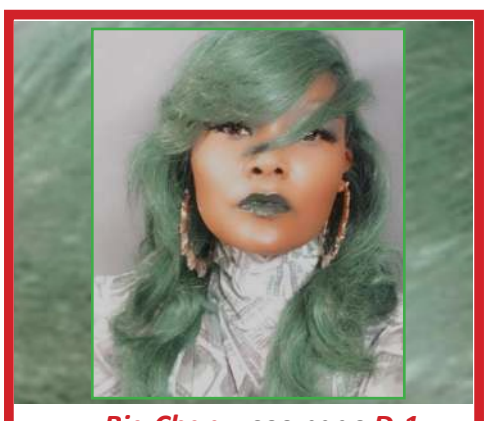

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U.S. Senator Alex Padilla – A Lifetime of Serving Communities Of Color & Fighting for Those Left Out of the American Dream

By Danny J. Bakewell, Jr.
Executive Editor

Alex Padilla is not your ordinary U.S. Senator. He has a degree in mechanical engineering from MIT – Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and easily could have parlayed that degree to pursue personal accolades and a life of leisure and personal wealth.

But, the first time U.S. Senator did not choose the simple path. Instead, he decided that a life of service to those who grew up like he did, unprivileged in a working class family, and that commitment to service has ascended him to one of the highest seats in California and throughout the nation.

As voters begin mailing in their ballots, they will find Padilla's name on their ballot twice. Once to complete the term of now Vice President Kamala Harris, who stepped down to become America's first female vice president and first vice president of color, and once to serve the six-year full term as California's United States Senator.

U.S. Senator Alex Padilla (FILE PHOTO)

Padilla is driven by memories of a segregated California, memories that still have a deep influence over the man who now represents the country's most populous state. Padilla took office on January 20, 2021 (Inauguration Day). He is California's first U.S. Senator of Mexican decent and in a time when America is wrestling with being a country where people of color are the majority, he is a voice for and of the people.

Post-Donald Trump, Padilla finds himself in the uncommon position of being one of the few voices of the masses in what is still a majority

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Bass Joins Black Leaders in Decrying Big Tobacco's Racist Practices

Community leaders joined U.S. Rep. Karen Bass at a press conference at Crenshaw High School on May 20. (IAN FOXX/L.A. SENTINEL)

By Rodd A. Amos
Contributing Writer

U.S. Rep. Karen Bass held a press conference at Crenshaw High School in South Los Angeles on May 20, to highlight the damage that corporate tobacco companies have done to Black neighborhoods after decades of targeting them with menthol cigarettes.

Surrounded by faith leaders, education officials, parents and students, Bass led the call for Californians to vote yes on a November ballot measure that would protect children by ending the sale of candy-flavored nicotine, including minty-menthol cigarettes. The event was sponsored by Black Leaders Against Tobacco Injustice, YES to Protect California Kids.

An explosive Los Angeles Times investigation (Black Smokers) recently showed

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Highlighting Empowered Black Women Impacting the L.A. Criminal Justice System

L-R Alisa Blair, Tiffany Townend Blacknell, D.A. George Gascón, and Shelan Y. Joseph
(COURTESY OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE)

By Betti Halsell
Staff Writer

Following the social awakening that stemmed from the murder of George Floyd, Los Angeles County government strengthened their call for diversity within leadership and made it a priority.

Looking deeper into the county's district attorney office, Black women are holding senior roles that influence the largest criminal justice system in the country. This is an important factor, due to the rate that people of color are experiencing racially charged encounters in the current criminal justice system.

The L.A. District Attorney Office looks to combat the growing divide through their representation of Black women in this field by becoming the prime example of what inclusion looks like.

The D.A.'s staff represent the people that they serve. Tiffany Townend Blacknell, Alisa Blair, and Shelan Y. Joseph grew up in Los Angeles. Representing Inglewood, the San Fernando Valley, and Pasadena, each of them bring in well-rounded insight and experience to the L.A. District Attorney Office.

Under the direction of District Attorney George Gascón, all members of the office work towards reaching new levels of equality that guide their movement as the largest criminal legal system in the country.

The focus has been constructed to seek out criminal justice reform. Townend Blacknell, Blair, Joseph serve as special advisors to Gascón.

"It has always been very important for me to assemble a diverse executive team which reflects the varied interests and concerns of the residents of Los Angeles County," Gascón said.

"These incredible and capable women were carefully selected for their respective roles and have more than 60 years of experience in the criminal justice system combined."

Blacknell lived in Inglewood in the late 1980s and 1990s, witnessing mental illness, addiction, gang violence, and police brutality throughout her neighborhood.

"For every person I love who has been arrested and imprisoned, there are an

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Smallwood-Cuevas Dominates in Race for California State Senate

Sentinel News Service

Community advocate Lola Smallwood-Cuevas, a passionate labor organizer who has fought on the frontlines of the labor movement over the past two decades, is now running in her first political race as a candidate for the California State Senate.

Lola Smallwood-Cuevas (COURTESY PHOTO)

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Rhambo Makes Deputy Gangs a Cornerstone of His Campaign

By Jennifer Bihm
Contributing writer

Ahead of the June 7 primary, Los Angeles County Sheriff candidate Cecil Rhambo wants voters to know that the cornerstones of his campaign are changing deputy culture and dealing with deputy gangs, prison reform and reentry programs.

If elected, he would inherit a plethora of department challenges, but he is already laying out plans to deal with them. If elected, Rhambo will be the first African American sheriff in L.A. County.

L.A. County Sheriff Candidate Cecil Rhambo (COURTESY PHOTO)

Recently, Rhambo called for the resignation of current Sheriff Alex Villanueva after a whistleblower revealed that Villanueva

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Charles Drew University and CommonSpirit Health Unite to Diversify Nursing Workforce

Partnership will help historically Black medical school expand capacity to train more nurses

Sentinel News Service

Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science (CDU), one of the nation's four historically Black medical schools, and CommonSpirit Health, one of the nation's largest nonprofit health systems, parent company of Dignity Health California Hospital in Los Angeles, are responding to the national nursing shortage through a new partnership that will grow and diversify the nursing workforce.

"Even prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, we predicted a nursing shortage due to the retiring nursing workforce and the care needs of our aging population," said Kathy Sanford, D.B.A., R.N., chief nursing officer at CommonSpirit.

"Nursing schools simply don't have the capacity to train nurses fast enough to replace those leaving the profession. As one of the nation's largest employers of nurses, we knew we needed to be part of the solution."

COURTESY PHOTO

Charles Drew University is expanding its curriculum to attract more students of color to the field of nursing.

A 2021 American Association of Colleges of Nursing study found that, although interest in nursing programs is strong, 80,521 qualified applications were not accepted at schools of nursing due primarily to a shortage of clinical sites, faculty, and resource constraints. The partnership will expand access to quality education and training by adding faculty and resources that help CDU, one of the nation's leading educators of Black and other underrepresented minority nurses, grow its enrollment.

"In addition to clinical excellence, our students are focused on social justice and health equity for underserved populations in our surrounding communities in South Los Angeles and around the world who are affected by health disparities," said David M. Carlisle, M.D., Ph.D., president and chief executive officer at CDU.

"Expanding our program helps increase their impact and the likelihood that diverse patients have access to a provider who looks like them."

Studies show that having access to a provider with shared lived experience helps improve trust and outcomes, yet only 22.2% of Black adults reported being of the same race as their health care provider compared to 73.8% of White adults.

"In our Southern California Division alone, we employ 10,000 nurses that care for over a million people every year," said Julie J. Sprengel, president and CEO of CommonSpirit's Southern California Division.

"Together with Charles R. Drew, we're helping to remove systemic barriers and create a more diverse and dynamic workforce that reflects the communities we serve."

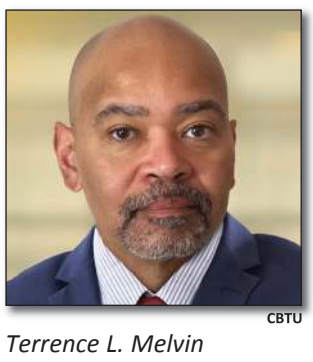
In addition to expanding capacity at CDU, the partnership seeks to drive early interest in nursing careers among students from underresourced or underrepresented groups. CommonSpirit and CDU will establish mentorship programs for diverse high school students and build relationships with pre-college educators and guidance counselors to help ensure that students know their options and the prerequisite coursework necessary for a career in nursing.

"As one of the nation's leading providers of Medicaid services, this partnership is an extension of CommonSpirit's larger commitment to increasing culturally competent health care providers," said Sprengel.

CommonSpirit is expanding access to careers in health care through its academic partnerships with Baylor College of Medicine, Creighton University, and the Morehouse School of Medicine. Together with the Morehouse School of Medicine, CommonSpirit has launched the More in Common Alliance, a 10-year, $100 million initiative to help address the lack of representation among health care providers.

In addition to growing medical education programs, CommonSpirit has established scholarships to help remove barriers to pursuing a career in health care, including a program at Creighton University that will provide 100 full-tuition scholarships to underrepresented students of color and $3 million awarded to diverse health care professionals through the CommonSpirit Equity Impact Scholarship.

Coalition of Black Trade Unionists Meet in L.A.



CBTU

Terrence L. Melvin

Sentinel News Service

The Coalition of Black Trade Unionists is holding their 51st International Convention in Los Angeles. The event began Wednesday, May 25 and continues through Monday, May 30, at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel in downtown L.A.

President Joe Biden will deliver a special video message to more than 800 delegates and guests on May 26, followed by the keynote address by Congressman Ro Khanna (D-17). Also, CBTU President, Terrence L. Melvin will deliver his report on the state of Black trade unionism in 2022.

Melvin, who will celebrate his 10th anniversary as CBTU president, said, "Black workers, Black communities, Black women, Black youth, Black seniors, Black incarcerated men and women are under siege from all directions.

"Our very humanity is in peril – stoked by anti-Black racism and by the monstrous Big Lie of a stolen presidential election. We must come together – now – in this embattled landscape to affirm our beautiful humanity and to lead the way out of these dark, dark days. True, our plate is full, but we come to L.A. ready to work."

Melvin, who is also secretary-treasurer of the New York AFL-CIO, said the run-up to the midterm elections would be front and center. "Everything is on the ballot in November," he declared.

"Voting rights, civil rights, women's reproductive freedom, control of Congress and statehouses across the country. The January 6th insurrection showed the world that the Radical Right has decided to take down democracy in order to hold onto power by any means necessary.

"CBTU will lead Black trade unionists toward developing an aggressive voter turnout strategy with our allies to counter this dangerous and reactionary power grab. Our message to ambivalent voters will be blunt: if they win, they get more power to do more harm to more Black and brown people and to the nation. It can get worse and it will get worse, if we don't show up in November."

A cross-current of positive and negative labor trends underpin this year's CBTU convention. Yet, according to federal labor statistics Black union numbers are at a record low, falling by 50,000 since 2019. Less than 2 million Black workers are in unions now (1.9 million). As a result, the Black union rate dipped to 11.5 percent in 2021.

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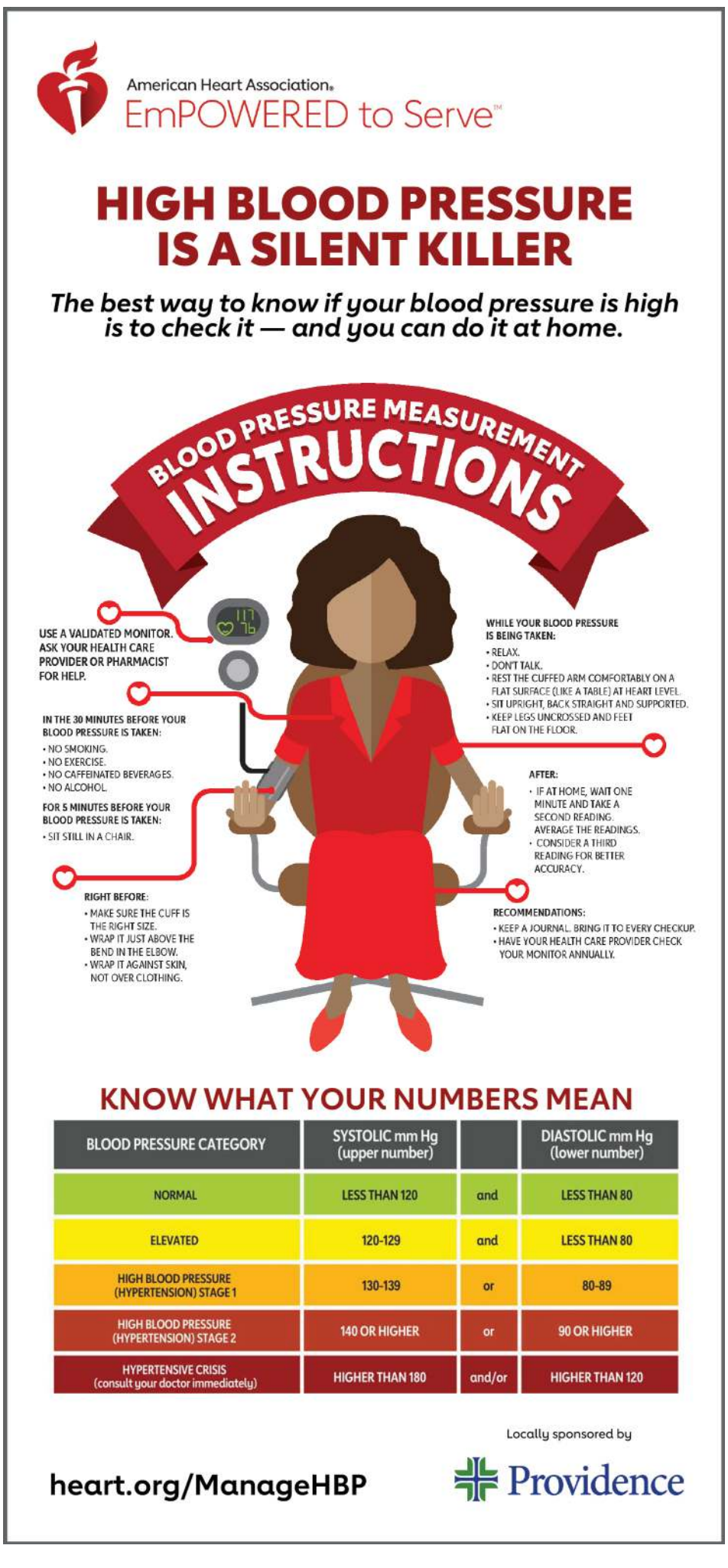

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Healthy Families Coalition Demands Action to Protect Kids From Lead Poisoning

Sentinel News Service

Community leaders, teachers and parents recently launched the Healthy Families Coalition to demand the Los Angeles City Planning and Environmental Health Departments immediately condemn Atlas Metals in Watts.

"For years the City of Los Angeles has ignored the pleas of a community that has been poisoned by lead and endangered by metal projectiles," said Tim Watkins, president and CEO of Watts Labor Community Action Committee (WLCAC).

"What's the point of having regulations on the books if the city isn't going to use them to protect nearly 1,000 kids?"

According to court records, multiple pieces of shrapnel (photos) have been ejected from Atlas Metals onto school grounds, threatening to injure or kill a student or staff member. One "narrowly miss[ed]" hitting a construction worker. To protect the kids at the school the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) closed a brand new softball field and the adjacent batting cages after spending $3 million to remediate the environmental hazards and renovate the field.

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Tim Watkins

"This is one of the most egregious environmental injustices I've ever seen," said Ingrid Rivera– Guzman, president of the Latino Coalition of Los Angeles.

"The dangers that these kids are exposed to would never be allowed in Beverly Hills in a million years, but for some reason, the city has looked the other way while Brown and Black kids have been poisoned for decades. This is unacceptable, and it's an injustice that must be stopped immediately."

In a report from the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), a summary of violations showed that Atlas is in violation of Health and Safety Code section 25189.5 and companion sections regarding the Illegal Disposal of Hazardous Waste; Storage of Hazardous Waste; and Treatment of Hazardous Waste–violations which can be charged as felonies or misdemeanors under California state law.

"These kids go to school every day and endure shaking from a large magnetic compactor used to smash cars and other large objects, all of which severely disturbs the learning environment for high-schoolers that are already in a historically disadvantaged community," said Alan Antonio, an organizer with the non-profit, It's Our Turn. "City leaders have sat on their hands while these kids go to school every day in a dangerous environment. It's shameful."

Court records indicate that the noise from the compactor (video) along with other fascinatingly loud noises cause children to "cup their ears" while at school. Staff at the school report "the violent slamming and crushing of metals...metallic dust on the blacktop and playing fields...large and dangerous pieces of metal... [and] incredibly loud explosions that sound like bombs..."

In one case, an actual bomb was exploded at the site, projecting shrapnel onto school grounds. To block shrapnel from being ejected onto school grounds Atlas erected an unpermitted, illegal wall made from shipping containers that is unstable and leaning. A Supervising Structural Engineer for LAUSD recently said in a declaration that:

"The Container Wall poses a clear and present danger to the students and staff at the School... In my opinion, there is a real potential danger that this wall of stacked shipping containers is likely to tip and fall, and because of the wall's height and immediate proximity to the School, such a collapse could be catastrophic with potential serious injuries or death to occupants of the School. I am particularly concerned about electrical poles and high voltage wires in the potential pathway of the wall if it were to collapse."

The Healthy Families Coalition has launched a website and petition available at www.HealthyFamiliesLA.org.

MAYOR GARCETTI OPENS TWO HHH PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING COMPLEXES

The two projects will provide 80 units to Angelenos experiencing homelessness

Sentinel News Service

Mayor Eric Garcetti this week celebrated the opening of two HHH-funded permanent supportive housing complexes — the HHH Rose Apartments and the PATH Villas Montclair, which together will provide housing and services to 80 Angelenos experiencing homelessness.

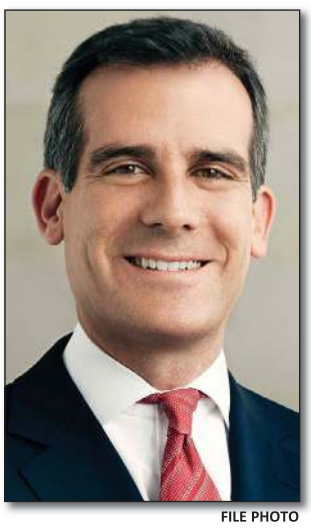
"These two openings represent the steady drumbeat of progress we promised to Angelenos when they said 'yes' to Prop HHH, and empowered us to surge ahead with comprehensive solutions to homelessness," said Mayor Eric Garcetti. "These ribbon-cuttings are a clear marker of how far we've come in our mission to welcome Angelenos into high-quality, permanent supportive units that can end the vicious cycle of homelessness and make real movement toward ending this crisis."

The PATH Villas Montclair in Crenshaw, which Mayor Garcetti opened earlier this week, consists of 45 studio apartments for formerly unhoused Angleneos. The Rose Apartments, which Mayor Garcetti opened today in Venice, contains 35 units. Both developments were funded through a variety of sources, including Measure HHH, and offer on-site supportive services, including individual case management, community building activities, and career development programs.

Since taking office, Mayor Garcetti has acted with unprecedented urgency to confront the homelessness and housing crisis — from expanding the homelessness budget to over 20 times what it was eight years ago, to launching the A Bridge Home shelter program, which has served over 5,500 distinct residents while HHH-funded projects are built.

In Mayor Garcetti's latest budget, he proposed a $1.164 billion commitment to homelessness solutions, the largest proposed investment by nearly $200 million. The proposal includes a total of over 3,700 permanent supportive housing units, $331 million for over 2,200 total housing units through Proposition HHH, and $255 million for a new round of Project Homekey, which will add 928 permanent housing units.

Since Mayor Garcetti led the coalition to pass Proposition HHH in 2016, 51 permanent supportive and affordable housing projects with more than 3,100 apartments have come online, including 25 Proposition HHH projects with over 1,500 units. 74 permanent supportive and affordable housing units with more than 4,700 apartments are currently under construction, with 19 projects breaking ground this year.



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Mayor Eric Garcetti

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Pink Pump Affair Raises $500k for Autistic and Special Needs Children

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More than $500,000 was raised for the Special Needs Network (SNN) during a fundraising drive, which culminated with the 14th annual Pink Pump Affair on May 15, at the Beverly Hilton Hotel.

According to Areva Martin, SNN founder and president who is also a media personality, civil rights attorney and child advocate, that the funds were raised through foundation grants, VIP charity ticket sales and 30 corporate/nonprofit sponsors. Also, L.A. Care Health, a gold plus sponsor of the Pink Pump Affair, presented a $25,000 check to SNN during the charity event.

LEROY HAMILTON/SNN

Areva Martin models her designer pink outfit at the event.

Other sponsors included California Wellness, Microsoft, Walmart, the Los Angeles Lakers, SEIU 99 and US Bank. CBS2/KCAL9, also a sponsor, was the exclusive media partner, and CBS2 anchor Pat Harvey served as the emcee.

"I am overwhelmed by the outpouring of support and love for the 14th annual Pink Pump Affair. More than 350 powerful women came together to collectively say that kids with autism and special needs matter," said Martin.

"The generous donations will allow the Special Needs Network to continue the transformative work of fighting and advocating for Black and Brown kids with autism and other special needs, and ensure that they are valued and given every opportunity to thrive in our society."

Hundreds of fashionistas dressed in "power pink" gathered at the Pink Pump Affair for a fun-filled afternoon, which included a champagne reception, a silent and live auction hosted by comedian/actress and SNN board member Kym Whitley, and an awards show honoring women of distinction.

Plus, a fashion show, featuring Gen Z emerging designer Journey Carter along with size-inclusive clothing brands from African American designers, presented by MaTte ArGyLe, wowed the audience with size-inclusive women of color on the catwalk. MaTte ArGyLe is Black-owned boutique at Runway Playa Vista.

Other famous faces in the crowd included comedienne/actress Luenell as well as actresses Anna Maria Horsford, Vivica A. Fox and Elise Neal.

"It was such an emotional day to see so many women attend the Pink Pump Affair, supporting the very important work of the Special Needs Network," said Bonnie Berry Lamon, the Pink Pump Affair event chairperson and SNN vice president and board member.

