation of the site or its drive-thru configuration, except for painting of way-finding and directional elements to accommodate the Dutch Bros double drive through stack.

"The site, as it exists, can comfortably hold a total of 22 cars in the stack without impeding traffic exiting from the drive thru or stacking onto the adjacent property or street frontages," Grubbs said.

Two additional Dutch Bros locations are coming soon to surrounding areas.

"We've also recently broken ground for another Dutch Bros to be built in

Orangevale on Greenback Lane near the intersection of Hazel Avenue," Grubbs said.

The new Orangevale Dutch Bros quick service will be built near where a Quick Quack Car Wash is under construction, directly across from the Walmart store. The Orangevale Chamber of Commerce building is located diagonally across the street.

Another Dutch Bros drive-thru is planned to open in Fair Oaks at 7904 Winding Way, just off Sunrise Boulevard, where retail plaza anchor, Stardust Village Emporium will open this month, replacing the former Scandinavian Designs furniture store.

The new Fair Oaks Dutch Bros on Winding Way will replace a Scooters coffee kiosk which closed several years ago, Grubbs said.

Grubbs operates Dutch Bros locations at 7445 Madison Ave. in Citrus Heights and at 7853 Lichen Drive in the Raley's-anchored Summer Hills Plaza near Interstate 80 and Antelope Road. ★

# Board Approves Flexible Housing Pool to Address Homelessness

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to act as the third-party administrator of the program.

"We are honored to be selected as operator for the Sacramento Flexible Housing Pool," said William F. Pickel, Chief Executive Officer of Brilliant Corners.

"For over a decade, we've operated Flex Pool programs across California, helping municipalities meet the needs of our unhoused neighbors by scaling access to housing opportunities in real time, while always grounded in a person-centered approach that ensures quality housing outcomes for a range of populations; even those with complex needs."

"We look forward to partnering with Sacramento County to operationalize its

vision of coordinated, effective and compassionate housing approach that reduces homelessness and advances behavioral health recovery."

Brilliant Corners will administer rental subsidies, including CalAIM Transitional Rent and Housing Deposits, manage landlord incentives and risk mitigation, coordinate housing navigation and tenancy supports, including a robust landlord program and oversee financial, administrative and reporting systems for the Flexible Housing Pool.

Brilliant Corners will begin work on the Flexible Housing Pool immediately, and CalAIM Transitional Rent mandates will begin Jan. 1, 2026. ★

# Fees to Build New Homes Average \$109,000

## BIA Calls on Local Governments to Lower Fees, Improve Affordability

### North State Building Industry Association News Release

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - Fees builders must pay to local governments in order to build a new home in the Sacramento region now average \$109,000 per home – and a new analysis shows that fees have hit the point where many proposed new home projects may not be built.

The study, conducted by Economic & Planning Systems (EPS) for the North State Building Industry Association, found that the fees charged for homes on standard-sized lots have risen by 25 percent since 2020.

Fees on homes on smaller lots – generally homes that can be profitably sold at lower prices – have risen by 15 percent since 2020 to an average of \$90,000. These rising fees are an important factor in reduced housing affordability, said Tim Murphy, the Building Industry Association's president and CEO.

"High fees mean that only higher-priced homes can be profitably built, which adds to the region's growing housing affordability crisis," Murphy said. "But the study shows that rising fee burdens have reached the point where some projects may not be feasible."

"Housing production in our region is already far below levels needed to meet the need for new housing. Rather than adding to the cost to build, our partners in local



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governments need to carefully evaluate their fees and keep them as low as possible."

The study analyzed a comprehensive set of projects underway in Sacramento, Placer, El Dorado and Yolo counties. The Economic & Planning Systems study found that fees totaling between 15 percent and 20 percent of a home's sale price poses potential feasibility problems, while fees exceeding 20 percent may cause challenges.

Fee ranges for six of the 16 higher density projects studied were at or above 20 percent, while two others were reaching that level.

"Homebuilders recognize that

they must pay their fair share for infrastructure needed to accommodate growth," said Clifton Taylor, president of Taylor Builders and the Building Industry Association's 2025 President.

"But the fees many jurisdictions are charging have gotten to the point where many projects simply won't pencil out," Taylor said.

"For our members to continue building the new homes the region needs, this study shows that jurisdictions need to be thoughtful and careful about how they set their fees, and that the total fee burden needs to be evaluated both in

terms of absolute dollar amounts and as a percentage of the finished home value."

Fees for new homes on standard-sized lots average \$125,000 in El Dorado County jurisdictions (up 30 percent from five years ago); \$114,000 in Yolo County communities (up 15 percent), \$109,000 in Sacramento County jurisdictions (up 24 percent); and \$95,000 in Placer County communities (up 17 percent).

Murphy noted that many local jurisdictions do work hard to keep their fees justified and affordable, and some have reduced fees

when studies show their levels were excessive.

"Builders and local officials all recognize that the region is in the middle of a worsening housing crisis that can only be resolved by finding ways to reduce costs and speed the development process to bring the supply of housing more into line with the demand," Murphy said.

Jamie Gomes, managing director at Economic & Planning Systems (EPS), and the lead analyst on the report, said while impact fees are an important tool for local jurisdictions to help fund expanded infrastructure and utilities, the impacts of the fees need to be considered as well.

"Higher than average impact fee burdens are usually only sustainable in higher-income developments or communities, where home prices may be unattainable for many buyers," he said. "High costs and fee burdens eliminate the ability to hit lower home prices that are attainable to broader household income ranges. That's why fees should be carefully evaluated."

Economic & Planning Systems is a land economics consulting firm that provides municipalities, developers and builders with realistic assessments of the feasibility of projects and works with local governments throughout the West in preparing development impact fee nexus studies and impact fee comparisons. ★

# Probation Chiefs Elect President and Executive Officers

### Chief Probation Officers of California News Release

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - The Chief Probation Officers of California (CPOC) has selected its executive leadership team for 2026, naming Chief Esa Ehmen-Krause of Contra Costa County as President, Chief Izen Locatelli of Mendocino County as Vice President, and Chief Tamika Nelson of San Diego County as Secretary/Treasurer.

"California's probation departments are built on a balance of accountability and opportunity, helping those ready for change while protecting the communities we serve," Chief Ehmen-Krause said.

"It is a privilege to serve alongside the dedicated leaders of this association. I look forward to strengthening partnerships, advancing effective practices and supporting the incredible work happening in counties across the state."

Chief Ehmen-Krause, who has served as Chief Probation Officer in Contra Costa County for the last five years, will



Pictured from left are 2026 CPOC Slate of Officers Chief Tamika Nelson (San Diego), Chief Esa Ehmen-Krause (Contra Costa) and Chief Izen Locatelli (Mendocino). Courtesy photo

guide the association during a period of continued evolution in California's public safety landscape. She brings more than two decades of experience in youth services, community-based interventions and system reform.

Her leadership background includes advancing major reform initiatives as Assistant Chief Probation Officer in Alameda County, as well as earlier

roles within the Indiana Department of Corrections' Division of Youth Services. In Indiana, she earned recognition for implementing the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's Performance-based Standards model and developing strategies to safely reduce youth facility populations.

"Chief Ehmen-Krause is a collaborative, thoughtful, and forward-thinking

leader," said 2025 Chief Probation Officers of California President and San Joaquin County Probation Chief Steve Jackson. "She brings people together to support better outcomes for our communities, an approach that will serve both the association and communities across the state."

The Chief Probation Officers of California (CPOC) is an association of all 58 counties with a shared identity as law enforcement leaders. Chief Probation Officers of California is committed to a research-based approach to public safety that promotes positive behavior change.

