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## Freedom Park Improvements Unveiled



The Rotary Club of Foothill-Highlands' board members unveil their latest park improvements at Freedom Park May 30.

Story and photos by Abbey Wicks

**RIO LINDA, CA (MPG)** - New picnic tables, barbeques and surface improvements were unveiled to the public on May 29 as part of the Rotary Club of Foothill-Highlands' latest Freedom Park improvements. The park, located at 5931 Recreation Way in McClellan Park has been an area of focus for the club, with the installation of the bocce ball court last year.

Miguel Benitez, president elect of the club described the park improvements to be the club's "bread and butter."

"We love doing stuff for the community," Benitez said.

The club, comprised of approximately 15 members, focuses on youth and community outreach in the unincorporated communities of Antelope, North Highlands, Foothill Farms, Rio Linda and Elverta. Its motto of "Service Above Self" is exemplified through hands-on volunteerism, charitable fundraising and collaborative partnerships, including with the North Highlands Parks and Recreation District.

Five individuals began volunteering in this part of Sacramento more than 20 years ago forming the

Rotary Club of Foothill-Highlands. One of those members is Dominic Mecklenburg, 2024-25 club president, a former bank manager at Umpqua Bank in Antelope.

"Before I worked in Antelope, the reputation is all I was aware of," Mecklenburg said. "It wasn't favorable."

Most of the founding members do not live in the region they serve, however, they felt this area needed it the most, according to Mecklenburg. The organization has developed strong relationships with teachers, legislators, parents and residents,

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## Sacramento County's New 311 Connect Mobile App is Here



Sacramento County's updated 311 Connect Mobile Application has been launched as of May 29. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

### Sacramento County News Release

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - Sacramento County is launching a newly updated 311 Connect Mobile Application now featuring a modern design, improved usability and enhanced security to deliver a smoother, more intuitive experience for our community.

Everything you count on from 311 is still at your fingertips, now with the following key improvements:

#### Modernized User Interface

The app features a refreshed appearance with an updated color palette and graphic style. Redesigned navigation helps users find what you need faster. New Sacramento County branding is highlighted throughout the app.

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#### New Service Request Type

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#### What To Expect

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Learn more about 311 Connect, your link to County Services, as well as Cami, the new digital assistant at [saccounty.gov](http://saccounty.gov). ★

## Cool Down at the Pool Bash

### Rio Linda High School Opens Pool for Season

By Khushi Salgia

**RIO LINDA, CA (MPG)** - The sounds of laughter, splashing water and upbeat music will officially welcome summer to Rio Linda as the annual RLE Pool Bash returns to celebrate opening day at the local high school pool.

Hosted jointly by the Rio Linda Elverta Recreation and Park District and the Lions Club of Rio Linda, the community gathering will take place on Friday, June 12. The evening event runs from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Rio Linda High School Pool, offering families a vibrant, budget-friendly way to dive into another great outdoor season.

The event is designed to be accessible to everyone in the neighborhood, combining affordable recreational activities with classic community fellowship. Entry to the pool is \$4 per person, granting full access to an evening of open swim and activities.

A major highlight of this year's bash is a generous community partnership with the Lions Club of Rio Linda. The service organization is sponsoring the gathering by providing a free hot dog meal to all attendees, ensuring families can enjoy dinner by



Entry to the pool is \$4 per person, granting full access to an evening of open swim and activities. Photo courtesy of Rio Linda Elverta Recreation and Park District

the water without any extra expense.

In addition to the open swim sessions, the four-hour event will feature a curated selection of music to maintain a festive, high-energy atmosphere along the pool deck. District staff and certified lifeguards will be on hand to ensure a safe, secure environment for swimmers of all ages and skill levels.

Sponsors and community partners for the summer kickoff include the Rio Linda Elverta Recreation and Park District and the Lions Club of Rio Linda, both of which have a long-standing history of coordinating local events to enhance public spaces and foster neighborhood pride.

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Make a splash on Friday, June 12! The RLE Pool Bash features open swim, music and a free Lions Club hot dog meal from 4 to 8 p.m. at the high school pool. Entry is \$4. Photo courtesy of Rio Linda Elverta Recreation and Park District

The RLE Pool Bash continues to stand out as a premier summer kickoff tradition, blending public recreation with

service-driven community support to keep local youth active, safe, and connected throughout the warm months. ★

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# 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; Brittini 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; Brittini 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. ★

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Mecklenburg said. “I’ve volunteered more in this zip code than where my kids went to school,” Mecklenburg said.

Another focus of the club is literacy. The club holds speech contests to promote literacy among youth, inviting members of the community to judge the contests.

Each year, the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) awards \$1,000 scholarships for students to attend five-day summer camps, where teens surrender their phones and spend time building friendships and gaining leadership skills. According to Mecklenburg, the camp is a transformative experience for participants who return with a toolbox of new skills.

While the Foothill-Highlands chapter focuses mostly on the Sacramento region, the club brings refurbished electronics including laptops and cell phones to children



The rotary club fixed a picnic table in Freedom Park that previously had a piece missing according to Benitez.

across the world in the Philippines through past president Teresa B. Ferrer, who returns each year to her native country.

“We’re an international organization but, of course, we like to focus locally,” Mecklenburg said.

Upcoming projects in Freedom Park, pending approval, include the installation of a peace pole, a monument-type structure

featuring different languages present in the North Highlands community.

The club meets on Mondays at 12:15 p.m. at the Lions Gate Hotel, 3410 Westover St, McClellan Park. For more information or to get involved, visit: [www.foothill-highlandsrotary.org/](http://www.foothill-highlandsrotary.org/) or visit The Rotary Club of Foothill-Highlands Facebook page. ★

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# Blind Elverta Resident Learns Skills to Stay Independent

By Kristin Thebaud

**RIO LINDA/ELVERTA, CA (MPG)** - Kim Tsuchida of Elverta has always valued her independence and looked on the bright side of life, so when she could no longer drive from advanced glaucoma, both her independence and optimism were challenged.

