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BEST COMPANY TO WORK FOR

LONDON PROPERTIES

First finalist: Community Medical Centers Second finalist: Central Valley Community Bank

BEST RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE COMPANY

First finalist: Realty Concepts Second finalist: Guarantee Real Estate

Breanna Hardy - STAFF WRITER

Covid-19 has changed the housing market, arguably for the good, and for the fifth consecutive year, clients and The Business Journal readers think London Properties is the best residential real estate company.

Patrick Conner, president of London Properties in Fresno, said, "Part of it is nearly 50 years of serving the Central Valley. Our associates have helped us earn the moniker, 'the most trusted name in real estate," Conner said.

London Properties has offered more online virtual tours throughout the pandemic.

"This has changed the landscape of the business as a field, where we aren't able to do just random open houses," Conner said.

Clients now recognize that home buying is reliant on virtual tours during this time. All open houses have been by appointment only through an online scheduling system set in place in March.

With fluctuating changes in 2020, the London Properties team remained consistent. For the fourth consecutive year, they were also voted best company to work

As a family, their team shares similar values in their work. Their teamwork also helps build trust with their clients.

When asked about why they were nominated as the best company to work for, Conner said, "Again, it's the people. I think it helps that we're family owned and



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY LONDON PROPERTIES | From left, Daniel Conner, Danyelle Conner and Patrick Conner make up the family behind London Properties in Fresno.

The Conner family lives by two statements from their late mother: "catch people doing something right," and "It's not important who's right; what's important is doing what's right."

"We continue to live by that, and we try to coach each other up," Conner said.

Over the past year, the housing market has seen record-low interest rates, and it's caused residents to buy new homes or refinance their current homes. The London Properties team is keeping up with the demand.

"We offer sellers a wider range

of programs and fee structures to sell their homes and I think our footprint from Hanford to Merced helps build synergy and gives buyers a broader selection of homes,"

London Properties boasts 350 sales associates and support staff throughout the Central Valley, and keeping up with the market has been a team effort. As a team they will continue success in 2021.

With London Properties, there's "more people to laugh with and more people to cry with, and I think 2020 has had its share of both of those," Conner said.

BEST BUSINESS SUPPORTING LOCAL CHARITIES

GRANVILLE HOMES

First finalist: London Properties Second finalist: **De Young Properties**

BEST HOME BUILDER

First finalist: Wathen Castanos Second finalist: **De Young Properties**

Edward Smith – STAFF WRITER

Since 1977, the Granville name has meant more than merely building homes. Central Valley residents have recognized the company by voting it Best Home Builder and Best Business Supporting Local Charities

Granville has built more than 6,000 homes in the Central Valley to date, with a mission to provide unparalleled customer service, timeless architecture and healthier neighborhoods to the Central Valley.

"Everything we do derives from these principles because we know it isn't just about building a better home, but creating a brighter future for those we serve," said Darius Assemi.

Assemi and Granville started the Granville Home of Hope in 2006, perhaps their most recognizable charity. A home is built and raffle tickets are sold for the



chance to win the home. One hundred percent of profits go to charities. Since that time, more than \$6.6 million has been raised to provide food, shelter, health care and education to the underserved.

Boys and Girls Club of Fresno County.

In addition to the Home of Hope, Granville also supports the Alliance for Medical Outreach and Relief, Fresno Humane Animal Services, the Boys and Girls Club of Fresno County and the Foundation for Central Schools' Coats for Kids giveaway, among otners.

"It is incredibly humbling to be recognized for our philanthropic efforts, especially in a year when so many local nonprofits have done amazing work to mitigate the impact of COVID-19. I am grateful for the support of our homeowners, incredible staff, and trade partners, which allows us to continue programs like the Granville Home of Hope and our Creek Fire Relief Initiative," said

'Best of' winners unveiled

35 companies earn awards



Gabriel Dillard - EDITOR

A smaller, more subdued Best of Central Valley Business Awards reception was held Tuesday at the Elbow Room in Fresno to honor the 35 companies that emerged as winners of the readers-vote contest.

A limited number of guests were invited to the seventh annual event recognizing the leading businesses in the Central Valley. From a humble start of 22,000 votes in the first year of competition, more than 130,000 votes were cast this year in 35 different categories on thebusinessjournal.com from Sept. 1 to Oct. 31.

In a departure from year's past, only the winners were invited to the event on the Elbow Room patio. Attendees were masked as they arrived and were required to remain seated during the presentation while enjoying drinks and hors d'oeuvres.

Be sure to thumb through this entire issue to learn who the finalists were and read about the winners. To offer feedback on the contest or suggestions for new categories, contact ashley@thebusinessjournal.com.



BEST POLITICIAN ON BUSINESS ISSUES

REP. DEVIN NUNES

First finalist: Assembly member Jim Patterson Second finalist: Rep. Jim Costa

Frank Lopez - STAFF WRITER

It's been a busy year for Rep. Devin Nunes as Business Journal readers once again voted him Best Politician on Business Issues.

Beginning in 2020, Nunes was leading the Republicans' questioning of witnesses during President Trump's impeachment hearings. He also served as chair of the House Intelligence Committee from 2015

A former dairy farmer, Nunes began serving in Congress in 2003 and has been pushing for issues including tax reform and water for Central Valley farmers, cities, and towns - matters of importance to many of his constituents in the Central Valley.

Nunes has been a vocal supporter of small businesses since the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic. The congressman made headlines in March for urging people "go out" to restaurants to support small businesses and defy public health

The National Federation of Independent Business endorsed Nunes for the 2020 election for helping secure financial assistance for small businesses during the pandemic and for his fight to bring more tax relief to small businesses.



PHOTO BY GAGE SKIDMORE | Rep. Devin Nunes has once again been voted Best Politician on Business Issues by Business Journal readers.

BEST NONPROFIT

MARJAREE MASON CENTER

First finalist: Valley Animal Center Second finalist: Central California Food Bank

Donald A. Promnitz - STAFF WRITER

When the Covid-19 outbreak first reached pandemic status, the first concern for the leaders and staff of the Marjaree Mason Center was the cancellation of their annual Marjaree's Birthday Soiree fundraiser.

However, it also quickly became evident that they would have to adjust to new tactics to care for their clients and fast - as they were likely to be busier than ever.

"We had to be nimble and turn on a dime, really, and just make it work," said Charity Susnick, director of development and communications. "We knew there's lots of information and statistics nationwide and even worldwide that talk about [how] during the time of pandemics, domestic violence goes up."

Adjustments included a variety of efforts, such as remote work for certain staff, telehealth services and alternatives for victims' housing to accommodate social distancing guidelines.

Their mission and vision of 41 years remained the same all the while - to provide shelter, protection and advocacy to victims of domestic abuse and their families. This goes from food and housing to legal assistance, education and counseling. Since they first opened



in January of 1979, the Marjaree Mason Center has been a safe harbor for thousands throughout the Central Valley, and continues to act as one during one of the most turbulent times in the country since they were founded.

It's something readers of The Business Journal recognized, having named them Best Nonprofit for the third year in a row.



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BEST COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE COMPANY

COLLIERS INTERNATIONAL

First finalist: Fortune Associates Second finalist: Stumpf and Co.

Gabriel Dillard - EDITOR

The readers have spoken — Colliers International has once again taken the top honors for Best Commercial Real Estate Company.

Even during a pandemic, Colliers International has continued to serve its customers at the highest level. And with a minor exception of retail space, business has been brisk.

Bobby Fena, Colliers International senior vice president and principal for Central California, is one of the most well known commercial brokers in the Central Valley. He has been handling sale and lease transactions of office properties and commercial land since 1975.

Fena said the "Best of" distinction is recognition of all the hard work the firm's brokers—who work off of straight commission—put into their jobs.

"You can't buy that kind of advertising," he said.



He joined Colliers International in Fresno in 1977. During his years in the business, he has leased or sold almost 10 million square feet of office/commercial space and more than 3,500 acres of land.

Colliers International for a long time has distinguished itself as a topperforming commercial real estate brokerage in the Central Valley—with the numbers to prove it.

Mark Henry with Colliers International brokered the May 2019 sale of the 11.7-acre Crossroads Shopping Center in Madera for more than \$18.2 million, making it No. 1 on The Business Journal's list of Largest Commercial Real Estate Deals from last year.



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BEST REAL ESTATE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMPANY

MANCO ABBOTT

First finalist: **Granville Homes, Inc.**Second finalist: **Dana Butcher & Associates**

Breanna Hardy - STAFF WRITER

When asked about the company's latest win as Best Property Management Company, Greg Bethke, vice president of business development, said, "I think really it just affirms our core values and the dedication of our staff."

Bethke said Manco Abbott goes above and beyond their tagline, raising the standards where people live, work, and play.

Manco Abbott opened in Fresno in 1972, with offices in Monterey and Boise, Idaho and properties throughout the United States.

He said that throughout the pandemic, "It's been a juggling act," but he feels readers' and tenants' votes have reinforced the way the company has accommodated both their tenants and their residents.

"We had to juggle not only our concerns

and issues our tenants had, and at the same time we also have to be sympathetic to our clients who are the landlords who are in some form of crisis with rent payments," Bethke said.

During the spring shutdown when residents could defer their rent payments, Manco Abbott's job was to sympathize with both parties, but their customer satisfaction surveys have made the company stand out among others.

"We routinely survey our residents and our clients and we've been very pleased with the feedback," Bethke said.

Manco Abbot continues to strive to maximize property owners' investments despite Covid-19.

"We really appreciate the vote from our residents and commercial tenants," Bethke said.



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY MANCO ABBOTT | Manco Abbott has had to perform a balancing act during the pandemic, meeting both the needs of tenants and client landlords.





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BEST ARCHITECTURAL FIRM

DARDEN ARCHITECTS

First finalist: **TETER**

Second finalist: The Taylor Group

BEST INTERIOR DESIGN FIRM

First finalist: Facility Designs

Second finalist: CORE Business Interiors



Edward Smith - STAFF WRITER

Central Valley readers have chosen Darden Architects as the best company for both the inside and outside of your building.

The Fresno-based firm won for the sixth year in a row for Best Architectural Firm and the third year for Best Interior Design Firm.

Started in 1959 by Edwin Darden, Darden designs buildings from schools to colleges to hospitals and clinics.

Their work can be seen in the California Health Sciences University College of Osteopathic Medicine, which held its first classes this year. The Darden mark can also be seen throughout Clovis Community College and the Leon S. Peters School of Business at Fresno State.

The design for Reedley College's

McClarty Center for Fine and Performing Arts garnered the Award of Honor from the Community College Facility Coalition in November. The statewide competition awards the best facility designs throughout the state.

Work for their interior design can be found at Valley Children's Hospital, Community Media Center or CMAC, the Wuksachi Village Lodge in Sequoia National Park and more throughout the West Coast.

Grant Dodson, Antonio Avila, Michael Fennacy and Robert Petithomme head up the architectural side of Darden. DeDe Darnell leads the company's interior design division.

 PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY DARDEN ARCHITECTS | The McClarty Center for Fine and Performing Arts coming to Reedley College has garnered design awards for Darden Architects.

BEST ENGINEERING FIRM

BLAIR, CHURCH & FLYNN

First finalist: Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group

Second finalist: **TETER**

Donald A. Promnitz - STAFF WRITER

Blair Church & Flynn Consulting Engineering Inc. has received its fifth consecutive win as the Best Engineering Firm in the Central Valley, as voted by readers of The Business Journal.

Based out of Clovis, with offices in San Francisco, Glendale and Las Vegas, BCF is a multi-disciplinary engineering and land-surveying firm with over 60 years in the industry, having worked on some of the region's most significant infrastructure by improving water and education. This year, they assisted multiple utilities with vehicle charging infrastructure and helped the City of Hanford expand its wastewater system

via the Eastside Trunk Sewer project. They also helped with Sanger Unified School District's new educational complex and a multi-agency effort to assess damage from the Creek Fire.

According to Chief Financial Officer Adam Holt, BCF's success and win come from the dedication of their 140 members, which come through in a trifecta of ways.

"Three things speak to the nomination of our firm for Best in Business," Holt said. "It's the value and dependability of our professional services; the positive attitude and talent of our team members; and our continued commitment to serving the Central Valley."



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED | Based out of Clovis, with offices in San Francisco, Glendale and Las Vegas, Blair, Church & Flynn is a multi-disciplinary engineering and land-surveying firm with over 60 years in the industry.

BEST BUSINESS BANK

CENTRAL VALLEY COMMUNITY BANK

First finalist: Fresno First Bank Second finalist: Wells Fargo





Breanna Hardy - STAFF WRITER

Clients have never been willing to compromise their trust in banks, especially in a year filled with uncertainties. Central Valley Community Bank has proved they don't have to make compromises this year—they've retained relationships with clients through their strength, security and stability.

Central Valley Community Bank took the "Best Business Bank" category again, showing its stamina throughout the turbulent year.

Covid-19 has put pressure on several industries, but helping keep businesses afloat has won clients' and The Business Journal readers' approval this year especially.

As a proud sponsor of the "Best of" awards, CVCB recognizes the value of highlighting the most valuable businesses, not to mention hold itself as one of them.

CVCB has made notable philanthropic contributions throughout the Central Valley, all while sustaining the Valley as a top SBA lender. The bank's strength, advocacy, and service have upheld them ever since opening in 1979.

Today, CVCB operates commercial, real estate, SBA and agribusiness lending departments in the Central Valley and as far north as Sacramento.

BEST EMPLOYMENT SERVICE

PRIDESTAFF

First finalist: **Denham**

Second finalist: Hire Up Staffing Services



Frank Lopez - STAFF WRITER

Nationwide staffing agency PrideStaff has once again been voted the Best Employment Service.

Headquartered in Fresno, the staffing agency was founded in 1978, began franchising in 1995 and has over 90 locations across the country. PrideStaff has averaged 18-25 new offices a year for the last three years as of 2018.

This year offices opened in cities including Knoxville, Tennessee; Atlanta, Georgia; and Glendale, Arizona.

PrideStaff works with over 200 different companies in the Fresno, Kings, Madera, and Tulare counties and issues approximately 30,000 W-2 forms annually, with over 5,000 of them being local

Strategic Partner of PrideStaff Sean

Akin said that like their clients, the Covid-19 pandemic is something the likes of which the company has never seen before, but it worked with its clients to build pandemic response plans and ensure workplace safety.

Akin said there are still a lot of people looking for work, and PrideStaff is dedicated to helping its clients through these unpredictable times.

"It is always an honor to be nominated," Akin said. "PrideStaff's goal has always been to be the best partner we can for our clients and associates. When our peers nominate us, it means that we are living up to our mission statement, which is 'consistently provide client experiences focused on what they value most."

BEST PROPERTY/CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY

DIBUDUO & DEFENDIS INSURANCE BROKERS, LLC

First finalist: **Der Manouel Insurance Group** Second finalist: **Alliant Insurance Services, Inc.**

Frank Lopez - STAFF WRITER

It's the seventh year in a row that Business Journal readers voted DiBuduo & DeFendis as the Best Property/Casualty Insurance Company – giving the esteemed company the sweep for the entire duration of the contest.

The company also celebrated its 60th anniversary this year. It was founded in 1960 by grammar school friends Anthony J. DiBuduo and Leonard T. DeFendis. From humble roots, they both set out to grow into the respected and prosperous insurance firm we know today.

The sons of Leonard, Matt and Mike DeFendis now run the firm.

DiBuduo & DeFendis have locations in Clovis, Fresno, Bakersfield, Dinuba, Hollister, Lodi, Modesto, Oxnard, San Luis Obispo, Santa Monica and Taft.

Besides business, D&D Insurance is also known for its philanthropic efforts, supporting a number of local charities. That also has its roots with the founders.

While the future is bright and wide open for D&D Insurance, the DeFendis brothers will continue to ask "what would dad do" when making important decisions.

"We still consider this our father's business," Mike said in a 2017 interview.



BEST CREDIT UNION

EDUCATIONAL EMPLOYEES CREDIT UNION

First finalist: Golden 1 Credit Union Second finalist: Noble Credit Union



Frank Lopez - STAFF WRITER

It's a lucky seventh year in a row for Education Employees Credit Union (EECU) as readers recognize it as the Best Credit Union for the Best of Central Valley Business Valley Business Awards.

It was founded over 86 years as Fresno Teachers Credit Union to provide lowcost financial services to the educational community.

Serving as the Central Valley's largest credit union, the EECU is the 80th largest credit in the U.S. and serves more than 315,000 members with over \$3.8 billion in assets.

