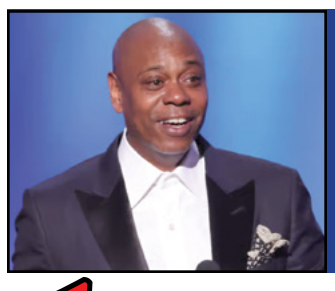


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Becerra, Legislative Leaders Put Affordability First, but Details Remain Open

By Antonio Ray Harvey
California Black Media

Gov.-elect Xavier Becerra met privately with Senate President Pro Tem Monique Limón (D-Santa Barbara) and Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas (D-Hollister) on Nov. 5 before the three appeared together at a news conference at the State Capitol.

It was the first joint public appearance by the "Big Three" Democratic leaders since Becerra won the gubernatorial election two days earlier. The leaders said affordability would be a central focus of their work, including housing, health care and energy costs.

"Get used to this because I think this is what we're going to be doing. We've got a lot of jobs to do," Becerra told reporters. "The public made it clear we should focus on jobs one, two, and three. And the cost of living, one, two, and three."

Becerra added, "We're letting California families know we want them to stay, thrive here, and we want them to retire here in California."

The leaders said they would move quickly to put Proposition 1 housing bond funds to work, protect health coverage and access to care, and lower energy costs. They also discussed regulating artificial intelligence while protecting consumers and working families.

Becerra said the issues were "on the table," but the leaders had not settled on specific policies or tax strategies as they reviewed the state budget outlook.

"I spoke about affordability when I was sworn in as speaker back in June 2023, and the work continues," Rivas said. "(This election) was not about Trump, Republicans, and their policies. It's not about endorsement of Democrats. Our mandate is to do things differently. People want change."

Asked by California Black Media (CBM) how his administration would help Black Californians buy homes and keep the ones they have, Becerra said he was prepared to work with members of the California Legislative Black Caucus.

"Ready to work. What else can I tell you? Ready to work with everybody," Becerra told CBM. "Pretty much every member came up to me and pretty much every member has been known to meet with me in the state Assembly and in the state Senate."

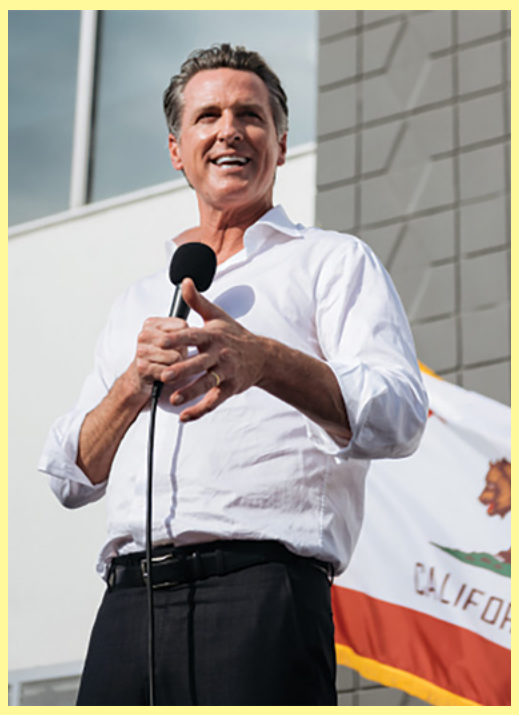
The question comes amid a persistent gap in homeownership. A 2024 Public Policy Institute of California analysis found that 36.6% of Black households in California owned their homes, compared with 64.5% of white households. Housing affordability is a challenge statewide, the institute has reported.

During his campaign, Becerra met with Black leaders in Southern California, including at a South Los Angeles meet-and-greet. A week before the election, he held a Black Community Leaders Reception at Oakstop, a Black-owned business and community space in Oakland. Oakland Mayor Barbara Lee and Ken Maxey, president and CEO of the Urban League of the Greater San Francisco Bay Area, attended, along with representatives of Black Women Organized for Political Action (BWOPA) and other Black-led and Black-serving organizations.

"I've known Xavier, and I know what he will do as governor," Lee said. "He's grounded. He's steady. He listens, and he has been to Oakland and our region several times. He knows us so well. I'm happy he's here one week before the election."



Assembly Speaker Anthony Rivas, Governor-elect Xavier Becerra and Assembly Speaker Pro Tempore Monique Limón answer questions from reporters during a post-election press availability at the California State Capitol in Sacramento on Nov. 5, 2026. CBM photo by Antonio Ray Harvey.



California Gov. Gavin Newsom Commutes 548 Death Sentences

While death row commutations by outgoing governors aren't new, Newsom's mass commutation now stands as the largest in American history.

Outgoing California Gov. Gavin Newsom announced on Thursday that he's commuting the death sentences of all 548 people incarcerated in the state's death row.

The New York Times reports that Newsom reduced every death sentence to life without parole. This was a move Newsom had been mulling for a while, with the botched execution of Christa Pike playing a role in intensifying his desire to commute the sentences.

"State-sanctioned killing is incompatible with California's values, undermines the foundations of our legal system and diminishes each of us," Newsom wrote in an open letter to California residents. "I know we cannot execute people in our imperfect legal system and remain true to our core values, first among them justice and human decency."

While Newsom isn't the first outgoing governor to commute an entire death row, this mass commutation is the largest in American history. California hasn't executed anyone in 20 years because of a moratorium on the practice, and Governor-elect Xavier Becerra pledged to maintain it.

California has more people on death row than any other state, with Newsom's commutation canceling a fourth of the nation's death sentences. In his letter, Newsom said he struggled with the decision "not because I doubt its necessity for our state but because I know its announcement may surface excruciating memories for victims' families."

Indeed, several family members of people killed by someone on California's death row have spoken out against Newsom's decision. Marc Klaas, the father of Polly Klaas, a 12-year-old girl who was kidnapped and murdered, was angered by the commutation.

"We're talking about serial killers, spree killers, cop killers, baby killers," Klaas told The Times. "We're talking about absolutely the worst people in our society, without a doubt. And he's putting his energy into commuting these characters?"

Anne Marie Schubert, a former Sacramento district attorney, sent Newsom a letter that included pictures of people killed by those on death row and detailed descriptions of how they died. Schubert said she spoke with the families of those victims before sending the letter.

"These are people that have suffered unimaginable losses and were given some sense of finality through the justice system," Schubert said in an interview before Newsom's commutation. "That is all being reopened and rehashed."

The commutation isn't expected to go down without a challenge. Groups in favor of the death penalty are expected to file a lawsuit against the move, claiming that commutations must be made on a case-by-case basis. Shasta County District Attorney Stephanie Bridgett spoke out against the move in an interview with KRCR.

"I completely disagree with it," Bridgett told the outlet. "Gov. Gavin Newsom has chosen his own ambition, his own opinions, over what the voters have clearly said at multiple elections."

Conversely, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) has come out in support of Newsom's decision.

"These commutations reflect what justice demands: an end to a racist, error-prone, and inhumane punishment that has burdened California for far too long," ACLU executive director Anthony Romero said in a statement. "By taking this step, Gov. Newsom has affirmed that the death penalty has no place in California and he showed real courage by confronting racialized injustice head-on."

As mentioned earlier, Newsom is leaving office at the end of the year and is currently mulling a campaign for president. While some have argued that this move could hurt Newsom with voters, Democratic pollster Celinda Lake argues that this will help Newsom with Democrats and Black voters who are historically against the death penalty.

Black Voters Gave Democrats Their Strongest Support in the 2026 Midterms

With Grocery Bills and Rent Driving the Vote

By OGNSC Staff

Black voters supported Democrats more firmly than any other racial or ethnic group in the Nov. 3 midterm elections, defying predictions that the party had lost this crucial voting bloc, a national survey found.

About 85 out of every 100 Black voters chose Democrats for the U.S. House, according to Henry Fernandez, CEO of the African American Research Collaborative, which conducted the 2026 midterm election voter poll with BSP Research.

"After a 2024 cycle with a lot of talk about erosion of the support of Democrats by Black voters, Black voters delivered the Democratic Party's strongest numbers once again in 2026," Fernandez said.

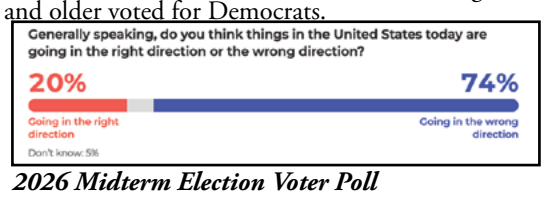
The survey included responses from more than 10,000 voters.

By comparison, about two-thirds of Latino and Asian American voters backed Democrats, as did nearly six in 10 Native American voters. White voters leaned Republican, though by a smaller amount than before.

"People of color were the backbone of the massive Democratic success," Fernandez said.

Young Black men and Trump voters

Support was strongest among older Black women. More than nine in 10 Black women ages 40 and older voted for Democrats.



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Young Black men, ages 18 to 39, were the least supportive group, but even there, about seven in 10 chose Democrats.

"Work can be done to grow support among younger African Americans," Fernandez said.

The pollsters also tested the idea that President Donald Trump had won over young Black men in 2024. Across all races, about nine in 10 Trump voters stuck with Republicans this year. Only about one in 10 switched to Democrats.

Black Trump voters were different. More than one in three of them voted for Democrats this time, and so did nearly three in 10 young Black men who had backed Trump.

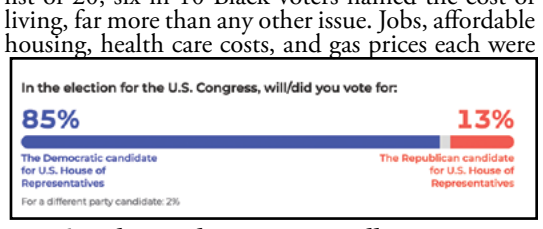
"This is a major shift, and significant work was done to achieve this," Fernandez said.

About three in four Black voters disapprove of how Trump is confronting out-of-pocket expenses such as the price of groceries, the economy, and immigration enforcement. His lowest marks came on the war with Iran, where only about one in six approved.

"There is, frankly, no issue we tested where Trump gets above a quarter of Black voters," Fernandez said.

Kitchen-table concerns

Asked to pick their top three issues from a list of 20, six in 10 Black voters named the cost of living, far more than any other issue. Jobs, affordable housing, health care costs, and gas prices each were



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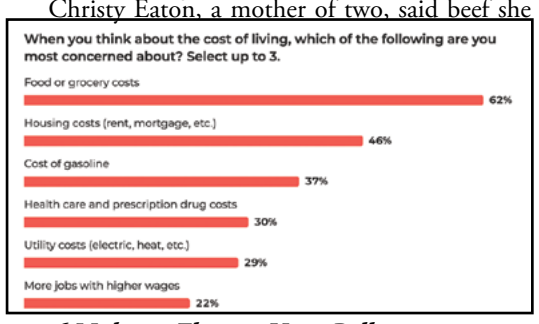
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"These are folks' everyday bills, and that's where Black voters are certainly feeling the squeeze," Fernandez said.

That squeeze is familiar in Bakersfield.

In May, 23ABC News reported that sisters Eva and Christy Eaton, shopping at African Boutique for a work-event dress, said paying bills leaves little room for anything else.

Christy Eaton, a mother of two, said beef she



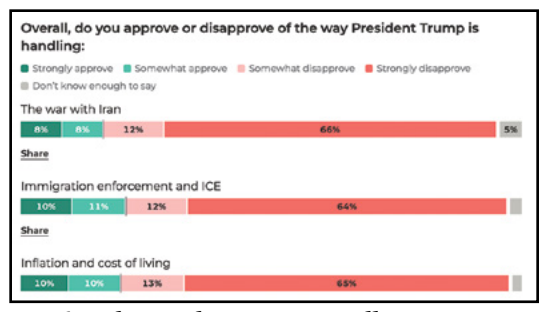
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once bought for several meals no longer stretches.

"Now you can barely feed four people with that," she told the station. A local business owner told the station that some customers must choose between feeding their children and buying hair products.

Local food banks have felt it too. In March 2025, Kelly Lowery, who runs the Community Action Partnership of Kern food bank, told 23ABC that demand had more than doubled in two years because of inflation and food costs, with visits rising from about 92,000 a month in early 2023 to more than 200,000.

The Bakersfield News Observer reported in May that about 7,000 students a month line up at Bakersfield College's Renegade Pantry, with some



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skipping class to wait. At the time, state lawmakers were considering cutting the Cal Food program, which helps stock the pantry through CAPK, from $80 million to $8 million.

Voting rights and civil rights

More than eight in 10 Black voters support passing a new Voting Rights Act. Nearly three in four worry their voting rights are under attack and that it is getting harder for people like them to vote.

Asked whether civil rights, such as free speech, equal treatment and the right to vote, are safe since Trump returned to office, more than eight in 10 Black voters said those rights are either gone or at risk. Only one in 10 said they are secure.

Fernandez said Black voters' views are similar nationwide, partly because most Black families have Southern roots. He pointed to Black candidates winning statewide offices across the South. Fernandez said fears about voting and civil rights helped drive turnout, but years of groundwork made the wins possible.

"These wins happen after real work is done on the ground, and usually after there have been a couple of losses by good candidates who did the work to build infrastructure and to make people believe it was possible," he said.

Black immigrants

A separate summer survey of immigrants, presented by Kica Matos, president of the National Immigration Law Center, found that nearly half of Black immigrants worry that a family member or close friend could be deported.

At an October rally at the Bakersfield Marriott, home care workers with SEIU Local 2015 who fear federal Medicaid cuts to their pay and the people they care for backed Democrats Randy Villegas and Xavier Becerra and vowed to hold them to their promises.

"The way that we hold people accountable is not with our fists. We do it with our ballots," union President Arnulfo de la Cruz said.

"What checked this administration was the voters," Fernandez said in closing.

Full national results are available at 2026electionpoll.us.

World & Nation

New NAACP Report Warns AI Could Deepen Health Disparities in Black Communities

Every day, Americans put about 50 million health questions to Microsoft's Copilot and Bing. More than eight in 10 physicians say they already use AI in their work and believe that proof of safety for these tools is essential. According to a new NAACP report, the emerging technology has quietly become part of how healthcare gets delivered in this country. But the nation's largest civil rights organization is warning that Black communities may be at risk of being left behind or even harmed by it.

The NAACP and the pharmaceutical company Sanofi released "AI Fluency is a Challenge on Both Sides of the Exam Room" during the AfroTech Conference 2026 in Houston. It is the third installment of the groups' ACE Your Health StoryMap series, an interactive, data-driven look at how AI, internet access and long-standing healthcare inequities are shaping the future of health in Black America.

The report warns that new technology does not instantly erase old gaps on its own.

