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Home Sales Decline for November

**North State Building
Industry Association
News Release**

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - New home sales in the greater Sacramento region reflected normal levels in November as builder incentives continued to promote seasonal sales volumes, the North State Building Industry Association reported today.

November sales by reporting Building Industry Association members totaled 409, down 19 percent from October (a five-week month) and down 22 percent from November 2024 (a four-week month). However, sales were 8 percent higher than the 10-year monthly average.

North State Building Industry Association President and CEO Tim Murphy said the sales totals were in line with expectations.

“Because builders have a toolbox of incentives to offer prospective buyers, we’re still seeing new homes taking a larger share of overall purchases than we typically experience, and that is likely to continue in the near future,” Murphy said.

“Mortgage rates are expected to remain in the low 6 percent range into 2026, and affordability remains a challenge. Fortunately, however, many builders are able to provide incentives to increase affordability.”

However, Murphy warned that in the long run the affordability problem is only going to be solved by increasing the supply of new housing to meet the continued demand for homes in our region.

“The Building Industry Association will continue working with local governments in the area to expedite the zoning and permitting processes and to reduce the staggeringly high level of fees they charge, which now averages \$109,000 per home,” he said.

Once again, the most sales in November were seen in Rancho Cordova, where 77 sales were reported. That was followed by Roseville with 67, Elk Grove with 54, Sacramento with 52 and Plumas Lake and Lincoln, which tied for fifth place with 35 each.

Building Industry Association statistics covered 195 new home communities in El Dorado, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba counties.

For more information, visit www.northstatebia.org. ★

Small Business Leaders Comment on Jobs Report

**National Federation
of Independent Business
News Release**

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - California state director John Katabeck for the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) said the Dec. 4 release of the monthly NFIB Jobs Report showed that 33 percent (seasonally adjusted) of small business owners reported job openings they could not fill in November.

That’s up one point from October and the first increase since June. Unfilled job openings remain above the historical average of 24 percent:

“We will shortly release our small business legislative agenda for the 2026 half of the session and topping that list will be a call for state lawmakers to pay off, or significantly down, California’s unemployment insurance (UI) loans it took out from the federal government during the pandemic,” Katabeck said.

“It’s worth reminding everyone that only business owners pay unemployment insurance taxes, so having to calculate this debt has a big impact on whether or not to hire more

employees or cut back the hours of existing employees or, worst of all, to lay off workers,” Katabeck said. “It can’t be a badge of honor, especially going into an election year, that California is the only state that has not paid Uncle Sam back the money it took to keep its UI Trust Fund solvent and unemployment checks going to those in need of them.”

National Federation of Independent Business’ Jobs Report is a national survey of National Federation of Independent Business-member small-business owners, not broken down by state. The typical National Federation of Independent Business member employs between one and nine people and reports gross sales of about \$500,000 a year.

“The economy has continued to grow steadily, despite the recent government shutdown. On Main Street, job growth continues to be constrained by a lack of qualified employees,” said Bill Dunkelberg, chief economist at the National Federation of Independent Business.

Highlights from the Latest NFIB Jobs Report

A seasonally adjusted net 19

percent of owners plan to create new jobs in the next three months, up four points from October and the highest reading of the year. The last time that hiring plans reached this level was in December 2024.

In November, 21 percent of small business owners cited labor quality as their single most important problem, down six points, erasing most of October’s sudden increase.

Labor costs, reported as the single most important problem by small business owners, remained at 8 percent.

Seasonally adjusted, a net 26 percent of small business owners reported raising compensation in November, unchanged from October. A net 24-percent (seasonally adjusted) plan to raise compensation in the next three months, up five points from October. The last time plans to raise compensation were at this level was in December 2024.

Keep up with the latest California small business news at www.nfib.com. Follow the National Federation of Independent Business on X @NFIB_CA and on Facebook @NFIB.CA. ★

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Navigating Family Dynamics and Grief During the Holidays

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The holiday season is most often described as joyful, warm and full of celebration, but many people experience something more complex, like dreading gatherings knowing they can stir up stress, old patterns or emotional triggers and even intensify the grief of missing a loved one that’s passed.

If this time of year feels complicated, that’s perfectly normal. The holidays come with expectations, routines and memories that can heighten emotions.

Let’s unpack why emotions run high in December and look at tools to deal with complex situations during the holidays.

Some factors that may contribute to complex emotions in December and getting triggered include: stepping into old family roles, feeling pressure to keep the peace, encountering conversations that feel sensitive or overwhelming, missing someone deeply during gatherings, being reminded of past losses or difficult years, old tensions, feeling judged or misunderstood, unresolved conflicts and changes in relationships

Any of these factors might lead to a triggering event where someone feels signs of irritability and withdrawing feelings. These reactions are normal. It’s the body responding to a situation that feels intense.

Here are some tools to stay



Emotions may run high during holiday family gatherings. Sacramento County Behavioral Health Services provide a myriad of services to help residents navigate mental health struggles during the holidays. Photo courtesy of Anchiy via iStock

grounded in these moments.

Take pauses: A short walk, a moment outside, or even a trip for a water refill can give space for the body and mind to reset.

Set boundaries gently: Boundaries are an act of self-care, not conflict. It is okay to say, “I’d rather not talk about that right now,” or “I need a moment,” or “I’m going to step outside for a bit.”

Reach out to someone supportive: A quick text or call can make a person feel less alone.

Practice grounding: Noticing five things, place feet firmly on the ground and take slow breaths

to regulate the nervous system.

Permission to feel: You don’t have to force cheerfulness. It’s okay to feel sad, tired, hopeful or anything in between.

Reflecting after the gathering: When things quiet down, take a moment to reflect and check in. What felt comforting? What felt difficult? What do I need moving forward?

Grief doesn’t follow a schedule, and the holidays can magnify feelings of loss. Reminders appear everywhere – traditions, music, foods, photos and empty chairs that used to be filled.

Some ways to honor a loved

one might include lighting a candle in their memory, cooking their favorite dish, sharing stories with friends or family, writing them a letter or creating a small ritual that brings comfort.

There is no right or wrong way to grieve. Your journey is yours.

Family dynamics can be complicated and grief can feel heavy, especially during the holiday season. If this time of year brings emotional overwhelm, talking with someone can make a real difference, whether that’s a friend, community member, support group or a behavioral

health professional.

Sacramento County Behavioral Health Services provide a myriad of services to help residents navigate mental health struggles during the holidays.

Sacramento County’s CORE Community Wellness Centers offer drop-in centers for mental health resources. For more information or to locate centers, visit: dhs.saccounty.gov/BHS/Pages/Adult-Mental-Health/CORE%20Program.aspx

Behavioral Health Services-Screening and Coordination (BHS-SAC) offers access and coordination of services in Sacramento County. For more information, visit: dhs.saccounty.gov/BHS/Pages/BHS-SAC.aspx

Mental Health America offers a variety of mental health and crisis resources. Visit mhanational.org/crisis-services/ for more information.

The NAMI Support Line offers emotional support, mental health information and resources. For more information, visit www.nami.org/support-education/nami-helpline/

Everyone deserves peace, connection and care this holiday season.

