

## Sheriff calls whistleblower case ‘yet another frivolous lawsuit’

■ In a lawsuit, a former sheriff's lieutenant said the sheriff tried to cover up the death of a police canine who died after being left in a hot car.

By City News Service

**LOS ANGELES** – Sheriff Alex Villanueva responded Tuesday to the latest whistleblower case brought against him as well as Los Angeles County, calling a sheriff's lieutenant's allegation Villanueva squashed an investigation into a police dog's death part of “yet another frivolous lawsuit.”

Lt. Joseph Garrido's Los Angeles Superior Court lawsuit was filed Monday and alleges whistleblower retaliation, civil rights violations, violation of the state Civil Code, intentional infliction of emotional distress, false light and defamation.

Garrido seeks at least \$5 million in general damages and another \$5 million in special damages.

In a response with a caption, “Advisory: Yet Another Frivolous Lawsuit,” Villanueva downplayed Garrido's case.

“Several months after a criminal and administrative investigation began regarding alleged misconduct by Joseph Garrido, he has filed a lawsuit and claimed whistleblower status,” Villanueva said. “Absent from this lawsuit is any explanation as to why Mr. Garrido supposedly witnessed misconduct, yet took no action for years until after he was under investigation.”

Garrido worked in the Special Enforcement Bureau and oversaw the Canine Services and Special Enforcement details. His lawsuit states that he supported and donated money to the campaign of one of Villanueva's rivals, retired sheriff's department veteran Eli Vera, in the June primary; spoke

out against the denial of explosive breacher pay to some deputies, forcing the department to shell out \$3 million; and reported the death of a police dog, Spike, who allegedly succumbed to overheating after being left in a hot car by his sheriff's department sergeant handler.

Garrido alleges Villanueva quashed an investigation into the dog's death to avoid “bad media” for himself and the department.

“Shockingly, Villanueva did not even do a tribute, internally at LASD and/or publicly, for Spike, and talk of Spike's years of loyal service before his tragic death,” Garrido's court papers state.

In retaliation, the department reversed a promotion Garrido had been granted, made the plaintiff the subject of a trumped up criminal investigation and told his neighbors in a letter that he had stolen a vehicle, destroying his career and slandering his name, his court papers state.

But a copy of a memo attached to Villanueva's statement explains that a sheriff's department captain reviewed the animal's death and concluded that the sergeant “followed the protocols” in place for all police dog handlers and was not negligent. The sergeant's car had previously had problems with its air conditioning, according to the memo.

According to Garrido's lawsuit, his emotional distress has kept him out of work for months and he has been “constructively terminated” by the county.

Cmdr. Allen Castellano, former Assistant Sheriff Robin Limon and retired Chief LaJuana Haselrig are among those who have also filed whistleblower lawsuits against the county and Villanueva.



La Mirada girls volleyball head coach Kimberly Mahan, center, with her daughters, Kiersten, 15, left, and Bailey, 17, during practice as they prepare for their CIF playoff game. (Photo by Keith Durlinger)

## Family Affair

■ **GIRLS VOLLEYBALL CIF PREVIEW:** La Mirada High School's tight-knit veteran team is led by coach Kimberly Mahan.

**LA MIRADA** – To say that this year's La Mirada High School Girls Volleyball team is a tight knit group is an understatement.

This is a veteran group with a few of the players that have been together on the court since the junior high. This would seem to be the year for them to go far in the upcoming CIF-Southern Section playoffs.

The first round, which began, Thursday Oct. 20 (results not available at press time) has the Matadores (17-9) in D7 hosting Pacifica Christian (17-5), which finished third in the Academy League.

In the other two area first-round games, Norwalk (11-11), which finished second in league, travels to Bassett (14-16), which was third in the Miramonte League and Santa Fe (20-12), third in the Del Rio League, will host California (14-3), which won the DRL.

As for La Mirada, it seems this is the year, with eight seniors who led the team to a perfect 10-0 record and is 17-9 overall. In addition to the eight seniors, the Matadores have three juniors and two sophomores.

“We're really excited, as we have a veteran team of eight seniors, so we have a lot of returners from last year,” La Mirada coach Kimberly Mahan said. “We have a strong team of offensive players, many hitters. We had some new setters this year, who have done very well for us, strong middles and we're excited for CIF.”

