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OPINION

Equity, Affordability, and Upzoning

By Chris Jones

What if I told you that eliminating single family zoning would make things worse for low-income families and families of color in Sacramento?

Sacramento's 2040 General Plan Update proposes major changes to zoning codes that would essentially eliminate single family zoning within city limits and allow duplexes, triplexes and fourplexes to be built in traditional single-family neighborhoods.

A main pillar of the argument for an end to single family zoning in Sacramento is the idea that by increasing density in places like Land Park and East Sacramento will allow for lower- and middle-income families to live in a neighborhood that is typically out of their price range, making neighborhoods more diverse and dynamic. Seattle, Minneapolis, Chicago, and several other cities both in the US and abroad have embraced the idea that forced upzoning leads to more diverse, dynamic neighborhoods and reduces racial disparity.

The devil, however, lies in the details. Does upzoning increase housing affordability? Does it increase diversity? Unfortunately, it looks like the answer is no on both counts.

Regarding the idea that upzoning increases supply and makes housing more affordable, there is, evidence that it in fact does the opposite. In 2013 and 2015, Chicago created a natural experiment by upzoning large sections of the city, allowing higher Floor Area Ratios (FAR), eliminating parking requirements, and increasing allowable housing density.

Yonah Freemark from MIT studied (Upzoning Chicago: Impacts of a Zoning Reform on Property Values and Housing Construction) the results of this upzoning over the next five years, and his conclusion was that first, there is strong evidence that upzoning increases the property prices for existing single-family homes and that second, there was no evidence for short or medium term increases in housing unit construction.

We need more affordable housing in Sacramento, how can we in good conscience make the problem worse by knowingly enacting a policy that produces no new housing, and worse makes the existing housing more expensive?

I don't think we'll find anyone who thinks that a diverse and dynamic neighborhood is a bad thing. In fact, it's one of the arguments in favor of this upzoning. Advocates say that White families make up over 70% of residents in some of the most privileged neighborhoods such as East Sacramento, Land Park, and Curtis Park in a city that is overall only about a third White. This argument is not borne out by research.

At New York University, Ignacio Aravena, Anastasia Lopatina, Alexia Nazarian, Doug Rose, and Yinan Yao conducted a study (Zoned Out? Examining the Effect of Upzoning on Neighborhood Demographic Trends: A Fixed Effects Analysis) on the effects of upzoning on demographics and the results were equally damning analyzing the impacts of forced upzoning in New York City, they found that upzonings changes made between 2000 and 2007 led to a five to nine percent increase in the share of White residents.

The implication being that the housing which was created, did not go to lower income families of color, but were mainly occupied by White residents. If the idea behind forcing higher density is to allow families of color to move into these "privileged" and "majority white" neighborhoods, then how do we justify pursuing a policy that decreased diversity when used elsewhere? Ironically, it won't be Land Park and East Sacramento that bear the brunt of redevelopment and gentrification unleashed by upzoning. Diverse and relatively affordable neighborhoods like Oak Park will be the first places targeted for new construction.

Sacramento is a city that is poised to see huge growth over the next 20 years. We have major freeways, strong health and government sectors, and we are well positioned to absorb families fleeing the extortionate cost of living in the Bay Area.

We need to grow, but in a way that enables everyone to take part in that growth. The ideals of increasing affordability and diversity are good ones, but we need to really examine whether the changes proposed in the 2040 General Plan Update are going to get us there, or if they're just empty words to make us feel good. I think we can do better than empty words.



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Coalition opposes state Capitol annex demolition

Local assemblyman defends project

By LANCE ARMSTRONG

A local coalition known as Public Accountability for Our Capitol (PAOC) is currently fighting to put a halt to the state's plan to demolish the nearly 70-year-old California State Capitol annex.

The California Legislature, in 2018, approved spending $755 million to demolish and replace the Capitol's east annex and to construct a visitors' center and parking garage. It was also planned for an additional $432.6 million to be spent on designing and constructing a 10-story "swing space" building that would temporarily house the offices of legislative and executive officials and their staffs, at 1021 O St.

Construction on the latter building began in March 2019, and that structure is scheduled to be completed this fall.

Upon its completion, the new annex will house the legislative and executive officials and staff members that had temporarily occupied the swing space building.