Jeff Williams, marketing director for EECU, said that credit unions were founded to help people and be there for their clients during good times and bad.

The pandemic caused many people to experience financial stress due to job

losses or reduced work hours. EECU worked hard for those members.

EECU deferred more than \$127 million in loan payments, waiving fees totaling over \$2 million and increased credit card limits.

Though it was a challenge to operate during these times of crisis, EECU is finding new ways to do things. Since schools closed, the EECU moved its financial literacy classes and moved them to an online format.

"It's quite an honor to be voted one of the area's best credit unions by the readers of The Business Journal! It has been our mission for more than 86 years to offer affordable financial products and services that help people save, borrow and invest wisely," Williams said.

BEST AUTO DEALERSHIP

SELMA AUTO MALL

First finalist: **Hedrick's Chevrolet** Second finalist: **Fresno Lexus**

Frank Lopez - STAFF WRITER

Engines are still revving at the Selma Auto Mall—even more so since readers have again voted the dealer as the Best Auto Dealership in 2020.

A family owned business, the dealership was opened around 30 years ago by Dwight G. Nelson.

It is the biggest new car dealership in the Central Valley with 11 brands and celebrates its third year of offering its 20 year/200,000 mile warranty.

Though there were many industries that did suffer after the onset of the pandemic, people are still looking to buy

new cars, and car manufacturers gave strong incentives to customers as well. One of the hotter trends this year is the surging interest in electric and hybrid vehicles.

As a family owned business, the dealership is also family friendly—an 80-passenger replica of an 1880s steam locomotive can be seen chugging around the lot, which provides a unique car shopping experience.

Amber Nelson Billingsley, marketing manager at the dealership said they are once again honored to be in the running



for Best Auto Dealership. She works there with her siblings Kellie Lewison and Kevin Murray.

Though sometimes it can be difficult to work with family, Nelson Billingsley said she wouldn't have it any other way.

"This award is voted by the people so that obviously speaks to the way our customers feel about us, which is the most important thing at the end of the day," she said.

BEST ACCOUNTING FIRM

GARABEDIAN GROUP

First finalist: Moss Adams LLP
Second finalist: Janzen Tamberi & Wong



Breanna Hardy - STAFF WRITER

It has been a heavy and emotional year for most businesses, but for Garabedian Group, helping clients with Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans has been both challenging and rewarding.

"That was a big emotional load to bear, thinking about the burden of the importance of what we were doing. There were real consequences if we didn't help our clients get these loans." said Lauren Garabedian, chief operating officer of Garabedian Group.

Readers voted Garabedian Group as Best Accounting Firm during the year it matters most.

"We enjoy the recognition in the community of the work that our team does," she said.

The accounting firm was well situated to work from home based on their Results-Only Work Environment (ROWE) certification. The certification allows them to base their work on completion of

assignments rather than hours worked.

Garabedian said that though they were already accustomed to working remotely from time to time, they worked through challenges managing meetings fully online during the shutdown.

The firm also used the shutdown as a time to troubleshoot and build a better team.

Garabedian Group's mission is to improve the quality of life of their clients, team and community—a goal that was met during the thick of Covid-19.

"We truly believe that during the PPP process we were doing that for our clients," she said.

The firm focuses on forming relationships with their clients, and when their clients feared the future for their businesses and employees, Garabedian says it weighed heavily on their team.

"Our team came through it and we came out stronger for it," she said.

BEST LAW FIRM

MCCORMICK BARSTOW

First finalist: **Dowling Aaron, Inc.**Second finalist: **Baker Manock & Jensen**

Breanna Hardy - STAFF WRITER

For eight decades, McCormick Barstow has been a part of the legal community of Fresno County. In that time, it has built up a reputation for prestige.

With offices in Fresno, Modesto, Bakersfield, San Luis Obispo, Las Vegas, Reno and Cincinnati, they offer legal services in employment, defense, family law and insurance. The Fresno team itself has been in service for nearly 70 years, and has seen its attorneys move to even more sterling professions in law, including federal judgeships.

Readers of The Business Journal have also come to rely on the services of McCormick Barstow with positive experiences and results. It shows that in the seven years that the Best of the Central Valley awards have been going, they remain undefeated in the Best Law Firm Category.



BEST ADVERTISING AGENCY

JP MARKETING

First finalist: **Jeffrey Scott Agency**Second finalist: **AdVine Agency**



Donald A. Promnitz - STAFF WRITER

Readers of The Business Journal have once again voted JP Marketing as the Best Advertising Agency in the Central Valley.

According to Jane Olvera, president and founder of JP Marketing, 2020 was a trying year of "ups and downs, and starts and stops," just as it was for so many others. Luckily, their work with Fresno County and with the city helped them remain open for business, recognized as essential.

A results-only work environment also gave their employees the flexibility to work from home as the pandemic necessitated. Olvera was still concerned with how separation would affect group cohesion and teamwork. She, however, was pleasantly surprised.

"The team at JP has been stellar — they have not missed a beat," she said. "They have doubled down on the quantity and the quality of their work despite really not having much face-to-face time at all outside of Zoom."

Throughout the year, the team has had to navigate the challenges of an ever-changing landscape. As of yet, JP Marketing hasn't missed a beat, especially with helping their clients stay connected to their customers in a time when every word counts and exposure can make or break even the strongest businesses.

"We've been as busy as ever, with lots of conversations about strategically what's the right thing to do, what's necessary to do, what communication needs to be out there, what doesn't need to be out there," Olvera

As the pandemic carries on into 2021, it's a safe bet that they'll continue to navigate new and ongoing challenges, but Olvera and her team are confident they'll be ready.

BEST BAR TO ENTERTAIN A CLIENT

THE ELBOW ROOM

First finalist: Pismo's Coastal Grill Second finalist: FIVE Restaurant



Frank Lopez - STAFF WRITER

Once again, Business Journal readers want to keep their elbows on the table with The Elbow Room.

This is the seventh year in a row that the bar and grill has been voted the best bar to take a client.

The Elbow Room traces back to the 1950s and over the decades, customers keep coming back for its gourmet menu, popular bar and extensive drink menu.

Though the food and hospitality industry did feel the brunt of the economic fallout from the pandemic and faces numerous restrictions, the Elbow Room is still staying busy with to go orders and is still selling feasts to go for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Daniel McGee, general manager of the Elbow Room, said the culinary team is always working on the menu — changing up dishes and bringing in new dishes —

and is always playing with current food trends.

Though the restaurant prides itself on its fine dining atmosphere and bustling bar scene, it still has to keep health and safety protocols on the forefront. When inside dining is allowed, facemasks are required to enter and must be worn the entire time when not eating at a table.

There are also plans to open the Elbow Room Market in the restaurant's banquet space by January 2021. The room is being transitioned into a butcher shop and wine store and will offer products including quality coffees, high end chocolates, salamis and charcuterie boards.

"Its been a crazy year but we are just happy to be nominated by everyone and considered for this award again, especially with a lot of curveballs this year," McGee said.

BEST HOSPITAL

CLOVIS COMMUNITY MEDICAL CENTER

First finalist: **Valley Children's Hospital**Second finalist: **Kaiser Permanente**

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED | Clovis Community Medical Center has been on the growth track, with a main campus extension expected to be complete by 2022.



Donald A. Promnitz – STAFF WRITER

Once again, readers of The Business Journal have selected Clovis Community Medical Center for the title of Best Hospital in the Central Valley.

Located in eastern Clovis, the medical center started out in 1965 as Clovis Memorial Hospital on DeWitt and Sierra avenues. In 1982, they changed their name and moved to their current location on Herndon and Temperance avenues. Since then, the hospital has become associated with top-quality care, with especially high regard for breast care and cancer services. It's resulted in a heightened sense of trust and gratitude from the patients and families that they serve in the City of Clovis and the surrounding area.

Since The Business Journal started the Best of the Central Valley in 2014, Clovis

Community Hospital has been selected as the winner without fail. According to Craig Castro, president and CEO for Community Medical Centers, their success comes from the dedication of their 2,000-member staff to patient safety and positive results—standards that were put to the test during the pandemic.

"Each and every one of us at Clovis Community and all our facilities consider it an honor to serve Valley residents by providing exceptional care in a comforting environment," Castro said. "Whether for inpatient or outpatient care, we're here to provide the best possible experience for the people we serve."

The hospital's main campus extension has also continued through the pandemic, expecting to be completed by 2022.

SBA releases detailed information about PPP borrowers



The U.S. Small Business Administration released detailed information regarding borrowers of the federal government's Paycheck Protection Program.

In response to a lawsuit filed in May by several news organizations, U.S. District Judge James Boasberg ordered that the SBA must release the "names, addresses, and precise loan amounts of all individuals and entities that obtained Covid-related loans pursuant to the Paycheck Protection Program and Economic Injury Disaster Loans program."

The Covid-19 relief programs approved approximately 5.2 million loans.

In July the SBA only released detailed information for loans above \$150,000 and within dollar ranges instead of specific loan amounts.

The lawsuit in May was filed after the SBA had declined to release information due to privacy concerns, according to an article in the Sacramento Business Journal.

State tax credit available for new hires

Small businesses who hired this year may be eligible for a state tax credit.

As part of Senate Bill 1447, the Main Street Small Business Tax Credit allows businesses who meet the criteria the ability to receive a \$1,000 tax credit for each employee. The credit can be applied to the business owner's income tax or sale and use tax liability.

Small businesses must meet the following criteria

-Employed 100 or fewer employees as of Dec. 31, 2019

—Had an increase in employees between July and November compared to the prior quarter (April to June)

—Suffered a 50% decrease or more in income tax gross receipts between the second quarter of 2020 and second quarter 2019.

Tax credits will be awarded on a first-come-first-serve basis. Only \$100 million will be awarded statewide. Application period begins Jan. 15, 2021.

United Health Centers begins Covid-19 testing at Fresno Fairgrounds

United Health Centers has teamed up with the City of Fresno to ramp up no-cost Covid-19 testing for local residents.

United Health Centers has set up a mobile testing site at the Fresno Fairgrounds West Parking Lot on 1100 S. Chance Ave. Starting tomorrow, testing will take place every Wednesday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The collaboration is meant to help stop the spread on Covid-19 and help Fresno stay open.

"'DO IT FOR THEM,' the most vulnerable and at risk members of our community, our families, seniors, our first responders and our essential workers," according to a UHC news release.

The site is meant to give plenty of space for people to drive up and walk up for testing services open to everyone. Pre-registration is requested by calling 800-492-4227.

Test results are expected to be communicated in three to four days.

UHC officials estimate they have tested more than 90,000 people since March for Covid-19.

Fresno Chaffee Zoo selects new CEO

The Fresno Chaffee Zoo announced Tuesday that a new CEO to replace the outgoing Scott Barton has been selected.

Jon Forrest Dohlin currently serves as the director of the Wildlife Conservation Society's New York Aquarium, a position he has held for the past 12 years. He was also involved in project design and management with the Bronx Zoo.

The transition is expected to take place in early 2021.

"We are thrilled to announce that Jon Dohlin has accepted our offer to join Fresno Chaffee Zoo as its next CEO. Jon brings extensive experience in project and animal management and a strong commitment to conservation, education and delivering a world-class guest experience. We could not be more excited to have Jon in the Fresno Chaffee Zoo family," said Kyle Kirkland, Fresno's Chaffee Zoo Corporation Board Chair.

As director of the New York Aquarium, Dohlin managed an annual budget of \$18.5 million and more than 300 staff members, directed a \$150 million restoration of the Aquarium after the devastation of Hurricane Sandy and oversaw the design, construction and fundraising for the award-winning \$160 million shark exhibit, "Ocean Wonders: Sharks!"

"We're pleased that Jon has agreed to join the Fresno Chaffee Zoo team and I believe that the Zoo's ability to recruit talent of his stature speaks to its importance to the people of Fresno as well as the international zoo and aquarium community. The Zoo's position as a leading educational and cultural institution will be enhanced through Jon's leadership and we look forward to welcoming him to our great city," said Fresno Mayor Lee Brand.

As CEO, Dohlin will oversee all functions of the Zoo, including the more than 220 species of animals and the Zoo's exhibits, such as Sea Lion Cove, Stingray Bay and African Adventure. He will also continue the progress on Kingdoms of Asia, which broke ground in September. This \$38 million project includes habitats for tigers, orangutans and sloth bears and is expected to open in the fall of 2021.

"I am privileged and excited to join the Fresno Chaffee Zoo team and continue to build on the great work they've done to create an outstanding zoo experience for the Fresno and Central Valley communities," said Dohlin. "Fresno County residents' commitment to the Zoo through Measure Z creates a powerful partnership, which I am honored to steward into our shared future. Fresno Chaffee Zoo is highly respected within the national and international zoo communities for its award-winning exhibits, commitment to conservation and talented and engaged staff, all of which drew me here from New York."

Food Bank receives \$50K donation for Giving Tuesday

The Central California Food Bank got a Giving Tuesday boost with a donation by Wells Fargo Bank, one that will aid those hit by Covid-19 and the recent Creek Fire.

On Tuesday morning, Wells Fargo presented the Food Bank's co-CEO Kym Dildine with a surprise \$50,000 grant to assist in their efforts.

"Here in the Central Valley, our families have a lot of needs, especially our families in our rural communities," said Tim Rios, senior vice president of Wells Fargo's Community Relations Group. "And we have long believed at Wells Fargo that we can only be suc-

cessful if our communities are successful "

As the presentation went on, the Food Bank was loading 18,000 pounds of food for the community in Raymond to relieve victims of the Creek Fire.

"Families are impacted not only by the Covid, but by the Creek Fire," Dildine said. "And so Wells Fargo has been an amazing partner and they have a keen eye for the most underserved."

Rios also encouraged other residents of the Valley to help the Food Bank in their efforts.

Clovis appoints department veteran as new planning director

The City of Clovis has a familiar face at the helm of its Planning and Development Services Department after the retirement of its director in July.

Renee Mathis has been serving as interim director of the department since Director Dwight Kroll's retirement after serving in the position since 1981. Mathis has helmed the department on an interim basis since then, and served as assistant director since 2018. She has more than 20 years of experience in the department.

Mathis will oversee a staff of 65 employees in the new role. The Planning and Development Services Department is responsible for implementing the Clovis General Plan, land use planning for future development, as well as engineering and building inspection.

Clovis City Manager Luke Serpa said, "Renee is the perfect person to tackle the many challenges and opportunities facing our growing city. Her extensive skillset and solid relationships with employees and community leaders make her the right choice to lead the department during this exciting time in our city's history."

This appointment comes after an extensive nationwide recruitment effort, according to a news release, and is effective Dec. l, subject to City Council confirmation, which is expected to take place during the Dec. 7 council meeting.

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BMW of Visalia 111 N. Neeley St. Visalia, 93291 bmwofvisalia.com	BMW	627-2737	7:30 a.m 5:30 p.m. M-F, Closed Saturdays and Sundays	9 a.m 6 p.m. M-F, 11 a.m 5 p.m. Sat, online, text, email only Sundays	Vic Surroz	Brad Maples
Gill Auto Group 1100 S. Madera Ave. Madera, 93637 gillautogroupmadera.com	Cadillac	674-5661	7:30 a.m 5:30 p.m. M-F, 8:00 a.m 2:30 p.m. Sat, Closed Sundays	8 a.m 8 p.m. M-F, 9 a.m 8 p.m. Sat, 10 a.m 7 p.m. Sun	Jay Gill	Amer Muhar
Keller Auto Center 700 W. Cadillac Lane Hanford, 93230 kellerdeal.com	Cadillac	584-5531	8 a.m 5 p.m. M-F	11 a.m 7 p.m. M-F, 10 a.m 7 p.m. Sat, 10 a.m 6 p.m. Sun	John Keller	Brian Torres
Fresno Chrysler Jeep 6150 N Blackstone Ave. Fresno, 93710 alfaromeousaoffresno.com	Chrysler	256-2420	WND	8:30 a.m 8 p.m. M-Sat, 10 a.m 7 p.m. Sun	Tim Finegan, Sr.	Tim Finegan, Jr., Shafi Sharzad
Hedrick's Chevrolet 961 W. Shaw Ave. Fresno, 93612 hedrickschevrolet.com	Corvette	840-3182	7 a.m 6 p.m. M-F, Closed Saturdays and Sundays	8 a.m 7 p.m. M-F, 10 a.m 6 p.m. Sat, 10 a.m 5 p.m. Sun	Brett Hedrick	Brett Hedrick
Michael Chevrolet 5735 N. Blackstone Ave. Fresno, 93710 michaelchevrolet.com	Corvette	399-4084	7 a.m 6 p.m. M-F, 8 a.m 5 p.m. Sat, Closed Sundays	8:30 a.m 8 p.m. M-F, 8 a.m7 p.m. Sat, 10 a.m 6 p.m. Sun	Michael Rosvold	Art Markarian
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PHOTO CONTRIBUTED | All Central Valley crop reports have been released after Covid-19 related delays, unveiling new and ongoing trends related to labor, water and trade issues.

