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A New Chapter in Food Access

Community Food Hub Opens with Focus on Dignity and Choice



Community leaders, volunteers and supporters gather outside the Rancho Cordova Community Food Hub on May 20 for a ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrating the opening of the new grocery-style food assistance facility.

By Ormella Rossi, photos by Rick Sloan

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - More than speeches and ceremonial ribbon cuttings marked the opening of the new Rancho Cordova Community Food Hub on May 20.

Before the ribbon was cut, dozens of volunteers, city leaders and community members joined hands for the hokey pokey, a tradition organizers say reflects the spirit behind the new facility: welcoming, human and rooted in community.

The new 6,600-square-foot food hub at 2771 Don Juan Drive aims to transform how food assistance is experienced in Rancho Cordova. Designed like a grocery store rather than a traditional food pantry,



Volunteerism and community partnerships were at the center of the Rancho Cordova Community Food Hub's grand opening celebration May 20.

the facility allows families to shop for fresh produce, pantry staples, dairy, protein and culturally familiar foods at no cost while maintaining choice and dignity.

"This place was built to feel inviting, accessible, with a space where families

can walk in, choose their food that fits their needs and feel well supported by their community," Mayor Garrett Gatewood said during the ceremony. "Because no one in our community should have to face food insecurity."

The Rancho Cordova

Community Food Hub, formerly known as the Rancho Cordova Food Locker, currently serves more than 1,500 families each week. The nonprofit organization, operating under the umbrella of Catholic Charities of Sacramento and the Roman Catholic Diocese of Sacramento, plans to open the facility to the public in mid-July.

Executive Director Carrie Johnson said the idea for the new model began taking shape in 2022 as demand for food assistance rapidly increased.

"When I started in 2022, we were serving 300 families a week," Johnson said.

Johnson said the organization wanted to rethink what food assistance could

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Nearly Half of High School Students Eligible for CalKIDS Scholarships

CalKIDS News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - As high school seniors across Sacramento County make college and career decisions ahead of graduation, CalKIDS is encouraging students and families to check whether scholarship funds have already been set aside in their names.

Administered by the ScholarShare Investment Board under the California State Treasurer's Office, CalKIDS provides scholarships to eligible California public school students to help pay for college or career training including accredited colleges, universities, community colleges, trade schools and vocational programs for qualified educational expenses, including tuition and fees, books and supplies, certain room and board, and computer equipment.

"CalKIDS represents California's investment in the promise and potential of our students," said State Treasurer Fiona Ma, CPA. "These scholarships send a powerful message to families across our state: we believe in our young people, we are investing in their future, and we want every student to know that college or career training is within reach."

CalKIDS is working in partnership with the California Student Aid Commission to support more targeted outreach to eligible students. Through the WebGrants 4 Students portal, school counselors now have access to data that can identify eligible 9-12 grade students and support direct outreach.

"This innovative partnership is transforming how millions of California students access the resources that make college possible. Students can now claim their CalKIDS Account and applying for financial aid more seamlessly" said Dr. Daisy Gonzales, CSAC Executive Director.

"Having a CalKIDS Account made me feel less worried about affording college and grateful for the support," said Francisco Barragan Chavez, a CalKIDS recipient and student from the University of California, Davis.

Checking eligibility and claiming a CalKIDS Scholarship is simple and takes just a few minutes. Students only need their Statewide Student Identifier, or SSID, which can typically be found on a school report card or transcript, or by asking a school counselor. Once they have their SSID, students and families can visit CalKIDS.org to check eligibility and, if eligible, follow the steps to claim their scholarship. ★

For Those Who Gave All

Rancho Cordova marks 18th annual Memorial Day observance

By Ormella Rossi

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - A familiar melody, a flag-themed tribute and a room filled with students, veterans and families marked Memorial Day in Rancho Cordova as the community gathered to honor those who died in military service, reflect on the meaning of the national holiday and recognize the beginning of the America 250 commemoration.

The 18th annual Memorial Day Observance, "You're a Grand Old Flag," was held Monday, May 25, at the Cordova High School Performing Arts Center, 2239 Chase Drive. Hosted by the Cordova Community Council, the free event began at 10 a.m.

"Memorial Day is the official kickoff nationwide of the



Memorial Day, observed nationwide on the last Monday in May, is traditionally dedicated to remembering U.S. service members who died in military service. Photos by Rick Sloan

America 250 celebration, and we were proud to make that a focus of our Memorial Day Observance in Rancho Cordova," said Cordova Community Council Executive Director Shelly

Blanchard. Organizers emphasized that the milestone would not be possible without the sacrifices of those who served.

"We actually began our America 250

activities with 'America the Beautiful' at Kids Day and continued with 'E Pluribus Unum' at iFest," said Blanchard. "But no observance of our 250th anniversary could have

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look like for struggling families. “What if receiving help did not have to feel transactional or rushed?” she said. “What if families facing food insecurity could shop for groceries just like you and I?”

The result is a grocery-style model built around hospitality, choice and community connection. Johnson said the goal was to reduce the stigma often associated with asking for help.

“I think when people are hungry and they’re struggling, and a mom doesn’t have enough for her family, and maybe it’s the first time she’s experienced that, the last thing she wants to do is stand in line in the pantry,” Johnson said. “This will give her the ability to say yes to better nutrition and helping her family during a time when they’re having a hard time.”

Community leaders described the project as the product of years of collaboration between volunteers, donors, nonprofits, residents and local government.

“This food hub is about so much more than shelves and supplies,” said Shelly Blanchard, executive director of the Cordova Community Council. “It’s about people. It’s about the single mom trying to stretch a paycheck just one more week. It’s about seniors choosing between groceries and prescriptions.”

Blanchard called the hub “a model for what the future of community support can look like.”

The project received support through a \$2.5 million grant secured with assistance from the office of former Assembly member Ken Cooley, according to Johnson. Construction began in June 2025 and was completed in less than a year.

Volunteerism also played a major role in the organization’s growth. Program and Outreach Manager Inez Shedd said the volunteer base expanded from about



Board members, staff members and volunteers with the Rancho Cordova Community Food Hub celebrate the organization’s grand opening May 20 outside the new facility on Don Juan Drive.



Rancho Cordova Mayor Garret Gatewood presents a proclamation to Carrie Johnson, executive director of the Rancho Cordova Community Food Hub, during the organization’s grand opening ceremony May 20.

20 people three years ago to more than 150 active volunteers today.

“If you come to me and say, ‘I want to volunteer,’ it doesn’t matter what your constraints are,” Shedd said. “We will find a way. There is room for everybody.”

Shedd said building a volunteer team reflective of Rancho Cordova’s diversity

was intentional.

“Rancho Cordova is an amazing community, and it’s a really diverse community,” she said. “We want everybody that comes in to be able to spot somebody on our team that they can relate to.”

For volunteer Amy McBride, the opening represented the culmination of years of service.



Following the ribbon cutting May 20, community members toured the new Rancho Cordova Community Food Hub.

“The people that come become your friends, become your family,” McBride said. “Seeing this today, seeing Carrie, the people who put it together, the volunteers, we’re happy that this happened.”

Board Chair Teri Crisanty said organizers wanted the facility to provide the same sense of normalcy as many people experience during routine grocery shopping.

“Everybody wants to say that I’m going to the grocery store, not ‘I’m going to pick up my food,’” Crisanty said. “So this gives them the ability to pick and choose.”

As the ceremony concluded, Johnson said the new hub represents more than a building.

“Today we’re not just cutting a ribbon,” she said. “We’re opening a promise.” ★

‘Summer of Shenanigans’

Visit Rancho Cordova Unveils Bucket List Photo Challenge

By Kristen Achziger, Director of Marketing & Communications, Visit Rancho Cordova

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - “There’s nothing to do in Rancho Cordova,” the commenter says on a glowing screen. “Why would I ever spend time there?”

This kind of note appears on Visit Rancho Cordova’s social media feeds almost daily, like clockwork. But the nonprofit team just smiles and taps back a helpful response about local attractions and upcoming events. Fielding comments like this is simply part of the job.

You might be surprised to find out that these comments aren’t always written by travelers who haven’t heard of our community. In fact, a lot of them come from residents who currently live here. Nonetheless, the misconceptions and stereotypes about a “small town” that’s actually rapidly evolving demonstrate a need for deeper understanding of the abundance of leisure opportunities that surround visitors and locals alike.

This summer, Visit Rancho Cordova has decided to face those stereotypes head on through the power of play.

From June 1 to Aug. 31, travelers and residents are invited to participate in Visit Rancho Cordova’s “Summer of Shenanigans” Bucket List Photo Challenge.

This Rancho Cordova bucket list with a retro flair encourages participants to enjoy a meaningful summer season akin to the slower-paced “summer breaks” of the 90s and early 2000s where families would spend time outside, take road trips and explore



The “Summer of Shenanigans” bucket list includes dozens of Rancho Cordova activities, events, attractions, craft breweries and delicious restaurants for participants to try out at their own pace. Photo courtesy of Visit Rancho Cordova



If you’re a resident or regional neighbor, this summer is the perfect time to explore Rancho Cordova’s backyard, see what’s new, and dive in headfirst. Photo courtesy of Visit Rancho Cordova



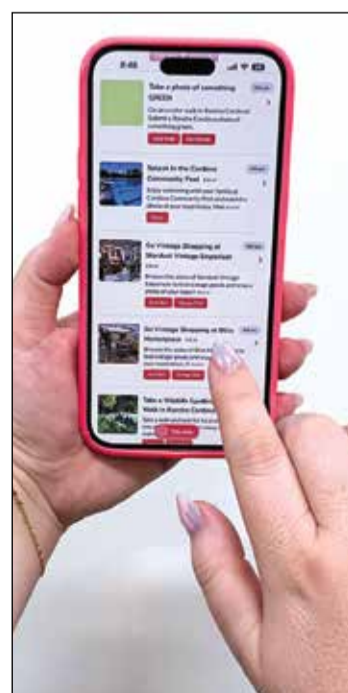
their communities together.

The “Summer of Shenanigans” bucket list includes dozens of Rancho Cordova activities, events, attractions, craft breweries and delicious restaurants for participants to try out at their own pace.

From leisurely “color walks” around community parks and attending local events to tasting

boba drinks around the city and renting paddleboards on Lake Natoma, there is a wealth of activity ideas for every type of adventurer. Participants will get rewarded for supporting small businesses and trying as many activities as they wish.

By submitting photos taken during the bucket list challenge, travelers and locals can unlock



This Rancho Cordova bucket list with a retro flair encourages participants to enjoy a meaningful summer season. Photo courtesy of Visit Rancho Cordova

fun digital badges and earn points towards raffle entries for gift cards and swag, including a grand prize drawing at the end of the summer.

Best of all, the challenge is completely free to join.

Rancho Cordova is a special destination with a lot to offer. Our small business community, restaurants, and attractions are growing and thriving, with even more on the way.

If you’re a resident or regional neighbor, this summer is the perfect time to explore Rancho Cordova’s backyard, see what’s new, and dive in headfirst. You might be surprised by what you find!

To join in on all the fun and sign up for the “Summer of Shenanigans” Bucket List Photo Challenge, head to VisitRanchoCordova.com/Photo-Challenge. ★

For Those Who Gave All



Milind KrishnaKumar, a first grader at Theodore Judah Elementary School, points to his award-winning artwork. Photos by Rick Sloan



Residents of all ages attended the observance, proudly displaying American flags during the ceremony.



The program included a performance by the Rancho Cordova River City Concert Band, which provided patriotic selections that accompanied the ceremony.



A local Scout group attends the observance, taking part in the Memorial Day ceremony alongside community members.

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 greater meaning than pausing to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice, as observed on Memorial Day. We are able to celebrate 250 years of the Declaration of Independence because of the thousands of Americans who have given their lives to defend it. And that's what Memorial Day is all about." Rancho Cordova City Councilmember and Cordova Community Council President David M. Sander, Ph.D., served as emcee for the event. In

remarks provided by organizers, the council emphasized its continued commitment to honoring military service members and their families through community programming. "The Cordova Community Council is proud to present community events honoring those who have bravely served the nation in times of war and peace for 250 years," organizers said in a statement. The program featured a performance by the Rancho

Cordova River City Concert Band and included a student art exhibition organized by the Cordova Community Council. The contest invited students in grades TK through 12 to submit 2-dimensional artwork interpreting the American flag as part of the America 250 theme. "As part of the Memorial Day Observance, the Cordova Community Council sponsored a student art contest, challenging students to create an artful rendition of the American Flag," said

Blanchard. "This is the second year we have sponsored the Memorial Day Student Art Contest. A goal is help our youngest Americans learn about important national symbols, such as the flag." Nearly 100 entries were submitted, with 10 winners selected. Their artwork was displayed at the event, where families and community members viewed the pieces and met some of the student artists. "Any time we can make space for our children to participate,

we are fostering their education in our American history and values," said Blanchard. "The public loved it." Memorial Day, observed nationwide on the last Monday in May, is traditionally dedicated to remembering U.S. service members who died in military service. Across the country, communities mark the day with ceremonies, parades and gatherings that often include music, flag displays and moments of reflection. ★

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Solaita Selected to Play for American Samoa National Volleyball Team

Sacramento State Athletics News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Sophomore outside hitter Keonahi'ilani Solaita has been selected to play for the American Samoa National Volleyball Team.

Solaita and the ASA National Team will compete in the South Pacific Games Qualifiers in Guam from Aug. 3-9. Should the team qualify, participation will continue at the 2027 South Pacific Games in Tahiti in the summer of 2027. In preparation for the international tournament, the team will train this June and July.

