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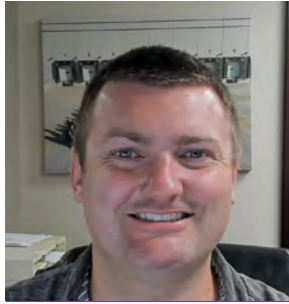
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Central Valley real estate assessed values continue to rise



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Adobe Stock image | Residential and commercial property sales has led to an uptick in assessed property values in the Central Valley, with a real estate value of more than \$202 billion.

Estela Anahi Jaramillo - STAFF WRITER

Central Valley assessed property values continued to rise in the last fiscal year, with Fresno County's tax roll increasing for the 12th consecutive year.

The assessment roll is the inventory of all taxable property in each county and provides insight into the real estate market's health. Property taxes help pay for vital public services such as public education, first

responders, public health and more.

For Fresno, Kings and Madera counties, the total combined real estate value was about \$202.44 billion.

Fresno County
Fresno County's 2024 assessment roll – representing the assessed value of non-government-owned property – grew by \$6 billion, or 5.53%, over the prior year, to \$115.9 billion in total net value. The roll consists of \$110.4

billion in locally assessed properties and \$5.5 billion in state-assessed properties.

Fresno County Assessor Paul Dictos said the 5.53% growth does not mean property owners will be subject to a corresponding increase on their annual property tax bills. Nearly nine out of 10 property owners will see only a modest 2% adjustment prescribed by Proposition 13.

Cities with the largest increases in assessed value

from the prior year include Orange Cove, 11.19%; Fowler, 10.27%; Firebaugh, 8.73%; Kerman, 8.44%; Mendota, 7.09%; Selma, 6.29%; Reedley, 6.04%; and Clovis, 6.03%.

Tulare County
Tulare County Assessor Tara K. Freitas announced the annual assessment roll of \$49.97 billion, an 8.5% increase from last year.

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Fresno TV general manager retiring after 48-year broadcasting career

Estela Anahi Jaramillo - STAFF WRITER

The employees at CBS 47 and KSEE 24 are saying goodbye to Vice President and General Manager JR Jackson as he suits up for retirement next month.

He's been general manager of the two Fresno stations under Nexstar Media Group since 2019.

Jackson began his broadcast career in high school in Yuba City as part of a regional occupational program called ROP. He got his first paycheck in 1976 and spent the next 13 years in radio and television.

In 1986, Jackson began his time in Sacramento as an account executive and radio personality. It was here that his general manager first saw him as a salesperson.

"So I was very fortunate to go into sales and had a good five-year run there and started managing them in 1995," said Jackson

As general sales manager for KCPM Television in Chico, he increased sales by over 43% in one year and the local market share by 40%.

In 1998, Jackson was hired by CBS Television and Radio, which took him to San Francisco and Dallas. He then became a local sales manager for KPIX CBS Television in San Francisco, where he managed local sales staff and increased local revenue by 11% in one year. He also worked extensively on the relaunch of the NFL on CBS.

He then became director of sales for KOAI/KHVN/KRBV CBS Radio in Dallas, where he helped increase sales on KOAI by over 26% versus market growth of 18% in 2000. He also assembled a retail sales department with a sales manager who consistently developed new business and radio sales talent.

In December 2001, Jackson moved back to Sacramento as a general sales manager for KOVR CBS TV. Here, he exceeded total sales budgets monthly and increased station market share annually. Jackson also developed and increased non-traditional revenue by implementing vendor and customized client promotions.

In Jackson's 48-year career, he has gone from broadcasting to sales and management in the industry. His career in Fresno began in 2004 as a local sales manager at KMPH Fox 26 and KFRE CW 59, THIS, and Estrella networks, where he set station market share records.

He worked in Fresno for 10 years before leaving in 2014 to become the general manager of KVAL CBS 13, KMTR NBC 16, and the CW Network in Eugene, Oregon.

Nearly five years later, Matt Rosenfeld, senior vice president & regional manager of Nexstar Media Inc., brought Jackson back to Fresno as general manager in 2019.

"They were all kind of like building

blocks building up to my final position," said Jackson.

In his different locations, he learned how to run multiple properties, which he discovered in Dallas. He knew some basics of being on the air and managing television while in Chico and how a major market works in San Francisco and Dallas.

In Fresno, being in the city on and off for the past 20 years has been a blessing for him. Jackson said working for Nexstar has been an honor because it is a great company. He's proud of the work the team has done in Fresno and praised it as a great place to end his career.

Jackson has been involved in various local organizations and helped raise money. His supported causes include Valley Caregiver Resource Center, Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Central Valley, Community Office of Philanthropy, Girls Scouts of Central California South, and Granville Home of Hope.

"It's all about the people. My department heads, my staff, my team. I cannot do this alone," said Jackson. "I've been very fortunate and surrounded myself with great people, and they hire and inspire great people, and that makes my job easier. It totally is a team effort because frankly, I'm nothing without my team, without my staff,



Photo contributed | JR Jackson poses with Amber Lynn Carroll at the Fire and Ice Founders Club benefit.

and that could be somebody I hired yesterday or somebody that's been here 35 plus years."

As he approaches retirement, he hopes to reap the benefits of his 48-year career. From visiting Lake Tahoe as he often did growing up, catching up on baseball, and some extra hours of sleep he might've lost these past 40 years.

The nationwide search to fill his position has begun.

Rosenfeld shared on LinkedIn that the ideal candidate for this role will utilize their proven skill set and demonstrable experience in leading broadcast operational teams with sales-driven organizations, developing locally originated content, and commitment to community service to further propel our linear and digital audiences.

They have the job posting live on the Nexstar website.

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ResonX photo | In 2022, the Minnesota Twins partnered with Edge Sound Research to create the ResonX Sound Lounge, allowing spectators to "feel" the sounds of the ballpark through vibrations in the seats.

Business Journal wins first place in California Journalism Awards

Gabriel Dillard - EDITOR

Reporter Ben Hensley was a first-place winner in the 2023 California Journalism Awards for his story about a Fresno native's technology that promises to change the stadium sports experience for the those with hearing loss.

The annual awards program is hosted by the California News Publishers Association. The Business Journal competes in Division 6, with weekly newspapers across the state with a print circulation of 4,301-11,000.

Hensley's award is in the category of Writing. The piece tells the story of Ethan Castro, a hearing-impaired Fresno State grad whose company, Edge Sound Research, developed a system with chairs to be used at stadium lounges that allows deaf people to experience the game through vibrations. The technology debuted on opening day 2022 with the Minnesota Twins at Target Field.

"The reporter writes about his subject's accomplishments, priorities and interests alike with a frankness, respect, precision and humor that are welcome (and too rare!) in reporting about people whose disabilities inform their work," according to one judge's comment about the story. "He also writes in refreshingly accessible lay language about what could be difficult-to-describe aspects of sound and hearing."

The Business Journal also took third place in the General Excellence category, with one judge commenting on the print edition's appeal to business owners as well as consumers.

"The Business Journal has a split personality that works just fine," according to the judge. "Its data packages aim at businesses. Executive profiles and leads aim at consumers as well as businesses. The leads compilations uses Google images to show where change is coming. Smart thinking. Pickleball peril combines business with pleasure from a doctors' point of view and includes tips on readying your body to play. Another great idea."

Made in the Central Valley won third place for Print Special Section.

Another third-place award came in the Print Special Section category for "Made in the Central Valley," The Business Journal's annual manufacturing-focused supplement.

Reporter Frank Lopez took fourth place in the Coverage of Business and the Economy category for his story

about the Heartland Compass program that gives employers ways to help their employees through life's challenges.

"Humane take about one avenue toward enlightened boss/worker relations. Inviting and conversational lead draws readers in," according to a judge. "Clever art; solid story."

The Business Journal also took fifth place in the Print Special Section Cover and Home Page Layout & Design categories.

Other local news organizations won California Journalism Awards honors.

Fresnoland won several awards. Reporter Gregory Weaver won first in Transportation Reporting for his story about highway expansion in America's most polluted city. Weaver also won first in Agricultural Reporting for his story about the legal conflict between the Assemi and Resnick families. Fresnoland also won first in Enterprise News Story or Series for its coverage of agencies' response to flooding in the South Valley.

The Fresno Bee also won several awards, including first place for Investigative Reporting and Coverage of Local Government.

SJV Water won first in Video Journalism for its series "Rooted in the Valley" featuring profiles of small farmers.

GV Wire reporter Edward Smith won second in the Coverage of Local Government category for his stories about the Reedley biolab. David Taub won third in In-Depth Reporting for his coverage of the unraveling of Bitwise. Nancy Price of GV Wire also won third in Coverage of Business and the Economy for her story "Power Politics: The California Public Utilities Commission."

The Hanford Sentinel took second in the Enterprise News Story or Series category for Parker Bowman and Jesse Stone's coverage of Tulare Lake.

The Sun-Gazette in Tulare County won fourth in Public Service Journalism for Karis Caddell's story headlined, "Terra Bella community stands against unwell mental health facility."

Visalia Times-Delta won fourth in the Coverage of Youth and Education for its Character Counts Week feature by Meade Trueworthy.

Valley Voice won fourth in Labor Reporting for the story, "Hanford man leaves employees, vendors hungry for pay."

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Community Health Partners is honored to include Natasha Shah, PA-C, among our talented and remarkable primary care team. A Valley native, Natasha graduated from the University of California Davis with degree in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology after attending Clovis East High School. She has been recognized for her outstanding community service and is a fellow of the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA) and the American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA). When she isn't practicing medicine, Natasha enjoys playing sports, hiking, and spending time with her family. She understands the unique healthcare needs of Valley families and, best of all, is also currently accepting new patients.



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The increase is due to steady sale transactions, new construction projects and continued market value increases in Tulare County's residential and commercial sectors.

Properties here also should only see an annual property tax bill increase of 2%.

"Our aim is always to ensure property owners receive fair, accurate, and timely valuations and that all qualifying tax-saving exemptions and exclusions are applied," Freitas said in a news release. "While home prices have

risen significantly since 2008, Prop. 13 ensures that long-term property owners won't experience equivalent increases in their assessments."

Kings County

Kings County Assessor Kristine Lee announced an assessment roll of \$15.7 billion in countywide property values.

This is the largest increase since 2008, with a growth of almost \$1.5 billion or 10.45% over the previous year.

Several factors contributed to this year's increase. According to Lee, there have been fewer transfers of properties, but overall, housing prices have

increased by 8% in Kings County. Agricultural properties that received a disaster reduction last year have been added back to the roll and commodity prices continue to bolster Williamson Act assessments throughout the county.

The money generated by this year's property tax will be distributed with approximately \$80 million going to schools, \$41 million going to cities, special districts, and redevelopment agencies, and \$35 million going to county government to fund safety, fire, libraries, roads, parks and general government.

The year-over-year assessment percentage increases by cities

include Avenal at 8.89%, Corcoran at 7.05%, Hanford with 7.81%, Lemoore at 5.92% and Unincorporated Areas at 9.57%.

Madera County

Madera County announced a total valuation of \$20.87 billion for its 2024 assessment roll. This record-breaking figure is based on net value totals and includes all exclusions granted.

Madera County's total valuation of \$20.87 billion reflects an increase of 6.09% from the previous year, indicating growth in economic development and real estate market.



File photo | The Amazon distribution center in Visalia — and all other Amazon-owned property — is part of the assessment roll produced by each county.

Fresno County	\$115.9 billion	5.53% increase
Kings County	\$15.7 billion	10.45% increase
Madera County	\$20.87 billion	6.09% increase
Tulare County	\$49.97 billion	8.5% increase

Clovis resident seeks biz guidance for 3M people he represents in Congo

Frank Lopez - STAFF WRITER

An international statesman living in the Central Valley is using his local partnerships to help people in his home nation.

Doug Kulungu is an advocate and active Congressman of the Democratic Republic of Congo who has been living in the Centrally Valley for nearly 20 years.

Per the country's constitution, Kulungu inherited the position after the 2019 death of his father, the Honorable Pascal Kulungu. He was re-elected to his own five-year term in 2023.

Kulungu has connected with members of Fresno State's Water, Energy, and Technology (WET) Center to help tackle a myriad of challenges and support community development.

Kulungu is the founder of WellBeing Congo, a nonprofit with a mission to improve

the lives of young Congolese and alleviate poverty, while also spreading the word of the Christian Gospel. He is a 2010 graduate of Fresno Pacific University with a bachelor's degree in business administration.

His nonprofit supports Congolese with computer access and training, the digging of water wells, school construction and pastor training.

Kulungu, who was raised in Congo, presides over the Kasongo-Lunga district.

As a native of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), which ranks among the five poorest nations, Kulungu says that he is a testament that the American Dream is still alive and is grateful for the help he's had throughout his life.

"Everything I am is because somebody decided to make a sacrifice for my benefit," Kulungu said. "By going to school and



Photo contributed | Doug Kulungu inherited a Congressional seat in the Democratic Republic of Congo in 2019. He was reelected to another five-year term last year. He lives in Clovis with his family.

building up a network from everybody all over America with different skills, they can help make the Congo a better place."

Sponsors of hope

In 2005, Kulungu was sponsored by Fresno doctor Eric Hanson and his wife Darlene to come to the U.S. to study.

Kulungu's relationship with the Hansons actually begins with his father, who would travel from his village to another to attend school.

When his father was about 8 years old, he encountered a missionary that gave him the opportunity to go to school, eventually becoming a teacher, a school principal and then leading a hospital in Congo.

When he came to the Central Valley to study at FPU in the 1990s, he met the Hansons, who quickly became friends with Kulungu, Sr.

Eric Hanson severs as

Bitwise CEOs plead guilty



Photo by Estela Anahi Jaramillo | Jake Soberal and Irma Olguin Jr. leave a federal courtroom in November 2023.

Irma Olguin, Jr., 43, and Jake Soberal, 38, the founders and leaders of the failed Fresno-based Bitwise Industries, pleaded guilty Wednesday to one count of conspiring to commit wire fraud and one count of wire fraud, U.S. Attorney Phillip A. Talbert announced. They admitted to defrauding investors, lenders and others out of \$115,000,000.

According to court records, Olguin, Jr. and Soberal founded Bitwise in 2013. The company then grew to have three business lines: (1) technology workforce training program, (2) technology consulting service, and (3) a real estate arm that bought, renovated, and leased commercial properties. The company promised to create jobs for underserved groups of people, revitalize blighted urban areas, and show that such a project could be highly profitable, according to a news release from Talbert's office.

By early 2022, Bitwise had raised over \$75 million through Series A and B investment rounds, and the company had grown to 800 employees and apprentices across multiple offices and states. But the company was not making a significant profit and was running low on funds.

Thereafter, Olguin, Jr. and Soberal conspired to mislead investors, lenders, and others into believing that Bitwise was excelling when it was instead failing. They fabricated financial information in investor materials and altered and forged other financial records to inflate the company's revenues, cash balances and other financial markers.

Olguin, Jr. and Soberal admitted that they used their positions as Bitwise's co-CEOs to conceal their fraud from the company's board of directors and others at the company. They also admitted to using sophisticated means to deceive and cheat investors and lenders out of their money.

This case is the product of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Internal Revenue Service: Criminal Investigation. Assistant United States Attorneys Joseph Barton and Henry Carbajal III are prosecuting the case.

Olguin, Jr. and Soberal are scheduled to be sentenced on Nov.

6. They accepted a plea deal as part of their guilty plea, according to published reports.

Local hospitals make safety list

U.S. News and World Report released its annual 2024-2025 Best Hospital rankings, revealing its findings on the performance of hospitals based on 30 categories of surgical services.

Of the nearly 5,000 hospitals evaluated, two Central Valley hospitals, Saint Agnes Medical Center in Fresno and Kaweah Health Medical Center in Visalia, were evaluated and named top hospitals, with Saint Agnes receiving honors as the top regional hospital.