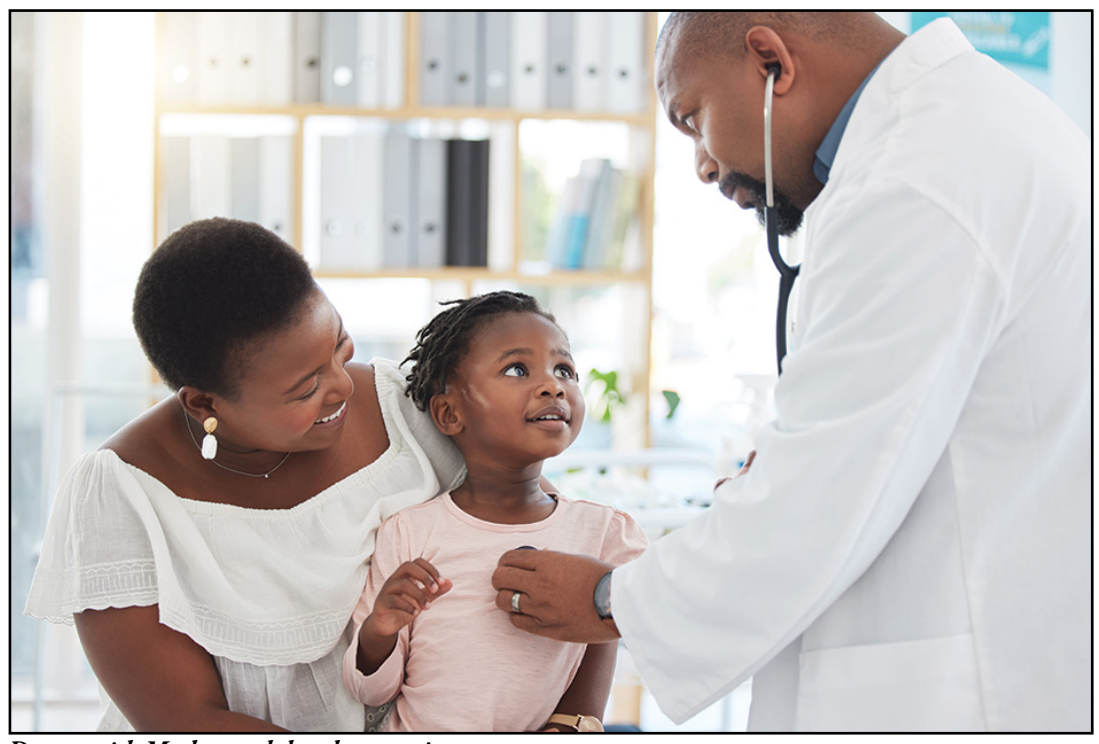
"Too many Black communities continue to face healthcare deserts, provider shortages, clinic closures, inadequate internet access, and concerns about racial bias," said Dr. Chris T. Pernell, Director of the NAACP Center for Health Equity. "If these gaps remain unaddressed, AI could inadvertently widen existing healthcare disparities instead of helping close them. Equity and fairness must be intentionally designed into the future of healthcare AI from the very beginning, not as patchwork fixes."

The numbers show why. Nineteen percent of people who use AI for health information say they turned to it because they could not afford to see a provider, according to the report. Black adults are significantly more likely than White adults to use AI for mental health advice.

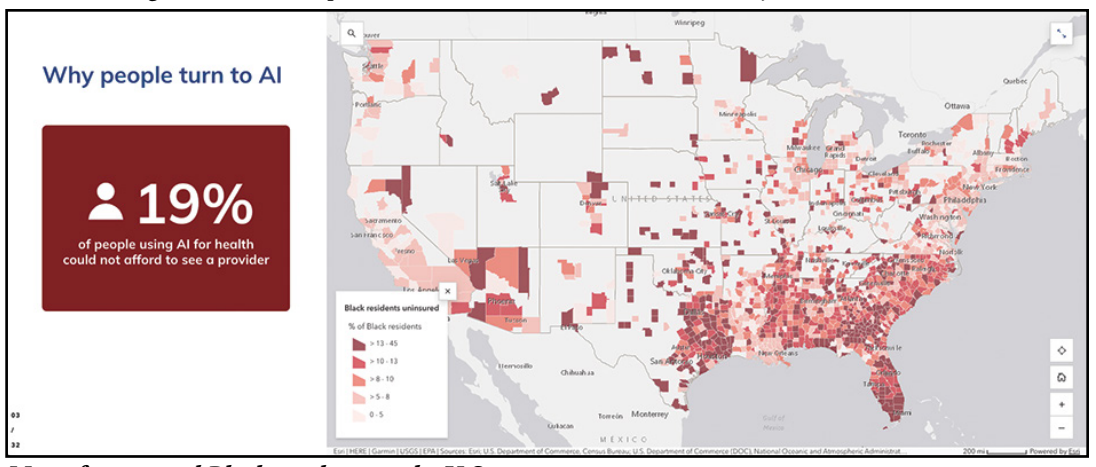
Meanwhile, the report finds, the health system many Black Americans rely on remains hard to reach. One in three Americans lives in a healthcare desert. In the Mississippi Delta, all 154,000 Black residents live more than 25 miles from a hospital rated four or five stars. About 3.8 million Black Americans live in homes without a broadband subscription, which limits their access to digital health tools and AI-enabled resources. Safety-net providers are likewise concerned about having access to these tools due to limited funding and training in their systems.

Trust may be the toughest barrier, says the NAACP. Nearly two-thirds of Black adults believe racial bias remains a major problem in healthcare, the report found, and one-third expect AI to make that bias worse.

The findings draw on the ACE Your Health initiative, national datasets and input from nearly 23,000 community members across 47 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. The initiative launched in 2024 as a collaboration between the NAACP and Sanofi, which describes itself as an R&D driven, AI-powered biopharma company. The StoryMap follows the NAACP's AI White Paper on designing AI for health equity and its Policy Framework for Equitable Health AI.



Doctor with Mother and daughter, patient



Map of uninsured Black residents in the U.S.

"Scientific innovation is transforming healthcare in ways that were unimaginable just a few years ago, but innovation must be matched by intentional efforts to expand access, build trust, and address barriers that prevent communities from fully benefiting from these advances," said Tanisha M. Sullivan, Head of External Engagement & Health Equity Strategy at Sanofi.

She added that pharmaceutical companies should do more than develop breakthrough medicines and technologies. "Pharmaceutical companies have an important role to play, not only in developing breakthrough medicines and technologies, but also in partnering with community organizations, healthcare providers, and policymakers to ensure those innovations reach the people who need them most, ensuring no community gets left behind."

The report also lays out steps communities can take, including expanding broadband adoption, building AI fluency and digital skills, strengthening community-based health education and advocating for equitable technology policies. It also invites community members to add their voices to the StoryMap.

Eight Black Women Win Georgia Statewide Offices

By The VOICE News Service
Black Press USA Wire

Georgia voters elected eight Democratic women to statewide offices Nov. 3, giving women seven of the state's eight major executive positions and a seat on its utility regulatory commission.

The winners are:

Keisha Lance Bottoms: Governor
Penny Brown Reynolds: Secretary of state
Tanya Miller: Attorney general
Keisha Sean Waites: Insurance and safety fire commissioner
Nikki Porcher: Labor commissioner
Katherine Juhan-Arnold: Agriculture commissioner
Lydia Powell: State school superintendent
Shelia Edwards: Public Service Commission, District 5.

Brown Reynolds, a lawyer and former Fulton County judge, defeated Republican Tim Fleming to become the first Black woman elected Georgia secretary of state. She succeeds Republican Brad Raffensperger, who ran unsuccessfully for governor. The office gained national attention after Donald Trump pressured Raffensperger in a January 2021 phone call to "find 11,780 votes" to overturn his Georgia defeat. Raffensperger refused. Brown Reynolds will now serve as the state's top elections official.

Miller, a state representative and former federal and county prosecutor, defeated Republican Brian Strickland to become Georgia's first Black female attorney general. Waites, a former Atlanta city councilor and state representative, unseated Republican Insurance Commissioner John King.



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In Memorium:

Marcia Ann Gillespie, Editor of Essence and Ms. Magazines, Dies at 82

By By Post Staff
Oakland Post

Marcia Anna Gillespie, the first editor in chief of Essence magazine, has died. She was 82.

Born in Rockville Centre, New York, in 1944. The daughter of a church sexton/small business owner and domestic worker/caterer, Gillespie parlayed her degree in American studies from Illinois's Lake Forest College into a research job at Time-Life Books, Inc. in New York.

There she advocated for fairness and inclusion of Black life in its publications. When the owners of the standard bearer of Black life, Ebony magazine, ventured into creating a special publication for young, Black women, Gillespie was hired as managing editor in 1970, and became editor-in-chief a year later at the young age of 26.

At the time, the venture by the Johnson family – the owners of Ebony magazine and Jet – into creating a publication for young Black women met the growing revolution of self-love in the Black community.

In other words, the battle cry of the late 1960s, "Black is Beautiful," had a place to be seen and not just heard.

Thousands of young women who had already abandoned straightening combs and European aesthetics learned more ways to wear their natural hair from Afros to cornrows. Young Black designers got a place in the spotlight not just in clothing but jewelry that expressed neo-African ideals. But one of the most important impacts was the magazine's unapologetic elevation of the beauty of the dark-skinned Black female to the status she deserved.

Under Gillepie's tenure, Essence championed storytelling that celebrated Black women's identities, experiences, and contributions at a time when their voices were often overlooked in mainstream media," Essence wrote in a statement posted to Instagram

For 10 years she steered the fledgling publication before joining Ms. Magazine as a contributor in 1980 later becoming the first Black woman to edit a mainstream American magazine when she took charge in 1992.

In 1998, she helped secure the publication's future through a women-led ownership group. She stayed at Ms. In various capacities until 2001, during which time the magazine had the most diverse readership in its history.

She also mentored future Essence editor Susan L. Taylor and taught young journalists at SUNY Old Westbury.

Emmy-winning actor Sheryl Lee Ralph took to social media to honor Gillespie's life.

"Rest in peace, dear Marcia Gillespie," she wrote on Threads. "Your voice, your brilliance, and your commitment to lifting up Black women leaves a legacy that will continue to inspire me and so many others."

A professor at SUNY Old Westbury and Bennett College, she also co-authored the authorized biography "Maya Angelou: A Glorious Celebration" in 2008.

According to Wikipedia, she also served on various boards as a director or advisor, including: "…the Arthur Ashe Institute of Urban Health, the Black & Jewish Women of New York, the Violence Policy Center in Washington, D.C., Aspen Institute, …and the Studio Museum of Harlem. Gillespie is a member of the National Council of Negro Women and the American Association of Magazine Editors."

She was the recipient of several awards, including: the Lake Forest College Outstanding Alumni Award (1973), the New York Women in Communications Matrix Award (1978); a Lifetime Achievement Award from the New York Association of Black Journalists for print journalism (1982); a 'Top Ten Outstanding Women in Magazine Publishing' recognition by the March of Dimes.

In later years she was inducted into the American Society of Magazine Editors' Hall of Fame (2002); the NAACP President's Award (2006) and the Barbara Graves Legacy Award at the Black Enterprise Women of Power Summit in 2017.



Marcia Ann Gillespie. Facebook photo.

The conclusion for her online obituary reads: "She leaves behind a legacy written not just in the pages she edited, but in every editor, journalist, and reader who found themselves — finally — in the stories she chose to tell."

Entertainment

Toukie Smith, Trailblazing Model and Actress on '227', Dies at 74

The famed model walked for numerous fashion houses in the 1970s before transitioning into acting. A longtime partner of Robert De Niro, she is survived by their twins, Airyn and Julian.

By Brandon Caldwell

Toukie Smith, a model who walked runways for the likes of Chanel, Thierry Mugler and Hubert de Givenchy while starring alongside Marla Gibbs on the sitcom "227," has died. She was 74.

Her twins, Airyn and Julian, whom she shared with actor Robert De Niro, confirmed she died on Nov. 4 in a New York hospital after a "long, courageous battle" with multiple sclerosis, according to The Hollywood Reporter.

Born Doris A. Smith in 1952, Smith adopted the stage name "Toukie" from a childhood nickname her grandmother gave her after listening to a song "about a little red fire engine with lots of energy."



"I've always had lots of energy," she told the Los Angeles Times in a 1990 profile highlighting her career. At the time, she was planning an AIDS tribute to her brother, fashion designer Willi Smith, who died from complications of the disease at the age of 39 in 1987.

"Willi always had fun with fashion," Smith said of her brother at the time. "He had a special energy and a love of keeping clothes from being too serious. He also totally designed for the masses."

Her modeling career soon took off after she graduated from the Fashion Institute of Technology in 1972, as she landed on the pages of Ebony, Vogue, Cosmopolitan and Seventeen. In 1978, Bloomingdale's named her its Model of the Year. However, she believed she was destined for more than fashion runways and transitioned into acting in the 1980s.

In 1987-88, she joined the cast of "Miami Vice" as Angie, a recurring character who served as the assistant to pop singer Caitlin Davies (Sheena Easton) in three episodes.

In 1989, she became a fixture on "227" opposite Marla Gibbs as Eva Rawley, an artist who moves into the Lexington Palace building where Gibbs' Mary Jenkins served as the landlord. Although Eva managed the building for a spell, she and Gibbs would share screen time for the beloved comedy for two seasons before it wrapped in 1990.

Her filmography includes roles in 1991's "Talkin' Dirty After Dark," opposite Martin Lawrence and John Witherspoon, and 1996's "The Preacher's Wife" opposite Denzel Washington, Whitney Houston and Courtney B. Vance.

Smith is the second notable member of the "227" cast to pass away this year. Hal Williams, who played the family patriarch, Lester Jenkins, died in July.

Dave Chappelle Said He Would Test Cancel Culture. His Charlie Kirk Joke May Have Done Just That

The backlash over Chappelle's performance has revived scrutiny of Tony Hinchcliffe's similar joke about Floyd and the standards applied to comedians.



By Kay Wicker

Just weeks after Charlie Kirk was shot and killed at Utah Valley University in October 2025, Dave Chappelle joked during an appearance at Saudi Arabia's Riyadh Comedy Festival that discussing the slain right-wing commentator in America could get you canceled. Well, more than a year later, the comedian appears to have just tested the theory.

"I feel f— up saying this. It's scary being a public speaker. Ever since that guy Charlie Kirk got murdered, and I shouldn't say this publicly, but I feel better," he told the crowd in footage circulating online.

He continued, "I know I shouldn't say that, but it's just a feeling. I didn't ask to feel this way," before joking about driving around in a good mood and suddenly remembering why.

Later, he added, "I'm sure Charlie Kirk is looking up at us right now, laughing so hard he can't breathe."

The latter joke may sound familiar to anyone who watched Netflix's "The Roast of Kevin Hart" in May, when comedian Tony Hinchcliffe delivered a nearly identical punchline about George Floyd, who was murdered by Minneapolis police in 2020.

As the clips continue to circulate online, drawing backlash from Kirk's widow, Erika Kirk, Elon Musk, Piers Morgan, and more, the controversy is reigniting a complex conversation about double standards in comedy and American culture and who has the right to make certain jokes.

