

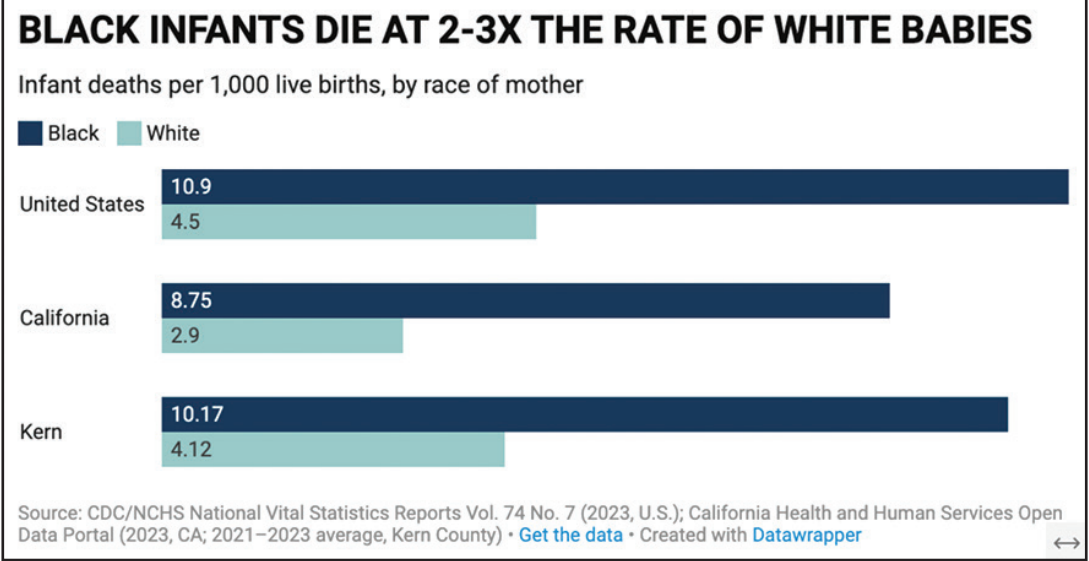


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A crib with plush toys sits empty in the home of the Hills. Photo Credit: Cecil Egbele

The Unseen Toll of Infant Loss on Black Families in California



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More than a year after Kairis Aurae Hill died, the nursery her parents prepared in their Bakersfield home remains largely untouched. A white crib sits beneath a hanging mobile. Mickey and Minnie Mouse lean against the rails beside a teddy bear. Tiny clothes fill the drawers.

"We thought we'd be bringing her home to this room," Kairis' mother, Kimisha Gill, said quietly.

Grief By the Numbers

Across the United States, Black parents experience infant loss at rates twice as high as their white counterparts. In California, Black infants die at nearly three times the rate of white babies, a disparity that persists in Kern County, where socioeconomic challenges leave infants dying at triple the rate of white babies as well.

California's grieving parents are often left in isolation. In Kern County, the Public Policy Institute of California found there were fewer than half as many mental health providers as coastal counties, leaving local families with nowhere to turn.

The loss extends far beyond the immediate tragedy. Research links stillbirth and infant loss to elevated risk for depression, anxiety, post-traumatic stress disorder, and complicated grief in bereaved parents, prompting mental health professionals to call for long-term support rather than short-term crisis intervention.

Bakersfield perinatal mental health therapist Mesha Muwanga sees the lasting effects of that grief firsthand.

"A lot of people grieving will shut down," Muwanga said. "Let's say you said something to me like, 'You're young, you can have another baby. Pray about it.' I might not ever bring it up to you again. It just forces them to be quiet about their pain."

Born on May 15, 2025, Kairis died five weeks later in the NICU after complications related to Down syndrome and pulmonary hypertension, shattering the future that Gill, 39, and her husband, André Hill Sr., 39, had imagined for their daughter.

"The longest amount of time I was able to hold her was the 10 hours after she died," Gill recalled. I think I lost myself a bit when Kairis passed," Gill said. "I definitely felt like a part of me died with her. The loss affected nearly every part of daily life."

In the months that followed, Gill found herself returning to the nursery, where she recreated small rituals of the life she and Kairis never got to share.

"For some reason I felt called to look at her baby clothes," Gill said. "I would pull out a onesie and think, 'This is what I would put on her today.'"



Kimisha Gill and André Hill hold the footprint and fist mold in remembrance of their late daughter Kairis Hill. Photo Credit: Cecil Egbele

Grief took different forms within the family. While Gill returned to the nursery, Hill focused on caring for his wife. "I wanted to make sure that I showed up for her in every way I possibly could," he said. "I cried privately."

One morning, shortly after returning home, Gill said that in the space between sleep and wakefulness she heard a little girl's voice whisper a single word into her ear: "Mom."

"There is no one else in the world who would have reason to call me Mom," she said.

Then came the butterflies.

A yellow butterfly began appearing in the family's backyard, lingering nearby in ways that felt unusual.

The family had chosen butterflies as the theme for Kairis' baby shower and had nicknamed her their "Little Butterfly" before she was born. Now, the butterfly has a new meaning—a quiet reminder that Kairis is still near.

Experts say experiences like these are common among grieving parents. Memories, sensory reminders and symbolic connections often become part of how families maintain continuing bonds with children who have died.

"Seeing or hearing the person you've lost can actually be a normal part of grief," said Muwanga. "It's not psychosis. It's one way the mind protects itself."



Kimisha Gill holds a butterfly necklace that will carry the remains of Kairis. Photo Credit: Cecil Egbele



Trinity Brown, CEO and Founder of the Noel Alexandria Foundation. Photo Credit: Cecil Egbele



Kimisha Gill and André Hill share the footprint and fist mold of their late daughter Kairis Hill. Photo Credit: Cecil Egbele

Grassroots Healing Services for the Bereaved

California has invested significantly in Black maternal health through programs such as the Black Infant Health Program and the Perinatal Equity Initiative. However, those programs are designed to support pregnant people and new parents, not families navigating bereavement after pregnancy or infant loss.

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) offers the bereaved peer support groups addressing Sudden Infant Death Syndrome and Sudden Unidentified Infant Death, focusing on prevention, surveillance, and connecting families with local resources; Kern County offers a local SIDS Safe Sleep program.

For families seeking additional support, Medi-Cal covers full-spectrum doula services — when recommended by a healthcare provider — which may include doula care that specializes in pregnancy and infant loss. However, doulas are not mental health professionals and do not replace grief counseling or clinical care for those in the throes of loss.

Founded in 2018 by Black Bakersfield resident Trinity Brown after the stillbirth of her own daughter, the Noel Alexandria Foundation (NAF) steps into this gap of bereavement care for Kern County families. "We built the support we wished existed."

In October 2017, at 36 weeks and five days pregnant, Brown woke to find she could no longer feel her daughter moving. At the hospital, doctors confirmed there was no heartbeat. She still had to deliver her daughter, but left the hospital without her child.

"Leaving the hospital without your baby, leaving your baby in the hospital, knowing you're going to go home with empty arms," Brown recalled. Her body healed from childbirth, and life around her moved on. Her grief did not. Nine months later, she founded the Noel Alexandria Foundation, named after her daughter.

"You still feel alone and isolated when other

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Black farmers

Judge Orders USDA to Restore \$127 Million in Grants for Black Farmers

A federal judge has ordered the restoration of \$127 million in grants that support Black farmers and other farmers of color. The decision allows 24 organizations to continue projects that were disrupted after the U.S. Department of Agriculture canceled their funding.

The ruling followed a lawsuit filed by 24 organizations challenging the USDA's decision to end grants from the Increasing Land, Capital, and Market Access Program, according to Capital B News. The program was created to help farmers of color overcome challenges linked to land loss and limited access to farming resources.

One of the groups affected was the 2020 Farmers Cooperative, led by Sharon Mallory. The organization planned to use its grant money to purchase equipment, acquire land, and support food programs in local communities.

In March, the USDA informed the cooperative that its grant had been terminated. The agency said the awards were connected to what it called "discriminatory" diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts and wasteful spending.

The funding cut disrupted plans for several organizations. Some groups had to reduce programs, shift resources, or make staffing changes because they could no longer rely on the grant money.

Mallory said the cancellation affected the relationships her organization had built with farmers and community members. The cooperative had already made agreements with farmers, but could not complete those commitments after losing the funding.

On June 30, U.S. District Judge Beryl A. Howell ordered the USDA to restore the \$127 million in grants while the lawsuit moves forward. She also directed the agency to submit a status report to the court.

Judge Howell said the organizations showed that ending the grants could cause serious harm and that restoring the funding served the public interest. Her order temporarily blocks the grant cancellations.

Hannah Wolf, an attorney with FarmSTAND who represents the groups in the lawsuit, said the decision recognizes the importance of supporting farmers and building stronger food systems. She said the USDA must continue providing assistance to all farmers and "diminish services to certain farmers by invoking phrases like 'illegal DEI.'"

The restored funding will help organizations across the country, including the 2020 Farmers Cooperative, Black Oregon Land Trust, Kansas Black Farmers Association, Center for Heirs' Property, Viva Farms, and World Farmers.

The Increasing Land, Capital, and Market Access Program originally provided \$300 million for 50 projects aimed at improving access to land, funding, and markets for farmers of color. The latest court order restores grants for the 24 organizations involved in the legal challenge.

Former Texas A&M Football Player Arrested After His Toddler Son Accidentally Shot Himself

Former Texas A&M running back Le'Veon Moss was arrested after his 2-year-old son accidentally shot himself with a loaded firearm at their Baton Rouge apartment. Police charged him with child cruelty, saying the gun was left unsecured within the child's reach.

Officers responded to Our Lady of the Lake Children's Hospital on Monday afternoon after the toddler was brought in with a gunshot wound. Moss and his girlfriend told investigators the shooting happened at their apartment on S. Flannery Road.

According to KBTX, Moss said he placed the loaded gun under a pillow in his bedroom. He and his girlfriend were upstairs when the child found the weapon and accidentally fired it.

The couple immediately drove their son to the hospital in a private vehicle. Officials have not shared an update on the child's condition.

The affidavit said that "due to Moss' negligence, a child under the age of seventeen suffered unjustifiable pain." Authorities later arrested the 23-year-old and booked him into East Baton Rouge Parish Prison on one felony count of cruelty to juveniles. His bond was set at \$25,000.

