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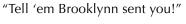
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children since 1999. I love being part of this community and helping children learn and grow. With 4

children of my own (now 25, 22, 13 and 12), my own journey began in the daycare preschool field because I was unhappy with the care and education I was receiving.

I have been blessed to have a large facility in El Dorado Hills where I employ 30 loving teachers and care for 200 children. We offer education and care for babies, Preschoolers, Pre-K, and private Kindergarten. Don't be fooled by our large size, our teachers make each classroom homey and warm. The kids have lots of outdoor space to play, we are on over an acre and have 4 large playgrounds, a soccer field, and a an organic garden. The Gift of Kids outdoor area gives

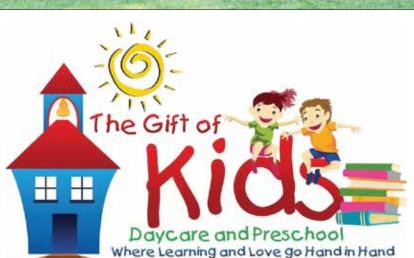
the kids space to explore, garden, and play on age appropriate playgrounds.

The teachers at The Gift of Kids Daycare and Preschool include talent that brings us music, yoga, and even Spanish on a daily basis. We have been working with soccer shots for over 7 years and have a very structured and advanced curriculum! Teachers here are all educated in child development, CPR and First Aid certified, and make it a priority to continue their education.

The Gift of Kids Inc. is celebrating 25 years in business, with 14 years in our same location, Business Park 1. We could not have done

it without the many wonderful families here in the community that I have called home for 20 years! Again...Thank you from the bottom of my heart for helping me live out my dream in a business that I love and families that continue to bless us with their children. We have newly renovated the inside of our school, so come by to check it out and say hello anytime!





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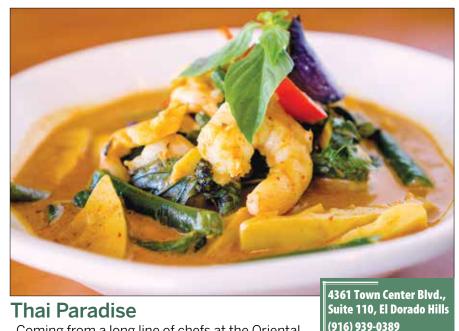
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opened for business in 1958 to offer competitive savings programs and promote homeownership. In expanding over the years, El Dorado Savings Bank has developed opportunities to provide more convenient banking, including ATMs, telephone, internet, mobile banking and now also offers an online loan application option, although loan officers are always available for personal assistance.

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Best Charitable Organization



Rotary Club of El Dorado Hills

Chartered in 1990, the Rotary Club of El Dorado Hills hosts its weekly meeting at 7:15 a.m. Wednesdays at the EDHCSD Pavilion.

The club contributed to the community with service projects such as the construction of the Bass Lake Trail, Jeff Mitchell Field and Teen Center, as well as supporting senior citizens and first responders plus recognizing student achievement with student of the year awards and scholarships.

The club is also involved with Rotary's missions around the world, supporting disaster relief through ShelterBox USA, a clean water project in Honduras and community center in Uganda. Members support the fight to end polio through the Rotary Foundation and End Polio Now.





■ Best Children's Activity



Gold Bug Park & Mine

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Rush days. The park also allows guests to try their luck at gold panning and has artifacts on display, along with historical information, at the mining museum. And don't forget to stop by the stamp mill and working blacksmith shop. The park includes 2 miles of trail and plenty of great picnic spots. Pick up a special memento at Hattie's Gift Shop before heading home.

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Looking for a new outfit but don't want to break the bank? Bre Bertolino's new venture is a must visit, a women's consignment store specializing in a curated selection that focuses on name brand

clothing, shoes, purses and accessories with half of the items brand new with tags. To fulfill her goal of carrying something for everyone at My Besties Closet, she offers fashion for every size, age and occasion. Bertolino resets her collection seasonally, although she accepts clothes for all seasons and stores them for future use. Locally sourced gifts are also for sale, made by community artisans.