Edward Smith- STAFF WRITER

Delays involving coronavirus pushed the publishing of Central Valley crop reports back this year. While farm receipts from 2018 to 2019 show an almost unchanging total, beneath the surface, shifts in dominant crops have begun to occur as growers face labor shortages and higher water demand.

Cumulatively, ag commissioners across Fresno, Tulare, Kings and Madera counties report gross values in 2019 equaling \$19.41 billion, down from \$19.45 billion in 2018.

Almonds have been the top crop for several years in Fresno County, but in other counties, they are still coming into their own.

In Tulare County, almonds ranked No. 6, up from No. 8 the year before. The nut grossed \$426 million in 2019, up from \$311 million. Acreage also increased, up 11,000 acres from 2018 to 78,300 acres.

Growers have been fearing a price drop as acreage continues to grow, said Roland Fumasi, North American Regional Head for RaboResearch Food & Agribusiness in a previous interview. Supply continues to grow, setting shipment records. Another record year is predicted for the crop, with estimates ranging at 3 billion pounds being produced.

Lower prices means some California crops can better compete abroad against other producers, but the United States produces 80% of almonds worldwide. Lower prices don't give California growers an edge like they should. However, lower prices means more people can afford the nut. Because of lower pricing and strong demand, shipments have been robust, Fumasi said.

Almonds averaged \$4,942 a ton across the four counties, according to the crop reports in 2019. Prices in 2018 averaged \$4,664 a ton.

Decreases in wine acreage lead a retreat in grapes across the Central Valley. In Fresno County, raisin and table grape acreage had slight increases. Grapes used to consistently hold the top spot over the years, competing with citrus. Of late, vineyards have bequeathed that title to less labor-intensive crops such as almonds.

Table grapes have seen a rise over the past few years, according to Ian LeMay, president of the California Fresh Fruit Association. There has been a shift in varieties for sweeter grapes, he said.

The industry still relies on human hands and labor represents the biggest issue, followed by water.

Bunches of grapes are still picked by hand, then sent down the rows in wheelbarrows where they're packed. Even in the off-season, vines need to be thinned and prepped.

Forty percent of table grapes go overseas and foreign markets view California grapes as "premium," said LeMay. So while labor demands have put pressure on getting higher prices, that view of quality coming from the Central Valley hasn't affected the fruit's ability to compete internationally "yet," said LeMay.

Grapes grossed \$2.07 billion, down from \$2.27 billion in 2018. Acreage

increased in Tulare County to 53,680 acres from 51,950 acres in 2018. Acreage decreased in Fresno County to 164,549 acres from 168,038 in 2018.

Over the last few years, citrus has struggled, said Casey Creamer, president of California Citrus Mutual.

Larger volume crops coupled with trade disputes have caused problems all around for citrus growers.

"When one is out of whack, it creates a real problem in the industry," said Creamer.

Exports represent 30% of the market for citrus.

Oranges, both navel and Valencia, grossed \$1.17 billion, up from \$762 million, according to crop reports.

Creamer says 2020 has cause for growers to be more optimistic about citrus.

The loss of restaurant purchasing has put lemons at a loss, but domestic demand for citrus, especially in the face of a pandemic, has raised pricing for oranges and mandarins.

The upcoming winter crop for navels looks like the fruit will have good size and quality, Creamer said.

It is a little too early to tell how foreign markets will be for the upcoming crop, but he anticipates domestic demand to continue to be strong.

A phase-one agreement in trade deals between the U.S. and China in February dropped tariffs on citrus to 35% from 75%. The fact that the development occurred a month

before the pandemic stymied any potential boon growers could have experienced from the negotiation. Growers may see a benefit for this season's harvest, however.

Some other notable development occurred in fruits and veggies.

Melons did well in 2019 in Fresno County, growing to \$194 million from \$156 million in 2018.

Lettuce leaf more than tripled to \$97 million from \$31 million. Recorded price per unit in the crop reports almost tripled to \$1,350 a ton from \$500.

Garlic and onions had a tough year with late spring rains, according to Bob Ehn, CEO of the Garlic and Onion Research Advisory Board.

A fungus called garlic rust was prevalent, causing growers to spray three to five times that season. Hail also damaged a lot of fresh market onions.

Onions halved to \$178 million from \$369 million. Garlic dropped to \$365 million from \$434 million.

2018 was a banner year, however, setting high marks for the crops. 2020 is looking to do the same, said Ehn.

The advisory board is looking to stretch its influence into Kern and Madera counties. Critical water issues in west Fresno County could pose a threat into the future, Ehn said. In the past 10 years, that region of Fresno County grows 95% of garlic for the country.

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We work with ambitious business owners who are committed to growing their companies by helping to create new habits that drive behavioral change and increase productivity and profitability in areas of leadership, management and sales training.

Tell us a little about your career to your current position.

My first sales job was at ESPN while I was still attending Fresno State. I've continued from there spending 15 years in sales, sales management and leadership roles. The last 10 years of my career, prior to owning Sandler, was with The Business Journal handling all events and national sales for the company and managing both the sales and production Departments.

What convinced you to get into the Sandler Training business?

I was introduced to Sandler Training as a client. I remained a client for eight years prior to owning the business. The direct impact that the Sandler methodology had on, not only the company I worked for, but also on my career and my personal growth was immense and something I couldn't ignore. There was no convincing - just raw, true conviction that I am meant to share my knowledge of Sandler Training to help Valley businesses who need it.

How did it feel to launch your own business right before a pan-

Great question. Because I had nothing to compare it to, I had no preconceived notion as to what to expect. What I can say is I wouldn't have changed anything. I firmly believe things happen for a reason. I adjusted accordingly and moved very quickly to adapt to a full virtual training environment in early March and continued to seek out businesses that needed my help. A crisis doesn't create weakness, it exposes it. I've seen this pandemic shed light on some areas of weakness for local businesses. Sandler is not a Band-Aid or short-term fix. Clients come to us when they are serious about a solution for fixing issues long term.

What kind of job roles would benefit from Sandler Training?

One of the roles I work with is inside sales (frontline/customer service). Since the pandemic, some businesses have been forced to lean heavily on their inside sales/ frontline service departments for growth so training them to be more effective is inevitable. All in all, anyone responsible for business development, sales, and is in a management and/or a leadership role within the company. Change starts from the top down. We have a saying in Sandler; there are no bad salespeople, only bad managers and no bad managers, only bad owners.

Where do you see yourself in ten years?

Continuing to help valley business create a clear path for continued growth and eliminating the stigma of a stereotypical sales professional by helping them to overcome their self-limiting beliefs.

What causes/organizations are close to your heart?

Kids with college degrees these days are finding it harder and harder to get jobs. They lack real world knowledge and experience. Programs like CART have allowed me to give hungry high school students real life experience and exposure in industries close to them by providing them with intern/mentorships. Lastly, Fresno Pacific has an outstanding sales management program that I'm involved with. I think it's spectacular that young adults are looking to grow and gain knowledge in a sales capacity, not to mention that knowing how to sell is an intricate part for any entrepreneur! Those opportunities were never available to me, so I find myself elated to give back in those areas.

What was your very first job and what did you learn from it?

Coming from a 4th generation family of farmers, I was put in a hazmat suit to fertilize the almond trees. My father welded a seat on the back of an old John Deere and my sister and I took turns driving the tractor while the other one sat on the back and sprayed the trees. What I learned from it was to get an education and be really good at what it is I chose to do so I never have to wear a hazmat suit in the 110-degree Valley heat.

What are your roots in the Central Valley?

We celebrated our "Coelho family" centennial at the Portuguese hall in Riverdale in 2012 so I'll say we're pretty rooted! My mom and dad both graduated from Riverdale High, along with my oldest two sisters. Go Cowboys! We moved to Lemoore my 7th grade year. I graduated from Lemoore High School before moving to the big city of Fresno to attend college. I was a cheerleader at Fresno State for four years, so I bleed Bulldog red!

What do you like to do in your spare time?

We are a very active, sports driven family. I run 4-5 miles 7 days a week. On weekends, you can usually find me outside chasing my son around the block on his scooter while my husband rides his rollerblades. An NHL game is typically on our living room television for what seems like 12 months out of the year.



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BEST TECHNOLOGY COMPANY

PC SOLUTIONS

First finalist: **BCT Consulting** Second finalist: **Agrian Inc.**

Donald A. Promnitz - STAFF WRITER

A business that started in its founder's garage has been voted Best Technology Company in the Central Valley for the second year in a row.

John Marihart started PC Solutions 16 years ago, previously serving as the food and beverage director at Table Mountain Casino and general manager for an Asian fusion restaurant. Wanting to do more, however, he started up his company, running it alongside his wife Falina Marihart, who serves as the company's chief operating officer.

According to Falina, PC Solutions is a customer service-driven IT company, one that provides 100% local support, building reliable networks with their clients they consider to be partners. Alongside service, they provide training and



certifications for their technicians so they can stay up to date with the latest software and hardware — something they themselves invest in.

"Being nominated again for the Best of the Valley award is a true testament to our commitment to customer service," she said

More recently, PC Solutions also upgraded their base of operations, opening a new headquarters in West Clovis this summer. More development on the Herndon and Peach avenues parcel of land is also in the works.

BEST SHOPPING CENTER

RIVER PARK SHOPPING CENTER

First finalist: Fig Garden Village Second finalist: Fashion Fair

Breanna Hardy - STAFF WRITER

River Park Shopping Center continues to make the Fresno community engaged in all things entertainment, dining, and shopping, even throughout unpredictable Covid-19 closures and regulations.

Tracy Kashian, vice president of public relations and marketing at Lance-Kashian and Co., says it's been possible because of its outdoor lifestyle setting.

"Parking on the perimeter makes it feel easy to maneuver," Kashian said.

She said people are not walking into an indoor mall with confined ventilation, which helps people feel safe.

River Park Shopping Center has always provided fun for the whole family, with a children's play area near Regal Cinemas, Color Me Mine and now BarrelHouse Brewing Co., which opened Nov. 27.

"I think BarrelHouse is going to be a vibe that we have not touched yet; it's a vibe we've not had, but we're so excited," Kashian said.

The brewery has a clear tent outside, which covers the entire area between the IMAX theater and the front of BarrelHouse. Kashian said it makes the area look festive and intimate, even though it's outside.

An appealing part of being at River Park is the property's cleanliness, along with its variety of local tenants.

"Even our big stores are great, but we have such a large group of local tenants," she said.



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED | BarrelHouse Brewing Co. is one of the newest tenants to move into the River Park Shopping Center in Fresno.

In addition to adding new restaurants and shops this year, River Park Shopping Center also offered a ballot box and an inperson voting site during the election.

The year has offered uncertainty on multiple fronts, but safety and security has always been River Park's main goal, and that was displayed throughout the entirety of 2020.

"Security is one of our top priorities; we're always trying to stay ahead of the game and make everybody feel like they're in their backyard," Kashian said.

Sanitation hasn't been compromised either. Curbside pickup has really helped to make people feel safe, Kashian said.

"We're trying to keep everybody in business," she said. "We just appreciate people that come out and are responsible."

Kashian said that they've tried to handle Covid in the best manner they can. Readers, tenants and customers approved.

"As always, it means so much to us to be nominated, especially when it comes from the people voting," she said.

BEST CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

FRESNO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

First finalist: Clovis Chamber of Commerce
Second finalist: Central California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

Breanna Hardy - STAFF WRITER

Covid-19 brought a fresh set of challenges to businesses in the Central Valley, and the Fresno Chamber of Commerce advocated for employers and business owners through the toughest months so far.

Business leaders and readers voted the Fresno Chamber of Commerce as the Central Valley's Best Chamber of Commerce.

The Fresno Chamber of Commerce has determined, especially through the pandemic, to be a leading voice in educating businesses, especially throughout a time when businesses are facing code regulations and safety restrictions.

"The Fresno Chamber team is dedicated to supporting the greater Fresno area, particularly during these unprecedented times," said Nathan Ahle, president/CEO of Fresno Chamber of Commerce.

The Fresno Chamber was founded in 1885, and they aim to educate and advocate for businesses through relationships with their members. Throughout 2020, they've partnered with Mayor Lee Brand, the city council and other city officials to help businesses safely reopen.

The Fresno Chamber, though they budgeted for a 25% member loss, only lost 11% of their membership, which is



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED | Nathan Ahle of the Fresno Chamber of Commerce holds a recent news conference at the chamber headquarters.

comparative to pre-pandemic numbers. Members have seen the value in partnering with the Fresno Chamber, especially during a year where businesses are fighting for normalcy.

The Fresno Chamber has made adjustments to their in-person events;

they've streamed on TV, and have been able to reach more people doing so.

"We don't do what we do for recognition, but knowing that our efforts are valued by the community is great motivation to continue doing great work!" he said.

BEST WOMAN OWNED BUSINESS

CASA DE TAMALES

First finalist: LaTapatia Tortilleria
Second finalist: National Raisin Co.



Breanna Hardy - STAFF WRITER

Casa de Tamales represented Fresno's Tower District after being voted Best Woman Owned Business by The Business Journal readers.

Owner Liz Sanchez said, "I am just astounded that I have been afforded the luxury of being nominated again for the award."

Diversity especially makes Casa de Tamales stand out. Sanchez aims to support and enable the other women who work alongside her, and she empowers them to make decisions on behalf of the business.

"I do my best to walk them through any kind of situation that comes up so that they're empowered," Sanchez said.

Sanchez is gearing up to open after relocating near the Tower Theater to $805\,E.$ Olive Ave, two blocks from her previous location.

Casa de Tamales has served the Tower District for nearly six years, and their family recipes come from Sanchez's mother and grandmother.

"We work hard, and it's not just me," she said.

Throughout the pandemic, Sanchez said they've had to adjust, like many others. She says it's been tough, but takeout, delivery and catering have kept the restaurant running.

"It gives me just another little stepping stone just to push through, and provide and support my own community," she said. "Truly honored and flabbergasted every year to be even in the same category as the other ladies that are also in the group." ▼ PHOTO BY GABRIEL DILLARD | Central Valley Community Bank CEO \ Jim Ford presents an award to Liz Sanchez of Casa de Tamales.



BEST OFFICE EQUIPMENT COMPANY

CALIFORNIA BUSINESS MACHINES

First finalist: **Zoom Imaging**

Second finalist: Caltronics Business Systems

Donald A. Promnitz - STAFF WRITER

With over 60 years of ownership by the same family, Teri McNally is the 2nd generation owner of California Business Machines.

Her father, Ray McNally, bought the store from the Remington Rand Typewriter Co. in 1953, gambling on running a successful business of his own instead of being transferred to New York. Today, they service customers up and down the San Joaquin Valley with another branch in Visalia.

When they first started, typewriters and counting machines were the main

products on sale. Today, they make their living on copiers, printers, computers, software and installation lessons - along with some typewriters. And while the products have greatly changed in 67 years, the service and quality customer care hasn't.

It's something that hasn't been lost on readers of The Business Journal, who've voted CBM as the Best Office Equipment Company in the Central Valley for six years in a row.



BEST CATERING COMPANY

PARDINI'S CATERING

First finalist: The Painted Table Second finalist: **Meat Market**

Edward Smith - STAFF WRITER

Even in a pandemic, Pardini's Catering has proved itself a staple in the community as it was voted Best Catering Company in the Central Valley.

The Pardini name first lent itself to the food industry in 1958 when Al Pardini opened Pardini's Restaurant.

It was Jim Pardini who then brought the name to the catering business Central Valley residents know so well. Now, the

brand has entered its third generation of ownership and voters still find the brand their favorite.

"I think they pick us because over the years, we've shown we can deliver the high-quality food and service that people have come to know with the Pardini name," said Jeff Pardini, Jim's son.

While the pandemic has put the brakes on upwards of 90% of the events industry, Pardini said, the company has found ways to still get its food out to the public.

The Big Wagon food truck serves up barbecue near the restaurant at Shaw and Sequoia avenues.

