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Shafter improving city's parks, roads

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

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The city of Shafter has been busy this quarter improving the park system and roads in and around Shafter, continuing the beautification of the city.

Thanks to a couple of grants and allocated funds in the projected budget, the city has completed the Stringham Park improvement project, needing just some finishing touches.

"We just have to put in a few trees, and

the project will be completed," said Public Works Director Michael James. "The trees are from the trees that we removed from the park, so we are reusing the trees, not needing to buy new ones."

The project saw the city move the bus stop for the Regional Transit Bus system from the corner located at the City Hall building and Central Valley Highway to the new location on James Street at Stringham Park. The location also boasts a shaded

structure, and a new parking lot that is using part of the existing park on the east side of the location. "It doesn't decrease the square footage of the park, just rearranges the location of the grass area and the playground equipment."

The new playground equipment is located across from Shafter Donuts, with new, safe equipment and new restrooms.

The city also has begun a new section of road improvement included in the Zerker Road improvement project. Zerker Road has seen miles of road improve-

ments, adding a shoulder to the road, as well as resurfacing the street pavement and striping. The next phase, which was approved at the last City Council meeting, will include the stretch of Zerker Road that parallels Highway 99. The section that will be under construction goes from Zerker Road at the beginning of the Highway 99 stretch and goes to the curve that eventually meets at Seventh Standard Road. This project has been funded by city Capital Improvement funds, as well as

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The Boy Scouts will lead a flag ceremony to salute the flag's presence as a sign of respect to our nation and those within it.

Red, White and Boom to celebrate independence

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

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The Wasco Recreation and Parks District will host 'The Red, White & Boom Fireworks Festival' on Saturday, June 29. This event will bring families and friends together to celebrate the country's independence at Barker Park, enjoying food, vendors, activities, music and a substantial fireworks

show. The festival kicks off at 6 p.m. with a flag ceremony, a patriotic tribute led by Boy Scouts Troop 950, and a bike parade in partnership with Wasco Toys for Tigers. Residents can join in on this tradition by decorating their bikes, trikes, strollers, wagons or golf carts. Participants check in at the

Wasco Recreation and Parks booth at 6 p.m. on the day of the event.

Also, at 6 p.m., the 3rd Annual Car Show & Shine, a tribute to Danny Rueda, will take place. The event is open to all makes and models of cars, trucks and motorcycles. Setup begins at 5 p.m. It is a nonjudge vehicle show.

"It's a 'park-and-sit' car show with no awards, just a prize for a

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Shafter plans to put on big fireworks show on July 3

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

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Shafter will be celebrating Independence Day on Wednesday, July 3, with their annual July 3rd fireworks event at Shafter High School, utilizing the ball fields on campus and making for a full festival, with food, games, inflatables and music before the main event.

The event draws people from all over Kern County, with one of the only fireworks shows in the county, and also holding it on the third, instead of the fourth. This came about years ago when the city was able to secure the world famous fireworks giant Zambelli Fireworks to do their show. This was when the company was also doing the big

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There will be plenty to do for the kids, including getting to sit in a military-style vehicle from Minter Field Air Museum.



Part of the Matilda cast.

New Shafter Theater's 'Matilda the Musical'

Shafter's newest family community theater group will present its first production, 'Matilda the Musical,' this Friday and Saturday, June 28-29, at 7 p.m. There will be an early show Sunday, June 30, at 5 p.m. All shows will be performed at the Fred Starrh Shafter High School Performing Arts Theater.

The new nonprofit Shafter Theater is comprised of community members, and is headed by Chad Givens, with daughter Lauren Givens assisting. According to their Instagram bio they are a faith-based community event production group performing various theatrical and entertainment productions throughout the year. Many old faces are active and some are new.

Givens, who is the mayor of Shafter, explained the originals of the new organization: "A group of people who wanted more for their kids and all who want to participate in community theater with higher advances in theater tech and opportunities that don't really exist in other places."

'Matilda the Musical' is an story about a super intelligent little girl who discovers she has special powers and with remarkable courage, against all odds, takes charge of her own destiny and helps others. Standing up for what is right, she is met with miraculous results.

This is the first production, with many more planned in the future. And new members are always welcome, any age. 'Matilda the Musical' has 32 cast members and a 10-member production crew. Estella Loaiza will star as Matilda, supported by Dessie Claffy, Cassandra Lopez, Mark Sciallaba, Jamie Kirschenmann and many more actors and actresses.

'Matilda the Musical' tickets are \$10 per seat and can be purchased at the door or online at simpletix.com/e/matilda-shafter-theater-tickets-173997.

The cast invites the community to come out and support the new project. The group can be followed on Instagram at [Shafter_eptheater](https://www.instagram.com/Shafter_eptheater).

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Estella Loaiza as Matilda.

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Community Calendar

The Shafter Press and Wasco Tribune encourage local organizations to let the public know about coming events and activities through this column. Drop off or mail items at the office, 455 Kern St., Suite E, in Shafter, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday, call 661-292-5100 or email esoriano@TheShafterPress.com. Deadline is 4 p.m. Thursday prior to publication. Updates will be on TheShafterPress.com and WascoTrib.com.

ONGOING

Wasco cooling center – A cooling center is now open at the Old Court House, 810 8th St., 1-7 p.m. when temperatures hit 105 and above. Residents who are registered to the city system will be notified a minimum of two days in advance by text and a phone call when the center will be open. Call the city clerk's office at 661-758-7215 for information on how to register.

Shafter cooling center – A cooling center will be open 1-8 p.m. at the Walker Senior Center in Shafter when temperatures reach 105 and approved by the county. For more information, call Shafter Parks and Recreation, 661-746-3303.

Kids summer program – Free registration at Shafter Youth Center. Full or half days available Monday, June 3-Friday, Aug. 2, ages 6 and older. For more information, call 661-746-8235 or register online at capk.org.

Downtown Shafter Summer Fun Series – First Fridays, June 14, Aug. 2, Sept. 6 and Oct. 4. 5-9 p.m. Live music, vendors and more.

Farmers Market – Downtown Shafter Square, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., every Saturday, June 15-Aug. 31.

Wardrobe for Wildcats – Semitropic School is seeking donations to provide two full uniforms, school t-shirt and school sweatshirt to each Semitropic School student for the 2024-25 school year. All donations will directly benefit students at the school and are tax deductible. Bring a donation directly by the school at 25300 Hwy. 46 in Wasco or contact Melody Gebhardt at 661-746-4439.

PRIDE Pantry donations needed – Help hurting families at Shafter High through donations of personal hygiene items, clothing, household items and nonperishable food. Drop off at the school office, 526 Mannel Ave. Call Katie Young at on-campus intervention, 661-746-4961.

MONDAY

North Kern 4H – Meetings are held at Karl Clemens cafeteria at 7 p.m. the 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

Senior Sack Program – First and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 11 a.m. at the Griffith Avenue Baptist Church in Wasco.

Shafter Recreation and Parks District – Meetings the second Tuesday of the month at 505 Sunset Ave., the Shafter Senior Center.

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

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

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

lunch meetings.

Senior Food giveaway – Westside Family Fellowship hosts free senior food giveaway every fourth Tuesday of the month, 9-10 a.m., 60 or older (ID required). 2150 Palm Ave., Wasco.

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. Visit wuhs.wascouhsd.org for agenda information.

Wasco Recreation and Park board – Meetings 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.

Free farmers market – Westside Family Fellowship hosts every fourth Thursday of the month, 8-10 a.m. 2150 Palm Ave., Wasco.

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).

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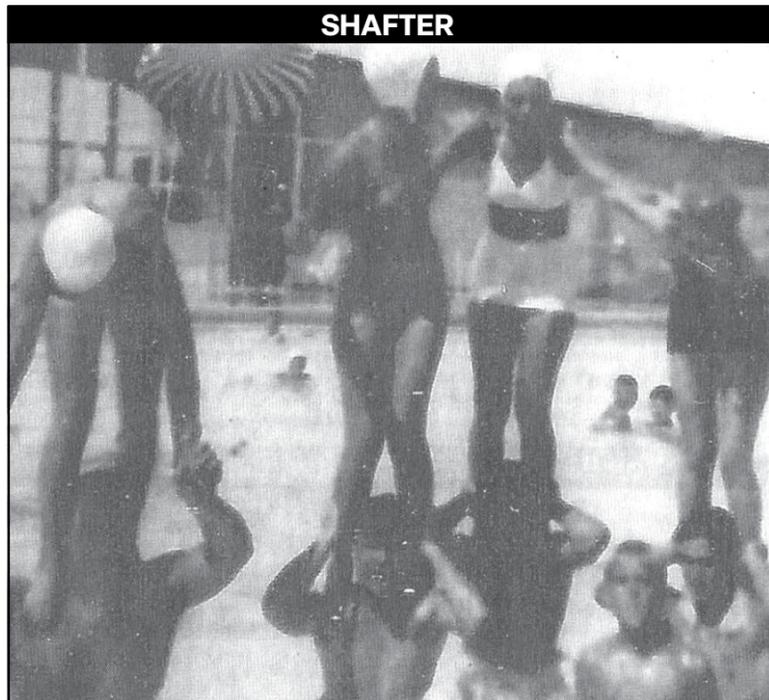
Depot Museum – Shafter Historical Society presents the city's history. Free admittance. 150 Central Valley Highway. Open Saturdays, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Green Hotel tours – Shafter Historic Green Hotel is open to tours on the first Saturday of each month from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. For more information about renting the hotel for events, email thegreenhotel@gmail.com or phone 661-746-1913 and leave a message.