Moss, a Baton Rouge native, became a standout player at Texas A&M after attending Istrouma High School. During his four seasons with the Aggies, he played in 32 games and recorded 1,767 rushing yards and 22 touchdowns.

He earned Second-Team All-SEC honors in 2024 but faced setbacks from injuries, including a torn ACL and MCL. After going undrafted in the 2026 NFL Draft, Moss signed with the Miami Dolphins as an undrafted free agent before retiring four days later.



Le'Veon Moss

Entertainment

Apollo HTX: Showcases the City's Undiscovered Talent

By Laura Onyeneho
Black Press USA Wire

For decades, one of the Houston area's largest predominantly Black communities has drawn little attention from local arts coverage.

This summer, the Anderson Center for the Arts set out to change that, launching Apollo HTX, a live talent showcase modeled after the Apollo Theater's legendary Amateur Night in Harlem.

The inaugural event brought open auditions, a live competition, and cash prizes to a part of Houston that Michelle Bonton, founder and executive director of the Anderson Center for the Arts, says has long lacked cultural infrastructure.

"Being able to have a show like the Apollo, and to have the Anderson Center for the Arts in this particular community, is very, very huge," Bonton said.

Bonton grew up watching Amateur Night at the Apollo and said the idea for a Houston version had been years in the making. The original, launched in 1934, helped introduce the world to Ella Fitzgerald, James Brown, Luther Vandross, and Lauryn Hill. Bonton wanted that same spirit of discovery rooted in East Harris County, where she has lived and worked most of her adult life.

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"A lot of my firsts happened right here in this community," she said. "So it's home for me, and I always think about how I can give back."

The Anderson Center for the Arts is a 501(c)



Michelle Bonton, founder and executive director of the Anderson Center for the Arts (Center), stands with the winners of the first Apollo HTX competition, Troy Mason (Left) and Logan Gilbert (Right). Credit: Jimmie Aggison/Defender — Credit: Jimmie Aggison/Defender

(3) nonprofit whose mission is to expand arts access in underserved communities and preserve Black history and culture. Bonton previously led the organization when it operated as the Harris County Cultural Arts Council, incorporated in 2018 as the first arts organization based in East Harris County.

Choosing East Harris County over established arts corridors like Third Ward or Midtown was intentional. The center wanted something distinctly Houston while honoring the Harlem original, reflected in the name.

"Houston's got talent. How do we showcase that in a way that aligns with our mission, that pays homage and gives respect to the actual Apollo in New York, but that is also very much Houston? And that's where the [Apollo] HTX comes in."

Houston's nonprofit arts and culture sector generates more than \$1.3 billion in annual economic activity and supports more than 21,000 jobs, according to the most recent Arts & Economic Prosperity study by Americans for the Arts & Economic Prosperity study. Spending, Bonton said, has rarely reached this stretch of unincorporated Harris County.

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She is one of the planners of Apollo HTX. Credit: Jimmie Aggison

Apollo HTX held three open audition rounds with no entry fee, a deliberate choice to remove cost as a barrier for performers. A selection panel narrowed the field before finalists competed live in adult and youth categories. The Anderson Center partnered with LoKatt Management to bring the concept to life. Winners received cash prizes: \$1,500 for the adult category and \$500 for the youth category, intended to introduce young performers to the business side of their craft.

Houston singer Troy Mason, who works at FedEx, performs at weddings and other events on the side, won the adult competition singing Sam Cooke's A Change Is Gonna Come. He said the



Logan Gilbert is a student at Rhodes School for the Performing Arts. He comes from a family of church singers. — Jimmie Aggison/Defender

decision to compete came after his wife pushed him to stop sitting on his talent.

"I was overwhelmed, really, to tell you the truth," Mason said of the moment he was announced as the winner. "So many people came out [whom] I invited, they were cheering for me."

Mason began singing at the age of four, performing in front of neighbors and family, which carried a different weight than past shows. He described a backstage atmosphere of camaraderie among competitors, including impromptu Soul Train lines before they went on.

"The response that I got when I was singing, from the first note, was amazing," Mason said. "Everybody was screaming and standing up." Since winning, Mason said he has booked new studio sessions and an upcoming performance with author Pharrell Phelps.

Logan Gilbert is a student at Rhodes School for the Performing Arts. He comes from a family of church singers. Credit: Jimmie Aggison/Defender

In the youth category, seventh-grader Logan Gilbert, a student at Rhodes School for the Performing Arts, won for singing Beyoncé's "Listen."

"ELA, reading, choir, and theater, they really helped me to enunciate and pronounce my words better," he said. "My favorite thing about it is that I get to go up on stage and showcase my talents to the whole entire world."

Growing up in a supportive church family and a family of singers also helped nurture his talent. His biggest career goal is to one day perform on Broadway.



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"It kind of felt like I was performing at my church," Gilbert said. "Because all of my church family was here, my missionaries, my grandma, everybody."

Apollo HTX will return in 2027 as an annual event, with plans to expand the VIP experience. The Anderson Center also plans to build an affordable on-site recording studio as it works to become, as Bonton called it, "the home for Black creative practice" in Houston.

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Jordan Walker Leads Call for More Black Youth in Baseball

By Alvin A. Reid
The St. Louis American/Black Press USA Wire

Shortly after Jordan Walker's 12th and clinching blast of the Home Run Derby final against hometown hero Kyle Schwarber had landed among bitter fans at Citizens Bank Park in Philadelphia, the St. Louis Cardinals right fielder spoke of the importance of his achievement.

"I hope it means a lot to [Black kids]," Walker told reporters. "I want to be a role model for the Black kids, and I want more Black kids in baseball. Hopefully this raises some awareness. I know a lot of them are playing basketball [and] football."

"I want them to know the baseball route is open to them, too. There are a lot of kids that are athletic enough and mentally strong enough — Black kids that can play this game — and I want to see them do it."

As for Walker, he has become a rarity — a Black star in baseball. They have been few and far between at Busch Stadium since the days of Bob Gibson, Curt Flood and Lou Brock.

Walker, who grew up in suburban Atlanta, said Braves third baseman "Chipper" Jones was his favorite player until Jason Heyward made his debut with the team.

"For Black kids, I want to kind of be a role model for them," Walker said, "like [Heyward] was for me."

The 2026 All-Star Game rosters featured several Black players, who shared their hopes on inspiring more Black participation in baseball.

"I think once kids see more people to look up to, the more kids will get back into baseball," said Washington Nationals outfielder James Wood.

Modest gains
New York Yankees right fielder Aaron Judge



CJ Abrams and James Wood, Washington Nationals teammates and National League All-Stars, join Jordan Walker in pushing for more Black participation in baseball. Photo courtesy of NBC San Diego — Photo courtesy of NBC San Diego.

and Minnesota Twins center fielder Byron Buxton missed the game because of injuries, but were voted in as American League All-Star starters. Nationals shortstop CJ Abrams joined teammate Wood on the NL squad. And, of course, there was Walker, who stole the show in the Home Run Derby.

"I feel like there's been like a little surge in getting more Black players in the game," Wood said.

"We've got four [Black players] on our team right now. Last year at one point, we had five.."

The Cardinals' opening day roster featured three Black players: outfielder Victor Scott II, shortstop Masyn Winn and Walker. After struggling offensively the first months of the season, Scott was sent down to Triple-A Memphis.

When the St. Louis trio took the field on

opening day, Major League Baseball reported that 6.8% of players on rosters, injured lists and the restricted list were Black.

That was up slightly from 6.2% at the start of the 2025 season. It marked a two-year increase from a 6% rate at the beginning of 2024. It was the largest increase in a season since a 0.7% rise from 2017 to 2018.

MLB Commissioner Robert Manfred, who to his credit has ignored criticism of baseball diversity programs, sees progress and hopes for more.

"[Y]ou have to continue to invest, grind it out, do that grassroots work to attract more people to the game and then nurture them in a way that gets them into this elite pipeline," Manfred said.

Cincinnati Reds pitcher Chase Burns, who was named to the NL All-Star team and just signed a seven-year, \$105 million contract extension, said he is perplexed by the low number of Black baseball participants.

"You don't see a lot of Black athletes in baseball. I don't know why that is," Burns said. "I think it's great for guys like me and [Walker] to strive to get Black athletes into the game of baseball, whether it's talking about it or doing stuff in the community. I think it's great he pointed it out."

As for Walker, he has become a rarity — a Black star in baseball. They have been few and far between at Busch Stadium since the days of Bob Gibson, Curt Flood and Lou Brock.

Hopefully Cardinal Nation will appreciate Walker's stardom, and the team will reward him with a lucrative contract extension soon.

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How Black WNBA Players Became Collateral Damage in the Caitlin Clark Culture War

By By A.R. Shaw
Black Press USA Newswire

Caitlin Clark is more than a WNBA player; she has become a tool of weaponization against Black women. And now the federal government is involved.

Led by Texas Rep. August Pfluger, 11 Republican lawmakers signed a letter to WNBA Commissioner Cathy Engelbert, threatening to have the Department of Justice investigate the league because fouls against Clark "may be racially motivated."

"As Commissioner, you have an obligation to ensure that every player competes in a safe and professional environment, both on and off the court, free from violence, discrimination, or retaliation. If discrimination or retaliation is occurring and creating a hostile work environment, we support any appropriate investigation by the Department of Justice, the Department of Labor, or the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. If true, such conduct could constitute violations of federal civil rights laws," the letter stated.

The letter creates a false narrative and is irresponsible and dangerous.

Stephanie Christmas, a former women's basketball player at Georgia Southern University, has remained a WNBA fan since its inaugural season in 1997. Christmas has never seen politicians use their platforms to sway the league's direction.

"If you want only one player to play the game, that's not basketball anymore," Christmas shared. "I don't think that they should be putting any legislation in place. They are making it worse for the players and the WNBA game."

The people who are using Clark as a tool couldn't care less about what occurs in between the lines of a basketball court. Statistically, Clark is a decent shooter and above-average passer, but she lacks offensive efficiency and is a liability on defense. Her most staunch defenders are not basketball enthusiasts; instead, they view Clark as a symbol to further their hatred for Black women.

Every moment of discomfort Clark appears to face on the court becomes an opportunity for her supporters to unleash vile and racist language against the alleged perpetrator. If Clark is fouled hard, engages in trash talk with an opponent, or

receives what she views as an unfair call by a referee, her defenders are incited to unleash their wrath.

