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MAYOR ERIC GARCETTI – Leads Los Angeles Through the Pandemic and Strives to Build a Better and More Inclusionary City

By DANNY J. BAKEWELL, JR.
Executive Editor

As Los Angeles begins to recover from the devastation of the pandemic, Mayor Eric Garcetti took time out of his very busy schedule to sit down with the Los Angeles Sentinel to directly address those issues which are impacting the lives of African Americans, communities of color, and those most severely affected by COVID-19.

To say that the past 15 months have been a roller coaster ride for Mayor Garcetti and his office would be an understatement. For the mayor of California's largest and most populated city, every decision is picked apart, criticized, and no matter what decision he makes, there surely will be someone or some group that will disagree with that decision. But Garcetti has weathered this storm as he has done so many times before by staying focused and following his commitment to make the decisions he believes are in the best interest of all of Los Angeles, and not



A recent poll shows Mayor Eric Garcetti's approval rating rising throughout the city due to his guidance of Los Angeles through a horrific pandemic. PHOTO OFFICE OF MAYOR GARCETTI

just attempting to subdue the loudest naysayers in the room. As Los Angeles begins to re-open and we return back to some level of "normalcy," the mayor finds himself rising in popularity throughout the city.

A recent poll shows Mayor Garcetti's approval ratings are hovering somewhere between 65% and 69%, primarily due to his guidance of Los Angeles through a horrific pandemic.

BASIC INCOME PROGRAM
While Garcetti's approval ratings are high, he continues working to envision an even better L.A. He recently launched a guaranteed basic income program

which will provide some of Los Angeles's most underserved and economically disadvantaged neighborhoods and families with a guaranteed income for at least the next 12 months.

While other cities, in-

cluding Compton and Stockton, have launched similar programs, it is the Los Angeles program launch that will serve as the bench mark for all programs to follow throughout the nation. Los Angeles is by far the largest city to launch a program of this nature and obviously will also have the largest budget. The mayor believes that launching the Basic Income Program will have a dramatic effect on the lives of its participants. "This launch will be the biggest program launch in America. 3,000 households and 10,000 Angelenos will get a \$1,000 basic income." He says the idea, which comes right from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s vision that the poor in America should receive a guaranteed basic income, will empower and inspire communities. "You will see graduation rates go up, salaries and wages will go up. You're going to see housing stability be

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Decline in COVID-19 Deaths Edge L.A. County Towards Yellow Tier, COVID-19 Related Illness in Children Rises

Despite a slight edges in a COVID-19 related illness in children, L.A. County slowly enter the less restrictive tier.

By BRIAN W. CARTER
Contributing Writer

As of Monday, May 3, the L.A. County Dept. of Public Health confirmed no new deaths and 255 new cases of COVID-19. There were 390 people with COVID-19 symptoms hospitalized with 18% testing positive.

"We extend our love and prayers to everyone

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As of this week, there were 739 sites offering vaccines that include hospitals, clinics, pharmacies and schools. COURTESY PHOTO

Los Angeles Native & New Orleans Mayor Latoya Cantrell Prepares For Re-Election With Successful Fundraising Event



Ronnie Burns, Sr., Sheila Burns, Mayor Latoya Cantrell. COURTESY PHOTO
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The Time Has Come To Cast Your Vote For Heather Hutt

SENTINEL STAFF REPORT

As Congresswoman Maxine Waters and Assembly candidate, Heather Hutt, walk the 54th Assembly District, the Congresswoman, who is never shy, lets everyone they come



(Left) 54th District Assembly hopeful, Heather Hutt with Congresswoman Maxine Waters campaign door-to-door in South L.A. COURTESY PHOTO

into contact with know, "It is time to cast your vote for Heather Hutt."

In a time when recovery

from the pandemic is at the forefront of issues facing the 54th Assembly's residents,

{See HUTT C-2}

Where to Take Mom for Mother's Day: Black-Owned Dining Experiences for the Family to Enjoy

By BETTI HALSELL
Contributing writer

Mother's Day is a moment to appreciate women who delivered life and nourished those new souls to grow strong; she deserves the best. Los Angeles is filled with luxury dining to celebrate Mom and all that she does. For robust flavors and wholehearted soul food, Post & Beam has the best ambiance for brunch. With

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Happy Mother's Day

Increasing Diversity in Lineworker Skilled Trades

Edison International recently launched its first lineworker scholarship to help increase diversity. The initial focus will be on Black participants.

BY CAROLINE AOYAGI-STOM
Energized by Edison Editor

Athenia, 10, Eric Jr., 9, and Aliyah, 7, know that when there is a storm or a wildfire, their father, Eric Jones, a field supervisor for Southern California Edison, is going to be very busy and may be called out to work at night.

“I tell my kids, we need to get the lights back on for the kids who don’t have lights on right now,” said Jones, who has worked at SCE for 21 years. “My kids now understand the importance of what I do and tell me, go ahead and help get the power on.”

Helping customers get their lights back on is only part of what Jones finds rewarding about his job. As a former meter reader, groundman, apprentice, lineman, e-crew foreman and now field supervisor, it is something he has been doing for almost two decades.

Now overseeing about 50 crew members out of the Monrovia District, Jones spends his days out in the field making sure his crews perform the work safely and in compliance with rules and regulations. He is also there to support his e-crew foremen as the crews repair and upgrade electrical equipment, such as power lines, poles and transformers.

“Safety is a big deal for us,” he said. “Linework is very rewarding. It can also be dangerous. My No. 1 priority is to make sure crew members get home safely to their families. The camaraderie with the team

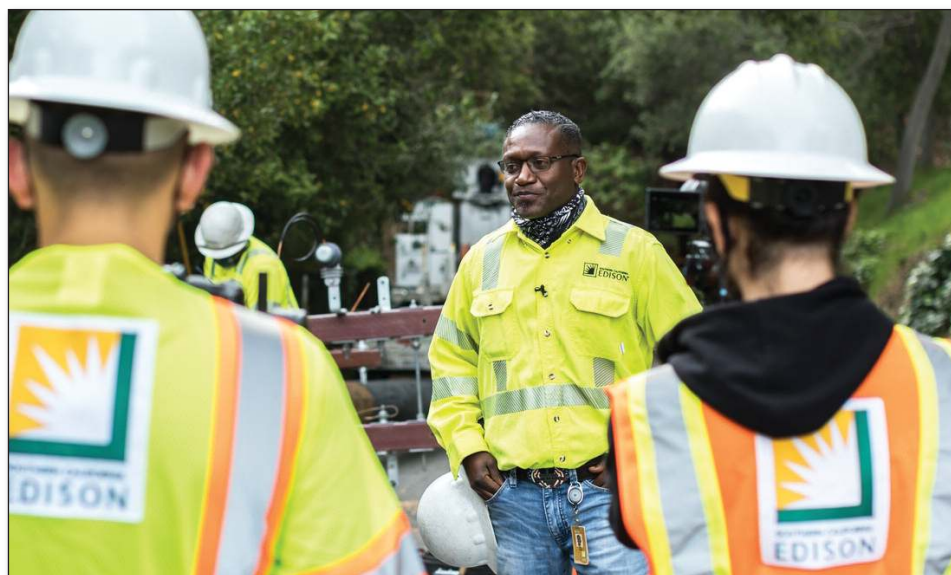


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Eric Jones is a former SCE meter reader, groundman, apprentice, lineman, e-crew foreman and now field supervisor.



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builds trust in me and trust I have in them.”

Jones first learned about lineworker jobs at SCE through a former co-worker. He hopes that through Edison International’s recently launched lineworker scholarship, more diverse candidates will look to a career at SCE.

“Someone took the time to introduce this job to me,” he said. “I want to tell others that if you like construction, teamwork, this job has been good for my family.”

Those interested in applying for the lineworker scholarship can visit edison.com/eixlineworker-scholarship and apply online. Scholarship winners will attend Los Angeles Trade-Technical College six-month program to receive a Powerline Mechanic Certificate (additional classes that may be needed for required prerequisites will be covered by the scholarship) and another program to obtain their Class A license. Applications will be accepted through May 17.

In addition to tuition and tools, the Edison scholarship will cover support services as needed, such as transportation and childcare, through an agreement

with nonprofit Brotherhood Crusade. Program graduates also qualify for a job at SCE. Successful applicants who pass SCE’s new employee assessments will be eligible to start as groundmen.

“We are proud to announce our first lineworker scholarship,” said Caroline Choi, senior vice president of Corporate Affairs, Edison International and SCE. “With one of the most diverse populations in the country, we believe it is important that our workforce reflects the communities in which we live and serve. The initial focus of the program will be on attracting Black participants since the current number of our Black lineworkers is less than the Black population in our communities.”

Edison International is using \$1 million shareholder funds for the four-year pilot to provide scholarships of up to \$25,000 to expand diversity in its lineworker pipeline. Interested applicants have until May 17 to apply for Edison International’s lineworker scholarship.

Cornelius Browning Jr., like Jones, started at SCE as a meter reader. He is a former groundman and apprentice and now works as a senior planner specialist after 16 years with the utility. He learned about the

company’s lineworker scholarship after reading a recent story and admits, “I got emotional and felt proud,” especially since the co-worker featured is a fellow Compton resident.

“This is a career you can start while you are young and establish your financial stability,” said Browning. “Edison is bringing jobs into the com-

things from a young age. It’s a love he shares with his three kids as they build things like their raised fruit and vegetable garden.

It is also why he was attracted to the lineworker job.

“You see something built from the beginning and see it operating, like building a power line,” he said. “There is a real sense



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Interested applicants have until May 17 to apply for Edison International’s lineworker scholarship.



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community that are available to people who didn’t know these types of jobs existed.”

Jones, a former reserve firefighter with the LA County and La Verne fire departments, has loved construction and building

of pride in that.”

For more information about Edison’s lineworker scholarship, visit edison.com/eixlineworker-scholarship. Learn more about careers at Edison: edisoncareers.com.



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LA County Library Continues Work Ready Program to Enhance Job-Readiness

Borrow a laptop, build job skills, and get ready to work

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LA County Library announces the continuation of its Work Ready series, a workforce development program launched in December, designed for Library customers who are looking to build job skills or discover new career opportunities, but who lack the device or internet connection to make it happen.

The pandemic has created new challenges for those in the workforce and those looking to reenter it. Customers who are interested in Work Ready can enroll in a 6-week session, offered several times throughout 2021. Participants will borrow a Chromebook laptop and Wi-Fi hotspot from one of 20 participating libraries for the duration of the session, to help them in their job and career goals.

The Library is also providing weekly virtual Work Ready programs, covering topics ranging from writing cover letters and interviewing, to identifying high-growth careers and working from home. The webinars, conducted by special

guest presenters and LA County Library staff, provide valuable tools and information to individuals

and job resources to adjust



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Skye Patrick is the library director of LA County Library

seeking to expand their skill sets.

The program, which is partially funded by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, has a strong focus on helping individuals reenter the workforce, especially those who reside in areas heavily impacted by high unemployment and the digital divide.


“The dynamics of the employment landscape have drastically and quickly changed due to the pandemic,” said Library Direc-

tor Skye Patrick. “By providing our customers with the necessary equipment and job resources to adjust

to the new work environment, we are helping to level the playing field and can better prepare them to reach their goals.”

The next session starts February 16. Customers can register now to borrow a laptop and Wi-Fi hotspot and enroll in the Work Ready program. Equipment loans are available on a first-come, first served basis.

For more information or to sign up for Work Ready, visit LACountyLibrary.org/Work-Ready.



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L.A. Teen Donates Time and Talents to 'Give Back' to her Community

Chloe Jackson helps Mothers In Action to serve youngsters and senior citizens

BY CORA JACKSON-FOSSETT
Staff Writer

Serving others is more than a phrase to Chloe Jackson. In fact, the Los Angeles teen exemplifies those words both as an outstanding student and a volunteer with multiple organizations.

A senior at St. Bernard High School in Los Angeles, Chloe has been sharing her time and talents with youth and adults for many years. In addition to maintaining top grades, she's also active in a range of extra-curriculum activities as a student.

She's a member of the school's Viking Ambassadors, Associate Student Body, Black Student Union and yearbook staff. She



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Chloe Jackson

been a serious athlete, devoting time to soccer, volleyball and track and field.

As for her main passion, the young lady sincerely

Action (MIA), One Incredible Family and My Friends House L.A. along with being a camp counselor with the Girl Scouts of Westchester.

Her accomplishments in scouting include serving two years on the Girls Advisory Board, representing the Brownie Girl Scouts in the Tournament of Roses Parade, and selling more than 500 boxes of cookies for six consecutive years. She also earned the Silver Award in 8th grade and received her Gold Award, which is the highest award that the organization bestows, in April 2021.

Explaining her joy in giving back to her community, Chloe says, "Being

a little girl as well as with other organizations. I enjoy volunteering with MIA because they embody all of the characteristics that I stand for - being of service to seniors, providing leadership and workshops for kids, and helping the very community in which I live.

"It's so important to give back, lead by example and be a light for those who can't help themselves," she insists. "I love [MIA's] Back to School Health Fair. It is one of my favorite events that I look forward to each year, to see the smiles on the children's faces when I hand out school supplies is simply priceless.

"Some of my Girl Scout sisters and I spend countless hours working behind the scenes, sorting, packing and assembling packages/boxes for the very kids who I get to meet in person. [It is] such a gratifying experience," says Chloe, whose zeal for service certainly impressed Tracy Mitchell, MIA president.

Outlining Chloe's contributions, Mitchell says the teen conducted "outstanding outreach to Mothers In Action's mentees," who are ages 8 through 14. Through a series of virtual sessions, Chloe instructed youngsters about various forms of art, from portraits to landscapes.

"Chloe managed to bring out the artistic energy that lies dormant within each individual child. She brought joy, fun, and creativity right to each student virtually, but most importantly, she made connections with our mentees as well as

the parents," recalls Mitchell.

"Many of the students expressed the fact that they will continue engaging in art after the program ends. Chloe provided all of the art supplies, made beautiful hand painted aprons and gave them an art kit with all the trimmings to continue their self-expression at the

only does she enjoy designing, but also notes that she wants to "enhance the standard of living and improve the quality of life in my community." Chloe also believes that excelling in this field will help "address the inequalities of women in an industry where we are the minority."

Wherever the future



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MIA president Tracy Mitchell, right, with Chloe Jackson, left, and MIA teen volunteers.



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Mitchell and teen volunteers prepare to distribute free supplies at the MIA Back to School Health Fair.

mentors middle school students by participating in TAKS Leadership group as well as teaching them math and science in her role as a Stem Summit Leader. For several years, Chloe has

states, "I take pleasure in serving others and sharing my experience at St. Bernard's with my community at large." Such dedication may explain why she volunteers with Mothers In

kind, sharing my talents with others, and being a positive role model as a camp counselor is by far one of my greatest experiences as a teenager. Also, I have volunteered with MIA since I was

end of the program," Mitchell adds.

Balancing a full schedule of school and volunteering can be challenging, but Chloe says her secret to success is simple. "I apply time management skills and prioritize what needs to be handled right away. I complete my homework, go to volleyball practice, and volunteer after schoolwork is done and on the weekends and throughout the summer."

After she graduates from St. Bernard's later this month, Chloe will attend Clark Atlanta University in Georgia and major in Architecture/Interior Design. Not

takes her, Chloe will likely continue to volunteer her time and talents and she invites others to join her in this endeavor.

"I would encourage young people to find a cause/purpose that they are passionate about and support it. Join, volunteer, support, lead, and make a difference," stresses Chloe.

"It is very important to not only volunteer, but create opportunities where you are able to be of service in a huge way. When you volunteer with an organization that symbolizes what you believe, it's so heartwarming and more meaningful."

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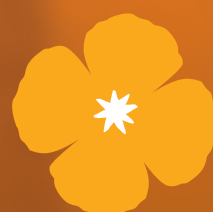


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Bank of America Providing \$60 Million Fund for BIPOC Affordable Housing Developers

First-of-its-kind fund will support Enterprise's Equitable Path Forward initiative

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Bank of America Community Development Banking, in partnership with Enterprise Community Partners, is investing \$60 million – \$30 million in loans and \$30 million in equity financing – to support Enterprise's Equitable Path Forward, a five-year initiative to help facilitate racial equality in housing. The investment will increase access to capital and career opportunities for BIPOC (Black, Indigenous and People of Color) leaders developing multi-family, affordable and supportive housing across the country.

Bank of America Community Development Banking is the first bank to

launch a fund with dedicated financing and support to BIPOC developers. It will structure and close deals with BIPOC developers, especially emerging



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partner with Enterprise to provide much-needed Low Income Housing Tax Credit capital and debt financing to directly source,

BIPOC developers seeking both flexible capital and technical assistance.

This commitment complements Bank of Ameri-

ca's \$1.25 billion, five-year commitment to help advance racial equality and economic opportunity in Black, Hispanic-Latino and Asian communities with a focus on affordable housing, health and healthcare, jobs/reskilling and small business.

Both Enterprise and Bank of America will leverage their national networks and resources to help BIPOC developers deepen and advance relationships with industry stakeholders and local government agencies.

"Together with Bank of America Community Development Banking, we will work to close racial disparities by investing in housing providers who are



on the ground and engaged with their communities, yet lack financial and social capital," said Priscilla Almodovar, chief executive officer, Enterprise. "To do so, we need to rebalance both power and profit in our industry. Today, less than two percent of real estate management firms are minority-owned, yet Black households comprise nearly

50% of federally-assisted housing and make up 13% of the nation's population. Enterprise will leverage Bank of America's investment and our own capital, expertise and unique end-to-end platform to do our part. Thanks to the Bank of America team for their vital support of our efforts to make home and community steppingstones to more."

NAACP JOINS NATIONAL #UNITYAGAINSTHATE RALLY TO COMBAT INCREASED HATE ATTACKS AGAINST ASIANS LIVING AND BORN IN AMERICA

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Community Against Hate, a diverse coalition of community organizations and leaders have teamed up with the national civil rights organization NAACP in a clear stance to address hate directed toward Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. In a direct response to the increased verbal and physical attacks against Asians living and born in America, the #UnityAgainstHate rally will be held on Saturday, May 15, at 11 a.m., in multiple cities across the nation. The rally will echo the voices of many who have experienced hate crimes against them based on their race,

nationality and identity.

"To garner the support of the NAACP was imperative in our quest to unify a nation torn by racism and discrimination," says Yen Marshall, Asian Pacific Islander Public Affairs (APAPA) Nationwide Rally Coordinator. "It's a fight that they've been at the forefront of for many years, one that many Asian communities have supported. While some may point out past strained relationships among Black and Asian communities, we want to display the unity we can achieve when rallying against hate."

The rally is planned across 16 cities, including Los Angeles, Sacramento,

San Diego, Washington D.C., New York, Columbus (Ohio), Houston and many others. From the physical and verbal attacks, to the heightened strain from the pandemic, many Asian Americans have experienced an increase in hate incidents. According to AAPI Data, it's reported that some 2 million Asian Americans have been victims of hate incidents.

Dozens of organizations have committed their support to the Unity Against Hate Rally including, California Asian Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus (APILC), Asian Pacific Islander Americans Public Affairs Association (APAPA), NAACP, League

of Women Voters, National Chapter of Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), LGBTQ+ Equality Sacramento, Black American Political Association of California (BAPAC) and



many more. For more information on the planned rally, visit www.communityagainsthate.org.

DPSS Launches Annual CalFresh Awareness Month Campaign in the Fight Against Food Insecurity

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The Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) has launched its annual CalFresh Awareness Month campaign to publicize the CalFresh Nutrition Program and acknowledge community partners throughout the month of May for helping to raise public awareness year-

round. "Hunger impacts all aspects of human life from healthcare to education, and it is essential that we increase awareness of CalFresh," said DPSS Director Antonia Jimenez. "Families who were just barely getting by paycheck-to-paycheck before the pandemic have been hit even harder by the COVID-19 crisis. Unfortunately, food insecurity has impacted many L.A. County residents: older adults, working people, students, children and youth. DPSS is so proud to promote CalFresh because it truly is an effective anti-hunger program."

This year's campaign

comes at a time when many households are experiencing continual food insecurity as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Over the past year, food insecurity hit an all-time high in Los Angeles County with an estimated 873,000 households experiencing at least one instance of food insecurity. In 2020, the county utilized \$137 million in CARES Act funding to distribute 10 million pounds of food at more than 100 drive-through events. While this funding was temporary, CalFresh offers a long-term solution for everyone.

Couple shopping in the grocery store during COVID time. On May 11 at 9 a.m., Jimenez will host a CalFresh Virtual Town Hall to promote the benefits of CalFresh and answer community questions. The event will be livestreamed via DPSS' Facebook account at @LACoDPSS. She will be joined by Michael Flood, president and CEO of the L.A. Regional Food Bank,

and Amy Zhao, project lead at the Chinatown Service Center. A special video message from Hilda Solis, chair of the L.A. County Board of Supervisors, will be featured. Representatives from local news media outlets, community-based organizations, and the general public are all invited to join the virtual community gathering.

During the month of May, DPSS urges all county residents to support the CalFresh Awareness Month campaign by sharing CalFresh information with those in their community who need it most. The department is also encouraging the public to follow DPSS on social media and share the hashtag #ChooseCalFresh on their social media platforms.

For more information about the CalFresh Program please visit https://dpss.lacounty.gov/en/food.html?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=

StreetsLA Awarded California Natural Resources Agency Grant to Plant 250 Trees for Broadway-Manchester Project

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StreetsLA has been awarded a grant for \$713,804 from the California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) to be used in planting 250 shade street trees, as part of the Broadway-Manchester Active Transportation Equity Project, located in Council District 8.

The Broadway-Manchester project, which already received a \$24.9 million Active Transportation Project grant, encompasses a 2.8-mile corridor of underutilized medians on Manchester Avenue from Vermont Avenue to Broadway and on Broadway from Manchester Avenue to Imperial Highway. The medians will be reappropriated into a pedestrian path with cultural and recreational amenities and the street trees will provide much needed shade, help reduce the urban island

effect and improve air and water quality. The project is currently in design.



"Restoring the South LA Tree canopy is key to addressing long standing health issues in our community," said Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson. "The Broadway Manchester project represents what can happen when cities work collaboratively with residents to reimagine their neighborhoods with equity at the forefront. These additional 250 trees will punctuate the investments happening along the Broadway Manchester corridor and contribute to creating a living lung alongside projects

like Isla Intersections."

"We want to thank the CNRA for providing this important funding to plant 250 trees along these areas of Broadway and Manchester to provide shade and urban cooling," said StreetsLA Executive Director and General Manager Adel Hagekhalil. "This is part of our commitment to equity and to increase tree canopy in the areas of the city that need it most."

The CNRA Urban Greening Grant Program provided \$28.5 million for 25 projects throughout the state. The program is part of California Climate Investments, a statewide initiative that puts billions of Cap-and-Trade dollars to work reducing greenhouse gas emissions, strengthening the economy, and improving public health and the environment — particularly in disadvantaged communities.