The Public Accountability for Our Capitol website – SaveOurCap.org – notes that the new annex project would result in the "leveling (of a) historic building, destroying upwards of a hundred trees – including rare species – erecting a new visitor center that keeps the public away from the steps and halls of our state Capitol, and building a new parking garage, exclusive to politicians and bureaucrats."

Among the most active PAOC members are Sacramentans Paula Peper and Dick Cowan, who both resigned from the Historic State Capitol Commission due to their opposition of the annex project.

Peper, in an interview with this publication this month, noted that she and Cowan left the commission because they felt the annex project lacked transparency.

"By March of last year, any meetings that our historic commission held to get more information, people involved with the project who attended the meetings told us that they didn't even know the answers to our questions or they were under nondisclosure agreements and could not discuss them," she said.

"Yet here we were supposing to advise the (Legislature's) joint rules committee. Then I began realizing that no one in the public knew anything about the project. So, I told Dick Cowan, our chair, 'I'm going to resign.'"

By April 2020, Peper and Cowan had both left the commission, and later became involved in the organization of Public Accountability for Our Capitol.

That coalition's efforts are supported by such organizations as the California Preservation Foundation, the California Garden & Landscape History Society, Trees for Sacramento, and the Sacramento Tree Foundation.

Peper mentioned that history shows that constructing a new, larger Capitol annex to address a growing legislative staff is not the best approach.

"The folly of believing a bigger building will solve the problem of (a) growing legislative staff is proven by the fact that the 1860s Capitol was built to hold all of the state government," she wrote in a statement.

"The 1920s library and treasurer's buildings solved the space problem, the 1950s annex solved the space problem, the 1960s Capitol Mall office buildings solved the space problem. No one building will ever keep up with the growth in population and complexity of the state or its legislative staff."

The current, eight-story annex, which replaced a semicircular apse, was completed at a cost of about a $7.6 million in 1952.

Peper, a retired urban ecologist with the U.S. Forest Service, said that she conducted her own analyses on the options that were presented for a new annex and parking for the Capitol.



Photo by Lance Armstrong

The California State Capitol's east annex was built between 1949 and 1952.

"Depending on which plan they use, anywhere from 200,000 to 610,000 pounds of stored carbon in the trees would be lost," she said.

Peper concluded that with the removal of trees, the public will lose access to shade, health and the beautifying benefits of those trees.

The PAOC website notes that the state may claim that only 30 trees would be lost with the new parking garage, but more than 100 trees could be "removed or severely damaged."

It is also mentioned in the website that because the final plans of the project have yet to be approved, the project is not a "done deal."

"The plan is far from set, and considering the state's COVID(-19)-related humanitarian and economic crises, it is the responsibility of our elected officials to revisit and revise the project, so that precious resources can be directed to where they are needed most – helping struggling Californians," the website notes.

Although Peper said that the Public Accountability for Our Capitol does not support the demolition of the current annex, she added that there is still "need for change."

"There's definitely a need for change and a new, renovated annex – but renovate the historic annex

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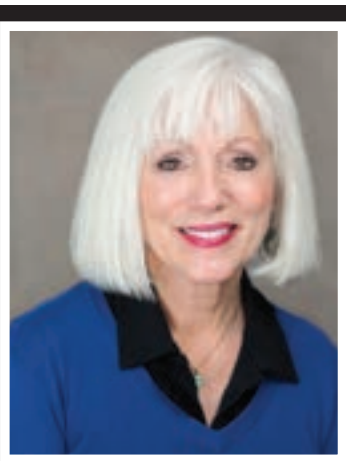

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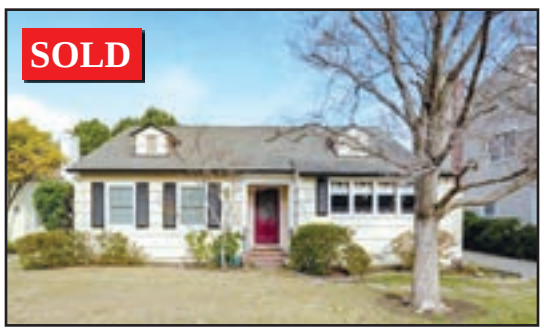

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to solve code and life safety issues and protect the shared entry for all," she said. "Don't get rid of it. It's an Alfred Eichler building, and it is historic in its own right.