The rankings accounted for a variety of surgical procedures and outcomes ranging from aortic valve surgery and heart bypass procedures to cancer treatment including prostate cancer screening and leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma treatment.

EECU ATM opens in SW Fresno

Educational Employees Credit Union (EECU) celebrated the opening of its newest ATM last week at 1245 C Street in Southwest Fresno.

Credit union staff and community leaders gathered to celebrate the opening of the only full-service credit union ATM in Southwest Fresno, a much needed and welcomed service to the area, according to a news release.

Event speakers included Pastor DJ Criner, Fresno Police Department Deputy Chief Michael Landon, Fresno County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Michele Cantwell-Copher, and Fresno County Board of Supervisors District 1 Supervisor Brian Pacheco. In addition, many local community leaders and the representatives of several elected officials joined the event.

EECU's President/CEO, Elizabeth J. Dooley, shared that the credit union has deep roots in Southwest Fresno and is thrilled that EECU was able to work with local leaders and community partners for the project. These partnerships made opening a new ATM accessible to those who work, live, shop, or frequent the area.

"Our full-service ATM will make

financial services more accessible to people who live and work in the West Fresno area and serve to create a more inclusive financial future for all," Dooley said in a press release.

Its first date of service was May 16, and the ATM has had a large number of transactions—more than 4,000—demonstrating the acute need for services in the area.

Almond forecast higher

It turns out that California's almond production forecast for 2024 is higher than expected.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) released its 2024 California Almond Objective Measurement Report last week, forecasting 2.80 billion meat pounds of production, down 7% from May's subjective forecast but 13% higher than last year's crop of 2.47 billion meat pounds.

The forecast is based on 1.38 million bearing acres.

Production for the Nonpareli variety is forecast at 1.10 billion meat pounds, 17% higher than last year's deliveries of 941 million meat pounds.

The Nonpareli variety makes up 39% of California's total almond production.

"The Objective Measurement is in line with what the industry expected and a drop from the Subjective Estimate. It reflects both a good bloom and hard work by California almond growers during trying times," said Clarice Turner, president and CEO of the Almond Board of California. "For perspective, demand has been strong, consistent and continues to grow, which has reduced the carryout to what may be the smallest in years.

Tedford steps down

Fresno State's Jeff Tedford, 62, announced that he will step down as head football coach due to health concerns.

"It is with sad emotions that following my recent medical check-up, it is clear that due to health concerns, my family and I have made the decision to step aside as Fresno State's head coach and allow someone else to lead the football program," said Tedford in a news release by Fresno State athletics.

As head coach, Tedford compiled a 44-22 overall record. In five seasons, Tedford led Fresno State to three West Division titles, two Mountain West Championship wins, four Bowl Game victories, and two Top 25 finishes to cap a season. Tedford coached Fresno State to three 10-win seasons in his tenure.

Tedford first came to Fresno State in 2017, leaving in 2019, also for health reasons. He returned in 2022, but most recently took time off for his health during a 2023 bowl game in New Mexico.

It was previously stated he would return for the 2024 season.

Tim Skipper, the current assistant head coach and linebackers coach, will step in as interim head coach for the 2024 season. Skipper served as the program's acting head coach while Tedford was away for the 2023 Isleta New Mexico Bowl.

College musical chairs

In June, the West Hills Community College District (WHCCD) announced that Fresno City President Robert Pimentel would become the new chancellor on Aug. 1.

The State Center Community College District has ensured continuity in its leadership by announcing that three leaders will take on interim assignments to continue advancing the work of its campuses.

Pimentel will depart State Center at the end of July to assume the role of chancellor at West Hills Community College District. Kim Armstrong will serve as the acting president of Fresno City College. Armstrong, currently serving as the president of Clovis Community College, will bring her wealth of experience and leadership qualities to continue the work at Fresno City College, according to a news release.

The Fresno City College Vice President of Administrative Services, Dr. Omar Gutierrez, is also departing the college, appointed as the chief business officer at Southwestern College in Chula Vista.

Glynnna Billings will assume the interim (provisional) vice president of administrative services role at Fresno City College until the position is advertised and filled. Billings serves as district accounting manager, supervising State Center's accounts payable, payroll, and other vital financial operations.

With Armstrong's transition to Fresno City College, Monica Chahal, vice president of instruction at Clovis Community College, will become interim college president.

The District will open the interim vice president of instruction position at Clovis Community College, for which internal candidates across the District may apply.

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Photo by Daniel Nijland on unsplash.com | The Fresno County Civil Grand Jury issued its latest report on the state of restaurant inspection program through the Fresno County Department of Public Health.

Ben Hensley - STAFF WRITER

Fresno County has already issued a statement on the latest Civil Grand Jury report Thursday morning prompted by citizen complaints regarding unsanitary conditions at several area restaurants.

The grand jury report stated that an investigation committee was formed to review inspection reports from restaurants cited in the initial complaint. That was followed by a random sampling of county food establishments that found several areas of concern including:

- Lack of violation enforcement
- Inconsistency in code enforcement
- Failure to collect fees for permits and re-inspections
- Facilities operating without current permits

-Facilities lacking Food Safety Certification or Food Handler Card compliance

The Grand Jury determined through these findings several deficiencies within the Fresno County Department of Public Health's Environmental Health Division (EHD), which oversees restaurant inspections:

- Out of date system software that does not meet EHD needs and does not perform as promised
- Lack of sufficient food inspectors to keep up with increases of food establishments
- Fees charged for operating permits, inspections and re-inspections are inadequate to cover costs
- Lack of standardization and supervisor support that leads to inconsistencies in enforcement
- EHD's website is challenging to locate and navigate; restaurant inspections are difficult to find; out of date reports or reports

Fresno County restaurant health inspections target of new grand jury report

lacking inspection information

In response to the Grand Jury's findings, the County issued a statement thanking the jury members for their input and investigation and reassuring that food safety is a priority as many identified areas are actively being looked into.

The County also presented several key points in response to the Grand Jury's findings:

- Board of Supervisors approved salary increases for the DPH Environmental Health inspector positions, ultimately rising 23% by July 2025
- Board of Supervisors have also approved free parking and affordable health care to help attract and retain staff
- DPH plans to update existing fees and add additional fees to support the program's operations and address California Retail Food Code requirements. The proposed fees will be outlined to the Board of Supervisors later this year
- DPH has implemented website improvements since the Grand Jury interviewed staff and continues to make improvements to navigation and accessibility
- Grand Jury raised concerns

regarding the online database

"Amanda" system; the software has improved billing efficiencies and workflows for inspections. Electronic inspection reports are, on average, available to businesses within 24-72 hours. For closures, hard copies are presented immediately

-In October, the County will host the California Department of Public Health statewide Pre-Standardization Conference, ensuring a uniform interpretation and application of the California Retail Food Code

The Fresno County Department of Public Health also noted its commitment to prioritize public safety, referencing the recent botulism outbreak in Fresno County.

The County said that it will provide a detailed response to the Fresno County Civil Grand Jury within 90 days of its receipt of the report in accordance to California Penal Code section 933(c)..

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Congo | From 5

president of the Hanson Family Foundation, a private foundation in Fresno that supports vulnerable children through advocacy, education, recruitment and support.

Kulungu didn't know English when he first arrived in the Central Valley, but the Hansons' belief and investment in him led to opportunities he took advantage of.

Seeds of the future

Today, Kulungu is serving a district with a population of 3 million people.

"We want to give them clean water, we are building schools, providing scholarships. We want to create a new environment for young people," Kulungu said.

There is also a need for entrepreneurial guidance for the Congolese, Kulungu said, and he wants to teach people to "dream big" and "think outside of the box."

Kulungu is collaborating with Glen Schrader, an entrepreneur and researcher involved with various projects, many of which revolve around using sustainable

technologies in innovative ways that benefit communities.

As an entrepreneur, Schrader will help people of the Congo become more business minded. Kulungu said he has invited Schrader to go to the Congo in the fall to pass his entrepreneurial wisdom to people there, starting with teaching them to raise and sell chickens.

Schrader is also assisting with the use of artificial intelligence for water management and growing crops.

There are a number of crops grown in Congo, with corn

being a staple. Kulungu said that with help from people in the Central Valley, such as Schrader, Congolese growers can see more successful harvests.

While Congo is rich with minerals including cobalt, coltan, diamond, copper and zinc, Kulungu said the Kosongo-Lunga district is the largest district with no minerals.

Kulungu lives in Clovis with his wife, Patience, and his two sons, Jason and Eric. He will return to the Congo for the legislative session in October. They convene twice a year.

He said his story is that of an

immigrant who came to America and found success through his hard work, and his faith in the Lord.

"I am grateful for everything that God and this country has done for me. I owe it to people who came before me and laid the foundation so we can benefit. The American Dream is still alive," Kulungu said.

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Photo contributed | Doug Kulungu speaks to some of the 3 million constituents he represents in the Kasongo-Lunga district.

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The Business Journal's Leads listings are designed to help you find the latest legal transactions to grow your business. Find out who's new in town, who's going out of business and what neighborhoods are becoming a hotspot for new business. We've pulled information from the county clerks' and recorders offices in Fresno, Kings, Madera and Tulare counties to bring you the latest in business news. No matter what business you are in, you can gain a competitive advantage from these Leads each week.

BANKRUPTCIES

Raymond Matthias Miller
Miller HVAC & Plumbing
Case No: 24-11895
PO Box 106
O'Neals, CA 93645
Assets: \$38,999
Liabilities: \$916,345

Terry Alan Erickson
Erickson Chiropractic and Wellness Center
Case No: 24-11968
481 W. Audubon Dr. Apt. 163
Fresno, CA 93711
Assets: \$40,953
Liabilities: \$384,081

Nevzat Ozder
Case No: 24-11969
10640 E. Belmont Ave.
Sanger, CA 93657
Assets: \$17,864
Liabilities: \$ 245,880

REAL ESTATE

ZEEB COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE is reporting the following transactions:

850 square feet of office space at 204 E. Oak Avenue, Suite 5A in Visalia, CA leased to Hannah Rice, dba Langley Threads, from Evans Property Management. John Akers of Zeeb Commercial Real Estate was the agent.

1,247 square feet of office space at 2336 W. Sunnyside Avenue, Suite C in Visalia, CA leased to Beant Singh Sandhu, dba ABSR2, Inc. from Carl Nelson. Jessica Benevento and Marc Griffiths of Zeeb Commercial Real Estate were the agents.

2,400 square feet of industrial space at 1339 N. Plaza Drive in Visalia, CA leased to Vincent Alarcon and Dwayne Sharp, dba Novus Medical, Inc., from

Sequoia Park Associates, Inc. Martin Zeeb and John Akers of Zeeb Commercial Real Estate were the agents.

NEWMARK PEARSON COMMERCIAL is reporting the following transactions:

1,228 square feet of retail space at 3759 W. Shaw Avenue, Suite 103 in Fresno, CA leased to San Lui from Pete Zamboukos. Coryne McKenney and Troy McKenney of Newmark Pearson Commercial and Kelsey McKenney of Retail California were the agents.

1,350 square feet of retail space at 141 W. Shaw Avenue in Clovis, CA leased to Cost-Less Vacs from J & D Properties. Coryne McKenney of Newmark Pearson Commercial and Kelsey McKenney of Retail California were the agents.

1,982 square feet of office space at 7429 N. First Street, Suite 104 in Fresno, CA leased to Law Office of Stefanie Kraus from First And Alluvial LP. Luke Tessman, Phil Souza and Nick Sorensen of Newmark Pearson Commercial were the agents in cooperation with Michael Schuh of Colliers International.

2,800 square feet of retail space at 1365 N. Willow Avenue, Suite 160, in Clovis, CA leased to Golden Grill Restaurant from J & D Properties. Coryne McKenney and Troy McKenney of Newmark Pearson Commercial and Kelsey McKenney of Retail California were the agents.

3,200 square feet of industrial space at 2750 N. Clovis Avenue, Units 106-107 in Fresno, CA leased to Bobby Lee, dba Fish On Bait & Tackle, from John Everett Family, L.P. Daniel Simon of Newmark Pearson Commercial was the agent.

6,674 square feet of office space at 7108 N. Fresno Street, Suite 100 in Fresno, CA renewed lease for BBSI, Inc. from Tremonte Properties, LLC. Phil Souza of Newmark Pearson Commercial was the agent in cooperation with Tyler Hogan of Colliers International.

7,936 square feet of industrial space at 4010 W. Ashcroft Avenue in Fresno, CA leased to Olio Global Development Group, LLC from Di Tomaso Development Company, LLC. Nick Audino, SIOR, Kyle Riddering and Joey Audino of Newmark Pearson Commercial were the agents.

20,020 square feet of industrial space at 3688 S. East Avenue in Fresno, CA to Fastenal Company from Don Pickett & Associates, Inc. Nick Audino, SIOR, Kyle Riddering and Joey Audino of Newmark Pearson Commercial were the agents.

Sale of 4,893 square foot office building at 720 E. Bullard Avenue in Fresno, CA

to an undisclosed investor from Dr. Lori Schroeder. Nick Sorensen of Newmark Pearson Commercial and Richard Sung of Newmark were the agents in cooperation with Robert Ellis Leasing and Investments.

ABC REPORTS

A Type 23 license was issued to Grayview Brewing Company, located at 2700 Clovis Ave., Ste 103 & 104, in Clovis, held by Grayview Artisans, LLC. A Type 23 license authorizes the production and sale of beer by breweries which produce fewer than 60,000 barrels per year.

A Type 41 license was issued to La Estrella Mexican Restaurant, located at 2363 Whitson St., in Selma, held by Estrella Food Concept, Inc. A Type 41 license allows a restaurant to serve beer or wine.

A Type 42 license was issued to Baron's Table, located at 140 South K St., in Tulare, held by Baron's Table LLC. A Type 42 license authorizes the sale of beer and wine for consumption on or off the premises where sold.

A Type 17 license was issued to Kooner Enterprises Limited, located at 2528 S. Villa Ave., in Fresno, held by Palwinder Kaur. A Type 17 license pertains to beer and wine wholesalers and permits sales to other supplier-type licensees.

A Type 9 license was issued to Kooner Enterprises Limited, located at 2528 S. Villa Ave., in Fresno, held by Palwinder Kaur. A Type 9 license authorizes permit holders to import and export alcoholic beverages and to transfer beverages to themselves under another license.

A Type 30 license was issued to Jovis Mexican Restaurant, located at 377 E. Orange Ave., in Porterville, held by Rijlonti LLC. A Type 30 license is a temporary license with the same restrictions as the license held by a previous owner at the same property.

A Type 41 license was issued to Sun China Chinese Restaurant Inc., located at 1335 10th St., in Sanger, held by Sun China Chinese Restaurant, Inc. A Type 41 license allows a restaurant to serve beer or wine.

PERMITS

SELECTED CONSTRUCTION PERMITS VIA CONSTRUCTION MONITOR, constructionmonitor.com.