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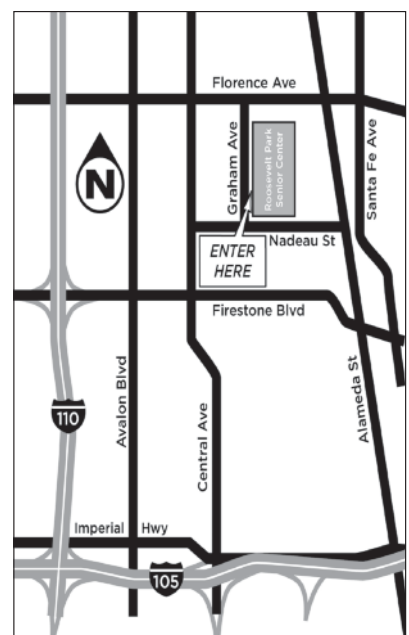
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Many Black Renters, Hit Worst By COVID, Remain in Dark About Billions in Relief Funds

BY ALDON THOMAS STILES
California Black Media

California is in the process of rolling out a massive billion-dollar rental relief program. It is designed to help people who fell behind on their rent due the global coronavirus pandemic recover.

But many renters, including Black Californians who lease residential property, may not know about the state's new CA COVID-19 Rent Relief program or they may not have details on how to apply for the available assistance. Other advocates say some renters could simply be confused because there are multiple rental relief programs at the county or city level to help renters.

One of the many factors that may complicate the confusion and low awareness in communities about the state's rental relief program is the fact that the state is under-investing in the public awareness campaign, say some critics who have been following the state's rollout of rental assistance. Typically, they say, state-run awareness campaigns are executed by public relations and advertising agencies. They then create and deploy campaigns to let state residents know about taxpayer-funded, government-administered programs created to benefit the target audience.

A number of people watching the state process that awarded Proso Communications, a Roseville firm, the \$3.2 million contract to get the word out to

Californians about rental relief, say the winning firm slashed its media budget by more than half to submit the lowest bid to win the contract.

A total of eight companies applied that is scheduled to begin in June and end in December. All of them proposed budgets of about \$4 million, unlike the winning contractor.

"The bidding process was troubling on several fronts, but here are some examples," said one source who spoke to California Black Media but asked to remain anonymous. "First, the company that won the bid did not cut their own fees. Instead, they slashed the money that the federal government provided -- that's taxpayer money -- to inform people of this critical help."

The source said even though the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) allotted \$6 million for public awareness, Proso's budget for outreach to Californians has been dwindled down to a mere \$2 million.

"There is no way on earth, \$2 million could successfully inform Californians about this program. There's just no way in a state of 40 million residents," the source said.

The federal government has so far authorized \$25 billion to support rental assistance programs in states across the country. Of that money, California is expected to receive \$2.6 billion.

A total of \$1.5 billion will go directly to the state and another \$1.1 billion

will be allocated to counties and cities with populations of 200,000 people or more.



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Black renters accounted for the highest number of Californians -- about 23 %, of Golden State residents last July -- who could not pay their rent on time, according to a UCLA report.

Black renters also had the highest rates (29%) of being behind on housing payments in general due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Among homeowners with a mortgage, Black households also had the highest rates of missed or partial payments at 22 %, according to Harvard University's Joint Center for Housing Studies (JCHS).

"An estimated 1.5 million California families, front-line workers and low-wage earners are behind on their rent due to the economic fallout of this pandemic," said California Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency (BCSH) Secretary Lourdes Castro Ramirez.

"They have accumulated significant debt and their landlords are struggling to meet their financial obligations," Ramirez con-

tinued. "The CA COVID-19 Rent Relief program will be a lifeline to renters and landlords. It clears

accumulated rental debt, keeps families hardest hit housed and will lead to a more equitable economic recovery."

California has the highest number of people in the country who are housing insecure. According to Tenants Together, a renter advocacy organization, more than 22 million people are renters, about 55% of the population, in a state where about half of its residents live at or near the poverty line.

Among Black Californians, 3-in-5 Black people live in renter households, according to the California Budget and Policy Center. Of that number, about 6-in-10 Black individuals are classified as "housing cost-burdened" -- that is households that spend 30 % or more of their income on a rent or mortgage.

According to Ramirez, since the state launched the rental assistance programs, there has been an underrepresentation of minority applicants.

Adding to the state's

housing woes, is the unavailability of affordable homes and an enduring homelessness crisis, the worst in the nation.

The average price of a home in California is more than seven times higher than the average income.

In the midst of a global pandemic, the homeless population in Los Angeles -- where the twin crises of homelessness and housing affordability are worst in the state -- has gone up 13% over the course of a year. Reports indicate that there have been about 41,000 homeless people in Los Angeles.

State housing officials say the rental program is designed to provide California residents in select cities with income-based financial relief by paying landlords the money owed.

"The CA COVID-19 Rent Relief program will reimburse landlords up to 80 % of an eligible renter's unpaid rent accrued between April 1, 2020 and March 31, 2021, if they agree to forgive the remaining 20 %," said Kimberly Brown, a spokesperson for HCD. "Eligible renters whose landlords choose not to participate in the program may apply on their own and receive 25% of unpaid rent between April 1, 2020, and March 31, 2021. Paying this 25% by June 30, 2021 can help keep you in your home under the extended eviction protections in SB 91."

During a recent HCD webinar, speakers came together to discuss various plans and proposals in the

Legislature aimed at solving California's housing crisis.

Gustavo Velasquez, director of the HCD, believes it is the duty of the California Legislature to set the standard for housing issues. However, according to Velasquez, local partners are the greatest weapon in the state's war on homelessness.

"As elected leaders, local agency staff and local government officials, you are really the most important partners in California in addressing this unsustainable housing crisis," Velasquez said in the webinar. "The state can set the standards but success or failure ultimately rests on the local level in communities that are struggling today to meet the housing demands of so many."

Brown detailed some of the qualifications for rental relief through the program.

"For all applications received, the state will first review and commit funds to applicants who are eligible and meet the priority requirement having income at or below 50% of Area Median Income (AMI) to ensure those most in need receive assistance," Brown stated.

Brown told California Black Media how many applicants have applied for the program.

"So far, there have been 48,175 applications submitted," Brown said. Another 96,000 applications are in progress, according to the BSCH.

Get more information on the California rental assistance program.

Cal Restaurants and Bars Can Apply for Aid From \$28.6 Billion Relief Fund

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The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is currently accepting applications to provide emergency assistance to restaurants and bars.

U.S. Congresswoman Barbara Lee (D-CA-13) was an original co-sponsor of the proposal to create the lifeline for restaurants and

nesses before the coronavirus pandemic were Black-owned, according to data from compiled by the University of California Santa Cruz study last year. In contrast, about 13% of the United States population is Black, and about 13% of restaurant employees are Black, according to federal data.

The SBA relief fund portal began accepting

related revenue loss -- up to \$10 million per business and no more than \$5 million per physical location. Recipients are not required to repay the funding as long as the funds are used for eligible purposes no later than March 11, 2023.

SBA Administrator Isabella Casillas Guzman stated that the visionary leadership of congressional Democrats "laid the groundwork" for the SBA to deliver targeted relief swiftly and efficiently to the millions of small business owners and workers in restaurants.

"We've designed the Restaurant Revitalization Fund program to ensure this relief is delivered with a focus on equity. America's small businesses are the engine of our economy," Guzman said. "If we're going to build back better, we must ensure all of our nation's entrepreneurs have the tools they need to bring businesses back, create jobs and grow our economy."

Lee encouraged restaurant owners across California to submit applications.

"I encourage all business owners that need funding to cover food costs, payroll, or any other business expenses to apply for this grant," Lee stated. "My office is here to help you through this process."

For information about the Restaurant Revitalization Fund, detailed guidance, and how to apply, visit <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/covid-19-relief-options/restaurant-revitalization-fund>.



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she advocated for its inclusion in the American Rescue Plan (ARP).

"Black and minority-owned restaurants and businesses, as well as women and veteran-owned restaurants and businesses, have been hit hardest by this pandemic," Lee said in a written statement. "I'm pleased that the SBA will prioritize applications for restaurants in economically or socially disadvantaged communities in the first three weeks of the grant program."

The \$28.6 billion restaurant relief legislation was signed into law as part of President Biden's \$1.9 trillion ARP.

Just 7% of U.S. busi-

applications on Friday, April 30 at 6:00 a.m., Pacific Standard Time. In preparation for the grant program's opening, the SBA released detailed guidance for those seeking relief money through the restaurant revitalization fund.

The SBA has tapped Lendistry, a Southern California-based lending firm, to help administer the restaurant relief funds. The Black-led and operated firm is the largest minority-led firm that has been disbursing both federal and state COVID relief money in California.

The program will provide restaurants with funding equal to their pandemic-

Mask Wearing Tips

Play safer

Children 2 years of age and older should wear a mask that covers their nose, mouth and chin.



Extra layers mean extra protection

Wear a layered, snug-fitting mask for best protection.



Foggy glasses mean hazy safety

Cover your nose, mouth and chin completely, making sure there are no gaps.



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MAYOR ERIC GARCETTI – Leads Los Angeles Through the Pandemic and Strives to Build a Better and More Inclusionary City

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better and were going to see that small investments have big payoffs,” stated Mayor Garcetti.

REPARATIONS FOR AFRICAN AMERICANS

The mayor, along with the other African American Councilmembers, such as Curren Price, Marqueece Harris-Dawson, and Mark Ridley Thomas, is looking to form a commission to study reparations for African Americans in Los Angeles. “We are looking at how we can inspire the national conversation around HR-40 that Congresswoman Lee in Texas has called for a national commission.” The mayor says this is not a new conversation for him. He originally had a discussion with Congressman John Conyers of Detroit about this concept and has supported this idea for over 15 years. But now the



Mayor Garcetti vows to pump \$20 Billion new dollars into resolving the homeless crisis. PHOTO OFFICE OF MAYOR GARCETTI

don’t trust the vaccine.” To address these issues, the mayor implemented a local program he refers to as the 4 – T’s (Truth, Trust, Technology and Transportation): 1) Speak the truth. Let the people know exactly what’s going on; 2) Work with trusted partners such as Brotherhood Crusade; 3) Use technology where people are; if people don’t have comput-

rior feed and meal delivery programs delivering much needed meals to seniors during the pandemic. But the mayor says that business recovery is going to be a huge part of making the African American business community whole. “Black businesses have been so disproportionately affected by the pandemic.” But the mayor also says that the pandemic has shed light on unfair and unequal financial and business practices which operated long before COVID-19. “COVID finally shed a light on justice on race and economic opportunity in America. Many of us already saw that division, we saw that inequality, but now, all of America could feel it. You could see it by who was dying, by which businesses were closing down, by who was losing their jobs. So, to me, this justice budget we established in the city was all about putting these dollars we got from the federal government and those dollars we found in our own budget in the hands of Black and Brown Communities and Black and Brown businesses.”

The mayor is happy to discuss how he has not only been able to support Los Angeles existing businesses through the LA Cares program, but also wants to focus some attention on the \$3 million they have put towards youth jobs and youth programs. The mayor says, “Remember, today’s youth workers are tomorrow’s entrepreneurs.” Garcetti is proud of the fact that he and his administration have found ways to support so many local businesses at every level. From administering loans and grant programs to local Black and Brown businesses to amending zoning ordinanc-



Garcetti and his administration have found ways to support many local businesses at every level. PHOTO OFFICE OF MAYOR GARCETTI

conversation is beginning to get traction. He is leading a group of mayors from around the country who are willing to get behind this idea of reparations and pilot a program that will demonstrate to national leadership what happens if we were to give Black Americans the financial resources, the educational guarantees, bring an end to housing discrimination, and address everything that has piled on Black people for centuries. He says through this initiative, “We can begin correcting racial injustice and not just play around the edges but actually do something lasting that would put Black Americans on equal footing with non-Black Americans.

VACCINATIONS

Recovering from the COVID Pandemic is the largest issue that has ever faced this state, the nation, and in fact the world. But the mayor has taken great

ers, contact them and set up appointments on the phone; 4) Transportation. Make it easy for people to get to the appointments which is why the city has partnered with Uber and LYFT, as well as established mobile clinics to take away any reason for not having access to the vaccine.

Using and implementing Garcetti’s 4-T strategy, which Dr. Fauci says has helped Los Angeles to be identified as one of the strongest equity programs in the country, the mayor says, “Using the 4-T strategy has allowed us not to just brag about our numbers overall, but we can brag about our numbers in Leimert Park, we can brag about them in Boyle Heights, we can brag about them in Pacoima, we can brag about them in communities that are always the last and need to be the first because they have been the



Mayor Garcetti (right) helps pass out food during the pandemic. PHOTO OFFICE OF MAYOR GARCETTI

steps in navigating the vaccination into arms. The city has taken the administering of vaccinations out of the hands of FEMA and is now partnering with local organizations like the Brotherhood Crusade to ensure that those who want the vaccine can receive the vaccine. “Early on, you had the eager volunteers who would go to Dodger Stadium or folks who had cars, people who can get the vaccine. But there are also people who don’t drive in L.A. or who don’t have laptops, or who just simply

hardest hit.”

“The city’s mobile clinics have delivered the vaccine to about 90% people of color. We have been able to go where they live, into the communities they call home and that is what has made us most effective. If we don’t do that, we won’t get past covid across the entire city,” Garcetti said.

BUSINESS

The city has led a huge effort to pump city dollars into community businesses like Dulan’s Soulfood Kitchen and Harold and Belle’s, who operated se-

es to make outside dining available to businesses who previously did not or could not operate outdoors. The mayor clearly has demonstrated a commitment to assisting our local businesses to stay afloat and/or start a new business venture as we put COVID in the rear-view mirror. “We are in the midst of experiencing a renaissance of Black and Brown-owned businesses in this city and this is our moment to do it,” says Mayor Garcetti.

HOMELESSNESS AND AFFORDABLE



A recent poll shows Mayor Eric Garcetti’s approval rating rising throughout the city. PHOTO OFFICE OF MAYOR GARCETTI

HOUSING

The homelessness or unhoused problem here in Los Angeles has reached unimaginable levels, but the mayor sees the recent ruling by the courts and the judge’s orders to clean up Skid Row as more of a positive than he views as a negative. The judge’s ruling reinforced the biggest

the local monies that will help Los Angeles to be off to the races in addressing the homeless crisis that is plaguing our state.

The cost of housing in general is also a huge challenge especially for those here in Los Angeles. The mayor believes that unfortunately, the cost of housing here in Los Angeles

“If something doesn’t need a gun, don’t send a gun.” Garcetti says look at how effective our gang reduction youth development ambassador’s program has been. These are former gang members working with youth in our communities who have reduced crime an additional 40% beyond what officers have been able to do on their own. Today, if someone is going through a mental health crisis, the mayor says we no longer need to send police or fire departments to address a non-violent situation, because we now have a 24-hour mental health response team who can actually help that person through their duress. He points out that we have to co-own public safety. If the community thinks just reforming the police department is going to solve the problem, then we are abdicating our collective responsibility. We are being affective because we are using this method for homeless outreach, suicide prevention, domestic violence, as well as sexual assault. So now, Los Angeles has civilians who can roll out and address these issues and make the community safer by enhancing our intervention by adding 80 peace ambassadors in the streets of L.A. “It’s not just the responsibility of the police department, it’s the responsibility of all of us.” Garcetti feels one bad



Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti PHOTO OFFICE OF MAYOR GARCETTI

commitment in the City of Los Angeles history to fight homelessness. We have allocated over \$1 billion to address this issue. I welcome the initiative and embrace the need to urgently house people, as we have done over this past year. But I meant what I said when the judge made the ruling, “Stay out of our way. Anything that helps us accelerate, I’m all for, but anything that slows us down, is not wanted. Stay out of the way,” he said. The mayor says Los Angeles has about 5000 new units of housing in the pipeline for 2021 and over 3000 beds of shelter that did not exist a few years ago, and this, along with our \$1 Billion dollar commitment, demonstrates we are and intend to remain committed to addressing this crisis. “It’s not the City of Los Angeles that is not doing its part; can the State and the fed match us? We know how to do this work now. We have doubled the amount of people we have taken off the street each year for the past five years. But we have to stop people from becoming homeless,” stated Garcetti. This was the mayor’s message to his friend and then candidate, Joe Biden and now President Joe Biden. But he says it is also the message he is taking to the governor and to the State Legislature to take the state’s \$50 billion dollar surplus and put at least 1/3 of that to permanent solutions for homelessness now.

The mayor explained that he is leading a 12 big city mayors committee in California. This committee has requested for \$4 billion a year from the State which is four times more than they have spent in the past several years. The president of the senate and the speaker of the house have already endorsed the program and now needs Governor Newsom to sign off. The mayor says that this legislation will pump \$20 Billion new dollars into resolving the homeless crisis over the next five years, which will help the State to match

and throughout the state has gone way beyond the middle-class price range, let alone the working class. But the mayor knows that homeownership is the basic goal of the “American Dream.” Not only has Garcetti worked with the Proposition HHH Supportive Housing Loan Program to bring forward about 11,000 new homes, but he is also working with the city to amend zoning ordinances to allow for more units as long as some of these units are built and priced to be affordable. The mayor is also a big proponent of the building of ADU’s which allows current homeown-



Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti PHOTO OFFICE OF MAYOR GARCETTI

ers to build additional units on their existing property to create a rental unit and help Los Angeles achieve a sense of affordability. The mayor says that not only must you look at what you are building inside of the city, but to look closely at how areas are zoned to make the building of new units easier, more affordable, and more accessible to everyone.

JUSTICE REFORM

The mayor acknowledges that “George Floyd and so many others have lost their lives at the hands of our law enforcement officers. This points out how far we still have to go,” he said. Garcetti also believes that we have to stop throwing so much on to the shoulders of our police department and assume that we are going to receive the outcomes we want.

shooting is one too many; it’s time to daylight those police officer’s disciplinary hearings. Los Angeles currently has a police chief who wants to fire bad police officers, but that decision often gets overruled by a civilian board with no clear reasons for the decision. “This law has got to change,” Mayor Garcetti says.

Mayor Eric Garcetti and his administration have about 18 months remaining before he is termed out. He feels that he has accomplished a lot during his tenure. But he also believes that he can do so much more. He envisions a better city for Los Angeles and he remains committed to the promise of inclusion and equity for all Angelenos. Garcetti believes that is what a leader does.

The Lookout: Dems in Sacramento Take Steps to Make Voting Easier

Watching your tax dollars, elected officials and legislation that affects you

BY ALDON THOMAS STILES
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The electoral process is foundational to the durability of America's democratic structure.

And as the battle for fairer voting laws rages on, politicians and activists on the political Right claim they are responding to allegations of widespread voter and election fraud. Those on the Left say they are rallying to fight a coordinated political offensive to restrict access to the polls and increasing reports of voter suppression.

Recently, in some states, most notoriously Georgia and Florida, lawmakers have taken steps to restrict voting access and rights for many Americans.

But in California, policymakers and legislators are doing the opposite, making proposals to simplify the voting process and expand access to the polls.

Invoking the violent history of voter suppression in the South that her parents endured, which sometimes involved murders -- California Secretary of State

Shirley Weber says it is a priority of hers to "ensure the right to vote."

"I tell people all the time that no number is good unless it's 100% in terms of voter participation," Weber told the Public Policy Institute of California. "Why didn't 5 million go to the polls? We need to figure out where they are and what stopped them from going."

In the California Legislature, an amendment to Senate Bill (SB) 29, which passed earlier this year, was one bill in a broader legislative effort to secure the right to vote in vulnerable communities.

Before that amendment passed, California law dictated that a ballot would be mailed to all eligible voters for the Nov. 3 statewide general election in 2020 as well as use a Secretary of State vote-by-mail tracking system to ensure votes are counted.

SB 29, which the governor signed into law in February, extended those requirements to any election "proclaimed or conducted" prior to Jan. 1, 2022.

2020 saw a record number of voter participation in California. Some political observers attribute that spike to the vote-by-mail system instituted last year.

"To maintain a healthy democracy in California, it is important to encourage eligible voters to vote and to ensure that residents of the state have the tools needed to participate in every election," the bill reads.

Senate Bill (SB) 583, introduced by California State Sen. Josh Newman (D-Fullerton) would require the Secretary of State to register or preregister eligible citizens to vote upon retrieving the necessary paperwork from the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV).

Citizens who do not wish to be registered can opt-out of the process altogether.

Newman stressed the importance of access and simplifying the voter registration process.

"In our state there are an estimated 4.6 million U.S. citizens who are eligible to vote who have not yet registered," Newman said. "Our obligation as the people's

elected representatives is to make the process simpler and more accessible for them."

policy for the DRC wrote in a letter.

"Voters with disabilities, including seniors, are more

and ethics.

Hilary Shelton, Director to the NAACP's Washington Bureau and Senior Vice President for Advocacy and Policy, compared the current voting rights battle to that of the Civil Rights Movement in a press conference about H.R.1 and the John L. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act.

"If you look at some of those 1960s shots of the C.T. Vivians of the world, of the Joe Lowerys and so many others that helped lead Americans to those registration sites, you'll see them actually literally being beaten to the ground," Shelton said, referring to well-known Civil Rights Movement activists.

The John L. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act of 2021, or S.4263, would amend the Voting Rights Act of 1965 to restore the powers it lost after the Supreme Court's 2013 ruling in *Shelby v. Holder*. In that case, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that laws requiring states and local communities to first clear any changes to voting their local laws with the feds, was unlawful.

"Well, we've become more sophisticated in our disenfranchisement," Shelton continued. "We want to make sure that we stop that disenfranchisement all along the way and that's why we're convinced that a bill named for John Lewis and a bill that speaks for the people are bills that need to pass."



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On April 27, the Senate Transportation Committee passed SB 583 with a 13 to 3 vote. The Appropriations Committee has set a hearing for May 10.

Senate Bill (SB) 503, introduced by Sen. Josh Becker (D-Menlo Park), proposes that if a signature shares enough characteristics with a previous signature from the same voter, then it would be recognized as official on voting paperwork.

Current law dictates that a signature has to match exactly for it to be considered valid.

Disability Rights California (DRC), a non-profit advocacy organization that advances and protects the rights of Californians living with disabilities, has come out in support of SB 503.

"Studies have shown that signature matches disproportionately impact voters with disabilities," Eric Harris, director of public

likely to vote by mail and would have to sign their name on their ballots," Harris argued. "A voter's signature changes over time and for people with disabilities, a signature can change nearly every other time one is written. Some people with disabilities might have conditions that make it difficult to sign your name the same way multiple times."

For now, the Senate Appropriations Committee has tabled SB 503, placing the bill in what the Legislature calls a "suspense file," where it awaits further action by lawmakers.