Minter Field Air Museum – Open Fridays and Saturdays 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at 401 Vultee, Shafter. Admission free, donations accepted.

Wasco Museum – Open every second Saturday of the month, 1-3 p.m., at 918 6th St. Free to the public. Wasco High School artifacts from over the last 100 years are featured.

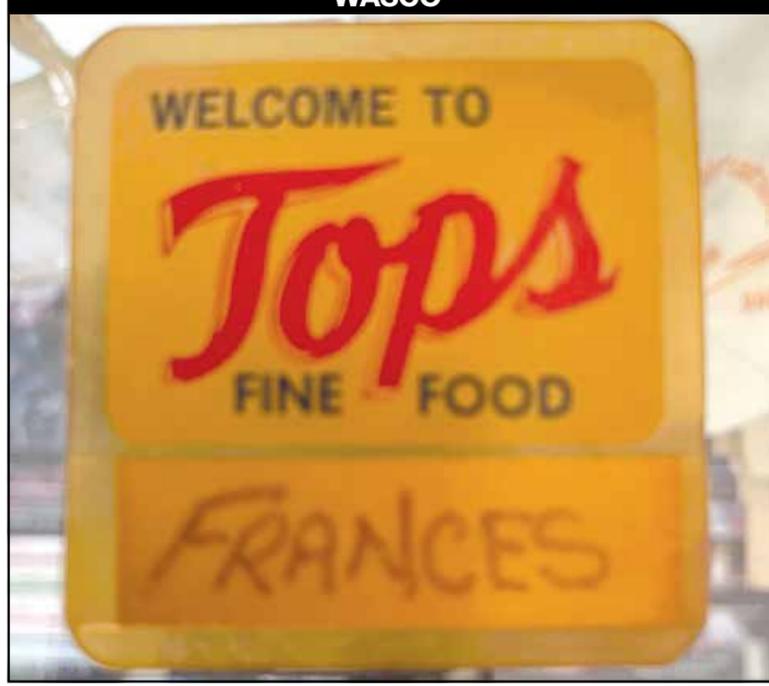
Mystery history



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CREDIT

Pictures accompanying last week's story on a SHS history trip to the east coast were taken by Kendall Marshall. The credit was inadvertently left off the caption.

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ARREST REPORT

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As reported by the Shafter Police Department

JUNE 17

Frank Antonio Rodriguez, 44, of Shafter, was arrested on Poso Street for domestic violence and on a misdemeanor charge.

JUNE 18

James Dean House, 46, of Shafter was arrested on North Shafter Avenue on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge.

JUNE 21

William Grant Nigro, 31, of Shafter, was arrested on Community Drive for possession of a urglary tool and committing mail theft.

Efren Centeno, 34, of Shafter, was arrested on the Central Valley Hwy. for outside warrant.

Jose Juan Tovar, 49, of Shafter was arrested in the 200 block of South Shafter Avenue on an outside warrant.

BUTTONWILLOW

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

JUNE 17

Laura Ann Barela, 40, of Shafter, was arrested at the intersection of Highway 46 and Main Drain Road in Lost Hills on a Kings County misdemeanor warrant. She was later cited and released on that warrant.

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As reported by the Wasco Police Department:

JUNE 17

Abel Noel Castillo, 35, was arrested at the intersection of 9th Place and Oak Avenue on a Felony bench warrant. He was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

JUNE 19

Luis Cruz Santiago, 42, was arrested in the 600 block of Palm Avenue for driving with a suspended license. He was cited and released at the scene.

Lori Marie Ramirez, 39, was arrested in the 600 block of Palm Avenue on a felony bench warrant. She was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

Melissa Castillo Mesa, 42, was arrested in the 600 block of Palm Avenue on a felony bench warrant, and for giving false identification to a peace officer and possession of a controlled substance. She was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

Rodney Thomas, 65, was arrested at the intersection of Filburn Street and Highway 43 on a felony bench warrant. He was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

JUNE 20

Mario A Calderon Cruz, 44, was arrested in the 2500

block of 2502 Parkside Drive for obstructing/resisting an executive officer, possession of a controlled substance, possession of unlawful paraphernalia, and on a misdemeanor bench warrant. He was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

JUNE 21

Marissa Serna, 27, was arrested at the intersection

of 9th St and Broadway for a Misdemeanor Bench Warrant. She was cited and released at the scene.

JUNE 22

Carlos Amador, 36, was arrested in the 1800 block of F Street for felony vandalism, on a felony bench warrant, for obstructing/resisting a peace officer and for possession of unlaw-

ful paraphernalia. He was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

JUNE 23

Joanna Gil, 42, was arrested in the 1700 block of Poplar Avenue for disorderly conduct: alcohol. She was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

Evelyn Castro, 21, was arrested in the 900 block of

Central Avenue for driving with a suspended license. She was cited and released at the scene.

David Zuniga Fierro, 32, was arrested in the 900 block of Central Avenue on a misdemeanor bench warrant. He was cited and released at the scene.

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Music was a big draw for the event. MIDDLE: There was choreography to the music as well. RIGHT: Arts and crafts were a part of the VBS.

Shafter youth spend time in VBS 'jungle'

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

The Shafter Ford Theater was host to a jungle full of fun last week, as the Shafter Community Vacation Bible School took place on the site, bringing together kids from churches from all over town to have a big event.

With attendance dwindling in separate programs in Shafter, and with the differ-

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ent churches sometimes competing at the same time for the same kids, it was decided by a few of the churches to pool resources and create one big Vacation Bible School. This idea took off and the event has been well attended for the past three years.

This year, the theme of the VBS was The Great Jungle Journey. Jennifer Garza, one of the organizers, said that it was an

epic voyage from Genesis to Revelations. "It is great to see the kids having such a good time and also learning a lot at the same time."

The event was filled with music, choreography and daily Bible verses that the kids would memorize.

There was also a Bible story time in which the kids were taken on a new adventure each day.

The event also had an arts and crafts time,

with the kids making several keepsakes that they were able to take home to their parents. There was a meal before the festivities started each day and a snack time.

There was an eventful game activity time which had the kids getting their exercise for the day and more.

It was as fun way for the kids to spend a week out of school. "It gave them plenty to do, kept them safe and allowed them to learn a lot," Garza said.

Gossamer Grove arrest for mail theft

JAME STEWART
The Shafter Press

A Shafter man was arrested on Friday for stealing mail from mail boxes in the Gossamer Grove community.

A police officer on patrol arrested 31-year-old William Nigro when he stopped him at approximately 3 a.m. during patrol checks in the area of Community Drive and Flowertree Drive. The officer made the stop on the Honda Ac-

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cord for a vehicle code violation.

Nigro was found to be driving on a suspended license and had an expired registration. According to Acting Police Chief Randy Milligan, Nigro also was found in possession of several pieces of mail within the vehicle.

The mail was from several different addresses in the Gossamer Grove area. Nigro also was found in possession of a U.S.

Mail postal key.

Officers found a community mailbox that appeared to have been tampered with. The addresses associated with this mailbox matched at least two addresses associated with the mail in Nigro's vehicle. Some of the mail had personal identifying information of the victims.

This was not the first time the Gossamer Grove area has been targeted by this type of crime. A couple of months ago, the Gossamer Grove area was the site of a rash

of vehicle break-ins and theft of people's mail.

Nigro was arrested for possession of personal identifying information, driving on a suspended license, possession of burglary tools and theft of mail. He was booked into the Kern County Sheriff's Office Justice Receiving Facility.

Police ask that anyone with further information regarding this incident contact the Shafter Police Department at 661-746-8500.

