

## Three Aim For the DA Office Seat

By Larry Altman

REGIONAL — Voters won't cast ballots for nine months, but the battle to succeed retiring Alameda County District Attorney (DA) Nancy O'Malley is already taking shape with three self-proclaimed criminal justice system reformers set to face off.

Although more candidates could enter the race, so far the candidates include 30-year veteran prosecutor Terry Wiley, plumber turned 16-year prosecutor Jimmie Wilson, and Pamela Price, a civil rights attorney and former public defender, who garnered 42% of the vote in a losing bid against O'Malley in 2018.

Each of the candidates is



Pamela Price



Terry Wiley



Jimmie Wilson

African American, meaning if no one else gets into the contest, Alameda County voters would elect their first Black DA.

The primary is June 7.

"It's a really important seat, being the District Attorney in Alameda County," Wilson said. "It has national implications. We are a respected Office."

Wiley, Wilson and Price said in separate interviews with The Independent that they believe criminal justice reform is necessary in Alameda County, where the winner will lead about 150 deputy DAs who prosecute crime in the Tri-Valley, Oakland and the rest of the 800-square-mile county. About 430 people, including 60 inspectors, are employed in the Office, which has nine branches throughout the county.

Each said the job involves the difficult responsibility of taking people's liberties.

Price said voters in Alameda County have overwhelmingly supported reform measures, including Propositions 47 and 57, which reduced the penalties for some drug and theft crimes. She said she believes it's time for the Alameda County prosecutor's Office to be led by someone

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On Tuesday, June 29, Camp Parks in Dublin dedicated a medical training building to Specialist Jameson L. Lindskog, who was killed in Afghanistan. At left are his parents, Donna Walker and Curtis Lindskog; at right, Major General Jonathan Woodson, Brigadier General Joseph A. Marsiglia. (Photo — Doug Jorgensen) [See photo gallery at [www.independentnews.com/multimedia](http://www.independentnews.com/multimedia)]

## Save Livermore Downtown Files Lawsuit Following Eden Housing Project Approval

By Aly Brown

LIVERMORE — A community group called Save Livermore Downtown (SLD) has filed a lawsuit to halt the implementation of the Eden Housing plan.

"This action was made necessary because Livermore's city councilmembers did not engage with citizens to consider alternatives to the flawed Eden plan," said SLD spokesperson Jean King. "We have communicated to the city council and Eden Housing our desire to meet at the earliest possible moment to find acceptable alternatives to the current plan and avoid the necessity of the lawsuit."

The lawsuit comes on the heels of community contention surrounding the downtown development of an affordable housing complex, which was approved 5-0 by the council May 25. Slated for the city's Downtown Core at the southeastern corner of Railroad Avenue and South L Street, the project is set to provide 130 affordable housing units.

Those who support the current plans have stressed the importance of immediately providing affordable homes to a community that's seen a large portion of residents priced out. Those who oppose the current plans want the housing moved across the street to enable a park on the vacated land and to create additional affordable units on the new location, as many as 230 in total.

In response to the suit, Councilmember Robert Carling said that he and Mayor Bob Woerner had chaired a lengthy public outreach process in 2017, "culminating in a city council decision in January 2018, resulting in the current plan."

But King further stated that "Livermore residents oppose the flawed Eden housing plan by a 4 to 1 majority." The poll, conducted by David Binder Research, can be reviewed at [www.savelifivermoredowntown.com/voter-survey](http://www.savelifivermoredowntown.com/voter-survey).

"The plan had changed dramatically since it was shown to the public in 2018 and has inadequate park space and parking, massive 4-story structures, and none of the promised affordable housing for teachers, firefighters and police," King

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## Mayor Presents State of the City Address

By Aly Brown

LIVERMORE — The Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce (LVCC) last week hosted Mayor Bob Woerner for his State of the City address.

During the June 24 virtual event, Woerner covered a diverse set of topics, ranging from the city's finances and the pandemic's economic impact to new city projects underway. He said Livermore is "doing really well" and has come out of the pandemic with a resilient local economy, new housing and construction, and continued progress downtown.

"We're ready for the challenges ahead, and we continue as an award-winning city," Woerner said,

referring to Livermore having just been named a 2021 All-America City.

He thanked the community and acknowledged the cooperation from those who had to "sacrifice and their daily lives" during the pandemic.

Through a local declaration of emergency and several executive orders, Woerner said the city acted quickly to help when COVID-19 hit. He highlighted the temporary moratorium on fines and evictions, the cap on third-party delivery service fees, and the city's efforts to enhance the outdoor dining experience. Woerner reported that the city distributed about \$2 million in various programs, emphasizing that they worked to gain matching funds from the county.

On the revenue side, the council adopted its five-year plan on June 14, and Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD) presented its UWMP during two separate June meetings prior to approval.

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## Agencies Complete Urban Water Management Plans

By Ron McNicoll

REGIONAL — Following state requirements, Tri-Valley water retailers have each submitted their Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP).

Zone 7 Water Agency, the Valley's water wholesaler, has been coordinating the task, since it is the chief water supplier. The state requires water retailers to file UWMPs every five years in order to remain up-to-date and prepared for changing conditions.

The Pleasanton City Council voted unanimously June 1 to approve the municipal water department's UWMP, said Kathleen Yurchak, the city's director of operations and water utilities. The Livermore City

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## Council to Appeal State Mandate On Housing Numbers

By Ruth Roberts

DUBLIN — The city council is preparing to appeal its estimated Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) numbers as determined by the state for the 2023-2031 planning period.

In a unanimous vote during the June 15 city council meeting, staff was directed to prepare a draft appeal document for consideration to the Association of Bay Area Governments (AGAB) in the hopes the city's housing numbers could be adjusted. The filing date for the appeal is July 9.

Updated RHNA numbers for Dublin across all income levels is 3,719, with 1,149 in the above-moderate category; a number the city feels is unfair.

According to staff, "During the current RHNA cycle, the city has already issued permits for 4,252 above-moderate income units, thus exceeding the current RHNA allocation of 618 units by 688% in the above-moderate income category. Requiring the city to plan for an additional 1,449 above-moderate income units ignores Dublin's past production and unfairly burden's Dublin with providing more of the region's share of market rate housing."

Each local government in California is required to adopt a comprehensive, long-term general plan; a certified housing element is one of the mandatory requirements. The hous-

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## City Authorizes Contract For General Plan Update

By Larry Altman

LIVERMORE — The city council on Monday authorized a three-year \$2.8 million contract with PlaceWorks, Inc. to begin forming a new general plan, and suggested a committee of at least 15 residents be assembled to advise them.

The unanimous action also gave Councilmember Gina Bonanno and Vice Mayor Trish Munro the job of identifying the attributes they feel will create a diverse General Plan Advisory Committee representative of the city's population, and gave Councilmembers Bob Carling and Brittni Kiick the task of developing the questions the council will ask the applicants who want to serve.

Following a brief discussion, the council suggested that 15 people be selected to the committee, with four additional alternates to serve during the three-year cycle. Once the process is approved and begins, the committee appointments could be made as soon as September.

"I think the number one most important question in my mind will be 'How active and engaged are you with your neighbors and your community?'" Kiick said. "What groups do you engage with on a regular basis?"

Following an interview process earlier this year, the council selected PlaceWorks as its consultant to update the

2004 General Plan that is set to expire in 2025. State laws require cities to establish General Plans with long-range policies for growth, economic growth, noise, land use, open space conservation, climate change, access to health care, infrastructure, traffic and other issues. Cities also must include a state-required "housing element," to meet housing needs, including affordable housing.

The Advisory Committee will enable residents to make recommendations for the city's vision, policies and programs for topics that also will include art and culture, equity and inclusion, open space and conservation and public safety.

Mayor Bob Woerner said he predicts as many as 100 residents might apply to join the committee. Ultimately, councilmembers would select the final group.

Kiick and Munro suggested that a 15-member committee might be too small, but a discussion involving city staff led to the conclusion that going beyond 19 people was too many, not allowing participants enough chance to speak at meetings.

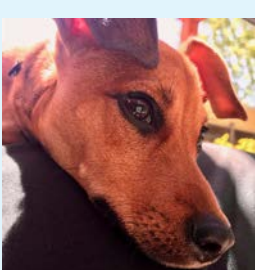
"We can always expand it later," Woerner said.

City Manager Marc Roberts suggested his staff work with the council to establish its application process, including how to whittle down

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East Bay Interfaith Community held its "Into the Light" event at the Muslim Community Center in Pleasanton, June 27. To read more, see page 2. (Photo — Doug Jorgensen)



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# Experts Weigh in with Conflicting Positions on County Solar Policy

By Aly Brown

As reported last week, Alameda County's Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC) on June 22 unanimously agreed to send a solar policy to the Board of Supervisors but didn't address two significant issues. After the meeting, The Independent obtained statements

from those who could not be reached before the June 24 issue deadline.

The motion concerning options to address the Williamson Act failed to gain a majority, meaning no recommendation was provided to the Board. In addition, the Committee didn't consider a land-use designation policy change that would

have created a distinction between east county's three main land-use designations — large parcel agriculture, resource management and water management lands. The recommendation would have questioned whether agrivoltaics — the use of solar panels to benefit agricultural productions — should be allowed on all three land-use

designations in east county or only on the one for intensive ag use.

Opinions on matter were at odds. AAC solar subcommittee member Dick Schnieder said the land-use designation change would have protected natural resources.

"They're (currently) all zoned the same: agricul-

tural," he continued. "The policy is saying agrivoltaics can go on any of them, whereas those of us who commented in the negative said, 'No, (panels) should not go on water management and resource management lands — those are not for intensive agricultural use; those are for protection of natural resources.' But

that's not what the policy advanced to the Board of Supervisors recommends, and the AAC didn't even consider it."

Conversely, AAC member Larry Gosselin said that in order for Alameda County to meet its solar obligation, it will require 12,500 to 25,000 acres of solar arrays.

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# Rep. Swalwell Speaks at East Bay Interfaith Event

By Jesse Watson

In a special appearance on Sunday, Rep. Eric Swalwell (CA-15) delivered a brief speech at the East Bay Interfaith Community's "Into the Light" event, commemorating the challenges of the past year.

The event, held at the Muslim Community Center in Pleasanton, was organized by local interfaith councils to mourn the lives lost in the COVID-19 pandemic and celebrate the community's rebirth and renewal moving forward. Speakers shared their experiences with the pandemic along with aspects of their faith traditions.

Swalwell's message to the community was one of gratitude, reflection and exhortation.

"We must not forget what has happened to our country, who we have lost, how we can never repeat some of the mistakes that were made that attributed to the loss, and how we can be stronger as a community as we come out of this," said Swalwell.

He continued by thanking the health care workers and first responders who endured to take care of the sick during the pandemic.

Then, Swalwell thanked the Interfaith community for its services to the community throughout the past year. He cited food banks and personal protective equipment drives as important acts of faith communities participated in to support the community.

Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring of Eden United Church of Christ spoke about the services congregations were able to provide throughout the pandemic.

"We have both been challenged and privileged to try to be an answer to the prayers that we seek by providing food, emergency food assistance, PPE, sanitation products, COVID testing, COVID vaccinations, CICT tracing, outreach and health education and emergency food service delivery," said Rev. Dr. Nehring.

However, Swalwell said that the congregations' service to the community went

beyond donations and drives.

"Thank you for keeping the faith among yourselves, but also for us in the community and transitioning responsibly to Zoom so we could congregate on either Fridays, Saturdays or Sundays throughout the pandemic," said Swalwell. "Because we could still congregate with our synagogues, our mosques and our churches, we were still connected together."

Swalwell also addressed the challenges aside from the COVID-19 pandemic that have plagued our world over the past year. He made references to hate crimes, gun violence, and challenges in the Middle East.

According to Swalwell, these issues urge America to uphold itself to the world as a place that believes in freedom.

"As the representative for this congressional district, my pledge to you is to also be reinvigorated to serve," said Swalwell. "Today is a day that we mourn those we've lost, but also the best thing I think we could do

for so many that we've lost is to celebrate what we have right now and to reaffirm our commitment to make this a country that achieves its most basic and fundamental ideals."

The other speakers came from an amalgam of faith backgrounds, cultures and beliefs. Their messages stretched beyond their individual beliefs to a collective hope shared by all faith practices for renewal as the community emerges from the pandemic.

Livermore City Council member Trish Munro spoke at the event as well. She offered thanks to public servants who worked throughout the pandemic to handle the issues cities faced, and she said their work isn't finished yet.

As the world heals from the past year, Munro offered a message of hope.

"It would be easy to retreat into the darkness of despair, but we are not here to do that," said Munro. "We're here to set fear aside and walk into the light because that's all we can do."

# Ahead of the Fourth, Dublin Officials Stress Fireworks Safety

By Ruth Roberts

"Safe and Sane" fireworks are on sale now through the end of the July 4 weekend, but the post-COVID celebrations come with a warning from officials: play safely and play smart.

munications director for the City of Dublin. "Dublin has a long tradition — over three decades — of allowing the sale of legal, 'Safe and Sane' fireworks. During that time, our residents have been very cooperative in using these fireworks safely."

popular fundraising tool for local nonprofit organizations. This year, 15 groups are participating in the program, including the Dublin/San Ramon Women's Club.

Elaine Lingle, a member of the club, said that while the number of vendor booths is lower this year than in the past due to concerns over COVID-19 and threatening drought conditions, the annual event remains a lucrative way to help the community.

"We have made up to \$10,000 in past years, and that allows us to give out scholarships and help with projects in the community," said Lingle. "That's why we jumped on it, and we can put that back into the community."

The "Safe and Sane" fireworks are allowed at four Dublin parks on July 4 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.: Alamo Creek, Shannon Community, Dublin Sports Ground and Emerald Glen, as well as single-family residences. They are not permitted at apartment or condominium complexes.

Dublin is the only Tri-Valley city that allows indi-

vidual fireworks — Pleasanton, Livermore, San Ramon and Danville have banned them to reduce the risk of fires or injury.

"As long as residents use the legal fireworks correctly as intended and dispose of them properly (in a bucket with water) there should be no problems," said Jackman. "Citizens must be diligent, of course, but we have had no problems in the decades of use."

Those who purchase fireworks should keep precautions in mind. Always read and follow safety instructions; never take fireworks apart to build your own fireworks; children should never be allowed to handle fireworks without adult supervision; light only one device at a time and remain at a safe distance; keep pets indoors and away from loud noises.

Anyone witnessing the use of illegal fireworks, should call Dublin Police Services at 925-462-1212.

For a list of locations to purchase "Safe and Sane" fireworks, visit [www.dublin.ca.gov/fireworks](http://www.dublin.ca.gov/fireworks).



