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New councilmember, mayor in Shafter

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

The Shafter City Council certified the Nov. 8, 2022, election, welcoming the two candidates who won the two open seats that were available. Mayor Cathy Prout and Gustavo Olvera were the two top vote-getters in the election, beating out incumbent Cesar Lopez and candidate Rafael Zamudio.

And Shafter has a new mayor for at least the next two year. After minimal discussion, veteran Councilmember Chad Givens was selected to lead the city.

Resolution 2899 was approved, certifying the results of the General Election that was held on Tuesday November 8, 2022. Cathy Prout had 1,712 votes, with Gustavo Olvera receiving 1,223 votes. Cesar Lopez

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had 1,182 votes and Rafael Zamudio received 879 votes.

Prout and Olvera were then sworn in, with Prout and Olvera then taking their place at their council seats.

Cesar Lopez received a proclamation from the City of Shafter for his years of service on the council, as well as his service to the community of Shafter as a director and coach of the Shafter Brawlers softball team. In part, the proclamation said, “Cesar has worked diligently on increasing the awareness of and establishing the importance of Shafter’s economic development, aesthetic development, and Shafter’s impact within the county, state, country and

world, as well as making the education of children and adults a high priority”.

The council then discussed the selection of a mayor. Councilmember Alvarado nominated Givens and. Councilmember Espinoza nominated Prout, commenting that he thought that the city needed experience at this time (Prout has been a councilmember and mayor many times). He also said that the council will be facing the renewal of its rail spur contracts, and with Givens working for the owner of the land the spur sits on, the Wonderful Company, there would be a possibility that there might be a conflict requiring him to recuse himself from anything on that issue. After discussion, there was a unanimous vote to make Givens mayor. Prout was then chosen as mayor pro-tem.



A proclamation was given to Cesar Lopez for his service. Chad Givens, second from right was selected as mayor.



Santa with William and Charlotte Labrentz. RIGHT: It's Aleena Valenzuela's turn on his knee.



Depot Museum gets a visitor from North Pole

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The Shafter Depot Museum hosted Santa Claus on Saturday, giving visitors a chance to get their picture taken with the jolly old fellow. Santa greeted the children and sat with them for a picture as he asked them what they had on their Christmas wish list. Attendees were also treated to an array of refreshments.

The attendees also had a chance to wander the museum, looking at the variety of exhibits, as well as the entries in the museum’s Christmas Tree Contest, where clubs and organizations decorate trees displayed

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Vote for your favorite tree

The Shafter Historical Society opened the Christmas season earlier this month with its annual “Christmas at the Depot” event, with the Shafter Brass Band playing familiar carols.

The museum is thoroughly decked out for Christmas and features 11 Christmas trees entered in the annual competition. Each tree is uniquely and cleverly decorated with the theme this

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Wasco celebrates incoming leaders

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

The City Council welcomed the Chief of Police, Charlie Fivecoat, and its recently elected councilmembers, city clerk and treasurer at an installation ceremony on Tuesday.

All of them took the oath of office, where they promised to lead the city with integrity and commitment to service.

It was a special occasion where the CDC Honor Guard presented the flag, and Lily Lopez sang the national anthem.

Councilmember Vincent R. Martinez was appointed the new Mayor, and councilmember Alex Garica was selected to hold the position of Mayor Pro Tem.

Martinez said, “This is one of the biggest honors of my life to be able to serve the city.”

Outgoing councilmembers Michael Lynch and Mayor Pro Tem John P. Pallares were graciously thanked for their years of dedicated service.

The honorees included Gilberto Reyna to fill the councilmember role for district one, Valentine Medina for district three and Eduardo Saldana for district four.

Maria O. Martinez was re-elected as city clerk, while city treasurer Lamar Rodriguez was also re-elected.

New councilmember Reyna said that the city clerk requires knowledge of many subjects.

“She does a lot for the city, and I appreciate Maria tremendously.”

City manager Scott Hurlbert said of her, “You come through when we need you.”

City treasurer Lamar Rodriguez returns to the role she has held for the last twelve years.

“I wish you the very best,” Reyna stated.

Many congratulated all of the leaders chosen to represent the city.

City Manager Scott Hurlbert said of the Chief of Police, “It is a great day for the city. I am excited for Chief Fivecoat

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Chief Fivecoat, with Councilmember Gilberto Reyna, proudly displayed his plaque of recognition.

Coach Pierucci on amazing season

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The Shafter High Generals football team concluded an amazing season on Dec. 10 with a hard-fought State Championship game performance, showing the grit and determination that this team had played with the entire playoff run.

The team became the school’s first Valley Champion in football since 1955 and became Shafter’s first Regional Champion, on their way to the State Division 5A runner-up.

Coach Jerald Pierucci recently commented on the Generals’ outstanding season, as well as following up his post-game comments after the State Championship game, which was played on a field that was a muddy mess and didn’t allow the people

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in attendance and watching on television to see the best of both teams in this title game.

After the game, Pierucci said, “It is sad that the game had to be played in conditions like this. With the Division I and II, and Open Division, being played on a neutral field, in a nice stadium and on turf, it is unacceptable to have a state championship decided like this. Shame on you.”

The comments went viral and discussion spread throughout the football community on the process of deciding state champions.

Several calls from The Shafter Press to the California Interscholastic Federation – the sports governing organization for high schools – for comment went unanswered.

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Coach Jerald Pierucci had a few words with CIF representative after the game.

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As activities restart and businesses reopen, we will try to update readers on the status of events and activities throughout the area. Please contact Erica Soriano with additions and changes at esoriano@TheShafterPress.com or call 661-292-5100 by Monday at 4 p.m. for that week's paper.

ONGOING

NEW: Book bags – The Shafter Library and Learning Center have book bags (10 books in each) that can be checked out. The bags includes books mostly for the kids, but who says that adults can't enjoy them, too? Red bags for the holiday and orange bags with Halloween books; blue bags include books to improve reading skills, on all subjects and a lot of picture books. Bilingual book bags, too. Available any time at the library.

NEW: Learning Center classes – Registration for spring classes will start after Tuesday, Jan. 3, including art, cooking and Spanish. Call the library for registration (after Jan. 3) at 661-746-5055. For more information visit shafterlearning.com

Adult ed registration – Wasco Adult Education Center Spring 2023 registration is open. Enroll for high school diploma, ESL, citizenship, Hiset English, and Introduction to Computer. Wasco Adult Education Center, 1445 Poso Dr., 661-758-7414. All classes are free.

EMS training – Emergency Medical Responder 8-week programs beginning in January. Register now to start Tuesday, Jan. 17. Classes are Mondays and Wednesdays, 6-9:35 p.m. or starting Monday, March 13, with classes Mondays and Wednesdays 6-9:10 p.m. Wasco Adult Education Center, 1445 Poso Dr., 661-758-7414. In association with Bakersfield College.

Bookkeeping training – Free bookkeeping training program at MAOF, Mexican American Opportunity Foundation. 2130 Chester Ave., Suite 200, Bakersfield. Related occupations include accounts payable/accounts receivable clerks and payroll clerks. Entry requirements: At least 18 years of age, completed reading and math assessment, high school diploma or GED. Call 661-336-6821 for information.

Hospice volunteers needed – Bristol Hospice Bakersfield needs volunteers in Kern County. Must be vaccinated. There are a wide variety of volunteer opportunities. Call the Volunteer Department at 661-716-4000 or email Edward.French@bristolhospice.com or Ashley.Charles@bristolhospice.com

All residential households can order four free at-home covid-19 tests. Visit covidtests.gov

MONDAY

North Kern 4H – Meetings are held at Karl Clemens cafeteria at 7 p.m. every second Monday of the month. For more information, contact Chris at 661-809-2851.

Richland School Board – Meetings are held the second Monday of the month at 6 p.m. at Golden Oak Cafeteria, 195 S. Wall St.

TUESDAY

Shafter City Council – Meetings are held every first and third Tuesday of the month at City Hall, 336 Pacific Ave.

Wasco City Council – Meetings every first and third Tuesday of the month. Meetings are held at 746 8th St. at 6 p.m.

Wasco Woman's Club – Meetings are at the clubhouse, 1601 7th St., on the second Tuesday of the month. There is a \$15 fee for the lunch meetings.

Senior lunch program – Every first and third Tuesday of the month: Griffith Avenue Baptist Church, 408 Griffith St. Sack lunches for seniors will be given out at 11 a.m. Sponsored by Golden Gleaners.

WEDNESDAY

Shafter Rotary – Meetings at 7 a.m. at the Shafter Veterans Hall.

Shafter Kiwanis – Meetings Wednesdays at 12 p.m. at the Shafter Veterans Hall.

Shafter Woman's Club – Meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month, September through May, starting at 11 a.m. at the Shafter Youth Center, 455 Euclid Ave.

THURSDAY

Wasco High School Board – Meetings the second Thursday of the month at 1900 7th St. in Room 202, or alternatively in Library Room 1101. The agenda is on the WHS website.

Wasco Recreation and Park Board – Meetings are on the third Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Hall at Barker Park.

Food distribution – Shafter Recreation and the Gleaners have food distribution every first and third Thursday of each month at the W.C. Walker Senior Center, 505 Sunset Ave.

FRIDAY

Food giveaway – The Impact Program is a weekly food giveaway provided to anyone in need, Fridays beginning at 7 a.m. First come, first served. Griffith Avenue Baptist Church, 408 Griffith St., Wasco.

Bulky waste pickup – American Refuse offers free bulky waste pick-up service Fridays to all City of Shafter core residents. To schedule a pickup, use the app or call 661-758-5316. No sabes que hacer con esos articulos de basura grande? Llame a American Refuse 661-758-5316 o use su aplicación para programar una recojida de estas articulos. Este servicio es gratis para todos los residents de la ciudad de Shafter (core residents).