"With summer just around the corner, some of the money raised will fund Camp JPAC, a free summer inclusive camp for special needs children and their siblings."

LEROY HAMILTON/SNN

Bonnie Berry Lamon and Areva Martin accept a $25,000 check from L.A. Care at the 14th annual Pink Pump Affair held on May 15, 2022 in Beverly Hills.

This year's Pink Pump honorees included Wendy Raquel Robinson, an Emmy-winning producer, NAACP Image Award-winning actress and philanthropist. She received the Vanguard Award for her work as the co-founder and artistic director of Amazing Grace Conservatory, a theatrical training institute for youth in the Los Angeles community for more than 25 years.

Kellie Hawkins Davis, the first Black, female equity partner with Englander, Knabe and Allen (EKA), accepted the Trailblazer Award for her groundbreaking work in the public and private sectors.

The Everyday Advocate Award for demonstrating resiliency in the face of obstacles was presented to Audreona McRoy, an 18-year-old with special needs who defied the odds by graduating high school and gaining admissions to college.

LEROY HAMILTON/SNN

Actress and philanthropist Wendy Raquel Robinson received the Vanguard Award for her work as the co-founder and artistic director of Amazing Grace Conservatory.

In a rousing speech during the charity event, Martin revealed that SNN will open L.A.'s first-ever comprehensive medical and developmental center -- the Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities (C.A.A.D) -- in the late fall of 2022. The state-of-the-art autism center on the campus of the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Hospital will serve thousands of families in the Watts/Willowbrook neighborhoods and surrounding areas each month.

Martin also revealed SNN's new initiative, called the Special Needs Network Think Institute for Research and Economic Advancement. The Think Institute will be the region's first think tank and research institute, located in South Los Angeles, focused solely on dismantling systemic racism in health and autism care.

Through collaborative partnerships with local colleges, national thought leaders and clinicians, the Think Institute will create anti-racist and inclusive service delivery models for individuals of color with autism and other special needs as well as address issues of homelessness, employment and entrepreneurship for BIPOC individuals with special needs.

For more information about SSN, visit SNNLA.org,

Reparations Task Force's Anchor Orgs Are Holding Public 'Listening Sessions'

By Antonio Ray Harvey
California Black Media

The Coalition for A Just and Equitable California (CJEC), a reparations advocacy group, is inviting residents of Northern California to attend a "Listening Session" to discuss reparations.

The meeting will be held in Oakland on Saturday, May 28, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

With the support of the California Task Force to Study and Develop Reparations Proposals for African Americans and the state's Department of Justice (DOJ), the event, open to the public, will be held at the California Ballroom, located at 1736 Franklin Street.

"This is one of two, free official-sponsored listening sessions that the task force has asked us to do," said Chris Lodgson, an Elk Grove resident and CJEC member. "This will definitely help us get an accurate account (of the harms) done to Black people in this state."

CJEC is a state-wide coalition of organizations, associations, and community members united for reparations for the descendants of enslaved Black American men and women.

The Oakland meeting is one of a series of listening sessions that will be hosted by Reparations task force anchor organizations across the state. Seven "anchor organizations" across the state have been selected to partner and host the gatherings in conjunction with the task force.

The listening sessions are designed to ensure certain communities in the state provide their thoughts and concerns about the work the task force is doing.

Each organization will help the task force evaluate California's role in slavery and Jim Crow discrimination – and follow that work up with developing resolutions to compensate African Americans for past and ongoing race-based injustices.

Dr. Jovan Scott Lewis, left, chair of the Department of Geography at the University of California Berkeley; and Donald Tamaki, Esq., an attorney best known for his role in the reopening of the Supreme Court case Korematsu v. the United States, are both members of the California Task Force to Study and Develop Reparations Proposals for African Americans. (Antonio Ray Harvey/CBM)

Task force members expected to attend the Oakland session are Dr. Jovan Scott Lewis, chair of the Department of Geography at the University of California Berkeley; and vice-chair Dr. Amos Brown, a civil rights leader and respected Bay Area pastor whose journey to leadership started under the tutelage of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in the 1960s.

Lewis has just published the book, "Violent Utopia: Dispossession and Black Restoration in Tulsa." Lewis, a Jamaican-born scholar, retells details of the 1921 Tulsa race massacre and paints a picture of its aftermath. His book traces the history of Black Oklahomans from the post-Reconstruction migration of formerly enslaved people to that state's Indian Territory to contemporary efforts to rebuild Black prosperity.

The monograph focuses on how the massacre in Tulsa's Greenwood neighborhood, colloquially known as "Black Wall Street," diminished the spirit of freedom and derailed progress African Americans had begun to make.

Scott told Los Angeles-based Politics in Black, a podcast hosted by reparations advocates Chad Brown and Friday Jones, that his purpose is to listen to the residents of Oakland and supply them with background information about the Task Force.

The Task Force will submit its first report to the California legislature in June. The 13-chapter document will detail the committee's findings thus far and include recommendations related to them.

"It's important to know that these are preliminary recommendations. The actual work of coming up with reparations recommendations is what we're going to be doing for all the issues (for the final report in 2023)," Scott told Brown and Jones. "I am really looking forward to having the conversations that we will have over the next several months around compensation. Reparations are compensation, and from day one, my position has been cash-based reparations."

Gov. Gavin Newsom signed Assembly Bill (AB) 3121 into law in 2020. California Secretary of State Shirley Weber authored the legislation establishing the task force when she was a member of the State Legislature. The committee is charged with studying slavery and its lingering effects on African Americans with a "special consideration" for descendants of persons enslaved in the United States, the bill language instructs.

AB 3121 also requires members to recommend what compensation should be, who should receive it, and how it should be paid. A panel of economists contracted by the task force will provide their perspective on the financial aspects of compensation and its impacts.

ANTONIO RAY HARVEY/CBM

Chris Lodgson at the Reparations Task Force meeting in San Francisco, on April 13, 2022. Lodgson is a member of the Coalition For A Just and Equitable California.

Lodgson also urges members of the community to "share their experiences" with anchor organizations such as the Black Equity Collective, Afrikan Black Coalition, Black Power Network, Congregations Organized for Prophetic Engagement (COPE), and Othering and Belonging Institute.

Marcus Champion, a board member for the National Assembly of American Slavery Descendants Los Angeles (NAASDLA) and CJEC will also speak at the listening session in Oakland.

Kellie Farrish, a professional Bay Area genealogist and member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, will join Champion at the session. She has 20 years of experience working with African American families descended from slavery, piecing together their broken family histories.

"These listening sessions are important and probably the center, the core part, of the task force's community engagement process," Lodgson said. "This is one of the more important ways that the community can learn about reparations in California. This is the way to get the word out to the people from seven organizations."

The Listening Session at the California Ballroom is free. For more information, visit TWITTER: @cjecofficial or inquire at CJECOfficial@gmail.com.

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Melvin called this steep pandemic drop in Black union membership "a crisis we must confront, not merely explain." He said CBTU will launch a membership recruitment drive at the convention. "In 2022, every CBTU member can be a recruiter. There is a generational opportunity here to grow CBTU and rebuild the power of the labor movement. We intend to leave this convention prepared to recruit and amplify the voice of Black workers at the national, state and local level."

CBTU President Emeritus William "Bill" Lucy will take his first train ride to a CBTU convention.

Lucy, who will turn 89 years old in November, is the last living founder of CBTU. He retired as president in 2012 after 40 years at the helm of the organization that he lifted to international prominence with his visionary leadership.

CBTU was founded in 1972 and is the largest independent labor organization representing the views and values of 1.9 million Black trade unionists in the United States and Canada. There are 50 different international and national trade unions represented in CBTU and there are more than 50 chapters in the U.S. and Ontario, Canada.

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Strong Support, Harsh Criticisms Follow Gov. Newsom's Budget Into Final Negotiations

By Tanu Henry
California Black Media

On May 13, Gov. Gavin Newsom held a press conference in Sacramento to present his $300.6 billion revised budget for fiscal year 2022-23. He has dubbed the spending plan the California Blueprint. It is the largest budget proposal in the 172-year history of the state.

During the briefing, Newsom also announced that the state is expected to have a whopping budget surplus that will increase to $97.5 billion by the summer of 2023.

"Simply without precedent no other state in American history has ever experienced a surplus as large as this," said Newsom.

"Backed by a robust surplus and grounded in our unshakable values, we're paving the California way forward to prosperity and progress for all," Newsom continued, summarizing his spending plan.

"With historic investments, we're doubling down on our formula for success and making sure no one is left behind – supporting working families and businesses, tackling climate change, expanding health care access, making our communities safer, and more," he said.

Newsom's budget includes increased investments to the tune of hundreds of billions of dollars in education (at all levels), housing, the private sector, clean energy, agriculture, reproductive health, public safety, and more.

The Governor said as California makes investments and builds programs, its spending must reflect its values.

"California values make us competitive globally," said Newsom. "There is a reason California's economy outperforms every other economy in the Western Hemisphere – 7.8 % GDP growth just in the last year."

Assemblymember Chris Holden (D-Pasadena), a member of the California Legislative Black Caucus and chair of the Assembly Committee on Appropriations , praised the Governor's spending plan.

"I commend the Governor for conveying the message through programs, healthcare, and pay equity that California will continue to thrive," Holden said. "The proposal sets strong precedent for those still struggling through the disparate impact of the pandemic and ensures that California continues to keep the environment top of mind."

Reacting to the governor's budget announcement, Republican leadership in the California Assembly criticized the Governor's proposal, calling it "ineffective."

"The Governor may not want to acknowledge it, but California is in crisis," read the statement authored by Assembly Republican Leader James Gallagher (R-Yuba City), Assemblymember Vince Fong (R- Bakersfield), Vice Chair of the Assembly Budget Committee.

"Everyday Californians are being crushed by an affordability crisis worsened by 40-year high inflation," Gallagher and Fong's statement continued. "While the Governor makes flashy political headlines, he continues to fail to make investments that will help Californians endure these tough financial times."

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California's second African American Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond, said Newsom's plan to invest $128.3 billion in education, "lifts up the most critical needs" of students and schools across the state.

"As we continue to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, California public schools will see a much-needed infusion of investments at a time when students and schools, especially those that have been traditionally underserved, require more support than ever before," Thurmond said.

Throughout his budget presentation, the Governor acknowledged the challenges Californians are facing because of rapid inflation.

"The most important thing on people's minds, understandably, is 'How do I lower costs?' High inflation. Record inflation," said Newsom. "What are we going to do to ease that burden?"

"That's why we are proposing $18.1 billion dollars to put back in the pockets of tens of millions of Californians," Newsom continued.

The governor's inflation relief plan includes $11.5 billion in tax refunds; $2.7 billion in emergency rental assistance; $750 million for free public transit; $933 million in stipends for hospital and nursing home staff; $1.4 billion to help low-income families pay utility bills; $304 million in middle class health care subsidies; $439 million to offset a proposed diesel tax pause; $157 million to cover fee waivers for childcare, among other investments.

Assemblymember James Ramos (D-Highland), the only Native American member of the California Legislature, says he looks forward to working with the governor to hammer out the details of the budget plan.

"Confronting the deadly fentanyl crisis, retail theft, supporting mental health services and fighting to reduce the numbers of murdered and missing Indigenous people have also been the focus of my legislation since assuming office," Ramos said.

Three days after the Governor unveiled his budget proposal, California's non-partisan, independent Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) warned that the state could face an economic downturn soon.

"Predicting precisely when the next recession will occur is not possible. However, certain economic indicators historically have offered warning signs that a recession is on the horizon. Many of these indicators currently suggest a heightened risk of a recession within two years," the LAO report stated.

Republican leaders criticized what they called the Governor's ineffective proposals on the rising price of gas, housing affordability and the critical water shortage the state is facing.

"Ignoring the people's financial burdens, the Governor refuses to provide immediate gas tax relief," said Gallagher and Wong in their joint statement. "He did not propose any permanent tax relief to deal with a worsening affordability crisis exacerbated by his policies. Given the bone-dry conditions caused by the third year of drought, he stubbornly dismisses the cry to build more water storage and accelerate wildfire prevention projects."

Under California state law, the Governor and Legislature must complete the budget negotiation process and approve the spending proposal for the next fiscal year by June 15. The Governor has until June 30 to sign it into law.

"This year's budget is unprecedented in some of the challenges that it presents, but the Assembly has been preparing for months to meet those challenges," said Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon (D-Lakewood). "It is also reassuring to have the Senate and Pro Tem Toni Atkins as teammates for this budget process. We know how to work together to present Governor Gavin Newsom with a budget he can be proud to sign by the constitutional deadline."

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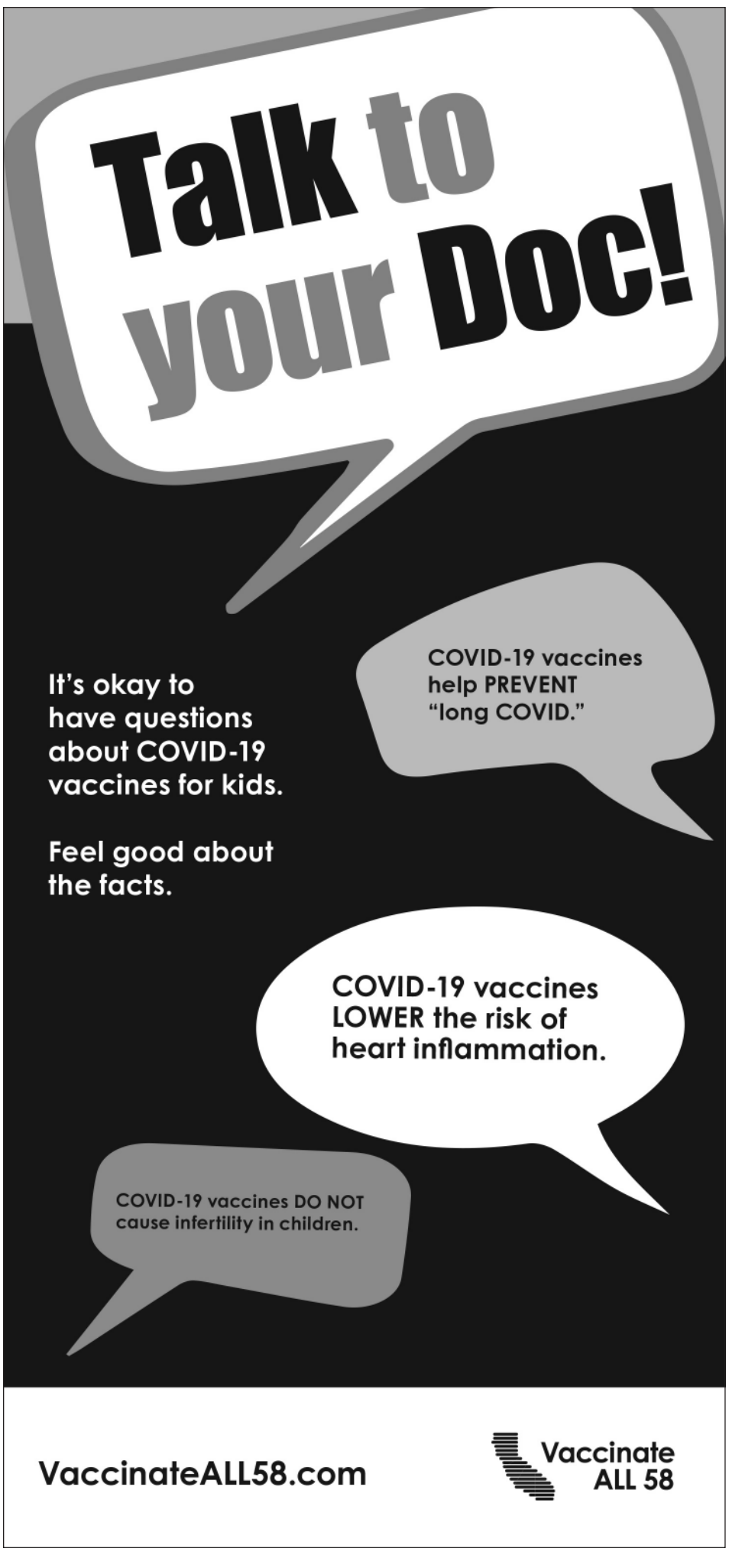

Sentinel Editorial

U.S. Senator Alex Padilla – A Lifetime of Serving Communities Of Color & Fighting for Those Left Out of the American Dream

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White, majority male-dominated Senate. And while the Democrats hold the slimmest of majorities in the Senate with Vice President Harris serving as the tie-breaking vote, this current election season threatens to push the Democrats back into the minority where the unrelenting Republican Party could seize control of the Senate, and possibly even Congress.

Padilla was recently quoted in an article in the Atlantic that he wants "to ensure that the American dream my family has experienced in the San Fernando Valley is still within reach." The past four years have tested that dream for millions, especially Black and Brown Americans. But Padilla is hopeful that the Democratic Party will keep it alive?

Padilla himself comes from a working-class family. His mother, Lupe, who passed away in 2018, worked as a housekeeper and his father, Santos, worked as a short order cook and still lives in the same Pacoima home that Padilla was raised in.

He often speaks about his parents, reflecting on the guidance and promises that inspire him to this day. He also frequently shares how graduating from college and finding a better life for himself and his family were always dreams that his parents desired for him.

In 1999, Padilla began his political career and ran for Los Angeles City Council 7th District seat where he used his youth and working-class background to appeal to voters. As a result, he garnered support from some of the city's most powerful local labor unions.

From his council seat, he ascended to become the youngest president of the Los Angeles City Council before transitioning to Sacramento to serve as a California state senator and later, secretary of state.

During his time as secretary of state, Padilla transformed into the loudest voice in California encouraging voting rights and access to the polls. Also in this position, he advocated and pushed through California's same-day voting registration law and allowed 16-and-17-year-olds to preregister to vote online.

In addition, he made it possible for Californians to register to vote at the same time they received their driver's license, which has become an extremely popular occurrence for residents. He also received both national accolades and national criticism when he refused to cooperate with the Trump administration in 2017 by refusing to investigate voter fraud in the 2017 presidential election.

U.S. Senator Alex Padilla (FILE PHOTO)

Padilla has not shied away from discourse or fights with his Latino/x Senate counterparts, especially, Senators Marco Rubio of Florida and Ted Cruz of Texas. This was never more on display than when he first arrived in the U.S. Senate to impeach Donald Trump for provoking the January 6 Capitol insurrection, in stark contrast to his Latino counterparts, Cruz and Rubio.

And he has not simply been a backer of the Latino agenda, but he has also been outspoken on issues that address the lack of representation within the Black community and other disenfranchised groups as well. He views the issues facing America regarding voter suppression as an attack upon us all.

Alex Padilla recently questioned a panel of voting rights experts in a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing examining the rise in attacks on voting rights throughout the nation. The panel included Sherrilyn Ifill, president and director-counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund; Stacey Abrams, founder of Fair Fight Action; and Dr. Carol Anderson, Charles Howard Candler professor of African American Studies and chair of African American Studies at Emory University.

Padilla has been outspoken about restoring and improving access to the ballot for the American people and about voter suppression tactics being rooted in White supremacy.

"Some of our Republican colleagues raised the frame of working to make it easier to vote, but harder to cheat…study after study report after report, investigation after investigation continues to document that voter fraud in America is exceedingly rare," stated Padilla during voter suppression hearings.

He further insisted, "During the Jim Crow era, we know that racially targeted and racially motivated voter suppression was often blatant. Legislators adapted overtly racist policies like literacy tests, and poll taxes in an effort to shape the electorate.

"Today's voter suppression playbook is still rooted in White supremacy, and motivated by the same factors as their Jim Crow predecessors, but looks different. Overtly racist policies have been replaced by facially neutral ones like mandated in-person voting requirements.

"The decommissioning of polling sites and manipulated discriminatory photo ID laws is as mentioned, but just because these new voter suppression tactics are facially neutral, it can be harder for people to recognize and understand their pernicious effects."

Padilla has proven himself throughout his political career to be a man of the people. A tireless fighter for the rights of the underserved, oppressed and a relentless advocate for communities of color, and has certainly earned the right to be re-elected as California's U.S. Senator.

Rarely, do we get an opportunity to actually vote for one candidate twice in one election, but in this election, Alex Padilla has the right to be voted for TWICE.

Bass Joins Black Leaders in Decrying Big Tobacco's Racist Practices

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how "big tobacco's" racism created a cycle of addiction, disease and death in Black communities.

"Coming from a medical and health background, I know the real and devastating impact smoking can have, especially if addiction starts early. It's not right that tobacco companies can spend billions of dollars on advertisements and lobbyists and paid spokespeople in exchange for the right to target Black youth with deadly products like menthol cigarettes, and generate big profits from it," said Bass, who is also a candidate for mayor of Los Angeles.

"We will vote 'big tobacco' out of our neighborhoods - and out of California - in November by voting yes to protect the next generation from getting hooked on nicotine."

For generations, the tobacco industry has preyed on Black Americans, who now die of heart disease, lung cancer, stroke, and other tobacco-related diseases at rates far higher than Whites. The bipartisan and overwhelmingly popular Senate Bill 793, passed in 2020, would have put tobacco companies on notice - ending the sale of candy-flavored nicotine products, including minty-flavored menthol cigarettes, statewide.

Now, tobacco companies are spending tens of millions of dollars to overturn that law. On November 8, 2022, voters will have a chance to vote yes on a measure that will protect kids by allowing SB 793 to finally take effect.

"For decades, big tobacco has made big profits using menthol cigarettes to create a cycle of addiction, disease and death in the Black community," said Carol McGruder, founding member/co-chair of Black Leaders Against Tobacco Injustice and co-chair of the African American Tobacco Control Leadership Council.

Community leaders joined U.S. Rep. Karen Bass at a press conference at Crenshaw High School on May 20.

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"When tobacco companies discovered that flavoring tobacco with minty-menthol, the original candy flavor, made cigarettes easier to smoke and harder to quit - they made a beeline straight for our kids," said Dr. George McKenna, a member of the LAUSD Board of Trustees. "Which is why I'll be voting yes in November.