"(Eichler, who was a notable architect, desired) to honor the old, historic Capitol by making sure that the annex did not dominant. So, from the front, (west side) of the Capitol, you do not see the annex, and that was part of his plan."

Peper noted that the PAOC coalition, which includes architects and engineers, determined that if the current annex was rehabilitated, it would be a much more affordable project.

Cooley speaks about annex project

Assembly Member Ken Cooley, D-Rancho Cordova, who serves as the chair of the Legislature's joint rules committee, described the plan to demolish the current annex and replace it with a new one as a necessary project.

"The problem with the (current) annex is the floors don't match with the historic, (19th century) state Capitol, (which was restored from 1976 to 1982)," he said during an interview with this paper last week. "This (annex) building has a lot of issues and it was never built for a full-time legislature."

Cooley noted that the structure is not safe for emergency evacuations, has security, earthquake stability and asbestos issues, is not Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant, and does not have a fire sprinkler system.

"The building has issues of safety for legislators and staff, but (also) the public who is here," he said. "If you were here on your own as a citizen and an alarm goes off, you don't know where to go, you don't know how to get out."

Cooley explained why there is a need to have a larger Capitol annex.

"In general, as lawmakers looked at this, you cannot improve mobility around the building without increasing the size of the corridors," he said. "But you increase the size of the corridors (on the existing annex), you reduce usable space.

"So, (the new annex project) is about an updated Capitol, one without ADA barriers, so any Californian who wants to come, can participate. The design will allow for more mobility through the corridors."

He also said he believes that the annex project, visitors' center and parking garage can still be completed for $755 million.

Cooley summarized the current annex as "an undersized building" for the work that is performed there and the increased, pre-COVID-19 pandemic numbers of visitors it was regularly attracting.

He added that he is looking forward to having a new annex with floors that match the original, 19th century Capitol, and having visitors enter the Capitol through its historic west side, near Capitol Mall.

Other planned enhancements for the annex are wider corridors, larger elevators, stairwells and restrooms, and the elimination of driveways and fencing that prohibit people from continuously walking east and west through Capitol Park.

Asked if the annex plan is a "done deal," Cooley mentioned that the project is moving forward and people will soon vacate the old annex.

He also described his desire to share information about the annex project, and that the public can learn about this project through the state's website, www.annex.assembly.ca.gov.

Cooley additionally responded to comments he has heard regarding the possible need to remove more than 100 trees to build a new annex.

"The idea that we would tear down 100 trees is just preposterous," he said. "Where that came from, you kind of ask, 'How did this assertion get made?' For purposes of California law, you have to conduct an analysis of the project. This requires that you tell them what area of ground will the project involve.

"They end up with this sort of exaggerated (area) of the impact, because that is the project boundary, but it's not the building boundary. The building will be slightly larger than the current one, but not vastly larger."

Cooley noted that the annex cannot be built to protrude beyond the north and south ends of the historic Capitol, and that its height cannot be taller than the current annex.

"It has to be below the rotunda, so you don't effect (the view of the Capitol from its west side)," he said.

Although the new annex is planned to be constructed as a more secure building than the current annex, Cooley noted that it would not have a "fortress feel."

It is anticipated by Cooley that the entire, new project will be completed in time to hold a grand opening of the building on Sept. 9, 2025 – the 175th anniversary of California's admission into the union. The visitors' center would open prior to the completion of the annex.

In summarizing the new annex plan, Cooley referred to the project as "taking California back to its original values" of welcoming its visitors.

"This project will welcome all people back into the people's house," he said. "They will find roomy corridors, bathrooms that are not a trial to use, a place to welcome schoolchildren to learn about the nature of our democracy. It will safeguard our Capitol Park."

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Sac State grad authors new book on Japanese Americans of Florin

By LANCE ARMSTRONG

A newly published book, titled "Japanese Americans of Florin," by California State University, Sacramento (CSUS) graduate Michelle Trujillo, captures the accomplishments, challenges and everyday lives of Japanese Americans of the historic community of Florin.

The former town of Florin, which dates back to the 19th century, was once a Japanese farming community. Japanese agricultural laborers began working in this area in the 1890s.