Fortunately, she had already found nonprofit Society for the Blind in Sacramento, which provides low-vision eye care, life and job skills training, mentorship and access to tools to maintain independence for more than 5,000 youth, working-age adults and seniors experiencing vision loss each year.

Tsuchida was 39 years old when she went to her optometrist for a Lasik consultation and was then referred to an ophthalmologist for glaucoma. Though her glaucoma was progressing very slowly, she spent the next 25 years going through procedure after procedure to try to control the pressure in her eyes.

"The glaucoma didn't really hit me that hard emotionally because my kids were young and I was busy," Tsuchida said. "I realized I didn't need 100% of my eyesight to function day to day."

Fiercely independent, Tsuchida continued to find ways to get through her day, raising her two daughters. She loved road trips and would take her daughters to San Diego. She was working and even looked into volunteering at Society for the Blind, though it did not end up fitting with her busy schedule.

Ten to 15 years ago she stopped driving at night, but she continued to drive during the day. Then three years ago, she began to notice a steeper decline.

"Glaucoma is so scary because you don't notice it until there's something you can't do," Tsuchida said. "You can easily make excuses like I tripped because I was being a klutz or I can't see that because of the dim lighting."

Two years ago, Tsuchida was diagnosed as legally blind, having gradually lost 85% of her vision. Her doctor said most people with her type of glaucoma only have vision for 10-15 years. He said it was almost unheard of for her to go 25 years before becoming legally blind.

"It was still hard to accept," Tsuchida said. "I had days where



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I'd have a good cry and felt depressed because I've always been so independent."

Fortunately, she knew right where to go.

When Society for the Blind's Senior IMPACT Project held a new year's open house, Tsuchida attended and was thrilled to discover it was an activity hosted by the organization's Asian Senior Support Group. She said she did not know what to expect at first, but she left feeling encouraged.

"I thought, wow, all these people here are giving their testimonies, and up until then I was wondering how I was going to do this," Tsuchida said. "I felt stuck because I couldn't drive to visit my kids and grandkids and had to depend on my husband so much. I realized so many of the people in the room had worse vision but were doing so much more than me. I thought, 'you know what? I have no excuse.'"

Tsuchida signed up for Society for the Blind and has never looked back, joining the organization's Senior IMPACT Project, taking braille classes, practicing mobility and enjoying volunteer-led arts and crafts activities.

"My husband is like, 'You know, you need to cut out some of your social activities,'" she said laughing. "I've started using RT Go so he doesn't have to take me as often, but I'm like what would I cut out? Everybody is so friendly and encouraging, and it's a lot of fun."

Tsuchida also joined Society for the Blind's Asian Senior Support Group, which is comprised of 12-15 people who meet quarterly throughout the year for various activities and to talk – and she said there is always delicious food.

"We just come together and talk about our challenges and breakthroughs," she said. "We just encourage each other, and it's



Pictured is Tsuchida with her grandchildren. Photo courtesy of Society for the Blind

a time to meet up and taste some great Asian food."

From learning facial massages, tai chi and origami to enjoying homemade shu mai, Tsuchida said she loves seeing Asians coming together, including one woman in her 90s who is still active and reminds her to keep going.

"When I hear stories like that, I say to myself, it's time to stop kidding myself," she said. "I have low vision and can still get around and do things. I can't use my vision as an excuse."

This past February, Tsuchida traveled to the Seattle area to visit her daughter and two youngest grandchildren, including her only granddaughter. While her family was out and about, she decided to call in for Society for the Blind's Coffee & Connect support group call. She was so encouraged, she hung up and decided to walk down to the harbor on her own.

"It was raining, but I used my umbrella, GPS and mobility skills to walk two miles down to the harbor to this restaurant that specialized in cinnamon rolls," she said. "I sat and enjoyed my cinnamon roll and a vanilla cappuccino looking out at the rain."

She no longer has peripheral vision, but still has central vision, which she describes as looking through a dirty glass.

Tsuchida now feels like she has her independence and positive attitude back. As her vision fades, she focuses on what she can still see and do.

"I used to be so afraid I would never be able to see my grandkids' faces, but now I'm focused on wanting to be there when they go to college, get married and

have their own kids," she said.

She can no longer read books but now listens to them on Audible and said she ends up reading more now than she ever used to. Though she can't see much, she said she can still see daylight and now focuses on feeling the sunlight rather than seeing it.

"I'm so grateful to God for giving me the strength and ability to wake up every morning and feel the sunshine on my face," she said.

Tsuchida said now she tells everyone about Society for the Blind.

"I'm so encouraged by them that I want to encourage other people," she said. "Just because you can't see doesn't mean you're less of a person. I think we feel that way because we rely on our vision so much. But Society for the Blind has taught me we can use our other senses and make the most out of what we do have. Don't be afraid and don't isolate yourself. At Society for the Blind, you don't feel like you're the only one. Life is still beautiful."