They've also been working with the City of Fresno to provide grocery boxes to seniors completely free. Using their

catering expertise and their vendor connections, they've been supplying 1,500 boxes of groceries weekly to seniors - many of whom cannot leave the house.

"It's become a very popular program," said Pardini. "It's allowed us to put a lot of our key people to work who would otherwise not be working."



 ${\tt PHOTO\ CONTRIBUTED\ |\ \textbf{Al\ Pardini}, seen\ here\ in\ the\ this\ 1961\ photo, is\ the}$ patriarch of a three-generation fine food business in Fresno.





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BEST COMMERCIAL PRINTING COMPANY

DUMONT

First finalist: **Fastsigns**Second finalist: **ValPrint**

Breanna Hardy - STAFF WRITER

For many businesses, innovation has come from the most difficult moments of 2020, and Dumont Printing is no exception.

The Central Valley has been on the receiving end of Dumont Printing's community care, and readers voted them as the Best Commercial Printing Company.

"We are always honored to be nominated, and we've been a long time subscriber to The Business Journal," Susan Moore, president and owner said.

Moore said Dumont has been a finalist every year. She said community outreach sets them apart from the rest.

"We're very committed to the community, so during this wonderful, difficult 2020 year, we've built face shields in the summer, and now we've built custom barriers," she said.

Dumont didn't take long to pivot their business at the height of the pandemic. They made 23,000-25,000 face shields per day through the end of summer.

"We did it all in a matter of about a week," she said

Moore said "it's been incredible" to open up a new set of customers, including nurses receiving face shields and



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED | Susan Moore of Dumont shifted her company into high gear making face shields for the pandemic.

businesses who needed protective barriers due to Covid-19. Their reach spanned the state when supplies were short.

Dumont Printing did not have to buy new equipment for the job; they re-tooled their existing equipment.

The woman-owned business has been operating since 1950 in Downtown Fresno.

BEST SECURITY COMPANY

MATSON ALARM

First finalist: **Turner Security Systems, Inc.**Second finalist: **AmeriGuard Security Service**



Frank Lopez - STAFF WRITER

Serving over 23,000 clients, Matson Alarm, a family-owned security company in Fresno, has helped keep Central Valley businesses and homes safe for over 40 years.

Founded in 1974 by brothers Mike and Larry Matson, Matson alarm provides services including burglar alarms, fire alarms, camera monitoring and smart locks for both residential and commercial properties.

Feeling safe in their hands, voters have once again named Matson Alarm the Best Security Company in the Central Valley.

Though security and safety is always on the mind of both business and home owners, security companies saw a rise in demand for their services since the pandemic began.

After the business lockdowns in March, and with "non-essential" businesses being temporarily shutdown, business owners increased their security efforts out of concerns of having their unattended properties burglarized or vandalized.

There has also been an increased need for security guards for access control at entrances.

As companies started to shift their employees to work from home and children to online schooling and staying home alone, there were more concerns for home security. Matson Alarm has been there to meet the need.



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BEST GOLF COURSE TO TAKE A CLIENT

COPPER RIVER COUNTRY CLUB

First finalist: Fort Washington Country Club Second finalist: San Joaquin Country Club

Edward Smith - STAFF WRITER

Voters selected Copper River Country Club as the Best Golf Course to Take a Client.

"Copper River is so unique with its amazing facility and services," said Todd Hansen, general manager with Copper River

The north Fresno country club started when Bill Tatham Sr. began construction on the golf course in 1993. By 1995, it was opened for play and a year later, they completed the clubhouse.

Since then, they have modernized and upgraded facilities there.

"In the past couple years, we have renovated all of the bunkers on the course, added new lakes, renovated many of the trees," said Hansen. "[We are] in the process of expanding our member lounge and in the process of remodeling center court at the tennis center."

They also have plans to start construction on a stand-alone fitness facility.

Beyond golf, they also offer tennis, fitness, dining, lounge areas, banquets, swimming and indoor and outdoor wedding venues.

Keeping members and employees healthy has been their goal and operating in this time has been a challenge.

"I think the voters appreciate the beauty and matchless qualities of Copper River Country Club," said Hansen.



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED | Todd Hansen is the general manager at Copper River Country Club.

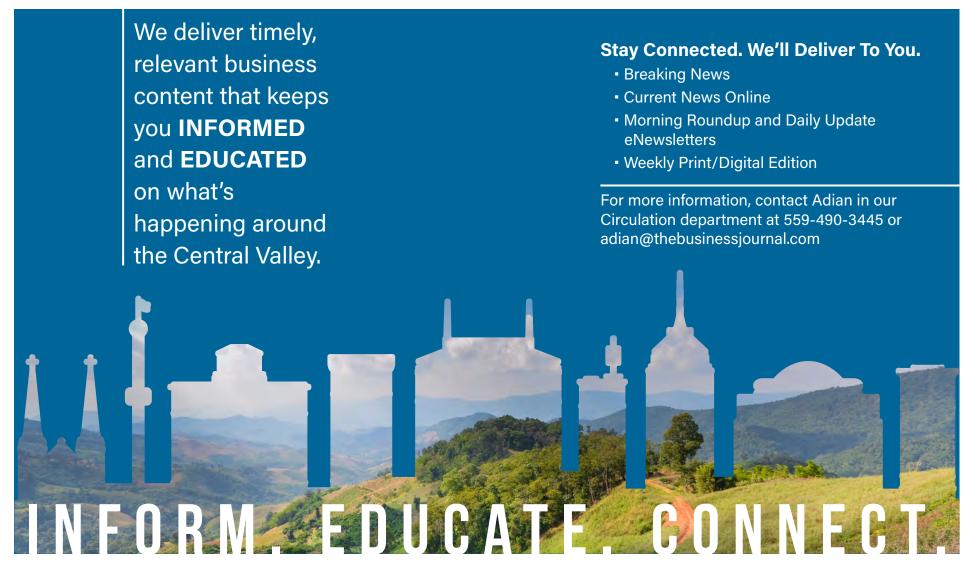


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BEST LOCAL MORNING DRIVE RADIO SHOW

KMJ 580

First finalist: **Kiss Country 93.7** Second finalist: **K-Love 91.1**

Gabriel Dillard - EDITOR

For four years in a row, voters for the Best of Central Valley Business Awards have looked to the "50,000-watt blowtorch" that is KMJ 580 AM and 105.9 FM as the Best Local Morning Drive Radio Show.

Keeping commuters company in the mornings is the dynamic duo Tony Manes and Matt Otstot, broadcasting from the iconic "Radio City" building at Palm and Shaw avenues in Fresno. The pair keeps listeners updated on all the latest news and other topics worth talking about.

While both Manes and Otstot are originally from out of the state, listeners undoubtedly see them as the boys next door. That is in no small part due to their decades of experience in broadcasting that make filling an hours-long morning show seem easy as pie.

The pair, as well as the Cumulus-owned station, was pleased to once again be nominated and emerge victorious.

"Matt and I are proud, and honored, to be nominated as top morning radio show in Fresno by The Business Journal and its readers," according to a statement from the pair. "We're hoping for a four-peat."

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TONY MANES



MATT OTSTOT

BEST LOCAL LUNCH SPOT

PISMO'S COASTAL GRILL

First finalist: **Dog House Grill** Second finalist: **Sam's Italian Deli**



Breanna Hardy - STAFF WRITER

Covid-19 has dealt Central Valley restaurants a heavy hand with restrictions on indoor dining, in addition to dealing with smoky air during the summer. But Dave Fansler, owner of Pismo's Coastal Grill, still managed to win customers' approval as the best local lunch spot.

Local lunch spots during the work week have taken on a new meaning as people haven't been sharing a meal in person. Situated right off of Highway 4l, Pismo's is centrally located near anyone working from home that wants to order via DoorDash or curbside pickup.

Still, curbside pickup has helped Pismo's stay popular, and Fansler added an

outdoor dining tent that makes it feel just as nice as inside.

The tent is situated in the parking lot, with tables surrounding the bar. Lights and greenery make the outdoor seating arrangement feel intimate and inviting. During the summer, fans kept the tent cool, and for winter they've implemented a heating system.

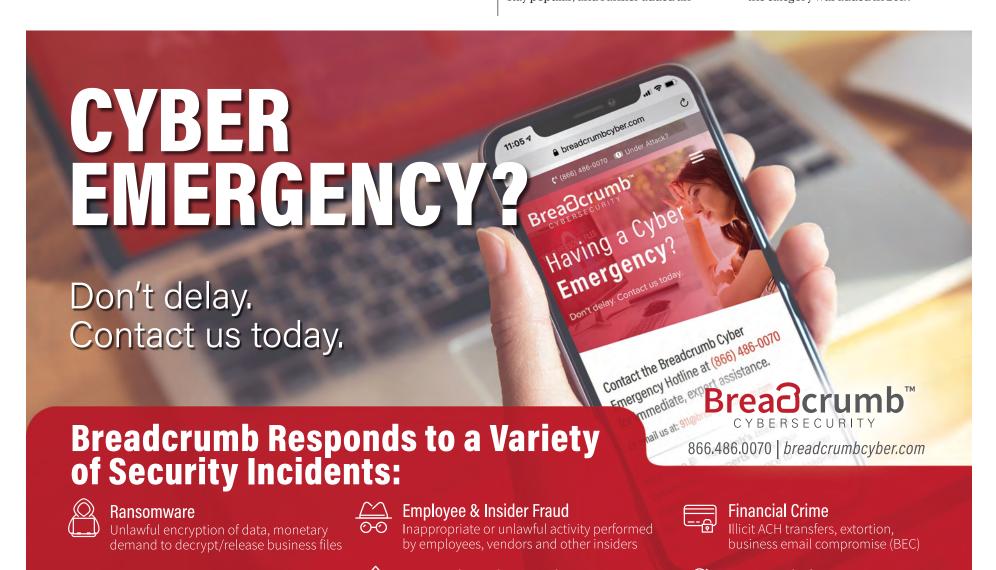
Pismo's fresh fish market has fish delivered daily, and it has stayed open during Covid-19. Customers can easily pick up fresh seafood and cook it at home.

Pismo's has taken the "best lunch spot" category for four consecutive years since the category was added in 2017.

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BEST FAMILY OWNED BUSINESS

WAWONA FROZEN FOODS — THE SMITTCAMP FAMILY

First finalist: **London Properties — The Conner Family**Second finalist: **Valley Wide Beverage — The Amendola Family**

Edward Smith - STAFF WRITER

The peaches, strawberries, pears and plums from Wawona Frozen Foods can be found in grocery stores throughout North America. Despite shipping 100 million pounds of produce yearly, it still all comes back to family, which is one of the reasons why Wawona Frozen Foods was voted Best Family Owned Business.

"I feel very humbled and honored to have Wawona Frozen Foods be nominated," said Bill Smittcamp, president of the company. "I am very proud of all three of our children working together. Our employees are the key to our success." Earl Smittcamp started the company in 1945 growing and packing peaches. Now, his son Bill runs the company along with Blake, Brad and Blair, all of whom bear the Smittcamp name.

It takes a lot of communication, Bill says. He says he "wants things done yesterday," and while that might be impossible, "filtered out through Blake, Brad and Blair to the Wawona team, things happen much smoother."

"There is a translation which works," Bill said. "I recall the same thing back with my father and myself."

As a family, they like doing things



together such as the former Fresno Food Expo and the Old Town Clovis Peach Festival. Giving back to the community is also important. They have an employeegiving program for Valley Children's Hospital.

Working during Covid has had its

challenges and they've had to adapt to keep employees safe and comfortable.

"I am especially proud of the whole Wawona family," said Bill. "It's not easy to process millions of pounds of fruit during these crazy times — but we have a great team making it happen!"

BEST TITLE COMPANY

CHICAGO TITLE CO.

First finalist: **First American Title**Second finalist: **Old Republic Title Co.**

Donald A. Promnitz – STAFF WRITER

Chicago Title Co. in Fresno has been named as the Best Title Company by readers of The Business Journal.

Chicago Title traces its origins back to 1847, but they gained national recognition after the Great Chicago Fire of 1871, when they were one of the few title companies whose files had survived the blaze. Now, 149 years after the Chicago Fire and 173 years after being founded, their reputation for longevity has been accompanied by a reputation for the provision of quality title insurance and excellent service — one that's enjoyed by their Fresno customers.

In fact, desk operations manager Robin Boshears actually came to the Fresno branch of Chicago Title Co. from the Bay Area after hearing of the quality of their work and the camaraderie of their staff. To that end, she's found the branch more than lives up to the reputation that initially attracted her to them.

"As a result, we're able to chat when things are going right and when things aren't going so right — and everybody is totally on board," Boshears said. "And as far as the customer is concerned, we treat the customer like they're gold to us. Everything that we do here is to make the customer happy and help them on their journey of home buying, selling and refinancing."

Chicago Title remains undefeated in the Central Valley, having won all four years that this category has been part of the competition.



BEST ANNUAL EVENT TO ATTEND

THE BIG FRESNO FAIR

First finalist: **Clovis Rodeo**Second finalist: **Big Hat Days**

Donald A. Promnitz - STAFF WRITER

Covid-19 shut down events across the country throughout the year. This included the Central Valley's largest event —The Big Fresno Fair—in October.

However, deputy manager Stacy Rianda and the rest of the Fair's team decided that if they couldn't hold the event, they could at least bring some of its most beloved trappings to a community desperate for some socially distanced fun and bonding. It was in part a thank you for the years of loyal patronage from the regular fairgoers — some of whom had made a habit of coming for decades.

"Well, for one thing, it's tradition,"

Rianda said "The first of October rolls around and people start craving their soft tacos and corndogs."

Their solution was a drive-thru opportunity to pick up some of their favorite foods from The Big Fresno Fair. The community responded in a big way, with 26,000 cars averaging 3 people per vehicle, or approximately 78,000. And while it's a far cry from the 630,000, they usually take in in a year, Rianda says it was a huge boost to the morale of not only those in the drive through, but also to the people who put the Fair together every year.



"We really owe it all to our amazing community because they're the ones that make The Big Fresno Fair so special and drive us to bring something new and fun and different to them each year," Rianda added.

The Fresno Fair has been around for over a century, and has been named as the Best Local Event by The Business Journal readers all seven years that the competition has been going.