If you or someone you know is struggling with thoughts of self-harm or hopelessness, you can call or text 988 for immediate support or visit the county’s Mental Health Urgent Care Clinic, 2130 Stockton Boulevard, Building 300, Sacramento, CA or call (916) 520-2460. ★

Rise In Local Salmonella Case Data Linked to Statewide Outbreak

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Salmonella cases rose above normal levels in Sacramento County this fall due to an outbreak linked to contaminated eggs from Vega Farms, Inc., a Dixon, CA based company. Case counts are anticipated to decrease following the voluntary recall by Vega Farms, Inc.

“We urge residents and businesses to check for recalled eggs and follow recall guidance to protect themselves and help prevent additional illnesses,” said Dr. Olivia Kasirye, Sacramento County public health officer.

Sacramento County Public Health (SCPH) and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) are warning residents and

local businesses not to eat, sell or serve recalled in-shell eggs distributed by Vega Farms, Inc. Consumers should throw recalled eggs away or return them to the place of purchase for a refund, and businesses must not sell or serve recalled eggs.

Sacramento County Public Health is providing data to the California Department of Public Health and the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) to support the ongoing investigation of a Salmonella Enteritidis outbreak linked to contaminated eggs and to ensure recalled products are removed from local stores and restaurants.

California Department of Public Health has confirmed 66 cases linked to the outbreak statewide, 49 of which are reported



Pictured are sample packages of recalled Vega Farms eggs. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

cases from Sacramento County. There have been 13 hospitalizations and no deaths. The high

and Sacramento).

Sacramento County recorded 39 total Salmonella cases in September, 48 total cases in October and 36 total cases in November. These case counts were all above the three-year average for each month, with the increase directly tied to the outbreak.

Consumers should not eat recalled eggs and should throw them away or return them to the place of purchase for a refund.

Businesses should not sell or serve any of the recalled eggs.

Consumers and businesses should wash and sanitize items and surfaces that may have come into contact with the recalled eggs using hot soapy water or a dishwasher.

Anyone finding these products for sale should call the California Department

of Public Health Complaint Hotline at (800) 495-3232 or submit an electronic report to California Department of Public Health’s Food and Drug Branch.

Consumers who become sick after eating the recalled eggs should call their health care provider. Salmonella infection symptoms usually begin six hours to six days after exposure and include diarrhea, fever and stomach cramps.

Illness typically lasts four to seven days, and most people recover without medical treatment. But for some people, the symptoms may be so severe that treatment or hospitalization is needed. Children younger than 5 years of age, adults 65 and older and people with weakened immune systems are more likely than others to get very sick. ★

TOT Grant Program Available for Local Non-Profits

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors is continuing its commitment to supporting local non-profit organizations through the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27 Transit Occupancy Tax (TOT) Grant Program. A total of \$1 million in grant funding will be available to eligible non-profit organizations operating in Sacramento County.

Since 2017, the Board of Supervisors has allocated Transit Occupancy Tax grant funds to organizations delivering community-based programs and services

in the areas of economic and workforce development, arts and culture, community development, and health and human services. This marks the eighth consecutive year of investment and strengthening local communities through this initiative.

The application period opens Jan. 5, 2026, at 8 a.m. and closes Feb. 6, 2026 at 5 p.m. Applications must be submitted online via the TOT Grant Portal (www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=sacco).

It’s important to note that late or incomplete applications will not be accepted. Applicants will receive an electronic confirmation upon successful submission.

A grant workshop will be held via Zoom (registration required) from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Jan. 20, 2026. Register at: saccounty-net.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/4yp340UwSomN-zkfyG25pw#/registration

The topics covered will be program overview and eligibility, insurance requirements, application content and guidance, a submission timeline and live Q&A.

From Feb. 9 to 20, 2026, county staff will review applications for completeness and compliance with minimum eligibility requirements. Applicants will be notified electronically if proposals do not meet the minimum qualifications and will not continue the

evaluation process.

From Feb. 23 to May 13, 2026, qualifying applications will be reviewed, evaluated, and ranked. The Board of Supervisors will establish funding allocations for each application according to its ranking. Allocations will be determined in alignment with established evaluation criteria, and the strategic priorities of the Board. This process will help demonstrate the greatest potential impact.

In June 2026, final award decisions will be made by the Board of Supervisors during a public hearing. Applicants will be notified of the hearing schedule and final decisions electronically within five business days of Board approval.

In July 2026, county staff will begin drafting and executing grant agreements with selected organizations.

The TOT Grant Program is funded by revenue generated from the County’s Transient Occupancy Tax, which is collected from guests staying in hotels, motels, and other short-term lodging within unincorporated areas of Sacramento County.

For more information, including eligibility criteria and application instructions, please visit the TOT Grant Program website.

For eligibility and grant program questions, contact: SacCountyTOTAdmin@saccounty.gov ★

Department of Child, Family and Adult Services Awarded for Commitment to Community

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Sacramento County is proud to announce that the Department of

Child, Family, and Adult Services (DCFAS) has been named the winner of the inaugural Social Sector Hero of the Year Award by Clear Impact.

This international recognition celebrates organizations that

demonstrate exceptional measurable impact, transparency and a commitment to continuous improvement in their communities. Clear Impact is an organization that offers software, training and support to

help governments, non-profits and communities keep track of their programs, see how their work is making a difference and share their progress.

Each winner has been recognized for strong alignment with

Clear Impact’s Social Sector Hero strategies, particularly the use of storytelling to connect data with real-life impact.

To learn more, visit SocialSectorHero.com/Award. ★

Pancake Palace Named 7th Assembly District’s Small Business of the Year

**District 7
Assemblyman Josh Hoover
Hoover News Release**

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Assemblyman Josh Hoover (R-Folsom) recently announced that Pancake Palace has been selected as the 2025 Small Business of the Year for the 7th Assembly District.

Founded by Mohammad Shatnawi, a Jordan native who came to the United States seeking a better future, Pancake Palace has been a beloved fixture in the North Highlands community since its grand opening on Jan. 1, 1998.

Mohammad’s journey began while pursuing his education at California State University, Sacramento, and working at Lyon’s Restaurant, where he rose from entry-level positions to General Manager.

Through this experience, he learned the values of hard work, teamwork and treating every customer with care; principles that inspired him to pursue his dream of owning a restaurant with the support of his family.

Pancake Palace is a true family-owned and operated business, with Mohammad and his family working side by side each day. The restaurant is known for its high-quality food, warm service and welcoming atmosphere, treating customers as neighbors, friends and extended family.

Beyond serving meals, Pancake Palace has hosted countless gatherings that foster community connections and provide a space for conversations about



Assemblyman Josh Hoover presents Pancake Palace owner Mohammad Shatnawi with 7th Assembly District’s 2025 Small Business of the Year. Courtesy Photo

local resources and neighborhood needs.

In May 2024, Pancake Palace faced a devastating fire that forced a temporary closure. Over the following months, Mohammad and his family undertook extensive rebuilding and remodeling efforts, including new plumbing, flooring, equipment, appliances and amenities. They now look forward to welcoming customers back with a grand reopening planned for January 2026.