Wasco schools say goodbye to Zach Ellis

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

Dr. Zach Ellis has 14 years of experience in education, seven of those in Wasco as a teacher at Palm Avenue when it was an elementary school, assistant principal and principal later as a middle school, assistant principal at Thomas Jefferson Middle School, summer school principal at John L. Prueitt Elementary and currently as principal of Teresa Burke Elementary. He will soon become a principal for the Rosedale Union School District, and colleagues who worked with him and students he taught, guided and supported say he will be deeply missed.

"What I will remember most about my time in Wasco is how much the community embraced and supported me at every point of my career here," Ellis said in a telephone interview last week. "I feel so much love and gratitude for all of my experiences here and the relationships I have had here. I love my students, parents, staff and leaders who have helped shape me. I really do love the community of Wasco."

"I've been a part of some pretty amazing teams. We spent many long hours together and supported and leaned on each other during some important seasons in our lives. They became a family to me, and those types of relationships I will forever hold dear. I know, without a doubt, those are the things I will remember most."

For him, education has always played an essential part in his life, and it has sparked his desire to dedicate himself to working with youth. "I've always had great experiences in education. My kindergarten teacher and my elementary



Zach Ellis with his wife, Nicol, and sons Everett and Zachary.

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principal were instrumental in developing me as a human being. While I've lost touch with my principal, I, to this day, still keep in touch with my kindergarten teacher."

There have been many highlights in his career in Wasco. "Every season in my career here in Wasco has brought something inspirational. Working with an amazing 5th grade team and staff as a teacher at Palm Avenue Elementary. My experiences working with an amazing admin team, leadership team and staff at Thomas Jefferson. Getting to open a new middle

school and having the privilege to work for an amazing leader and friend, leadership team, and staff at Palm Avenue Middle School and then transitioning to an incredible team and staff at Teresa Burke. There have been so many pivotal moments in those times that forged forever relationships. I am so grateful for each of those experiences because they have grown me a bit more as an educator, leader, and, more importantly, a person."

Ellis has learned from his students, believing "that our students are innately good and deserve the best of what we can give day in and day out. The 'worst of the worst' are just students who haven't been

heard or understood. Once you peel off that label and truly get to know that kid, you can move mountains. Seeing that over the past seven years has impacted me and my journey as an educator/leader."

He added that some have made his time in Wasco special. "There are so many people that I would like to thank, but unfortunately, you don't have enough ink for that. Instead, I will speak generally. Thank you to the families, the students, the community, the teachers, the staff, my colleagues, each of the teams I have served, and the board for your unparalleled commitment towards 'better.' I wish each and every one of you nothing but the best."

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Aera volunteers at a coat drive in Wasco in partnership with CAPK in November. RIGHT: Aera Energy employees performing an inspection at a field location.

Aera sponsors Camp Keep for students

VERONICA JACUINDE

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Aera Energy and Strata Credit Union have partnered to sponsor 380 Wasco elementary school students to attend Camp KEEP, a weeklong environmental education program in San Luis Obispo. Camp KEEP, run by the Kern County

Superintendent of Schools Office, provides hands-on learning experiences for students to explore and appreciate the natural world. Through interactive activities, students gain a deeper understanding of environmental science, ecology and conservation.

"Our donations provide the tuition, transportation and supplies for those students and highlight our shared commitment to supporting local education and environmental stewardship," Aera Community Outreach Specialist Joseph Lopez said, "We hope this experience will have lasting impacts and may even inspire them to pursue future careers in STEM fields. We hope this will provide Wasco students with unforgettable experiences that will have lasting impacts and spark their interest in future STEM."

Aera Energy is an oil and gas company committed to producing some of the oil and gas California depends on and fully committed to helping California achieve carbon neutrality by 2045. "We have tremendous resources available, from our land and infrastructure to our decades of expertise in energy production, to help support the energy transformation."

The company is based in Bakersfield, in one of the largest oil-producing regions in the nation – with additional operations in Ventura, Monterey and Fresno counties.

"As a California company, Aera is a long-time leader in the energy industry, continuously innovating to provide the oil and gas Californians need. Our company provides 25% of California's oil and gas," Lopez said.

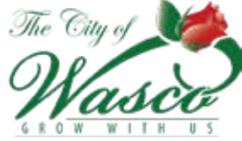
Aera does more than just business in California, Lopez explained. "Particu-

larly in the City of Wasco, we are active members of the community. We support various events through sponsorships, coat drives, community clean-ups, career days, and much more. As Aera seeks to improve lives outside our walls and within, we understand the value of a strong education in STEM fields as a gateway to good-paying jobs that further support our local economy but, most importantly, to improve the lives and livelihoods of Kern County residents."

California Resources Corporation will merge with Aera Energy in the second half of the year. "We are incredibly excited about the newly combined company and the tremendous value it unlocks."

Soon, Aera will launch its Carbon-Frontier project at Aera's Belridge oil field, which is intended to help reduce emissions from local production. "Hopefully, it will also serve as a future catalyst for additional decarbonization efforts to help create a better energy future for California."

Lopez has a message for the Wasco community: "We are passionate about educating the next generation of scientists, engineers and teachers and supporting opportunities that help them realize their full potential. We hope to inspire the next generation of energy workers who will help California achieve its energy future at Aera or with other companies and industries right here at home."



LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the City of Wasco will hold a public hearing on the project listed below in this notice. The public hearing will be held on **Monday July 8, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.** or as soon as possible thereafter in the Council Chambers located at 746 8th Street, Wasco, California.

1. CITY OF WASCO GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENTS:

A. City of Wasco 2023-2032 6th Cycle Housing Element Update

Applicant: City of Wasco

Project: City of Wasco 2023-2032 6th Cycle Housing Element Update

Location: City-Wide

CEQA Determination: Categorically Exempt Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act 15061(b)(3).

Project Information: The City's Draft 2023-2032 6th Cycle Housing Element may be reviewed during normal business hours at the Community Development Department Planning Division located at 764 "E" Street, Wasco, CA 93280 or on the City's Website in this location

<https://www.cityofwasco.org/385/Housing-Element-Update-2023>

B. General Plan Amendment 24-01 City of Wasco and WUHS District General Plan Land Use Element Amendment

Applicant: City of Wasco and Wasco Union High School District

Project: General Plan Amendment 24-01 - A General Plan Land Use Element Amendment to change the land use designations on three parcels from Low Density Residential to Public Facilities.

Location: APN 487-140-48 and 490-020-22 & 23 (see map below)

CEQA Determination: Categorically Exempt Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act 15061(b)(3)

Project Information: Information on General Plan Amendment 24-01 may be reviewed during normal business hours at the Community Development Department Planning Division located at 764 "E" Street, Wasco, CA 93280

2. ZONE CHANGE 24-01 WASCO UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Applicant: Wasco Union High School District

Project: Zone Change 24-01 - A Zone Change one parcel (partial) totaling approximately 7.5 acres in the City of Wasco from R-1-6 (Low Density Residential 6,000 sq ft min. lot size) to Public Facilities.

Location: APN 487-140-48 (partial) and 490-020-22 and 23 (see map below)

CEQA Determination: Categorically Exempt Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act 15061(b)(3)

Project Information: Information on Zone Change 24-01 may be reviewed during normal business hours at the Community Development Department Planning Division located at 764 "E" Street, Wasco, CA 93280

3. ANNEXATION 41 PRE-ZONING – WASCO UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Applicant: Wasco Union High School District

Project: Pre-zoning for Annexation 41 – Pre-zoning of approximately 32 acres to Public Facilities.

Location: APN 487-140-48 (partial) see map below

CEQA Determination: Categorically Exempt Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act 15061(b)(3)

Project Information: Information on Annexation 41 pre-zoning may be reviewed during normal business hours at the Community Development Department Planning Division located at 764 "E" Street, Wasco, CA 93280

General Plan Amendment 24-01, Zone Change 24-01 and Annexation 41 Pre-zoning Location Map



Any person wishing to testify on the above projects may appear before the Planning Commission at their hearing of July 8, 2024, or may submit written comments on or before July 8, 2024.

If you challenge these proposals, or any aspect of it in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Wasco Planning Department, 764 "E" Street, Wasco, CA 93280, at, or prior to the public hearing.

If you need special assistance to participate in the meeting described in this notice, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (661) 758-7250 to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to these meetings. Telephone (661) 758-7250 or via California Relay Service (Hearing Impaired Only). Requests for assistance should be made at least two (2) days in advance whenever possible.

If you have any questions, you may contact the Community Development Department at (661) 758-7200.

Publish on or before June 27, 2024

/s/ Yolanda Tinajero, Deputy City Clerk 06/21/2024



The Good Samaritan Hospital team: Emily Russel, Cynthia Alvarado, Sandra Rules, Bertha Barraza NP-C (primary care), Dr. Babita Datta (Obgyn), Praksha Patel (office manager), Renee Chavez, Harjeet Cheema NP (psychiatric) and Happy Desome.