For more than 70 years, Society for the Blind has continued to create innovative ways to empower individuals living with low vision or blindness to discover, develop and achieve their full potential. Since 1954, Society for the Blind has grown from a dedicated group of volunteers to a nationally recognized agency and the only comprehensive rehabilitative teaching center that provides services for a 27-county region of Northern California. For more information or to donate, visit [www.SocietyfortheBlind.org](http://www.SocietyfortheBlind.org). ★



### Farms Increasingly use Drones for Aerial Applications

Drone operators say they see an uptick in business as agricultural drone application technology improves, farmers become more comfortable with it and more products receive aerial labels. Drones have proven useful for aerial applications, especially for specialty crops. "Vegetable crops have probably adapted drones faster than any other crop," said Briana Layfield, president and owner of Temecula-based Ag-Bee LLC. "When vegetable plants start growing, (growers) can't get tractors in past a certain growth stage." Last winter, her company treated vegetables in the Imperial, Coachella and Pajaro valleys. Other seasons, the company flies coastal vegetable fields from Ventura to Watsonville. Nicholas Steed, who operates Oakdale-based UAV Ag Solutions with brother Brandon, said they've also experienced increased producer interest. The company has used drones to treat walnuts, almonds, alfalfa and field corn.

### Former Dairy Vet Looks to Improve Welfare on Farms

Founded in 2022, Tennessee-based nonprofit Kinder Ground makes animal welfare improvement more accessible on farms by offering grants and expertise to farmers who are looking to learn more about animal welfare. "The idea is for farmers to come to us with ideas," Jen Walker, chief animal welfare officer at Kinder Ground, told Ag Alert® in an interview. "We really like projects that elevate

welfare beyond those basics. Sometimes it's seeing the simplest of opportunities. That's where I think relationships are important. What we have found is if a farmer can have somebody go in on it with him or her, it's much easier to take a risk." A former dairy veterinarian, Walker said one new animal welfare technology she is excited about is cattle-vision goggles. "It's a computer program that takes input from a camera and digests it, and puts it up in virtual reality goggles so that what you're seeing is what we think cows would see," she said.

### Committee Meets to Advise DWR on State Water Plan

An advisory committee to the California Department of Water Resources held its first meeting this month to begin work on the next update to the California Water Plan, the state's long-range strategy for managing water resources across all sectors. The plan is updated every five years and guides statewide water policy, planning and investment priorities. The meeting came months after Gov. Gavin Newsom signed Senate Bill 72 in October 2025, launching a multiyear effort to modernize California's water planning framework in response to intensifying droughts, floods and long-term water reliability challenges tied to climate change. SB 72 established an interim statewide planning target of 9 million acre-feet of additional water supply by 2040. The target is expected to play a central role in the development of the state's 2028 and 2033 water plans. ★

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# Twin Rivers Unified Celebrates Record Number of Dual Enrollment Graduates

**Twin Rivers Unified School District News Release**

**MCCLELLAN PARK, CA (MPG)** - This graduation season, 28 Twin Rivers Unified seniors will walk across the stage not only with their high school diplomas, but also with associate degrees from American River College (ARC) earned through the district's Dual Enrollment program. In an especially remarkable accomplishment, two students — Taylor Blood of Foothill High School and Brodii Richardson of Rio Linda High School — will each graduate with three associate degrees from ARC.



Rio Linda High School leads the district with 10 students earning associate degrees, followed by nine students from Foothill High School and six from Grant Union High School. Two students from Creative Connections Arts Academy (CCAA) and one student from Highlands High School also achieved this significant milestone through the program. More than 1,500 students will graduate from Twin Rivers this year. ★

## CORRECTION

In the article titled "Creatives Share Work at Craft Faire," published in the May 29 issue, Kat Bonge's name was incorrectly written as Kat Borge. ★

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# Nonprofits Selected for Inaugural Capacity-Building Initiative

## Sacramento County News Release

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - Sacramento County and the Sacramento Region Community Foundation are announcing the ten nonprofit organizations selected to participate in the inaugural cohort of the Sacramento Countywide Nonprofit Partnership Initiative (SCNPI), a 20-month capacity-building program designed to strengthen the sustainability of mid-sized nonprofits serving Sacramento County residents.

Selected organizations work across Sacramento County to address homelessness, housing instability and food insecurity – some of the region's most pressing challenges. Through SCNPI, each organization will receive practical training and workshops, one-on-one technical assistance, peer learning opportunities, mentorship from experienced nonprofit leaders, and flexible grant funding to support organizational improvements.

“Nonprofits are on the front lines of our region's most difficult challenges every day, and the strength of their internal systems is just as important as the services they provide. This initiative is about investing in organizations to build the leadership, infrastructure and sustainability they need to grow their impact over time. We're proud to partner with the County of Sacramento to support these ten organizations and the communities they serve,” said Kerry Wood, the Foundation's chief executive.

Chevon Kothari of the Sacramento County Health and Human Services Agency Deputy



The Rancho Cordova Food Locker is one of the ten nonprofit organizations selected to participate in the inaugural cohort of the Sacramento Countywide Nonprofit Partnership Initiative and reduce stigma around food assistance. Photo courtesy of the Rancho Cordova Food Locker

County Executive added, “Our nonprofit partners are essential to delivering critical SafetyNet services across the County. Through this initiative, we are investing in the capacity, tools and resources nonprofits need to sustain and strengthen their impact,” said Chevon Kothari, Sacramento County Health and Human Services Agency Deputy County Executive.

The ten organizations selected for the SCNPI cohort, their primary service area and major programs are as follows.

AcademySTAY (Sacramento): Transitional housing and wrap-around support for foster youth ages 18-24 pursuing college or

vocational training.

Alchemist CDC (Sacramento): Connected programs spanning food access, workforce development, entrepreneurship and community space, helping residents move from immediate crisis toward long-term stability.

Elk Grove Food Bank Services (Elk Grove): Comprehensive food access and homeless services through a client-choice warehouse, senior mobile distributions, home delivery and school-based programs.

Orangevale-Fair Oaks Community Foundation (Orangevale): Operator of the Orangevale-Fair Oaks Food Bank and HART (Homeless

Assistance Resource Team), serving residents across Orangevale, Fair Oaks, Citrus Heights and Folsom.