“Pancake Palace represents the very best of what small businesses mean to our communities,” said Assemblyman Hoover.

“Mohammad’s story is one of perseverance, family and service. Even in the face of hardship, he and his family have remained committed to North Highlands, and their resilience is truly

inspiring. I am proud to recognize Pancake Palace as the 7th Assembly District’s 2025 Small Business of the Year.”

Pancake Palace is located at 6225 Watt Ave, North Highlands, CA. Assemblyman Hoover is honored to recognize Pancake Palace for its unwavering commitment to excellence, hospitality and community leadership and extends his best wishes for continued success for many years to come.

Josh Hoover represents Assembly District 7, which includes the cities of Citrus Heights, Folsom and Rancho Cordova and the unincorporated communities of Carmichael, Fair Oaks, Foothill Farms, Gold River, Mather, McClellan Park, North Highlands, Orangevale and Rosemont. ★

Start 2026 Strong by Claiming Your CalKIDS Scholarship



To date, CalKIDS scholarship funds have been used by nearly 150,000 students towards their academic success at a college or career training program. Photo courtesy of CalKIDS

CalKIDS News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) -

As the year comes to a close and families begin setting goals for the year ahead, California is reaffirming its commitment to young people through CalKIDS, the California Kids Investment and Development Savings Program. Backed by a \$2 billion statewide investment for more than 5 million children, CalKIDS is the largest education-focused asset-building effort in the nation, providing automatic scholarship accounts to millions of California children and students to help pay for college or career training after high school.

As families think about meaningful gifts this holiday season and prepare for the opportunities a new year brings, claiming a CalKIDS Scholarship Account is a simple step with a lasting impact. Eligible children and students can receive between \$175 and \$1,500 in free scholarship funds, with no application, no essays and no income verification required. These funds are already set aside for children and students and can be used for qualified higher education expenses, making CalKIDS one of the most accessible scholarships available to California families.

“CalKIDS has been an amazing success, with nearly 1 million scholarship accounts already claimed by California families,” said State Treasurer Fiona Ma, CPA, Chair of the ScholarShare Investment Board, which administers CalKIDS. “As we look ahead to the new year, families across the state still have a tremendous opportunity to claim scholarship dollars already set aside for their children and students, funds that can help lower the cost of college or career training and expand what’s possible for their future.”

More than 60% of public-school students in grades 2 through 12 are eligible for a CalKIDS Scholarship Account worth up to \$1,500. When CalKIDS launched in 2022, the program awarded scholarship accounts to students from elementary school to high school, meaning current college students may also be able to claim and use their CalKIDS Scholarship funds today. Awardees can use



As families think about meaningful gifts this holiday season and prepare for the opportunities a new year brings, claiming a CalKIDS Scholarship Account is a simple step with a lasting impact. Photo courtesy of CalKIDS

their funds until age 26.

Additionally, 100% of newborns born on or after July 1, 2022 in California automatically receive a CalKIDS Scholarship Account worth up to \$175. This includes an initial scholarship awarded at birth, with additional incentives available when families claim the account and link it to a ScholarShare 529 College Savings Plan where they can continue saving on their own.

CalKIDS Scholarships can be used for tuition and fees, required books and supplies, computer equipment and other qualified education expenses at accredited institutions nationwide making CalKIDS one of the simplest and most flexible scholarships students can claim this holiday season and in the year ahead.

To date, CalKIDS scholarship funds have been used by nearly 150,000 students towards their academic success at a college or career training program. For one awardee, Bryan a student at California State University, Fullerton, CalKIDS was described as: “A financial ease into pursuing a degree.”

Claiming a CalKIDS Scholarship takes only a few minutes at CalKIDS.org.

For public school students, including those who are now college-aged, families will need the Statewide Student Identifier (SSID), a 10-digit number found on school portals, report cards or by contacting the public school the student attended during the 2021–22, 2022–23, or 2023–24 academic years.

For children born in California on or after July 1, 2022, families will need the

child’s date of birth and the Local Registration Number, a 13-digit number found on the birth certificate.

Once an account is claimed, families can log in at any time to view their scholarship balance, link it to a ScholarShare 529 account, learn how the funds can be used and request a disbursement once the student is enrolled in higher education or career training.

CalKIDS reflects California’s long-term commitment to expanding opportunity, reducing education costs and investing early in the success of its young people.

Families are encouraged to check if they have a CalKIDS Scholarship Account available to claim this holiday season by visiting CalKIDS.org.

About CalKIDS: *The California Kids Investment and Development Savings Program (CalKIDS) is the nation’s largest child development account program, providing scholarships for higher education. Administered by the ScholarShare Investment Board, and Chaired by State Treasurer Fiona Ma, CPA, the program is designed to promote the pursuit of higher education statewide by empowering families to build assets, nurture savings habits, and raise their educational aspirations. Eligible public school students can receive CalKIDS Scholarships worth up to \$1,500 and every child born in California on or after July 1, 2022, is awarded a CalKIDS Scholarship worth up to \$175, ensuring more families have the resources needed to support their children’s education. To learn more, visit CalKIDS.org.* ★

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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



“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.” Photo courtesy Freepik

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.cpoc.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 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.

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. ★

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. ★

CAHIP NorCal Celebrates Successful Toy Drive



From left, CAHIP Legislative Chair Josh Edwards (Eureka Insurance Solutions), CAHIP Community Service Chair Michele Childers (Cypress Dental), CAHIP Executive Director Lauren Bayha (BayhaBenefits Insurance Solutions) and CAHIP Media Relations Chair Corinne Huey (BayhaBenefits Insurance Solutions). Courtesy photo

CAHIP Northern California News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - California Association of Health Insurance Professionals, Northern California (CAHIP NorCal) is proud to announce the successful completion of its annual Toy Drive in partnership with River Oak Center for Children. Through this collaboration, gifts were provided to 300 families in the community, helping bring joy and support to children and caregivers during the holidays.

CAHIP NorCal Board members Lauren Bayha (BayhaBenefits Insurance Solutions), Corinne Huey (BayhaBenefits Insurance Solutions), Michele Childers (Cypress Dental) and Josh Edwards (Eureka Insurance Services) attended the gift-wrapping event, volunteering their time to help prepare presents once families had made their selections.

“Giving back to our community is a meaningful part of who we are as an

organization,” said Michele Childers, CAHIP NorCal Community Service Chair. “It was incredibly rewarding to serve local families and to partner with River Oak Center for Children once again. Their dedication to supporting children and families makes a real difference, and we’re honored to be part of that work.”

The Toy Drive reflects CAHIP NorCal’s ongoing commitment to community service alongside its work in advocacy, education, and professional development for health insurance and benefits professionals.

CAHIP NorCal extends sincere gratitude to River Oak Center for Children and to all members and volunteers who contributed their time and generosity to make this initiative a success.

For more information about CAHIP NorCal and future community events, visit www.cahip-norcal.org. For more information about River Oak Center for Children and the important work they do, visit www.riveroak.org. ★

SacRT Awarded Grants to Advance Transit, Housing, Climate Goals

Sacramento Regional Transit (SacRT) News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT) is proud to announce it has been awarded three grants totaling \$25.8 million through the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Round 9 program.