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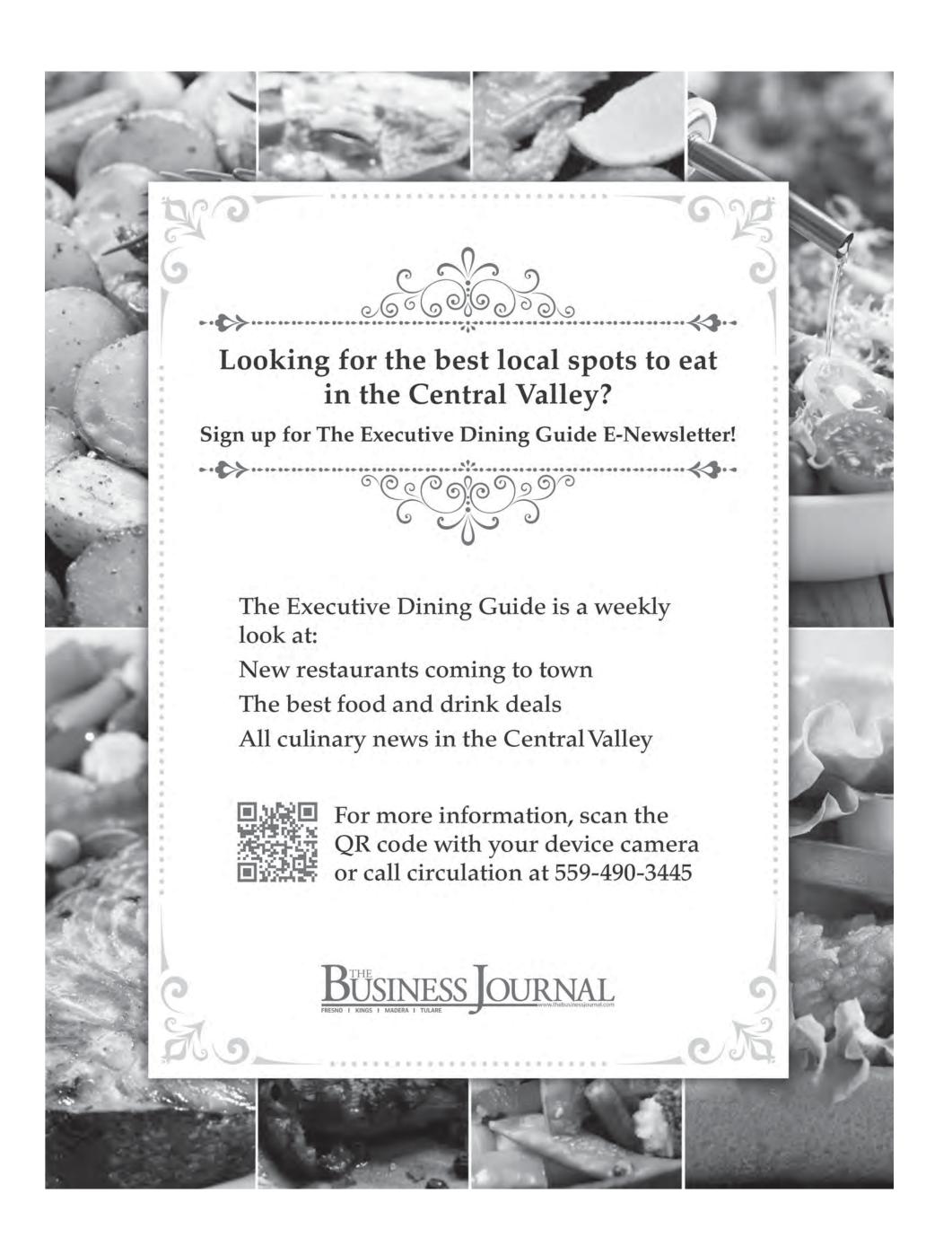
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TRUSTEE SALES

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No.: 00000009041880 Title Order No.: 200268513 FHA/VA/ PMI No.: ATTENTION RECORDER: THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE TO AN ATTACHED SUMMARY APPLIES ONLY TO COPIES PROVIDED TO ONLY TO COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR, NOT TO THIS RECORDED ORIGINAL NOTICE. NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 02/22/2017. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TREDER and WEISS. LIP, as duly appointed trustee, under only pursuant to Deed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 02/23/2017 as Instrument No. 2017-0022171-00 of official records in the office of the County Recorder of FRESNO County, State of CALIFORNIA. EXECUTED BY: **ARMEN KGLYAN**, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/ CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by California Civil Code 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States). DATE OF SALE: 12/17/2020 TIME OF SALE: 10:00 AM PLACE OF SALE: AT THE VAN NESS AVENUE EXIT FROM THE COUNTY COUNTY COUNTY WAY COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 1100 VAN NESS, FRESNO, CA 93721. STREET ADDRESS and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 2005, 2011 and 2021 EAST LEWIS AVENUE, FRESNO, CALIFORNIA 93701 APN#: 452-144-09 and 452-144-12 The beneficiary elects, as authorized by Cal. Com. Code Section 9604(a)(1)(B), to proceed with a unified sale of the real and personal property hereafter described in accordance with the procedures applicable to real property foreclosures. The real and personal property included in this unified sale include (a) the borrower's interest in the real property described in the foregoing Deed of Trust (b) and the collateral described in the UCC Financing Statement recorded 02/23/2017, as Instrument Number 2017-0022173-00, which includes all Inventory, Chattel Paper, Accounts, Equipment, Furniture, Machinery, Equipment, Furniture, Machinery, General Intangibles and Fixtures, all accessions, additions, replacements, and substitutions relating to any of the foregoing, and all records of any kind related to the foregoing. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street ddress and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property

to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$201,359.39. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 714-730-2727 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site www.servicelinkASAP.com for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case 00000009041880. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: AGENCY SALES and POSTING 714-730-2727 www. servicelinkASAP.com BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TREDER and DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TREDER and WEISS, LLP as Trustee 3990 E. Concours Street, Suite 350 Ontario, CA 91764 (866) 795-1852 Dated: 10/28/2020 Jorge Rios-Jimenez Senior Vice PresidentA-4727548 11/20/2020, 11/27/2020, 12/04/2020 11/20/2020, 11/27/2020, 12/04/2020

Title Order No. 1641871 cad Trustee Sale No. 85069 Loan No. 399281823 APN: 402-355-35 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S

12/5/2019. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 12/29/2020 at 10:30 AM, CALIFORNIA TD SPECIALISTS, AS TRUSTEE as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 12/10/2019 as Instrument No. 2019-0148463 in book N/A, page N/A of official records in the Office N/A of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Fresno County, California, executed by: **EFRAIN RUBALCAVA**, A SINGLE MAN, as Trustor EQUITABLE ENTERPRISES 401 (K) TRUST AS TO \$135,000 AND EQUITABLE INDUSTRIES AS TO \$90,000 HAS TENANTS IN COMMON, as Beneficiary WILL COMMON, as Beneficiary WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). At: At the Van Ness Avenue exit from the County Courthouse located at 1100 Van Ness, Fresno, CA 93724, NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE - continued all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California described the land therein: Lot 35 of Tract No. 2821, Parkwood No. 2, in the City of Fresno, County of Fresno, State of California, according to the Map thereof recorded in Book 32, Page 23 of Plats, Fresno County Records. The property heretofore described is being "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 8207 N. 1ST ST FRESNO, CA 93720. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit \$250,834.00 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election of Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. DATE: 11/20/2020 CALIFORNIA TD SPECIALISTS, AS TRUSTEE, as Trustee 8190 EAST KAISER BLVD., ANAHEIM HILLS, CA 92808 PHONE: 714-283-2180FORTRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION LOG ON TO: www.stoxposting.com CALL: 844-477-7869 PATRICIO S. INCE', VICE PRESIDENT CALIFORNIA TO SPECIALISTISADEBTCOLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. "NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance

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NOTICE AND CITATION TO PARENT FOR APPEARANCE AT HEARING. W&I Code §366.26 Hearing: 03/04/2021
Time: 8:00 A.M.; DEPT: 23
SUPERIOR COURT CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF FRESNO JUVENILE COURT Case No.: 12CEJ300311 In The Matter Of JULIET CASEY DOB: 09-04-2020

Minor(s)
TO: **VICTOR GODOY,** FATHER OF THE MINOR, AND TO ANY AND ALL PERSONS CLAIMING TO BE THE FATHER OF THE MINOR.

This is to notify you that you are cited to appear at the hearing below, pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code §366.23 and §366.26: DATE: **MARCH 4, 2021**

TIME: 8:00 A.M.

PLACE: Department 23 Juvenile Dependency Court, 1100 Van Ness, Fresno, California 93724

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT AT THIS HEARING FRESNO COUNTY, THROUGH ITS DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, WILL RECOMMEND TO THE COURT THAT THE PARENTAL RIGHTS OF VICTOR GODOY, FATHER OF THE MINOR, AND TO ANY AND ALL PERSONS CLAIMING TO BE THE FATHER OF THE MINOR, BE TERMINATED AND THAT THE ABOVE MINOR BE FREED FOR ADOPTION.

As the parent of the subject minor, you are cited to and may appear at Court as indicated above in order to express your opinion as to whether your parental rights should be terminated so that the minor can be adopted.

This is also to advise you that you have certain legal rights and protections, including the right to oppose these proceedings. You have the right to hire an attorney of your choice to represent you. If you are unable to retain a lawyer, you may request that the judge appoint one for you, who shall be the Public Defender or a private attorney. If you cannot afford to pay the cost of legal counsel to represent you, the fee will be paid by Fresno County.

This notice and citation is dated NOV 30, 2020. MICHAEL ELLIOTT,

Clerk of the Court. By: ERIC VERDUZCO, Deputy.

DISOBEDIENCE TO THIS CITATION BY FAILING TO APPEAR MAY SUBJECT THE PARTY SERVED TO ARREST AND PUNISHMENT FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT.

FRESNO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, 2011 Fresno Street, 3rd Floor, Fresno CA 93721 Telephone Number: (559) 600-4446, PETITIONER COUNTY OF FRESNO, Acting by and through its DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL 12/04/2020, 12/11/2020, 12/18/2020, 12/25/2020

NOTICE AND CITATION TO PARENT FOR APPEARANCE AT HEARING. W&I Code §366.26 Hearing: 02/17/2021 Time: 8:00 A.M.; DEPT: 21 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF FRESNO JUVENILE COURT Case No.: 20CEJ300213 In The Matter Of BRISTOL DIANE BOEN DOB: 04/12/2016 Minor(s)

TO: **BOBBY BOEN**, FATHER OF THE MINOR, AND TO ANY AND ALL PERSONS CLAIMING TO BE THE FATHER OF THE MINOR.

This is to notify you that you are cited to appear at the hearing below, pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code §366.23

DATE: FEBRUARY 17, 2021

TIME: 8:00 A.M.
PLACE: Department 21 Juvenile Dependency Court, 1100 Van Ness, Fresno, California 93724

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT AT THIS HEARING FRESNO COUNTY, THROUGH ITS DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, WILL RECOMMEND TO THE COURT THAT THE PARENTAL RIGHTS OF BOBBY PAPEN SETTIES OF THE MINOR **BOEN**, FATHER OF THE MINOR, AND TO ANY AND ALL PERSONS CLAIMING TO BE THE FATHER OF THE MINOR, BE TERMINATED AND THAT THE ABOVE MINOR BE FREED FOR ADOPTION.

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This notice and citation is dated NOV 30, 2020.

MICHAEL ELLIOTT, Clerk of the Court. By: ERIC VERDUZCO, Deputy.

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FRESNO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, 2011 Fresno Street, 3rd Floor, Fresno CA 93721 Telephone Number: (559) 600-4446, PETITIONER COUNTY OF FRESNO, Acting by and through its DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SEDVICES SERVICES. 12/04/2020, 12/11/2020, 12/18/2020,

12/25/2020

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: (AVISO AL DEMANDADO): Dory Johnson, an individual; and Does 1-100, inclusive YOU ARE BEING SUED

PLAINTIFF:
DEMANDANDO (LO**ESTA** EL**DAMANDANTE**): Comenity Card

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www. courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You

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may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. **NOTE:** The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the

¡AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a

continuación. Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia.

Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www. lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 ó más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso. CASE NUMBER

(Numero del Caso) 18CECL11910

The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y dirección de la corte es) B. F. SISK COURTHOUSE 1130 "O" Street, 4th Floor

Fresno, California 93724

The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado

"Order to Show Cause hearing is set for 1/22/21 at 8:30 a.m. in Department

MICHAEL H. RAICHELSON/SBN

Persolve Legal Group, LLP 9301 Corbin Ave Ste 1600 Northridge, CA 91324 (818) 534-3100 DATE: (Fecha) 11/20/2018 Clerk, (Secretario) by M. Baisdon, Deputy (Adjunto) (SEAL) 11/13/2020, 11/20/2020, 11/27/2020, 12/04/2020

NOTICE AND CITATION TO PARENT FOR APPEARANCE AT

HEARING.
W&I Code §366.26 Hearing: 01/28/2021
Time: 8:00 A.M.; DEPT: 21 SUPERIOR COURT CALIFORNIA. COUNTY OF FRESNO JUVENILE COURT Case No.: 19-300040 In The Matter Of

MALAKHI NEPHEW DOB: 02-09-2019 Minor(s)

TO: JEREMY TITUS, FATHER OF THE MINOR, AND TO ANY AND ALL PERSONS CLAIMING TO BE THE FATHER OF THE MINOR.

This is to notify you that you are cited to appear at the hearing below, pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code §366.23

DATE: **JANUARY 28, 2021** TIME: 8:00 A.M.

PLACE: Department **21** Juvenile Dependency Court, 1100 Van Ness, Fresno, California 93724

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT AT THIS HEARING FRESNO COUNTY, THROUGH ITS DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, WILL RECOMMEND TO THE COURT THAT THE PARENTAL RIGHTS OF JEREMY TITUS, FATHER OF THE MINOR, AND TO ANY AND ALL PERSONS CLAIMING TO BE FATHER OF THE MINOR, BE TERMINATED AND THAT THE ABOVE MINOR BE FREED FOR

As the parent of the subject minor, you are cited to and may appear at Court as indicated above in order to express your opinion as to whether your parental rights should be terminated so that the minor can be adopted.

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This notice and citation is dated NOV

MICHAEL ELLIOTT,

Clerk of the Court. By: ROBERTA HOLGUIN, Deputy.

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11/13/2020, 11/20/2020, 11/27/2020, 12/04/2020

NOTICE AND CITATION TO PARENT FOR APPEARANCE AT

W&I Code §366.26 Hearing: 02/18/2021 Time: 8:00 A.M.; DEPT: 21 SUPERIOR COURT CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF FRESNO JUVENILE COURT Case No.: 19CEJ300359 In The Matter Of EZMERAE PISOR

Minor(s) TO: ARTHUR PISOR, FATHER OF THE MINOR, AND TO ANY AND ALL PERSONS CLAIMING TO BE THE FATHER OF THE MINOR.

This is to notify you that you are cited to appear at the hearing below, pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code §366.23 and §366.26:

DATE: **FEBRUARY 18, 2021**

DOB: 08-15-2016

TIME: 8:00 A.M. PLACE: Department 21 Juvenile Dependency Court, 1100 Van Ness, Fresno, California 93724

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT AT THIS HEARING FRESNO COUNTY, THROUGH ITS DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, WILL RECOMMEND TO THE COURT THAT THE PARENTAL RIGHTS OF ARTHUR PISOR, FATHER OF RIGHTS THE MINOR, AND TO ANY AND ALL PERSONS CLAIMING TO BE THE FATHER OF THE MINOR, BE TERMINATED AND THAT THE ABOVE MINOR BE FREED FOR ADOPTION.

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This notice and citation is dated NOV

16 2020.

MICHAEL ELLIOTT, Clerk of the Court. By: NINA QUIROZ, Deputy.

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FRESNO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, 2011 Fresno Street, 3rd Floor, Fresno CA 93721 Telephone Number: 4446, PETITIONER COUNTY OF FRESNO, Acting by and through its DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES. 11/20/2020, 11/27/2020, 12/04/2020,

NOTICE AND CITATION TO PARENT FOR APPEARANCE AT HEARING.

12/11/2020

W&I Code §366.26 Hearing: 01-20-2021 Time: 8:00 A.M.; DEPT: 22

SUPERIOR **COURT** CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF FRESNO JUVENILE COURT Case No.: 19CEJ300202 In The Matter Of EMMA LUNA DOB: 07-19-2006 CHRISTOPHER LUNA JAYDEN GUILLEN DOB: 12-19-2012 VIOLET DAVISON

DOB: 08-07-2015

Minors TO: BOBBY LEE LUNA AKA BOBBY LUNA, FATHER OF THE MINOR(S), AND TO ANY AND ALL PERSONS CLAIMING TO BE THE FATHER OF THE MINOR(S).

This is to notify you that you are cited to appear at the hearing below, pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code §366.23 and §366.26:

DATE: **JANUARY 20, 2021** TIME: 8:00 A.M.
PLACE: Department 22 Juvenile

Dependency Court, 1100 Van Ness, Fresno, California 93724 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT AT THIS HEARING FRESNO COUNTY, THROUGH ITS DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, WILL RECOMMEND TO THE COURT THAT THE PARENTAL RIGHTS OF BOBBY LEE LUNA AKA BOBBY LUNA, FATHER OF THE MINOR(S) AND TO ANY AND ALL PERSONS CLAIMING TO BE THE FATHER OF THE MINOR(S), BE TERMINATED AND THAT THE ABOVE MINOR(S) BE FREED FOR ADOPTION.

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This notice and citation is dated NOV

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12/11/2020

PROBATE

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF FRESNO CENTRAL

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AT PRIVATE SALE (PC 10300, 10304)

In The Matter of the Estate of ERASMO T. ROMERO aka ERASMO TISCARENO ROMERO aka ERASMO ROMERO TISCARENO, Deceased Case No.: 20CEPR00195

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, subject to confirmation by this court, on December 15, 2020, at 11:00 a.m., or thereafter within the time allowed by law, Juan Romero, as administrator of the estate of the above-named decedent, will sell at private sale to the highest and best net bidder on the terms and conditions stated below, all right, title, and interest that the estate has acquired in addition to that of the decedent at the time of death, in the real property located in Fresno County, California.

2. This property is commonly referred to as 1014 N. Fine Avenue, Fresno, California, Assessor's Parcel Number 456-252-15, and is more fully described as follows:

The South 150 feet of Lot 7 in Block 15 of Belmont Gardens No. 2 according to the map thereof recorded March 3, 1937, in Book 11, Page 46 of Plats, in the office of the County Recorder of said County.