Mahan, who is also a graduate of La Mirada, told of the keys to their success.

“The key to success is teamwork, practicing hard, good attitude, communication and coming in and working hard every day,” Mahan said.

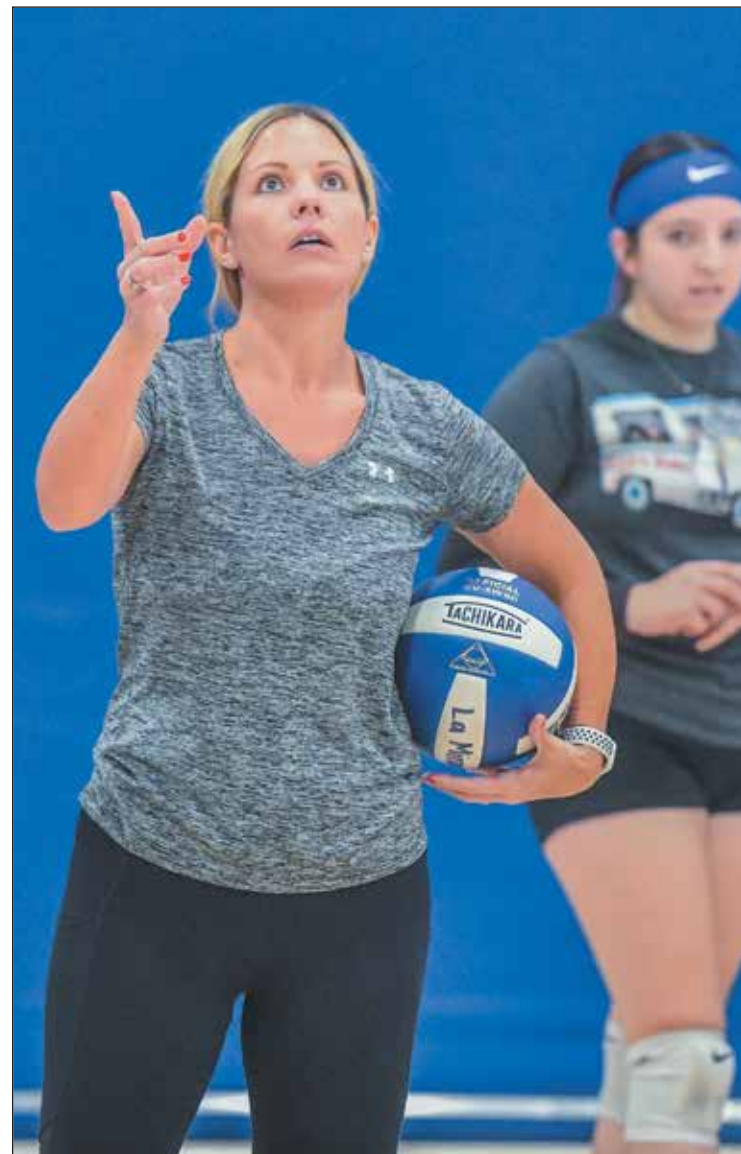
“I want to push them very hard, so that we can do very well and go far in CIF.”

La Mirada Athletic Director Christine Mead commented on the new league alignment and success of the team this season.

“The Suburban Valley Conference was created to try to get more competitive equity to the schools involved,” Mead said. “Our team is a prime example of how this happens. We have not won league in a number of years, but when put with other schools of similar talent, we were able to be highly successful and win the Mid-Cities League Championship.”

“We play Pacifica Christian at home, and we haven't drawn a home match for CIF volleyball in a long time. We are extremely proud of all our ladies this year. They have worked hard and overcome some adversity to remain successful. I am excited to see what they will do on the court (in playoffs).”

Bailey Mahan, 17, along with



La Mirada girls volleyball head coach Kimberly Mahan during practice as they prepare for their CIF playoff game. (Photo by Keith Durlinger)

her younger sister Kiersten Mahan and the rest of the team and mother Kimberly Mahan, have helped the Matadores achieve the goal of league champs this season.