In total, SacRT in partnership with the cities of Sacramento and West Sacramento and private development partners including AMCAL MultiHousing, Community Housing Works and E. Smith & Company, has secured more than \$126 million from this round of awards.

This marks a significant milestone for SacRT, which received \$1.5 million in the previous round, and reflects the agency’s growing leadership in advancing sustainable, equitable and transit-oriented development across the Sacramento region.

The funding will support a range of transformative transportation projects such as the purchase of four new low-floor light rail vehicles, increasing SacRT’s new fleet from 59 to 63, including two vehicles dedicated to the future Downtown Riverfront Streetcar project.

The funding also supports Florin Station improvements that serve the Blue Line to accommodate the height requirements of the new low-floor vehicles, enhancing safe and accessible boarding for all passengers.

In addition, there will be Transit Signal Priority upgrades at 33 intersections along the Meadowview corridor and J and L streets in downtown Sacramento to improve service reliability and rider experience, as well as support for construction at the Sacramento Valley Station (SVS) Transit Center, building on \$30 million already secured for this multimodal hub.

Additionally, these investments will directly support 546 new affordable housing units across three developments, expanding on more than 1,000 units of transit-oriented housing already underway along SacRT’s Blue and Gold lines.

The projects are expected to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by an estimated 311,883 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent: a reduction comparable to removing 67,000 cars from the road annually.

“This funding is a game-changer for our region,” said SacRT General Manager/CEO Henry Li. “It allows us to close critical funding gaps, expand our clean transit fleet and support

the kind of walkable, affordable communities that make Sacramento a more sustainable and inclusive place to live.”

“The Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities grants are meaningful investments for Sacramento families,” said State Senator Angelique Ashby.

Sen. Angelique Ashby said, “Combining affordable housing with dependable transit opens doors to jobs, education, healthcare, economic development, and, importantly, individual independence. These critical housing projects reflect our region’s ongoing commitment to strengthening neighborhoods and making life easier for everyone who chooses to call Sacramento home.”

Project highlights include the development of I Street Apartments in Downtown Sacramento, an 84-unit affordable housing project which will include Class IV bikeways, sidewalk repairs and transit signal priority upgrade.

The Clover Apartments in South Sacramento, a 348-unit transit-oriented development near Meadowview Light Rail Station, will include sidewalk upgrades, bikeways and transit signal priority infrastructure. SacRT will add two zero-emission low-floor light rail vehicles to the Blue Line to support increased service demand.

Finally, the MOSA Apartment Homes at Gateway development in West Sacramento will benefit from two new electric low-floor light rail vehicles and station improvements on SacRT’s light rail extension into West Sacramento. The project also includes new bikeways, walkways and bus shelters, along with workforce and housing stability programs through the city’s Home Run initiative.

Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) is administered by Strategic Growth Council and implemented by the California Department of Housing and Community Development. Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities is part of Cap-and-Invest (formerly Cap-and-Trade) dollars to work reducing greenhouse gas emissions, strengthening the economy and improving public health and the environment, particularly in disadvantaged and low-income communities

California Climate Investments projects include affordable housing, renewable energy, public transportation, zero emission vehicles, environmental restoration, more sustainable agriculture, recycling and more.

Learn more at <https://sgc.ca.gov/grantprograms/ahsc/> ★

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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris

As the vaunted Houston Rockets entered Golden One Arena Sunday night with a gaudy 17-8 record was there anyone that could have conceived the Sacramento Kings would outrebound the Rockets 55-47? You would be hard pressed to find someone, but that’s exactly what the Kings did, resulting in a hard fought 125-124 win!

Sitting just behind the Kings bench I was saddened by the number of empty seats that I gazed upon, and I found myself wondering why so many fans made the decision to stay home just days before Christmas.

Why not take the family out and celebrate the great careers of players like Russell Westbrook and DeMar DeRozan, leading the team to a holiday victory? That’s exactly what they did, and coming back from a double deficit hole in the fourth quarter the Kings ended regulation on a torrid 17-2 frenetic scoring stretch that sent the game into overtime.

Future hall of famer Rusell Westbrook hit a 3-pointer with just seconds left in regulation to put a hard-fought contest into overtime, much to the delight of Golden One holiday crowd.

DeMar DeRozan led the Kings with 27 big points while teammate Russell Westbrook added 21 points of his own to go with 13 monster rebounds. Yes, Kings fans, the veterans came to play and, on this night, they came to win!

All knotted at 112 apiece the Kings would end their losing streak after suffering back-to-back losses to the Portland Trailblazers, and it was an unlikely 3-pointer from Dennis Schroder with 2.2 seconds left on the clock that would propel the Kings to victory.

Kevin Durant’s 20-footer with one second remaining would miss the mark sending home a jubilant Sacramento Kings crowd. No one seemed to mind the rain as fans made their way to their cars, because on this night, the hometown ballers put on a show.

Doug Christie’s decision to finally focus on the young players is starting to pay dividends, but his reluctance to play Devin Carter and Keon Ellis is a mystery to me.

Rather than give minutes to Devin Carter, the organization sent this 1st round draft choice to the G-league where he will get

all the minutes he wants. While I agree that court time is what Carter needs, I believe real NBA talent is what he needs to be up against.

If the Kings want to see what the team’s youth have to offer let’s put them all out there. Both Carter and Ellis represent the defensive presence that coach Christie has been barking about, so why not let them show what they can do. Finally, put together a real plan of attack and get the message out there. Let the veterans do what they do, while giving substantial minutes to the young players at the same time.

Most of all, find a rotation that makes sense and not something new every game. Putting Malik Monk of the bench for two and three games at a time makes absolutely no sense, and it belittles a talent that took considerably less money to stay in Sacramento. Malik showed where his heart is, now show Malik that you value his skills.

Once again, the inability to access talent accurately rises to the top, and this coaching staff needs to get it together.

Games like this victory over the Thunder do not have to be an aberration if this coaching staff will find rotations that make sense. It’s not rocket science, so do it!

Without question this team misses Domantas Sabonis and apparently, he is not returning anytime soon, so use your veterans wisely and play the legs off the youngsters.

Fans have their favorite players, and if the messaging coming from Kings is correct, some of your favorite players may soon be taking up residence elsewhere. I for one, hope Domantas Sabonis remains a foundation piece and Sacramento fans can witness his high intensity style of play for years to come.

In the meantime, remember this: The Sacramento Kings have proven on any given night this team can defeat any NBA team in America. The talent is here, and now is the time to come and see future hall-of-famers in action. Get out and support this team because they are playing hard!

Keep the faith Kings fans and have a very Merry Christmas!

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

Newsom’s \$18 Billion Budget Gap

Has Roots in Pandemic Aid Ending



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

When Gov. Gavin Newsom unveils his first draft of the state’s 2026-27 budget next month, he’ll reveal whether he intends to deal squarely with its chronic, multi-billion-dollar deficit or punt the shortfall to his successor.