3. The property will be sold subject to current taxes, covenants, conditions, restrictions, reservations, rights, rights of way, and easements of record, with any encumbrances of record to be satisfied from the purchase price.

4. The property is to be sold on an "as is" basis, except for title.

5. The personal representative has given an exclusive listing to eXp Realty.

Bids or offers are invited for this property and must be in writing and can be mailed to the office of J. Stanley Teixeira, attorney for the administrator, at 1233 W. Shaw Avenue, Suite 100, Fresno, California 93711, or delivered to J. Stanley Teixeira personally, at any time after first publication of this notice and before any sale is made.

7. Bids must be sealed and will be opened at the office of J. Stanley Teixeira at 9:00

a.m. on the date specified above.8. The property will be sold on the following terms: Cash, or part cash and part credit, the terms of such credit to be acceptable to the undersigned and to the court, 10 percent (10%) of the amount of the bid to accompany the offer by certified check, and the balance to be paid on confirmation of sale by the court.

9. Taxes, rents, operating and maintenance expenses, and premiums on insurance acceptable to the purchaser shall be prorated as of the date of recording of conveyance. Examination of title, recording of conveyance, transfer taxes, and any title insurance policy shall be at the expense of the purchaser or purchasers

10. The right is reserved to reject any and

11. All sales are subject to confirmation by the court, and no sale may be consummated and no deed may be recorded and delivered to a purchaser until court confirmation has been acquired by the personal representative.

12. For further information, contact J. Stanley Teixeira at 1233 W. Shaw Avenue, Suite 100, Fresno, California

93711, phone: 559.225.2510. JUAN ROMERO, Administrator of the Estate of

Erasmo T. Romero aka Erasmo Tiscareno Romero

aka Erasmo Romero Tiscareno J. STANLEY TEIXEIRA, Attorney for JUAN ROMERO, Administrator J. Stanley Teixeira - # 166456 Attorney at Law 1233 W. Shaw Avenue, Suite 100 Fresno, California 93711 Telephone: (559) 225-2510 Facsimile: (559) 225-2389 Email: stan.jstlaw@gmail.com Attorney for Petitioner, JUAN ROMERO 12/11/2020, 12/04/2020, 12/07/2020

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF THOMAS C. EATON CASE NO: 20CEPR01030

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of **THOMAS C. EATON** A Petition for Probate has been filed by Michael Dossetti in the Superior Court of California, County of FRESNO.

The Petition for Probate requests that Michael Dossetti be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedent's

will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: January 6, 2021, 9:00 A.M., Dept.: 303

1130 "O" Street, 3rd Floor - Dept. 303 Fresno, California 93724

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in

person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for petitioner: Lee S.W. Cobb #233080 Chielpegian Cobb, LLP 5200 North Palm Avenue, Suite 201 Fresno, California 93704 (559) 225-5370 11/20/2020, 11/25/2020, 12/04/2020

NOTICE OF AMENDED PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: LUCY MAYS AKA LUCY K. MAYS AKA LUCY KATHRYN MAYS

CASE NO. 20CEPR00197
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the lost WILL or estate, or both of LUCY MAYS AKA LUCY K. MAYS AKA LUCY KATHRYN MAYS. A AMENDED PETITION FOR

PROBATE has been filed by STACEY HAFT in the Superior Court of California, County of FRESNO.

AMENDED PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that STACEY HAFT be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE AMENDED PETITION requests

the decedent's lost WILL and codicils, any, be admitted to probate. The lost WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. THE AMENDED PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be

held in this court as follows: 01/21/21 at 9:00 AM in Dept. 303 located at 1130 O STREET, FRESNO, CA 93721-2220

ZOOM Hearing Notice Requirements: Pursuant to the March 23, 2020, and March 30, 2020, orders of the Chief Justice of California, for the safety of all parties due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Probate proceedings will be conducted remotely by Zoom until further

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notice. Appearance by Zoom is free. Instructions on how to attend a hearing remotely by Zoom can be found at: http:// www.fresno.courts.ca.gov/probate/ Additional information can be obtained by contacting the Probate Zoom Coordinator for assistance at (559) 457-1760 or by email at probatezoomcoordinator@ fresno.courts.ca.gov.

The petitioning party must timely serve, according to the applicable law, the Notice of Hearing, the Notice of Calendar Setting and Zoom information provided by the Court on all parties entitled to notice so they may appear remotely. Any person wishing to appear remotely, but lacking internet access, may appear by phone. The phone number to call will be provided in the Notice of Calendar Setting. Parties who have not received a Notice of Calendar setting, may contact the Probate Zoom Coordinator for assistance at (559) 457-1760 or by email probatezoomcoordinator@fresno. courts.ca.gov.

Non-confidential Probate matters heard by Zoom will be live-streamed on the Fresno Superior Court's YouTube page https://www.youtube.com/channel/

UC1QI1GyLuShmXKOhqJbxgqQ.
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a

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Attorney for Petitioner CYNTHIA V. ROEHL - SBN 189055, KATHERINE F. BIADASZ - SBN

ROEHL & GLOWACKI, P.C. 24422 AVENIDA DE LA CARLOTA, SUITE 285 LAGUNA HILLS CA 92653 BSC 219095 12/2, 12/4, 12/9/20 FRESNO BUSINESS JOURNAL 12/02/2020, 12/04/2020, 12/09/2020

FICTITIOUS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2202010005328

The following person(s) is (are) conducting business as

I SMOKE TOBACCO at 108 S CHECTNUT AVE STE 102 FRESNO, CA 93702 Fresno County:

Full Name of Registrant: ALAA TAHHAN, 236 S BARBARA, IRVINE, CA 92606. 236

Registrant commenced to transact business under the Fictitious Business Name listed above on: 10/20/2020.

business conducted by: individual.

This statement filed with the Fresno County Clerk on: 11/12/2020.

BRANDI L. ORTH,

COUNTY CLERK.By: CYAN EDMISTEN, DEPUTY. "NOTICE - THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED BEFORE THAT TIME."

12/04/2020, 12/11/2020, 12/18/2020, 12/25/2020

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2202010005284

following person(s) is conducting business as
THE CLUB at 377 N. Minnewawa

Ave., Clovis, CA 93612, Fresno County, Phone (559) 384-2400: Mailing Address:

45 River Park Place West, Ste. 103, Fresno, CA 93720, Fresno County;

Full Name of Registrant: **ATTWP, LLC**, 377 N. Minnewawa Ave., Clovis, CA 93612

Registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the Fictitious

Business Name listed above This business conducted by: a limited

liability company Articles of Incorporation Number: 201918910413

Adam Tirapelle, Manager
This statement filed with the Fresno
County Clerk on: 11/05/2020 (Seal)

BRANDI L. ORTH,

County Clerk.By: CYAN EDMISTEN Deputy. "NOTICE - THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED BEFORE THAT TIME." 11/13/2020, 11/20/2020, 11/27/2020,

> FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2202010005198

following person(s) is conducting business as
4 SPEED MOTORCYCLE SHOP at

4352 N HUGHES AVE, FRESNO CA 93705 Fresno County Phone (559) 316-

Full Name of Registrant:

WALTER MADERA, 4352 N HUGHES AVE, Fresno CA 93705.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the Fictitious Business Name listed above on: **08/10/20**

This business conducted by: an individual WALTER MADERA, OWNER.
This statement filed with the Fresno

County Clerk on: 11/03/2020

BRANDI L. ORTH, COUNTY CLERK.

By: CYAN EDMISTEN, DEPUTY.
"NOTICE - THIS FICTITIOUS NAME
STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED BEFORE THAT TIME." 11/13/2020, 11/20/2020, 11/27/2020,

12/04/2020

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2202010005314

following person(s) is conducting business as Gaby's Bakery #2 at 4440 E. Kings Canyon Rd Fresno Ca 93703, Fresno County, Phone (559) 908-9783:

Mailing Address: 4084 N. Crystal Ave Fresno Ca 93705;

Full Name of Registrant: **Rivemar Garcia Correa**, 4084 N Crystal

Fresno, Ca 93705
Elisa Zamora Vega, 4084 N Crystal Fresno, Ca 93705

Registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the Fictitious Business Name listed above.

This business conducted by: a married couple

Rivemar Garcia This statement filed with the Fresno County Clerk on: 11/09/2020

(Seal) BRANDI L. ORTH, COUNTY CLERK.

By: CARLOS AGUIRRE, DEPUTY. "NOTICE - THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED BEFORE THAT TIME. 11/20/2020, 11/27/2020, 12/04/2020,

> FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2202010005291

following person(s) is conducting business as Shop-N-Go #620 at 469 N. Clovis Ave, Fresno, CA, 93727, Phone (559) 251-

Full Name of Registrant: Serge Haitayan, 1963 Morris Ave Clovis Vera Haitayan, 1963 Morris Ave

Registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the Fictitious Business Name listed above.

This business conducted by: a married couple

Serge & Vera Haitayan, Owners. This statement filed with the Fresno County Clerk on: 11/06/2020

BRANDI L. ORTH, COUNTY CLERK.

By: DAKOTA THURSTON, DEPUTY. "NOTICE - THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED BEFORE THAT TIME."

11/20/2020, 11/27/2020, 12/04/2020, 12/11/2020

> FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2202010005299

following person(s) is (are) conducting business as Blevins Root-M-Out Root-M-Out

RMO Plumbing Company at 3753 W. Sample Ave Fresno, CA 93711 Fresno County Phone (559) 485-4492:

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 6138 Fresno CA 93703; Full Name of Registrant:

Lisa Megerdichian, 3753 W. Sample Ave Fresno, CA 93711 Registrant commenced to transact business under the Fictitious Business

Name listed above on: 1989 This business conducted by: an individual

Lisa Megerdichian, Owner. This statement filed with the Fresno County Clerk on: 11/06/2020

BRANDI L. ORTH, COUNTY CLERK.

By: CYAN EDMISTEN, DEPUTY.
"NOTICE - THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED BEFORE THAT TIME."

11/20/2020, 11/27/2020, 12/04/2020, 12/11/2020

> FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2202010005323

following person(s) is (are) conducting business as Courtyard Clovis/Fresno at 4692 E Lincoln Ave Fowler, Ca 93625, Phone (559) 281-1806:

Full Name of Registrant: **Triple 7 Hospitality Inc**, 4692 E Lincoln Ave Fowler, CA 93625.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the Fictitious Business Name listed above on: Q1/2021 This business conducted

corporation Articles of Incorporation Number: C4016743

Tarenpaul Thandi, CFO. This statement filed with the Fresno

County Clerk on: 11/12/2020 (Seal)

BRANDI L. ORTH,

COUNTY CLERK.
By: DAKOTA THURSTON, DEPUTY.
"NOTICE - THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED BEFORE THAT 11/20/2020, 11/27/2020, 12/04/2020,

12/11/2020

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2202010005296

The following person(s) is (are) conducting business as SolTek Solar

Sol-Tek Solar at 827 Jefferson Ave., Clovis, CA 93612, Phone (559) 455-1720: Full Name of Registrant:

Westech Systems, LLC, 827 Jefferson Ave Clovis, CA 93612
Registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the Fictitious Business Name listed above.

This business conducted by: limited liability company Articles of Incorporation Number: 202013610338

Helder Domingos, Secretary

This statement filed with the Fresno County Clerk on: 11/06/2020 (Seal)

BRANDI L. ORTH,

County Clerk.

By: DAKOTA THURSTON, Deputy.

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11/27/2020, 12/04/2020, 12/11/2020, 12/18/2020 12/18/2020

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Board of Supervisors ("Board") of the County of Fresno ("County") will hold a public hearing on December 15, 2020 in the Board of Charles ("Lord of the County") on December 15, 2020 in the Board Chambers, Hall of Records, Third Floor, 2281 Tulare Street, Fresno, California, 93721, to consider petitions for CANCELLATION OF AGRICULTURAL LAND CONSERVATION CONTRACT NOS. 1809, 2227, 2799, 5150 and PARTIAL CANCELLATION OF AGRICULTURAL LAND CONSERVATION CONTRACT NOS. 365 AND 367 (RLCC NOS. NOS. 365 AND 367 (RLCC NOS. 982 THROUGH 987) to remove approximately 1,600 acres from the Williamson Act program to establish two photovoltaic solar power generation facilities and one electrical battery storage facility on the subject parcels as an alternative use. The subject parcels are located on the west side of State Route 269 (Lassen Avenue), between Gale Avenue and Jayne Avenue, approximately one and a half-mile south of the City of Huron (Sup. Dist. 4) (APNs: 075-060-15s, 075-060-52s, 075-070-01s, 075-070-32s, 075-070-33s, 075-070-34s, 075-070-35s, 075-070-3 070-35s, 075-130-12s, 075-130-54s, 075-130-59s, 075-130-60s).

A copy of the Board agenda materials, including the RLCC Nos. 982 through 987 staff report, will be made available for public review, commencing on or about the Wednesday immediately before the applicable Board public hearing date at the office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors ("Clerk") at the above address for the Board Chambers, on County business days between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, and on the County's Internet web site at https://fresnocounty.legistar.

com/Calendar.aspx
Anyone may attend the public hearing and meeting of the Board and make any oral or written presentations at that time. In addition, if you wish to submit any written comments to the Board on this matter in advance of the hearing, you may deliver those comments, either personally or by mail, to the Clerk at the above address. If you wish to present any such written comments to the Board, you are encouraged to do so sufficiently in advance of the public hearing so that County staff and the Board can have enough time to take your comments into consideration in advance of the Board hearing.

If you have any questions concerning this notice, please contact Derek Chambers, Department of Public Works and Planning, at (559) 600-4205, email dchambers@fresnocountyca.gov. Bernice E. Seidel,

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors County of Fresno Date: December 15, 2020 12/04/2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE

(Division 6 of the Commercial Code) Escrow No.: FWFM-4502008203 Notice is hereby given to creditors of the within named Seller(s) that a bulk sale is about to be made on personal

property hereinafter described: The name and business address of the seller(s) is:

Name: Jaldip K Patel Address: 1733 7th St Mendota, CA 93640

The location of the chief (2) executive office of the Seller(s) is: Address: 1733 7th St Mendota, CA 93640

The names and business address of the Buyer(s) is: Name: Yash Liquor, Inc

Address: 1733 7th St Mendota, CA 93640

The location and general description of the assets to be sold are Fixtures, Equipment, Furniture, Leasehold Improvements, ABC License, Signs and Advertising Materials, Phone and Fax Numbers and Trade Name of that certain business

Address: 1733 7th St Mendota, CA 93640

The business name used by the seller(s) at said location is:

Name: Town and Country The anticipated date of the

bulk sale is: Date: 1/3/2021

The Name and Address of (7) the person with whom claims may be

Chicago Title Company, 7330 North Palm #101 Fresno, Ca. 93711, FWFM-4502008203 Escrow Escrow Officer: Reba Starnes

The last date for filing claims

Date: 1/2/2021
This Bulk Sale is subject (9) to Section 6106.2 of the Uniform Commercial Code.

As listed by the Seller, all (10)other business names and addresses used by the Seller within three years before the date such list was sent or delivered to the Buyer are (if "none", so state): Jaldip Kantilal Patel DATED: 11/302020

TRANSFEREES:

Chicago Title Company as agent for Buyer

By: Reba Starnes, Certified Escrow Officer 12/04/2020

REQUEST FOR COMPETITIVE C O N T R A C T O R / S U B C O N T R A C T O R BID PROPOSALS FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR THE AVENAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN PROJECT OWNER:

Reef Sunset Unified School District 205 North Park Avenue, Avenal CA 93204

PROJECT TITLE/BID: Request for Competitive Contractor/ Subcontractor Bid Proposals for Construction Services for the Avenal School Elementary Kindergarten

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Reef Sunset Unified School District (District) is issuing a Request for Competitive Contractors/ Subcontractor Bid Proposals to consider the selected Contractor to provide Construction services pursuant to Education Code Section 17406, et seq. relating to planned improvements identified in the District's Master

Construct and Implementation Plan. The responses to this Request for Competitive Contractors/ Subcontractor Bid Proposals shall be used to select a Contractor to provide the best value to the District for construction services for the construction of the Kindergarten building at Avenal Elementary School. The new Kindergarten building will consist of three kindergarten classrooms and the associated site work and the play area at the Avenal Elementary School.