“At times it could be difficult, but I enjoy it a lot, it's fun having her always there,” said Bailey Mahan, of having her mother as coach. “It has been fun and exciting and I have a lot of close friends on the team too. Some of the girls on the team are my closest friends too and they have grown up and have known my mom too.”

This is the first year Bailey Mahan has had the opportunity to play with her sister, Kiersten.

“I like it a lot and this is my first year playing with her,” she said. “I'm going to miss playing with her (next year), but it's also fun because she is the setter. She sets for me and I hit the ball.”

“I feel like we have a good chance in CIF this year. I think our offense is the strongest and one of our middles, Natalie (Ojeisekhoba), who is a sophomore, is very powerful. Since we're a stronger team (than last year), ultimately, we will be a lot better.”

Ojeisekhoba is third on the team with 66 kills in 66 sets played. Leading the Matadores is Bailey Mahan with 101 kills and junior Alyssa Meraz (105 Digs, 51 Aces) has 87.

Fifteen-year-old Kiersten

Mahan is enjoying the time with her sister and mom on the team.

“It's fun, I like it,” said Kiersten Mahan, who is a setter and leads the team in assists with 169. “I enjoy playing with my sister and having my mom as coach. We did good in league, and we all connected as a team and are really close, so it's a good bond on the court.”

Second on the team in assists is senior setter Mikayla Gonzalez with 135.

Another veteran player is senior Milan Nimeh (42 Aces) and she has that same feeling about La Mirada in the post-season.

“Honestly, this year we have really great chemistry compared to other years. We all get each other on the court and we're very cohesive as a team,” said Nimeh, who has 60 kills and 68 digs. “I think this year in playoffs, we're really going to go far.”

“We're all very strong players and know the game. I'm looking forward to just winning. I think the biggest thing we have going for us is our comradery and we're super close. I try to lead the team in any way that I can.”

Junior Margaret Norton leads the team with 121 digs, while Bailey Mahan has 120 digs.

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### Weekend at a Glance

Friday	80°	
Saturday	68°	
Sunday	73°	

### THINGS TO DO



**Stay Gallery's 10-Year Anniversary**  
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Join Stay Gallery as it celebrates its 10-year anniversary with the opening reception of CYCLES, a group exhibition featuring new and recent works by 25 local and emerging artists.

### ON THIS DAY

**1520:** Explorer Ferdinand Magellan and three Spanish ships entered the strait later named for him, sailing between the mainland tip of South America and the island of Tierra del Fuego toward the Pacific Ocean.

**1797:** One of the first frigates built for the U.S. Navy, the Constitution, was launched in Boston.

**1805:** A fleet of 33 ships (18 French and 15 Spanish) under Admiral Pierre-Charles-Jean-Baptiste-Silvestre de Villeneuve fought and was defeated by a British fleet of 27 ships under Admiral Horatio Nelson in the Battle of Trafalgar near Cape Trafalgar, Spain.

**1833:** Swedish chemist Alfred Nobel, who invented dynamite and other more powerful explosives and who also founded the Nobel Prizes, was born in Stockholm.

**1940:** American novelist Ernest Hemingway published his classic novel For Whom the Bell Tolls; it was later adapted into an acclaimed film.

**1959:** The Guggenheim Museum, designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, opened in New York City.

**1960:** John F. Kennedy and Richard Nixon debated for the fourth and final time before the 1960 U.S. presidential election.

**1964:** The musical film My Fair Lady, starring Audrey Hepburn, had its world premiere, and it later won eight Academy Awards, including that for best picture.

**1973:** Fred Dryer of the L.A. Rams became the first person in NFL history to score two safeties in the same game.

**2018:** American actress Julia Louis-Dreyfus, who starred in sitcoms “Seinfeld” and “Veep,” was officially awarded the Kennedy Center's Mark Twain Prize for American Humor, the highest award in comedy.

**2021:** A shooting occurs on the set of the film “Rust” after actor Alec Baldwin discharged a prop weapon which had been loaded, killing the director of photography.

### Birthdays

Judge **Judy Scheindlin** (80), sportscaster **Jim Hill** (76), reality TV star **Kim Kardashian** (42), model **Amber Rose** (39), and rapper and singer **Doja Cat** (27).