Seen here is a fireworks stand at Tassajara Road. The stand is sponsored by the Dublin Rotary Club. Booths are scattered throughout Dublin and operated by charitable groups and service organizations. Sales start June 28 and end July 5. (Photo — Doug Jorgensen)

"(This year) Dublin will be increasing enforcement efforts and there will be dedicated law enforcement overseeing the parks, as well as other officers and Alameda County Fire patrolling all over the city," said Shari Jackman, com-

"Safe and Sane" isa term used to describe fireworks that do not explode or go up into the air. Items such as sparklers fall under the "Safe and Sane" category.

For over 30 years, the sale of "Safe and Sane" fireworks have served as a

# Bank Employees Raise Funds for Alzheimer's Research

Employees from Fremont Bank last week raised more than \$50,000 for Alzheimer's disease research by taking part in the Longest Day Walk sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association.

Team Fremont Bank raised the most of any corporate team in Northern California, according to the

bank. The national Longest Day Walk — a reference to the summer solstice — was officially June 20, but Team Fremont Bank chose to hold fundraising walks in Livermore and Hayward two days earlier. More than 100 bank employees participated.

"This is one disease that

still needs understanding, education, and medical exploration to find causes and possible cures or medications to slow the progression," said Jan Ford, the bank's executive vice president, whose husband has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's.

"When I first shared

my story with the Fremont Bank community, I was overwhelmed by the number of teammates who also have family touched by this disease," Ford said. "The fundraising for this frightening disease has to go on year-round."

# PDA Recognized by Main Street America Program

The Pleasanton Downtown Association (PDA) has been designated a Main Street America program for 2021 by the National Main Street Center.

"As we reopen and recover from the pandemic, Pleasanton's downtown is bouncing back with vigor," said PDA's newly installed executive director, Zac Grant. "Despite the pandemic hardships, our downtown still welcomed several new businesses, and as our community recovers the PDA is eager to continue the momentum of new growth, welcome the return of downtown events, and forge new partnership opportunities."

Grant recently presented the group's national accreditation to the Pleasanton City Council.

Pleasanton and the PDA collaborated on several programs to address

the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on local businesses, including "Weekends on Main," when portions of Main Street were closed to vehicle traffic and opened for pedestrian ac-

cess, sidewalk shopping, and expanded outdoor dining.

The PDA is one of 888 downtown associations across the nation recognized this year by the Main Street America program.

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## Man Arrested Following Police Standoff

By Larry Altman

A 53-year-old man who allegedly broke into a Livermore home was arrested Saturday night following a standoff with police, officers said.

Officers spotted the man inside the house when they responded to a burglar alarm in the 1100 block of P Street shortly after 6 p.m., Livermore Police Department Sgt. Ryan Sanchez said.

The man began throwing things inside the house and blocked the doors, Sanchez said.

Officers who surrounded the house asked neighbors to shelter in place and began negotiations over a loudspeaker to get the man to surrender. After about an hour of discussion, he walked out and

surrendered without incident, Sanchez said.

The man was held on suspicion of residential burglary and vandalism. His

name was not immediately released.

The residents of the house were not home at the time.



Livermore North P Street was blocked by Livermore Police action Saturday, June 26. (Photo—Doug Jorgensen)

## Valley Link Names Sheridan Deputy Director

Kevin Sheridan, former director of capital projects for the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission, has been named deputy executive director/program manager for Valley Link.

The proposed Valley Link commuter rail service, operated by the San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority, would connect the Dublin/Pleasanton Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) Station with the Altamont Corridor Express (ACE) North Lathrop Station in San Joaquin County. ACE is operated by the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission.

Before joining the ACE system, Sheridan worked 10 years for the San Joaquin County Council of Governments and seven years for

the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans).

Michael Tree, Valley Link executive director, noted that Sheridan has been managing \$1.5 billion in rail construction projects for the San Joaquin Regional Rail Authority. He also has experience working with

the Union Pacific Railroad, and part of the Valley Link project would involve the Union Pacific right-of-way.

The 42-mile, 7-station Valley Link commuter rail service is projected to provide 74 daily round trips and carry more than 33,000 daily riders by 2040.

## Opera in the Vineyard Returns to Livermore Starting July 25

Opera in the Vineyard, presented by the Livermore Valley Opera (LVO), is returning to the Retzlaff Vineyards this summer.

Retzlaff Vineyards has hosted the annual evening of classic opera under the pepper trees at 1356 S. Livermore for more than 20 years, but performances were cancelled in 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The first of two Opera in the Vineyard evenings this summer will be from

5:30 – 8:30 p.m., on Sunday, July 25.

It will feature tenor Alex Boyer, baritone Eugene Brancoveanu, and soprano Shawnette Sulker, with mezzo soprano Silvie Jensen making her debut with the Livermore Valley Opera. Music director Alexander Katsman will accompany the performances on piano.

The second Opera in the Vineyard will be Sunday, Sept. 12.

"It is always wonderful to see our guests enjoying

themselves in an informal, casual event as they listen to beautiful arias being performed by LVO's favorite and talented singers," said Raquel Holt, event co-chair and LVO board member. "To hear the clinking of wine glasses as they happily make a toast to each other is a delight to see."

LVO will again offer arias "a la carte," giving guests the opportunity to purchase songs from a "menu of delectable arias" to be performed at the pur-

chaser's table or seating area.

Tickets for both events are on sale now at www.LVOpera.com, although performers for the September event have not been announced.

The performances are bring-your-own dinner events, with wine available for purchase. No outside wine is permitted. Individual seats are \$65 each. Tables for eight for \$475, or six for \$350 for priority seating.

## Livermore Lab Foundation Welcomes Krishnan, Zettel to the Board

Anantha Krishnan and Charlene Zettel have been elected to the board of directors for the Livermore Lab Foundation, a philanthropic organization that supports scientific research, technological innovation, and educational opportunities at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL).

Krishnan is currently senior vice president for the Energy Group at General Atomics, a San Diego-based leader in fusion energy research. He was previously

LLNL's associate laboratory director for engineering.

Krishnan, who has a doctorate in mechanical engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, also worked for the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), where he was awarded the Medal for Exceptional Public Service in 2005.

Zettel is a former California State Assembly member, representing the 75th District from 1998-

2002. She was appointed to the University of California Board of Regents by then-Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger in 2009. As a regent, she also represented the University of California on the Board of Governors for Lawrence Livermore National Security, the agency that manages of LLNL. Her 12-year term as a regent ended in March.

Zettel also served as chief executive officer for Donate Life California, the state-authorized nonprofit

that administers California's organ and tissue donor registry, from 2011-2016. She is also a former interim CEO for the San Diego/Imperial Counties Region of the American Red Cross, and now serves as chair of the American Red Cross Board of Directors. Zettel is also a former board member for the Poway Unified School District.

She holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Southern California School of Dentistry.

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# EDITORIAL

## Correcting Course in Dublin

When it comes to housing, it appears that the Dublin City Council is righting the ship. Long known in the Tri-Valley as a hub of unmitigated market-rate growth, we're now seeing new efforts at a planning level to bring more diverse housing opportunities into the city.

In this year alone, the new council has slated funds for affordable homes, converted apartments into affordable housing, and hired a specialist to help the city meet state requirements.

The city council unanimously agreed in late April to spend \$10 million on the possible development of an affordable housing project adjacent to the west Dublin BART station. For this project, the city will partner with BRIDGE Housing, a nonprofit organization that aims to build 308 units on a city-owned 3.6-acre site

at 6501 Golden Gate Drive. It will be 100% affordable. Forty units are slated for special needs residents, homeless individuals and families, and veterans. These 40 homes would include basic necessities, such as furniture and kitchen items, including appliances.

Then, in early June, the city entered into an agreement with the California Statewide Communities Development Authority (CSCDA) to convert 390 apartments on Tassajara Road into rent-restricted units for middle- and moderate-income households. To do this, the city will not collect annual property taxes for a 30-year period.

By mid-June, the city hired RRM Design Group to assist staff with preparing objective design standards along with companion amendments to the Dublin Municipal Code to meet

state standards established in SB 35. The new standards remove nebulous terms and definitions from housing requirements for low-income residents in order to streamline eligibility and home design mandates.

The journey ahead will be a long one. Due to its past failure to meet low-income housing mandates, Dublin is subject to an intervention process for proposed developments to have at least 50% affordability. In addition, the city is now in the process of appealing its estimated Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) for the 2023-2031 planning period, because Dublin had already exceeded its requirement to build moderate-income units by 688% in this RHNA cycle. The recent actions taken by the council are significant. We applaud them for this turnaround.

## MAILBOX

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### Not All Teachers Live Alone Sue Marchand, Livermore

In last week's Independent, Johnna Thompson made the quite remarkable assertion that all Livermore teachers are unmarried and childless.

She stated that it "is not true" that a Livermore teacher could qualify to live in Eden housing because they make over \$56,250 per year. The income limit that Ms. Thompson quoted is for a one-bedroom apartment with only one person. She apparently assumes that all Livermore teachers live alone.

As a retired Livermore teacher, I know that is not true. When I was a Livermore teacher, there were children in my classroom who were homeless. I also know many teachers who would qualify for affordable housing which includes people making up to \$84,000 depending upon the size of their household. Their lives would certainly be easier as they teach and nurture our community's children.

There are teachers who are single parents with children who would qualify for a three-bedroom unit because they make less than \$78,000 after 10 years of teaching. There are teachers who are widowed with children, teachers who are single and have adopted and fostered children. There are teachers who are raising their grandchildren.

The salary levels that I cited were from the LVJUSD 2020-2021 Salary Schedule and not three years old, as Ms. Thompson falsely claimed. The salary levels are readily available on the LVJUSD website.

Ms. Thompson's letter is disheartening, and it is especially sad to see how clueless and insensitive people are to the plight and struggle of many people who live in, work in, and serve our community.

Ms. Thompson wrote, "stick to verifiable facts." She should follow her own advice.

### Closing Up Questions Maryann Brent, Livermore

Anthony Pangelinan asked questions concerning the Save Livermore Downtown (SLD) survey in his letter to The Independent of June 24, 2021. The answers to these questions are available for view on the SLD website: <https://www.savelivermoredowntown.com/>. Here is a rundown.

Who? David Binder Research, a nationally recognized survey company, was engaged to conduct a balanced poll.

What questions? See <https://www.savelivermoredowntown.com/> for all the questions. The culminating question is this:

Those who support going forward with the developer's revised housing plan say:

We have waited long enough and must now move forward with the downtown plan supported by

the community. Over 11,000 people are on a waiting list for the Eden Housing organization, and we need to move forward without delay. Millions of dollars in funding for the project depend on affordable housing being built at this specific location and staying on schedule. The location has been zoned for affordable housing for years, and it's questionable whether that can be changed. Moving the housing or falling off schedule would mean the project can't happen or taxpayers would need to pay for it.

Supporters of a downtown alternative say:

We can come up with a financially feasible plan that addresses the needs of the community and Eden Housing without unnecessary delay. Relocating the housing across Railroad Avenue to the north, off the city center, could increase the number of affordable units and include much-needed teacher housing. It would also provide more parking at less cost, while decreasing traffic congestion. We should use the space in the city center to create a larger downtown park, which would be a magnet for residents and visitors. Livermore's character would be preserved, and another plan is better for both Eden Housing and the community.

The following results were tabulated:

What is your preference: going forward with the developer's revised housing plan, or asking the city and developer to find feasible alternatives?

Developer's revised plan: Prefer strongly 10%; prefer somewhat, 6%; total, 17%.

Find alternatives: Prefer somewhat, 14%; prefer strongly, 53%; total, 67%.

Don't know, 16%.

How many? 300 people were surveyed.

Statistically significant? Yes.

Who paid? SLD membership provided the funds for the survey.

I hope this letter clears up questions about the survey.

### Due Diligence? Alan Heckman, Livermore

Has the City of Livermore really done a good job of due diligence with the Eden Housing plan?

Has anyone in the city actually gone through the multitude of the properties managed by Eden Housing to get an idea of what to expect for the course of the next 55 years (as stipulated by the grant)?

There are a large number of very disturbing online complaints concerning inadequate maintenance, pest infestations, rude management, and, of course, inadequate parking.

A review of the Willows Apartments states "The complex is full of roaches. I stayed here for 2 years because it's all I can afford, but I have a 6-year-old who is really afraid of the bugs..."

A review of the Wexford Way Apartments in Dublin complains that although he and his roommates all have cars - they only get one space and have to share. (Just like the 130 spaces for 130 apartments in Livermore's plan). He concludes, "Instead of fixing the grossly limited parking situation by providing more parking to tenants, the property management decided to start ticketing everybody like crazy. You can't even park in guest parking without getting a ticket. Two thumbs way down."

What are the city's plans? Create a parking problem, then turn it into a revenue stream by installing parking meters and ticketing people downtown?

A Vista Terrace Hills Apartments review states, "These apartments are low income and management constantly bully tenants into doing as they please. They take advantage of people who do not speak English; the list goes on and on."

Why weren't these and other reviews presented publicly and transparently at the meetings?

This appears to be very relevant information and not something to hide from public discussion. After all, this is a project which will serve as the centerpiece of Downtown

Livermore for decades to come.

This is just a tiny sample. For a few more, check out the 13 Yelp reviews (average one star), and the additional 8 Yelp reviews - not currently recommended - but more revealing - of the Eden Housing Management Corporation itself at <https://www.yelp.com/biz/eden-housing-management-inc-hayward>.

### Drop the Lawsuit Alan Marling, Livermore

The Independent called for immediate action to fight climate change in the June 17 editorial. "We must take steps now to reduce greenhouse gas emissions."

To that end, I call on local groups to drop their lawsuit against the Aramis solar farm. Whatever goals the litigators hoped to achieve are of no consequence compared to the climate crisis and the nearing blaze of the next fire season. Any delay of clean energy endangers our community. Specifically, Friends of Open Space and Vineyards should drop the lawsuit, as should Save North Livermore Valley.

During the March 4 supervisors' meeting, Attorney Rob Selna laughed at the prospect of stalling the solar farm for two years. The climate crisis is no laughing matter. Neither is it acceptable that Friends of Livermore argued against solar energy on Earth Day, saying the public need of solar is overstated or doesn't exist.

Until such time as these groups do the responsible thing and withdraw their support for this frivolous lawsuit, we should not support them in word or deed. Please tell your friends to withhold funding such irresponsibility.

### Hold A Hearing Donna Cabanne, Livermore

We need a complete hearing to answer critical questions about contamination under the Eden Housing site.

Livermore City Council approved \$245,000 thousand dollars for more testing. This is just the tip of the iceberg. Clean-up activities will require a separate contract. Clean-up would involve the installation and monitoring of extraction wells, blowers, and possible soil excavation. What are total cleanup costs, including monitoring for several years? A million? More than a million? The City report says funding will come from Capital Improvement Funds. But who funds Capital Improvement Funds? Does this come from the General Fund? If so, this means current residents --not Eden-- are going to pay for clean-up. Residents may want their tax dollars to be spent on other projects. We need a complete breakdown of funding sources and amounts.

City staff report also states the Low Income Housing Fund will finance part of cleanup costs. Instead of cleaning up contamination, should these funds be used to buy units for low income families? How many units would \$245,000 thousand dollars buy? How many units would a million dollars buy?