Best Cosmetic Surgery



Nuance Cosmetic Surgery

Nuance Cosmetic Surgery Medical Center offers complete services in plastic, reconstructive and cosmetic surgery as well as a full-service skin fitness

program. The surgery center is AAAASF certified. Procedures include facelifts, breast augmentation and lifts, liposuction, tummy tucks and more. The staff, led by Dr. Ken Sumida, is committed to providing optimal care for patients in state-of-the-art facilities. Dr. Sumida is certified by the American Board of Plastic Surgery. He is a California native who obtained his undergraduate education at the University of California, Davis, and his medical education at Tufts University Medical School in Boston, Mass.

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Best CPA



Pat A. Turner Tax

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county property and payroll. Also an attorney, Turner has successfully resolved tax problems for hundreds of clients, representing them during IRS audits, organizing and preparing back-up data to answer questions about a client's tax return that the IRS will ask, even attending the audit in the client's place. This two-pronged approach makes stressful situations much easier on clients because they know they are well-represented.

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Best Day Care



The Gift of Kids

The Gift of Kids Daycare and Preschool in El Dorado Hills provides high-quality education and childcare. Owner Jennifer Tommasini started her childcare career nearly 26 years ago. Programs offered include infant and toddler daycare, private

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full-day Pre-K and TK as well as private kindergarten — all offering creative curriculum, structured centers, art, yoga, music and more. Gift of Kids recently expanded, adding a second location to accommodate 70 new families. Gift of Kids partners with Quality Counts El Dorado; teachers are provided stipends, scholarships and professional development.

■ Best Dentist



Ben and Austin Cope, DDS, and office manager/ mother Kimberly, RN, RDA, IV Sedation nurse.

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Best Financial Advisor



Shari Merle, LPL Financial

Shari Merle has owned and loved her business LPL Financial for more than three decades and when it comes to helping people plan financially

for today and the future, she and son Steve are ready.

As a resident of El Dorado Hills since 1976, Shari builds relationships that span generations. "I still work with some of my original clients and now I'm working with their kids," she said. A former tax preparer, Shari offers a unique perspective. "I understand taxes and how they affect your finances," she explained. She and son Steve are both Certified Financial Planners and fully licensed for stocks, bonds and life insurance products.

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■ Best Firearms Training



DefenseSHOT

DefenseSHOT owner John Daniels is a certified concealed weapons instructor. As a retired peace officer with 20 years of experience, he is certified

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■ Best Furnishings and Decor



BI Design Studio

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(916) 351-0227 At Naturwood Home Furnishings, it's about treating naturwood.com people right. Family owned and operated for more than 75 years, four out of five generations carry on John Keyes' tradition of offering high quality furniture with integrity. What started out as a tiny store on Stockton Boulevard has grown into an 87,000-square-foot showroom. Naturwood carries more than 70 lines, including Flexsteel, Stanton, Amish, as well as exclusive Stickley collections. Many sales are custom, with the opportunity to select finishes and sizes to suit personal tastes and desires. "It's all about choices and always about quality," is the company motto.

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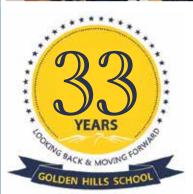
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■ Best Gift Shop



Willow + Oak Laser Design and Home Décor

The faces of Willow + Oak Laser Design and Home Decor in Burke Junction are pups Willow and Oaklie.

They belong to owner Cari Clinkenbeard, who channeled her creative talents once poured into being a children's portrait artist into opening a very unique store in Cameron Park. Willow + Oak Laser Design and Home Decor is filled with home and yard decor, candles, lotions, soaps, candy, fried peanuts, loaf bread mixes, socks, laugh-out-loud cards, bags, tumblers, kitchen items and much more. Clinkenbeard also offers her beautiful, personalized laser art.



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■ Best Grocery Store & Health Food Store



Nugget Market

Nugget Market is best known for its extraordinary quality, service and selection, including organic and local produce, premium meat and seafood plus

chef-prepared entrées, sides and sandwiches. In addition, they offer a wide variety of domestic and imported wines and cheeses, homemade sweets and treats from their bakery, healthy living essentials and more. Founded in 1926 by father-and-son team Will and Mack Stille, this market remains family-owned for four generations and counting, with Eric Stille at the helm as Chairman of the Board. The Nugget Market grocery family includes 16 stores serving the Sacramento area, Marin County and Sonoma Valley.