SATURDAY

Christmas at the Depot – 150 Central Valley Highway. See this year's beautiful display of decorated trees. Dec. 24 and 31, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Vote on your favorite tree. Free admittance.

Shafter Historic Green Hotel is open to tours on the first Saturday of each month from 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For more information about renting the hotel for events, email thegreenhotel@gmail.com or phone 661-746-1913 and leave a message.

Mystery history

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Here's this week's challenge, courtesy of the Shafter Historical Society. If you know the location, circumstances, exact or rough date and/or people in the photo, send your educated (or semieducated) guess to *The Press*, 455 Kern St., Suite E, Shafter, CA 93263, or e-mail it to mysteryphoto@TheShafterPress.com. Winners will be revealed here next week. **LAST WEEK:** Snow in Shafter in 1933.



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ARREST REPORT

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As reported by the Shafter Police Department

DEC. 12

Vernon Ray Phillips, 51, of Shafter, was arrested at Orange and Shafter avenues on a bench warrant/failure to appear on misdemeanor charge.

Ernest Dewayne Garcia, 40, of Shafter, was arrested in the 200 block on Central Valley Highway on an outside agency warrant.

Nicole Lynn Bertrand, 45, of Shafter, was arrested on the 100 block of East Lerdo Highway on a bench warrant/failure to appear on the misdemeanor charge.

Arturo Cruz Rodriguez, 33, of Shafter, was arrested in the 200 block of Central Valley Highway on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge.

Victor Jesus Lozano Gaytan, 32, of Shafter, was arrested in the 200 block of Central Valley Highway on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge.

Emanuel Garcia, 28, of Shafter, was arrested on the South Shafter and Lerdo Highway for possession of a controlled substance.

DEC. 13

Rodrigo Gutierrez, 39, of Shafter, was arrested in the 600 block of West Los Angeles for DUI.

DEC. 14

Zachary Samuel Baker, 31, of Shafter, was arrested in the 3300 block of Rustic Woods for evading a peace officer, disregarding safety, and DUI.

DEC. 15

Patrice Marie Hanretta, 62, was arrested on 7th Standard and Gossamer Grove for DUI.

Alfie Len Ashmore, 55, of Shafter, was arrested at East Ash and Beech Avenue for lacking proof of financial responsibility, driving an unregistered vehicle and on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge.

DEC. 16

Raul Zamora Cabrera, 38, of Shafter, was arrested in the 200 block of East Ash on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge.

John Raymond Harvey, 66, of Shafter, was arrested in the 100 block of West Orange Avenue on an outside agency warrant.

Isaias Moreno Luna, 34, of Shafter, was arrested in the 400 block of Olson Avenue for vandalism: damaging property.

Julio Cesar Lopez, 38, of Shafter, was arrested on Oleander and Acacia avenues for disorderly conduct: alcohol.

DEC. 17

Mariana Ortega, 22, of Shafter, was arrested on a bench

warrant/failure to appear on misdemeanor charge.

Jesus Francisco Guerrero, 39, of Shafter, was arrested at the Family Dollar store for driving with a suspended license, DUI and driving an unregistered vehicle.

DEC. 18

Ramon Hernandez III, 32, of Shafter, was arrested at Poplar Avenue and Pheasant Run for DUI.

Paulino Zamora Almeyda, 73, of Shafter, was arrested in the 300 block of Walker Street for driving without a license and on an outside agency warrant.

Jesus Yanez Martinez, 41, of Shafter, was arrested in the 100 block of West Orange on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge.

Hector Eli Valladolid Vargas, 41, of Shafter, was arrested at Stone and South Shafter avenues on a bench warrant/failure to appear on misdemeanor charge.

Francisco Cervantes Garcia, 36, of Shafter, was arrested on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge.

Leo Williams Smith, 88, of Shafter, was arrested for driving with a suspended license and driving an unregistered vehicle.

Selina Virigina Valenton, 38, of Shafter, was arrested for driving without a license, driving an unregistered vehicle and driving

without proof of financial responsibility.

BUTTONWILLOW

As reported by the Kern County Sheriff's Department, Buttonwillow substation:

DEC. 15

Leo John Barboza, 38, of Shafter, was arrested in the 17000 block of Leonard Avenue in Wasco for five (5) felony warrants and seven (7) misdemeanor warrants. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

DEC. 16

Pedro Octaviano Carranza, 25, of Buttonwillow, was arrested in the 400 block of Buttonwillow Drive in Buttonwillow for violating a protective order. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

DEC. 18

Narcisha Green-Hicks, 22, of San Jose, was arrested in the 14000 block of Powers Street in Lost Hills for obstructing, resisting, delaying a peace officer. She was booked into the Kern County Jail.

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As reported by the Kern County Sheriff's Department, Wasco substation:

DEC. 12

Jose Leon Ortega Olmos, 36, of Wasco, was arrested in the 2100 block of Highway 46 for misdemeanor having an open container.

He was cited and released at the scene.

Luis Vargas, 39, of Wasco, was arrested in the 900 block of Griffith Avenue for misdemeanor driving without a license and false tags. He was cited and released at the scene.

DEC. 13

Gadiel Lopez, 18, of Wasco, was arrested near the intersection of Poplar Avenue and 7th Street for misdemeanor driving without a license, and on a misdemeanor bench warrant. He was cited and released at the scene.

Karl Edwards Lopez, 23, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1200 block of 7th Street for misdemeanor trespassing. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Juan Mendoza, 19, of Wasco, was arrested in the 700 block of F Street on a misdemeanor bench warrant. He was cited and released at the scene.

Evelynn Padilla, 31, of Wasco, was arrested near the intersection of D and 14th street for misdemeanor driving with a suspended license. She was cited and released at the scene.

Cristopher Uriel Visoso Prudencio, 18, of Lost Hills, was arrested near the intersection of Filburn and Palm avenues for felony possession of a large capacity magazine, possession of an unde-

tectable firearm, possession of a concealed weapon in a vehicle, and possession of a loaded concealed weapon on his person. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Jasmin Quintana, 19, of Wasco, was arrested near the intersection of Birch Avenue and Poso Drive for misdemeanor driving without a license. She was cited and released at the scene.

DEC. 15

Christopher Ryan Parks, 35, of Wasco, was arrested in the 2400 block of Highway 46 for misdemeanor possession of a controlled substance and on a felony bench warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Jessica Rengifo, 37, of Wasco, was arrested in the 2400 block of Highway 46 for misdemeanor driving without a license. She was cited and released at the scene.

DEC. 17

Rudy Roel Saldana, 46, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1500 block of Elm Street for misdemeanor contempt of court: disobeying a court order. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

DEC. 18

Ryan Sims, 50, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1300 block of Highway 46 for misdemeanor petty theft and contempt of court: disobeying court order. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

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Rachel Unger has been weaving for over a year.



Adrianna Pompa creates her own soaps and scrubs.

Vendors bring variety to Tin Cup

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A Coffee Collaborative event was held at Shafter's Tin Cup on Saturday, giving local shoppers a chance to get a variety of items all in one place. These events have grown in popularity in the last two years, being a big bright spot in the years of the pandemic.

At the Tin Cup event, there were over 30 vendors on hand, selling a variety of items, including home décor, clothing, baked goods and homemade beauty products.

Haley Plaza managed an active spot at

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the event. Her business has grown to be one of the most popular businesses in town, selling her signature breads, scones and flavored olive oils. Plaza has seen her business grow in the past two years, building a large clientele that includes online business, Instagram followers, and shoppers at various pop-up events.

Adrianna Pompa was also there, selling her homemade soaps, scrubs, loofahs and earrings. Pompa developed the idea when she had trouble finding soap products that she could use that wouldn't irritate her sensitive skin. After research online, she developed her own recipes for soaps and scrubs, using hypoallergenic ingredients and learning how to create the products herself. She now has a blooming business that has a large following, buying her products at various events and online.

Rachel Unger was selling her homemade products, too. She said that she began weaving



This is one of Rachel Unger's more elaborate weaves.



Haley Plaza with her popular baked goods.

over a year ago to earn extra income. She weaves around items such as antique pitchforks and horseshoes to create a brand new product. Unger also weaves strands into holders to hold beads that are used as diffusers. These diffusers contain a variety of different fragrances that are used as car air fresheners. The beads absorb the oils, then release the fragrance gradually, giving the

vehicle a bright and fresh smell.

Unger said that she can create the smaller weaves in a couple of hours, with the larger and more intricate weaves, such as the large pitchforks, taking several hours to create.

Shoppers interested in Unger's products can go to her Instagram at @r_u_designs, or call her at 661-363-3267.

Westside Church nourishes the needy

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

Westside Family Fellowship held its monthly farmers market on Thursday. Over 1,000 people came for free produce and other food essentials.

"Today was a great day. We gave away a lot of produce like potatoes, romaine lettuce, red onions, spinach, oranges and kiwis. The goal is to provide healthy foods," Pastor Johnny Martinez said.

"We are happy we can help our community during these difficult times and ease

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their pocketbooks. It lets them save money for Christmas."

He gets a lot of gratification and satisfaction by holding these free events.

"Greeting them with smiles and sharing the Christmas spirit means so much to me. God said he loves cheerful givers, and we like to give cheerfully. We want to imitate our heavenly father. That's why we do what we do."

Hilda Santana has been a church member for ten years and volunteers regularly.

"The Lord has been so good to me. What we do is not enough for what he has done for us. The least we can do is honor him."

Another volunteer and veteran of the church for more than 10 years, Richard Herrera, donates his time often to support the cause.

"I am going to continue for as long as I can because it is very fulfilling," he said. "It's also a big undertaking and requires a lot of volunteers."

The team arrived at 5:30 a.m. to set up. At that time, there were already cars lined up.

"It was cold, but it was worth it," Herrera said.

Volunteer Leonardo Chavez said, "The Scripture tells us we should do to others as we would want



Volunteers enjoyed a break after a busy morning of work.