Eden property clean up consists of blowing treated contamination into the air and into the parking garage when completed. According to an email dated 6/21 from city consultant, Ms. Craig, and emails from the Water Board, projected cleanup is two years, but could continue beyond occupancy. This means residents could inhabit apartments while clean-up is ongoing. What is the time estimate for low threat closure? Are the criteria for low threat closure only 50% removal of contaminants? If so, residents could be living over contamination for years. Staff states 1,800 hundred tons of soil contaminated with volatile organic compounds (VOCs) were removed for Stockmen's Park. Which landfill was used for disposal of contaminated soil? What price per ton? Do soils with VOCs have to be disposed of in a Class I landfill? Soil under the Eden property also contains lead, arsenic, and nickel. Does this require disposal at a Class one landfill?

If the city moves the housing, no need to spend \$245,000 thousand dollars for testing, and hundreds of thousands more for clean-up.

Isn't the safest and cheapest solution to move Eden Housing off this site? Email Mayor Woerner, Council Members Munro, Kiick, Carling and Bonanno at [cityoflivermore.net](mailto:cityoflivermore.net). Ask them to hold a hearing about the contamination and clean-up costs.

### Curriculum or Mind Bending? Phyllis Couper, Pleasanton

Parents, wake up and storm the school superintendent's offices.

You cannot afford the option of not getting involved. Action is

the answer, and that action involves every parent taking a stand against CRT, Gender AgitProp, and other inappropriate subject matter being placed in the school curriculum. These issues are lifestyles, not educational material, and because they are individual lifestyle choices, and are not curriculum, they have no place in the educational system.

There are other alternatives to educating your children. Note that most school districts lose money when a child is absent. This is a good negotiating point for parents. Some parents are afraid to speak up, but when they don't, they are condemning all children to social mind bending rather than learning the ABCs. If this is allowed to continue, we will lose our children and this country to the Marxist infiltration already so deep in our culture, our communities, and our government.

### Appreciation for Seppala Anders Lundberg, Livermore

I join the many people expressing appreciation of the efforts that Joan Seppala has put into helping Livermore. Her efforts have always served the residents, especially with regard to county activities that can affect our lives.

At this time, our town is being pushed toward modifications of the downtown that will have a major effect. A sad feature of this business is that the City Council has played the game of "bait and switch." Community meetings were held, and residents participated in a process to define some features of the changes planned by the Council. Now, the plan that we see has little or no features of the wishes of the citizens. On top of that, the Council will not explain the rationale behind the groupthink declaration of their plan. In a few years, the Council will be gone, and the residents of Livermore will be stuck with a downtown that lacks attractive characteristics, including some breathing room, but will be forever enclosed by large blocks of concrete.

### Eden Housing Project Is Poorly Planned Doug Horner, Livermore

When Livermore residents participated in the Downtown City Council workshops, the community agreed to a vision. We created a plan that accepted future development in our precious downtown to serve our growing city. A downtown like ours is rare and needs to be preserved. We realized that growing the commercial component along with residential would be an engine for economic prosperity and downtown success.

The pedestrian level was to be commercial. The large numbers of residential units were located above the street level in attractive buildings. There was a mixture of low-income and at-market housing. There were even some suggested artist live-work loft units. There was broad agreement in our community for this type of careful and inclusive expansion.

In sharp contrast, the Livermore City Council has approved a project with mega-block buildings and ground level residences. Bedroom windows look directly out to Veterans Park. Pedestrians look directly into bedrooms. It is appalling urban design, and not appropriate for Livermore's downtown core.

### \*Coming Soon\* LiveNomore the Musical! Peter Buckley, Livermore

\*Starring\* - Robert Charlzinger (may or may not be anti-Semitic) - Britannia Fliick (has never seen a dictionary she likes and words seem to cause her physical pain) - Patrice Monrovia (the fascist Queen/theater enthusiast) - Bobbert Wormmonger (the "big player") - Bob Stein (the protagonist/local rebel).

\*Promo\* - It will leave you speechless, it will leave you amazed, it will leave you shaking your head in complete disgust. Don't miss this summer's next cultural phenomena - LiveNomore!

\*Critics are saying\* - "Wow... I mean wow!" - "What are these people thinking? Wait, are they thinking?" - "What in the name of sweet Mother Theresa did I just see here?" - "No comment!"

\*Preview\* - In a world where religious, working-class people are ethnically diverse. Where "progressive" supremacists are all white. Where "oppressed" ethnic minorities drive \$50,000 trucks, Tesla's, and live in 7-figure houses. Where people refer to themselves as "woke" while associating low-income housing with being exclusive for persons of color. Where entrepreneurship is stifled by overbearing policies. Where small business owners are spit-on by fascist local government officials. Where young

teachers commute from miles away because they can't afford the rent. Welcome... to... LiveNomore!

Far removed from the hater-crimes and "tolerance" of the inner Bay Area, this idyllic town has always been viewed as a refuge from the oppressive big-city policies. A quiet little town, long known for its diversity, laid-back ways, and a place to grab a decent bottle of wine, it's seemingly paradise to those who call it home. But, something awful is in the air, a hint of wickedness permeates this quaint little town. A mystery is afoot! A hidden plan to steal your downtown and sell it off to the highest bidder with a bow of "inclusivity" wrapped around it, whatever that means...

\*Standout Scenes\* - "What did that man say?! Who does he think he is, Jesus?! I will not tolerate this! Banish this Jewish man, immediately!" - "I, do, not, understand, the, words, you, are, saaying!!!!!" \*hysterical crying\* - "Inclusion and diversity. Diversity and inclusion. Equity. I like turtles." - "18 years of careful planning, and I will crush your hard work with one foul term in office!!!" - "You do realize you're blatantly violating the parking laws you enforce onto the small businesses and developers, right? You will destroy the downtown with such reckless planning." \*Fin\*

### Eden Housing Does Not Belong Glenn Stewart, Livermore

To the present mayor... As the chief executive officer, you wear many hats and deal with all the issues that arise. Being an effective leader is not something that magically happens when you are elected to office. You learn as you go along.

By our action at the polls, the people of Livermore gave you a vote of confidence and expressed faith in your ability to act in their best interest.

The goal of a mayor is to listen to the residents of the city and then work effectively with the council to achieve the community goals, not personal agendas.

Livermore has had this big dirt lot for 20 years known as the Downtown Development Site. What should we do with it, asked the previous city council?

In 2016, Lennar proposed building a massive 5-story development next to Blacksmith Square. City Council was embracing their proposal. However, the public outcry was immediate and opposed to tall structures on the development site.

At a February 2017 council meeting, Councilmember Woerner did suggest a 3-story height limit on new residential development in the downtown area, which would have amended the Downtown Specific Plan until such a time when downtown would be defined through a community process. No vote was taken.

Livermore spent \$500K hiring an expensive consulting firm to help promote the past city council's agenda of building 4.5 story high-density housing and a 4.5 level parking garage on the Development Site. What happened to a limit of 3-story buildings? Answer: your city leaders already knew what they wanted to do.

Workshops were conducted in mid-2017 for the purpose of making the residents think that they were contributing their thoughts on how to develop downtown.

Residents agreed that the top issues were Parking #1, Community Character, Open Space, Traffic Congestion, Boutique Hotel, New Retail, Hotel Location, Cultural Facilities, Public Finance and Housing #10.

Here we are 4 years later, and city council has approved to build 130 units of Eden Housing, 4.5 stories high on the Development Site, without consideration for where Eden Housing residents will park, the impact on community character and traffic congestion.

Housing was #10 on the list of residents' priorities. It must have been #1 priority for City Council all along. Eden Housing does not belong on the development site.

Mayor Woerner and City Council members... Are you listening? I'm afraid you aren't.

### The City Promotes Misinfo Deborah McQueen, Livermore

The City's recent newsletter sent to the public entitled a Downtown Progress Report, sensationalizes aspects of the Eden Housing downtown project with panoramic views of the architectural drawings that exaggerate the size of the park and playground. The massive Legacy Apartment buildings across the street fade into an improbable mountainous backdrop. Short of flying a drone over the property, the view in their newsletter is one

that no one will ever see. The City attempts to stimulate interest in the public by stating that Eden's project will feature rooftop solar panels, and water efficient fixtures, as if they were luxury amenities instead of the mandatory legal requirements by which they must abide.

The city has not allowed for robust public engagement regarding the Eden Housing project, which most citizens want moved off the downtown super-block to another location. The city has done many wonderful things in Livermore (the Library, the New Civic Center, and the revitalized downtown area, to name a few), but its 17-year struggle with the downtown catalyst site continues to be its nemesis. The city perseveres in referring to Veterans Park as a large public park. This is misinformation. It is a 59' x 359' long corridor, approximately the width of a five-lane street. Once sidewalks and landscaping are installed there will be even less grassy area. If pets are allowed in Eden Housing and at Legacy, grass will be required for doggy business. Legacy and Eden have 352 units combined. The occupancy should average out to 3 people per unit. The math shows that more than 1,000 people will be residing in the two residents combined. Dog owners will undoubtedly be using this narrow grass corridor twice a day for their pets. National Statistics show that 38% of US households own dogs. Therefore, there could be over 134 dogs requiring walks and their own 'green space'. With COVID still highly visible in our rear-view mirrors, the city should think twice before encouraging families to lay down picnic blankets in this area.

The City's newsletter should only be used to inform the public of what is planned and what will be happening in Livermore. Instead, it comes across as a hard sell propaganda piece distorting the actual truth about the impact of these developments, traffic, parking, human density and open space.

### Welcome Plant-based Meat Lex Manwill, Livermore

The scarcity of animal meat caused by the COVID-19 pandemic will keep our outdoor grills safer this Independence Day.

Folks who grill hamburgers and hot dogs face a nasty choice. The U.S. Meat and Poultry Hotline advises grilling at high temperature to avoid food poisoning by E. coli and Salmonella bacteria. But the National Cancer Institute warns that high-temperature grilling of processed meats generates cancer-causing compounds.

Fortunately, we no longer need to choose between food poisoning and cancer!

A bunch of enterprising U.S. food processors have met this challenge head-on by developing a rich variety of convenient, healthy, delicious plant-based veggie burgers, veggie dogs, and soy nuggets. These products don't harbor nasty bugs or cancer-causing compounds. They are missing the cholesterol, saturated fats, drugs, hormones, and pesticides of their animal-based alternatives. And they are waiting for us in the frozen food section of our favorite supermarket, along with nut-based ice creams, and other dairy-free desserts.

This Independence Day let's declare our independence from the meat industry and their barbecue bugs! Let's welcome the convenient, delicious, healthy, ecofriendly, compassionate plant-based meats and dairy foods into our kitchens!

### An Unfortunate Design Rich Buckley, Livermore

My wife Jan and I have enjoyed a 75-year residency and run a small business in our downtown since the 1970's after returning from Vietnam.

My family holds an interest in downtown commercial property that we are now charged as custodians to manage. Speaking for my wife and me, we would like to see the City acquire the downtown housing from the rental facilities of Legacy Partners 150 feet west of the old Lucky Store site and for the City to maintain a large public destination-location park that runs from Veterans Park on the east, unobstructed through to South L Street on the West, with an enlarged lighted safety green-themed crosswalk over both South L and South Livermore Ave.

Our economy has entered a high inflation period. We will be brought back to the cost saving merits of condemning ready-to-go, fully vetted new housing from Legacy Partners over Eden Housing's unfortunate design and experimental inadequate parking ratios.

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## MAILBOX

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**Water, Weed, and Wisdom**  
Paul Stone, Dublin

It is my understanding that marijuana cultivation uses vast amounts of precious water per acre annually.

And while some of us, myself included, don't imbibe nor toke, most of us do drink water and eat food. So, it strikes me as odd that we withhold water from our farmers while we're gushing with water for weed. What kind of wisdom is that?

Seems to me that crowd up in Sacto may be partaking of the whacky tobacky themselves. I fear California is going up in smoke in more ways than one.

**Revisit the Issue**  
Bill Dunlop, Livermore

I have been following the arguments about the use of the property in the center of the Downtown. I hope that there may be interest in the City Council to review the current plan for this "8 acres" of property. If there is a chance to revisit the plan for the development of these "8 acres", I would be pleased to support the suggestions discussed in the paper over the last couple of weeks. It appeared that a plan to accommodate the needs for housing and still leave significantly more open space in the "8 acres" is possible. Revisiting this issue would be very helpful to creating a downtown that we all would enjoy.

**Poisoning Our Community**  
John Marchand, Livermore

There was a half-page ad that ran in a recent Independent that falsely claims the City is ignoring toxic waste under the site that was approved for Veterans Park and Eden Housing. Very simply, that is not true. The ad's purpose is to create fear and distrust in our community by using the instantly

recognizable symbol for radioactive contamination. This is part of a carefully-crafted misinformation campaign. The truth is, there is no radioactive contamination on this site.

I spent my career as a chemist, protecting the safety of our drinking water. Part of that job was ensuring that our water was safe from underground contamination and also monitoring toxic waste sites. In 1996, when serving on the Zone 7 Water Board, we were notified of the plumes of MIBE that were under this Lucky site. Contrary to the misinformation in the Independent ad, this is not new information. There is also lead, arsenic and other hydrocarbons. Just like there have been toxic chemicals for forty years under what will become Livermore Plaza. For eight years, the City has fought Chevron to get that site cleaned up and it will be cleaned up before the City starts construction on the new park. It is just like the City knew about the toxic soil contamination that was left behind under the Groth site across the street. That was also mitigated before construction started. That is what is going to happen at the Eden site before construction starts.

If the members of this "group of many names" truly believed that this site was as contaminated as they claim, then they should instead support the site remaining a parking lot and a parking garage and never becoming a park where children would play. Contrary to what the ad states, the knowledge of the chemicals on these sites is nothing new and it was not unknown. They will be mitigated. What is new is this on-going toxic attack against our elected City Council.

Sadly, if there are new toxins, quite simply, they are solely from this toxic campaign of misinformation that is trying to poison our community.

**We Need Room for the Community to Gather**  
Marlene Brown, Livermore

I am writing this to the City Council. I saw your layout, of what you approved, the Downtown Plan. I have to say that everything in the picture looks like it was all pushed together. The lower income house building needs to be across the other side of Railroad Avenue. The L Street parking garage needs to be where the Eden housing project is now. If not, traffic will be backed up on First street. This will leave more room for the park. I know you have Stockmen's Park, but there's not enough room for people to walk around and the children to play on.

We need this for the people who live in Livermore, and/or visitors that come to Livermore. We have a wonderful town, so let's improve your Downtown Plan.

**Contamination and the City Council Meeting**  
Carol Silva, Livermore, CA

At the June 28, 2021's City Council meeting, I requested public hearings and full disclosure of all information pertaining to the contamination where a garage and Eden housing was approved to be built. I wanted to convey the importance of public input about the contamination and how fortunate our community is to have national laboratories that employ Hazardous Waste experts, who can provide good public input.