Highlighting Empowered Black Women Impacting the L.A. Criminal Justice System

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equal or greater number who have been harmed by violence," Blacknell said.

The special advisor of the district attorney office continued, "My lived experience is emblematic of the fact that the people who cause harm and the victims of violence are almost always from the same community. Often, they are the same person."

Blacknell is a USC graduate of Gould School of Law. She holds the position of special advisor to the D.A. and interim director of the Bureau of Victim Services.

Blair was raised in underserved communities by a stepfather who was frequently incarcerated. Currently, she is fully immersed in the county with the goal and making it a safer place for the future.

"I look at my son, who we adopted from the foster care system and can't help but think about foster care being the number one direct risk factor to future criminal system involvement. I think about changing the system to save him," Blair said.

She continued, "I care about community healing and stopping harm before it starts. This system is set up to be reactionary. I believe in the path towards prevention and intervention. I believe in the vision of this administration."

Blair, who attended USC Gould School of Law with Blacknell, specializes in juvenile justice, collaborative courts, and restorative justice. Her lens is focused on finding preventative measures against the school-to-prison criminal pipeline, which was created through generations of institutional racism.

Joseph was raised in Pasadena. She is valued for her attention to criminal justice reform.

"Overwhelmingly, during my time working in the criminal justice system, I saw individuals enter the criminal justice system who were suffering from mental health issues, trauma and poverty.

"It is important to shift our lens to see these issues from a public health stance, rather than be purely, incarceral [viewpoint]. Gascón is committed to shifting that perspective," said Joseph.

"The disproportionate impact of the death penalty on people of color in Los Angeles County is unprecedented. Systemic racism is evident by the decisions made for whom we seek the death penalty and inevitably, those who are sentenced to death. The disproportionate impact on people of color who are currently on death cannot be understated," she said.

Joseph is graduate of Loyola Law School. She joined the District Attorney's Office to focus on "clemency and capital cases due to Gascón's commitment to criminal justice reform, specifically his promise not to seek the death penalty."

With Black women holding executive positions in the L.A. County District Attorney's Office, observers are hopeful that the outlook will improve for people of color impacted by the nation's largest criminal justice system.

Smallwood-Cuevas Dominates in Race for California State Senate

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Smallwood-Cuevas is seeking to fill the seat for the 28th State Senate District, a newly drawn district that stretches from Mar Vista to downtown, from South Los Angeles and West Los Angeles to Culver City. With the June 7 primary election fast approaching, Smallwood-Cuevas is the leading candidate in the race, having already earned the support of a broad coalition of multi-ethnic elected officials, organizations and labor groups.

She plans to bring her many years of experience as a community advocate to enact real change in public policies that impact the lives of residents. Through her longtime commitment to protecting workers' rights, she understands the essential needs of working communities, particularly during the pandemic and what's needed for an equitable recovery in the years ahead.

"I am honored to be supported by a broad coalition of elected officials, labor organizations and organizers who are ready to usher in bold progressive leadership into the California State Senate. With a Democratic supermajority and surplus, I believe we can enact transformative change that directly addresses economic immobility and the jobs crisis that is disproportionately impacting the Black community," said Smallwood-Cuevas. "When we lift the most vulnerable communities, we lift all of California."

Smallwood-Cuevas is dominating in endorsements by local leaders who represent areas overlapping the 28th State Senate District, including State Senators Sydney Kamlager, Steven Bradford and Maria Elena Durazo; Los Angeles County Supervisors Holly Mitchell and Sheila Kuehl; Assemblymembers Reggie Jones-Sawyer and Isaac Bryan; Los Angeles City Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson; and Culver City Councilmembers Alex Fisch and Yasmine Imani McMorrin.

"Lola is a coalition builder with a proven track record of getting things done. We need her strong voice in the legislature as we work to develop an equitable recovery from COVID-19, deeply invest in working families, and deliver environmental justice for our most vulnerable communities," said Supervisor Mitchell.

Smallwood-Cuevas has been endorsed by California's largest union, SEIU California, as well as the California Teachers Association, Los Angeles/Orange County Building Trades, California Professional Firefighters, California Nurses Association, and the Los Angeles Federation of Labor. She is the only candidate in this race to be endorsed by the California Democratic Party.

Her personal and professional life has shaped her deep understanding of the challenges faced by vulnerable workers. Raised by a single mother employed as a home care staffer and LVN while studying to become a registered nurse, Smallwood-Cuevas has lived experience of being from a working family who moved to California in search of better education, good jobs, and a pathway to self-determination.

After graduating from California State University at Hayward, Smallwood-Cuevas started her career as a journalist, with her first union membership with the Newspaper Guild, where she documented the lives and societal interests of working families. She moved on to serve as a researcher and political and community organizer for SEIU Local 1877, where she worked to change the tangible conditions of working families, a mission close to her heart, by then becoming a wife and mother of two. She understands that when workers do well, our communities do well.

Smallwood-Cuevas witnessed the vast disparities in union membership and skilled labor opportunities in the Black community throughout her career as a labor organizer and decided to take action to focus efforts on building a stronger Black working class as a Project Director for the UCLA Labor Center.

There, she incubated the Black Worker Center Project. She later co-founded the L.A. Black Worker Center where she worked to increase access to quality jobs, reduce employment discrimination, and improve industries that employ Black workers through action and unionization.

President Barack Obama recognized Smallwood-Cuevas and the L.A. Black Worker Center as a national model, which would become a flagship for the National Black Worker Center Network. Under her leadership, the L.A. Black Worker Center was a leading force in establishing the City of Los Angeles' Civil and Human Rights Office to address discrimination. Also, the organization served on the steering committee of the Raise the Wage Campaign that led to the City of Los Angeles passing one of the largest minimum wage policies in the country.

The L.A. Black Worker Center also spearheaded an effort to establish a community benefits agreement to strengthen diversity and inclusion of underrepresented workers on the Crenshaw-LAX rail project in partnership with the U.S. Department of Labor and local unions.

Smallwood-Cuevas currently serves as project director for the UCLA Center for the Advancement of Racial Equity (CARE) at Work. UCLA CARE at Work recently released "Essential Stories: Black Worker COVID-19 Economic Health Impact Survey." The report, which documents the effects of COVID-19 on Black workers in Southern California, is considered one of the largest ever surveys of the region's Black workers.

In the area of community service, Smallwood-Cuevas serves as treasurer of the Los Angeles County Workforce Development Board; as a Employment Equity Commissioner for the City of Los Angeles; as a member of the Los Angeles County Ad Hoc Committee on Black People Experiencing Homelessness; and as a taskforce member for the U.S. Department of Labor Hiring Initiative to Reimagine Equity (HIRE). In addition, she is a founding member of the Los Angeles County Worker Center Network, and co-chair of the Black Worker Hub for Regional Organizing.

If elected as state senator, Smallwood-Cuevas would be the only Black woman to serve in the California State Senate. With a focus on hardest-hit communities and disparity-driven priorities, she pledges to work toward an equitable recovery and long-term solutions to economic inequality, the housing crisis, affordable and accessible healthcare, public safety, protecting workers' rights, more equitably funded educational systems, and a greener and cleaner environment to grow vibrant communities.

Building on years of coalition building, Smallwood-Cuevas will use an intersectional approach to policy development. Her fundamental purpose in serving in the State Senate is to push for bottom-up policies that deliver the resources and tools working families need to build the California dream they want and deserve.

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Smallwood-Cuevas speaks with Metro workers. (COURTESY PHOTO)

Smallwood-Cuevas with her husband and children. (COURTESY PHOTO)

Supv. Holly Mitchell endorsed Smallwood-Cuevas (COURTESY PHOTO)

Rhambo Makes Deputy Gangs a Cornerstone of His Campaign

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covered up video of a deputy with his knee on the neck of an inmate for months, and then retaliated against those who called him out on it.

"This is just one incident that was revealed due to a leaked video, but who knows how many more very disturbing issues have been covered up under this administration's corrupt and lawless tenure," Rhambo said in a statement last month. "L.A. County deserves better."

For his part, if elected, he will work on mandatory reporting policies and call for immediate investigations into misconduct, he told the Sentinel last week. And, he said he believes that "community policing has to become a philosophy."

There are at least 18 active deputy gangs within the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department. The 1992 Kolts Commission report said that they were found "particularly at stations in areas heavily populated by minorities -- the so-called 'ghetto stations'--and deputies at those stations recruit persons similar in attitude to themselves."

Rhambo has been a longtime public servant in the county, having worked with Assemblymember Mike Gipson and State Senator Steve Bradford on law enforcement and gang legislation.

And, "when the Sheriff's Department came under fire from the ACLU and the FBI for prisoner abuse, Rhambo stood up to his boss, then-Sheriff Lee Baca, and other people in leadership.

"Rhambo urged Baca to stop hiding an inmate informant from FBI agents who were investigating the abuse and fully comply, but was ignored. Rhambo eventually testified against the LASD's corruption, resulting in the imprisonment of Baca and 11 deputies," according to his campaign website.

Currently, Rhambo serves as the Chief of Airport Police at LAX. He was raised by his parents in Compton and South Los Angeles after being adopted from Korea as an infant, graduating from George Washington High School in the mid-1970s.

After earning a degree from Humboldt State University, Rhambo joined the L.A. County Sheriff's Department and began a 33-year career in law enforcement. He worked all over L.A. County in patrol and other assignments, including narcotics in an undercover capacity for both the county and as a deputized federal agent.

In addition to dismantling deputy gang culture, Rhambo plans on addressing homelessness, reducing crime and ending the school to prison pipeline.

His endorsements include California State Controller Betty Yee, California Legislative Black Caucus Chair and State Senator Steve Bradford, California State Senator Sydney Kamlager, California Assembly Democratic Caucus Chair and State Assemblymember Mike Gipson, California Progressive Caucus Founder and State Assemblymember Reggie Jones-Sawyer, California State Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi, Former California State Assemblymember Autumn Burke, Former California Assembly Majority Leader Ian Calderon. Former California State Assemblymember Christy Smith, Former California State Senator Isadore Hall, California State Assembly Speaker Emeritus John A. Pérez, in addition to several organizations throughout the county.

L.A. County Sheriff Candidate Cecil Rhambo (COURTESY PHOTO)

Small Business Crawl Empowers Entrepreneurs in Inglewood

By Zon D'Amour
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Oftentimes the difference between a successful business and one that fails is access to money. From overhead to inventory, running a profitable business regularly requires additional backing to cover unforeseen and even projected expenses. Many small businesses, particularly those founded by Black and Brown people, are often unaware of the expansive resources, including grants, loans, angel investors and venture capitalists, available within the community that are ripe for the picking.

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(l-to-r) Terell Johnson, Karim Webb and Marisa Johnson at La Create Sp_ce.

Enter La Create Space (stylized as La Create Sp_ce), founded by husband and wife team, Terell and Marisa Johnson, and their "Small Business Crawl" presented by Wells Fargo and hosted by Crowns & Hops founders, Beny Ashburn and Teo Hunter. Through a series of panels from May 16 to May 19, entrepreneurs were given unprecedented access to business resources to help create a scalable and profitable business.

Day 1: "Start, Grow & Pitch Your Small Business" was hosted at 1010 Wine And Events owned by sisters Leslie and LeAnn Jones. The panel featured Terry Gubatan from Vermont Slauson Economic Development Corporation (VSEDC) and Miki Reynolds from Grid 110.

Day 2: "Product Growth & Customer Engagement" was held at Sip and Sonder featuring co-owners Amanda-Jane Thomas and Shanita Nicholas.

Day 3: "Access to Capitol–The Unconventional Way" was hosted at The Hilltop, widely known for one of its equity partner's + co-owners being actress and producer Issa Rae. This day featured a panel with the cafe's co-owner + venture capitalist, Ajay Relañ and his Slauson & Co. venture capital partner, Austin Clements. Colette Moore from Pacific Coast Regional Small Business Development Corp (PCR) and Emma Kloppenburg from LISC (Local Initiatives Support Corporation) also served as panelists.

The week culminated at La Create Sp_ce featuring keynote speaker, serial entrepreneur and activist, Karim Webb, as well as a pitch competition where Javonne Sanders, founder of the salad company, Toss It Up, was awarded $2,000 cash and advertising credits from Meta.

Throughout the week, bankers from Wells Fargo were on hand to introduce themselves to attendees with the goal of helping to change the perception many people have when it comes to banking and applying for loans.

In regards to one of the common misconceptions that Black and Brown people have when it comes to money, Mario Holten, vice president of Social Impact and Sustainability at Wells Fargo, shared, "We don't apply, we don't ask, we don't go in confident, we don't tell people we have a business that needs funding because we assume that we're not going to get it. The [Small Business Crawl] space took the edge off in regards to talking about finances."

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Day one of the Small Business Crawl featuring Wells Fargo representatives Justine Gonzalez and Mario Holten, Terry Gubatan from VSEDC, Beny Ashburn of Crowns & Hops, Miki Reynolds from Grid 110, Leslie Jones, Co-Founder of 1010 Wines & Events, Marisa & Terell Johnson of La Create Sp_ce.

The former branch manager added, "Oftentimes, when people come into a bank they feel intimidated as opposed to saying, 'I've worked hard and I'm going to go in and be positive and even if I don't get approved, maybe I'll leave here with some resources.' When we go in with a negative mindset and count ourselves out, that prevents us from making the necessary strides that we could make. There are a lot of programs and opportunities out there if you talk about your business."

Speaking of programs, a major gem gleaned from the "Small Business Crawl" is that there are a plethora of CDFIs (Community Development Financial Institutions Funds) - including Vermont Slauson Economic Development Corp, Grid 110, PCR and LISC - that provide business coaching as well as accelerator programs, which culminate in the opportunity to apply for grants as well as loans with more flexible terms for repayment.

It would behoove most small business owners to go through these types of programs where they'll learn how to create financial projections including profit and loss statements and business plans that can result in securing the funding they need on a micro scale prior to approaching a bank.

Another integral aspect of a successful business is its presentation and your ability to not only sell your business via an elevator pitch, but also through a visually appealing marketing deck. Thomas and Nicholas of Sip & Sonder, who are both lawyers by trade, walked attendees through their pitch deck and what they learned over their year-long process to launch their coffee brand on Target.com.

Ashburn and Hunter, the founders of Crowns & Hops, the first Black woman, Black veteran owned Craft Beer Brand & Brewery, which was able to raise over $1 million dollars in crowdfunding, also presented their pitch deck, which did a phenomenal job in expounding upon who they are as individuals as well as their brand story. For newer brands that may not have garnered press attention or financial projections, they advised attendees to use the easiest resource at their disposal, social media.

"Make sure you have a business account on Instagram and include those analytics in your pitch deck," said Hunter. A month-over-month increase in followers, reach and engagement on social media are important stats to include when pitching your business.

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Javonne Sanders (center) presented with a $2,000 check after winning the Small Business Crawl pitch competition.

Once you've checked off the more laborious and formal aspects of securing funding, it's also imperative to remember that relationship building through networking events like the Small Business Crawl is a necessary component to growing a successful business. Regardless of what type of financial program you're applying to, there's a real person on the other side of the application who's often making decisions based on whether or not they can connect to a compelling story.

"It's really important for you to build those interpersonal connections. For people to find out who you are beyond what kind of business you have because they can use that information to plug you with other people who are doing the same thing, who you may be able to collab with," said Holten.

"And beyond the numbers, they may be able to help you find ways to grow your business or put it together," he added.

If you missed the Small Business Crawl, a replay of the panels will be made available to La Create Sp_ce's virtual community. Visit lacreatespace.com and @LaCreateSpace on Instagram to learn more.

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City and Faith Leaders Host Solidarity Vigil Against Hate

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City, community and faith leaders joined together to honor the lives lost to hate in a candlelight vigil hosted by the Civil + Human Rights and Equity Department (LA Civil Rights), and First AME Church on May 23.

The vigil, which included Mayor Eric Garcetti and other city leaders, comes after recent attacks in Buffalo, New York that killed ten people, all African-American, a shooting at a Taiwanese church in Laguna Woods, California that killed one and injured five others.

Tragedies continued on May 24, when 18 children and two adults were killed by an 18-year-old gunman who entered an at an elementary school in Uvalde, Texas.

"In Los Angeles, there is no room for hate and we denounce the plague of racism and violence that has taken so many lives," said Mayor Eric Garcetti. "We come together in sorrow and anger, but also with purpose — to commit to fighting back with the love and belonging that define our City of Angels."

"While our hearts are heavy in grief at the loss of the lives that were stolen from us in Buffalo and Laguna Woods, honoring each of the legacies they left behind is precisely how we even begin to combat prejudices and hate," said Councilmember Curren Price.

"Our country has reached a crossroad, where tolerance is fleeting and skin tones are weaponized; we must not allow ignorance to flourish and we certainly cannot go back to where we once were. Our differences are, after all, what makes us great. United we will always stand."

"We stand together with sorrow and loss that we are holding yet another vigil. We need to recognize this for what it is - a crisis of hate," said Councilmember Paul Koretz.

"Vigils like these are happening far too often here in California and across the country. Shootings and homicides have continued to surge since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, and Los Angeles has been no exception. With such staggering numbers and the sharp increase in hate crimes, this is yet another reason why I've been working for years to keep the most dangerous guns out of circulation and working to prevent those who are not legally allowed to possess them from having access to them."

LIZBETT CHAVEZ/MAYOR OF LA.

Mayor Eric Garcetti, center, was among the city and faith leaders participating in the vigil against hate held at First AME Church in South Los Angeles.

"We are hosting this vigil to honor the lives lost to hate in Buffalo and to create space for people to grieve, heal, and find community across cultures and across faiths," said Capri Maddox, executive director of the L.A. Civil Rights department.

"These deadly attacks were not isolated incidents. Hate crimes and racially motivated violence against many communities is rising in the U.S., including right here in Los Angeles. We need to stand together and make it known that when they come for one of us, they come for all of us."

The candlelight vigil in First A.M.E.'s chapel and parking lot included a reading of the names of those killed in recent hate-motivated attacks and a prayer led by different faith leaders. Attendees also included LAPD Chief Moore, leaders from the Christian, Catholic, Jewish, Muslim, Bahai and Episcopal faiths, African-American church leaders, as well as leaders from Asian American Advancing Justice-LA, Korean American Christian Coalition, and Women Against Gun Violence. The vigil provided a space for mourning, healing, and building solidarity against hate across cultures and faiths.

Hate-motivated attacks in the U.S. are at their highest level since 2001, and are continuing to rise both locally and nationally. Hate crimes increased statewide by 31% in 2020, driven primarily by a rise in anti-Black bias, according to the California Department of Justice. That same year, hate crimes in the City of Los Angeles also rose against Latinos, transgender individuals, and immigrants. Hate crimes against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the city more than doubled.

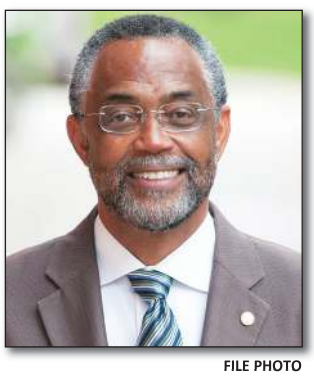
Resources were also shared from the LA Civil Rights Department's LA for All campaign, an anti hate PSA campaign in 18 languages that shares resources to report hate crimes and hate incidents in the city. Multi-colored posters let people know that if they see or experience a hate crime or incident, they can report it to LAPD or by calling 311 or 211.

City Council Passes Motion on Violence Against Black Women & Girls

Sentinel News Service

The Los Angeles City Council unanimously passed a motion on May 24, seeking an equity analysis on violence facing Black women and girls, citing the disproportionate number missing and murdered of Black women and girls in the United States.

The motion, introduced by Councilmembers Curren Price and Marqueece Harris-Dawson, seeks an equity analysis from the Civil + Human Rights and Equity Department (LA Civil Rights) and LAPD.



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Councilmember Curren Price

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Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson

The motion was introduced in January of this year, following the brutal murder of Tioni Theus, a 16-year-old Black girl whose body was found alongside the Manchester Avenue onramp to the 110 Freeway. Her murder remains unsolved.

"It's been 136 days since the lifeless body of Tioni Theus was left discarded on the side of the 110 Freeway, but for the Theus family it has been an eternal nightmare they will never wake up from," said Price. "I am pleased to see all of the collective forces in government standing united in the name of Tioni Theus and all of the other unnamed Black girls who have fallen victim to senseless acts of violence," Price added.

"All too often we don't see the cases of missing or murdered Black women and girls publicized in mainstream media. This erasure reinforces the racist notion that the lives of Black women and girls are of lesser value—or don't matter—in our society," said Harris-Dawson.

"This motion is an attempt to make other people quantify the stories and experiences we live. My hope is that once people understand the depth of this problem then we can start moving toward justice, including justice for Tioni Theus and her family."

The motion instructs the L.A. Civil Rights Department, led by Executive Director Capri Maddox, with the assistance of the LAPD, to publish an equity analysis on violence and crime facing Black women and girls in the City of Los Angeles, the rate at which homicides and violent crimes against them are solved, how missing persons cases involving Black women and girls are handled, and policy recommendations for providing equity and justice for these victims and their families.