A pre-proposal meeting for the Avenal E.S site is scheduled for Tuesday November 24, 2020 at 09:00 AM and by request through December 7, 2020 at 500 S 1st Ave, Avenal, CA 93204. (NOTE: Check In at the Admin Office) RESPONSE DEADLINE/

LOCATION: Sealed proposals containing five (5) bound paper copies and one (1) electronic copy on CD/DVD or USB stick of RFP responses conforming to the requirements of the RFP shall be delivered no later than 4:00PM on Tuesday December 8, 2020 at the following location: REEF SUNSET UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT C/O Caldwell Flores Winters Inc. Colorado Blvd., Suite #201, Los Angeles, CA 90041.

Respondents must also transmit one (1) PDF copy via email to vinapuri@ cfwinc.com & Sburkett@cfwinc.com
TO OBTAIN A COMPLETE COPY

OF THE RFQ/P:

Please visit the Reef Sunset unified School District's website at https:// www.rsusd.net or you may contact the District's Program Manager, Caldwell Flores Winters, Inc. at vinapuri@cfwinc.com & sburkett@cfwinc.com 12/04/2020

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PUBLIC NOTICE ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 20-024 SUMMARY

NOTICE is hereby given that at the special meeting held on November 24, 2020, the Fresno County Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance No. 20-024, an Ordinance of the County of Fresno, State of California.

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

An Interim Urgency Ordinance of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno has been adopted for the purposes of setting standards for the removal of dangerous debris created by the Creek Fire, allowing for summary abatement of dangerous conditions, and cost recovery for that summary abatement. Property owners are prohibited from moving fire debris other than through the program overseen by California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES), or with permits and approval from the County. If a property owner does not elect to participate in the CalOES program, or to obtain permits and approval from the County to perform the clean-up, then the ordinance provides for summary abatement by the County, with costs to be charged to the property owner(s) and recovered in an administrative or civil action.

The full text of this Ordinance is available online at https://fresnocounty. legistar.com/Calendar.aspx under the November 24, 2020 special meeting date, or at the office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, 2281 Tulare Street, Room 301, Fresno, California. This Ordinance was adopted by the

following vote: AYES: Supervisors Brandau, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco, Ouintero,

NOES: None ABSENT: None ABSTAINED: None ATTEST: Bernice E. Seidel Clerk, Board of Supervisors 12/04/2020

NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST A RELEASE OF FUNDS December 4, 2020 City of Clovis 1033 Fifth Street

Clovis, CA 93612 (559) 324-2340 These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by City of

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF **FUNDS**

On or about December 22, 2020, the City of Clovis will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers through the County of Fresno Housing Authority, to undertake the

following project:
PROJECT NAME: Butterfly Gardens Residential Project

PURPOSE: The proposed Project will include the development of a 75-unit permanent supportive housing community for low-income individuals. All units will be onebedroom with 73-units reserved for low income individuals, while the remaining two units will be for live-in staff. The Project aligns with Clovis' Regional Housing Needs Allocation efforts to meet the housing needs of the community.

The proposed Project will be built within the citywide Regional Housing Needs (RHN) Overlay District, which allows multi-family development at a density of 35-43 units per acre as a permitted use. In addition to the residential units, the property will include office and meeting space for social service delivery, as well as tenant amenities, including laundry, computers, and a community room.

LOCATION: The Project site is in the western portion of the City of Clovis in the eastern part of the San Joaquin Valley, CA, near State Route 168. The Project site lies in the southeast corner of west Holland Avenue and Willow Avenue, at 784 W. Holland Avenue The site is approximately 1.82 acres on APN 430-601-01 in the Clovis USGS 7.5 Minute Quadrangle
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT

IMPACT

The City of Clovis has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment.

Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Assessment (EA) on file at the City of Clovis Planning Department at 1033 Fifth Street Clovis, CA 93612. The EA may be examined or copied between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except in the event of a holiday.

PUBLIC COMMENTS Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the EA and the Request for Release of Funds to the City of Clovis Planning Department, Attention Dave Merchen at 1033 Fifth Street, Clovis, CA 93612. All comments received at the address specified above on or before **December 21, 2020** will be considered by the City of Clovis prior to authorizing submission of a

request for release of funds.
RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Clovis certifies to the HUD San Francisco Regional Office that Renee Mathis, Interim Director of Planning and Development Services, in her capacity as the City Certifying Officer, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the County of Fresno Housing Authority to allocate Housing Choice Voucher Program Project Based Vouchers on behalf of the

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Clovis' certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Clovis; (b) the City of Clovis has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HCD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the San Francisco Regional Office at One Sansome Street, Suite 1200, San Francisco, CA 94140. Potential objectors should contact HCD to verify the actual last day of the objection period. 12/04/2020

SPÉCIAL NOTICE REGARDING COMMENT: Given the current Shelter-in-Place Order covering the State of California Order and the Social Distance Guidelines issued by Federal, State, and Local Authorities, the City is implementing the following changes to participate in Planning Commission meetings until notified otherwise. The Council chambers will be open to the public, but we will be implementing social distancing policies and will limit the number of people who may be in the Council chambers. We are encouraging residents to participate virtually following the directions provided on the City website. If you are sick, please do not attend the meeting. Any member of the Planning Commission may participate from a remote location by teleconference.

For information and instructions on participation please visit: https:// cityofclovis.com/planning-anddevelopment/planning/planningcommission/planning-commissionagendas/

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Thursday, December 17, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., the Clovis Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing in the City Council Chamber, 1033 Fifth Street, Clovis, CA 93612, to consider

the following items: V2020-003, A request to approve an amendment to Variance V2017-03

for reduced lot widths within tentative tract map (TM6182), a 7-lot single-family residential development on property located north of Shaw Avenue, Leonard and Highland between Avenues. John A. Bonadelle, Bonadelle Homes, Inc., applicant; Fagundes Dairy, a California General partnership, Nathan Gleaves, Precision Civil Engineering, representative.

The City has determined that Project Item No. 1 is in substantial conformance with the environmental impact report performed for the General Plan. major revisions will be required with the adopted Environmental Impact Report to accommodate the proposed project, therefore, subject to CEQA Sections 15162 and 15164 no further environmental review is required for

For additional information, contact David Merchen, City Planner at (559) 324-2346, email at davidm@ cityofclovis.com, or stop by the Planning Division at 1033 5th Street. The Planning Commission Agenda and Staff Report(s) will be available on the City's website approximately 72 hours prior to the meeting time.

All interested parties are invited to comment in writing to the Planning Division by no later than 4:00 p.m. on December 17, 2020, and/or to appear at the hearing described above to present testimony in regard to the above listed requests.

If you challenge a project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Mathis, Planning Development Services Director PUBLISH Wednesday, December 4, 2020, The Business Journal 12/04/2020

NOTICE INVITING BIDS Sealed or electronic bids will be received at the office of the Purchasing Manager of the City of Fresno for the

following: **FRESNO** YOSEMITE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
SOUND MITIGATION
ACOUSTICAL REMEDY **TREATMENT** (SMART) PROGRAM PHASE 18, BID GROUP #26 (42 HOMES)

IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM GRANT NO. 3-06-0087-82 FFY2020 BID FILE NUMBER:

The scope of work involves acoustic treatment modifications at 42 homes near Fresno Yosemite International Airport which includes replacement of windows, sliding glass doors and exterior doors with acoustically rated units and the installation of negative ventilation systems. Other items of work may include the modification of existing heating, cooling and air conditioning systems or the installation of new heating, cooling and air conditioning systems, and the fabrication and installation of baffles. Bids will be taken on complete work, in accordance with Plans and Specifications on file in the office of the Purchasing Manager, 2600 Fresno Street, Room 2156 Fresno California, 93721-3622, phone number (559) 621-

Specifications for these items, Bid Proposal forms, Instructions to Bidders and copies of plans can be downloaded at the City's online website at http://www.fresno.gov. Doing Business (to the top of the screen), Bid Opportunities.

Bids may be submitted electronically via Planet Bids or by paper only, not

via fax.

Bid Proposals must be filed electronically using Planet Bids, by mail or with the Purchasing Manager prior to the bid opening at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, JANUARY 12, 2021, when the bids will be publicly opened and recorded.

The meeting room is physically accessible. Services of an interpreter and additional accommodations such as assistive listening devices can be made available. Requests for accommodations should be made at least five working days but no later than 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting/event. Please contact the designated Procurement Specialist listed on the cover.

The work hereunder constitutes a "public work" as defined in Chapter Part 7, Division 2 of the California Labor Code, and Contractor shall cause the work to be performed as a "public work" in accordance with such Chapter of the California Labor Code. The Council of the City of Fresno has adopted Resolution No. 82-297 ascertaining the general prevailing rate of per diem wages and per diem wages for holidays and overtime in the Fresno area for each craft, classification, or type of worker needed in the execution of contracts for the City. A copy of the resolution is on file at the Office of the City Clerk. Actual wage schedules are available at Construction Management Office, 1721 Van Ness Avenue, Fresno, California 93721, (559) 621-5600.

Contractors and Subcontractors must meet any and all requirements of Labor Code sections 1771.1 and 1771.5 prior

to submitting bids.
All proposals must be made on the Proposal Form provided by the Purchasing Manager and must be accompanied by a Bid Deposit in the amount of TEN PERCENT (10%) of the Total Net Bid Amount (or, in bids with Add Alternates, the highest possible combination of the Base Bid plus Add Alternates) in the form of a certified or cashier's check, an irrevocable letter of credit, or a certificate of deposit or a bidder's bond executed by a corporate surety, admitted by the California Insurance Commissioner to do business in California, payable and acceptable to the City of Fresno; or the Bidder shall have registered with the Purchasing Manager of the City an annual bid bond sufficient to provide coverage in such amount. All Bid Deposits will be held until a Contract has been executed with the successful Bidder or all bids have been rejected. Copies of Bid Deposits may be submitted electronically, with the exception of a cashier's check, which must be brought to the Purchasing Manager's office and labeled accordingly with the bid number.

The City of Fresno hereby notifies all Bidders that no person shall be excluded from participation in, denied any benefits of, or otherwise discriminated against in connection with the award and performance of any contract on the basis of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, marital status, sex, age, sexual orientation, ethnicity, status as a disabled veteran or veteran of the Vietnam era or on any other basis prohibited by law.

A pre-bid conference will be held at 10:00 a.m., on Tuesday DECEMBER 15, 2020. Prospective Bidders are encouraged to attend via phone at 1(872) 240-3212, with Access Code: 660-753-701. To join meetings from computer, tablet or smartphone go to: https://global.gotomeeting.com/ join/660753701.City Staff will be present to answer any questions regarding the Specifications and bid process.

The City will carry out applicable federal requirements in the award and administration of any contract awarded hereunder. This is a federal project funded with financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

Bidders and subcontractors agree to comply with the Federal Provisions referenced below and expanded in Division III: Federal Requirements of the project specifications:

(i) Buy America Preference (Reference: 49 USC § 50101) (ii) Civil Rights - Title VI Assurances Title VI Solicitation Notice -- The CITY, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

(iii) Foreign Trade Restriction (Reference: 49 CFR part 30)
(iv) Davis Bacon Requirements (Reference: 2 CFR § 200 Appendix

(v) Notice of Nonsegregated Facilities Requirement (Reference: 41 CFR § 60-

Notice to Prospective Federally Assisted Construction Contractors
(1) A Certification of Non-segregated Facilities shall be submitted prior to the award of a federally-assisted construction contract exceeding \$10,000 which is not exempt from the provisions of the Equal Opportunity Clause.

(2) Contractors receiving federally-

assisted construction contract awards exceeding \$10,000 which are not exempt from the provisions of the Equal Opportunity Clause will be required to provide for the forwarding of the following notice to prospective subcontractors for supplies and construction contracts where the subcontracts exceed \$10,000 and are not exempt from the provisions of the Equal Opportunity Clause.

(3) The penalty for making false statements in offers is prescribed in 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

b. Notice to Prospective Subcontractors of Requirements for Certification of Non-Segregated Facilities

(1) A Certification of Non-segregated Facilities shall be submitted prior to the award of a subcontract exceeding \$10,000, which is not exempt from the provisions of the Equal Opportunity Clause.

(2) Contractors receiving subcontract awards exceeding \$10,000 which are not exempt from the provisions of the Equal Opportunity Clause will be required to provide for the forwarding of this notice to prospective subcontractors for supplies and construction contracts where the subcontracts exceed \$10,000 and are not exempt from the provisions of the Equal

Opportunity Clause.

(3) The penalty for making false statements in offers is prescribed in 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

(vi) Affirmative Action (Reference: 41 CFR part 60-4, Executive Order 11246) (vii)Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Reference: 2 CFR part 180 (Subpart C), 2 CFR

part1200, DOT Order 4200.5 DOT Suspension & Debarment Procedures & Ineligibility)

(viii) Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-free Workplace (Government Code § 8355, Drug Free Workplace Act

Bidders are advised that, as required by federal law, the State of California has established a statewide overall DBE goal. City of Fresno federal-aid contracts are considered to be part of the statewide overall DBE goal and the City is required to report to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) on DBE participation for all Federal-aid contracts each year so that attainment efforts may be evaluated.

This contract is under and subject to the Equal Opportunity Clause and Wage Rate Decision contained in the contract documents

In accordance with provisions of section 22300 of the California Public Contract Code, Contractor may substitute securities for any monies withheld by City to ensure performance under the Contract.

A 100 percent Payment Bond and 100 percent Performance Bond for all public works contracts must be filed with the Contract Documents and approved by the City before the Contractor enters upon performance of the Work.

No bid will be considered for award unless the Bidder at the time of bid opening, is licensed with a valid Class B" Contractor's License issued by the State of California.

The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids. 12/04/2020

CITY OF CLOVIS SUMMARY OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLOVIS AMENDING THE CLOVIS DEVELOPMENT CODE, TITLE 9 OF THE CLOVIS MUNICIPAL CODE AND FINDING THAT THE PROJECT IS NOT SUBJECT TO FURTHER ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PURSUANT TO SECTION 15162 OF THE CEQA GUIDELINES On December 14, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber, 1033 Fifth Street, Clovis, CA, 93612, the Clovis City Council will consider a request to amend the development code, Title 9 of the Clovis Municipal Code. The purpose of the request is to amend various sections of the City's current Development Code that was adopted by the Council on October 8, 2014. The Clovis Development Code has been in use for six years and several minor modifications and errors have been

A certified copy of the entire ordinance is available in the City Clerk's office at 1033 5th Street, Clovis, CA, 93612. 559-324-2060 for questions. 12/04/2020

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AMENDMENT TO THE FRESNO

2019-2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN A substantial amendment to the County's 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan for the Fresno County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program is necessary to make the following revision:

1. Approve substantial amendment to update planned uses for Community Development Block Grant funding (CDBG-CV) under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security

Fresno County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on December 15, 2020, at 9:00 A.M., to receive comments from the public. The Board chambers will be open to the public, with required social distancing, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

If you choose not to attend the Board of Supervisors meeting in-person but desire to submit a comment, written comments can be submitted during the public hearing, by following the instructions listed on the Board of Supervisors agenda, which can be accessed at: https://fresnocounty.

Legistar.com.

Members of the public wishing to comment outside of the Board of Supervisors public hearing may also do so by calling the Community Development Grants Unit at (559) 600 4292, or by writing to the Community Development Division, 2220 Tulare St, 8th Floor, Fresno, CA 93721. Comments will be accepted by the County until the end of the Board of Supervisors hearing.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Kristi Johnson at (559)

The County of Fresno does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, or marital status. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504, any request for special needs will be considered. To request accommodations, please call (559) 600-4292.

The substantial amendment is available for review online at http://www. fresnocountyca.gov/grants. 12/04/2020

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Notice is hereby given that the County of Fresno has prepared Initial Study (IS) No. 7724 pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act for the following proposed

project:
INITIAL STUDY NO. 7724 and DIRECTOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL APPLICATION NO. 4603 filed by KEITH GARDNER, proposing to allow the construction and operation of a private school facility comprised of a 31,147 square-foot main building and related improvements, on a 36.90-acre parcel in the AE-20 (Exclusive Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) Zone District. The subject parcel is located on the southeast corner of the intersection of North Academy Avenue and East Belmont Avenue (APN 314-150-28S) (SUP. DIST. 5.) (864 North Academy Avenue, Sanger, CA 93657).

Adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for Initial Study No. 7724 and take action on Director Review and Approval Application No. 4603 with Findings and Conditions.