Pastor Johnny Martinez believes he is doing God's work. RIGHT: Volunteers Jose Carillo and Leonardo Chavez help pack produce for distribution.



them to do to us, and that's to serve."

"The people that come here, you don't know what they are going through, and I just would like to be a part of their lives in a positive way."

Those that came said they appreciated the charity because things are tough with the economy.

"I hear testimonies that if it weren't for this event, they would be asking for help somewhere else," Chavez said.

Gloria Hernandez came to receive the free food.

"This is an opportunity to feed my family. I thank the church for its assistance. We are living with hardships. The salary I earn is not sufficient to cover all of our expenses.

Some that attended said they were unemployed. Teres Villa is one of them.

"We are farmworkers, and since the grape season ended, we have been left without work. This helps us a lot. They give us fresh fruits and vegetables, and I like that."

Pastor Martinez said, "I am proud of the hard work we put into today to make it a success. It is truly a blessing we can help so many people in our community that need it the most."

The next farmer's market is Thursday, Jan. 19, from 8 to 10 a.m. at the Westside Family Fellowship, 2150 Palm Ave. For more information, call Pastor Martinez at 661-301-5979.

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College advisors working with students at last year's Wasco express enrollment event.

Preparing students for the workforce and beyond

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Bakersfield College Rural Initiatives will begin classes on Jan. 14. They will offer students a variety of courses to help them prepare for careers in nursing, education and as emergency medical responders.

Program director Jaime Lopez said the mission of BCRI is to bring college closer to home in rural communities.

“Our goal is to close equity gaps and increase educational attainment for those in rural areas like Wasco,” he said. “We are a community college open to all students anywhere from those currently attending a high school that want to get a head in their education to returning adults who are currently in the workforce seeking career advancement and retraining opportunities.”

Classes are cost-friendly at \$46 a unit. Each class can vary from one unit to nine units. The majority of courses are three units. There is also financial aid available to those adults that qualify.

Students can register up for the new session until Jan. 14. Most classes are 16 weeks, and they last from January through May.

An express enrollment event will take place on Jan. 4 from 3 to 7 p.m. There will be a team of support and financial aid staff, advisors and counselors to assist students in the matriculation process to get registered.

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The program currently offers three certificate courses, including:

—A nursing assistant program that prepares students to take the state certification test to become certified nurse assistants.

—An associate and assistant teacher program for those interested in working with children at daycare centers or in an elementary school setting.

—An emergency medical responders course to prepare individuals for initial basic life support outside of a hospital setting. These are those that would first arrive at an emergency situation or accident scene.

Classes are free to high school students. There are also some free non-credit certificate classes that are open to everyone.

“These would include general education, basic office skills and basic English classes,” Lopez said.

They offer hands-on training. The nursing and emergency medical responder classes have a hands-on lab component to them.

For high school students, units completed will go on their college transcript, and they can transfer those credits to a university of their choice.

“It will make them more competitive when applying to a top-level university,” Lopez said.

Of the Rural Initiatives program, Lopez shared that there are many ben-



Program director Jaime Lopez said there is support for students to succeed in their educational journey.

efits to the community.

“We are helping the community by providing an opportunity for upward mobility through education. We hope to give students confidence, letting them know that college is for them and that they can achieve all their educational goals.”

Classes are held at the Wasco Adult Education Center at 1445 Poso, adjacent to Wasco Independence High School. For more information, call 661-758 -7414 or follow them on Facebook at Bakersfield College Rural Initiatives.

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For many, Christmas is all about the gifts, and that's not altogether a bad thing. The truth is that there is a spirit of love, generosity and sharing, the very spirit that triggered the first coming of Jesus Christ.

We are about to celebrate the incarnation of Christ, the gift of God's presence among men, the best gift he could give us. John 3:16 says, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, so that everyone who believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

Our God gave His gift in a spirit of grace, a blessing we hadn't earned and didn't deserve. Even more, it was the gift that kept and keeps on giving. He didn't give Jesus just to be a baby in a manger, but to live a perfect life and give His life on the cross, so that we could be blessed for eternity. As it says in Romans 6:23, "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

That eternal life is amazing precisely because it is a forever spent in the very



presence of God Himself, the source of all joy. Psalms 16:11 affirms, "You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore."

While the gifts we give each year at this time are a wonderful way to express our love and appreciation for the special people in our lives, it's easy to overdo and end up stressed and in debt. And sometimes, we spend our Christmas wishing for a particular gift or expression of love from someone else that never materializes.

Maybe this year, we can

focus on the Gift we have already received, the one that won't break and cannot be taken from us, the joyous, peace-inducing presence of God Himself. Revelation 3:20 says, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and sup with him and he with me." This special verse was written to believers, those who had already invited Jesus into their lives and it was God's promise to come and fill their lives with his precious presence at any moment they allow it. In moments of crisis, in times of stress,

in periods of loneliness, He is there at the door knocking and inviting us to enjoy the Gift of His presence. Let's take Him up on it!

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The Shafter Brass Band plays at the Depot Museum.



Representing The Shafter Press/Wasco Tribune at the Shafter Depot Museum is a tree decked out with handmade tamales, under the theme of One Recipe for Unity illustrating the traditional Christmas food. The tree was designed and decorated by Erica Soriano.

Depot Museum gets a visitor from North Pole

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through December.
Those who tour the museum can vote for their favorite trees. The theme this year is "A Recipe for Christmas," with all of the trees decorated with different recipes, from old standards such as chocolate chip cookies and breads, to tamales.
Lynnda Martin of American Refuse decorated the company's entry using all recycled materials. The tree was adorned with silver, glittery used Keurig cups, clothespins, bottle caps, and many other recyclable

materials that was turned from trash to treasures.
The Shafter Youth Center had children write out their favorite recipes, like cookies, candy and other goodies. They also had handmade ornaments on the tree. There was also the tree decorated by the Community Bible Study group, with members placing their favorite ornaments.
The Shafter Press tree, decorated by Erica Soriano, featured old newspapers, as well as the recipe for tamales. An 80-year-

Vote for your favorite tree

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year being "The Recipe of Christmas". Entrants this year along with their tree title are: American Refuse (Recycle and Reuse), Shafter Community Bible Study (Our Recipe for Joy), City of Shafter (Shafter Christmas Recipes), McNutt Ranch (Sweet Dreams), Shafter Press/Wasco Tribune (One Recipe for Unity on Our Communities), Shafter Youth Center (A Kid's View of What Christ-

mas Looks Like), Shafter Women's Club (Stirring Up Christmas Memories), Shafter Post Office (We Deliver Your Goodies), Shafter Rotary Club (A Time for Giving), North Kern 4H Club (Vintage Christmas), and Shafter Kiwanis Club (Gingerbread Baking Co.).
The trees can be viewed the next two Saturdays, Dec. 24, & 31, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The public is invited to come and vote for your favorite trees.

old blanket covered the base of the tree
All of the trees will be on display through December, with the winners being

City celebrates new police chief, incoming leaders

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to take this new step."
Chief Fivecoat responded, "Thank you for the support for allowing me this opportunity. I firmly believe in my heart that I will work hard to solve our problems. I pledge to give all I have to make that a reality."
Reyna said of Chief Fivecoat, "From the day I met you, I liked you, and that hasn't changed. Thank you for taking on the challenge. I am right behind you."
Councilmember Alex Garcia echoed his sentiment, "Welcome to the family. Without a doubt, everyone I have spoken to all have good feedback. I'm looking forward to having you."
Incoming Mayor Martinez added, "All of the community feels we have the right person. Today starts a long journey, but it is going to be good for the city."
Of Medina, Reyna added that he thanked him for willing to take on the job. "That speaks highly of you," Reyna said.
Hurlbert shared, "We are happy to have you on board."
In response, Medina expressed that it was an honor to be here.
"I am here to be a public servant. I have



Outgoing Mayor Gilberto Reyna and City Manager Scott Hurlbert congratulated Chief Charlie Fivecoat and his wife, Velia Dolores.

been a Wasconian all of my life. I look forward to being with a leadership team that will move Wasco forward."
Reyna said that Saldana ran for councilmember two years ago.
"He lost by one vote. He ran again, and this time he clinched it."

Saldana said, "I am ready to put my heart into serving all of the constituents."
Reyna was thrilled to continue to be a part of the council.
"I am very thankful I was elected again, and I will continue my dedication to the well-being of our city. I am not going to

stop being out there for the betterment of Wasco. Thank you all."
At the meeting, it was a packed audience.
Afterward, there was a celebratory reception for the honorees and all the guests that attended.



Newly elected Councilmember Valentine Medina, with his wife, taking the oath of office.