Grading Commercial
Valuation: \$0
650 W Herndon Ave
Clovis CA 93612
pmt#:-GRD-24-00006
06/24/2024
Contractor
Pickett & Sons Construction Inc

7310 N Remington Ave
Fresno CA 93711-5750
559-225-2500
lic:283723
Owner
Faec Holdings566958 LLC
Lakhjit S & Devinder K Sandhu

Maintenance Building
Valuation: \$4,230,410
2223 G St
Fresno CA 93706-1631
pmt#:B24-02393
07/02/2024

Remodel Commercial
Valuation: \$55,000,000
5175 E Clinton Way
Fresno CA 93727-2086
pmt#:B24-04491
07/02/2024

Addition Sink
Valuation: \$10,000
349 Pollasky Ave
Clovis CA 93612-1139
pmt#:*CMBN-24-00398
06/26/2024
Owner
Clovis Restaurant Group Inc
Unable to Acquire Addl Info

Remodel Restaurant Space To Accommodate
Valuation: \$175,000
1536 California St
Kingsburg CA 93631-1801
pmt#:2023000510
06/06/2024
Contractor
Brandon Garrett Construction Inc
Gary Hollis Sons
3492 E Church Ave
Fresno CA 93725-1393
559-485-8543
lic:401954
Olivia Sanchez
1536 California St
Kingsburg CA 93631-1801
Owner

Addition & Remodel
Valuation: \$143,783
2131 Shaw Ave
Clovis CA 93611-8937
pmt#:*CMBN-24-00442
07/02/2024
Contractor
DA Bently Construction LLC
10709 NE Coxley Dr
Vancouver WA 98662-6150
360-695-9234
lic:1007398
Christine A James Trust
2131 Shaw Ave
Clovis CA 93611-8937
Owner
Sylvie A Nelson Trust
2131 Shaw Ave
Clovis CA 93611-8937
Owner

Tenant Improvement
Valuation: \$40,000
2088 E Copper Ave Ste 102
Fresno CA 93730-5407
pmt#:B24-05360
07/02/2024
Contractor
David Lehman
40 E Minarets Ave Ste 10
Fresno CA 93650-1239
559-435-8232

Install 3 Doors & 2 Shelves With Minor
Valuation: \$5,400
1108 G St
Reedley CA 93654-3004
pmt#:240421
07/03/2024
Contractor
DVO Enterprises Inc dba Home Repair Contractors
5588 N Palm Ave
Fresno CA 93704-1913
lic:806489
Owner
Kusch & Kusch Inc
1053 G St
Reedley CA 93654-2935

559-638-3651

Install Curb Ramp
Valuation: \$5,000
1650 Herndon Ave
Clovis CA 93611-0505
pmt#:*CMBN-24-01862
06/25/2024
Contractor
Summit Properties & Development Co Inc
6445 Citation Dr Ste G
Clarkston MI 48346-2996
248-625-4711
lic:1022255
Owner
Aci Real Estate Spe 122 LLC
Unable to Acquire Addl Info

Tenant Improvement
Valuation: \$165,000
1620 E Manning Ave
Reedley CA 93654-2385
pmt#:240104
07/03/2024
Contractor
Tech One Construction Inc
5373 Brooks St
Montclair CA 91763-4539
lic:854945
Owner
Reedley Center Inc
111 Main St Ste 7
Los Altos CA 94022-2923

Tenant Improvement
Valuation: \$50,000
6737 N Milburn Ave Ste 120
Fresno CA 93722-2142
pmt#:B24-03223
07/02/2024
Contractor
Top Tier Contractors Inc
5403 E Ashlan Ave
Fresno CA 93727-7106
559-907-3742
lic:1072239

HVAC System



Google Earth image | Addition commercial permit was secured at 3020 N Mooney Blvd. in Visalia.



Google Earth image | An HVAC System permit was secured at 931 I St in Reedley at Valley Foods Supermarket.

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Valuation: \$255,000
931 I St
Reedley CA 93654-2820
pmt#:240037
07/03/2024
Contractor
Wes Isaac Construction
Wesley Isaac
933 G St
Reedley CA 93654-2626
559-638-1228
559-352-9922
lic:671054
Owner
Valley Foods Supermarket
931 I St
Reedley CA 93654-2820

Electrical Commercial
Valuation: \$200,130
931 I St
Reedley CA 93654-2820
pmt#:240038
07/03/2024
Contractor
Wes Isaac Construction
Wesley Isaac
933 G St
Reedley CA 93654-2626
559-638-1228
559-352-9922
lic:671054
Owner
Valley Foods Supermarket
931 I St
Reedley CA 93654-2820

Shell Building & Parking Lot
Valuation: \$555,000
27627 Bernard Dr
Hanford CA 93230
pmt#:2404-072
07/02/2024
Contractor
Kronos Construction
983 N Douglas Ave
Clovis CA 93611-8120
Owner
Jay Virk Holdings LLC
429 W Citrus St
Lindsay CA 93247-9583
559-286-6205

New Home
Valuation: \$3,000,000
3 Via Cerioni
Madera CA 93637-5979
pmt#:20240885
06/10/2024
Contractor
SMS Construction Services
280 Shaw Ave Ste B
Clovis CA 93612-3800
559-575-8525
lic:1045088
Kaur Jagwinder

Industrial Building
Valuation: \$2,000,000
2345 W Pecan Ave
Madera CA 93637-4804
pmt#:20240844
06/04/2024
Contractor
Pacer GC
8242 Majestic Oak Way
Citrus Heights CA 95610-0604
916-952-3700
lic:367351
Owner
AG Miles LLC
12801 Rangoon St
Arleta CA 91331-4322

Commercial Building
Valuation: \$3,000,000
1055 Knox Rd
Madera CA 93638
pmt#:20240977
06/21/2024
Contractor
Span Development LLC
1841 Howard Rd
Madera CA 93637-5122
559-661-1111
Owner
Gregory Dalton & Cynthia Dia
Bradford

Commercial Building
Valuation: \$2,000,000
21739 Road 19
Chowchilla CA 93610-8218
pmt#:23-0098-COM
1 sf
06/04/2024
Contractor
Tetra Tech BAS Inc
1360 Valley Vista Dr
Diamond Bar CA 91765-3942
909-860-7777
Applicant
Kelly Mcgregor
21700 Copley Dr Ste 200
Diamond Bar CA 91765-2219
909-455-8568
Owner
County of Madera
200 W 4th St
Madera CA 93637-3548
559-675-7703
Fax:559-675-7750

Addition Racking & Shelving
Valuation: \$45,000
2237 W Cleveland Ave Ste 103
Madera CA 93637-8716
pmt#:20240981
06/24/2024
Contractor
BD Lafever Enterprises Inc
1504 Melanie Way
Livermore CA 94550-0800
925-456-0708
lic:842420
Owner
Rhino Investments
Jon Wall
2200 Paseo Verde Pkwy
Henderson NV 89052-2701
702-202-6573

Tenant Improvement Barber Shop
Valuation: \$12,000
2 E Yosemite Ave
Madera CA 93638-3632
pmt#:20240866
06/06/2024
Contractor
Cen-Cal Construction
15932 W Sunset Ave
Kerman CA 93630-9359
559-375-8665
lic:879671
Owner
Herman Inguez

Tenant Improvement
Valuation: \$25,000
2185 W Cleveland Ave
Madera CA 93637-8724
pmt#:20241015
06/27/2024
Contractor
J C Pantoja Improvement
15820 El Capitan Way
Delhi CA 95315-9703
Owner
Rihno Holdings Madera
Marketplace Llc
2200 Paseo Verde Pkwy Ste
260
Henderson NV 89052-2703

Tenant Improvement Rancho Market
Valuation: \$70,000
130 E 4th St
Madera CA 93638-3205
pmt#:20240884
06/10/2024
Contractor
Kasdorf Construction Inc
752 S Farmersville Blvd
Farmersville CA 93223-2044
559-409-3315
Fax:559-786-4388
lic:1033101
Pasquale & Carmela De Santis
Trust

Office Maintenance Building
Valuation: \$5,750,000
13852 Ave 256
Visalia CA 93292
pmt#:A2204727
38,776 sf
06/18/2024
Contractor
Supreme Construction Inc
1067 S Q Pl
Tulare CA 93274-5554
559-234-2070
lic:931367
Owner
Centerline Design & Engineering
484 N Prospect St Ste B
Porterville CA 93257-1934
559-202-6254

Demolition Commercial Building
Valuation: \$5,000
216 E Compton Ave
Pixley CA 93256
pmt#:A2401727
06/18/2024

Grading Commercial
Valuation: \$120,000
1086 S Market St
Pixley CA 93256-9654
pmt#:A2401274
1,200 sf
06/10/2024
Contractor
MRV Service Air Inc
937 High St
Delano CA 93215-1704
661-667-3963

Convenience Store
Valuation: \$500,000
32792 Road 124
Visalia CA 93291-9066
pmt#:A2400224
3,068 sf
06/18/2024
Kuldep Singh
32082 Manota Ct
Visalia CA 93291-9037

Warehouse Building
Valuation: \$120,000
1086 S Market St
Pixley CA 93256-9654
pmt#:A2401273
1,200 sf
06/10/2024
Contractor
MRV Service Air Inc
937 High St
Delano CA 93215-1704
661-667-3963

Anaerobic Digester
Valuation: \$1,000,000
4315 Avenue 176
Tulare CA 93274-8915
pmt#:A2400732
06/18/2024

Addition Antennas & Radio Remote Unit

Valuation: \$150,000
9449 Road 236
Terra Bella CA 93270-9220
pmt#:A2301645
06/28/2024
Contractor
Mastec Network Solutions Inc
1825 Ponce de Leon Blvd Ste
543
Coral Gables FL 33134-4418
866-545-1782
lic:984138

Cow Rotary Barn & Sprinkler
Valuation: \$1,300,000
17001 Avenue 160
Porterville CA 93257-9258
pmt#:A2401315
14,400 sf
06/28/2024
Contractor
TMJ Dairy Construction Inc
Todd Jones
29972 Road 168
Visalia CA 93292-9700
559-592-2220
lic:968460

Addition & Remodel Office
Valuation: \$254,000
3630 Avenue 384
Kingsburg CA 93631-9672
pmt#:A2203645
1,270 sf
06/04/2024

Addition Commercial
Valuation: \$153,000
43029 Road 104
Dinuba CA 93618-9366
pmt#:A2303900
12,000 sf
06/10/2024

Mezzanine Detached
Valuation: \$68,000
34902 Highway 190
Springville CA 93265-9171
pmt#:A2304048

5,125 sf
06/25/2024
Tim Albers
19109 Campbell Creek Dr
Springville CA 93265-9606
Owner

Tenant Improvement
Valuation: \$5,000
140 N Valencia Blvd
Woodlake CA 93286-1439
pmt#:6331
06/10/2024
Bruce Kupitar
1099 W Ropes Ave
Woodlake CA 93286-1806
559-564-6000
Owner-Builder

Remodel Office Space
Valuation: \$700,000
11518 Road 120
Pixley CA 93256-9727
pmt#:A2400548
06/03/2024
Contractor
JDH
11518 Road 120
Pixley CA 93256-9727
559-804-8316

Addition Commercial
Valuation: \$1,000,000
3020 N Mooney Blvd
Visalia CA 93291-7163
pmt#:B240725
2,980 sf
07/03/2024
Contractor
Westco Builders Inc
1217 N Century St
Visalia CA 93291-9353
559-651-1724
lic:932417
Owner
Tulare County Federal Credit Union
5133 W Walnut Ave
Visalia CA 93277-3474

NEW BUSINESSES

FRESNO COUNTY

Sammy's Auto Repair Clinic

Emerald Bay Software

Tau Nail Salon

Central Valley Power Wash

Valley Communication Engineering

What's For Dessert?

JE Cleaning Services

Caffe Amore

Gaby's Regalos Y Novedades

Online Geeks Support LLC

Online Tech Services LLC

Fresno Professional Property

Barragan Cleaners

Mid Cal Enterprises

The Fresno Sett

Long Term Health Club

La Esperanza Market Y Taqueria

Punjab Business Center

Asef Auto Supply

Mendota Wash Station



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Google Earth image | A commercial building permit was secured at 1055 Knox Rd in Madera.

A dog and his lawyer

What it takes to represent Victor E. Bulldog IV

ALEX LIGHT - STAFF WRITER

If you're from the Central Valley, chances are you know Fresno State's live mascot, and favorite furry friend, Victor E. Bulldog IV (Victor E). Beyond the camera flashes, meet and greets and assisting the 'Dogs with school spirit on Saturday nights, however, there's more to the job than looking cute and being man's best friend.

Attorney Christopher Brown represents Fresno State's live mascot, a very important job in an effort to protect Victor E. from any legal harm and uphold the image of Fresno State's values.

Representing a live mascot is a unique situation, as the mascot cannot represent himself and is seen as a public figure among the Fresno State community. One of the most important aspects of Brown's role is drafting and reviewing contracts for Victor E., making sure that any event preparation or licensing agreements follow proper guidelines and procedures to ensure the mascot's health, safety and image. Since Victor E. can't speak for himself, Brown acts as a sort of legal advocate.

"My priority is always on the dog's health, welfare, mental health and physical conditions," said Brown.

When reviewing and drafting contracts, Brown has to take many things into consideration including behavior management, preventing the mascot from being exposed to pain or discomfort and hygiene of the mascot and facilities. Brown must also think of the worst case scenario in order to ensure the safety of the mascot as well as fans and the public if an emergency were to occur.

This is especially important, as Victor E. is an English Bulldog, and requires specific accommodations in order to make sure his health and safety are top priority. In conjunction with Fresno State's Smittcamp Alumni Association, the mascot's needs are met by making sure a caretaker accompanies him to all events. This includes bringing cooling systems to any event Victor E. goes, due to the scorching heat the Central Valley is far too familiar with.

"It's a really big responsibility for me, and I'm really fortunate to have people like the executive director of the Alumni Association of Fresno State, whose interest is the health and safety of this animal and the protecting of his image," said Brown.

Brown is a lawyer with Fennemore Dowling in Fresno, with 30 years of legal experience under his belt. Though his areas of practice center

on real estate and business and finance, Brown has worked with Fresno State's mascot for over two decades.

Though his role doesn't include managing public relations for the mascot, Brown is still an intricate part of the legal protection of Victor E. if anything unfortunate were to happen. So far, Brown's experience working with Victor E. has been smooth sailing, with no problems with the mascot or the handler.

"Working with the dog and his

handlers has been seamless," said Brown. "I'm contacted if there's any negative PR and I've been impressed because I've been representing this dog for over two decades and there haven't been any bad instances."

Fresno State's live mascot program is one of the many things that sets the university apart from other schools in the state, having started in 1921 when student body president Warren Moody adopted a bulldog he frequently saw around campus. As a result, the Fresno Morning Republican began referring to the college as "The Bulldogs" in November 1921; a name that's stuck ever since.

In 1935 the first official university mascot arrived in Fresno, an all-white English bulldog affectionately named Touchdown. After chewing up one too many featherbeds in his home at a campus fraternity house, Touchdown was moved to the home of Frances and Arthur Safstrom. The couple went on to own five Fresno State mascots for the next 30 years.

Many years later, Jim Sweeney's bulldog Halftime became the unofficial mascot for the football team and stole the hearts of the school and Fresno community. In 2006, a contest was held to find the next live mascot and bring the program back to life. Out of 90 contestants, a bulldog named Norman became the first Victor E. Bulldog, passing the torch to Victor E. Bulldog II in 2012 and to Victor E. Bulldog III in 2015.

In 2022 the baton was passed to Victor E. Bulldog IV, taking on the legacy of being Fresno's most beloved pup. A legacy that goes beyond school spirit and encapsulates the relationship between man and his best friend; a legacy that Brown is honored to be a part of protecting.

"This dog is very beloved, and his predecessors are beloved," said Brown. "It's a real thing of pride for me to be able to work with this dog."

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Photo contributed | Christopher Brown, attorney with Fennemore Dowling, represents Fresno's favorite live mascot, Victor E. Bulldog IV at Fresno State.

Law Firms

In the Central San Joaquin Valley ranked by number of local attorneys; if tied, by number of local staff; if tied by year founded.