Their leadership guides policy and practice in prevention, community-based corrections, secure detention for youth, and direct human services. Chief Probation Officers of California aims to prevent crime and delinquency, reduce recidivism, restore victims, and promote healthy families and communities.

For more information about The Chief Probation Officers of California, go to [www.cpod.org](http://www.cpod.org). ★

# Sierra Health and United Way Launch Match for Meals

### Match For Meals News Release

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - As local food banks' resources are stretched thin to serve record numbers of people experiencing food insecurity, Sierra Health Foundation and United Way California Capital Region are launching the Match for Meals campaign.

All donations made through Match for Meals until Jan. 31, 2026, will be matched up to \$300,000 by the two organizations to benefit Sacramento Food Bank and Family Services, Interfaith Food Bank of Amador County, El Dorado County Food Bank, Feeding the Foothills in Placer County and Yolo Food Bank. To donate, visit [www.MatchForMeals.org](http://www.MatchForMeals.org) or text Match4Meals to 41444.

Sierra Health Foundation will match donations up to \$200,000, and the local United Way will match donations up to \$100,000.

The announcement was made recently at a press conference at Sacramento Food Bank and Family Services, which supports more than 110 local agencies, including food pantries, community meal sites, senior centers, schools and nonprofits.

On average, nearly 320,000 people rely on Sacramento Food Bank's 200 distribution sites each month. In October, the food bank broke a 49-year record, serving more than 372,000 people.

Across the state in 2024, food banks distributed more than 950 million pounds of food and served more than 6 million people per month, according to the California

Association of Food Banks. Currently one in five Californians – almost 9 million – experience food insecurity.

"When one in five Californians is struggling to put food on the table, we are reminded that hunger isn't just a statistic, it's a reality for our neighbors, our friends and our families," said Dr. Dawnté Early, president and CEO, United Way California Capital Region.

Sierra Health Foundation is a private philanthropy investing in and serving as a catalyst for ideas, partnerships and programs that improve health and quality of life in Northern California and the San Joaquin Valley. Learn more: [www.sierrahealth.org](http://www.sierrahealth.org).

United Way California Capital Region has been a driving force across the region for more than 100 years, listening, responding and taking comprehensive action to meet local needs. From advancing youth opportunities to strengthening local communities and investing in families' financial security and health, United Way mobilizes communities to build a future where everyone can reach their full potential.

Working across Amador, El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento and Yolo counties, the local United Way provides books and literacy tutoring, addresses housing and food security, leads the region's largest tax preparation initiative, works with foster youth across school districts, launched the region's first guaranteed income program and leads the Community Schools initiative in West Sacramento. Learn more: [www.YourLocalUnitedWay.org](http://www.YourLocalUnitedWay.org). ★

# CAL FIRE Transitions to New National Emergency Reporting System

### CAL FIRE News Release

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) announced recently that fire departments across the state are beginning the transition to the National Emergency Response Information System (NERIS)—a secure, cloud-based platform built to modernize how emergency incidents are reported and analyzed.

Departments across the country are onboarding to NERIS as part of a phased national rollout led by the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA), the Department of Homeland Security Science and Technology Directorate (DHS S&T), and the Fire Safety Research Institute (FSRI), part of Underwriters Laboratory (UL) Research Institutes. NERIS is replacing the 40-year-old National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS), and will provide local agencies with timely data tools, location-based analytics, and flexible options for incident reporting at no cost to departments.

"Modernizing emergency data collection is a critical step toward strengthening public safety," said Chief Daniel Berlant, California State Fire Marshal. "By utilizing NERIS, we are giving our departments better tools to protect our communities, manage resources effectively, and make informed decisions backed by current data."

The National Emergency Response Information System (NERIS) offers several key features designed to support public fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) agencies. The platform provides zero-cost access

for all public fire and EMS departments, ensuring that every agency can take advantage of its capabilities without financial barriers.

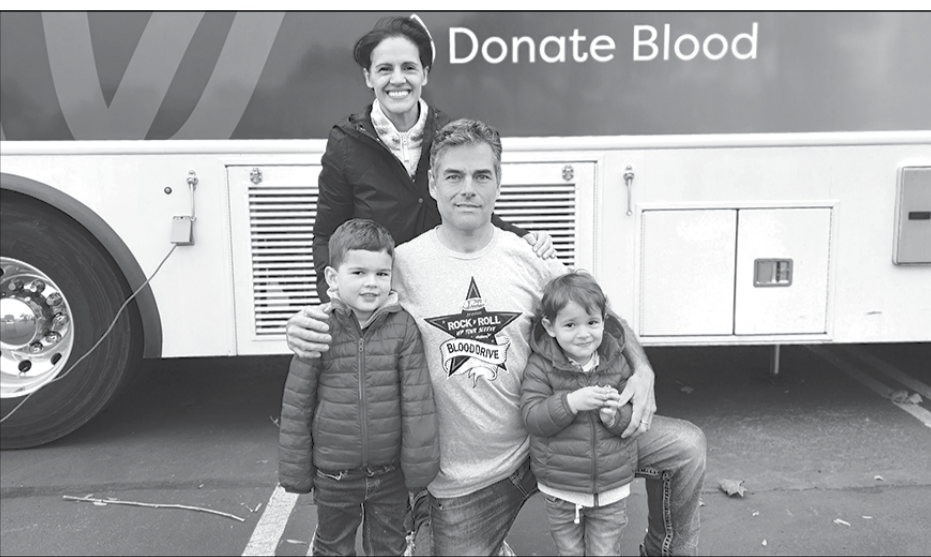
NERIS also prioritizes local data ownership, allowing departments to maintain full control over their records and information. Its GIS-based reporting tools deliver location-specific insights that support better planning and decision-making.

In addition, the system includes actionable dashboards that enhance operational awareness and performance tracking. To make adoption easier, NERIS offers streamlined onboarding, complete with help desk support and training tools.

Departments can begin the onboarding process today by visiting the NERIS website. The process includes account setup, administrator access, and records management system (RMS) integration, if applicable. "NERIS is purpose-built for today's fire service," said Steve Kerber, Executive Director of FSRI. "It's based on research and feedback from the field, and it delivers actionable information that improves emergency response and supports long-term planning and resourcing at the local, state, and national levels."

CAL FIRE – OSFM encourages all departments to complete onboarding as soon as possible to ensure a smooth transition. The current national data platform, NFIRS, will be formally decommissioned on January 1, 2026. For additional questions or technical support, departments can contact the NERIS Help Desk or the CAL FIRE – Office of the State Fire Marshal directly. ★

# 98 Rock Blood Drive Brings Out Donors



Mom, Carolina Fowler poses with boys Vincent (4) and Benjamin (2 1/2) after waiting patiently while dad Craig donated blood. Photo by Elise Spleiss

By Elise Spleiss

**SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)** - Potential blood donors from all over the Sacramento area and beyond arrived at the annual "Role Up Your Sleeve" blood drive on a November weekend following the direction of the DJs at 98 Rock station in Sacramento.

The annual event is sponsored by the Marketplace At Birdcage, a large outdoor shopping mall in Citrus Heights, providing donors a blood drive they can put on their calendar and look forward to each year.

Vitalant volunteers greeted donors at tables near the Bloodmobiles where they registered donors who had appointments as they arrived and put walk-ups on a waiting list. No one is turned away.

Despite the cold and wet weather, which remained in the mid-40's all three days, donors waited patiently sitting in chairs or walking around the stores until it was their turn. Three bloodmobiles served donors on Friday, one on Saturday and two on the final day.

