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Community shares thoughts on 'no fishing' rule at William Land Park



Photo by Lance Armstrong

A Canada goose stands on the shore of a pond at William Land Park as a duck swims by in the background.

By LANCE ARMSTRONG

Tony Ulep, Sacramento city parks superintendent, last week told the Land Park News that several new "no fishing" signs were recently posted at William Land Park.

But Ulep stressed that despite the placement of those new signs, the park's no fishing policy is not new, and there have been two or three "no fishing signs" posted at this park for the past two years.

He also mentioned that the majority of calls to the city's animal control division regarding William Land Park and McKinley Park pertain to wildlife being injured by the public leaving their fishing lines and hooks in the pond. McKinley Park also has a "no fishing" policy and posted "no fishing" signs.

McKinley Park has one pond, and William Land Park is home to three ponds: Lily Pond, near the baseball fields, just north of the Sacramento Zoo; Duck Pond, which is behind the amphitheater on Land Park Drive; and Mayor Anne Rudin Pond, off 14th Avenue.

Ulep explained why the decision was made to prohibit fishing at William Land Park.

"Two years ago, we had a meeting – so, the parks' department; the manager (and two superintendents) – with the (city) animal control manager," he said. "We were getting a lot of complaints that the ducks and geese were getting (fishing hooks) impaled into their beaks or their bills (and) their feathers and their wings, and they were getting wrapped up with a fishing line.

"(Prohibiting fishing at this park was) something we could do to help out animal control because they were getting a lot of calls about it – animals, they're injured and whatever else. So, that's kind of what we did. So, about two years ago, we added a couple of signs at (William) Land Park."

The recently placed "no fishing" signs at William Land Park were posted in response to a request of a local resident who is also part of a duck/goose rescue group, Ulep noted.

"The citizen requested that more signs be displayed because there (is) still fishing going on at Duck Pond," he said. "The citizen would receive calls as part of a rescue group that wildlife is being injured and requested that more 'no fishing' signs be posted."

Ulep mentioned that the fish in William Land Park's ponds are not stocked by humans.

"We don't stock these (fish), so whatever birds fly in there, they bring the (fish) eggs with them on their feathers and feet," he said. "So, I talked to a fish biologist a few years back and he told me how we get these fish in these ponds."

In earlier years, the park's ponds were stocked by either the city of Sacramento or the state of California, Ulep added.

Ulep told this paper that there are still some people who fish at this park, despite the signs, and that a lot of those people don't have fishing licenses.

Kristina Rogers, vice president of the Land Park Community Association, addressed the issue of fishing at William Land Park.

"Basically, we would just like to focus on giving information about the best kind of food to feed the ducks and things like that," she said. "We really can't say anything about the fishing. That's up to the parks (department), but if the rule is no fishing, then we would like to see people follow the rule. I think part of

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the problem is there's just not enough park rangers to enforce the rule."

During a visit to William Land Park last week, the Land Park News spent time with various park visitors who shared their concerns about the ducks and geese. But there were no people fishing at the park during that visit.

Alma Mitchell mentioned that during her regular walks around the parks, she often picks up fishing hooks and lines from the ground.

"I pick up everything from the floor when I see it," she said. "I see people fishing out here, but not very much. I am against (fishing at the park). I don't like it."

Danielle Stidham told this publication that she has never seen any birds injured by hooks and fishing lines at this park.

"I've been down here and I've never seen anything like that," she said. "I've never seen any hooks, I've never seen any line, and I've only seen maybe two fishermen in the last three years, and it's always like a dad and a son." While visiting the park, this publication observed a Canada goose and a black and white Muscovy duck that both had injured legs that significantly affected their ability to walk.

However, it was not determined whether those birds were injured by the fishing lines or hooks.

During the same visit, two fishing bobbers hung by fishing line in a tree above one of the park's ponds.

Jessica Roth noted that the only person she has observed fishing at the park was a child.

She added that she is concerned about the safety of the park's wildlife.

"I think that the wildlife should be able to have a place where it can go and just to be free and not have to worry about anything else, and not to be hurt," she said.