Good Samaritan Hospital working to meet health needs

VERONICA JACUINDE

Wasco Tribune

WASCO

Good Samaritan Hospital – Rural Health Clinic Wasco is a community health care organization whose mission is to provide safe, effective medical and neuropsychiatric services in a caring manner for all.

"We are here to serve the community and their health care needs," Office Manager Praksha Patel said.

GSH has four providers with their own specialty. They are Bertha Barraza, a nurse practitioner who provides primary care and wound care; Harjeet Cheema, a nurse practitioner psychiatrist; Mirna Gonzalez, a behavioral health therapist; and Dr. Babita Datta, a gynecology specialist with 28 years of experience specializing in women's health and prenatal care.

Some services provided include annual physicals, weight management, mammograms, ultrasounds, behavioral health, diabetes management, wound care, pap smears and birth control.

GSH addresses the unique healthcare needs of a rural population like Wasco. "We are here locally, so it's easy for the community to have access to all our services. Our clinic serves Wasco and the surrounding areas, including Delano, Shafter and McFarland. If you have Kern Family Health and no transportation to your appointments, the clinic can assist with transportation arrangements."

Patel said GSH is a benefit to the com-

munity and much needed. "The population is growing, and the health care needs of people in the community are essential for the well-being of the individual. The presence of the clinic in Wasco can help provide quality health service. So now Wasco's population can access this clinic to make a difference in their health care needs."

GSH accepts Kern Family Health patients, Blue Cross insurance, Medi-Cal, Medicare and all PPOs.

"For those who cannot afford to pay, we offer discounted cash prices, and if they don't have insurance, we can assist them in signing up for Kern Family Health Insurance."

The clinic is bilingual to better serve the Wasco community. "Our NP-C, Bertha Barraza, can speak Spanish. We also have Spanish translators here for all providers and a phone service that translates into all languages."

GSH is accepting new patients, and walk-ins are welcome. New patients are seen within a day.

The clinic's goal for the future is to provide more advanced care for the local community. "We look forward to working to better the health needs of the residents of Wasco."

Good Samaritan Hospital, 1217 7th St., is open from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Call 661-758-5500 to schedule an appointment.



Trees were planted at Shafter's parks to improve the air quality.

Free electric cars offered under state program

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

SHAFTER

Residents with older cars can trade them in for free electric models under a state program to reduce air emissions.

AB617 was passed a few years ago, requiring the state of California to reduce emissions in the air. The city of Shafter was selected as two of the state's disadvantaged areas, because of studies finding citizens' overall health below the norm and the quality of the air.

A steering committee was formed and through meetings and discussions, a plan was created to reduce the emissions in Shafter and help the city get a little greener.

The newest program available to

the residents of Shafter is the vehicle replacement program. This program will take in a resident's vehicle if it is older than 2006. The San Joaquin Valley Air District will replace the vehicle with an electric vehicle. "This program will significantly reduce vehicle emissions in the city," said Lynnda Martin, who has been on the steering committee since its inception. "Another program which I am so proud of is the trees that we got planted in our city's parks. This is such a great program and will beautify our parks as well as making the air healthier."

Mayor Pro-Tem Cathy Prout, who has also been on the committee, said that it is wonderful to see all of their

discussions coming to fruition. "We have had so many meetings, discussions, plans. It is nice to see all of this work reach a result. There are so many programs that our residents can take advantage of."

Another program which is available for Shafter residents is the opportunity to receive a new air filter for their home. The programs actually started in 2022 when the committee announced that the San Joaquin Valley Air District would be replacing residents' lawnmowers with electric ones. This program resulted in over 50 machines being taken out of commission and reducing the emissions in the air.

For more information on these programs, go to AB617@valleyair.org.

Teacher refuses plea deal, going to trial on felony

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

SHAFTER

Local teacher Candie Springer will be going to trial after a plea deal could not be reached at a status hearing earlier this month. Springer faces a felony charge of child cruelty and a misdemeanor of allowing an unlicensed person to drive.

She refused to accept a deal that

would have her plead guilty to the felony charge, her attorney, David Torres, said outside Bakersfield Municipal Court on Friday. Judge Michael G. Bush confirmed a preliminary hearing will take place July 16.

Last year, Springer let her son take her car for what she thought would be a quick trip to the mar-

ket. Jace Springer instead picked up friends, sped on city streets and led police on a chase that ended with the car crashing into a tree. A passenger died. He accepted a plea agreement in juvenile court on charges including vehicular manslaughter with gross negligence, and received 200 hours of community service and probation.

Shafter improving city's parks, roads with projects

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a grant from Kern COG that was issued in 2023. This section will be the last phase of the project, connecting Zerker and Seventh Standard Road.

Also on the horizon is the beginning of designing and planning of the long-awaited roundabout that will be installed at the intersection of Los An-

geles Avenue and Central Valley Highway. This project, according to James, will work wonders in eliminating a lot of the congestion that is experienced on a daily basis at the intersection, which sometimes results in a mile-long wait at the stop sign at the intersection. This roundabout is similar to one that was installed at the inter-

section of Highway 43 and Stockdale Highway. This roundabout has eliminated a large portion of the congestion at the intersection and has also made the area a lot safer, James said.

With the design and planning getting underway, the project expects to have a completion date of spring 2026.

DEATH NOTICES

Antonio Barreto, 95, of Delano, passed away June 20, in Tulare. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

Susan E. Arney, 68, of Shafter, passed away June 19, in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

Melba Gunning, 84, of Ba-

kersfield, passed away June 13, in Bakersfield. Monarch Memorial Bakersfield.

Donald Pat Mills, 89, of Bakersfield, passed away June 17, in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home, Wasco.

Johnny Berumen, 59, of Was-

co, passed away June 23, in Wasco. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

Carlos E. Felix, 88, of Arvin, passed away June 23, in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home, Arvin.

Elena Gomez, 79, of Arvin, passed away June 21, in Arvin. Peters Funeral Home, Arvin.

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Chief shares fireworks safety tips

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

WASCO

With the 4th of July right around the corner, Wasco Police Department Chief of Police Charles Fivecoat shared tips and information on how to keep safe this holiday when using fireworks and warned that the use of illegal fireworks can cause severe injury and can result in heavy fines or jail time.

"The fireworks that are illegal and non-safe are more dangerous to use than the ones that are sold legitimately; couple that with people having weekend parties and alcohol is involved, there is always the potential of people getting hurt," Fivecoat said.

Even so, he shared that both illegal and legal fireworks can lead to accidents. "Over my career since 1974, severe hand injuries

to lost eyesight can happen. Sometimes, the fuses are too short. They may go off prematurely, so you don't have enough time to get away. There is also potential for fires created by the explosives

"There are huge concerns about fireworks, particularly the mortar type of fireworks that shoot up in the air, and the hazard with those if any of the embers of those devices come down to where there are combustible materials like debris piles, wooden shake roofs and dry grass. It certainly increases the risk of having a structure fire."

Fivecoat said that adults should supervise the use of fireworks and that small children should not be involved in lighting them off.

In addition, he said from a law enforce-

ment perspective that a person possessing or selling illegal fireworks could be subject to criminal penalties. "It could be anything from a fine or imprisonment, depending on what the fireworks are being used for or the circumstances of the case. All fireworks purchased should be restricted to legal, safe and sane firework manufacturers."

He recommends attending an organized fireworks display rather than setting off fireworks at home. "I was here last year when we had the sponsored fireworks show by the Wasco Recreation and Parks District. It was a wonderful show and lasted quite a bit. It's a good family event where you can go to the park, enjoy the activities and have a good time."

For residents who witness illegal fireworks or unsafe practices and want to report them, he said, "Our communication

center is open 24 hours a day. If people have concerns about illegal fireworks, they can call the Wasco Police Department at 661-758 7266 or use the Kern County Fire Department website, where there is a link to reporting illegal fireworks activity. That is the best method because all the information is compiled and helps guide us to where the problems are."

Further, he stated that residents who experience or witness a fireworks-related emergency should call 911 and report the nature of the emergency or the injury.

His message: "The risk of injury or death from illegal fireworks is not worth it. Instead, restrict fireworks use to safe and sane fireworks that are sold legally. I hope the community enjoys the holiday and everybody remains safe and has an enjoyable time."

Red, White and Boom to celebrate July 4th

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lucky winner that is raffled for those participating," WRPD Manager Chris Serna said. "It will be a place to hang out, talk cars, and tell stories to one another, participate in the events, hear some great music, eat some great food from the vendors in the park and have a great view of the fireworks show."

At 7 p.m., there will be a watermelon eating contest, which will test the speed of eating a watermelon hands-free. Winners will receive a prize, and is open to all ages. Pick up an entry form at the DJ booth by 6:30 p.m. and complete a waiver in order to participate.