During a tightly contested match between Clark's Indiana Fever and Phoenix Mercury in June, the Mercury's Alyssa Thomas and Clark were on the court battling for a loose ball. Thomas' arm briefly pressed against Clark's neck during the scramble, but no foul was called. Following the game, Thomas was issued a flagrant one and suspended for one game by WNBA officials. The play triggered Clark's supporters, and they aimed racial slurs and death threats at Thomas. Thomas responded by calling out WNBA commissioner Engelbert for not protecting athletes in the league.

"We still have yet to hear anything from Cathy. It's no surprise," Thomas shared in a press conference after her suspension. "You can see what's being said on social media. It's unfortunate, but as usual, she remains silent. That's unfortunate when our lives are being threatened."

It was only after Thomas' statement that Engelbert responded to the threats sparked by Clark's supporters.

"The WNBA vehemently condemns any and all forms of hate," Engelbert said in a statement. "The safety and well-being of everyone in our community is always the league's top priority. We are aware of Alyssa Thomas' comments, and what she and her teammates have experienced is completely unacceptable and not representative of the WNBA community."

Weeks later, Chelsea Gray of the Las Vegas Aces faced racial animus following a simple foul call that went against Clark. While driving to the basket, Gray was fouled on the arm by Clark, who collapsed to the ground and held her stomach as if she was in pain. Clark yelled at the referee, claiming that Gray had hit her, but video replay proved that Gray never initiated contact with Clark.

But an otherwise normal basketball play led to Gray enduring racial slurs and harassment. Following the game, Gray reposted a screenshot on Instagram of a man using a racial slur against her, and she wrote, "People act like we make this s— up."

The post went viral, and the man, who worked for Hilton Grand Vacations, was fired within days.

Gray responded to the ordeal in a press

conference, revealing that she and other WNBA players have faced ongoing harassment.

"Enough is kind of enough," Gray said. "These messages are not the first time. It's not. There was other stuff, too. I just decided to share that one. This time I got fed up with it, and I just decided to share it. And maybe I don't share the other ones, but I know people will think twice."

Clark never asked to become a symbol for those who aim hatred at Black women, but is she doing enough to distance herself from the position?

She issued a statement after hearing of the harassment Thomas experienced. "The harassment, the hate. None of that is OK," Clark said. "There should never be a question of character, as I've always stood up here and said that, and that's truly what I believe; that's how I was raised. So, none of that is okay, and I don't want anyone to experience that."

It's similar to another statement Clark made in 2025 after Angel Reese faced racial slurs while playing against the Fever in Indianapolis. "There's no place for that in our game, there's no place for that in society," Clark said. "Certainly, we want every person who comes into our arena, whether player or fan, to have a great experience. I appreciate the league doing that. I appreciate that the Fever organization has been at the forefront of that."

A competitive moment between Clark and Reese during the 2023 NCAA Championship game sparked a cultural division that followed both players to the WNBA. Their star power has coincided with the league's recent emergence, but the overall success continues to be marred by the divisiveness initiated by Clark's supporters.

"I would like for to have addressed her fans," Christmas said. "Her fans are making threats, and they're making racist comments. And it's only racial coming from her fans. They don't even really love the game. They just love her and then try to make it about race. At some point, I would like to see her stand against her fans when she sees them attacking some people that are on the court."

Beyond her polarizing fanbase, Clark has also been accused of presenting herself as a victim and throwing tantrums on the court when things don't go her way. During a recent game against the Golden State Valkyries, Clark used her hand to



create distance while driving for a layup against the Valkyries' Kiah Stokes. Clark fell to the ground after the layup and began berating referee Gerda Gatling while yelling, "Give me a f—g call! I got fouled five times!" Replay video revealed that Stokes initiated no contact, and Gatling showed restraint by not giving Clark a technical foul.

The clip of Clark's tantrum went viral, and she faced backlash online for her negative attitude.

"Caitlin Clark is a liar and the most dangerous type of white woman." @mama4obama wrote on X. "One whose lies get Black women death threats. She wasn't even touched and should have been thrown out of the game for the way she behaved toward the ref."

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The Caitlin Clark experience serves as a microcosm of America's divided socio-political atmosphere. She has been chosen as a figurehead for hatred and division while her Black colleagues on the court remain prime targets.

It's become an inescapable stain for a league that fought for years to garner interest and respect.

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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 desear el caso . The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y dirección de la corte es): CASE NUMBER (N úmero del Caso): **25CLB00356** SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, KERN COUNTY, KERN COUNTY METROPOLITAN DIVISION JUSTICE BUILDING 1215 Truxtun Ave., Bakersfield, CA, 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): Melissa Robbins Coufts, Esq., Natalie Carter, Esq., Donna Bakalor, Esq. McCarthy & Holthus, LLP, 2763 Camino Del Rio S. Suite 100, San Diego, CA 92108, (619) 685-4800 DATE: **Oct 23 2025 Tara Leal** (Fecha) Clerk, by, Deputy (Secretario) (Adjunto) **SUM-100 Page 1 of 1** Form Adopted for Mandatory Use Judicial Council of California SUM-100 [Rev. July 1, 2009] **SUMMONS** Code of Civil Procedure §§ 412.20, 465 www.courts.ca.gov **SUM-100** IDSPub #0315773 7/15/2026 7/22/2026 7/29/2026 8/5/2026

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER
26CUB02443
Superior Court of the State of California, for the county of KERN
1215 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93301
Civil Metropolitan Division Justice Building
PETITION OF: **MIRIAM CALDERON** FOR CHANGE OF NAME TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: **MIRIAM CALDERON**
Filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name **MATTHEW JAMES MARTINEZ**
Proposed name **MATTHEW JAMES CALDERON**
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: **August 31, 2026**
Time: **8:30 a.m.**
Dept: **L**
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**
Non petitioning parent to be served as required by CCP 1277
Date: **July 1, 2026**
Gina M. Cervantes, Judicial Officer
Andrea Sanders, Deputy Clerk
Petitioner: Miriam Calderon
11005 Mirage Dr, Bakersfield, CA 93311
Telephone: (661) 858-8627

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER
26CUB02491
Superior Court of the State of California, for the county of KERN
1215 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93301
Metro Justice Building
PETITION OF: **ANGEL LEE HERNANDEZ** FOR CHANGE OF NAME TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: **ANGEL LEE HERNANDEZ**
Filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name **ANGEL LEE HERNANDEZ**
Proposed name **SAGE LEE HERNANDEZ**
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: **September 1, 2026**
Time: **8:30 a.m.**
Dept: **L**
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: **July 2, 2026**
Gina M. Cervantes, Judicial Officer
Andrea Sanders,

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Deputy Clerk
Petitioner: Angel Lee Hernandez
3200 Q Street
Bakersfield, CA 93301
Telephone: (661) 569-4295

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO: 2026-B3630
Doing business as:
THE FRESH PRESS at 607 BLUE MOUNTAIN WAY APT B, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93308
Mailing Address: same
County: Kern
Full name of registrant(s): **MYG FOODS LLC** at 607 BLUE MOUNTAIN WAY APT B, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93308
State of incorp. or org.: CA
The business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company
SIGNED: **Max Gerber**, Manager
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 06/04/2026
This statement filed with the County Clerk of Kern County on: June 9, 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: June 9, 2031

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO: 2026-B4143
Doing business as:
J & C TRANSPORT at 5420 SEASONS DR, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93313
Mailing Address: same
County: Kern
Full name of registrant(s): **JOSE ARTURO CALDERON RAMIREZ** at 5420 SEASONS DR, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93313
The business is conducted by: an Individual
SIGNED: **JOSE ARTURO CALDERON RAMIREZ**
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: July 6, 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: July 6, 2031

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO: 2026-B4175
Doing business as:
GLEN BROWN MIRACLE MINISTRIES at 26221 OAKFLAT DR., TEHACHAPI, CA 93561
Mailing Address: PO BOX 13006, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93389
County: Kern
Full name of registrant(s): **FREEDOM FAITH INTERNATIONAL, INCORPORATED** at PO BOX 13006, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93389
State of incorp. or org.: CA
The business is conducted by: a Corporation
SIGNED: **Carrie Brown**, Secretary
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 11/06/1980
This statement filed with the County Clerk of Kern County on: July 8, 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: July 8, 2031

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO: 2026-B4174
Doing business as:

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CITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH at 26941 MEDICINE BOW CT, TEHACHAPI, CA 93561
Mailing Address: PO BOX 13006, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93389
County: Kern
Full name of registrant(s): **FREEDOM FAITH INTERNATIONAL, INCORPORATED** at PO BOX 13006, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93389
State of incorp. or org.: CA
The business is conducted by: a Corporation
SIGNED: **Carrie Brown**, Secretary
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 11/06/1980
This statement filed with the County Clerk of Kern County on: July 8, 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: July 8, 2031

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO: 2026-B4185
Doing business as:
CENTRIC HEALTH at 2901 Sillect Avenue, Suite 100, Bakersfield, CA 93308
Mailing Address: 11612 Bolthouse Drive, Suite 200, Bakersfield, CA 93311
County: Kern
Full name of registrant(s): **Central Cardiology Medical Center** at 2901 Sillect Avenue, Suite 100, Bakersfield, CA 93308
State of incorp. or org.: CA
jasleen Dugga, M.D,Inc at 3008 Sillect Avenue, Suite 220, Bakersfield, CA 93308
State of incorp. or org.: CA
Parikshat Sharma, Inc at 2403 Windermere, Bakersfield, CA 93311
State of incorp. or org.: CA
Golden Valley Medical Associates, Inc. at 4813 Coffee Road, Bakersfield, CA 93311
State of incorp. or org.: CA
Centric Urgent Care, Inc. at 11612 Bolthouse Drive, Suite 200, Bakersfield, CA 93311
State of incorp. or org.: CA
The business is conducted by: a General Partnership
SIGNED: **Brijesh Bhambi, M.D.**, Managing Partner
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 03/16/2016
This statement filed with the County Clerk of Kern County on: July 9, 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). 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: July 9, 2031

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO: 2026-B4099
Doing business as:
SMELL THE FLOURS at 1016 SILVER OAK DR, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93312
Mailing Address: 1016 SILVER OAK DR, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93312
County: Kern
Full name of registrant(s): **HANNAH ISABELLA MARIE WALL** at 1016 SILVER OAK DR, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93312
DYLAN JACOB WALL at 1016 SILVER OAK DR, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93312
The business is conducted by: Married Couple
SIGNED: **HANNAH WALL**
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: July 1, 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). 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: July 1, 2031