South Land Park resident Patty Cardenas, a 1971 graduate of C.K. McClatchy High School, shared her support of the park's no fishing rule.

"I never thought of how (fishing) can endanger the fish and the ducks," she said. "They're alive and it matters, so I think that some way, they need to figure out how to enforce (the no-fishing rule). I think the importance of our conversation here is education.

"And you know, we used to bring our kids here 40 years ago and they would fish, so I think that some people look at it as some kind of tradition, but never had I thought about what the leftovers could do."

Another park visitor, Rancho Cordova resident Nicole

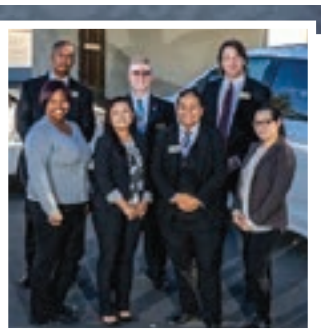
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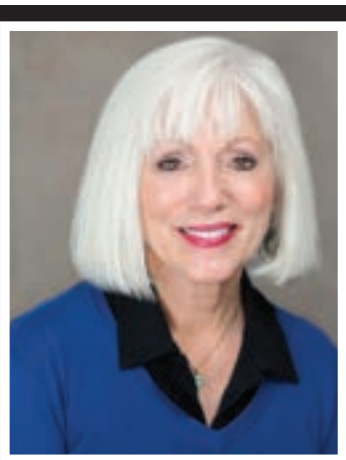
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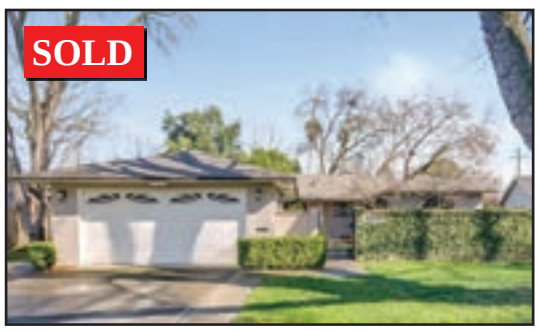


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Featured Buisness

9Round



By Devin Lavelle

The Pocket Greenhaven Community Association's featured business is 9Round Fitness, join us as we get to know its new co-owner Adrienne Chargin.

Devin: Thanks for taking the time, Adrienne. Congratulations! Can you tell us what 9Rounds is?

Adrienne: Thank you so much, we're excited to get everyone moving! 9Round is a world-wide organization that specializes in a 30 minute full body workout, which focuses on the skills of kickboxing. All skill levels can easily participate in the program, as it is adaptable to meet the needs of all members. In the 30 minutes that our members are working out, we are meeting all of their individual needs. We are able to do so by listening to what our members have to share with us about their health history, as well as their current fitness level. These are things that we take very seriously. We always look to create a dynamic workout that will push our members to their absolute best, while also taking into account any injuries or limitations that they may have. There is a place for all fitness and skill levels in 9Round.

Devin: Sounds fun! Functional exercise has always been my favorite. Tell me a little about yourselves.

Adrienne: Absolutely-the 30 minutes fly by and it is an extremely efficient workout given

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The Catholic Store and the business of feeding the Christian spirit

By Uchenna Esomonu



Pictured from left to right Richard and Sandra Perez, Bishop Soto, Marilia and Robert Perez and Eddy Lopes.

There aren't many stores that were built to feel sacred, where the ambiance was specifically created to uplift the spirit and the space made to feel like hallowed ground. The Catholic Store on 1928 Broadway is that kind of store.

When owners Sandra and Richard Perez bought their first location for the store in 1997 a few blocks down from their current one, it was a real fixer-upper, rundown with chipped walls and worn floors.

"It didn't have no personality or anything," Sandra Perez said. So she got to work with the intention of building something not just unique but sentimental. The walls, painted with gold textures and royal blue accents, evoke the image of a Catholic mission that instantly unleashes a wave of nostalgia.