■ Best Home & Garden Accessories



Emigh Ace Hardware

The staff at Emigh Ace Hardware are all committed to being the helpful hardware folks in the neighborhood by offering customers personal service, quality products

and a convenient shopping experience from the local experts. The store features a wide variety of home and garden accessories, from colorful gnomes to unique lighting, comfy patio furniture to decorative pots — all at great prices. With spring in bloom, now is the perfect time to head to Emigh Ace Hardware and freshen up your home and yard with quality accessories that suit your budget and style.

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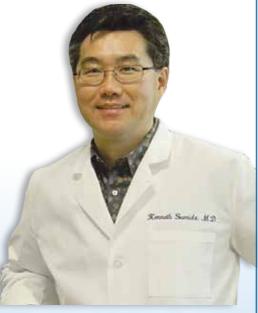
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Owner Maria Espinosa knows why our readers chose her Exclusive House Cleaning as the best around. "Our workers are very honest and reliable and our customers know they can count on them," said Espinosa of the business that has served El Dorado County and beyond for 26-plus years and is insured. And there's one more good reason: her clients speak quite highly of the business. "There are many reasons that Maria's crew was chosen," said longtime client Katharina Scharruhn, a physician who hires Exclusive House Cleaning for both her home and office. "They not only clean well, but they go the extra distance — especially in the kitchen."







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■ Best Italian Restaurant



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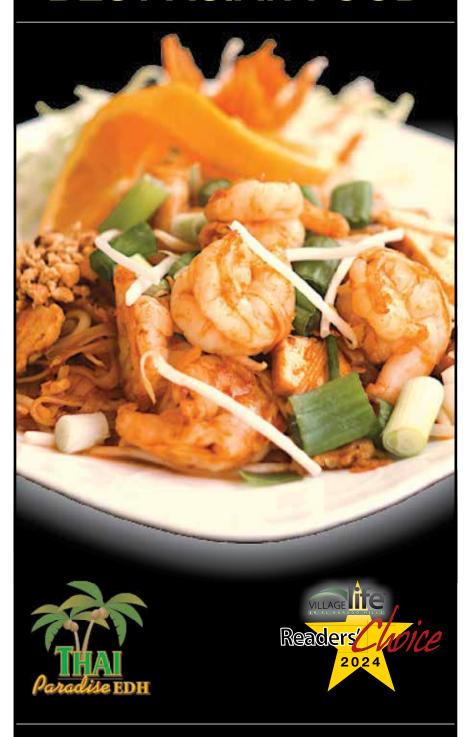
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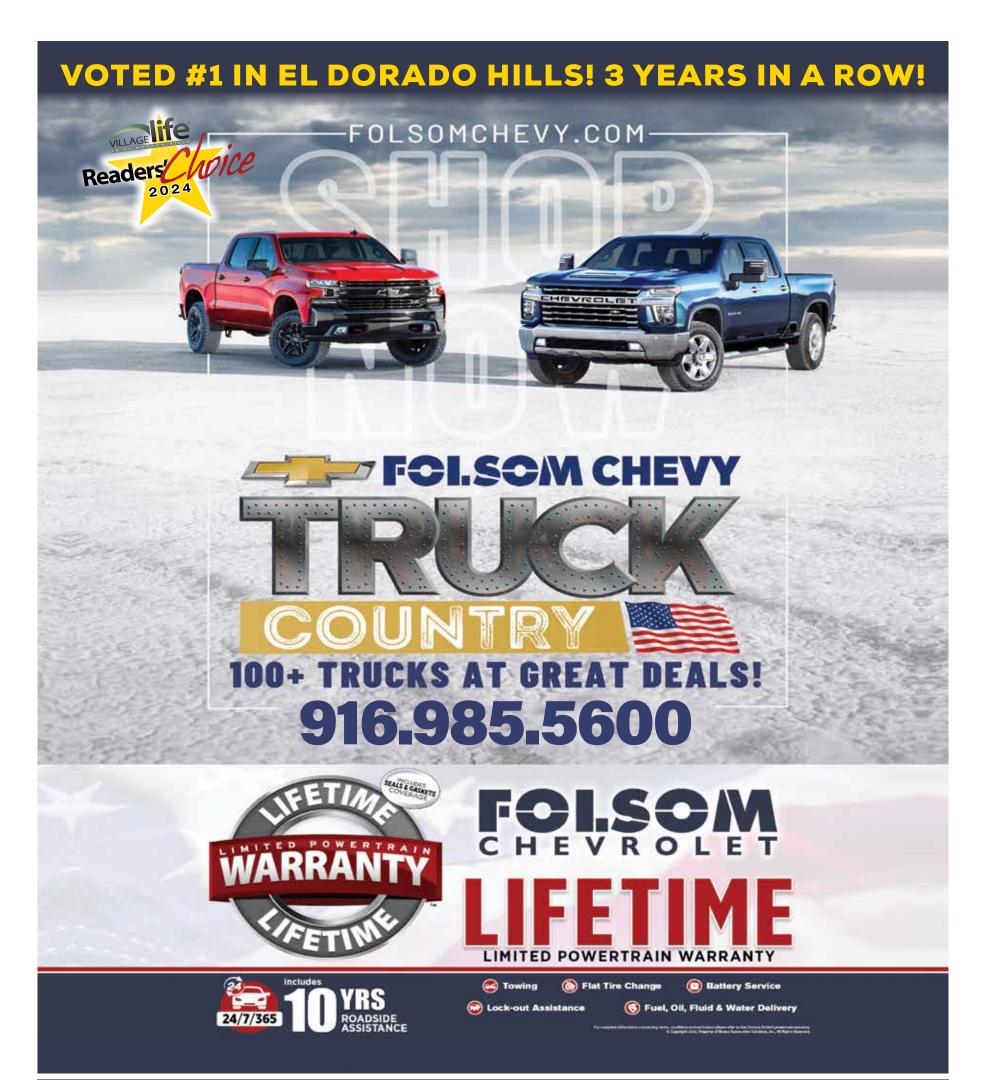