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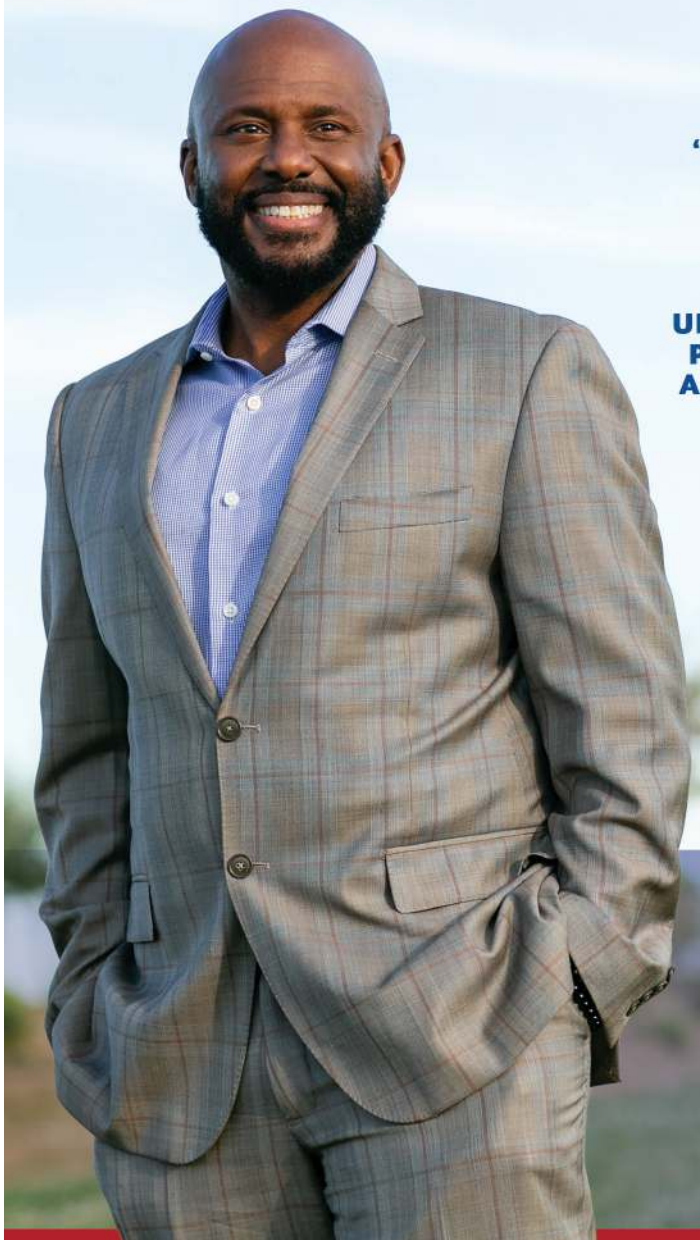

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'State of Eighth District' Report Shares Inspiring Vision for CD 8

By Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson
Contributing Writer

The people of South Los Angeles have been impacted by three years of crisis: a pandemic that tested every system designed to protect us, police brutality we haven't seen since the 1960s and an economic upheaval that evoked the long food lines of the 1930s.

For many of us, the chaos began four years earlier with the Trump administration. Our systems buckled to the point of breaking. We sent our working-class neighbors to work in grocery stores and as caretakers without financial or physical protection.

What our national culture deemed as "essential" was, in fact, expendable. Collectively, these years left us with a sense of betrayal and vulnerability, and for those of us in the Eighth District, a sense of uncertainty. The lesson learned, "We do not rise to the level of our goals. We fall to the level of our systems."

Every action we take is a vote for what we want our community to become. Our vision is both inspirational and aspirational. For the close-knit community of South Los Angeles, the desire to make everything better for everyone — not just ourselves — is at the core of our demands from city departments and the people we elect to serve.

My team and I took action and continued working throughout the stay-at-home orders to address these new concerns and the system failures that have plagued us for generations. We implemented community-based goals around housing, public safety, rebuilding our social networks, and improving our streetscapes as we acclimated to the realities of the pandemic. The result of this work can be seen across the Eighth District.

Our Senior Meals program kept thousands of seniors fed and hundreds of South L.A. businesses afloat during the pandemic. In addition, while preparing for the lifting of the quarantine, we were able to open two new swimming pools and facilities at Algin Sutton and Van Ness Recreation Centers. These neighborhoods hadn't had a pool in 20 years — a generation robbed of a necessary life skill, a family activity and memories.

We continued our work on homeless housing, Chesterfield Square, a permanent supportive housing development for seniors, will receive its first residents in August. Three additional homeless housing developments will come online by the end of the year — providing shelter for hundreds of families, seniors, and veterans.

Our office diverted funds from LAPD (Reimagine funds) that were deployed in two major programs. Basic Income Guaranteed: Los Angeles Economic Assistance Pilot (Big-LEAP) is a $3.2 million pilot program that empowers families with $1,000 per month for a year to make financial decisions for themselves.

My team and I established a $4.2 million community grants initiative to expand and continue the work of our service organizations that provide:

- Youth development programming
- Domestic violence intervention
- Access to mental health care
- Arts programming
- Community-driven public safety
- And community clean-ups

So far, we've supported 14 organizations throughout the district with nearly $1 million of direct funding.

Dialogue-building is key to how we represent and advocate for the improvements in our community and ensure every voice is heard. My team directly engaged hundreds of people, business owners, renters, and homeowners, to address our infrastructure concerns. Items such as street lights, water pipes, electrical systems, medians, and sidewalks along our main streets are in a state of disrepair and at odds with our well-kept residential areas.

Through Western Our Way (WOW), a project along Western Avenue between Martin Luther King Boulevard and Century Boulevard, traffic will slow down to mitigate car accidents along this high injury network.

The Manchester/Broadway project area spans seven blocks, east to west along Manchester Avenue and 33 blocks along South Broadway. It includes improvements to sidewalks, new bus benches and planters, upgrades to the medians, and street lighting.

In March, we broke ground on the Rail to River project, which runs 8.3 miles alongside Slauson. It will provide dedicated walking and cycling paths and connections to communities, schools, and Metro transportation hubs. These infrastructure projects address decades of disinvestment and total $235 million of investment in our neighborhoods.

My office strives to be attentive and dynamic in responding to community concerns. During the last year, in partnership with 311 and Los Angeles Community Corps, we responded to 17,289 calls regarding bulky item removals, 5,291 illegal dumping calls, and 3,783 graffiti removal calls.

The streets we share must be clean and safe. For the past five years, Council District Eight has had one of the highest 311 reporting rates in the city — underscoring the need for equitable services and residents' commitment to creating the neighborhood they deserve.

Last summer, as we began to gradually come out of our homes, my staff and I made it possible for neighbors to come together again in safe spaces. There were day camp opportunities for our youth in every park in the district, offering, gardening, dance classes, sports, art, and yoga.

This summer, we will bring back our family-friendly programming with Movies in the Park, the annual Jazz Festival at St. Andrews Park, and we are adding a swim party as well. For families to feel comfortable participating in these activities, we've invested in community safety programming, including safe passages, community safety partnerships, community intervention workers doing outreach to intervene before trouble starts, and additional sanitation clean-ups.

The neighborliness of the diverse cultures which make up this district instructs us to "look out for each other," and we do. Being together at events like these strengthen the fabric of our community.

As a resident of South L.A., I know we want to live near our families and friends, close to our jobs, with affordable rent or mortgage payments. So, we insist that our main boulevards reflect the same care we take with the streets and avenues we call home. When things break, we want reasonably fast response times, trash to be picked up and sidewalks safe enough for our children and grandmothers to walk.

We are a community imbued with pride and steeped in activism. We fight to preserve the history of South Central Los Angeles, and for our future, we fight for the equity in services we deserve. We are so proud to call this place home, we shout out its street names on our shirts and hoodies. We are capitalizing on this moment of uncertainty and turning it into a moment of opportunity. We are South L.A. Strong.

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Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson greets a guest at the Mother's Day gathering.

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Community members join the Harris-Dawson at the opening of the Van Ness Pool.

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CD 8 staff prepares to participate in the 2022 homeless count.

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Harris-Dawson and Rep. Karen Bass meet with contractors at a supportive housing site.

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Kaiser Permanente

With Memorial Day approaching, and many people looking forward to spending more time outdoors walking, biking, hiking, camping and swimming, we cannot forget an important fact: too much ultraviolet radiation exposure from the sun is hazardous to your health.

Indeed, it can cause skin cancer, a potentially deadly disease that afflicts approximately 9,500 people in the U.S. each day.

People of all ethnic groups are vulnerable to getting skin cancer, including people of color, many of whom wrongly think they are immune to skin cancer due to their dark skin. In addition, a 2016 study in the Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology noted that melanoma, a form of skin cancer that affects all ethnic groups, is more frequently detected in later stages in Black men and women than in any other ethnic group. This can lead to a worse skin cancer prognosis and higher mortality rates.

"It is true that people with black or brown skin may have more tolerance for direct sun light and are less likely to get skin cancer, but they are definitely not immune," said Dr. Linda Tolbert, regional chief of dermatology at Kaiser Permanente Southern California, who is African American.

"Anyone can get skin cancer, so it's smart for all of us to protect our skin from UV radiation to lessen the risk, including people of color."

Skin cancer is the most common cancer in the United States, according to the American Academy of Dermatology. Current estimates are that one in five Americans will develop skin cancer in their lifetime.

Though people of color are less likely to become afflicted with skin cancer, they are much more likely to die from it due to delay in detection or presentation, according to the National Library of Medicine. Very often, skin cancer is diagnosed at a more advanced stage in people of color, making treatment more difficult.

One of the best ways for everyone to protect your skin when outdoors is using sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of 30 or higher, and it should be regularly reapplied. This includes every 1-2 hours when in the water or when sweating, Dr. Tolbert noted.

People of color are not immune to skin cancer due to darker skin. (COURTESY PHOTO)

Additionally, there are other steps you should take to protect your skin. They include:

- Avoiding the sun during its peak hours from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Understanding that sand, water and snow can reflect 85% of the sun's rays.
- Protecting your eyes by wearing sunglasses capable of blocking 99% of UVA and UVB radiation.
- Wearing loose-fitting, long-sleeved clothing to cover much of your skin whenever possible.
- Wearing clothing with the UPF label that helps protect against UV radiation.
- Completely shielding the skin of babies younger than 6 months from the sun because their skin is more sensitive.

The Importance of Self-Examination

Dr. Tolbert encourages everyone to examine their skin periodically as early detection is critically important to successfully treating skin cancer.

"Look for new spots or growths on your skin that are changing," she said. "Look for spots that may be growing, itching or bleeding. That could be an early sign of skin cancer that can occur even in sun-protected places, like the soles of our feet. If you detect any red flags, have your skin checked by a medical practitioner."

There are great free resources online regarding skin cancer and prevention, including videos and tips for self-exams, including at www.aad.org. Kaiser Permanente also offers tips on skin cancer prevention, as well as care instructions.

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Olympians Rosalyn and Breanna Clark Featured at Strawberry Festival

By Cora Jackson-Fossett
Interim Managing Editor

Leimert Park residents Rosalyn Bryant Clark and Breanna Clark are among the featured celebrities appearing at the 62nd Annual Garden Grove Strawberry Festival.

The event kicks-off Friday, May 27, at 1 p.m., and continues on May 28-29, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Monday, May 30, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. The free festival will be held at Village Green Park located at Main Street and Euclid Street in Garden Gove.

From left are Rosalyn Bryant Clark and Breanna Clark. (COURTESY PHOTO)

The Clarks, a talented mother and daughter, are renowned for their accomplishments on the track field with both winning big at Olympics. Rosalyn scored a silver medal in the 1976 Montreal Olympics as a member of the 1600-meter relay team. She trained Breanna, who won the gold medal in the 400-meter dash during the 2016 Rio Paralympics.

Both of the track stars will participate in the festival's opening ceremony on Friday at 6 p.m. as well as in the parade and autograph session on Saturday at 10 a.m. In addition, they will be part of several events and attractions highlighting the festival over the Memorial Day weekend.

The attractions include a VIP pancake breakfast, five contests with prizes, 18 game booths, and 33 carnival rides. Also scheduled are a Jaguar car show, performances by several bands and 153 food vendors.

"We look forward to welcoming everyone back to our annual free admission festival. [We are] mindful and in compliance with state and local current COVID 19 health protocols, and as such, we will be installing cleansing stations throughout the festival grounds for the general public's safety attending our event this year," said Patrick Catlin, president of the Garden Grove Strawberry Festival Association.

To learn more, visit strawberryfestival.org.

Let Me Tell You About Sam

By Bonnie Boswell
Contributing Writer

In December 2021, I interviewed Sam Lewis, the executive director of ARC, the Anti-Recidivism Coalition in DTLA, for a story I was doing for "Bonnie Boswell Reports" on preventing recidivism among women.

As I high school student, I'd become aware of the disparity in the treatment of women, minorities, youth, and the poor within the criminal justice system. I wanted to know how Sam became involved in ARC.

"By the time I was 18, I'd been shot twice, stabbed and my mother's house had been shot up," said Sam. "It was the 1980s, and L.A. was considered the gang capital of the country. I was a teenager, a high school drop-out and had been sentenced to a life sentence in prison."

Sam continued, "I could barely read and write when I got to prison, and when I got there, I accepted my fate." But then something happened. One day, Sam's seven-year old daughter came to visit him. This particular time, she saw him behind the plexiglass in shackles.

"I saw the fear in her eyes," he said. "My daughter had one request," he said, "Please don't get in trouble anymore so I can hug you. That shook me to my core," said Sam. "I vowed to become a changed man." And he did.

Sam gained an education while he was incarcerated, even though college programs weren't offered at the time. Then, after 24 years in prison and nine trips made to the parole board, he was finally released in 2012.

Bonnie Boswell (COURTESY PHOTO)

He determined to find a way to change the justice system from one that, "punishes and traumatizes" to one that "helps and heals." He eventually met Scott Budnick, the founder of ARC. Sam then began to work for ARC as a life coach and eventually became the executive director. The result has been tremendous.

ARC has programs that work within prisons and jails preparing people for re-entry. They offer housing, opportunities to learn building trades, get substance abuse counseling, a ride home from jail, retreats and, importantly, ARC has been involved in policy changes - changes like supporting passage of a law that prohibits 14 and 5-year-olds from being tried in adult court. A

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Smith Named Pastor of Gethsemane Christian Love M.B. Church

By Cora Jackson-Fossett
Religion Editor

As he's done throughout his ministry, the Rev. Byron Smith, Sr., heeded the direction of the Lord, which resulted in his recent installation as the new pastor of Gethsemane Christian Love Missionary Baptist Church in South Los Angeles.

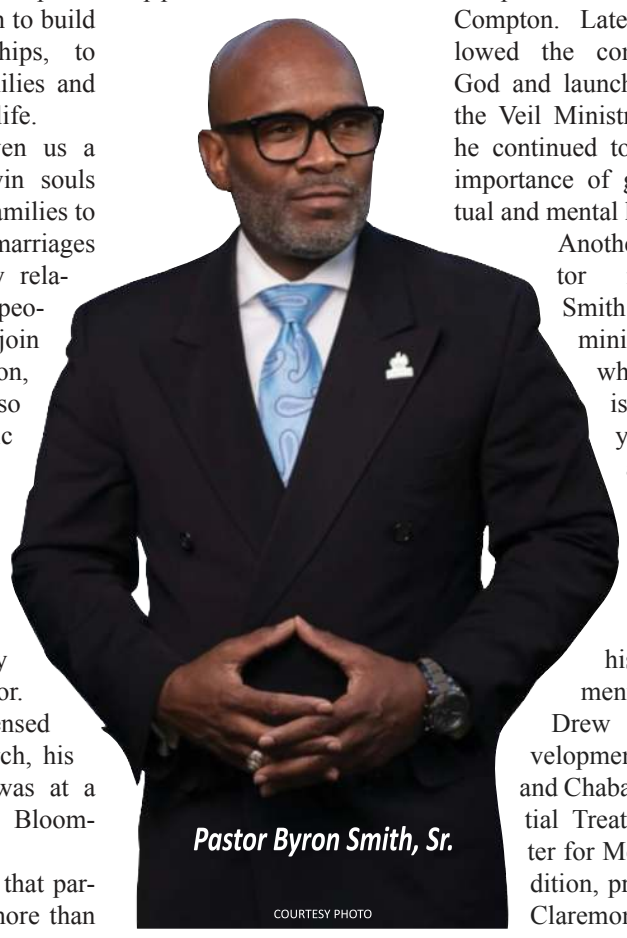
Excited about serving as the spiritual leader of the mid-size congregation, Smith considers the appointment as a great opportunity to serve the people of God as well as spread the Gospel message to those without a church home. Also, he aims to help all who attend to develop a stronger relationship with Christ - spiritually, mentally and emotionally.

"Gethsemane Christian Love is more than just a fellowship," explained Smith. "It's a church that offers spirituality as well as psychology to help the totality of a person to build healthy relationships, to build healthy families and to build a healthy life.

"God has given us a commission to win souls to Christ, to win families to Christ, to build marriages and build healthy relationships so that people can not only join a spiritual institution, but they can also receive therapeutic services," he said.

Smith's holistic approach to ministry stems from the experience he gained during his nearly 25 years as a pastor. Ordained and licensed in the CME Church, his first assignment was at a small mission in Bloomington, Illinois.

After growing that parish from two to more than 100 members, Smith was appointed to other churches including Curry Temple CME Church in Compton. Later, he followed the command of God and launched Lifting the Veil Ministries, where he continued to teach the importance of good spiritual and mental health.


Pastor Byron Smith, Sr.
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Another factor influencing Smith's desire to minister to the whole person is his many years as an adjunct professor and mental health clinician along with his involvement with Drew Child Development Center and Chabad Residential Treatment Center for Men. In addition, professors at Claremont School of Theology, Azusa Pacific University, Argosy University, and Antioch University provided considerable guidance and instruction in strategies to aid both believers and nonbelievers.

"God has really allowed for me to acquire the skill set to deal with congregations, not only from the spiritual side, but also from the emotional and mental side," Smith said.

"And so, the vision that I have is to use those gifts in a collaboration with the vision that God has given me to meet people where they are and encourage them to develop a relationship or closer walk with God through Christ Jesus," he shared.

Even though he's been a pastor for a quarter-century and faced a range of ups-and-downs, Smith remains enthusiastic about his calling to the ministry. In fact, he said that his deep connection with God continuously motivates him to tell others about the goodness of the Lord.

"One of the things that really keeps me going is my relationship with God. God has shown me what He will do if I put him first and that's always embedded in my heart and in my spirit," said the pastor.

"And I truly believe that God blesses us in multiple phases of our lives to be a blessing to other people and that keeps me grounded and inspires me to always seek to meet the greater need as it relates to God's people, as a relates to the community and as it relates to our society."

Gethsemane Christian Love Missionary Baptist Church is located at 9616 S. Avalon Boulevard in Los Angeles. For information, call (323) 779-6493 or visit the church's Facebook page.

Love, Peace and Happiness Plans Living Word Conference

Sentinel News Service

Bishop Leon Martin and the Love, Peace and Happiness Family Christian Fellowship Church will host their Annual Living Word Conference starting Thursday, June 2, through Sunday, June 5. The gathering takes place at the edifice located at 4951 South Figueroa Street in Los Angeles.

The theme is "Discovering the Key to Victorious Living." The agenda includes workshops each day at 6 p.m., followed by the worship service at 7 p.m.

"This conference will be like none other as it will not be a traditional conference. Rather, it will be an anointed and glorious time of fellowship as the Spirit of God flows and rejuvenate the body of Christ," said Bishop Martin.

"An invitation is extended to everyone to be a part of this spirit-filled occasion that is guaranteed to revive your spirit.

"Each night, the living word of God will be poured forth!"

The conference speakers will be Apostle Charles Aldridge, Pastor Janet Rodgers and Bishop Lonnie Hogan. The culminating service will be June 5, at 11 a.m., with the keynote message by Pastor Jerry Martin of Light of the World Christian Fellowship in Humble, Texas.

Also, special guest artists will perform during the conference along with the Love, Peace and Happiness Mass Choirs.

"We invite you to be our special guests and hear what the Lord has for you and the change that He is ready to make in your life. We look forward to seeing you and your families there," said the bishop.

For more information, call (800) 757-6552 or visit www.lphfamily.org.

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Bishop Leon Martin

Words of the Week – Remember Your Faith

By Rev. Dr. Michael W. Eagle.
Contributing Writer

Scripture: II Timothy 1:5 (NLT)

Here, the Apostle Paul is sending a gentle, yet encouraging word and reminder to his "son in the faith," Timothy, to remember his faith. It's a personal letter from one who generally wrote epistles and it gives us a unique and private perspective of the feelings and insecurities that both men share.

They were close in their relationship – close in comradeship, close in ministry, close in their feelings about Christ! They had cried together when they parted – these two men were close.

Paul had circumcised Timothy so he would be more acceptable to his detractors – they were close! They had ministered together. Out of three "sons in the ministry," the closest to Paul was Timothy.

If anyone was to take over behind Paul – it was Timothy. Paul wanted him to visit, but Timothy did not want to go, even though they were close!

Timothy was ministering in Ephesus. Paul was writing from a damp, cold prison cell under Emperor Nero in Rome. Paul was alone and lonely; his mind guarded and unguarded; his spirit stable and unstable; both fearful and confident in his outlook and intentions, but needed someone to visit who knew his story, knew his journey, and knew his aspirations, objectives, and fears.

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Rev. Dr. Michael W. Eagle

Just then, Paul needed a trustworthy person who would not judge, but inspire, who would not see his desire as a weakness, but as a human being alone in a damp cold prison who longed for his "son in the ministry" to visit. Timothy did not go!

Have you ever been in a place and a time where you wanted someone to listen and be there for you and not judge? Have you ever been in a place where you needed someone close to you who knew your situation, was aware of your circumstances; knew you were vulnerable, fearful, and doubtful?

That was the Apostle Paul - the one who wrote most of the books of the New Testament, one who was snake bitten, stoned, jailed, and left for dead for his convictions. He gave, but here he needed to receive, and Timothy did not want to go!

Paul needed to vent, exhale, and have company just sit there with him, listen, and acknowledge his discomfort! But Timothy did not want to go!

I wonder if anybody here knows what it is like needing someone, wanting someone and they just don't want to go! You need a personal letter of encouragement; a hand on a shoulder, a pat on the back, a kick in the "you know what!"

You need a smile, a physical presence that somebody is listening and is aware you are going through something! Not for self-pity, but for self-healing.

Paul needs Timothy's strong, faithful presence and to be unafraid to take over, so he adds a little pressure. In verses 3-5, Paul says, "Timothy, I thank God for you and constantly remember you in my prayers. I long to see you again for I remember your tears as we parted. I will be filled with joy when we are together again. I remember your genuine faith that first filled your grandmother, Lois, and mother, Eunice. And I know that same faith continues strong in you."

Timothy was a second-generation Christian, who was taught the Holy Scriptures (the Old Testament) at an early age and Paul reminds him in II Timothy 3:14, "But you must remain faithful to the things you have been taught. You know they are true, for you know you can trust those who taught you. You have been taught the Holy Scriptures from childhood, and they have given you the wisdom to receive the salvation that comes by trusting in Christ Jesus."