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO: 2026-B4261
Doing business as:
VORTER CONTRACT GROUP at 1212 TELEGRAPH AVE, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93305
Mailing Address: 1212 TELEGRAPH AVE, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93305
County: Kern

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO: 2026-B3824
Doing business as:
A.V. CLASSIC RESTORATION at 3120 JUNIPER RIDGE CT, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93306
Mailing Address: 3120 JUNIPER RIDGE CT, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93306
County: Kern
Full name of registrant(s): **ALFONSO VALADEZ** at 3120 JUNIPER RIDGE CT, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93306
The business is conducted by: Individual
SIGNED: **ALFONSO VALADEZ**
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: June 18, 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). 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: June 18, 2031

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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
FILE NO: 2026-B2196
Business Name you wish to abandon:
BIG BLEU'S SEAFOOD at 1100 1ST STREET, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93304
Mailing Address: same
County: Kern
Registrant(s) whose wish to abandon the business name: **WESSIE TABIA LEWIS III** at 1100 1ST STREET, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93304
GENETRA RICHARDSON at 1100 1ST STREET, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93304
The business is conducted by: a Married Couple
SIGNED: **WESSIE TABIA LEWIS III, OWNER**
The original fictitious business name statement was filed on: April 9, 2026
Original File No: 2026-B2196
This fictitious business name statement was abandoned as of: July 7, 2026
AIMEE X. ESPINOZA
County Clerk
By: D HINOJOSA, 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: 2023-B6702
Business Name you wish to abandon: **RENEWED COATINGS**
Street address of business: 12515 HIGH COUNTRY DR, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93312
County: Kern
Mailing address of business: 12515 HIGH COUNTRY DR, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93312
Registrant(s) who wish to abandon the business name: **IZAK TRYSTAN CHOW** at 12515 HIGH COUNTRY DR, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93312
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.)
Business was conducted by: an Individual
SIGNED: **IZAK TRYSTAN CHOW, OWNER**
This statement of abandonment filed on: July 7, 2026
AIMEE X. ESPINOZA
County Clerk
By: D HINOJOSA, Deputy

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO: 2026-B4099
Doing business as:
SMELL THE FLOURS at 1016 SILVER OAK DR, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93312
Mailing Address: 1016 SILVER OAK DR, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93312
County: Kern
Full name of registrant(s): **HANNAH ISABELLA MARIE WALL** at 1016 SILVER OAK DR, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93312
DYLAN JACOB WALL at 1016 SILVER OAK DR, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93312
The business is conducted by: Married Couple
SIGNED: **HANNAH WALL**
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: July 1, 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). 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: July 1, 2031

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO: 2026-B4261
Doing business as:
VORTER CONTRACT GROUP at 1212 TELEGRAPH AVE, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93305
Mailing Address: 1212 TELEGRAPH AVE, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93305
County: Kern

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Full name of registrant(s): **STEVEN CORDOVA ARMAS** at 1212 TELEGRAPH AVE, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93305
The business is conducted by: Individual
SIGNED: **STEVEN CORDOVA ARMAS**
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: July 10, 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: July 10, 2031

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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
FILE NO: 2026-B2196
Business Name you wish to abandon:
BIG BLEU'S SEAFOOD at 1100 1ST STREET, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93304
Mailing Address: same
County: Kern
Registrant(s) whose wish to abandon the business name: **WESSIE TABIA LEWIS III** at 1100 1ST STREET, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93304
GENETRA RICHARDSON at 1100 1ST STREET, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93304
The business is conducted by: a Married Couple
SIGNED: **WESSIE TABIA LEWIS III, OWNER**
The original fictitious business name statement was filed on: April 9, 2026
Original File No: 2026-B2196
This fictitious business name statement was abandoned as of: July 7, 2026
AIMEE X. ESPINOZA
County Clerk
By: D HINOJOSA, 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: 2023-B6702
Business Name you wish to abandon: **RENEWED COATINGS**
Street address of business: 12515 HIGH COUNTRY DR, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93312
County: Kern
Mailing address of business: 12515 HIGH COUNTRY DR, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93312
Registrant(s) who wish to abandon the business name: **IZAK TRYSTAN CHOW** at 12515 HIGH COUNTRY DR, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93312
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.)
Business was conducted by: an Individual
SIGNED: **IZAK TRYSTAN CHOW, OWNER**
This statement of abandonment filed on: July 7, 2026
AIMEE X. ESPINOZA
County Clerk
By: D HINOJOSA, Deputy

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF DONALD UNDERWOOD aka DON UNDERWOOD
CASE NUMBER: 26PRJ00653
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of **DONALD UNDERWOOD aka DON UNDERWOOD** **A PETITION FOR PROBATE** has been filed by **KATHRYN UNDERWOOD** in the Superior Court of California, County of Kern 2100 College Ave. Bakersfield, CA 93305
Juvenile Justice Center
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that **KATHRYN UNDERWOOD** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. **THE PETITION** requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. **THE PETITION** requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without

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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: August 21, 2026
Time: 8:30 a.m. Dept: J-1 Room:
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 Dr.
Bakersfield, CA 93301
Telephone: (661) 324-6010

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER
26CUB02389
Superior Court of the State of California, for the county of KERN
1215 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93301
PETITION OF: **FERNANDO RAMON LOPEZ** FOR CHANGE OF NAME TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: **FERNANDO RAMON LOPEZ**
Filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name **FERNANDO RAMON LOPEZ**
Proposed name **FERNANDO RAMÓN LÓPEZ-QUIRARTE**
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: **September 8, 2026**
Time: **8:30 AM**
Dept: **L**
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: **July 2, 2026**
Gina M. Cervantes, Judicial Officer
Andrea Sanders, Deputy Clerk
Petitioner: Fernando Ramon Lopez
2524 Alder St.
Bakersfield, CA 93301
Telephone: (661) 330-7951

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO: 2026-B4248
Doing business as:

PRO SE LEGAL DOCS / PRO SE LEGAL at 1500 MCLEAN ST SUITE 171, RIDGECREST, CA 93555
Mailing Address: same
County: Kern
Full name of registrant(s): **BY THE PEOPLE INC** at 556 CAMINO MERCADO, ARROYO GRANDE, CA 93420
State of incorp. or org.: CA
The business is conducted by: a Corporation
SIGNED: **TYLER BREWER**, 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: July 10, 2026
AIMEE X. ESPINOZA
County Clerk
By: M VACA RAMOS, Deputy
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This statement expires on: July 10, 2031

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO: 2026-B3750
Doing business as:
THE COZY KITCHEN at 7823 BRISTOL SPRING AVE, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93313
Mailing Address: same
County: Kern
Full name of registrant(s): **ARIYANA AZALIA SALINAS** at 7823 BRISTOL SPRING AVE, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93313
The business is conducted by: an Individual
SIGNED: **ARIYANA AZALIA SALINAS**
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: June 15, 2026
AIMEE X. ESPINOZA
County Clerk
By: M VACA RAMOS, Deputy
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO: 2026-B4271
Doing business as:
LOS BARRIENTOS TRUCKING INC at 8753 JERRY ST, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93307
Mailing Address: same
County: Kern
Full name of registrant(s): **LOS BARRIENTOS TRUCKING INC** at 8753 JERRY ST, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93307
State of incorp. or org.: CA
The business is conducted by: a Corporation
SIGNED: **EUGENIO BARRIENTOS SANCHEZ**, 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: July 13, 2026
AIMEE X. ESPINOZA
County Clerk
By: M VACA RAMOS, Deputy
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County Clerk
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO: 2026-B4273
Doing business as:

M.C BALLISTIC MANAGEMENT LLC at 505 BRIDGE PASS DRIVE SUITE A, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93312
Mailing Address: same
County: Kern
Full name of registrant(s):
M.C BALLISTIC MANAGEMENT LLC at 505 BRIDGE PASS DRIVE SUITE A, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93312
State of incorp. or org.: CA
The business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company
SIGNED: **MICHAEL MURCH, 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: July 13, 2026
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County Clerk
By: M VACA RAMOS, Deputy
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO: 2026-B3730
Doing business as:

COOL KIDZ DENTAL at 3117 PANAMA LN. SUITE D, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93313
Mailing Address: same
County: Kern
Full name of registrant(s):
REDDY DEHNADI REDDY DDS, INC. at 3117 PANAMA LN. SUITE D, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93313
State of incorp. or org.: CA
The business is conducted by: a Corporation
SIGNED: **AVESTA REDDY, 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: June 15, 2026
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County Clerk
By: M VACA RAMOS, Deputy
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO: 2026-B4228
Doing business as:

THE KING'S LOAF at 2520 VALENCIA DR., BAKERSFIELD, CA 93306
Mailing Address: same
County: Kern
Full name of registrant(s):
AMANDA LORRAINE PEREZ at 2520 VALENCIA DR., BAKERSFIELD, CA 93306
The business is conducted by: an Individual
SIGNED: **AMANDA LORRAINE PEREZ**
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: July 10, 2026
AIMEE X. ESPINOZA
County Clerk
By: D HINOJOSA, Deputy
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO: 2026-B4298
Doing business as:

UPPER ROOM REAL ESTATE GROUP at 2611 F ST, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93301
Mailing Address: 9702 BLOUNTSVILLE DR, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93311
County: Kern
Full name of registrant(s):
NEFTALI HERNANDEZ at 9702 BLOUNTSVILLE DR, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93311
The business is conducted by: an Individual
SIGNED: **NEFTALI 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: July 14, 2026
AIMEE X. ESPINOZA
County Clerk
By: M HERNANDEZ, Deputy
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO: 2026-B4085
Doing business as:

GPS INSPECTIONS at 9019 OAK HILLS AVENUE, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93312
Mailing Address: same
County: Kern
Full name of registrant(s):
GINUSTRIES LLC at 9019 OAK HILLS AVENUE, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93312
State of incorp. or org.: CA
The business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company
SIGNED: **GAVIN WAYNE SMITH, 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: June 30, 2026
AIMEE X. ESPINOZA
County Clerk
By: M SALES, Deputy
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO: 2026-B4310
Doing business as:

FORTUITOUS STRAYS at 2019 BRANCHWOOD CT, ROSAMOND, CA 93560
Mailing Address: same
County: Kern
Full name of registrant(s):
CHRISTOL JADE HELPHINGSTINE at 2019 BRANCHWOOD CT, ROSAMOND, CA 93560
The business is conducted by: an Individual
SIGNED: **CHRISTOL JADE HELPHINGSTINE**
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: July 14, 2026
AIMEE X. ESPINOZA
County Clerk
By: J PADILLA, Deputy
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO: 2026-B4309
Doing business as:

GOBANANACO at 601 QUAILPARK CT, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309
Mailing Address: same
County: Kern
Full name of registrant(s):
HANNAH RYANE BRAUGHTON at 601 QUAILPARK CT, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309
The business is conducted by: an Individual
SIGNED: **HANNAH RYANE BRAUGHTON**
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: July 14, 2026
AIMEE X. ESPINOZA
County Clerk
By: M VACA RAMOS, Deputy
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO: 2026-B4286
Doing business as:

GUZMAN OCCUPATIONAL CONSULTING at 4900 CALIFORNIA AVE, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309
Mailing Address: 1925 3RD STREET, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93304
County: Kern
Full name of registrant(s):
JACQUELINE GUZMAN at 1925 3RD STREET, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93304
The business is conducted by: an Individual
SIGNED: **JACQUELINE GUZMAN**
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: July 13, 2026
AIMEE X. ESPINOZA
County Clerk
By: M VACA RAMOS, Deputy
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO: 2026-B4278
Doing business as:

S&A LEGACY SIGNINGS at 913 MICHELLE LANE, TEHACHAPI, CA 93561
Mailing Address: same
County: Kern
Full name of registrant(s):
SHANNON LENE COSSEY at 913 MICHELLE LANE, TEHACHAPI, CA 93561
The business is conducted by: a General Partnership
SIGNED: **SHANNON LENE COSSEY**
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: July 13, 2026
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County Clerk
By: M SALES, Deputy
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO: 2026-B4305
Doing business as:

MIXED SIGNALS at 2726 SCOTT PLACE, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93306
Mailing Address: same
County: Kern
Full name of registrant(s):

MONIQUE MARIA MORALES at 2726 SCOTT PLACE, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93306
The business is conducted by: an Individual
SIGNED: **MONIQUE MARIA MORALES**
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A
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County Clerk
By: J PADILLA, Deputy
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO: 2026-B4336
Doing business as:

BELLE TERRACE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES at 1600 E. BELLE TERRACE AVE, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93307-3871
Mailing Address: PO BOX 21810, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93390-1810
County: Kern
Full name of registrant(s):
CLINICA SIERRA VISTA at 9525 CAMINO MEDIA, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93311-1314
State of incorp. or org.: CA
The business is conducted by: a Corporation
SIGNED: **OLGA MEAVE, MD, Chief Executive Officer**
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: July 15, 2026
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County Clerk
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO: 2026-B4338
Doing business as:

STOCKDALE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES at 5121 STOCKDALE HWY, STE 275, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309-2684
Mailing Address: PO BOX 21810, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93390-1810
County: Kern
Full name of registrant(s):
CLINICA SIERRA VISTA at 9525 CAMINO MEDIA, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93311-1314
State of incorp. or org.: CA
The business is conducted by: a Corporation
SIGNED: **OLGA MEAVE, MD, Chief Executive Officer**
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-B4367
Doing business as:

CROSSFIT 1018 at 3960 TERRACOTTA COURT C, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93314
Mailing Address: same
County: Kern
Full name of registrant(s):
JENSAM FITNESS INC at 3960 TERRACOTTA COURT C, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93314
State of incorp. or org.: CA
The business is conducted by: a Corporation
SIGNED: **JENNIE SAMARRIPAS, CEO**
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: July 16,

2026
This statement filed with the County Clerk of Kern County on: July 16, 2026
AIMEE X. ESPINOZA
County Clerk
By: D HINOJOSA, Deputy
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO: 2026-B4319 2026-B4320
Doing business as:

B.J.K / BARRINGTON'S JAMAICAN KITCHEN at 2207 BRUNDADE LANE L4, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93304
Mailing Address: same
County: Kern
Full name of registrant(s):
BARRINGTON'S JAMAICAN KITCHEN at 2207 BRUNDADE LANE L4, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93304
State of incorp. or org.: CA
The business is conducted by: a Corporation
SIGNED: **BARRINGTON LEWIS, CEO**
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 09/10/2017
This statement filed with the County Clerk of Kern County on: July 14, 2026
AIMEE X. ESPINOZA
County Clerk
By: M VACA RAMOS, Deputy
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO: 2026-B4392
Doing business as:

KAR&CO.SALON at 1017 BEAR MOUNTAIN BLVD. SUITE A, ARVIN, CA 93203
Mailing Address: 1433 CHICO CT, ARVIN, CA 93203
County: Kern
Full name of registrant(s):
KARINA CISNEROS GARCIA at 1433 CHICO CT, ARVIN, CA 93203
The business is conducted by: Individual
SIGNED: **KARINA CISNEROS GARCIA**
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: July 17, 2026
AIMEE X. ESPINOZA
County Clerk
By: M HERNANDEZ, Deputy
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO: 2026-B4359
Doing business as:

AYALA MOBILE AUTO SPA DETAILING at 925 P ST, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93304
Mailing Address: same
County: Kern
Full name of registrant(s):
CYRLSI YAT SIN AYALA GONZALEZ at 925 P ST, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93304
The business is conducted by: Individual
SIGNED: **CYRLSI YAT SIN AYALA GONZALEZ**
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A
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County Clerk
By: M HERNANDEZ, Deputy
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This statement expires on: July 16, 2031

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO: 2026-B4354
Doing business as:

CENTRIC HEALTH at 2901 Sillect Avenue, Suite 100, Bakersfield, CA 93308
Mailing Address: 11612 Bolthouse Drive, Suite 200, Bakersfield, CA 93311
County: Kern
Full name of registrant(s):
JASLEEN DUGGAL, M.D., INC., A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION at 3008 Sillect Avenue, Suite 220, Bakersfield, CA 93308
State of incorp. or org.: CA
PARIKSHAT SHARMA, INC., A MEDICAL CORPORATION at 2403 Windermere, Bakersfield, CA 93311
State of incorp. or org.: CA
GOLDEN VALLEY MEDICAL ASSOCIATES, INC. at 4813 Coffee Road, Bakersfield, CA 93311
State of incorp. or org.: CA
CENTRIC URGENT CARE, INC. at 11612 Bolthouse Drive, Suite 200, Bakersfield, CA 93311
State of incorp. or org.: CA
BRIJ BHAMBI, M.D., INC. at 2509 CRAIGNORE ST, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93311
State of incorp. or org.: CA
SANJIV SHARMA, M.D., INC. at 10806 RAMSGATE WAY, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93311
State of incorp. or org.: CA
PETER NALOS, MD at 2901 SILLECT AVE, SUITE 100, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93308
State of incorp. or org.: CA
NIRAJ DOCTOR, M.D., INC. at 2901 SILLECT AVE, SUITE 100, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93308
State of incorp. or org.: CA
KRIT R. DESAI, M.D at 2901 SILLECT AVE, SUITE 100, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93308
State of incorp. or org.: CA
APEX INTERVENTIONAL SOLUTIONS, INC. at 2901 SILLECT AVE, SUITE 100, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93308
State of incorp. or org.: CA
The business is conducted by: a General Partnership
SIGNED: **Brijesh Bhambi, M.D., Managing Partner**
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 03/16/2016
This statement filed with the County Clerk of Kern County on: July 16, 2026
AIMEE X. ESPINOZA
County Clerk
By: M HERNANDEZ, Deputy
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This statement expires on: July 16, 2031

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO: 2026-B4254
Doing business as:

THE PLAYHOUSE CAFE at 4501 STINE RD SUITE 201, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93313
Mailing Address: 2181 E HOGAN AVE, FRESNO, CA 93730
County: Kern
Full name of registrant(s):
HD PLAY CAFE LLC at 2181 E HOGAN AVE, FRESNO, CA 93730
State of incorp. or org.: CA
The business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company
SIGNED: **Hardave Deol, Member**
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: July 10, 2026
AIMEE X. ESPINOZA
County Clerk
By: M SALES, Deputy
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both, of MARCELINO CASTANEDA:
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by LEONARD RENE CASTANEDA in the Superior Court of California, County of Kern 2100 College Avenue Bakersfield, CA 93305
Juvenile Justice Center
The PETITION for PROBATE requests that LEONARD RENE CASTANEDA 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: August 21, 2026
Time: 8:30 A.M. Dept: J1
Room:
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:
BRANDON B. HOLLADAY, ESQ. BR
The Law Offices of Young & Nichols
1901 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93301
Telephone: (661) 861-7911

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO: 2026-B4254
Doing business as:

THE PLAYHOUSE CAFE at 4501 STINE RD SUITE 201, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93313
Mailing Address: 2181 E HOGAN AVE, FRESNO, CA 93730
County: Kern
Full name of registrant(s):
HD PLAY CAFE LLC at 2181 E HOGAN AVE, FRESNO, CA 93