Her vision was that the store would look "something like your own church." As the store changed locations over the years, she maintained that feel. In their current location, they maintain a steady playlist of Gregorian chant music cascading through the store. A customer walks into the store and they are instantly transported.

"People come into our store and they, the men, remove their baseball caps or hats," Richard said. "They know they're in a sacred place. Some people whisper because they don't want to be loud like if they're in a church."

The store in fact serves as a sanctuary to one of their employees, a 19-year-old woman, who asked to remain anonymous. She has worked at the store for a year and a half and has grown fond of the soothing sound of the Gregorian Chant.

"This job, in particular, helps me relieve some of the things I worry about," she said.

For the Perezes, it has been pleasant to see the effect the store has on people, customers, and employees. They hope it retains that ambience when they retire - something that will happen soon, if they can find the right buyer.

When the Perezes founded the store almost 24 years ago, it was out of necessity. They had wanted to purchase a baptismal candle as a gift for a relative's baptism but were disappointed to find that the local Bible store did not sell them. The only store that did was a catholic store on Fulton Avenue miles away from them in South Sacramento.

"We thought maybe it's time we had something in this side of town," Sandra said. They partnered with their in-laws, Sandra's sister Marelia and her husband Robert, who had been looking to start a business, and began the process.

Siting the store on Broadway was a no-brainer for them because of the accessibility of the area and its proximity to many catholic churches, including the Diocese of Sacramento. Still, they had some anxieties about whether the store would be received but they were quickly reassured.

"We found right away that the locals in the neighborhood and people who were just walking by were very welcoming," Richard said. The Catholics in the area embraced the store and quickly became dependent on them for products like rosaries, candles, religious books and movies, saint medals and so much more. The store quickly became a pillar in the community, a center of peace and even healing for those that needed it.

"People come in and tears get to their eyes because they remember their childhood or the times that they went to church. People that are away from church, people that want to come back, people that are lost in lives but still feel that holy spirit in the store," Sandra said.

They told the story of a homeless man who visited the store a few years ago to buy a guardian angel prayer book that his mother read to him as a child. He paid for the book and left. Two years later, the same man returned to the store, this time well-dressed, to thank them and let them know how his visit to their store helped him turn his life around.

Encounters like that let them know that they are in the right place and that while their store is a business, it is also a form of ministry in itself.

When COVID-19 hit and businesses around the country except for those providing essential services were forced to shut down in March, they were rattled.

"We are essential spiritually," Sandra said. She felt that the store was needed then more than ever to feed the Christian spirit and provide some of that peace they are known for. But they followed state orders and closed shop for two months.

"It was zero income coming in," Richard said. They had stocked the store with products in preparation for the first communion and confirmation season that was eventually suspended because of the pandemic and were unable to pay their vendors due to lack of business.

"What saved us is the fact that the vendors were like us too. Sitting there waiting for things to happen," Sandra said. "Everybody was waiting to be paid." Even their landlords were gracious to them.

In May, they received a loan from the Paycheck Protection Program and were able to reopen for a curbside operation with enough money to keep their employees working. But even then, it still felt like they were closed since customers could not enter the building.

According to Sandra, they received desperate emails from customers saying that the store was essential and they needed them to feed their spirits.

The Perezes held their breath in anticipation of the store's reopening and in July 2020 they got their wish. The store moved its operation inside but they quickly realized that things were far from normal.

Sales were slow in those first weeks as customers struggled to regain confidence with coming outdoors.

"I don't think we've sold invitations over a year now," Richard said. No one seems to have a need for those, with gatherings restricted, he said. Other items like party supplies or confirmation gowns and suits that were previously bestsellers have not sold much either.

The store itself had to make some adjustments to its regular routine. Operating hours were changed from 10 a.m-6 p.m to now 10 a.m-4 p.m. The checkout desk is barricaded by ESD curtains to protect employees and hand sanitizers are in endless supply.

Adjusting to work post-lockdown has not been easy.

"I remember trying to say a sentence and I end up stuttering which had never happened to me the days I used to work before covid," said their employee. Her customer service is a little rusty but she expects to get better with time.

"We are back to normal but the new normal," Sandra said. Nothing is the same yet and probably might not be for a while.