Solaita competed with the ASA National Team in July of 2025, where she helped the team win gold at the Pacific Mini Games in Palau. She was a six-rotation outside hitter for the team at every match during



Sophomore outside hitter Keonahi'ilani Solaita (No. 14) has been selected to play for the American Samoa National Volleyball Team. Photo courtesy of Sacramento State Athletics

the tournament.

Last season with the Hornets, Solaita was named the Big Sky

Conference Freshman of the Year, becoming just the fourth Sacramento State player in the

program's 30-year history in the league to earn the honor. A six-rotation outside hitter, the

Hesperia, Calif., native started each of the final 23 matches of the season.

She averaged 2.06 kills, 1.81 digs and 2.46 points per set. In conference play, she lifted those numbers to 2.44 kills, 2.12 digs and 2.88 points per set. Solaita registered double figures in kills on eight occasions, including 14 in a Big Sky Tournament quarterfinal win over Portland State.

Solaita played a major role in Sacramento State finishing last season with a 20-10 overall record and 12-4 in league play. The team opens the 2026 season Aug. 28-30 when it competes at a three-day tournament hosted by Pepperdine in Malibu, Calif.

Solaita is one of three Hornets to play for an American Samoa National Team. She joins Lafulafu Malepeai (softball) and alum Ali Fuamatu-Ma'afala (soccer). ★

Connors Named 10th Best Returning Lineback

UC Davis Athletics News Release

DAVIS, CA (MPG) - Hero Sports has named UC Davis football linebacker Porter Connors the 10th-best returning linebacker among this year's batch in the Football Championship Subdivision, placing one of the best defenders in the nation squarely in the middle of a deep and talented Aggie defensive unit.

Already a three-time preseason All-American, Connors' 2025 campaign was cut short by injury after just four games, but in that short stretch he recorded 25 tackles (15 solo), two tackles for loss and the Aggie linebacker recovered one fumble. Against Utah Tech he made 10 total tackles, in what would be the first official game of the season, and he made eight tackles in the Aggie win over Southern Utah.

2024 acted as a breakout year for Connors, finishing that season with 86 total tackles, 6.5 tackles for loss, one sack, three interceptions, four passes defended, one fumble recovery and a defensive touchdown. Over his career Connors has



UC Davis football linebacker Porter Connors has been named 10th-best returning linebacker by Hero Sports among this year's batch in the Football Championship Subdivision. Photo courtesy of UC Davis Athletics

amassed 163 total tackles, he's snagged five interceptions, made 11.5 tackles for loss and he has recovered three fumbles.

UC Davis opens 2026 fall camp on July 29 and will kick off the 2026 season on

Aug. 29 in a Big Sky showdown at Portland State. The Aggies will open UC Davis Health Stadium on Sept. 19 when Stetson makes the cross-country trip to Davis.

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Baseball Trio Lands on WAC Postseason Honor Roll

Sacramento State Athletics News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Sacramento State senior right-hander Ethan Lay and junior outfielder Erick Dessens were named to the first team while freshman outfielder Sam Harry picked up second-team honors on May 19 as the Western Athletic Conference released its 2026 postseason honor roll according to a vote of the league's head coaches prior to first pitch of this year's league tournament.

All three players were honored by the WAC coaches for the first time in their respective careers.

The first-team awards for both Lay and Dessens gave the Hornets multiple first-team honorees for the second straight season (they had four in 2025) and the 11th time since 2012. Meanwhile, Harry becomes the first Sacramento State freshman to make the all-league team since both JP Smith and Wehiwa Aloy — who was also the WAC Freshman of the Year — in 2023.

Harry also becomes only the 10th Hornet freshman to earn all-league honors since 2006, joining first-teamers Chris Lewis (2013 Freshman of the Year), Sutter McLoughlin (2013), Parker Brahm (2017), JP Smith (2023), and second-teamers Jesse Darrah (2009), Rhys Hoskins (2012 Freshman of the Year), Sam Long (2014 Freshman of



Sacramento State senior right-hander Ethan Lay, junior outfielder Erick Dessens and freshman outfielder Sam Harry picked up second-team honors on May 19 as the Western Athletic Conference released its 2026 postseason honor roll. Photo courtesy of Sacramento State Athletics

the Year), Keith Torres (2018) and Aloy.

Lay enters the WAC Tournament with a 4-3 record and a 3.57 ERA in 14 starts this season having struck out 85 batters in 80.2 innings while walking only 13 and holding opponents to a .255 average. One of 43 semifinalists for the College Baseball Foundation's National Pitcher of the Year award and a two-time WAC Pitcher of the Week in 2026, Lay leads the league in innings pitched and fewest walks allowed while standing second in strikeouts and fourth in both ERA and

average against.

Nationally, he also ranks No. 16 in the country in strikeout-to-walk ratio (6.54) and fewest walks per nine (1.45) while standing among the top 100 pitchers in the nation in strikeouts (No. 79) and WHIP (No. 97).

Dessens helped power the Hornet offense during the regular season to the tune of a .362 average and a .991 OPS, scoring 48 runs scored, collecting 16 doubles, and slugging 10 home runs while driving in 60. The WAC Player of the Week on April 6, Dessens has racked up 84 hits

— which are two shy of breaking into the school's single-season top 10 and ranks No. 9 in the NCAA — and stands among the league's top 10 in seven different offensive categories.

His RBI total for the year has him in a tie for 10th with three other Hornet greats on the school's single-season list while his 16 doubles are three back and his 25 multi-hit games are one shy of a spot in those respective top 10's.

Harry enters the postseason ranked third on the team with a .326 average, slugging .487 on the year with a .408 on-base

percentage as Sacramento State's lead-off threat atop the order. He has scored a team-high 52 runs, collected a team-high 17 doubles as part of his 73 hits this year, and driven in 34. His 52 runs are four shy of a seven-way tie for 10th on the school's single-season chart, while his 17 doubles are two back of a spot in the top 10.

He ranks among the top 10 in the WAC in doubles, hits and runs scored, entering the conference tournament on an eight-game hitting streak, batting .361 with nine runs scored, four doubles, and six RBI in that stretch. ★

Board Votes to Sit Two on Homelessness Task Force

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - At its May 19 meeting, the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors appointed two supervisors to an ad hoc Planning Task Force that will formally advance a new regional homelessness governance structure after months of collaboration with partners in the community, presentations and briefings that ultimately aligned the County, the City of Sacramento and the region's Continuum of Care (CoC) around a single framework.

The action marks a significant turning point in a long-running debate over how homelessness policy should be organized in the region given there is no mandate from the state or federal government.

For more than two years, Sacramento County, city governments and Sacramento Steps Forward, the nonprofit organization that administers the CoC, have been discussing how to better coordinate responses to homelessness amid rising unhoused populations, increasingly complicated and reduced funding streams and mounting pressure from state leaders for regional cooperation. In July 2025, Senator Ashby introduced legislation, SB 802, to formally create a mandated Joint Powers Authority (JPA) that attempts to require the County and its incorporated cities to pool funding and spending authority into a separate entity.

On Dec. 9, 2025, the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors approved the staff recommendation for a new homeless partnership model intended to create a more unified



Sacramento County District 2 Supervisor Patrick Kennedy has been selected to sit on the Homelessness Task Force. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

regional governance structure, while maintaining local control of critical land use and budgetary decisions for locally generated funding. The proposal creates a single governing board that would serve dual roles: acting as the federally required CoC Board while also functioning as an advisory body to local jurisdictions on homelessness issues outside the scope of the CoC, including shelter operations, encampment response, housing coordination and related policy matters.

County leaders propose the structure would improve regional coordination, strengthen accountability and position Sacramento County and its cities more competitively for state and federal homelessness funding opportunities.

After a significant amount of shared staff



Sacramento County District 3 Supervisor Rich Desmond has been selected to sit on the Homelessness Task Force. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

work to more closely align what the Board of Supervisors approved to what the city council requested, the Sacramento City Council ultimately adopted a governance framework closely aligned with the County's original recommended structure rather than pursuing a separate JPA structure. Shortly afterward, the CoC Board also agreed to participate in the framework. With the County, City of Sacramento and CoC now aligned around the same governance model as well as support from other cities in the County throughout this process, the region can move forward with meaningful discussions of next steps.

Next steps include amending the CoC bylaws and determining the size and distribution of seats on the future governing board. That process will be handled by a newly

created Planning Task Force.

Under the proposed structure, the task force will include two representatives from the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, two representatives from the Sacramento City Council, one representative from each of the County's other incorporated city councils, and one or two representatives from the CoC Board. The Board of Supervisors' action Tuesday specifically focused on appointing the County's two representatives to participate in the task force.

The Board voted to seat Supervisors Patrick Kennedy and Rich Desmond to the task force – both whom currently sit on the existing CoC Board. Once the bylaws are developed for the new Governing Body, the Board of Supervisors will appoint permanent members to that body. Existing staff from the Department of Homeless Services and Housing will provide administrative and policy support for the planning process as participating jurisdictions work through the details of the new governance model.

Once implemented, the newly created structure will represent one of the most significant reorganizations of homelessness governance in Sacramento County in recent years. Supporters are hopeful the unified framework will create a more coordinated regional response by consolidating leadership, aligning policy priorities across jurisdictions and incorporating both elected officials and community stakeholders into a single collaborative structure focused on addressing homelessness across the County.

For more information on how Sacramento County is addressing homelessness, visit: sccounty.gov/us/en.html#gsc.tab=0. ★

5 Over 50 Award Winners Named

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Whether it's raising money for families in need, helping travelers navigate the airport, or building new homes, there are dozens of ways volunteers in Sacramento County make a difference in our community.

This year, Sacramento County's Adult and Aging Commission is celebrating five compassionate individuals who, instead of slowing down as they aged, decided to get involved and make a difference where they live. To celebrate these individuals, the commission is awarding them with the 2026 5 Over 50 Award. To win, each volunteer must be over the age of 50 and must be nominated by at least two people who see the standout work they are doing.

Thank you to this year's winners.

The winner representing district one is Antonia Lopez. When Antonia's mom was diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease, she decided to educate herself about the illness and find ways to help older adults. She learned about the Hart Senior Center and began taking her mother. Antonia herself soon became a volunteer at the Hart Center, helping develop programs and activities for Spanish-speaking older adults.

Antonia stays busy finding ways to help and educate others. She has spent more than 15 years advancing the health, independence and quality of life of older adults in Sacramento County, coordinating quarterly health education programs in partnership with the UC Davis Alzheimer's Research Center and the POINTER Study, while also reducing barriers to care through screenings, adaptive equipment, and Paratransit passes for 24 members.

Antonia says she's especially



The Sacramento County 2026 5 Over 50 award recipients are Antonia Lopez (District 1), Shirley Fong (District 2), Jodi Sato-King (District 3), Ed Valencia (District 4) and Dave King (District 5). Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

grateful to the Hart Center and UC Davis for the compassion they show for seniors like herself.

"I do it as a service for others, but really, it's a service for me. It keeps me able to do the kind of things that I can do to contribute," Antonia said of her volunteer work.

The winner representing district two is Shirley Fong. Shirley has been one of Habitat for Humanity of Greater Sacramento's most passionate volunteers - contributing nearly 5,000 hours in support of affordable homeownership, housing stability and community revitalization.

Shirley remembers seeing Jimmy Carter commercials about volunteering for Habitat for Humanity. She'd never done home renovation projects, but that didn't stop her. She's now learned more about landscaping and painting and even installed flooring in new homes.

"I like working with the homeowners; they're really fun and interesting, and we get to

know each other pretty well," said Shirley.

Lately, Shirley is helping families in Citrus Heights build new homes, but she has helped construct homes all across the County.

The winner in district three is Jodi Sato-King. Jodi led the effort to help create a more accessible space at Sailor Bar while protecting the nature that calls the American River home.

Through her collaboration with Regional Parks staff and Supervisor Rich Desmond, Friends of Sailor Bar raised more than \$30,000 to install 19 accessible benches and tables, mobilized volunteers to restore vegetation at the Turtle Pond, and partnered with state and regional agencies to remove a rock dam to improve salmon migration. Jodi is especially grateful to the parks staff and Parks Department Director Liz Bellas for collaborating with Friends of Sailor Bar to create a more welcoming space for community members

to enjoy.

"When we come together and we use our skills and our passion, to be able to enrich this community – especially at Sailor Bar – by making it more accessible and educating people to respect and enjoy nature, that is so rewarding," said Jodi.

Jodi says the friends she's made through her volunteer work keep her going and make her feel connected to the community. Jodi continues to collaborate with Sacramento County's Parks Department and hopes to find ways to keep improving our parks through the partnership with the department.

Ed Valencia is the winner for district four. Ed, a lifelong Rio Linda resident, has dedicated more than four decades to community service, beginning in the 1970's when he joined the Lions Club of Rio Linda. He has since served in numerous leadership roles—including President and Secretary—while leading longstanding projects such as Ruby's

Baskets Christmas Program to support families in need.

Ed believes in pouring love back into the community he grew up in. All the money raised by the Lions Club of Rio Linda helps residents in Rio Linda.

"Any money we raise in the community, has to go back into the community so we try to help out however we can," said Ed.

In district five, Dave King took home the award. Dave, has served as a dedicated Sacramento International Airport (SMF) Ambassador since 2017, becoming a standout veteran volunteer known for his calm personality, reliability and exceptional ability to welcome and assist travelers at both Terminal A and Terminal B. Since becoming an ambassador, Dave has encouraged several people he knows to join the program.

"It looked like it would be fun [to be an SMF Ambassador] and it has turned out to be a whole lot of fun. My friends who come and join enjoy it for the same reason I do – because it's a positive environment," said Dave.

Dave finds other ways to give back outside of helping travelers. He also regularly donates blood. Dave says he enjoys helping others now that's he retired because it's a rewarding way to use his time.