Part of why Kirk's supporters have been particularly incensed by Chappelle's remarks is because Kirk actually publicly defended the comedian after he himself was attacked onstage in 2022. At the time, Kirk condemned Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón's decision not to pursue felony charges against the man who rushed Chappelle during a performance at the Hollywood Bowl.

"By refusing to charge the armed maniac who attacked Dave Chappelle on stage, George Gascon is sending a clear message that public acts of political violence are justifiable—and even encouraged—against anyone who dares speak out against The Regime," Kirk wrote in a post on X. "It's Sinister & Un-American."

In response to Chappelle, Morgan called the latest remarks "disgusting" and especially troubling given his own experience with violence. Meanwhile, Erika condemned comedians and commentators who treat political assassination as entertainment, without calling anyone out by name.

Now, it's true that Hinchcliffe faced backlash of his own after his joke about Floyd. During the special, he of course also joked that Floyd was looking down from the afterlife, laughing so hard he couldn't breathe, a direct reference to Floyd's final pleas as a Minneapolis police officer knelt on his neck. While the joke drew widespread criticism, including from Floyd's family, Hart defended Hinchcliffe's right to make it.

At the same time, the somewhat relentless jokes about Floyd's murder have also had consequences for his family. Following the roast, a spokesperson for the Gianna and George Floyd Foundation said Floyd's daughter, Gianna, had experienced bullying at school in part because modern culture doesn't take his death seriously.

Neither Floyd's murder nor Kirk's assassination is a laughing matter for their families. Yet the similarities between the two jokes invite an uncomfortable question about whether audiences are responding to the cruelty of the punchline itself or the identity of the person on the receiving end. And while appeals to stop making Floyd's death a punchline have done little to stop the jokes, public commentary about Kirk has had serious consequences for people, including Karen Attiah, a former Washington Post opinion columnist who was fired in September 2025 after posting online about not wanting to publicly mourn Kirk following his death.

While she did not celebrate his killing or make light of it, the newspaper accused her of violating its social media policies and engaging in misconduct. An independent arbitrator ruled in August that the Post lacked sufficient cause to fire her and ordered her reinstatement with back pay. However, on Sunday, Nov. 8, Attiah announced that she had reached a settlement with the newspaper and would not be returning because she no longer felt confident she would have the freedom and institutional support necessary to do her work.

Chappelle, meanwhile, has spent much of his career testing the limits of what comedians can say on stage. However, it's also worth noting that his latest remarks have reached audiences in a way he may not have intended. His Madison Square Garden performances were advertised as cellphone-free, yet here we have unauthorized recordings circulating online, separating the jokes from the rest of his routine.

The comedian has previously spoken about how Kirk's assassination affected him, acknowledging in his December 2025 Netflix special, "The Unstoppable," that the killing frightened him as someone who makes a living speaking publicly. Whether his latest jokes were intended as a commentary on the different reactions to Kirk's and Floyd's deaths remains unclear, but at least he did offer something of a fair warning.

"Right now in America, they say that if you talk about Charlie Kirk, you'll get canceled," he said in October 2025 during the Riyadh Comedy Festival. "I don't know if that's true, but I'm gonna find out."

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER 26CUB04000

Superior Court of the State of California, for the county of KERN
1215 Truxtun Ave, Bakersfield 93301
Kern County Superior Court-Metro Justice Building
PETITION OF: **MARIA CASTRO**
FOR CHANGE OF NAME
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: **MARIA CASTRO** Filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name
ALEXANDER SEVERIN LARES
Proposed name
ALEXANDER SEVERIN CASTRO-TORRES
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: December 16, 2026
Time: 8:30 am
Dept: L
Room:
The address of the court is: same as noted above
A copy of this Order to Show Cause must be published at least once a week for four successive weeks before the date set for hearing on the petition in a newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county BAKERSFIELD NEWS OBSERVER
Date: **October 13, 2026**
Gina M. Cervantes,
Judicial Officer
By: Monique Silva,
Deputy Clerk
Attorney for Petitioner:
Ruby Dhaliwal 345846
Dhaliwal Law Firm
1810 Westwind Drive,
Bakersfield, CA 93301
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER 26CUB03957

Superior Court of the State of California, for the county of KERN
1215 Truxtun Ave,
Bakersfield, CA 93301
Bakersfield Metro Division
PETITION OF: **TRACEY ANN MUELLER**
FOR CHANGE OF NAME
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: **TRACEY ANN MUELLER** Filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name
TRACEY ANN MUELLER
Proposed name
TRACEY ANN MILLER
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: December 14, 2026
Time: 8:30 am
Dept: L
Room:
The address of the court is: same as noted above
A copy of this Order to Show Cause must be published at least once a week for four successive weeks before the date set for hearing on the petition in a newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county BAKERSFIELD NEWS OBSERVER
Date: **October 12, 2026**
Gina M. Cervantes,
Judicial Officer
By: Monique Silva,
Deputy Clerk
Attorney for Petitioner:
Rachele Berglund
Herr Pedersen & Berglund LLP
100 Willow Plaza, Ste. 300,
Visalia, CA 93291
(559) 636-0200

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO: 2026-B6194

Doing business as:
ADVANCED CONSTRUCTION at 8210 ROCKHAMPTON DR, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93313
Mailing address: 8210 ROCKHAMPTON DR, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93313
County: Kern
Full name of registrant(s):
ADVANCE MAINTENANCE INC. at 8210 ROCKHAMPTON DR, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93313
State of incorp. or org.: CA
The business is conducted by: Corporation
SIGNED: **Joseph Ruiz, CFO**
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 10/29/2021
This statement filed with the County Clerk of Kern County on: 10/12/2026
AIMEE X. ESPINOZA
County Clerk
By: D. HINOJOSA,
Deputy
This fictitious Business Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the County Clerk's Office. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. 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 to a trademark or trade name under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business and professions code).
I declare that all information in this Statement is true and correct. (A) Registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime
This statement expires on: 10/12/2031

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO: 2026-B5958

Doing business as:
BYOU VENUE at 1111 19TH ST, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93301, KERN COUNTY
Mailing address: 10123 COBBLESTONE AVE, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93311
County: Kern
Full name of registrant(s):
LRNR CORPORATION at 10123 COBBLESTONE AVE, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93311
State of incorp. or org.: CA
The business is conducted by: Corporation
SIGNED: **Liliana Rodriguez, CEO**
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A
This statement filed with the County Clerk of Kern County on: 09/29/2026
AIMEE X. ESPINOZA
County Clerk
By: H MENDOZA,
Deputy
This fictitious Business Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the County Clerk's Office. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. 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 to a trademark or trade name under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business and professions code).
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This statement expires on: 09/29/2031

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO: 2026-B6087 FILE NO: 2026-B6088

Doing business as:
JEWETT MOBILE HOME PARK / JEWETT MHP at 3530 JEWETT AVENUE, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93301, KERN COUNTY
Mailing address: 638 LINDERO CANYON ROAD #102, OAK PARK, CA 91377
County: Kern
Full name of registrant(s):
JEWETT MOBILE HOME PARK LLC at 638 LINDERO CANYON ROAD #102, OAK PARK, CA 91377
State of incorp. or org.: CA
The business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company
SIGNED: **BRIAN DIBARNABA, MANAGING MEMBER**
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 10/01/2026
This statement filed with the County Clerk of Kern County on: 10/05/2026
AIMEE X. ESPINOZA
County Clerk
By: S CEJA,
Deputy
This fictitious Business Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the County Clerk's Office. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. 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 to a trademark or trade name under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business and professions code).
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This statement expires on: 10/05/2031

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO: 2026-B6220

Doing business as:
MAX NUTRITION 661 at 5711 HESKETH DR., BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309, KERN COUNTY
Mailing address: PO BOX 9432, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93389
County: Kern
Full name of registrant(s):
ELITE PERFORMANCE VENTURES LLC at 5711 HESKETH DR., BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309
State of incorp. or org.: CA
The business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company
SIGNED: **Christopher Bryan Booth, Member**
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 10/13/2026
This statement filed with the County Clerk of Kern County on: 10/13/2026
AIMEE X. ESPINOZA
County Clerk
By: H MENDOZA,
Deputy
This fictitious Business Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the County Clerk's Office. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. 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 to a trademark or trade name 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: 2026-B6246

Doing business as:
RALPH'S JUNK REMOVAL AND HAULING at 7850 WHITE LANE SUITE E PMB 409, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309-7689
County: Kern
Full name of registrant(s):
RAFAEL CASTILLO GOMEZ at 7850 WHITE LANE SUITE E PMB 409, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309-7689
The business is conducted by: Individual
SIGNED: **RAFAEL CASTILLO GOMEZ**
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A
This statement filed with the County Clerk of Kern County on: 10/14/2026
AIMEE X. ESPINOZA
County Clerk
By: H MENDOZA,
Deputy
This fictitious Business Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the County Clerk's Office. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. 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 to a trademark or trade name under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business and professions code).
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This statement expires on: 10/14/2031

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO: 2026-B6274

Doing business as:
SERVLYGO REPAIR & MAINTENANCE at 4620 NEW HORIZON BLVD, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93313, KERN
Mailing address: PO BOX 21012, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93390
County: Kern
Full name of registrant(s):
PACIFIC CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, INC. at 4620 NEW HORIZON BLVD, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93313
State of incorp. or org.: CA
The business is conducted by: Corporation
SIGNED: **RICK MARTINEZ, President**
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A
This statement filed with the County Clerk of Kern County on: 10/15/2026
AIMEE X. ESPINOZA
County Clerk
By: M SALES,
Deputy
This fictitious Business Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the County Clerk's Office. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. 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 to a trademark or trade name under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business and professions code).
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This statement expires on: 10/15/2031

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO: 2026-B5704

Doing business as:
HOME & FASHION at 5630 LAKE ISABELLA BLVD., LAKE ISABELLA, CA 93240, KERN COUNTY
Mailing address: 15815 ALTON CT, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93314
County: Kern
Full name of registrant(s):
HARPREET SINGH PADDA at 15815 ALTON CT, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93314
The business is conducted by: Individual
SIGNED: **HARPREET SINGH PADDA**
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 10/14/2014
This statement filed with the County Clerk of Kern County on: 09/17/2026
AIMEE X. ESPINOZA
County Clerk
By: H MENDOZA,
Deputy
This fictitious Business Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the County Clerk's Office. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. 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 to a trademark or trade name under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business and professions code).
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This statement expires on: 09/17/2031

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO: 2026-B6294

Doing business as:
PROVIDENCE PEAK PROPERTIES at 3512 COFFEE RD STE A, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93308
Mailing address: 9530 HAGEMAN RD STE B-123, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93312
County: Kern
Full name of registrant(s):
NICOLE MARIE GOMEZ at 9530 HAGEMAN RD STE B-123, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93312
The business is conducted by: Individual
SIGNED: **NICOLE MARIE GOMEZ**
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 04/17/2026
This statement filed with the County Clerk of Kern County on: 10/16/2026
AIMEE X. ESPINOZA
County Clerk
By: H MENDOZA,
Deputy
This fictitious Business Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the County Clerk's Office. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. 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 to a trademark or trade name under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business and professions code).
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This statement expires on: 10/16/2031

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO: 2026-B5699

Doing business as:
SAFE HANDS MULTI DOC SERVICES at 2546 S UNION AVE STE B, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93307
Mailing address: 15815 ALTON CT, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93314
County: Kern
Full name of registrant(s):
AMBER1 ENTERPRISES INC at 15815 ALTON CT, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93314
State of incorp. or org.: CA
The business is conducted by: Corporation
SIGNED: **JASPAL KAUR, CEO**
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A
This statement filed with the County Clerk of Kern County on: 09/17/2026
AIMEE X. ESPINOZA
County Clerk
By: M CEJA,
Deputy
This fictitious Business Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the County Clerk's Office. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. 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 to a trademark or trade name under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business and professions code).
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This statement expires on: 10/16/2031

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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME FILE NO: 2026-B6088
Business Name you wish to abandon:
JEWETT MHP at 3530 Jewett Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93301
Mailing Address: 638 LINDERO CANYON ROAD #102, OAK PARK, CA 91377
County: KERN
Registrant(s) whose wish to abandon the business name:
JEWETT MOBILE HOME PARK LLC at 638 LINDERO CANYON ROAD #102, OAK PARK, CA 91377
SIGNED: **Brian DiBarnaba, Managing Member**
The original fictitious business name statement was filed on: 10/05/2026
Original File No: 2026-B6088
This fictitious business name statement was abandoned as of: 10/13/2026
AIMEE X. ESPINOZA
County Clerk
M SALES
Deputy
I declare that all information in this Statement is true and correct. (A) Registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.