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE
Statement of Abandonment Of
Reyes Family Farm
16096 Hwy 43
Wasco, CA 93280
County: KERN
Mailing address of business:
PO Box 74
Lost Hills, CA 93249
Esteban Camilo Reyes
16096 Hwy 43
Wasco, CA 93280
I declare that all information in this Statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.)
Business was conducted by: Individual
s/Esteban Reyes, Owner
Original FBN Statement File Number: 2022-B6855
Original FBN Statement Filed on: 10/10/2022
This statement of Abandonment filed on: 11/28/2022
Mary B. Bedard, CPA
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: s/A Goodwin, Deputy
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
43 Bar & Nightclub
2022-B7906
630 F St

Wasco, CA 93280
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
601 Cedar Ave
Wasco, CA 93280
Esperanza Melendez
601 Cedar Ave
Wasco, CA 93280
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: N/A
A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)
s/Esperanza Melendez
Date Statement Filed: 12/05/2022
Date Statement Expires: 12/05/2027
Mary B. Bedard, CPA,
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
Reyes Automotive Service
2022-B7938
315 High Street
Delano, CA 93215
County: Kern

Mailing address of business:
315 High Street
Delano, CA 93215
Henry Silva Reyes
315 High Street
Delano, CA 93215
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: 07/07/1943
A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)
s/Henry Silva Reyes
Date Statement Filed: 12/06/2022
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
Kika's LLC
2022-B8070
1869 San Clemente Ave
Wasco, CA 93280
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:

1869 San Clemente Ave
Wasco, CA 93280
Kika's LLC
1869 San Clemente Ave
Wasco, CA 93280
State of Incorporation or Organization: CA
The business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company
Date the business commenced: N/A
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s/Erica Rosales, Manager
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
Cam's Family Farm
2022-B7735
16096 Hwy 43
Wasco, CA 93280
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:

PO Box 74
Lost Hills, CA 93249
Esteban Camilo Reyes
16096 Hwy 43
Wasco, CA 93280
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: 11/01/2022
A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)
s/Esteban Camilo Reyes
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PUBLIC NOTICE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR
CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER:
SCV-22-000029
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner: Haley Adams filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present Name

Haley Adams
Proposed Name
Haley Barrera
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING
a. Date: 2/17/2023 Time: 8:30 AM Dept: B
b. The address of the court is: SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF Superior Court-North Div., Shafter-Wasco Branch, 325 Central Valley Highway, Shafter, CA 93263
3. a. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Wasco Tribune
Date: 12/14/22
s/Marcos R. Camacho
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
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Isaiah Madrigal and Brooklyn Allred were given awards by Mylum Nicholson.



Golden Oak's Evelyn Ruiz Vega and Sofia Cortes were recognized.

Kiwanis Club honors Terrific Kids

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

The Shafter Kiwanis Club held their monthly Terrific Kids luncheon last week, recognizing selected students for their outstanding performance in and out of the classroom. A different character trait is featured each month, with students exhibiting those traits honored for their achievements.

Representing Richland Junior High at Wednesday's lunch, Dean of Students Mylum Nicholson presented awards to stu-

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dents Isaiah Madrigal and Brooklyn Allred. Students Mathias Torres and Sophia DeLeon were honored from Sequoia Elementary School. They were given their awards by Assistant Principal Julia Aguilar and Principal Janeane Johnson.

For Golden Oak Elementary School, Assistant Principal Joseph Montelongo gave Terrific Kids awards to students Evelyn Ruiz Vega and Sofia Cortes.



Awards were given to Redwood Elementary's Isaac Salgado and Stefany Rios.



Mathias Torres and Sophia DeLeon were honored by Assistant Principal Aguilar and Principal Janeane Johnson.

From Redwood Elementary School, Isaac Salgado and Stefany Rios were recognized for their performance in and out of the classroom.

The Terrific Kids program has been honoring students for decades, giving them positive reinforcement for their exhibition of positive character traits at their respective schools.

Those traits that the Kiwanis and the

school's teachers are looking for include Thoughtful, Enthusiastic, Respectful, Responsible, Inclusive, Friendly, Inquisitive and Capable.

May's trait is Respectful. Teachers from the Richland School District nominate students who exhibit that trait. Each student receives a certificate, a pencil, bumper sticker, and a t-shirt.

Coach Pierucci hopes for change

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Coach Pierucci said that he has not received any response either, but said that his words, he believes, have been heard. "I believe that this will bring about a change that every small school deserves – that being the same experience as the big schools get."

This does not mar their amazing season, and the exciting journey that the Generals took the community on this year.

"This year has been a perfect season for the team that would become known as the 'Cardiac Kids,'" he said. "Having it any other way would not have made it as special as it

was."

He also commented that he was so proud of this year's team for several reasons, one being the growth and skill set and overall mindset of the team. "It was phenomenal. The light switch just turned on during the Wasco game. They became a team that played sporadically well to a team that played a very complementary kind of football, meaning that the defense rose up when the offense was struggling and visa versa."

He added that another factor that was not as pivotal during the regular season but was a huge part of the championships

was the special teams' play. "If we had our kicker in 2016, we would have had another Section title," he said.

Add to that was the belief that the kids had in each other. "The faith that was shown by our Generals was exceptional, they never believed a game was out of reach," he said.

Pierucci believed that a major reason for their success was the physicality that the team played with. "This to me is a big testament to our offseason and in-season weight lifting program. The kids sold out to it, and it showed on the field in our physical play."

Finally, he said that he is very proud of his coaching staff. In the latter part of the season, Pierucci decided to spend the game upstairs in the press box, leaving on-field duties to his assistant coaches. "When I decided to go into the box to call the offense, a lot of them had to step outside their comfort level and do jobs that I had usually carried. This freed me up to be a better offensive coordinator and in turn help our young team have success. But I would not have had the confidence to do this major move if I didn't have the assistance coaches that I have."

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Fictitious Business
Name Statement
Elite Trailer Rentals
2022-B8055
828 Minter Ave
Shafter, CA 93263
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
828 Minter Ave
Shafter, CA 93263
Eduardo Solis-Zarate
828 Minter Ave
Shafter, CA 93263
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: N/A
A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)
/s/Eduardo Solis-Zarate
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
Bakersfield Handyman Services
2022-B8134
6200 Victor St. Building F Apt 103
Bakersfield, CA 93308
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
6200 Victor St. Building F Apt 103
Bakersfield, CA 93308
Robert Bernard Jenkins
408 Mark Ave
Shafter, CA 93263
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced:
12/12/2022
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federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)
/s/Robert Bernard Jenkins
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Shafter Home Improvement
2022-B8135
408 Mark Ave
Shafter, CA 93263
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
408 Mark Ave
Shafter, CA 93263
Robert Bernard Jenkins
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
In A Jam? Towing LLC
2022-B8136
262 Rodriguez Ave
Shafter, CA 93263
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
262 Rodriguez Ave
Shafter, CA 93263
In A Jam? Towing LLC
262 Rodriguez Ave

Shafter, CA 93263
State of Incorporation or Organization: CA
The business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company
Date the business commenced: 12/06/2021
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/s/Joshua Anthony Medina
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
Sweet Honey Bees
2022-B7736

638 Vasquez Ave.
Shafter, CA 93263
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
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Shafter, CA 93263
Maria B Prieto Fraire
638 Vasquez Ave.
Shafter, CA 93263
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced:
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/s/Maria B Prieto Fraire
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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE ORDINANCE NO. A-375

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF KERN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ADDING CHAPTER 4.18 TO TITLE 4 OF THE ORDINANCE CODE IMPOSING A KERN COUNTY UNINCORPORATED AREA TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX OF 1.0% TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TAX AND FEE ADMINISTRATION AND SUBJECT TO VOTER APPROVAL. THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY OF KERN ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Pursuant to California Revenue and Taxation Code 7285, the Kern County Board of Supervisors hereby enacts a one percent (1.0%) Transactions and Use Tax for general purposes, to be deposited within the Kern County general fund. This ordinance shall be published in accordance with Government Code section 25124.

Section 2. This ordinance shall not become effective unless approved by majority vote of the qualified voters of the unincorporated area of the county voting in an election on the issue.

Section 3. Chapter 4.18 of Title 4 of the Ordinance Code of the County of Kern is added to read as follows:

UNINCORPORATED KERN COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY/VITAL SERVICES/LOCAL CONTROL MEASURE

4.18.010 Title.
4.18.020 Operative Date.
4.18.030 Purpose and Application.
4.18.040 Use of the Tax; Unincorporated Area Tax Account.
4.18.050 Contract with State of California.
4.18.060 Transactions Tax Rate.
4.18.070 Place of Sale.
4.18.080 Use Tax Rate.
4.18.090 Adoption of Provisions of State Law.
4.18.100 Limitations on Adoption of State Law and Collection of Use Taxes.
4.18.110 Permit Not Required.
4.18.120 Exemptions and Exclusions.
4.18.130 Amendments to Revenue and Taxations Code.
4.18.140 Enjoining Collection Forbidden.
4.18.150 Elections Cost.
4.18.160 Increase in Appropriations Limit.
4.18.170 Accountability of Use of Revenue.
4.18.180 Severability.
4.18.190 Fiscal Powers.
4.18.200 Citizen Oversight Committee.

4.18.210 Effective Date.
4.18.010 Title.
This chapter shall be known as the Unincorporated Kern County Public Safety/Vital Services/Local Control Measure. This ordinance shall be applicable in the unincorporated territory of the County.
4.18.020 Operative Date.
"Operative Date" means the first day of the first calendar quarter commencing more than 110 days after the adoption of this ordinance.
4.18.030 Purpose and Application.
The purpose of this Chapter is to achieve the following, among other purposes, and shall be interpreted so as to accomplish those purposes:
A. To impose a retail transactions and use tax on the unincorporated area of the County in accordance with the provisions of Part 1.6 (commencing with Section 7251) of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code and Section 7285 of Part 1.7 of Division 2 which authorizes the County to adopt this tax ordinance for general purposes as provided a majority of the electors voting on the measure vote to approve the imposition of the tax at an election called for that purpose.
B. To adopt a retail transactions and use tax ordinance that incorporates provisions identical to those of the Sales and Use Tax Law of the State of California insofar as those provisions are not inconsistent with the requirements and limitations contained in Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.
C. To adopt a retail transactions and use tax ordinance that imposes a tax and provides a measure therefore that can be administered and collected by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (CDTFA) in a manner that adapts itself as fully as practicable to, and requires the least possible deviation from, the existing statutory and administrative procedures followed by the CDTFA in administering and collecting the California State Sales and Use Taxes.
D. To adopt a retail transactions and use tax ordinance that can be administered in a manner that will be, to the greatest degree possible, consistent with the provisions of Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, minimize the cost of collecting the transactions and use taxes, and at the same time, minimize the burden of record keeping upon persons subject to taxation under the provisions of this chapter.