To help fill the need for blood throughout the region, 98Rock station DJ Myki Angeline, Vitalant communications manager Kristin Conner and Audacy, Inc, a broadcasting company, came together to plan the 34th annual 98 Rock 'N Roll Up Your Sleeve Blood Drive, which takes place over three days. Planning the event took the team several months.

One family brought their young children along, setting an example for helping others. Mom Carolina Fowler joined her husband with two sons, Vincent (4) and Benjamin (2 1/2), waiting while dad Craig donated blood.

A resident of Carmichael, Craig said he donates blood to save lives. He is active with many causes in Sacramento County including working with the homeless, foster youth,



On the final hour of the final day, Lindsey Kennedy, Kristen Graves, and Christopher Wilson, along with donor/ 'photo bomber' Tony of Carmichael, close out the 34th 98 Rock Blood Drive, knowing they have all helped save lives. Photo by Elise Spleiss

community housing, better public transportation and other causes all "in the spirit of giving."

Donating blood for others is a true family affair. Dad Adrian Roberts and sons Brian and Anthony said, "We're here again to give our blood; it's a way to give back to the community, our way of helping people out, once a year, rain or shine. This is the only blood drive we do."

Anthony started donating blood in high school, and they now follow 98 Rock to the donation site, making this a family tradition.

They come from different walks of life. Dad Adrian is a utility supervisor in Goldfield, Nevada, Brian is a mechanic for Ford Auto and brother Anthony does billing for Casco Dock and Doors in Sacramento. Formerly from South Sacramento, Brian and Anthony now come from Elk Grove to donate, and Adrian from Nevada.

Another family has made donating blood a family habit. Siblings Laura and Daniel Collins from Granite Bay began donating blood over 20 years ago, right out of high school. Laura, who works for the State of California, and donated blood at their last drive, saw the 98 Rock blood drive ad in their newsletter and asked her brother to join her. They are always looking for opportunities to donate.

Connor said in an email following the weekend, "We collected more than 100 donations, and we exceeded goals each day of the drive. It's the blood on the hospital shelves that saves lives, so

we need donors every day to ensure it is always available to patients throughout the community."

The need for blood makes up a long list including traumatic injuries from motor vehicle or recreational accidents, gun violence injuries, patients in cancer treatment, mothers with pregnancy-related or childbirth-related complications, burns, heart surgeries and more. Blood transfusions take place every two seconds in the United States.


The demographic of 98 Rock station listeners is middle aged individuals, 40 years and above. The station plays a wide variety of music from the 90s to 2000s rock.

Connor also said in an email, "We want to thank the life-saving donors who braved the cold weather and donated at our 34th Annual 98 Rock Blood Drive for Life. Given that blood donation dips significantly throughout the holiday season and winter months, your donation is even more critical now for patients in need."

"We also want to extend our deep appreciation for the team at 98 Rock for their 34-year partnership and to the entire Marketplace at Birdcage team for graciously hosting the blood drive and promoting the drive with us."

For more information about Vitalant Blood, visit: [www.vitalant.org](http://www.vitalant.org) or call 877-258-4825 for appointment

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08179  
Keith E. Jones, 17 Quay Court Apt 3, Sacramento, CA 95831 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Let's Ride Transportation" 17 Quay Court Apt 3, Sacramento, CA 95831. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 3, 2025  
Publish: December 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025  
RIDE 12-26-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08534  
Sinbad Group Inc., 3033 Hurley Way Suite 103, Sacramento, CA, 95864 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sinbad Market & Bakery" 3033 Hurley Way Suite 103, Sacramento, CA, 95864. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 19, 2025  
Publish: December 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025  
SINBAD 12-26-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08681  
Michael Tyler Shroul Reitmeier, 7589 Limerick Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "NovaTech Solar Solutions" 7589 Limerick Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 26, 2025  
Publish: December 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025  
NOVATECH 12-26-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08778  
R DAVIS LLC, 4796 Winding Way, Sacramento, CA 95841 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Milagro Centre" 6241 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 26, 2025  
Publish: December 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025  
MILAGRO 12-26-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07782  
Dulku & Singh Inc., 460 Rockport Circle, Folsom, CA 95630 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Mobility City Sacramento" 11220 Gold Express Suite #404, Gold River, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 17, 2025  
Publish: Dec 12, 19, 26, Jan 2, 2026  
MOBILITY 1-2-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08701  
Wali Hassany, 3373 Misty Lake Drive, Antelope, CA 95843 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "NovaEdge Store" 3373 Misty Lake Drive, Antelope, CA 95843. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 1, 2025  
Publish: Dec 12, 19, 26, Jan 2, 2026  
NOVAEDGE 1-2-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08732  
Steve Cook's Bowling Supply, 8530 Morrison Creek Drive, Sacramento, CA 95828 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Bowling Badass" 8530 Morrison Creek Drive, Sacramento, CA 95828. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 2, 2025  
Publish: Dec 12, 19, 26, Jan 2, 2026  
BOWLING 1-2-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08586  
David Nesterenko, 5424 Olympic Way, Sacramento, CA 95842 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Rainsafe Solutions" 5424 Olympic Way, Sacramento, CA 95842. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 21, 2025  
Publish: Dec 12, 19, 26, Jan 2, 2026  
RAINSAFE 1-2-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08749  
Adrian Armand, 3629 Gold Creek Lane, Sacramento, CA 95827 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Adrian Armand SNSF" 776 Revere Street #H, Sacramento, CA 95818. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 2, 2025  
Publish: Dec 12, 19, 26, Jan 2, 2026  
ADRIAN 1-2-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08434  
N'Guessan Sylvère Yao, 6100 Merry Lane, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Yao American Trading" 6100 Merry Lane, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 13, 2025  
Publish: Dec 12, 19, 26, Jan 2, 2026  
YAO 1-2-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08791  
Accelerated Auto Wholesale LLC, 8049 Bothwell Drive, Sacramento, CA 95829 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Accelerated Auto Wholesale" 8049 Bothwell Drive, Sacramento, CA 95829. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 4, 2025  
Publish: Dec 12, 19, 26, Jan 2, 2026  
AUTO 1-2-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08710  
Logan Taggart, 9544 Achates Circle, Sacramento, CA 95826 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Valora" 9544 Achates Circle, Sacramento, CA 95826. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 1, 2025  
Publish: Dec 12, 19, 26, Jan 2, 2026  
VALORA 1-2-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08667  
Erin Alexis Boetzer, 2609 Stonehaven Drive, Sacramento, CA 95827 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "K9 Training Academy" 2609 Stonehaven Drive, Sacramento, CA 95827. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 26, 2025  
Publish: Dec 12, 19, 26, Jan 2, 2026  
TRAINING 1-2-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07587  
Stacy Anderson, 176 Creekside Circle, Sacramento, CA 95823 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Init2Winit Consultant Services/Init2Winit Health Solutions" 176 Creekside Circle, Sacramento, CA 95823. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 10, 2025  
Publish: Dec 12, 19, 26, Jan 2, 2026  
STACY 1-2-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08821  
Amy Dorene Kelly, 7435 Fairway Two Avenue #16, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Notary Services By Amy" 7435 Fairway Two Avenue #16, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 5, 2025  
Publish: Dec 19, 26, Jan 2, 9, 2026  
NOTARY 1-9-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08829  
Sue Her, 1401 21<sup>st</sup> #13747, Sacramento, CA 95811 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Image Worth Studios" 1401 21<sup>st</sup> #13747, Sacramento, CA 95811. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 5, 2025  
Publish: Dec 19, 26, Jan 2, 9, 2026  
IMAGE 1-9-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08625  
PDC Technology, Inc., 2377 Gold Meadow Way #10, Gold River, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "PDC Tech" 2377 Gold Meadow Way #10, Gold River, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 24, 2025  
Publish: Dec 19, 26, Jan 2, 9, 2026  
PDC 1-9-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08759  
Dani's Helping Hands, Inc., 108 Remington Drive, Folsom, CA 95630 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Dani's Helping Hands 2" 108 Remington Drive, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 3, 2025  
Publish: Dec 19, 26, Jan 2, 9, 2026  
DANIS 1-9-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08630  
MPJ Laundry Services, 5412 Madison Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95841 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sac Suds Laundry" 5412 Madison Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 25, 2025  
Publish: Dec 19, 26, Jan 2, 9, 2026  
SUDS 1-9-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08815  
Holman Investments LLC, PO Box 984, Sutter Creek, CA 95685 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "MontressaLee/MontressaLee Enterprises" 10416 Investment Circle, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 4, 2025  
Publish: Dec 19, 26, Jan 2, 9, 2026  
MONTRESSA 1-9-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08862  
Lissy Alex, 400 Fisher Circle, Folsom, CA 95630 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Kerala Emporium" 400 Fisher Circle, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 8, 2025  
Publish: Dec 19, 26, Jan 2, 9, 2026  
KERALA 1-9-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07980  
Sprout Automotive, LLC, 300 E. Rio Salado Parkway, Tempe, AZ, 85281 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Carvana Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram" 3610 Fulton Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 27, 2025  
Publish: Dec 19, 26, Jan 2, 9, 2026  
CARVANA 1-9-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08565  
KND Jumparound LLC, 10499 Ambassador Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "KND Jumparound" 10499 Ambassador Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 20, 2025  
Publish: Dec 19, 26, Jan 2, 9, 2026  
KND 1-9-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08769  
Michael Aurelio and Eileen Aurelio, 7361 Verdugo Way, Sacramento, CA 95842 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Love ME Salon Suite" 7401 Winding Way Suite 3, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 3, 2025  
Publish: Dec 19, 26, Jan 2, 9, 2026  
LOVE 1-9-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08902  
Brian Night King, 4337 Garden Oak Court, Sacramento, CA 95841 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Redline Environmental Services" 4337 Garden Oak Court, Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 9, 2025  
Publish: Dec 19, 26, Jan 2, 9, 2026  
REDLINE 1-9-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08850  
K2 Restoration and Environmental Inc, 5704 Dry Creek Road, Rio Linda, CA 95673 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "K2 Environmental Incorporated" 5704 Dry Creek Road, Rio Linda, CA 95673. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 8, 2025  
Publish: Dec 19, 26, Jan 2, 9, 2026  
K2 1-9-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08206  
John Gladding, 817 Fratis Street, Folsom, CA 95630 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Brand G Design/Brand G Designs" 817 Fratis Street, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 4, 2025  
Publish: Dec 19, 26, Jan 2, 9, 2026  
BRAND 1-9-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08764  
Strengh In Numbers of CA, Inc, 7909 Walerga Road #112-266, Antelope, CA 95843 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Strength In Numbers Company" 7921 Doe Trail Way, Antelope, CA 95843. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 3, 2025  
Publish: Dec 19, 26, Jan 2, 9, 2026  
STRENGTH 1-9-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08844  
Kimman H. Ablang and Lance O. Ablang, 2340 Sunrise Boulevard, Suite 22, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Howard's Donuts" 2340 Sunrise Boulevard, Suite 22, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 8, 2025  
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HOWARDS 1-9-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08862  
Lissy Alex, 400 Fisher Circle, Folsom, CA 95630 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Kerala Emporium" 400 Fisher Circle, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 8, 2025  
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KERALA 1-9-26