From 7 to 8:45 p.m., residents can have fun at the Red, White & Pool Party. "The pool party is sure to be a splash! Open to all ages, admission is free to all for a refreshing time at the pool before viewing the fireworks show," Serna said.

Finally, at 9 p.m., the fireworks show starts. "Great viewing spots can be found

along Barker Park. Fireworks remind us of the beauty and wonder of life. There's nothing like watching our annual fireworks display to get your adrenaline pumping and your heart racing. The bright colors, the noise, the smell of gunpowder, it's all exhilarating and invigorating.

"The visual spectacle of fireworks ignites a collective sense of patriotism, uniting diverse individuals under a common banner and fostering a sense of belonging and camaraderie."

During the festival, savor food and beverages from a diverse selection of vendors. There will also be a variety of merchants with many items. DJ S will provide music, and he will be playing all kinds of genres, for all ages.

Some event sponsors include the Wasco Rotary Club, Creative Builders, Knorr Systems and Wasco T-Shirt.

City of Wasco Animal Control will hold a free adoption event at Barker Park from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the same day.



Participants at last year's event compete for a chance to be crowned the Watermelon Eating Champion of the festival.

For more information, call 661-758-7240.

Barker Park is located at 1280 Poplar Ave. For additional details on the Red,

White & Boom Fireworks event, visit wascoparks.com or call the WRPD office at 661-758-3081.

Shafter fireworks show on July 3



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show at Bakersfield College, so they told city staff that they could do the show on July 3. It worked out in two ways, not only being one of the only shows on the 3rd, but it is also cheaper for the show being on July 3.

This space is a good fit, with a lot of the crowd going to this area even when the event was held at the stadium, with a good expanse of space and a convenient location for viewing the fireworks.

Gates open for the free event at 6 p.m. Parking in the two high school lots is \$10 per car, but many park on streets all around the campus.

The Shafter Chamber of Commerce is again the sponsor, with a number of sponsors making it possible for the event to be free to the public, with donations encouraged and accepted. Last week, the Chamber announced that they had raised \$20,000 of the \$30,000 that is needed to cover the costs of the event. They will have to dip into their reserves if they do not reach their goal before show-time.

With the costs of the shows rising, and the opposition that some communities are up against when it comes to fireworks, the event has become an attraction for families as far away as McFarland and Delano.

PASTOR'S CORNER

We can't make it on our own

PASTOR BEVERLY PERELLO
Home Fellowship Church

In some ways, life has never been easier or more automatic. We can pay our bills, buy our groceries and maybe even earn a living without ever leaving our homes. If we've found the right app, artificial intelligence can research and write for us. So much of our lives can be handled from a laptop or tablet, or even our cell phone.

While some tasks are easier, it has never been harder to know what to believe. Bombarded by social media and streaming channels, we have more information available to us in a single moment than we did after months of diligent study just a decade or two ago. Yet most of that information is suspect, skewed by those who

would manipulate our thinking and our emotions for their own ends – political, financial or personal. The sheer volume of information means that we could never verify the truth or partial truth of even a tiny percentage.

While in decades and centuries past, the world has known horrendous times of widespread famine, plagues a million times deadlier than covid or ebola and international wars that circled the globe, there has never been such a high percentage of the population with chronic anxiety and unrelenting depression even in times of relative prosperity and peace.

Technology has made us feel powerful in some ways and led us to suppose that we can handle life on our own, but we soon learn that it is all too much for us.

In case you don't know or have heard but struggle to believe it, there is an all-powerful, all-knowing, ever-present God, who created every detail not only of our world, but of our universe and all the seemingly unending space that scientists continue to discover. And He did not simply create it; He maintains it and remains aware of the smallest occurrence. He knows every time a tiny sparrow falls to earth and the number of hairs on each of our heads. He knows what is true and what is not, and understands perfectly the motivations behind each word that is spoken or written.

He knows not only all we have done, but every thought and emotion of our hearts. He knows not only our past, but every bit of our future, including the eternity that awaits us. When you connect your

life to Him, through faith in Jesus Christ, you can take your next step without fear, knowing that someone infinitely wiser with limitless power, walks alongside you and is there to bless and guide you into a life of true purpose and meaning.

There are so many scriptures that describe God's power and great love, but I love what the songwriter wrote in Psalm 89:8-9: "Who is like you, O Lord God of hosts, surrounded by power and faithfulness? You rule over the raging sea; When the waves rise, you calm them down." He is mighty! He is faithful, loving and constant! And He can calm not only a storm at sea, but the storms that arise in my heart and mind!

Don't try to live life on your own. Draw near to the one who can see further, do more and can give you peace in a complicated world.

PUBLIC NOTICES

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2024-B3527
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County: Kern
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Delano, CA 93215
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453 Garces Hwy
Delano, CA 93215
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Date the business commenced:
09/18/2014
By: M Ceden
Date Statement Filed: 06/03/2024
Date Statement Expires:
06/03/2029
Aimee X. Espinoza
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: M Ceden
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Wasco, CA 93280
County: Kern
2417 7th St
Wasco, CA 93280
Brian Alexander Badillo
2417 7th St
Wasco, CA 93280
The business is conducted by:
Individual
Date the business commenced: N/A
/s/Brian Alexander Badillo
Date Statement Filed: 06/18/2024
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
La Imperial Taqueria
2024-B3609
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Wasco, CA 93280
County: Kern
422 James St Suite #11
Shafter, CA 93263
Marcela's Investments
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State of incorp. or org.: CA
The business is conducted by:
Corporation
Date the business commenced:
07/01/2023
/s/Marcela A. Garcia, C.E.O.
Date Statement Filed: 06/06/2024
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PUBLIC NOTICE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF KERN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
AND SUMMARY OF PROPOSED
ORDINANCE
(CalBioGas Buttonwillow LLC)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT:
On the 30th day of July, 2024, at the hour of 2:00 p.m., in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors ("Board"), County of Kern Administrative Center, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, the Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing to hear any objections to granting an amendment of Franchise Ordinance

F-664 to CalBioGas Buttonwillow LLC ("Grantee"). Grantee has requested an amendment to Section 2 of Franchise Ordinance F-664 to increase the franchise area for the further transport of natural gas within the following land sections: Sections 16, 17, 21, 28 and 33, Township 26 South, Range 23 East, M.D.B.M., Sections 2, 3, 4, 11, 14, 23, 25, 26 and 36, Township 27 South, Range 23 East, M.D.B.M., Sections 1, 12, 25 and 36, Township 28 South, Range 23 East, M.D.B.M., and Sections 7, 31 and 32, Township 28 South, Range 24 East, M.D.B.M. On April 13, 2021, Grantee was granted a 20-year non-exclusive franchise to construct, install, maintain, inspect, operate, repair, renew and remove non-public utility pipelines together with the appurtenances and equipment necessary or convenient for operation thereof. The actual external diameter of the pipeline, including casing, rounded to the closest inch, shall not exceed thirteen (13) inches. The principal purpose of the franchise is the transport of natural gas. The franchise covers all areas in and under any and all public highways,

public roads or rights of way now or hereafter dedicated to public use for roadway purposes and expressly accepted and/or declared public highways by the County (including, but not limited to, the Kern County right of way for Scofield Avenue, Riverside Street, Magnolia Avenue, Seventh Standard Road, and Brandt Road), which are within the County of Kern, and within Sections 13 and 24, Township 28 South, Range 23 East, M.D.B.M., Sections 28, 29, and 33, Township 27 South, Range 24 East, M.D.B.M., Sections 4, 9, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24, 27, and 34, Township 28 South, Range 24 East, M.D.B.M., and Sections 2, 3, 4, 10 and 11, Township 29 South, Range 24 East, M.D.B.M., but not included within the limits of an incorporated city. The Board intends to grant the amendment pursuant to the provisions of the Franchise Act of 1937 (Public Utilities Code sections 6201 et seq.) and Government Code section 26001 and further terms, conditions and restrictions found in Ordinance No. F-3 (Fourth Revision). The amendment application of CalBioGas Buttonwillow LLC, the proposed ordinance amending

Ordinance F-664 and related documents are on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Kern County Administrative Center, where they may be examined during normal business hours. Persons seeking additional information on this matter should contact Grace Imamura, at (661) 868-3071, with the General Services Division. Written comments may be submitted any time prior to, or at, the public hearing. Written comments may be sent to Kern County General Services Division, Property Management, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, 3rd Floor, Bakersfield, CA 93301. 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. Dated: June 18, 2024
KATHLEEN KRAUSE
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
/s/Megan Simpson, Deputy Clerk
Publish Wasco Tribune June 27, 2024

OBITUARIES

Henry I. Blair March 23, 1959 – June 19, 2024

Henry Isaac Blair, beloved husband, father, brother, papa, uncle, cousin and friend, passed away on June 19, 2024. He was born on March 23, 1959, in Bakersfield. He was raised in Shafter, where he resided his entire life and later met the love of his life, Christina "Aguilar" Blair, at the young age of 14.