At the federal level, lawmakers have introduced two bills in the U.S. Congress to expand voting rights, the For The People Act of 2021 and the John L. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act.

The For The People Act, or H.R.1, proposes a three pronged approach to expanding election access: Voting, campaign finance,

\$6.2 Billion Cal Fund Will Shield Small Businesses from COVID-Related Taxes

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California lawmakers have approved Assembly Bill (AB) 80 legislation spearheaded by Assembly-member Autumn Burke (D-Inglewood). The legislation will give a \$6.2 billion tax cut to small businesses across the state that received loans under the federal government's Paycheck Protection Program (PPP).



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California lawmakers approved the bill, they say, to safeguard the financial future of small businesses as a supplement to the American Families Plan proposed by President Joe Biden in March this year. AB 80, signed by Gov. Gavin Newsom protects small businesses that received PPP loans from the federal government by ensuring that the loans will not count as taxable income. Expenses covered by the federal funds are also tax deductible under this legislation.

State legislators passed a unanimous vote on the tax, "marking it as one of largest tax cuts in state history," Burke said on Facebook.

"My bill will provide assistance to businesses who were financially harmed during the COVID-19 pandemic by allowing them to deduct all expenses paid for using forgiven PPP loans," she said.

Small businesses play a key role in the economic recovery of the state especially since the state plans to reopen on June 15 this year.

"California's small businesses have been hampered and hammered by this pandemic, and we are using every tool at our disposal to help them stay afloat," Gov. Newsom said.

Also, "This small business tax relief is exactly what is needed to keep busi-

nesses open so they can continue paying their employees," he said.

Maria Salinas, the president of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, supported the state's efforts to allow major tax cuts for small businesses that employ people from Black and Brown communities.

"We know that small businesses are what fuels the economy not only in Los Angeles but across the state of California and across this country," said Salinas.

Despite small businesses receiving PPP loans to soften the financial blow of the pandemic, the tax bill also aims to remedy, "the tax burden that we saw in the differences between the federal and the state," said Salinas.

According to state officials, in addition to the tax bill, California also legislated \$2.5 billion in relief funds to support small businesses across the state earlier this year. Eligible businesses can receive grants up to \$25,000 to make up for financial loss incurred during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The tax relief bill comes at a critical moment in Gov. Newsom's time in office as state officials prepare for recall efforts his Republican opponents initiated.

But the Governor remained optimistic.

"We're going to defeat the recall," he said.

Despite the optimism, the state has validated over 1.6 million signatures exceeding the number of signatures required for California to move forward with a re-election.

"We're going to focus on getting people back to work," said Gov. Newsom.

According to the California Association of Clerks and Elections Officials, a bipartisan government agency, a reelection could cost the state \$400 million based on previous election data and the current economic factors.

"We're going to get this

economy moving again and more important than anything else, we're going to get vaccines in people's arms so we can do all of that faster," said Gov. Newsom.

Dr. Shirley Weber, the California Secretary of State, is leading efforts to prevent the projected fiscal setback expected to be triggered by the prospective re-election. According to the Secretary of State's office, there is an allocated time period for people to withdraw their signatures from recall petitions in their respective counties.

State economic strategy for American Families Plan

State officials are combining federal and state initiatives to boost efforts to reopen by mid-June this year. The state is initiating programs to provide relief funds for individuals -- some of them grants -- for small businesses and organizations, including \$600 stimulus checks for Californians who have low incomes.

"Right here in California, our stimulus programs have provided tax relief for small businesses and money in pockets for struggling families, and we've expanded childcare and made community college free," said Gov. Newsom.

According to state officials, relief programs have helped more than 40,000 small businesses and nonprofits across California so far.

"These strategic investments, which are complemented by President Biden's American Families Plan, will bolster California's equitable economic recovery and bring us roaring back," he said.

State officials are set on achieving their goal to reopen and to restore job losses for small businesses and academic setbacks for schools across California.

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Where to Take Mom for Mother's Day: Black-Owned Dining Experiences for the Family to Enjoy

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COVID-19 safety measures in mind; indulge in the sweet life with treating your queen to one of Crustees Pies, or take a bite out of Louisiana home cooking at Harold and Belle's.

Post & Beam

For explosive flavor and incredible atmosphere, Post & Beam is a great place to celebrate the women who brought life into this world. The robust flavors found in their soul food match the warmth given by their staff, Post & Beam has created an ambiance that is authentic to the collective community.

With a spacious floor plan and an environment filled with the enchantment of laughter and dining in a sultry garden patio, intimately tethered to the main room and bar, clinks of glasses and the buzz of conversation harmonize with the jazz notes playing in the background.

Post & Beam is known for their artisan brunch menu, with their Braised Oxtail Hash, Country Potatoes, Roasted Peppers and Onions, Mustard Hollandaise and Poached Eggs, mom will be dancing in her seat. Exclusively served on Sundays, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Located in the Baldwin Hills Crenshaw Plaza in South Los Angeles, Post & Beam has been creating phenomenal



Wood oven Salmon over smoked fingerling potatoes and pickled red onion with Alabama White BBQ Sauce. PHOTO CREDIT: TRAVIS MCCOY PHOTOGRAPHY

memories for their guests for over eight years. Hosting private events, they customized the experience to fit every occasion. The atmosphere draws in the crowd, but everyone comes back for the addicting flavor of the food, representing a rich culture found in the Black community.

Known for their modern twist on west coast cuisine, Post & Beam curated a southern combination that synchronizes with the traditional comfort food of California. Some of the introductory plates include warm Corn Bread with Whipped Honey Butter, Pacific Oysters, and Vegan Crab Cake.

Their main dishes include one-of-a-kind plates like the Espresso Rubbed Hangar Steak accompanied with Celery Root Puree and Red Pepper Romesco. This place has been "mother-approved" for exquisite dining. Located on 3767 Santa Rosalia Drive, one can request a table on the official website, <https://postandbeamla.com/> or for more information, one can call, by dialing (323) 299-5599.

Crustees Pies

The peach cobbler is symbolic for family, holidays, and tradition in the collective community. The recipe holds generations of tweaks in the ingredients and shared experiences in the kitchen, and Crustees' owner, Sharon Washington, experienced her first slice through the lin-



The Crustees Peach Cobbler is symbolic for family, holidays, and tradition in the collective community. COURTESY PHOTO

eage of motherhood, and she's been cooking with a sense of unity ever since.

By bringing mom a finely crafted pie from a woman-owned business; the message of gratitude will be received instantly. The story of these pies started in the community of motherhood, Washington learned part of her style of cooking from her friend's mother, and every Sunday she would join her friend to recreate the recipes; one eventually becoming her signature peach cobbler.

Washington reflected on what the peach cobbler meant to the Black family dynamic, mainly the use of recipes passed down from grandmothers to mothers. Washington always takes the compliment of being "the best pie" with gratitude, but she looks at the other mother's journey; cooking and creating a dish for their loved ones.

In reflection, Washington said, "... I was told for many years that my peach cobbler was 'the best peach cobbler,' and for me I just said, 'well, okay... well, thank you so much, I really appreciate it,' because I always believed, that what you interpret as the best, is what you grew up eating from your mother." It's safe to say, the love for nourishing others is the secret ingredient to the famous Crustees Peach Cobbler. One can grab a slice through GrubHub, DoorDash, Postmates, and UberEats, or by calling 323.815.9910 for more delicious details.

Harold and Belle's

Harold & Belle's has served Los Angeles for 50 Years and it all started with connection and family tradition for the creole-style restaurant.

Harold and Belle's dining experience started with a family connection; third generation owner, Ryan Legaux, explained that food was an afterthought when his grandparents, Harold and Belle, built their legacy. They brought the southern hospitality to the West Coast.

It started as a social club where the Black community could play cards, talk, and dance, while a pot of gumbo was simmering in the kitchen. The Legaux family came to Los Angeles with the soul and the hospitable spirit of New Orleans, bringing a distinct flavor that can be enjoyed while celebrating mom.

One of the main pillars of success established by Harold and Belle's 50 years ago, was the essence of unity. Legaux explained, "The atmosphere and the vibe ... the food was more of an afterthought. It was about the people."

The recipes come directly from the family kitchen, authentically developed in Louisiana. Legaux explained, "The recipes are coming out of the home kitchen; this is just family tradition getting passed down the line." He reflected on times in Louisiana and the memories shared among the family that last far past the feast.



To Geaux packaging and beignets COURTESY

The air is filled with the savory scents that represent the culinary enchantment of New Orleans. The kitchen tantalizes the senses with authentic gumbo, jambalaya, and red beans and rice, slow cooking in layers of flavor, providing a rich culinary experience.

Legaux explained that alongside those dishes, their fryers are going from dusk-till-dawn, where their famous fry catfish, shrimp, oysters, and beignets. This is place is perfect for the family and the special event of honoring the women in one's life.

Located at 2920 W. Jefferson Blvd., in Los Angeles, CA, 90018. For to-go orders, the restaurant utilizes multiple delivery services, such as Chow Now, Grubhub, and Postmates. Customers can also order online through the Harold and Belle's website at www.haroldandbelles.com

Mother's Day is a time to show gratitude for the women who continue to put others before themselves. They do this thankless job with honor; Mother's Day creates an energy of recognizing all of the hard work that goes into raising a child.

A Post & Beam brunch says "thank you for everything" through their flavors and atmosphere, a pie from Crustees captures the appreciation that one feels on Mother's Day, and Harold and Belle's provides a sense of restoration for the women who used their bodies to protect and uplift others from birth.

Decline in COVID-19 Deaths Edge L.A. County Towards Yellow Tier, COVID-19 Related Illness in Children Rises

Despite a slight rise in a COVID-19 related illness in children, L.A. County slowly enter the less restrictive tier.

who has lost loved ones during this tragedy and are hopeful that deaths continue to remain very low in the weeks ahead," said Barbara Ferrer, PhD, MPH, MEd, Director of Public Health. "Our ability to maintain low numbers of cases, and correspondingly low numbers of hospitalizations and deaths, can be attributed in large part to the increased number of people vaccinated."

Los Angeles County has remained in the orange tier operating at 50% indoor capacity in key sectors and edging into the Yellow tier,

County shows 1,169,805 cases, Long Beach with 52,956 cases and Pasadena with 11,224.

According to race and ethnicity, COVID-19 statistics show: American Indian/Alaska Native with 1,984; Asian with 55,597; Black with 45,295; Hispanic/Latino with 614,650; Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander with 4,170; White with 127,413; those of other race and ethnicity with 101,614 and 219,082 under investigation.

As of this week, there were 739 sites offering vaccines that include hospi-



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Administration to approve its vaccine for ages 12-to-15-year-olds.

COVID-19 infections

MIS-C cases occurred in Latinx children with the other cases evenly divided between Black/African American and White children. Protecting children from infection and complications, especially those not eligible for vaccinations, remains a high priority as we head into the summer months.

"There will be a time in the not-distant future when many of our children will be eligible for the vaccine," said Ferrer. "While we are all reminded daily about the powerful vaccines now available, for our children and others not yet vaccinated, masking is an essential tool in our effort to keep transmission rates low. Even if all the adult members of your family are vaccinated, mask together with your children as much as possible, specifically when at indoor gatherings or while in crowded outdoor places; this sets a good example making it easy for them to follow your lead."

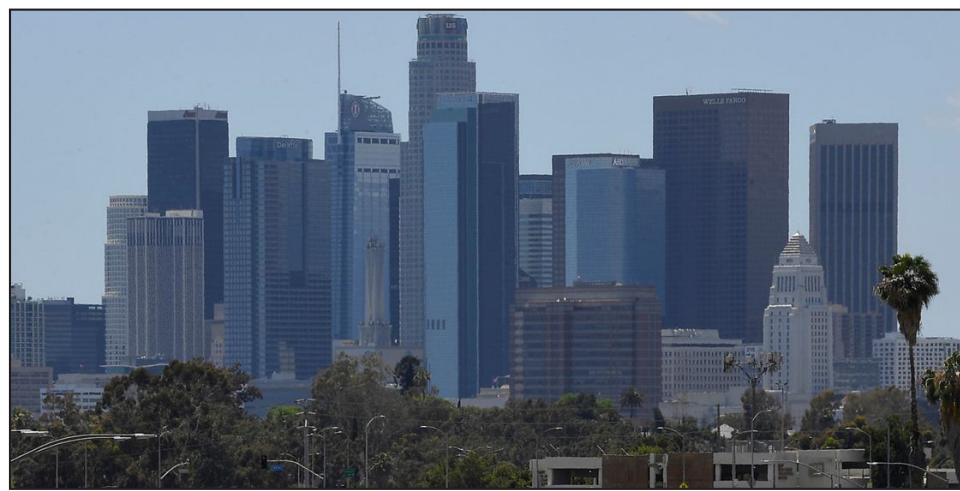
Public Health is committed on ensuring an

equitable distribution of vaccines and ensuring eligible residents and workers in hard hit communities have increased access to vaccines. Visit: www.VaccinateLACounty.com (English) and www.VacunateLosAngeles.com (Spanish) to learn how to make an appointment at vaccination sites, what verifications people will need to show at your vaccination appointment, and much more. Vaccinations are always free and open to eligible residents and workers regardless of immigration status.

Non-compliance and dangerous conditions at businesses and worksites can be reported to Public Health by phone at 888-700-9995 or online at www.publichealth.lacounty.gov. These tips can be submitted anonymously.

For more information and statistics on COVID-19 in Los Angeles County, please visit <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/>

For more detailed information on COVID-19 vaccination plans in L.A. County and to sign up for a vaccination newsletter, visit: www.VaccinateLACounty.com



The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health identified 1,233,985 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County and a total of 23,914 deaths. COURTESY PHOTO

which is the least restrictive. Mobile vaccinations and other locations continue to distribute vaccines. There's been a slight rise in the COVID-19 related illness in youth since its peak in mid-December.

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tals, clinics, pharmacies and schools. Many of these sites have become active in hard hit communities. Anyone can obtain vaccines at the 8 county run sites, and many of the community sites without an appointment. There are also 126 mobile units offering vaccines in communities to those who may not be able to reach certain sites. In early April, Pfizer submitted a request to the Food and Drug

have caused multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children (MIS-C) during the pandemic. Most youth survived MIS-C but there have been 36 deaths from MIS-C nationally among 3,185 cases reported. To date, Public Health has confirmed 180 children with MIS-C including two child deaths in L.A. County. Out of the children with MIS-C, 74% of

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LOS ANGELES NATIVE & NEW ORLEANS MAYOR LATOYA CANTRELL PREPARES FOR RE-ELECTION WITH SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISING EVENT

Polls show Mayor Cantrell will crush all competition vying for her seat

BY DANNY J. BAKEWELL, JR.
Executive Editor

New Orleans Mayor, LaToya Cantrell, who grew up here in Los Angeles was recently honored by a group of local and national business leaders in New Orleans, Louisiana. The event which was organized by New Orleans business leader Ronnie V. Burns, Sr. was held at the historical Dooky Chase Restaurant on March 30, 2020. Also in attendance at the event was

er, undaunted by nefarious plans to declare Broadmoor a flood zone that should not be rebuilt, she returned to her home and neighborhood and led efforts to revitalize her community as president of her neighborhood association. Not only did she lead her neighborhoods efforts to rebuild, but she also led the way for a robust rebuilding effort throughout New Orleans.

Bolstered by her success in saving her Broadmoor neighborhood, Cantrell ran

served as councilperson during much of the early days of the post Katrina efforts to rebuild and restore New Orleans. She gained city-wide acclaim for her efforts to restore affordable housing throughout the city. She also garnered citywide support for her leadership efforts in bringing forth a No-Smoking ordinance that prohibited smoking in most public buildings throughout the city.

“Mayor Cantrell has proven herself to be an



Ronnie Burns, Sr., Sheila Burns, Mayor Cantrell



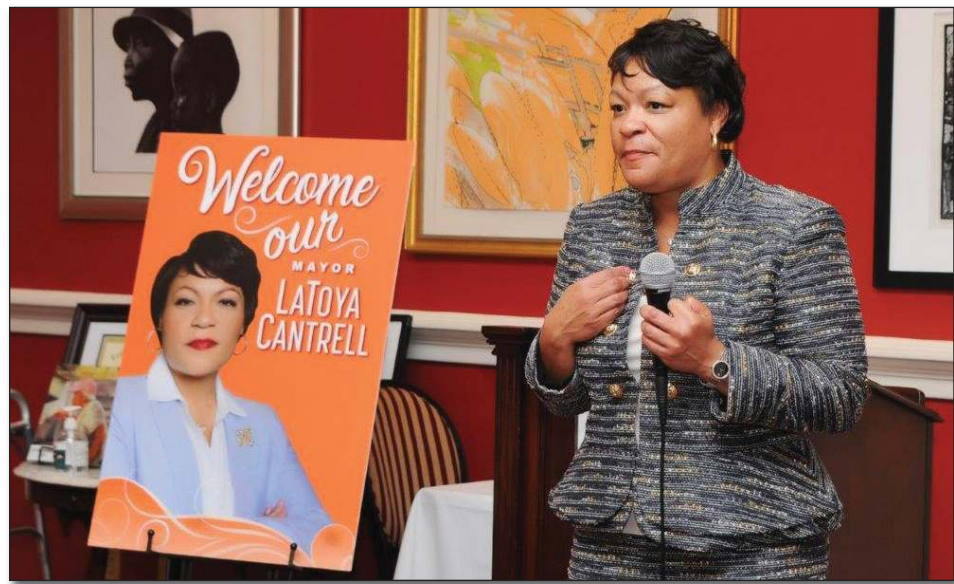
Danny Bakewell, Sr., Alden McDonald, Mayor Cantrell, Ronnie Burns, Sr., Bill Rouselle



Mayor LaToya Cantrell, Ronnie Burns, Sr.

where most needed, including making major improvements in policing in some of the city’s toughest crime areas.

As 2020 dawned, New Orleans was on the verge of major growth and development. Then like many cities in America COVID-19 hit the city and hit it hard. COVID started infecting people and with the worldwide attraction of Mardi Gras in February of that year, New Orleans became an epicenter for the



Mayor LaToya Cantrell

New Orleans native and the Los Angeles Sentinel’s Chairman and Executive Publisher Danny J. Bakewell, Sr.

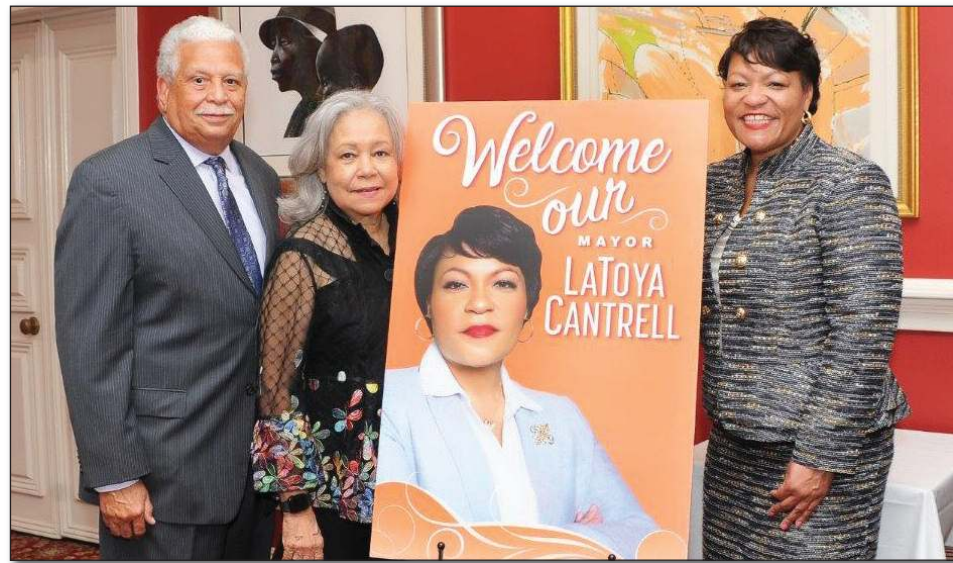
As Cantrell prepares for her re-election in October, she is credited for her bold and effective efforts to protect her constituents during the COVID pandemic. Today, New Orleans has one of the lowest rates of infection and one of the highest rates of vaccination in the country.

LaToya Cantrell came to New Orleans in the early 1990’s to attend Xavier Uni-

By 2017, Cantrell had established herself as one of New Orleans premier political leaders, garnering overwhelming support from the city’s residence as well as the business community. She had developed an impressive reputation of being an “No Time For Nonsense, Let’s Get It Done” leader. With the urging of friends, political activist and community leaders, Cantrell decided to run for mayor. While New



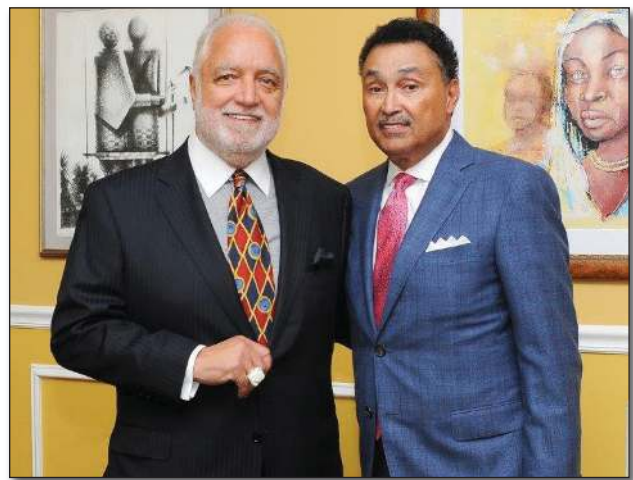
Danny Bakewell, Sr. and Mayor Cantrell



Alden and Rhesa McDonald, Mayor Cantrell



Greg Feirn



Danny Bakewell, Sr. and Ronnie Burns, Sr.

versity-The only Black Catholic University in the Nation. She is quoted as saying “she found her soul in the rich African American culture of New Orleans.” Cantrell earned her bachelor’s degree in Sociology in 1995 from Xavier and after graduation began with a local education non-profit. She also met and married New Orleans attorney Jason Cantrell in her then newly adopted home city.

Like many New Orleanians, Cantrell was uprooted from her Broadmoor neighborhood in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Howev-

for and won the city council seat in that district. She

effective leader of the city. The care and concern she has demonstrated for both the local residence of our city along with the attention to detail and support she has provided our local business community is unprecedented. She understands the pulse of the city and the people she serves and I am honored to call her a friend and bring together such an illustrious group of leaders to support her re-election efforts.” Stated Ronnie Burns, Sr., president of Burns Management Group and organizer of the event.

Orleans, in its own parochial way had never elected a woman or non-native New Orleanian, Cantrell who had worked in the hospitality industry during her college years, built a grassroots army by “meeting people where they are.” She conducted a historical campaign kickoff, going to 12 different neighborhoods in 14 days all to announce and launch her bid to become the next mayor of New Orleans. She led all competition during the primary, shocking many of the New Orleans old-guard

political forces. With a steady forward looking platform and an energetic campaign team, Cantrell won the mayor’s race with over 60% of the vote.