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FILE NO: 2026-B4342 Doing business as: HOUSE OF ROLLS at 2600 SABLEWOOD DR APT #M262, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93314 Mailing Address: same County: Kern Full name of registrant(s): ISABELLA EDEN AGUILAR at 2600 SABLEWOOD DR APT #M262, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93314 JOSE ANDRES AGUILAR at 2600 SABLEWOOD DR APT #M262, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93314 The business is conducted by: Married Couple SIGNED: AGUILAR, JOSE 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: July 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. 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(A) Registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime This statement expires on: July 15, 2031 BAKERSFIELD NEWS OBSERVER PUB: Jul 29, Aug 5, 12, 19, 2026	FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO: 2026-B4219 Doing business as: BALANCED MAMA CO. at 520 21ST ST, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93301 Mailing Address: 3400 PEGASUS DR #81171, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93380 County: Kern Full name of registrant(s): RAINBOW ROCK, LLC at 5830 E 2ND ST STE 6300, CASPER, WY 82609 State of incorp. or org.: WY The business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company SIGNED: Sharon Shin Ramos, CEO The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 06/29/2026 This statement filed with the County Clerk of Kern County on: July 9, 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. 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(A) Registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime This statement expires on: July 14, 2031 BAKERSFIELD NEWS OBSERVER PUB: Jul 29, Aug 5, 12, 19, 2026	This statement expires on: July 22, 2031 BAKERSFIELD NEWS OBSERVER PUB: Jul 29, Aug 5, 12, 19, 2026 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO: 2026-B4361 Doing business as: HORSE SENSE MORTGAGE SERVICES at 215 IRISH CRYSTAL CT, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93314 Mailing Address: same County: Kern Full name of registrant(s): GENEVIEVE NICOLE CONROY at 215 IRISH CRYSTAL CT, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93314 The business is conducted by: an Individual SIGNED: GENEVIEVE NICOLE CONROY The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 09/01/2017 This statement filed with the County Clerk of Kern County on: July 16, 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: July 16, 2031 BAKERSFIELD NEWS OBSERVER PUB: Jul 29, Aug 5, 12, 19, 2026	I declare that all information in this Statement is true and correct. 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The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another 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: June 26, 2031 BAKERSFIELD NEWS OBSERVER PUB: Jul 29, Aug 5, 12, 19, 2026	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. 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(A) registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) The business is conducted by: an Individual SIGNED: ALAIN ALVAREZ ACEVEDO, OWNER This fictitious business name statement was abandoned as of: July 21, 2026 AIMEE X. ESPINOZA County Clerk By: D HINOJOSA, Deputy BAKERSFIELD NEWS OBSERVER PUB: Jul 29, Aug 5, 12, 19, 2026 STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME FILE NO: 2025-B2977 Business Name you wish to abandon: S REYES TRANSPORTATION LLC at 2701 PINHEIRO CT, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93313 Mailing Address: same County: Kern Registrant(s) whose wish to abandon the business name: S REYES TRANSPORTATION LLC at 2701 PINHEIRO CT, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93313 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.) The business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company SIGNED: STEVEN REYES, MANAGER This fictitious business name statement was abandoned as of: July 22, 2026 AIMEE X. ESPINOZA County Clerk By: J PADILLA, Deputy BAKERSFIELD NEWS OBSERVER PUB: Jul 29, Aug 5, 12, 19, 2026 STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME FILE NO: 2025-B4422 Business Name you wish to abandon: ANCESTRAL THERAPY at 1927 D STREET SUITE #5, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93301 Mailing Address: same County: Kern Registrant(s) whose wish to abandon the business name: DENISSE BIANED SILVA ESCOBAR at 1927 D STREET SUITE #5, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93301 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.) The business is conducted by: Individual SIGNED: DENISSE BIANED SILVA ESCOBAR, OWNER This fictitious business name statement was abandoned as of: July 21, 2026 AIMEE X. ESPINOZA County Clerk By: M SALES, Deputy BAKERSFIELD NEWS OBSERVER PUB: Jul 29, Aug 5, 12, 19, 2026

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Features

How Howard University Is Fixing a 500 Student Enrollment Scare

By Tega Egwabor
Black Press USA Wire

Howard University has successfully reenrolled 46 incoming freshmen following a significant enrollment crisis that initially left more than 500 students without a spot at the historically Black university. The situation has raised broader concerns about the school's enrollment management processes and whether adequate resources exist to support students navigating complex financial and administrative requirements.

How the enrollment crisis began
Last Friday, Howard University confirmed it had notified 502 first-time-in-college students that their accounts did not meet the enrollment and financial obligations required by previously communicated deadlines. The announcement sent shockwaves through the incoming student community, prompting an outpouring of emotional reactions across social media, where many students shared videos expressing distress after learning they had been unenrolled from the university.

According to school officials, students had reportedly been informed about enrollment requirements, payment expectations and key deadlines as early as March, through channels that included emails and orientation sessions. Despite that earlier communication, the sudden

enforcement of these policies left many students and their families scrambling to resolve the issue in a short window of time.

Families rush to campus seeking resolution
In response to the unfolding crisis, numerous families traveled to Howard's campus in Washington, D.C., hoping to rectify the situation and secure their students' enrollment ahead of the upcoming fall semester. The urgency behind these visits reflected both the emotional weight and financial stakes tied to attending a university with Howard's long-standing academic legacy.

University acknowledges gaps in its process
Howard University's senior vice president for enrollment management addressed the situation publicly, acknowledging that some students had in fact submitted documentation or made genuine attempts to meet the school's enrollment requirements before the deadline. University officials indicated they are now working through a review process, examining student records and submitted documentation to determine whether reinstatement or reenrollment is appropriate on a case-by-case basis.

The university's leadership also acknowledged that the situation revealed a need for greater investment in enrollment support resources going forward, signaling an openness to reassessing



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how the school communicates and enforces its enrollment policies moving forward.

How can affected students get help?
In light of the ongoing crisis, Howard University is encouraging impacted families to reach out to the appropriate university offices for support. Families with questions about a student's enrollment status have been directed to contact the Enrollment Management Office directly. Separate channels have been established for financial aid inquiries, as well as questions related to pending scholarships or outstanding student account issues, allowing families to route their concerns to the office best equipped to assist them.

A broader reflection on higher education access
The situation at Howard serves as a pointed reminder of the challenges many students continue to face while navigating the financial and administrative complexities of higher education. As the university works through its review process, the events highlight the importance of clear communication and consistent support systems, particularly at historically Black colleges and universities that play an outsized role in educating Black students across the country.

What comes next for Howard
Moving forward, Howard University's administration faces mounting pressure to implement lasting changes that ensure students remain properly informed and supported throughout the enrollment process. How the university addresses these underlying resource and communication gaps is likely to shape both the immediate outcomes for affected students and the institution's broader reputation as it continues serving future generations of students.

This article was originally reported with contributions from The Associated Press and WJLA 7News.

Based on reporting by Rolling Out.

IN MEMORIAM:

Clara Ester, Civil Rights Activist, Dies at 78

By The Carolinian
Black Press USA Wire

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Clara Ester, an activist who as a 20-year-old college student rushed to the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s side when he was shot, has died.

Ester, who died on July 9 at the age of 78, was among a few remaining witnesses to King's assassination and its immediate aftermath in Memphis. With the passing of the Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr. in February and Ester this month, King aide and former U.N. ambassador Andrew Young is believed to be the last surviving eyewitness to the shooting.

Ester Grew up in Memphis attending Centenary United Methodist Church, where her pastor was civil rights leader the Rev. James Lawson.

"We used to joke about colored water being Kool-Aid and the white water just being water, and so that satisfied us as children," Ester told The Associated Press in 2018, around the 50th anniversary of King's death. "But until you see the racism, until you see what has been withheld from you because of your color — is what started to really truly anger me. And I knew if there was a movement that could help change any of that, I had to be in it."

Civil rights issues were often discussed from the pulpit of her church, Ester said. Lawson was very involved in the sanitation workers' strike, so it was natural for her to become involved too.



"I got to the point that I didn't miss a mass meeting," she said. "I picketed every day that the picket lines were up."

Even 50 years later, she clearly remembered the impact of hearing King's speech at the Mason

Temple the night before he was assassinated and how it seemed to foreshadow his death the next day.

"He had seen the mountaintop," Ester said. "It was evident on the balcony — how calm."

Ester had gone to the Lorraine Motel for dinner on April 4, 1968, when she saw King chatting on the balcony with people below. Then she heard a shot.

"He was speaking calmly and pleasantly to a crowd," she said. "And so he was happy at that moment. But to lay there with his eyes open, looking toward heaven. He had seen the promised land, and he may not get there with us, but he promised that we as a people will see the promised land."

Ester said she ran to King and saw he was struggling for air. She tried to loosen his belt and asked someone to bring towels to try to staunch the bleeding. After King was taken away by ambulance, she had to stay at the hotel, where she was questioned by police.

When she was finally allowed to go home, her parents asked if she was OK.

"I said, 'No, I'm not OK. There's something wrong with this.' And it was many months later that I guess at some point, I just broke down," Ester said.

She left Memphis to work elsewhere that summer, and as soon as she finished school, she left for good.

"It's just too much to ... it hurt me that it

happened, but it hurt me that it happened in my hometown, that that's the legacy for this city," she said.

Ester moved to Mobile, Alabama, where she found work as a neighborhood organizer at the Dumas Wesley Community Center, a Christian service program supporting children, seniors and people experiencing homelessness, according to her obituary. She later was named the executive director of the center, serving in that role until she retired in 2006.

In 1986, she was commissioned as a deaconess in the United Methodist Church, a type of lay minister. She remained active in the church throughout her life and held leadership roles that included serving as the national vice president of United Methodist Women.

Methodist Bishop David Graves met Ester when he was assigned to the Alabama-West Florida Conference in 2016. He wrote in a remembrance that Ester did not take to him at first, but gradually they came to love each other.

"Thank you, Clara Ester, for a life well lived and for loving me. It changed me," he wrote. "Clara will be missed immensely, but what a day of rejoicing is going on in heaven. For love will always find a way for those who trust in Jesus and seek to love even in our differences."

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Saving Black Mothers Starts Outside the Hospital

By Jennifer Porter Gore
Seattle Medium/Black Press USA Wire

For much of the developed world, childbirth has become safer with each passing generation. Medical advances, better prenatal care, and stronger public health systems have dramatically reduced the chances that bringing a child into the world would cost a woman her life.

Unless she's Black American.
That stubborn contradiction framed a Word In Black panel discussion last week, where physicians, researchers, and community health leaders explored why members of the African diaspora still die from pregnancy-related complications at disproportionately high rates—even as maternal mortality falls in developed nations.

Their conclusion was unequivocal: the disparity is not about biology but about lack of access and opportunity—along with unequal systems. The issues that jeopardize Black women's maternal health happen long before she goes into labor.

Moderated by Jennifer Porter Gore, Word In Black's health correspondent, the livestreamed conversation brought together three panelists whose focus is confronting the maternal health crisis using community-based solutions.

'I Knew It Wasn't Biological'

Tamara Mason, director of Maternal and Child Health Collective Impact at the March of Dimes in Atlanta, discussed the policy and public health barriers that continue to drive disparities. Kay Matthews, founder and executive director of the Shades of Blue Project, spoke about the lived experiences of Black mothers' mental health needs while navigating pregnancy, loss, and the postpartum period.

And Dr. Kaytura Felix, host of the Deep Care podcast and a distinguished scholar at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, explained why improving outcomes requires expanding the definition of maternal care to include entire communities in which Black families live.

When she decided to investigate the Black maternal health crisis, "I knew it was not genetics. I knew it wasn't biological," said Felix. She began researching the crisis after noticing that Black women in her native Dominica, a small island in the Caribbean, weren't dying in childbirth as often as in the U.S.