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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME FILE NO: 2022-B0042
Business Name you wish to abandon:
MERIDIAN 102 PARTNERS at 4825 CALLOWAY DRIVE, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93311
County: KERN
Registrant(s) whose wish to abandon the business name:
ALEXANDER RETIREMENT INVESTMENTS, LLC at 4825 CALLOWAY DRIVE, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93311
HOGG RETIREMENT INVESTMENTS, LLC at 4825 CALLOWAY DRIVE, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93311
LANTZ RETIREMENT INVESTMENTS, LLC at 4825 CALLOWAY DRIVE, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93311
SIGNED: **LANTZ RETIREMENT INVESTMENTS, LLC, Manager**
The original fictitious business name statement was filed on: 01/03/2022
Original File No: 2022-B0042
This fictitious business name statement was abandoned as of: 10/15/2026
AIMEE X. ESPINOZA
County Clerk
H MENDOZA
Deputy
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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME FILE NO: 2026-B2435
Business Name you wish to abandon:
PROVIDENCE PEAK PROPERTIES at 9530 HAGEMAN RD STE. B123, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93312
County: KERN
Registrant(s) whose wish to abandon the business name:
PROVIDENCE PEAK PROPERTIES CORP. at 9530 HAGEMAN RD STE. B123, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93312
SIGNED: **NICOLE MARIE GOMEZ, CEO**
The original fictitious business name statement was filed on: 04/17/2026
Original File No: 2026-B2435
This fictitious business name statement was abandoned as of: 10/16/2026
AIMEE X. ESPINOZA
County Clerk
H MENDOZA
Deputy
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NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, on **02/05/2011**, a certain Mortgage was executed by **DICK SOTELLO** as Mortgagor, in favor of **MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR NEW DAY FINANCIAL, LLC** as Mortgagee, and was recorded on **02/15/2011**, as Serial Number **0211020453**, in the Office the Recorder of Deeds, Kern County, California and
WHEREAS, the Mortgage was insured by the **UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT** (the SECRETARY) pursuant to the National Housing Act for the purpose of providing single family housing; and
WHEREAS, the Mortgage is now owned by the SECRETARY, pursuant to an Assignment of Mortgage dated **04/17/2018**, and recorded on **04/19/2018**, as Serial Number **218046768**, in the Office of the Kern County Recorder of Deeds, California and a default exists; and
WHEREAS, a default has been made in the covenants and conditions of the Mortgage in that the payment due on **07/28/2026** was not made and remains wholly unpaid as of the date of this notice, and no payment has been made sufficient to restore the loan to currency; and
WHEREAS, by virtue of this default, the SECRETARY has declared the entire amount of this indebtedness secured by the Mortgage to be immediately due and payable;
NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the powers vested in me by the Single Family Mortgage Foreclosure Act of 1994, 12 U.S.C. 3751 et seq., by 24 CFR Part 27, subpart B, and by the SECRETARY'S designation of me as Foreclosure Commissioner, dated September 15, 2016, notice is hereby given that on **11/23/2026** at **8:30 AM** local time, all real and personal property at or used in connection with the following described premises located at ("Property"), will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder.
P.I.N.: 355-353-02-00-6
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 6301 EDGEMONT DR., BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: LOT 20, TRACT 3785, AS PER MAP RECORDED NOVEMBER 29, 1976 IN BOOK 26, PAGES 170 AND 171 OF MAPS IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY. EXCEPTING THEREFROM ALL OIL, GAS, MINERALS AND OTHER HYDROCARBON SUBSTANCES WITHIN OR UNDERLYING SAID LAND, AS RESERVED IN DEED OF RECORD.
The sale will be conducted online on Zoom at: Meeting ID: **648 483 3997**; Password: **743891**. There is a Zoom call-in option at **312-626-6799**.
THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT will bid **$217,384.31** plus per diem interest, advances, fees and costs. There will be no proration of taxes, rents or other income or liabilities, except that the purchaser will pay, at or before sale, his prorata share of any real estate taxes that have been paid by the Secretary to the date of the foreclosure sale.
The Special Commissioner shall accept advance, sealed written bids at Pleadings@Nevellaw.com. The successful bidder, except the SECRETARY, must submit a deposit totaling at least 10% of the bid in the form of a certified check or cashier's check made out to the SECRETARY OF HUD at the close of bidding sent to the Special Commissioner at the address below by express mail next-day delivery. The deposit is non-refundable. The remainder of the purchase price must be delivered within thirty (30) days of the Sale or at such other time as the SECRETARY may determine for good cause shown, time being of the essence. This amount, like the bid deposits, must be delivered in the form of a certified check or cashier's check made payable to the SECRETARY OF HUD. If the SECRETARY is the high bidder, he need not pay the bid amount in cash. The successful bidder will pay all conveyancing fees, all real estate taxes and other taxes that are due on or after the date of sale and all other transfer taxes and State, County and Municipal costs associated with the transfer of title.
There is no right of redemption, or right of possession based upon a right of redemption, in the mortgagor or others subsequent to a foreclosure completed pursuant to the Act. Therefore, the Foreclosure Commissioner will issue a Deed to the purchaser(s) upon receipt of the entire purchase price in accordance with the terms of the sale as provided herein. HUD does not guarantee that the property will be vacant.
IRA T. NEVEL
Foreclosure Commissioner for the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development
175 North Franklin, Suite 201
Chicago, Illinois 60606
(312) 357-1125
13138-970460

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
Trustee Sale No. 26-06-1159 Loan No. Title Order No. 2839316CAD APN 117-082-03-00-8
YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 01/09/2024. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.
On **11/18/2026** at **10:00AM**, **Dominga Arenas** as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on **3/13/2024** as Instrument No. **224028009** of official records in the Office of the Recorder of **Kern County, California**, executed by: **Chow Organization, LLC, a California Limited Liability Company**, as Trustor, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state).
At: **THE FRONT ENTRANCE TO THE CITY HALL**
1501 TRUXTUN AVENUE,
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93301
all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California describing the land therein: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST.
The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: **206 China Grade Loop, Bakersfield, CA 93308**. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale.
Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: **$955,107.84** (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The Beneficiary may elect to bid less than the full credit bid.
The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation.
The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call **(626) 579-5350** or visit **www.lendersforeclosureservices.com**, using the file number assigned to this case **26-06-1159**. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale.
10/13/26
Dominga Arenas, as Trustee
By Dominga Arenas
c/o Lender's Foreclosure Services
2158 Durfee Ave
El Monte, CA 91733
(626) 579-5350

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MAHALIA SMITH CASE NUMBER: 26PRJ00656

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of MAHALIA SMITH.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Ophir Ben Israel in the Superior Court of California, County of Kern.
2100 College Ave.
Bakersfield, CA. 93305
Juvenile Justice Center
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Ophir Ben Israel be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows:
Date: 12-03-2026
Time: 8:30 AM
Dept.: J-1
Address of court: same as noted above
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
Petitioner:
Ophir Ben Israel
7203 Cattail Creek Way,
Bakersfield, CA 93311
Telephone: 661-900-5309

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SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)

CASE NUMBER (Número del Caso): 26CUB00237
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT (AVISO AL DEMANDADO):
CHELSEA EDWARDS, DOES 1 to 50
YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE): JAZZLYN MCQUEENIE
N O T I C E !
You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.
You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.
There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. **NOTE:** The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of $10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case.
¡AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación.
Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en 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 por 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 ó 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 desechar el caso.
The name and address of the court is (El nombre y dirección de la corte es): Superior Court of California, County of Kern
1215 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California 93301
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 que no tiene abogado, es):
BRANDON B. HOLLADAY
THE LAW OFFICES OF YOUNG & NICHOLS
1901 TRUXTUN AVENUE,
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93301
Tel. 6618617911
DATE (Fecha): 03/04/2026
Tara Leal
By Gricelda Evans, Deputy
(Adjunto)
(SEAL)
NOTICE TO THE PERSON SERVED: You are served.

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STATEMENT OF DAMAGES (Personal Injury or Wrongful Death) CASE NUMBER: 26CUB00237

To: CHELSEA EDWARDS
Plaintiff: JAZZLYN MCQUEENIE
Case Number: 26CUB00237
Seeks damages in the above-entitled action, as follows:
1. General Damages:
a. Pain, suffering, and inconvenience $100,000.00
2. Special Damages:
a. Medical expenses (to date) $6,413.44
b. Future medical expenses (present value) according to proof
c. Loss of earnings (to date) according to proof
d. Loss of future earning capacity (present value) according to proof
SIGNED: Brandon B. Holladay
Date: April 22, 2026
Attorney for Plaintiff:
BRANDON B. HOLLADAY
THE LAW OFFICES OF YOUNG & NICHOLS
1901 TRUXTUN AVENUE,
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93301
Tel. 6618617911

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER 26CUB02677

Superior Court of the State of California, for the county of

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KERN
1215 Truxtun Avenue,
Bakersfield, CA 93301
Civil - Metropolitan Division Justice Building
PETITION OF: **ROSA MARIA SMITH AND LEON R. SMITH III**
FOR CHANGE OF NAME
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: **ROSA MARIA SMITH AND LEON R. SMITH III** Filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name
LE'ONISTY RYAN SMITH
Proposed name
LE'ONISTY RITA ANN SMITH
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: November 30, 2026
Time: 8:30 AM
Dept: L
Room:
The address of the court is: same as noted above
A copy of this Order to Show Cause must be published at least once a week for four successive weeks before the date set for hearing on the petition in a newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county BAKERSFIELD NEWS OBSERVER
Date: **September 28, 2026**
Gina M. Cervantes,
Judicial Officer
By: Monique Silva,
Deputy Clerk
Petitioner:
Rosa Maria Smith and Leon R. Smith III
4900 Nordic Dr. Apt #9,
Bakersfield, CA 93309
(661) 376-4385
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER
26CUB04139
Superior Court of the State of California, for the county of KERN
1215 Truxton Avenue,
Bakersfield, CA 93301
Metropolitan Division - Justice Building
PETITION OF: **ELIZABETH ANN HERRIN**
FOR CHANGE OF NAME
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: **ELIZABETH ANN HERRIN** Filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name
ELIZABETH ANN HERRIN
Proposed name
BETTY ANN ALLISON
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: January 4, 2027
Time: 8:30 am
Dept: L
Room:
The address of the court is: same as noted above
A copy of this Order to Show Cause must be published at least once a week for four successive weeks before the date set for hearing on the petition in a newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county BAKERSFIELD NEWS OBSERVER
Date: **October 20, 2026**
Gina M. Cervantes,
Judicial Officer
By: Monique Silva,
Deputy Clerk
Petitioner:
Elizabeth Ann Herrin
174 Hickorywood ln, Bakersfield, CA, 93308
(661) 677-2833
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO: 2026-B6315
Doing business as:
CENTRAL CAL CONSULTING at 7000 LUKE AVENUE, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93308, KERN COUNTY
Mailing address: 7000 LUKE AVENUE, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93308
County: Kern
Full name of registrant(s):
SERGIO JONATHAN OLMOS at 7000 LUKE AVENUE, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93308
The business is conducted by: Individual
SIGNED: **SERGIO JONATHAN OLMOS**
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 09/30/2026
This statement filed with the County Clerk of Kern County on: 10/19/2026
AIMEE X. ESPINOZA
County Clerk
By: D HINOJOSA,
Deputy
This fictitious Business Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the County Clerk's Office. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. 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 to a trademark or trade name under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business and professions code).
I declare that all information in this Statement is true and correct. (A) Registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime
This statement expires on: 10/19/2031
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO: 2026-B6227
Doing business as:
HELPING HANDS ESTATE LIQUIDATORS at 2103 BASILONE WAY, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93301
Mailing address: 2103 BASILONE WAY, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93301
County: Kern
Full name of registrant(s):
CHERIE KAY BARROW at 2103 BASILONE WAY, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93301
The business is conducted by: Individual
SIGNED: **CHERIE KAY BARROW**
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A
This statement filed with the County Clerk of Kern County on: 10/14/2026
AIMEE X. ESPINOZA
County Clerk
By: D HINOJOSA,
Deputy
This fictitious Business Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the County Clerk's Office. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. 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 to a trademark or trade name under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business and professions code).
I declare that all information in this Statement is true and correct. (A) Registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime
This statement expires on: 10/14/2031
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO: 2026-B6327
Doing business as:
The Red Chickz at 4420 Coffee Rd Suite B, Bakersfield, CA 93308
Mailing address: 4420 Coffee Rd Suite B, Bakersfield, CA 93308
County: Kern
Full name of registrant(s):
Patiala Restaurants LLC at 4420 Coffee Rd Suite B, Bakersfield, CA 93308
State of incorp. or org.: CA
The business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company
SIGNED: **Gurdish Kaur, Manager**
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A
This statement filed with the County Clerk of Kern County on: 10/19/2026
AIMEE X. ESPINOZA
County Clerk
By: Aimee X. Espinoza,
Deputy
This fictitious Business Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the County Clerk's Office. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. 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 to a trademark or trade name under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business and professions code).
I declare that all information in this Statement is true and correct. (A) Registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime
This statement expires on: 10/19/2031
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO: 2026-B6360
Doing business as:
SIMPLY CENTERED at 15522 SANTA CLARA CT, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93314, KERN COUNTY
Mailing address: 15522 SANTA CLARA CT, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93314
County: Kern
Full name of registrant(s):
JOEY LEE ROLAND at 15522 SANTA CLARA CT, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93314
The business is conducted by: Individual
SIGNED: **JOEY LEE ROLAND**
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 02/01/2026
This statement filed with the County Clerk of Kern County on: 10/21/2026
AIMEE X. ESPINOZA
County Clerk
By: D HINOJOSA,
Deputy
This fictitious Business Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the County Clerk's Office. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. 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 to a trademark or trade name under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business and professions code).
I declare that all information in this Statement is true and correct. (A) Registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime
This statement expires on: 10/21/2031
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO: 2026-B6344
FILE NO: 2026-B6345
Doing business as:
Sunrise Wellness Care / Sunrise Wellness Care Seniors at 5500 Ming Ave, Ste 170, Bakersfield, CA 93309
Mailing address: 5500 Ming Ave, Ste 170, Bakersfield, CA 93309
County: Kern
Full name of registrant(s):
Universal Healthcare MSO, LLC at 5500 Ming Ave, Ste 170, Bakersfield, CA 93309
State of incorp. or org.: CA
The business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company
SIGNED: **Jeffrey Mihal, Managing Member / Owner**
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 02/06/2020
This statement filed with the County Clerk of Kern County on: 10/21/2026
AIMEE X. ESPINOZA
County Clerk
By: D. Hinojosa,
Deputy
This fictitious Business Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the County Clerk's Office. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. 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 to a trademark or trade name under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business and professions code).
I declare that all information in this Statement is true and correct. (A) Registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime
This statement expires on: 10/21/2031
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO: 2026-B6406
Doing business as:
LA COCINA MICHOACANA INC at 5800 AQUAMARINE PEAK DR, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93313
County: Kern
Full name of registrant(s):
LA COCINA MICHOACANA INC at 5800 AQUAMARINE PEAK DR, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93313
State of incorp. or org.: CA
The business is conducted by: Corporation
SIGNED: **ANDREA GABRIELA VEGA, CEO**
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A
This statement filed with the County Clerk of Kern County on: 10/22/2026
AIMEE X. ESPINOZA
County Clerk
By: H. Mendoza,
Deputy
This fictitious Business Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the County Clerk's Office. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. 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 to a trademark or trade name under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business and professions code).
I declare that all information in this Statement is true and correct. (A) Registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime
This statement expires on: 10/22/2031
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO: 2026-B6393
Doing business as:
DESENDER'S at 1408 FIELDSPRING DRIVE, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93311, KERN COUNTY
Mailing address: 1408 FIELDSPRING DRIVE, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93311
County: Kern
Full name of registrant(s):
LIERECHT DESENDER at 1408 FIELDSPRING DRIVE, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93311
The business is conducted by: Individual
SIGNED: **LIEBRECHT DESENDER**
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 04/10/2015
This statement filed with the County Clerk of Kern County on: 10/22/2026
AIMEE X. ESPINOZA
County Clerk
By: J PADILLA,
Deputy
This fictitious Business Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the County Clerk's Office. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. 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 to a trademark or trade name under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business and professions code).
I declare that all information in this Statement is true and correct. (A) Registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime
This statement expires on: 10/22/2031
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO: 2026-B6338
Doing business as:
CEDAR & SPARROW PRESS at 2530 SAN EMIDIO ST, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93304, KERN COUNTY
Mailing address: 2530 SAN EMIDIO ST, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93304
County: Kern
Full name of registrant(s):
MATTHEW LEE DARKE at 2530 SAN EMIDIO ST, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93304
The business is conducted by: Individual
SIGNED: **MATTHEW LEE DARKE**
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A
This statement filed with the County Clerk of Kern County on: 10/20/2026
AIMEE X. ESPINOZA
County Clerk
By: D HINOJOSA,
Deputy
This fictitious Business Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the County Clerk's Office. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. 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 to a trademark or trade name under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business and professions code).
I declare that all information in this Statement is true and correct. (A) Registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime
This statement expires on: 10/20/2031
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO: 2026-B6432
Doing business as:
DITTOED_X at 4000 S REAL RD., BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309
Mailing address: 4000 S REAL RD., BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309
County: Kern
Full name of registrant(s):
VICTOR ANTHONY SANCHEZ III at 4000 S REAL RD., BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309
The business is conducted by: Individual
SIGNED: **VICTOR ANTHONY SANCHEZ III**
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 04/01/2026
This statement filed with the County Clerk of Kern County on: 10/23/2026
AIMEE X. ESPINOZA
County Clerk
By: M CEJA,
Deputy
This fictitious Business Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the County Clerk's Office. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. 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 to a trademark or trade name under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business and professions code).
I declare that all information in this Statement is true and correct. (A) Registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime
This statement expires on: 10/23/2031
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO: 2026-B6433
Doing business as:
AULAKH TRANSPORT at 3308 DAYBREAK CT, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93311, KERN
County: Kern
Full name of registrant(s):
DEVENDER SINGH at 3308 DAYBREAK CT, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93311
The business is conducted by: Individual
SIGNED: **DEVENDER SINGH**
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 02/13/2018
This statement filed with the County Clerk of Kern County on: 10/23/2026
AIMEE X. ESPINOZA
County Clerk
By: M VACA RAMOS,
Deputy
This fictitious Business Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the County Clerk's Office. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. 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 to a trademark or trade name under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 ET SEQ., business and professions code).
I declare that all information in this Statement is true and correct. (A) Registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime
This statement expires on: 10/23/2031
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO: 2026-B6342
Doing business as:
TAIL SWAG UNLIMITED at 7804 WESTDUMFRIES CT., BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309
Mailing address: 7804 WESTDUMFRIES CT., BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309
County: Kern
Full name of registrant(s):
LAURA GENEVA ALBITRE at 7804 WESTDUMFRIES CT., BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309
The business is conducted by: Individual
SIGNED: **LAURA GENEVA ALBITRE**
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A
This statement filed with the County Clerk of Kern County on: 10/20/2026
AIMEE X. ESPINOZA
County Clerk
By: H MENDOZA,
Deputy
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice: This is to notify the following persons that his/her personal household and/or miscellaneous goods will be sold at public auction or private sale. Stor It Self Storage 4840 Allen Rd Bakersfield, CA 93314. The sale will take place online at www.storagetreasures.com; the bidding will end on November 18th, 2026, at 6:00pm.
B18 Cortney A. Rhonemus; K21 Robert A. Calderon; U23 Tawny Seagraves; I07 Mari Daigle
BAKERSFIELD NEWS OBSERVER
PUB: Nov 4, 2026