As the store recovers from the pandemic, the Perez's turn their focus to an issue that has occupied their mind for a while: retirement. In September 2019, they hired a broker and began scouting potential buyers but the process was stalled by the lockdown.

While the decision is bittersweet, they believe the time is right to part with the responsibilities of ownership and pursue other interests like quality family time and traveling, Richard said.

"I think we're ready for a new phase of our life," he said. "And we're hoping that someone shows interest."

"A younger family," Sandra chimed in.

"Someone that has the same passion as us and continues to do the work we started," Richard added.



THIS 'n' THAT

by Carol Bogart

NorCal Wildflower 'Super Bloom' This Year!



The California Poppy is our state wildflower.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF CDFW You may see deer and other wildlife at North Table Mountain.

I love wildflowers. Love love love love LOVE them. As a kid, I scoured the folks' woods for Spring Beauties, Trillium, wild violets, even … if I was reeeallly lucky … Little Boys Britches: creamy white wildflowers that look like tiny pantaloons bunched on stems. It was pointless to pick them, I knew. Wildflowers won't last a day; they wilt that easily. But I always made a bouquet anyway for my mom, just to show her. She had a special little vase just for these bouquets, and put them in her kitchen window to look at as she did dishes.

I'd never seen wild lupine 'til I moved to California, and the first I saw here in West Sac. If you know the 'borrow pit pond' at the someday site of the California Indian Heritage Center ; the lupine was growing on the bank of that pond. If the big tree's still there near the north end of the pond, it was about there where I saw it, not far from where you can take a dirt path, rather than the levee road, back to the river.

I used to walk my dog along that path to bank fish (with zero luck) from Bryte Beach (opposite Discovery Park). I loved that trail. Especially fun was seeing turtles sunning on a log. Plop plop plop, off the log they'd go, as they heard us approaching.

There used to be a beaver family. So many kinds of birds. I haven't been back there in a long, long time. Are lupine blooming now I wonder?

On Next Door recently, I read our area is having a 'Super Bloom' this year. Northern California wildflowers you may see in abundance include our state flower, the California Poppy, lupine of assorted colors (don't let your dog eat it. Some varieties are toxic, it seems, to everything but goats); wild geranium, mustard and much much more.

A simple local walk in an 'ungroomed' area might let you see some, but if you're up for a day trip that includes streams, pools and waterfalls, go to North Table Mountain. Just past Oroville, the North Table Mountain Ecological Reserve is located in Butte County.

Open from dawn to dusk, The reserve's trails require a day pass if you're 16 or older, unless you have a valid hunting license. Organized youth groups, such as schools, and adults with them don't need a pass, but a permit is required. For more information, Google search Visiting North Table Mountain Ecological Reserve. Like the Yolo County Bypass Area, the reserve is managed by the California Dept. of Fish and Wildlife. The self-guided walks are free and you can bring your dog.

A little history: Table Mountain is made up of volcanic rock! And in many places, you can see it! Have to wonder how many ancient animals are trapped in as fossils. Fossils. Another fascinating topic! Be aware, though, that no collecting of any kind is allowed at Table Mountain – no rocks/minerals, no plants, no artifacts, no fossils. Dogs have to be on-leash. Ten feet max, no longer.

This is a huuuuge reserve: 3,300 acres, give or take. The ancient lava flows resulted in an elevated mesa. From it, you can see wildflowers, waterfalls, lava outcrops, seasonal streams and vernal pools. Rare Northern Basal Flow Vernal Pools appear due to impermeable hardened lava. Usually, fissures in the lava (basalt) soak up winter rains. In the spring: voila, streams and waterfalls. These water sources ultimately dry up. Only certain animals and plants have evolved to survive this habitat over time.

You'll also see cattle grazing. For safety, stay at least 300 feet away. Grazing cows help control invasive plant species and protect the reserve's spectacular array of wildflowers.