	Name of law firm Address	Telephone Fax	Local attorneys staff offices	New hires for 2024 attorneys staff	Typical hourly fee	Areas of practice	Managing partner(s) or committee Year founded locally
1 (1)	McCormick, Barstow, Sheppard, Wayte and Carruth LLP 7647 N. Fresno St. Fresno, CA 93720	559-433-1300 559-433-2300	58 112 1	WND WND	WND	Agriculture, appeals, bankruptcy, business, civil lit, employment, insurance, estates and trusts, tax, family law, intellectual property matters	Kenneth Baldwin 1951
2 (2)	Fennemore Dowling Aaron 8080 N. Palm Ave. Fresno, CA 93711	559-432-4500 559-432-4590	32 78 1	6 8	WND	Litigation, agribusiness, business transactions, construction, creditor's rights & insolvency, employment, environmental, real estate, trusts and estates, water law & more	WND 1977
3 (3)	Wanger Jones Helsley PC 265 E. River Park Circle, Ste. 310 Fresno, CA 93720	559-233-4800 559-233-9330	30 65 2	WND WND	WND	Ag, bankruptcy, business/real estate, commercial litigation, construction, crop insurance, family law, environmental, labor, personal injury and more	Timothy Jones 1994
4 (4)	Baker Manock & Jensen, PC 5260 N. Palm Ave., Ste. 201 Fresno, CA 93704	559-432-5400 559-432-5620	27 WND 1	WND WND	WND	Agribusiness, business litigation, corporate & general business commercial development, employment, environmental law, financial institutions and more	Dirk B. Paloutzian 1906
5 (6)	Lozano Smith, LLP 7404 N. Spalding Ave. Fresno, CA 93720	559-431-5600	23 58 1	WND WND	WND	Full-service education and public agency law firm	Karen Rezendes 1988
6 (5)	Fitzgerald, Alvarez & Ciummo A Professional Law Corporation 2014 Tulare St., Ste. 300 Fresno, CA 93721	559-441-0114 559-441-0890	22 30 1	WND WND	WND	Defense attorneys, alternative dispute resolution	WND 1988
7 (NR)	Judith Leslie Soley, Inc. 907 Santa Fe Ave. Fresno, CA 93721	265-4292 265-4299	22 WND 1	WND WND	WND	Family Law	WND 1986
8 (8)	Sagaser, Watkins & Wieland, PC. 5260 N. Palm Ave., Ste. 400 Fresno, CA 93704	559-421-7000 559-473-1483	19 46 4	1 6	WND	Business, litigation, labor and employment law	WND 2013
9 (7)	Whitney Thompson & Jeffcoach LLP 970 W. Alluvial Ave. Fresno, CA 93711	559-753-2550 559-753-2560	19 34 1	WND WND	\$300-\$550	Litigation and Corporate/Business Law	Marshall Whitney, Timothy Thompson, Mandy Jeffcoach, Carl Refuerzo, Niki Cunningham, Kristi Marshall, Courtney McKeever 2018
10 (9)	Coleman & Horowitz, LLP 499 W. Shaw Ave., Ste. 116 Fresno, CA 93704	559-248-4820 559-248-4830	16 47 3	WND WND	WND	Administrative law, civil litigation, incorporation, real estate, tax law, wills, alternative dispute resolution, agribusiness, intellectual & more	Gregory Norys 1994
11 (20)	DeMaria Law Firm APC 1684 W. Shaw Ave., Ste. 101 Fresno, CA 93711	559-206-2410 559-570-0126	12 20 1	WND WND	WND	Insurance defense, school defense, public entity defense, employment defense	Anthony DeMaria 2020
12 (10)	Fitzgerald, Alvarez & Ciummo 221 N. I St. Madera, CA 93637	559-674-4696 559-674-9631	12 18 1	WND WND	WND	Public defender services & representation in dependency matters	WND 1988
13 (11)	Alternate Defense Office (ADO) 2014 Tulare St., Ste. 400 Fresno, CA 93721	559-264-8872 559-264-8875	12 18 1	WND WND	WND	Criminal defense, conflict contract public defender	WND
14 (12)	Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud and Romo, A Professional Law Corporation 10 River Park Place E., Ste 240 Fresno, CA 93720	559-225-6700 559-225-3416	12 WND 1	WND WND	WND	Employment & labor relations representing management, school law facilities, construction and real estate law, civil litigation, corporate, securities	David A. Soldani 2007
15 (16)	Kahn, Soares & Conway, LLP 219 N. Douty St. Hanford, CA 93230	559-584-3337 559-584-3348	11 27 1	0 WND	\$195-\$425	Business and civil litigation, corporate, criminal, family, labor, real estate and tort/personal	Richard C Conway, Mr. 1975
16 (13)	Michael Sullivan & Associates LLP 7120 N. Whitney Ave. Suite105 Fresno, CA 93720	559-785-6000 559-785-6001	11 20 1	WND WND	WND	Workers' compensation defense, employment practices liability, subrogation, general liability, DWC/OSIP Audit Consulting, Industrial Disability Retirement.	Pilar Mitchell 1996
17 (14)	Dias Law Firm, Inc. 502 W. Grangeville Blvd. Hanford, CA 93230	559-585-7330 559-585-7335	10 28 1	1 WND	\$225-\$350	Civil litigation, ag law, eminent domain, business, estate planning/trusts, family, criminal, labor, real estate, corporations, limited liability co.	Michael A. Dias, Jonette M. Montgomery, Steven E. Alfieris, Ella R. Floresca 1996
18 (19)	Quall Cardot LLP 205 E. River Park Circle, Suite 110 Fresno, CA 93720	559-418-0333 559-418-0330	8 30 1	WND WND	WND	Business litigation and transactional law, entity formation, real estate law, collection litigation, employment law, estate planning and probate	WND 2014
19 (NR)	Herr Pedersen & Berglund LLP 100 Willow Plaza, Suite 300 Visalia, CA 93291-6215	5596360200 5596369759	8 18 2	WND WND	WND	Public entity representation; litigation; business transactions; wealth transfer planning and administration	WND 1990
20 (NR)	Wilkins, Drolshagen & Czeshinski LLP 6785 N. Willow Ave. Fresno, CA 93710	438-2390 438-2393	6 17 1	WND WND	WND	Appeals, business & commercial litigation, civil litigation, insurance bad faith, professional errors & omissions, personal injury & products liability	WND 1997

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Law Firms

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	Name of law firm Address	Telephone Fax	Local attorneys staff offices	New hires for 2024 attorneys staff	Typical hourly fee	Areas of practice	Managing partner(s) or committee Year founded locally
21 (28)	Emerzian Shankar Legal Inc. 2037 W. Bullard Ave. #237 Fresno, CA 93711	559-490-0451	6 15 1	2 2	WND	Employment law, corporate law, human resources, education law	Ashley Emerzian 2018
22 (23)	Tomassian, Pimentel & Shapazian 3419 W. Shaw Ave. Fresno, CA 93711	559-277-7300 559-277-7350	6 14 1	WND WND	\$325-\$400	Estate planning, probate, family law, employment law, personal injury and workers' compensation	Gerald M. Tomassian 1991
23 (24)	Pascuzzi, Pascuzzi & Stoker 2377 W. Shaw Ave., Ste. 101 Fresno, CA 93711	559-227-1100 559-227-1290	6 14 1	WND WND	WND	Real estate, civil litigation, estate planning, probate and trust administration	WND 1990
24 (25)	Juvenile Law Center 2014 Tulare St. Fresno, CA 93721	559-475-7046 559-475-7047	6 9 1	WND WND	WND	Dependency law	WND
25 (27)	Barsamian & Moody, A Professional Corporation 1141 W. Shaw Ave. Ste 104 Fresno, CA 93711	559-248-2360 559-248-2370	6 WND WND	WND WND	WND	Employment law, ag labor relations, collective bargaining, serious and willful injuries	Catherine M. Houlihan, Seth G. Mehrten, Patrick S. Moody, Ronald H. Barsamian 1995
26 (21)	Webb Law Group, APC 466 W. Fallbrook Ave. Suite 102 Fresno, CA 93711	559-431-4888 559-821-4500	5 29 1	0 11	\$325-\$575	Business Property & Employment Litigation	Lenden F. Webb 2008
27 (33)	Fishman, Larsen & Callister Law Corporation 7112 N. Fresno St. Fresno, CA 93720	559-256-5000 559-256-5005	5 10 1	1 WND	WND	Employment, tax & business planning, estate planning, bankruptcy, real estate & litigation	Jared Callister, Douglas Larsen, Robert Fishman 2000
28 (30)	Madera Alternate Defense Office 321 W. Yosemite Ave. Madera, CA 93638	559-661-8673 559-661-1820	5 9 1	WND WND	WND	Criminal defense	WND 1988
29 (25)	Fresno Dependency Office (FDO) 2014 Tulare St., Suite 202 Fresno, CA 93721	559-442-1244 559-442-1008	5 9 1	WND WND	WND	Dependency law	WND
30 (32)	Gilmore Magness Janisse 7789 N. Ingram Ave., Ste. 105 Fresno, CA 93711	559-448-9800 559-448-9899	4 10 1	WND 10	WND	Business litigation, estate planning & probate, construction, employment and landlord/tenant	WND 1939
31 (34)	Miles Sears & Eanni 2844 Fresno St. Fresno, CA 93721	559-486-5200 559-486-5240	4 9 1	WND WND	WND	Personal Injury, catastrophic injury, wrongful death, product liability, automobile/trucking accident Litigation, aircraft Accident Litigation	WND 1956
32 (NR)	Fear Waddell, P.C. 7650 N. Palm Ave., Ste 101 Fresno, CA 93711	436-6575 436-6580	4 8 1	WND WND	WND	Bankruptcy	WND 2004
33 (NR)	Lerandeau & Lerandeau, LLP 265 E. River Park Circle Suite 490 Fresno, CA 93720	(559) 230-2600	4 8 1	WND WND	\$375-\$450	Family Law, Divorce	Antoinette M. Lerandeau 1993
34 (41)	Proper Defense Law Corporation 677 W. Palmdon Dr., Ste. 201 Fresno, CA 93704	559-825-3800 559-705-1870	4 5 1	WND WND	WND	Criminal and Juvenile Defense, Civil and Business Litigation, Employment and Labor Law, Corporate Governance	WND 2018
35 (38)	Sawl Law Group 2150 Tulare St. Fresno, CA 93721	559-266-9800 559-266-3421	3 10 1	WND WND	WND	Criminal Defense and Personal Injury	Martin Taleisnik
36 (43)	Hatmaker Law Group 7522 N. Colonial Ave., Ste. 105 Fresno, CA 93711	(559) 374-0077 (559) 374-0078	3 WND 1	WND WND	WND	Employment law and litigation, business litigation, workplace investigations and charter school law	WND 2014
37 (45)	Chielpegian Cobb, LLP 5200 N. Palm Ave., Ste. 201 Fresno, CA 93704	559-225-5370 559-244-6931	3 WND 1	WND WND	WND	Civil litigation, business transactions, estate planning	WND 1979
38 (46)	Hatherley Family Law, Inc. 4130 S. Demaree St. Visalia, CA 93277	734-0185 627-3829	3 WND 1	WND WND	WND	Family Law	WND
39 (NR)	Cole, Fisher, Cole, O'Keefe & Mahoney, Inc. 2445 Capitol St. Fresno, CA 93721	485-0700 485-3804	2 11 1	WND WND	WND	Workers' comp. & social security disability	WND 1983
40 (44)	Bryant Whitten, LLP 8050 North Palm Avenue, Suite 300 Fresno, CA 93711	559-494-4910 559-421-0369	2 1 1	WND WND	WND	Plaintiff's employment	WND 2011

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ARCHITECTURE AND ENGINEERING

TETER, Inc. announced Sr. Project Manager **Megan Chang**, SE and Sr. Mechanical Engineer **Steven Jones**, PE have been promoted to principals. In



Chang



Jones

addition, **Katie Angevine** and **Clinton Mukai** have joined as directors. In addition to being one of the structural engineering leaders, Chang gives back to the



Angevine



Mukai

community by teaching STEM camp to 8th grade girls, doing presentations at high schools to inspire the next generation of engineers and serving on

multiple boards. With 24 years at TETER under his belt, Jones sees this next step in his career as an opportunity to help the firm expand, contribute to the health and well-being of the community, and advance his team's careers. Angevine has strong roots in Kern County and is dedicated to having a positive impact on its growth, especially learning opportunities with new schools and healthier living with modern healthcare facilities. Mukai joins the team with a portfolio that spans a diverse range of projects across California. He sees every project as an opportunity to inspire clients and enhance communities.

HEALTH CARE

Kaweah Health announced that **Dr. LaMar Mack**, a board-certified vascular surgeon at the Kaweah Health Cardiology Center, has been recognized as one of America's Best Vascular Surgeons for 2024 by Newsweek.



Mack

This recognition places Dr. Mack is among the top 200 vascular surgeons in the nation. Newsweek's rankings are based on a rigorous evaluation process

that includes extensive online surveys of medical experts across the United States, as well as an assessment of the quality and quantity of procedures performed. This comprehensive approach ensures that only the most skilled and experienced surgeons are recognized. Dr. Mack specializes in various vascular procedures, including aortic aneurysm repair, treatment of aortoiliac disease, carotid stenosis, peripheral arterial disease, thoracic outlet syndrome, and hemodialysis access.

CONSTRUCTION

The Building Industry



Rose

Association of Fresno and Madera counties has appointed **Darren Rose** as the new president/CEO. He previously served as the executive director of the Madera County Economic

Development Commission.

KENNETH L. MADDY INSTITUTE

The Kenneth L Maddy Institute welcomes five new summer interns. **Huabshiab Lee** is interning with the Fresno

Office of CA Assemblymember Joaquin Arambula. **Jack Howard** is interning in the Office of



Lee



Howard

Fresno City Council President Annalisa Perea. **Mallory Filkins** is interning in the D.C. Office of U.S. Representative John Duarte. **Samantha Eastton** is interning



Filkins



Eastton

in the Fresno Office of U.S. Senator Alex Padilla. **Meghna Das** is interning in the D.C. Office of U.S. Representative Jim Costa. The Kenneth L Maddy Institute was awarded a \$150,000 grant from the City of Fresno following

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What we do:

Nichols Farms is a fully integrated grower, packer and distributor of traditional and organic nuts. We have a steady domestic business and ship pistachios to 60 countries. We have a fantastic team of 400 people — 100 have been here 10-plus years. Our historical track record and experience has enabled us to envision and plan for a bright future for our family, our employees and our customers.

What are your roots in the Central Valley?

I'm a 4th generation Central Valley native. I was born and raised in Visalia, and my wife and I are currently raising our daughter in the Valley. I love it and plan on spending the rest of my life here.

Tell us a bit of the history of Nichols Farms.

My grandfather, Graydon "Nic" Nichols, started Nichols Farms in 1960. Back then we farmed sugar beets, cotton and alfalfa. In an effort to get away from government subsidized crops, Nic planted almonds in 1981 and pistachios in 1983. Seven years later my father, Chuck Nichols, thought it would be "fun" to process the family's pistachios and started the processing business.

You worked other jobs before coming back to the family farm. Tell us about that.

My first job out of college was a management position for Brar Farms — a table grape grower, packer and shipper. Brar Farms is a second-generation family business, and I learned firsthand how much hard work is required for a family business to succeed. The owners were at the facility every day and treated their employees with respect. Brar Farms built a team of long tenured employees because of their work ethic and mutual respect — practiced values we share here at Nichols Farms.

How does Nichols Farms strive for sustainability and conservation?

Sustainability is a top priority here at Nichols Farms. We understand that future generations won't be capable of farming if we don't do our part to conserve the land.

We invested in equipment to recycle 100% of the water during the hulling process. During harvest we peel the hull from the pistachio. We then put the hull back into the fields. The hulls are high in potassium and nitrogen, reducing our need for fertilizer.

Nichols Farms has made a big investment utilizing sensors and automation in an effort to conserve energy and resources.

On the processing side, we automatically shut off water when the equipment isn't running. To reduce our reliance on fossil fuels, during the drying process, we utilize the hot ambient air as much as possible to reduce the need for natural gas and we have a solar field that offsets our energy use.

On the farming side my brother, James Nichols, automated our irrigation process with systems provided by our sister company, Hotspot Ag. HotSpot Ag's monitoring technology provide real-time data to control irrigation based upon the crop's needs. Water is our most important resource in the Central Valley and using Hotspot ensures no water is wasted.

The company recently released several different pistachio flavors. How is the brand expanding?

The Nichols Farms brand has great momentum, and we continue to gain new distribution weekly. We recently launched four new organic flavors to the product mix — Hot Honey, Maple Butter, Habanero Lime, and Rosemary Garlic — and they are gaining traction.