# Mari Jane Lopez-Taff Sworn in as Mayor

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term also expires in 2026.

Lopez-Taff was elected to the City Council in November 2022 to represent City Council District 2. She had previously served as vice-mayor.

“Councilwoman Lopez-Taff has done a wonderful job representing District 2 and the city,” Shirley wrote in an email in advance of the city council meeting.

“She has been a great supporter of CHASEN (Citrus Heights Area Seven Eight Nine),” District 2 President Bill

Shirley told council members.

“Mayor Mari Jane Lopez-Taff will be a great representative for the city of Citrus Heights. I am excited to see what she and the council can accomplish as she serves as mayor.”

The CHASEN District 2 area is bounded by Sunrise Boulevard on the west; the Placer County Line on the north; the communities of Orangevale and Fair Oaks to the east; and Greenback Lane to the South.

Lopez-Taff also represents the city on

several boards including the Sacramento Public Library Authority, the Sacramento Steps Forward Homeless Policy Council, the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District 2x2 Committee and serves as the city’s liaison to the Sunrise MarketPlace Business District (SMP).

Born and raised in San Francisco, she and her husband have three grown children, one grandchild and two cats. For several years, Lopez-Taff has owned her own small consulting and training firm, Taff Enterprises, and is currently a

programs manager at a local education-related non-profit.

Lopez-Taff is also an active board member of the Citrus Heights Chamber of Commerce and a member of several local organizations including the Soroptomists International of Citrus Heights, a National Committee Chair for the National Federation of Business and Professional Women’s Clubs (NFBPWC) as well as a long-time member of the Citrus Heights Women’s Club which recently celebrated its 50th anniversary. ★

# Council Discusses Possible Restrictions on Food Truck Operations

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designation: “It takes a lot of hard work, a lot of preemptive planning, a lot of visioning” from both staff and council.

The council voted unanimously to approve the Pro-Housing Incentive Program application.

The council then discussed possible updates to the city’s code regarding mobile food vendors operating on private property for more than two hours at a time.

Current regulations require food truck vendors to obtain a temporary use permit, maintain a business license, and have health department approval. They also need access to a public restroom and the permission of the property owner to park in their preferred location. The city limits temporary use permits at a single location to 180 days of operation, so most vendors switch to a secondary location after six months to operate year-round.

City Planner Bermudez said there are currently four mobile food vendors that are licensed to operate in Citrus Heights. The existing code doesn’t include any distance requirements from other food trucks or established brick-and-mortar restaurants.

A written public comment was submitted by the co-owner of R Vida Cantina on Sunrise Boulevard, stating that they support local food trucks to ensure more people spend their money in Citrus Heights, which benefits the continued growth of the city. But he said that since he runs a Mexican restaurant, he wouldn’t want a taco truck parked right outside his business.

Councilmember Jayna Karpinski-Costa said there has been an ongoing issue with a taco truck parking right outside the Taqueria Tres Hermanos on Greenback Lane. She said the taco truck even sets up outdoor seating, which has caused

a decline in business at the established restaurant.

Karpinski-Costa said she would support a distance requirement to reduce competition with brick-and-mortar restaurants. There are many commercial centers without sit-down restaurants where she said a food truck would actually benefit shoppers without negatively impacting other businesses.

Mayor Lopez-Taff said, “I am really concerned that we are limiting the success of our brick-and-mortar, which obviously are invested in our community.” She said the code needs to support all businesses operating in the city.

Council consensus was for staff to draft potential updates to the code, prohibiting food trucks in commercial centers with sit-down restaurants or creating a distance requirement for operation, for council consideration at a future meeting. The council also

considered amendments to the city’s animal licensing and micro-chipping policies.

Currently, California state law requires that dogs be vaccinated against rabies, and local pet licensing is the primary enforcement mechanism to ensure compliance. Licensing also helps ensure lost pets are quickly returned home, reducing the strain on local animal shelters.