Sacramento County's 5 Over 50 Volunteer Award winners represent the importance of staying active, finding your passion and helping others. Each winner helps make Sacramento County a great place to live.

The winners also remind us that we can all work together to make a difference in our community. You don't have to be over the age of 50 or retired to give back – learn how you can get involved and volunteer in a variety of ways at sccounty.gov.

To get to know this year's winners, visit: www.youtube.com/watch?v=vXJQmjSv0rM. ★

Drivers Encouraged to Embrace Safe Driving This Summer

AAA Mountain West Group News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - Memorial Day marks the beginning of the summer driving season, a time when teens gain more independence behind the wheel, families hit the road for vacations and celebrations bring more drivers onto the nation's roadways. To encourage safer choices during this high-travel period, AAA is urging drivers to commit to "100 Days of Safe Driving" between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

This message comes at a critical time as an AAA review of national

crash data shows that more than 30% of fatal crashes involving teen drivers and nearly one-third of all impaired-driving fatalities occur between Memorial Day and Labor Day. By making smart choices behind the wheel, drivers can help make summer roads safer for everyone.

In 2024 alone, the most recent year of complete crash data, 2,636 people were killed in crashes involving a teen driver. One-third of those deaths, 825, happened in the 100 days between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

"The '100 Days of Safe Driving' campaign is about encouraging

drivers to make simple choices behind the wheel that can help save lives," said Doug Johnson, spokesperson for AAA Mountain West Group. "By staying focused, slowing down, wearing your seatbelt, and making plans for a safe ride home, every driver can ensure all road users make it home safe this summer."

AAA encourages teens to use the summer months as an opportunity to build safe driving habits through the following actions:

Limiting distractions. Put away cellphones, keep your eyes on the road, limit the number of passengers in your vehicle.

Obey posted speed limits. Speeding is the leading factor in fatal teen crashes during the summer.

Wear Your Seatbelt. Ensure you and your passengers are fastened before driving.

Never drive impaired or drowsy. Alcohol, illegal and prescription substances seriously impair someone's ability to drive. Drowsy driving is nearly as dangerous as driving under the influence.

Slow down, move over. With a record number of travelers on the road this holiday weekend, AAA reminds drivers to put safety first, Slow Down Move Over for all stopped vehicles on the roadside.

Parents also play an important role by setting expectations early and modeling safe behavior behind the wheel.

Take advantage of AAA Driver Training Resources for essential tools teen drivers need to safely prepare for navigating the road.

Summer celebrations and travel can also increase the risk of impaired driving. According to AAA crash data analysis, nearly one in three summertime traffic deaths involves an impaired driver. AAA, in partnership with Mothers Against Drunk Driving, reminds everyone to arrange a safe ride home before going out. ★

Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



Consider the Talent

Well Kings fans, the playoff world of basketball goes on whether the Sacramento Kings are a part of the conversation or not. The vast majority of the supposed basketball experts have been predicting an OKC repeat and with Shai Gilgeous-Alexander recently garnishing the MVP award for last season, I imagine most people believe the same thing.

As it turns out, the San Antonio Spurs may have something to say about that outcome, as their series is knotted at two-games apiece, and in the last contest they held the potent offensive of OKC to an amazing 82 points for the game.

A stifling defense swarmed the Thunder for 48 minutes and never allowed the defending champions a chance to ever make this game a contest.

But given the overwhelming prediction that OKC would virtually boat race any and all competition to the finish, how did this happen.

Obviously, 7-foot-4 Victor Wembanyama hasn't been listening to ESPN or reading the papers, because he is completely unaware that the Spurs were supposed to be nothing but be a good tune up for the championship series.

Wembanyama has given the Thunder plenty to be concerned about, and at this juncture this seven-game series could go either way.

The New York Knicks have the east coast on fire with enthusiasm as going back to the regular season they have won 16 of their last 20 games, and a surprising eight games in a row in the playoffs.

A shut down defense simply took Cleveland out of their recent series and put an exclamation mark on a 130-93 thrashing of the Cavaliers to complete a 4-0 series sweep.

Experts have been emphatically saying that teams with small guards are a thing of the past and should not be considered a serious threat to the longer teams like the Thunder others that count on expansive wing spans to shut down opposing threats.

Apparently that news never got to Jalen Brunson who generously listed at six-foot-two has been a one-man wrecking crew and virtually unstoppable since the playoffs began.

Two things should be of great interest

to Sacramento Kings fans that are waiting patiently for the 2026 draft to begin.

Number one, the dominance of the population heavy cities such as Los Angeles, San Francisco and others has finally come into question, as San Antonio, Oklahoma City, Memphis, Indianapolis and others have given rise to the notion that smaller cities can compete and bring championships to their cities as well.

Number two, as stated teams with a smaller back court are not precluded from championship contention, and both of these truisms should make Sacramento Kings fans sit up and take notice.

The outcome of this year's championship series may play a part in which direction the Sacramento Kings go, and who they decide to draft.

I have long been a proponent of building this team around Domantas Sabonis, and I haven't changed my mind. Take stock in what you already have on a team laden with talent and make the necessary tweaks without putting a team together that no one recognizes.

The city of Sacramento is about to find out the true identity of GM Scott Perry, and whether he has the ability to recognize talent when he sees it.

Too many years have passed that left quality players undrafted or simply went to other teams because the Kings passed them by. This needs to stop and I can think of no better time than right now.

Whether the New York Knicks face San Antonio or the Oklahoma City Thunder, the Sacramento fan base will have an opportunity to see how a team with a smaller back court can stand the test of a bigger and longer one.

There is considerable interest in this off season for the Kings, and I've heard virtually every opinion imaginable from fans that have followed the Kings for years.

This fan base has passion, and now they need the front office to demonstrate the ability to draft and make trades that will fill Golden One Arena every night.

Every reason for optimism, so renew those season tickets Kings fans and let's keep the support high!

All the best!

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Education is Vital and Costs California Billions, So Why Aren't Candidates Talking About It?



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

The single largest item in Gov. Gavin Newsom's recently proposed budget — and arguably its most important — is the \$91 billion (plus \$60 billion in local and federal funds) it would spend to educate the state's nearly 6 million students, from transitional kindergarten through high school.

How well they are educated, prepared for higher education or the job market, will be a big factor determining whether California's economy, and thus its socioeconomic whole, succeeds or fails.

Not surprisingly, given the amounts spent on education and its importance, it ranks very high in the Capitol's annual give-and-take over the budget. That's certainly true this year, as Newsom's last budget shorts the state constitution's mandatory allocation for schools by a few billion dollars, with a promise to make it up later, which drew opposition from school officials throughout the state.

Education perennially ranks very high in surveys of voters' priorities. The school lobbies, including the very powerful California Teachers Association, will use that as they press the Legislature to raise their share of the revenue stream.

With the high stakes of

education financing and its place in Californians' hopes for a prosperous future, one might think that those who aspire to succeed Newsom would happily volunteer their intentions.

That would be especially helpful given that Newsom, as a parting gesture, wants to all but eliminate the elective office of state superintendent of public instruction and vest nearly all education oversight in the governor's office.

If that rearrangement of duties is enacted, the next governor would be a virtual czar of the nation's largest public education system.

However, the silence about this among the leading candidates for governor is deafening. They are more than happy to exchange personal insults during debates and in campaign ads, and to hold forth on such issues as gas prices, housing and homelessness. But they leave a vacuum when it comes to how, or if, they would change the school system.

Only one candidate, San Jose Mayor Matt Mahan, repeatedly brings up this issue during debates, noting that he is a former teacher. The other candidates' blackout is compounded by the eagerness of debate mediators to interrogate the candidates on other issues while failing to bring up education.

A new study by Stanford University's Educational Opportunity Project verifies other data indicating that California's public schools are falling well short of the academic achievement needed for the state's future.

The study catalogued 2025 reading and math test scores throughout the nation

and found that, almost everywhere, achievement is lower than it was 10 years earlier — reading is down in 83% of local school systems and math is lower in 70%.

Most disturbingly, not only is California not immune from the trend but it is one of the states with the greatest declines. Only eight states and the District of Columbia experienced deeper declines in reading than California.

The New York Times, in reporting on the study, created a website that allows readers to find out specific results in individual school systems.

It reveals, for instance, that while Los Angeles Unified, the nation's second largest system, showed fractional gains in reading and math, Oakland Unified experienced declines in both and San Diego fell in reading and gained in math.

After years, even decades, of ignoring its deficiencies in those foundational skills, California has lately done something that it should have done long ago — embracing phonics in teaching reading. Also, legislation to diagnose and treat deficiencies in math is moving in the Capitol.

The next governor needs to build on those and other efforts to restore California's public schools to their former glory. The people vying for that job should tell us if and how they intend to do what's necessary.

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 Help! SSA Says I'm Not Eligible for Benefits



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: Help!! The Social Security Administration says I didn't pay enough into my Social Security account, despite being a business owner and paying taxes. What can I do?" **Signed: Self-employed American**

Dear Self-employed: For all potential SS beneficiaries, it is very important to know how Social Security determines if you are eligible for retirement benefits: Everyone (including the self-employed) must have earned at least 40 "quarter credits" contributing to the SS program, which is usually about 10 years' worth of earnings.

You can earn up to four "quarter credits" per year, depending on your earnings, including your net earnings from self-employment. For example, this year (2026) you will get one "quarter credit" for each \$1,890 of

earnings, up to four credits maximum for the year. As a self-employed business owner, only your net earnings are counted (e.g., after all your reported business deductions are taken). The SSA gets your earnings information from the IRS, so SSA goes by whatever information you submitted in the self-employment income tax returns you submitted to the IRS over the years. If you don't have at least 40 "quarter credits" over your lifetime, you won't be eligible for Social Security retirement benefits.

The best way to further investigate this is to create your personal "my Social Security" online account at www.ssa.gov/myaccount. When you have done that, you will be able to see how many quarter credits you currently have (apparently less than 40) and determine how much more you must earn to be eligible for SS retirement benefits. For example, if you have 36 or more credits now, you could likely work just another year, or part of a year, to be eligible for SS benefits next year. Knowing how many "credits" you now have will tell you how much more in annual net earnings from self-employment you must have

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We've been having a debate about "book bans" in recent years, but given the steep decline in student literacy, the deeper question is how anyone would notice whether a book is available in a school library or not. The New York Times published an eye-opening report on a study by the Educational Opportunity Project at Stanford documenting steep declines in student test scores, especially in reading.

Over the past 10 years, reading scores have declined in 83% of school districts. What looked like a COVID-19-driven catastrophe is, instead, part of a long-running trend. Reading scores were falling at a similar clip prior to the pandemic, in 2017-2019, and continued to fall into 2024. In a third of school districts, kids are reading a full grade level below where they were in 2015. This follows what had been a steady increase in test scores from 1990 to the 2010s.

The ability to read is foundational to a child's development. It enhances verbal fluency, memory, concentration and executive function. It is associated with academic success and sundry advantages throughout life. That our schools are falling down so badly on such an elemental matter is nothing less than a civilizational failure.

Our children aren't learning to read, in part, because we've forgot-

Our Screen Culture Increasingly Can't Read

ten how to teach them. We decided to jettison a common-sensical, tried-and-true method of reading instruction -- phonics -- for faddish theories that haven't worked. It is notable that states showing improvement between 2022-2025 embraced phonics, which now goes under the rubric "the science of reading."

It also can't be a coincidence that these harrowing trends are playing out against the backdrop of ubiquitous screens in schools. Schools are starting to ban mobile phones, but the screen that they take away with one hand, they give with the other. According to a New York Times survey, 80% of teachers say that students at their schools have a device assigned to them; it was only a third in 2019. More than 80% said that kids get devices ... by kindergarten.

It would have been comparable recklessness if schools had decided at the outset of the television age that every schoolchild needed a personal TV. Parents struggle to get their kids off devices at home, and then send them to school, where they read "To Kill a Mockingbird" on an iPad.

Now, books haven't disappeared from classrooms, but they aren't nearly as prevalent as they should be. A new study by the Rand Corporation found that most English teachers assigned at least one full book during the school year, although 9% didn't assign any, and roughly two-thirds assigned between only one to four.

Engaging with a whole book in print is so important because not all reading is equal. One analysis found that "digital reading does improve comprehension skills, but the beneficial effect is between six and seven times smaller than that of print reading." So, too, reading a book is better than reading a series of extended passages; it requires more attention and greater immersion.

As education expert Robert Pondiscio of the American Enterprise Institute points out, it's a mistake to think of reading as solely a technical skill, since reading comprehension also depends on what the great educational theorist E.D. Hirsch called "cultural literacy," the basic facts about history, civics, art and the like that form our common knowledge. To our great detriment, schools have downgraded this, too.

The worst-case scenario is that we have become a screen culture that is only capable of producing screen kids. A report last year in the journal *iScience* found that reading for pleasure steadily declined from 2003 to 2023. On top of evidence that reading also fell from the 1940s to 2003, this makes for an 80-year decline.