Since becoming the mayor of New Orleans, Cantrell has delivered additional funding to upgrade New Orleans crumbling and aged infrastructure. She has had a laser focus on improving the lives of working families and youth throughout the city. She has right sized the city’s budget allocating city service, resources and funding

disease. Cantrell imposed a shut-down of the city and despite strong opposition from segments of the tourist dominated business community of New Orleans, she held her ground and is recognized today as one of the most effective COVID managers in the country.

A child of Los Angeles County (Straight Out Of Compton), we salute Mayor LaToya Cantrell and heartily offer our endorsement and support of her re-election bid in October 2021.



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Nationwide "Rise Above COVID" Movement

Seeks to represent the country's diversity in COVID-19 clinical trial

Inclusion of Black volunteers is crucial to research COVID-19 treatments

SPECIAL TO THE SENTINEL

Rise Above COVID is raising awareness of ACTIV-2, a nationwide clinical trial to evaluate potential treatments for early COVID-19. The study is enrolling adults within eight days of experiencing symptoms and 10 days of their positive COVID-19 test result. ACTIV-2 is working to enroll people of color to ensure that the nation's diverse population is represented in the trial.

The U.S. Black population has experienced 10 percent more COVID-19 cases, nearly 300 percent more hospitalizations, and 90 percent more deaths (CDC, March 2021) than non-Hispanic whites. Historically, the Black community has had the lowest clinical trial participation rates of any racial group and only 8 percent participation in clinical trials of drugs that were approved last year (FDA, 2020).

"Historical events like

Tuskegee have understandably left many feeling that clinical trials shouldn't be trusted," said Lance Okeke, M.D., M.P.H. assistant professor of Medicine in the Division of Infectious Diseases and ACTIV-2 Principal Investigator, Duke University. "However, the National Research Act was signed into law in 1974 to ensure the highest ethical standards and conduct are met during clinical research. From my view on the frontlines of COVID-19 research, it is vitally important that we ensure treatments are safe and effective for the communities most impacted by this pandemic. Diverse clinical trial participation key to this effort."

"My entire household tested positive, including my children, and we all experienced different symptoms," said Mike McDaniel, a Black ACTIV-2 clinical trial participant in Los Angeles. "The impact on my family was painful. Participating in this clinical trial allowed me to make a valuable contribution to my community and I encourage others to do the same."

While some in the Black community mistrust



clinical trials, many deeply trust their barbershops and beauty salons. Rise Above COVID is partnering with more than 200 Black barbershops and beauty salons across New York City, Chicago, Chapel Hill, and Durham to engage patrons in "real talk" about COVID-19 and raise awareness of the ACTIV-2 clinical trial, which has multiple sites in each of those locales. These community-based safe spaces, which have long been epicenters of honest dialogue, are the ideal settings to candidly

discuss topics ranging from the historical mistrust of clinical trials to the present-day devastation COVID-19 has had on the Black community. Barbershop and beauty salon customers receive detailed information about the study, along with complimentary facemasks and hand sanitizers from Rise Above COVID.

ACTIV-2 is being conducted to identify therapeutics that can prevent people who get COVID-19 from progressing to severe disease and hospitalization. The clinical trial is taking

place in more than 140 nationwide sites including Atlanta, New Orleans, Houston, Chicago, New York, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, and others.

"I lost five family members to COVID-19 in 14 days and personally feel the devastation our Black community is experiencing," said Tony Wafford, member of the Rise Above COVID Community Advisory Board. "Our community is being hit hard, and we need research that reflects our population. The time to join this movement is now."

ACTIV-2 is conducted by the AIDS Clinical Trials Group (ACTG) and sponsored by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, part of the National Institutes of Health, with support from the Federal COVID Response - Therapeutics, the U.S. government's multi-agency effort to accelerate the development, manufacturing, and distribution of COVID-19 vaccines, therapeutics, and diagnostics.

About the ACTG

Founded in 1987, the AIDS Clinical Trials Group (ACTG) was the world's first HIV research network. The ACTG conducts groundbreaking studies to improve the treatment of HIV and its complications; reduce new infections and HIV-related illness; and advance new approaches to prevent, treat, and ultimately cure HIV. ACTG studies have helped establish current paradigms for managing HIV disease, and have informed HIV treatment guidelines, resulting in dramatic decreases in HIV-related mortality worldwide.

Black Lineworker Scholarship Names Recipients including Local Minority Students

SENTINEL NEWS SERVICE

Thirty high school seniors in Southern California Edison's service area have been named 2021 Edison Scholars and will be awarded \$1.2 million in scholarships by Edison International to pursue science, technology, engineering or math (STEM) studies.

"The Edison Scholars class of 2021 is outstanding," said Pedro Pizarro, president and CEO of Edison International. "They are navigating school, leading organizations and securing internships, often while balancing jobs. That's difficult in any environment, let alone a pandemic. We are so proud to help these students pursue their STEM dreams."

Each Edison Scholar will receive a \$40,000 scholarship — paid over four years — to further their academic pursuit of STEM fields at a four-year accredited U.S. college or university.

The recipients' names and a short bio to follow:

Somaya Mohamednur-Santa Monica High



Gideon Telahunel

School

Somaya has been involved with various volunteer opportunities, like the Santa Monica Youth Orchestra and the local library, but her true passion lies in helping people understand and accept each other's differences. She has goals of creating an app that not only provides information about different communities and people of color, but also teaches about unconscious bias and ways to remedy it. She plans to major in computer

science
Gideon Telahunel-Se-gundo High School

Gideon has not only participated in Boeing's internship program, but also serves as the director of activities for the Little Ethiopia Culture and Resource Center. By pursuing an engineering career, he plans

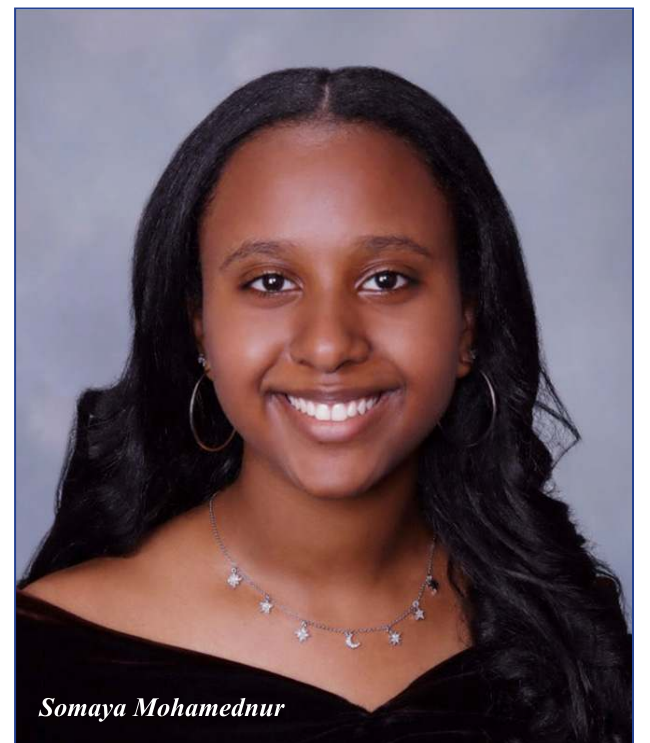
A varsity basketball and tennis player as well as a four-year, honor-roll student, Isaiah hopes to become a civil engineer. Isaiah believes civil engineering will allow him to create safe cities and communities to allow kids, like himself, to reach their full potential. He plans to major in civil engineering

Jared Frazierwood-Bridge High School

As the presidential service awardee at Camp James and the secretary for the Sea Scouts, Jared dreams of being the first person in his family to attend college. In college, he wants to pursue electric car technology and natural gas options for vehicles. Jared has dreams of developing and building tools to protect and serve his community. He plans to major in mechanical engineering.

Malia Mitchell-Palisades Charter High School

As president of Palisades' Black Student Union



Somaya Mohamednur

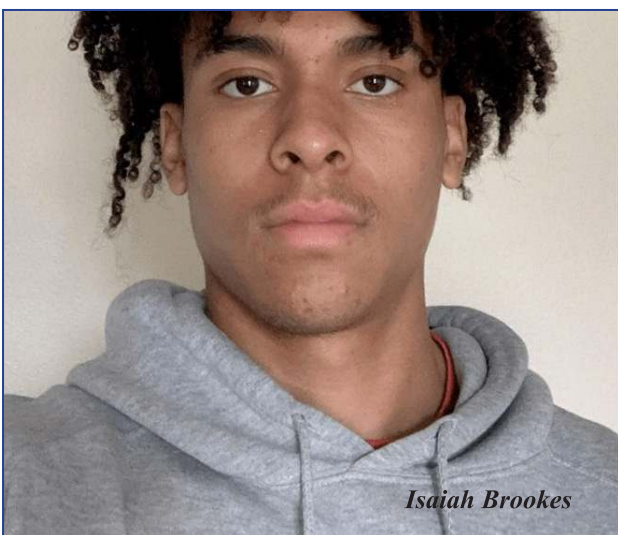
ence, technology, engineering and math to students of color who would not be exposed otherwise. She plans to major in mechanical engineering.

Since 2006, more than \$12 million in scholarships have been awarded to 700 high school seniors through the Edison Scholars Program.

Edison International, the parent company of Southern California Edison, is one of the largest

corporate philanthropic contributors in Southern California. The Edison Scholars Program is funded entirely by Edison International shareholders. SCE customers' utility bill payments do not fund company donations.

All thirty Edison scholars will be celebrated in a virtual reception on May 21, 2021. To learn more about the 2021 Edison Scholars, visit ENER-GIZED.EDISON.COM.

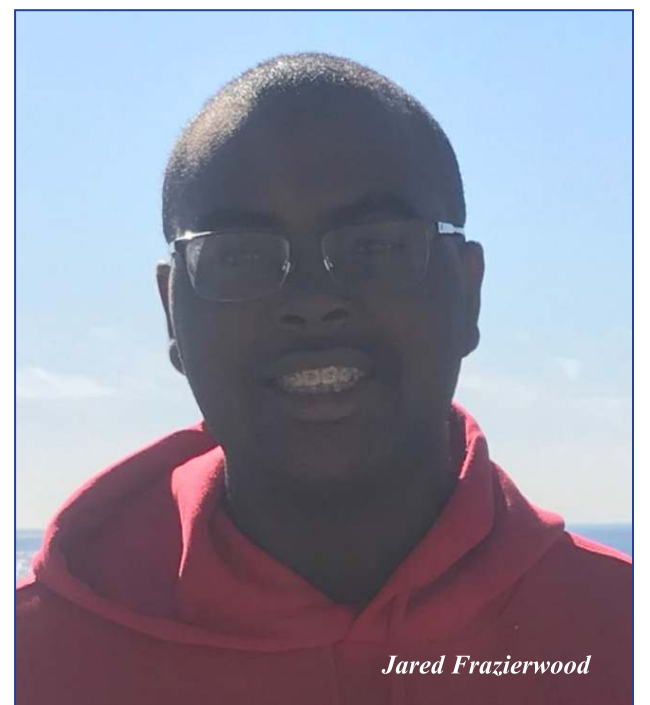


Isaiah Brookes

to help bridge the race, religion and income gap that impacts the STEM field. He also is the El Segundo High basketball team captain and co-president of the Black Student Union. He plans to major in industrial engineering.

Isaiah Brookes-San Jacinto High School

and a Summer Math and Science Honors Academy alumni, Malia knows firsthand the racial disparities within the STEM field. By pursuing a degree in mechanical engineering, she hopes to bridge the academic achievement gap by partnering with various foundations to teach sci-



Jared Frazierwood



Malia Mitchell

Core (Community Organized Relief Effort) Launches It's Time Los Angeles, A Vaccine Awareness Campaign To Aid Its Vaccine Distribution Efforts

To Benefit Underserved Latino, Black, Asian American And Pacific Islander Communities

Disproportionate Distribution and Barriers to Access Among Marginalized Communities Propelled CORE to Rally Community Experts to form Alliance and Execute the Equity-Focused Campaign

SPECIAL TO THE SENTINEL

Continuing their efforts to proactively address inequity in COVID-19 vaccine distribution and eliminate barriers to reaching the city's most vulnerable populations, CORE (Com-

munity Organized Relief Effort) has formed a coalition of strategists and community leaders to launch a vaccination awareness and acceptance campaign aimed at reaching Los Angeles's hardest hit communities, including Latino, Black and Asian American and Pacific Islander populations. The initiative, IT'S TIME LOS ANGELES, is a multiplatform campaign built by LA-based multicultural marketing firm AEM (American Entertainment Marketing) that aims to increase the rate of

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from and work alongside diverse communities across LA to provide them with the relief they need through trust and breaking down cultural and language barriers, as well as technology and transportation roadblocks. Our priority is the equitable distribution of vaccines, and the most significant obstacle is often information. Breaking down this barrier requires working within existing community infrastructure and trusted leaders — and that's exactly what we've set out to achieve with IT'S TIME LOS ANGELES. We are excited to rally this robust alliance of community experts to lead the charge of this collaborative and inclusive initiative.

“As eligibility opens up in California, it's incumbent upon CORE to bridge the gap of access by increasing awareness among the most vulnerable,” said Lee. “This will allow community members to make an informed decision for themselves about receiving the vaccine. It's our hope that IT'S TIME LOS ANGELES will help us accomplish this goal and ensure easy access to marginalized communities across the city.”

In launching IT'S TIME LOS ANGELES, CORE and AEM have assembled a coalition of highly visible and respected multicultural leaders and community-based organizations to educate in-language on the urgency to be vaccinated through culturally relevant online and grassroots channels.

“We are a group of strategists that came together on behalf of the communities we serve; we represent the majority minority and given how much our communities have suffered, we believe a better and stronger LA will require strength, unity and coalition building,” said AEM Founder and President Ivette Rodriguez. “We commend CORE for understanding that to speak to our communities requires a From and For approach.”

“The African American Community has been disproportionately affected by this global pandemic and has been the last to receive the necessary support needed to overcome this devastating disease,” said Danny J. Bakewell, Sr., chairman of Bakewell Media (Los Angeles Sentinel & LAWT) / Founder/Creator of Taste of Soul. “But, as we always have, we will overcome, we will survive. This starts with getting vaccinated. There is no doubt, America has earned our distrust and hesitancy to take the vaccine by the years of previous abuse when it comes to medication and testing. But, this is a new day and the fastest road to our recovery is for everyone to get vaccinated as soon as possible. I have been vaccinated and I want to encourage everyone to get vaccinated as

soon as the opportunity for you to get vaccinated presents itself. This is what WE need to do to get healthy and begin the long road to recovery that our community so desperately needs.”

Latinos are hesitant to take a COVID-19 vaccine due to fear, skepticism and mistrust in their communities. CORE recognizes that the voices of trusted community messengers are key to education and awareness in the fight against the pandemic.

“Immigrants, especially the elderly, Spanish-speaking, indigenous communities, and the recently arrived, have faced many challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic, including limited access to prevention education, healthcare, relief, and the vaccine. This is why it is time for all to join hands and ensure every family member, friend, co-worker, and neighbor in this great City of Los Angeles is accurately informed, receives prompt health care if sick, and gets the vaccine because we know doing

those community members who often fall through the cracks,” stated Connie Chung Joe, CEO of AAAJ-LA. “This includes our limited English proficient immigrants, seniors who may face technology challenges, and Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islanders who have been the hardest hit by COVID-related deaths amongst all racial groups. This initiative is so important because it focuses on how to overcome such challenges and provide equitable distribution of the vaccine across all groups.”

IT'S TIME LOS ANGELES

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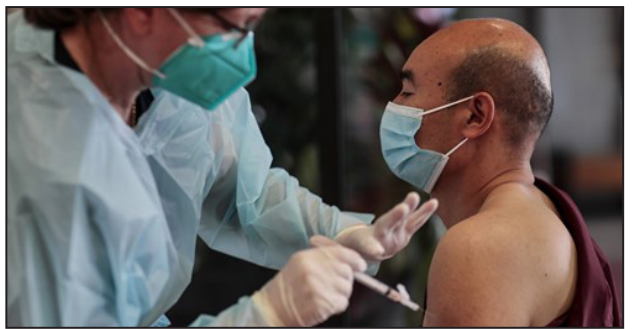
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vaccinations for the city's most vulnerable and hard-to-reach communities.

As California has opened vaccine availability to people age 16+, CORE anticipates the potential for increased confusion and misinformation around how people can gain ac-

“Since the beginning of the pandemic, we have been working in close partnership with the City of Los Angeles and LAFD to protect Angelenos from the devastating impact of COVID-19,” said CORE Co-Founder and CEO Ann Lee. “Our teams come



so saves lives. Remember: Your immigration status does not matter when seeking to get vaccinated,” stated Angelica Salas, CHIR-LA executive director.

Since the beginning of



the vaccine rollout, Asian Americans Advancing Justice – LA, the nation's largest legal and civil rights organization for Asian American and Pacific Islanders – has worked to ensure equitable vaccine access and distribution, and help LA's diverse AAPI communities overcome vaccine hesitancy. “It's so critical to prioritize

accurate, data-driven information from trusted sources on the need to receive life saving vaccinations, this multi-platform campaign is aimed at the most vulnerable and hard-to-reach communities gravely impacted by COVID-19 across Los Angeles. The culturally tailored campaign is led by a team of multicultural and multilingual strategists and creatives. The goal is to increase access and the rate of vaccinations to ensure a more equitable outcome for Latino, Black and AAPI communities. Launched by CORE (Community Organized Relief Effort) follow us at www.ITSTIMELOSANGELES.org and on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

Rena Williams Niles Named Chief Content And Engagement Officer Of Los Angeles Philharmonic Association

SENTINEL NEWS SERVICE

Chad Smith, the David C. Bohnett Chief Executive Officer Chair of the Los Angeles Philharmonic Association, announced today the appointment of Rena Williams Niles as Chief Content and Engagement Officer. In this newly created position, she will provide strategic guidance and articulation of the LA Phil's organizational goals and policy, overseeing all programming (classical, non-classical and humanities) across Walt Disney Concert Hall, the Hollywood Bowl, The Ford and the Judith and Thomas L. Beckmen YOLA Center, and for LA Phil residencies and tours. She will also be responsible for YOLA (Youth Orchestra Los Angeles) and learning programs and initiatives; communications, public relations, marketing and sales; and will guide further integration of the LA Phil's diversity, equity and inclusion goals. Reporting to the Chief Executive Officer, she will assume her position full-time beginning June 7.

Chad Smith said, “I have long admired Rena and her work. From the foundation and defining programming she launched during her time at The Music Center to her participation in the establishment of the Gloriana Kaufman School of Dance at USC, her creativity, collabora-



tive spirit and deep connection to our artforms have made her one of the most respected arts leaders in the country. When the increasing complexity of our work and the institution's ambitions for the future made it evident that we would benefit from creating the position of Chief Content and Engagement Officer, Rena was the person I immediately thought of, and I am thrilled that she has agreed to take this on. I know all of our artists, collaborators and partners, and the communities we serve, will join me in warmly welcoming Rena to the LA Phil.”

Rena Williams Niles said, “I am both overjoyed and humbled by the trust the LA Phil has placed in me. For quite some time I have found the LA Phil's programming to be innovative and the educational programs to be incredibly impactful. It is my hope our

collective work will ensure programs and experiences that are unifying and inspiring.”

Williams Niles joins the LA Phil from the Culver City Education Foundation, where she is the Executive Director. She has worked in the arts and nonprofit sectors for more than 25 years, serving in many capacities, including as Company Manager for the Lula Washington Dance Theatre, Director of Grant Programs for the Los Angeles County Arts Commission, Vice President of Programming for The Music Center and the first Chief Operating Officer/Associate Dean of Administration for the University of Southern California Gloriana Kaufman School of Dance, where she co-lead the diversity and inclusion commitment.

Williams Niles has served as adjunct faculty

for Claremont Graduate University's Arts Management Program and has been a Los Angeles Institute for the Humanities Fellow since 2014. She served on the Western Arts Alliance board for 13 years, on the board of trustees for Dance/USA and as a three-year advisor for the New England Foundation for the Arts' National

Dance Project. She is currently Board Chair of the Association of Performing Arts Professionals, the national membership organization for the professional performing arts field.

A University of Southern California alumna, she also completed an executive education program with the USC Marshall School of Business, holds

a certificate in Diversity and Inclusion from Cornell University and was a participant in the inaugural 2020 USC Racial Equity Leadership Academy. In 2017 she received the Western Arts Alliance Service to the Field Award and in 2021 was honored as an Unsung Hero from the State of California Legislature Black Caucus.

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Sparks Guard Bria Holmes' Daughter Is Her Motivation

BY AMANDA SCURLOCK
Sports Writer

The Sparks signed Bria Holmes this offseason, and she's excited about her future in Los Angeles. The 2016 draft pick will bring her playoff and championship experience to the Sparks as they expect to compete at a high level this year.

In a recent statement, Holmes said she appreciates the Sparks for believing in her. Holmes played meaningful minutes in her career eight playoff games and a WNBA Finals trip.

The 26-year-old will bring youth, size, and athleticism to the Sparks organization. "I am truly

thankful for this opportunity and to the Sparks for believing in me," Holmes said. "I'm ready to compete and begin this new chapter with such an iconic organization."

Te'a Cooper and new signee Erica Wheeler are two athletic guards that love to run. Holmes will fit in right in with them. Out of all the interested teams, Sparks was the best match, Holmes stated.

Head coach Derek Fisher has faith in Holmes, which played an instrumental role in her decision to sign with Los Angeles. According to Holmes, she has never had anyone believe in her.

"I've never had anyone



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Guard Bria Holmes (32) has a career average of 6.8 points and 2.2 rebounds.

believe in me," says Holmes. She stated, "I feel like these last couple of years I haven't really gotten the opportunity to showcase my talent and what I can actually do."

Connecticut is Holmes's hometown, and she enjoyed her time there. Although there were benefits to living in her hometown, things didn't work out, and it's time for her to move on.

Holmes' two-year-old daughter 'Baby D' is her ultimate joy and motivation. "Baby D is my motivation. Whatever I'm going through, she's always the one to make me smile and brighten up your day."

Leaving her comfort zone and traveling the world with her daughter at an early age was always one of Holmes' goals. She states, "It's something for me to better myself and experience new things, and get out of my comfort zone."

Selecting a team was a challenging process for Holmes. She had to consider her daughter and family. "That was a long, hard, thought-out situation for me. She's only two, still a baby, baby kind of. She is growing up. I told her, but she doesn't get it yet, but she'll understand once we're on the plane." Holmes said Baby D is a star all the time.