There are currently 1,274 active animal licenses on record in the city. Approximately 85% of new licenses are for dogs, and 15% for cats.

The city also offers a free microchip program, which is another way to ensure lost pets are returned safely. The program began in October 2024 after a donation from Councilmember Karpinski-Costa. Over the past year, 20 animals were microchipped through the program, and staff expect the current inventory will be enough to cover the

next five years at the current rate of issuance.

Staff suggested several ways to potentially increase the rate of licensing and microchipping. Options included waiving licensing fees for the first year for puppies with their rabies vaccination or waiving first-time license fees for any cat or dog of any age with their rabies vaccination. The code could also be amended to make microchipping mandatory within the city. Council consensus was for staff to come back with an action item to waive the licensing fees for puppies, and to continue offering free microchipping. Councilmember Karpinski-Costa said microchipping is an important service that can be very expensive if done through a private practice veterinarian, but she said it should not be mandated.

The next meeting of the Citrus Heights City Council is scheduled for Jan. 14, 2026. ★

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS

North Highlands, CA 95660 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Shipsierra.com/Shipurwhip.com" 4600 Roseville Road Suite #260, North Highlands, CA 95660. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 10, 2025  
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SHIP 1-9-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08919 Andrew Nelson Nevins, 5820 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Unit 232, Sacramento, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "B.R. Fig" 5820 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Unit 232, Sacramento, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 9, 2025  
Publish: Dec 19, 26, Jan 2, 9, 2026  
FIG 1-9-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08933 KB'S Mart LLC, 12400 Fair Oaks Boulevard #511, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Pows of Prosperity Custom Prints/POPCustomPrints" 12400 Fair Oaks Boulevard #511, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 9, 2025  
Publish: Dec 19, 26, Jan 2, 9, 2026  
POWS 1-9-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08718 MK Elevated LLC, 1401 21st Street Suite R, Sacramento, CA, 95812 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Let Mommy Sleep Southern California" 9787 Mojave Mountain Street, Las Vegas, NV 89166. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 1, 2025  
Publish: Dec 19, 26, Jan 2, 9, 2026  
LET 1-9-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08660 Infinite Life Source, LLC, 1401 21st Street, Suite R, Sacramento, CA 95811 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "The Ancient Soul" 1401 21st Street, Suite R, Sacramento, CA 95811. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 25, 2025  
Publish: Dec 19, 26, Jan 2, 9, 2026  
ANCIENT 1-9-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08938 Joshua raymond, 17 Avenida 2101, Guatemala Zona 15, 01015 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "East branch financial inst" 17 Avenida 2101, Guatemala Zona 15, 01015. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 10, 2025  
Publish: Dec 19, 26, Jan 2, 9, 2026  
EAST 1-9-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08969 Bombay Grill Inc, 861 Barros Drive, Sacramento, CA 95835 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Bombay Bar and Grill" 1315 21st Street, Sacramento, CA 95811. Filed with the Clerk of

Sacramento County December 10, 2025  
Publish: Dec 19, 26, Jan 2, 9, 2026  
BOMBAY 1-9-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08832 Yasir Alfatayir, 3033 Olive Glen Court, Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Yas Locksmith" 3033 Olive Glen Court, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 5, 2025  
Publish: Dec 19, 26, Jan 2, 9, 2026  
YAS 1-9-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-09000 Terry Richard Joseph, 101 Withington Avenue, Rio Linda, CA 95673 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Explicit Mechanical Services" 101 Withington Avenue, Rio Linda, CA 95673. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 11, 2025  
Publish: Dec 19, 26, Jan 2, 9, 2026  
EXPLICIT 1-9-26

### STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME FILE NO. FBNF2025-08684 The following person(s) has/ have abandoned the use of the FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME of: NovaEdge Store, 3373 Misty Lake Drive, Antelope, CA 95843. Wali Hassany and Maisam Hassany, 3373 Misty Lake Drive, Antelope, CA 95843. The Fictitious Business Name Statement was filed on November 26, 2025 in the County of Sacramento. Filed with the clerk of Sacramento County: November 26, 2025.  
Publish: Dec 12, 19, 26, Jan 2, 2026  
NOVAEDGE 1-2-26

### ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV021358

Scarlett Rose Nielsen has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Scarlett Rose Nielsen to Syrus Rose Nielsen.  
Publish: Dec 12, 19, 26, Jan 2, 2026  
NIELSEN 12-19-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV027508 Magda Christy Taraya Perez has

filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Magda Christy Taraya Perez to Magda Taraya Perez Knapp.  
Publish: Dec 12, 19, 26, Jan 2, 2026  
NIELSEN 1-2-26

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on April 21, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.  
Dated: November 14, 2025 Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: Nov 28, Dec 5, 12, 19, 2025  
PEREZ 12-19-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV026099

Olena Ignatenko has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Olena Ignatenko to Olena Oleynik and German Ignatenko to German Oleynik.  
Publish: Dec 12, 19, 26, Jan 2, 2026  
IGNATENKO 12-26-25

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on February 19, 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 Name should not be granted.  
Dated: November 6, 2025 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: December 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025  
IGNATENKO 12-26-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV026376

Mohad Haroon Shams has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Mohad Haroon Shams to Haroon Shams.  
Publish: Dec 12, 19, 26, Jan 2, 2026  
SHAMS 12-26-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV026392

Jennifer Ann Wolf has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Jennifer Ann Wolf to Jennifer Ann Krieger.  
Publish: Dec 12, 19, 26, Jan 2, 2026  
WOLF 1-2-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV029046

Kazuhiro Maclay has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Kazuhiro Maclay to Robert Maclay.  
Publish: Dec 12, 19, 26, Jan 2, 2026  
MACLAY 1-9-26

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on March 17, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.  
Dated: November 3, 2025 Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: December 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025  
SHAMS 12-26-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV021358

Scarlett Rose Nielsen has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Scarlett Rose Nielsen to Syrus Rose Nielsen.  
Publish: Dec 12, 19, 26, Jan 2, 2026  
NIELSEN 12-19-25

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on February 9, 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 Name should not be granted.  
Dated: September 8, 2025 Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: Nov 28, Dec 5, 12, 19, 2025  
NIELSEN 12-19-25

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV029349

Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: Dec 12, 19, 26, Jan 2, 2026  
NIELSEN 1-2-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV028499

Boyd Reed Anderson has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Boyd Reed Anderson to Silver Dann.  
Publish: Dec 12, 19, 26, Jan 2, 2026  
ANDERSON 1-2-26

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 13, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 28, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.  
Dated: December 1, 2025 Richard C. Miadich, Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish: Dec 12, 19, 26, Jan 2, 2026  
ANDERSON 1-2-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV026392

Jennifer Ann Wolf has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Jennifer Ann Wolf to Jennifer Ann Krieger.  
Publish: Dec 12, 19, 26, Jan 2, 2026  
WOLF 1-2-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV029046

Kazuhiro Maclay has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Kazuhiro Maclay to Robert Maclay.  
Publish: Dec 12, 19, 26, Jan 2, 2026  
MACLAY 1-9-26

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on May 14, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 53, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.  
Dated: December 3, 2025 Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court  
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MACLAY 1-9-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV029349

Carl La Morris Teer II has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Carl La Morris Teer II to Carlos La Morris Teer.  
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TEER 1-9-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME #25CV029349

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YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: Iver Capital Corporation.

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

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# Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



The Sacramento Kings had a rough week. Whether it's at Golden One or on the road, the 2025-26 campaign has not been a pleasant experience.

Diehard fans will likely point to injuries, and you would have a point, but injuries alone cannot account for losing 20 games in the first 26 contests. There is more to the story.