4.18.040 Use of the Tax.
Revenues from the tax shall be used for general purposes, including vital services, primarily benefiting the unincorporated area. For purposes of this chapter, the term "vital services" shall include, but is not limited to, the following activities: law enforcement, fire, medical emergency 911 response; preventing property crime; recruiting/retaining qualified firefighters/sheriff deputies; attracting new industries/jobs; retaining and attracting local business/jobs, repairing roads, addressing homelessness, and, addressing mental health/addiction challenges.

4.18.050 Contract with State of California.
Prior to the operative date, the County shall contract with the CDTFA to perform all functions incident to the administration and operation of this transactions and use tax ordinance. However, if the County has not contracted with the CDTFA prior to the operative date, it shall nevertheless so contract and in such a case the

operative date shall be the first day of the first calendar quarter following the execution of such a contract.

4.18.060 Transactions Tax Rate.

For the privilege of selling tangible personal property at retail, a tax is hereby imposed upon all retailers in the unincorporated territory of the County at the rate of one percent (1.0%) of the gross receipts of any retailer from the sale of all tangible personal property sold at retail in said territory on and after the operative date of this ordinance.

4.18.070 Place of Sale.

For the purposes of this ordinance, all retail sales are consummated at the place of business of the retailer unless the tangible personal property sold is delivered by the retailer or his agent to an out-of-state destination or to a common carrier for delivery to an out-of-state destination. The gross receipts from such sales shall include delivery charges, when such charges are subject to the state sales and use tax, regardless of the place to which delivery is made. In the event a retailer has no permanent place of business in the State or has more than one place of business, the place or places at which the retail sales are consummated shall be determined under rules and regulations to be prescribed and adopted by the CDTFA.

4.18.080 Use Tax Rate.

An excise tax is hereby imposed on the storage, use or other consumption in the County of tangible personal property purchased from any retailer on and after the operative date of this ordinance for storage, use or other consumption in said territory at the rate of one percent (1.0 %) of the sales price of the property. The sales price shall include delivery charges when such charges are subject to state sales or use tax regardless of the place to which delivery is made.

4.18.090 Adoption of Provisions of State Law.

Except as otherwise provided in this ordinance and except insofar as they are inconsistent with the provisions of Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, all of the provisions of Part 1 (commencing with Section 6001) of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code are hereby adopted and made a part of this ordinance as though fully set forth herein.

4.18.100 Limitations on Adoption of State Law and Collection of Use Taxes.
In adopting the provisions of Part 1 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code:

A. Wherever the State of California is named or referred to as the taxing agency, the name of this County shall be substituted therefor. However, the substitution shall not be made when:

1. The word "State" is used as a part of the title of the State Controller, State Treasurer, State Treasury, or the Constitution of the State of California;

2. The result of that substitution would require action to be taken by or against this County or any agency, officer, or employee thereof rather than by or against the CDTFA, in performing the functions incident to the administration or operation of this ordinance.

3. In those sections, including, but not necessarily limited to sections referring to the exterior boundaries of the State of California, where the result of the substitution would be to:

a. Provide an exemption from this tax with respect to certain sales, storage, use or other consumption of tangible personal property which would not otherwise be exempt from this tax while such sales, storage, use or other consumption remain subject to tax by the State under the provisions of Part 1 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code; or

b. Impose this tax with respect to certain sales, storage, use or other consumption of tangible personal property which would not be subject to tax by the State under the said provision of that code.

4. In Sections 6701, 6702 (except in the last sentence thereof), 6711, 6715, 6737, 6797, or 6828 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.

B. The word "County" shall be substituted for the word "State" in the phrase "retailer engaged in business in this State" in Section 6203 and in the definition of that phrase in Section 6203.

1. "A retailer engaged in business in the District" shall also include any retailer that, in the preceding calendar year or the current calendar year, has total combined sales of tangible personal property in this state or for delivery in the State by the retailer and all persons related to the retailer that exceeds five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000). For purposes of this section, a person is related to another person if both persons are related to each other pursuant to Section 267(b) of Title 26 of the United States Code and the regulations thereunder.

4.18.110 Permit Not Required.

If a seller's permit has been issued to a retailer under Section 6067 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, an additional transaction's permit shall not be required by this ordinance.

4.18.120 Exemptions and Exclusions.

A. There shall be excluded from the measure of the transactions tax and the use tax the amount of any sales tax or use tax imposed by the State of California or by any city, county, or county pursuant to the Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales and Use Tax Law or the amount of any state-administered transactions or use tax.

B. There are exempted from the computation of the amount of transactions tax the gross receipts from:

1. Sales of tangible personal property, other than fuel or petroleum products, to operators of aircraft to be used or consumed principally outside the County in which the sale is made and directly and exclusively in the use of such aircraft as common carriers of persons or property under the authority of the laws of this State, the United States, or any foreign government.

2. Sales of property to be used outside the County which is shipped to a

point outside the County, pursuant to the contract of sale, by delivery to such point by the retailer or his agent, or by delivery by the retailer to a carrier for shipment to a consignee at such point. For the purposes of this paragraph, delivery to a point outside the County shall be satisfied:

a. With respect to vehicles (other than commercial vehicles) subject to registration pursuant to Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 4000) of Division 3 of the Vehicle Code, aircraft licensed in compliance with Section 21411 of the Public Utilities Code, and undocumented vessels registered under Division 3.5 (commencing with Section 9840) of the Vehicle Code by registration to an out-of-County address and by a declaration under penalty of perjury, signed by the buyer, stating that such address is, in fact, his or her principal place of residence; and

b. With respect to commercial vehicles, by registration to a place of business out-of-County and declaration under penalty of perjury, signed by the buyer, that the vehicle will be operated from that address.

3. The sale of tangible personal property if the seller is obligated to furnish the property for a fixed price pursuant to a contract entered into prior to the operative date of this ordinance.

4. A lease of tangible personal property which is a continuing sale of such property, for any period of time for which the lessor is obligated to lease the property for an amount fixed by the lease prior to the operative date of this ordinance.

5. For the purposes of subparagraphs (3) and (4) of this section, the sale or lease of tangible personal property shall be deemed not to be obligated pursuant to a contract or lease for any period of time for which any party to the contract or lease has the unconditional right to terminate the contract or lease upon notice, whether or not such right is exercised.

C. There are exempted from the use tax imposed by this ordinance, the storage, use or other consumption in this County of tangible personal property:

1. The gross receipts from the sale of which have been subject to a transactions tax under any state-administered transactions and use tax ordinance.

2. Other than fuel or petroleum products purchased by operators of aircraft and used or consumed by such operators directly and exclusively in the use of such aircraft as common carriers of persons or property for hire or compensation under a certificate of public convenience and necessity issued pursuant to the laws of this State, the United States, or any foreign government. This exemption is in addition to the exemptions provided in Sections 6366 and 6366.1 of the Revenue and Taxation Code of the State of California.

3. If the purchaser is obligated to purchase the property for a fixed price pursuant to a contract entered into prior to the operative date of this ordinance.

4. If the possession of, or the exercise of any right or power over, the tangible personal property arises under a lease which is a continuing purchase of such property for any period of time for which the lessee is obligated to lease the property for an amount fixed by a lease prior to the operative date of this ordinance.

5. For the purposes of subparagraphs (3) and (4) of this section, storage, use, or other consumption, or possession of, or exercise of any right or power over, tangible personal property shall be deemed not to be obligated pursuant to a contract or lease for any period of time for which any party to the contract or lease has the unconditional right to terminate the contract or lease upon notice, whether or not such right is exercised.

6. Except as provided in subparagraph (7), a retailer engaged in business in the County shall not be required to collect use tax from the purchaser of tangible personal property, unless the retailer ships or delivers the property into the County or participates within the County in making the sale of the property, including, but not limited to, soliciting or receiving the order, either directly or indirectly, at a place of business of the retailer in the County or through any representative, agent, canvasser, solicitor, subsidiary, or person in the County under the authority of the retailer.

7. "A retailer engaged in business in the County" shall also include any retailer of any of the following: vehicles subject to registration pursuant to Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 4000) of Division 3 of the Vehicle Code, aircraft licensed in compliance with Section 21411 of the Public Utilities Code, or undocumented vessels registered under Division 3.5 (commencing with Section 9840) of the Vehicle Code. That retailer shall be required to collect use tax from any purchaser who registers or licenses the vehicle, vessel, or aircraft at an address in the County.

D. Any person subject to use tax under this ordinance may credit against that tax any transactions tax or reimbursement for transactions tax paid to a County imposing, or retailer liable for a transactions tax pursuant to Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code with respect to the sale to the person of the property the storage, use or other consumption of which is subject to the use tax.

4.18.130 Amendments to Revenue and Taxation Code.

All amendments subsequent to the effective date of this ordinance to Part 1 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code relating to sales and use taxes and which are not inconsistent with Part 1.6 and Part 1.7 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, shall automatically become a part of this ordinance, provided however, that no such amendment shall operate so as to affect the rate of

tax imposed by this ordinance.

4.18.140 Enjoining Collection Forbidden.

No injunction or writ of mandate or other legal or equitable process shall issue in any suit, action or proceeding in any court against the State or the County, or against any officer of the State or the County, to prevent or enjoin the collection under this ordinance, or Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, of any tax or any amount of tax required to be collected.

4.18.150 Election Costs.

Payment for the costs of the election shall be the responsibility of the County. If the election results in approval of the ordinance by at least a majority vote of those voters voting on the ordinance, the County shall be reimbursed for the cost of the election from the proceeds of the tax.

4.18.160 Increase in Appropriations Limit.

The appropriations limit of the County shall be increased by the anticipated amount of revenue generated by the tax to allow spending of the tax for the period allowed by law.