IF YOU GO: Here's a downside: There are no restrooms or trash receptacles, so pick up after both your dog and you, then throw it away at home. Like in any beautiful natural area, you'll want to help keep North Table Mountain pristine for the next person. Other questions? Call CDFW's regional office in Rancho Cordova: 1-(916) 358-2900. Contact Carol Bogart at carol@bogartonline.com with other questions, comments.

North Table Mountain Ecological Preserve

GETTING THERE

(Courtesy of CA. Dept of Fish&Wildlife)

Butte County: About 7 miles north of Oroville. From Hwy 70 in Oroville, exit at Grand Ave (Exit 48). Go East (right) on Grand Ave for 1 mile. Left on Table Mountain Blvd for a tenth of a mile. Right on Cherokee Road 6.3 miles north to the reserve. Official access is through a small parking lot on the west side of Cherokee Road. For map, go here: https://wildlife.ca.gov/Lands/Places-to-Visit/North-Table-Mountain-ER.

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Fishing is prohibited at all three ponds at William Land Park.

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Jester, expressed her concern for the safety of children who could get entangled with a fishing line or injured by a fishing hook.

"It's definitely a concern, because the children, you don't want the line wrapped around their feet, grab a hook and it catches on them," she said. "And of course, (a hook) is so small, casting the line and everything else, you can hook anybody walking by."

Kelly Geisreiter suggested that those who continue to fish at William Land Park should find an alternative place to fish.

"I really don't see a need for (anyone fishing at that park) when we've got the (Sacramento-San Joaquin River) Delta (nearby)," she said. "If you want to fish, why aren't you over there, because it is harmful to the ducks. I don't think it's right, especially when people can see there's clearly signs up saying they shouldn't be doing it."

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the fact that we are able to incorporate multiple muscle groups into each round! We're proud to say our gym is owned and operated by three local women. We are all longtime residents who share a lifelong devotion to health and wellness. My partners, Suzy Foote and Heather Hoskins, have lived in the community for the last decade. They enjoy the beauty of the greenbelt and the spirit of the neighborhood with events such as the 4th of July Parade and the Canal Holiday Lights. I was born and raised in the Pocket, and returned to raise my family. I love watching my son and daughter participate in Pocket Little League/Softball, just like I did as a child growing up here. In addition, all three of us have been participants and former clients, turned trainers/owners, of the 9Round Family. At 9Round we truly are a family. We are all devoted to each member and helping them to meet their successes in health and fitness goals.

Devin: That's awesome. My oldest son is just getting to the age of playing Little League. How does your team work? Does everyone teach classes? How do your styles vary?

Adrienne: Here at our gym we are truly a team. Each of us work in the training of members and implementation of the awesome 9Round philosophy, which is to always continue to make our members stronger- mentally and physically in 30 minutes. We all have different personalities, yet we all show up with the mindset of providing the highest quality experience to each individual whom we have the pleasure of working with.

Devin: What are some of your favorite things about doing business in the Pocket-Greenhaven community?

Adrienne: The Pocket community has provided us with a safe and secure community in which to grow our families, and we look forward to adding to that sentiment for our neighbors. We believe that small business is a hallmark of thriving communities, such as ours here in Pocket-Greenhaven. We take pride in giving our members a quality health and wellness option that is affordable. We very much enjoy seeing our members daily, whether it be in our gym, or at the grocery store or local city park. We believe that these are the experiences that are the backbone of a strong communi-

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The Sacramento SPCA is hosting their annual Doggy Dash on Saturday, June 5, 2021 – and this year is sure to offer more than just another walk in the park.

Now celebrating its 28th anniversary, the Sacramento SPCA's Doggy Dash has grown into Northern California's largest 2K/5K dog walk and pet festival – with a goal this year to raise $150,000 in registrations and donations to support the life-saving programs that help animals and the people who love them in the Sacramento region. Donations from last year's Doggy Dash helped the Sacramento SPCA provide direct care to more than 30,000 animals in 2020.

With restrictions still in place for large group events due to the pandemic, the Sacramento SPCA is hosting its largest community event and fundraiser of the year virtually for a second year in a row. "Just because we can't walk side by side, doesn't mean we can't still walk together to save lives," said Dawn Foster, Sacramento SPCA Marketing & Communications Director.