Many Issei and Nisei – first and generation Japanese Americans, respectively – farmed in that area, which would become renowned for its strawberry production, leading to its recognition as the "Strawberry Capital of the World." The Japanese of this area were also involved in local viticulture.

But Florin's agricultural success was drastically changed with the removal of its Japanese American residents during World War II. Through Executive Order No. 9066, all person of Japanese ancestry were ordered to be sent to internment camps.

In May 1942, trains loaded with Japanese – more than half of whom were American citizens – left Florin, changing both the population and landscape of that community.

Trujillo's new, 127-page book, published by Arcadia Publishing, features 189 black-and-white images, highlighting historic scenes of former Japanese American residents of Florin.

In an interview with this publication last week, Trujillo explained how she became involved the creation of a book about Florin's Japanese American history.

"The book itself, it (was) my culminating master's (degree) project for my public history degree at Sac State," she said. "I sort of was on a path of learning about this topic, going back about three years ago when I started going to grad school.

"When the time came to select a topic, looking at Florin, I thought (it) was something that was really fitting that kind of fell into my purview as a researcher."

Aiding in Trujillo's project was CSUS' Japanese American archival collection of photographs and documents related to national, local and cultural history.

Observing old photographs for her book was an interesting and educational adventure, Trujillo noted.

One of the photographs that most captured her attention was an image that would eventually be featured on the book's cover.

"The cover tells so many stories," she said. "You have the son that's in (his military) uniform and the mother who is there in her gear for agricultural labor – that difficult labor – and the two generations, the landscape is there. So, just discovering all of those dots connected at one point. And being able to use that cover to me, I was just excited about it."

The book is divided into five chapters, including The Town of Florin, Florin's Farming Families, and A Community in the Crosshairs.

The latter chapter focuses on the forced removal of Florin's Japanese during World War II.



Photo courtesy of Michelle Trujillo

Michelle Trujillo is the author of the newly published history book, "Japanese Americans of Florin."

Trujillo recognized Julie Thomas, CSUS special collections and manuscripts librarian, as the person who connected her with Arcadia Publishing to create her book.

It was also through Thomas that Trujillo was introduced to Elk Grove resident Marielle Tsukamoto, who as a child was placed with her family in an internment camp in Jerome, Arkansas.

Marielle eventually wrote the forward for Trujillo's book.

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New Italian restaurant coming to former Español Restaurant site

Eatery has ties to iconic Biba Italian restaurant

by Lance Armstrong

A new high-end dining, Italian restaurant is coming to East Sacramento's former Español Restaurant site this spring.

June Chang, who worked as a bartender at midtown Sacramento's Biba Italian restaurant until its closure nine months ago, told this paper that he intends to open Mattone Ristorante inside this historic building at 5723 Folsom Blvd.

"A few months back, I (thought) 'Why don't I open a restaurant (in that vacant building) and get (former) staff from Biba and try to make a nice restaurant?'" he said. "The idea was (a restaurant) inspired by Biba (Caggiano, who operated her locally renowned restaurant from 1986 until her death in 2019).

"We learned lots from her; not only food, but how to be good people, how to treat other people, how to share, how to care, a lot of things. So, then I thought, 'Why don't I make one restaurant where we could work together and make (a) good restaurant where we could share the caring and (serve) good, quality food?' Then we found a place: (the) Español location."

To clear up misinformation that he said has already developed, Chang stressed that his business – although inspired by Biba restaurant – has its own independent identity.

"Please try not to connect this (restaurant) to Biba (or that) Mattone is under Biba or the next Biba," he said. "It's two different things, really. It should be separated."

Chang, 55, noted that he was in negotiations with the property's owner, East Sacramento resident Mercedes Aguilera, for three months before signing a lease to operate his business in that building, on Feb. 5. He added that he is the principal owner, and that he was joined by six investors.

Mattone, Chang said, is the Italian word for brick. He noted that it was a name that was selected in recognition of the brick structure that will house his eatery.

Although Chang recognized that opening a restaurant during the pandemic comes with challenges, he added that he has a positive outlook.

"I think I can do it," he said. "Things get better; always have. March will get better, April will get better. So, there's a lot of bright side in the near future.

"Whatever kind of business you do, there's a risk, always. How you manage that is up to, I guess, the person that owns the business."