During this meeting's public forum, Livermore's former mayor, John Marchand, went on a three-minute tirade about a Sierra Club resolution and about all opponents to the location of the Eden housing project. Marchand either lied or misunderstood the Sierra Club resolution. Fortunately, Sierra Club Executive Committee Member, Donna

Cabanne, heard his comments and corrected him. Marchand also named and slammed particular opponents of the location of Eden housing, making several false statements including a statement that the opposition claims that there are radioactive materials at the site. To the best of my knowledge, the only person mentioning radioactive

materials is Marchand.

Cabanne and Jean King made valid comments and concerns about the costs and safety of cleaning up the onsite contaminants of cancer-causing benzene, arsenic, lead, petroleum, tetrachloroethylene (PCE), and other volatile organic compounds. King also had valid concerns about the costs

and safety of clean up, especially when excavating at a depth to allow for an underground garage. Not only are there concerns with soil disturbance as it relates to the community's water, but there are also concerns about air quality of so much contaminated soil from

(See MAILBOX, page 6)

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**Teen Program**

October 6-November 24  
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**Children's Program**

Our services for young children are on hold until we can resume in-person sessions. Video conference in a group setting is not ideal for this age group.

# Open letter to residents of Livermore from Save Livermore Downtown

Dear residents of Livermore,

As a last resort, Save Livermore Downtown has filed a lawsuit to halt the implementation of the Eden Housing plan.

This action was necessary because the Livermore City Council did not engage with citizens to consider alternatives to the flawed Eden plan.

We have communicated to the City Council and Eden Housing our desire to meet at the earliest possible moment to find acceptable alternatives to the current plan and avoid the necessity of the lawsuit.

The fact is that Livermore residents oppose the flawed Eden housing plan by a 4 to 1 majority. The poll which demonstrates this opposition, conducted by respected David Binder Research, can be reviewed at [www.savelivermoredowntown.com/voter-survey](https://www.savelivermoredowntown.com/voter-survey)

The plan had changed dramatically since it was shown to the public in 2018 and has inadequate park space and parking, massive 4-story structures, and none of the promised affordable housing for teachers, firefighters and police. These bait and switch tactics are not acceptable.

Alternative proposals could have provided more park space, more parking, teacher housing, and 100 additional affordable housing units. But they were not considered.

Not only did the City Council approve the project over public opposition, but in its rush to judgement, it violated California environmental quality laws and Livermore's Downtown Specific Plan.

We urgently hope that the City Council and Eden Housing will agree to meet with stakeholders as soon as possible to create a plan that works for all of us.

Sincerely,

Save Livermore Downtown

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## WATER

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gathering in public places, she said.

Zone 7 will need to line up enough water transfers that expire at the end of this year. Water transfers occur between willing sellers and buyers and can help stretch California's water supplies in dry times by moving it to places of critical need. That water will be cheaper than water from other agencies that can be used in 2022, simply because more agencies will be shopping the market, and more buyers means the bids go higher.

### A Deal with the Mojave Water Agency

Absent Board Vice

## HOUSING

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ing element numbers are updated every eight years to show how each city has adequately planned to meet the existing and projected housing needs of its community.

The community's housing needs are governed by the RHNA process and determined for the Bay Area by ABAG.

One councilmember said she believed a measured approach to the appeal process was key.

"I'm just a little bit con-

cerned that we are taking a scattered approach versus a targeted approach," Councilmember Jean Josey said. The council, per staff recommendations, agreed to take a more detailed approach to the appeal. The document will include a final four-step outline, which will include specifics on past performance (increase in population); lack of available land; land-use authority and water infrastructure.

This is not the first time Dublin or the Tri-Valley

but the second one is more expensive per AF.

An acre foot is the amount of water that covers one acre to a depth of one foot. It can support two typical Valley households.

Zone 7 General Manager Valerie Pryor explained that Mojave is not up to projected development levels yet to need all of the water that was projected earlier for it, so they can make it available in 2022 to Zone 7.

Frank Vallejo, general manager at California Water Service, the only private provider in Livermore, serving the bulk of the city, was unavailable for comment.

communities have struggled to convey their concerns.

On June 10, 2020, the state's Housing and Community Development (HCD) identified 441,176 units (2.35 times the 187,990 units required in the current RHNA cycle) throughout the Bay Area.

On Sept. 14, 2020, the Tri-Valley communities of Dublin, Danville, Livermore, Pleasanton and San Ramon submitted joint letters to the HMD and ABAG executive board, expressing

concerns with the RHNA methodology. According to staff, on Sept. 18, 2020, the HMD forwarded a recommended methodology to the ABAG executive committee without making modifications to address the concerns expressed by the Tri-Valley communities. Later, the city submitted a letter to the ABAG executive board on Nov. 17, 2020, again expressing concerns about the RHNA methodology.

By Jan. 21, 2021, the ABAG executive board

## ADDRESS

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mayor detailed that while the property taxes didn't take a hit during the pandemic, sales taxes and other taxes did. The city experienced a \$19.5 million net financial loss from COVID-19, but it will continue its capital investment in the downtown, he said. Livermore received about \$10 million from the American Relief Act and a CARES Act fund of \$1.1 million to help offset the impact.

Woerner reviewed the city's new residential complexes, such as Auburn Grove, the Lassen Road townhomes, Chest-

nut Square, Vineyard 2.0, Avance, the Legacy Partners mixed-use development, and Eden Housing. On parking, the city's cost to develop the garages on L and I streets is projected to be \$51.4 million. With regard to the downtown, Woerner said the Blacksmith Square plans are expected soon; the plans for the hotel are expected by the end of the year; Black Box Theater is in the midst of fundraising; and the Quest Science Center held a groundbreaking for its temporary structure to be used for summer programs.

"Looking further ahead, we've got some major undertakings going on," Woerner said.

He noted that goals and priorities for the city include asset management/stormwater, general plan update, downtown, homelessness/affordable housing, and modernization.

"The bottom line here is you can see Livermore is a great place to live, work, play and go to school," Woerner concluded. "This didn't happen by accident. It took a lot of hard work and dedication of many individuals and organizations."

## MAILBOX

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the site and then driven through the areas and neighborhoods to a qualified landfill.

I had a hard time stomaching the one-sided attacks by Marchand, and I feel very discouraged by the Livermore's council members, especially Mayor Bob Woerner, who disrespect anyone who voices a different opinion from their opinions. Despite the community voicing housing as a least favorable priority during the downtown improvement workshops that were held a few years ago, the City Council bought the former Lucky land using affordable housing funds without considering alternatives. I wonder if they feel that they have to continually justify their decision despite whatever new information surfaces. Will this downward spiral just continue to downgrade our community because of their pride to not admit that they should have looked at alternatives years ago, and therefore, don't want to look at alternatives now or in the future?

I see in the rendition there are some benches in the near distance ... are they the same ones there now? Is there room for redwood trees in the picture, I'm not seeing, planned for? Could that be clarified before any grown trees there now might possibly be cut down?

Let's get clear answers about the trees (not rendition answers) on the city tree plans. The redwood trees that are there now and have been for many years ... sure, they might be older, but redwoods do have a naturally long life.

I'm sure the plaza redwoods wouldn't be cut down if they are not pictured in an artsy rendition, would they?

Permission given by Livermore City Council to copy that artsy rendition without some input from organizations that protect our state's most revered trees, our California state tree, would they? And water features, where are the water features? It looks a bit like Cement Bench Park Plaza.

I know it's a rendition. Though sometimes, city plans that look and sound complete turn out different in the final city plans.

**In the Newsletter**  
**Owen Brovont, Livermore**

In our Monday mail, we received a copy of the Official Community Newsletter of the City of Livermore, Special Edition 4 - Summer 2021." Its headline was Downtown Progress Continues! The cover contained an artist's rendition of the proposed Eden Housing project, and the commentary reminded us that construction of housing on the site was approved "17 years ago," and the Downtown Plan was approved in January 2018.

From the beginning, one sensed a subtle level of disingenuity in the narrative explaining that the city, taking a moral stance, was committed to providing affordable rental housing for people of lower and moderate incomes who wanted to call Livermore home, and an abbreviated list of qualifying occupations would include "starting teachers and school staff, entry-level first responders, emergency medical technicians, health care workers, and restaurant and retail employees." Peculiarly, the list left out auto mechanics, carpenters, grocery clerks, bank tellers, house painters, roofers, and many other deserving workers that comprise our "workforce."

Inside the newsletter was a wonderful colorful depiction of the "Approved Downtown Plan," or at least its current version, describing the "priorities identified by the community through an extensive outreach process." This is where further reading suggested the possible regurgitation of my dinner. Having participated in some of the charade euphemistically called "extensive outreach" activities, I recalled significant and vocal opposition to placing housing in the middle of town and certainly opposition to the three- and four-story concrete monstrosities that have been approved.

The idea of access to the cool greenery of a city park was high on the list of suggestions in lieu of apartment buildings, especially since there were several far more appropriate locations for apartment buildings nearby. The newsletter offered some glaring hypocrisy on page 3, where, blithely written, was, "The approved Downtown Plan includes new opportunities for play and open space enjoyment, enhancing Livermore's existing beloved Downtown open spaces." Existing beloved downtown open spaces indeed. Hypocrisy was never so conspicuously and callously uttered! Many of the arguments in opposition to the housing was precisely about keeping, in the heart of the city, a generous park area where the residents of Livermore could stroll through a cool, pleasing views of grass, trees, shrubbery, flowers, all suggesting a lovely sense of coolness that garden greenery always implies.

People like parks, they are

those are full grown trees, which I guess will be planted around the Livermorium Plaza "with interactive water play feature?"

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**Michael Fredrich, Livermore**

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**Larry Gosselin, Livermore**

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While appeals are rare, the rate of success is even lower. For example in San Diego County, four appeals were filed during the past cycle, with only one being partially upheld. The South-

ern California Association of Governments received 48 appeals with only two partially upheld.

Still, Mayor Melissa Hernandez said the city council had an obligation to defend their city, win or lose.

"We'll be excited to see what they have to say either way, but sitting back and doing nothing is not the answer, but advocating for our city is," said Hernandez.

For more information, visit, www.dublin.ca.gov.

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### Renditions Aren't Always Reality

Patty Robins, Livermore

Looking over the Summer Edition 2021 of the Livermore Community Newsletter, I noticed the rendition of Livermorium Plaza - with interactive water play feature.

I'm trying to imagine the artsy, photo rendition, thinking of the current property that is there now next to Peet's ... in the rendition

## POLICY

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He reported that PG&E does not want to put all of the required panels in urban areas and there are engineering conflicts as well.

"You can't feed backwards through the grid to the main transmission lines for redistribution," Gosselin said. "The system isn't set up to do that; (with) urban solar, the engineering isn't set up; the political will isn't set up. PG&E is not cooperating, and what that means is solar arrays are going primarily on agricultural types of properties ... that's the model that's accepted most readily, and if we move forward with that, the only place to put these panels is in North Livermore, Mountain House and just south of Discovery Bay ... Recognizing that intense agriculture can occur throughout the land-use designations, we made a decision that it was appropriate for agrivoltaics to be available for all the land-use designations."

In addition to not separating intensive agriculture

from water and resource management lands, the AAC members did not reach a majority conclusion on whether solar farms can be placed on agricultural land covered by the Williamson Act.

The AAC voted 4 yes, 2 no with 2 abstentions in regard to a solar policy option that would allow landowners to place panels on their property but would also force them to cancel their land's Williamson Act contract — a state measure that gives property tax breaks to landowners who agree with local governments to keep their land agricultural or open space.

AAC member Darrel Sweet, who voted "yes," explained the reason he favored canceling the Williamson Act for landowners who wish to generate revenue from solar panels on their land.

"The Williamson Act was designed to tax the property based on its agricultural value," Sweet said. "If someone is under the

Williamson Act, and they cover up their land with solar panels, and they're going to generate income from solar panels, not as a cow pasture, why should they get taxed as a cow pasture? ... I think to cover up your land with solar panels is a commercial venture, even if you run a few sheep underneath to eat the grass."

AAC member Gerry Beemiller, who abstained, said he would need a better understanding of how much revenue landowners could gain from placing solar panels on their property before making a decision. His fellow AAC member and the other abstaining vote, Chuk Moore, said that while agrivoltaics could be a rational approach, he didn't feel expert enough to give a solid vote in regard to the Williamson Act.

Gosselin said he voted "no" on the motion, because he found agrivoltaics to be consistent with the Williamson Act based on county rules.

"There are a lot of complicated aspects related to taxation that come forward," he said. "But more importantly, the idea that agriculture should be punished whenever there's a combination of value that benefits the agricultural operations — there's a thought in the Tri-Valley that the efficiency should be punished in some way."

He said taking away the Williamson Act contract is an example of that.

"Not only that, but in 15 years from now, should we decide that thorium reactors aren't the best way to generate local power ... all of those solar panels are going to come down and the property owners will be left without a Williamson Act that helps protect their properties from subdivision ... That is the purpose of the Williamson Act — to protect from subdivision — it's not to punish people for making money on their property," he continued.

Sweet countered to say



The Agricultural Advisory Committee approved sending a solar policy to the Board of Supervisors for review. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

that farmers could have the option to reapply for the Williamson Act if they decide to remove the panels in the future. He also said policies shouldn't be created based on the chance that a technology might become obsolete.

"These are 30-year, 40-year leases," he said. "I think you have to assume that they'll be there for 30 years or 40 years. Now, that might change, but you have to plan for that."

When it comes to meeting solar demand, Gosselin further said he hoped that

the county's urban neighbors would also come up with solutions and not just let the burden fall on the countryside. He expressed concerns about climate change causing precipitous disasters.

"What we're seeing is an epidemic, and we're not at the beginning of it," Gosselin continued. "There are hard decisions that need to be made. There are people who are going to feel like they're disproportionately impacted. But the world is dying. That's not hyperbole. That is an absolute truth."

## OFFICE

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from outside its ranks. She calls her campaign "Justice Done Right."

"We want a District Attorney who actually embraces the reform measures we want," Price said. "I'm the only one who has dedicated her career to holding institutions and public institutions accountable for over 30 years. These other people have not done that for any significant way that I'm aware. I think the voters will clearly see that it's not even apples to apples. There's an apple and a couple of oranges that have emerged and adopted our platform as a way of currying to the voters."

She is endorsed by former Ohio state Sen. Nina Turner, a co-chair of Sen. Bernie Sanders 2020 presidential campaign; actor Danny Glover; former Fremont City Councilman Vinnie Bacon; Fremont City Councilmember Jenny Kassan; Livermore City Councilmember Briitni Kiick; clergymen Bishop Jerry Macklin and J. Alfred Smith; and retired health care executive Jose Joel Garcia.