We learn early in life about fear and doubt. We learn much later about the intricacies of faith.

We learn of faith when events in life knock on our door. We grow into learning! Faith becomes our learned behavior:

We learn while struggling with ideologies of critical race theory, White replacement theory, and a mother's right to choose! We learn while attempting to understand racist perpetrators who would deliberately target, non-suspecting human beings who were grocery shopping and minding their own business!

We learn after devilish gun attacks on children in schools and worshippers in the sanctuary of churches! We learn after attempted government takeovers, political uprisings, and stirred-up hate speech!

We learn how special it is to have mommas and grandmas, who though didn't know a lot – they knew how to pray, "Our Father who art in heaven hallowed be thy name…"

They knew how to say, "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside still waters, and He restores my soul. He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk…"

Thank you, Lord, for mommas and grandmommas who teach, "If God is for me, it doesn't matter who is against me!"

It made us smile – It picked us up, turned us around, and placed our feet on.

Thank you, Lord, for mommas and grandmothers who teach, "I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me." Thank you, Lord, for mommas and grandmothers who teach, "All things are possible with God!"

Thank you, Lord, for mothers and grandmothers who teach, "Momma may have, papa may have, but God bless the child that has his own." Remember your faith, Timothy! Remember your faith!

Through faith we can: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and all else can be added unto us!"

Through faith we can: "Seek and you will find; ask and it will be given; knock and the door will be open." Through faith we can take comfort: "He sits high and looks low" and "never leaves the righteous forsaken or its seed begging for bread."

Through faith, we learn you can say, "Move mountain and it will be moved! Faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things unseen." Faith is power without limitations!

Keep your faith in the Father, faith in the Son, and faith in the Holy Spirit! Remember your faith. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

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African Liberation Day and the Nguzo Saba:Principles and Practices for Liberating Struggle

On behalf of the African American Cultural Center (Us), we send greetings of solidarity and increased and continuing struggle to all African peoples throughout the world African community, and all oppressed, struggling and freedom-seeking peoples in the world on this African Liberation Day, May 25, in its 59th year of founding in Addis Abba 1963 by the Organization of African Unity.

Let us begin as we always do at every important event with rightful homage to our honored ancestors. We thus offer tambiko, sacred words and water, to those who opened the way for our movement forward, who are the bridges that carried us over, and who lifted up the light that lasts, our deepest and most defining moral and spiritual values.

Let it be said of us, we honor them through our still standing steadfast in struggle, still speaking truth to the people and to power, still cutting and burning through the fog and forest of falsehood, fear-mongering, racist rant, and the oppressor's inanities about their god giving them the right to plunder and oppress the world and all in it.

And let it be said we did not falter or lose faith, turn our backs on our Blackness, or let ourselves be seduced by the siren songs of the oppressor, promising a deforming and degrading comfortable place in oppression.

The struggle for African liberation, the liberation of African people of the world has been a long, difficult, dangerous, deadly and demanding one. But this is the choice our ancestors made and left us as legacy to embrace and extend. It is a fundamental struggle, for as Haji Malcolm taught, "freedom is essential to life" and without freedom we can never satisfy our material needs, know our true selves or flourish and come into the fulness of ourselves.

Also, as Nana Amilcar Cabral taught our liberation struggles have "a deep significance for both Africa and the world" and thus we must "regard ourselves as deeply committed to our people and committed to every just cause in the world" also. Indeed, as we say in Kawaida, our ultimate goal is to achieve, secure and increase African and human good and the well-being of the world.

African liberation is not only a world-encompassing project, but also a living practice of our daily lives. It is about the way we live our lives, do our work and wage our struggles to resist oppression, build and push our lives forward and achieve freedom, secure justice and expand the struggle for good in and for the world.

Since the 1960s, our organization Us has taught that our struggle is a dual one: a struggle to be ourselves and to free ourselves. And we know we cannot free ourselves if we don't be ourselves, but we can only be ourselves if we fully free ourselves.

This is why we argued then and now that the quality of our lives and the success of our liberation struggle depend upon our waging cultural revolution within and political revolution without, resulting in the radical reconception and reconstruction of self, society and the world. It is at this point that Haji Sekou Toure calls for full re-Africanization, recover their own conscience, reconvert ourselves in their

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thoughts and practices to the values, the conditions and interests of Africa." Also, Haji Malcolm taught that "until we recapture our identity and heritage (as African people)(, we can never break the bonds of white supremacy."

The Nguzo Saba, an African value system, offer us an African foundation and framework for how we live our lives, do our work in the world and wage our struggles for liberation and ever higher levels of human life. They begin with the principle of Umoja (unity) which cultivates in us a sense of togetherness in life, work and struggle.

It reminds us, as Nana Osagyefo Kwame Nkrumah taught, that the solution to our problem and the success of our liberation struggle begins with unity. He says, "It is clear that we must find an African solution to our problems and that this can only be found in African unity. Divided we are weak (but Africa united could become one of the greatest forces for good in the world."

The second principle Kujichagulia (Self-Determination) teaches us that we must think our own thoughts, be rooted in our own culture, and control the space we occupy. We must be independent of others' control and undue influence.

As Nana Cabral says, it is quest of the total sovereignty of our people, their right and will "to construct for themselves in peace and dignity, by expending their own efforts and sacrifices, marching on their own feet and guided by their own minds, (achieving) the progress to which they have a right like all the peoples of the world."

The third principle Ujima (Collective Work and Responsibility) teaches us we must together build the strong community, the just society and the good world we all want and deserve to live in. Here it is important to realize that this principle supports a concrete Pan-Africanism, a practice of unity and common work and struggle of Africans everywhere and on every front.

It recognizes Haji Malcolm's teaching that "wherever Black people are is a battleline." And that battleline can be in various forms of confrontation with the established order or can be the battle, the self-conscious struggle, to serve our people in the midst of oppression and resistance, especially in this time of the pandemic of covid-19 and the horrific efforts of climate change, such as drought, famine, flood and death.

The principle of Ujamaa (Cooperative Economics) reaffirms the central moral imperative of shared work and shared wealth. It is a central concern that the human person or people are each worthy of the best lives possible. It means struggle constantly to secure the necessities of life for our people everywhere. It means building the people's capacity as Nana Wangari Maathai says, so that they can "make decisions on their own for benefit of the community, their country and the environment that sustains them."

Here the projection of both the people and the environment from plunder and waste in the capitalist and consumerist mindless and immoral pursuit of wealth. For as Nana Mwalimu Julius Nyerere taught, "There are more important things in life than the amassing of riches and if the pursuit of wealth clashes with thinks like human dignity and social equality the latter (must) be given priority."

Also, the principle and practice of Ujamaa rejects capitalist, corporate and predatory appropriation of African lands and resources, supports debt cancellation, reparations and recovery of stolen cultural and economic treasures and the wealth being returned to the peoples of Africa.

The fifth principle of Nia (Purpose) tells us that with work and struggle of an African renaissance on the continent, but also throughout the world African community. It fosters the vision and call of Nana Marcus Garvey who said he saw emerging from our self-conscious work and struggle "a new world of Black people, a notion of sturdy people making their impression of civilization and causing a new light to dawn on humanity."

The sixth principle Kuumba (Creativity) calls on us to do always as much as we can in the way we can in order to leave our community more beautiful and beneficial than we inherited it. And that community is our local, national and world community as well as the world as a whole.

As Nana Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune taught, our task is not simply to liberate ourselves, "Our task is to remake the world." We must, Kawaida teaches, think new thoughts and image new ways of being African and human and bring them into being.

Finally, the principle of Imani (Faith) calls on us to believe in our people and in the righteousness and victory of our struggle. We constantly stress love of and belief in the masses of our people. Indeed, Nana Bethune taught "the measure of our progress as a race is in perceive relation to the depth of the faith in our people held by our leaders."

And Nana Garvey tells us that we must stay steadfast in the struggle, strong in faith, courage and commitment which he defines as "wholeness of belief overshadowing all suspicion, all doubt, admitting no question, to serve without regret or disgust, to oblige oneself to that which is promised and expected, to keep one's word and do our duty well and never say die and never give up."

Likewise, Nana Osagyefo Nkrumah tells us to have faith in and rely on the capacity of the masses for liberation. He says, "if for a whole the imperialists appear to be gaining ground, we must not be discouraged. For time is on our side."

He assures us that it is the righteous and relentless resistance of the masses that "is the deciding factor and no power on earth can prevent its ultimate decisive effect in the revolutionary struggle" to bring into being a new world and history of humankind.

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A Window into Rick Caruso's Soul

Rick Caruso's attack ads on Karen Bass manipulate her image. (COURTESY PHOTO)

They say the eyes are the window into a person's soul. But when it comes to Rick Caruso, his negative political ads are. And the view isn't pretty.

As a political consultant, I'm no stranger to the negative ad or the creative use of photoshop. Over the years, I've placed opposing candidates' heads on the bodies of everything from frogs to puppies. But I wasn't doing it to be mean. Instead, I was using satire to point out that one candidate was a "job hopper" and the other a political "lapdog."

Using humor and metaphor in political advertising is fair game and even enjoyable to voters tired of the endless stream of repetitive ads that flood our airways every election cycle, turning Election Day into Groundhog's Day.

There is, however, a line in political advertising candidates should not cross: Never take an image of a person of color and manipulate it into a grotesque, almost demonic figure— darkening and dehumanizing that opponent to the point viewers can't even see their eyes.

But that's precisely what Rick Caruso has done to Karen Bass in, not just one, but each of his attack ads. Perhaps he believes that if we can't see her eyes, we won't see her humanity, and it will be easier to vote against someone who isn't a real person. But his mean-spirited attempt to obscure Karen's humanity has only revealed his disturbing lack thereof.

It's instructive to note that while Rick Caruso's commercials are flooding our airwaves, there's another negative ad against Karen Bass getting significant airtime. This ad, paid for by the L.A. Police Protective League, pulls no punches in its attacks on Karen Bass's record. And yet, while we can argue about the accuracy and fairness of their attacks, even the police union was sensitive enough to leave Karen Bass's image alone.

But not Rick Caruso. He feels compelled to go that extra step and deface her physical image too. You have to ask yourself: is Caruso's argument so weak that it requires photographic manipulation?

I would like to believe Caruso's team, at the very least, would have advised against such a depiction. Ripping a page out of the anti-Obama playbook

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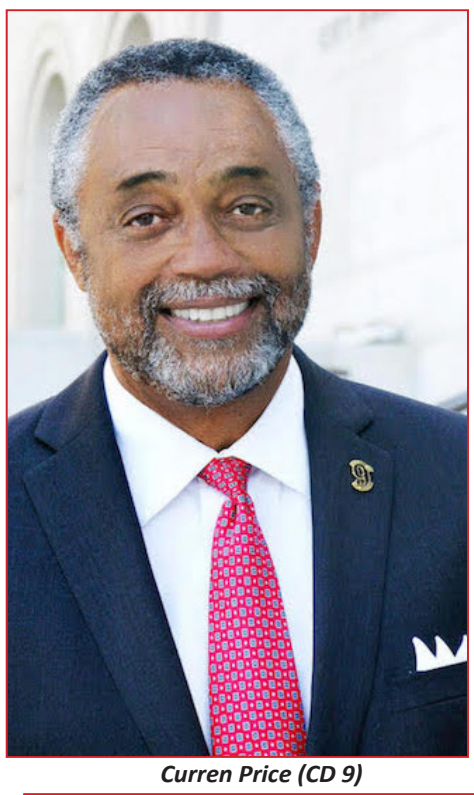

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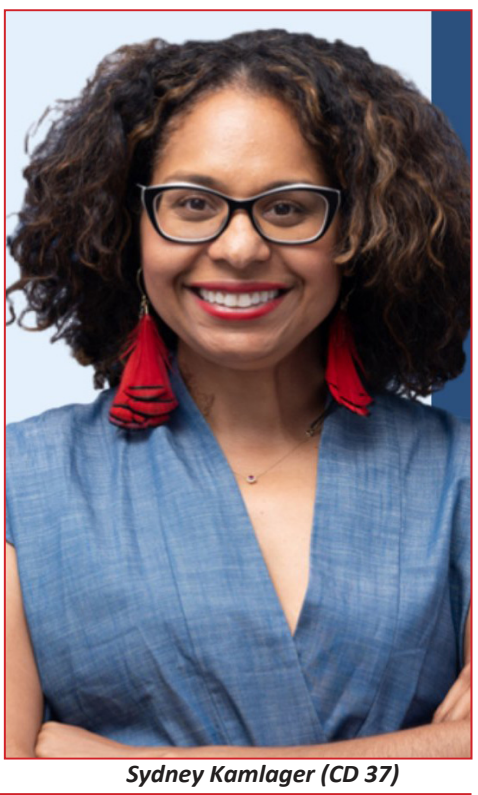

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Forgiving for Living

It's Better to Light a Candle than to Curse the Darkness

Life teaches us many lessons. Some of these lessons are universal and affect you regardless of your age, sex, religion, place of birth or financial status.

One of these lessons is nobody gets out alive, we are all appointed to die. Another life lesson is that at some point, we are going to experience pain, suffering or hurt. Another way to say this is, in life there will be some darkness.

Darkness is a metaphor for evil, ignorance, hard-times or wickedness. The unfortunate reality is that some of us have grown comfortable in the dark. It seems that darkness is more familiar and an easier place to be.

How can we transform darkness to light in our lives? In life lighting a candle might mean seeking help for your addiction, asking a friend or family member for help, going to the doctor for a test, seek counseling for a mental health issue, leaving a toxic relationship or forgiving yourself or forgiving someone else. When darkness has entered my life, the way I lit my candle was trusting God to do the right thing at the right time for His glory and my good. The reality is there is a delicate balance between darkness and light in our lives.

Most people do not enjoy problems and struggles. Most of us prefer sunshine, blue skies, rainbows, and a gentle breeze in life. But when life's troubles rears its ugly head and things get hard, it is often easier to curse the darkness than to do what it takes to light a candle and shed light on the issue.

Too many of us would rather fix the blame rather than fix the problem. There is a myth that ostriches bury their heads in the sand. The truth of the matter is that ostriches are not able to build nests in trees, so

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Let's Talk About Love – *Part 1*

We can ask ourselves from which perspective do we look at love? How do we define love? How does love look? Would you recognize love if you saw love or experienced love?

Love is viewed from many perspectives. Love is even coupled with some of the most atrocious and ungodly acts, such as, "I just loved him/her to death" (literally) or "I will sacrifice my child to a god that I made with my mind and/or with my hands and I love my god."

If a person commits such abominable acts, that's not the kind of love that is from God. It's a distortion of what is real love. Some persons might say, "Oh! I love my garden" or "I love that kind of food" or "I love my car" or "I love my house…. a sexually intimate partner."

Can you apply love equally to any of these? How about throwing in, "I love my children…. I love my husband….I love my wife." You can go on and on. You might remember these lyrics, "I wanna know what love is. I want you to show me."

The Song of Solomon (a poem in celebration of love) offers a corrective to the sexual confusion and erotic excesses of our day. It gives a positive ideal to pursue, a portrait of married love. It is the epitome of what God has put into His exquisite, creation design of love between a man and a woman and the promise inherent within this design of a lifelong relationship.

Song of Solomon portrays romantic love that is neither obscene nor ashamed. It's a beautiful picture of what we can aspire to, long for and