Chang mentioned that because the restaurant will open during the pandemic, he does not yet require a full staff.

"A limited staff (is) needed when I open the restaurant in April," he said. "I'm expecting 13, 14 (employees), and then most of them (will be) from where I used to work at Biba. So, servers and some managers and kitchen chef, pasta chef, they will all work together."

Chang, who has been working in the restaurant industry for 29 years, told this publication that he strongly believes in the correlation between a restaurant's success and its operators' relationships with their customers.

"I've already experienced restaurants – not in kitchens, but in front – always (having) good communication (and) relationships with the patrons," he said. "Eight years (with) Biba. Before that I worked (at) Miyagi Japanese restaurant and Zinfandel Grille, Scott's Seafood, Slocum House.

"I don't know how to cook, but relationships with the customers, I'm really good at that. That's very important, I think, like as much as the food."

As for the food that Mattone will serve, Chang mentioned that he is not yet prepared to speak in specifics, but that, "of course, there will be (many traditional dishes such as) spaghetti."

Chang, who immigrated to the United States from Seoul, South Korea in 1986, said that although he fell in love with the restaurant industry, he once pursued a very different career.

"A majored in chemistry as a freshman (in college) and then I moved to America," he said. "I needed a job to make a little money, so I started working in restaurants and that (was) it. I (thought) I would go back (to studying chemistry), but it never happened. I don't regret it, because I found my passion in this business and I'm doing what I love."

Chang noted that he is eager to get his restaurant opened as soon as possible, and that it could possibly open earlier than expected, in March.

"I can't wait to see people, hang out and mingle," he said.

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New eatery continues building's longtime Italian restaurant history

Chang's decision to open his restaurant in this East Sacramento structure will resume the building's nearly 75-year existence as the site of an Italian restaurant.

The building began housing the Square Deal Café in March 1946. A 1960s advertisement for that eatery reads: "Italian foods-cocktails. Dinners from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. Closed Mondays. Square Deal Café, 5723 Folsom Blvd."

Following the closure of the Square Deal Café, the Español was relocated to that location in 1965. It remained in operation at that site until last August, when it became one of the small business casualties of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Perry Luigi, co-owner of the Español, told this publication shortly before closing his restaurant that he could no longer justify operating that business due to ongoing financial losses during the pandemic.

"I noticed the really fast decrease in my checkbook and kind of made a decision that we really can't stay open another month or everything will be gone," Luigi said in an interview with the East Sacramento News last July.

The closure of this restaurant by Perry and his sister, Paula Serrano, marked the end of an era for their family's ownership of that business.

Babe and Mario Luigi purchased this dining establishment in 1959, when it was located at 231 I St., near the old Southern Pacific depot.

But long before that time, the restaurant began at the Hotel Español – aka the Spanish Hotel – in today's Old Sacramento.

The Hotel Español, which primarily operated as a Basque boarding house, was initially home to sheepherders who were hired out to local ranchers. The hotel was in operation as early as 1911.

On the ground floor of the hotel, food such as oxtail stew, pig knuckles, lamb fries, lamb chops, tripe, chicken and veal were prepared and cooked for the Basque tenants.

It was not until Babe and Mario purchased the business that this eatery began serving Italian food.

The Luigi siblings, Perry, Paula and Karen (1945-2011), purchased the Español from their father, Babe Luigi, on Jan. 1, 1988, and Babe passed away three months later.

In addition to ending the Luigi family's longtime history as a local restaurant owner, the Español's closure also marked the end for the city's oldest restaurant.

Perry Luigi told the East Sacramento News last week that he was glad to learn that another restaurant will be opening in his former business site.

"I'm glad there's a restaurant moving in," he said. "That's great. I would hate to see it sit there empty."



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June Chang is the owner of Mattone Ristorante, which is scheduled to open in April.

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Trujillo expressed gratitude for Marielle's assistance with her project.

"(Marielle) was such a helpful person, available, generous with her time and her memories, her stories and her resources," she said.

Trujillo mentioned that she discovered many interesting historical details during her research.

Among those findings was her discovery of a letter from then-first lady Eleanor Roosevelt.

"Something that struck me was finding a typed letter from Eleanor Roosevelt responding to correspondence from (Murielle's mother), Mary Tsukamoto, and how Mrs. Roosevelt wrote in the phrase 'for the future' at the end of that particular sentence," she said.