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I051 Nasser Barham; J051 Yadira Colin
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Angela Marie Sanchez v. Jason Sanchez, Docket No. 2026-CV-85084, Rutherford County, Tennessee Circuit Court, ORDER OF PUBLICATION
Pursuant to T.C.A. 21-2-204, appearing from the allegations of the Complaint for Divorce in this cause, being duly sworn from affidavit, that Jason Sanchez, the Defendant, cannot be served with the ordinary process of law for the reason that after diligent inquiry the whereabouts of the defendant cannot be ascertained. It is therefore Ordered, that said Defendant enter an appearance 30 days after the last publication and file an Answer to the Complaint for Divorce, or judgment by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint for Divorce. A copy of this Order is to be published for four consecutive weeks in the Bakersfield News Observer. Rutherford County Tennessee Circuit Court Clerk, 116 W. Lytle Street, Murfreesboro, TN 37130.
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED April 12, 2024 UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY; IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANTION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.
On **November 25, 2026**, at **11 a.m.**, **LeBeau Thelen, LLP**, successor Trustee as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust or Mortgage recorded on **April 12, 2024** as Instrument No. **224041196**, Book ---, Page ---, of Official Records of the County Recorder of **Kern** County, California, executed by **Israel Martinez, an individual** as Trustor, in favor of **Gilliam & Sons, Inc., a California corporation** as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state).
At: **the front entrance to City Hall located at 1501 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93301** all right title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust or Mortgage in the property situated in said County, California describing the land therein:
SEE EXHIBIT A
Assessor Parcel Number: **110-030-10**
The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The Street Address or other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: **9831 Rosedale Hwy, Bakersfield, CA 93312**
The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for incorrectness of the street address or other common designation if any, shown herein.
Beneficiary Phone: **661-325-8962**
Beneficiary: **Gilliam & Sons, Inc., a California corporation**
NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property.
NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call **661-325-8962** or visit this Internet Web site , using the file number assigned to this case **Rosedale**. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale.
Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: **$976,720.09** (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The Beneficiary May elect to bid less than their full credit bid.
The Beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the County where the real property is located and more than 3 months have elapsed since such recordation.
Trustee or party conducting sale:
LeBeau Thelen, LLP; 9801 Camino Media Ste 103, Bakersfield, CA 93309
(661) 325-8962
Date: **October 28, 2026**
LeBeau Thelen, LLP, successor Trustee
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STATEMENT OF DAMAGES
(Personal Injury or Wrongful Death)
CASE NUMBER:
BCV-21-102361
Court Name: Superior Court of California, County of Kern, Bakersfield Metropolitan Justice
Court Address: 1215 Truxtun Ave., Bakersfield, CA 93301
To: Yong Kyun Won
Plaintiff: Abel Ramirez Cervantes
Seeks damages in the above-entitled action, as follows:
1. General Damages:
a. Pain, suffering, and inconvenience: $450,000.00;
b. Emotional distress: $40,000.00
2. Special Damages:
a. Medical expenses (to date): $157,181.17;
b. Future medical expenses (present value): $175,000.00;
c. Loss of earnings (to date): $15,000.00
SIGNED: Michael H. Moghtader, Esq
Date: August 17, 2026
Attorney for Plaintiff:
Michael H. Moghtader, Esq. (SBN 206421)
MHM LAW GROUP, APLC
16530 Ventura Blvd., Suite 606
Encino, CA 9143
Tel. (818) 996-9600
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO: 2026-B6417
FILE NO: 2026-B6418
Doing business as:
LAV//PINNACLE / PINNACLE ENGINEERING at 12418 ROSEDALE HWY., SUITE B, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93312
County: Kern
Full name of registrant(s):
LAV CONSULTING & ENGINEERING, INC. at 12418 ROSEDALE HWY., SUITE B, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93312
State of incorp. or org.: CA
The business is conducted by: Corporation
SIGNED: **Christopher S. Quintana, President**
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 11/17/2014
This statement filed with the County Clerk of Kern County on: 10/23/2026
AIMEE X. ESPINOZA
County Clerk
By: J PADILLA,
Deputy
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO: 2026-B6434
Doing business as:
F2S PARTENERS LLC at 529 KNOTTS STREET, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93305, KERN COUNTY
Mailing address: 5106 EL PALACIO DRIVE, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93307
County: Kern
Full name of registrant(s):
F2S PARTNERS LLC at 529 KNOTTS STREET, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93305
State of incorp. or org.: CA
The business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company
SIGNED: **Amber Falcon, Member**
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 10/20/2026
This statement filed with the County Clerk of Kern County on: 10/23/2026
AIMEE X. ESPINOZA
County Clerk
By: H MENDOZA,
Deputy
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO: 2026-B6329
Doing business as:
HOMERUN MOBILE DETAIL at 14020 CHRISTELLA CT, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93314
Mailing address: 14020 CHRISTELLA CT, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93314
County: Kern
Full name of registrant(s):
MATTHEW THOMAS CAMPBELL at 14020 CHRISTELLA CT, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93314
The business is conducted by: Individual
SIGNED: **MATTHEW THOMAS CAMPBELL**
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A
This statement filed with the County Clerk of Kern County on: 10/20/2026
AIMEE X. ESPINOZA
County Clerk
By: H MENDOZA,
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO: 2026-B6454
FILE NO: 2026-B6455
Doing business as:
GOODBYETICKET.COM / GOODBYETICKET.COM 1 HOUR COURSE at 9800 GRIZZLY ST, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93311
Mailing address: PO BOX 20423, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93390
County: Kern
Full name of registrant(s):
GOODBYETICKET.COM LLC at 9800 GRIZZLY ST, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93311
State of incorp. or org.: CA
The business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company
SIGNED: **RANDY ONEAL, MEMBER**
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 01/01/2025
This statement filed with the County Clerk of Kern County on: 10/26/2026
AIMEE X. ESPINOZA
County Clerk
By: D HINOJOSA,
Deputy
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO: 2026-B5919
Doing business as:
DRIVEN HIGHER at 15202 SAGE VINEYARD CT., BAKERSFIELD, CA 93314, KERN COUNTY
Mailing address: PO BOX 9530 HAGMAN RD., STE B363, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93312
County: Kern
Full name of registrant(s):
JENNIFER LOUISE BAIRD at PO BOX 9530 HAGMAN RD., STE B363, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93312
SHANNON MARIE GARCIA-BROWN at PO BOX 9530 HAGMAN RD., STE B363, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93312
The business is conducted by: General Partnership
SIGNED: **Jennifer Baird**
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A
This statement filed with the County Clerk of Kern County on: 09/28/2026
AIMEE X. ESPINOZA
County Clerk
By: M Sales,
Deputy
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO: 2026-B5792
Doing business as:
MON CHERI BOUTIQUE at 1505 19TH STREET, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93301
County: Kern
Full name of registrant(s):
DROITURE VENTURES INC at 13110 SOLARIO LN, BAKERSFIELD CA 93306
State of incorp. or org.: CA
The business is conducted by: Corporation
SIGNED: **MERCEDES AYALA, Secretary**
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 08/24/2022
This statement filed with the County Clerk of Kern County on: 09/22/26
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County Clerk
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO: 2026-B6450
Doing business as:
LOTTIE GROVE at 15706 LAKE ARROWHEAD AVENUE, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93314, KERN COUNTY
Mailing address: 15706 LAKE ARROWHEAD AVENUE, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93314
County: Kern
Full name of registrant(s):
CYNTHIA KAY BURT at 15706 LAKE ARROWHEAD AVENUE, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93314
The business is conducted by: Individual
SIGNED: **CYNTHIA KAY BURT**
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 12/01/2025
This statement filed with the County Clerk of Kern County on: 10/26/2026
AIMEE X. ESPINOZA
County Clerk
By: Aimee X Espinoza,
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO: 2026-B6537
Doing business as:
FAST FINISH WWWBESTPRICECOURSECOM at 4560 CALIFORNIA AVE, STE 300, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309
Mailing address: 6305 KELVIN GROVE, BAKERSIFELD, CA 93312
County: Kern
Full name of registrant(s):
JACOB BRANDON MILLER at 6305 KELVIN GROVE, BAKERSIFELD, CA 93312
The business is conducted by: Individual
SIGNED: **JACOB BRANDON MILLER**
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A
This statement filed with the County Clerk of Kern County on: 10/29/2026
AIMEE X. ESPINOZA
County Clerk
By: D HINOJOSA,
Deputy
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO: 2026-B6538
Doing business as:
FAST FINISH WWWMONEYSAVERCOURSECOM at 4560 CALIFORNIA AVE, STE 300, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309
Mailing address: 6305 KELVIN GROVE, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93312
County: Kern
Full name of registrant(s):
JACOB BRANDON MILLER at 6305 KELVIN GROVE, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93312
The business is conducted by: Individual
SIGNED: **JACOB BRANDON MILLER**
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A
This statement filed with the County Clerk of Kern County on: 10/29/2026
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County Clerk
By: D HINOJOSA,
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO: 2026-B6539
Doing business as:
LOWEST PRICE WWWSAVETIMECOURSECOM at 4560 CALIFORNIA AVE, STE 300, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309
Mailing address: 6305 KELVIN GROVE, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93312
County: Kern
Full name of registrant(s):
JACOB BRANDON MILLER at 6305 KELVIN GROVE, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93312
The business is conducted by: Individual
SIGNED: **JACOB BRANDON MILLER**
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO: 2026-B6458
Doing business as:
RAINBOWZ CREATIONZ at 2625 CLEMSON CT., BAKERSFIELD, CA 93306, KERN COUNTY
Mailing address: 2625 CLEMSON CT., BAKERSFIELD, CA 93306
County: Kern
Full name of registrant(s):
DANIELA WALKOVER at 2625 CLEMSON CT., BAKERSFIELD, CA 93306
HEATHER G. WALKOVER at 2625 CLEMSON CT., BAKERSFIELD, CA 93306
The business is conducted by: Married Couple
SIGNED: **Daniela Walkover**
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 09/11/2026
This statement filed with the County Clerk of Kern County on: 10/26/2026
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County Clerk
By: S CEJA,
Deputy
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO: 2026-B6478
Doing business as:
MARI'S CREATIVE CO. at 3601 EL HOGAR COURT, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93311, KERN COUNTY
Mailing address: 3601 EL HOGAR COURT, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93311
County: Kern
Full name of registrant(s):
MARISOL ROMO at 3601 EL HOGAR COURT, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93311
The business is conducted by: Individual
SIGNED: **MARISOL ROMO**
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A
This statement filed with the County Clerk of Kern County on: 10/27/2026
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County Clerk
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO: 2026-B6496
Doing business as:
DOPAMINE CLUBHOUSE at 9927 METROPOLITAN WAY, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93311, KERN COUNTY
County: Kern
Full name of registrant(s):
ALEXANDREA GARZARO at 9927 METROPOLITAN WAY, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93311
The business is conducted by: Individual
SIGNED: **ALEXANDREA GARZARO**
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 01/01/2026
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County Clerk
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO: 2026-B6501
FILE NO: 2026-B6502
Doing business as:
KING HERNANDEZ HANDYMAN / PIMENTEL MOBILE CARWASH at 316 BALBOA DR, DELANO, CA 93215
Mailing address: 316 BALBOA DR, DELANO, CA 93215
County: Kern
Full name of registrant(s):
MIGUEL ALEJANDRO PIMENTEL HERNANDEZ at 316 BALBOA DR, DELANO, CA 93215
The business is conducted by: Individual
SIGNED: **MIGUEL ALEJANDRO PIMENTEL HERNANDEZ**
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A
This statement filed with the County Clerk of Kern County on: 10/28/2026
AIMEE X. ESPINOZA
County Clerk
By: S CEJA,
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO: 2026-B6493
Doing business as:
SUMMIT SUPPORT SERVICES at 122 S GREEN STREET #18, TEHACHAPI, CA 93561, KERN
Mailing address: 122 S GREEN STREET #18, TEHACHAPI, CA 93561
County: Kern
Full name of registrant(s):
SUMMIT SUPPORT SERVICES INCORPORATED at 15715 SAINT CLEMENT WAY, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93314
State of incorp. or org.: CA
The business is conducted by: Corporation
SIGNED: **Tamerla Prince, CEO**
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A
This statement filed with the County Clerk of Kern County on: 10/28/2026
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO: 2026-B6503
Doing business as:
GWEN-TV at 135 OLIVE ST, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93304
Mailing address: P.O. BOX 71355, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93387
County: Kern
Full name of registrant(s):
GRANDMA WHOOPLE EDUCATION NETWORK INC at 135 OLIVE ST, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93304
State of incorp. or org.: CA
The business is conducted by: Corporation
SIGNED: **Ali Morris, Secretary**
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 07/13/2026
This statement filed with the County Clerk of Kern County on: 10/28/2026
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO: 2026-B6232
Doing business as:
ROCK SOLID ROLLER WHEELS at 1006 BROAD STREET, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93307
Mailing address: 1006 BROAD STREET, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93307
County: Kern
Full name of registrant(s):
ROCK SOLID ROLLER WHEELS, LLC at 1006 BROAD STREET, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93307
State of incorp. or org.: CA
The business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company
SIGNED: **Tavien Mabry, Manager**
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A
This statement filed with the County Clerk of Kern County on: 10/14/2026
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By: D HINOJOSA,
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO: 2026-B5762
Doing business as:
THE CEO SALON AND MORE at 1110 CALLOWAY DR #100, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93312
Mailing address: 1110 CALLOWAY DR #100, BAKERSFIELD, CA
County: Kern
Full name of registrant(s):
CARLA ELAINE DAVIDSON OWENS at 1110 CALLOWAY DR #100, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93312
The business is conducted by: Individual
SIGNED: **CARLA ELAINE DAVIDSON OWENS**
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 03/31/2008
This statement filed with the County Clerk of Kern County on: 09/21/2026
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County Clerk
By: S CEJA,
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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF OFELIA SALAS
CASE NUMBER: 26PRJ01267
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of OFELIA SALAS.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Enedin Hernandez, Sr. in the Superior Court of California, County of Kern.
2100 College Ave.,
Bakersfield, CA 93305
Juvenile Justice Center
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Enedin Hernandez, Sr. be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows:
Date: December 4, 2026
Time: 8:30AM
Dept.: J-1
Address of court: same as noted above
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
Attorney for Petitioner:
Gerald H. Oldfield, Esq.
McAtee & Oldfield Law Offices
1810 Westwind Drive,
Bakersfield, CA 93301
Telephone: (661) 324-6010