Legislative Analyst Gabe Petek, the Legislature’s independent fiscal advisor, estimates the state faces an \$18 billion gap between projected spending and likely revenues next year and, if left unaddressed, the deficit will grow to \$35 billion a year.

Meanwhile, Petek says, the state has rung up \$21.6 billion in off-the-books debt to cover deficits in recent fiscal years.

Petek and others have warned about the possibility of a serious recession afflicting the national economy which would exacerbate the budget’s imbalance and strain California’s emergency reserves, which have already been tapped to cover shortfalls.

Even without a recession, California’s economy is, in Petek’s words, “sluggish.” Jobs are shrinking, and at 5.6% of the labor force, California’s unemployment rate remains the highest of any state.

The recent history of papering over deficits with gimmicks and borrowed money is not an encouraging

signal of a forthright approach. However, perhaps Newsom will opt to balance California’s books before embarking on a near-certain presidential campaign.

Unfortunately, the state is not alone in being plagued by yawning gaps between income and outgo. Throughout California, school districts, cities, counties and other units of local government are facing deficits rooted in the same dynamics that led to red ink in state finances – immense injections of federal relief funds during the COVID-19 pandemic.

It’s been estimated that the feds pumped as much as \$600 billion into California through state and local governments to counteract the pandemic’s economic impacts, not counting many other billions that businesses and individuals received directly.

The federal aid gave officials cash to spend with few safeguards and fueled a short-lived jolt of taxes, particularly income taxes.

The Newsom administration interpreted the windfall as a permanent increase in revenue that led the governor to declare, in 2022, a \$97.5 billion surplus. He and the Legislature immediately ramped up spending. But the surplus never materialized, and eventually the administration acknowledged that it had over-estimated revenues by \$165 billion four years.

By then, however, the additional spending, especially for an expansion of medical care, was lodged in state law, and the state was left with what is termed a “structural deficit” in the \$20 billion range.

Meanwhile, local governments and school districts were using their pandemic

aid to satisfy the demands by employee unions for salary increases, which often could not be covered once the federal aid vanished. Inflation in living costs ratcheted up union salary demands even further.

A new report by the Fiscal Crisis & Management Assistance Team, which monitors California school district finances, examined the chronically troubled Sacramento City Unified School District and described how federal aid led to its financial quicksand.

The report catalogued the district’s history of overspending revenues and said, “This (federal) funding masked the district’s existing structural deficit, delaying the necessary actions to be taken to address it.”

Even after the federal aid stopped, the district continued to sign union contracts calling for raises that it could not afford. And it failed to implement the cost-saving steps it had pledged to balance its budget, the analysis found.

The budget problems in other school districts – Oakland Unified is a notorious example – and in local governments such as the City of Los Angeles have a similar ring. School trustees and city council members, elected with union support, squandered federal aid. Then they approved unsustainable contracts and blamed the resulting deficits on insufficient revenue.

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

Why Won’t Social Security Give Me My Benefits?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I called the Social Security office, as well as went with my husband when he went to collect his Social Security. Because I work full-time (at about \$800/week), they said I could not file for my Social Security. Yet I seem to read articles all the time about people doing so.

My husband just filed for his benefits and is now collecting them. Out of the two of us, his Social Security will be larger. Please advise me.

Signed: Wanting my Benefits

Dear Wanting my Benefits: If you have not yet reached your SS full retirement age (FRA) and you are working full time, you are likely being affected by Social Security’s Annual Earnings Test, which limits how much you can earn while collecting Social Security prior to your FRA. Your FRA is somewhere between 66 and 67, depending on when you were born.

The annual earnings limit for those collecting

SS benefits prior to FRA in 2025 is \$23,400 (changes yearly) and, if that is exceeded, Social Security will take away benefits equal to \$1 for every \$2 you are over the limit. If you applied for your benefits and are still working, and were denied, it’s likely because Social Security determined that your current annual earnings considerably exceed the earnings limit and, thus, you cannot collect benefits. That’s because the penalty for exceeding the limit would be more than your benefit amount. FYI, the earnings limit will go away when you reach your full retirement age so, after FRA, you can claim your benefits even if you are still working. Or if you stop working before your FRA you can collect your SS benefits at that time.

None of this means you are losing money, because your monthly SS payment will continue to grow until you later claim (e.g., after you stop working, or only work part-time), or until you reach 70 years of age. When you later claim, your monthly benefit will be higher and, depending on your longevity, you may recover what you didn’t get now because you are working. And that includes both your own SS retirement benefit and any spousal boost you may be entitled to from your husband.

So, my suggestion is this: as long as you are working full time

and exceeding Social Security’s annual earnings limit, continue to wait to claim your Social Security. Then, when you reach your full retirement age (again, between 66 and 67, depending on the year you were born), or if you stop working before that, go ahead and apply for Social Security again. At that time, your application will be approved, and you will be awarded your own earned SS retirement amount plus any additional amount you may be due as your husband’s spouse. To be entitled to a spousal boost from your husband, your own FRA entitlement must be less than 50% of your husband’s FRA entitlement. But the amount you get will be reduced if you claim before your full retirement age.

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President Trump likes putting his name on things, so maybe it was inevitable he’d get his own corollary to the Monroe Doctrine. Truth be told, what the president’s just-released national security strategy sets out as a new proposition is really a restatement of the Lodge Corollary, named after Senator Henry Cabot Lodge in 1912. That proviso prohibited any foreign power or interest -- not just European governments -- from gaining “practical power of control” in the Western Hemisphere.

Naming rights aside, the treatment of our hemisphere is a strong element of the strategy. The so-called Trump corollary aims to assert U.S. preeminence in the hemisphere and keep non-hemispheric actors from creating threats or controlling strategically vital assets here. It is, in the words of the strategy, “a common-sense and potent restoration of American power and priorities, consistent with American security interests.”

We should, by all means, breathe new life into a Monroe Doctrine that in recent decades has become a museum curiosity. The precipitating crisis for the making of the doctrine was an 1821 declaration by the Russians that they’d prohibit foreign shipping within 115 miles of their holdings on the Pacific coast. Secretary of State John Quincy Adams rebuffed the edict in terms anticipating the doctrine.

The bigger issue was that the Spanish empire was disintegrating. The end of its

Yes, Revive the Monroe Doctrine

grip in the Western Hemisphere catalyzed the birth of Latin American republics and presented the risk of interventions by ambitious, illiberal continental Europeans states.

What to do? The British, who didn’t want to get locked out of Latin American markets by other European countries and viewed the U.S. as a potential partner, suggested a joint declaration that continental powers should steer clear. We strung the Brits along and then President Monroe issued, on his own, what would become his eponymous doctrine in an annual message to Congress in 1823.

He asserted that “the American continents, by the free and independent condition which they have assumed and maintain, are henceforth not to be considered as subjects for future colonization by any European powers.”

New European footholds in the Western Hemisphere were thought to represent not just security, but territorial, demographic and ideological threats. Metternich, the Austrian statesman, took great umbrage. He called it an “act of revolt,” and pronounced it “fully as audacious” and “no less dangerous” than the American Revolution. Tsar Alexander said that “it merits only the most profound contempt.” But Russia backed off its 1821 power play.