A former foster child and self-designated "juvenile delinquent" who went to law school, Price, 65, said O'Malley's DA's Office "over-criminalized Black and brown people," using misdemeanor offenses as "the next step to felony convictions" and mass incarceration. Price's ideas include neighborhood courts, where citizens would impose community service penalties for lesser offenses, giving most defendants a chance at parole, rooting out bad police officers, and hiring prosecutors who "want to change lives and not destroy them."

She vows not to prosecute anyone under 18 as an adult. "If Alameda County elects a veteran prosecutor who's been there 30 years, it's not going to do anything for Alameda County. If Alameda County elects a veteran prosecutor who's been there 16 years, it's not going to do anything for Alameda County," Price said. "I ran in 2018 as a reform prosecutor. This is not new to me. I didn't just come here in 2020, 2021. I'm going to be the reform prosecutor."

Wiley and Wilson disagree. Each man said his experience in the DA's Office makes him qualified to run the agency and bring changes the public wants, while enforcing the law. Wiley, the third ranking prosecutor who serves as director of human resources, has drawn O'Malley's backing.

"I understand the importance of being versed with the business side of running the District Attorney's Office, such as understanding the state and county budget process, ensuring we have competent financial executives to manage our budget and grant funding," Wiley said. "I am the most experienced and qualified candidate in this race."

Wiley, 61, said he has performed most roles in the Office, from prosecuting cases involving murderers and police officers in the infamous "Riders" Oakland

police scandal to his current job, training personnel as the director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

He said he has proven leadership ability.

Besides O'Malley, Wiley has received endorsements from U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell, a former Alameda County prosecutor who represents the Tri-Valley in Congress; civil rights attorneys Lonita Baker, who represents Brianna Taylor's family; John Burris, who represented Rodney King; and Benjamin Crump, who represents George Floyd's family.

His policies include a preference not to try teenagers as adults, except in severe circumstances for 17.5-year-olds, creating a balanced system where violent offenders are held accountable for their crimes while programs are found for those who commit non-violent crimes because of mental illness, addiction and poverty.

"From the day I signed up to be a prosecutor, I signed up to be someone that would be fair to everyone, whether you are a defendant, a victim, a police officer," Wiley said. "Regardless of who you are, you will be treated with fairness and good judgment."

Wilson, 60, explained that his experiences growing up in the Bayview-Hunters Point district of San Francisco — a challenged area rife with violence, drug use and poverty — provided him with experiences he brings to his job. Before going to law school, he worked for years as a plumber, which he said "saved him."

Living in Bayview-Hunters Point, Wilson said, enabled him to fully understand how residents "have the same concerns about crime that everyone else has." He said he hasn't forgotten his roots.

"We want to be safe," Wilson said. "We want our kids to be safe to walk to the store. (We) also want the criminal justice system to work the right way. We want our community to be treated the same way communities in more affluent areas are treated."

Wilson said he has spent 85% of his law career in the courtroom, trying "some of the heaviest cases you can think of," including gang and child sexual assault cases.

He called himself a "different kind of progressive" who wants to steer people away from crime. He said he will be transparent, provide statistics on what programs work, and bring the community in to listen to its concerns.

"I don't just talk the talk, I walk the walk," Wilson said. "Police officers respect me. Defense attorneys respect me. I do my job this way because I care about how we do it."

Wilson said he plans to release a list of endorsements in a few weeks.

On the issues, the candidates have some similar progressive views. Each supports establishing mental health and community pro-

grams to keep lower-level and mentally ill offenders, the homeless and drug addicted out of jail to reduce mass incarceration, especially of minorities.

Here is how they stand on some key topics:

### Death Penalty

Wiley, Wilson and Price oppose the death penalty, saying it has been used disproportionately against people of color. Although Gov. Gavin Newsom has said he will not allow any death sentences to be carried out during his term, the death penalty remains on the books as a punishment in California.

Wiley said he generally opposes capital punishment, but "there are individuals that commit crimes that are so heinous that the death penalty may be warranted." He said he would continue O'Malley's use of a committee that examines each case that might be eligible for a death sentence and let the panel make a recommendation to him on whether a crime warrants it.

Wilson said he won't use the death penalty if he does not believe in it, but said "I do believe there should be consequences when people do over the top violence."

Price said she would never use the death penalty in a prosecution and might not use its alternative, life in prison without parole.

### Cash Bail

Each candidate supports ending the cash bail system as it stands with specific amounts designated by the state legislature for crimes. Critics say the system keeps poor people behind bars for months, even for lesser offenses, while affluent people can walk free. Each said prosecutors and judges should set bail amounts based on individual cases and the danger the defendant poses to the public.

A former public defender, Price said she understands the effect cash bail has not only on the person in jail, but also on that person's family, as it tries to come up with the money.

Wilson said, "Your ability to pay should not impact your ability to get out."

Wiley said cash bail creates disparity in the system where someone charged with attempted murder can make bail, but a person charged with stealing a package of bologna might languish in jail.

"Most judges recognize the individuals that pose the risk to the safety of the community," Wiley said.

### Police Shooting Investigations

Price said she supports the state Attorney General's Office taking over officer-involved cases because there is an "inherent conflict" for the DA's Office to investigate while maintaining a close working relationship with police agencies on a daily basis.

Wilson, who serves on an officer-involved shooting investigation team, said the DA's Office must be transparent and that he would call in the Attorney General to investigate "if the public

doesn't have confidence in the outcome."

Wiley said the DA's Office should continue to investigate officer-involved shooting cases and that everyone has to be held accountable.

"I have shown myself to be the type of prosecutor that believes in one system of justice for everyone," Wiley said.

### Backgrounds

During interviews to extoll their qualifications, the candidates described additional specific programs or experiences that they believe separates them from the others.

Wilson said he works with a South County NAACP group of clergy and civil rights activists who train police officers in de-escalation techniques, to recognize bias and to try to change attitudes. Recently, he took part in a session with BART police.

"I want to prevent those tragedies where Black and brown residents are killed in confrontations with officers," Wilson said. "I want this to change. I want to help police officers do their jobs

better."

He also speaks to community groups to provide updates from the DA's Office.

"I want to always be fair, and I want to be just," Wilson said. "It's not just looking out for victims. It's for looking out for defendants, too."

Wiley said that during his assignment heading the DA's Office's juvenile division in 2013, he implemented changes that reduced the number of teenagers moving through the system from 250 arrested a week to 100.

Instead of sending teens to jail, Wiley's department and county probation officers allowed juveniles to return home while increasing supervision and monitoring programs and focusing on putting them on the right path, instead of jail.

Statistics, Wiley said, show that when juvenile offenders involved in non-violent crimes are provided with resources, including making sure they are going to school, the child can be helped.

"You are going to get a much better outcome than simply locking the kid up in

juvenile hall," Wiley said.

Price, who worked on behalf of defendants charged with crimes, said she grew up in Alameda County, shuffled through three foster homes, and eventually argued before the U.S. Supreme Court.

"My story is one that inspires many people," she said. "I was a foster kid. I was a child of the civil rights movement. I was a juvenile delinquent. I was a throw-away kid that somebody cared about enough to put up with my worst days and told me to get my education."

Price, who went to Yale College and UC Berkeley law school, handled hundreds of misdemeanor and felony cases in San Francisco before starting her own firm in Oakland, where she lives. She specialized in representing "countless victims of retaliation, wrongful termination, sexual assaults, sex, age, religion, disability and race-based discrimination."

"I understand what is going on in the lives of everyday people," Price said. "The system has to be fair to everyone."

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## Curators to Host Art Discussion

Pleasanton's Museum on Main will host an online discussion about the traveling exhibit, "Stitching California," with curators Karen Holmes and Katie Pasquini Masopust at 7 p.m., Friday, July 9, on the museum's YouTube channel.

Holmes and Pasquini Masopust created the exhibit, "Stitching California: fiber artists interpret the state's people, life, and land," for Grace Hudson Museum in Ukiah, California.

Holmes will discuss how various pieces were selected for the exhibit, while Pasquini Masopust, who also as a piece in the exhibit, will discuss the techniques and

innovations seen in more than 40 works of fiber art.

The audience will be able to interact with the speakers through email and YouTube chat features.

"The 'Stitching California' exhibit is both stunning and thought provoking," said Museum on Main education director Sarah Schaefer. "Not only will our audience learn more about the incredible art on display, but they will also get a glimpse into the behind-the-scenes work that goes into creating an art exhibition."

The exhibit will be on display at the museum, 603 Main St., through Aug. 14.

## UNCLE Reelects Chung Bothwell

Chung Bothwell has been reelected chair of the University of California Livermore Employees (UNCLE) Credit Union board of directors for 2021-2022.



Chung Bothwell

Bothwell, who works at the Lawrence Livermore

National Laboratory, has been with the credit union for more than 20 years and heads an 11-member volunteer board.

She has both a law degree and a master's degree in business administration. She has also received the J. Alvin George Outstanding Volunteer Award from the California Credit Union League.

The board also reelected John Stein as vice chair and Mila Shapovalov as treasurer. Clay Smith was named board secretary, succeeding Bob Corey, who remains a member of the board. Neda Gray and Lee Neely also retained their board seats for the new term.

## Students to Play Math Passport

Several kindergarten through fifth-grade students will be exploring downtown Livermore, asking questions such as "how high" and "how many," as part of the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District's summer game, Math Passport.

The students will visit 10 locations in the city, beginning with the Civic Center Library, to solve grade-level math problems. Solving one

problem unlocks the next destination, such as the Bankhead Theater, the fire station, the Donut Wheel.

The Math Passport game, sponsored by the Livermore Valley Education Foundation, combines geocaching with solving math problems to help students maintain their math skills over the summer.

For more information, go to [livermoreschools.org/mathpassport](http://livermoreschools.org/mathpassport).



Playground renovations at Ken Mercer Sports Park in Pleasanton were recently completed. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

## Visit Tri-Valley Acquires Film Office

Visit Tri-Valley, a regional destination marketing organization, will also serve as the area's contact with the film industry after taking over the former Livermore Valley Film Office.

"The Tri-Valley is home to seriously stunning landscapes, quaint main streets overflowing with charm, a picturesque wine country, and plenty of wide-open spaces," said Visit Tri-Valley President Tracy Farhad. "We know these are key ingredients for filmmaking, and we're pleased to share our region with top film, TV, and commercial productions."

The move comes follow-

ing the recent retirement of longtime film office director Jeanie Haigh. With the acquisition, the former Livermore Valley Film Office will be known as the Tri-Valley Film Office.

For more information about the film office, contact film liaison Justin Bower at [justin@visittrivalley.com](mailto:justin@visittrivalley.com) or go to <https://visittrivalley.com/filmoffice>.

Visit Tri-Valley also markets wineries and brew pubs, hotels and other lodging, retailers, and the cultural arts scene in Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin, and the town of Danville.



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## Giacomazzi Sisters Strike Gold at National Championships

By Matt Schwab

With a work hard, play harder approach, the Giacomazzi girls, Devyn and Addison, struck gold at the USA Acro Gymnastics National Championships last week in St. Louis.



Seen from left, Devyn and Addison Giacomazzi recently earned gold at the USA Acro Gymnastics National Championships. (Photo courtesy of Acro Gymnastics)

Under a bright spotlight, Devyn, 9, teamed with Gigi Johnson in Level 8 Women's Pair, and Addison, 11, partnered with Morgan Sweeney in Level 9 Women's Pair. The polished group represent the fast-emerging national force WestCoast Training Center Gymnastics in Livermore.

The Giacomazzi girls' national championships came on the heels of state titles in Livermore and Regional crowns in Las Vegas.

"The sweep, right? They got the states, the regionals and the nationals, so that was awesome," said a proud

James Giacomazzi, the girls' father and the athletic director and men's basketball coach at Las Positas College.

Reaction to Devyn and Addison's national gold medals with their partners came swiftly in the com-

Sweeney had the highest score for the entire Level 9 category — which included 38 competitors for women's pair, women's group and mixed pairs — for their balance routine score of 27.9 (out of 30) and overall score of 54.170.

Devyn and Johnson had the top score in the women's pair category of 71.0 — a full 2.35 points ahead of second place. Impressively, Devyn, who earned her first state, regional and national titles the season, was undefeated this summer.

James and his wife, Kristi, marveled at their daughters' sensational summer capped by peak performances in St. Louis.

"Addison and her partner on their first routine, it was like their best performance of the year," James said. "They really stepped up when the lights were brightest."

Nationals were held nearby at The Dome where legendary Simone Biles secured a trip to the Tokyo Olympics by handily winning the women's all-around at the U.S. Olympic Gymnastics Trials.

munity.

"(The news) got out quick and everybody was just ecstatic," James said. "Everybody in the WestCoast Training Center that went to nationals 'podiumed.' Everybody got gold, silver or bronze, which is outstanding."

The Acro competition has a Cirque du Soleil vibe with dance moves, twists, flips and spins. Each Acro level is scored by a panel of judges based on difficulty, artistry and execution.

Addison and University of Oregon-bound Morgan

### Dublin Seeks Members for Public Arts Committee

Dublin is seeking residents to serve with city staff and commissioners on a committee to review proposals and make recommendations for two public art projects at Dublin Heritage Park. To apply for the Art Selection Committee, go to <https://dublin.ca.gov/FormCenter/Parks-and-Community-Services-9/Public-Art-Selection-Committee-Interest-64>.

## TRI-VALLEY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Now Until Friday, July 23 Art History in Action

A creative and varied monthly curriculum introduces some of art's major periods, artworks and architecture, as well as the impact of different cultures, theories, materials, processes, techniques and audiences. The instructor will be Thomasin Dewhurst. There are multiple class dates. For more information or to register, visit <https://sforce.co/3ktrnkY>.

### Now Until Thursday, Aug. 19 Twilight League

Join other Dublin Chamber members for some fresh air, exercise and friendly competition. Chamber Board of Director, Les Jacob, with Select Imaging, is looking for interested golfers to form a team to play in the Twilight Golf League at Dublin Ranch Golf Course on Thursday evenings. Shotgun start goes at 5:30 p.m. For more information, contact Jeff Hazelwood, director of golf, Dublin Ranch Golf Course.

### Now Until Wednesday, Aug. 25 Senior Walk with LARPD

Do you enjoy socializing as you walk? These weekly gatherings are designed for all levels for walkers to walk at their own comfortable pace. Groups leaves from the RLCC Courtyard to walk the perimeter of Robert Livermore Community Park, with the focus is on time, not distance. The goal is to walk a minimum of 15 minutes at your own pace at 9:30 a.m. Ongoing registration. The address is 4444 East Ave., in Livermore.

### Now Until Dec. 26 Vintage Aircraft Display

Every weekend during 2021, the Livermore Airport will display vintage aircraft, from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Visitors can view the aircraft from the Elevations Restaurant balcony. The airport is located at 680 Terminal Circle, in Livermore. For more information, call 925-960-8220 or visit <https://bit.ly/3yqpbQs>.