Angels City Sports Partner with HeadSet Sports to Improve Mental Strength of Athletes

BY AMANDA SCURLOCK
Sports Writer

Angel City Sports is providing resources to athletes who are competing in the Tokyo Paralympic Games or the adapted sports National Championships. The organization has partnered with HeadSet Sports to provide programming that focuses on mental performance to Paralympians and other high performing adaptive sports athletes.



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The partnership also offers the "Future Champions Preparation Program" for young adaptive sports athletes.

HeadSet Sports is a mobile app that helps athletes improve their mental toughness. A commonality of the two organizations is their mission to help athletes be the best as competitors and as people.

"One of our interests at Angel City Sports has been to bring high level support services to the everyday athlete," said Angel City Sports founder Clayton Frech. "We came up with this program and we didn't want to leave the aspiring

athletes out of the picture."

Along with a program for elite athletes, Angel City Sports will also have the "Future Champions Preparations Program" which is geared towards young athletes. That program gives young athletes the same tools and techniques as the elite athletes.

To begin the program, the athlete must take an assessment to ensure the program fits their needs. Participants have access of their video library, weekly mental workouts and pre-competition preparation tips.

Every two weeks, experts have a session with HeadSet athletes to discuss the details of mental preparation and mental focus as well as discuss how the HeadSet Sports app works. One of the experts is Jason Galea Ph.D who played Division I hockey in college. He and his partner Peter Papadogiannis Ph.D created HeadSet Sports.

"What we're trying to do is address any of the things that are coming up



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Former NFL running back Isaiah Peard competing in wheelchair basketball during the 2019 Angel City Games.

with them week to week, month to month as they prepare for their upcoming competitions and qualifications," Galea said. "What we want to do is ... help in any way we could."

HeadSET originated from the idea of giving athletes mental strength service while creating data so they can track their progress. Then they took

their skill set and teachings and put it in an app.

"We had to do was say to ourselves 'Is there a way to take what we're doing in private practice and bring it to technology?'" Galea said. "The challenge came into not so much how you recreate ourselves, but how do you create the tools and the work that we do."

Athletes who signed up

through Angel City Sports will have free access for the rest of the year. The programs began on April 14, 2021.

"The athletes that are in are really excited and really grateful," Frech said. "Jason from HeadSET Sports is a really dynamic guy and I think everyone is gonna rally get a lot out of the class."

The Rams and Chargers Select Unsung Talents in the 2021 NFL Draft

BY AMANDA SCURLOCK
Sports Writer

For the 2021 NFL Draft, the Los Angeles football teams secured several picks in the later rounds. The Los Angeles Chargers only had one pick in the first round.

The Bolts selected the first of two offensive linemen when they drafted tackle Rashawn Slater 13th overall. In 2019, he did not allow any sacks for the Northwestern Wildcats and was named All-Big Ten Honorable Mention.

The Rams made their first pick of the Draft in the second round, selecting Louisville wide receiver Chatarius "Tutu" Atwell 57th overall. During his college career, he made 140 receptions for 2,307 yards and was the leading receiver for Louisville during the

2020 season.

With their 47th overall pick, the Chargers selected cornerback Asante Samuel



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Tackle Rashawn Slater was drafted by the Chargers in the first round.

Jr. of Florida State. He executed 97 total tackles, four interceptions and 29 passes defended during his college career.

The Chargers chose offensive players with their two third-round picks, choosing wideout Josh

Palmer and tight end Tre McKitty. The Rams chose

linebacker Ernest Jones with their 103rd overall pick.

In the fourth round, the

Rams selected defensive tackle Bobby Brown III of Texas A&M, cornerback Robert Rochell of Central Arkansas and University of Central Florida wide receiver Jacob Harris.

Brown III was named on the 2020 All-SEC First Team after executing 5.5 sacks for 34 yards during the season.

With their solitary fourth round pick, the Bolts acquired defensive end Chris Rumph out of Duke. The Rams selected Northwestern defensive end Earnest Brown IV with their fifth round, 174th overall pick.

Brown IV made 32 tackles, one sack and four pass breakups during the 2020 season. That earned him the All-Big Ten Honorable Mention.

The Chargers selected

their second offensive lineman Brenden Jaimies in the fifth round. Jaimies competed in 40 consecutive games, setting a record at Nebraska for most consecutive games played for an lineman.



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Wideout Tutu Atwell was drafted by the Rams in the 2nd round.

The Rams traded their sixth-round pick to the Jacksonville Jaguars while the

Chargers had two picks in the sixth round. With their 185th overall pick, they chose linebacker Nick Niemann and selected running back Larry Rountree III with their 198th overall pick.

Rountree is the all-time leading rusher at Missouri; he ran for 3,720 yards and made 40 touchdowns in his college career.

Due to trades, the Rams had three picks in the seventh round. They selected running back Jake Funk of Maryland, wideout Ben Skowronek out of Notre Dame and defensive end Chris Garrett from Concordia-St. Paul. Garrett became Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Defensive Player of the Year.

With their final pick, the Chargers selected defensive back Mark Webb of Georgia.

Timmin', Tommin' and Talkin' 'Bout Racism: Dealing with America's Acute Denial

And there was Sen. Tim Scott (R) of South Carolina responding to Pres. Biden's address to the nation, dismissing the seriousness of racist encounters, trying to reason away racism, and calling for a "common sense and common ground" he failed to show or share. He referenced his Christian credentials to strengthen his argument, but the spirit was not there, for his speech lacked both reason and rightfulness. I might have missed something, but it sounded a lot like what my father, a Christian minister, speaking from biblical insight, called walking in step with the wicked, standing in the way of the wrong-doers and sitting in the seat of the scornful. He had been assigned to carry the water and waste of his Trumpized party, to deny truth, lift up the lie and try to sell as many air sandwiches about racism as the irrational mind, unrepentant heart and current market for social madness would bear.

It would be too harsh to call what he did tommin', but we can call it timmin' which seems on its face to be a similar species of speech, thinking and practice. He does not want us to think race, even though it is imposed by society as a social construction used to assign human worth and social status using White people as the paradigm. He talks of color coding and our oppression based on color as "a hundred years ago." And he has the strange gut and gall to suggest a moral equivalency between identifying White oppressors and indicting and oppressing Black people. No, the racial coding and oppression is not long ago, but a daily reality in countless constraining, disabling and deadly forms. And it is not

only in the graphic and barbaric violence of the police, but also in the savage violence of systemic racism itself in virtually every institution and social space.

"Hear me clearly," he declares. "America is not a racist country." But it's not that we don't hear Sen. Scott, it's that we can't in good faith accept his irrational assertion of loyalty to party line and betrayal of the truth of our oppression. President Joe Biden and Vice-President Kamala Harris have expressed agreement with this position and they will need to distinguish their rationale and version of this from Sen. Scott's. For if racism is not systemic, then any correctives they offer to end the savagery of our racial oppression will only be superficial and self-deluding.

Scott peddles the patriotism of his party, camouflaging the pathology of oppression imposed on his people. And he says, "I know firsthand our healing is not finished." But this is a wrong and misleading focus. The central issue is not our healing, but our freedom from the oppression that injures and kills us. If the gross and grievous injuries are conceded and halted, then we could begin to heal. And if we acquire the healthcare, housing, education, income and the reparations we need and merit, our healing and health would greatly improve.

A dedicated defender of the racist realm, Scott makes reference to his race to bolster his party's fake claims, not to support his people's real demands of freedom, justice, and equality. He talks of voter suppression as if it is freedom to vote and defends unjust laws that limit and prevent democracy, not enhance



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and expand it. Indeed, it raises Min. Malcolm's critique of racist conceptions of democracy which are herrenvolk, master race, and deformed versions of democracy masquerading as real. Thus, he calls it a victimizing democracy, "nothing but disguised hypocrisy."

Talking the double-speak they usually assign to their enemies, he says efforts to correct and prevent future voter suppression are "not about civil rights or our racial past. It's about rigging elections in the future." So, voter suppression is freedom to vote and a proposed federal initiative to stop and prevent it in the future is defined as a "Washington power grab." Let's face it; it is about the racial past as well as the racial present, for racial here is also a substitute for racist. And it is the racial and racist past and present which cannot be wished away or defined away by self-deluding claims of a post-racial society.

Scott tells us that "Race

is not a political weapon to settle every issue the way one side wants. It's far too important." But there is a problem here. First, this is a lesson he should teach his party cohorts, allies, associates and supporters. It's an understanding we have held at the center of all our struggles. We said it in the Holocaust of enslavement during the Jim Crow period and the Black Freedom Struggle and reaffirm it in the defiant and dignity-affirming assertion that Black Lives Matter.

Also, it is Europe that developed and weaponized the concept of race, employing it in determining superiority and inferiority, in denying our humanity and human rights, in the distribution of social goods and social services, and enhancing or diminishing life conditions, capacity and chances. Scott's affirmation that race is important is an uncredited and bad faith concession to the battle cry "Black Lives Matter." But because it's an uncredited appropriation used to pretend valuing Black lives rather than actually protecting them and helping to create conditions for their survival, development and flourishing, it is left hanging without associated programs or proposals.

In weaving the artificial cloth of American mythology about its goodness, greatness and unplausible perfection seeking to be more perfect, he repeatedly stumbles over the large rocks of reality and rac-

ist lies placed on his path. And thus, he embraces and becomes hopelessly engulfed in the acute denial of the wrongdoing, wrong headedness, gross evil, and savage oppression that accompany the founding and development of this country.

Plodding on doggedly and determinedly, he tells us "We are all in this together," as if we knew what "this" was and what is the nature, reason and basis of this imagined togetherness in a context of systemic racism. Moreover, he says, "we get to live in the greatest country on Earth." But the phrase "get to live in" hides a monstrously horrid history of the Holocaust of enslavement. And racially and humanly speaking, it wasn't about "getting to live," in America, but being forced, being enslaved, being dominated, deprived and degraded here.

Moreover, to talk about it as if American society simply opened up to us so we could move "from cotton to Congress" is again lifting up a lie and illusion of an unfought for freedom and justice for all. Every inch and iota of progress made, Frederick Douglass told us in the midst of the Holocaust of enslavement, is gained and sustained in righteous and relentless struggle. "For power concedes nothing without a demand. It never did and it never will." So, it was then and so it is now.

Scott closes trying to spiritualize a material prob-

lem, a social, economic, political and cultural problem, i.e., the systemic pathology of oppression. As Nana Fannie Lou Hamer says, "America is a sick society," sick with racism, classism, sexism and other pathologies of oppression. And we cannot confuse or conflate spiritual redemption with social liberation. I don't doubt the role or reality of the power of his mother's prayer or all our mothers' and fathers' prayers. But they taught us too that faith without work is dead, that God helps those that help themselves, that struggle, righteous and relentless struggle - internally and externally, opens the way to a whole 'nother world of justice, caring and other varieties of goodness. Let us set aside all illusions about race, racism and reality, then, intensify the struggle, bear witness to truth and set the scales of justice in their proper place, and build the good world we all want and deserve.

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A Regressive Tax Won't Address Inequities Health Care or Balance Local Budgets

A few years ago, legislators devised a plan that was aimed at reducing the economic burdens for Californians.

The law, which was to remain in effect until January 1, 2031, "prohibits the imposition, increase, levy and collection, or enforcement by a local agency of any tax, fee, or other assessment on groceries, except as provided, and allows a local agency to continue to levy and collect, enforce, or reauthorize any tax, fee, or other assessment on groceries imposed, extended, or increased on or before January 1, 2018."

Simply stated, the law ensures that the costs of grocery items, items that we all need, will not increase because a local agency wants to raise



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money by taxing hard working, cash strapped Californians. I like the law because it reminds me of the phrase "no new taxes."

My question for those who are questioning the reasonableness of the current legislation is, "Given all of the economic demands that have been placed on hard working people as a result

of the COVID-19 pandemic, is now the time for loosening the restrictions on new taxes, fees and assessments?" I say, "Absolutely not."

Proponents of the AB1163 make their arguments by taking shots at what they have been dubbed "Big Soda lobbyists" and "sugar sweetened beverages." Sugar sweetened beverages are easy targets. Linking them to the alarming rates of negative health indexes is easy; yet, easy is not always right.

Think about it... will we likely tax our way to lower blood sugar numbers? Will we likely tax our way to lower cholesterol numbers? Will we likely tax our way to lower blood pressure numbers? Will we likely tax our way to more healthy communities? I think not.

We can all agree on the urgent need to improve health in our communities. Our challenges are significant.

Let us focus on education, reducing food deserts, and increasing access to locally grown fresh produce and fresh fruits. Let us focus and work tirelessly to make healthy food options offered at affordable prices available in our communities.

In so doing, we will see the changes we want to see without adding economic stress to the very people who least need more stress of any kind.

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Join Black Californians in Fighting Climate Change

It goes without saying that 2020 was a difficult year for everyone, but especially Black communities across California. Our communities were disproportionately impacted by both the health and economic crises wrought by the coronavirus pandemic. Meanwhile, we led the charge in an unprecedented social justice movement to fight systemic racism.

Yet in the face of these troubling events, we've not forgotten our commitment to helping save the planet from climate change. Starting with our communities on the frontline here in California, this spring and summer offer a chance for renewal and an opportunity to create positive change. The Golden State has set a goal to reduce our carbon pollution to 1990 levels by 2030, and our communities are at

the forefront of that effort. Sadly, the effects of climate change are real, and we cannot wait to address the cause or the impact. Air pollution, wildfires, drought, and heatwaves are direct threats to a person's health and livelihood. Black communities unfortunately understand this all too well. In our communities, where we breathe the effects of climate change every day, it is critical that we reduce levels of carbon pollution to protect our environment, health, and financial futures.

In California, the three biggest climate change risks are increased temperatures, rising sea levels, and wildfires. Increased temperatures lead to more frequent and longer heat waves, which are killing Black Californians at twice the rate of any other group



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according to one study. The drier summers and higher levels of smog create a health hazard for all of us, but especially infants, children, and the elderly. With increasing temperatures, forests are becoming more and more dry, leading to more intense wildfires that release more carbon into the atmosphere. And experts predict that sea levels

will continue to rise, creating flooding and erosion hazards for coastal communities.

But we are not looking back or letting fear take hold. Instead, we are asking all Californians to take charge. It's as simple as starting in your homes. The time we spend at home each day is an opportunity to refine our energy saving habits to help reduce our state's emissions and save money for our household budgets.

Changing small habits at home like remembering to switch off the lights when leaving a room, or unplugging devices when they aren't in use can make a huge difference. You can adjust your water heater to 120 degrees Fahrenheit to save energy. Consider upgrading your appliances to Energy Star models, or perhaps conducting a do-it-

yourself home energy audit—the U.S. Department of Energy website has a great checklist.

We can also take to our communities for climate change. We can spread the word to our friends and neighbors, in person (socially distanced, of course) or on social media. Energy Upgrade California offers resources and tips to make this happen.

Climate change educational initiatives, activism, and personal choices and behaviors can directly help to lessen the impact on our communities and save the planet. Energy efficiency programs support a healthier environment to live in, cheaper energy bills, and job opportunities in the clean energy sector.

Reducing our energy consumption means we're doing our part to protect

the delicate ecosystems and wildlife that exist in California. The mountains, forests, rivers, valleys, and beaches of California are like nowhere else in the world. While our state's grids continue to transition to cleaner sources of power, we must keep a watchful eye on our energy use and urge others to do the same.

Keep the big picture in mind and take advantage of the new normal to reduce energy use and take comfort that we're all in this together.

Edwin Lombard is the President/CEO of the California African American Chamber of Commerce and a community partner to Energy Upgrade California.

• BEN JEALOUS •

Chauvin Is Guilty. Our Work Is Cut Out for Us

Just a few days have passed since Derek Chauvin's conviction in the murder of George Floyd. But the images from that moment are seared in our memories forever: the murderer, led away in handcuffs. The Floyd family, Philonise Floyd speaking through tears, at the microphones after the verdict. The crowds outside the courthouse erupting in cheers when the verdict was read.

Our gratitude for this measure of accountability is soul-deep. And now we ask ourselves, will things really be different this time? The answer is that they can be, if we seize this moment.

Washington has sent encouraging signs that it is serious about addressing police violence and

systemic racism. Congress should pass the imperfect but important George Floyd Justice in Policing Act. The Justice Department is forging ahead with investigations of police departments in Minneapolis and Louisville, and the shooting of Anthony Brown in North Carolina.

We have work to do in our own neighborhoods, too.

Policing is a local function, controlled by city, county and state governments. These governments answer directly to us, the citizens. And there is a lot we can do to insist on change.

One of the most inspiring examples today is in Ithaca, New York, a college town led by a dynamic young Black mayor. There,

Mayor Svante Myrick and the city council approved a plan to do away with their traditional police department and replace it with a new Department of Community Solutions and Public Safety, in which some personnel would carry weapons – and, importantly, some would not.

Instead, unarmed social workers would respond to the many calls in which an armed response is unnecessary and even dangerous. The new department will have a civilian supervisor. It will focus on de-escalating situations in which people are at risk, and restoring trust among the city's communities of color, homeless residents, LGBTQ residents and residents with disabilities.

The plan came together



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with input from local residents as well as city and county officials. It is the kind of innovative thinking we want in communities across the nation, and the energy around the Chauvin trial helped get it over the finish line.

We all can harness that

energy where we live. Our year of speaking out and taking to the streets will serve us well; we can organize, and demonstrate, and show up in the places where local lawmakers meet to do their work. We can contact our local representatives directly; they might live next door or down the street.

And while the task of changing thousands of police departments, one by one, seems huge, think of this: more than half of Black Americans live in 25 metropolitan areas. We can get serious about saving Black lives by starting in those metro areas. And we can build a movement that inspires others to act.

One of the most emotional moments after George Floyd's murder last year came when his

daughter Gianna, then six, said, "Daddy changed the world." If we want her to be right in the long run, we can do our part to make her words come true. And each of us can start right here at home.

Ben Jealous serves as president of People For the American Way and People For the American Way Foundation. Jealous has decades of experience as a leader, coalition builder, campaigner for social justice and seasoned nonprofit executive. In 2008, he was chosen as the youngest-ever president and CEO of the NAACP. He is a graduate of Columbia University and Oxford, where he was a Rhodes Scholar, and he has taught at Princeton and the University of Pennsylvania.

The Time Has Come To Cast Your Vote For Heather Hutt

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Hutt has been an activist and organizer, working tirelessly to ensure civil rights, human rights, women's rights, equality, economic and social justice for all people.

and for that matter, all of California, Heather Hutt is the most qualified and most experienced candidate for the assembly seat.

Hutt was born and raised in Los Angeles and has dedicated her life to Democratic activism, public service, and her community. She is

ing issues facing the voters today.

Heather recently served as the first Black U.S. Senate State Director in California's history, and in her capacity serving then, Senator Kamala Harris, she was the principal representative among constituents and

als to discuss implicit bias in health care, especially for women and women of color as well as advocating for DACA recipients and fighting against the Trump Administration's assault on Dreamers and immigrants.

She has worked hand-in-hand with both labor and business to address the vital resources needed to keep California's economy moving and championed environmental justice policy changes for Watts and South Los Angeles while



Heather Hutt helps at a food drive in South L.A. COURTESY PHOTOS

She also organized the Assembly Select Committee on Community Resources Impacted by AB109 Re-Entry, as well as the Assembly Select Committee on Human Rights, and Diversity and Race Relations.

Through her work as a California Democratic Party delegate and treasurer of the CDP Black Caucus, Heather has been an activist and organizer, working tirelessly to ensure civil rights, human rights, women's rights, equality, economic and social justice

ies Clean Air-Clean Water campaign, and helped critical outreach to take shape, helping pass the "Durbin Bill" which provided aid for small businesses.

Heather also has built a strong and broad coalition of support from women's organizations throughout the area, many who have advocated that we must elect another woman to fulfill Kamlager-Dove's seat because of the extreme lack of representation by African American women in the California Legislature (currently there are only two seats held by African American women in the entire state of California).

Congresswoman Maxine Waters in announcing her support for Heather stated:

"I am proud to endorse Heather Hutt for State Assembly. Heather is a mother of three, a lifelong Democrat, and a leader who has worked in both the state and federal government and delivered for working families, women, young people

and seniors. I know that Heather is the best choice for State Assembly, and that she will be a fighter on a range of issues, from criminal justice reform to addressing homelessness, combatting climate change, making healthcare a right and rebuilding our economy. I urge the voters of the 54th District to join me in supporting Heather Hutt for



Heather Hutt COURTESY PHOTO

State Assembly."

The time has come to cast your vote for Heather Hutt for the 54th California Assembly.



A lifelong community helper, former State Director Heather Hutt (center) with then, CA Senator Kamala Harris' (right).

a single mother who raised three young boys in the district and has first-hand knowledge and experience to address the most press-

ing issues facing the voters throughout California. She used her position to stand up for women by bringing together healthcare profession-



Heather Hutt helps at a food drive in South L.A.

serving as the district director for California State Senator Isadore Hall.

for all people. In addition, she launched the "VOTE LA" campaign, the LA Cit-

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The Cry of a Mother

In the natural order of things, parents do not plan to ever have to bury their children. Normally, children say goodbye to their parents and the circle of life continues with the next generation. Historically, I know there have been examples where children have been killed or died before their parents, but in my lifetime, I am seeing too many mothers having to bury their children causing unnecessary tears.

Racism, police brutality, gun violence, gangs and other forms of violence need to cease, including Black-on-Black crime.

Years ago, when my son was in high school, I remember having a very eerie feeling that something was wrong. You know that gut reaction you have out of no where when it comes to your children? My son had gone to a football game at his high school, and it was getting

late, and he had not come home. I was getting worried. Then my phone rang and as soon as I heard the male voice on the other end say, may I speak to Wendy Gladney? I knew it was the police. My heart sank and the first thing out of my mouth was just tell me if he is dead or alive? It was one of those calls I thought I would never have to receive, but to my delight it was something we could fix and with time

everything worked out and my son came home alive. We survived a situation where some mother's children do not return home.

There are too many names to list in this article, but the mothers of Ahmaud Arbery, George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Daunte Wright, Rayshard Brooks, Daniel Prude, Atatiana Jefferson, Philando Castile, and Stephon Clark are just a few where mothers have had to bury their children before their time. I want to extend my deepest sympathy to each mother that will not be able to celebrate this Mother's Day with their children. As a mother and grandmother, I sympathize with your pain. We are standing with you.

Although I was not raised by my biological mother, I feel blessed because I was raised with love by my paternal grandmother who instilled in me the values that I still guide my life by every day. They are also the values I taught

my children to guide them along their journey. I have also had a few women in my life that have served as positive role models during different seasons of my life, and I am grateful. Over the years I have also been able to serve as a "daughter" to a few women that have come into my life. We are a village with the capability of extending our arms of love to those in need.