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO: 2026-B6370
FILE NO: 2026-B6371
FILE NO: 2026-B6372
Doing business as:
GECKOLOCO / GECKOLOCO GAMES / GECKOLOCO STUDIOS at 10605 HARPENDEN AVE, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93311, KERN
Mailing address: 10605 HARPENDEN AVE, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93311
County: Kern
Full name of registrant(s):
HECTOR MANUEL GUTIERREZ RANGEL at 10605 HARPENDEN AVE, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93311
The business is conducted by: Individual
SIGNED: **HECTOR MANUEL GUTIERREZ RANGEL**
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 10/20/2026
This statement filed with the County Clerk of Kern County on: 10/21/2026
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County Clerk
By: D HINOJOSA,
Deputy
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO: 2026-B6399
Doing business as:
ROSETOWN FAMILY DENTISTRY at 1229 7-TH ST, WASCO, CA 93280, KERN COUNTY
Mailing address: 505 WEST COLUMBUS ST, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93301
County: Kern
Full name of registrant(s):
SAGARIAN, A PROFESSIONAL DENTAL CORPORATION at 505 WEST COLUMBUS ST, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93301
State of incorp. or org.: CA
The business is conducted by: Corporation
SIGNED: **Mike Sagarian, President**
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 10/01/1997
This statement filed with the County Clerk of Kern County on: 10/22/2026
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County Clerk
By: J PADILLA,
Deputy
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO: 2026-B6070
Doing business as:
King Energy at APN#261-241-03/ Patterson Road & 190th Street East, Rosamond, CA 93560,
Kern County
Mailing address: 16588 Endeavor Place, Chino, CA 91708
County: Kern
Full name of registrant(s):
Ho Chien Electronic Group Inc. at 16588 Endeavor Place, Chino, CA 91708
State of incorp. or org.: CA
The business is conducted by: Corporation
SIGNED: **Parker Lin, President**
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 01/01/1995
This statement filed with the County Clerk of Kern County on: 10/05/2026
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County Clerk
By: J. Padilla,
Deputy
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO: 2026-B6587
Doing business as:
V'S CREATIVE TOUCH at 5700 SAMUELSON ST, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93313
Mailing address: 5700 SAMUELSON ST, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93313
County: Kern
Full name of registrant(s):
VERONICA CAZARES at 5700 SAMUELSON ST, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93313
The business is conducted by: Individual
SIGNED: **VERONICA CAZARES**
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 10/01/2026
This statement filed with the County Clerk of Kern County on: 11/04/2026
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County Clerk
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO: 2026-B6268
Doing business as:
JUAREZ CONSTRUCTION CO. at 4108 INDIE CT, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93306, KERN COUNTY
Mailing address: 4108 INDIE CT, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93306
County: Kern
Full name of registrant(s):
FRANK JUAREZ JR at 4108 INDIE CT, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93306
The business is conducted by: Individual
SIGNED: **FRANK JUAREZ JR**
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 11/15/1988
This statement filed with the County Clerk of Kern County on: 10/15/2026
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County Clerk
By: H MENDOZA,
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO: 2026-B6656
Doing business as:
ONE MORE COOKIE at 7513 LIME GROVE DR., BAKERSFIELD, CA 93313, KERN COUNTY
Mailing address: 7513 LIME GROVE DR., BAKERSFIELD, CA 93313
County: Kern
Full name of registrant(s):
SEENA ANASTASIA SORIANO at 7513 LIME GROVE DR., BAKERSFIELD, CA 93313
The business is conducted by: Individual
SIGNED: **SEENA ANASTASIA SORIANO**
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A
This statement filed with the County Clerk of Kern County on: 11/06/2026
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County Clerk
By: M VACA RAMOS,
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO: 2026-B5901
Doing business as:
BARBERS LOUNGE at 810 10TH AVE, DELANO, CA 93215
County: Kern
Full name of registrant(s):
ARMANDO CENDEJAS at 1121 WEAVER AVE, DELANO, CA 93215
The business is conducted by: Individual
SIGNED: **ARMANDO CENDEJAS**
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 11/01/2016
This statement filed with the County Clerk of Kern County on: 09/28/2026
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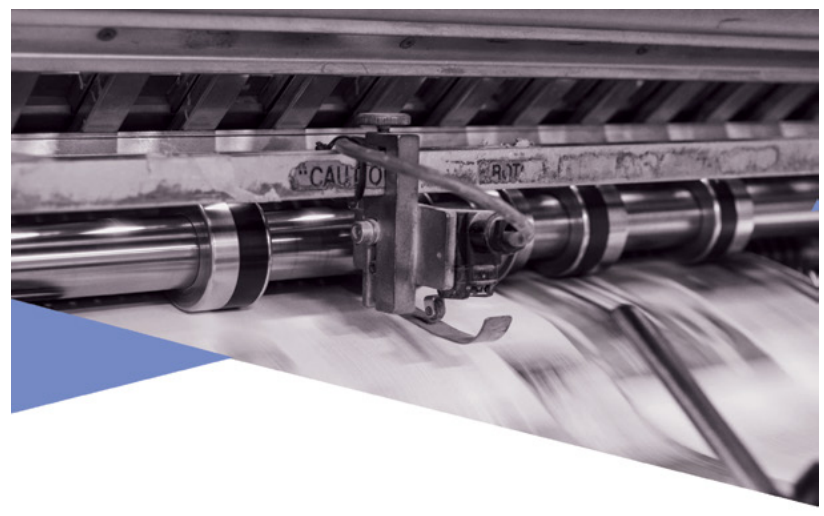
STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
FILE NO: 2026-B5544
Business Name you wish to abandon:
Blue Clouds Market at 1002 Wible Road Suite M, Bakersfield, CA 93304
Mailing Address: 1002 Wible Road Suite M, Bakersfield, CA 93304
County: Kern
Registrant(s) whose wish to abandon the business name:
Corner Market Holdings LLC at 1002 Wible Road Suite M, Bakersfield, CA 93304
Business was conducted by: Limited Liability Company
SIGNED: **Ilias Touma**, Member
This fictitious business name statement was abandoned as of: 10/30/2026
AIMEE X. ESPINOZA
County Clerk
J Padilla
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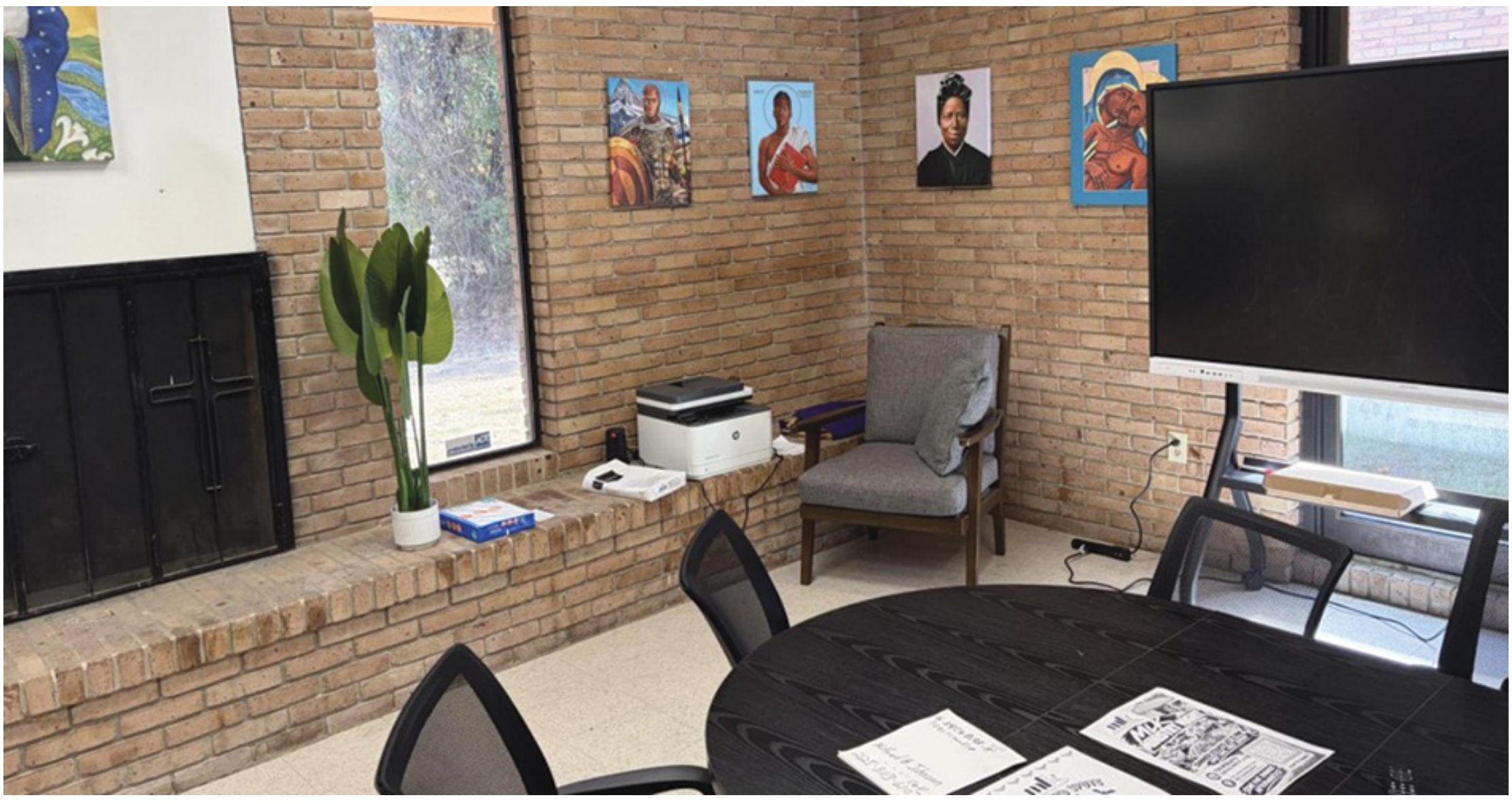
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Features



New Computer Lab Adds to MLK Catholic Student Center's Sense of Home

By Brianna Meeks, Staff Writer
Black Press USA Wire

Madison Holmes wanted to leave Southern University. Now, she calls the Martin Luther King Jr. Catholic Student Center home.

The center's new computer lab has become one of the places where Holmes feels calm, supported and connected to campus life. Holmes said she struggled with being away from her support system in Pass Christian, Mississippi, while also managing difficult classes. At the time, transferring closer to home seemed like a better option.

She recalled going to the library one day to print a lab report and finding a long line at the printer. "I was like, 'Oh, wait. I know where I can go,'" Holmes said. "So, I came here and printed out my lab report, and then I took it to class." Her experience is one example of how the center provides students with a place to turn when they need support.

The computer lab opened in October after the project began in August 2026. An anonymous private benefactor provided funding that helped pay for the lab and other improvements throughout the building.

The Rev. Thomas F. Clark, chaplain of the Martin Luther King Jr. Catholic Student Center, said the center aims to support students as they adjust to college life away from home. "You realize that when you're away from home for the first time, you're trying to make your way," Clark said.

According to Clark, students often expressed the need for additional study space. Others shared concerns about unreliable laptops or computer crashes, concerns that ultimately helped shape the decision to add a computer lab.

The lab is one of several resources available to students. The center also provides Wi-Fi, study space and approximately 50 meals every Thursday at 5 p.m. Located across from Bethune Hall, the Martin Luther King Jr. Catholic Student Center has served Southern University students for decades.

According to the Roman Catholic Diocese of Baton Rouge, Father Rawlin B. Enette advocated for a stronger Catholic presence at Southern in the late 1960s. Construction on the center began in 1969 after land was donated by a university official.

Originally known as the Newman Center, the building was later renamed the Martin Luther King Jr. Catholic Student Center. Southern University art professor Frank Hayden also created religious artwork for the facility.

While the center provides practical resources, it also offers students a place to slow down, reflect and feel supported. For Holmes, Clark is part of that support system. "I do think that Father Clark is a safe space and a person I could go to," Holmes said.

That sense of availability is intentional. Clark said students sometimes stop by with personal concerns or during times of stress. They talk and, in some cases, pray together as he helps students navigate the semester.

"We just feel that we can add to that support by being available and providing a warm and friendly place," Clark said. As students navigate the challenges of college life, the Martin Luther King Jr. Catholic Student Center continues to offer a place of support, community and encouragement. For Holmes, it has become a home away from home.

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Brianna Meeks

Interior shots of the newly create computer lab.Based on reporting by Southern University - SouthernDIGEST.