Rancho Cordova Food Locker (Rancho Cordova): A dignity-centered food access program currently transitioning to a community food hub model to expand services and reduce stigma around food assistance.

Rebuilding Together Sacramento (Sacramento): Homelessness prevention through critical home repairs, safety modifications and accessibility improvements for low-income homeowners, seniors, veterans and people with disabilities.

Refugee Enrichment and Development Association (REDA) Inc. (Sacramento): Culturally responsive housing, food, education and mental health services for refugee and immigrant communities across the greater Sacramento Valley.

Sacramento Cottage Housing, Inc. (Sacramento): Permanent supportive housing and wrap-around services for individuals and families, with deep, relationship-based coaching designed to break cycles of homelessness over the long term.

South County Services (Galt): Providing food distribution and homeless services for rural communities across South Sacramento County, including the isolated Delta region towns where few other services reach.

Three Sisters Gardens (Sacramento): Urban agriculture, food distribution and youth workforce development, paying young people to learn agriculture, food systems and green career pathways.

The initiative builds on the Sacramento Region Community Foundation's more than 40 years of investing in the nonprofits that serve the capital area — including through capacity-building programs like Big Day of Giving and smaller cohort-based efforts that have helped organizations strengthen their leadership and operations over time. It reflects Sacramento County's broader commitment to building a more resilient nonprofit ecosystem across the region.

For more information about the Sacramento Countywide Nonprofit Partnership Initiative, visit <https://www.sacregcf.org/>. ★

# Keeping Street Food Safe



“People often think inspections are about closures, but our real focus is education, collaboration and helping vendors operate safely while protecting public health,” said Erica Uriarte, environmental health supervisor. Photo by Designed by Magnific

## Sacramento County News Release

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - Sacramento County's Environmental Management

Department (EMD), in coordination with partner agencies, continues outreach and enforcement efforts aimed at improving food safety and helping sidewalk

food vendors operate legally and safely throughout the county.

County staff regularly conduct inspections in areas with known or reported

unpermitted food vending activity. These visits focus first on education and collaboration, providing vendors with information about permitting requirements, food safety standards and available business resources. Recent enforcement operations have included support from the Code Enforcement Division and the Department of Finance.

“People often think inspections are about closures, but our real focus is education, collaboration and helping vendors operate safely while protecting public health,” said Erica Uriarte, environmental health supervisor.

“Sacramento County Code Enforcement supports enforcement of food vendor regulations through proactive education and outreach,” said Mike Sanchez, chief of code enforcement. “Our mission is to protect the health and safety of residents in Unincorporated Sacramento County by collaborating with partner agencies to conduct routine inspections and promote compliance with applicable regulations.”

During recent inspections, county staff observed several examples of unsafe food handling and operating conditions that may pose a risk

to public health. Inspectors documented issues such as raw meat stored on the ground in trash bags; foods requiring refrigeration being held at unsafe temperatures; lack of handwashing facilities; and unsafe cooking or food storage equipment.

When food is not prepared, stored or served following approved safety standards, there is an increased risk of foodborne illness and contamination.

“Providing education and helping vendors understand how to legally operate is our primary goal,” said Erica Uriarte, environmental health supervisor. “We want vendors to succeed while protecting public health and ensuring food sold in our communities is handled safely.”

All Sacramento County permitted vendors are inspected for food safety compliance and are required to display color-coded placards showing their inspection status.

At mobile food vendors, consumers are encouraged to look for a valid Sacramento County mobile food sticker displayed on the operation.

At local restaurants, consumers are encouraged to look for a Green Placard

(Pass), Yellow Placard (Conditional Pass) and Red Placard (Closed).

Purchasing food from permitted vendors helps ensure the food has been inspected and handled under approved food safety standards.

Potential health and safety concerns associated with unpermitted food vending may include food from unapproved sources; food stored directly on the ground; no restroom access; lack of refrigeration to keep food cold; vermin and insects; no potable water; no handwashing facilities on-site; no food safety training for food handlers; poor personal hygiene; and unsafe cooking equipment.

Sacramento County's efforts are centered on reducing barriers to compliance and increasing awareness among vendors and consumers alike. The county also provides multilingual outreach and education resources to help vendors navigate the permitting process.

Residents can learn more about permitted food vendors and food safety resources by visiting the Sacramento County Environmental Management Department's Unpermitted Food Vendor webpage. ★

# County Seeks Climate Emergency Task Force Members

## Sacramento County News Release

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - The County of Sacramento is seeking community members to serve on its Climate Emergency Mobilization Task Force, a volunteer advisory body helping shape the County's response to climate change through collaboration, public engagement and policy recommendations.

Applications are available through the Climate Emergency Mobilization Task Force website:

<https://green.saccounty.gov/us/en/climate-emergency-mobilization-task-force.html#gsc.tab=0>.

The Task Force meets every other month on the second Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. Meetings are held in the Sacramento County Board Chambers, located at 700 H St. in Sacramento.

Members receive a stipend of \$70 per meeting.

The County is seeking applicants representing environmental justice communities, including North Highlands,

South Sacramento, Vineyard, West Arden Arcade and countywide representatives; subject matter experts in air quality, agriculture, the built environment, economics, energy and transit/transportation; and student and youth residents.

Task Force members are expected to attend one regular meeting every other month, with the possibility of one or two subcommittee meetings or events per month; dedicate approximately two to six hours per month to research, correspondence and outreach; complete

ethics training and file annual financial disclosures related to conflicts of interest; and represent diverse viewpoints and collaborate with stakeholders across the community.

Task Force members work alongside County staff to develop and support implementation of a climate emergency response plan focused on reducing greenhouse gas emissions and preparing communities for the impacts of climate change.