The poet and essayist Joseph Brodsky said, "There are worse crimes than burning books. One of them is not reading them." And not being capable of reading them is even worse than that.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2026 by King Features Synd., Inc. ★

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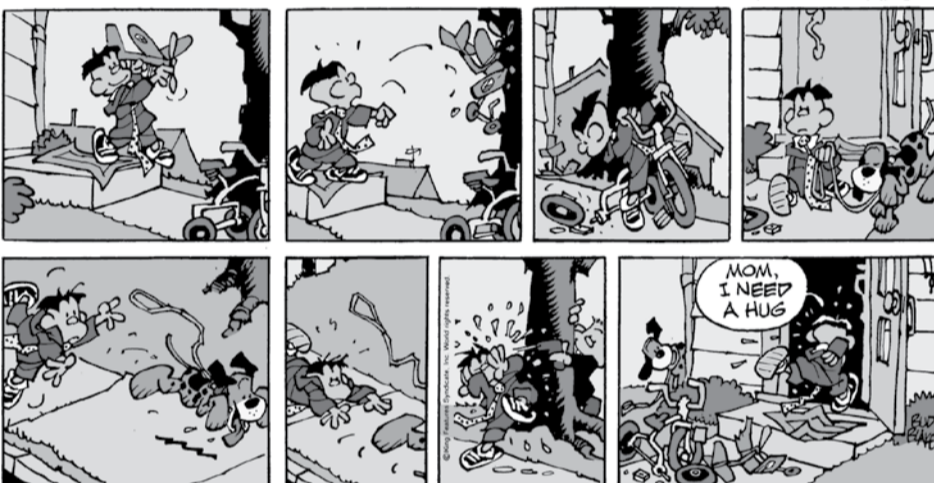
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Brian Flaherty, P.O. Box 886, Walnut Grove, CA 95690 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Frog Opera Project" 3880 State Hwy 160, Walnut Grove, CA 95690. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 24, 2026
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FROG 5-29-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03266
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KELLER 5-29-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-02739
Karen Katzmark, 4005 Manzanita Avenue Suite 6-427, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Demi Equine Bodywork" 9712 Fair Oaks Boulevard, Suite A6, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 6, 2026
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DEMI 5-29-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03417
Ruslan Cecan, 3510 Grant Park Drive, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Irongate Mobile Locksmith/ Iron Gate Locksmith" 3510 Grant Park Drive, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 28, 2026
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IRONGATE 5-29-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03355
Linda L Porter, 4520 Ladera Way, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Achievement Repair and Gear" 4520 Ladera Way, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 27, 2026
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ACHIEVEMENT 5-29-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03329
Plaid Jacket Inc, 3808 Fair Hill Road, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Spring Car Sales" 4500 Tynebourne Street Apt D201, Sacramento, CA 95834. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 29, 2026
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PLAID 5-29-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03086
Data Driven Athlete, 8043 Westcamp Road, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Durable Fitness" 8043 Westcamp Road, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 16, 2026
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DURABLE 5-29-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03358
Data Driven Athlete LLC, 8043 Westcamp Road, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "IronOS" 8043 Westcamp Road, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 27, 2026
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IRONOS 5-29-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03359
Battle-Worthy LLC, 7061 Gumwood Circle, Citrus Heights, CA 95621 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "BW Concrete" 7061 Gumwood Circle, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 27, 2026
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BW 5-29-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03242
Kevin Uecker, 10362 Sportsman Court, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sierra Valley Backflow Services" 10362 Sportsman Court, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 22, 2026
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SIERRA 5-29-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03354
MS Global LLC, 6403 Cougar Drive, Sacramento, CA 95828 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Capital Auto Garage" 2108 Wyda Way, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 27, 2026
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CAPITAL 5-29-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03467
Folsom Birch Inc., 1024 Iron Point Road, Folsom, CA 95630 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "KW Momentum/Keller Williams Momentum/Cool Land and Homes/Cool Land and Homes by Keller Williams/Cool Land and Homes by KW/M.O.R.E.

Real Estate Group/Real Estate Logistics/Sacramento Short Sale Center/SK Real Estate Group" 1024 Iron Point Road, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 29, 2026
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KW 5-29-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03485
Manjit Singh, 10769 Coloma Road, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Coloma Smoke Shack" 10769 Coloma Road, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 29, 2026
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COLOMA 5-29-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03483
Luis Macias, 201 Aaron Cool Court, Cool, CA 95614 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "LCM Concrete Construction Company" 201 Aaron Cool Court, Cool, CA 95614. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 29, 2026
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LCM 5-29-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03449
Copper Jewelry LLC, 10137 Passaro Way, Elk Grove, CA 95757 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "The Copper Forged/Copper Connection" 1017 Front Street Suite A, Sacramento, CA 95814. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 28, 2026
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COPPER 5-29-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03219
Andy Le, 11034 Woodring Drive, Mather, CA 95655 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "New Legacy Landscaping" 11034 Woodring Drive, Mather, CA 95655. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 22, 2026
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NEW 5-29-26

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Katherine Olson, 8645 Midfield Way, Sacramento, CA 95826 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Hawaii Raised Bakery" 8645 Midfield Way, Sacramento, CA 95826. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 30, 2026
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HAWAII 5-29-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03494
Basir Max Razai, 4500 Tynebourne Street Apt D201, Sacramento, CA 95834 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Spring Car Sales" 4500 Tynebourne Street Apt D201, Sacramento, CA 95834. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 29, 2026
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SPRING 5-29-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03274
Richelle Blanche LLC, 4650 Natomas Boulevard Suite 110 Inside Raley's, Sacramento, CA 95835 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Richelle Blanche Coaching" 5117 Dynasty Way, Sacramento, CA 95835. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 23, 2026
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RICHELLE 5-29-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03581
R Valenzano, 6400 Elvas Avenue Suite B, Sacramento, CA 95819 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Plumbing Service Company" 6400 Elvas Avenue Suite B, Sacramento, CA 95819. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 4, 2026
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03597
Jennifer Rodriguez, 9605 Appalachian Drive, Sacramento, CA 95827 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Platinum Custom Apparel" 9605 Appalachian Drive, Sacramento, CA 95827. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 4, 2026
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PLATINUM 6-5-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03122
Kristin Samantha Moyer, 2795 E. Bidwell Street Suite 100 PMB 258, Folsom, CA 95630 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "KSM Consulting Group" 4724 Madison Avenue Space 1, Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 17, 2026
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KSM 6-5-26

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Estates Perfected LLC, 7428 Lagoon Court, Sacramento, CA 95829 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Caring Transitions 36229" 7428 Lagoon Court, Sacramento, CA 95829. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 14, 2026
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CARING 6-5-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03579
The Joy Collective, LLC, 5430 Dewey Drive Suite 310-119, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious

Business Name(s) "Flourish Her Life Coaching" 7333 Spicer Drive, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 4, 2026
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FLOURISH 6-5-26

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Michelle Joseph, 5319 Dasco Way, Sacramento, CA 95835 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "ShellyStarGirl" 5319 Dasco Way, Sacramento, CA 95835. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 27, 2026
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SHELLYSTARGIRL 6-5-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03633
Affinity Motors, LLC, 9646 Rivage Way, Elk Grove, CA 95624 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Affinity Motors, LLC" 3925 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, CA 95826. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 5, 2026
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Bear Kai Vending LLC, 3700 Bridgeway Lakes Drive, West Sacramento, CA 95691 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Dear Tummy" 3700 Bridgeway Lakes Drive, West Sacramento, CA 95691. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 19, 2026
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DEAR 6-5-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03157
Olga Kondratenko, 315 Anderson Court Room 1, Sacramento, CA 95838 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Lola's Eco Care" 315 Anderson Court Room 1, Sacramento, CA 95838. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 20, 2026
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LOLAS 6-5-26

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Jamrock Financial Services LLC, 10390 Coloma Road Suite 4, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Stone Legacy Enterprises" 10390 Coloma Road Suite 4, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 5, 2026
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Atlas Creative LLC, 7413 Auburn Oaks Court Apt F, Citrus Heights, CA 95621 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Atlas Property Media/ Atlas Photo Collective" 7413 Auburn Oaks Court Apt F, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 29, 2026
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03594
Abbas Dental Corporation, 3880 Truxel Road Suite 600, Sacramento, CA 95834 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Truxel Dental/Truxel Dental Group" 3880 Truxel Road Suite 600, Sacramento, CA 95834. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 4, 2026
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TRUXEL 6-5-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03681
Tamika D. Hightower, 3245 Belmont Way, Sacramento, CA 95815 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Cosmic Focus Photography" 3245 Belmont Way, Sacramento, CA 95815. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 7, 2026
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COSMIC 6-5-26

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Majdi Zahra, 7919 Jacobsen Court, Sacramento, CA 95829 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Quality OEM Parts" 2700 Mercantile Drive Suite 300, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 28, 2026
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Hatti Fleming, PO Box 898, Walnut Grove, CA 95690 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Blue Collar Cab Cleaning" 333 W Walker Landing Road, Walnut Grove, CA 95690. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 5, 2026
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Wali Hassany, 3800 Watt Avenue Suite 143, Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Aahoo Document Solutions" 3800 Watt Avenue Suite 143, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 9, 2026
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AAHOO 6-5-26

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Shawn Jones, 5121 Garfield Avenue Apt 20, Sacramento, CA 95841 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Aluva Events" 5121 Garfield

Avenue Apt 20, Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 15, 2026
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Cierra Nicole Vigil Espinoza, 2344 Villanova Circle Apt 3, Sacramento, CA 95825 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Cierra Torrance" 2344 Villanova Circle Apt 3, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 7, 2026
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CIARRA 6-5-26

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Superior Technology Service, 6618 Stratton Avenue, Citrus Heights, CA 95621 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Superior Electric" 6618 Stratton Avenue, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 20, 2026
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Pa G. Yang, 5960 South Land Park Drive #E14, Sacramento, CA 95822 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Flowing Grace Therapy/Paj's Workshop" 18 Vidmar Court, Sacramento, CA 95823. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 7, 2026
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FLOWING 6-5-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03707
Aliona Morozenco, 3525 Garfield Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Aura Head Spa & Wellness" 3525 Garfield Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 8, 2026
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Eskaton Properties, Incorporated (CA) 5105 Manzanita Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Telephone Reassurance Program" 5105 Manzanita Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 22, 2026
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Eskaton Properties, Incorporated (CA) 5105 Manzanita Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Eskaton Home Healthcare" 5105 Manzanita Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County January 22, 2026
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Carrie Chase West, 411 Hebron Circle, Sacramento, CA 95835 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "A Great Reframe" 411 Hebron Circle, Sacramento, CA 95835. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 7, 2026
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Matt Papiemiak, 4664 Pasadena Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "California Transportation Compliance Services/CALTCSS" 4664 Pasadena Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 8, 2026
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Leo John Rivera Romero, 515 P Street Suite 1115, Sacramento, CA 95814 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Communist Party of Sacramento" 515 P Street Suite 1115, Sacramento, CA 95814. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 11, 2026
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COMMUNIST 6-12-26

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Ready Lend LLC, 13409 NW Military Highway, Suite 105, San Antonio, TX 78231 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Go Maggie Mortgage" 13409 NW Military Highway Suite 105, San Antonio, TX 78231. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 30, 2026
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Emeryville Occupational Medical Center, Inc., PO Box 99440, Emeryville, CA 94662 is doing

business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Emeryville Occupational Medical Center" 11050 Olson Drive Suite 240, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 11, 2026
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EMERYVILLE 6-12-26

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Eleven Oaks GP LLC, 1914 Terracina Drive Suite 130, Sacramento, CA 95834 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Eleven Oaks Mobile Home Park/Arcade Oaks Mobile Home Park" 4939 Oak Street, North Highlands, CA 95660. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 29, 2026
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Juan Carlos Quinones, 952 Glenwood Drive, Sonoma, CA 95476 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Concrete California" 952 Glenwood Drive, Sonoma, CA 95476. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 4, 2026
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JSIF NEXT 2.0 LLC, 898 South State Street, Suite 310 #1370, Orem, UT 84097 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "BUCCK" 530 7th Avenue, FL M-1, New York, NY 10018. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 28, 2026
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BUCCK 6-12-26

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LoanCare, LLC, 3637 Sentara Way, Virginia Beach, VA 23452 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "LoanCare" 3637 Sentara Way, Attn: Legal/Licensing, Virginia Beach, VA 23452. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 15, 2026
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Dalys Wright, 1126 River Rock Drive, Folsom, CA 95630 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Truist Force" 1126 River Rock Drive, Folsom, CA 95630. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County March 30, 2026
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TRUIST 6-12-26

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N&Z Art Framing LLC, 6108 27th Street Suite B, Sacramento, CA 95822 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "NurRidge" 6108 27th Street Suite B, Sacramento, CA 95822. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 12, 2026
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Kimberly Schuster, 10809 Portico Circle, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Queerly Blooming" 10809 Portico Circle, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 12, 2026
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Borhany, 3720 Marconi Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Ag Solution" 3720 Marconi Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 7, 2026
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Felicia Blue, 2717 Cottage Way Suite 11, Sacramento, CA 95826 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Flow House/Flow House Holistics" 2717 Cottage Way Suite 11, Sacramento, CA 95826. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 12, 2026
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ASV Wines, Inc, 1998 Road 152, Delano, CA 93215 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Pool Shark Wines" 1390 Vinci Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95838. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 15, 2026
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Vadym Yakovchuk, 8131 Walerga Road Apt 711, Antelope, CA 95843 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Adrem Tax & Accounting" 8131 Walerga Road Apt 711, Antelope, CA 95843. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 6, 2026
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Bravacy Inc, 7122 Bonita Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Brava Flooring" 7122 Bonita Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed

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Krishnaya Coleman-Salgado, 10488 Ananda Lane, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Honey Goose Bakery" 10488 Ananda Lane, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 12, 2026
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HONEY 6-12-26

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Gibson Design Group Inc., 11476 Elks Circle Suite 1, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Ventana Mountain Bikes USA" 11476 Elks Circle Suite 1, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 13, 2026
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VENTANA 6-12-26

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Sajid Vaid and Fhozia S. Manning, 2612 El Camino Avenue Suite A, Sacramento, CA 95821 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "boldbella" 2612 El Camino Avenue Suite A, Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 13,