How do you come up with new flavors?

Our marketing team looks at current flavor trends in the market and trials different flavors in our Research & Development room. After testing hundreds of different flavors, we decided to create a flavor line of spicy, savory, and sweet. There are dozens of iterations created for each flavor. We collect surveys about the taste, the sweetness, etc. and make changes to the recipe until it's perfect.

What does the future of the pistachio and almond industry look like?

The 2023 pistachio crop produced 1.49 billion pounds, the largest on record. The industry is on pace to ship a record of 1.2 billion pounds.

Some expect the pistachio crop will reach 2 billion pounds by 2031. California's Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) will play a big part in determining pistachio production. Many acres will be pulled out or deficit irrigated but it's difficult to tell how many.

California's Pistachio Industry has successfully doubled demand every 10 years since 2000. The key drivers have been the health benefits of pistachios, flavors, better kernels, and the worldwide demand for plant protein. As the middle class grows around the world pistachio demand will increase.

Can you provide an overview of the almond market?

Over the past several years, the almond industry has faced headwinds from high surplus inventory. It is expected that almond acreage will decline until supply meets demand allowing prices to rebound.

What do you like to do on your free time?

I enjoy spending time with my wife and daughter. We enjoy traveling, bike riding, golfing and skiing.

What is the best piece of advice you've ever received?

My father has always preached to me "Always do the right thing no matter the circumstance." Whenever I encounter a difficult situation at work, I always refer to his advice.

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

My first job was working in the maintenance department here at Nichols Farms. I quickly learned that it takes a group of departments working together to achieve a goal. As with any business there are numerous moving parts. People depend on you to complete your task or the overall objective can't be achieved.

“WE UNDERSTAND THAT FUTURE GENERATIONS WON'T BE CAPABLE OF FARMING IF WE DON'T DO OUR PART TO CONSERVE THE LAND.”

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the passage of the city's budget on June 20. The grant will be used to expand The Maddy Institute's legislative internship program over the next several years and provide more opportunities to



Das

San Joaquin Valley students with an interest in public policy.

FRESNO EOC

Valley Apprenticeship Connections (VAC) has had more than 15 students celebrate their graduation from the 12-week program. Graduates receive several certifications,



Valley Apprenticeship Connections

including OSHA 10, Confined Space Certification, and Work Zone Safety/Traffic Control Certification, giving them the skills needed to thrive in the

industry. The Fresno EOC Valley Apprenticeship Connections program plays a crucial role in meeting the hiring needs of Central Valley's construction contractors. The 12-week training, held Monday to Friday from 7 am to 2 pm, covers various aspects such as self-evaluation, soft skill development, construction math, and valuable networking opportunities with Union Trades and Associated Builders and Contractors Inc.

AGRICULTURE

San Francisco-based Arable announced the appointment of Nathan Smith as vice president of sustainability and partnerships. This hire reinforces Arable's commitment to advancing sustainable agriculture through



Smith

innovative digital solutions and strategic collaborations. With over 17 years of expertise in the food and agriculture sector, Smith brings experience in delivering successful sustainability outcomes. His background includes senior roles at SureHarvest and SCS Global Services, where he specialized in sustainability software solutions and consulting for the

agriculture industry. In his new role at Arable, Smith will focus on developing strategic partnerships and leading projects across diverse commodities and regions.

Kurtis Douglas joins the Land Advisors Organization's Agriculture Group. Douglas has extensive experience in his ongoing role at Gar Bennett, he brings a decade of expertise in agricultural water management and agribusiness. Combining his expertise in agriculture and land analysis, Douglas provides sophisticated data insights on farming practices and asset management to inform clients' strategic decisions.

NONPROFITS

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Fresno County will be hosting a presentation for the recipients of the Ken & Muriel Quenzer Scholarship, a scholarship dedicated to the pursuit of higher education. Every year, Boys & Girls Clubs awards \$1,500 to two deserving high school seniors committed to furthering their education at a trade school, community college, or 4-year university.

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The "greenhouse effect": How an oft-touted climate solution threatens agricultural workers

BY MELINA WALLING AND DORANY PINEDA
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MOREHEAD, Ky. (AP) — To harvest tomatoes, peppers and cucumbers, to clip herbs, to prune and propagate succulents, people work in oppressive heat and humidity. Some wring out shirts soaked with sweat. Some contend with headaches, dizziness and nausea. Some collapse. Some hover on the brink of exhaustion, backs straining, breathing heavily.

Many do so not out in farm fields, but indoors — under the roofs of greenhouses. In structures designed to control the growing environment of plants, some workers described humidity with temperatures sometimes soaring past 100 degrees Fahrenheit (nearly 38 degrees Celsius).

"The heat is unbearable and the humidity equally so," said Estela Martinez, speaking in Spanish of the six years she worked in a nursery in Florida. "I lost too much weight because my T-shirts were coming out soaked, soaked from the heat inside."

The number of greenhouse and nursery workers has increased by over 16,000 people in recent years, according to data from the latest U.S. agricultural census. Some work in conventional operations like commercial nurseries, others in buzzy startups that tout indoor agriculture as a climate change solution.

The data, along with stories of 10 current and former greenhouse workers approached by The Associated Press, shows a growing population of workers who are increasingly vulnerable to heat-related illnesses, injuries and death as global temperatures rise and greenhouses become more popular. They work in a gray area — they're both indoor and agricultural workers, but are not always included in efforts to protect the latter.

But since it is possible to control greenhouse conditions, and many companies include greenhouses in their pitches for the promise of indoor agriculture, workers and researchers want protections and to have them enforced.

In those suffocating conditions, workers who don't get enough time for breaks outside or in cooler environments, whose shifts are not pushed earlier or later in the summer and whose managers ignore their concerns are the most at risk.

"Many times we don't leave to cool off (even) for a short while. It's not because we wouldn't want to do it, but because we're scared that they would dismiss us," Eulalia Mendoza said, speaking in Spanish. Mendoza worked in a greenhouse in Oxnard, California for the last three years of her 25-year career in agriculture.

"We don't have an option," she said.

"That is the reality."

Heat and humidity, a dangerous combination

During her time in the industry, Mendoza picked cucumbers in a greenhouse where the temperature could spike between 105 and 115 degrees (41 to 46 C) in the summer, she said. "You'd come out of there with your clothes drenched in sweat, as if you'd soaked your clothes in water," she said. The exertion, coupled with the extreme heat and humidity, often lead to heat stress.

"Many of us didn't know how to identify the symptoms of heat illness," Mendoza said.

She recalled a hot day when she felt a headache and nausea before the greenhouse looked yellow. She had stopped sweating and was wheeled outside in a cart meant to carry overheated workers to fresh air. They pressed ice and cold cloths to her head, removed her shoes and the sweatshirt, hat and face cover she wore. When she recovered, they sent her home.

"That happens every day," Mendoza said, adding that the first time she felt heat illness, about five other colleagues sat outside with similar symptoms. The second time, there were about a dozen.

Isabel Rosario Velasco, who works in a greenhouse in San Diego County, described similar symptoms. "When it's really hot, your head can hurt and you feel dizzy ... sometimes it feels like you can't breathe."

A worker with the now-bankrupt vertical farming startup AppHarvest also recalled fainting from hot greenhouses. The worker, who spoke on the condition of anonymity for fear of retaliation, said "everything just started closing in on me." He and others said temperatures frequently reached 113 degrees Fahrenheit (45 Celsius). "I stumbled and caught myself, but I had to be sat down and escorted out." Within 20 minutes of entering the greenhouse, another colleague passed out, he said.

Heat combined with humidity makes it harder for sweat to evaporate to cool the body, creating a potentially more dangerous scenario.

While people can acclimatize to some of these conditions, the persistent misconception that certain racial groups can better tolerate heat is entirely untrue, said Bharat Jayram Venkat, professor and founding director of the UCLA Heat Lab.

If anything, Black people, Latinos and others from communities of color are more vulnerable to extreme heat because they're more likely to be lower income, not have air conditioning at home, or live in hotter areas, he said.

Rebecca Young, director of programs at the nonprofit Farmworker Justice, has heard about farmworker housing



AP Photo by Joshua A. Bickel | This photo shows a greenhouse in Morehead, Ky., formerly operated by AppHarvest, Wednesday, June 5, 2024.

that can lack shade, air conditioning and have poor ventilation.

Little research or regulation, more workers

Between 2010 and 2019, nursery and greenhouse operations nearly doubled their hiring of H-2A agricultural visa holders, according to the United States Department of Agriculture. But without some legally-binding protections, their ability to speak up about working conditions becomes harder.

There are no federal heat protections in the U.S. for agricultural workers, nor are there federal guidelines specifically requiring greenhouses to measure temperatures and humidity, though the Biden administration recently proposed a rule for workplaces to address heat.

California's branch of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration recently approved regulations for indoor heat, and several other states have their own rules on heat illness prevention. But enforcement of them can be tricky: for instance, workers are entitled to a 10 to 15-minute break, but that may be too short for them to properly shed and don their gear and so they may stay inside to ensure they're back to work on time.

When Mendoza worked in a greenhouse, it would take about 10 minutes to walk from her work station to a shaded area for a break, then another two to three minutes to shed her work clothes and plastic covers on her shoes. By then, her break was over. "So what we would normally do is not go outside," she said. "Sometimes we would take our breaks inside the greenhouse... and only go outside for lunch."

OSHA only has in their database two formal complaints about heat stress specifically in greenhouses, one in 2005 and one in 2017. That may reflect workers' concerns about retaliation if

they report life-threatening workplace conditions, said Abigail Kerfoot, senior staff attorney at Centro de los Derechos del Migrante, a migrants' rights organization. She pointed to what she calls "structural issues" with temporary visas and subcontracting of migrant labor in the United States.

Kerfoot said she has seen attempts by greenhouse employers to "distance" themselves "from responsibility for its workers through the use of subcontracting arrangements," which essentially means they're not directly responsible for their workers.

Between 2012 and 2022, 418 people died from work-related exposure to heat across industries, according to data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

There is little research documenting the working conditions of greenhouse workers. Many of the studies that do exist are in countries outside of the U.S.

Few trainings for the most vulnerable

It was the summer of 2020 in Orange County, California when Emily Hernandez started her first job in a greenhouse. She recalled the humidity and "intense heat" she experienced 40 hours a week as she tried to swiftly weed and re-pot the "hundreds upon hundreds" of succulents she was tasked with.

The pressure to work fast gave her anxiety, and her back often strained from bending over. But the heat, she said, was the worst part.

Hernandez said in the five weeks she worked there, she never received heat safety training despite temperatures that could rise up to the high 80s. "It was kind of learning as you go," Hernandez said.

Instead, safety and comfort tips came from colleagues: Bring a fan. And a chair. Keep one water bottle in the

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freezer and one with you always.

"There was really no concern for safety in that way," Hernandez said. "When I did bring it up, there was a company meeting about not complaining about the heat."

Universities with greenhouses do things differently. At the University of California, Davis, students, staff and researchers are required to take greenhouse safety trainings that cover heat illness protection, injury reduction, emergency guidance and the federal worker protection standard.

Most of the campus' greenhouses automatically cool or heat the environment at certain temperatures, according to Bill Werner, former lead greenhouse manager for UC Davis' College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences. On 100-degree days, researchers working in older greenhouses are encouraged to work early mornings, stay hydrated and take breaks in cooler areas. Various complexes also have shade and stations with cold potable water.

While research and commercial greenhouses share similar goals of creating optimal growing environments for plants, a major difference is the amount of time people spend in them.

Like Hernandez, agricultural workers often labor eight hours or more a day, five or more days a week inside commercial greenhouses.

At UC Davis, people spend an average of 15 minutes to an hour daily inside greenhouses, said Werner, but can be in there for hours if they're collecting data or setting up a project.

"I don't think I've ever seen anybody here just eight hours straight," he said.

Can greenhouses still be a climate solution?

In what was supposed to be a "climate-resilient food system," workers say temperatures frequently reached 113 degrees Fahrenheit (45 Celsius). That was inside facilities at AppHarvest, an ambitious startup backed by Martha Stewart with multiple massive tomato greenhouses in rural Kentucky that touted itself as a climate solution.

Workers say they saw colleagues carried out on makeshift stretchers, and dozens more helped outside on others' shoulders.

"I started getting really sick from the heat. And my body started shutting down on me," said one worker, speaking on condition of anonymity for fear of retaliation. "And when I passed out and went home that day, I'd just laid there, and I was thinking, like, 'I can't keep doing this.'"

It wasn't just summer heat causing these conditions: several AppHarvest workers said the company was riddled with mismanagement. They said there were a couple iterations of a worker orientation, but that it was "boring and breezy" and didn't adequately cover greenhouse safety. Some said they sometimes couldn't keep water bottles in the greenhouse because they might knock against the plants and damage the fruit, or because it looked bad when visitors came through on tours.

One anonymous contract worker formerly with AppHarvest, speaking in Spanish, said the company's greenhouses were "plagued by rats."

AppHarvest, which has since declared bankruptcy, did not respond to a detailed list of questions about these problems, though their 2021 sustainability report featured a section devoted to employee wages, benefits, career paths and safety. "Nothing can be grown without the people that we have," the report stated, quoting the senior manager of environmental health and safety at the time. "We must protect our greatest asset, which is people."

Other indoor growing companies maintain that with the right management, greenhouse growing is a promising climate solution.

"You've got climate change that is just exacerbating issues for outdoor growers," said Steve Bradley, president of Cox Farms, a greenhouse-based indoor growing company. He says that with greenhouses sheltering crops from extreme heat, his company has "decoupled the growing from these external weather patterns."

Bradley said that his modernized greenhouses have the technology to be completely climate controlled.

Day temperatures in their current greenhouses range from 70 to 85 degrees Fahrenheit (about 21 to 29.5 Celsius), and humidity levels average about 80%, according to the company. Summer brings temperatures between 82 to 85 degrees Fahrenheit (about 28 to 29.5 Celsius), but when equipment fails, it can soar to 95 degrees. To account for excessive heat, they adjust workers' schedules, starting them earlier in the morning, breaking mid-day during peak heat, and returning in the evening as temperatures cool, the company said.

Aaron Fields, vice president of agriculture at greenhouse-based vertical farming company Eden Green in Texas, said that temperatures in their greenhouses regularly hover between 70 and 80 degrees Fahrenheit (21 to 27 Celsius) but can get hotter during the summer, sometimes above 90 (32 degrees Celsius). A few years ago, they shifted their workers' summer schedules to earlier in the

day so they aren't working inside at the hottest hours.

Fields added that it's important to be trained to identify symptoms of heat stress, to work in a buddy system and to stay hydrated.

He thinks the startup culture of "high-tech" greenhouses, which can include leaders and founders without prior farming experience, has led some to miss the importance of working conditions. "Unfortunately, some of these were safety protections or the things that go unnoticed ... those became the last priorities," he said.

It's all about establishing rules to protect workers, explained Young from Farmworker Justice. When temperatures are monitored; when workers get adequate breaks, water and training; when they aren't

trapped inside with pesticide residues too soon after application, then growing in greenhouses can be considered sustainable for humans and agriculture alike.

"A greenhouse can be a very healthy place to work," Young said. "It's sort of thinking about, how can we interact with the climate around us in a way that keeps people and the food that we're eating healthy and safe?"

While technology and good practices exist to ensure workers are safe and comfortable in greenhouses, many can't choose the environments they spend much of their days in.

"We don't have the option to pick our work," Mendoza said. "We have to accept what there is."



AP Photo by Jeff Chiu | A fan hangs above plants growing in a greenhouse at the Core Greenhouse Complex on the University of California, Davis, campus in Davis, Calif., Monday, May 20, 2024.