### Friday, June 25 to Friday, July 30 Club V.I.P. Outdoor Girls' Beach Volleyball League

Participating in Club V.I.P.'s Beach Volleyball League, players will get a chance to work on beach skills and receive conditioning due to playing on the sand. This is for intermediate indoor players who want to play beach volleyball. The league will be 6v6 format. Included are practices, two hours, once a week the first three weeks. Scrimmages will be held at different cities within the Tri-Valley during the last two weeks of the five-week league. To register, visit <https://bit.ly/3pPfdFx>. For more information, contact the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District at 925-373-5700.

### NMonday, July 12 VA Mobile Medical Outreach Team Visits Library

Pleasanton Library will host the VA Palo Alto Mobile Medical Outreach team to facilitate free examinations, consultations, and referrals for enrolled veterans. The drop-in event will run from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, July 12, in front of the library, located at 400 Old Bernal Ave. VA representatives will provide information to veterans, spouses, caregivers, family members, and survivors and assist with veteran enrollment for VA care. Veterans should bring military discharge papers (Form DD-214) and a list of current medications. Those who need to obtain proof-of-service documents prior to the event can find instructions at the library's online Veterans Resource Center <https://bit.ly/3AhmPWq>. For more information, call 925-931-3400 x4 or email [pleasantonlibrary.zendesk.com](mailto:pleasantonlibrary.zendesk.com). No appointment necessary; medical team and enrollment specialists will be on site.

### Monday, July 12 Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society Presents Jacqi Stevens

Jacqi Stevens is a genealogical researcher, writer of over 3,000 articles on her blog, A Family Tapestry, and educator in beginning genealogy, genetic genealogy, and blogging at the Stockton Institute

for Continued Learning and other organizations. From 7 to 8:30 p.m., she will speak about creating a blog to share your family's stories. To register for this free event, visit <https://bit.ly/3vZYpNm>.

### Sunday, July 18 Pacific Chamber Orchestra: A Musical Season of Renewal

At 3 p.m. at the Bankhead Theater, Beethoven's Sixth Symphony, also known as the Pastoral, will weave a harmonic background into a stream. The stream reaches a pool alive with a chorus of birdcall. Beethoven penned this note to describe his final movement: "The Shepherd's Song After the Storm." Join in the PCO's triumphant return to the concert stage and sail with them through musical storms to a peaceful renewal. Tickets are on sale now at [www.pacificchamberorchestra.org](http://www.pacificchamberorchestra.org).

### Thursday, July 22 KINDERTRANSPORT by Diane Samuels (A Play Reading)

Livermore Shakespeare Festival presents the final installment of their LifeSPARC: The Victory of Spirit series. In partnership with East Bay Holocaust Education Center, Livermore Shakespeare Festival actors will bring life to a story about the Holocaust through a staged reading of KINDERTRANSPORT by Diane Samuels. This event can also be accessed via livestream, Tuesday, July 22, at 7 p.m., via Zoom, or as a recorded performance July 23 to 27. This event is sponsored by East Bay Holocaust Education Center. Tickets are \$15. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit <https://sforce.co/35Y9gxe>.

### Saturday, Aug. 14 Valley Dance Theatre 40th Season Gala

Last year was the VDT's 40th season, but due to COVID-19, the entire performing season was cancelled. This coming fall will be their 41st season, 40th year of being able to entertain audiences. Tickets are \$40 per person or \$300 for a table of eight. All proceeds from this fundraiser are to improve facilities at the school, such as getting a new floor in Studio A. There will be hors d'oeuvres, desserts,

So there was excitement in the air all week in St. Louis.

Addison now has two national titles on her growing resume, which also includes a national runner-up finish, five state championships and five regional titles.

Addison told James after the competition she was excited about how they did and that they wanted to send Morgan out on a high note.

Dad asked Devyn if she was a little nervous to be on such a big stage.

"She said, 'I was a little bit nervous, but as soon as I walked out onto the floor, I knew it was go-time!' And that was cute," James said of their conversation.



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### ONGOING WEEKLY EVENTS

#### Dublin Farmers Market Open for the Season

Open Thursdays, 4 to 8 p.m., at Emerald Glen Community Park, 4201 Central Parkway.

#### Livermore Downtown Farmers Market Open for the Season

Open Sundays, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Second Street between J Street and L Street. Open Thursdays, April 15 to Nov. 18, from 4 to 8 p.m., at Carnegie Park, 2155 Third St., between J Street and K Street.

#### Pleasanton Farmers Market Open for the Season

Open Saturdays, from 10 to 1 p.m., at Main Street and West Angela Street. Seniors 60 and over are welcome for specialized shopping from 9 to 10 a.m.

### VIRTUAL ONLINE EVENTS -AVAILABLE ANYTIME

#### Pacific Chamber Orchestra Offers Musical Podcast

During this time of challenge, PCO continues to bring everyone beautiful music made insightful. Conductor Lawrence Kohl is pleased to announce the launch of a series of podcasts of musician interviews and conversations about the music. Subscribe to listen at [www.pacificchamberorchestra.org](http://www.pacificchamberorchestra.org).

#### Sunflower Hill Online Activities

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## LLNL Space Telescopes Sending Thousands of Images to Earth

Two small telescopes developed by Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory were part of the payload aboard a SpaceX Falcon rocket that lifted off from the Kennedy Space Center in Florida May 15 and transmitted more than 4,500 pictures back to Earth during the past month.

Known as GEOSTare2, the telescopes were integrated into a Tyvak nanosatellite, weighing just 25 pounds, that was able to hitch a ride into space along with a new fleet of Starlink internet satellites. Operating in low-earth orbit at 360 miles, the telescopes are capturing both images of outer space and ground images of Earth. They will also help keep track of what else is orbiting the Earth -- satellites and space debris -- in what is referred to as space domain awareness.

"Our payload is operating very well," said astrophysicist Wim de Vries, with

LLNL's Space Science and Security Program. "We're ahead of schedule on the checkout."

The technology was developed by LLNL and Tyvak, based in Irvine, California, under a four-year, \$6 million research and development agreement to advance compact satellites for commercial applications. The project combines Monolithic Telescope (MonoTele) technology, invented by LLNL optical scientist Brian Bauman, with Tyvak's expertise in producing high-reliability spacecraft.

Each MonoTele telescope is fabricated from a single fused silica slab, allowing the optic lens to operate within tight tolerances. The approach does not require on-orbit alignment, simplifying spacecraft design, including size, weight, and power needs.

The GEOSTare2 payload is about the size of a loaf of bread.

## Jeppson Named Chief Financial Officer at Lawrence Livermore Lab

Rachelle Jeppson has been named chief financial officer (CFO) for the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL).

The appointment was effective this week.

In her new position, Jeppson, formerly deputy CFO and controller, oversees the laboratory's \$2.6 billion annual budget, including accounting, budgeting, and financial analysis.

She is also responsible for establishing and overseeing financial policies, procedures, and controls; disbursement of funds; financial reporting; and compliance with federal financial

requirements. In addition, she will serve as treasurer of Lawrence Livermore National Security, which manages the LLNL for the U.S. Department of Energy.

From 2010 to 2017, Jeppson was controller at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, where she led the financial accounting operations including royalty accounting, accounts payable, payroll, travel, conference services and financial controls and compliance.

She has a bachelor's degree in business administration - accounting from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo.

## Church to Celebrate July 4 with Virtual Pet Parade

The Ridgeview Hope Church in Pleasanton plans to host a virtual "pet parade" on its website to celebrate July 4. The church has chosen the theme "Let Freedom Ring" for the online display of cats, dogs, and other family pets.

"We wanted to find a way to bring our community together to celebrate and thought a virtual pet parade would be a safe and fun way," said Associate Pastor Ted Mendoza. "Even if we can't yet be together for an in-person parade, we can still find ways to build community."

Tri-Valley residents are encouraged to email pictures of their decked-out pets to [tedmendoza@ridgeviewhope.org](mailto:tedmendoza@ridgeviewhope.org) by Friday, July 2. The parade of pets will appear July 4 on the church's website: [www.ridgeviewhopechurch.org](http://www.ridgeviewhopechurch.org). The church will award gift cards will be awarded for the best dressed dog, best dressed cat, and best accessorized animal. The church, at 5901 Coronado Lane, will also hold services at 10 a.m. on July 4, followed by a barbecue lunch. Those interested in attending should contact Mendoza at 925-522-5621 or the email address above.

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the applicants to 25-30 for interviews.

"Then you will be able to look at all of the attributes that you're looking for — geographic diversity, age diversity, whether you're a renter or an owner — and you would have enough room within those numbers of folks to collectively interview that you would be able to put together your 15 plus 4," Roberts said.

The city's staff will create recommendations for the process and return for the council's approval at a later meeting.

### In other business:

— The council extended an exclusive negotiating rights agreement with Shakespeare's Associates, Inc., also known as the Livermore Shakespeare Festival, to develop a black box theater as part of the city's downtown plan.

Livermore Community Development Director Paul

Spence told the council that progress has been made on the deal, but the COVID-19 pandemic resulted in delays. The original negotiating period approved in 2018 was set to expire June 30, but will be extended to Dec. 31. The contract will then be brought to the council for approval. The black box theater is part of the downtown revitalization project to create commercial buildings, a hotel, a park, housing, a black box theater and a science and society center.

— The council heard progress on the city's efforts to create a Climate Action Plan that will later be delivered to the panel for approval. The plan to significantly reduce carbon emissions from the city by 2030 and 2045, including banning natural gas in new construction in favor of going all-electric, convincing building owners to voluntarily switch to electric instead of gas, reducing the number of vehicles on

the road with public transportation and bicycle routes, and establishing charging stations for electric vehicles.

— The council approved up to \$1.38 million in funding to the Alameda County Transportation Commission to make improvements to the Vasco Road/580 freeway interchange. The project will replace the Vasco Road overcrossing with a wider bridge, reconstruct the on and off ramps, create new pedestrian and bicycle facilities, and install traffic signals and improvements to adjacent local streets.

— The council approved up to \$245,000 to Pangea Environmental Services, Inc. to test the Livermore Village site for contaminants as part of the downtown revitalization project. The site behind First Street businesses and bounded by L Street, Railroad Ave, and North Livermore Avenue once was occupied by two dry cleaning businesses, a train depot and

tracks and a lumber yard.

The controversial Eden Housing project was recently approved to be built on the train depot site, prompting some members of the public who are opposed to the development to call for complete hearings to discuss pollutants at the location. Donna Cabanne, Tri-Valley Sierra Club executive committee member, asked for the public hearing to cover in detail the contamination and clean-up costs.

Woerner said it seemed confusing that one speaker simultaneously wanted facts pertaining to the site but didn't want the city to spend money on obtaining those facts.

"The only other thing I would point out is, let's not be deluded in thinking this is the only site downtown that has contamination," he said. "We need to get facts. We need to pay for them and then we will have a conversation."

## LAWSUIT

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continued. "These bait-and-switch tactics are not acceptable. Alternative proposals could have provided more park space, more parking, teacher housing, and 100 additional affordable housing units. But they were not considered.

"Not only did the city council approve the project over public opposition, but in its rush to judgement, it violated California en-

vironmental quality laws and Livermore's Downtown Specific Plan. We urgently hope that the City Council and Eden Housing will agree to meet with stakeholders as soon as possible to create a plan that works for all of us."

Carling responded to say that the current plan does include housing for early career teachers and others as outlined on the city's website. He referred again to the

process that was undertaken in 2017 culminating in a city council decision in January 2018 for the plan the council is working to implement.

"I find 'rush to judgement' interesting," Carling continued. "The catalyst site has been considered for development for at least 15 years. I don't think we approved it over public opposition. That is the opinion of SLD, not one that I share."

Vice Mayor Trish Munro and Councilmember Gina Bonanno declined to comment on the lawsuit. Mayor Bob Woerner, Councilmember Brittini Kiick and Eden Housing President Linda Mandolini did not return requests for comment at press time.

To review the lawsuit in its entirety, visit [SaveLivermoreDowntown.com](http://SaveLivermoreDowntown.com).

## OBITUARIES

### Ellen Johnson



Sadly, in March 2021, the community of Livermore lost one of the most kind and wonderful women when Ellen Styles Johnson passed away just five weeks shy of her 94th birthday, after succumbing to cancer.

Ellen was born in Michigan in 1927, attended elementary and secondary school in Detroit, and graduated from Shimer's Junior College, then Albion College, with honors. In college, she served as president of the "Independent Women's League," pursuing equal rights for women attending colleges. After college, Ellen went to work for Demery's department store where she furthered her education at the Wayne University Retail School and earned her certification in the newly emerging field of "employee human resources." Her hard work at Demery's was rewarded with numerous promotions in a few short years and she was very proud of her high-paying job.

Ellen's brother, Scott, introduced her to Donald Martin Johnson in 1953. The couple married in Michigan in 1955, and, in 1958, they moved west to settle in Livermore. Children soon followed, and Ellen lived a fulfilling life as a devoted mother to her three daughters, Jean, Lois, and Mary. In support of them, Ellen volunteered many hours as a classroom parent, a Girl Scout leader, a 4-H leader, and as a member of the school's parent teacher organization.

When the children were grown, Ellen furthered her volunteering, dedicating her time at many senior centers. Her bright smile, kindness toward all, and renowned spaghetti feasts will be missed by many.

Ellen's lifelong passion for cooking led her to join the Del Valle Home Economists Club. She had the pleasure of working with numerous honored chefs, and in due

course, she applied her extensive skills as a culinary instructor at the Livermore and Pleasanton Senior Centers. She was an avid collector of kitchen tools and had a massive collection of cookbooks. She and Don traveled frequently to culinary destinations around the world, and she loved going out to eat, as well as having meals with her family and friends to celebrate any occasion.

In addition to the Home Economists Club, Ellen was an active member of the AAUW, the British American Club, and the Livermore Women's Investment Club.

After Don retired, she joined the women's offshoot of SIRs, as a SIRette, and was a member of the local senior center travel groups.

In 2010, Ellen and her beloved dog, Iris, moved to the Rosewood Gardens Retirement Community, where she continued to make new friends and enrich her life as a truly invincible senior, with a zest for life and always open to new discoveries.

Ellen's legacy will live on in the hearts and minds of everyone she interacted with. In these moments of deep heartbreaking grief, we remind ourselves how fortunate we were to be blessed by a person who loved us all so greatly that she will always occupy a huge part of our soul. One of the most important things a mother can do is pass on their exceptional traits, and we can only hope that the kindness, compassion, strength, and generosity she has shown us, over the years, remains within us as we mourn her passing and celebrate her life.

Ellen was preceded in death by her parents, George and Olah Styles; her husband, Donald Martin Johnson; her grandson, Kyle; and her brother, Scott Styles. She is survived by her daughters, Jean Price (Mike) of Danville, Lois Laza (Paul) of Brentwood, and Mary Dugan (Randall) of Montana; as well as five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Ellen is also survived by several family members overseas in the UK and many loving friends.