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Irvine, CA 95612 (DE) is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Renew 4247" 4247 Hackberry Lane, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 7, 2026
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RENEW 6-19-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03868
RLS Construction CA LLC, 5244 Kauai Way, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "RLS Construction" 5244 Kauai Way, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 15, 2026
Publish: May 29, June 5, 12, 19, 2026
RLS 6-19-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03476
SV Advanced Construction Inc, 7801 Edwards Oak Court, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Modern Dream Homes" 6166 James Alley, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 29, 2026
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MODERN 6-19-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03969
Valentin Sereda, 4688 Lue Lane, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Vals E Commerce Sales" 4688 Lue Lane, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 19, 2026
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VALS 6-19-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03970
Valentin Sereda, 4688 Lue Lane, Carmichael, CA 95608 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Vals Excellent Mobile Auto Service" 4688 Lue Lane, Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 19, 2026
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MOBILE 6-19-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03952
Jam Executive Transportation LLC, 5004 Chapel Hill Lane, Sacramento, CA 95842 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Jam Limo" 5004 Chapel Hill Lane, Sacramento, CA 95842. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 19, 2026
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JAM 6-19-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03949
Innovative Tax & Reg Inc, 2404 Del Paso Road Suite

120, Sacramento, CA 95834 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Innovative/Innovative Helpline" 2404 Del Paso Road Suite 120, Sacramento, CA 95834. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 19, 2026
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INNOVATIVE 6-19-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03950
Madinah Transport Inc, 8813 Sailfish Bay Circle, Sacramento, CA 95828 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Kaptaan Transport" 8813 Sailfish Bay Circle, Sacramento, CA 95828. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 19, 2026
Publish: May 29, June 5, 12, 19, 2026
KAPTAAN 6-19-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03924
Charles Ramatici, 4155 American River Drive, Sacramento, CA 95864 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Proppit" 4155 American River Drive, Sacramento, CA 95864. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 18, 2026
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PROPPIT 6-19-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03798
Sun Kissed & Co LLC, 6 Kahlia Court, Sacramento, CA 95831 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sun Kissed & Co" 6 Kahlia Court, Sacramento, CA 95831. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 12, 2026
Publish: May 29, June 5, 12, 19, 2026
SUN 6-19-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-02656
Developmental Disabilities Service Organization Inc., 5051 47th Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95824 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Short Center Arts" 5051 47th Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95824. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 2, 2026
Publish: May 29, June 5, 12, 19, 2026
SHORT 6-19-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03886
Valid Life LLC, 2108 N Street, Suite N, Sacramento, CA 95816 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Hapa Papa Press" 2108 N Street, Suite N, Sacramento, CA 95816. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 15, 2026
Publish: May 29, June 5, 12, 19, 2026
HAPA 6-19-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03879
Jessica Samaniego, 5665 Spyglass Lane, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 is doing business

under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "JD's Artistic Allure" 5665 Spyglass Lane, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 15, 2026
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JDS 6-19-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03772
Jack Saunders, 5825 Pioneer Way, Sacramento, CA 95841 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Saunders Landscaping Construction" 5825 Pioneer Way, Sacramento, CA 95841. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 12, 2026
Publish: May 29, June 5, 12, 19, 2026
SAUNDERS 6-19-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-04014
Small Consulting LLC, 4360 Middlebury Way, Mather, CA 95655 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Small Communications" 4360 Middlebury Way, Mather, CA 95655. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 20, 2026
Publish: May 29, June 5, 12, 19, 2026
SMALL 6-19-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-04063
Carmen Peralta, 608 Norma Court, Sacramento, CA 95833 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Sacramento Key Girl" 608 Norma Court, Sacramento, CA 95833. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 21, 2026
Publish: May 29, June 5, 12, 19, 2026
SACRAMENTO 6-19-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03511
Rosa Carena, 2335 American River Drive Suite 100, Sacramento, CA 95825 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Hispanic Prosperity Project" 2335 American River Drive Suite 100, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 29, 2026
Publish: May 29, June 5, 12, 19, 2026
HISPANIC 6-19-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-04010
Anna L. Elizondo, 3624 Natoma Way, Sacramento, CA 95838 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Anna Sparkles Cleaning and Landscaping Service" 3624 Natoma Way, Sacramento, CA 95838. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 20, 2026
Publish: May 29, June 5, 12, 19, 2026
ANNA 6-19-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03888
Shannon Patterson-Chong, 14572 Guadalupe Drive, Rancho Murieta, CA 95683 and

Megan Stinson, 15069 Robles Grandes Drive, Rancho Murieta, CA 95630 are doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "Blonde and Brunette Collective" 7248 Murieta Drive Suite B4, Rancho Murieta, CA 95683. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 15, 2026
Publish: May 29, June 5, 12, 19, 2026
BLONDE 6-19-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03582
Audai Houssni Hmoud Al Shannaq, 2544 Tower Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95825 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "AutoNex Motors" 2544 Tower Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95825. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 4, 2026
Publish: May 29, June 5, 12, 19, 2026
AUTONEX 6-19-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03527
Ann Scali and Will Fecher, 2344 Rosado Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "A&W Designs" 2344 Rosado Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County April 30, 2026
Publish: May 29, June 5, 12, 19, 2026
DESIGNS 6-19-26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBNF2026-03696
Harmeet Singh Dara, 3901 Valance Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742 is doing business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) "K&K Trucking" 3901 Valance Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742. Filed with the Clerk of Sacramento County May 7, 2026
Publish: May 29, June 5, 12, 19, 2026
TRUCKING 6-19-26

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#26CV008962

Poomima has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Poomima aka Fnu Poomima aka Poomima Singh to Poomima Raih.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on November 3, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 54, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: April 8, 2026
Christopher E. Krueger, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: May 8, 15, 22, 29, 2026
POORNIMA 5-29-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#26CV010299

Eugene Harris Jr has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Eugene Harris Jr to Daimone Blair Survine II.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on June 2, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 16D, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: April 28, 2026
Richard K. Sueyoshi, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: May 8, 15, 22, 29, 2026
HARRIS 5-29-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#26CV008940

Amenda Trang Dang has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Amenda Trang Dang to Amenda Trang Dang.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on October 19, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 8C, located at 500 G Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and

show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: April 9, 2026
Richard C. Miadich, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: May 8, 15, 22, 29, 2026
DANG 5-29-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#26CV008945

Dave Thao Dang has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Dave Thao Dang to Thao Cong Dang.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on October 19, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 8C, located at 500 G Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: April 9, 2026
Richard C. Miadich, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: May 8, 15, 22, 29, 2026
DANG 5-29-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#26CV001554

David Paul Everling has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of David Paul Everling to David Paul Arnold.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on June 22, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 25, located at 813 6th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: January 26, 2026
Julie G. Yap, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: May 15, 22, 29, June 5, 2026
EVERLING 6-5-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#26CV010649

Cecilia Cruz has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Patricia Rivera Cruz to Patricia Rivera Cruz.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on November 9, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 8C, located at 500 G Street, Sacramento, CA, 95814 and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: April 30, 2026
Richard C. Miadich, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: May 15, 22, 29, June 5, 2026
CRUZ 6-5-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#26CV011003

Julia Yanez Navaez has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Julia Yanez Navaez to Julia Yanez Hernandez.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on November 2, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 8D, located at 500 G Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: May 7, 2026
Julie G. Yap, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: May 15, 22, 29, June 5, 2026
NARVAEZ 6-5-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#26CV011208

Alexis Gereina Gerardo has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Alexis Gereina Gerardo to Alexis Moore Polcarpio.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-en-

titled matter appear before this court on June 17, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 8C, located at 500 G Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: May 14, 2026
Richard C. Miadich, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: May 22, 29, June 5, 12, 2026
GERARDO 6-12-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#26CV011799

Johnson Vu on behalf of Hang Minh Vu, a minor has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Hang Minh Vu to Mina Hang Vu.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on November 18, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 8D, located at 500 G Street, 2nd Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: May 15, 2026
Julie G. Yap, Judge of the Superior Court
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VU 6-19-26

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
CHANGE OF NAME
#26CV011276

Mohammad Ishaq Amiri and Nooria Amiri have filed a petition with this court for a decree changing the name(s) of Solomon Amiri to Sulaiman Amiri.

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above-entitled matter appear before this court on November 16, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 8D, located at 500 G Street, 2nd Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, and show cause, if any, why the petition for Change of Name should not be granted.
Dated: May 8, 2026
Julie G. Yap, Judge of the Superior Court
Publish: May 29, June 5, 12, 19, 2026
AMIRI 6-19-26

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF SUSAN ANN RICKARD CASE NO. 26PR001182

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Susan Ann Rickard.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Duane Rickard, in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, requesting Duane Rickard 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 June 16, 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

City of Rancho Cordova Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE is hereby given that on **Monday, June 1, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the City Council of the City of Rancho Cordova will hold a Public Hearing to consider the following:

RESOLUTION AMENDING AND/OR APPROVING THE ENGINEER'S REPORT AND ORDERING THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE RANCHO CORDOVA LIGHTING DISTRICT 2012-1 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027

The purpose of this public hearing is to conduct a hearing authorizing the levy and collection of assessments in the Rancho Cordova Lighting District No. 2012-1 for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. The assessment applies to benefiting properties in the District for the purposes of providing ongoing operation, maintenance and servicing of public lighting facilities and appurtenants. There are no new impacts to existing or new residents.

The City of Rancho Cordova encourages interested parties to attend public meetings and comment on the issues being discussed. If you wish to provide testimony and are unable to attend the meeting, written comments that are delivered to the City Clerk's office prior to the time of the hearing will be made a part of the public record.

Questions regarding this matter should be directed to Edgar Medina, City of Rancho Cordova Public Works Department at (916) 851-8907.

NOTICE REGARDING CHALLENGES TO DECISIONS

Pursuant to all applicable laws and regulations, including without limitation, California Government Code Section 65009 and/or California Public Resources Code Section 21177, if you wish to challenge in court any of the above decisions (regarding planning, zoning and/or environmental decisions), you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing(s) described in this notice/agenda, or in written correspondence delivered to the city at, or prior to, this public hearing.

ADA COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the City Clerk's Department at (916) 851-8720. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting.

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City of Rancho Cordova Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE is hereby given that on **Monday, June 1, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the City Council of the City of Rancho Cordova will hold a Public Hearing to consider the following:

RESOLUTION AMENDING AND/OR APPROVING THE ENGINEER'S REPORT AND ORDERING THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING DISTRICT 2005-1 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027

The purpose of this public hearing is to conduct a hearing authorizing the levy and collection of assessments in Landscape and Lighting District No. 2005-1 for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. The assessment applies to benefiting properties in the District for the purposes of providing landscape and lighting maintenance services. There are no new impacts to existing or new residents.

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Resolution Declaring the City's Intention to Levy Assessments for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 and to Approve the Annual Engineer's Report for the Rancho Cordova Road Maintenance Assessment District

The purpose of this public hearing is to conduct a public hearing authorizing the levy of assessments for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 and the approval of the annual Engineer's Report related thereto for the Rancho Cordova Road Maintenance Assessment District. The assessment applies to new development areas annexed to the district including Capital Village and Anthology at Anatolia. The assessment does not apply to existing residential communities not annexed to the district.

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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: Sarah Zwierzynski, 8035 Madison Avenue, Suite A1, Citrus Heights, CA 95610; 916-850-0529
Publish: May 29, June 5, 12, 2026

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CITY OF RANCHO CORDOVA RESOLUTION NO. 69-2026

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RANCHO CORDOVA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO MODIFY THE RANCHO CORDOVA TOURISM BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, FIXING THE TIME AND PLACE OF A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON, AND GIVING NOTICE THEREOF

WHEREAS, the City of Rancho Cordova (City) created the Rancho Cordova Tourism Business Improvement District (RCTBID) on December 6, 2010, by Resolution No. 136-2010; and

WHEREAS, on April 19, 2021, the City Council subsequently adopted Resolution No. 44-2021 adopting the Management District Plan (Plan) and renewing the RCTBID for an additional ten (10) year term; and

WHEREAS, the Property and Business Improvement District Law of 1994 (Streets and Highways Code §36600 et seq.) authorizes cities to modify the Plan at the request of the Owners' Association; and

WHEREAS, the RCTBID Owners' Association, Rancho Cordova Travel and Tourism Corporation (RCTTC), has requested modification of the Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RANCHO CORDOVA as follows:

- The recitals set forth herein are true and correct.
- The City Council declares its intention to modify the RCTBID Plan.
- The proposed modifications of the RCTBID Plan will include implementing updates to modernize the Plan, modifying the boundaries of the RCTBID to establish two benefit zones and increasing the assessment rate within DOVA Zone from four and one-half of one percent (4.5%) to six percent (6%), as described below.
 - The boundaries of the RCTBID shall be modified to establish two benefit zones, as shown on the map attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.
 - The current annual assessment rate levied on all lodging businesses with two (2) rooms or more within the RCTBID is four and one-half of one percent (4.5%) of gross room rental revenue. The modified annual assessment rate for lodging businesses with two (2) rooms or more located within DOVA Zone shall be increased from four and one-half of one percent (4.5%) to six percent (6%) of gross room rental revenue, as shown in the table below:

Zone	Assessment Rate
DOVA Zone	6.0%
Zone 1	4.5%

- The time and place for a public meeting for comments on the modification of the RCTBID Plan are set for June 15, 2026, at 5:30 PM, or as soon as possible thereafter as the matter may be heard, at Council Chambers located at 2729 Prospect Park Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670.
- The time and place for a public hearing on modification of the RCTBID Plan is set for July 6, 2026, at 5:30 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard at Council Chambers located at 2729 Prospect Park Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670.
- At the public meeting and hearing, the testimony of all interested persons for or against the modification of the RCTBID may be received. If at the conclusion of the public hearing, there are of record written protests by the owners of the lodging businesses within the modified RCTBID that will pay fifty percent (50%) or more of the estimated total assessment of the entire RCTBID, no further proceedings to modify the RCTBID shall occur for a period of one (1) year.
- This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Rancho Cordova on the 18th Day of May 2026 by the following vote:

AYES: Budge, Little, Pulipati, Sander and Gatewood

NOES: None

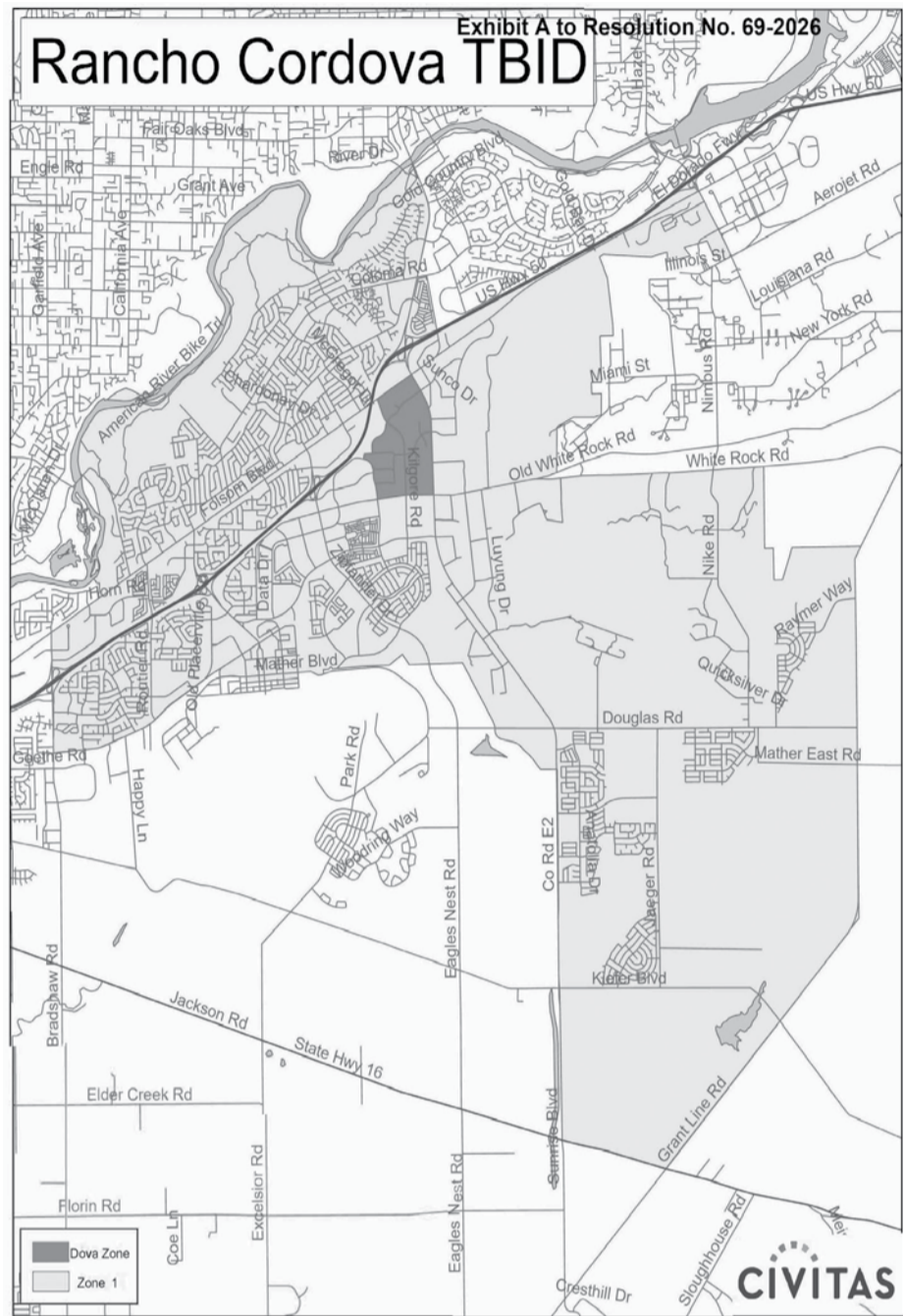
ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

ATTEST:

Stacy Leitner, CMC
City Clerk

Garrett Gatewood, Mayor



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CITY OF RANCHO CORDOVA ORDINANCE NO. 6-2026

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RANCHO CORDOVA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE SUNCREEK SPECIFIC PLAN PROJECT NO. PLND-0625-0132

WHEREAS, the Steelridge property located within the Sun creek Specific Plan is owned by Michael Gregory Trevor 2003 Irrevocable Trust; Amy Irene Trevor 2003 Irrevocable Trust; James Henry Trevor 2003 Irrevocable Trust; William Randolph Trevor 2003 Irrevocable Trust; Shannon K. Gilmartin 2003 Irrevocable Trust; Heather C. Gilmartin 2003 Irrevocable Trust; Robert A. Gilmartin shall be known as ("Applicant"); and

WHEREAS, the Applicant has requested amendments to the Steelridge area (previously Trevor Gilmartin) within the Sun creek Specific Plan; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments within the Steelridge area include: re-arranging land uses within the project area and revising the lot sizes and density which therefore resulted in updated maps and tables throughout the Specific Plan; and

WHEREAS, the amendments to the Steelridge area within the Sun creek Specific Plan adopted by this Ordinance (attached hereto as Exhibit A), comply with the requirements of California Government Code sections 65451 and 65454 and its adoption complies with Government Code section 65453; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a properly noticed public hearing at which it received a report from city staff regarding the amendments to the Sun creek Specific Plan Amendment and oral and written testimony from the public, and deliberated on the item; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing was noticed in accordance with the requirements set forth in Government Code section 65090 and 65091.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RANCHO CORDOVA DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

1. CEQA Analysis

CEQA Finding & Evidence

Finding: The project has been analyzed and is exempt per California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15183 "Projects Consistent with a Community Plan, General Plan, or Zoning"

Evidence: The Sun creek Specific Plan Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) SCH# 2006072067 was approved on November 18, 2013. The EIR identified project impacts and mitigation measures for impacts found to be significant, and includes project alternatives, identification of significant irreversible environmental changes, growth-inducing impacts, and cumulative impacts. A Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) was adopted as part of the EIR. The Steelridge project area was analyzed in the EIR as part of the overall Sun creek Specific Plan. The project area is the same as that analyzed in the EIR and the proposed tentative subdivision map does not exceed the development intensities analyzed in the EIR. Therefore, impacts related to footprint and development intensity would be the same as those disclosed in the EIR. The proposed project would be subject to applicable mitigation measures in the adopted MMRP. There is no new information of substantial importance that was not known at the time of the previous EIR that would require changes to the previous EIR. There are no changes to the project or circumstances under which the project would be undertaken that would require major revisions to the previous EIR. For these reasons, no further environmental analysis is required.

2. Entitlement Analysis

A. Specific Plan Amendment Findings & Evidence

Finding: The proposed Specific Plan Amendment is consistent with the goals, policies, and objectives of the General Plan, development agreement, or other implementation instrument.

Evidence: The proposed amendment to the Sun creek Specific Plan would rearrange land uses in the Steelridge portion of the plan area, by replacing Compact Mixed Density

Residential (CMDR) and some Low Density Residential (LDR) land use designations with the Medium Density Residential (MDR) land use designation to reflect current housing market conditions. In addition, a correction is being made to reduce the community park by 0.4 acre and adding 0.4 acre to the Elementary School site, to accurately reflect the Quimby Parkland in-lieu fees for the community park. The amendment would result in updated maps throughout the plan to reflect the re-arrangement of land use designations in the Steelridge portion of the plan area, modifications to Tables 3-3 and 3-4 of the Specific Plan to update the acreage and density per acre for each land use category, and modifications to Sections 7.2.1, 7.2.3, and Tables 7-1 and 7-2 to update revised population estimates and required Quimby Park requirements. The Specific Plan Amendment does not result in any substantial changes to previously approved roadways, trails, open space, or signage concepts. The rearrangement of residential land uses in the southern portion of the Steelridge area is consistent with the General Plan's housing goals, ensuring a range of housing options that contribute to housing supply and affordability. The total number of proposed dwelling units is consistent with the previously approved (2022) map, and would remain the same (810 single family units, and 950 total dwelling units) within the Steelridge property.

Finding: The proposed Specific Plan Amendment will not adversely affect surrounding properties.

Evidence: The Specific Plan Amendment will not adversely affect surrounding properties. The land uses being revised are within the Steelridge portion of the Sun creek Specific Plan area, and would not affect the other Sun creek properties. The land uses being revised would still be residential, and the total number of units would remain the same (950). The lots would be designated and zoned for MDR instead of CMDR and LDR. The overall land use pattern, circulation and access, and other land use categories in the Steelridge portion of the plan area would remain the same.

3. Amendments to the Sun creek Specific Plan

Amendments to the Steelridge area within the Sun creek Specific Plan are hereby adopted as shown in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein.

4. Severability

If any provision of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, is held invalid, the remainder of the Ordinance, including the application of such part or provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected thereby and shall continue in full force and effect. To this end, provisions of this Ordinance are severable. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed each section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase hereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, or phrases be held unconstitutional, invalid or unenforceable.

5. Effective Date

Within fifteen (15) days after adoption, a Summary of this Ordinance shall be published once in the Grapevine Independent, or the Sacramento Bee, a newspaper of general circulation printed and published in Sacramento County and circulated in the City of Rancho Cordova, in accordance with Government Code section 36933. This Ordinance shall take effect and be enforced thirty (30) days after its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Rancho Cordova on the 18th day of May 2026 by the following vote:

AYES: Budge, Little, Pulipati, Sander, and Gatewood

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

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Grad-itude Walk Brings Seniors Home

By MPG Staff

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - Graduating seniors from schools across the Folsom Cordova Unified School District (FCUSD) returned to the campuses where their academic journeys began this month as part of the district's annual Grad-itude Walk tradition.

On May 13, seniors from Cordova High School and Kinney High School visited former elementary and middle school campuses in Rancho Cordova, where they were welcomed by younger students, teachers and staff members.

The walks featured cheers, high fives, hugs and handmade signs as graduating seniors made their way through school hallways lined with students celebrating their accomplishments.

District officials said the annual tradition is intended to recognize graduating seniors while encouraging younger students to envision their own futures.

The Grad-itude Walks are held each year at campuses throughout the district as graduation season approaches. School staff members across the district helped organize the events and welcomed returning seniors back to the campuses they once attended. ★



On May 13, seniors from Cordova High School and Kinney High School visited former elementary and middle school campuses in Rancho Cordova. Photo courtesy of Folsom Cordova Unified School District

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

New Federal EV Fee Hurts Rancho Cordova Commuters

The math on the new federal EV fee hidden inside the *BUILD America 250 Act (H.R. 8870)* just doesn't add up for local drivers.

Here in California, those of us who drive EVs are already hit with up to \$429 every single year in extra state registration fees to help fix the roads. Slapping an extra \$130 to \$150 federal tax on top

of that isn't asking anyone to pay a fair share, it's plain old double-dipping.

The biggest issue is that flat fees completely ignore how much someone drives. Look at the numbers: at 18.4¢ a gallon, the average gas-car driver only puts about \$99 a year into the federal highway fund. If Congress forces a flat \$130+ fee onto EVs, local remote

workers and retirees who barely drive will end up subsidizing the heavy commercial trucks and delivery vans that cause almost all the real wear and tear on our highways. To make it worse, plug-in hybrid owners are getting blindsided by a double tax, paying the new flat fee while still paying the regular gas tax at the pump.

Our representatives need to strike Section 1129 from this bill before the September deadline. Washington shouldn't be punishing local families for trying to drive cleaner cars.

Jonathan Armstrong, Rancho Cordova

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City of Rancho Cordova Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE is hereby given that on **Monday, June 1, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the City Council of the City of Rancho Cordova will hold a Public Hearing to consider the following:

RESOLUTIONS APPROVING PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ANNUAL LEVY AND COLLECTION OF SERVICE CHARGES FOR THE TRANSIT RELATED SERVICES BENEFIT DISTRICT ZONE NO. 1 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027

The purpose of this public hearing is to conduct a public hearing authorizing the levy of charges in the Transit Related Services Benefit District, Zone No. 1 for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. The service charges apply to residences and businesses in the Villages of Zinfandel Special Planning Area to fund a broad range of transportation services intended to benefit property in Zone 1. There are no new impacts to existing or new residents.

The City of Rancho Cordova encourages interested parties to attend public meetings and comment on the issues being discussed. If you wish to provide testimony and are unable to attend the meeting, written comments that are delivered to the City Clerk's office prior to the time of the hearing will be made a part of the public record. Questions regarding this matter should be directed to Edgar Medina, City of Rancho Cordova Public Works Department at (916) 851-8907.

NOTICE REGARDING CHALLENGES TO DECISIONS

Pursuant to all applicable laws and regulations, including without limitation, California Government Code Section 65009 and/or California Public Resources Code Section 21177, if you wish to challenge in court any of the above decisions (regarding planning, zoning and/or environmental decisions), you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing(s) described in this notice/agenda, or in written correspondence delivered to the city at, or prior to, this public hearing.

ADA COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the City Clerk's Department at (916) 851-8720. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting.