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 22VECP00255
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petition of: Jesus Hurtado Marquez for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner Jesus Hurtado Marquez filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Jesus Hurtado Marquez to J. Jesus Hurtado Marquez
The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
Notice of Hearing:
Date: June 30, 2022, Time: 8:30 AM, Dept.: W, Room: 610
The address of the court is 6230 Sylmar Ave, Van Nuys, CA 91401
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Los Angeles Sentinel
Date: May 16, 2022
Virginia Keeny
Judge of the Superior Court
5/26, 6/2, 6/9, 6/16/22
CNS-3588752#
LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 22NWCP00169
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petition of: Margaret Rose Greenberg for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner Margaret Rose Greenberg filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Margaret Rose Greenberg to Megan Rose Alvarez Greenberg
Margaret Rose Alvarez to Megan Rose Alvarez Greenberg
The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
Notice of Hearing:
Date: 06/27/2022, Time: 10:30 AM, Dept.: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd, Norwalk, CA 90650
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Los Angeles Sentinel
Date: 04/27/2022
MARGARET M. BERNAL
Judge of the Superior Court
5/19, 5/26, 6/2, 6/9/22
CNS-3587571#
LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 22SMCP00089
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petition of: Michael Anthony Gonzalez for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner Michael Anthony Gonzalez filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Michael Anthony Gonzalez to Michael Anthony Zeta Gonzalez
The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
Notice of Hearing:
Date: June 24, 2022, Time: 8:30 A.M., Dept.: K, Room: A-203
The address of the court is 1725 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Los Angeles Sentinel
Date: May 12, 2022
Lawrence H. Cho
Judge of the Superior Court
5/19, 5/26, 6/2, 6/9/22
CNS-3587376#
LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 22SMCP00195
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petition of: Sayed Mehdi Ghasemi for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner Sayed Mehdi Ghasemi filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Sayed Mehdi Ghasemi to Nathan Astor
The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
Notice of Hearing:
Date: 07-01-22, Time: 8:30 AM, Dept.: K, Room:
The address of the court is 1725 Main St., Santa Monica, 90401
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Los Angeles Sentinel
Date: May 10, 2022
Hon Lawrence Cho
Judge of the Superior Court
5/19, 5/26, 6/2, 6/9/22
CNS-3587371#
LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 22SMCP00183
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petition of: Keiser Cano for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner Keiser Cano filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Keiser Cano to Alfonso Cano III
The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
Notice of Hearing:
Date: 6/10/22, Time: 8:30 AM, Dept.: K
The address of the court is 1725 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Los Angeles Sentinel
Date: 4/27/22
Lawrence H. Cho
Judge of the Superior Court
5/12, 5/19, 5/26, 6/2/22
CNS-3585363#
LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 22CHCP00140
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petition of: Maricela Jimenez, Diego Pineda, a minor by and through his parent Maricela Jimenez for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner Maricela Jimenez, Christopher Hernandez, Diego Pineda filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Maricela Jimenez to Maricela Lazarit
Diego Pineda to Diego Pineda Lazarit
The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
Notice of Hearing:
Date: 6/27/22, Time: 8:30 AM, Dept.: F49, Room:
The address of the court is 9425 Penfield Ave, Chatsowrth, CA 91311
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: L.A. Watts Times
Date: April 25, 2022
David B. Gelfound
Judge of the Superior Court
5/12, 5/19, 5/26, 6/2/22
CNS-3585096#
LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 22VECP00236
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petition of: Simone Arlene Zamzelig for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner Simone Arlene Zamzelig filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Simone Arlene Zamzelig to Moni Zamzelig
The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
Notice of Hearing:
Date: June 23, 2022, Time: 8:30 AM, Dept.: T, Room: 600
The address of the court is 6230 Sylmar Ave, Van Nuys, CA 91401
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: LA Sentinel
Date: May 4, 2022
Virginia Keeny
Judge of the Superior Court
5/12, 5/19, 5/26, 6/2/22
CNS-3585089#
LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 22STCP01703
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petition of: Melvin Charles Davis for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner Melvin Charles Davis filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Melvin Charles Davis to Melvin Charles McMeekins
The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
Notice of Hearing:
Date: June 27, 2022, Time: 9:30 A.M., Dept.: 26, Room: 316
The address of the court is 111 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: L.A. Sentinel
Date: May 5, 2022
Elaine Lu
Judge of the Superior Court
5/12, 5/19, 5/26, 6/2/22
CNS-3584618#
LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 22SMCP00188
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petition of: Keith DeVance for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Keith DeVance to Malik Shakur
The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
Notice of Hearing:
Date: June 17, 2022, Time: 8:30 am, Dept.: K
The address of the court is 1725 Main St Santa Monica, CA 90401
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: LA Sentinel
Date: May 4, 2022
Hon. Lawrence Cho
Judge of the Superior Court
5/12, 5/19, 5/26, 6/2/22
CNS-3584253#
LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 22CMCP00061
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petition of: Lonnie Allison Coleman for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner Lonnie Allison Coleman filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Lonnie Allison Coleman to Loni Allison Cartwright
The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
Notice of Hearing:
Date: 07-07-2022, Time: 8:30 am, Dept.: A, Room: 902
The address of the court is 200 W Compton Courthouse, Compton, CA 90220
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: L.A. Sentinel
Date: April 29, 2022
Thomas D. Long
Judge of the Superior Court
5/5, 5/12, 5/19, 5/26/22
CNS-3582570#
LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2022106799
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
LOS FELIZ SMALL ANIMAL HOSPITAL, 1366 LOS FELIZ BLVD, LOS ANGELES, CA 90039 County of LOS ANGELES
Mailing Address: 3500 W. OLIVE AVE SUITE 300, BURBANK, CA 91505
Registered owner(s):
COMPANION PET PARTNERS US, LLC, 3500 W. OLIVE AVE SUITE 300, BURBANK, CA 91505
COMPANION PET PARTNERS, LLC, 3500 W. OLIVE AVE SUITE 300, BURBANK, CA 91505; State of Incorporation: DE
This business is conducted by a Limited Partnership
The registrant(s) started doing business on 12/2021.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars ($1,000)).
S/ JOHN 'JACK' WALTER JR, GENERAL PARTNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 05/16/2022.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the Affidavit of Identity form.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
5/26, 6/2, 6/9, 6/16/22
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LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2022101809
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Mikel-Nickel Enterprises, 11068 Sharp Avenue Unit L, Mission Hills, CA 91345, County of Los Angeles
Registered owner(s):
Michael McGloiry, 11068 Sharp Avenue Unit L, Mission Hills, CA 91345
This business is conducted by: an Individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars ($1,000)).
S/ Michael McGloiry, Owner
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on May 9, 2022
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the Affidavit of Identity form.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
5/26, 6/2, 6/9, 6/16/22
CNS-3590049#
LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2022104517
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
JUNETEENTH IN LA, 7157 ALVERN STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90045 County of LOS ANGELES
Registered owner(s):
ALIYAH JESSICA THOMAS, 7157 ALVERN STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90045
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant(s) started doing business on 06/2020.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars ($1,000)).
S/ ALIYAH JESSICA THOMAS, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 05/11/2022.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the Affidavit of Identity form.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
5/26, 6/2, 6/9, 6/16/22
CNS-3589984#
LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2022096982
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
GLORIA'S SHITO, 3101 OCEAN PARK BLVD STE 100 PMB 204, SANTA MONICA, CA 90405 County of LOS ANGELES
Registered owner(s):
GLORIA'S SPECIALTY FOODS LIMITED LIABILITY CO., 3101 OCEAN PARK BLVD STE 100 PMB 204, SANTA MONICA, CA 90405; State of Incorporation: CA
This business is conducted by a limited liability company
The registrant(s) started doing business on 11/2020.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars ($1,000)).
GLORIA'S SPECIALTY FOODS LIMITED LIABILITY CO.
S/ GLORIA F ALLORBI, CEO
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 05/03/2022.
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5/26, 6/2, 6/9, 6/16/22
CNS-3589970#
LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2022101223
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
RAAD4BOOKS, 918 W POPLAR ST, COMPTON, CA 90220 County of LOS ANGELES
Registered owner(s):
AUTUMN WASHINGTON-SANDFORD, 918 W POPLAR ST, COMPTON, CA 90220
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant(s) started doing business on 02/2022.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars ($1,000)).
S/ AUTUMN WASHINGTON-SANDFORD, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 05/06/2022.
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5/26, 6/2, 6/9, 6/16/22
CNS-3589540#
LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2022107229
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
No Strings Attached, 135 East 65th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90003, County of Los Angeles
Registered owner(s):
Bridget Newton-Williams, 135 East 65th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90003
This business is conducted by: an Individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/2022
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars ($1,000)).
S/ Bridget Newton-Williams, Owner
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on May 17, 2022
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5/19, 5/26, 6/2, 6/9/22
CNS-3587729#
LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2022106721
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Dons Wigs, 1831 W. 36th Place, Los Angeles, CA 90018, County of Los Angeles
Registered owner(s):
Julia Smith Ayala, 1831 W 36th Pl., Los Angeles, CA 90018
This business is conducted by: an Individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/1996
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars ($1,000)).
S/ Julia Smith Ayala, Owner
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on May 16, 2022
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The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
5/19, 5/26, 6/2, 6/9/22
CNS-3587686#
LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2022102996
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
PHARAOH ARMED SECURITY SERVICES, 2117 WEST 54TH STREET 205, LOS ANGELES, CA 90062 County of LOS ANGELES
Registered owner(s):
KARYN MOBLEY, 2209 CRENSHAW BLVD 207, LOS ANGELES, CA 90016
DERICK MCCONICO, 2209 CRENSHAW BLVD 207, LOS ANGELES, CA 90016
This business is conducted by a General Partnership
The registrant(s) started doing business on N/A.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars ($1,000)).
S/ DERICK MCCONICO, GENERAL PARTNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 05/10/2022.
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5/19, 5/26, 6/2, 6/9/22
CNS-3587430#
LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2022093347
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
EYE FOR DESIGNS LA, 5461 YARMOUTH AVENUE, ENCINO, CA 91316 County of LOS ANGELES
Registered owner(s):
SHIRELL LYNN TINSLEY, 5461 YARMOUTH AVENUE, ENCINO, CA 91316
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant(s) started doing business on 03/2022.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars ($1,000)).
S/ SHIRELL LYNN TINSLEY, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/27/2022.
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5/19, 5/26, 6/2, 6/9/22
CNS-3587427#
LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2022105980
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
JOHN R JACKSON CONSULTING, 4107 1/2 GARTHWAITE AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90008 County of LOS ANGELES
Registered owner(s):
JOHNNIE R. JACKSON, 4107 1/2 GARTHWAITE AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90008
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant(s) started doing business on N/A.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars ($1,000)).
S/ JOHNNIE R. JACKSON, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 05/13/2022.
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5/19, 5/26, 6/2, 6/9/22
CNS-3587364#
LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2022094638
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
1. RISE EMPOWERMENT, 2. RISE EMPOWERMENT BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, 3. BE EMPOWERED INITIATIVE, 4. BE EMPOWERED, 5315 6TH AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90043 County of LOS ANGELES
Registered owner(s):
RISE EMPOWERMENT EMPLOYMENT SERVICES LLC, 5315 6TH AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90043; State of Incorporation: CA
This business is conducted by a limited liability company
The registrant(s) started doing business on 04/2022.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars ($1,000)).
RISE EMPOWERMENT EMPLOYMENT SERVICES LLC
S/ SHAMEKA TAKEYA SMITH, CEO
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/28/2022.
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5/12, 5/19, 5/26, 6/2/22
CNS-3585481#
LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2022100403
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
TH Notary Services, 3515 W 75th Place, Inglewood, CA 90305, County of Los Angeles; Mailing Address: 2851 West 120th St. Suite E #394, Hawthorne, CA 90250
Registered owner(s):
Tracy Holcombe, 3515 W 75th Pl, Inglewood, CA 90305; CA
This business is conducted by: an Individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars ($1,000)).
S/ Tracy Holcombe, Owner
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 05/06/2022.
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a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the Affidavit of Identity form.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
5/12, 5/19, 5/26, 6/2/22
CNS-3585471#
LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2022097741
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS PUBLISHING, 5927 CANTALOUPE AVE, VAN NUYS, CA 91410 County of LOS ANGELES
Registered owner(s):
STEPHEN PITTS, 5927 CANTALOUPE AVE, VAN NUYS, CA 91410
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant(s) started doing business on N/A.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars ($1,000)).
S/ STEPHEN PITTS, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 05/03/2022.
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5/12, 5/19, 5/26, 6/2/22
CNS-3585465#
LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2022089987
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
1. MARINA DEL REY GARDEN CENTER, 2. FLORA GRUBB GARDENS, 13198 MINDANAO WAY, MARINA DEL REY, CA 90292 County of LOS ANGELES
Mailing Address: P.O. BOX 31485, SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94131
Registered owner(s):
GRUBB & NADLER, INC., 13198 MINDANAO WAY, MARINA DEL REY, CA 90292; State of Incorporation: CA
This business is conducted by a Corporation
The registrant(s) started doing business on 03/2022.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars ($1,000)).
GRUBB & NADLER, INC.
S/ SAUL NADLER, PRESIDENT
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/22/2022.
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5/12, 5/19, 5/26, 6/2/22
CNS-3585462#
LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2022095716
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
FJ TOWING, 1818 W 71ST ST #210, LOS ANGELES, CA 90047 County of LOS ANGELES
Registered owner(s):
FLOYD WILTZ JR, 1818 W 71ST ST #210, LOS ANGELES, CA 90047
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant(s) started doing business on 01/2022.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars ($1,000)).
S/ FLOYD WILTZ JR, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 05/02/2022.
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5/12, 5/19, 5/26, 6/2/22
CNS-3585453#
LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2022101973
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Seeds Growing Families, 1515 S Butler Ave, Compton, CA 90221, County of Los Angeles; Mailing Address: 3652 Ash St, Lake Elsinore, CA 92530
Registered owner(s):
Abasi Naeem Patton, 505 S Harvard Blvd Apt 7, Los Angeles, CA 90020
This business is conducted by: an Individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars ($1,000)).
S/ Abasi Naeem Patton, Owner
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 05/09/2022.
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5/12, 5/19, 5/26, 6/2/22
CNS-3585448#
LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2022101826
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Graphite Entertainment LLC, 474 N. Oxford Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90004, County of Los Angeles
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number: AI #ON: 202205610759
Registered owner(s):
Graphite Entertainment, 474 N. Oxford Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90004; CA
This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars ($1,000)).
S/ Carlos Barrow, President
Graphite Entertainment LLC
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 05/09/2022.
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5/12, 5/19, 5/26, 6/2/22
CNS-3585446#
LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2022086836
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
KJS OVERHEAD DOORS, 726 WEST 55 STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90037 County of LOS ANGELES
Registered owner(s):
STANLEY WRIGHT, 726 WEST 55TH STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90037; State of Incorporation: CA
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant(s) started doing business on N/A.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars ($1,000)).
S/ STANLEY WRIGHT, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/19/2022.
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5/12, 5/19, 5/26, 6/2/22
CNS-3585441#
LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2022083091
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
ALLEN ROOTS BBQ & GRILL, 9926 POTTER STREET, BELLFLOWER, CA 90706 County of LOS ANGELES
Registered owner(s):
MICHAEL JAMES ALLEN JOHNSON, 9926 POTTER STREET, BELLFLOWER, CA 90706
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant(s) started doing business on 03/2022.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars ($1,000)).
S/ MICHAEL JAMES ALLEN JOHNSON, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/15/2022.
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5/12, 5/19, 5/26, 6/2/22
CNS-3585417#
LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2022086438
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
TRUTH AND ROOTS CULTURAL FESTIVAL, 3955 S. NORMANDIE AVE. #201, LOS ANGELES, CA 90037 County of LOS ANGELES
Registered owner(s):
SHEILA WASHINGTON, 3955 S. NORMANDIE AVE. #201, LOS ANGELES, CA 90037
ERIC WALSH, 3955 S. NORMANDIE AVE. #201, LOS ANGELES, CA 90037
LEARIE JAMES, 3955 S. NORMANDIE AVE. #201, LOS ANGELES, CA 90037
This business is conducted by a General Partnership
The registrant(s) started doing business on 03/2022.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars ($1,000)).
S/ LEARIE JAMES, GENERAL PARTNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/19/2022.
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5/12, 5/19, 5/26, 6/2/22
CNS-3585356#
LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2022086860
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
N6 HOLDING GROUP LLC, 3302 W 73 RD ST 2, LOS ANGELES, CA 90043 County of LOS ANGELES
Registered owner(s):
N6 HOLDING GROUP LLC, 3302 73RD ST 2, LOS ANGELES, CA 90043; State of Incorporation: CA
This business is conducted by a limited liability company
The registrant(s) started doing business on N/A.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars ($1,000)).
N6 HOLDING GROUP LLC
S/ GERALD D JOHNSON, MANAGING MEMBER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/19/2022.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the Affidavit of Identity form.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2022083185
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
1. UMMA, 2. UMMA COMMUNITY CLINIC, 711 WEST FLORENCE AVE. UMMA COMMUNITY CLINIC, LOS ANGELES, CA 90044 County of LOS ANGELES
Registered owner(s):
UNIVERSITY MUSLIM MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, INC., 711 WEST FLORENCE AVE., LOS ANGELES, CA 90044; State of Incorporation: CA
This business is conducted by a Corporation
The registrant(s) started doing business on 12/1997.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars ($1,000)).
UNIVERSITY MUSLIM MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, INC.
S/ ALEJANDRA MURILLO, CFO
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/15/2022.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the Affidavit of Identity form.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
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CNS-3582778#
LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2022092180
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
L A T H A R I O ENTERTAINMENT, 813 WILCOX AVE APT 205, LOS ANGELES, CA 90038 County of LOS ANGELES
Registered owner(s):
ZACHARY JOSEPH RAMZY, 813 WILCOX AVE APT 205, LOS ANGELES, CA 90038
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant(s) started doing business on N/A.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars ($1,000)).
S/ ZACHARY JOSEPH RAMZY, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/26/2022.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the Affidavit of Identity form.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
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LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2022088339
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
SITA'S WORLD, 8818 S. WILTON PL, LOS ANGELES, CA 90047 County of LOS ANGELES
Registered owner(s):
SITA JOSEPHINE ATTERBURY, 8818 S. WILTON PL, LOS ANGELES, CA 90047
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant(s) started doing business on 05/2009.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars ($1,000)).
S/ SITA JOSEPHINE ATTERBURY, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/21/2022.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the Affidavit of Identity form.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
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LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

GOVERNMENT

LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (LACMTA) INVITATION FOR BID
LACMTA will receive Bids/Proposals for **MA89629 - REAR SIDE SCREEN ASSEMBLY** at the 9th Floor Receptionist Desk, Vendor/Contract Management Department, One Gateway Plaza, Los Angeles, CA 90012.
A Pre-Bid conference will not be held. All Bids must be submitted to LACMTA, and be filed at the reception desk, 9th floor, V/CM Department, on or before **11:00 a.m.** Pacific Time on **Monday, June 27, 2022,** at which time bids will be opened and publicly read. Bids received after the above date and time may be rejected and returned unopened. Each Bid must be sealed and marked **Bid No. MA89629**.
For a copy of the Proposal/Bid specification visit our Solicitation Page on our Vendor Portal at https://business.metro.net or for further information email Claudia Carrillo Aguirre at carrillocl@metro.net.
5/26/22
CNS-3589631#
LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

GENERAL AND SPECIALITY CONTRACTOR PRE-QUALIFICATION OPPORTUNITY WITH LACCD
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Los Angeles Community College District ("District") invites Licensed General and Specialty Contractors to submit Statements of Qualification (SOQ) for the following procurement:
Prequalification of A, B and C licensed Construction Contractors for projects under $5MM
Projects may include but not limited to: demolition of existing buildings and hardscape, removal and repair of existing access barriers, building renovations, storm water mitigation, weather proofing, swing space prep, abatement, central plant improvements, site utility work and new construction.
The overall procurement process will take place in three steps: (1) The instant Request for Qualifications step ("RFQ") (i.e., pre-qualification); then (2) award of a Multiple Award Task Order Contract for Construction Services; and then (3) a project specific Task Order Request for Bids (TORFB) to the pre-qualified firms.
Upon receipt and evaluation of the Statements of Qualifications ("SOQ's") submitted in response to this RFQ, the SOQ's will be scored and evaluated using the District's Uniform System of Rating Applicants, and the pre-qualified Applicants will be identified and awarded a Multiple Award Task Order Contract for Construction Services. Thereafter, the District will issue a Request for Task Order Bid(s) to the Pre-Qualified Contractors. Award of the Task Order will be made to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. The award of the Multiple Award Task Order Contract(s) and subsequent Task Order will be made pursuant to, without limitation, the authority provided to the District under Public Contract Code section 20651, and other applicable law(s).
SOQ Due Date and Request for Qualification Documents, including instructions to Applicants, will be available to Applicants at the **Online Vendor Portal at Build-LACCD.org, scroll down and click on "register with PlanetBids" link and follow the registration instructions.**
A non-Mandatory Pre-SOQ Teleconference will be held to provide an overview of the RFQ process. Details regarding the date and time will be posted to the Online Vendor Portal.
Applicants must be registered on the Portal in order to prequalify. The Applicant assumes full and sole responsibility for timely receipt of its SOQ and any other documents required to be submitted with the SOQ, by the District. The District will have no responsibility for SOQ's not submitted in a timely manner, no matter the reason.
Questions shall be directed to the Online Vendor Portal. All questions shall be directed to the Online Vendor Portal.
For future bidding opportunities please visit the Online Vendor Portal which can be accessed by visiting the website www.build-laccd.org under "Contractors and Bidders" then clicking the PlanetBids link.
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LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS ("RFQ") OPPORTUNITY WITH LACCD NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Los Angeles Community College District ("District") invites applicants to submit statement of qualifications for the following project: PROGRAM MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM ("PMIS") (PS-22-03) Through this procurement process, the Los Angeles Community College District ("District" and/or "LACCD") seeks to hire one qualified firm ("Consultant") to provide all services associated with implementation of Program Management Information System for the Build-LACCD Bond Capital Construction Program. This procurement for the services described herein will take place in a two-step process through the issuance of this Request for Qualifications ("RFQ"). Upon receipt of the Statements of Qualifications ("SOQ's") from interested Applicants submitted in response to this RFQ, a District approved Evaluation Panel will review and evaluate the submissions. The evaluation criteria for establishing the pre-qualified firms is described in greater detail in this RFQ. The RFQ will focus on identifying and short-listing vendors that satisfy basic fundamental service requirements. The pre-qualified firms will be announced via a notification through PlanetBids. Firms that are successful in this RFQ process will be invited to participate in the subsequent Request for Proposals ("RFP") process. The RFP process is expected to include a technical proposal, cost proposal, and demonstration/interview meetings prior to finally identifying a firm for award. Further details about the RFP process will be defined in the RFP. Statements of Qualifications ("SOQ") shall be prepared in conformance with the RFQ using the forms included in the RFQ documents. All SOQ's must be uploaded to the Los Angeles Community College District Online Vendor Portal ("PlanetBids") (https://www.planetbids.com/portal/portal.cfm?CompanyID=21372) no later than: June 1, 2022 before 10:00 AM PST The Applicant assumes full and sole responsibility for timely receipt of its SOQ. The District will have no responsibility for SOQ not submitted in a timely manner, no matter the reason. RFQ documents, including instructions to Applicants, will be available to Applicants on or after May 18, 2022 at: www.Build-laccd.org, scroll down to the PlanetBids banner and click on "Register with PlanetBids" link, or navigate to the website at the following link: (https://www.planetbids.com/portal/portal.cfm?CompanyID=21372) Questions shall be directed to the Online Vendor Portal.
5/26/22
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LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (LACMTA) INVITATION FOR BID
LACMTA will receive Bids/Proposals for **DR88448 - PGL CCTV EQUIPMENTS UPGRADE** at the 9th Floor Receptionist Desk, Vendor/Contract Management Department, One Gateway Plaza, Los Angeles, CA 90012.
A Pre-Bid conference will not be held. All Bids must be submitted to LACMTA, and be filed at the reception desk, 9th floor, V/CM Department, on or before **11:00 a.m.** Pacific Time on **Friday, May 27, 2022,** at which time bids will be opened and publicly read. Bids received after the above date and time may be rejected and returned unopened. Each Bid must be sealed and marked **Bid No. DR88448**.
For a copy of the Proposal/Bid specification visit our Solicitation Page on our Vendor Portal at https://business.metro.net or for further information email Gloire Lokula at lokulag@metro.net.
5/26/22
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LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS AND PROPOSALS ("RFQP") OPPORTUNITY WITH LACCD
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Los Angeles Community College District ("District") invites applicants to submit statement of qualifications and proposals for the following project:
TASK ORDER CONTRACT FOR OWNER CONTROLLED INSURANCE (OCIP) ADMINISTRATOR PS-22-02-RFQP
The District seeks to continue its OCIP by selecting one (1) qualified firm ("Consultant") based in California with expertise in administering and managing an OCIP. Consultant shall possess the ability to administer and manage an OCIP, including onsite construction related loss control and claims administration services, in a public-entity environment. Consultant shall have experience in the administration and management of OCIP for construction of public/institutional buildings.
Statements of Qualifications and Proposals ("SOQP") shall be prepared in conformance with the RFQP using the forms included in the RFQP documents. All SOQP's must be uploaded to the **Los Angeles Community College District Online Vendor Portal ("PlanetBids")** (https://www.planetbids.com/portal/portal.cfm?CompanyID=21372) no later than:
June 15, 2022 before 2:00 PM Local Time
The Applicant assumes full and sole responsibility for timely receipt of its SOQP. The District will have no responsibility for SOQP's not submitted in a timely manner, no matter the reason.
RFQP documents, including instructions to Applicants, will be available to Applicants on and after **May 24, 2022** at: www.Build-laccd.org, scroll down to the PlanetBids banner and click on "Register with PlanetBids" link, or navigate to the website at the following link: (https://www.planetbids.com/portal/portal.cfm?CompanyID=21372)
A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held on June 1, 2022 @ 10:00 AM via online conference. Information regarding the pre-proposal conference maybe located at the Online Vendor Portal ("PlanetBids"). Login to the following procurement:
Project Title: Task Order Contract for the Owner Controlled Insurance Program (OCIP) Administrator
Invitation Number: PS-22-02-RFQP
Once registered the Pre-Proposal conference information and link to join the online presentation are located on the tab titled "Bid Information" under the "Pre-Bid Meeting Information" and "Other Details" sections.
Questions shall be directed to the Online Vendor Portal.
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LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (LACMTA) INVITATION FOR BID
LACMTA will receive Bids/Proposals for **DR84996 - FasTrak 6C Electronic Toll Collection (ETC) Transponders - Internal Switchable** at the 9th Floor Receptionist Desk, Vendor/Contract Management Department, One Gateway Plaza, Los Angeles, CA 90012.
A Pre-Bid conference will be held on Wednesday, June 1, 2022, 9:00 a.m., at Virtual, Virtual, Virtual, Virtual. All Bids must be submitted to LACMTA, and be filed at the reception desk, 9th floor, V/CM Department, on or before **1:00 p.m.** Pacific Time on **Thursday, June 30, 2022,** at which time bids will be opened and publicly read. Bids received after the above date and time may be rejected and returned unopened. Each Bid must be sealed and marked **Bid No. DR84996**.
For a copy of the Proposal/Bid specification visit our Solicitation Page on our Vendor Portal at https://business.metro.net or for further information email Lorretta Norris at norrisl@metro.net.
5/26/22
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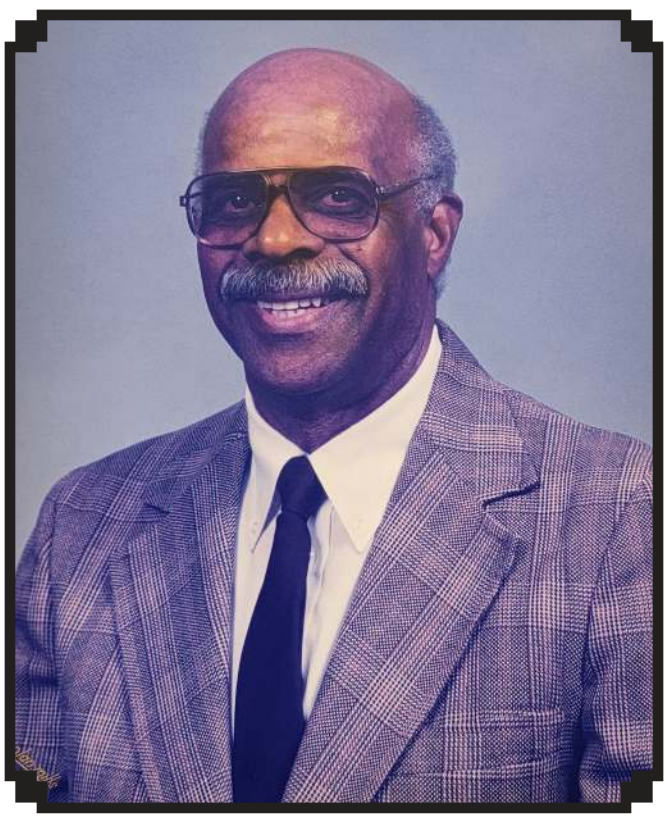
LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: JURETTA JOHNSON CASE NO. 22STPB04830
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of JURETTA JOHNSON.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by JANET JOHNSON AND JUNAYE ASHFORD in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that JANET JOHNSON AND JUNAYE ASHFORD be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

Celebration of Life

James Earl Backstrom



James Earl Backstrom

James Earl Backstrom was born on November 14, 1933 in Water Valley, Mississippi to Walter Backstrom and Julia Carter Backstrom. He was the sixth of eleven children. Jim, as he was affectionately known, accepted Jesus as his Lord and Savior at an early age and was baptized at All People Christian Church in 1946. He joined Harbor Christian Center in 1989 and remained strong in his faith throughout his lifetime.