The Kings as they are currently assembled do not match up with bigger teams. Does that mean that the Kings need to build a team that resembles the Oklahoma City Thunder? Well, it wouldn't be a bad idea, but easier said than done, it's important to note that there are a host of players under 6 feet, 6 inches that are difference makers in this league.

Well, I don't pretend to be able to read the mind of Scott Perry, but if you listen to him, he will tell you that he has autonomy and will be the architect of what is apparently going to be a rebuilding season. Perry has alluded to this experience likely taking three to five years, which no one wants to hear.

For me, I can condense the process to five players that I would keep at all costs.

Domantas Sabonis has had little time on the hardwood this season due to injury, but make no mistake about it, he is a difference maker. Any player that can lead the league in double-doubles, year over year, while also leading the league in rebounding three years running, is someone you need to covet. Sabonis also led the league in triple-doubles two years ago, so there you have an anchor on your team that simply needs to stay.

The Kings are guard heavy, but their young guards have yet to see their potential. Players like Nique Clifford and even Devin Carter have not had sufficient time for fans to see what could be an incredible upside. Keep these youngsters and remember why you made them number one draft choices.

Keegan Murray had a rookie season three years ago that was eye popping because he was living up to his hype. The NCAA scoring champ out of Iowa set a Sacramento franchise record of 11 consecutive threes, and a total of twelve three-pointers in one game.

Keegan's experience in Sacramento has been up and down, but this year could be a breakout year for the young baller that has not just the shooting ability, but a knack for defense as well. Keep him!

Maxime Reynaud is getting game time due to Domantas being sidelined and he is giving Kings fans a glimpse of what this seven-footer can do. He is my fifth pick to stay.

As our Sactown ballers lost three games last week by a total of 56 combined points, I glanced around the league to see who might be a player that could bring a steadiness to this lineup. One player, although a guard, was Austin Reeves, who managed to drop 51 points on the Kings earlier this season when both LeBron James and Luca Doncic were sidelined with injuries. The same Austin Reeves that just 4 years ago went undrafted by all 30 NBA teams and would eventually be signed to a two-way contract as a walk-on by the LA Lakers.

In high school, Reeves scored 73 points in one game and won back-to-back state titles. Reeves went on to play for Oklahoma averaging 32 points per game as a senior while making the NCAA tournament. How does the entire league miss on a talent that is having the time of his life playing in the NBA?

As I've said before, the Kings need to find someone that can assess talent and hit home runs. It needs to happen sooner rather than later, so right now would be just fine.

Are you listening, Doug Christie? You have a player sitting on your bench by the name of Doug McDermott that can shoot threes like everyone else shoots free throws, and he needs to find a place in your rotation. With six wins to show for the season, what are you waiting for?

Just as Austin Reeves was a welcome surprise, maybe McDermott could bring some much-needed energy to this team.

Stay tuned Kings fans because we're only 25 percent of the way into the season!

All the best and a very Merry Christmas!

Your thoughts are always welcome at [vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com](mailto:vgharriskingsfan@gmail.com). ★

## Trump Sides with Agriculture Again in California's Never-Ending Water Wars



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

From the onset of his foray into presidential politics a decade ago, Donald Trump has been obsessed with managing California's water, often interjecting himself into decades-long conflicts over how the precious commodity should be divvied up.

During his first stint as president, Trump was heavily influenced by the Westlands Water District, a huge agricultural water agency in the San Joaquin Valley that sought more irrigation water for itself and other farm interests.

That relationship led to an extremely controversial contract that guaranteed Westlands as much as 1 million acre-feet of water each year from the federal Central Valley Project, solidifying the district's supply situation. Lacking water rights, Westlands had historically depended on temporary contracts to meet members' demands.

The new contract angered environmental groups because it threatened to reduce flows through the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta for wildlife habitat. The groups sued and won rulings against the contract in trial and appellate courts.

After Trump moved back into the White House in January, he immediately picked up where he left off, issuing an order to federal water officials to maximize deliveries in California.

He also complained that

a shortage of water deliveries to Southern California was a factor in the rapid spread of deadly wildfires in Los Angeles County, claiming that the state's efforts to protect "an essentially worthless fish called a smelt" was at fault.

"Governor Gavin Newsom refused to sign the water restoration declaration put before him that would have allowed millions of gallons of water, from excess rain and snow melt from the North, to flow daily into many parts of California, including the areas that are currently burning in a virtually apocalyptic way," Trump wrote on his social media site, Truth Social.

Newsom's office rebuked the claim, saying, "There is no such document as the water restoration declaration — that is pure fiction."

Meanwhile, Trump's executive order pushed the Bureau of Reclamation to modify how it operates the Central Valley Project, a complex of reservoirs — including Lake Shasta — and canals that captures runoff from Northern California mountains and supplies water agencies in the Sacramento and San Joaquin valleys.

Last week, the bureau announced an operational modification that would increase annual water deliveries by 130,000 to 180,000 acre-feet from the Central Valley Project and another 120,000 to 220,000 from the State Water Project, the latter chiefly generated from the Oroville Dam on the Feather River. The two projects share management of the Sacramento River and its tributaries.

"This updated operations plan reflects our commitment to using the best available science to increase water deliveries while safeguarding the environment and honoring the legacy of the Central Valley Project's

90 years of service," Secretary of the Interior Doug Burgum said in a statement.

The announcement sparked reactions, both pro and con, that reflect the state's long-running water allocation battles — praise from Westlands and other agricultural water agencies that are facing supply reductions from regulation of groundwater use and condemnation from state officials and environmental groups.

"These operational refinements reflect a thoughtful, data-informed approach that strengthens water supply availability for growers while maintaining California's commitment to environmental stewardship," Westlands said in a statement.

Newsom spokesperson, Tara Gallegos, had another take: "The Trump administration is putting politics over people — catering to big donors instead of doing what's right for Californians. As per usual, the emperor is left with no clothes, pushing for an outcome that disregards science and undermines our ability to protect the water supply for people, farms, and the environment."

For their part, state water officials say they have no intention of matching the Bureau of Reclamation's new operational rules.

So here we go again, another chapter in the war over water that began when California became a state 175 years ago. It's probably headed to the courts and will probably outlast not only Newsom's governorship but Trump's presidency.

*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 About Remarrying and Benefits from an Ex-spouse



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

**Dear Rusty:** I am almost 57, divorced after a 14-year marriage. My former spouse is 15 years older than I and made significantly more money than me. I am required to retire from my job at age 60 but expect to keep working in some capacity.

I have a girlfriend of a similar age to me. She did not earn as much as her former husband as she mainly raised their children. She is also divorced from an older spouse who made more money than she did. I am trying to figure out if we will be penalized if we marry, or if it matters if we wait until after we reach 60 years of age. Can I claim my own benefits when I become eligible at 62, then claim survivor benefits later, whenever my former spouse passes? Is that affected if, or when, I remarry? I do not want to give up my potential survivor benefits from my ex-spouse. Are those affected if I remarry?

If I understand correctly, if I remarry even after 60, we would both forfeit divorced spousal benefits, is that right? Given that my girlfriend's former spouse

probably made more money than I, would she be forfeiting her former spousal benefits if we were to marry, even after age 60?

Lastly, I am considering retiring abroad as an expat. Any suggestions about how that would affect our Social Security benefits? **Signed: Starting Over**

**Dear Starting Over:** With certain exceptions, benefits from a living ex-spouse cannot be collected if you remarry (regardless of your age when you remarry). So, from what you've shared, whenever you remarry both you and your new wife will forfeit eligibility for benefits from your respective ex-spouses while they are living (FYI, there are exceptions for those who are disabled).