Initially, we weren’t close to being militarily capable of contesting European encroachments and we relied on the British, in effect, to enforce our declaration. Still, the Monroe Doc-

trine became a predicate of American geopolitical power by avoiding major challenges to our hegemony in our own hemisphere. When we had the means, we enforced it ourselves. Once we were no longer distracted by the Civil War, we pressured France to end its intervention in Mexico in the 1860s. We got Germany to stand down during the Venezuela crisis of 1902 (this event led to the Roosevelt Corollary, named after President Teddy Roosevelt, stipulating the U.S. could deploy “an international police power” when Latin American countries were failing).

Since the 1990s, though, we’ve let down our guard. China is now Latin America’s second-largest trading partner after the United States, and has expanded its influence in the region on all fronts. Russia has relationships with Venezuela, Nicaragua and Cuba, and has increased its covert operations in Mexico. Hezbollah has a notable presence in Latin America.

Trump’s focus on countering these malign actors could be seen in his successful effort earlier this year to get Panama to pull out of China’s Belt and Road Initiative, and is evident now in his pressure campaign against a Maduro regime in Venezuela that is aligned with China, Russia and Iran.

Trump’s actions often feel new and different, but here, his strategic departure is returning to a traditional American approach to our side of the Atlantic.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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Publish: December 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025

STEVES 12-26-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2025-08575

Eagle Auto Works LLC, 2108 N Street Suite N, Sacramento, CA 95816 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Eagle Auto Works & Tire Zone" 2539 Teska Way, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 21, 2025

Publish: December 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025

EAGLE 12-26-25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2025-08179

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 2025-08534

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 2025-08681

Michael Tyler Shrout 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 2025-08683

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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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ADRIAN 1-2-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08434

N'Guessan Sylvere 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

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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

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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

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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 21st #13747, Sacramento, CA 95811 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Image Worth Studios" 1401 21st #13747, Sacramento, CA 95811. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 5, 2025

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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BRAND 1-9-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08764

Strength 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

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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 FBNF2025-08942

Eugene Fedorishin, 9549 River Rose Way, Sacramento, CA 95827 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Barber Gene" 9549 River Rose Way, Sacramento, CA 95827. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 10, 2025

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BARBER 1-9-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08920

NextDream Innovations LLC, 7351 Hedge Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95829 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "ByteSizeChronicles.COM/ UrbanCompare.COM" 7351 Hedge Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95829. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 9, 2025

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BYTE 1-9-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08328

Sierra Logistics Solutions, 4600 Roseville Road Suite #260, 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) "T.R. Fig" 5820 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Unit 232, Sacramento, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 9, 2025

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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YAS 1-9-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08000

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

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EXPLICIT 1-9-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08984

Verdandi Group, LLC, 1651 Response Road Suite 350, Sacramento, CA 95815 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Callidora Cosmetics" 1651 Response Road Suite 350, Sacramento, CA 95815. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 11, 2025

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CALLIDORA 1-16-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08989

Medic Health LLC, 65 Quinta Court Suite D, Sacramento, CA 95823 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Medic" 65 Quinta Court Suite D, Sacramento, CA 95823. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 11, 2025

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MEDIC 1-16-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08868

Auto Star, LLC, 5850 Franklin Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95824 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Auto Star" 5850 Franklin Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95824. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 8, 2025

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AUTO 1-16-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-09031

Manish Sehgal, 4870 Watseka Way, Sacramento, CA 95835 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sehgal Trucking" 4870 Watseka Way, Sacramento, CA 95835. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 12, 2025

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SEHGAL 1-16-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08778

Steven Weaver, 1571 Waterwheel Drive #6, Sacramento, CA 95833 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sub2loans" 1571 Waterwheel Drive #6, Sacramento, CA 95833. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 3, 2025

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SUB 1-16-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-09024

David Rapaport and Estee Rapaport, 9224 Sweetdale Court, Sacramento, CA 95829 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "JellyBee Toffee/Jelly Bee Toffee" 9224 Sweetdale Court, Sacramento, CA 95829. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 12, 2025

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JELLYBEE 1-16-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-09029

Naomi Scott and Kristopher Scott, 10841 Ballantrae Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Dough It Up! Bakery" 10841 Ballantrae Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 12, 2025

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DOUGH 1-16-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-09061

Lilit Simonyan, 11079 Yakima River Court, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Mademoiselle Spa & Wellness Center" 11079 Yakima River Court, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 15, 2025

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SPA 1-16-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08729

Philana Tauriette Boyd, 6149 Jeanine Drive, Sacramento, CA 95842 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "True Presence Counseling" 7996 Old Winding Way #310, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 2, 2025

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TRUE 1-16-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08596

Diana Russell, 1329 Howe Avenue, Suite 100-3, Sacramento, CA 95825 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Gilded Beauty Spa" 1329 Howe Avenue, Suite 100-3, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County November 21, 2025

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GILDED 1-16-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08946

Howe Bout LLC, 1537 Howe Avenue, Suite 118, Sacramento, CA 95825 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Howe Bout Nails Salon" 1537 Howe Avenue, Suite 118, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 10, 2025

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HOWE 1-16-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-09081

Mercedes Ramirez, 2781 Bridgeford Drive, Sacramento, CA 95833 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "La Columna Barber & Beauty Salon" 2108 El Camino Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 16, 2025

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BARBER 1-16-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08973

Pentabridge LLC, 9502 Village Tree Drive, Elk Grove, CA 95758 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "MSS Matching Support Services" 3550 Watt Avenue Suite 190-2, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 10, 2025

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MSS 1-16-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-08987

Ledger and Bean Collective LLC, 4239 Erie Court, Santa Clara, CA 95054 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Ledger and Bean/Active Scoops" 1401 21st Street Suite R, Sacramento, CA 95811. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 11, 2025

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LEDGER 1-16-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-07707

Yordanos Beyene, 8028 Tetotom Parkway, Antelope, CA 95843 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Adeli Kitchen/Tesi Adeli" 4900 Madison Avenue Suite B, Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County October 15, 2025

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ADELI 1-16-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2025-09038

Tyree Jovan Montgomery, 1068 Hayer Circle, Rio Linda, CA 95673 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Vantage View Security Group" 1068 Hayer Circle, Rio Linda, CA 95673. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County December 12, 2025

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VANTAGE 1-16-26

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF J. ELIAZAR RUIZ RAMIREZ AKA ELEAZAR RUIZ RAMIREZ CASE NO. 25PR004042

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of J. Eliazar Ruiz Ramirez aka Eleazar Ruiz Ramirez

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Leonel Ruiz Ramirez, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Leonel Ruiz Ramirez be appointed as personal representative(s) to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the executor will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows January 22, 2026, 9:00 a.m. in Dept 129; Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for Petitioner is: Uriel A. Pena, ESQ, Legado Legal, APC, PO Box 3372, Rancho Cordova, CA 95741; 916-238-8935