## Cerritos Library hosting annual book sale

**CERRITOS** – The Friends of the Cerritos Library will hold a book sale on Saturday, Oct. 29, from 11 am to 5 pm in front of the Cerritos Library.

A large selection of fiction and nonfiction books, foreign language books and multimedia items will be available at bargain prices.

In the event of rain, the book sale will be held inside the library.

The library is located at 18025 Bloomfield Ave.

## So-Cal Pizza raising money for cancer research

**NORWALK** – So-Cal Pizza in Norwalk is hosting an all-day fundraiser Wednesday, Oct. 26, in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Tell the restaurant that you are there to “paint the town pink” and a portion of your purchase total will be donated to the American Cancer Society.

## Chamber hosting bingo fundraiser

**NORWALK** – Join the Norwalk Chamber of Commerce for a “Day of the Dead” bingo fundraiser Friday, Nov. 4, at Diana's Mexican Restaurant.

Dinner starts at 6 pm followed by a Zoom and in-person bingo fundraiser. Bingo cards are \$20 for five games.

Bingo cards can be purchased at norwalkchamber.com or by calling (562) 404-0909.

Sponsorship opportunities are also available ranging from \$300-\$500.

## Network at Chick-fil-A next Thursday

**NORWALK** – The Norwalk Chamber of Commerce is hosting a “coffee and conversation” networking event Thursday, Oct. 27, starting at 9 am at Chick-fil-A on Imperial Highway.

Coffee is complimentary; guests can buy their own breakfast.





# Norwalk, La Mirada and Santa Fe heading into playoffs

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## Norwalk Girls Volleyball

Norwalk, which finished 11-11 overall and second in the new Suburban Valley Conference, Gateway Division (7-3), opened the CIF-SS playoffs in a division 8 match at Basset Thursday. The Olympians are 14-16 overall and finished third in the Miramonte League with a 7-3 record. (Match results not available at press time).

A possible second round matchup would be against the winner of United Christian Academy (22-5)/Geffen Academy (6-7).

The last time Norwalk was in the CIF playoffs was 2018.

"None of these girls have gone to CIF," said Norwalk Girls Volleyball coach Paola Nava. "Coming off of the 3-0 sweep over Bellflower, that gave the team more confidence. They knew if they didn't win, they might have been in a wild card game. With the win, they knew that had a chance for CIF. In the match against Bellflower, it was the best I've seen all year."

Nava, who has assistant coach Kevin Contreras at her side, knew of the challenges this past season.

"Coach and I are really grateful to have this team this year," she added. "We knew we were going to have obstacles this year, but we're really proud of them."

Leading the team in kills through 45 sets played is junior

Marisol Roseboro (107 Digs) with 86 kills. Junior Kendall Nakano has 63 kills and sophomore Samantha Munoz added 61. Junior setter Alyssa Dorado leads with 152 assists.

## Santa Fe Girls volleyball

Santa Fe (20-12), which is the only one of the three schools ranked, is in the No. 9 spot in D7 and will travel to Jurupa Valley (19-11) for a first-round match, also on Thursday.

A possible second round match is either Westminster (20-10) or Carter (12-12) Saturday (Oct. 22).

"The seniors are especially excited, since it's the first time in CIF for them," Santa Fe coach Gay Brokenbough said.

With the ranking comes high expectations for the Chiefs.

"There's a little more expectation," Brokenbough added. "We're just trying to get through it and get through that first match."

Two seniors lead the way for the Chiefs - Monique Cardona (100 Digs) and Alyjah Castaneda (74 Assists).

"Their leadership helps, with Monique the most experienced. She's probably the biggest leader on the court," she said. "Alyjah, and also Monique are valuable as far as rotation goes."

"It's important and it's all new to them."

It is also homecoming week, and a lot of the attention is aimed towards that activity on campus.

Through 16 sets played, sophomore Camya Bottorff leads with 60 kills, while seniors Ariel Romero and Angelina Mandy had 32 and 26 respectively. Sophomore Abigail Ceteina (66 A).

# Parents of woman fatally struck by Metrolink train settle with security company

RMI International reached a settlement with the parents of a woman who was killed after falling onto railroad tracks.