“The Task Force's primary focus is gathering public input

and providing informed recommendations to the County on actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to climate change,” said Josh Lathan, sustainability manager. “We invite anyone who has a commitment to collaboration, equity and partnerships in advancing public policy to apply.”

Residents interested in applying or requesting assistance or alternative application formats may contact Josh Lathan at [lathanj@saccounty.gov](mailto:lathanj@saccounty.gov) or by calling 916-875-9493. ★

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# Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris



## The Finals Are Here

If you've been watching what has turned out to be the coming out party for San Antonio's Victor Wembanyama, it would be easy to miss his impact in the final and deciding seventh game of the western division series. Wembanyama put up a solid 22 points, seven rebounds and two assists in what for him appeared to be a pedestrian performance. But stats alone won't tell this story which is one you don't want to miss.

When Oklahoma City ran the table last season with an overwhelming performance in the NBA playoffs and finals, they established themselves as by far the organization that had the best team. Many fans throughout the nation had to learn the names of the players as few were household names, but the chemistry on the court was something rarely seen.

At the center position the thunder reminded me of the 1975 Golden State Warriors when they came out of nowhere to win the championship with two no name centers that split time the entire series and were the consummate team players.

OKC took a chapter out of that book to produce seven-foot Chet Holgren and Isaiah Hartenstein who played as an ensemble that took the league by surprise and gave a lesson to one and all when it comes to true team basketball.

After enjoying one short year as NBA champions the Thunder have been dethroned, and of all things beaten at their own game.

Although the Spurs Victor Wembanyama will get the majority of the headlines and well deserved, it was the nearly perfect execution of team basketball that won the seventh game of this series. A total of seven players were in double digit scoring, and the Thunder were left wondering who beat us?

It was the team that beat you, and I have high hopes that the front office of the Sacramento Kings was watching.

Unable to capitalize on the stellar performance of MVP Shai-Gilgeous-Alexander who led the Thunder with 35 points, four rebounds and nine assists, OKC found out what they already knew. MVP or no, one player cannot do it by himself, and on their own court they had to watch as the San Antonio Spurs schooled the reigning

champions of how to play effective team basketball.

I admit to not seeing this coming. I was confident that the Thunder would unveil what got them there last year, but on this night, it was not to be. Inexplicably Chet Holgren played 33 minutes and added a paltry four points for the night and a total of four rebounds. His counterpart Isaiah Hartenstein played 21 minutes and had seven points and five rebounds for his efforts. While neither made a noticeable impact, Holgren may well have had the worst performance of his NBA career.

Everyone that plays this game has a worst ever performance, but few save it for the seventh game of a series that would have propelled them to the NBA finals.

Already pundits all beating the drum that Holgren is on the chopping block, and sadly for him, Chet Holgren may have played his last game for the OKC Thunder.

Time has a way of healing all wounds, and things may look better when a week or two passes, but great players answer the bell when it counts, and without question Holgren did not answer the bell.

Congratulations to San Antonio for their historic win, and even more on showing the world how to build a championship team, because that is quite likely what they are about to become.

The New York Knicks are saying wait a minute! How about us?

They would be right to say so, and I believe the finals may well surprise some people, but at this moment San Antonio looks like the odds-on favorite.

Pay attention Sacramento, because it was team basketball and not any one player that took out the thunder. Yes, Wembanyama is a force, but 22 points and seven rebounds is not an overwhelming stat, and it's what San Antonio did as a team that won the day.

Will we all be watching the finals as they get under way on Wednesday? I certainly will and it should be an entertaining series, but I'll be glued to my TV set on June 23 when the NBA trots out Adam Silver for this year's highly anticipated draft night.

*All the best Kings fans!* ★

## Gavin Newsom's Rosy Painting of California's Economy Leaves Out Its Darker Undertones



By Dan Walters,  
CALMatters.org

As Gavin Newsom makes his increasingly frequent appearances outside the state — seemingly preparing for a 2028 presidential campaign — one of his stock messages is that California's economy is soaring.

"We dominate in every category," Newsom bragged during a recent presentation to the Center for American Progress, a left-leaning think tank. "We are the center of the universe (and) America's coming attraction."

He cited the state's \$4-trillion-plus economic output that, were it a nation, would rank 4th or 5th largest in the world, and mentioned the ranks of Nobel Prize winners and vigorous venture capital investment in the state.

Moreover, he boasted, California has used that economic vigor to finance an array of social programs and services, such as universal health care, proving, he said, that such largesse can co-exist with capitalistic gains.

Subliminally, Newsom was pitching the notion that electing him as president could bring California-like prosperity and generosity to the nation as a whole. However, since Newsom is using the economy as a major talking point, it would be fair to provide key facts he fails to mention.

Yes, California has world-class economic output, but it

is due largely to a very narrow sector, Silicon Valley's high-tech industry, which has hugely benefited its entrepreneurs and capital investors.

However the industry is undergoing a shakeout due to the artificial intelligence phenomenon and it's shedding thousands of jobs, thus concentrating wealth even more.

Meanwhile the state's other world-famous sector, Southern California's movie and TV industry, is hurting badly as production migrates to other states and nations — so badly that the state is offering subsidies in an effort to slow the hemorrhage.

Ever since the COVID-19 pandemic, California's unemployment rate has routinely ranked among the nation's highest, with a million members of its labor force lacking jobs.

Beacon Economics, a major consulting firm that closely charts California's economic situation puts it this way: "On one hand, California's economy is in good health. While the official figures for the last quarter are still being tallied, the state's economic growth comfortably outpaced the national average of 2.5% in 2025, tracking toward an annual growth rate near 3%."