How the Sandwich Generation Can Help Protect Aging Parents' Finances

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Planning and scam prevention tips for caregivers balancing kids and parents

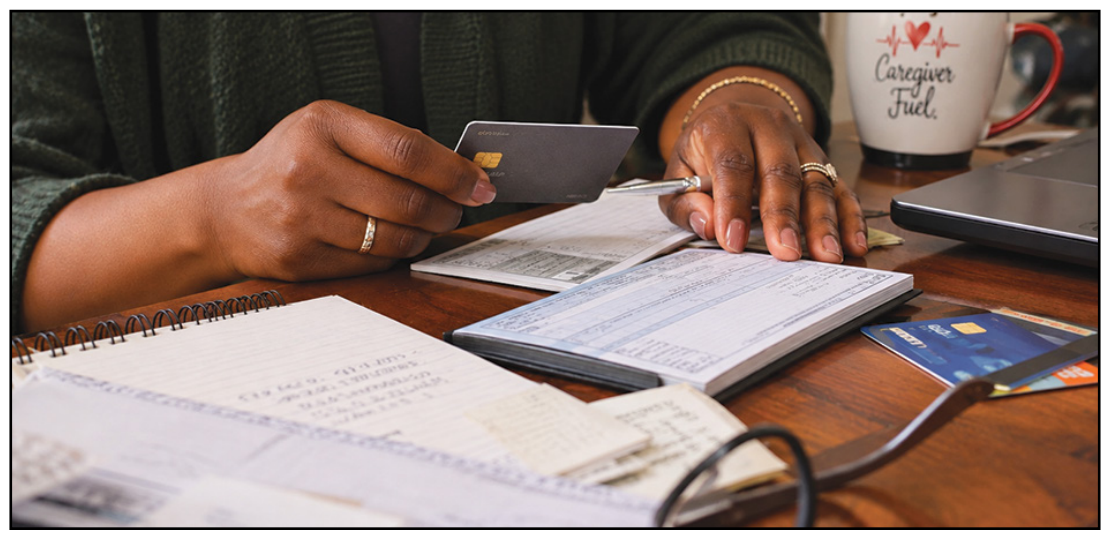
If you're raising children while also supporting an older parent, you're likely managing schedules, healthcare needs, day-to-day decisions and even finances. People in this group are often called the "sandwich generation," which now encompasses one in four adults in the U.S.

Women also often carry a disproportionate share of this responsibility: three in five family caregivers are women. Women are more likely to report physical, emotional and financial strain from caregiving, which can make it harder to protect their own well-being and long-term financial security.

For the sandwich generation, the holidays can be a natural time to talk with parents about money, including how to protect their finances from scams. November is Chase Fraud & Scam Prevention Month – designed to help people recognize common scams, avoid in-the-moment mistakes and better protect their money and personal information.

Here are some tips to keep in mind.

Check In and Make a Plan



Brianna Meeks

Finances can be incredibly personal, and many parents worry that accepting help means losing independence. Start by framing the conversation around peace of mind and organization – not control.

Check in on your finances and long-term plan, too. You'll be better equipped to care for others when your own financial foundation is secure.

Also consider helping your parents create a "financial snapshot." J.P. Morgan Wealth Management's guide for supporting aging parents outlines a few considerations:

Location of key accounts: banking, investments, retirement, credit cards, insurance

How bills and recurring expenses are paid

Whether beneficiaries are up to date

Where important documents are stored and who has access

Then ask what goals matter most in the years ahead: staying in their home, supporting family, traveling, planning for healthcare or leaving a legacy. Goals can evolve, so revisit them periodically. Planning tools can help – like J.P. Morgan Wealth Plan, a free digital money coach in the Chase Mobile® app or at chase.com.

A financial advisor can help create a plan tailored to you and your parents' needs. An estate planning attorney can document your parents' wishes, including who may act if they cannot make decisions themselves.

Understand Common Scams

Scammers often use urgency, fear, secrecy or affection to pressure people into acting quickly. Recognizing these tactics can help you and your family spot red flags sooner. Common scams include:

Investment scams: Promises of high or "guaranteed" returns with little risk.

Tech support scams: Requests for payment or remote device access.

Impersonation scams: Messages impersonating trusted organizations or loved ones, asking for money, passwords, account details or other personal information.

Romance scams: Online relationships that lead to requests for money.

Chase hosts more than 1,000 free fraud and scam prevention workshops annually, including hundreds across all lower 48 states throughout November.

Stay Proactive and Vigilant

If you or a loved one suspects a scam, slow down and stop communicating with the individual immediately. Contact your bank through a trusted channel to review recent transactions and report the incident to appropriate authorities.

Also consider a few simple steps for protection:

"Trusted Contact Person": Designate a trusted adult who may be notified about certain online wire activity.

Tech tips: Use unique passwords, multifactor authentication and account alerts, keep devices updated and monitor accounts regularly for unusual activity.

Behavior changes: Watch for secrecy around finances, unusual transactions, unexpected changes to financial documents or pressure from new acquaintances.

You're Not Alone

Caregiving is demanding, and it shouldn't be a solo effort. Build a support system – which can include family, friends and professionals such as healthcare providers, attorneys and financial advisors. A thoughtful conversation now can help your parents stay organized and protected in the future.

For free educational resources on planning for yourself and loved ones, visit chase.com/theknow

For more information and practical tips about fraud and scam prevention, visit chase.com/security

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Keisha Lance Bottoms to Govern State Where Her Great-Great-Grandfather Was Enslaved

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Georgia Gov.-elect Keisha Lance Bottoms is preparing to lead the same state where her great-great-grandfather was enslaved. Sheppard Peek was listed in an 1860 inventory of a white man's possessions in Crawfordville, Georgia, with an assigned value of $1,400, according to the Atlanta Journal-Constitution (AJC).

On Monday (November 2), just one day before the election, Bottoms returned to Crawfordville, where she spoke with approximately 100 Black voters before visiting the grave of her great-great-grandmother, Betsy Peek. Bottoms knelt at Betsy's grave and wept, the AJC reported.

"My grandmother would tell me the story of her parents packing them up in a horse and buggy and making their way to Atlanta," Bottoms told the newspaper. "All of our stories can be told."

The following day, Bottoms made history becoming the first Black woman elected governor in the United States. Her victory also made her Georgia's first Black governor and its first female governor.

Before entering the gubernatorial race, Bottoms served as Atlanta's mayor from 2018 to 2022 and worked as a senior adviser in former President Joe Biden's administration.

She secured the Democratic nomination in May after receiving more than 50% of the primary vote, BIN previously reported.

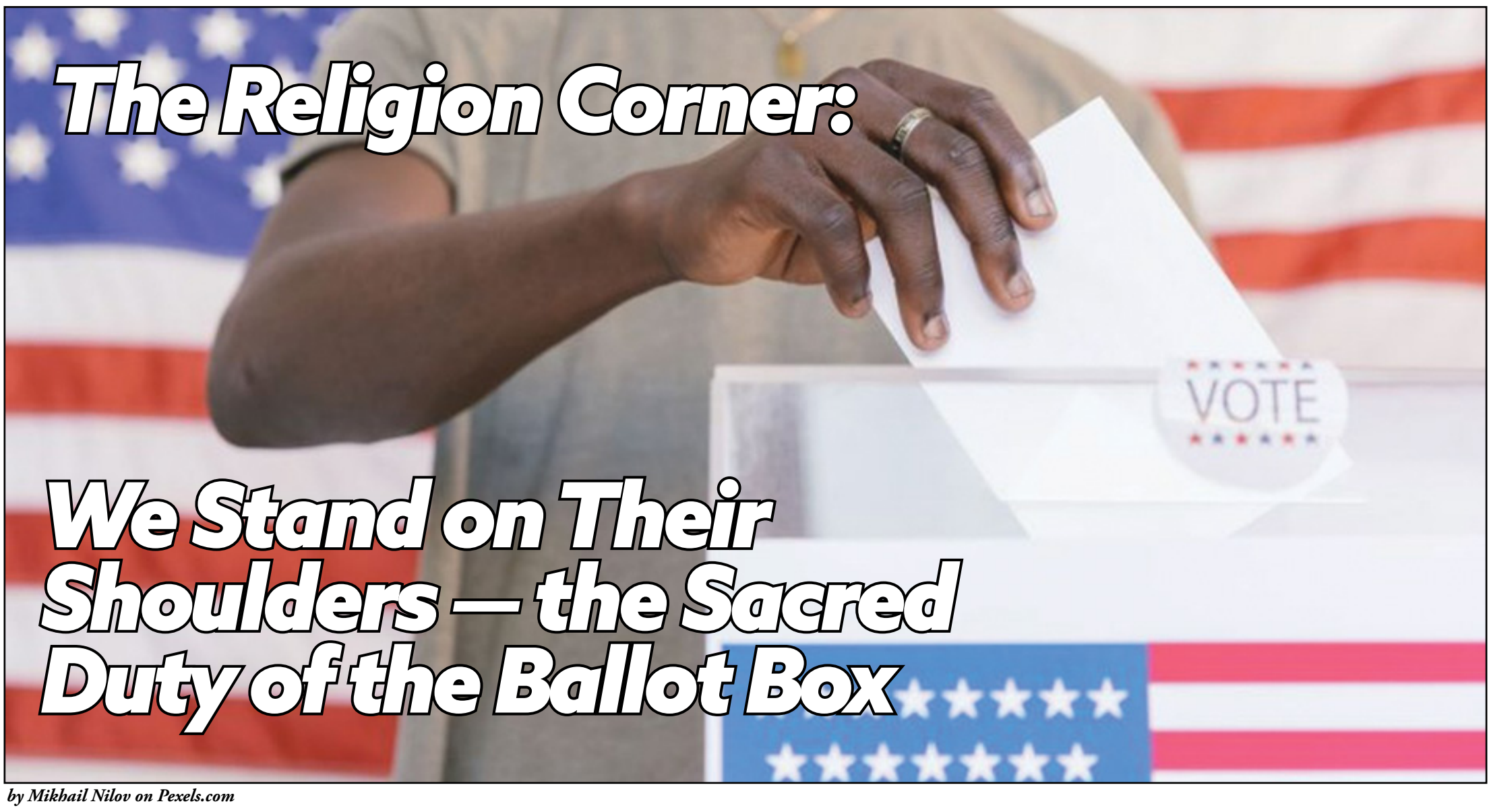
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The Religion Corner:



We Stand on Their Shoulders — the Sacred Duty of the Ballot Box

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As this edition of The Washington Informer hits the stands, millions of citizens have cast their ballots, made their voices heard, and begun reflecting on the election's outcome. The atmosphere this election season has been heavy. We feel the weight of history, the tension of a divided nation, and anxiety about tomorrow. In this issue, I remind Gen Z voters of the past struggles that secured this right.

I voted early, which reminded me that votingisn't a mere political calculation. For people of faith, it is a profound act of stewardship, a tool for community survival and an expression of our deepest moral values.

For Black Americans, low-income families and marginalized communities, the ballot is a sacred inheritance. The right to vote was not a gift; it was paid for in blood, sacrifice, and the determination of people whorefused toaccept second-class citizenship. We must never forget that for decades, our ancestors faced systemic terror just to register. They were met with violent police dogs, high-pressure fire hoses, mandatory literacy tests designed to make them fail, and the constant threat of white supremacist violence.

Historians estimate that dozens of documented freedom fighters were murdered during the voting rights campaigns of the 1950s and 1960s, with countless other deaths unrecorded or unpunished. Millions more endured brutal beatings and dehumanizing jail cells. The protections we rely on today were forged in the heat of protest, through the 1961 Freedom Rides, the dangerous 1964 Freedom Summer registration drives, and the brutal crossing of the Edmund Pettus Bridge during the Selma-to-Montgomery march on "Bloody Sunday" in 1965.

Today, we stand on the broad shoulders of giants who put their lives on the line so we could walk into a voting booth with our heads held high.

We remember Fannie Lou Hamer, asharecropper's daughter who was brutally beaten in a Mississippi jail for her voting rights activism and famously declared that she was "sick and tired of being sick and tired."

We remember John Lewis, who, as a student leader, had his skull fractured by police batons in Selma and spent his life protecting what he called the most powerful nonviolent tool we have."

We honor Jimmie Lee Jackson, a 26-year-old church deacon and veteran who was shotand killedby an Alabama state trooper while protecting his family during a peaceful march.

We honor Medgar Evers, the NAACP field secretary who was assassinated in his driveway for his civil rights and voter registration work.

Lastly, we honor Viola Liuzzo, a mother of five who traveled from Detroit to Alabama to shuttle Selma marchers before she was targeted and killed by Ku Klux Klan members.

When we view the ballot box through the lens of history and faith, the narrative shifts from partisan warfare to spiritual responsibility. Voting becomes a tangible way to love our neighbors as ourselves.

The policies shaped by our votes directly affect the vulnerable, the poor, and the stranger. InMicah6:8, we are asked: "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"Notice the action words. We are commanded to do justice. Castinga ballot with the collectivecommunity in mind helps fulfill that requirement. Similarly, Proverbs 29:2teaches, "When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice."Righteousness in public policy is about fairness, equity, and protecting human dignity.

No matter what the election results show, our assignment remains unchanged. If your candidate won, your job now is to hold them accountable to justice and mercy. If your candidate lost, your job is to remain resilient, keeping your hands on the plow to protect the vulnerable and speak truth to power. Our ultimate hope does not rest in any political party or elected official.

If you have already voted, I commend you for honoring the ancestors. If you did not cast your ballot,I urge you to reflect on this election not with fear or cynicism, but as a reminder of our ongoing sacred responsibility.

For information on local election results and future voting opportunities, consult your official local election authorities. Continue to engage in the democratic process with a heart centered on love for your community, carry the names of those who died for your right to be there, and let us resolve to bind up our nation's wounds together.

Please do not think this inhumane treatment is over. Though this column reminds readers of the past, everything is not perfect yet.

According to civil rights groups and a report by the organization JULIAN, which documentedmore than70 cases of suspected modern-daylynchings across seven Southern states between2000 and 2025, systemic violence persists. Furthermore, independent tracking by groups such as Black Lives Matter of Atlanta reportedly recorded a recent uptick between March 2025and August 2026, finding at least22 Blackindividuals dead under suspicious or unusual hanging circumstances across the country.

Each vote helps bring about the necessary change, and that change begins at the ballot box. Make that change!

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Political Playback:

California Capitol News You Might Have Missed

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California Legislature: Dolores Huerta Will Lie in Honor at State Capitol on Nov. 16

Dolores Huerta, the labor and civil rights leader who helped transform conditions for farmworkers and collaborated with Black activists and civil rights leaders, will lie in honor at the California State Capitol on Nov. 16, legislative leaders announced.

The public may pay respects from noon to 6 p.m. in the Capitol rotunda, Senate President pro Tem Monique Limón (D-Santa Barbara) and Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas (D-Hollister) said.

A midday program is planned, with details to be announced.

Huerta died Oct. 28 at her Bakersfield home after battling cancer. She was 96. Her death prompted tributes from across the country.

Born in 1930 in Dawson, New Mexico, Huerta became an organizer in California's Central Valley. In 1962, she co-founded the National Farm Workers Association with César Chávez; it later became the United Farm Workers. She helped lead the Delano grape strike and nationwide grape boycott, drawing attention to farmworkers' low wages and harsh conditions.

Her organizing helped secure passage of California's Agricultural Labor Relations Act of 1975, which established farmworkers' right to collective bargaining. Huerta also advocated for women's equality, immigrant rights and environmental justice. Her rallying cry, "¡Sí, se puede!" — "Yes, we can" — became a movement slogan. In 2012, President Barack Obama awarded her the Presidential Medal of Freedom. In 2003, she founded the Dolores Huerta Foundation to organize communities and develop local leaders.