By City News Service

PARAMOUNT - A settlement has been reached in a consolidated lawsuit brought against a security guard service by the parents of a 24-year-old Long Beach woman who was killed after falling onto tracks and hit by a passenger train at the Sylmar Metrolink station in 2018.

Attorneys told Santa Monica Superior Court Judge Michael I. Levanas on Monday that the case brought by plaintiffs Gregory Smith and Jennifer Lee Miller against Paramount-based RMI International Inc. was resolved. No terms were divulged. The case was in the middle of jury selection in trial of the suit.

Smith and Miller originally filed separate lawsuits, but the complaints were later merged into one complaint. The couple's daughter, Felicia Elizabeth Smith, was struck by Palmdale-bound Metrolink Train 285 at the station in the 12200 block of Frank Modugno Drive at about 6 p.m. on April 16, 2018.

According to the suit, Felicia Smith was waiting for a northbound Metrolink train when she began to lose consciousness from having donated blood and plasma about three hours earlier and unknowingly entered the yellow zone at least twice as the train approached.

Her boyfriend, who was with

her, was picking up her cell phone after she dropped it just as the woman passed out and fell forward onto the train tracks, according to Miller's court papers. He jumped down to the tracks to try and rescue her, but leapt back onto the platform to avoid being hit by the oncoming train, which struck and killed Felicia Smith, Miller's court papers stated.

RMI International was responsible for public safety at the Sylmar station and required to have security guards patrol the station to warn passengers to keep away from the yellow danger zone on the platform, and additionally was obligated to alert those operating Metrolink trains of any potential dangers, hazards and conditions at the station that might put passengers and other in harm's way as trains approached and left the station, the suit stated.

The security guard on duty that day was working at the station for the first time and was on a break and sitting in his car eating a sandwich as the train arrived, then was alerted to the incident by screams coming from the platform, according to Miller's attorneys' court papers.

"That is precisely why RMI was hired and why its security officers were to keep passengers behind the yellow line," Miller's court papers stated.

Had the guard been where he was supposed to be, "Felicia Smith would still be alive," according to Miller's lawyers' court papers.

RMI International lawyers maintained that security guards are not trained to evaluate medical conditions, but instead to make sure people stay a safe distance away from an oncoming train. Therefore, it would not have made any difference if a guard was in the woman's immediate vicinity, according to defense attorneys, who also maintained that both Felicia Smith and her boyfriend were negligent.

In denying an RMI motion to dismiss the case during a September 2021 hearing, Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Audra Mori said in a written ruling that there was a triable issue as to whether RMI was negligent.

"Had the security guard been present on the platform when the train was arriving, as the guard was required to be, he may have recognized (Felicia Smith) was experiencing a medical issue ... only minutes before a train was scheduled to arrive," Mori wrote. "The security guard could have ensured (Felicia Smith) was far away from the edge of the platform if he had been at his required post at the time."

Mori, who further wrote that she viewed video footage of the incident provided by RMI International, concluded that it would "not be speculative to conclude the presence of the security guard would have prevented the incident or ensured (Felicia Smith) was a safe distance away from the edge of the platform."

# LA County to study increase in Latino homeless population

A survey revealed a 26% increase in Latino homelessness since 2020 in L.A. County.

By City News Service

LOS ANGELES - The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a motion Tuesday requesting that the county study how gaps in the social services system might be contributing to the growing numbers of Latinos becoming homeless.

Introduced by Supervisor Hilda Solis, the motion asks the Anti-Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion Initiative to work with

the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority to determine if language barriers, documentation status, or other factors contributed to a 26% increase in Latino homelessness since 2020, the largest increase in any ethnic group studied in LAHSA's 2022 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count.

The motion outlines a few possible barriers to Latinos accessing social services, including barriers for people who might only be able to speak an indigenous language, or barriers for people who are not U.S. citizens.

The motion also puts forward some ideas about why the Latino homeless population is rising, including people losing work and

their health during the pandemic, which disproportionately affected older, undocumented people.

"Latinos are not a monolith," Solis said.

Supervisor Janice Hahn said the increase in Latino homelessness is shocking, and that while the study would focus on Latino homelessness specifically, the study's insights will also illuminate some of the ways people of all ethnic identities lose their housing.