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The menu includes mouth-watering tacos, burritos, quesadillas, nachos and more — all made with fresh ingredients, many locally sourced. The restaurant is open for lunch and dinner. Valenz started as a pop-up ghost kitchen during the pandemic. It soon expanded into two food trucks serving adjacent areas and now the restaurant. Owner Antonio Valenzuela runs the business with his wife, Berenice, and three sons.

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Best Painting Contractor



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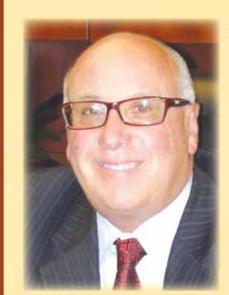


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appreciation for the support of the community since the clinic's inception 25 years ago. Staff members truly do put "the thought and action behind quality physical rehabilitation." The team provides a caring, empathetic, motivating environment and utilizes a hands-on approach with the goal to surpass all patients' expectations. In addition to physical therapy, the clinic's team offers peak sports performance, fitness programs, total joint programs, gym programs, personal training and massage therapy.

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■ Best Pools/Outdoor Lighting



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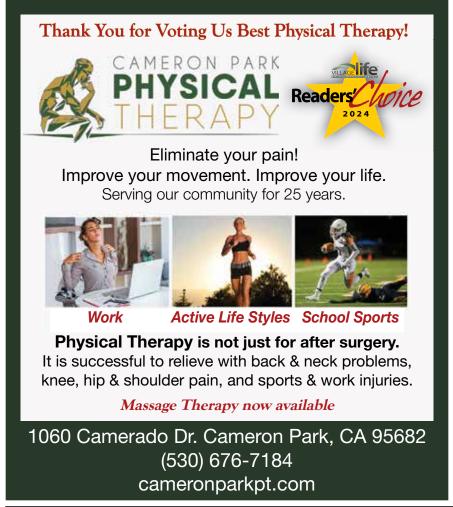
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associate with an impeccable reputation for client satisfaction thanks to her award-winning services since 2001. Cheri enjoys assisting homeowners at all levels of home values, while also possessing the esteemed designation as a Fine Home and Estates Century 21 Select Agent certified as a luxury home specialist. In addition to decades of real estate success, Cheri is a world-famous cyclist. Well known as "The Broker on a Bike," Cheri's cycling career included 14 world and national championship titles, two X Games gold medals, multiple history-