However, the rules are different for a surviving ex-spouse: if you remarry before age 60, you will forfeit your surviving ex-spouse benefit. But if you remarry after age 60, you retain eligibility to collect survivor benefits from a deceased former spouse. So, if you and your girlfriend remarry after you are both age 60, you will both still be able to claim survivor benefits based on your former spouses' records.

And, yes, it is possible for you to initially claim your own SS retirement benefit at 62 and claim your surviving ex-spouse benefit later (after your former spouse dies). Provided you remarry after age 60 you do not lose that option, but if you were to claim a surviving ex-spouse benefit before reaching your full retirement age (FRA), the monthly payment amount would be reduced (all SS benefits taken before FRA are reduced).

Note too, that if you plan

to continue working after you are first eligible for SS benefits, Social Security has an "earnings test" which limits how much you can earn from working while collecting early benefits. The limit changes yearly (for 2025 it is \$23,400 and if exceeded, SS will take back \$1 in benefits for every \$2 you are over the limit. And as you likely know, claiming at age 62 will also mean a benefit payment of about 30% less than available at your FRA of 67. So, if you plan to work after age 62 and plan to claim early SS, you should take the "earnings test" into consideration. FYI, the earning test no longer applies after you reach your full retirement age.

Now, regarding retiring overseas, be aware that Social Security has limits or where you can collect U.S. Social Security benefits. I suggest you use Social Security's Payments Abroad Screening Tool to find out if benefits are payable wherever you plan to retire abroad. That SSA tool can be found here:

[www.ssa.gov/international/payments\\_outsideUS.html](http://www.ssa.gov/international/payments_outsideUS.html)

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## Europe Has Made Itself An Afterthought

of the U.S., "decline is a choice."

This isn't quite right with regard to Europe, whose great powers were kneecapped by the cataclysms of the early 20th century. France bore the brunt of World War I, suffering 1.4 million dead and 4.3 million wounded and a ruinous economic cost.

As for Britain, stretched to the max, it got steadily eclipsed in power and influence by the United States as World War II progressed. The less said about Germany's role in all this, of course, the better. And then the European colonial empires inevitably dissolved. So, Europe was going to be diminished compared to its glory days. Its current fecklessness, though, has indeed been a choice, borne of strategic fantasy and economic incompetence.

Strong militaries were deemed as a thing of the past, or something unnecessary as long as Uncle Sam was around. The Brits, for instance, are hard-pressed to maintain a 73,000-strong army, and the size of their once-storied surface fleet is at a historic low.

Europe imagined itself "a diplomatic superpower," but has learned to regret that "soft power" not backed up by hard power is of limited utility. Both the Nobel Committee and Amnesty International have considerable soft power, too, but no one pays attention to them regarding high-level geopolitical questions.

Economically, the EU "regulatory superpower"

has hobbled growth -- over the last 30 years, Western European labor productivity declined from 95% of the U.S. level to 80% -- while Europe's commitment to "net zero" greenhouse emissions has driven insane energy priorities. Years into the Ukraine war, Europe is still dependent on gas imports from Russia.

None of this means that the U.S. should go out of its way to give Europe the back of its hand. Whatever its other failings, Europe has collectively given Ukraine more aid than the United States, and was justifiably furious at the initial 28-point Ukraine proposal. That plan had the embattled country handing over to Moscow strategically important territory that is still in Ukrainian hands; agreeing to a limit on the size of its military; and the U.S. taking currently frozen Russian assets in Europe to rebuild Ukraine (getting 50% of any profits) and to pursue joint investment projects with Russia.

Negotiations with the Ukrainians have reportedly produced a more reasonable version, but it is Washington and Moscow that matter most here.

The analyst Robert Kagan famously wrote years ago that, in their divergent approaches to the world, "Americans are from Mars and Europeans are from Venus." Having long outsourced power politics to Mars, it turns out that Venus has limited influence even in her own backyard.

*Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.*

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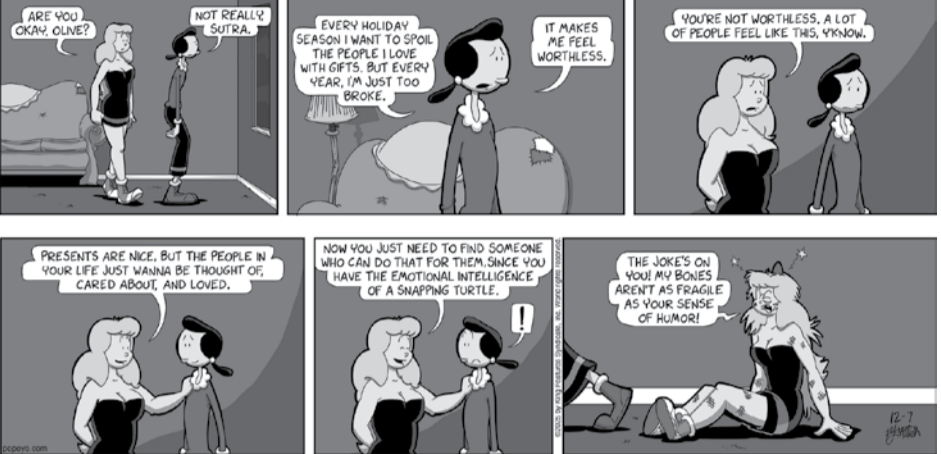
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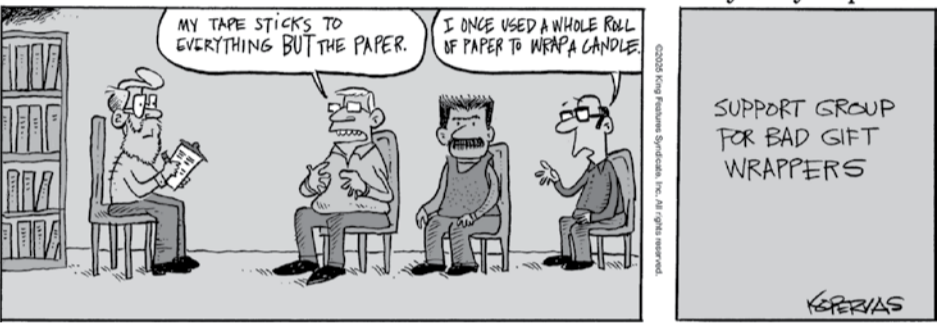
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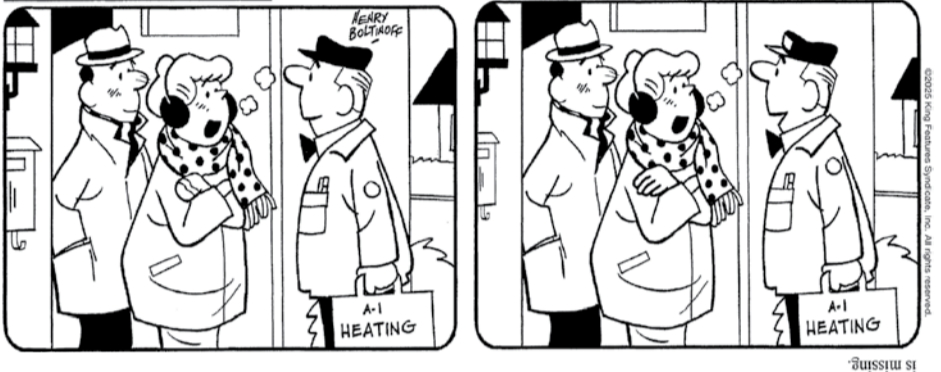
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# Pinnick and Cofield Named FCS Football Central Freshman All-Americans



UC Davis Football Freshman Caden Pinnick finished the season ranked among the best quarterbacks in the nation and was named Big Sky All-Conference. Photo courtesy of UC Davis Athletics



Defensive back Drew Cofield was one of two freshmen to be named FCS Football Central Freshman All-Americans. Photo courtesy of UC Davis Football

## UC Davis Athletics News Release

**DAVIS, CA (MPG)** - Following impressive freshmen campaigns by Caden Pinnick and Drew Cofield, the pair of UC Davis football freshmen have earned FCS Football Central Freshman All-American honors as announced today.