(hereafter, the "Proposed Project") The County of Fresno has determined that it is appropriate to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Proposed Project. The purpose of this Notice is to (1) provide notice of the availability of IS No. 7724 and the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration and request written comments thereon; and (2) provide notice of the public hearing

regarding the Proposed Project. **Public Comment Period**

The County of Fresno will receive written comments on the Proposed Project and Mitigated Negative Declaration from December 4, 2020 through January 4, 2021.

Email written comments to jshaw@ fresnocountyca.gov, or mail comments

Fresno County Department of Public

Works and Planning
Development Services and Capital Projects Division

Attn: Jeremy Shaw

2220 Tulare Street, Suite A Fresno, CA 93721 IS No. 7724 and the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration may be viewed at the above address Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (except holidays), or at www.co.fresno.ca.us/ initialstudies. An electronic copy of the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Proposed Project may be obtained from Jeremy Shaw at the addresses above.

Public Hearing
The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider approving the Proposed Project and the Mitigated Negative Declaration on January 14, 2021, at 8:45 a.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, in Room 301, Hall of Records, 2281 Tulare Street, Fresno, California 93721. Interested persons are invited to appear at the hearing and comment on the Proposed Project and draft Mitigated Negative Declaration. For questions please call Jeremy Shaw at (559) 600-4207.

Published: December 4, 2020 * SPECIAL NOTICE REGARDING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION DUE TO

Due to the current Shelter-in-Place Order covering the State of California and Social Distance Guidelines issued by Federal, State, and Local Authorities, the County is implementing the following changes for attendance and public comment at all Planning Commission meetings until notified otherwise. The Board chambers will be open to the public. Any member of the Planning Commission may participate from a remote location by teleconference pursuant to Governor Gavin Newsom's executive Order N-25-20. Instructions about how to participate in the meeting will be posted to: https://lwww.co.fresno.ca.us/ planningcommission 72 hours prior to the meeting date.

The meeting will be broadcast. You are strongly encouraged to listen to the Planning Commission meeting http://www.co.fresno.ca.us/ PlanningCommission.

If you attend the Planning Commission meeting in person, you will be required to maintain appropriate social distancing, i.e., maintain a 6-foot distance between yourself and other individuals. Due to Shelter-in-Place requirements, the number of people in the Board chambers will be limited. Members of the public who wish to make public comments will be allowed in on a rotating basis.

If you choose not to attend the Planning Commission meeting but desire to make general public comment on a specific item on the agenda, you may do so as follows:

Written Comments

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED DECLARATION NEGATIVE

Notice is hereby given that the County of Fresno has prepared Initial Study (IS) No. 7904 pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act for the following proposed project:

INITIAL STUDY NO. 7904 and UNCLASSIFIED CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION filed MSA LIMITED PARTNERSHIP proposing to allow an unmanned telecommunication facility consisting of a 104-foot tall tower, with an artificial pine tree design with related

ground equipment including a 30KW diesel-powered emergency backup generator within a 30-foot by 30-foot backup 900 square-foot) fenced lease area. The project site located on the east side of N. Willow Avenue at its intersection with Silaxo Road, easterly adjacent to the city limits of the City of Fresno (APN 580-040-01S)(SUP. DIST. 5) (11490 N. Willow Avenue).

Adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for Initial Study No. 7904 and take action on Declaration Unclassified Conditional Use Permit Application No. 3687 with Findings

and Conditions. (hereafter, the "Proposed Project") The County of Fresno has determined that it is appropriate to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Proposed Project. The purpose of this Notice is to (1) provide notice of the availability of IS No. 7904 and the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration and request written comments thereon; and

(2) provide notice of the public hearing regarding the Proposed Project. Public Comment Period

The County of Fresno will receive written comments on the Proposed and Mitigated Project Declaration from December 4, 2020 through January 4, 2021.

Email written comments to jshaw@ fresnocountyca.gov, or mail comments

Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning
Development Services and Capital Projects Division

Attn: Jeremy Shaw 2220 Tulare Street, Suite A Fresno, CA 93721

IS No. 7904 and the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration may be viewed at the above address Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (except holidays), or at www.co.fresno.ca.us/ initial studies. An electronic copy of the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Proposed Project may be obtained from Jeremy Shaw at the addresses above.

Public Hearing
The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider approving the Proposed Project and the Mitigated Negative Declaration on January 14, 2021, at 8:45 a.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, in Room 301, Hall of Records, 2281 Tulare Street, Fresno, California 93721. Interested persons are invited to appear at the hearing and

comment on the Proposed Project and draft Mitigated Negative Declaration. For questions please call Jeremy Shaw (559) 600-4207.

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Due to the current Shelter-in-Place Order covering the State of California and Social Distance Guidelines issued by Federal, State, and Local Authorities, the County is implementing the following changes for attendance and public comment at all Planning Commission meetings until notified otherwise. The Board chambers will be open to the public. Any member of the Planning Commission may participate from a remote location by teleconference pursuant to Governor Gavin Newsom's executive Order N-25-20. Instructions about how to participate in the meeting will be posted to: https://lwww.co.fresno.ca.us/ planningcommission 72 hours prior to the meeting date.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF MENDOTA REGULAR MEETING OF THE

PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, on December 15, 2020 at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, the Planning Commission of the City of Mendota will hold a public hearing at a regular meeting at Mendota City Hall, City Council Chambers, 643 Quince Street, Mendota, CA 93640 to conduct

the following business:
1. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER APPLICATION No. 20-23, A GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT, REZONE, CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT, AND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT to authorize construction and operation of a cannabis cultivation, processing, and distribution facility on approximately 59 acres of an existing 114-acre parcel (APN 013-030-68ST) located approximately 1,500 feet northeast of the current terminus of Belmont Avenue, submitted by Valley Agricultural Holdings LLC. Planning Commission will consider adoption of a mitigated negative declaration pursuant to CEQA and approval of the conditional use permit and consider recommendations to the City Council regarding the General Plan amendment, rezone, and development agreement. Because the existing parcel is owned by the City of Mendota and the Project Site is proposed for sale to the project applicant, the Planning Commission will also make a determination pursuant to Government Code Section 65402(a) regarding consistency of the disposal of real property with the City's 2005-2025 General Plan.

2. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER APPLICATION No. 20-24,AMENDING THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT CONTAINED WITHIN APPLICATION No. 17to authorize the construction and operation of approximately two acres of greenhouses at the existing cannabis operation at 1269 Marie Street (APN 013-280-15), submitted by Left Mendota 1, LLC. The Planning Commission will consider a finding of exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and approval of the conditional use permit and consider a recommendation to the City Council regarding the

development agreement. All interested persons are invited to appear at the time and place specified above to give testimony regarding the proposed action listed above. Written comments may be forwarded to the City of Mendota Public Works & Planning Department at 643 Quince Street. Requests for information may be directed to the City Planner, Jeff O'Neal at 559.449.2700 or joneal@

ppeng.com. you challenge the above matter(s) in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission of the City of Mendota at, or prior to, the Public Hearing, or any comments received during the public review period of the associated entitlements.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - UPDATED - NEW HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Board of Supervisors ("Board") of the County of Fresno ("County") will hold a public hearing on **December** 15, 2020 in the Board Chambers, Hall of Records, Third Floor, 2281 Tulare Street, Fresno, California, 93721, to consider and take action to adopt the proposed Ordinance amendment to

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Chapter 17.92, Title 17 of the Fresno County Ordinance Code of the Fresno County Ordinance Code relating to the collection of Clovis Development Fees within the Sphere of Influence of the City of Clovis; waive reading of the proposed Ordinance in its entirety and set a second hearing for adoption of the proposed Ordinance on January 12, 2021. Note: The Board's first hearing originally scheduled for November 17 2020 has been moved to December 15, 2020. The Board's November 17, 2020 hearing has been cancelled.

At the December 15, 2020 public hearing, the Board will conduct a first reading of the proposed Ordinance to consider its adoption, and set January 12, 2021 or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at the Board Chambers, for the Board's second reading and adoption of the proposed Ordinance (unless the Board assigns a different date or location for taking such action).

The proposed Ordinance amendment updates the fees as adopted by the City of Clovis. The Ordinance provides that Clovis development fees ("Fees"), which are set forth in Schedule of Fees to the proposed Ordinance, shall be charged by the County on behalf of the City of Clovis ("Clovis") for any "discretionary development application" submitted to the County of the Ordinance of the Ordinance. after the effective date of the Ordinance, and to be approved by the County, with respect to any development project within the Clovis sphere of influence ("Clovis SOI"). The County is adopting the proposed Ordinance under a memorandum of understanding with Clovis.

The purposes of the Fees, as applicable, are for Clovis to finance public facilities within Clovis and the Clovis SOI, which Clovis has determined are needed to mitigate adverse impacts caused by new development within the Clovis SOI. To that end, Clovis may use the Fees, as applicable, to (i) prevent deterioration of public facilities by constructing, improving, acquiring, providing, or planning for such public facilities financed by the fees concurrently with such development, and (ii) provide a source of funding to the County for a County library in Clovis that is necessary to serve such development.
The public hearing will be held under

the provisions of the Mitigation Fee Act (Gov. Code, secs 66000 et seq.), and any related laws. This notice is given pursuant to Government Code, sections 6062a, 66017, and 66018. The proposed Ordinance will be effective commencing sixty (60) days following

its adoption by the Board.
A copy of the Schedule of Fees, and any data supporting the proposed Fees, will be available for public review at the office of the Clerk to the Board of Supervisors ("Clerk"), at the above address for the Board Chambers, on County business days between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM. A copy of the Board agenda materials, including the proposed Ordinance, for the Board's actions on this matter will be made available for public review, commencing on or about the Wednesday immediately before the applicable Board public hearing or meeting date, at the office of the Clerk, and on the County's Internet web site at https://fresnocounty.legistar.com/ Calendar.aspx

Anyone may attend the public hearing and meeting of the Board and make any oral or written presentations at that time. In addition, if you wish to submit any written comments to the Board on this matter in advance of the hearing or meeting, you may deliver those comments, either personally or by mail, to the Clerk at the above address. If you wish to present any such written comments to the you are encouraged to do so sufficiently in advance of the public hearing or meeting so that County staff and the Board can have enough time to take your comments into consideration in advance of the Board hearing.

If you have any questions concerning this notice, please contact Mohammad Khorsand, Department of Public Works and Planning, at (559) 600-4277 or (559) 600-9668.

Bernice Seidel, Clerk Board of Supervisors County of Fresno Board Hearing Dates: December 15, 2020; January 12, 2021 12/04/2020, 12/11/2020

PUBLIC NOTICE - In accordance with Sec.106 of the Programmatic Agreement, T-Mobile West, LLC plans to upgrade an existing telecommunications facility at 801 Van Ness Avenue Fresno, CA 93721

. Please direct comments to Gavin L. at 818-898-4866 regarding site SC08734A.

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Fresno, Ca. 93722 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned will be sold to the highest bidder pursuant to the California Self-Storage Facility Act, (B& P Code 21700 el.seq.). The following personal property including, but not limited to: furniture, clothing, toys, tools and other household goods and/

or misc. Items: Units: #1114, Keith Woodcock,#1404 Keith Woodcock, #1404 Keith Woodcock, #1014, Cameron Shepherd #1115, Cameron Shepherd, #1116, Cameron Shepherd. Sale will be held by competitive bidding on December 17, 2020 @ 9:30 A.M. on the Premises.

All purchased goods are sold as is, and must be removed the day of sale. Sale is subject to prior cancellation of settlement between landlord and obligated party. Published in The Business Journal December 12/4/20 &

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Unit # & Name B006 SALLY A RICHTER **B228 LISA REDONDO** C033 KRYSTAL MILLER G102 RICKY S RAMIREZ G204 GUADALUPE ALVARADO

This sale is subject to cancellation without notice in the event of settlement be- tween owner and obligated party. SECURITY PUBLIC STORAGE 2633

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Tenant Name: Nicole A Ortega Unit: Nellie Rodriguez A056 Victoria Lafountain A072 Genieve Esparza A126 Corien Garcia A139 Carlisa Q. Honable A159 Evangelina Perez A165 Shemica Parson

A175 George Aguliar A207 Michael A Zamora A212 Erick Brewer

A224 Armando Jimenez A241 Christopher Arthur Martinez Jr.

B422 Monica Pointer B503 Jessica Guardado B519 Leanna Valencia B683 Lamar Aldridge

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Some state pension plans try to downplay poor investment returns



State pension systems across the country collectively held \$1.2 trillion in underfunded pension benefits prior to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. Due in part to this year's market volatility, most of these pension systems did not hit their investment return targets for the 2019-2020 fiscal year, which means unfunded liabilities will continue to grow.

Instead of clearly stating that their public pension plans are falling short of expectations, states like Kentucky, Vermont, Hawaii, and others have chosen to downplay their subpar investment returns and instead highlight their ability to meet or beat certain "investment benchmarks."

Investment managers typically use benchmarks as a standard to gauge portfolio performance against the wider investing world. In public pension investing, benchmarks are a way for plan administrators to see how a certain asset class or market segment is performing. But these benchmarks are not a reflection of the current health or long-term resiliency of the public pension systems.

As the pandemic and economic shutdowns continue to cause economic uncertainty, layoffs, bankruptcy filings, and stock market volatility, it is strange to see a stream of news headlines from some state public pension plans boasting about 'outperforming benchmarks' even though they are reporting bad overall investment performance numbers.

In short, instead of just being forthright with the public and admitting that they missed their investment return targets—a common occurrence evidenced by over \$1 trillion in state pension debt nationally—some public pension systems are seeking praise for not performing worse.

It is disappointing, but perhaps not be that surprising, to see state and local government pension funds trying to explain away yet another year of missing their assumed rate of investment returns by moving the goalposts.

If an NFL team's offense made a good play in the first quarter but its defense allowed the other team to score every possession and lost the game 49-7, we wouldn't focus the postgame analysis on the one good offensive play the losing team made early in the game.

For public pensions, the issue is whether or not investment returns are meeting expectations and fully funding the public pension plans. These public systems are legally obligated to pay out a defined amount of pension payments to every one of their retirees. So tangential investment benchmarks aren't important if these massive state-sponsored public pension systems are falling short of their set investment return rate assumptions and are adding millions in unfunded pension liabilities.

State-sponsored retirement systems are designed to combine contributions from taxpayers and members with investment returns each year to ensure accrued retirement benefits will be fully funded when workers retire. Any difference will need to be made up eventually, either via extraordinarily good investment returns in the future, or, more likely, by increased contributions from taxpayers and/or members themselves.

Defenders of using investment benchmarks might argue that these large investment portfolios are managed based on complex long-term investment strategies and claim 'it could have been worse' this year. But focusing on hitting benchmarks within an investment subcategory does not matter if the portfolio's overall performance has fallen short over time and the money needed to fund pension benefits promised to workers isn't there.

Investment benchmarks are tied to short-term investment expectations in various asset classes and are not relevant to the long-term return. Outperforming consultants' expectations about the performance of different asset classes this year is all well and good, but that has no bearing on the likelihood of hitting a specific overall portfolio investment return expectation over the next 30 years.

Back to a football analogy, if an NFL quarterback is making the right reads and finding open receivers downfield but the receivers drop those passes or don't gain enough yards to get first downs and keep the drives going, then the quarterback may be making good individual short-term decisions but those decisions aren't translating to scoring the points needed to actually win the game.

The same goes for public pension investing. If plan managers and consultants achieve decent, or even solid, results relative to short-term benchmarks but the pension system falls short of meeting its long-term assumed rate of return, then the pension system members and tax-

payers lose in the long-run. The goal is to fully fund the pension system so it has the money to pay for the benefits promised to workers.

Unfortunately, some state-sponsored pension systems are misleadingly reporting isolated, out-of-context investment benchmarks that are not barometers of pension system health.

The 'success' of these arbitrary benchmarks dilutes and distorts the true condition of the pension systems that employees and retirees are counting on. The only standard that matters to plan members and taxpayers is whether the public pension system is meeting its expected investment returns—because if a pension plan's overall performance falls short of those expectations, public workers and taxpayers will have to pay the bill one way or another.

Steven Gassenberger is a policy analyst with Reason Foundation's Pension Integrity Project.

WEB POLL

Does your business need more federal coronavirus relief?

With more calls for Congress to pass some sort of economic relief package this month, The Business Journal asked its online readers whether their companies need more economic support to survive Covid-19 as infections rise and lockdowns grow tighter. A majority (53%) said they need more federal coronavirus relief, while 36% say no and 11% said they don't necessarily need it, but would take it if it was offered. One hundred and eight votes were cast.

YES 53%
NO 36%
NO, BUT I WON'T
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