4.18.170 Accountability of Use of Revenue.

The County shall ensure that the revenues from the tax are identified separately within the County's annual budget document and made available through common public platforms, including, but not limited to, the County's web site. The independently-elected Kern County Auditor-Controller shall compile and report annually to the Board of Supervisors and the public regarding revenue from the tax and expenditures of such revenues incurred by departments receiving disbursements of the tax and that provide services in the unincorporated area of the County to ensure compliance with Revenue and Taxations Code 7285. The Kern County Auditor-Controller may audit at any time the tax revenues are received and expenditures made. Such audits shall be made available to the public for review.

4.18.180 Severability.

If any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

4.18.190 Fiscal Powers.

Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to restrict the fiscal management powers and authority of the Kern County Board of Supervisors.

4.18.200 Citizen Oversight Committee.

Prior to the operative date of this ordinance, the Board of Supervisors shall establish by resolution a Citizen Oversight Committee comprised of residents of the unincorporated area to review the expenditure of revenues generated by the tax imposed by this ordinance and to advise the County Administrative Office and the Board of Supervisors regarding the Committee's views on how best to utilize the tax revenues within the unincorporated area.

4.18.210 Effective Date.

This ordinance relates to the levying and collecting of the County transactions and use taxes and shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the Board of Supervisors, following approval by the electorate.

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PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE KERN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

A public hearing will be held before the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern on

January 24, 2023, at 2:00 p.m., at the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors, First Floor, Kern County Administrative Center, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, to consider the following request(s):

Lerdo Highway Shafter CA, LP by David Gladstone; Alteration of the Boundaries of Agricultural Preserve No. 8, Map No. 78 - Inclusion; Inclusion of approximately 160 acres within the boundaries of Agricultural Preserve No. 8; On October 13, 2022, by a vote of three yes and two absent, the Planning Commission recommended the Board of Supervisors adopt resolution, recommended findings, and approve inclusion of approximately 160 acres into the boundaries of Agricultural Preserve No. 8 as requested; property located at Approximately 5,330 feet west of the Leonard Avenue and Burbank Street intersection, Shafter area (A complete legal description is on file with the Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department.) (Environmental Review: Categorically Exempt, Section 15317) Dennis McNamara, Division Chief, (661) 862-8624 or McNamaraD@kerncounty.com

The Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department has determined that pursuant to Section 15317, State CEQA Guidelines, this project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

Persons seeking additional information on this matter should contact the Staff planner (listed above) assigned to this case at the Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department. We encourage the submittal of written comments by January 4, 2023, so that those comments may be considered when Staff formulates its recommendation; however, written comments may be submitted any time prior to, or at, the public hearing. Written comments may be sent to the Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department, 2700 "M" Street, Suite 100, Bakersfield, CA 93301.

Anyone wishing to present evidence or be heard in said matter may appear at said hearing or any continuation thereof. If you challenge the action taken on this request in court, you may be limited to raising only those

issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Board of Supervisors at, or prior to, the public hearing. By order of the Board of Supervisors. Publish Shafter Press December 22, 2022

PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement JMS Composites 2022-B7613

608 Aviation Street
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County: Kern

Mailing address of business:
13502 Scaffell Pike St
Bakersfield, CA 93314

Jason Martin Skiby
13502 Scaffell Pike St
Bakersfield, CA 93314

The business is conducted by: Individual

Date the business commenced:
11/18/2022

A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)

/s/ Jason Martin Skiby

Date Statement Filed: 11/18/2022

Date Statement Expires: 11/18/2027

Auditor-Controller-County Clerk

By: A Goodwin

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PUBLIC NOTICE Statement of Abandonment Of JMS Aviation Services

13502 Scaffell Pike St.

Bakersfield, CA 93314

County: KERN

Mailing address of business:

13502 Scaffell Pike St.

Bakersfield, CA 93314

Jason Martin Skiby

13502 Scaffell Pike St.

Bakersfield, CA 93314

I declare that all information in this Statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.)

Business was conducted by: Individual

/s/ Jason Skiby, JMS Aviation Services

Original FBN Statement File Number: 2022-B5454

Original FBN Statement Filed on: 08/05/2022

This statement of Abandonment filed on: 11/18/2022

Mary B. Bedard, CPA

Auditor-Controller-County Clerk

By: /s/ A Goodwin, Deputy

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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Divers Pool Service 2022-B7798 Divers Pool Services 2022-B7800

4516 Coral Reef Court

Bakersfield, CA 93313

County: Kern

Mailing address of business:

4516 Coral Reef Court

Bakersfield, CA 93313

Carranza's Investments, LLC

4516 Coral Reef Court

Bakersfield, CA 93313

State of Incorporation or Organization: CA

The business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company

Date the business commenced:

12/01/2022

A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)

/s/ Israel Carranza, Member

Date Statement Filed: 12/01/2022

Date Statement Expires: 12/01/2027

Auditor-Controller-County Clerk

By: C Martinez

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PUBLIC NOTICE Statement of Abandonment Of Divers Pool Service LLC

10724 Arden Villa Dr

Bakersfield, CA 93311

County: KERN

Mailing address of business:

10724 Arden Villa Dr

Bakersfield, CA 93311

Divers Pool Service LLC

10724 Arden Villa Dr

Bakersfield, CA 93311

I declare that all information in this Statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.)

Business was conducted by: Limited Liability Company

/s/ Abdo Ali, Managing Member

Original FBN Statement File Number: 2021-B4167

Original FBN Statement Filed on: 06/22/2021

This statement of Abandonment filed on: 12/01/2022

Mary B. Bedard, CPA

Auditor-Controller-County Clerk

By: /s/ C Martinez, Deputy

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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Dragons Mane 2022-B7883

5701 Young St Ste 19

Bakersfield, CA 93311

County: Kern

Mailing address of business:

806 Jasmine Park Dr Apt 2

Bakersfield, CA 93312

Alicia Ann Villalobos

806 Jasmine Parke Dr Apt 2

Bakersfield, CA 93312

The business is conducted by: Individual

Date the business commenced: N/A

A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)

/s/ Alicia Ann Villalobos

Date Statement Filed: 12/05/2022

Date Statement Expires: 12/05/2027

Auditor-Controller-County Clerk

By: P Del Villar

Publish Shafter Press December 15, 22, 29, 2022 and January 5, 2023

PUBLIC NOTICE Statement of Abandonment Of Xscape Salon and Boutique

7737 Meany Avenue Ste B-1

Bakersfield, CA 93308

County: KERN

Mailing address of business:

PO Box 22191

Bakersfield, CA 93390

TKA Holdings, LLC

2900 Pacini St

Bakersfield, CA 93314

I declare that all information in this Statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.)

Business was conducted

PET OF THE WEEK

Donny needs a loving home

Donny came into the Wasco Animal Shelter as a stray. He is an independent and quiet 2-4-year-old male cairn terrier. He was found abandoned and is slowly warming up to staff and other dogs. It is unknown whether Donny is house/crate trained at the time. Dogs are not tested with children; this behavior towards children is unknown. Donny will be available for adoption on Thursday, Dec. 22.

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For more information, email: rifigueroa@cityofwasco.org or filarajr@cityofwasco.org.

—Wasco Animal Shelter

HEADLINES IN HISTORY

20 years ago: Dec. 18, 2002

The Shafter Youth Center had its groundbreaking ceremony.

30 years ago: Dec. 23, 1992

Charles Rekosh was named the new Shafter High principal. Rekosh was at the school 19 years before becoming principal.

40 years ago: Dec. 22, 1982

The Shafter Recreation and Parks District approved a location for the Shafter Senior Citizen Facility on Sunset Avenue.

—Compiled by Erica Soriano



The front page, Dec. 22, 1982.

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DEATH NOTICES

Frank Montes, 27, of Shafter passed away Dec. 10, in Bakersfield. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

Alonzo Herrera Barba, 38, of Shafter passed away Nov. 23, in Bakersfield. Basham & Lara Funeral Care,

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Matthew Alvear, 53, of Livingston passed away Dec. 12. Mass was held 12/20 at St. Theresa and Graceland 12/20 Shafter Memorial Park 11 a.m. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

Rick Davis, 63, of Bakersfield passed away Dec. 18, in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

Constanza Uribe, 68, of Wasco passed away Dec. 16, in Wasco. Peters Funeral Home, Wasco.

Juan E. Lopez, 76, of Wasco passed away Dec. 11, in Wasco. Peters Funeral Home, Wasco.

Marian Loewen, 88, of Bakersfield passed away Dec. 19, in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. A-375

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF KERN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ADDING CHAPTER 4.18 TO TITLE 4 OF THE ORDINANCE CODE IMPOSING A KERN COUNTY UNINCORPORATED AREA TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX OF 1.0% TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TAX AND FEE ADMINISTRATION AND SUBJECT TO VOTER APPROVAL

THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY OF KERN ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Pursuant to California Revenue and Taxation Code 7285, the Kern County Board of Supervisors hereby enacts a one percent (1.0%) Transactions and Use Tax for general purposes, to be deposited within the Kern County general fund.

This ordinance shall be published in accordance with Government Code section 25124.

Section 2. This ordinance shall not become effective unless approved by a majority vote of the qualified voters of the unincorporated area of the county voting in an election on the issue.

Section 3. Chapter 4.18 of Title 4 of the Ordinance Code of the County of Kern is added to read as follows:

CHAPTER 4.18
UNINCORPORATED KERN COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY/VITAL SERVICES/LOCAL CONTROL MEASURE

4.18.010Title.

4.18.020Operative Date.

4.18.030Purpose and Application.

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4.18.210Effective Date.

4.18.010Title.

This chapter shall be known as the Unincorporated Kern County Public Safety/Vital Services/Local Control Measure. This ordinance shall be applicable in the unincorporated territory of the County.

4.18.020Operative Date.

“Operative Date” means the first day of the first calendar quarter commencing more than 110 days after the adoption of this ordinance.

4.18.030Purpose and Application.