That's despite both groups sharing the "same genetic pool," Felix said, noting that the ancestors of Black Dominicans also have endured the transatlantic slave trade.

The difference between the U.S. and Dominica was the system, Felix said.

"I knew that there had to be racism in the [American] medical establishment," she said. "And so, the question I asked myself is, 'What is the Black community doing about the black maternal health crisis?'"

Midwives a 'Game-Changer'
Felix's research uncovered the extensive role of midwives and led to the launch of the Black Birthing Future Study, through which she learned more about a model of care that differed greatly from one she'd seen as a medical doctor. The study is built on interviews with community midwives, doulas, mental health therapists, and their clients.
The solutions are already in the community.



Community solutions to the maternal mortality crisis among Black women was the topic of discussion at the latest Word In Black livestream event last Wednesday. The panel featured (from top left) host and moderator Jennifer Porter Gore, Word In Black's health editor; Dr. Kaytura Felix of the Bloomberg School of Public Health; Tamara Mason, an executive with the Atlanta office of the March of Dimes; and Kay Matthews, founder and executive director of the Shades of Blue Project. — YouTube/Word In Black

Collectively putting aside our egos, how can we do this bigger but address what's happening in our community now? Because we can't wait.

Tamara Mason, March of Dimes, Atlanta
Midwives, she said, treat childbirth as "a community and family event," in which the pregnant woman is "the sun" and all care and support decisions revolve around her needs.

"Client after client after client told us, 'My midwife loves me,'" Felix said. "And that is not just a 'nice-to-have.' That's a game changer" that can drive better outcomes for Black women in the U.S.

'Mental Health is Maternal Health'
Black midwives "are working really hard to make sure that the family is supported," she said. They also connect their clients to doulas, lactation specialists, and neighbors who show up with diapers and food.

Matthews founded the Shades of Blue Project in Houston — and later, Black Maternal Mental Health Week — after her daughter was stillborn. Amid a devastating tragedy, she said, she experienced racism in the healthcare system first-hand.

"My mental health [struggle] is what had me out here saving myself," she said. "That is no way to live."

Yet the trauma she experienced, Matthews said, went unnamed for years: "There was no correlation being made to infant loss and postpartum depression, which I was clearly going through... I did have to save myself with no guidance."

Today, she says, her organization argues that mental health is as important as prenatal care and care during childbirth: "Mental health is a part of maternal health."

Pregnancy and Finances
While it may seem obvious that a pregnant

person's economic condition is important, panelists said there's not enough understanding about how drastically financial stability can affect physical and emotional health.

Mason of the March of Dimes in Atlanta said data from her city illustrate the point.

Atlanta is "the number one income inequality city in the country," she said, adding that the gap between the haves and have-nots is so great that a child born into a low-income family has only a 4% chance of escaping poverty in her lifetime.

"Who is in poverty?" she said. "Black women of reproductive age."

Mason went on: "Pregnant women do not live in a vacuum. If we have a mom that is poor, if we have a mom who is food insecure, who's housing insecure, all of these outcomes are going to impact her pregnancy journey."

Matthews agreed, pointing out that financial insecurity often keeps women from seeking help in the first place — even help that's free. Her organization began offering diapers and wipes at its emotional support groups because so many mothers otherwise couldn't afford to attend.

"I'll never have someone sit across my desk and need diapers, because diapers start right now at about \$25 a case," she said, recalling her own experience being told she "made 73 cents [per hour] too much" to qualify for temporary public assistance.

'Poor People Know What to Do'

To address those root economic pressures, Mason's organization piloted a guaranteed basic income program in two high-poverty Atlanta ZIP codes. The idea, she said, traces back to a quote attributed to Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

"Give them money to start to pull themselves

out of poverty. And poor people know what to do... they're making it happen," Mason quoted King as saying. The program gave 25 pregnant women \$1,000 a month for a year, no strings attached.

"The premise is that we know we're not going to be able to make a change in that indicator in one year," she said. "But if we start there, right, that's the gold standard — high rates of preterm birth — if we start to reduce the stress and strain of these moms, then eventually they will have better birthing outcomes."

Still, the panelists agreed that even where community solutions exist, policies and institutional barriers often stand between pregnant women and the help they need.

For example, Felix said, most insurance still doesn't cover midwifery care, and many states require midwives to practice only under a physician's supervision. When midwives refer patients to hospitals for a higher level of care, as they are trained to do, they are often met with hostility rather than cooperation.

She described one case in which a midwife rushed a client to the hospital due to complications—only for hospital staff to throw shade on the client: "So that's the girl that tried to have the baby at home."

Reforming the System

Felix called for insurance reform, less restrictive licensing laws, and broader physician education about the different types of midwifery care.

"All states should allow midwifery and all paths to midwifery," she said. "Not just nurse midwifery and certified community midwifery, but also traditional midwifery and apprenticeship."

Ultimately, panelists agreed that no single organization can solve the crisis alone and that trying to do so only slows progress. "We should not all be doing 'all the things,'" Matthews said. "We have to start leaning into accountability for the roles that we play."

Mason, who is also a certified doula, echoed the point.

"The solutions are already in the community," she said. "Collectively putting aside our egos, how can we do this bigger but address what's happening in our community now? Because we can't wait."

For Felix, the path forward also means reconnecting with practices Black communities relied on for generations before they could access the modern medical system.

"We need to go back and reclaim some of the ancestral knowledge that we've had," she said, describing midwifery as one way to restore what she called "mothering the mother" — the community support many new parents, including herself, have had to go without.

"I lost my mother four months before I had a baby, and I was a mother," she said. "I did it by myself."

By reviving that collective care, so prevalent in Black communities, it is possible to reverse the crisis: "We can address it in a collective way, and tap into the collectivist mindset that is part of African descended people. We are collectivist and communal, and we are really tapping into those superpowers that we have."

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Political Playback:

California Capitol News You Might Have Missed

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“The Power to See Threats Sooner”: Gov. Newsom, Safety Officials, Showcase California’s Investments in Hi-Tech Wildfire Prevention

On July 21, Gov. Gavin Newsom held a presentation in Sacramento, alongside state emergency officials, to showcase California’s major investments in cutting-edge firefighting technology and wildfire prevention.

The media event took place at McClellan Airport in Sacramento County, a primary hub for state aerial firefighting operations. Newsom used the presentation to highlight the state’s modern, tech-driven strategy to combat increasingly severe wildfires.

“California leads with science, innovation, and grit. We are meeting this moment with urgency and building 21st-century solutions for a 21st-century crisis,” Newsom stated. “And through it all, our extraordinary firefighters continue to step up, stand in harm’s way, and protect our communities.”

California Natural Resources Agency Secretary Wade Crowfoot, CAL FIRE Chief Joe Tyler, and California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services Director Caroline Thomas Jacobs appeared with Newsom and provided updates about their respective agencies.

Under the Newsom administration, California’s fire protection budget has nearly doubled since 2019 — from \$2 billion to \$3.8 billion, including more than \$2.5 billion in wildfire resilience and forest health projects.

Newsom detailed the expansion of artificial intelligence (AI) programs, predictive analytics, and sophisticated software used to detect fires at their earliest stages. He also highlighted the launch of FireSat satellites, a dedicated space network designed to dramatically improve early wildfire detection and tracking.

“Every innovation we adopt supports our people on the front lines who work tirelessly to protect our communities when wildfire strikes,” Tyler stated. “Technology and innovation help us do our jobs more quickly and safely; however, we still need all Californians to stay vigilant, support our firefighters, and work together to build a safer, more resilient California.”

In addition, CAL FIRE showcased a fleet of more than 100 AI-guided firefighting drones positioned strategically across California to provide real-time mapping and aerial monitoring.

The presentation stated that California operates the nation’s largest state-owned aerial firefighting fleet, including the impending addition of two more



Gov. Gavin Newsom speaks during a July 21 presentation at McClellan Park highlighting California’s investments in advanced firefighting technology and wildfire prevention tools. CBM photo by Antonio Ray Harvey.

C-130 aircraft by the end of the year, alongside a workforce of over 11,000 personnel.

“Technology is transforming how California prepares for wildfire, giving us the power to see threats sooner, position resources before fires start and move mutual aid faster when every second counts,” Thomas Jacobs said. “Governor Newsom’s investments are helping us turn real-time intelligence into action, so firefighters and local communities have the people, equipment and information needed to save lives and keep fires from becoming major disasters.”

Rep. Kamlager Dove Demands Care, Justice for Man Shot by ICE

U.S. Rep. Sydney Kamlager-Dove (D-CA-37) is calling on U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to provide immediate medical care to a constituent she says has been denied treatment after being shot by ICE officers last year.

Speaking on the House floor, Kamlager-Dove urged ICE to provide urgent care for Carlos Ricardo Parias, describing him as a father, husband and community volunteer who was recognized by his local city council for his service.

According to Kamlager-Dove, Parias was shot near his elbow by ICE during an encounter in October. She said he received initial treatment at a hospital but has not received proper medical care since being transferred to the Adelanto ICE Processing Center in December.

The congresswoman said she visited Parias in late May and found his condition had worsened. She said his hand had turned purple, his fingers had become atrophied, and he was suffering from headaches and persistent nerve pain.

“I am worried that he may have a bone infection, and that his arm could be amputated,” said Kamlager-Dove during her remarks.

Kamlager-Dove said Parias’ case highlights broader concerns about medical care at the Adelanto detention facility. She noted that a federal judge recently ordered sweeping changes to improve conditions for detainees.

“It is time for ICE to comply with this judge’s orders and end this cruelty at Adelanto and nationwide,” she said.

ICE has not publicly responded to the allegations raised during Kamlager-Dove’s House floor speech. The congresswoman urged the agency to provide Parias with immediate medical treatment while implementing the court-ordered reforms at the Adelanto facility.

As America’s Anti-DEI Push Grows, California’s Black Orgs Find Critical Support From Black Freedom Fund

By Solomon O. Smith
California Black Media

Over the last six years, the Black Freedom Fund (BFF) has expanded its reach as a support system for California’s Black-serving organizations, providing a boost to many groups that could be locked out of funding as federal government and corporate diversity spending has dried up.

The BFF, originally founded as a five-year initiative, is now a permanent organization and benefactor to over 150 organizations this year, according to the organization’s website.

Marc Philpart, president and CEO of the BFF told California Black Media (CBM) that the organization exceeded \$100 million in funding within the first two years of its original five-year goal.