In her book, Trujillo noted that although the letter was dated Nov. 24, 1943, Tsukamoto did not receive it until January 1945.

Trujillo also recalled learning about the World War II Japanese assembly camp at Walerga, 14 miles northeast of downtown Sacramento.

"I learned about the Walerga Assembly Center, which actually is about 10 minutes away from where I grew up," she said. "I was just kind of amazed that this kind of huge thing happened so close to where I grew up and I had no idea about it."

According to an article in the May 12, 1983 edition of The Sacramento Bee, 4,749 Japanese Americans from the Sacramento area were assembled in the 780-acre Walerga center. After spending two months there, they were transported to internment camps.

Asked to reflect upon some of the traits that impressed her about the Japanese of Florin, Trujillo referred to the ingenuity and resilience of the Issei generation.

"To come to Florin with literally nothing, to deal with racism, to deal with (a) racist system, and also dealing with the land itself and learning how to cultivate the strawberries and working with the hardpan clay," she said.

"Being able to endure those difficulties and to build families and to build something for themselves and to really work from going from the labor class to the business class."

With her book finally in print, Trujillo expressed pride in the completion of her published work, which she noted can serve people ranging from those with a general interest in local history to researchers of history.

"I just thought it was a wonderful opportunity to be a part of preserving so many important stories that are important for local families and any researchers of World War II history and Japanese American internment, of racism, as well," she said.

"I just thought that this would be such a multilevel project, and to be able to have it in a book form was a good chance to make it accessible beyond simply that institution of archives that few people are really kind of aware of number one, but who go and do research there beyond academics and people directly related to the subject."

"Japanese Americans of Florin" can be purchased at Target, Walmart, Barnes & Noble and other major bookstores, and through the websites, www.Amazon.com and www.ArcadiaPublishing.com.

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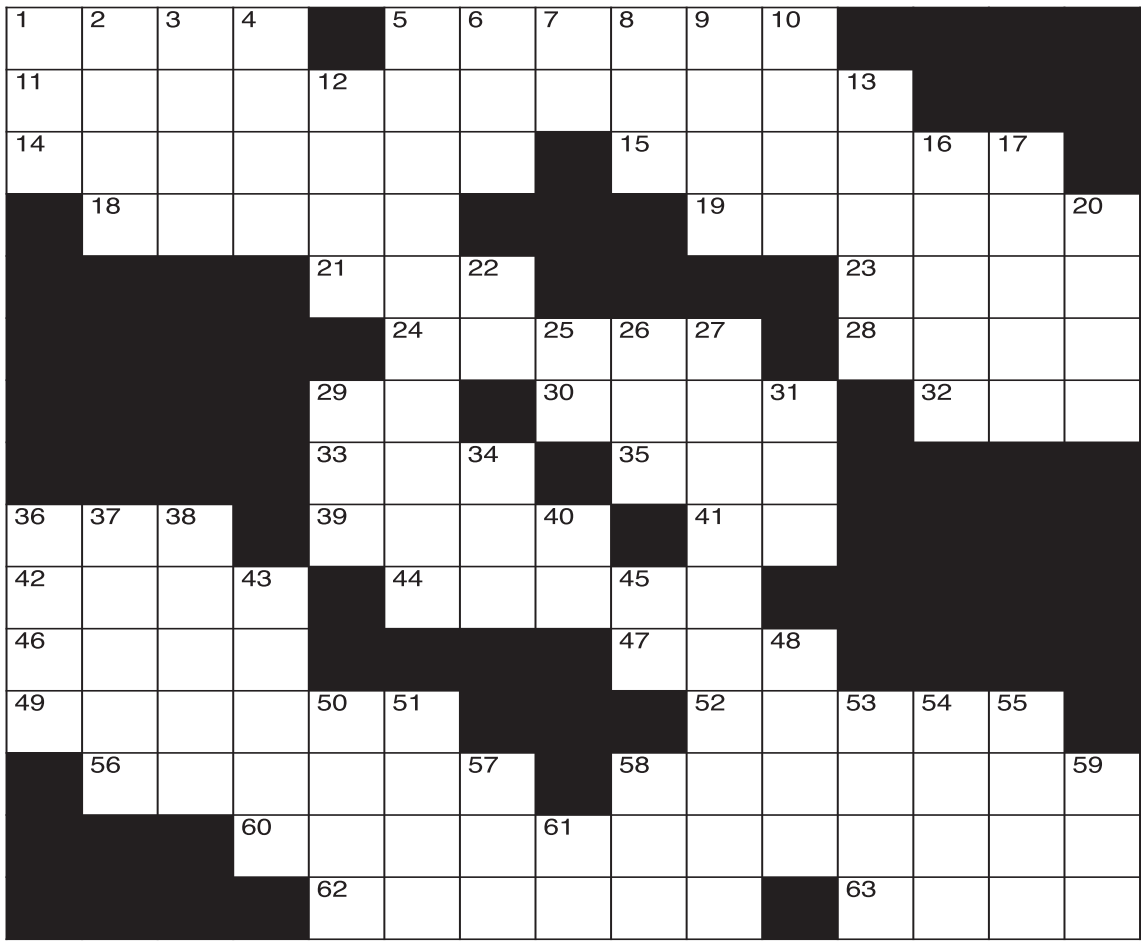