An estimated 5,000 animal lovers usually gather at William Land Park for this special event each year, with and without their canine companions – to raise funds for animals at the Sacramento SPCA and enjoy pet-friendly vendors, demonstrations, contests, food trucks, beer garden, local entertainment and more!

Pet enthusiasts living far and wide are encouraged to join the Sacramento SPCA on June 5, 2021 from their homes, neighborhoods, parks and trails for the 2k/5k walk and also connect online to share photos and enjoy the event's live broadcast and pet festival. "By participating in our own communities, people and dogs (and even cats!) who would not normally be able to participate at William Land Park, can now do so," added Foster.

The virtual event will be kicked off on the shelter's Facebook page at facebook.com/SacSPCA at 9 a.m. on June 5th; participants will hear from the Sacramento SPCA's CEO, Kenn Altine, meet a few special animals and guests and then take a special tour of the newly construction Zoe K. McCrea Animal Health Center before starting the 2K/5K walk.

Doggy Dashers are encouraged to share photos and video of them and their dogs walking and participating in the event's activities throughout the day using the hashtag #SSPCADASH2021.

As the only full-service 100% nonprofit animal shelter in the Sacramento region, the Sacramento SPCA relies on donations from individuals, businesses and foundations to support their work. They are local, independent, and do not receive funding from state or local government agencies.

Supporting this year's Virtual Doggy Dash by walking, sharing or donating will help Sacramento SPCA continue to give more than shelter to the animals who need it most.

To register for the event or donate to help animals in need, visit sspca.org/dash.





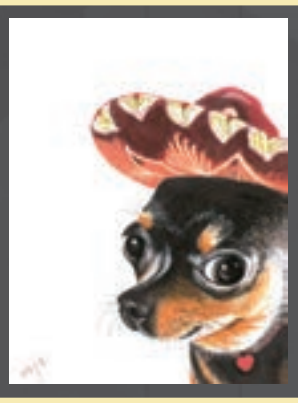


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ty. As longtime residents of the Pocket-Greenhaven community we are dedicated to our neighbors in ensuring that we are offering the best service possible. We all enjoy supporting our local businesses and have already felt that same sentiment being given back to us. Our fellow tenants at Lake Crest Village have been very welcoming, and our local neighbors have been extremely encouraging. None of this has surprised us because it truly embodies what the Pocket is all about!

Devin: That's awesome, love to hear that. So now that you have everyone motivated, what should they do to get moving?

Adrienne: The biggest factor to success is to make something a habit. Showing up is half the battle, and once you are here, we will make it worth your time. We truly feel that our program is a recipe for reward. It is a 30 minute program, which we feel everyone deserves to treat themselves to 3-5 times a week. It is very gratifying to achieve not only physical results, but also the added gain of mental and emotional achievement. We encourage everyone to come out and try our program with a first time free workout! Check us out at 9Round.com and click on the link for the first time workout- we look forward to assisting in making the community stronger!!

Devin: Great, thanks for taking the time to talk and thanks for investing in our community!

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Taking Sacramento to 100% Electrification – Is SMUD ready to do this?

By Jennifer Holden

District 4 Councilmember Katie Valenzuela is strongly in favor of cutting carbon emissions as soon as possible. It's a passion of hers, and that time is of the essence in saving our environment for future generations.

So why did she just vote NO to advancing the New Building Electrification Ordinance to a City Council vote in the last Sacramento Law and Legislature Committee meeting?

Here are the two reasons she gave during the Law and Legislature Committee meeting:

1) She's not against the ordinance itself, but she wants a 1-year postponement on the final vote. While she wants all fossil fuel use eliminated in homes and in transportation, and for all fossil-fuels to be replaced by electrical energy (frequently referred to as 100% electrification) from 'green' sources such as windmills and solar panels, she is concerned about the timing of this vote. The New Building Electrification Ordinance is being put to a final City Council vote on May 25th, 2021 to take effect in 2023, and the new California State

building codes released by the State of California in 2022 – so why not wait for the new state building codes and then write the New Building Electrification Ordinance so it can comply with state codes? We don't know now if this New Building Electrification Ordinance will comply with next year's state building codes, so we should wait for the state building codes first.