"At the same time, the job market is sagging. California now has the highest unemployment rate of all fifty states in the Union, stubbornly hovering at 5.5%, and its job market appears to be going in the wrong direction. The total number of jobs in California actually shrank by 0.6% since the beginning of this year, making it the 17th worst-performing state in the nation in terms of job creation."

One result of these contradictory data is one of the nation's highest levels of income disparity, as a recent report from the Public Policy Institute of California points out. Only eight other states have wider gaps.

"The gap between top and bottom incomes in California has increased substantially (by 57%) since 1980, when families at the top earned seven times more than those at the bottom," the PPIC report says, reflecting 72% income growth for those in the top tenth in income but 19% growth for those in the bottom tenth.

The Census Bureau's calculation of poverty that includes the state's staggering living costs puts California's rate at the highest, 17.7%, tied with Louisiana. A similar calculation by PPIC and the Stanford Center on Poverty and Inequality puts it at 16.9%, while another 17.9% of the population is "near-poor."

About 15 million Californians are poor enough to qualify for healthcare under the state's Medi-Cal program but, as Newsom failed to mention in his Center for American Progress presentation, his new budget reduces Medi-Cal eligibility for some Californians to shrink the state's chronic budget deficit, which he also didn't mention during his recitation of cherry-picked data.

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## Social Security Matters

### I'm being Released from Incarceration. What Are My Social Security Options?



By Russell Gloor,  
AMAC Certified Social  
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**Dear Rusty:** In a previous column, you wrote about people who filed for Social Security late in life. I am currently incarcerated and will be filing for Social Security in the fall of 2029. I will be 74 years old in the first week of January 2029. Unless I read it wrong, could I be eligible to collect the previous 6 months? If this is so, how would that work? Would I get that all at once or incrementally? According to the chart we once got in the mail, I should be collecting the maximum amount. I've worked all of my life and never collected Social Security before. Also, my ex-wife remarried and has since passed away. Do I qualify for part of her Social Security? **Signed, "D" in Danbury**

**Dear "D" in Danbury:** I'm afraid you cannot receive Social Security benefits while you are incarcerated, even if you are eligible for them prior to your release. Thus, you cannot get retroactive Social Security benefits for any period you were still incarcerated. For clarity, although most who apply at a later age (e.g., in their 70s) do have the option to

claim retroactive benefits, you cannot get any SS benefits for any month you were still incarcerated. Further, you will not get credit for delaying your application for SS benefits while you are incarcerated (you won't earn Delayed Retirement Credits (DRCs) during your incarceration).

Assuming (from what you shared) that you expect to be released from incarceration in the fall of 2029, you can apply for your SS benefits to start upon your release. Be aware, however, that it usually takes several months for your application for SS benefits to be processed, and you can specify the month you wish your benefits start. Your benefit amount will be based upon your average monthly earnings for the 35 highest earning years over your lifetime. But you cannot get retroactive SS benefits for time prior to your release from incarceration. Since Social Security does not pay benefits for partial months, you can file for your SS benefits to start effective with the month following the month in which your incarceration ends. Be sure you have your official prison release documentation (parole or discharge papers) in hand when you apply for your Social Security benefits.

FYI, some correctional facilities have a "Prerelease Agreement" with Social Security, which may enable you to file for your SS benefits three to four months prior to your release from incarceration. Be sure to

check with your facility to see if they have such an agreement with Social Security and, if so, use it to apply for your benefits in advance of your release. This will facilitate your SS benefits starting more quickly upon your release.

You did not ask about healthcare coverage, but since you will be eligible for Social Security, you will also be eligible for Medicare upon your release. When you apply for your Social Security benefits, you can also apply for Medicare Part B (coverage for outpatient medical services), the premium for which will be deducted from your Social Security payment. FYI, Medicare Part A (coverage for inpatient hospitalization services) is free and automatic because you are also eligible for Social Security.

Finally, regarding survivor benefits from your ex-wife, you can only get a surviving ex-spouse benefit if you were married for more than 10 years and your own SS retirement amount is less than your ex-wife was receiving at her death. In other words, you can only get one SS benefit — either your own or your deceased ex-wife's amount, whichever is higher.

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The Democrats couldn't complete their term paper, but handed it in anyway because too many people were wondering what had become of it.

Under pressure, the DNC finally released its autopsy of the 2024 election, after rampant speculation about what it contained and why it hadn't yet been made public. Did it include references to Gaza or didn't it? Why or why not? What explosive revelations were being kept from us?

It turns out that the autopsy is a thoroughly unimpressive, unfinished document that, in the sheer incompetence in its drafting and handling, says more about the low state of the current Democratic Party than any of its analysis.

DNC Chairman Ken Martin maintains that he delayed so long because he didn't want to create a distraction by releasing a poorly done report, which sounds like a typical Washington excuse for hiding something. Except it wasn't. Once everyone saw the report, they realized Martin was right about the embarrassingly poor handling of his own outfit.

At the start, the autopsy contains a disclaimer that "the DNC was not provided with the underlying sourcing, interviews or supporting data for many of the assertions contained herein and therefore cannot independently verify the claims presented."

Then, throughout the document, there are hostile

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annotations casting doubt on its claims. And the report doesn't have a conclusion. The Democrats would have been better off going with ChatGPT.

That said, the report acknowledges that Democrats are out of touch and too dependent on the Republicans making poor candidate choices (something the GOP may be about to do again in its Texas Senate primary with the Trump-endorsed, scandal-plagued Attorney General Ken Paxton).

It notes how Trump's they/them ad hitting Kamala Harris on trans issues was devastating and unanswerable.

It recognizes that Harris didn't do enough to separate herself from Biden and make an affirmative case for herself, rather than relying on voters supposedly considering Trump unacceptable.