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RESOLUTION APPROVING PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ANNUAL LEVY AND COLLECTION OF SERVICE CHARGES FOR THE TRANSIT RELATED SERVICES BENEFIT DISTRICT ZONE NO. 2 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027

The purpose of this public hearing is to conduct a public hearing authorizing the levy of charges in the Transit Related Services Benefit District, Zone No. 2 for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. The service charges apply to residences and businesses in the Sunridge Specific Plan Area to fund a broad range of transportation services intended to benefit property in Zone 2. There are no new impacts to existing or new residents.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE MODIFICATION OF THE RANCHO CORDOVA TOURISM BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (RCTBID) AND LEVY OF AN ASSESSMENT ON CERTAIN LODGING BUSINESSES WITHIN THE RCTBID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on May 18, 2026, the City Council (Council) of the City of Rancho Cordova (City) adopted a Resolution of Intention to modify the Management District Plan (Plan) of the RCTBID and to levy an assessment on certain lodging businesses within the RCTBID as set forth in the Resolution of Intention.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that at 5:30 PM on June 15, 2026, at Council Chambers, 2729 Prospect Park Dr, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670, a public meeting shall be held pursuant to Government Code section 54954.6 to allow public testimony regarding the modification of the RCTBID Plan and the levy of assessments therein as set forth in the Resolution of Intention.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that at 5:30 PM on July 6, 2026, at the Council Chambers, 2729 Prospect Park Dr, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670, has been set as the time and place for a public hearing at which time the Council proposes to modify the RCTBID Plan and to levy the proposed assessment as set forth in the Resolution of Intention.

Location: The RCTBID includes all Lodging Businesses with two (2) rooms or more located within the boundaries of the City of Rancho Cordova, as shown on the map in Section IV. The RCTBID includes two benefit zones; assessments, services, and expenditures shall be administered in a manner consistent with the benefits anticipated to be conferred within each benefit zone.

Services: RCTBID is designed to provide specific benefits directly to payors by increasing awareness and demand for room night sales. Marketing and sales promotions and destination development programs will increase demand for overnight tourism and market payors as tourist, meeting and event destinations, thereby increasing demand for room night sales. For Dova Zone, such destination development programs may include visitor-serving capital improvements, public realm improvements, event and entertainment infrastructure, transportation and mobility improvements, programming, marketing, and related facilities, uses, and activities intended to support overnight visitation and lodging demand.

Budget: The total RCTBID annual assessment budget for the initial year of its ten (10) year operation is anticipated to be approximately \$2,464,000. This amount may fluctuate as room sales do, as businesses open and close, and if the assessment rate is increased pursuant to this Plan. At the time of this modification, this budget reflects assessments generated from existing Lodging Businesses and does not include revenues attributable to Dova Zone, for which assessments will commence upon the operation of Lodging Businesses within Dova Zone.

Cost: The annual assessment rate is a percentage of gross room rental revenue, varied by benefit zone. The initial annual assessment rate for each benefit zone is shown in the table below.

Zone	Assessment Rate
DOVA Zone	6.0%
Zone 1	4.5%

At the City of Rancho Cordova City Council's discretion, assessments collected may be used to repay a capital infrastructure bond if the City Council chooses to issue bonds. Until and unless

bonds are issued, any funds collected by the RCTBID will be used towards the services outlined in this Plan. The assessment levied pursuant to this Plan will also not be collected on stays pursuant to contracts executed prior to July 1, 2021. Stays pursuant to contracts executed between September 1, 2013 and June 30, 2021 shall instead be subject to assessment at the rate of \$1.50 per paid occupied room per night. During the ten (10) year term, the assessment rate may be increased annually by the RCTBID Owners' Association by a maximum of one percent (1%) of gross room rental revenue per year, as described in Section IV. The total assessment rate may not exceed ten percent (10%) in any zone.

Collection: The City of Rancho Cordova (City) will be responsible for collecting the assessment on a monthly basis (including any delinquencies, penalties and interest) from each assessed Lodging business located in the boundaries of the RCTBID. The City shall take all reasonable efforts to collect the assessments from each Lodging Business.

Duration: RCTBID will have a ten (10) year life, beginning July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2031. Once per year, beginning on the anniversary of RCTBID renewal, there is a thirty (30) day period in which owners paying fifty percent (50%) or more of the assessment may protest and initiate a City Council hearing on RCTBID termination.

Management: Rancho Cordova Travel and Tourism Corporation (RCTTC) will continue to serve as the RCTBID Owners' Association. The Owners' Association is charged with managing funds and implementing programs in accordance with this Plan and must provide annual reports to the City Council.

Protest: Any owner of a lodging business within the modified RCTBID that will be subject to the assessment may protest the modification of the RCTBID. If written protests are received from the owners of lodging businesses in the modified RCTBID who represent fifty percent (50%) or more of the estimated annual assessments to be levied, the RCTBID shall not be modified and the assessment shall not be imposed.

You may mail a written protest to:

Office of the City Clerk
City of Rancho Cordova
2729 Prospect Park Drive
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Every written protest shall be filed with the clerk at or before the time fixed for the public hearing.

Information: Should you desire additional information about this proposed RCTBID or assessment contact:

Visit Rancho Cordova
Marc Sapoznik
2868 Prospect Park Drive, Suite 130
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670
(916) 460 - 8201

Service Above Self

DOVIA Awards Celebrate Local Volunteers

Story and photos
by Omella Rossi

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)

Who are the volunteers quietly shaping programs for seniors, students, disaster survivors and families across the Sacramento region? That question was answered May 20 as Directors of Volunteers in Agencies (DOVIA) honored 22 nominees during its annual awards reception at Meristem in Fair Oaks.

The event, held at 9200 Fair Oaks Blvd., brought together volunteer leaders and supporters from across Sacramento, Yolo, Sutter, Yuba, El Dorado and Placer counties to recognize service in three categories. The awards included Youth Volunteer of the Year, recognizing volunteers under age 21 with at least 25 hours of service with the winner receiving a \$500 scholarship; Individual Volunteer of the Year, honoring volunteers over 21 with at least 25 hours of service; and Volunteer Manager of the Year, recognizing a paid or unpaid leader for exceptional volunteer program management, with the winner receiving a one-year complimentary DOVIA Sacramento membership.

DOVIA Sacramento, active since the late 1970s, serves as a regional hub for volunteer managers, offering training, peer networking and professional development while promoting volunteerism across nonprofit and public agencies.

"For 48 years, DOVIA Sacramento has celebrated the extraordinary people who uplift our community while also training the volunteer program managers who support Sacramento's many service driven organizations," said Leslie Fritz of the DOVIA board. "One of the tenants of good volunteer management is to remember to thank



Individual Volunteer of the Year nominees included Geri Beck; Fred Bustillos; Brittni Cearley and Kerry Connelly; Tyler Heberle; Sarah Goold, Tawney Lambert, Kim LeClaire and Denise Watts; Kelvin Lee; Betty Marchbanks; Tim McCrink; Robin Payne; Roxie and Ernie Rice; and Sandy Valdez.



Youth Volunteer of the Year nominees included Elizabeth Caton, Kendayl Taber and Lily Lower; Kelsie Johnson; Melvin Lam; Dahlia Monso; Angelica Maltese; and Isabella Sandoval, Madison Dailey, Alyla Parks and Kaitlyn Babitz.

and recognize volunteers. Today we will be doing that."

This year's program was emceed by Fritz. She noted support from Sacramento Venture Philanthropy as program sponsor, with additional contributions from Big Day of Giving donors.

Top honors went to volunteers whose service ranged from youth-led community building to decades of nonprofit support.

Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, including Phil Serna, Patrick Kennedy, Rich Desmond, Rosario Rodriguez and Pat Hume, presented certificates recognizing nominees.

The Youth Volunteer of the

Year award was presented to Angelica Maltese nominated by Blossom Vale Senior Living Center. Maltese, an elementary school student, created an "Adopt a Grandparent" program and has visited her adopted resident weekly since 2024. She also compiled resident recipes into a Blossom Vale cookbook shared with families, which organizers described as a lasting tribute to residents.

Roxie and Ernie Rice of the Firefighters Burn Institute were named Individual Volunteers of the Year. The married couple has volunteered for a combined 37 years, supporting burn survivors

and families, organizing outreach events and helping expand the nonprofit's reach despite its small staff.

Goya Gutierrez nominated by NorCal Resist was recognized as Volunteer Manager of the Year. Gutierrez was honored for developing programs supporting immigrant communities, including an after-school tutoring program for refugee children and volunteer-led assistance for families navigating local services.

All nominees were recognized during the ceremony.

Youth Volunteer of the Year nominees included Elizabeth Caton, Kendayl Taber and Lily Lower nominated by San Juan

Unified School District; Kelsie Johnson nominated by Blossom Vale Senior Living; Melvin Lam nominated by Interim Healthcare Hospice; Dahlia Monson nominated by WEAVE, Inc.; Angelica Maltese nominated by Blossom Vale Senior Living Center; and Isabella Sandoval, Madison Dailey, Alyla Parks and Kaitlyn Babitz nominated by Sacramento County Animal Shelter-Bradshaw.

Individual Volunteer of the Year nominees included Geri Beck nominated by Meristem, Rotary and HART; Fred Bustillos nominated by West Sacramento Community Emergency Response Team; Brittni Cearley and Kerry Connelly nominated by Project R.I.D.E., Inc.; Tyler Heberle nominated by Sacramento LGBT Community Center; Sarah Goold, Tawney Lambert, Kim LeClaire and Denise Watts nominated by Food Literacy Center; Kelvin Lee nominated by SMUD Museum of Science and Curiosity; Betty Marchbanks nominated by Keaton's Child Cancer Alliance; Tim McCrink nominated by Sacramento Valley Conservancy; Robin Payne nominated by Agency on Aging Area 4; Roxie and Ernie Rice nominated by Firefighters Burn Institute; and Sandy Valdez nominated by AARP Foundation Experience Corps-Sacramento.

Volunteer Manager of the Year nominee was Goya Gutierrez nominated by NorCal Resist.

Organizers said judges evaluated nominees independently, noting close competition across categories as they reviewed service completed between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 2025. Judges included Brad Squires of Sacramento Venture Philanthropy; Mark Cullum, district director for California state Assemblymember Josh Hoover; and Molly Patterson of the Elk Grove Police Department. ★

Girl Scouts Earn Highest Honors



Girl Scouts Heart of Central California honored 167 girls during its annual Highest Awards Ceremony at Hiram Johnson High School Auditorium, recognizing recipients of the Girl Scout Gold Award, Silver Award and the council's Rose Award. Photo courtesy of Girl Scouts Heart of Central California

By Omella Rossi

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)

Before they earned medals, scholarships and standing ovations, many of the Girl Scouts recognized Saturday, May 16, at the Girl Scouts Heart of Central California Highest Awards Ceremony started their award-winning community projects with a simple question: How can I help?

By the end the answers had taken shape as STEM programs for children, deaf awareness curriculums, debate workshops and community initiatives designed to last long after the applause faded.

Girl Scouts Heart of Central California honored 167 girls during its annual Highest Awards Ceremony at Hiram Johnson High School Auditorium, recognizing recipients of the Girl Scout Gold Award, Silver Award and the council's Rose Award for projects tackling issues ranging from STEM accessibility and mental health to environmental sustainability and racial justice.

"This ceremony is a powerful reminder of why Girl Scouts matter," said Girl Scouts Heart of Central California Chief

Executive Officer Linda E. Farley. "These girls didn't just complete projects, they identified real challenges in their communities and created meaningful, lasting solutions."

The morning began with a Gold Award Poster Symposium, where attendees explored presentations highlighting projects created by Award recipients. This year's honorees included 36 Gold Award recipients, 83 Silver Award recipients and 48 Rose Award recipients.

The Girl Scout Gold Award, the organization's highest honor, requires at least 80 hours of research, planning and leadership focused on creating sustainable community change.

Among those recognized was Sofia Contreras, who partnered with St. John's women's shelter to create a STEM curriculum for children staying at the facility.

"STEM has always been a really big part of my life," Contreras said. "I wanted those kids to know that it's a place for them too."

Contreras designed hands-on lessons and experiments intended to continue long after her involvement ended, leaving behind supplies and curriculum



Throughout the ceremony, mentors and family members joined recipients on stage during a pinning ceremony celebrating not only the girls' achievements but also the support systems behind them. Photo courtesy of Girl Scouts Heart of Central California

materials for future use.

She said the experience taught her confidence and leadership skills she plans to carry into college and a future career in STEM.

Another Gold Award recipient developed a deaf awareness curriculum for the El Dorado Union High School District focused on communication, culture and respect for the deaf community.

"I think raising awareness is important because many students don't know about deaf culture," the Girl Scout said. "This gives them the opportunity to learn how to respect deaf individuals."

Sofia Yee created a debate

awareness program for elementary and middle school students in the Sacramento area after realizing many younger students viewed debate as intimidating.

"It's really a great way to practice your public speaking," Yee said. "I wanted to break people's stereotypes of what debate looks like."

Working with local educators, libraries and the Sacramento Urban Debate League, Yee developed curriculum materials and hosted a summer debate program that will continue beyond her involvement.

Nora Latif focused her project on increasing representation

in STEM by creating a library program highlighting women of color working in science, technology, engineering and math fields.

"For me and a lot of my friends, we didn't always see people like ourselves represented when people talked about women in STEM," Latif said.

Throughout the ceremony, mentors and family members joined recipients on stage during a pinning ceremony celebrating not only the girls' achievements, but also the support systems behind them.

Madison Kosh said the projects reflect the organization's mission of helping girls discover their voice and leadership potential.

"They're learning how to build relationships within their communities, solve problems and create lasting change," Kosh said. "Those are life skills they'll carry with them forever."

In addition to the awards, Girl Scouts Heart of Central California also recognized scholarship recipients for continued leadership and academic achievement, including Contreras, Yee and Isabella Passerini. ★



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**POLICY
AND
ETHICS**

BY JOSH F.W. COOK

Trump Boosts Trade Schools
Everyone is Not Going to University

By Josh Cook

President Trump added trade schools to the Pell Grant. The Pell Grant is the largest federal program for students in America, disbursing over \$31 billion a year. Starting in 2026, eligible students will be able to get Pell Grants for vocational training programs in skilled trades, manufacturing, and healthcare, enabling quick entry into jobs with minimal debt. Previously, the Pell was aimed at colleges and universities.