Pinnick (redshirt freshman), who became only the second Aggie quarterback to throw for five touchdowns in an

NCAA playoff game, finished the season ranked among the best quarterbacks in the nation and was named Big Sky All-Conference.

While Cofield is one of two true freshmen in the nation to make every start at cornerback, stepping in and making an immediate impact in the UC Davis secondary. Entering the game, Pinnick ranked nationally third in passing efficiency, fifth in total passing touchdowns

and yards per pass attempt, eighth in total touchdowns, ninth in completion percentage and 10th in passing yards per game.

With 11 starts under his belt, Pinnick has racked up 2,804 passing yards, 29 passing touchdowns and with a line of 211-for-304 the Aggie quarterback is completing his passes at 69.4 percent.

And on the ground, Pinnick has added rushed for 411 yards and added three touchdowns on the ground. Cofield has

made every start this season, playing nearly every snap all season at one of the toughest positions in sports.

With 12 games in his pocket, Cofield has collected 32 total tackles, 2.0 tackles for loss and he's broken up a team-high nine passes. The Aggie freshmen has made 28 solo stops, and he's snagged two interceptions along the way making his presence known to every offense faced this season. ★

# Eric Kubota Wins Tony Gwynn Lifetime Achievement Award

## Athletics News Release

**WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - A's Director of Scouting Eric Kubota has been named the winner of the Tony Gwynn Award, a lifetime achievement award presented annually by Baseball America for the greatest contributions to the game.

Kubota, who is entering his 41st season with the A's, has served as Director of Scouting for the past 24 seasons. During his tenure, the A's have drafted and signed 114 players who have reached the majors.

Among those players, 18 have been named All-Stars, three have been named American League Rookie of the Year, four have won Gold Glove Awards, and three have won Silver Slugger Awards. Hitters drafted under

Kubota have combined to record 14,896 hits and 2,190 home runs, while pitchers have collected 425 wins, 521 saves, and 6,143 strikeouts.

Kubota began his baseball career in June of 1984, while he was an undergraduate at the University of California, Berkeley, spending the better part of six seasons working in the A's media relations department. In November of 1989, he joined the baseball operations staff as an assistant director of scouting, and he was elevated to Pacific Rim coordinator in November of 1996, where he acted as a liaison between the A's and Asian baseball teams in addition to his scouting duties in Northern California and Hawaii.

Prior to assuming his current position, Kubota served as

the club's supervisor of international scouting for three seasons, overseeing the scouting staff and player evaluations in the Dominican Republic and Venezuela. In January 2014, he was honored as Scout of the Year by the Santa Clara County Hot Stove Committee and in 2022 he was named the Scout of the Year by the Scout of the Year Foundation.

Kubota graduated from the University of California, Berkeley in 1986 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science. He and his wife, Karen, have two children. ★

**Kubota, who is entering his 41st season with the A's, has served as Director of Scouting for the past 24 seasons.** Courtesy photo



# Sacramento State Announces Change

## Sacramento State News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Brennan Marion announced Dec. 5 that he will resign as the head football coach at Sacramento State to become the offensive coordinator at Colorado.

"I want to thank Coach Marion for his leadership during this past season," Director of Athletics Mark Orr said. "We look forward to continuing the success of Sacramento State football and will begin a national search for our next head coach immediately."

Marion was hired as the 13th head football coach in school history on Dec. 21. During his time with the Hornets, he secured the top-ranked recruiting class in the Football Championship Subdivision twice. This past season, the team finished



**Brennan Marion announced Dec. 5 that he will resign as the head football coach at Sacramento State.** Photo courtesy of Sacramento State

with a 7-5 overall record and was 5-3 in Big Sky Conference games for sole possession of fourth place. Sacramento State ended the regular season ranked third in the Football Championship Subdivision with 262.6 rushing yards per game and averaged 33.8 points per game.

"I love Luke Wood and

Mark Orr," Marion said. "They gave me the opportunity to live my dream as a college head football coach and they provided me with every resource to succeed. I'm grateful to the Sacramento community and University for embracing my family. Lastly to my team, I love our players and staff. They restored the pride in Sac State football through a lot of adversity and our relationships will last a lifetime. Thank you Sacramento State!"

Sacramento State is one of just 12 Football Championship Subdivision programs to win at least seven games in five of the last six seasons. During that time, the team made four National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Football Championship Subdivision Playoff appearances and was ranked in the top 25 for 50 weeks. ★

# A's Select Ryan Watson in Major League Rule 5 Draft

A's select three pitchers in minor league portion

## Athletics News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - The Athletics selected right-handed pitcher Ryan Watson from San Francisco in the Major League portion of the Rule 5 Draft, the club announced Dec. 10. In addition, the Athletics' selected right-handed pitchers Abel Mercedes, Darlin Pinales and Jorge Marcheco in the minor league portion of the Rule 5 Draft.

Watson, 28, was signed to a minor league contract by Baltimore in 2020 and was traded to the Giants on Aug. 9, 2024, for cash considerations. He is 24-17 with a 4.14 earned run average (ERA) in 157 games, including 34 starts, across five minor league seasons.

Mercedes, 23, posted a 2-0 record with a 4.35 ERA across 30 relief appearances for Single-A Fayetteville during the 2025 season to go along with 66 strikeouts and 48 walks in 41.1 innings pitched. Overall, Mercedes is 6-12 with a 5.60 ERA across five minor league seasons.

Pinales, 23, was 1-3 with a 5.90 ERA across 35 relief outings for Single-A Visalia during the 2025 season with 56 strikeouts, 32 walks and a .217 opponents batting average. Overall, he is 10-11 with a 5.64 ERA, adding 229 strikeouts and 186.2 innings pitched over five minor league seasons. ★

Marcheco, 23, went a combined 5-7 with a 4.36 ERA between High-A Tri City and Double-A Rocket City during the 2025 season. He totaled 84 strikeouts, 23 walks and a 1.13 walks and hits per inning pitched (WHIP) across 27 games (12 starts). Overall, he is 23-23 with a 3.99 ERA spanning five minor league seasons.

Additionally, catcher Daniel Susac was selected from the A's organization by Minnesota in the first round of the Major League Phase of the Rule 5 Draft. In the minor league portion, catcher Abraham Gutierrez was selected by New York-AL (second round).

Susac was drafted by the A's in the first round (19th overall) in the 2022 First-Year Player Draft. He hit .275 with 19 doubles, 18 home runs and 68 runs batted in (RBI) for Triple-A Las Vegas during the 2025 season. Across four minor league seasons, the 24-year-old right-handed hitter has recorded 65 doubles, 39 home runs and 195 RBI.

Gutierrez, 26, was signed by the A's to a minor league contract on Dec. 4, after he was released by the Pittsburgh Pirates organization on Aug. 5. Across parts of eight minor league seasons, he batted .261 with a .346 on-base percentage, including batting .250 with a .333 OBP in 28 games with Triple-A Indianapolis this season. ★



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