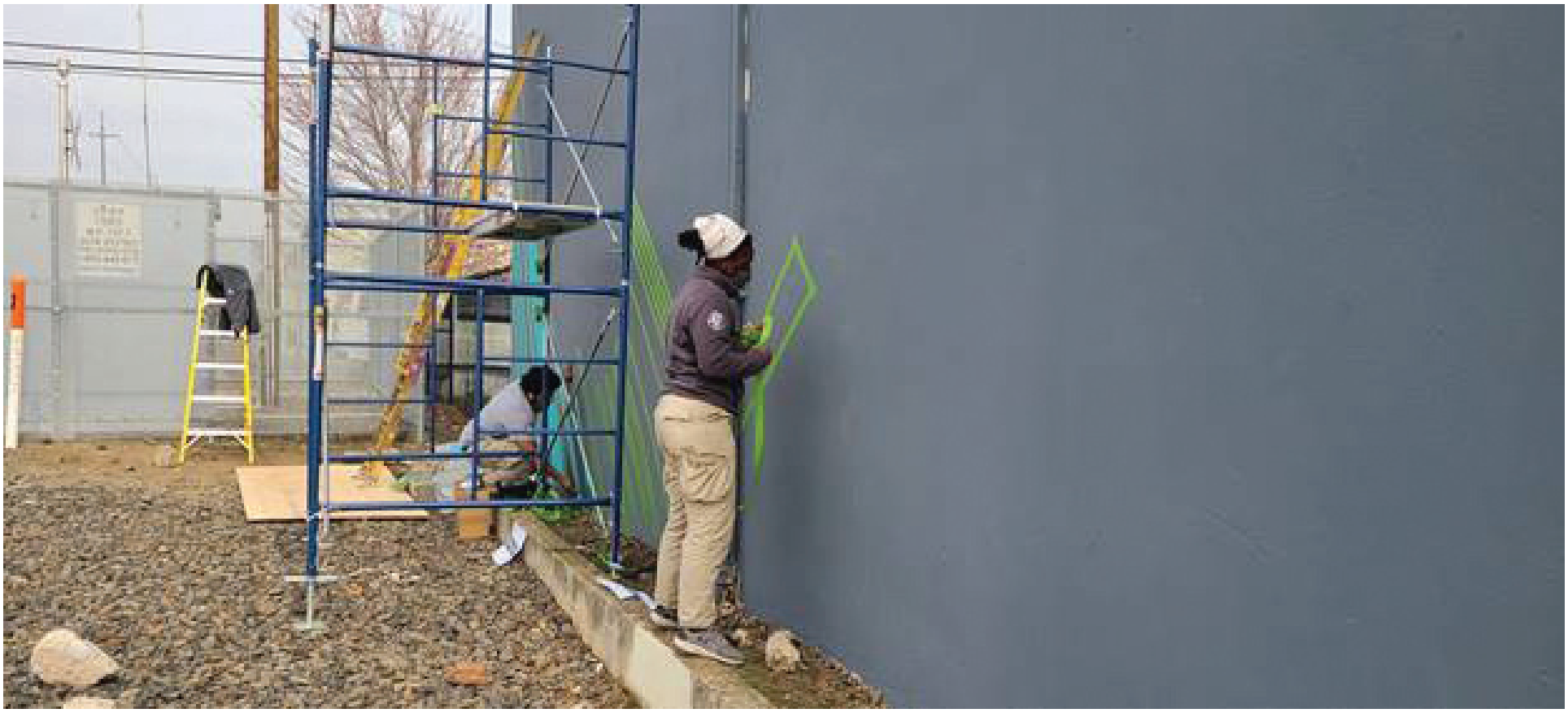
CLUES ACROSS

1. One of Noah's sons
5. Openings
11. Rising from the dead
14. Expressions for humorous effect
15. North American country
18. Flowed over
19. Tags
21. Long-lasting light bulb
23. Off-Broadway theater award
24. Khoikhoi peoples
28. Beloved movie pig
29. South Dakota
30. Tai language
32. Get free of
33. Afflict
35. Transmits genetic information from DNA
36. Commercials
39. Digits
41. Expression of sympathy
42. Bleats
44. Swiss Nobel Peace Prize winner
46. Vegetable
47. Turf
49. Disorganized in character
52. Takes
56. Rules over
58. More fervid
60. Sweet drink
62. Cry loudly
63. A friendly nation

CLUES DOWN

1. A title of respect in India
2. His and __
3. Employee stock ownership plan
4. A type of bond (abbr.)
5. Acting as if you are
6. Affirmative
7. Not caps
8. Type of medication
9. Monetary unit
10. Private school in New York
12. Small stream
13. A person of wealth
16. Exclude
17. Someone who vouches for you
20. Vegetable part
22. Gov't lawyer
25. Term to address a woman
26. Swiss river
27. About senator
29. __ Paulo, city
31. Native American tribe
34. "Titanic" actor
36. Campaign for students' rights (abbr.)
37. Capital of Senegal
38. Slang for military leader
40. Football's big game
43. Women who threw themselves on funeral pyres
45. Equally
48. Forest animal
50. Heavy stoves
51. Releasing hormone (abbr.)
53. Song
54. Type of pickle
55. Offer in return for money
57. Soviet Socialist Republic
58. Burns wood (abbr.)
59. Beloved singer Charles
61. Three-toed sloth

New Mural in Sacramento to be Painted at Sacramento YMCA Child Development Center



The YMCA of Superior California is announcing a new mural has been commissioned, with work already started, at the Sacramento Central YMCA Child Development Center at 2021 W Street in Sacramento. The mural will be 120 feet long, and 16 feet high. The mural, designed by Adinah Hopkins, will begin to emerge in the coming days. Mural themes will include social responsibility and youth development, while also celebrating the nature that is native to California. The mural will greet commuters each day along the Sacramento RT Blue Line between W Street and V Street, and 19th and 20th streets.