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■ Best Sports Bar



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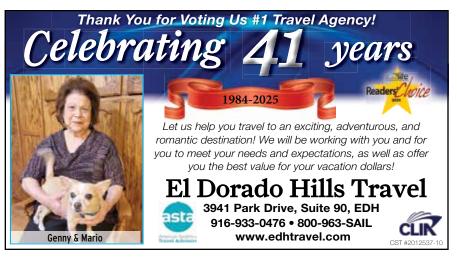


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Best Body Shop:

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Best Book Store:

Face In A Book

Best Breakfast:

The Breakroom

Best Brewery/Pub:

Moonraker Millhouse

Best Brunch:

Rey Mimosa

Best Coffee Shop:

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Best Consignment/Furniture:

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Best Dance Studio

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Best Event/Party Rentals:

El Dorado Hills Party Rentals

Best Fine Dining:

South Fork Grille

Best Golf Course:

Serrano Country Club

Best Hamburger:

Brickyard Counter & Bar

Best Happy Hour:

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Best Heating and Air Conditioning:

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Best Ice Cream/Frozen Yogurt:

Cold Stone Creamery EDH

Best Interior Lighting & Accessories:

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Best Sandwhich:

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Best Seafood:

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Best Shopping Center:

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Best Steak:

C. Knight's Steakhouse

Best Take-Out Food:

Taqueria El Dorado

Best Tap House:

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Best Tutoring Service:

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Best Vegan/Vegetarian Food:

Asian Bistro

Best Wedding Venue:

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Best Wine Tasting:

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Best Winery:

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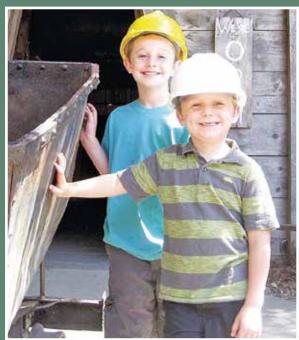












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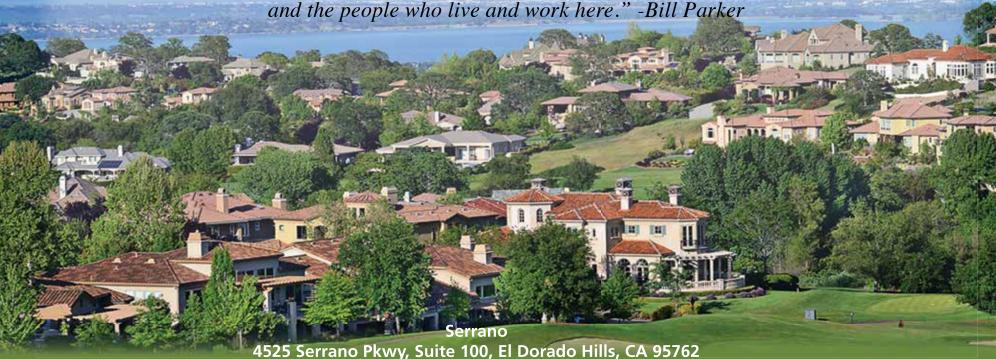


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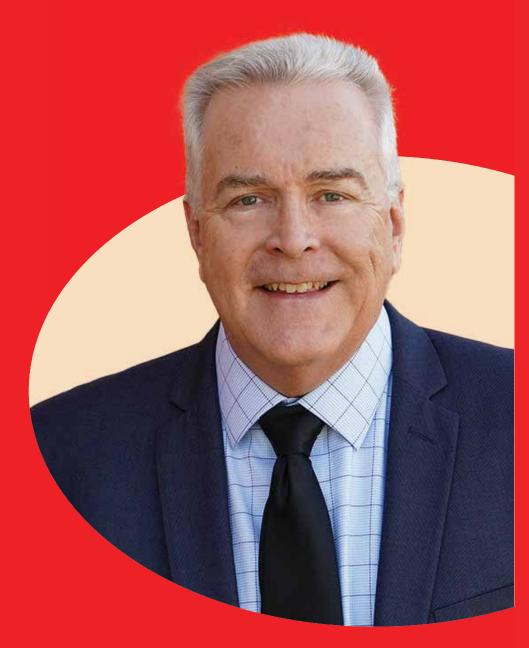
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