Supervisor Holly Mitchell added that the study is not detrimental to any group, and will "bring forward a change for every Angeleno."

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# L.A. was built on zero-sum politics. Can its Latinos chart a new path?

By Miguel A. Santana

It is particularly painful that Latino leaders are at the center of an ugly scandal about racial representation in Los Angeles, given the hard-fought battle that Latinos waged over decades to gain fair representation in the city's government in the first place.

Now, as the city attempts to heal, the question is: Will the new Latino-led governing majority follow the same zero-sum political framework that for so long benefited Whites. Or will they pursue a new, multicultural, coalition-based governance?

The racial power-brokering apparent in a taped conversation among three powerful Latino members of the Los Angeles City Council, recorded in October 2021 but only made public this month, is nothing new, nor is it unique to Los Angeles. Rather, it is part of the long American tradition of those in power working to stay in power, often by marginalizing others.

But the particularities of Los Angeles history are important: The modern-day city was built on the premise that by keeping power in the hands of the majority population, the iconic California Dream could be realized for some, while others, primarily people of color, were kept in roles in service to the dream.

That dream is centered on homeownership. And until the 1940s, it was legal in Los Angeles to deny homeownership to Black, Latino and other people of color, to keep them from buying homes in largely middle- to upper-class neighborhoods. This redlining also allowed the White-majority council to draw district lines limiting the political representation of non-Whites, along with their access to quality education and good-paying jobs. These racist practices cemented the segregated Los Angeles that exists today. Racial disparities persist, and generations of disinvestment in some of the same communities remains evident.

Decades of organizing, power building, coalition work and civil rights litigation have chipped away at this history. Seats for Latino representation on the council and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors — among the most powerful local governments in the nation — came as a direct result of litigation where evidence from backroom conversations revealed intentional discrimination based on race. Power wasn't relinquished easily. The case eventually reached the U.S. Supreme Court.

Latinos today represent half the population of Los Angeles and have power at every level of state, county and city government. Many leaders have brought important gains for the Latino community and beyond, including the council members recorded in the leaked audio. Gil Cedillo fought for driver's licenses for undocumented Californians. Nury Martinez, the first Latina to serve as council president, fought for investments to support poor families. Kevin de León championed environmental and climate justice.

In a way, the conversation between the three Latino councilmembers exposed that even those who are champions for racial and social justice can be seduced by power and succumb to the zero-sum framework.

In this difficult moment, I joined Latino civic leaders this week calling for the resignations of the three councilmembers and demanding that we separate ourselves from Los Angeles's legacy of racist policies. (Martinez has since resigned.) As a community, we must demonstrate that we can govern in a different way — one that is inclusive and based on shared values.

This is the path to justice and fairness, but it is also right as a matter of practical politics. Latinos cannot advance the issues most important to us by ourselves. Police accountability, equitable access to services, good jobs, quality education, access to health care — in all these areas we require multiracial coalitions to make real and lasting progress.

As a Latino community leader, I've seen evidence of Angelenos forging

cross-sectoral and multiracial coalitions to bring resources that benefit all. Since the pandemic, nonprofits led by Black, Latino, Indigenous, Asian American and Pacific Islander communities have come together and successfully fought to ensure that federal relief money is directed toward those most in need.

We can only make progress on issues that matter to the Latino community when we ensure that everyone in Los Angeles has a voice and is represented fairly. Doing so means holding our Latino leaders accountable.

One immediate way to ensure this is to take the ability to draw district lines out of the hands of those already in power. We should create a truly independent redistricting body whose role is to consider all factors — representation of all communities being one — and set district lines accordingly. And we need to require that those in power accept the district lines without insisting on substantive changes to benefit themselves.

Just as important, we need vibrant civic leadership that is multicultural, grounded in community and willing to raise tough questions when it matters most.

What gives me hope is that much of that leadership has been present since the recording became public. Voices from Latino, Black, Indigenous, LGBTQIA+ and other marginalized communities have joined in a powerful show of solidarity to express their feelings of anger, hurt and betrayal.