The purpose of this Chapter is to achieve the following, among other purposes, and shall be interpreted so as to accomplish those purposes:

A. To impose a retail transactions and use tax on the unincorporated area of the County in accordance with the provisions of Part 1.6 (commencing with Section 7251) of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code which authorizes the County to adopt this tax ordinance for general purposes provided a majority of the electors voting on the measure vote to approve the imposition of the tax at an election called for that purpose.

B. To adopt a retail transactions and use tax ordinance that incorporates provisions identical to those of the Sales and Use Tax Law of the State of California insofar as those provisions are not inconsistent with the requirements and limitations contained in Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.

C. To adopt a retail transactions and use tax ordinance that imposes a tax State and provides a measure therefore that can be administered and collected by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (CDTFA) in a manner that adapts itself as fully as practicable to, and requires the least possible deviation from, the existing statutory and administrative procedures followed by the CDTFA in administering and collecting the California State Sales and Use Taxes.

D. To adopt a retail transactions and use tax ordinance that can be administered in a manner that will be, to the greatest degree possible, consistent with the provisions of Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, minimize the cost of collecting the transactions and use taxes, and at the same time, minimize the burden of record keeping upon persons subject to taxation under the provisions of this chapter.

4.18.040Use of the Tax.

Revenues from the tax shall be used for general purposes, including vital services, primarily benefitting the unincorporated area. For purposes of this chapter, the term “vital services” shall include, but is not limited to, the following activities: law enforcement, fire, medical emergency 911 response; preventing property crime; recruiting/retaining qualified firefighters/sheriff deputies; attracting new industries/jobs; retaining and attracting local business/jobs, repairing roads, addressing homelessness, and, addressing mental health/addiction challenges.

4.18.050Contract with State of California.

Prior to the operative date, the County shall contract with the CDTFA to perform all functions incident to the administration and operation of this transactions and use tax ordinance. However, if the County has not contracted with the CDTFA prior to the operative date, it shall nevertheless so contract and in such a case the operative date shall be the first day of the first calendar quarter following the execution of such a contract.

4.18.060Transactions Tax Rate.

For the privilege of selling tangible personal property at retail, a tax is hereby imposed upon all retailers in the unincorporated territory of the County at the rate of one percent (1.0%) of the gross receipts of any retailer from the sale of all tangible personal property sold at retail in said territory on and after the operative date of this ordinance.

4.18.070Place of Sale.

For the purposes of this ordinance, all retail sales are consummated at the place of business of the retailer unless the tangible personal property sold is delivered by the retailer or his agent to an out-of-state destination or to a common carrier for delivery to an out-of-state destination. The gross receipts from such sales shall include delivery charges, when such charges are subject to the state sales and use tax, regardless of the place to which delivery is made. In the event a retailer has no permanent place of business in the State or has more than one place of business, the place or places at which the retail sales are consummated shall be determined under rules and regulations to be prescribed and adopted by the CDTFA.

4.18.080Use Tax Rate.

An excise tax is hereby imposed on the storage, use or other consumption in the County of tangible personal property purchased from any retailer on and after the operative date of this ordinance for storage, use or other consumption in said territory at the rate of one percent (1.0 %) of the sales price of the property. The sales price shall include delivery charges when such charges are subject to state sales or use tax regardless of the place to which delivery is made.

4.18.090Adoption of Provisions of State Law.

Except as otherwise provided in this ordinance and except insofar as they are inconsistent with the provisions of Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, all of the provisions of Part 1 (commencing with Section 6001) of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code are hereby adopted and made a part of this ordinance as though fully set forth herein.

4.18.100Limitations on Adoption of State Law and Collection of Use Taxes. In adopting the provisions of Part 1 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code:

A. Wherever the State of California is named or referred to as the taxing agency, the name of this County shall be substituted therefor. However, the substitution shall not be made when:

1. The word “State” is used as a part of the title of the State Controller, State Treasurer, State Treasury, or the Constitution of the State of California;

2. The result of that substitution would require action to be taken by or against this County or any agency, officer, or employee thereof rather than by or against the CDTFA, in performing the functions incident to the administration or operation of this ordinance.

3. In those sections, including, but not necessarily limited to sections referring to the exterior boundaries of the State of California, where the result of the substitution would be to:

a. Provide an exemption from this tax with respect to certain sales, storage, use or other consumption of tangible personal property which would not otherwise be exempt from this tax while such sales, storage, use or other consumption remain subject to tax by the State under the provisions of Part 1 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code; or,

b. Impose this tax with respect to certain sales, storage, use or other consumption of tangible personal property which would not be subject to tax by the State under the said provision of that code.

4. In Sections 6701, 6702 (except in the last sentence thereof), 6711, 6715, 6737, 6797, or 6828 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.

B. The word “County” shall be substituted for the word “State” in the phrase “retailer engaged in business in this State” in Section 6203 and in the definition of that phrase in Section 6203.

1. “A retailer engaged in business in the District” shall also include any retailer that, in the preceding calendar year or the current calendar year, has total combined sales of tangible personal property in this state or for delivery in the State by the retailer and all persons related to the retailer that exceeds five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000). For purposes of this section, a person is related to another person if both persons are related to each other pursuant to Section 267(b) of Title 26 of the United States Code and the regulations thereunder.

4.18.110Permit Not Required.

If a seller’s permit has been issued to a retailer under Section 6067 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, an additional transaction’s permit shall not be required by this ordinance.

4.18.120Exemptions and Exclusions.

A. There shall be excluded from the measure of the transactions tax and the use tax the amount of any sales tax or use tax imposed by the State of California or by any city, county, or county pursuant to the Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales and Use Tax Law or the amount of any state-administered transactions or use tax.

B. There are exempted from the computation of the amount of transactions tax the gross receipts from:

1. Sales of tangible personal property, other than fuel or petroleum products, to operators of aircraft to be used or consumed principally outside the County in which the sale is made and directly and exclusively in the use of such aircraft as common carriers of persons or property under the authority of the laws of this State, the United States, or any foreign government.

2. Sales of property to be used outside the County which is shipped to a point outside the County, pursuant to the contract of sale, by delivery to such point by the retailer or his agent, or by delivery by the retailer to a carrier for shipment to a consignee at such point.

For the purposes of this paragraph, delivery to a point outside the County shall be satisfied:

a. With respect to vehicles (other than commercial vehicles) subject to registration pursuant to Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 4000) of Division 3 of the Vehicle Code, aircraft licensed in compliance with Section 21411 of the Public Utilities Code, and undocumented vessels registered under Division 3.5 (commencing with Section 9840) of the Vehicle Code by registration to an out-of-County address and by a declaration under penalty of perjury, signed by the buyer, stating that such address is, in fact, his or her principal place of residence; and

b. With respect to commercial vehicles, by registration to a place of business out-of-County and declaration under penalty of perjury, signed by the buyer, that the vehicle will be operated from that address.

3. The sale of tangible personal property if the seller is obligated to furnish the property for a fixed price pursuant to a contract entered into prior to the operative date of this ordinance.

4. A lease of tangible personal property which is a continuing sale of such property, for any period of time for which the lessor is obligated to lease the property for an amount fixed by the lease prior to the operative date of this ordinance.

5. For the purposes of subparagraphs (3) and (4) of this section, the sale or lease of tangible personal property shall be deemed not to be obligated pursuant to a contract or lease for any period of time for which any party to the contract or lease has the unconditional right to terminate the contract or lease upon notice, whether or not such right is exercised.

C. There are exempted from the use tax imposed by this ordinance, the storage, use or other consumption in this County of tangible personal property:

1. The gross receipts from the sale of which have been subject to a transactions tax under any state-administered transactions and use tax ordinance.

2. Other than fuel or petroleum products purchased by operators of aircraft and used or consumed by such operators directly and exclusively in the use of such aircraft as common carriers of persons or property for hire or compensation under a certificate of public convenience and necessity issued pursuant to the laws of this State, the United States, or any foreign government. This exemption is in addition to the exemptions provided in Sections 6366 and 6366.1 of the Revenue and Taxation Code of the State of California.

3. If the purchaser is obligated to purchase the property for a fixed price pursuant to a contract entered into prior to the operative date of this ordinance.

4. If the possession of, or the exercise of any right or power over, the tangible personal property arises under a lease which is a continuing purchase of such property for any period of time for which the lessee is obligated to lease the property for an amount fixed by a lease prior to the operative date of this ordinance.

5. For the purposes of subparagraphs (3) and (4) of this section, storage, use, or other consumption, or possession of, or exercise of any right or power over, tangible personal property shall be deemed not to be obligated pursuant to a contract or lease for any period of time for which any party to the contract or lease has the unconditional right to terminate the contract or lease upon notice, whether or not such right is exercised.

6. Except as provided in subparagraph (7), a retailer engaged in business in the County shall not be required to collect use tax from the purchaser of tangible personal property, unless the retailer ships or delivers the property into the County or participates within the County in making the sale of the property, including, but not limited to, soliciting or receiving the order, either directly or indirectly, at a place of business of the retailer in the County or through any representative, agent, canvasser, solicitor, subsidiary, or person in the County under the authority of the retailer.

7. “A retailer engaged in business in the County” shall also include any retailer of any of the following: vehicles subject to registration pursuant to Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 4000) of Division 3 of the Vehicle Code, aircraft licensed in compliance with Section 21411 of the Public Utilities Code, or undocumented vessels registered under Division 3.5 (commencing with Section 9840) of the Vehicle Code. That retailer shall be required to collect use tax from any purchaser who registers or licenses the vehicle, vessel, or aircraft at an address in the County.

D. Any person subject to use tax under this ordinance may credit against that tax any transactions tax or reimbursement for transactions tax paid to a County imposing, or retailer liable for a transactions tax pursuant to Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code with respect to the sale to the person of the property the storage, use or other consumption of which is subject to the use tax.

4.18.130Amendments to Revenue and Taxation Code.