On the other hand, it fails to grapple with the issues of inflation and immigration (except to complain about Harris being given a role with some responsibility over the border). These were the two biggest substantive issues in the election, while the autopsy also whiffs on Biden's age and his catastrophically poor judgment in trying to run for reelection. (It also doesn't mention Gaza, bitterly disappointing the anti-Israel left.)

Yet, our expectations for such documents shouldn't be very high. What was the report going to say? That Democrats disgraced themselves by pretending that Biden was fit for a second term, and only shifted course when he got exposed in the first debate,

and then had no alternative but to turn to a charmless nonentity as a last-minute substitute?

The history of party retrospectives like this isn't good. Donald Trump won the presidency in 2016 by taking the recommendations of the GOP autopsy after its 2012 election defeat and often doing the opposite in substance and tone.

Democrats may be rudderless and increasingly extreme, but that doesn't mean they won't have a good election night this coming November. Usually, a party that has just lost the White House rises or falls in the midterms based on the incumbent president's job approval rating, rather than its own political creativity or inherent appeal.

As for retaking the White House, that typically depends on nominating someone who is charismatic and fresh, who has an unexpected approach to politics, and who develops a new coalition -- think Barack Obama in 2008, or Donald Trump in 2016.

TITLE: None of this comes about by having a political strategist talk to a bunch of people about the immediate past election and write a long report about it. Needless to say, Democrats should be grateful that the stakes of their autopsy are so low -- otherwise, they would have had to endeavor to actually finish it, and grapple with truths about the 2024 election conveniently passed over in the just-released document.

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**QUEERLY** 6-12-26

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT FBNF2026-03691**  
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  
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**AG** 6-12-26

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT FBNF2026-03776**  
Felicia Blue, 2717 Cottage  
Way Suite 11, Sacramento, CA  
95826 is doing business under  
the Fictitious Business Name(s)  
"Flow House/Flow House  
Studio/Flow House Holistics"  
2717 Cottage Way Suite 11,  
Sacramento, CA 95826. Filed  
with the Clerk of Sacramento  
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**FLOW** 6-12-26

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT FBNF2026-03040**  
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  
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**POOL** 6-12-26

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT FBNF2026-03662**  
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  
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**ADREM** 6-12-26

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT FBNF2026-03510**  
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  
with the Clerk of Sacramento  
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**BRAVA** 6-12-26

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT FBNF2026-03801**  
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  
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**HONEY** 6-12-26

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT FBNF2026-03830**  
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  
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**VENTANA** 6-12-26

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT FBNF2026-03831**  
Sajid Vaid and Fhozia S.  
Manning, 2612 El Camino  
Avenue Suite A, Sacramento,  
CA 95821 are doing business  
under the Fictitious Business  
Name(s) "boldnbella" 2612  
El Camino Avenue Suite A,  
Sacramento, CA 95821. Filed  
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**BOLDNBELLA** 6-12-26

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT FBNF2026-03850**  
Mr Car LLC, 2537 Cottage Way,  
Sacramento, CA 95825 is doing  
business under the Fictitious  
Business Name(s) "Mr Car" 2537  
Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA  
95825. Filed with the Clerk of  
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**MR** 6-12-26

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT FBNF2026-03823**  
UC Advisers LLC, 3465 American  
River Drive Suite A, Sacramento,  
CA 95864 is doing business  
under the Fictitious Business  
Name(s) "UC Advisers/UC  
Advisors" 3465 American River  
Drive Suite A, Sacramento,  
CA 95864. Filed with the Clerk  
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**UC** 6-12-26

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT FBNF2026-03825**  
Eric Walter Harris, 5733 La

Venta Way, Sacramento, CA  
95835 is doing business under  
the Fictitious Business Name(s)  
"Pro Connect Construction  
Group" 5733 La Venta Way,  
Sacramento, CA 95835. Filed  
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**PRO** 6-12-26

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT FBNF2026-03818**  
Logan Michael Tanner, 8013  
Ridgegrove Way, Fair Oaks, CA  
95628 is doing business under  
the Fictitious Business Name(s)  
"Tradajay" 8013 Ridgegrove  
Way, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Filed  
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**TRADAJAY** 6-12-26

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT FBNF2026-03023**  
Baboy Boys LLC, 1829 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Street, Sacramento, CA 95816  
is doing business under the  
Fictitious Business Name(s)  
"Pinche Platos" 1829 22<sup>nd</sup> Street,  
Sacramento, CA 95816. Filed  
with the Clerk of Sacramento  
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**PINCHE** 6-12-26

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT FBNF2026-03841**  
Alexander Zillig, 5930 Sutter  
Avenue, Apt 204, Carmichael,  
CA 95608 is doing business  
under the Fictitious Business  
Name(s) "Radiant Window Care"  
5930 Sutter Avenue, Apt 204,  
Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed  
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**RADIANT** 6-12-26

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT FBNF2026-03665**  
McLane/Western, Inc., 4747  
McLane Parkway, Temple, TX  
76504 is doing business under  
the Fictitious Business Name(s)  
"McLane Salt Lake City" 2611  
W 2950 North, Salt Lake City,  
UT 84116. Filed with the Clerk  
of Sacramento County May 6, 2026  
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**MCLANE** 6-12-26

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT FBNF2026-03876**  
MOJA Construction Inc, 8648  
Daimler Way, Sacramento, CA  
95828 is doing business under  
the Fictitious Business Name(s)  
"MOJA Garage Doors" 8648  
Daimler Way, Sacramento, CA  
95828. Filed with the Clerk of  
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**MOJA** 6-19-26