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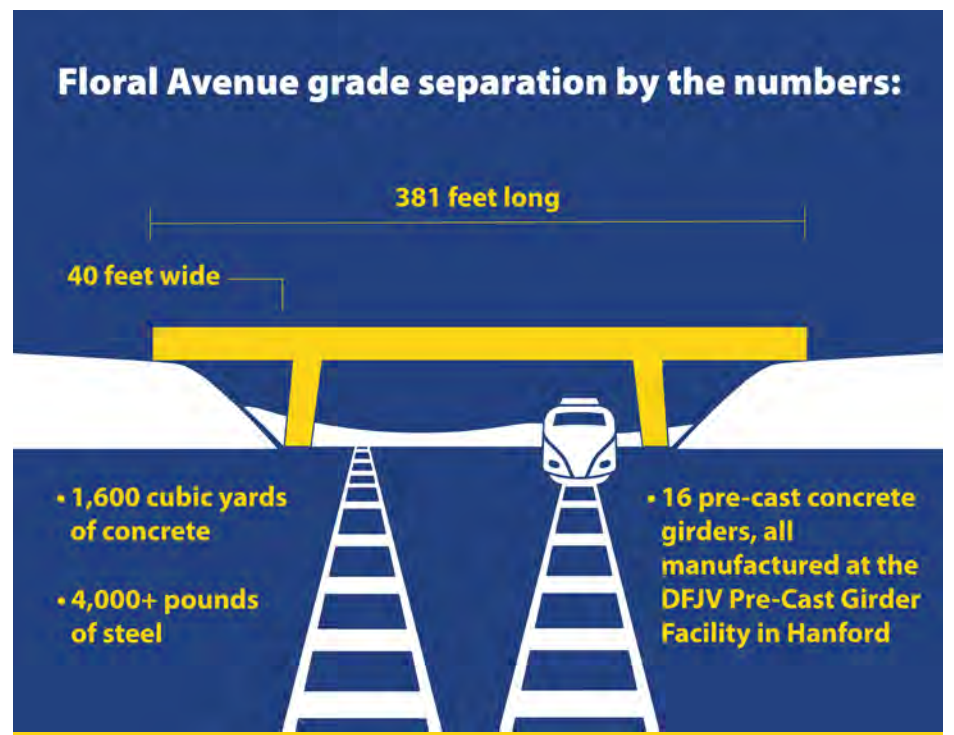
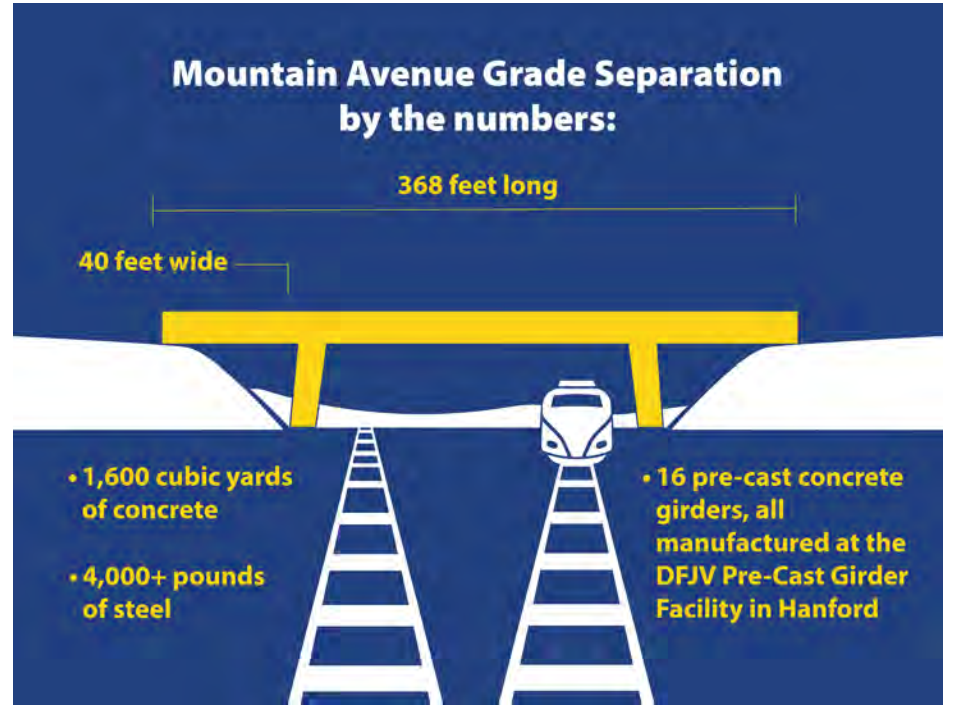
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The California High-Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) announced Monday that two new overcrossings are now complete and open to traffic in Fresno County. The Mountain View Avenue overcrossing is 381 feet long and 40 feet wide. The Floral Avenue overcrossing is more than 368 feet long and more than 40 feet wide. Both structures will take traffic over the BNSF railroad and future high-speed rail tracks.

There are currently more than 25 active construction sites in California’s Central Valley, with the Authority having also fully environmentally cleared 422 miles of the high-speed rail program from the Bay Area to Los Angeles County.



CHSRA photo | Crews work on the Floral Avenue grade separation project.

CHSRA photos | Mountain View Grade Separation in Fresno County (top), Floral Grade Separation in Fresno County (bottom).



CHSRA photos | Work on the Mountain View grade separation project began in 2023.





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Fresno doles out millions in arts funding after delay. 'No questions have been asked'

DIEGO VARGAS WITH FRESNOLAND

After a delay that sparked concerns from artists and organizations, Fresno's Parks, Recreation and Arts Commission voted to release Measure P funds as initially planned.

The funding recommendations made by the Fresno Arts Council were approved by the Parks, Recreation, and Arts Commission in May. Recipients were told grants would be awarded on July 1, but delays caused by a "procedural issue" pushed back the approval from the commission.

"The way that it was presented to us didn't tell the scope of the projects," said Kimberly McCoy, chair of the commission.

The delay also raised concerns about inequity in the grant distribution process. District 5, which represents southeast Fresno, is receiving 3% of the total grant funds, or \$260,242.20. In comparison, District 3,

which encompasses southwest Fresno, Tower, and downtown, is receiving \$3,815,673.49.

Concerns over district inequities led to fears that the grant application process would be restarted to more equally represent districts across the city.

More than 40 people spoke during Monday's meeting, expressing their gratitude for Measure P funding while also urging the commission to release the funds that many organizations were counting on receiving on July 1.

Bruce Kalkowski, the former president of the Fresno Arts Council and a current board member, asked the commission to award the grants.

"The latest delay, which threatens to redo the entire grant process, was supposedly because there were questions to be answered," Kalkowski noted. "To date, no questions have been asked of the [Fresno Arts Council]

outside of this meeting."

"Don't let perfection be the enemy of good," he added.

Anxieties over the possibility of the grant application process being restarted were quelled when all motions to approve the release of the grants passed

without resistance.

"I'm super excited about it. I think this is a huge moment we're going to look back on," said Bill Reeve, vice president of JazzFresno.

Cami Cipolla, the educational services director for the Fresno City & County Historical Society, said the decision to release the grants restored her faith in the commission.

"We are all fighting to be one Fresno," Cipolla said, "to support our diversity, and they did their due diligence today by making that happen."



Diego Vargas with Fresnoland | The Fresno Parks, Recreation and Arts Commission held a meeting on July 15, where they voted to release the first round of Measure P grants after a delay that left artists and organizations questioning the fate of their approved funds.

Judge temporarily blocks state order to growers who depleted groundwater

RACHEL BECKER WITH CALMATTERS

A Kings County judge Tuesday issued a temporary restraining order against the state that pauses its unprecedented move to crack down on groundwater depletion in California's agricultural heartland.

The decision by Superior Court Judge Kathy Ciuffini grants Kings County growers a temporary reprieve from a state mandate to monitor and report how much water they pump from heavily over-pumped aquifers. The order will last through a hearing in August, when the judge will consider issuing a preliminary injunction.

The State Water Resources Control Board in April put Kings County water managers on probation under the state's landmark groundwater law — a first step towards wresting control of the severely depleted Tulare Lake groundwater basin in the San Joaquin Valley.

The groundwater basin serves vast swathes of dairies, ranches and

farms, including those controlled by agricultural giants J.G. Boswell Company and Bay Area developer John Vidovich.

These powerful companies have representatives that serve on the local groundwater agencies that were put on probation in April, after repeated warnings that their plans failed to adequately address dried up wells, contaminated water and sinking earth worsened by over pumping.

Calling the judge's decision a "massive step" toward a victory, the Kings County Farm Bureau has argued in court that the state's actions will cause them "imminent harm."

"The way that it's been implemented so far is completely inappropriate and wrong," said farm bureau Executive Director Dusty Ference.

"Having a requirement to have meters installed on groundwater pumps in the middle of the irrigation season, in the middle of July, put everybody at risk," Ference said. "For so many, complete irrigation systems

would have had to come offline for an extended period of time to get meters installed and make sure that they're calibrated correctly."

State water board spokesperson Edward Ortiz said the board disagrees with the judge's order and is considering its legal options. The requirement to report groundwater use is an "important part of the probationary process," Ortiz said, "which protects groundwater

resources for the benefit of all Californians."

Kings County Supervisor Doug Verboon, a fourth generation corn and walnut farmer, had mixed feelings about the judge's temporary order.

"I don't think it's going to go away... We're the only ones that are on probation because we can't come together. We have the most overdraft, and the most ground subsidence," Verboon said. "The writing's on the wall that we need to monitor our groundwater. The more we put it off, the harder it will be to do this."

Rachel Becker is a journalist reporting on California's complex water challenges and water policy issues for CalMatters. She's covered drought, water standoffs, groundwater depletion, water quality and the world's biggest dam removal.



Photo by Larry Valenzuela, CalMatters/CatchLight Local | J.G. Boswell Ranch's main office and facility in Corcoran, California water officials cracked down on growers in Kings County for inadequate plans to curb groundwater pumping.

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TRUSTEE SALES

T.S. No. 121035-CA APN: 554-141-01 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 1/10/2007. 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 On 8/1/2024 at 10:00 AM, CLEAR RECON CORP, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 1/19/2007 as Instrument No. 2007-0012284 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Fresno County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: JAYLENE R ESPOSO, A SINGLE WOMAN WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE; At the Van Ness Avenue exit from the County Courthouse at 1100 Van Ness Avenue, Fresno, CA 93724 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: MORE ACCURATELY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1192 CARSON AVENUE, CLOVIS, CA 93611 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 held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured 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: \$426,207.86 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. 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 or its predecessor 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

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APN: 481-534-18 TS No.: 24-07623CA TSG Order No.: 240133814 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED SEPTEMBER 13, 2021. 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. Affinia Default Services, LLC, as the duly appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded September 20, 2021 as Document No.: 2021- 0153301 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Fresno County, California, executed by: Gursharan S Gill, a married man as his sole and separate property, as Trustor, will be sold AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER for cash (payable in full at time of sale 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). All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said deed of trust in the property situated in said county and state, and as more fully described in the above referenced deed of trust. Sale Date: July 31, 2024 Sale Time: 9:00 AM Sale Location: West Entrance to the County Courthouse Breezeway, Fresno Superior Courthouse, 1100 Van Ness Avenue, Fresno, CA 93724 File No.:24-07623CA The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 5448 E Laurite Avenue, Fresno, CA 93727. 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 in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$288,880.69 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. 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, (800) 280-2832 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this internet website, www.auction.com, for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, T.S.# 24-07623CA. 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

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T.S. No. 24-68369 APN: 473-193-22-S NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 11/3/2022. 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. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The 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 the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: MICHAEL BUTLER JR AND VICTORIA BUTLER, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS JOINT TENANTS Duly Appointed Trustee: ZBS LAW, LLP Deed of Trust recorded 11/4/2022, as Instrument No. 2022-0136598, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Fresno County, California, Date of Sale: 7/31/2024 at 9:00 AM Place of Sale: West Entrance to the County Courthouse Breezeway Fresno Superior Courthouse, 1100 Van Ness Avenue, Fresno, CA 93724 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$566,880.10 Note: Because the Beneficiary reserves the right to bid less than the total debt owed, it is possible that at the time of the sale the opening bid may be less than the total debt owed. Street Address or other common designation of real property: 1989 S ORANGEWOOD DR FRESNO, CALIFORNIA 93727 Described as follows: As more fully described in said Deed of Trust A.P.N #.: 473-193-22-S The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common

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attorney for the personal representative at 9477 N. Fort Washington Road, Ste. 104, Fresno, California 93730, anytime before 5:00 p.m. on August 9, 2024. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any bids not in conformance with the terms and conditions set forth herein.

5. The sale is set for confirmation hearing on August 13, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in Department 97A of the above-entitled Court, located at 2317 Tuolumne Street, Fresno, California.

6. All sales are subject to confirmation by the Superior 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. For further information please contact Randolph Krbechek, Attorney at Law at (559) 434-4500.

Dated: July 16, 2024.

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(1) NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JULIO G. BERNAL CASE NO: 24 CE PR 00229

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of JULIO G. BERNAL

A Petition for Probate has been filed by JOSE M. D. BERNAL, JUAN E. BERNAL, MARIA E. CAVAZOS, ROSEMARY BERNAL in the Superior Court of California, County of FRESNO.

The Petition for Probate requests that JOSE M. D. BERNAL be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without 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:

August 12, 2024, 9:00 A.M., Dept.: 97A

2317 Tuolumne Street

Fresno, CA 93724

M Street Courthouse

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

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

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

for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Petitioner:

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(1) NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF

JOHNNY MICHAEL AZEVEDO, A.K.A. JOHN M. AZEVEDO

CASE NO: 24CEPR00963

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of JOHNNY MICHAEL AZEVEDO, A.K.A. JOHN M. AZEVEDO

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Theresa Azevedo in the Superior Court of California, County of FRESNO.

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

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

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without 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:

August 12, 2024, 9:00 A.M., Dept.: 97A

2317 Tuolumne Street

Fresno, California 93724

Probate

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

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

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

for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for petitioner:

Luke V. Stempniak 333399

GRISWOLD, LaSALLE, COBB,

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(559) 584-6656

07/19/2024, 07/26/2024, 08/02/2024

(1) NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF DARRELL WAYNE THACKER CASE NO. 24CEPR00961

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both, of DARRELL WAYNE THACKER.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by CLARA LEE THACKER in the Superior Court of California, County of FRESNO.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that CLARA LEE THACKER be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act with limited authority. (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: 08/08/24 at 9:00AM in Dept. 97A located at 2317 TUOLUMNE STREET, FRESNO, CA 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 law.

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

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7/12, 7/15, 7/19/24

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FRESNO BUSINESS JOURNAL

07/12/2024, 07/15/2024, 07/19/2024

(1) NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MARTIN ARVIZO OROZCO CASE NO: 24CEPR00931

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of MARTIN ARVIZO OROZCO

A Petition for Probate has been filed by MARTIN ARVIZO in the Superior Court of California, County of Fresno.

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

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: August 6, 2024, 9:00 A.M., Dept.: 97A

2317 Tuolumne Street

Fresno, California 93724

M STREET COURTHOUSE

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

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

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for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for petitioner:

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07/12/2024, 07/19/2024, 07/26/2024

(1) NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF PAO YANG CASE NO: 24CEPR00971

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of PAO YANG

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Kelly Xiong in the Superior Court of California, County of FRESNO.

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

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the

the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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07/05/2024, 07/12/2024, 07/19/2024

(1) NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF STACY MONIQUE SERBERA CASE NO: 24CEPR00970

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of STACY MONIQUE SERBERA

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Adam Isaac Diaz in the Superior Court of California, County of FRESNO.

The Petition for Probate requests that ADAM ISAAC DIAZ be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: August 13, 2024, 9:00 A.M. Dept. 97A

2317 Tuolumne Street

Fresno, CA 93724

M Street Courthouse

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(1) NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF STACY MONIQUE SERBERA CASE NO: 24CEPR00970

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of STACY MONIQUE SERBERA

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Adam Isaac Diaz in the Superior Court of California, County of FRESNO.