The Backstrom family relocated to Los Angeles in 1935 and Jim began his primary studies. Jim attended 20th Street Elementary School, Lafayette Junior High School and Polytechnic High School where he excelled in his studies and was unanimously elected student body president. A natural athlete and exceptional swimmer Jim was honored as MVP for the 1st Annual L.A. Sentinel Newspaper Swim Meet He was also a member of the 22nd Street Recreation Center Swim Team but it was at Los Angeles Polytechnic High School where he made a name for himself. Jim was a member of the basketball, track and swim team and was elected Student Body President of the Poly Knights. His commitment to excellence on and off the field paid off as Jim received a scholarship from All People Christian Church to attend Chapman College, now Chapman University. Upon completing his freshman year at Chapman, Jim decided he wanted a change and enlisted in the Army. There he played basketball, leading his team to the 1st Team All 4th Army Basketball Championship. He also won honors for marksmanship with the Army's Red River Arsenal Team. After an honorable discharge Jim returned to Chapman University earning an undergraduate degree in Education. Jim later earned his MBA from Pepperdine University. In 2006 he was inducted into the Chapman University Athletic Hall of Fame.

After college Jim met and fell in love with the beautiful Maedean Jones. They wed in 1959 and God blessed their union with a son, Keenan, who is a constant source of pride and joy to them both. Jim's career as an educator began at Edison Junior High where he worked as a teacher and coach. His good reputation preceded him and when Locke High School opened its doors in 1967 the District asked Jim to be the school's first basketball coach. Highly sought after, he would go on to teach and coach at Washington High School, eventually returning to Locke. After several years he accepted a position as Dean of Students at Narbonne High School where he also coached volleyball and basketball. Jim retired from Narbonne after a long and distinguished coaching and teaching career spanning 50 years. He was also a proud member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and the Eastside Boys Social Club.

Whenever Jim was asked how he liked teaching and working with kids he always said the same thing, "Every time I get my paycheck, I hold it up, look at it and laugh and say, I beat them again! If they knew how much I loved my job, which isn't really a job, I would have to get another job to pay them in order to keep my job!" His beautiful smile and kind words will truly be missed by everyone who knew him especially his students.

Jim is preceded in death by his mother and father, and siblings: Dolores, Lucille, Lawrence, Sharon, Walter, Marion and Ruby. Jim leaves to cherish his memory: his beloved wife Maedean, son Keenan, daughter-in-law Nancy, grandchildren Kameron and Alana; brothers Warner (Loretta), Don (Jacquelyn), Vernell and lots of nieces and nephews all of whom loved him dearly and have already begun to feel the impact of the loss of his physical presence.

Viewing: Wednesday May 25, 2022 5:00pm-8:30pm Green Hills Mortuary 27500 S. Western Ave. Palos Verdes

Service: Friday May 27, 2022 11:00am Harbor Christian Center 1551 N. Wilmington Blvd. Wilmington CA

Community Celebration of Life: Saturday June 11, 2022 Narbonne High School Football Field 24300 S. Western Ave. Harbor City, CA 11:00am-2:00pm

A Window into Rick Caruso's Soul

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and stoking latent racial fears for political effect will certainly backfire in the most diverse city in America. Good consultants would have warned him that it could open him up to accusations of racism and misogyny.

So why would Rick Caruso ignore their advice? After watching the endless loop of political attack ads against Karen Bass, I can only conclude that Rick Caruso actually wanted his opponent portrayed this way. After all, this is the same Rick Caruso who, as president of the L.A. Police Commission, called Congresswoman Maxine Waters a slur when she had the gall to question his motives for firing our African American Police Chief Bernard Parks.

Caruso's scorched earth approach is deeply troubling when one considers the surprise electoral victory of another billionaire developer — a divisive candidate with no experience, decrying the failure of career politicians. And I don't have to put Rick Caruso's head on Donald Trump's body for you to get the point.

L.A. is a city in crisis. From the scourge of homelessness to the spike in violent crime, from runaway home prices and inflation to the COVID-19 pandemic that continues to rage, Angelenos are understandably on edge. We are profoundly frustrated, desperate for change, and perhaps even willing to compromise our values to consider a mayoral candidate like Rick Caruso, who promises to "make Los Angeles great again."

But, we've seen this movie before, and politicians govern the way they campaign. The only question is, can Los Angeles afford a sequel to "Trump Trashes America?"

John Shallman is an award-winning political media consultant who has helped elect dozens of Black elected leaders across California. He's a crisis management expert and president of Shallman Communications in Los Angeles. Mr. Shallman is the author of the national best-selling book, "Return from Siberia."

Let's Talk About Love – *Part 1*

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appreciate. God knew that a man and a woman would be loving and romantic toward each other.

Don't you think so…. surely you must know that the Almighty God — Jehovah created man and woman to love each other. He is the creator! You recall Adam and Eve were "naked in the garden and not ashamed." (Genesis 2:25) Sex was God's idea. It was after Adam's and Eve's disobedience that sexuality was tainted by shame and the potential abuse (Genesis: 3:8-13, 21).

The Song of Solomon is present in the scriptures as a reminder to married people and what to aspire to if you are unmarried and see what genuine love looks like. The images of true, godly love have been marred, distorted drastically.

God doesn't change and He's not going to change His mind just because you don't like what He says or because you change your mind and decide to do whatever you want to do. Because He loves His creation, He explains and shows to us through the infallible, unchangeable scriptures what is His ideal and what He expects of us if we want to be with Him in eternity.

Some might say, "How can we live up to such a high ideal?" The ideal to which I refer is sex outside of marriage between a man and a woman is not God's plan. WHAT?! That's right. You heard me.

Do you want to risk everything and the most desirable place to be, because you want to make up your own rules? However, please hear this. Even though you can't live up to the strictest of rules of God, that is the same problem people had in the very beginning in that God proclaimed to Adam and Eve do not eat from the tree in the midst of the garden.

He gave the 10 commandments and determined that He saw man was doing evil things, even from His youth, and that His creation had corrupted their way on the earth (Genesis 5:5-6:12) This made God very sad and unhappy!

He took action! He set forth the 10 commandments! Have no other gods before Him. He sent the flood! Please hear me on this. God is supreme. He is sovereign! He is omnipresent! He is omnipotent!

So, he says, "Okay." You want to "do it your way?" All right. "Do it your way; but just remember this one thing - I am the great I am. I will have a say in all things. And you keep on doing what you want to do; but I will take action." (He allowed COVID epidemic and got everyone's attention).

But, in all this, Almighty God never gave up on His creation. So, what did He do? He said, "Because I am a forgiving God, I will send my Son, my One and Only Son. He will bring in the New Covenant (the New Testament). He will bring with Him His love and forgiveness for sin (activity against His Father." (tune in next week)

Thanks for reading! Jeanette Grattan Parker is Founder-Superintendent Today's Fresh Start Charter School 4514 Crenshaw Boulevard, LA 90043 323-293-9826 www.todaysfreshstart.org (Ask Dr. Jeanette TM) Inquiring Minds Want to Know" All articles are copyright. All rights reserved © The Holy Bible New Testament, Errors? Let me know. Sundays for music & message: 11:30am {1-712-775-8971—code 266751} References: Word in Life Study Bible; Berean Study Bible

It's Better to Light a Candle than to Curse the Darkness

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they lay their eggs in holes dug in the ground. When it is time for them to tend to their eggs, they stick their heads in the ground to rotate them to help them continue to grow. In reality they are not running from a situation, but rather running to a situation to fix it. Can we say the same?

It seems like every time we turn on the news or open a newspaper, we are faced with another sad or bad situation. Whether it is racism, such as the recent massacre in Buffalo, New York at a predominately Black grocery store, or another girl being forced into human trafficking, or a war on the other side of the globe, that makes no sense.

It is easy to wonder what has the world come to. Sometimes it is so overwhelming that we ask ourselves, "What can we do to make a difference?" What difference can one person make? I believe that all of us have the power to make a difference right in our own sphere of influence.

Whether it is making sure we show up to vote, or hold others accountable for the decisions they make, or sending money to help a cause we believe in, we are all part of the same tapestry that reaches its true beauty when pulled together.

All around my city we have signs posted that say, if you see something, say something. The key is to not make excuses. Step up and do your part. Do something. Own up to it and start today to make a difference whenever and wherever you can.

We are currently in serious times, and it may be a while before we see light at the end of the tunnel. Inflation is on the rise, people are still dying from the pandemic, and some have lost hope that things will ever get better.

Just like our ancestors who had to hold on to get through troubled waters, it is our turn to be the salt of the earth and light during dark times. It is time for all of us to let our little light shine.

Healing Without Hate: It's a choice. It's a lifestyle. Pass it on.

Visit www.WendyGladney.com and www.forgivingforliving.org to learn more. Wendy is a life strategist, coach, consultant, author, and speaker.

Public Notices

THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 06/20/2022 at 8:30AM in Dept. 44 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.
Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
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LEGAL NOTICES

DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING
Docket No. WO21D2554DR
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Virginia Smith vs. Robert E. Smith
Worchester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown
The Complaint is on file at the Court.
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Celebration of Life

Burrell Communications Group Mourns One of Its Finest

Sentinel News Service

Linda Jefferson, senior vice president of Group Media Services for Burrell Communications Group, passed away suddenly last week after a short illness. Jefferson began her career with Burrell in 1984, and in her nearly 40-year tenure firmly established herself as a principal of the agency.

"Linda was the consummate media maven, colleague, mentor and friend. We are very fortunate to have had her as a member of the Burrell family," said Fay Ferguson, co-CEO.

"She was widely respected by our clients and her peers across the advertising community as a trusted authority," added McGhee Osse, co-CEO. "Linda helped to establish the science of targeted media, as well as its effective implementation, but more than that she was just a good person and one of our finest. We are heartbroken by this loss."

Jefferson was highly regarded for her insightful perspectives on Black American touchpoints, the ever-evolving media landscape and new and emerging media, specializing in branded integrations, partnerships and analytics. Her distinctive professional accomplishments and acumen throughout her career promoted not only a greater understanding of the Black consumer market, but also helped fuel its growth.

She spearheaded the development of integrated communications strategies at Burrell, and led strategic communications planning and buying on Burrell's Comcast, American Red Cross, Procter & Gamble, McDonald's, General Mills, Toyota and Cocoa-Cola accounts, to name a few. Linda was also a proud member of the agency's Culture Team.

Linda Jefferson (COURTESY PHOTO)

Prior to joining Burrell, Jefferson was an international media planner at Tatham-Laird & Kudner (Chicago) with responsibility for global banking and real estate clients. She began her career at J. Walter Thompson advertising in 1978, where she was an assistant media planner and then an international media planner on the Kemper Insurance, McDonnell Douglas Corp., Northern Trust Company and Parker Pens business.

Jefferson's personal and professional contributions to Burrell's success are immeasurable. She was the recipient of EBONY magazine's 2004 Advertising Agency Award for "Outstanding Women in Marketing and Communications," and was featured in ESSENCE magazine's 2007 Media Influencer campaign.

She further was named one of the Chicago Defender's 2012 "Women of Excellence," and was recognized by Black Enterprise magazine from 2012-2016 as one of the "Top Executives in Marketing & Advertising."

In 2013, Jefferson received the MAXX Lifetime Achievement Award from Target Market News.

Jefferson served on the board of the internationally acclaimed Chicago Children's Choir and was a founding board member of the Chicago-based advertising organization TAP (Targeted Advertising Professionals). She attended Loyola University of Chicago and Northern Illinois University where she majored in Biological Sciences with a minor in Chemistry.

Memorial Services and a Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, June 17th at Cosmopolitan Community Church, 5249 S. Wabash Ave. in Chicago. The wake will begin at 10:00 a.m. CT, followed by the Memorial Service at 11:00 a.m.

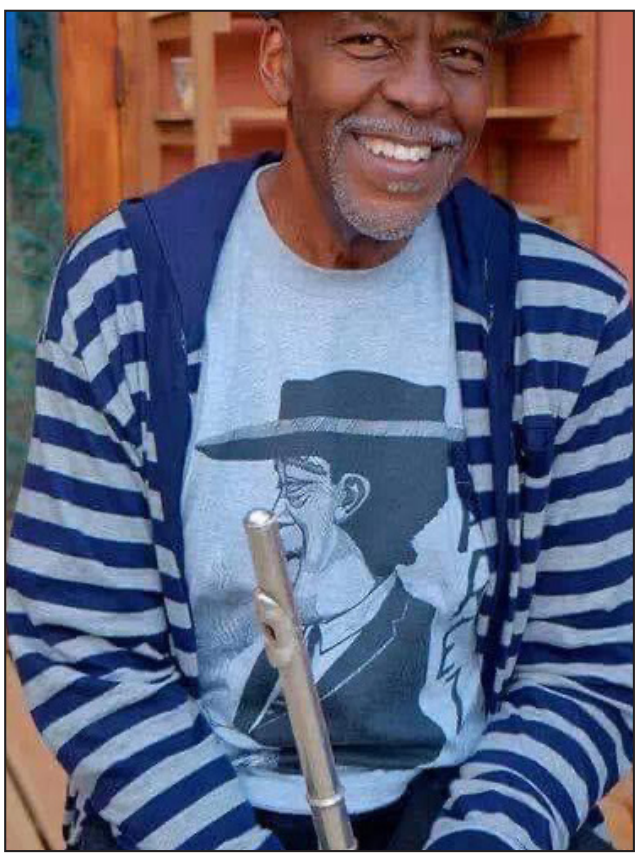
Derf Reklaw, Renowned Jazz Musician, Succumbs

Derf Reklaw (COURTESY PHOTO)

Los Angeles musician Derf Reklaw passed away earlier this year. An original member of The Pharoahs, he was internationally known for his skills as a musician, composer, vocalist and inventor.

A native of Chicago, Derf was born Frederick George Walker on January 11, 1947 to Vincent and Nora Moorer-Walker. He knew from a very early age that he was destined to become a musician. Using kitchen cabinetry as drums at the age of 10 and being gifted a flute by his brother, Delano, at 13, he was a prolific multi-instrumentalist in the making.

At 16, Derf created "The Woodbine Twine," a dance that quickly gained popularity and showcased another layer of his creativity, but music would still be his first love. After seeing Ben Ali and the Africa Boys perform, Derf got his first taste of West African music, and by the time he turned 20, he formed his first band, "The Black Spirits."



Derf Reklaw (COURTESY PHOTO)

The Black Spirits played for activists Dick Gregory and Jesse Jackson, and famed poet Sonia Sanchez. Jazz musician Phil Cohran asked Derf to join his tribe of creatives at the AFFRO-ARTS theater in Chicago and it wasn't long before he became a member of Phil's Artistic Heritage Ensemble.

The Artistic Heritage Ensemble evolved into The Pharaohs. The Pharaohs' debut album, "The Awakening," was infused with jazz and funk. It was released in 1971 on vinyl and lives on digital streaming today.

Having mastered the flute and percussions, Derf was sought out by countless artists such as Jerry Butler, Freda Payne, Barry White, Lionel Hampton, Donny Hathaway, Etta James, The Ohio Players, The Chi-Lites, Natalie Cole, and Della Reese to lend his incredible musical artistry in studio and live jam sessions. He was a prominent member of Ramsey Lewis's band before moving to Los Angeles in 1979.

While in Los Angeles, Derf's musical endeavors continued to soar. He performed throughout Europe with jazz musician Eddie Harris. He toured around Canada with rock musician Burton Cummings. His command of his craft took him to South Africa's Joy of Jazz Festival playing alongside jazz singer Dwight Trible.

Derf's own band, DaCuzmo, was a regular on the L.A. scene, firing up the stages at Barbara Morrison, The World Stage, Kaos Network, Temple Bar, The Mint and countless venues around the city and the country.

There was no denying his level of artistry, his musical genius, and his ability to crossover many genres, but the African rhythms that he was exposed to as a teen rose to the forefront of every performance. His debut solo album, "From the Nile," is richly infused with West African, Haitian, and Cuban rhythms.

You could hear these rhythms at the Inner City Culture Center where he provided live instrumentation to several of their stage plays. His rhythms wafted through the halls of UCLA and Santa Monica College as a key musician to their arts programs. His rhythms reverberated through dance classes and dance studios. He selflessly shared his gifts with young generations of budding musicians. He never refused an opportunity to teach.

There will never be another Derf. He was a complete musician, a master of his craft, and a walking wealth of knowledge that he freely gifted the world. Through it all, he remained humble.

In 2016, he was recognized by the Duke Ellington Society as a "Living Jazz Legend."

He is survived by his children, Monilade Walker, Birdieanne Walker, Amani Walker-Jackson, and Tahrahka Walker; siblings, Sheba Lawson, Delano Mack, and Carol Walker; many grandchildren, great grandchildren, cousins, nieces and nephews.

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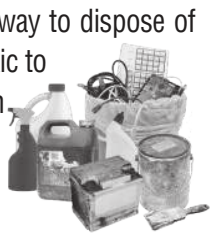

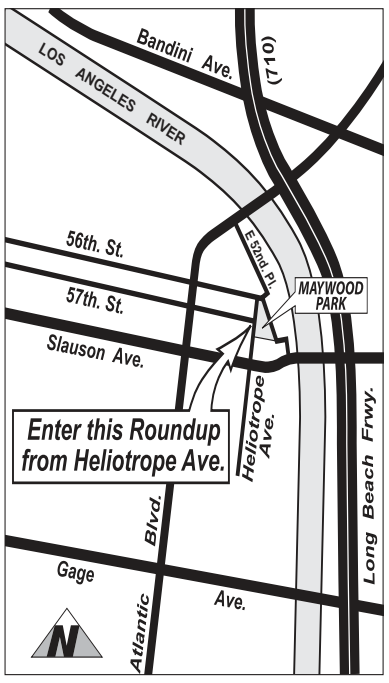

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Celebrity Designer and Opening Number for City Girls, Big Chan is the Complete Package

By Betti Halsell
Staff Writer

Chan Gaines, better known as Big Chan from Snoop Dogg's music group, Doggy's Angels, was born and raised in Los Angeles, California. Fully immersed in the busy city lifestyle, Big Chan mastered multiple skill sets that would eventually lead her to become the go-to designer for A-list celebrities, such as the Platinum certified music girl group, City Girls, and their opening number in their most recent concert tour.

Big Chan owes her ingenuity and perseverance to watching her mother, Loyce, be a community treasure. The neighbors around her knew Loyce as "Control." Big Chan stated that her mother was there for everybody and was extremely popular for her hair styling ability.

COURTESY OF HOUSE OF CYNDARELLA
Big Chan has started an active lifestyle brand called Loyce Lane, under her fashion atelier, House of Cynderella.

Big Chan continued, "If you came to our house, you have a confidant, therapist, and you had a cook if you were hungry. You would have a good night's stay if you were homeless and had nowhere to go. She was like everybody's mom."

"Control" was a well-known hairstylist in South Los Angeles. She ran her business for at least 20 years. "Control" used to braid the hair of iconic pop star, Donna Summer.

Reflecting on the passions that her mother shared, Big Chan said, "She loved fashion and she loved music, and that's where I got a lot of who I am from."

"Control" succumbed to cancer in 2014. Her last words to her daughter fell along the lines of "keep my legacy alive."

Because of Big Chan's mother, people who were hungry had a meal to eat, those who needed shelter had a place to stay, and anyone who needed a shoulder to cry on—had a place to feel comforted.

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In her honor, Big Chan has started an active lifestyle brand called Loyce Lane, under her fashion atelier, House of Cynderella. Her creative studio caters to those with a vision in their style of dress. Big Chan looks to make that a reality.

The former Doggy's Angel specializes in costume design and prom dresses, but she is not limited to one particular type of fashion. Big Chan shared that she could do it all for anyone looking for a custom-made fit.

Big Chan is gifted musically. She has been on tour with Snoop Dogg and signed to a girl group that he oversees. Most recently, she was the opening show for City Girls as well as the lead designer for their performance gear. \

Connect with Big Chan at @houseofcyndarella on Instagram.

'Tootsie: The Comedy Musical' is Coming to L.A.!

By Devyn Bakewell
Staff Writer

"Tootsie: The Comedy Musical" is coming to Los Angeles from May 31 to June 12. This laugh-out-loud love letter to the theater tells the hilarious story of Michael Dorsey, an actor who struggles to find work until a show-stopping performance of desperation lands him the role of his dreams.

EVAN ZIMMERMAN FOR MURPHYMADE
Ashley Alexandra as Julie Nichols in the National Tour of TOOTSIE.

In an interview with Ashley Seldon, who acts as one of Michael Dorsey's castmates, Julie, she tells us all the details of what makes this play such a fan watch for both the audience and the performers.

"Michael Dorsey is a pretty arrogant actor who's not that fun to work with," Seldon told LAS. "He's isolated from his community, and struggles finding work.

"But he decides that, instead of becoming a better person, he's going to become a different person. He adopts this personality as Dorothy Michaels and actually winds up getting casted on the show, however, because he's playing a different person he runs into a lot of issues."