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- Angry growl
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- Diva's number
- Put on fancy dress (2 words)
- "Making facial expression showing pain"
- Mine passage
- Single-handedly
- Assistance
- Made according to specifications
- Economizes
- Biochemistry acr.
- Aerie baby
- Genesis skipper
- Leaves out
- "Some look up and to the right when telling one"
- Watcher
- "The Forsyte _____" by John Galsworthy
- Forty winks
- Fraternity letter T
- "Said "easy peasy" with fingers
- Like a weight lifter, usually
- Weasel-related onomatopoeia
- Undo laces
- Helicopter sound
- "Showing low self-esteem or boredom"
- 100 centimes
- Purl partner
- From square one
- Frustration, in a comic book
- "At _____, soldier!"
- Don't go
- Dashboard acr.
- Like Willie Winkie
- Frustrated driver's recourse

DOWN

- Urban haze
- Make like a cat
- Ascus, pl.
- Same as sea moss (2 words)
- Rice wine
- Dress with a flare
- Rudolph, when older
- Famous Christmas guests
- Like some champagnes
- High mountain
- Toyota truck model
- Part of flight
- "Showing agreement"
- Healing plants
- Be in a cast
- "Show anger with arms"
- Unnerve
- Eurasian antelope
- "_____ but not heard"
- Much, in Italy
- Song of praise
- "*I don't know" move
- "One's smiling because one's _____"
- Intoxicated
- "Showing impatience with fingers"
- Like retina and brain connecting nerve
- Large edible mushroom
- Keen
- Nice place for a rocking chair
- Reuse ideas
- Forearm bones
- Hustle and bustle sound
- Sandwich alternative
- Stay out of its way!
- Place at angle
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Alonzo Carter Named as Head Football Coach

Will be the 14th Coach in Sacramento State Program History

Sacramento State News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Sacramento State Director of Athletics Mark Orr announced Alonzo Carter as the program's 14th head football coach.

“We are thrilled to welcome Alonzo Carter as our next head football coach,” Orr said.

“Coach Carter is a proven leader who has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to developing student-athletes on and off the field. His history of success in recruiting, constructing teams and producing results at all levels of football makes him an ideal fit for Sacramento State. We look forward to welcoming him and his family back to his native Northern California and having him as part of the Sacramento community for years to come.”

Known for his recruiting ability and deep roots in Northern California, Carter is coming home and most recently served as the assistant head coach and running backs coach at the University of Arizona. Additionally, he has experience as a head coach at the high school and junior college levels.

“Being named the head football coach at Sacramento State is truly an honor and a dream fulfilled,” Carter said.

“I want to thank President Luke Wood and Athletics Director Mark Orr for giving me the opportunity to return to Northern California and lead this program. Every stop in my career has prepared me for this moment. Sacramento State deserves a program built on discipline, effort and pride. We're here to raise the standard and represent this University the right way.”

Carter has spent the past nine seasons working under Brett Brennan at San Jose State and at the University of Arizona. He joined the Spartans football coaching staff in January 2017 as the running

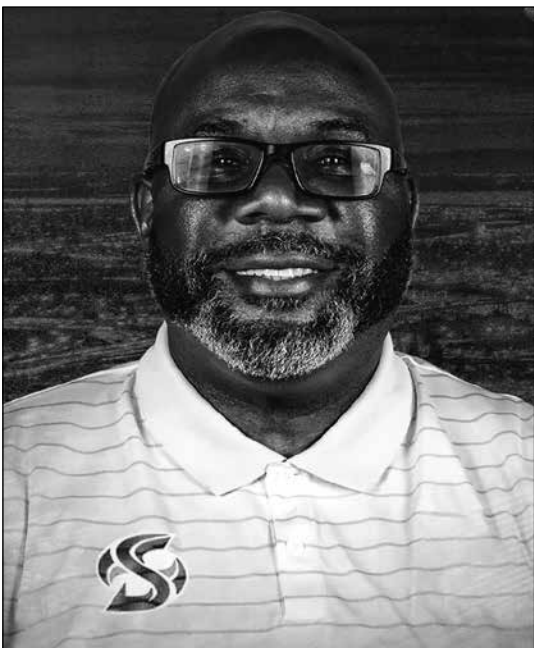
backs coach and added the duties of assistant head coach in 2021. After a successful run at SJSU which included three bowl appearances, he joined the Arizona staff prior to the 2024 season.

This season, the Wildcats went 9-3 in the regular season and will play in the Trust & Will Holiday Bowl on Jan. 2. The team rushed for 2,143 yards and 20 touchdowns and was led by Ismail Mahdi who had 826 yards and four scores. That effort helped Mahdi earn all-Big 12 Conference honors.

In his role as assistant head coach, he aided in the administration of the program, led practices and meetings in the head coach’s absence and represented the team at campus and community events.

During Carter’s final season at San Jose State (2023), running back Kairee Robinson finished second in the Mountain West Conference with a career-high 1,194 rushing yards and led the conference with a career-high 18 rushing touchdowns.

Carter's running backs played a large role in helping the Spartans go 7-1 overall in 2020, win the Mountain West title and end the season ranked 24th in the AP Poll. The San Jose State backs averaged 4.5 yards per rush and became one of the first two teams in NCAA Football Bowl



Pictured is Alonzo Carter, Sacramento State's 14th head football coach. Courtesy photo

Subdivision (FBS) history to complete a season without losing a fumble by a ball handler on offense, defense, and special teams.

As a head coach at Contra Costa JC from 2010-16, Carter led the team to four conference titles and a pair of bowl victories. In 2012, his team won the Bay Valley Conference, he was named the league coach of the year as well as the CCCFA Region II Coach of the Year. He added a second BVC title the following season and then won Pacific 7 Conference titles in 2014 and 2015. The team advanced to win the Living Breath Foundation Bowl in 2012 and 2014.

Prior to that position, Carter was the head coach at McClymonds High School in Oakland, Calif., for seven years (1999-06) where he won three CIF Oakland Section titles. He was also the head coach at Berkeley HS for three seasons (2007-09) and the head track and field coach at McClymonds High School for 13 years. Overall, he owns a 129-69-3 record as a head coach.

During the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic and up to the start of the delayed season, Carter became a national figure through his West Coast Zoom clinics — weekly sessions involving

hundreds of football coaches. Rooted in listening, learning and networking, he relied on his professional connections and hosted engaging ZOOM calls lasting up to seven hours, either once or twice a week. For his use of the Zoom technology platform, he received a 2020 Zoomtopia award for innovation — emphasis on diversity: bridging the divide.

In August 2020, he was named to the National Coalition of Minority Football Coaches (NCMFC) executive committee. The organization's goal is to identify and groom coaches of color and create a list of coaching candidates for upward mobility. The NCMFC recognized his organizational commitment through his recruitment of more than 100 new members, providing mentoring, and mock interview sessions with its MVP Advocate Award for 2020. Since August 2020, he assisted 26 NCMFC members that advanced to coaching positions of greater responsibility or visibility.

Carter was inducted into the African American Ethnic Sports Hall of Fame in 2001, and the Contra Costa JC Hall of Fame in 2025. He holds coaching certifications from the American Football Coaches Association, the California Interscholastic Federation and the California Community College Athletic Association. Carter was selected to participate in the Bill Walsh NFL Diversity Coaching Fellowship program in 2017 with the San Francisco 49ers.