Political Economist Nicholas Eberstadt's book "Men Without Work" documents a persistent crisis in which millions of prime-age men, often with limited formal education, have withdrawn from the labor force due to structural barriers, family instability, criminal records, and mismatched training opportunities. Traditional college routes have proven ineffective for this population, exacerbating workforce non-participation and associated social costs. By validating "vocational" training as a legitimate alternative to college for all, the new policy disrupts and directly targets the left-behind workforce segments Eberstadt identifies.

Trade schools and union labor apprenticeship programs have been treated like second-class programs by the higher education industry; the term "vocational education" was scorned, while "shop classes"

were pushed out of high schools. Even today, the education establishment refers to "vocational" programs as "career-technical education."

Keith Dunn, who leads the State Building and Construction Trades Council's efforts in Sacramento, has the most effective nomenclature: they refer to "get a real job" educational offerings as "trained and skilled workforce." The name starts with the end product in mind, which is actually getting people into the workforce earning much more than a living wage, like real money, with benefits and retirement.

The idea that everyone needed to go to a university, and dedicating a preponderance of our taxpayer support to that end, has proven to be a disaster, as the gap between the super wealthy and the poor has gotten worse every year for the last 50 years. Worse than that, upward mobility, more important than wealth, has been headed in the wrong direction, something that leads to social unrest, violence, and chaos.

Upward mobility is a better definition of the "American Dream". It measures whether a person from a poor family can move up the socioeconomic ladder through hard work and by engaging with the systems we build to foster social cohesion, prosperity, and happiness. This move to open "vocational" schools to federal funding is a huge step in the right direction. ★



the weekly whistle

The Last Inning of Spring

By Jason Harper, Director,
Rancho Cordova Athletic Association

There's something about the end of baseball season that feels different than every other sport.

Football ends with noise. Basketball ends with buzzers. But baseball and softball? They end with sunsets.

Around Rancho Cordova, the final weeks of the season have arrived like a Norman Rockwell painting mixed with the dusty magic of The Sandlot. The snack bars are running low on sunflower seeds. Lawn chairs are tilted back behind first base. Siblings chase foul balls near the fence while tired parents sip melted iced coffees and somehow still cheer just as loud as Opening Day.

Tournament of Champions brackets are pinned up like treasure maps. Wiffle ball games have become more intense. All-Stars are being whispered about in parking lots.

And somewhere, right this minute, a kid is replaying the catch they almost made.

That's the beauty of this season. Because postseason baseball is where childhood starts to feel cinematic.

The lights stay on a little longer. The games feel a little bigger. Every ground ball suddenly matters. Every pitch carries tension. Every kid secretly imagines they're at the bottom of the seventh, bases loaded, with the crowd roaring.

But the real story has never been only the scoreboard.

It's the assistant coach dragging the infield after a 9 p.m. game because he wants the next team to have a clean field.

It's the grandparents bundled in hoodies after sunset because they wouldn't miss this for anything.

It's teammates who spent three months turning from strangers into brothers and sisters in dirt-stained socks.

It's the player who barely got a hit all season but rockets one into the gap in TOCs and suddenly feels ten feet tall.

These moments matter.

Long after the trophies collect dust, most kids won't remember the final score. But they will remember the smell of the grass. The sound of cleats on concrete. The way the field lights looked against the night sky. The dugout chants. The postgame pizza. The feeling that summer had officially begun.

And maybe most importantly, they'll remember that for a little while, life was simple: Hit the ball. Catch the ball. Cheer for your friends.

In a complicated world, youth baseball and softball still offer something beautifully old-fashioned — a place where kids can just be kids.

As Rancho Cordova closes another season of baseball and softball, we celebrate every player, every volunteer, every coach, every umpire and every parent who helped create these memories.

Because this wasn't just another sports season.

It was another chapter of childhood. And that, folks, is a home run. ★

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All You Need is Pets

The Spirit of Fallen Hero Shines On at Animal Care Faire

Story and photos
by Chris Ching

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - "It's the biggest event we've ever had!"

Those words belonged to a delighted Brittani Peterson as the Bradshaw Animal Shelter's Public Information Officer surveyed the hub of activity generated by the fourth Annual Roy C. Marcum Animal Care Faire.

Held Saturday, May 16 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. the four-hour event on the expansive shelter grounds featured animal-centric vendors, free adoptions, dog yoga, pet training demos, food truck and more for attendees to enjoy.

Designed as a celebration of community, protecting animals and supporting pet owners, the Faire honors the memory of a man who Peterson said loved nothing more - the event's namesake Roy C. Marcum, an Animal Control Officer, who in 2012 was shot and killed in the line of duty.

The Bradshaw Animal Shelter, where Marcum worked, is Sacramento's main shelter for lost and homeless animals and one of the largest in Northern California. It serves the public reuniting pets with owners, offering adoptions, responding to reports of animal cruelty and providing healthcare and licensing. Proceeds from the Faire through the sponsorships and vendor donations help these services continue.

The Faire focused primarily on dogs and cats, but the shelter itself deals with practically all animals including horses, goats, pigs, snakes, rabbits, pigeons and more. "We see it all," said Peterson.

She roughly estimated attendance at well over a 1,000. Parking itself was at a premium with attendees having to utilize overflow lots which left many having to trek some distance to the event. Shelter employees and



Sentire K9 certified pet trainers Jill Andrews and Allie Young with team dog Fetch gave lives demos at the Animal Care Faire.



A pug at the Animal Care Faire hopes to get a head scratch or two.

volunteers worked together to ensure the Faire ran as smoothly as possible.

The majority of Faire activity took place inside the large bark park, named also after Marcum, where the enthusiastic 100 plus vendors offered apparel, food, accessories and other pet goods. A highland cow petting zoo



Sacramento River Cats mascot Dinger greets an attendee's dog.

charmed both young and old as did Sacramento River Cats mascot Dinger. As many attendees brought along their own dogs, the bark park saw plenty of playful interactions between people and dogs.

At a pug rescue booth, attendee Kris Smith found herself smitten by a pack of the popular small



Faire attendee Leia Gardner embraces one of the Dog Yoga adoptable shelter animals.



The Highland Cow petting zoo was a popular attraction at the Animal Care Faire.

breed. "I want to bring them all home with me," laughed Smith.

Also within the bark park, certified professional trainers from Sentire K9 demonstrated their training methods. Trainer Jill Patterson and her dog Fetch captivated the audience with a detection drill where the black lab found alcohol amongst four possible hiding places. Sentire K9 founder and trainer Allie Young, partnered with bernedoodle Georgie, followed with a series of informative training drills

showcasing the important bond between owner and pet necessary for effective training.

"We had so many great questions during our demonstrations, and we enjoyed sharing what dogs are capable of doing," said Young.

During the yoga sessions, downward dog poses were met with literal downward dogs as adoptable shelter animals led by volunteer handlers warmly interacted with participants. The practice of yoga was made even more relaxing than usual due to the inquisitive, love-seeking dogs, and participants happily found it difficult to hold poses under the onslaught of canine kisses and cuddles.

"I love giving back to my community which is what yoga is all about" said Wood-Miller, a Rancho Cordova resident well known for her yoga practice and animal volunteer work.

Over at the shelter's main building just past the food truck area, animal adoptions were offered free resulting in a higher number of the public than usual going home with a new pet. Peterson said they had 34 adoptions whereas a typical weekend day usually sees only around 20.

In the days after the event, Peterson said the Bradshaw Animal Shelter is looking to add attractions to the Faire next time such as "a live band, more entertainment and continue to make it bigger and better year after year."

Peterson also noted the strong positive response to this year's event and in particular the review of a special group of attendees - the family of Roy C. Marcum.

"They were really excited about this last one. They said it is exactly what they envisioned for Roy."

For more information about the Bradshaw Animal Shelter, visit <https://animalcare.saccounty.gov/>★

Lancers Host Awards Banquet

By James Darnell

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - The Cordova Lancers held their end of season awards banquet on May 21 at Cordova High School, honoring the players whose hard work made their spring season so special.

Players, coaches, family and friends gathered during the team's annual acknowledgement dinner to celebrate a Lancers team that advanced to the Federation Interscholastic Federation (CIF) Sac Joaquin Section Division II playoffs this spring. Additionally, individual team-specific awards were handed out to players in recognition of their efforts, and players who earned All-Metro League awards were also honored during the event. For Cordova Head Coach Scott Ahlstrom, holding the event is a great way to recognize all of the players who contribute to the success of the program rather than just the top performers.

"It is important," said Lancers Head Coach Scott Ahlstrom. "It's more than just what our main guys get recognized for, it's about the guys that do the dirty work, the glue guys. I enjoy talking about those guys and letting people know the things they do that people maybe don't see. It's good to recognize them."

This spring the team elected to recognize both senior pitcher Levi Nyberg and junior shortstop Bro Ahlstrom as Co-MVPs (Most Valuable Player) for their stellar efforts both on the mound and at the plate. This spring, Nyberg recorded a 2.38 earned run average (ERA), along with 64 strikeouts which both led the team. Offensively, Nyberg



Scholar Athlete award winners include seniors Chase Morton and Landon Gaskill, junior Noah Oxley and sophomore Conner Meade. Photo courtesy of Head Coach Scott Ahlstrom



Senior Levi Nyberg and junior Bro Ahlstrom were named Co-MVPs for the Lancers this spring. Photo courtesy of Head Coach Scott Ahlstrom

also led the team in hits (33) and ranked in the top three of

multiple offensive categories to round out his final season

at Cordova after being one of the programs' top players in

recent memory.

Ahlstrom was not to be outdone however, notching 32 hits to rank second on the team at the plate, but led the Lancers with 20 RBIs. He also led the team in batting average (.410) and on base percentage (.519). On the mound, he ranked second on the team in strikeouts with 30.

"Initially we weren't going to give out an MVP award this year because it was a real team effort," Ahlstrom said. "At the end of the day, Bro (Ahlstrom) was a better hitter this year and had better production at the plate, and Levi (Nyberg) was a little bit better on the mound this year. Without the two of them working hand-in-hand it wouldn't have worked out the way it did this year."

Other awards given were as follows.

Coaches Award: Juniors Gage Cordova and Gabriel Bargas, sophomore Nate Jones

Leadership Award: Senior Landon Gaskill

Most Improved: Sophomore Sawyer Nyberg and senior Chicago Bush

Scholar Athletes: Seniors Chase Morton and Landon Gaskill, junior Noah Oxley, and sophomore Conner Meade

Additionally, five Lancers were given All-Metro League honors:

All-Metro League First Team: Seniors Levi Nyberg and Chase Morton, junior Bro Ahlstrom, sophomore Conner Meade

All-Metro League Second Team: Junior Nathan Tran

Congratulations to all of the players and coaches that made for a memorable spring season at Cordova! ★

Fireworks Rules in Rancho Cordova

What You Need to Know

City of Rancho Cordova News Release

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - As the Fourth of July approaches, the City of Rancho Cordova is reminding residents that all fireworks are illegal year-round except for Safe & Sane fireworks during the approved holiday period.

Safe & Sane fireworks may only be used June 28 through July 4 from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.

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Illegal fireworks are never allowed in Rancho Cordova.

Residents are encouraged to report illegal fireworks activity to the Rancho Cordova Police Department at 916-362-5115. Incidents can also be reported through Rancho Cordova Connect, the city's online app. Visit cityofranhocordova.org/residents/resident-services/rancho-cordova-connect.

Looking for a safe way to celebrate? Leave the fireworks to the pros and join the community celebration at Hagan Park on July 3 and 4, featuring fireworks, carnival rides, concerts and more.

Learn more about fireworks rules and safety at cityofranhocordova.org/fireworks and event details at ranhocordovajuly4th.com. ★

Lady Lancers Recognized at Awards Banquet

By James Darnell

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - The Cordova Lady Lancers recently honored the players within their softball program during their annual end-of-season awards banquet, which was held at Cordova High School on May 18.

Players, coaches, family and friends gathered to recognize the efforts of the young athletes this spring during a much-deserved celebration dinner, with head coach Kim Bradley electing to acknowledge the team as a whole rather than hand out individual awards. That move has traditionally been the way Bradley operated after each season, which has helped foster a very tight-knit group that holds a team-first approach. For Bradley, holding the event after the end of every season is a meaningful way to show appreciation to the players for their efforts.

"It means everything," Bradley said. "It shows their commitment, dedication and their hard work."

In addition to celebrating the team altogether, it was revealed that the Lady Lancers have two players this spring whose standout play has earned them All-Metro League honors, including

senior shortstop Briel Brookins along with junior third baseman Becca Lee.

Brookins led the Lady Lancers this spring in home runs (2) and ranked within the top three in hits (16), runs (15), slugging percentage (.622) and triples (2) this season. Lee meanwhile led the team in slugging percentage (.683), triples (3) and runs batted in (12). For their coach, having players recognized as some of the best in the Metro League is a great way to shine light on the caliber of athletes who play at Cordova.

"It goes into what I've always said about our players at Cordova," Bradley said. "We have some talent here, and I think sometimes it gets overlooked maybe because of our win-loss record. But we have some real good athletes there and they deserve the recognition like any other player in the area."

When asked about what Brookins and Lee meant to the program this year, Bradley didn't mince words.

"They were the glue," she said. "They were vocal, they were the leaders and they were the ones who led with hard work."

Hats off to the entire Lady Lancers program for finishing another spring season! ★



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