Ellen will be celebrated by family and friends in July. Please contact the family at [CelebrateEllenJ@gmail.com](mailto:CelebrateEllenJ@gmail.com) for more details, or Callahan's Mortuary at 925-660-7098. Callaghan Mortuary is honored to be serving the Johnson family. An online guestbook is available for condolences at [www.callaghanmortuary.com](http://www.callaghanmortuary.com).

### Jeffery T. Huntsman

June 27, 1958 - March 13, 2021



Longtime Livermore resident, Jeff Huntsman passed away on March 13, 2021, after a lengthy illness. He was 62. Jeff was born in Barberton, Ohio to Violet Huntsman of West Virginia. Jeff graduated from Cal High in 1976 and soon after joined the Marine Corps. Upon honorable discharge, Jeff worked as a computer operator at Pacific Bell and then was a 22-year employee at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. Jeff was kind, intelligent, loving and generous. He loved his family and friends. He loved to talk, he loved history ... especially Egyptian history and

playing chess. He was a big man with an even bigger heart. He leaves behind his wife and best friend of 43 years, Kathy. He leaves his sister Terrie Bourassa (Jeff); mother-in-law Faye Spicer; sisters-in-law Judy Schwichtenberg and Sandra Jackson (Joe). He leaves his much-loved seven nieces and nephews and 10 great-nieces and great-nephews. Family services were held on March 25. Interment with full military honors took place at San Joaquin National Cemetery, Santa Nella, California. Jeff will live forever in our hearts.

### Barry Edward Zupan

Feb. 3, 1949 - June 16, 2021



On Wednesday, June 16, 2021, Barry Edward Zupan passed away at his home in Livermore, California at the age of 72, eight months after his diagnosis with a glioblastoma brain tumor.

Barry was born in San Francisco on February 3, 1949, to Sam and Rose (Ughi) Zupan. He grew up in Santa Rosa and earned his degree from Sonoma State. He enjoyed a long career and owned multiple companies in the automotive equipment industry. Barry was an accomplished photographer and

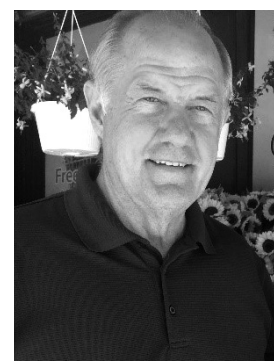
loved using his photos to share his experiences traveling abroad, as well as the natural beauty of the Livermore Valley.

Barry is survived by his sons Steven (Laura) and Brian (Michelle); long-time partner Sally; brother Gary; and grandchildren: Michael, Nolan, and Sam.

Callaghan Mortuary is honored to be serving the Zupan family. An online guestbook is available for condolences at [www.callaghanmortuary.com](http://www.callaghanmortuary.com).

### William "Bill" Louis Wiser

Sept. 25, 1950 - June 17, 2021



Bill Wiser passed away from complications of Parkinson's disease.

Born in Glasgow, Montana, Bill spent his childhood years in Idaho Falls, Idaho. Bill married his high school sweetheart Pamala Gay Merrill and attended Utah State. After graduating with a bachelor of science degree in accounting, Bill and Gay moved to California to raise a family, eventually settling in Livermore, California in the summer of 1976.

Work for Bill began early in life: he was only 10 when his father died. To help the family, Bill held many odd jobs in his youth. His favorite by far was working as a bus boy with his mom "Tot," a cook at the Pancake House in Idaho Falls. Hard work and the love of his mom and sister Sherry laid the foundation that would help make Bill successful in many facets of his life. Bill was a commodities broker for over 30 years, eventually becoming a partner and vice president at McKeany-Flavell. Over the years

the people at McKeany-Flavell became a second family.

Bill had a great sense of humor and loved spending time with his family, cooking and enjoying the outdoors. Bill was happiest amongst the trees. He loved the mountains of California, Idaho and Montana.

Most of all Bill was kind and

thoughtful, admired for his positivity and dedication to his family and work.

Bill is preceded in death by his father Shelby Wiser and mother Lillian Eleanor Wiser. Bill is survived by wife Pamala Gay Wiser; sister Sherry Schmitt and nephew Eric Schmitt; son Lance Wiser, (Anne); daughter Tracy Donlin, (Basil); three wonderful grandchildren; Kate Wiser, Joe Wiser and Edward Donlin.

Bill's family is holding an open house at 1739 College Ave. in Livermore, July 17, from 2 to 6 p.m.

Please stop by and share your memories and stories of Bill.

In lieu of flowers please consider donating in Bill Wiser's name through Bill's Michael J. Fox Foundation tribute page: <https://tribute.michaeljfox.org/tribute-page.php?id=2009&np=true>

Callaghan Mortuary is serving the Wiser family. An online guestbook is available for condolences at [www.callaghanmortuary.com](http://www.callaghanmortuary.com).

### Doris Slater

April 10, 1936 - April 20, 2021



A public celebration of the completed life of Doris Slater will be held at 11 a.m. on July 23, 2021, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton, California. The connection between Doris and her music cannot be overstated. As a teenager, she was the go-to soprano soloist in church choirs at First English Lutheran Church (St. Paul's Lutheran) in Cheyenne, Wyoming. For many years, she was also a frequently requested soloist at Schrader Funeral Home. Later at Evergreen Lutheran Church in Evergreen, Colorado, she either sang in or directed, the adult choir over a 20-year period. Doris sang for many years with Denver's Classic Chorale; was a founding member of the Evergreen Chorale in 1972; and appeared in several musicals with The Evergreen Players. Since moving to the Tri-Valley area of California in 1983, she sang with the Valley Concert Chorale (VCC) for 25 years and had prominent roles in many musicals including "The Mikado." In addition, she served two terms as president of VCC. She also had the talent to sing with the San Francisco Symphony Chorus for one season.

Doris was well-known and will be missed by both the staff and patrons of Peet's Coffee bar on Valley Avenue in Pleasanton. Her congenial manner and infectious smile made her many friends.

Helping others was something for which Doris could always find time. She spent many hours in supporting organizations such as the Battered Women's Alternative, currently known as STAND from 1984 to 2006. She was honored as Volunteer of the Year in 1998.

A broken leg at 14, incurred while sliding into third base, didn't stop her from continuing to play softball. From 1954-1956 she was a member of the People's Sporting Goods team of Cheyenne that won three consecutive Wyoming State ASA softball championships (fast pitch). Doris played second base alongside of her mother at first base, until her mother sustained a career-ending knee injury midway through the 1956 season.

Doris Anne Deines was born

April 10, 1936, in Fort Collins, Colorado, to Richard Deines and Martha (Brunz) Deines. Her parents were first generation Volga Germans whose families emigrated from Russia in the early 20th Century. Family, both immediate and extended, played an important part in her early years. She was close to many of her more than 50 first cousins, approximately half of whom survive her. Both parents preceded her in death, as did her sister-in-law, Inez (Lopez) Deines.

The family moved from Fort Collins to Cheyenne in 1945, where her father began his 32-year career as a fireman/engineer on the Union Pacific Railroad. By the time she was 17, she had traveled from coast to coast. She always liked to travel, and subsequent trips took her to places as far away as Portugal, Italy, France and New Zealand.

She was an honor student throughout her school career, beginning with her elementary years in Fort Collins. She transferred to Johnson School in Cheyenne in the third grade, and then was among the first class of fourth graders to attend the new Hebard Elementary School a few blocks away. A proud "South Sider," she attended Johnson Junior High School through 1951. She completed her high school graduation requirements before the second semester of her senior year and was already working full-time as a stenographer at Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Company by the time she graduated from Cheyenne High School in May of 1954. Doris continued to work at

the phone company into 1957. In May of 1956, she married to Ronald M. Slater, whom she later divorced.

Doris had (in some cases all too briefly) several four-legged friends along the way including, but not necessarily limited to; Freckles, Punky, Herkimer, Snoopy, Little Tyke, Bambi, Tippy, Cinder, Elsie, Sophie, Lucas, Boris, Chester, Elwood, Daisy, Tanner, Taya, Ohms, Jenny, Sam, Spud, Snow Pea, Rufus, Cosmo, Charley, Lucy, Bailey, Ivy, Chessie and Haley.

Doris is survived by her daughter, Jeanie Slater of Pleasanton, California; her three sons, Ron Slater (Nancy) of Fremont, California; Mark Slater (Dyan del Gaudio) of Manitou Springs, Colorado; and David Slater (Laura Schwartz) of Fort Collins, Wyoming; grandsons Bradley Slater of Placerville, California; Aaron Slater of Fremont, California; and Rowan Slater of Fort Collins, Colorado; granddaughter Luna Slater of Fort Collins, Colorado; brothers Rick Deines (Dixie) of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and Tony Deines of Denver, Colorado; niece Kelly Deines (Mike Cassidy) of Minneapolis, Minnesota; nephews Tim Deines (Donna Cervelli) of Lansing, Michigan; Mike Deines (Angela) of Topeka, Kansas; and Chris Deines (Debbie) of Thornton, Colorado; grand-nieces Caroline Cassidy of Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Zandie Deines of Lansing, Michigan; and grand-nephews Peter Cassidy of Minneapolis, Minnesota; Julian Deines of Lansing, Michigan; and Owen Deines of Topeka, Kansas.

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## Livermore Valley Wine Celebration Returns

“Taste Our Terroir” returns this month with four days of events celebrating Livermore Valley’s history of winemaking.

From July 22 to 25, Livermore Valley wineries will offer eleven events, including winemaker dinners, an electric bike tour, a winemaker concert, a blind tasting seminar and two virtual tasting events.

“Terroir” refers to the natural environment, including soil, topography, and climate, in which grapes are grown and which influences the taste of a region’s wines.

The celebration gets underway with two in-person and one online event on Thursday, July 22:

Wine critic and writer Mary Orlin will moderate an online panel discussion on diversity in Livermore Valley wineries, “Paving New Paths,” from 5-6:30 p.m. Joining the discussion will be Phil Long, owner of Longevity Winery; Julio Covarrubias, owner of Casa de Vinas Vineyard; and Rosa Fierro, owner of Rosa Fierro Cellars. There will also be a virtual winetasting. The cost is \$65 and includes two bottles of wine that can be picked up prior to the panel discussion or shipped at the ticketholder’s expense.

Four westside wineries – Cuda Ridge Wines, Dante Robere Vineyards, Las Positas Vineyards and Fenestra Winery – will host a four-course dinner at Las Positas Vineyards, 1828 Wetmore Road, from 6-9 p.m. on July 22. The cost is \$149 per person.

McGrail Vineyards will host “Fire and Folklore,” an outdoor event featuring wine, s’mores, acoustic music, and winemaker tales from 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Karl Wente, of Wente Vineyards, will join Mark Clarin, of McGrail Vine-

yards, in sharing their favorite stories around the campfire at 5600 Greenville Road. The cost is \$49 per person.

Events on Friday, July 23, include:

“Femmes de Franc,” from noon to 2 p.m., at Rosa Fierro Cellars, 2245 S. Vasco Road. Winemakers Rosa Fierro, Alexandra Henkelman, and Meredith Sarboraria will lead a barrel-to-bottle tasting of six Cabernet Franc wines from Rosa Fierro Cellars, Omega Road Winery, and Rodrigue Molyneux Estate Winery and Vineyard. The \$60 per person cost includes appetizers from Charming Fig Charcuterie in Livermore.

Winemakers from Omega Road Winery and Big White House Winery & John Evan Cellars will host a virtual event, “Major Mixes: The secret world of wine blending and beyond,” from 5-6:30 p.m. The cost is \$65 per person.

Winemaker Robbie Meyer will host a “Winemaker Dinner at Murrietta’s Well,” 3005 Mines Road, from 6-8:30 p.m. Dinner in the winery’s barrel room will be catered by the Eat Drink Be Merry Catering Co. from Walnut Creek and feature Murrietta’s Well merlot, rosé, and tempranillo wines. The cost is \$175 per person.

Saturday, July 24, will feature a tour of Livermore Valley Wine Country on an electric Pedego bike for \$199.

The tour, from 9 a.m. to 2:15 p.m., will include a light brunch and wine and honey tasting at El Sol Winery, a vineyard tour and wine tasting with Julio Covarrubias at Casa de Vinas Vineyard, and a wine tasting and picnic lunch at The Press at Charles R Vineyards. The tour will finish with wine tasting and dessert pairings at Wood Family Vineyards. The cost

is \$199.

“Taste Our Terroir” will wrap up with four events on Sunday, July 25:

Yoga instructor Lisa Stanford will lead an introductory-level class at 10 a.m. on the from lawn at Bent Creek Winery, 5455 Greenville Road, followed by a wine tasting. The cost is \$25.

Las Positas Vineyards, 1828 Wetmore Road, will host two sessions of “Curds & Wine,” from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2:30-4 p.m. Chef Curt Pipes and certified cheese professional Brandon Wood discuss wine and cheese pairings. The cost is \$75.

Garré Winery, 7986 Tesla Road, and executive chef Abe Ahmari will host “Brunch Bites & Flight Pairing” from noon to 1:30 p.m. The cost is \$55 per person.

Omega Road Winery, 2127 S. Vasco Road, will host “Secrets of a Sommelier” with Shannon Tesseyre from noon to 2 p.m. The interactive presentation will include taste testing of wines from Omega Road Winery, Big White House & John Evan Cellars, Rodrigue Molyneux, Fenestra, Caddis, and Charles R Vineyards. The cost is \$75.

For more information and tickets to all events, go to [www.LVwine.org](http://www.LVwine.org).

## Soroptimists Announce Community Award Winners

Soroptimist International of the Tri-Valley has presented its annual Violet Richardson Award, which recognizes young women for their volunteer efforts in the community, to Acacia Triplett, a student at Dublin High School, and Parul Gupta, a student at Foothill High School in Pleasanton.

The service club said Triplett, who received \$1,000, was recognized for organizing the “Our Dublin” tee shirt project to promote unity.

The shirts featured five interracial fists and a quote from “The Hate U Give,”

a young-adult novel and movie: “Your voices matter, your dreams matter, your lives matter. Be roses that grow in the concrete.”

Proceeds from the shirt sales will fund a future scholarship at Dublin High School.

Parul Gupta was recognized for creating an online peer tutoring program, “Edu-tine,” that matched student volunteers with classmates who needed academic help during the pandemic and online learning.

Gupta, who received \$500 from the Soroptimists, has since formed a nonprofit

organization to continue Edu-tine, a mesh of “education” and “quarantine.” For more information, go to [www.edutine.com](http://www.edutine.com).

The Soroptimists presented the Dale Vaughn Bowen Scholarship to Maria Lourenco, a student at Foothill High. The scholarship, in honor of past Soroptimist member Dale Vaughn Bowen, goes to a student who has lost a parent to cancer. This year’s award was for \$1,000.

The club’s “Live Your Dream Award” went to Jemica Hamilton, who is continuing to pursue an education while raising her son.

## Mendenhall Students Finish in Top 10 for National History Day

Mendenhall Middle School students Audrey Manly and Kylie Rose were finalists in the Junior Group Website category, finishing in the Top 10 last month in the 2021 National History Day competition.