If we desire the love of a mother or a child there are plenty of women that are willing to help fill that need, all we have to do is look around and extend ourselves. This Mother's Day if you know someone that has lost a child take a moment to reach out to them and let them know they are not alone and they are not forgotten. If you are a mother looking for the love or attention of a child (young or old) think of someone you can sow into their life and provide them with your guidance

and wisdom.

Someone once said, "Life does not come with a manual, it comes with a mother." Mothers are the backbone for families and our communities. We need their strength, experience, love, and heart. If you are blessed to still have your mother with you, pause this Mother's Day and let her know you appreciate her and everything she has done for you. If you know a mother that may be alone this year, let her know she is appreciated and not forgotten.

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'New?!' 'Is It Normal?' 'New and Change Not always Better'

Samuel of Israel and was chosen by God and used him as judge to travel around to Bethel and other places for the rest of his life. At God's direction he appoint Saul, first king of Israel, as monarch. Samuel was born to Hannah and Elkanah. She had been barren for many years, but, of course during those times and even as is now longed for a son. God answered their prayers and

gave them Samuel, the great judge and prophet. If Samuel spoke it, it was known that he only spoke truth and it would happen. Samuel grew old. His two sons, Joel and Abijah were greedy and corrupt. The elders confronted Samuel, "You are old and your sons walk not in your ways." They were greedy and took bribes and did corrupt things. The people did not want Samuel's sons to rule

over them. Their solution to this dilemma was not to wait on the LORD, but to use their own human judgement without consultation with God. Rather, they demanded to have a king. They figured what they wanted was to have a king and do things the way the nations were doing, "We want a king like the nations." They desire a strong centralized government. Samuel warns them

against changing over to a different kind of government and they would have the violation of individual rights and liberty of the people. They made a big mistake. Samuel didn't like it either and being a prophet, he already knew it was not the wisest move to make and not the best thing to do. Samuel was caught in a difficult situation. God told Samuel, they have been disobedient all along, every since I brought them out of Egypt. They have forsaken me and served pagan gods and idols. So God said, okay, I will give them a king. Keep Samuel, they are not rejecting you, they are rejecting me. It appears that God's divine rulership (1 Samuel 8:1-22; Exodus 15:18; Judges 8:23; 1 Samuel 8:1-22) is conflicting with human kingship. The people were always ungrateful to God and ungrateful to Samuel. Samuel told the people all the practices they could

look to have by having a king to rule over them. The king would take their sons and appoint them for himself, to be his horsemen, as charioteers. Some will run before the chariots. He will appoint himself captains over thousands, and captains over fifties and will set them to cultivate his ground, reap his harvest, make instruments of war and instruments of chariots. They will serve as outrunners for his chariots. Then he goes on to tell the People: they will take your daughters too, who will be forced to be confectionaries, cooks and bakers. The king will seize your choice fields, your vineyards and oliveyards, and give them to his servants and you will be forced to plow his fields. You shall become his slaves. He will take a tenth of your seed and of your vineyards and give them to his officers and to his servants. He will take

your maidservants and your menservants your very best young men and women and put them to his work to become slaves. He will take a tenth of your sheep and everyone will be working for him, because he will take away your individual rights and liberties. We can see Biblically and therefore truthfully what the future holds if we continue following along this path. Now, we can ask, "What was the result of their wayward, disobedient choice? 1 Samuel 8:18 fills in the blanks for us. "You will be miserable and cry out to this king for relief and cry out to me. In that day, You will think back on your bad choice. God will not hear you. You were warned not to do this, but you would not listen. You rejected me. I told Samuel, okay, I will yield to their desires. So, now I will not hear you in your

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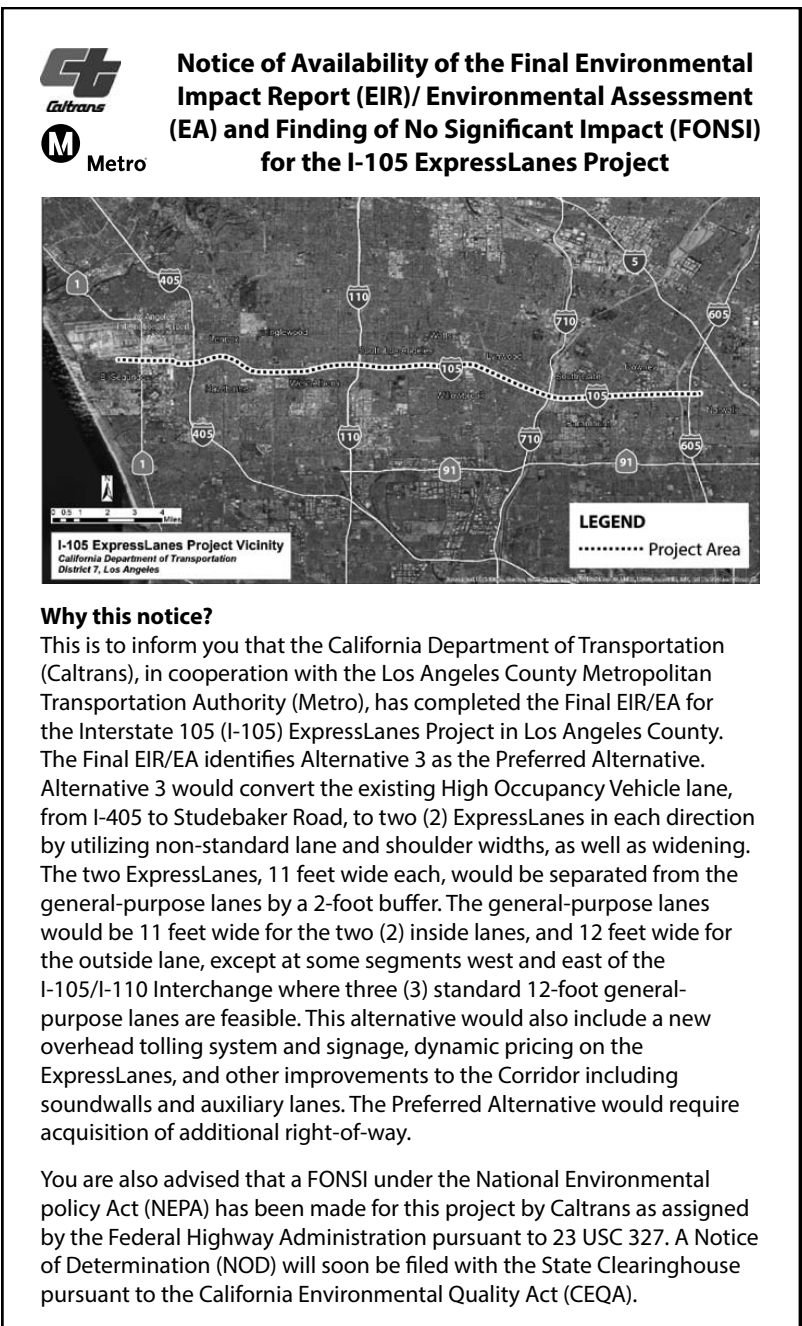
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Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR)/ Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the I-105 ExpressLanes Project

Why this notice?
 This is to inform you that the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), in cooperation with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), has completed the Final EIR/EA for the Interstate 105 (I-105) ExpressLanes Project in Los Angeles County. The Final EIR/EA identifies Alternative 3 as the Preferred Alternative. Alternative 3 would convert the existing High Occupancy Vehicle lane, from I-405 to Studebaker Road, to two (2) ExpressLanes in each direction by utilizing non-standard lane and shoulder widths, as well as widening. The two ExpressLanes, 11 feet wide each, would be separated from the general-purpose lanes by a 2-foot buffer. The general-purpose lanes would be 11 feet wide for the two (2) inside lanes, and 12 feet wide for the outside lane, except at some segments west and east of the I-105/I-110 Interchange where three (3) standard 12-foot general-purpose lanes are feasible. This alternative would also include a new overhead tolling system and signage, dynamic pricing on the ExpressLanes, and other improvements to the Corridor including soundwalls and auxiliary lanes. The Preferred Alternative would require acquisition of additional right-of-way.

You are also advised that a FONSI under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) has been made for this project by Caltrans as assigned by the Federal Highway Administration pursuant to 23 USC 327. A Notice of Determination (NOD) will soon be filed with the State Clearinghouse pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

What is available?
 A copy of the Final EIR/EA with FONSI, which includes responses to comments from agencies, organizations, and individuals on the Draft EIR/EA, can be viewed at metro.net/105expresslanes. Hard copies of the document will be available upon request.

Contact:
 For additional information, contact Dawn Kukla, Environmental Office Chief at (213) 269-1113, via 105ExpressLanes@metro.net or call the project telephone number at (213) 922-6565.

Thank you for your interest in this important transportation project!
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
 Case No. 21VECP00221
 Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
 Petitioner of: Ava Elizabeth Bear for Change of Name
 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
 Petitioner filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Ava Elizabeth Bear to Ava Elizabeth Rosate
 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 14, 2021, Time: 8:30 AM, Dept.: NWT, Room: 600
 The address of the court is 6230 Sylmar Avenue, 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: April 30, 2021
 Virginia Keeny
 Judge of the Superior Court 5/6, 5/13, 5/20, 5/27/21
CNS-3468152#
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
 Case No. 21LBCP00108
 Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
 Petitioner of: Fidel Castro Jr. / Juanita Castro for Change of Name
 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
 Petitioner filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Isaias Fidel Castro Montoya to Isaias Fidel Castro
 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 8, 2021, Time: 8:30 AM, Dept.: S26, Room: 5500
 The address of the court is 275 Magnolia Ave., Long Beach, CA 90802
 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: April 23, 2021
 Michael P. Vicencia
 Judge of the Superior Court 4/29, 5/6, 5/13, 5/20/21
CNS-3465781#
LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
 Case No. 21NWC00129
 Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
 Petitioner of: Avante Ramone Brown for Change of Name
 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
 Petitioner Avante Ramone Brown filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Avante Ramone Brown to Avante Ramone Santana
 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: 06/09/2021, Time: 10:30 AM, Dept.: C
 The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Boulevard, 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: LA Sentinel Date: April 15, 2021

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
 Case No. 21CMCP00052
 Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
 Petitioner of: Rachell Collins for Change of Name
 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
 Petitioner Rachell Collins filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Rachell Collins to Rochell Collins
 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: 06/29/2021, Time: 8:30 AM, Dept.: A, Room: 904
 The address of the court is 200 West Compton Boulevard, 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: Los Angeles Sentinel Date: April 20, 2021

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
 Case No. 21NVCP00103
 Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
 Petitioner of: Fidel Castro Jr. / Juanita Castro for Change of Name
 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
 Petitioner filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Isaias Fidel Castro Montoya to Isaias Fidel Castro
 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 8, 2021, Time: 8:30 AM, Dept.: S26, Room: 5500
 The address of the court is 275 Magnolia Ave., Long Beach, CA 90802
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 Michael P. Vicencia
 Judge of the Superior Court 4/29, 5/6, 5/13, 5/20/21
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LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
 Case No. 21NWC00129
 Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
 Petitioner of: Avante Ramone Brown for Change of Name
 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
 Petitioner Avante Ramone Brown filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Avante Ramone Brown to Avante Ramone Santana
 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: 06/09/2021, Time: 10:30 AM, Dept.: C
 The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, CA 90650
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*la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso. El incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia. Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services. (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 o más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desahacer el caso. The name and address of the court is (El nombre y dirección de la corte es): Stanley Mosk, 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012
 The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante, es): Afshin Siman, 6210 Wilshire Blvd., Ste. 211, Los Angeles, CA 90048 424-229-9778
 DATE (Fecha): 02/24/2021
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LOS ANGELES SENTINEL*

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
 Case No. 21PSCP00132
 Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
 Petitioner of: Monique Malet Yim for Change of Name
 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
 Petitioner Monique Malet Yim filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Monique Malet Yim to Monique Malet
 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. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
 Notice of Hearing: Date: 05-21-2021, Time: 8:30, Dept.: O
 The address of the court is 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766
 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 Newspaper Date: 05-26-2021
 Peter A. Hernandez
 Judge of the Superior Court 4/15, 4/22, 4/29, 5/6/21
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LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
 Case No. 21PSCP00132
 Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
 Petitioner of: Monique Malet Yim for Change of Name
 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
 Petitioner Monique Malet Yim filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Monique Malet Yim to Monique Malet
 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. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
 Notice of Hearing: Date: 05-21-2021, Time: 8:30, Dept.: O
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 Judge of the Superior Court 4/15, 4/22, 4/29, 5/6/21
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LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
 Case No. 21PSCP00132
 Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
 Petitioner of: Monique Malet Yim for Change of Name
 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
 Petitioner Monique Malet Yim filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Monique Malet Yim to Monique Malet
 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. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
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 Peter A. Hernandez
 Judge of the Superior Court 4/15, 4/22, 4/29, 5/6/21
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LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No. 2021099599
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ALPHA CHILDREN'S LEARNING ACADEMY, 9535 S. HOOVER AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90044 County of LOS ANGELES
 Mailing Address: 752 WEST 132ND STREET, GARDENA, CA 90247
 Registered owner(s): GERALD K BROWN, 752 W 132ND ST, GARDENA, CA 90247, State of Incorporation: CA
 This business is conducted by an Individual
 The registrant(s) started doing business on 11/20/20.
 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/ GERALD K BROWN, Owner
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/28/2021.
 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 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.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No. 2021088270
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: THE POWER IN YOU THE OREO SERVICES, 8015 S. VAN NESS AVE, INGLEWOOD, CA 90305 County of LOS ANGELES
 Registered owner(s): THE POWER IN ME LLC, 8015 S. VAN NESS AVE, INGLEWOOD, CA 90305; State of Incorporation: CA
 This business is conducted by a limited liability company
 The registrant(s) started doing business on 03/20/21.
 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/ ANTOINETTE YARBROUGH, Treasurer
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/14/2021.
 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.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No. 2021082333
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: 1. VEE'S SWEET TREATS, 2. BLESSED HANDS, 3. DAISY CONSULTING, 4. SINCLAIR IMAGES, 5. DIVINE BROWS & ESSENTIALS, 6. CSO CONSTRUCTION & PLUMBING, 1005 S DWIGHT AVE, COMPTON, CA 90220 County of LOS ANGELES
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number: LLC/AI No 201815610753
 Registered owner(s): THE OLIVER ENTERPRISES LLC, 1005 S DWIGHT AVE, COMPTON, CA 90220; State of Incorporation: CA
 This business is conducted by a limited liability company
 The registrant(s) started doing business on 06/2018.
 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/ DARRIN OLIVER, Vice President
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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. 2021097443
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: 1. EDUCATED NOTARY, 2. ACCLOTHINGDESIGN, 3. THE EDUCATED NOTARY, 12501 YUKON AVE, HAWTHORNE, CA 90250 County of LOS ANGELES
 Registered owner(s): CHRISPIN ANTHONY CLARKE, 12501 YUKON AVE, HAWTHORNE, CA 90250
 This business is conducted by an Individual
 The registrant(s) started doing business on 05/2017.
 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/ CHRISPIN ANTHONY CLARKE, Owner
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/26/2021.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No. 2021090134
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: FLORENCE FRESH, 3124 W. FLORENCE AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90043 County of LOS ANGELES
 Registered owner(s): FRONTEND INVESTMENTS LLC, 6919 HAAS AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90047; State of Incorporation: CA
 This business is conducted by a limited liability company
 The registrant(s) started doing business on 12/20/20.
 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/ CHRISPIN ANTHONY CLARKE, Owner
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No. 2021082333
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: 1. VEE'S SWEET TREATS, 2. BLESSED HANDS, 3. DAISY CONSULTING, 4. SINCLAIR IMAGES, 5. DIVINE BROWS & ESSENTIALS, 6. CSO CONSTRUCTION & PLUMBING, 1005 S DWIGHT AVE, COMPTON, CA 90220 County of LOS ANGELES
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number: LLC/AI No 201815610753
 Registered owner(s): THE OLIVER ENTERPRISES LLC, 1005 S DWIGHT AVE, COMPTON, CA 90220; State of Incorporation: CA
 This business is conducted by a limited liability company
 The registrant(s) started doing business on 06/2018.
 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/ DARRIN OLIVER, Vice President
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 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number: LLC/AI No 201815610753
 Registered owner(s): THE OLIVER ENTERPRISES LLC, 1005 S DWIGHT AVE, COMPTON, CA 90220; State of Incorporation: CA
 This business is conducted by a limited liability company
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 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number: LLC/AI No 201815610753
 Registered owner(s): THE OLIVER ENTERPRISES LLC, 1005 S DWIGHT AVE, COMPTON, CA 90220; State of Incorporation: CA
 This business is conducted by a limited liability company
 The registrant(s) started doing business on 06/2018.
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 S/ DARRIN OLIVER, Vice President
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No. 2021079850
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: RS PUBLISHING, 5335 S GARTH AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90056 County of LOS ANGELES
 Registered owner(s): ROSALIND STEVENSON, 5335 S GARTH AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90056; State of Incorporation: CA
 This business is conducted by an Individual
 The registrant(s) started doing business on 03/20/21.
 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/ ROSALIND STEVENSON, Owner
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/05/2021.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No. 2021089016
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: RICHBUM VINTAGE, 3121 W 59th St 1, Los Angeles, CA 90043, County of LA
 Registered owner(s): Brian M. Allen, 3121 W 59th St 1, Los Angeles, CA 90043; 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/ Brian M. Allen, Owner
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on April 13, 2021
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No. 2021079446
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: VALENCIA'S HEALTHY LIFESTYLE COMPANY, 142 W 83TH ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90003 County of LOS ANGELES
 Registered owner(s): LAURA VALENCIA AGUIRRE, 142 W 83TH ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90003
 This business is conducted by an Individual
 The registrant(s) started doing business on 10/2021.
 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/ LAURA VALENCIA AGUIRRE, Owner
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/05/2021.

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 File No. 2021079446
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: VALENCIA'S HEALTHY LIFESTYLE COMPANY, 142 W 83TH ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90003 County of LOS ANGELES
 Registered owner(s): LAURA VALENCIA AGUIRRE, 142 W 83TH ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90003
 This business is conducted by an Individual
 The registrant(s) started doing business on 10/2021.
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 S/ LAURA VALENCIA AGUIRRE, Owner
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/05/2021.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No. 2021085736
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: Bernad Logistics, 1619 1/2 W 35th Place, Los Angeles, CA 90018, County of LA
 Registered owner(s): Lori S. Bernard, 1619 1/2 W 35th Place, 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 02/20/21
 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/ Bernad Logistics, Owner
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/05/2021.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No. 2021087788
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: 1. PKL, 2. Pretty Kitty Lingerie, 3. PKLingerie, 4. XXXKitty, 3701 Coliseum Street, Los Angeles, CA 90016, County of LA
 Registered owner(s): Pretty Kitty Lingerie, LLC, 3701 Coliseum Street, Los Angeles, CA 90016; 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 10/20/20
 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/ Masha Douglas, CEO
 Pretty Kitty Lingerie, LLC
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No. 2021089016
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: RICHBUM VINTAGE, 3121 W 59th St 1,

Celebration of Life

Opal Faye Johnson



Opal Faye was born in Palestine, Texas, to Amanda Lenora and Paris Watson Daniels. Opal Faye is a 1947 graduate of Jordan High School, Los Angeles. After graduating from Jordan High School, she married Booker T.L. Johnson. Opal Faye had an illustrious career in sales. Working at Pierson Fabric Store in downtown Compton,

she demonstrated excellent skills in sales. She went on to the May Company in the downtown Los Angeles store. She was often recognized as top sales person and awarded for obtaining the highest number of May Company credit applications before retiring. She was a longtime member of Grant AME Church on Central Avenue

in Watts, California, until her health condition prevented her attendance. She leaves and blesses with precious memories her sister, Ola Maye West; nieces Dr. Gay Brown (Fred) and daughter Loren Tejada (Kaylee); Attorney Joy C. West; Joli R. West (Torrance, Sr.) and children Torrance, Jr. (TJ), Abrielle & Orlando Johnson; Shir-

ley and Dr. Ojeka Omeridgbo and a host of relatives and friends too numerous to mention by name. Service Thursday, May 6, 2021, 10:00am Angelus Funeral Home 3875 So. Crenshaw Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90008 Interment, Inglewood Park Cemetery, Sanctuary of Angels, Inglewood, CA.

'New?!' 'Is It Normal?' 'New and Change Not always Better'

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yield to their desires. So, now I will not hear you in your miseries. You refused to hear the wise advice of Samuel. You said, "No!" we want a king to go out before us like the nations. We want to be like the nations to have a king go out before us and fight our battles." God had been fighting their battles all along. But, that was not good enough for

them anymore. They were overtaken in fear and boasting and wanted to make it on their own and do it "their way." Well, we see "their way", your way is not the best way. What greater wisdom can we have than His wisdom. There is none. Totally, none. It may be difficult sometimes to discern the voice in your mind. If you can't figure it out, just take it slow, wait and listen for His voice. Your mind can play a tug of war with you. Wait! Wait on the Lord.