2) CM Valenzuela also has concerns regarding the impact of this ordinance on the homes and business of racial minorities, and wants more time for conversations and planning to ensure that these populations will not experience financial hardship because of this ordinance.

(To watch the presentation and discussion of the New Building Electrification Ordinance to the Law and Legislature Committee on May 4, 2021, go to: sacramento.granicus.com/player/clip/4934?view_id=25&redirect=true , Agenda Item #4, which starts at the 00:27:25 mark, and CM Valenzuela's questions start at 01:17:05, with her statement of concerns starting around 01:25:25.)

Here are my ten reasons I am grateful to her for asking for a 1-year postponement of the New Building Electrification Ordinance:

1) This isn't just about 100% electrification of new construction. There are plans for an Existing Building Electrification Ordinance to be written soon. The City Council is planning to require all existing structures to become powered by 100% electricity by 2045. To learn more about the existing building electrification process, go to page 10 of http://www.cityofsacramento.org/-/media/Corporate/Files/CDD/Planning/Long Range/Climate-Action-Plan/8-13-20-PDC-Report.pdf?la=en

On April 4, 2021, a SMUD representative spoke to the Mangan Park Neighborhood Association (MPNA) about SMUD's plan to implement 100% electrification for Sacramento – new and existing construction. The following information was relayed to Mangan Park residents attending that meeting:

2) SMUD is not yet SB 100 compliant; (that's the 2018 SB-100 California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program: emissions of greenhouse gases. You can read the bill at: https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB100

3) SMUD has not installed EMP-resistant infrastructure, which protects our electrical grid from hackers, thieves, and solar flares, as well as ensures efficient transference of electricity from the field (or other states);

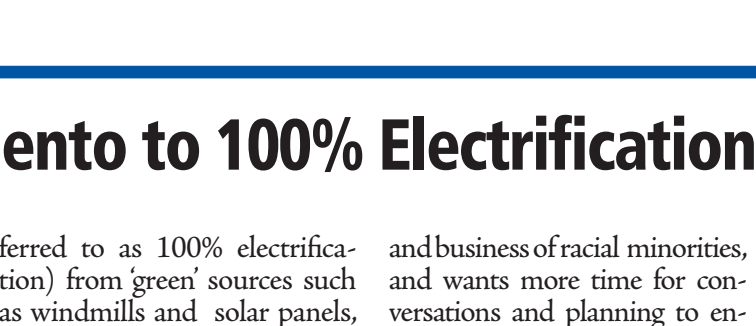
4) SMUD estimates that given the current population of Sacramento (and that's Sacramento only and not the surrounding cities in the Greater Sacramento Metropolitan Area), and in order to meet the requirements of SB 100, that 7,000 acres of land will be needed to power Sacramento with windmills and solar panels;

5) SMUD does not currently own the needed 7,000 acres of land, nor have they decided on the most likely locations, so they do not have expected costs for purchasing the needed 7,000 acres. If any 100% electrification ordinances are passed before the land is purchased, the cost of that land is going to skyrocket, and the additional costs will be added to the future electricity bills of Sacramento residents;

6) SMUD has not yet calculated the increased electrical needs of Sacramento's population as Sacramento becomes denser and doubles in popula-

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tion over the next 10 years as anticipated by current RHNA projections, so SMUD doesn't yet know how much more land they are going to need beyond the current 7,000 acres to provide sufficient electricity to meet the needs of a rapidly growing Sacramento;

7) SMUD is currently expecting that they will be offering about $8,750 to homeowners to help them convert their existing houses to 100% electrical power, and there may be some more additional bonuses possible. The program is called the Home Performance Program, and the money might be given to the homeowner before work begins, or as a rebate after the work is done, and SMUD hopes to negotiate with some contractors to arrange to pay the $8,750 directly to those contractors. However, there is much about the Home Performance Program that is still being decided - we will have to wait for the program to solidify. For example, there currently is not a special assistance program for those on fixed incomes, such as retirees or the handicapped. Older homes will require a new electrical panel as well as complete re-wiring, as well as purchasing new electrical appliances – a cost that can run into the tens of thousands. Lower- and fixed income Sacramento residents living in older homes may be forced to sell their homes because they won't be able to afford this upgrade. (And as a sample of the cost of new electrical appliances, a quick scan of prices for an electrical induction stove top at Lowe's runs between $1,500- $3,000.)