The mural is made possible thanks to Habitat for Humanity of Greater Sacramento and AmeriCorps NCCC Pacific Region, Team Gold 3. Team members from AmeriCorps began preparing the wall for the project on Friday, February 5. The mural project collaboration came about through outreach from Jennifer Moore, YMCA Sr. Director for Youth Development. Jennifer Moore will be coordinating the volunteer efforts. Jennifer Moore can be reached at jmoore@ymcasuperiorcal.org.

"This mural reflects what we do here at the Y. We create beautiful change," said Sharna Braucks, President & CEO, YMCA of Superior California. "Our child care center specifically is helping to develop young children and our future depends on them… and you, the public at large. We are grateful to Habitat for Humanity of Greater Sacramento and AmeriCorps NCCC Pacific Region Team Gold 3 for creating something beautiful on the outside of our walls that conveys the work that we do inside of them. This mural is not just a gift to the YMCA, but a gift to the people of Sacramento."

"The mission of Habitat for Humanity of Greater Sacramento is to bring people together to build hope, homes, and community" said Leah Miller, President & CEO, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Sacramento. "We are proud to be able to play a small part in helping make this collaborative community project possible."

"As an artist I am elated to push my work out into the public" said Adinah Hopkins, Team Gold 3 Member, AmeriCorps NCCC Pacific Region. "But I really enjoy interacting with the community instead of being cooped up in a studio. The mural adds to the plethora of community's other public works further beautifying the neighborhood."

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