And a multitude of funny shenanigans happen from there. Seldon plays the role of Julie, a woman who's already in the show that Michael auditioned for, but hates it.

"[Julie] knows what she wants. She's definitely headstrong and is willing to go through the trenches in order to get herself to a better place. So, if that means putting her head down and dealing with some nonsense or standing up for herself when something's wrong…she's going to do it."

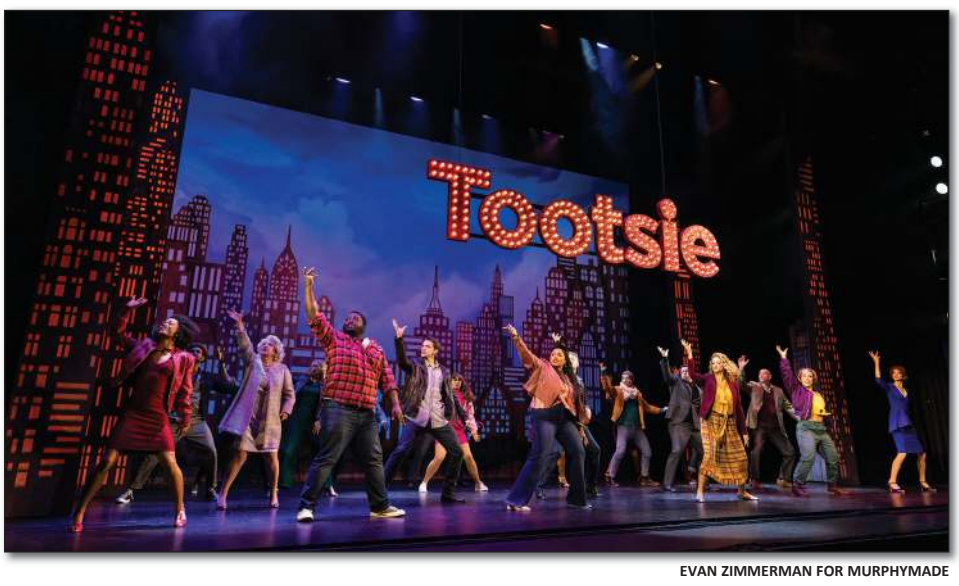
This is something the actress felt that she had in common with Julie's character. "I've also gone through some not-so-great shows to try to get to a place [In my career]. But, I love Julie's character. She's so kind and loving, and I'd like to think we have that in common."

Unlike Seldon, Julie is "a lot more easygoing than I am. She's really good about being like 'I don't know you, but I'm willing to go out on a limb and trust you.'

"That's a lesson I've learned while doing this show. I'm not necessarily the most trusting person, but she really is such an open and genuine person."

Preparation for "Tootsie" started before the COVID-19 pandemic, with auditions originally held over Zoom.

"We didn't meet any of the cast or even our director in-person until our first day of rehearsals," the actress shared when asked what she had to in order to prepare for her role. "It was a lot of my boyfriend standing in the background, trying to play the songs exactly when I needed him to start and reading lines with me."



EVAN ZIMMERMAN FOR MURPHYMADE
The cast of the National Tour of TOOTSIE.

Seldon continued with, "It was a little crazy. No one really knew what they were doing. We were all just trying to figure it out."

The audience will be intrigued to find many differences in the play that they didn't get from the original 1980s movie. With 40 years having passed since the movie's release, the "Tootsie" crew has updated the script to reflect more modern topics.

"Also, because we're on a stage, they've adapted ['Tootsie'] to be a musical that Michael auditioned for. That way, we've brought it into the musical world," shared Seldon. "Many more female characters have a lot more agency in the play too, which is really great."

Seldon also stated that this rendition of "Tootsie" is a "love letter to New York…[with COVID], a lot of theaters were gone, and are just now having their first shows back. It's really to see audiences get to laugh again and enjoying themselves."

Laughter is something Ashley Seldon hopes all who see the show get to enjoy during their time seeing "Tootsie."

"I want [the audience] to be able to release some of the negative energy that's always out in the world, but also to understand the importance of living your truth," shared the actress.

"Lying to yourself, and those around you, isn't going to get you very far. Michael lives in this delusion where everything's fine if he adds lie on top of lie on top of lie. Eventually, it catches up with him. That can happen to anyone."

She continued with, "So, yeah, tell your truth. Be kind to people. Even go out on a limb if you can."

"Tootsie: The Comedy Musical" will be at the Segerstrom Center for the Arts, 600 Town Center Dr., in Costa Mesa, from May 31 to June 12. Tickets are available now: https://www.scfta.org/events/2022/tootsie.

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Dodgers Foundation Gives Shoes to Local Elementary School

By Amanda Scurlock
Sports Editor

The Los Angeles Dodgers Foundation (LADF) recently partnered with the non-profit organization Shoes That Fit to provide 500 pairs of new shoes to the students at 28th Street Elementary School. The two organizations have been partnering since 2019 when LADF funded a trailer to help Shoes That Fit serve more children in a faster manner.

"We're really excited about this partnership with Shoes That Fit that we actually started pre-pandemic. We did a drive-thru shoe distribution during the pandemic," said LADF CEO Nichol Whiteman. "We're continuing to provide shoes to kids and communities who need it most."

Dodgers Pitcher Evan Phillips and his wife Liz helped pass out and put on shoes for the students. Phillips noted how it was a "special day"; he was excited to see the students and assist them with their new shoes.

"To see these guys, the joy on their faces, getting a new pair of shoes, there's really nothing better," he said. "For us to come out here and make a small impact this morning is really special."

Phillips noted how his wife Liz takes pride in being of service.

"Immersing ourselves in the community and being newer to the Dodgers, it's been wonderful," she said. "We're happy and excited."

In August 2021, the Dodgers wives partnered with LADF to host a "Spouses Favorite Things Auction." With the help of fans, they raised $20,000 which went to support Shoes That Fit. Southern California is the largest area that Shoes That Fit serves, according to CEO and executive director Amy Fass. She exclaimed how they "love working with the Dodgers."

"We provide brand new athletic shoes to kids so they can feel good about themselves and participate in sports," she said. "We want the kids to have what they want and if we say we're gonna give them something, we're gonna give them what they need."

The community around 28th Street Elementary school has been enduring tough times. It was the area where the LAPD accidentally caused a fireworks explosion that damaged 35 properties, injured 17 people and displaced many residents. Some residents are still displaced and live in a hotel.

"It's very important for us to continue to support communities like this as they're still going through trauma related to that event and frankly logistical nightmares related to that event as well," Whiteman said. "Shoes are something that are so simple, but there are families who are choosing between shoes and putting food on the table and many other things."

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Dodgers pitcher Evan Phillips and wife Liz, LADF CEO Nichol Whiteman and Shoes That Fit CEO and executive director Amy Fass poses with students from 28th Street Elementary school.

AMANDA SCURLOCK/L.A. SENTINEL
LADF CEO Nichol Whiteman helps students with their shoes.

AMANDA SCURLOCK/L.A. SENTINEL
Student shows off her new shoes.

AMANDA SCURLOCK/L.A. SENTINEL
Student poses in his new shoes.

Student Athlete of the Week: Aammarah Gage

By Amanda Scurlock
Sports Editor

Crenshaw junior Aammarah Gage is the captain of the Cougars' track and field team. As she strives to improve her sprinting and hurdling, she learned how to manage the different personalities on the team so they can better themselves.

"Being captain, I always have to help, I gotta lead the warmups and everybody's talking," Gage said. "It's kind of like deciding how to interact with all that so they still feel like this is my team."

She has learned how to hold her teammates accountable in a way so they will not feel attacked. As she conquered the rigors of developing a leadership style, Gage had to persevere through competing in hurdling events. During meets, there are few athletes who compete in the event, according to Gage.

"I think my biggest problem this year would be a lack of motivation," Gage said. "In California, when I do hurdles, so far [it's] normally just been me against the clock. So mentally I've had to prepare like … 'I'm running for me. I'm running to the clock to get a state time.'"

Hurdling is a skill that came naturally to Gage, a personal highlight in her track career was when she competed in a hurdles event when she was in the seventh grade.

"I didn't have the form or anything, I just like to jump; I've done long jump before too," she said. "My first race, I had no training whatsoever and I got top three … I just continued to do hurdles ever since."

Along with hurdles, Gage competes in the 4x100m relay and the 200m. She noticed how her running form has improved. She would practice with mini hurdles that are one foot high.

"When I first started, I was kicking those hurdles everywhere," Gage said. "When you run, your form is important to keep your leg up and straight. Stepping over it, that was the hardest thing but now my form is better so I can still run straight."

For Gage, being a student athlete means taking on more work. Along with competing and studying, Gage has to also help her siblings. In order to manage her academics, she works on assignments in 15-minute intervals, taking 10-minute breaks to avoid burnout.

"Although all sports are mental and physical, track is extremely mental, but so is writing a five-page essay the night of your meet and continuing five assignments each from a different class and still going to practice," Gage said.

Along with running track, Gage also competes in volleyball. She also volunteers at Kaiser Permanente by doing clerical tasks and restocking supplies. Gage aspires to be an OB-GYN. Her inspiration to be an OB-GYN sparked when she was reading about different ways Black people were being discriminated against on social media around the time George Floyd was murdered.

"I saw a post and it said that Black women die 300% more during childbirth than anybody else and I was like 'that's horrible,'" Gage said. "I don't know how it got that bad, but I want to help fix that problem specifically."

AMANDA SCURLOCK/L.A. SENTINEL
Crenshaw junior Aammarah Gage competes in track and field and volunteers at Kaiser Permanente.

View Park Battles in Urban Rugby Tournament

By Amanda Scurlock
Sports Editor

The View Park Knights Rugby program recently traveled to Memphis, Tennessee to compete in the inaugural Urban Rugby Championship. Both the girls' and boys rugby teams competed against and bonded with different rugby programs from throughout the country, including Dallas and Washington DC.

Along with competing, the View Park students also visited the National Civil Rights Museum and took a riverboat trip on the Mississippi River. The trip exposed the student athletes to different playing styles along with an environment different than that of Los Angeles.

"It really established the team as a whole because we all got to know each other better," said Kaitlin Lewis. "When we got out there and we played the first ever Urban Rugby League Championship. It's like starting a new tradition."

The teams were divided into two pools, playing three games a day. Both the Knights' teams reached the championship round. The boys team won the championship while the girls came up short. Playing in a championship atmosphere was a new experience for Tamir Washington, but he knew that he had to shake off his nerves.

"We were up only by two points," Washington said. "We had to go into the second half having to close out the game properly, and we did that. I've felt great because I've never got to bring home something for the school."

The girls championship game was described to be "intense," complete with hair pulling and heated verbal exchanges. Regardless of the result, the Knights girls rugby team was proud of their performance.

"We play rough, but they play rough too," Kamora King said. "All in all, we still played our hearts out with all that happening."

The boys also endured an intense level of gameplay they were not familiar with, enduring high physicality and strong words.

"We were head-butting each other," Washington said. "It was high intensity, so we were going at each other."

Visiting the National Civil Rights Museum was a fascinating experience for the Knights. The student athletes got a chance to see the hotel where Dr. Martin Luther King jr was assassinated and hear stories about the Civil Rights Movement from their tour guide.

"You see pictures and you see different articles about it, but it was a surreal moment," Kamren Lawson said. "Being able to see such historic moments, monuments up close in person and just going through and being able to take pictures of certain things that interest us, it was a really, really powerful moment."

View Park rugby alums Asa Garrett and Denecia Fernandes came on the trip as assistant coaches. The current student athletes mentioned how the coaches related to them.

"It was an advantage for us because they were in our shoes at one point," Andre Johnson Jr said. "And they were younger, so they know what we're going through in the game rather than what our older coaches know."

Despite the intense challenges, the View Park rugby students developed bonds with the students of the other rugby teams.

"They were really warm, they took us in. They treated us like we was a part of what they're used to and we embraced that," Lawson said. "It's really heartwarming to share that experience with so many people from different walks of life and come together and almost be like a big family."

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(L-R) Kamren Lawson, Andre Johnson Jr., Tamir Washington, Kamora King, and Kaitlin Lewis.

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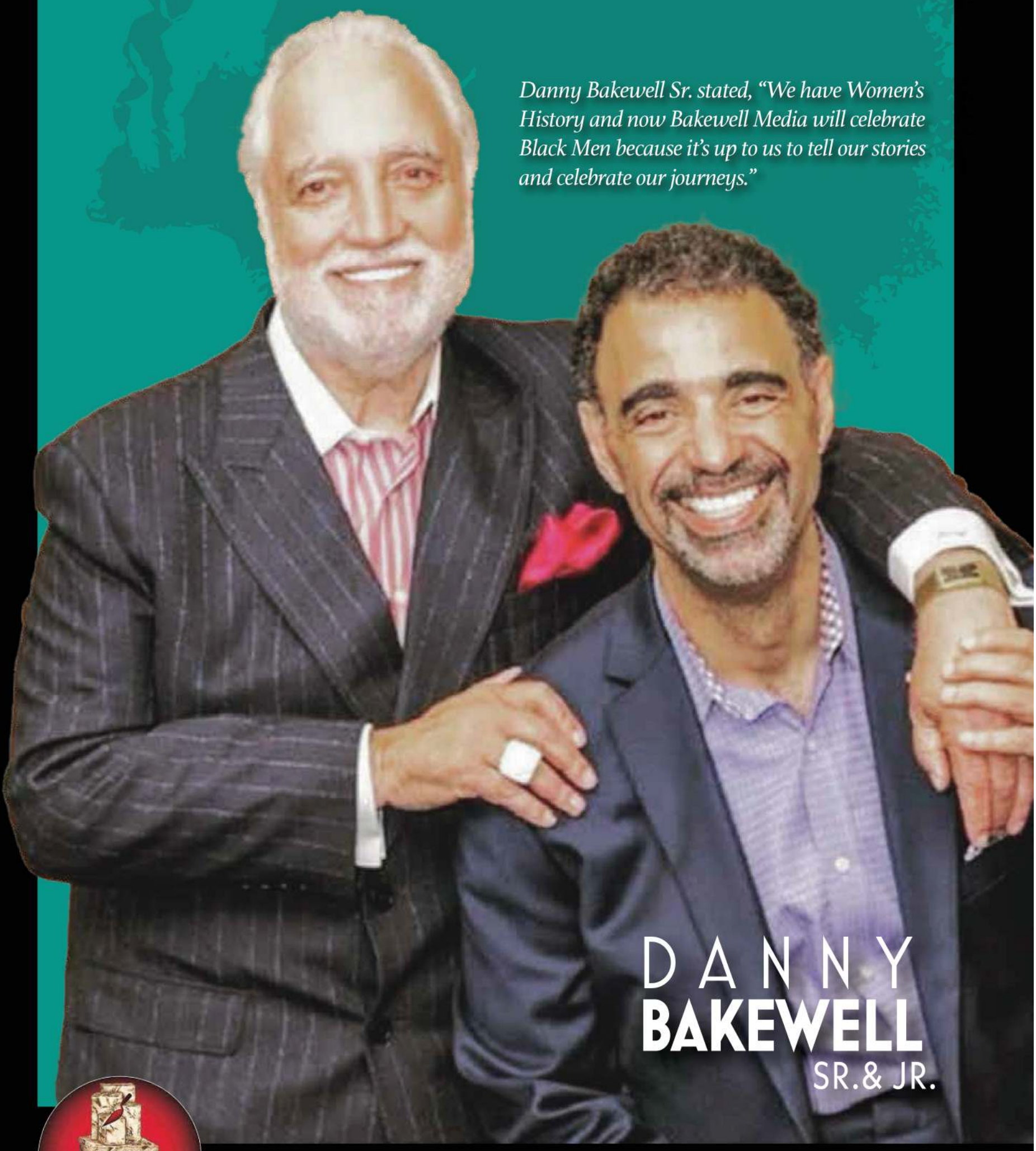

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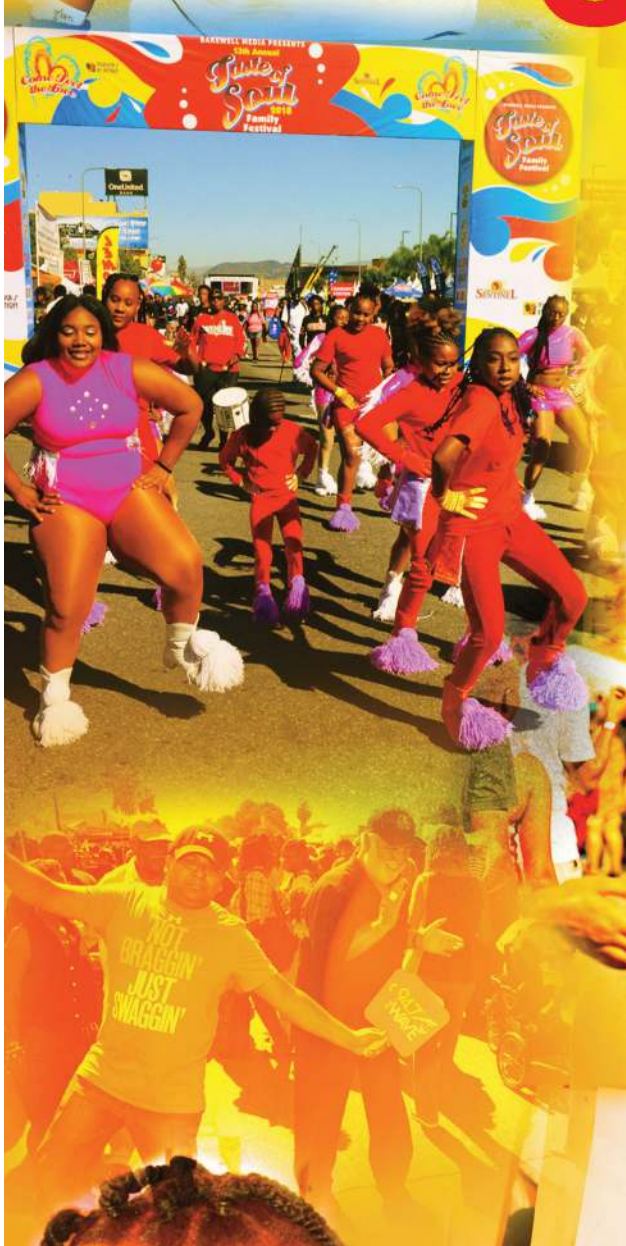

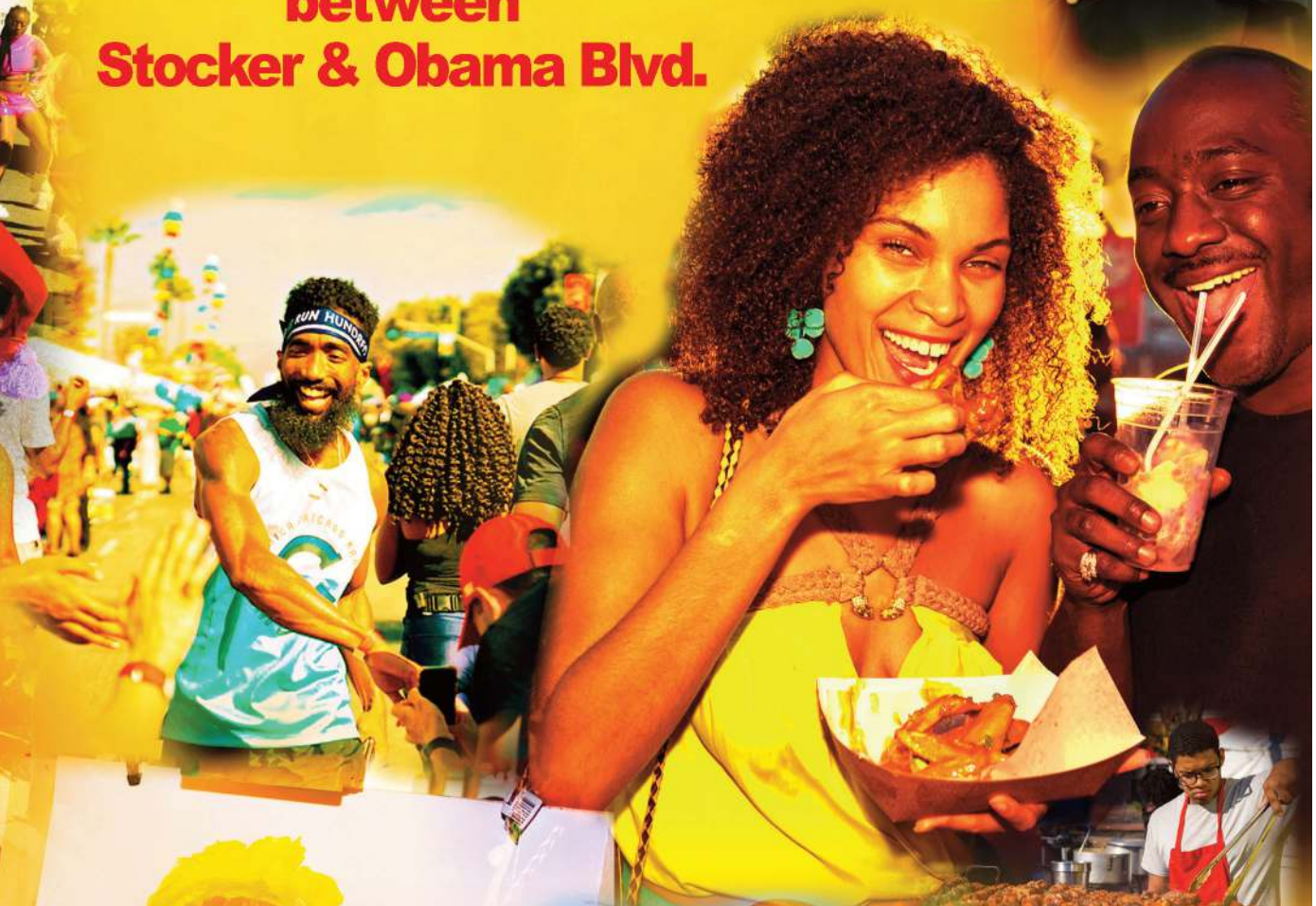

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