The Petition for Probate requests that ADAM ISAAC DIAZ be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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ST FRESNO CA 93701
 Registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the Fictitious Business Name listed above.
 This business conducted by: a general partnership.
 RUTH MIRELLA SANTANA, GENERAL PARTNER.
 This statement filed with the Fresno County Clerk on: 07/05/2024.
 (Seal)
 JAMES A. KUS, COUNTY CLERK.
 By: BRYANT FLORES, 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."
 07/19/2024, 07/26/2024, 08/02/2024, 08/09/2024

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No. 2202410003250
 The following person(s) is (are) conducting business as
 YESICA'S AUTO WHOLESALE at 3126 E GETTYSBURG AVE, FRESNO, CA 93726 FRESNO COUNTY
 Full Name of Registrant:
 YESICA MARISOL MELGAR, 3126 E GETTYSBURG, FRESNO, CA 93726
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the Fictitious Business Name listed above on: 06/24/2024
 This business conducted by: an individual
 YESICA M. MELGAR, OWNER
 This statement filed with the Fresno County Clerk on: 06/24/2024
 (Seal)
 JAMES A. KUS, County Clerk.
 By: MELISSA ZAVALA, 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."
 06/28/2024, 07/05/2024, 07/12/2024, 07/19/2024

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No. 2202410003238
 The following person(s) is (are) conducting business as
 VALLEY TRANSPORT REFRIGERATION at 2696 S. Willow Avenue, Fresno, CA 93725, Fresno County, Phone (559) 441-1604
 Full Name of Registrant:
 Mitchell's Transport Refrigeration Company, 2696 S. Willow Avenue, Fresno, CA 93726
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the Fictitious Business Name listed above on: December 23, 1983
 This business conducted by: a corporation
 Articles of Incorporation Number: C1296593
 Daniel B. Mitchell, President
 This statement filed with the Fresno County Clerk on: 06/24/2024
 (Seal)
 JAMES A. KUS, County Clerk.
 By: CIERRA LOERA, Deputy.
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 06/28/2024, 07/05/2024, 07/12/2024, 07/19/2024

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No. 2202410003223
 The following person(s) is (are) conducting business as
 HVC Plumbing Services Inc. at 5746 E Shields Ave Ste 103 Fresno, CA 93727 Fresno County Phone 559-878-2700.
 Full Name of Registrant:
 HVC Plumbing Services Inc, 5746 E Shields Ave Ste 103 Fresno CA 93727.
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the Fictitious Business Name listed above on: 04/19/2024.
 This business conducted by: a corporation.
 Articles of Incorporation Number:

6102230
 Cristela Villalobos, President/CEO.
 This statement filed with the Fresno County Clerk on: 06/21/2024.
 (Seal)
 JAMES A. KUS, County Clerk.
 By: MELISSA ZAVALA, 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."
 07/05/2024, 07/12/2024, 07/19/2024, 07/26/2024

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No. 2202410003341
 The following person(s) is (are) conducting business as
 LA PERLA TAPATIA MEXICAN FAST FOOD TAQUERIA at 1627 E ASHLAN AVE, FRESNO, CA 93704 FRESNO COUNTY
 Full Name of Registrant:
 KAREN NATHALY ARAMBULA, 1330 E VIA DORATA WAY, FRESNO, CA 93730
 Registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the Fictitious Business Name listed above.
 This business conducted by: an individual
 KAREN NATHALY ARAMBULA, OWNER
 This statement filed with the Fresno County Clerk on: 06/28/2024
 (Seal)
 JAMES A. KUS, County Clerk.
 By: JESSICA MUNOZ, 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."
 07/05/2024, 07/12/2024, 07/19/2024, 07/26/2024

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No. 2202410003317
 The following person(s) is (are) conducting business as
 Western Fresh Marketing at 6710 N. West Ave., Ste. 108 Fresno, CA 93711 Fresno County;
 Full Name of Registrant:
 Western Fresh Marketing Services, Inc., 6710 N West Ave, Ste. 108 Fresno, CA 93711.
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the Fictitious Business Name listed above on: 1998.
 This business conducted by: a corporation.
 Articles of Incorporation Number: C2263052
 Christopher Kragie, President.
 This statement filed with the Fresno County Clerk on: 06/27/2024
 (Seal)
 JAMES A. KUS, COUNTY CLERK.
 By: PRICILLA GONZALEZ, 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."
 07/05/2024, 07/12/2024, 07/19/2024, 07/26/2024

MISC.

(1)
 Notice of Availability
 Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Vista Ranch Project, Clovis, California State Clearinghouse #2023100508
 The City of Clovis has prepared a draft environmental impact report (Draft EIR) for the Vista Ranch Project (Project) to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of implementing the project. As required by the California Environmental Quality Act, the Draft EIR is available for public review and comment.
 Project Description Summary and Location
 The Project Area is approximately 952 acres, all of which is currently located in the City's Planning Area and would be incorporated into the City's sphere of influence (SOI). The Project area includes (1) the approximately

507-acre Vista Ranch Master Plan and (2) the approximately 445-acre Non-Development Area. The Vista Ranch Master Plan contemplates the construction of up to 3,286 residential units, approximately 16 acres of commercial/mixed-uses, approximately 19 acres for an elementary school site, approximately 32 acres for mini-storage, and approximately 59 acres of parks, trails and preserved open space. The Master Plan is divided into two distinct planning areas: (1) MPArea 1, an approximately 368-acre area proposed for immediate development, and (2) MPArea 2, the remaining approximately 139 acres that is anticipated for future development.

The principal objective of the proposed Project is the expansion of the City's SOI to include the Project site, annexation, master planning, and subsequent development of land to accommodate growth. The City has established several additional project goals and objectives that more fully inform the Project purpose. The proposed Project also includes the installation of new roadways that will provide pedestrian and vehicular access to the Project site, and other improvements, including water supply, storm drainage, sewer facilities and landscaping to serve the residential uses. A detailed project description is provided in the Draft EIR. The Project site is located directly north of the City of Clovis (City) limit line, in unincorporated Fresno County (County). The Project site is located within the City's Planning Area and is bounded on the north by East Behymer Avenue, on the east by the Big Dry Creek Reservoir, on the south by East Shepherd and East Perrin Avenues, and on the west by North Fowler and North Sunnyside Avenues.

The Draft EIR has identified the following environmental issue areas as having significant and unavoidable environmental impacts from implementation of the Project: Air Quality, Transportation and Circulation, and Cumulative Impacts. All other environmental issues were determined to have no impact, less than significant impacts, or less than significant impacts with mitigation measures incorporated into the Project.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD
 The 45-day public review period extends from July 19, 2024 and ends on September 3, 2024. All written comments must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on September 3, 2024 to: McKencie Perez, MPA Senior Planner
 City of Clovis
 1033 Fifth Street
 Clovis, CA 93612
 (559) 324-2310
 mckenciep@cityofclovis.com
DOCUMENT AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW

The Draft EIR documents are available for review at the following locations:
 1. County of Fresno Library, Clovis Branch
 1155 Fifth Street
 Clovis, CA 93612
 2. City of Clovis Department of Planning and Development Services
 1033 Fifth Street
 Clovis, CA 93612
 3. City of Clovis Website: <https://cityofclovis.com/planning-and-development/planning/ceqa/>
 If you challenge this project 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 City at, or prior to, the public hearing. A public hearing for this project has not been scheduled as of the date of the publishing of this Notice of Availability.
 07/19/2024

(1)
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:
KNIGHT AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS FROM JENSEN AVENUE TO GROVE AVENUE
BID FILE NUMBER: 12500187
 The scope of work includes but is not limited to: Construction of roadway improvements, including construction of a new pavement section; adjustment of utilities to finished grade; and installation of curb and gutter, sidewalk, curb ramps, signage, striping, and street lighting.
 The Construction Allocation for this project is \$ 657,069.
 Bids will be taken on complete work, in accordance with Plans and Specifications on file in the office of

the Purchasing Manager, 2101 G St, Bldg A, Fresno California 93706, phone number (559) 621-1332.
 Specifications for these items can be downloaded at the City's online website at: <http://www.fresno.gov>. Click "Business" (at the top of the screen), scroll down to "Doing Business" section and click "Bid Opportunities".
 Bids will be submitted electronically via Planet Bids or by paper only.
 Bid Proposals must be filed with the Purchasing Manager prior to the bid opening at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, August 20, 2024, when the bids will be publicly opened and recorded. Electronically filed is defined as by means of electronic equipment or devices. Join the bid opening meeting at: <https://zoom.us/j/92047244398> or call 1 (669) 900-9128, meeting ID 920 4724 4398.

The work hereunder constitutes a "public work" as defined in Chapter 1, 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 from the Construction Management Division located at 747 R St., 2nd floor, Fresno, California 93721, (559) 621-5600.

All proposals must be made on the Bid Proposal Form provided by the Purchasing Manager and must be accompanied by a Bid Deposit in the amount of FIVE PERCENT (5%) 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 certified or cashier's check, which must be brought to the Purchasing Manager's office and labeled accordingly with bid number prior to the bid opening.

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 AM, on Wednesday, July 31, 2024. Join the meeting by going to <https://fresno.gov.zoom.us/j/95684472626> or call 1-669-900-9128, Meeting ID: 956 8447 2626. Prospective Bidders are encouraged to attend since City Staff will be present to answer any questions regarding the Specifications, and there may be an inspection tour of the job site(s).

The services of an interpreter and additional accommodation can be made available. Requests for accommodation 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 at 559-621-1165 or through the Questions and Answers field on Planet Bids.

"Contractors and Subcontractors must meet any and all requirements of Labor Code sections 1771.1 and 1771.5 prior to submitting bids." Furthermore, the City of Fresno hereby notifies all Bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, low- and very low-income persons residing in the community in which the funds are spent, and the businesses that substantially employ them, will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of

race, color, sex, national origin, religion, age, or disability in consideration for an award.

The City will carry out applicable federal requirements in the award and administration of any contract awarded hereunder. This is a federal project funded in full or in part by the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The Contractor will be required to be registered with Central Contractor Registration (CCR) database. CCR is the primary registrant database for the US Federal Government. CCR collects, validates, stores, and disseminates data in support of agency acquisition missions. Registration information on the CCR website can be found at <https://uscontractorregistration.com>.

Subcontracting with Small and Minority Firms, Women's Business Enterprises, and Labor Surplus Area Firms - This project is subject to Title 2 CFR part 200: The Contractor shall carry out the steps in 2 CFR part 200.320(c) and (c)(1) and (c)(2) in the award and administration of HUD-assisted contracts to use minority and women's business enterprises described in Executive Orders 11625, 12432 and 12138, and 2 CFR part 200 whenever possible. Failure by the Contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this Contract, which may result in the termination of this Contract or such other remedy as the City deems appropriate. Contractor shall take necessary and reasonable steps to ensure that small business firms, minority firms, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms have an opportunity to participate in the Contract (2 CFR part 200).

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 "A" and "C-31" or "C-12" and "C-31" Contractor's License issued by the State of California.

The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
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(1)
NOTICE OF PLANNING COMMISSION CONSIDERATION CITY OF FOWLER PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

Regular Meeting, August 1, 2024
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a regular meeting on Thursday, August 1, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, the Fowler Planning Commission will hold a hearing at the City Hall Council Chamber at 128 S. 5th Street, Fowler, California to consider the following:

Site Plan Review No. 23-40, a proposal to develop a triplex which was approved by the Community & Economic Development Director (Director) on May 31, 2024. The City has received two appeals of the Director's decision. In accordance with Fowler Municipal Code Section 9-5.26.04, the Director's decision on a Site Plan Review may be appealed to the Planning Commission. The proposed triplex would be located at the southeast corner of East Merced Street and South 4th Street, on Assessor's Parcel Number 343-183-14. The site is approximately 0.17 acres in size, planned for High Density Residential land uses and zoned RM-3 (Multi-family Residential). As approved by the Director, the project is required to meet all development standards of the RM-3 zone district, including those that relate specifically to parking. The Planning Commission will be considering the approved project, along with the two appeals, and will affirm, reverse, or modify the Director's decision while also approving a Class 32 (In-Fill Development Projects) California Environmental Quality Act exemption for the project, if the project approval is upheld.

Conditional Use Permit No. 24-15, a proposed food truck to be located at 204 North Tuolumne Street, in front of the Liquor Cabinet Market, on Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 343-020-

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013. The site is zoned C-2 (Community Commercial) and is planned for Community Commercial land uses by the Fowler General Plan. The 147 square foot food truck is proposed to occupy a roughly 18' x 8' space approximately five feet in front of the existing market facing Tuolumne Street, with seating for patrons proposed in the immediate vicinity. The Planning Commission will also be considering the project to be exempt from CEQA under Section 15304, Minor Alterations to Land. The Planning Commission invites your participation and the public is welcome to speak at the hearing. If you challenge any Planning Commission or City Council action in court, you may be limited to challenge only those issues raised at the Planning Commission or City Council public hearings. Meeting material(s), staff report(s), and a telephone number to provide access to the Planning Commission meeting via teleconference will be available to the public at least three days prior to the hearing and may be reviewed at www.fowlercity.org. Any questions regarding this notice should be directed to Dawn E. Marple, City Planner at 559.834.3113, ext. 122 or at 559.636.1166, ext. 537 or dmarple@ppeng.com. 07/19/2024

(1) NOTICE INVITING BIDS Electronic bids will be received at the office of the Purchasing Manager of the City of Fresno for the following: CALIFORNIA TUPMAN AND ROMAIN PARK IMPROVEMENTS BID FILE NUMBER: 12500042 The scope of work includes but is not limited to; improvements at California Tupman Park and Romain Park. Cal Tupman Park scope of work involves the replacement of three picnic tables with one meet ADA compliance, Measure P signage, and installation of a shade structure over the existing merry-go-round and swing set. The Romain Park improvements include replacing the existing mulch surfacing with pour-in-place soft-fall safety surfacing, ADA compliant deepened concrete playground curb and concrete edge, Measure P signage, and installation of two waste receptacles on concrete pads along the path of travel. The Construction Allocation for this project is \$371,629.75. Bids will be taken on complete work, in accordance with Plans and Specifications on file in the office of the Purchasing Manager, via Planet Bids, phone number (559) 621-1332. Specifications and bid proposal forms for these items can be downloaded at the City's online website at: http://www.fresno.gov. Click "Business" (at the top of the screen), under the "Doing Business" section click "Bid Opportunities". Bids will be submitted electronically via Planet Bids only. Bid Proposals must be filed electronically prior to the bid opening at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 20, 2024, when the bids will be publicly opened and recorded. Electronically filed is defined as by means of electronic equipment or devices. Join the bid opening meeting at https://zoom.us/j/92047244398 or call 1 (669) 900-9128, meeting ID 920 4724 4398. The work hereunder constitutes a "public work" as defined in Chapter 1, 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 Capital Projects Administration Division 747 R Street, 2nd Floor, Fresno, California 93721, (559) 621-8880. Contractors and Subcontractors must meet any and all requirements of Labor Code sections 1771.1 and 1771.5 prior to submitting bids.

(1) PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF FRESNO POLICE DEPARTMENT REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) FOR FORENSIC TOXICOLOGY SERVICES Bid No. 12500157 The City of Fresno (City) Police Department is issuing this Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Statements of Qualifications (SOQ) from qualified State of California licensed medical professional, doctor or biologist to provide professional services for toxicology services and prepare the required reports for each of the toxicology results received from the submitting agency. The City of Fresno Police Department (PD) requires forensic toxicology testing services for law enforcement purposes which include the identification and quantitative analysis of drugs and alcohol from blood, urine, and evidence specimens. Proposals shall be submitted Electronically only via Planet Bids. Proposals will be accepted by the City until 5:00 P.M. on August 2, 2024. Proposals may be submitted via the City's web site: www.fresno.gov,

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 certified or cashier's check, which must be brought to the Purchasing Manager's office and labeled accordingly with the bid number prior to the bid opening.