Henry dedicated 25 years of his life to Shell Oil, now known as Aera Energy, where he created life-long friendships. His commitment and work ethic



were exemplary, leaving a lasting impact on all who had the privilege of knowing and working with him.

Beyond his professional life, Henry's greatest joy came from his family and friends. He was a devoted



husband to Christina, a loving father and a cherished papa to his grandchildren. His presence enriched the lives of his siblings, nieces, nephews, cousins and a wide circle of friends who will deeply miss his warmth,

humor, love for music and nurturing, loving heart.

Henry was preceded in death by his mother, Nicolasa Sabedra Blair; granddaughter Kayla Blair; grandparents Manuel and Blasa Sabedra, Mary and Denver Blair, in laws Jose Aguilar and Magdalena Velasquez Aguilar, niece Mona Padilla, brother in laws Steve Fuller and Ernie Cabrera, and many more that Henry held close to his heart.

Henry is survived by his wife of 48 years, Christina Blair; three children, Erica Blair and sons Henry Blair Jr. and his wife Mandy, and Nick Blair and his wife Brit-

ney, along with his grandchildren Ethan and Chloe Hathcock, Taylor Blair, Presley Ballengee, Layla Blair and Evelyn Blair.

In addition to his immediate family, Henry leaves behind his sisters, Janet Cabrera, Dolores Ainsworth and Yolanda Sims, his cherished Aunt Lupe Velarde and a large extended family of brothers-in-laws, nieces, nephews, and cousins who will miss him dearly.

Henry's legacy of kindness, generosity and dedication to his loved ones will continue to inspire all who knew him. His memory will

be honored during services at Basham and Lara Funeral Home, 343 State Ave., Shafter, on Friday, June 28, at 12 p.m., followed by reception at El Alacrán at 6447 Superior Road, Bakersfield, from 2-9 p.m.

Henry's passing leaves a void in the hearts of many, but his love and impact will forever be treasured and remembered.

We would like to give a special thank you to the nurses, doctors and dialysis techs at Fresenius Dialysis that cared for Henry over the last 15 years. Your kindness and compassion will never be forgotten.

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement VMP Services 2024-B3749

205 California Ave #B
Shafter, CA 93263
County: Kern
205 California Ave #B
Shafter, CA 93263
VMP Services Incorporated
762 Pheasant Run Dr
Shafter, CA 93263
State of incorp. or org.: CA
The business is conducted by:
Corporation*
Date the business commenced: N/A
/s/Pedro Vargas, CEO
Date Statement Filed: 06/13/2024
Date Statement Expires:
06/13/2029
Aimee X. Espinoza
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By: M Torralba
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July 4, 11, 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

Superior Court of Washington,
County of Skagit
In the Guardianship of:

Lamar Richardson Dilley
Nytirri Richardson Dilley
Layben Richardson Dilley
Leahlee Richardson Dilley
Respondent/s (minors/children)
No. 24-4 00320 29
Summons (SM)
SUMMONS
To: The parents, child, and person
with court-ordered custody:
The Petitioner has started a case
asking for guardianship of the
above-named children under RCW
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days after you serve the demand,
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If you wish to seek the advice of a
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This summons is issued pursuant
to rule 4 of the Superior Court Civil
Rules of the State of Washington.
Important! Read the Notice of
Hearing for information about your
rights and how to respond.

Dated: 06/06/24
/s/Rachelle Marie Eason
Signature of Petitioner or Lawyer/
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Skagit County Clerk
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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Aaron and Son's HVAC 2024-B3663

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Bakersfield, CA 93306
County: Kern
4900 Kent Dr
Bakersfield, CA 93306
Aaron Michael Barriga
4900 Kent Dr
Bakersfield, CA 93306
The business is conducted by:
Individual
Date the business commenced:
05/05/2024
/s/Aaron Michael Barriga

Date Statement Filed: 06/10/2024
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06/10/2029
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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement La Imperial Taqueria 2024-B3613

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Shafter, CA 93263
County: Kern
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Shafter, CA 93263
Marcela's Investments
422 James St Suite #11
Shafter, CA 93263
State of incorp. or org.: CA
The business is conducted by:
Corporation*
Date the business commenced:
07/01/2023
/s/Marcela A. Garcia, C.E.O.
Date Statement Filed: 06/06/2024
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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement La Gardenia 2024-B3322

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Shafter, CA 93263-2919
County: Kern
30701 Martinez Street
Shafter, CA 93263-2919
Mary Aburto
30701 Martinez Street
Shafter, CA 93263-2919
The business is conducted by:
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Date the business commenced:
01/01/1979
/s/Mary Aburto
Date Statement Filed: 05/23/2024
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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

June 20, 2024
County of Kern – Planning and Natural Resources Department
2700 M Street, Suite 250
Bakersfield, CA 93301-2372
(661) 862-5020

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or soon after July 30, 2024, the Board of Supervisors will be requested to authorize the County of Kern Planning and Natural Resources Department (PLNR) to submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Los Angeles Field Office, for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake the following projects known as: CD Project No. 23.21.2 - Buttonwillow County Water District Well Site Improvements, CD Project No. 23.23.2 - Buttonwillow County Water District Well Site #2 Improvements, and CD Project No. 23.24.1 - Buttonwillow County Water District Well Site Improvements (Phase II).

CD Project No. 23.21.2 consists of the design, replacement and improvements of the existing electrical panel and electrical components that serve well no. 2 motor that includes booster pump motors, generator switch and related improvements for 400 service connections. Project activities benefit a service area of 1,475 persons, 65.76% of whom are low to moderate income (2020 HUD ACS LMISD). 03J - Water and Sewer Improvements; National Objective Citation 570.208(a)(1)(i); Eligible activities under 570.201(c) - Public Facilities and Improvements. The planned project provides at least \$122,366 in CDBG funds to implement activities.

CD Project No. 23.23.2 consists of the design, rehabilitation, installation and construction of existing well hydro tank boosters and related improvements. The planned project provides at least \$250,000 in CDBG funds to implement activities.

CD Project No. 23.24.1 provides additional financial resources for implementation of CD Project No. 23.21.2. The planned project provides an additional \$220,000 in CDBG funds to implement activities. The total amount of CDBG funding for all three projects will be \$592,366. The proposed activities and related improvements are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file with the PLNR - Community Development Division located at 2700 "M" Street, Suite 250, Bakersfield, CA. 93301, where the ERR can be examined and/or copied on weekdays during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR for the project to the Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department - Community Development Division (PLNR), Attn: Daniel Peterson at petersond@kerncounty.com or Natalie Lopez at nlopez@kerncounty.com. All comments received by July 23, 2024, will be considered by PLNR prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION
The County of Kern certifies to HUD that David Couch, in capacity as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the County of Kern to use Program funds.

**OBJECTIONS TO
RELEASE OF FUNDS**
HUD will accept objections to the Responsible Entity's (RE) Request for Release of Funds and Environmental Certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date specified above or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer or other officer of the County of Kern; (b) the RE has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 or by CEQ regulations at 40 CFR 1500-1508, as applicable; (c) the RE has omitted one or more steps in the preparation, completion or publication of the Environmental Impact Study per 24 CFR Subparts E, F or G of Part 58, if applicable; (d) the grant recipient or other participant in the development process has committed funds for or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before release of funds and approval of the environmental certification; or (e) another Federal, State or local agency has submitted a written finding that the Project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58.76) and shall be sent to HUD (Attn: Environmental Officer), Los Angeles Field Office at CPDLA@hud.gov or by mail at:

HUD Los Angeles Field Office
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Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.
David Couch, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors
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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Aura Artistry 2024-B3875

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Bakersfield, CA 93313
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5641 Coronado St W
Bakersfield, CA 93314
Arizbet Rodriguez
5641 Coronado St W
Bakersfield, CA 93314
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: N/A
/s/Arizbet Rodriguez
Date Statement Filed: 06/20/2024
Date Statement Expires: 06/20/2029
Aimee X. Espinoza
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By: Z Arellano
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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Abandonment Statement Ari The Esthy

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Mailing address of business:
5641 Coronado St W
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Arizbet Martinez Rodriguez
5641 Coronado St W
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Business was conducted by: Individual
/s/Arizbet Martinez Rodriguez, Owner
Original FBN Statement File Number: 2021-B5614
Original FBN Statement Filed on: 08/18/2021
This statement of Abandonment filed on: 06/20/2024
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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Swimming Time Pools 2024-B3581