All amendments subsequent to the effective date of this ordinance to Part 1 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code relating to sales and use taxes and which are not inconsistent with Part 1.6 and Part 1.7 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, and all amendments to Part 1.6 and Part 1.7 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, shall automatically become a part of this ordinance, provided however, that no such amendment shall operate so as to affect the rate of tax imposed by this ordinance.

4.18.140Enjoining Collection Forbidden.

No injunction or writ of mandate or other legal or equitable process shall issue in any suit, action or proceeding in any court against the State or the County, or against any officer of the

State or the County, to prevent or enjoin the collection under this ordinance, or Part 1.6 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, of any tax or any amount of tax required to be collected.

4.18.150Election Costs.

Payment for the costs of the election shall be the responsibility of the County. If the election results in approval of the ordinance by at least a majority vote of those voters voting on the ordinance, the County shall be reimbursed for the cost of the election from the proceeds of the tax.

4.18.160Increase in Appropriations Limit.

The appropriations limit of the County shall be increased by the anticipated amount of revenue generated by the tax to allow spending of the tax for the period allowed by law.

4.18.170Accountability of Use of Revenue.

The County shall ensure that the revenues from the tax are identified separately within the County’s annual budget document and made available through common public platforms, including, but not limited to, the County’s web site. The independently-elected Kern County Auditor-Controller shall compile and report annually to the Board of Supervisors and the public regarding revenue from the tax and expenditures of such revenues incurred by departments receiving disbursements of the tax and that provide services in the unincorporated area of the County to ensure compliance with Revenue and Taxations Code 7285. The Kern County Auditor-Controller may audit at any time the tax revenues are received and expenditures made. Such audits shall be made available to the public for review.

4.18.180Severability.

If any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

4.18.190Fiscal Powers.

Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to restrict the fiscal management powers and authority of the Kern County Board of Supervisors.

4.18.200Citizen Oversight Committee.

Prior to the operative date of this ordinance, the Board of Supervisors shall establish by resolution a Citizen Oversight Committee comprised of residents of the unincorporated area to review the expenditure of revenues generated by the tax imposed by this ordinance and to advise the County Administrative Office and the Board of Supervisors regarding the Committee’s views on how best to utilize the tax revenues within the unincorporated area.

4.18.210Effective Date.

This ordinance relates to the levying and collecting of the County transactions and use taxes and shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the Board of Supervisors, following approval by the electorate.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF WASCO
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed Proposals for the work entitled: Request for Proposals for VACUUM TRUCK STORAGE BUILDING AT WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT will be received at the Office of the City Clerk of the CITY OF WASCO, 746 8th Street, WASCO, California, until 2:00 PM on January 25, 2023 at which time they will be publicly opened and read.

General work description: The work to be done includes, but is not limited to the following: demolish the existing building that has caught fire and is outdated. Resurface existing concrete, add additional ± 277SF of concrete and re-construction of a new building to city specs. The City will use the new building to act as a parking garage for the newly purchased vacuum truck.

A mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting is scheduled for January 4, 2023 at 9:00 AM, at the City of Wasco’s

Waste Water Treatment Plant 5410 7th Street, Wasco, CA 93280. Any Contractor wishing to bid the Project MUST attend.

This meeting is to inform bidders of project requirements and subcontractors of subcontracting and material supply opportunities. Questions in writing will be accepted until January 11, 2023.

Bids are required for the entire work described herein.

Bids must be submitted as described in the specifications provided by the City of Wasco. The bidder who is awarded the project contract will be allowed pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 22300 to substitute securities for the payment of funds withheld under the contract. All documents submitted in compliance with the requirements of this bid package and the contract must be scannable and photocopiable.

This contract is subject to state contract nondiscrimination and compliance requirements pursuant to Government Code, Section 12990.

A contractor or subcontractor shall not be qualified to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, subject to the requirements of Section 4104 of the Public Contract Code, or engage in the performance of any contract for public work, as defined in this chapter, unless currently registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5. It is not a violation of this section for an unregistered contractor to submit a bid that is authorized by Section 7029.1 of the Business and Professions Code or by Section 10164 or 20103.5 of the Public Contract Code, provided the contractor is registered to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5 at the time the contract is awarded.

Inquiries or questions based on alleged patent ambiguity of the plans, specifications or estimate must be communicated as a bidder inquiry prior to bid opening. Any such inquiries or ques-

tions, submitted after bid opening, will not be treated as a bid protest.

Technical questions should be directed to Aurelio Garcia, at augarcia@cityof-wasco.org.

Bid documents may be obtained after noon on December 19, 2022, for a NONREFUNDABLE FEE OF \$30.00 per set from:

CITY OF WASCO

746 8th Street, WASCO, CA 93280

(661) 758-7215

An additional charge of ten dollars (\$10.00) per set will be made for mailing.

OR

Email: CITYCLERK@CITYOFWASCO.ORG to request a PDF copy of the RFP at no-charge.

Pursuant to Section 1773 of the Labor Code, the general prevailing wage rates in the county, or counties, in which the work is to be done have been determined by the Director of the California Department of Industrial Relations. These wages are set forth in the General Prevailing Wage Rates for this project, available at CITY OF WASCO City Hall, 746 8th Street, WASCO, California, and available from the California Department of Industrial Relations’ Internet web site at https://www.dir.ca.gov/opri/DPreWageDetermination.htm. Future effective general prevailing wage rates, which have been predetermined and are on file with the California Department of Industrial Relations are referenced but not printed in the general prevailing wage rates. The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) provides a toll-free hotline to report bid rigging activities. Use the hotline to report bid rigging, bidder collusion, and other fraudulent activities. The hotline number is (800) 424-9071. The service is available 24 hours 7 days a week and is confidential and anonymous. The hotline is part of the DOT’s effort to identify and investigate highway construction contract fraud and abuse and is operated under the direction of the DOT Inspector General.

CITY OF WASCO, DEPUTY CITY CLERK /s/ Monica Flores, Deputy City Clerk

DATE 12-15-2022

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PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE
KERN COUNTY BOARD
OF SUPERVISORS

A public hearing will be held before the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern on January 24, 2023, at 2:00 p.m., at the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors, First Floor, Kern County Administrative Center, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, to consider the following request(s): Kern County Public Works; Streets and Highways - Nonsummary Vacation - Map No. 33; A Nonsummary Vacation of three segments of McCombs Road, west and east of Highway 43 to facilitate the California High-Speed Rail development; property located at McCombs Road between Griffith Avenue and Root Avenue in the Wasco area (A complete legal description is on file with the Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department.) (Environmental Review: Common Sense Exemption, Section 15061(b)(3)) Nicole Huiskens, Planner II (661) 862-8738 or HuiskensN@kerncounty.com

The Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department has determined that it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment and that, therefore, under the provisions of Section 15061(b)(3), State CEQA Guidelines, such activity is not covered by the requirements set forth in the California Environmental Quality Act. Persons seeking additional information on this matter should contact the Staff planner (listed above) assigned to this case at the Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department. We encourage the submittal of written comments by January 4, 2023, so that those comments may be considered when Staff formulates its recommendation; however, written comments may be submitted any time prior to, or at, the public hearing. Written comments may be sent to the Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department, 2700 “M” Street, Suite 100, Bakersfield, CA 93301.

Anyone wishing to present evidence or be heard in said matter may appear at said hearing or any continuation thereof. If you challenge the action taken on this request in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Board of Supervisors at, or prior to, the public hearing.

By order of the Board of Supervisors.

DATED December 16, 2022

/s/KATHLEEN KRAUSE

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

County of Kern

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PUBLIC NOTICE
SUPPLIERS CALLING FOR BIDS WASCO UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

OWNER: Wasco Union High School District

PROJECT TITLE: Funding Year 2023-24

Wasco Union High School District E-rate Services (Category One: Internet Service.)

PROJECT LOCATION: 2100 7th Street, Wasco CA 93280.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Engineer, Supply, Configure, and Provide Installation Options as necessary for Internet Service requested by Wasco Union High School District - See 470 Number 230007727 for Project Details.

RESPONSE DEADLINE: January 24 2023 at 5PM PST.

Responses must be in receipt of Wasco Union High School District by 5PM PST.

PLACE OF BID/RESPONSE RECEIPT:

Wasco Union High School

2100 7th Street

Wasco, CA 93280

METHOD OF BID/RESPONSE RECEIPT:

Bids/Responses must be submitted in writing to: Wasco Union High School District via personal delivery, courier, or mailed via United States Postal Service. All bids must be delivered to the place of bid receipt. E- MAILED RESPONSES SHALL NOT BE ACCEPTED. PLACE PLANS ARE ON FILE: 470 Number 230007727 / http://adsdsi.com/itb_year_26.asp

SEALED BID MARKING: E - r a t e 230007727 – clearly labeled on the outside of sealed response.

QUESTIONS: To assure all vendors have the same information ALL QUESTIONS MUST be posted to http://adsdsi.com/itb_year_26.asp. Please visit the website and click on the RFP/470 Q/A link associated with the applicant’s Form 470 Application to submit a question.

In addition, please click on the RFP/470 Q/A link associated with this application to review all questions asked and answered. Please remember that questions submitted within 2 business days of bid due date may not be answered. See 470 Number 230007727 for additional details.

To perform the work required by the applicant, the winning Bidder must provide a valid Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN) issued by USAC and be licensed in accordance with all applicable rules and regulations, including Local and State Law.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR
CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER:
BCV-22 103093

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: Jorge Aguilar Sanchez filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present Name

Jorge Aguilar Sanchez

Proposed Name

Jorge Aguilar

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING

a. Date: 2/6/23 Time: 830 AM Dept: L

b. The address of the court is: SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF KERN, 1215 TRUXTUN AVENUE, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93301 Kern County Superior Court Metro Division

3. a. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Wasco Tribune

Date: 12/01/2022

/s/Gina Cervantes

SUPERIOR COURT Court Commissioner

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