Thanks for reading! Jeanette Grattan Parker, Founder-Superintendent Today's Fresh Start Charter School 323-293-9826 www.todayfreshstart.org; [Ask Dr. JeanetteTM & Ask Dr. Jeanette ParkerTM (registered trademarks) www.askdrjeanetteparker.com Askdrjeanette.succession-theway@gmail.com tm "Inquiring Minds Want to Know."© All rights reserved references:Holy Bible;[1 Samuel 8:1-22]

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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/ FOLAMI AKINTOLAHARRISON, CEO This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/19/2021. 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). Original Filing 4/15, 4/22, 4/29, 5/6/21 CNS-3461209# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

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). U T T E R B L U E TECHNOLOGIES LLC S/ FOLAMI AKINTOLAHARRISON, CEO This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/25/2021. 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). Original Filing 4/15, 4/22, 4/29, 5/6/21 CNS-3459627# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

(including cost component) submitted in response to the RFP will then be scored, evaluated, and a successful Design Build Entity ("DBE") will be identified for award of a Design Build Contract using a "Best Value" (qualitative) method of selection. All Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) must be uploaded to the Online Vendor Portal per instructions contained in the RFQ. The District's Online Vendor Portal can be accessed by visiting the website www.build-laccd.org then clicking the PlanetBids link. Details regarding the Mandatory (for GCs) Pre-SOQ Meeting can be found on the PlanetBids information tab. All questions shall be directed through the Online Vendor Portal. 5/6/21 CNS-3467525# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

Window Cleaning. The period of performance for this project shall be the base period of three years with one two-year option. Electronic proposals must be submitted online at <http://www.planetbids.com/portal/portal.cfm?CompanyID=13821#> at or before 2:00 p.m. on May 19, 2021. Electronic proposals will not be received after this date and time. The Contract to be awarded will be subject to a financial assistance agreement between Authority and U.S. Department of Transportation under grants issued by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). As a condition of financial assistance agreements between the Authority and U.S. DOT, the Authority has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program and overall DBE goal in accordance with Title 49 CFR, Part 26. Authority's overall DBE goal for the current Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) is twelve percent (12%). In conformance with the Authority's DBE Policy and Program the Authority has established a 2.15% DBE contract-specific goal on this project. Prime Proposers will be required to either meet the 11% goal or submit an adequate Good Faith Effort (GFE) demonstrating intent to meet the goal, for their proposal to be deemed responsive to DBE Program requirements. For further information contact Yamil A. Ramirez Roman, Contract and Compliance Administrator at 213.452.0479 or email RamirezY@scrra.net. 5/6/21 CNS-3466113# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

2021-2022 Action Plan prior to the effective date of its grant agreement with HUD. The total amount of any pre-award costs incurred will not exceed 25% of the amount of the County anticipated 2021-2022 CDBG allocation. Costs related to the HOME program may not exceed 25% of the County's current program amount. Costs related to the ESG program will comply with the regulatory requirements as outlined in 24 CFR 576. Citizens are advised that such pre-award costs will have no effect on future grants, and will be in compliance with all the regulations that govern the CDBG, HOME, and ESG Programs as stated in 24 CFR Part 570, 24 CFR 92, and 24 CFR Part 576, respectively as well as the Environmental Review Procedures state in 24 Part 58. Activities that may incur pre-award costs include CDBG public service, program administration, economic development, infrastructure, and housing activity costs as well as HOME and ESG administration and project costs. A public hearing on the Action Plan will be held before the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors on: **June 8, 2021 - 9:30 a.m. Board Hearing Room - 381 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street - Los Angeles, CA 90012** For more information, please visit the Board's website at <http://bos.lacounty.gov/Board-Meeting/Board-Agendas>. Copies of the proposed document are also available for review at the Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA), 700 W. Main Street, Alhambra, CA 91801. If the libraries or the LACDA is not open to the public, please review the Action Plan online at <https://www.lacda.org>. Citizens wishing to submit written comments during the public review and comment period may mail them, postmarked no later than June 8, 2021, to the LACDA, to the attention of Raymond Webster, Development Specialist, Community & Economic Development Division-Grants Management Unit, who can be reached at (626) 586-1755 or Raymond. Webster@lacda.org if there are any questions. 5/6/21 CNS-3458955# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2021083967 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CONSTRUCTION BUSINESS CONSULTING, 14200 VENTURA BLVD., SUITE 108, SHERMAN OAKS, CA 91423 County of LOS ANGELES Mailing Address: PO BOX 91536, PASADENA, CA 91109 Registered owner(s): JORDAN VANNINI, 773 BELVIDERE STREET, PASADENA, CA 91104 This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant(s) started doing business on 05/2018. 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/ JORDAN VANNINI, Owner This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/08/2021. 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). Original Filing 4/15, 4/22, 4/29, 5/6/21 CNS-3461240# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2021083966 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: A1 STEAM CLEANING, 2710 E. SOUTH STREET #1, Long Beach, CA 90805 County of LOS ANGELES Registered owner(s): KENYATI JAY HUBBARD, 2710 E. SOUTH STREET #1, LONG BEACH, CA 90805; State of Incorporation: CA This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant(s) started doing business on 03/2021. 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/ KENYATI JAY HUBBARD, Owner This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/08/2021. 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). Original Filing 4/15, 4/22, 4/29, 5/6/21 CNS-3460925# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

OWNER CONTROLLED INSURANCE PROGRAM ("OCIP") OMBUDSPERSON PS-21-01-RFQP 40J.J87.05 All Statements of Qualifications and Proposals ("SOQP") must be received at the Online Vendor Portal found at <http://www.planetbids.com/portal/portal.cfm?CompanyID=21372> no later than **May 20, 2021 @ 10:00 AM.** The Bidder assumes full and sole responsibility for timely receipt of its SOQP and any other documents required to be submitted with the SOQP, by the District at the Online Vendor Portal. The District will have no responsibility for SOQPs not submitted in a timely manner, no matter the reason. RFQP and other documents, if any, will be available to Interested Parties on and after **April 30, 2021, at the Online Vendor Portal.** Questions shall be directed to: Paul Spear Sustainable Building Program Managers paul.spear@build-laccd.org (323) 981-7231

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Notice is given that proposals for On-Call Tree Trimming and Maintenance Services Program (BRC0000208) will be received until 5:30pm, Tuesday, June 1, 2021 per the instructions listed on the RFP. A Mandatory Proposer's Conference will be held via Microsoft Teams Meeting Online Events at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, May 18, 2021. Instructions for attending the meeting and accessing the RFP document are available at the following link: <http://p.w.lacounty.gov/brcd/servicecontracts> or may be mailed to you upon request by calling (626) 458-4080 or TDDat(626) 282-7829. 5/6/21 CNS-3463950# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

1st District Anthony Quinn Library, 3965 Cesar E. Chavez Ave., Los Angeles (323) 264-7715 Azusa Library, 729 N. Dalton Ave., Azusa (626) 812-5252 East Los Angeles Library, 4837 E. Third St., Los Angeles (323) 264-0155 La Puente Library, 15920 E. Central Ave., La Puente (626) 968-4613 Montebello Library, 1550 W. Beverly Blvd., Montebello (323) 722-6551 Sunkist Library, 840 N. Puente Ave., La Puente (626) 960-2707 **2nd District** Carson Regional Library, 151 E. Carson St., Carson (310) 830-0901 East Rancho Dominguez Library, 4420 Rose St., (310) 632-6193 East Rancho Dominguez Graham Library, 1900 E. Firestone Blvd., Los Angeles (323) 582-2903 Lennox Library, 4359 Lennox Blvd., Lennox (310) 674-0385 Willowbrook Library, 11838 Wilmington Ave., Los Angeles (323) 564-5698 Woodcrest Library, 1340 W. 106th St., Los Angeles (323) 757-9373 **3rd District** Agoura Hills Library, 29901 Ladysack Ct., Agoura Hills (818) 889-2278 Malibu Library, 23519 W. Civic Center Way, Malibu (310) 456-6438 San Fernando Library, 217 North Maclay Ave., San Fernando (818) 365-6928 West Hollywood Library, 625 N. San Vicente Blvd. West Hollywood (310) 652-5340 **4th District** El Segundo Library, 111 W. Mariposa Ave., El Segundo (310) 524-2722 Gardena Mayme Dear Library, 1731 W. Gardena Blvd., Gardena (310) 323-6363 Hawaiian Gardens Library, 11940 Carson St., Hawaiian Gardens (562) 496-1212 South Whittier Library, 11543 Colima Rd., Whittier (562) 946-4415 Walnut Library, 21155 La Puente, Rd., Walnut (909) 595-0757 **5th District** Altadena Library, 600 E. Mariposa St., Altadena (626) 798-0833 Duarte Library, 1301 Buena Vista St., Duarte (626) 358-1865 La Verne Library, 3640 D. St., La Verne (909) 596-1934 Lake Los Angeles Library, 16921 E. Ave. C, Suite A, Painesdale (661) 264-0593 Littlerock Library, 35119 80th St. East, Littlerock (661) 944-4138 Old Town Newhall Library, 24500 Main St., Santa Clarita (661) 259-0750 Quartz Hill Library, 5040 West Avenue M-2, Quartz Hill (661) 943-2454 Assisted listening devices, agenda in Braille, and/or alternate formats are available upon request.

LEGAL NOTICES **SUMMONS AMENDED** CASE NO.: D-19 594491-C DEPT: L **DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA** Lisvet Corral, Plaintiff vs. Jose De Jesus Rodriguez, Defendant. **NOTICE! YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. THE COURT MAY DECIDE AGAINST YOU WITHOUT YOUR BEING HEARD UNLESS YOU RESPOND IN WRITING WITHIN 21 DAYS. READ THE INFORMATION BELOW VERY CAREFULLY.** To the Defendant named above: The Plaintiff has filed a civil complaint or petition against you. Read that document (or get a copy at the court listed above) to find out the specific relief requested, the subject of this case is: Custody, Paternity, Visitation, and/or Child Support. If you want to defend this lawsuit, you must do all of the following within 21 days after this summons is served on you (not counting the day of service): 1. File a formal written answer to the complaint or petition with the Clerk of Court (whose address is listed below). 2. Pay the required filing fee to the court, or request a fee waiver by filing an Application to Proceed In Forma Pauperis. 3. Serve a copy of your answer on the Plaintiff whose name and address is shown below. If you do not respond, Plaintiff can request a default against you. The court can then enter a judgement against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition. **STEVEN D. GRIERSON** CLERK OF COURT By: Deputy Clerk Date: 9/20/19 Family Court and Services 601 North Pecos Road Las Vegas, Nevada 89155 Regional Justice Center 200 Lewis Avenue Las Vegas, Nevada 89155 Issued on Behalf of Plaintiff: Lisvet Corral 6577 Aldergate Lane Las Vegas NV 89110 Forms are available, free of charge, at the Family Law Self-Help Center at the Family Courts and Services Center, 601 N. Pecos Road, Las Vegas, Nevada, and on the center's website at www.familylawselfhelpcenter.org. [SEAL] 5/6, 5/13, 5/20/21 CNS-3468210# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

GOVERNMENT Design/Build Opportunity with LACCD

For future bidding opportunities please register with the District's Online Vendor Portal which can be accessed by visiting the website www.build-laccd.org then clicking the PlanetBids link. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Los Angeles Community College District ("District") invites Design Build Entities to submit Statements of Qualification (SOQ) for the following procurement:

Request for Qualifications (RFQ) from Design Build Entities for Los Angeles Pierce College - Academic East building with a estimated Construction Budget of \$45,000,000 - \$50,000,000.

Scope: Design and construction of the new Academic Complex 1, Phase 1 as defined by the Programming and Project Criteria (PPC) documents, inclusive of the District Standards and Guidelines. The new Academic Complex 1, Phase 1 will provide space for services to support educational, cultural, social, recreational, and leadership programs to enhance the academic experience at the Los Angeles Valley College campus. The project will provide space for the following curricula: Business, Computer Science, Information Systems, Math, Psychology, Sociology, Ethnic Studies, Psychology, and Emergency Services. The building is planned to be approximately 80,000 total gross square feet. All site work and site utilities required to integrate the new Academic Complex 1, Phase 1 into the campus are also included as defined by the PPC documents.

How the Procurement Process for this Project will take place: This procurement process will take place in two steps: Step 1 is the instant Request for Qualifications process ("RFQ"); to be followed by Step 2, a Request for Proposal process to pre-qualified firms ("RFP"). Upon receipt and evaluation of the Statements of Qualifications ("SOQ's") submitted in response to this RFQ, the SOQ's will be scored, evaluated and ranked with the District selecting three pre-qualified Applicant firms, designated as "Finalists", to receive the RFP. The Finalists' proposals

CONTRACTORS INTERESTED IN OBTAINING INFORMATION ON UPCOMING LACCD PROJECTS; SEE build-laccd.org (Contracting and Bidding Site)] **A Non-Mandatory Pre-Submittal Meeting will be held on May 11, 2021 @ 10:00 AM via Zoom conference. Information regarding the pre-submittal meeting maybe located at the Online Vendor Portal ("PlanetBids"). Login to the following procurement:** **Project Title: Owner Controlled Insurance Program ("OCIP") Ombudsperson Invitation Number: PS-21-01-RFQP** **Once registered the Pre-Submittal conference information and link to join the online presentation are located on the tab titled "Bid Information" under the "Pre-Bid Meeting Information" section.** 5/6/21 CNS-3466605# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL RAIL AUTHORITY RFP NO. MS297R-22 JANITORIAL SERVICES AND WINDOW CLEANING The Southern California Regional Rail Authority (Authority) is seeking to retain a qualified firm to provide Janitorial Services and

Window Cleaning. The period of performance for this project shall be the base period of three years with one two-year option. Electronic proposals must be submitted online at <http://www.planetbids.com/portal/portal.cfm?CompanyID=13821#> at or before 2:00 p.m. on May 19, 2021. Electronic proposals will not be received after this date and time. The Contract to be awarded will be subject to a financial assistance agreement between Authority and U.S. Department of Transportation under grants issued by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). As a condition of financial assistance agreements between the Authority and U.S. DOT, the Authority has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program and overall DBE goal in accordance with Title 49 CFR, Part 26. Authority's overall DBE goal for the current Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) is twelve percent (12%). In conformance with the Authority's DBE Policy and Program the Authority has established a 2.15% DBE contract-specific goal on this project. Prime Proposers will be required to either meet the 11% goal or submit an adequate Good Faith Effort (GFE) demonstrating intent to meet the goal, for their proposal to be deemed responsive to DBE Program requirements. For further information contact Yamil A. Ramirez Roman, Contract and Compliance Administrator at 213.452.0479 or email RamirezY@scrra.net. 5/6/21 CNS-3466113# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

LIBERTAS COLLEGE PREP is requesting proposals for NSLP vended meal service contract to begin 7/1/2021. Proposals are due 5/24/2021 to 3875 Dublin Ave., Los Angeles CA 90008. contact echatelain@sfwgroup.org. 5/6/21 CNS-3463923# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

PUBLIC NOTICE The 2021-2022 Action Plan (Action Plan) is the fourth annual implementation plan of the Five-Year 2018-2023 Housing and Community Development Consolidated Plan for the Los Angeles Urban County (Consolidated Plan). The Consolidated Plan describes the housing and community development needs, as well as activities to address those needs through the Los Angeles Urban County Program, as defined and funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). As required by HUD, the Consolidated Plan brings together, in one (1) consolidated submission, the planning and application aspects of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Programs. The Urban County program's geographic area encompasses 48 participating cities and the entire County's unincorporated areas. Project descriptions, resources to be utilized, and proposed accomplishments for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year (July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022) are delineated in the Action Plan. In addition, the Action Plan addresses monitoring standards and procedures. Furthermore, as per 24 CFR 570.200(h), 24 CFR Part 92.212, and 2 CFR 200.458, the public is hereby notified that under certain conditions, the County and/or its subrecipients may incur costs associated with the CDBG, HOME, and ESG activities identified and described in the

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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). U T T E R B L U E TECHNOLOGIES LLC S/ FOLAMI AKINTOLAHARRISON, CEO This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 03/25/2021. 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). Original Filing 4/15, 4/22, 4/29, 5/6/21 CNS-3459627# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2021069256 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: CARECONNECTED AT HOME, 3090 BRISTOL STREET SUITE 200, COSTA MESA, CA 92626 County of LOS ANGELES Registered owner(s): C A R E C O N N E C T M D D S T R E E T L L C , 3090 BRISTOL STREET SUITE 200, COSTA MESA, CA 92626; 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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2021073298 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: UBT AGENCY, 1925 CENTURY PARK E #1700, Los Angeles, CA 90067 County of LOS ANGELES Registered owner(s): U T T E R B L U E TECHNOLOGIES LLC, 1925 CENTURY PARK E #1700, LOS ANGELES, CA 90067; State of Incorporation: CA This business is conducted by a limited liability company. The registrant(s) started doing business on 01/2021. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who



Brian Hooks Opens Free Filmmaking Program for Inner City Youth

BY BERTRAM KELLER
Contributing Writer

Prolific actor and director Brian Hooks is known for his animated comedic performances; be that as it may, his recent off-screen efforts have led to a new philanthropic journey outside of the spotlight.

Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, Hooks launched a production company called Left of Bang Entertainment (LOBE). Aside from producing in-house films, LOBE will provide free educational programs and mentorship opportunities for inner-city kids.

In a recent interview, Hooks said "The whole idea around [LOBE] is to

their parents to buy film equipment because they have an idea for movie. Something so innocent yet can be severely discouraging when you are a kid with big dream.

Inevitably, young minds are likely to become victim of high levels of psychosocial stressors and inadequate supportive resources. A combination that can likely lead to poor decision making or inferiority complexes of some kind. Without any positive outlets, many children that grow-up in our inner-cities turn to residual external support like substance abuse, or even becoming gang affiliated.

"[LOBE] is place where



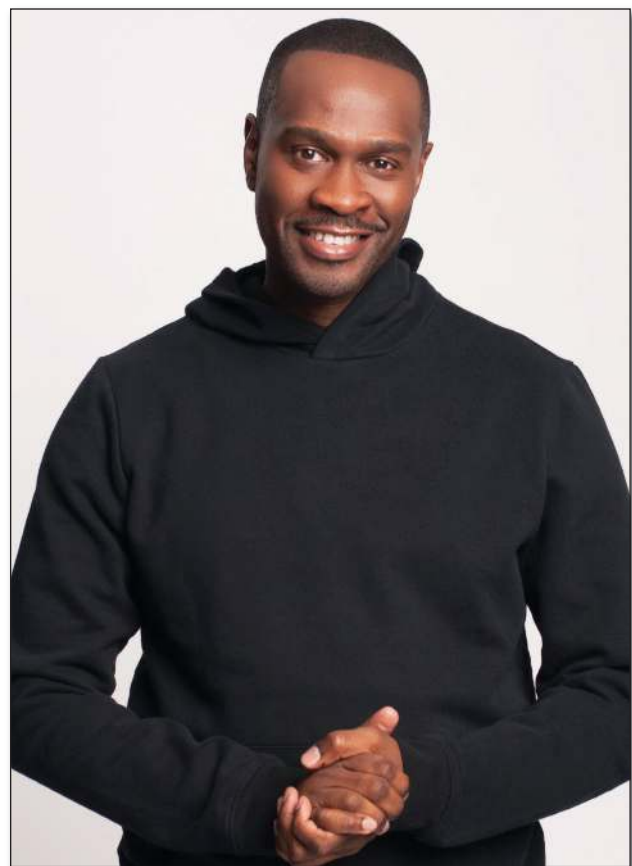
Brian Hooks' production company, Left of Bang Entertainment, teaches inner-city youth the ins and outs of filmmaking.

you get from [helping someone] is unlike any other feeling in the world. Luckily, I was able figure that out through speaking with some of my mentors, so it's got me on this path, and this is probably the best space I've ever been in, in my life."

Currently, Hooks is contacting youth centers as well as various high schools to help identify kids who qualify for the program. "Right now, we're looking at kids who are 13 to 19 [years old] as the core age. With that said, if you are 21 [years old] and you need this—reach out to us, if you are 22 [years old] and you need this—reach out to us," said Hooks. "Even if it is not filmmaking, if you want to be an artist or if you want to do music, this is just arming you with tools to expand your arsenal... Again, the number one qualification for me is just a commitment to stay Left of Bang."

To participate in the LOBE movement go to www.leftofbangentertainment.com, or message one of the LOBE social media

pages: www.facebook.com/leftofbangentertainment, www.instagram.com/leftofbangentertainment, or www.twitter.com/leftofbangent. Thus far, LOBE has already raised over \$50,000, and if you would like to support the next LOBE film production, as well as their inner-city youth's participation in the production—make a pledge to the LOBE Kickstarter, at www.kickstarter.com/projects/leftofbang/left-of-bang-entertainment.



Brian Hooks' latest philanthropic venture, Left of Bang Entertainment provides resources for the inner-city's underserved youth.

Our mission is to keep them left of bang and keep them on the right track headed toward success."

Through LOBE, Hooks has created an environment where kids can learn to overcome their circumstances and transcend it into a much healthier space of consciousness. He has made it apparent that the inner-city youth desperately

school that caters to the youth who need it—for free, forever."

Since his 1996 acting debut in the film "Phat Beach," Hooks has acted in notable films like "Bulworth," "Beloved," "3 Strikes," "Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me," "Fools Gold," and many more. He has appeared in over 50 films, and worked with the likes of Oprah Winfrey, Matthew McConaughey, Snoop Dogg, Kevin Hart, Mo'Nique, Mike Epps, Halle Berry, and many more of Hollywood's illustrious.

Hooks latest film "Adam and Eve" which he wrote, directed, produced as well as act in the lead role is expected to be released later this year. A story about two people who fall in love, but their dark secrets prevent them from living happily—a much different construct from what fans have been used to seeing.

"And a sequel to "3 Strikes" is coming as well, and then I'm redoing "Phat Beach" with the younger generation," Hooks announced. The sequel to "3 Strikes" will have "All the same [cast], E-40 is coming back, Faizon Love, DJ Pooh who wrote and directed the first one. It will be all the usual characters and a few more."

Despite his decorated resume of film credits which is a testimony to a rare longevity few actors in the industry experience, Hooks searches for deeper meaning—beyond the fame. Hooks said, "I basically, came to a crossroads in my life, where I'm feeling like: 'okay, what else?' This can't be it, there has to be more."



Brian Hooks (Left) announced the sequel to the critically acclaimed film "3 Strikes." "E-40 is coming back, Faizon Love (Right)... It will all be the usual characters and a few more."

extend an olive branch into the inner city that allows kids to be a part of the Hollywood magic." Hooks' production company will cover all aspects of filmmaking; any and everything, from acting classes to hair and make-up, wardrobe, screenwriting, on-set production, as well as teaching kids how to edit a film down to its finished product.

Hollywood's film industry can be tough to break in to, and that is especially true for a young person from the inner-city whose family may be struggling financially. Some kids just do not have the essentials—whether that be fresh food or even clean water, let alone owning a computer or asking



Brian Hooks (left) and Matthew McConaughey (right) on the set of the film "Fools Gold" (2008).

[kids] can come and get ideas, and support from us to keep them on the right path," said Hooks. "In essence, keep them Left of Bang, that 'Bang' in our name represents the action-moment in a youth's life where they commit a violent act or join a gang...

need positive role models, "[offering] a mentorship [program] that is ongoing."

"Through our film classes—kids can learn the ins and outs, and they get to meet some of these celebrities that they have looked up to and admired," said Hooks. "I want this to be a

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MOTHER'S DAY - 365 DAYS A YEAR

BY LAPACAZO SANDOVAL
Contributing Writer

As you grow older, the hope is that we also grow wiser and this usually begins with understanding a big chunk of the advice given, so patiently, by our mothers. Although each of our mothers is wonderfully unique something is comforting and familiar about the African, African American, Afro-Latino mother experience that bonds us, entering us kids into a type of hidden club. Inside this clandestine, labyrinth of memories shared by the “collective”, we can almost hear our mothers, dishing out sage advice like — “Because I said so!” and “If your friends jump off a bridge, are you going to jump too?,” “Don’t make me get up,” “Jesus, take the wheel” and my personal favorite — “What part of no don’t you understand?”

In all our mothers’ saucy pronouncements there is nothing but love driving that advice. You see, now that we’ve hit a certain age, and are now looking at life from a much different vantage point, we can fully appreciate that all advice was to keep us safe, to keep us alive and away from those, in this racist, ageist and sexist world that seek to harm us for nothing more than being who we are, which is, people of color. For this collective desire to protect us, I wish all of the Mothers of Color a very special Mothers’ Day. One that is filled with the joy of knowing that their loved ones are protected and afforded the same opportunities and rights given to White citizens. That is my greatest wish for all of us and therefore providing that soulful peace of mind our mothers deserve.