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Bakersfield, CA 93309
County: Kern
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Victor Manuel Silveyra Ortiz
2512 Ripon Ct
Bakersfield, CA 93309
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: N/A
/s/Victor Manuel Silveyra Ortiz
Date Statement Filed: 06/05/2024
Date Statement Expires: 06/05/2029
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PUBLIC NOTICE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF KERN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE (CalBioGas Buttonwillow LLC)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT: On the 30th day of July, 2024, at the hour of 2:00 p.m., in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors ("Board"), County of Kern Administrative Center, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, the Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing to hear any objections to granting an amendment of Franchise Ordinance F-664 to CalBioGas Buttonwillow LLC ("Grantee"). Grantee has requested an amendment to Section 2 of Franchise Ordinance F-664 to increase the franchise area for the further transport of natural gas within the following land sections: Sections 16, 17, 21, 28 and 33, Township 26 South, Range 23 East, M.D.B.M., Sections 2, 3, 4, 11, 14, 23, 25, 26, and 36, Township 27 South, Range 23 East, M.D.B.M., Sections 1, 12, 25 and 36, Township 28 South, Range 23 East, M.D.B.M., and Sections 7, 31 and 32, Township 28 South, Range 24 East, M.D.B.M. On April 13, 2021, Grantee was granted a 20-year non-exclusive franchise to construct, install, maintain, inspect, operate, repair, renew and remove non-public utility pipelines together with the appliances and equipment necessary or convenient for operation thereof. The actual

external diameter of the pipeline, including casing, rounded to the closest inch, shall not exceed thirteen (13) inches. The principal purpose of the franchise is the transport of natural gas. The franchise covers all areas in and under any and all public highways, public roads or rights of way now or hereafter dedicated to public use for roadway purposes and expressly accepted and/or declared public highways by the County (including, but not limited to, the Kern County right of way for Scofield Avenue, Riverside Street, Magnolia Avenue, Seventh Standard Road, and Brandt Road), which are within the County of Kern, and within Sections 13 and 24, Township 28 South, Range 23 East, M.D.B.M., Sections 28, 29, and 33, Township 27 South, Range 24 East, M.D.B.M., Sections 4, 9, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24, 27, and 34, Township 28 South, Range 24 East, M.D.B.M., and Sections 2, 3, 4, 10 and 11, Township 29 South, Range 24 East, M.D.B.M., but not included within the limits of an incorporated city.

The Board intends to grant the amendment pursuant to the provisions of the Franchise Act of 1937 (Public Utilities Code sections 6201 et seq.) and Government Code section 26001 and further terms, conditions and restrictions found in Ordinance No. F-3 (Fourth Revision). The amendment application of CalBioGas Buttonwillow LLC, the proposed ordinance amending Ordinance F-664 and related documents are on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Kern County Administrative Center, where they may be examined during normal business hours. Persons seeking additional information on this matter should contact Grace Imamura, at (661) 868-3071, with the General Services Division. Written comments may be submitted any time prior to, or at, the public hearing. Written comments may be sent to Kern County General Services Division, Property Management, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, 3rd Floor, Bakersfield, CA 93301.

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.
Dated: June 18, 2024
KATHLEEN KRAUSE
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
/s/Megan Simpson, Deputy Clerk
Publish Shafter Press June 27, 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE AN INTERIM URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHAFTER, CALIFORNIA, ENACTED PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 65858 PROHIBITING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SMOKE SHOPS, HOOKAH LOUNGES, AND TOBACCO STORES IN THE CITY OF SHAFTER FOR A 45-DAY PERIOD, PENDING STUDY AND ADOPTION OF REGULATORY AND ZONING STANDARDS.

WHEREAS, the City of Shafter, California ("City") is a municipal corporation, duly organized as a Charter City under the constitution and laws of the State of California; and WHEREAS, Article 11, Section 7 of the California Constitution authorizes the City of Shafter to make and enforce within its limits all ordinances and regulations not in conflict with general laws; and WHEREAS, the unregulated development of Smoke Shops, Hookah Lounges and Tobacco Stores, as defined in this Urgency Ordinance, presents an immediate threat to the public health, safety and welfare for the following reasons:

The City does not have specific regulations in its Municipal Code governing the establishment of Smoke Shops, Tobacco Stores or Hookah Lounges. Specifically, there are no detailed regulations regarding the development, operation or location standards for these uses; and Significant concerns have been raised regarding the lack of current regulations to address Smoke Shops, Tobacco Stores and Hookah Lounges and the noise, safety, health, and other impacts of these uses on the community including on minors and sensitive land uses as well as their use as commercial cannabis stores; and Many state laws have been adopted, which acknowledge the public health impacts of tobacco, especially flavored tobacco products, and specifically its effect on minors. For example, state law prohibits public school students from smoking or using tobacco products while on campus, while attending school sponsored activities, or while under the supervision or control of school district employees. State law also prohibits smoking in playgrounds. State law also prohibits smoking within 20 feet of the main entrances and exits of public buildings; and In recent years, e-cigarettes and other vape pens have become a popular alternative to traditional smoking. Further, current research indicates that chemicals contained in such products may be harmful to persons, especially minors, and that vaping releases contents of e-cigarettes into the air. Further, e-cigarettes are made to mimic conventional cigarettes, making enforcement of smoking and tobacco product regulation difficult and confusing; and It is also appropriate the review other operational impacts from locating Smoke Shops, Hookah Lounges and Tobacco Stores in areas close to locations where children gather; and As a result, on November 8, 2022,

California voters upheld the state law (SB 793) prohibiting a tobacco retailer, or any of the tobacco retailer's agents or employees, from selling, offering for sale, or possessing with the intent to sell or offer for sale, most flavored tobacco products including flavored e-cigarettes and menthol cigarettes, as well as tobacco product flavor enhancers in retail locations; and

On October 7, 2023, Governor Newsom signed into law AB 935, strengthening the enforcement of the flavored tobacco retail law and broadening the definition of a retail location; and Cities still retain the authority to draft and enforce local flavored tobacco bans for products that were exempted by state law; and Smoke Shops, Hookah Lounges and Tobacco Stores can also be a target for theft and vandalism and it would be prudent to study operational elements that discourage such activities. Additionally, Smoke Shops and Tobacco Stores may be affiliated with the sale of illegal cannabis products and drug paraphernalia that encourage illegal activity, which can negatively affect the neighborhoods and surrounding community; and

The establishment of Hookah Lounges produces secondary smoke, far more concentrated than cigarette smoke, which can negatively affect workers, passers-by, neighbors, the elderly, sick and disabled and particularly minors. Recognizing the health risks, state laws have been adopted to prohibit unlawful smoking of tobacco in hookah pipes in an enclosed place of employment as well as prohibiting smoking of tobacco in hookah pipes by those under 18 years of age; and Due to the lack of development, operation and location standards for these uses, the City desires to study new zoning regulations to provide clear, consistent, and uniform guidance to businesses and individuals regarding the citing and operational characteristics while also addressing significant community concerns; and WHEREAS, due to the health, safety, and welfare impacts of Smoke Shops, Hookah Lounges and Tobacco Stores, the City wishes to study the appropriate types of local regulations that can address their impacts; and

WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 65858 provides that, without following the procedures otherwise required prior to the adoption of a zoning ordinance, an urgency measure in the form of an interim ordinance may be adopted by a four-fifths vote of the City Council to protect the public from a current and immediate threat to the public health, safety, or welfare resulting from a contemplated zoning proposal. Government Code Section 65868 further provides that such an urgency measure shall be effective for only 45 days following its adoption, but may be extended beyond the initial 45 day period, following compliance with that Section, for an additional 10 months and 15 days and subsequently for an additional 12 months; and WHEREAS, City staff requires time to gather data about the adverse impacts of Smoke Shops, Hookah Lounges and Tobacco Stores, including vape stores, and to research, study, and consider ways to possibly amend the City's Municipal Code to address the potential impacts caused by these uses; and

WHEREAS, City staff and the Shafter Police Department intend to conduct research into the possible and likely impacts of further regulating Smoke Shops, Hookah Lounges and Tobacco Stores, including vape stores, in the City in order to mitigate adverse impacts; and WHEREAS, in the last year, City staff has not received any inquiries to establish any Smoke Shops, Hookah Lounges, and Tobacco Stores within the City of Shafter; and