Carter graduated from Cal State East Bay with a degree in African American studies in 2016. He was a member of the Pioneers' football and track and field teams while the school was known as Cal State Hayward. Carter is the father of four children: Alonzo Carter II, Alona Carter, Anthony Carter, and Kennedie Carter. ★

Republic FC Reinforces Roster with Pierre Reedy

Sacramento Republic FC News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The club announced Dec. 17 the signing of midfielder Pierre Reedy. Reedy will be added to the team’s roster, pending league and federation approval. Per club policy, the terms of the contract were not disclosed.

“Pierre is a well-rounded player who can have an impact on both ends of the pitch,” said Republic FC Head Coach Neill Collins. “He brings a mentality and work rate that make every team he’s a part of better. We’re looking forward to having him join our fight for silverware.”

Reedy added, “It’s an honor to be a part of this club. I’m looking forward to this new challenge and giving everything I have for this club and our fans.”

Reedy spent the last two seasons with USL League One club Spokane Velocity, where he helped the expansion team reach back-to-back appearances in the league Final. Across all competitions, he recorded 35 appearances, four goals and five assists. Earlier this year, the Pennsylvania native was selected as the Player of the Week after adding a goal and two assists against Westchester.

He previously featured in USL Championship for Charleston Battery in 2023. He joined the Eastern Conference team midway through the season and helped them close out the campaign in strong form to finish third in the table,



Sacramento Republic FC announced on Dec. 17 the signing of midfielder Pierre Reedy. The 2026 season officially kicks off on March 7. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Republic FC

a nine-point improvement from the previous year. Charleston would go on to claim its first-ever Eastern Conference Championship.

In 2022, he signed his first professional contract for Real Monarchs. He made 18 appearances MLS NEXT Pro appearances and was also called up to Real Salt Lake on a short-term loan that included two appearances. At the end of the 2022 season, Reedy trialed with Scottish Championship side Dundee FC before earning a contract for the second half of the season. He went on to make four appearances to help Dundee earn promotion back to the Scottish Premiership.

Before attending Penn State, Reedy was a member of New York Red Bulls youth academy. The three-year captain recorded 70 appearances, nine goals and 15 assists for the Nittany

Lions, earning five All-American selections. In 2021, he was awarded the Big Ten Medal of Honor, one of the most prestigious student-athlete awards in the country. He also featured for USL League Two side Reading United FC from 2016 to 2018 and helped them reach the 2018 National Championship Final.

Republic FC’s 2026 season officially kicks off on March 7 when the club hosts FC Tulsa at Heart Health Park. Season ticket memberships are on sale now, offering a range of benefits including discounts on merchandise and access to exclusive fan experiences, as well as priority seat selection in the new Republic Stadium at The Railyards. For more information, or to purchase a membership, visit SacRepublicFC.com/ Memberships. ★

Chip Maxson 2025 MiLB Executive of the Year

Sacramento River Cats News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento River Cats are proud to announce that President and Chief Operating Officer (COO) Chip Maxson has been named the “Baseball America” 2025 Minor League Baseball (MiLB) Executive of the Year.

Just two months after earning an honor of similar namesake from (MiLB), Maxson has been chosen as the top executive of all 120 MiLB affiliates by Baseball America, the website and print magazine company that has developed into one of the premiere baseball outlets in the country.

Under Maxson's leadership, Sutter Health Park undertook the unprecedented challenge of hosting two baseball teams and embarked on an ambitious eight-month renovation prior to the season.

“This recognition from Baseball America in addition to the honor from MiLB are a testament to the passion, dedication, and hard work of our entire team,” said Sacramento River Cats President and COO Chip Maxson. “Every member of our staff plays a vital role in creating unforgettable experiences for our fans and I’m proud to share this honor with our entire organization and the Sacramento community.”

Following the April 4, announcement that the Athletics would temporarily share Sutter Health Park, significant upgrades were made to meet Major League Baseball™ (MLB) standards. Among those included the installation of a state-of-the-art natural grass field equipped with AirPAT technology to enhance turf health, optimize moisture, temperature control, and ensure year-round playability. Six premium club and hospitality spaces underwent modifications, including the Jackson Rancheria Legacy Club, Sky River Casino Solon Club and Diamond View Dugout Club.

During the 2025 season, Sutter Health

Park hosted a total of 151 combined (Major League Baseball) MLB and MiLB contests in just 180 days. The ballpark recorded a 157 percent increase in announced attendance, welcoming nearly 1.1 million fans across all events.

Since joining the organization in 2012, Maxson has guided the River Cats through transformative growth. Among Maxson’s immediate actions in 2013 was the addition and construction of the Jackson Rancheria Legacy Club, the first major project at Sutter Health Park since the stadium had been opened in 2000. Maxson’s tenure includes leading the affiliation change to the San Francisco Giants in 2015, securing a new stadium naming rights deal in 2019, and overseeing the team's third Triple-A National Championship - the first MiLB franchise in history to reach that milestone.

This is the second time in franchise history that the River Cats have earned this distinct honor from Baseball America. The first to do so was Sacramento River Cats President & General Manager Alan Ledford following the 2006 season.

Sacramento continues its string of post-season honors over the past two seasons, as following the 2024 calendar year the River Cats were honored as 2024 Bob Freitas Award winners by Baseball America, given annually to the top team from each of MiLB’s three classification levels.

Sutter Health Park is the West Sacramento home of the three-time Triple-A Champion Sacramento River Cats, proud affiliate of the three-time World Series Champion San Francisco Giants. Memberships, mini-plans, and suites and hospitality spaces for the 2026 season may be purchased now by calling the River Cats Ticket Office at (916) 371-HITS (4487), emailing tickets@rivercats.com, or visiting www.rivercats.com. For information on other events at Sutter Health Park, visit www.sutterhealthpark.com. ★



A’s Agree to Terms with RHP Mark Leiter Jr. on One-Year Contract

Athletics News Release

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Athletics have agreed to terms with right-handed pitcher Mark Leiter Jr. on a one-year contract for the 2026 season, the club announced Dec. 17.

Leiter went 6-7 with two

saves, 14 holds and a 4.84 ERA in 59 relief appearances for the New York Yankees last season. He struck out 54 batters in 48.1 innings and walked 17 for a strikeout-to-walk ratio of 3.17. The 34-year-old right-handed pitcher appeared in 50 or more games for the third consecutive

season and his six wins were a career high.

Leiter has pitched for four teams in six seasons in the majors and is 16-29 with nine saves and a 4.60 ERA in 270 career appearances with the Phillies (2017-18), Blue Jays (2018), Cubs (2022-24)

and Yankees (2024-25). He was originally drafted by Philadelphia in the 22nd round in 2013 and did not pitch in 2019 and 2020 due to “Tommy John” surgery and the pandemic. Leiter returned to the majors in 2022 and appeared in a career-high 69 games

for Chicago in 2023 when he logged a career-low 3.50 ERA. He is the son of Mark Leiter, who pitched 11 seasons in the majors from 1990-2001, and the nephew of Al Leiter, who played 19 seasons from 1987-2005 and was a two-time All-Star. ★