The message is loud and clear: Angelenos demand accountability and systemic change. No more backroom deal-making. As Latino leaders, it is our duty to ensure that we break free from hurtful, archaic zero-sum politics.

**Miguel A. Santana is president and chief executive of the Weingart Foundation.**

# The dirty politics of busing migrants is officially an emergency

By Fernanda Santos

He told me he doesn't remember how he and his mother got from Mexico City to the U.S. border. He was 5. His father was already toiling in the garment factories of Brooklyn's Sunset Park. His two older brothers had stayed behind; there was no money to pay for their trip.

What he does remember, he said, is the thirst he felt as he and his mother walked across the desert borderland, following a group of strangers. For years afterward, his mother would tell the story of how she prayed to the Virgin of Guadalupe for water and shade, and how he fell asleep and was no longer thirsty when he woke up.

That was 37 years ago. Today, Manuel Castro is the first formerly undocumented person serving as immigrant affairs commissioner in New York City. He is often the first person to greet migrants — many of them asylum seekers — bused to New York by Texas Gov. Greg Abbott (R), pawns in a dirty game of political chess.

Castro shakes their hands and bends down to meet children eye to eye, seeing a bit of himself in them and wondering, just as his parents did: Who might they grow up to be?

On Friday, New York Mayor Eric Adams (D) declared a state of emergency to address the flow of migrants bused north by the thousands, straining city resources. The declaration will, among other things, allow relief centers to be established more quickly and seeks state and federal aid.

I met Castro at the Port Authority bus terminal in Manhattan one recent morning and watched him play a starring role in this migrant drama.

I positioned myself behind a gaggle of television reporters who had been

invited to document the moment. We were all penned in behind bright yellow barricades, close enough to witness the action but not allowed to interrupt its flow.

"I'm here to support these people, to restore the dignity taken from them at the border," Castro said in Spanish, answering a reporter's question. "But most of all, I'm here because, as someone who crossed the border, I share some of the same experience as these migrants who are arriving and I want them to be treated as they deserve — as human beings."

Watching what can only be described as a spectacle, I tried to reason with myself. Ron DeSantis, the Republican governor of Florida, can tip off Fox News to the arrival of planes full of migrants he shipped to Martha's Vineyard. Arizona's Republican governor, Doug Ducey, vying for his piece of spotlight, can send migrants in buses bound for the nation's capital. Abbott, in an election year, can brag about the many migrants he has shipped to New York — 14,600 had gone through the intake process at city shelters as of Sept. 26, one official told me.

Why shouldn't Castro be free to invite the New York press corps to document the counternarrative he's trying to establish?

The only people who seem to not have a say in all of this are the bus passengers, who have every right to be in this country until their cases are adjudicated. No one asked whether they want to be filmed and photographed as they disembarked in New York.

The children were the only ones who looked happy as they stepped off the bus that early morning. Maybe the long trip and arriving in the city registered as a big adventure.

A few days after visiting the bus terminal, I sat with three mothers from

Venezuela who had been bused north. We met in a church basement near the shelter where they're staying on the Upper West Side.

The stories they shared haunted me. In their days crossing "la selva," the jungle between Colombia and Panama, they saw fellow migrants robbed and raped. One told me she saw people drown as they tried to cross the same raging river she had to cross with her children. She doesn't know how to swim. But somehow, she made it.

New York is anchored by the idea of open arms, hearts and minds. That's what created the conditions for Castro's ascent. But more than a city's benevolence is needed for these new arrivals to succeed. So far, New York's response has been laudably well intentioned but unavoidably chaotic — as it would be, given that Texas doesn't even let the city know when buses are coming or how many passengers they hold. City officials have to rely on nonprofit groups at the border to tell them what to expect.

New York's perennially overcrowded homeless shelter system is bursting at the seams. Hundreds of migrant children have enrolled in a public school system embroiled in a legal fight over budget cuts. Now, an emergency has been declared. Maybe that's what Abbott — and DeSantis and Ducey — have wanted all along.

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# I did not steal two piglets. I saved them. A jury agreed.