WHEREAS, as a result, the City Council desires to institute a forty-five (45) day moratorium on the approval of any business licenses and/or land use entitlement or permit so that the City can research and select the best course of action for the City's citizens and the community at large.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHAFTER DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:
SECTION 1. Findings. The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference. The Shafter City Council hereby finds and determines that Smoke Shops, Hookah Lounges and Tobacco Stores constitute an immediate threat to public health, safety and welfare. The approval of additional entitlements for Smoke Shops, Hookah Lounges and Tobacco Store establishments under the City's current regulations will further threaten public health, safety, or welfare. The adoption of this Urgency Ordinance is therefore necessary for the immediate protection of public safety, health and welfare.
SECTION 2. CEQA. The City Council finds that this Urgency Ordinance is not a project within the meaning of Section 15378 of the State of California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") Guidelines, because it has no potential for resulting in physical change in the environment, directly or indirectly. The City Council further finds, under Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, section 15061(b)(3) that this interim Urgency Ordinance is nonetheless exempt from the requirements of CEQA, because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment since it prohibits the establishment of uses.
SECTION 3. Moratorium. During

the time this Ordinance is in effect, no business license or other permit or entitlement shall be issued for the establishment or operation of a Smoke Shop, Hookah Lounge and/or Tobacco Store, as defined herein, unless this moratorium is extended or terminated by the City Council. As used in this Urgency Ordinance, the following definitions apply: "Establish" or "operate" a Smoke Shop, Hookah Lounge or Tobacco Store (as defined in this Urgency Ordinance) means and includes any of the following: (i) the opening or commencement of the operation of a Smoke Shop, Hookah Lounge or Tobacco Store; (ii) the conversion of an existing business, facility, use establishment, or location to a Smoke Shop, Hookah Lounge or Tobacco Store; and (iii) the addition of an existing business, facility, use establishment, or location to a Smoke Shop, Hookah Lounge or Tobacco Store to any other existing business, facility, use, establishment or location.

"Hookah" means a glass or metal water pipe usually decorated and shaped somewhat like a bottle or small tank, with a long, flexible cord pipe, also known as shisha, nargile, hubble bubble, nag and Turkish water pipe.

"Hookah Lounge" means an area of a commercial establishment, whether enclosed, indoor or outdoor, designated specifically for the use of hookahs, but does not include private use of hookahs in personal residences if otherwise in compliance with applicable law.

"Tobacco Paraphernalia" means any device, product, equipment, or material of any kind that is intended or designed for use for smoking, inhaling, or ingesting tobacco, notwithstanding that the device, product, equipment, or material may also be used for smoking, inhaling, or ingesting any controlled substance. "Tobacco paraphernalia" includes, but is not limited to, all of the following: (i) Metal, ivory, wooden, acrylic, glass, stone, plastic, or ceramic pipes with or without screens, permanent screens, hashish heads, or punctured bowls; (ii) Water pipes; (iii) Bongos; (iv) Chillums; (v) Ice pipes or chillers; (vi) Cigarette papers or wrappers; (vii) Cigarette rolling machines; (viii) Blunt wraps, as defined in Section 308 of the Penal Code; (ix) Hookahs and similar devices constructed with a receptacle or container in which water or some other liquid may be placed into which smoke passes and is cooled in the process of being inhaled or ingested; and (x) any electronic device that delivers nicotine or other vaporized liquids to the person inhaling from the device, including, but not limited to, an electronic cigarette, cigar, pipe, or hookah. "Tobacco Paraphernalia" shall include any component, part, or accessory of the foregoing, whether or not sold separately.

"Tobacco Product" means any product containing, made, or derived from tobacco or nicotine that is intended for human consumption, whether smoked, heated, chewed, absorbed, dissolved, inhaled, snorted, sniffed, or ingested by any other means, including, but not limited to, cigarettes, e-cigarettes (with or without flavoring), cigars, little cigars, chewing tobacco, pipe tobacco, or snuff or vaping accessories. "Tobacco Product" shall include any component, part, or accessory of the foregoing, whether or not sold separately. "Tobacco Product" does not include a product that has been approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for sale as a tobacco cessation product or for other therapeutic purposes where the product is marketed and sold solely for such an approved purpose.

"Tobacco Store" or "Smoke Shop" means a retailer or wholesale business or any person that: (1) sells, offers for sale or offers to exchange for any form of consideration, tobacco, Tobacco Products or Tobacco Paraphernalia; and (2) has fifteen percent (15%) or more of the square feet in the establishment used for the sale or display of tobacco, Tobacco Products or Tobacco Paraphernalia. Notwithstanding the prohibition contained in this section, the City will continue to accept and process applications for uses prohibited by this moratorium if so required by State law. Any application received and processed during the moratorium shall be processed at the applicant's sole cost and risk with the understanding that no permit, license, approval or other entitlement for a use covered by this Section may be issued while this moratorium or any extension of it is in effect.

In addition, any person who lawfully holds an existing permit, license, and/or land use entitlement for an existing and lawfully operating Smoke Shop, Hookah Lounge and/or Tobacco Shop in the City of Shafter, as of the effective date of this Urgency Ordinance may continue to lawfully operate under that existing permit, license, and/or entitlement. Nothing herein shall limit the authority of the City to revoke or suspend any existing license, permit, and/or entitlement as authorized under existing law.

SECTION 4. Adoption. Pursuant to Government Code Section 65858 and 36937, this interim urgency ordinance is designed to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the City and its residents and becomes effective immediately upon adoption by a four-fifths (4/5) vote of the City Council following the notice and public hearing required by (a).
SECTION 5. Term. This Urgency Ordinance is adopted under the provisions of Government Code Section 65858 and 36937(b) and shall take effect immediately upon its passage by a four-fifths vote of the City Council. This Urgency Ordinance shall remain in effect

for forty-five (45) days from its adoption, unless earlier repealed or extended pursuant to law.
SECTION 6. Report Required. No less than ten (10) days prior to the scheduled expiration of this Urgency Ordinance, staff shall issue a report to the City Council on the progress of its study and on determinations for how the City should proceed, insofar as conclusions have been drawn.

SECTION 7. Severability. If any provision of this Urgency Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Urgency Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Urgency Ordinance are severable. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted this Urgency Ordinance irrespective of the invalidity of any portion thereof.

Printed certified copies of Ordinance No. 756 are available for inspection by any person at the office of the Shafter City Clerk, City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California. The ordinance was passed by the City Council on June 18, 2024, with the following vote:
AYES: Alvarado, Espinoza, Givens, Olvera, and Prout
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINING: None
Dated: June 20, 2024
Yazmina Pallares, City Clerk
Publish Shafter Press June 27, 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF SHAFTER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on July 09, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of Shafter City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California, the Shafter Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing to consider the following: Tentative Tract 6613: A request for a two-year extension of time for this map proposing to subdivide a 20-acre parcel into 36 parcels for single-family residential development. The site is generally located on the south side of E. Los Angeles Street, approximately 1/3 mile east of S. Shafter Avenue. The City of Shafter adopted a Negative Declaration for Tentative Tract No. 6613 on July 17, 2007 (Resolution No. 1934). The two-year extension of time, in accordance with the Shafter Subdivision Ordinance and Subdivision Map Act, would move the map expiration date to July 17, 2026.

Said hearing is open to the public and all persons interested are invited to attend and be heard. Copies of the above documents are on file in the office of the Planning Department at City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California, and are available for public review. Any person wishing to be heard or wishing to present evidence either for or against the approval of said project, is hereby notified and directed to either appear at the time and place aforesaid or send written comments at or prior to the meeting to Alan Cazares, Senior Planner in Training, at City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California 93263. Comments can also be provided by calling 661-746-5002 Extension 5020 or by e-mail at acazares@shafter.com. Should anyone challenge any proposed action which is the subject of the meeting listed on this notice, that person may be limited to raising those issues addressed at the meeting, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Clerk at or prior to the meeting.

You are encouraged to observe the Planning Commission meeting live via YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofShafter/>. If you wish to make a comment on a specific agenda item or public comment, please submit your comment via email by 5:00 P.M. on Tuesday, July 09, 2024, to the City Clerk at CityClerk@shafter.com. If you wish to make a written comment please submit your comment to the City Clerk, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, CA 93263. If you wish to make a comment during the live meeting by joining the conference via Zoom (include making live comments during the public comment period), callers must first register with the City Clerk at CityClerk@shafter.com before the meeting begins to receive instructions and the call-in number and code. All public comments are provided to the Planning Commission and applicable Staff, for review and consideration by the Commission prior to taking action on any matters listed on the agenda and are incorporated into the official record of the Planning Commission meeting.
Yazmina Pallares, City Clerk
Dated: June 11, 2024
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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Raul's Landscape & Concrete 2024-B3516

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Date the business commenced: 02/21/2019
/s/Raul Alcaraz Garcia
Date Statement Filed: 05/31/2024
Date Statement Expires: 05/31/2029
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