Below are a few carefully chosen gift ideas that I think might show your mother just how much you value everything (and I do mean everything) they have given us over the years.

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Pat McGrath



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Royal Tulip Nectar

Indeed, Black don’t crack (Amen) but it’s always nice to introduce new products to help bring out more of our



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Royal Tulip Nectar

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brightening, moisturizing and illuminating the skin. Use the tulip spatula to apply a thin layer directly onto your skin, wherever it needs a little extra love, or try it as a moisturizing sleep mask to wake up with skin fit for a queen.

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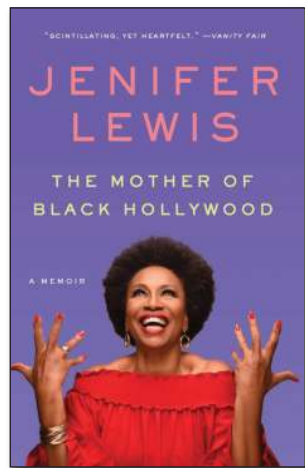
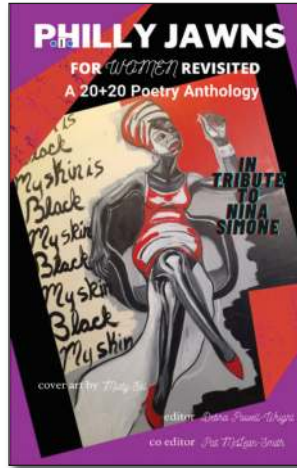
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BOOKS

“Philly Jaws: For Women Revisited”

Philly Jaws: For Women Revisited, a new poetry anthology in tribute to Nina Simone, is the latest project from co-editors and poets Debra Powell-Wright and Pat McLean-Smith. Lauded as “...both playlist and prayer for Ms. Simone, our mold-breaker and future fashioner” by former Philadelphia Poet Laureate Yolanda Wisher.



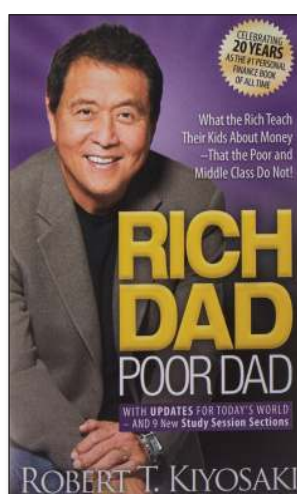
“The Mother of Black Hollywood: A Memoir”

Jenifer Lewis — the “Mega Diva” is and legendary star of Black-ish looks back on her memorable journey to fame and the unforgettable life lessons she learned along the way. This is a provocative and touching memoir by a Midwestern girl with a dream whose journey from poverty to Hollywood will move, shock, and inspire listeners.

Told in the audacious voice her fans adore, Jenifer describes a road to fame made treacherous by dysfunction and undiagnosed mental illness, including a sex addiction. Yet, supported by loving friends and strengthened by “inner soldiers”, Jenifer never stopped entertaining and creating.

“Rich Dad Poor Dad”

Rich Dad Poor Dad, the #1 Personal Finance book of all time, tells the story of Robert Kiyosaki and his two dads—his real father and the father of his best friend, his rich dad—and how both men shaped his thoughts

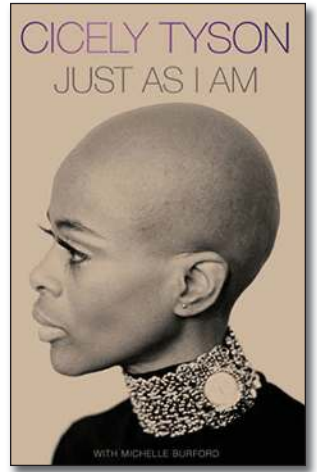


about money and investing. The book explodes the myth that you need to earn a high income to be rich and explains the difference between working for money and having your money work for you.

“Cicely Tyson Just as I Am: A Memoir”

“In her long and extraordinary career, Cicely Tyson has not only succeeded as an actor, she has shaped the course of history.” —President Barack Obama, 2016 Presidential Medal of Freedom ceremony

“Just as I Am is my truth. It is me, plain and unvarnished, with the glitter and garland set aside. In these pages, I am indeed Cicely, the actress who has been blessed to grace the stage and screen for six decades. Yet I am also the church girl who once rarely spoke a word. I am the teenager who sought solace in the verses of the old hymn for which this book is named. I am a daughter and a mother, a sister and a friend. I am an observer of human nature and the dreamer of audacious dreams. I am a woman who has hurt as immeasurably as I have loved, a child of God divinely guided by his hand. And here in my ninth decade, I am a woman who, at long last, has something meaningful to say.” —Cicely Tyson



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This is on my holiday 2021 gift guide list because it’s perfect. This desktop whiteboard is a game-changer for those of us that need a little extra help keeping organized. The Lift recognizes the need for a hybrid solution that combines improved ergonomics and comfort with a more usable and productivity-promoting workspace. Staying true to FluidStance’s dedication to sustainability and eco-friendly materials, the product features 16 gauge cold rolled steel—Earth’s most recycled material with the ability to be reused infinitely—and eco-felt made entirely from recycled plastic bottles.



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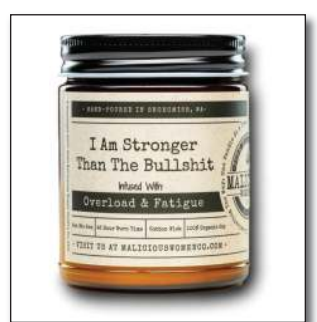
Another perfect gift is the ErgoFoam which goes under the desk and is a footrest that provides firm support for your feet and helps ensure your sitting position is upright. Improving your posture has been proven to reduce soreness and fatigue to your back, feet, legs, and knees, and will also improve circulation. <https://ergofoam.co/>



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ENTERTAINMENT

BET+ for Mother’s Day



First Wives Club Season 1 (starring Michelle Buteau as Bree) — Bree is the wildcard of her friend group. As an orthopedic surgeon, she is the breadwinner of her family, Bree is learning to balance her career, family, and relationship with her husband.

The Ailey Organization

The Ailey organization is furthering the pioneering vision of its founder by “bringing dance back to the people” and lifting spirits through Ailey All Access, a series of online offerings including streaming of free performance broadcasts, Ailey Extension dance, and fitness classes, and more. Performance Broadcasts – Cry 50th Anniversary. In a joyful nod to the 50th anniversary of Alvin Ailey’s beloved work, Cry, viewers will be treated to a new film adaptation of Jacqueline Green interpreting the extraordinary solo premiering on a Mother’s Day Matinee, on Sunday, May 9 at 3 pm EDT.



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First Lady Dozier - Foster Mother to Over 100

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Gardena resident Erma L. Dozier has been a mother to a hundred children, literally. She and her husband, Pastor Larry of The New Earth Christian Church (TNECC), have been foster parents the past 30 years. Along with their own two children, they've been parents to more than 100 children in their Gardena home.

It was the First Lady's idea to become foster parents. Pastor Larry said, "I admit that I had to think twice about it, but her heart was set on it, so I relented and said, 'Ok, let's give it a try.' It's been one of the most rewarding experiences I've ever had."

Mrs. Dozier has referred to all of them as our children, "because they are," she said. "We treated all of our children the same, never made a difference.

"Just like Tamra (their daughter) and Shannon (their deceased son), whenever they needed something, even after they were grown up and out on their own, they came running to mom and dad. And we treat them the same, counsel them, admonish them (when necessary), help them, and then send them on their way until ... until next time.

"It's not a chore, it's

just what we do," the first lady said. "God has blessed us tremendously and we just want to bless others. There's nothing better than helping to guide children and youth, so that they can have a better life. This is our reward, seeing them able to take care of themselves and live productive lives."

While rewarding, there have been challenges, Mrs. Dozier said.

"We've dealt with children who have been physically abused, mentally and sexually abused.

"Another challenge has been dealing with some of the parents. While several have become friends and performed all the duties to be reunited, others have seen us as 'the enemy' and blamed us for turning their children against them.

"The goal is always to reunite the children with their families, but in our

experience, this seldom occurs. Many parents just give up and leave their chil-

workers with more than 50 cases to deal with.

"We've approached this as ministry, and at one point, we had as many children as we could take in our home (four), but now we're down to one. We've retired. I guess semi-retired for the umpteenth time. Our adult children have said many times, 'I thought you were retiring.' "But inevitably, a social worker with whom we've worked in the past will call and say, 'We've got this child and know she would do well in your home. Will you give her a try?' And of course, it starts all over again.

"I guess as long as God gives us the strength and energy, we'll keep doing it."

Mrs. Dozier also served as youth coordinator and Sunday school Superintendent at Hollypark United Methodist Church in Gardena for more than 10



Erma L. Dozier

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children in the system.

"I think the system would do better if they took a closer look at the family before removing a child and see if there are ways to work it out before taking the child from their home.

"The Department of Social Services does a good job, but their hands are full. There just does not seem to be enough foster parents to go around. Many of the social workers are over worked. I've seen social

years.

She spearheaded a church program called *Friday Night Live*. In addition to Bible lessons, playing games and dancing, the children were taught public speaking, debate, parliamentary procedure and many other lessons.

The Doziers sponsored an annual event on October 31, called the *Fall Family Festival*. Upwards of 300 children along with their parents or guardians attended the event during the 10 years the Doziers coordinated the event.

In 2016, Larry Dozier was called to serve as Pastor at St. John's United Methodist Church in Watts. While there, the Doziers worked with community organizers to install a regulation-sized basketball court in the church parking lot. The custom designed lot provides a safe place for the children and youth to play basketball in their own neighborhood, the court generates funds for the church.

The Doziers planted The New Earth Christian Church via Zoom in March. The first lady teaches Sunday School for ages 5-12.

"This new journey is quite exciting," she says. "I'm excited about it and I'm just looking forward to where God is going to take us."



Pastor Dwain A. Jackson

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Tribute Set for Shelter Residents

Bryant Temple CDC plans salute in honor of Mother's Day

By Dr. Lance A. Williams
Contributing Writer

Bryant Temple AME Community Development Corporation (CDC) will host a Mother's Day tribute on Saturday, May 8, for the women currently living in its shelter.

According to Pastor Dwaine A. Jackson, "The event is an opportunity for shelter residents to enjoy good food and fellowship in a safe, secure setting."

Since Fall 2019, the CDC has operated the women's shelter at its West Vernon Avenue location in South Los Angeles. With COVID restrictions in place, the women are able to stay in the shelter all day rather than leave the facility at 7 a.m., and return for the evening at 4 p.m., which had been the previous policy.

The church's Community Development Corporation provides case management services, general hygiene supplies and three meals per day to the residents. The program also accepts clothing donations for the women. To date, two women have moved on to permanent housing, and others to transitional housing.

The Mother's Day event was made possible by a generous benefactor, Tracy McConnico. "A tent in the church parking lot will be decorated," said Jackson, who added that meals will be served, games will be played and a basket filled with pajamas, slippers, and supplies will be given to each celebrant.

McConnico donated the tent and decorations, and others contributed the gift items. "We are very thankful to have caring people in the community like Ms. McConnico," added Jackson.

To donate to the Women's Shelter, call the office at (323) 293-6201.

Stampleys Expand Their Brand From Music to Beignets

By Cora Jackson-Fossett
Religion Editor

Micah Stampley is a popular gospel artist with enduring hits such as "Worthy to be Praised," "Love Never Fails," and "Our God." Heidi Stampley is known for songwriting and successfully managing his career.

Together, they established Interface Entertainment and Operation I Believe, Inc., a 501 (c) (3) non-profit with platforms that include humanitarian and outreach initiatives. And the duo did pretty well until the COVID-19 pandemic impacted the country.

Like many others in the industry, the husband-and-wife team had to put concerts and live appearances on hold. But instead of lamenting their situation, the couple stepped out on faith with something completely different.

They launched Orleans Foods Ltd., which features their signature Authentic Beignet Mix and the result has been a much greater triumph than they could

have ever imagined. The Authentic Beignet Mix is a traditional baking mix that can be used in a variety of recipes to create a dessert or breakfast treat, said Heidi.

"Customers rave about the light, airy, and angelic flavor in the mix that perfectly captures the flavor that families have loved for many generations," she remarked about the product, which is low-calorie and contains no cholesterol or trans fat.

Clearly, the public loves the product and the Stampleys have inked a retail deal with Wayfield Supermarkets to stock the mix in the chain's eight locations in the Atlanta, Georgia area.

"We actually got into the food business back in 2017 with a restaurant," explained Heidi, who said that their café, Orleans Brews and Beignets in Fayetteville, Georgia, was so admired, that the business earned The Taste of Fayette award in 2019. The café's theme centered on the beignets.

"Then COVID hit and we ended up closing the

restaurant. But, we jumped out during the pandemic and launched a brand. We took a leap of faith, and we had great feedback! It was adventurous," Heidi said.

"There are so many things you can do with the Beignets mix. Traditionally, people just put powdered sugar on it, but we played around with and discovered that you can take the foundation of the Beignets and embellish it with all kinds of different things," she noted.

"We even started experimenting with peach cobbler and the Beignets mix. We do a peaches and cream Beignets where we stuff them with all types of jellies and fruit toppings. We elevated it to a whole another level," added Micah.

So, how do the Stampleys balance their food venture with their music interests?

"Very strategically," responded Micah. "We have to be very structured. I can't accept every invitation that comes my way. I have to turn some things down. You go where you know

you're going to make the biggest impact. Sometimes it doesn't mean [going to] the largest venue. You just have to be spirit-led and business-minded to be sure you're making the right decision."

Fortunately, Heidi and Micah have worked together for a long time during their 22-year union and have learned what needs to be done for a steady and stable life, both at home and on-the-job.

"We've been working together since 2003, so we have managed to work through a lot of kinks and be married and love each other and be best friends," Heidi said. "It has had its challenges, but we enjoy working together."

A key component to making things work between them lies in their relationship with the Lord. "Faith is at the forefront of



Heidi and Micah Stampley

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everything we do," insisted Heidi, and Micah added, "I believe we are in this position to be an example at another level.

"I believe that kingdom people should be in this space - the marketplace - and allow God to hold you up and have an even stronger witness as Christians."

To learn more or to order Authentic Beignet Mix, visit orleansfoodltd.com or @OrleansFoods on Instagram.

Op-Ed: After COVID-19, Black-Owned Businesses Deserve Support, Not Higher Bills

By Rev. Norman Copeland
Contributing Writer

For the past several decades, I have been an active pastor in the African Methodist Episcopal Church, serving 14 congregations across Los Angeles County. It is impossible to overstate the importance of Black-owned businesses in these communities. They are the lifeblood of local commerce, but more than that, they are a means to local organization and empowerment.

I have seen firsthand the struggles of these business owners to succeed. It's not always easy, es-



Rev. Norman Copeland

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pecially in the wake of a yearlong pandemic, and every dollar matters.

That's why I'm strongly opposed to new proposed rules by California Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara that would eliminate group car insur-

ance discounts that save small businesses, including minority-owned businesses, hundreds of dollars every year.

When they can, small business owners bind together in community through their trade associations to reduce expenses and improve efficiency. For decades, this practice has been saving small business owners hundreds of dollars a year, which can be pivotal, especially for businesses that have been hard-hit by the pandemic.

As a lifelong advocate for civil justice, I remember when redlining - the practice in which insurance

rates were heavily influenced by the ZIP code in which drivers lived - was widespread. It was a discriminatory practice that raised prices for good drivers in Black and minority communities for no reason other than where they lived.

That's been fixed. California law now strongly protects against discrimination in auto insurance rates. It also permits affinity group discounts, allowing insurance companies to group together drivers of similar professions who are proven to be of lower risk.

The Commissioner's motivation is commendable; his stated goal is to

find ways to extend these discounts to drivers in low-income communities. However, his proposal would actually have the opposite effect, hurting many low income communities that he wants to help.

Our policies in California are focused on getting people back on their feet and preserving our small businesses - so why is the California Department of Insurance set on a path that will achieve the opposite? It makes no sense to take away a longstanding discount that is helping folks make ends meet.

Our Black-owned businesses are vital to our com-

munities. As California fights to reopen and return to normal, the last thing these small businesses need is to incur higher costs. I urge the California Department of Insurance to reconsider their proposed regulations. While I support building a more equitable playing field for all insurance customers, it must not come at the cost of successful programs such as affinity groups.

The Rev. Norman Copeland served as pastor of Ward AME in L.A., Grant AME in Long Beach, St. Paul AME in San Bernardino and other churches. He retired in October 2018.

THE MARATHON DON'T STOP: THE LIFE AND TIMES OF NIPSEY HUSSLE 400 PAGES OF FACTS BUT NO, SOUL!

BY LAPACAZO SANDOVAL
Contributing Writer

March 31, 2019. I was in New York City, uptown to be exact, when I heard the news of Nipsey Hussle's tragic murder. I had been chopping it up with a hip-hop head who made his name in the graffiti art game. One of those gifted type of kids that knows the streets like the back of his own two, painted stained hands. One of those kids that is simply — culture without effort or even a side way glance. I looked up and his eyes were moist and he called him by his name — Ermias Asghedom which surprised me, utterly because I only knew the South L.A.-raised rapper as Nipsey Hussle.

That's when I personally understood how much Nip actually meant to a lot of people beyond his South LA borders. It's especially painful that this innovative young man was murdered in front of his Marathon Clothing store in his hood with the neighborhood corner mall where he had once hawked mixtapes — and which he now owned.

Hussle earned his name. He was self-made and a keen observer of the street game, and the real game which is America's politics. Nothing missed this man's eyes. Hussle grew up reading computer magazines and built a computer from a pile of discarded parts. A Rollin' 60s Crip he had an inside view of this world and was determined to

shake off the stereotypes the media crafted around rappers and gang members. His brain worked very well and he shared his

Central and Silicon Valley." 12 months after his album's release, Hussle was murdered, shot, and killed outside of a store he'd just

ing at how he viewed family and his personal life, taking a trip to his fathers' land of Eritrea and falling in love with actress Lauren London.

He also dived into Hussle's thought process about owning in the Crenshaw District and how systematic police brutality by the Los Angeles Police Department impacts a community. Kenner's book is deeply researched despite this being an unauthorized biography.

Here is my issue with the deeply well-constructed book. It's factual but I don't feel any soul in the pages. There are beautiful paragraphs that made me pull out my highlighter a few times. Mr. Kenner is no stranger to how to move words around to get an impact. Facts. But here, again — I didn't feel any soul.

Kenner's book is missing insight from Hussle's longtime partner, London, and others that could bring that "soul" that I find missing. Nothing from Samiel "Blacc Sam" Asghedom, his older brother. Nothing from Hussle's parents. Nothing from his former road manger, Jorge Peniche. No soul here, just beautifully crafted facts.

To be fair — and I am — Kenner went all out (its 400 pages) to interview those that were willing to go on record and those interviews include a few of Hussle's former business partners, managers, and first-step mentor's. I'll add

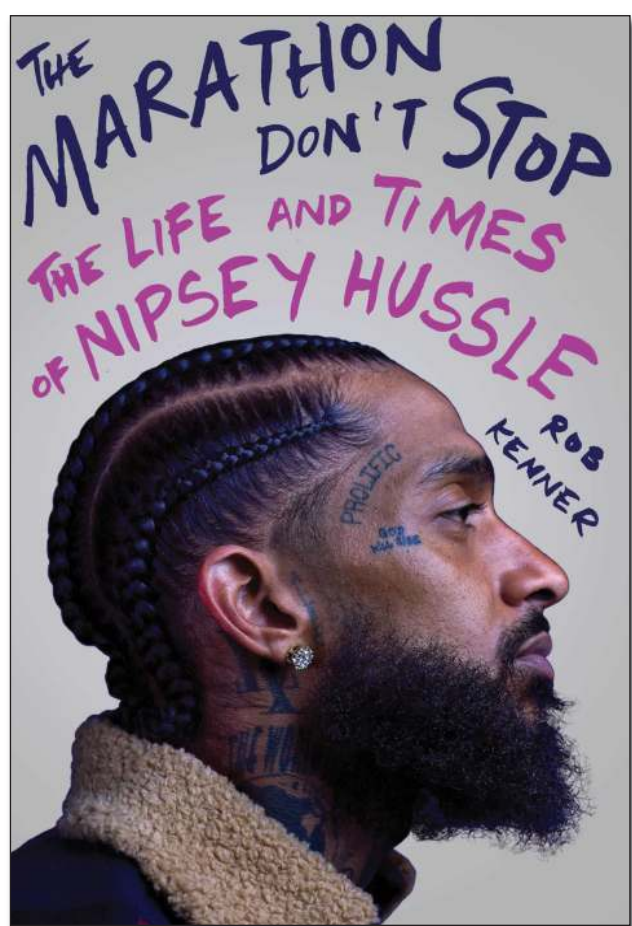
this, based on this book, I feel that Kenner is a fan and one that holds great respect.

Remember Nipsey Hussle's passing was felt so deeply by so many, his memorial services were held at the Los Angeles Staples Center where Michael Jackson and Kobe Bryant's homecoming ceremonies were held. A rapper held that much sentiment? Yes, because Ermias Asghedom was much, much more.

Ermias Asghedom used his brains. He owned his own music and invested in local real estate to "buy back the block" making it

then there was the duplicitous nature of the Los Angeles police force, who patted him on the back for keeping the peace but targeted his business searching for gang-related activity that could possibly impact on his freedom.

If you want to know more about Nipsey Hussle, I'd suggest pushing into the mans words by reading or listening to past interviews and his songs. His words like his heart amplified his desire to connect with his community. To give a voice to those muffled and voiceless.



knowledge with his people. No crabs in the barrel mentality in this man's game.

His reputation soared after Jay-Z purchased 100 copies of his mixtape Crenshaw in 2013. In a flash, a decade later, his official debut album, Victory Lap, was nominated for a Grammy. Hussle refused to turn his back on his neighborhood, starting businesses that employed felons, and a STEM program to "bridge the gap between South

opened. He was and is a bonafide hero. He passed at the age of 33.

In reviewing "The Marathon Don't Stop: The Life and Times of Nipsey Hussle," written by one of the founding members of Vibe magazine, writer and editor Rob Kenner is close to 400-pages. It's an ambitious book diving into the artist's life from birth to death including being part of gang life and creating his mixtape catalog and look-



Nipsey Hussle and Rob Kenner

harder for gentrification to grow in his slice of home. Understanding the long game, he turned down big money deals from major labels to keep creative control. This earned him respect but also attention.

Turning down predominantly White corporate gatekeepers often comes with a hidden price. And

"The Marathon Don't Stop: The Life and Times of Nipsey Hussle" by Rob Kenner is a great starter book on the life of Nipsey Hussle if you want 400 pages of fact. The soul books and documentaries, I am sure, are forthcoming or at least, that's my hope.

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