Philanthropic partners, community leaders and others saw the need for this type of fund, said Philpart, which led to the permanent establishment of the BFF in 2022.

Philpart was the BFF’s first full-time employee. Currently, the BFF receives about 80% of its funding from philanthropic institutions, according to Philpart, many of which are private or Donor-Advised Funds.

“It’s a wide array of different types of entities in the sector, but the important point is that you know we have support from the majority of foundations in the state,” he said. “And especially those that consider themselves to be focused on racial justice and social justice more broadly — they’re all investors and partners in our work.”

This year, the BFF has invested \$4.6 million in 119 organizations, according to the organization’s website.

“Our investments reflect a deliberate strategy to strengthen the broader ecosystem of Black-serving organizations across communities and regions throughout California during a challenging moment for the field,” the website reads.

In South Los Angeles, one organization, Strategic Concepts in Organizing and Policy Education (SCOPE), has received funding from the BFF this year. SCOPE intends to use the funding to train its members and community to combat the harms of gentrification and improve health outcomes for Black and Brown communities in South Los Angeles, according to the development director for SCOPE, Naomi Boas.

Boas describes SCOPE as a “membership-based organization” which trains its members to work as leaders in the community, observe L.A. city council meetings and organize.

SCOPE also facilitates training to enable members to work with other aligned organizations. Currently the organization is fighting oil drilling and gentrification in Black and Brown communities in Los Angeles.



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The executive director of SCOPE, Marcus McKinney, told CBM via email that funding from organizations like BFF is critical.

“The Black Freedom Fund is helping to shift philanthropy from funding programs to funding power. Black communities have the vision and leadership to solve the challenges they face; yet Black-led organizations and leaders have historically received only a fraction of philanthropic dollars, leaving their efforts chronically under-resourced,” wrote McKinney. “That’s why this kind of funding matters.”

Since 2020, the BFF has supported about 240 separate organizations across the state that have the same goals of BFF—empowerment of Black communities.

This includes a wide range of organizations, including Communities United for Restorative Youth Justice (CURYJ), Covenant House California, the Coalition for Humane Immigration Rights of Los Angeles (CHIRLA), among others.

Although BFF has increased its funding of Black serving groups, Philpart says there is a rigorous process for who gets funding. The main focus is on organizations “centered on Black communities,” he said. Organizations working toward Black empowerment and liberation are encouraged to apply but that is no guarantee of funding. Many of these entities are vetted by a diligent process that ensures that they are in good standing with the state and community.

“We reviewed those applications based on set of criteria related to the strategy that I just described,” said Philpart. “They were scored and assessed, and from there we made determinations.”

Specialized programs like the Black LA Relief and Recovery Fund, an emergency program created to “meet the immediate and long-term needs of Black communities impacted by the devastating Eaton wildfire in Altadena and Pasadena, are also funded by BFF.

Right now, the BFF says it is focused on the state of California, but it has not written off any future opportunities to work with national partners if the opportunity presents itself.

In addition, the BFF has created the Legal

Education Advocacy and Defense for Racial Justice, or LEAD initiative. The initiative seeks to educate local groups on the legal landscape amid Trump’s rollback of civil rights and is already operating in several states.

Since President Donald Trump’s Executive Order 14398, titled “Addressing DEI Discrimination by Federal Contractors,” issued in March this year, Philpart said concerns among philanthropic organizations seeking to support Black communities have intensified.

Philpart acknowledged the current administration’s attacks on civil rights and said that they affect Black communities.

“It has impacted us, but it hasn’t stopped the important work we’re doing,” said Philpart. “These dynamics that we all face in this country are challenges for fundraising for racial justice work in this environment, but they are not the kind of things that prevent us from existing.”

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Silent Cry: The Unseen Toll of Infant Loss on Black Families in California

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people haven't gone through that experience," Brown said. "You will hear people say, 'You can always have another baby. Everything happens for a reason. At least you know you can get pregnant.'" But those words, Brown said, often deepen the wound.

The Noel Alexandria Foundation, is one of a handful of organizations focused on perinatal loss and maternal mental health. NAF provides a range of grief support for families navigating pregnancy and infant loss: from its support group Silent Cry and community behavioral health services to educational scholarships for students affected by pregnancy or infant loss. They also offer bereavement trainings for medical health professionals. For families, they offer funeral assistance and their signature Comfort Kits that include a teddy bear the size and weight of a newborn.

To date, the organization has connected with the bereaved through hospitals and birthing facilities in Texas, Alabama, Wisconsin, and California, including more than 6,500 Kern County families.

Kimisha Gill did not find the Noel Alexandria Foundation through a hospital referral. She found it while scrolling through social media. As it turned out, Gill and NAF's founder, Brown, had crossed paths in high school, decades before grief brought them back together.

Through NAF, the Hills received help with cremation urns and memorial jewelry. Gill began attending the bimonthly Silent Cry meetings. And in October 2025, the Hills walked in the Running with the Angels 5K Run/Walk, where their

daughter's name was called aloud, and a butterfly was placed in their hands. "I didn't know I was going to need this type of sisterhood," said Gill.

Brown said families are welcome at NAF at any point in their grief journey.

"We don't tell the family that they're no longer able to attend because they've done six weeks," said Brown. "We're here with open arms all the time. We're a family. We are here to support each other. It's a lifelong journey."

Brown aims to expand further nationwide so more grieving families can find community.

Grief Lives Alongside Joy

For many bereaved parents, another pregnancy marks the beginning of a new chapter, not the end of grief. The Hill family still keeps Kairis close through her footprints, hand molds, and a recording of her heartbeat tucked inside a stuffed giraffe. Her nursery remains much as they left it.

This July, Kimisha Gill and her husband welcomed their daughter, Kienna Aurielle Hill. For the Hills, her arrival has been both a celebration and a reminder of the daughter they lost.

"It's a bittersweet feeling," said Hill. "On one hand, we still miss our angel baby, Kairis, dearly, while simultaneously being thankful for her sister Kienna's arrival."

"We're just doing our best to stay present and embrace the joy that comes with our new addition to the family, and still honor the feelings of grief when they arise."



Kimisha Gill and André Hill give their new daughter Kienna Aurielle Hill a warm welcome to the world. Photo Credit: André Hill



The City of Bakersfield was awarded more than \$14 million in state funding toward the Ramkibir Permanent Housing Project. (Photo Credit: City of Bakersfield)

Bakersfield Lands \$14.1 Million in State Homekey+ Money to Turn a Motel Into 30 Supportive Homes — 15 Reserved for Veterans

Last week, Gov. Gavin Newsom announced \$109.6 million in Proposition 1 funding to create 278 permanent supportive homes in Bakersfield, Contra Costa County, Sacramento and Fresno, including 103 homes reserved for veterans experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

The funding, awarded through California's Homekey+ program, is intended to expand permanent supportive housing and behavioral health services for veterans and other Californians experiencing or at risk of homelessness. State officials said the investment advances Proposition 1, the voter-approved measure aimed at increasing housing, treatment and support services for people

with behavioral health needs.

"Every Californian deserves a safe place to call home, particularly the veterans who bravely served our country," said Newsom in a statement on July 23. "California voters approved Proposition 1 because they know we must do more to address homelessness and behavioral health challenges."

The largest award, nearly \$32.6 million, will help the City of Fresno and Parkway Prime LLC convert an interim housing project into 84 permanent supportive homes at Parkway Terrace, including nine units reserved for veterans. The City of Sacramento and Urban Capital LLC will receive nearly \$31.9 million to develop the Rio Linda

Senior Housing Project, which will include 100 homes, 49 of them reserved for veterans.

Contra Costa County and Satellite Affordable Housing Associates will receive \$28.8 million to develop an 82-unit senior housing community, with 62 units designated for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness who have behavioral health challenges, including 30 units for veterans. In Bakersfield, Community Action Partnership of Kern will receive nearly \$14.1 million to convert a 38-room motel into 30 permanent supportive homes, with 15 units reserved for veterans.

State officials also announced an additional \$2.3 million for three previously awarded

Homekey+ projects in Olivehurst, Sanger and Stockton, primarily to support operating costs and increase veteran housing.

Since its launch, Homekey+ has awarded \$968.4 million to 54 permanent supportive housing projects expected to create 2,749 affordable homes statewide, including 723 homes reserved for veterans. Officials said Proposition 1 is expected to expand California's behavioral health system by funding additional supportive housing, treatment facilities and services for people experiencing homelessness and behavioral health challenges.

Starting This Summer, California Car Buyers Can Get an Instant \$3500 Off the Cost of Electric Vehicles

By Bo Tefu
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California residents purchasing their first zero-emission vehicle will soon be eligible for an instant rebate of up to \$3,500 under a new state program aimed at making electric vehicles more affordable.

Gov. Gavin Newsom signed Senate Bill (SB) 168 on July 16, creating the MyFirstEV program as part of California's 2026-27 state budget. The initiative dedicates \$135.5 million in state funding for point-of-sale rebates, which participating automakers will match dollar for dollar. State officials said the combined investment will provide \$270 million in savings for first-time electric vehicle buyers.

Beginning later this summer, eligible Californians can receive a \$3,500 rebate on new zero-emission vehicles with a manufacturer's suggested retail price of up to \$50,000. Buyers purchasing qualifying used electric vehicles priced at up to \$25,000 can receive a \$1,750 rebate. The rebate will be applied directly at participating dealerships, allowing buyers to receive the discount immediately instead of waiting for reimbursement.

"With our new instant rebate program for electric vehicles, we're making it easier for families

to drive clean, breathe clean, and keep more money in their pockets," Newsom said in a statement.

The MyFirstEV program is part of a broader \$600 million investment in California's clean transportation economy included in the state budget. The funding package also provides \$150 million for the Community Air Protection Program, \$19.8 million for the Clean Cars 4 All program for lower-income residents, \$35 million for clean off-road equipment through the Air Quality Improvement Program, \$135.5 million for the Clean Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Project, and \$130 million for the Carl Moyer Program to replace older heavy-duty engines with cleaner alternatives.

According to the governor's office, the transportation investments are funded through Cap-and-Invest revenue and smog-abatement fees while maintaining a balanced state budget.

California continues to expand its zero-emission transportation network. The state surpassed 2.5 million cumulative zero-emission vehicle sales earlier this year, exceeding its original goal of 1.5 million sales by 2025. Officials also reported that California has more than 200,000 public and shared electric vehicle charging plugs statewide, in addition to an estimated 800,000



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