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT FBNF2026-03887**  
Gina Troxler, 1235 Gilcrest  
Avenue, Sacramento, CA  
95831 is doing business under  
the Fictitious Business  
Name(s) "Mind Manos" 1235  
Gilcrest Avenue, Sacramento,  
CA 95831. Filed with the Clerk  
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**MIND** 6-19-26

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT FBNF2026-03682**  
VA7 Carmichael Gardens, LLC,  
2082 Michelson Drive (4<sup>th</sup>) Floor,  
Irvine, CA 95612 DE is doing  
business under the Fictitious  
Business Name(s) "Renew  
4247" 4247 Hackberry Lane,  
Carmichael, CA 95608. Filed  
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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  
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**RLS** 6-19-26

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
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# What's Wrong with the Legislature Can be Explained in these Two Bills

*How Can Measures Passing 78-0, 34-2 in One House Never Get a Hearing in the Other Chamber?*

**National Federation of Independent Business News Release**

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - The state's largest small business association is calling attention to two measures that did leap out of their house of origin only to meet a slow death in opposite-chamber committees that haven't so much as given them a first hearing.

"Someone or some very powerful group wants Assembly Bill 649 and Senate Bill 84 killed, and the way the Legislature does that openly, as opposed to burying them in suspense files, is to never give them a hearing," said John Kabateck, state director for the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) in California. "We won't speculate who wants them dead. Both would curb lawsuit abuse, so we'll leave it to everyone's imagination



Assembly Bill 649 and Senate Bill 84 aim at curbing lawsuit abuse against small businesses owners. Designed by Magnific

to guess who might benefit from seeing AB 649 and SB 84 thrown into the black holes of the legislative universe never to be seen again."

AB 649, creating a

Small Business Right to Cure program, passed the Assembly on a remarkable 78-0 vote. Upon its arrival in the Senate, it was assigned to that body's Judiciary

Committee and has not been acted on since July 14 of last year.

Similarly, SB 84, allowing 120 days to correct a violation of certain state laws, sailed out

of its house of origin on a big bipartisan 34-2 vote. Upon its arrival in the Assembly, it was assigned to that body's Judiciary Committee and has not been acted on

since June 18 of last year.

"The treatment of these two bills are two screaming examples of what's wrong with Sacramento," said Kabateck. "They are not a committee's bills; they are the peoples' bills. Shame on legislators more beholden to lobbyists than to small business owners back home."

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## Let's Not Just Talk About Housing Affordability — Let's Act

**By Tim Murphy, North State BIA**

**SACRAMENTO REGION (MPG)**

- For the past decade, Californians have been leaving the Golden State in droves to find more affordable places to live. We now have proof they're making the right decision.

A recent UC Berkeley/UCLA study found that Californians who move out of state are dramatically more likely to become homeowners — about 48% more likely within seven years.

That should concern policymakers. California has many strengths — great weather, economic opportunity, innovation and natural beauty among them. But when middle-class families increasingly feel they must leave the state to achieve homeownership, it's a sign something isn't working.

Housing affordability has become one of the

defining economic issues facing California, and especially younger families trying to put down roots. The good news is that government officials appear to be paying more attention to the problem than they have in decades.

Most major candidates for governor, for example, have pledged in one form or another to reform the state's housing approval process and make housing more affordable. That's encouraging, because the reality is that California's affordability crisis didn't happen by accident.

Over many years, layers of fees, regulations, lawsuits and anti-growth policies have combined to make housing in California among the most expensive in the nation.

Fortunately, there are practical steps state and local leaders could take that would help.

One obvious starting point is reducing the fees

builders pay to construct new homes. According to a recent study commissioned by the North State Building Industry Association, government fees in the greater Sacramento region now average roughly \$109,000 per new single-family home.

Those costs don't simply disappear. They become part of the final price paid by homebuyers.

Speeding up the permitting process would also help. California's environmental laws were created with good intentions, but in practice they often allow a single lawsuit to delay housing projects for months or even years. Even when land is already zoned for housing, projects can face long and unpredictable approval timelines.

Those delays are expensive. Builders estimate that a six-month delay can add \$10,000 to \$12,000 to the

cost of a home. If an area is already zoned for housing, approvals should be straightforward and permits should move quickly.

Another important point is that California cannot solve its housing shortage solely through high-density development in existing neighborhoods. Urban infill housing absolutely should be part of the solution. But it cannot be the only solution.

Polling conducted for the building industry consistently shows that most Sacramento-area residents still prefer single-family homes with yards in suburban communities. Families want choices. A healthy housing market includes apartments, condos, townhomes, infill projects and suburban neighborhoods.

California needs more of all of them.

Condominiums and townhomes deserve particular attention because they have historically provided

one of the best entry points into homeownership for younger buyers.

Unfortunately, excessive construction litigation has made many builders reluctant to construct entry-level condos in California. No other state has quite the same environment for these large class-action lawsuits.

That's the main reason relatively few for-sale condos are built today compared to decades past.

The answer isn't to eliminate consumer protections. Builders absolutely should stand behind their work. But lawmakers should strengthen "right to repair" laws that allow builders to correct legitimate issues before lawsuits move forward. If repairs are properly made, litigation should largely end there.

Assembly Member Buffy Wicks recently introduced legislation intended to encourage

more condo and townhome development. Efforts like that deserve serious consideration because these housing types can help first-time buyers begin building long-term financial security.

California's housing affordability crisis was largely created by policies that, while often well-intentioned, have made housing slower and more expensive to build. The encouraging part is that this problem is solvable.

The basic solution is not mysterious: California must build enough homes, condos and apartments to meet the needs of the people who want to live here. The longer the state delays meaningful reform, the harder homeownership will become for the next generation of Californians.

Everyone is talking about housing affordability. Let's not just talk — let's act on long-overdue reforms. ★

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