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, August 6, 2024. Join the meeting by going to https://fresno-gov.zoom.us/j/95684472626 or call 1-669-900-9128, meeting ID 257 499 9703. Prospective Bidders are encouraged to attend since City Staff will be present to answer any questions regarding the Specifications, and there may be an inspection tour of the job site(s).

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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. Bidders are advised that as required by the Fresno Municipal Code, the City of Fresno is implementing new National Targeted Worker requirements for public work of improvement contracts over \$200,000. The mandatory participation level for National Targeted Workers is 15%.

No bid will be considered for award unless the Bidder at the time of bid opening, is licensed with a valid Class "A" or Class "B" Contractor's License issued by the State of California. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids. 07/19/2024

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Business (at the top right of the screen), Doing Business, Bid Opportunities. Funding for services provided will be for (3) three-years with an option for (2) two one-year extensions extending from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2027. A copy of the Request for Qualifications Bid File No. 12500157 is available on Planet Bids https://www.fresno.gov/police/bid-opportunities/. Please note, submission of an application does not guarantee acceptance of an Agreement. Proposers seeking technical assistance should contact Desiree Perry at (559) 621-2051 or desiree.perry@fresno.gov. mailto: 07/19/2024

(1) NOTICE INVITING BIDS Electronic bids will be received at the office of the Purchasing Manager of the City of Fresno for the following: REBID FRESNO RAPID RECTANGULAR FLASHING BEACONS BID FILE NUMBER: 12402193-1 The scope of work includes but is not limited to; RRFB will be installed at three school crossing locations: Donner and Millbrook (City Council District 4, Fresno County District 3), Alluvial and Sierra Vista (City Council District 6, Fresno County District 2), Browning and Maroa (50% Council District 4 east of Maroa centerline, 50% Fresno County District 2 west of Maroa centerline). The Construction Allocation for this project is \$405,516.00. Bids will be taken on complete work, in accordance with Plans and Specifications on file in the office of the Purchasing Manager, via Planet Bids, phone number (559) 621-1332. Specifications and bid proposal forms for these items can be downloaded at the City's online website at: http://www.fresno.gov. Click "Business" (at the top of the screen), under the "Doing Business" section click "Bid Opportunities". Bids will be submitted electronically via Planet Bids only. Bid Proposals must be filed electronically prior to the bid opening at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 20, 2024, when the bids will be publicly opened and recorded. Electronically filed is defined as by means of electronic equipment or devices. Join the bid opening meeting at https://zoom.us/j/92047244398 or call 1 (669) 900-9128, meeting ID 920 4724 4398.

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The qualifications of a nominee and of an elective officer of the district are as follows: Candidates shall be registered electors residing within the boundaries of the district. Nomination documents for eligible candidates desiring to file for any of the elective offices may be obtained from the Fresno County Clerk/Registrar of Voters office, at 2221 Kern Street, Fresno, CA 93721. Nomination documents shall be available commencing on July 15, 2024, the 113th day before the election and shall be filed with the Fresno County Clerk/Registrar of Voters office, either in person or by certified mail received no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 9, 2024, the 88th day before the election. Appointment to each elective office will be made as prescribed by Section 10515 of the Elections Code in the event there are no nominees or an insufficient number of nominees for such office and a petition for an election is not filed within the time period prescribed in Section 10515 of the Elections Code. For information regarding filing for the elective district office, please call (559)600-8683. Dated: July 19, 2024

JAMES A. KUS COUNTY CLERK/REGISTRAR OF VOTERS By: Gloria Ayala Program Technician II Quienes deseen obtener la version español de este aviso legal pueden solicitar una copia llamando al Departamento de Elecciones, (559)600-8683. 07/19/2024

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The qualifications of a nominee and of an elective officer of the district are as follows: A candidate shall be a registered elector residing within the district. In addition, candidates for seats designated for veterans (3 out of 5 seats) must have been honorably discharged from the armed forces of the United States.

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The qualifications of a nominee and of an elective officer of the district are as follows: A candidate shall be a registered voter and a landowner in the district and a resident of the division which the director is elected to represent if the district is divided into divisions. Nomination documents for eligible candidates desiring to file for any of the elective offices may be obtained from the Fresno County Clerk/Registrar of Voters office, at 2221 Kern Street, Fresno, CA 93721. Nomination documents shall be available commencing on July 15, 2024, the 113th day before the election and shall be filed with the Fresno County Clerk/Registrar of Voters office, either in person or by certified mail received no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 9, 2024, the 88th day before the election. Appointment to each elective office will be made as prescribed by Section 10515 of the Elections Code in the event there are no nominees or an insufficient number of nominees for such office and a petition for an election is not filed within the time period prescribed in Section 10515 of the Elections Code. For information regarding filing for the elective district office, please call

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Elections Code §12112
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024. The districts and the offices for which candidates may be nominated are as follows:
DISTRICT CALWA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT
TERMS TWO (2) FULL TERMS OF FOUR (4) YEARS

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
To satisfy the owner's storage lien, PS Retail Sales, LLC will sell at public lien sale on July 27, 2024, the personal property in the below-listed units. The public sale of these items will begin at 11:10 AM and continue until all units are sold. The lien sale is to be held at the online auction website, www.storage-treasures.com, where indicated. For online lien sales, bids will be accepted until 2 hours after the time of the sale specified.

PUBLIC STORAGE # 22340, 5045 N Gates Ave, Fresno, CA 93722, (559) 540-2154

Sale to be held at www.storage-treasures.com.
A077 - Conley, Chanell; B064 - Unlayao, Solita; C001 - Kyle, Mark; D053 - Nelum, Hannah; D067 - Cabrera, Carlos; P059 - Lee, Kyle

Public sale terms, rules, and regulations will be made available prior to the sale. All sales are subject to cancellation. We reserve the right to refuse any bid. Payment must be in cash or credit card-no checks. Buyers must secure the units with their own personal locks. To claim tax-exempt status, original RESALE certificates for each space purchased is required. By PS Retail Sales, LLC, 701 Western Avenue, Glendale, CA 91201. (818) 244-8080.
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NOTICE OF UNCLAIMED MONEY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,519.99
Tax-defaulted property identified by APN 491-173-27 was declared subject to the Fresno County Tax Collector's power of sale for non-payment of taxes and sold at public auction on March 9-12, 2018. Each party of interest, as defined in California Revenue and Taxation Code Section 4675, had a right to file a claim for the excess proceeds remaining after the tax and assessment liens and costs of the sale were satisfied. The Fresno County Public Administrator, acting "for the estate of Anita Hernandez," filed a claim for the one-fifth share of APN 491-173-21 that was previously assessed to Anita Hernandez.

On March 9, 2021, by resolution 21-048, the Fresno County Board of Supervisors approved the distribution of excess proceeds from the County's 2018 sale of tax-defaulted property, including 20% of the excess proceeds from APN 491-173-27, in the amount of \$18,519.99, to Anita Hernandez. The Tax Collector issued payment of \$18,519.99 to the Public Administrator for the estate of Anita Hernandez. On June 16, 2021, the Public Administrator returned the check to the Tax Collector because they discovered they filed claim for the wrong Anita Hernandez. No other claims by or on behalf of Anita Hernandez were made, and there have been no further claims on the money since then.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, under California Government Code section 50051, that unclaimed excess proceeds in the amount of \$18,519.99, will become the property of the County of Fresno on September 10, 2024, which is not less than forty-five days nor more than sixty days after the first publication of the notice. The Fresno County Tax Collector will continue to receive claims until the designated date of September 10, 2024, has passed, and will accept or reject every claim that is received by this date.

A claim for the money must include the claimant's name, address, amount of claim, the grounds on which the claim is founded, and any other information that may be required by the Fresno County Tax Collector.

All claims with supporting documentation must be submitted to the

Tax Collection Division of the Auditor-Controller/Treasurer-Tax Collector's Office, 2281 Tulare Street, Room 105, Fresno, California 93721, by September 10, 2024, at 5 p.m.

I certify (or declare), under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct.

Oscar J. Garcia, CPA, County Tax Collector

State of California

Executed at Fresno, Fresno County, California, on July 17, 2024.

Published in the Fresno Business Journal on July 19 and July 26, 2024.
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NOTICE OF RIGHT TO CLAIM EXCESS PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF TAX-DEFAULTED PROPERTY

(Made pursuant to Section 4676, Revenue and Taxation Code)

Excess proceeds have resulted from the sale of tax-defaulted properties on June 07, 2024, listed below. Parties of interest, as defined by California Revenue and Taxation Code Section 4675, have rights to claim the excess proceeds.

All claims must be in writing and must contain sufficient information and proof to establish a claimant's right to all or any part of the excess proceeds. Claims filed with the County more than one year after the June 30, 2025, recordation of the tax collector's deed to the purchaser cannot be considered.

Item # 46, APN 479-211-16, 2593 S ELM FRESNO, WHITE CURTIS F; Item # 46, APN 479-211-16, 2593 S ELM FRESNO, WHITE JAMES P & JOYFUL; Item # 46, APN 479-211-16, 2593 S ELM FRESNO, WHITE PAUL JAMES PLEASANT VALLEY STATE PRISON; Item # 46, APN 479-211-16, 2593 S ELM FRESNO, WHITE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPT OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES; Item # 144, APN 158-341-15S, SUR RTS 1.57 AC LOT 18 WONDER VALLEY RANCHOS, BUCAGO GEORGE R; Item # 372, APN 465-183-07, 612 S TRINITY FRESNO, HARSHAW ROBERT JR; Item # 372, APN 465-183-07, 612 S TRINITY FRESNO, HARSHAW BOBBIE (ROBERT JR); Item # 372, APN 465-183-07, 612 S TRINITY FRESNO, CITY OF

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I certify (or declare), under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct.

Oscar J. Garcia, CPA, County Tax Collector

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CalMatters Commentary

California finally approved indoor heat rules. Why were prison workers excluded?

California's workplace safety board recently approved an indoor heat protection standard and urged Cal/OSHA to put it into full effect as quickly as possible. Nearly two decades after the state's outdoor workers won heat protections, millions of California's indoor workers will finally also be protected.

Tragically, this victory for workers must be tempered by the callous decision to cut out more than 100,000 workers from its scope. Corrections workers and detainees who labor in California's hundreds of jails and prisons, often enduring brutal and suffocating heat, must continue to wait.

This exemption is cruel, racially biased and wrong.

Of the 97,000 people incarcerated in California, an estimated two-thirds of them are also workers — working within the prison or jail itself, or under contract for public works or prison-sponsored manufacturing. Unlike other workers, after toiling in the heat for hours, they have no recourse to get relief once their job duties are done. Many cells lack air conditioning, and their incredibly low

wages means few can afford to purchase a fan or other means to cool themselves.

Reduced to wrapping wet rags around necks and foreheads to ward off headaches and seizures or intentionally flooding toilets to create pools on cell floors, too many risk dangerous and potentially fatal heat illnesses.

More than 38,000 California workers are employed as correctional officers and jailers, and thousands more perform other specialized jobs. Already, correctional officers nationally experience occupational injuries and illnesses at a rate over three times higher than the workforce average, and have the second-highest rate of workplace injuries requiring absences from work.

They also experience disproportionate exposure to hazardous contaminants on the job, and have high rates of serious medical problems, including heart disease, hypertension and other physical health issues. All of these circumstances can exacerbate the effects of extreme heat and increase someone's vulnerability to the dangers of workplace heat.

Exempting California's prisons and jails from an indoor heat standard has

racial implications and discriminatory effects. Black, Latino and Indigenous people are overrepresented in the incarcerated population; they also constitute the majority of corrections department employees. Nearly three-quarters of California corrections department workers identify as people of color, and 28% are women. Many live in communities that also experience environmental injustices, disproportionately impacted by the heat island effect and poor air quality.

At least eight of California's state prisons are located in areas that experience extreme heat, according to the Ella Baker Center for Human Rights. The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation has even acknowledged that five facilities that once experienced fewer than five days above the extreme heat threshold annually will see as many as 24 days by mid-century, and potentially 41 days by 2070. Fordham University researchers have warned that without retrofitting, many carceral facilities will become so unbearable from climate change effects that corrections employment recruitment may suffer.

The state's corrections department also

employs thousands of other workers like teachers, librarians and counselors, and carceral workplaces can get excruciatingly hot. In August 2021, when wildfires struck rural Northern California near the Nevada border, power lines went down and the generator at the California Correctional Center failed for almost a month while daytime temperatures rose to the mid-to-high 90s.

The CCC has since closed, but it was not alone in being vulnerable to excessive heat.

Labor standards are most effective when they extend to all workers, regardless of occupation or the nature of the workplace. Protecting people from extreme heat is imperative, and California should not ignore the dire needs of those who work in the state's prisons and jails, both as staff and as detainees.

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Supreme Court term delivers key Main Street victories



The U.S. Supreme Court recently wrapped up its 2023-2024 term and will be in recess until October. During this term, the Court heard a number of cases that will have a significant impact on small businesses and the Main Street economy.

"The Supreme Court considered several high stakes issues this term, especially for the small business community," said Beth Milito, Executive Director of NFIB's Small Business Legal Center. "Eliminating Chevron deference is a major step in limiting government overreach and providing small business owners with a level playing field to defend their rights. These victories will prevent the damaging effects of extraneous regulatory interference and harmful penalties and will protect the rights of current and future entrepreneurs."

2023-2024 Wrap Up:

Loper Bright Enterprises v. Gina Raimondo (No. 22-451)

In a landmark ruling, the Court overturned a damaging precedent that had enabled federal agencies to enact and uphold onerous regulatory burdens for the last 40 years. The case concerned the judicial deference given to an agency's interpretation of the law; a concept established in Chevron v. Natural Resources Defense Council. NFIB's filed an amicus brief arguing against Chevron deference by examining the consequences of unchecked agency power and

highlighting a more constitutionally appropriate alternative to the legislative indifference and judicial passivity that Chevron enabled. Agreeing, the Supreme Court held that courts must exercise independent judgment in deciding whether an agency acted within its statutory authority, instead of deferring to the agency.

Sheetz v. County of El Dorado, California (No. 22-1074)

The case questioned whether the unconstitutional conditions doctrine applies to legislatively-imposed building permit exactions. In this case, a California property owner sought to build a manufactured house on his land and obtain the necessary permit. In exchange for the permit, the County imposed a monetary exaction over \$23,000 in order to finance road improvements in the county. Because the exaction was authorized by legislation, lower courts held that it was not an unconstitutional condition. NFIB's amicus brief, which was filed with The Buckeye Institute, argued that the Fifth Amendment's Takings Clause does not distinguish between unconstitutional conditions imposed by administrative personnel and those imposed by legislative bodies. Thankfully, the Court agreed.

Starbucks Corporation v. M. Kathleen McKinney (No. 23-367)

The case concerned the National Labor Relations Board's (NLRB) requests for injunctions under the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA). The question was whether these requests are subject to the traditional four-factor test for preliminary

injunctions or a more lenient standard. NFIB filed an amicus brief with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the National Association of Manufacturers arguing that the lenient standard resulted in extreme deference to the NLRB, allowing the agency to engage in substantial and unchecked interference with small businesses. The Court agreed and ruled that the NLRB must satisfy

the more demanding preliminary injunction test before inserting itself into the livelihood of small business owners.

The NFIB Small Business Legal Center protects the rights of small business owners in the nation's courts. NFIB is currently active in more than 40 cases in federal and state courts across the country and in the U.S. Supreme Court.

WEB POLL

Parents: How often have you had to sacrifice financially to help your adult children?

Nearly half of parents with a child older than 18 provide them with at least some financial support, according to a report from earlier this year, putting their own retirement security at risk. In the face of soaring food and housing costs, millennials and Generation Z face economic challenges their parents didn't at that age. Do you help your adult children financially? Our weekly web poll found 39% of parents sometimes help their adult children financially, while 38% often do and 23% never do. Fifty-six votes were cast.

SOMETIMES	39%
OFTEN	38%
NEVER	23%

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