"Dolores negotiated my grandfather's first union contract at Almaden Vineyards," Rivas said. "She brought to that bargaining table what she brought to every fight: the conviction that farmworkers deserved fair pay, dignity and a say in the conditions under which they worked."

Public memorial events are scheduled in Bakersfield. A rosary and vigil will begin at 6 p.m. Nov. 19 at IBEW Local 428 Hall, 3921 Sillect Ave., for "prayer, reflection and quiet remembrance," the Foundation said.

On Nov. 20, events at Dignity Health Arena, 1001 Truxtun Ave., will begin at 8 a.m. with a blessing by Aztec dancers, followed by an interfaith memorial service at 10 a.m. A celebration of life at 2 p.m. will include speakers from labor, public office, cultural communities and community organizing, and a live performance by Los Lobos.

Gov. Newsom: Capital Punishment is Inconsistent With California Values; Public Safety Goals

Gov. Gavin Newsom says capital punishment is inconsistent with the state's legal values and public safety goals, defending his decision to commute all 548 death sentences to life imprisonment without the possibility of parole.

In an open letter released Nov. 5, Newsom argued that California's death penalty system is deeply flawed and cannot ensure fair or consistent justice. He said the decision followed consultations with victims' families, survivors, public safety experts, religious and civil rights leaders, prison wardens and jurors.

"I know we cannot execute people in our imperfect legal system and remain true to our core values, first among them justice and human decency," Newsom stated.

He also criticized the fairness of the state's system, saying, "By every measure, California's system for administering the death penalty is a failure. It has not been and cannot be fairly applied and has resulted in the conviction of innocent people."

Newsom said he considered the impact of the decision on victims' families and acknowledged that some would view the commutations as a denial of justice. However, he argued that life without parole is the most severe punishment he can lawfully impose and ethically enforce. He also expressed concern that drawing distinctions among categories of murder cases could create unequal treatment for victims and their families.

The commutations will not release any prisoners or make them eligible for parole. California's death penalty law will also remain in place, allowing prosecutors to continue seeking death sentences. However, 382 of the commutations require approval from the California Supreme Court because the prisoners were convicted of multiple felonies.

The announcement has drawn sharply divided reactions. Some victims' relatives and prosecutors criticized the decision, while others, including Jess Nichol, the stepsister of Polly Klaas – the 12-year-old Petaluma girl who was abducted and murdered in 1993 – welcomed it. Santa Clara County District Attorney Jeff Rosen supported the move, citing concerns about racial bias and the unequal application of the death penalty. San Mateo County District Attorney Stephen Wagstaffe opposed it.

"As Governor, I alone bear responsibility for this decision and its impact, just as I alone would bear responsibility for each execution," Newsom stated.

Assemblymember Lori Wilson Speaks Out on Mass Shooting in Her District

Assemblymember Lori D. Wilson (D-Suisun City) has spoken out following a deadly shooting at a Spirit Halloween store in Fairfield that left a pregnant woman dead and six others wounded, expressing condolences to the victims and their families while calling on the community to support one another.

In an Instagram post, Wilson said the shooting had shaken the community and acknowledged the lasting impact of gun violence on those affected.

"Our community was rocked by gun violence," Wilson stated. "Sadly, we are not alone in experiencing the devastating impact of these senseless acts of violence, but that does not make the pain or trauma any less profound."

The shooting occurred Friday, Oct. 30, inside the Spirit Halloween store at Solano Town Center. Police said seven people were shot in what investigators described as a targeted incident involving one suspect.

The woman who died was identified as 31-year-old Constance Hages, who was pregnant. Three male victims, ages 16, 19, and 32, were reported in critical condition, while a 23-year-old man was hospitalized in critical but stable condition. Two other men, ages 19 and 43, were treated and released.

Wilson thanked local first responders for their swift response and acknowledged the support of state and federal partners as the investigation continued. She also expressed sympathy for those injured and for Hages' family and loved ones.

"My heart breaks for everyone who experienced this tragedy firsthand, for those who were injured, and for the families and loved ones grieving a loss," she stated. "As a community, we must come together to support one another, surround those impacted with compassion, and prayerfully work toward healing and wholeness."

The investigation has since led to the arrest of a 17-year-old boy. Fairfield police said a school resource officer identified the suspect after reviewing surveillance footage. Authorities arrested him Monday following a SWAT operation at a home in Suisun City.

The Solano County District Attorney's Office announced that the teenager would be charged as an adult. He faces two counts of murder, three counts of attempted murder, three counts of assault with a semiautomatic weapon, and multiple firearm enhancements. Police believe another customer was the intended target of the shooting.

The investigation remains ongoing as the 17-year-old suspect faces adult charges.

As Fairfield mourns Hages and those injured recover, Wilson urged residents to support one another and help the community heal.

Bonta, 44 Other AGs Unite to Fight Bullying, Protect Kids Online

California Attorney General Rob Bonta has joined 44 other attorneys general in urging Congress to pass federal legislation that would strengthen online safety protections for children, including safeguards against cyberbullying and harmful social media features.

In a letter to congressional leaders, the bipartisan coalition reaffirmed its support for the Senate version of the Kids Online Safety Act (KOSA) also known as S. 748 and called on the House of Representatives to pass the measure.

The attorneys general said investigations into major social media companies found that platforms used design features that encouraged addictive behavior among children while documenting the resulting mental health harms. They also cited lawsuits against companies including Meta and a recently announced $17 billion multistate settlement that requires the company to introduce additional protections for young users.

"Congress must act to ensure that our children receive the protections they deserve across all online platforms," the attorneys general stated, warning that lawmakers must also prepare for potential harms from emerging artificial intelligence products.

Bonta said federal legislation should establish minimum protections while allowing states to adopt stronger safeguards.

"Federal action is critical to keep kids safe online," Bonta said in a statement. "The Senate's KOSA legislation creates a federal floor of baseline protections states can build off of, while still allowing states like California to have stronger safeguards in place."

The Senate bill would establish a duty of care requiring social media companies to take reasonable steps to prevent and reduce harm to users under 18. It would also set minimum safety standards for social media and gaming platforms while preserving states' authority to enact and enforce stronger child protection laws.

The attorneys general raised concerns about the House version, H.R. 6484, arguing that its preemption provisions could limit states' ability to introduce or enforce laws addressing online harms.

California has already enacted legislation targeting addictive social media features and requiring warning labels on platforms used by children and teenagers. The state has also pursued legal action against major technology companies over allegations that their platforms were designed to keep young users engaged despite known risks to their mental and physical health.

To Help Save Hollywood, Gov. Newsom Proposes $1 Billion Film and Television Tax Credit

Gov. Gavin Newsom is proposing to increase California's annual film and television tax credit from $750 million to at least $1 billion, in another effort to attract productions and retain entertainment industry jobs in the state.

Announced in Hollywood, the proposed expansion would make above-the-line talent eligible for tax credits, increase funding for independent films to $100 million annually and offer additional incentives to companies that commit to producing multiple projects in California.

The plan would also extend the program through 2040 and require state approval before taking effect.

"California created the modern entertainment industry; we're the capital of entertainment and we're going to keep it here," said Newsom. "At least $1 billion in tax credits means more investment flowing into our economy and more opportunity across the industry."

The proposal follows last year's expansion, which increased the program's annual funding from $330 million to $750 million. According to the governor's office, applications increased 82% in the first year of the expanded program.

The administration also reported $8.25 billion in direct production spending, including $5.3 billion in qualified expenditures and $3.2 billion in qualified wages. The program supported more than 43,000 cast and crew jobs, while film shoot days increased 52% year over year and television shoot days rose more than 7%.

Dee Dee Myers, Newsom's senior adviser and director of the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz), said the proposed increase would help California compete for productions and investment.

"A $1 billion California Film and TV Tax Credit would strengthen California's creative industries, support more good-paying jobs, and keep our entertainment economy growing," Myers said.

Colleen Bell, director of the California Film Commission, also backed the proposal, describing the tax credit as an important tool for attracting productions and supporting crews across the state.

Assemblymember Rick Chavez Zbur (D-Hollywood) said last year's expansion had already helped bring jobs back to California.

Since its launch in 2009, the program has generated more than $35.4 billion in economic activity and supported over 248,000 cast and crew jobs, according to the governor's office.

Newsom also renewed his call for Congress to pass the Motion Picture, Television, and Entertainment Revitalization Act, which would establish a federal tax credit for film and television production. He said federal support is needed alongside state incentives as competition for productions grows.

Local



World Day of Remembrance for Traffic Victims Matters Because Every Life Matters

By Jovon Dangerfield
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The third Sunday of November marks the World Day of Remembrance (WDoR) for Traffic Victims, a day when families like mine pause to remember loved ones whose lives were taken too soon. This year, I am remembering my son, Cameron Dapri Dangerfield.

Cameron was 20 years old when he was killed last October by an impaired driver in a wrong-way crash on Interstate 5 in Kings County. No parent should ever have to bury their child. No family should have to experience the phone call that changes everything. Yet far too many of us do.

My son was more than the circumstances of his death. He was outgoing, compassionate, and driven to help others. He dreamed of creating a nonprofit that would provide clothing and resources to families in need. He was a talented writer and musician, a gifted athlete, and a young man building a future. He had helped launch a new business territory in Sacramento for the company where he worked in sales and was beginning to make his mark on the world.

Today, my life's mission is to make sure Cameron's name is heard so that his legacy lives on.

Like many parents who have lost a child, I experienced overwhelming grief, anger, depression, and heartbreak. For a time, I found myself asking unanswerable questions. Eventually, I realized I had a choice. I could allow bitterness to consume me, or I could channel my pain into something that might help save lives.

I chose advocacy.

Long before Cameron's death, I dedicated my life to community engagement, youth development, and helping people find hope. My work often focused on intervention and rehabilitation. After losing Cameron, I realized prevention had to be part of that conversation, too.

I've learned that facts alone do not change behavior. People are moved by stories and connections. They are moved when they understand that a single decision can alter countless lives.

Too often, impaired driving is normalized. People convince themselves they are fine to drive. They believe the least impaired person in the group should take the wheel. They tell themselves they will figure it out later. The reality is: no level of impairment is acceptable behind the wheel. Yet too many people take that risk.

Every impaired driving crash creates a ripple effect that extends beyond the individuals involved. Families suffer. Friends grieve. Communities lose future leaders, mentors, parents, and changemakers.

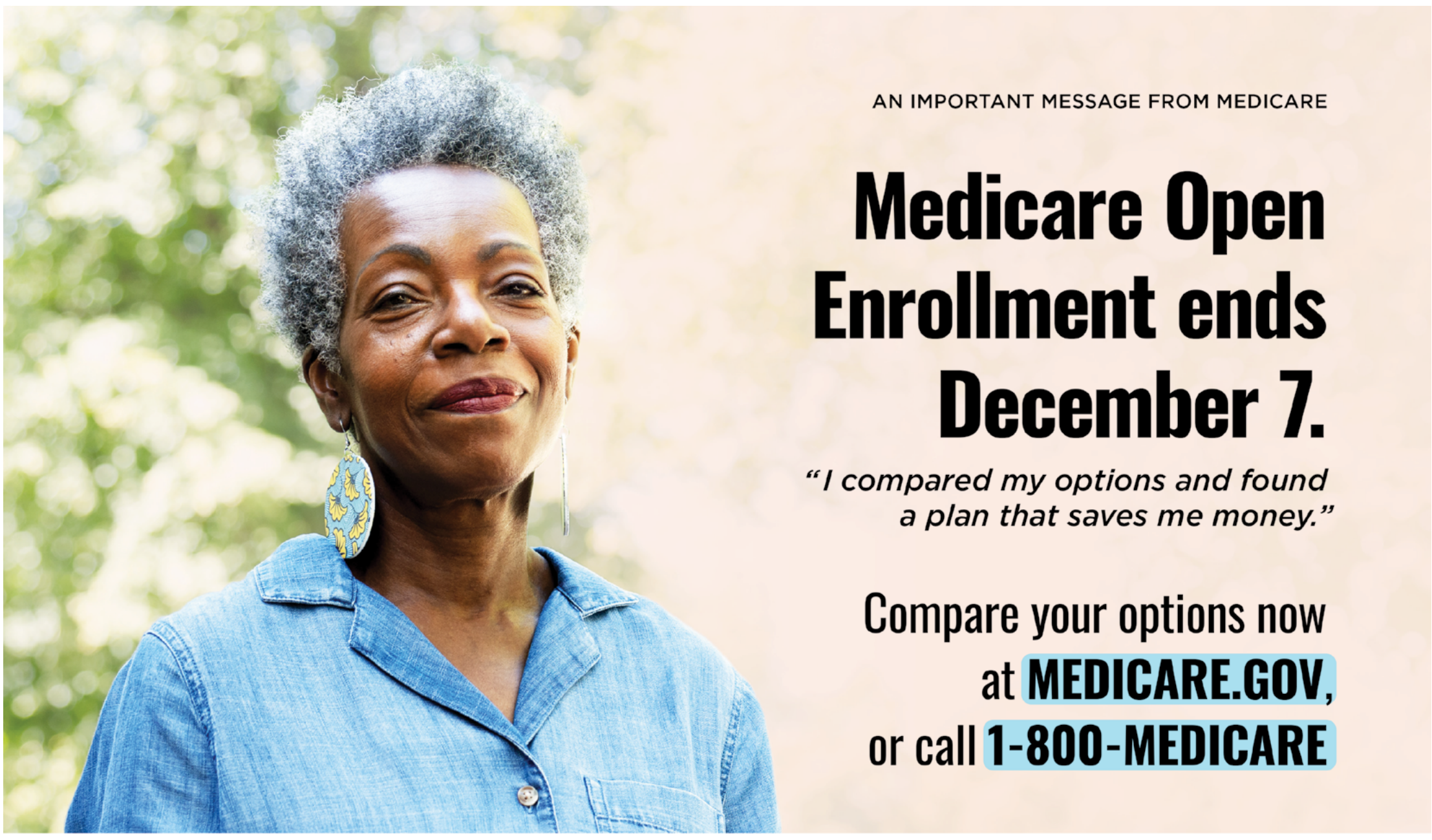
My advocacy is driven by a commitment to honor Cameron's life and help prevent other families from experiencing the same loss. While anger is a natural part of grief, I chose to focus on solutions. True justice means examining the systems, influences, and choices that contribute to these tragedies and working to change them.

My hope is simple. I want people, especially young adults, to think three times before getting behind the wheel after drinking or using other substances that impair. Have a plan before you go out. Call a ride. Use a designated sober driver. Make the decision before the first sip and before impairment takes away your judgment.

On this WDoR for Traffic Victims, I ask you to remember Cameron and the thousands of people on our roads every year. I ask you to honor them through action.

The future of our youth is at stake. One choice can save a life. Please make it the right one.

To learn more about Kingdom Activists, visit Kingdom Activists. To find out more about WDoR for Traffic Victims and to share your story, visit Go Safely, California.



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