Their project, “Ida Tarbell: Exposing the Injustices of the Standard Oil Company,” was a co-champion in the state National History Day competition held earlier this year.

States were each allowed to enter two projects per

category in the national competition, where they were further evaluated by teachers and historians.

The theme for this year’s competition was “Communication in History: The Key to Understanding.”

Two other projects by Mendenhall Middle School students also took first place honors in the state competition.

Alice Graham was a co-champion in the junior Historical Paper category for her essay on “The Yellow Fever

Outbreak of 1793: How Miscommunication Spread Panic Faster Than Disease.”

Maleah Okamoto and Emily O’Hara were co-champions in the junior Group Performance category at the state level for “Anne Sullivan and Helen Keller: Communicating in Silence.”

This was the first time that students from Mendenhall, which has participated in National History Day every year since 2006, finished first in state competition and advanced to the national finals.

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The following person(s) doing business as: 7G Small Town Boutique, 121 Kilkare Rd, Sunol, CA 94586, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Lori Gronley, 121 Kilkare Rd, Sunol, CA 94586. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Lori Gronley, Sole Proprietorship. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 25, 2021. Expires May 25, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4884. Published June 10, 17, 24, July 1, 2021.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 579533

The following person(s) doing business as: Enigma Blanks, 3354 Vittoria Loop, Dublin, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Daniel Wearsch, 3354 Vittoria Loop, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by a Married Couple. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Daniel Wearsch. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 28, 2021. Expires May 28, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4885. Published June 10, 17, 24, July 1, 2021.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 579461

The following person(s) doing business as: Project Fitness, 27492 Hemlock Ranch Road, Hayward, CA 94544, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Tolulope Anyanwu, 27492 Hemlock Ranch Road, Hayward, CA 94544. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Tolulope Anyanwu, Proprietor. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 26, 2021. Expires May 26, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4886. Published June 10, 17, 24, July 1, 2021.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 579476

The following person(s) doing business as: PUF Services, 2725 Oregon Court, Pleasanton, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Sahana Sidhar, 2725 Oregon Court, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: May 1, 2021. Signature of Registrant/s/: Sahana Sidhar, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 27, 2021. Expires May 27, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4887. Published June 10, 17, 24, July 1, 2021.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 579572

The following person(s) doing business as: Nth Power Studio, 1726 College Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Neal Pann, 1726 College Ave, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Neal Pann, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 1, 2021. Expires June

1, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4888. Published June 10, 17, 24, July 1, 2021.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 579519

The following person(s) doing business as: Shed Mania, 1578 Allen Ct, Castro Valley, CA 94546, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): 5X Construction Inc., 1578 Allen Ct, Castro Valley, CA 94546. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 4/15/21. Signature of Registrant/s/: Insang Song, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 28, 2021. Expires May 28, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4889. Published June 17, 24, July 1, 8, 2021.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 579603

The following person(s) doing business as: Metro Security Services, 5820 Stoneridge Mall Rd, Suite 201 Pleasanton, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Metro Security Services, 5820 Stoneridge Mall Rd, Suite 201 Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Wassem Latifi, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 1, 2021. Expires June 1, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4890. Published June 17, 24, July 1, 8, 2021.

### ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. HG21095379 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF ALAMEDA TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

**Petitioner:**  
Akiyoshi Kawamura  
434 School St.  
Livermore, CA 94550  
(415) 319-0312  
akiyoshi.kawamura@gmail.com

filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

**Present Name:**  
Nha Minh Kawamura

**Proposed Name:**  
Minh-Nha Kawamura

**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: 7/23/2021  
Time: 11:00 AM  
Dept: 17

The address of the court is: Alameda County Administration Building 1221 Oak Street Oakland, CA 94612

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Dated: May 7, 2021 /s/ Judge Tara M. Desautels. The Independent Legal No. 4892 Published June 17, 24, July 1, 8, 2021.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 579734

The following person(s) doing business as: All Core Designs, 3604 rocking Horse Ct, Dublin,

CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jenson Luis, 3604 rocking Horse Ct, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 6/4/21. Signature of Registrant/s/: Jenson Luis, Sole Proprietor. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 4, 2021. Expires June 4, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4893. Published June 17, 24, July 1, 8, 2021.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 579821

The following person(s) doing business as: First Class Recording Service, 3196 Constitution Dr. Livermore, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): First Class Signing Service, 3196 Constitution Dr. Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 6/1/21. Signature of Registrant/s/: Eric Hill, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 8, 2021. Expires June 8, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4894. Published June 17, 24, July 1, 8, 2021.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 579396

The following person(s) doing business as: 1. Charles R. Vineyards - 2. Charles R. Estate - 3. Charles R. Cellar - 4. Charles R. Vineyards, 8195 Crane Ridge Rd, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Quail Nest, LLC, 8100 Crane Ridge Rd, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Co. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 9/26/2006. Signature of Registrant/s/: Bonnie Bartlett, Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 25, 2021. Expires May 25, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4896. Published June 24, July 1, 8, 15, 2021.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 579980

The following person(s) doing business as: Boltz Building Maintenance & Repair, 2264 High Street, Oakland, CA 94601 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Michael R. Boltz Jr., 2264 High Street, Oakland, CA 94601. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 6/7/2021. Signature of Registrant/s/: Michael R. Boltz Jr., Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 14, 2021. Expires June 14, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4897. Published June 24, July 1, 8, 15, 2021.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 579613

The following person(s) doing business as: Fast Print, 2411 Telegraph Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94704, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Campus Copy Partners, LLC, 2411 Telegraph Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94704. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 5/1/2021. Signature of Registrant/s/: Craig Fairbanks, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 2, 2021. Expires June 12 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4898. Published June 24, July 1, 8, 15, 2021.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 579527

The following person(s) doing business as: Leslie Appraisals,

642 Ravenna St. Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Tyrone Leslie, 642 Ravenna St, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Tyrone Leslie, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on May 28, 2021. Expires May 28, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4899. Published June 24, July 1, 8, 15, 2021.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 579636

The following person(s) doing business as: 1) Internal Medicine For Pet Parents 2) Internal Medicine For Vet Techs, 757C North L street, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Yvonne Brandenburg, 757C North L Street, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a General Partnership. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 3/1/2016. Signature of Registrant/s/: Yvonne Brandenburg, Founder - General Partner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 1, 2021. Expires June 1, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4900. Published June 24, July 1, 8, 15, 2021.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 579894

The following person(s) doing business as: Camino Press, 1452 North Vasco Road #167, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Patrick Gordon, 10860 Cougar Chase, San Antonio, TX 78251. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 1/18/2021. Signature of Registrant/s/: Patrick Gordon, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 10, 2021. Expires June 10, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4901. Published June 24, July 1, 8, 15, 2021.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 579786

The following person(s) doing business as: A & E Design Service, 2157 Fourth Street, Livermore, CA 94550 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Bishop Associates Engineering, LLC, 4435 North First Street, Suite #101, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 5/1/2021. Signature of Registrant/s/: Robert Bishop, Member/CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 7, 2021. Expires June 7, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4902. Published June 24, July 1, 8, 15, 2021.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 579999

The following person(s) doing business as: Holistic Sustainability, 1072 60th Street #7, Oakland, CA 94608 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Ana C. Galvis-Martinez, 1072 60th Street #7, Oakland, CA 94608. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Ana C. Galvis-Martinez, Founder. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 14, 2021. Expires June 14, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4903. Published June 24, July 1, 8, 15, 2021.

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The Independent Watchdog Committee reviews Alameda County Transportation Commission 2000 Measure B expenditures and 2014 Measure BB expenditures and perfor-

mance measures. The IWC 94551 is hereby public to comment on its Draft 19th Annual Report to the Public at a public hearing on Monday, July 12, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. Check the Alameda CTC website using the link listed below for the location of the public hearing. The draft report is available on the Alameda CTC website at https://www.alamedactc.org/events/iwc-meeting-12/. For more information, please call 510.208.7400. The Independent Legal No. 4904. Published July 1, 2021.

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 580255

The following person(s) doing business as: Marty's Joint, 73 Rickenbacker Circle, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Martin's Joint LLC, 409 N. O Street, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 6/23/2021. Signature of Registrant/s/: Martin Roberts, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 24, 2021. Expires June 24, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4906. Published July 1, 8, 15, 22, 2021.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 580008

The following person(s) doing business as: Ruby Aromatherapy, 122 S. Vasco Rd, Livermore, CA 94551 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Thuy Truong, 2137 Otis Drive, Apt 212, Alameda, CA 94501. This business is conducted by an individual. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 5/1/2021. Signature of Registrant/s/: Thuy Truong, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 14, 2021. Expires June 14, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4907. Published July 1, 8, 15, 22, 2021.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 580217

The following person(s) doing business as: Saltz Delivery service INC., 201 McArthur Boulevard, Suite B, San Leandro, CA 94577 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Saltz Delivery service INC., 201 McArthur Boulevard, Suite B, San Leandro, CA 94577. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: 5/18/2021. Signature

of Registrant/s/: Vanessa Ortiz, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 23, 2021. Expires June 23, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4908. Published July 1, 8, 15, 22, 2021.

### STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME ORIGINAL FILE NO. 559574

The person(s) listed below have abandoned the use of the following fictitious business name(s). Thai Express, 3032 W. Jack London Boulevard, Pleasanton, CA 94566. Registered Owner(s): Five Rivers, 1938 Enterprises, Inc., 3187 E. Ruby Hill Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94566. The fictitious business name statement was filed on 5/24/2019 in the County of Alameda. This business was conducted by a Corporation. Signature of Registrants: /s/ Rupinder S. Gill, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 15, 2021. The Independent Legal No. 4909. Published July 1, 2021.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 580056

The following person(s) doing business as: The Hummus Republic, 33032 W. Jack London Boulevard, Pleasanton, CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Five Rivers, 1938 Enterprises, Inc., 3187 E. Ruby Hill Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The date on which the registrant first commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above: N/A. Signature of Registrant/s/: Rupinder S. Gill, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 15, 2021. Expires June 15, 2026. The Independent Legal No. 4910. Published July 1, 8, 15, 22, 2021.

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### RFP NO. P21001

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## Dublin Officials Welcome the Water Park's Return

By Dawnmarie Fehr

The Wave Waterpark has reopened to the public just in time to welcome the summer crowds.

Currently operating at limited capacity, the water park plans to fully reopen by July 3.

The park is run by the City of Dublin's Parks and Community Services Department, and Assistant Director Bridget Amaya said things are going well.

"Right now, we are on a truncated schedule, and so we have various amenities open at different times throughout the day," Amaya said. "Once the weekend of July 4 comes around, the plan is for the park to be open in full mode from that weekend on."

The Wave has been open

for a few months for activities such as swim lessons and fitness classes, but the water-park side of the facility has been closed since last year per COVID-related state and county guidelines.

One new addition to the park this season is concessioner Rebel Kitchen. Owner Gianni Schell said he was set to open last summer, but the pandemic put his business on hold.

"We did all the leg work in 2019 to open in 2020, so we are ready to go," Schell said. "It's been nuts this year, especially with the hot weather. Everyone wants to be in the water park, and our food has been well-received."

Schell has been in the catering and concession business for more than 30 years. He designed the menu at

Rebel Kitchen to resemble what can be found at a ball-park, but with some higher-end and healthier options. From Polish sausages, burgers and fries to a Wagyu burger, a veggie and hummus burger, visitors to The Wave will have plenty of options.

Rebel Kitchen will be open the same hours as the water park and will be available for Movie Nights on Friday evenings. Schell said business has been so good, he is currently looking for additional staff.

"Everyone is excited to be out and so far, so good," he said.

Though restrictions have eased, and more people are going out, Amaya said the park's vigilance has remained high.

"I think everyone should know safety is our top priority," she said. "All of our slide attendants and lifeguards are Red Cross certified, and we are continuously cleaning every hour."

Rebel Kitchen's menu will be online in time for the July 4 weekend. Fees for the waterpark vary by height and city of residence. There is no reentry to the park. No outside food is allowed, except water. Current hours for the park are daily from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., but those times will be extended with the full reopening. For more information on hours, prices and attractions, visit [www.theDublinWave.com](http://www.theDublinWave.com) or call 925-574-4800. Tickets must be purchased in advance at [www.DublinRecGuide.com](http://www.DublinRecGuide.com).



Opening Day at The Wave Waterpark signaled the return of summer fun in Dublin. (Photo – Doug Jorgensen)

## Tennis Tournament Raises Funds for Animal Shelters

The annual Service Champions doubles tennis tournament this spring raised nearly \$40,000 for the Valley Humane Society and two other Bay Area animal shelters.

Sponsored by Service Champions, a Dublin heating and air-conditioning company, the tournament was played at the Club at Ruby

Hill and The Club at Castlewood, both in Pleasanton, and the Livermore Valley Tennis Club.

In addition to Valley Humane, proceeds from the tournament will go to Hopalong Animal Rescue in Oakland, Stonecliffe Animal Rescue in Lemoore, and Friends of Contra Costa Animal Shelter in Walnut Grove.

## Alameda County Launches New Public Safety Program

By Dawnmarie Fehr

The Alameda County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) has a new tool in its safety belt to help keep the public safe.

The program, called Zone Haven, offers evacuation resources and information to help county residents safely leave or avoid dangerous areas in case of emergencies, such as wildfires. The program officially launched on June 15.

"Our fire agencies are very happy and excited about it, as are we at the sheriff's office because we are the emergency services manager for the county," said Sergeant Ray Kelly, ACSO's public information officer. "After the fires last year and the evacuations up in the Mines Road area and concerns about the fires spreading, we had to go to the drawing board and create evacuation routes. This program does that for us, with the software. It makes the community safer and the first responders safer."

The county signed a \$750,000, five-year contract with Zone Haven, which includes an annual renewal fee of approximately \$100,000 once the five-year contract has expired. Zone Haven's software divides the county into 1,181 zones and sends alerts to residents who register for the program: similar to AC Alert, another county safety system. Neither send advertisements, and Kelly urged county residents to sign up for both to stay informed.

"The zones are done in a way to be the most effective for evacuation," he added. "There is a lot of science involved, particularly in areas that are more rural, where you have one way in and one way out, so this software will give you time, alert you and tell you the best way to get away from the emergency."

For more information or to register for Zone Haven, visit [www.myzone.zonehaven.com](http://www.myzone.zonehaven.com).

## Dublin Urges Motorists To Not Let Vehicles Idle

The Dublin City Council, which declared Dublin an "Idle-Free City" this spring, is reminding motorists not to let gasoline and diesel vehicles to continue running unnecessarily, especially on "Spare the Air" alert days when ozone pollution is forecast to reach unhealthy levels.

Exceptions to the city's idle-free proclamation include emergency vehicles, vehicles that are stuck in traffic, when idling is necessary for auxiliary power or refrigeration, or when turning off the car's engine could create a health emergency for human passengers or pets.

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