8) On Thursday, May 6, 2021, a different SMUD representative spoke to the Oak Park Neighborhood Association (OPNA) and confirmed that SMUD currently imports power from outside services, some of which generate electricity from fossil fuel sources.

9) I have yet to see a presentation by SMUD that shows a projected budget that goes with each phase of their plan to eliminate fossil-fuels by 2030. Overall costs to SMUD are mentioned in these presentations, but there's nothing itemized. For an undertaking this large, the residents of Sacramento deserve fiscal clarity and transparency in a well-prepared, itemized projected budget. Isn't this a standard part of presentations for other major infrastructure upgrades? And also to have the upgrade costs presented as the expected increased cost per resident... because any costs to SMUD are just going to be passed to their customers.

10) SMUD announced that they are planning for another rate-hike by the end of this year, and then won't raise rates for another 5 years. Great? Let's consider that 100% electrification is for decades, not just 5 years. We just had a significant rate hike. By the time the 7,000 acres of land for windmills and solar panels are purchased, the windmills and solar panels are purchased and installed, by the time that the rest of SMUD's infrastructure is upgraded to handle this increased load, (all probably accomplished during the next 5 years), we have no idea about the amount of the next rate increase at the end of the 5-year freeze – and it could be a doozy!

San Fransisco is also preparing to go 100% electric. The anticipated cost of San Fransisco becoming 100% electric is around $5.9 billion. (See http://www.capoliticalreview.com/capoliticalnewsandviews/eliminating-natural-gas-in-housing-could-cost-5-9b-just-in-san-fran/) No one seems to know the anticipated total costs of taking Sacramento to 100% electrification, either.... will our costs be closer to billions than millions?

We can believe that we must go to 100% electricity NOW to save our environment. We can tell our city council that they must mandate the elimination of all fossil fuels NOW. That doesn't mean that our electrical providers are ready and able to provide Sacramento with clean, green, and locally-sourced electricity. That doesn't mean that our electrical providers and city council get to treat their customers and constituents as blank checks, or don't have to be transparent about the budgeting of their plans.

In last week's Law and Legislature Committee meeting, Councilmember Valenzuela showed herself to be a fiscally-sound, forward-planning councilmember, looking out for the best interests of her constituents. Regardless of the council district in which you live, please write to Councilmember Valenzuela at kvalenzuela@cityofsacramento.org to thank her for standing up for good governance and social justice by asking for a postponement of the final city council vote. And please write to all other councilmembers asking them to postpone the final vote of the New Building Ordinance currently scheduled for May 25, 2021, because the residents of Sacramento deserve more information from better-prepared electrical providers and council members before our City Council passes any ordinances about 100% electrification.





Car show at Device Brewing in the Pocket brought the community together

By Devin Lavelle

On a sunny evening, a couple hundred gathered to enjoy the beauty of lovingly restored, and sometimes creatively updated cars, which were on display at the Device Brewing parking lot.

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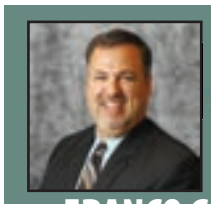


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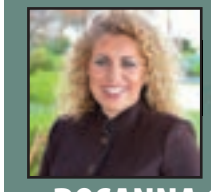
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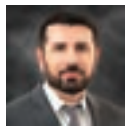


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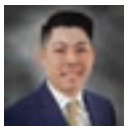
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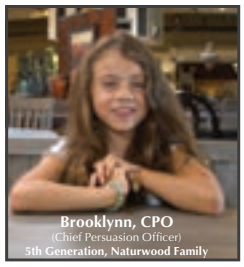
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