By Wayne Hsiung

A jury in southern Utah let me walk free earlier this month after I took two injured piglets from a farm in the middle of the night that I had no permission to be on. The verdict, on felony burglary and misdemeanor theft charges that could have sent me and my co-defendant, Paul Darwin Picklesimer, to jail for more than five years, was a shock. After all, we had admitted to what we had done.

We're animal rights activists. We believe the decision underscores an increasing unease among the public over the raising and killings of billions of animals on factory farms. Our rescue of the piglets took place during a clandestine three-month undercover operation I led into the world's largest pork producer, Smithfield Foods. We focused on Smithfield's Circle Four Farms in Milford, Utah, which raises over a million pigs for slaughter every year.

We sneaked into the farm one night in March 2017. Inside, we found and documented sick and underweight piglets. One of them could not walk properly or reach food because of an infected wound to her foot, according to a veterinarian who testified on our behalf. The other piglet's face was covered in lesions and blood, and she struggled to nurse from a mother whose teats showed gruesome reproductive injuries, the veterinarian, who reviewed video of the piglets and spoke to caretakers, said in a report. Given their conditions, both piglets were likely to be killed and potentially tossed into a landfill outside of Circle Four Farms, in which millions of pounds of dead pigs and other waste are discarded every year. Nationally, an estimated 14 percent of piglets die before they're weaned.

But that would not be the fate of these two. After removing the piglets, our team nursed them back to health. We named them Lily and Lizzie. Some four months later, we shared a video of our actions with The Times. (Smithfield claimed that the video appeared staged. It was not.) In August, F.B.I. agents descended on animal sanctuaries in Utah and Colorado with search warrants for the two pigs. At the Colorado shelter, government veterinarians cut off part of Lizzie's ear for DNA testing. Not long after, my four co-defendants and I were indicted by state enforcement officials.

All this, despite the fact that a representative from the company testified at our trial that no one at the farm even noticed that the piglets were missing until a video appeared online. The piglets were, according to one of the prosecution's own witnesses, worth at most \$42.20 each.

The agricultural industry is a mighty foe with immense political influence. In recent years, it has succeeded in passing laws that prohibit or restrict recording at industrialized farming operations, though Utah is among

several states where these "ag-gag" laws have been declared unconstitutional. In a case last week before the Supreme Court, the industry sought to overturn the will of the Californians who voted in favor of Proposition 12, which requires that pork, veal and eggs sold in that state come from farms that provide some limited space for animals to move around.

We knew that prosecution was a likely outcome of our rescue. Three of my co-defendants accepted plea deals with no prison or jail time. But Paul and I wanted a jury — and the public — to wrestle with the moral implications of how living beings end up in grocery stores as packages of meat.

The jury deliberated for about eight hours. Many jurors, according to a juror who spoke to me after the trial, believed at the outset that what we did was unlawful and we needed to be punished. But two issues influenced their decision to acquit, the juror said. First, the jurors concluded that we lacked the intent to steal. We were there to document the conditions, and to rescue an animal only if we found one in need. Second, the jurors felt that the piglets at issue had no value to Smithfield. The jury thus concluded they could not be the objects of a theft.

The juror I spoke to also mentioned a third major factor that went beyond the legal issues: our appeal to conscience. During the closing statements in the trial, in which I represented myself, I told jurors that a not-guilty verdict would encourage corporations to treat animals under their care with more compassion and make governments more open to animal cruelty complaints.

This was a stark contrast to the prosecution's narrative. The prosecutor compared the injured piglets to dented cans. He argued that if you found a "dented can" in the store, the fact that it was damaged did not mean you could "rescue" it and "take it out of the store." The reality is, every year, we treat tens of billions of animals no better than dented cans.

In response to the verdict, Smithfield claimed that it had "high standards" for animal care, despite the evidence we gathered. "The individuals who committed this act are part of an anti-meat movement determined to undermine livestock agriculture," the company stated. "We raise pigs to feed people with wholesome, nutritious and affordable protein."

Lily and Lizzie are not just protein, though. They are smart, emotionally complex animals who enjoy the company of their friends and exploring the grassy fields of the sanctuary where they now thrive. Lizzie is outgoing and rambunctious; Lily, more shy. They spend nearly all their time together. They are more than dented cans.



Lily and Lizzie after being rescued.

Still, they are just two among billions of animals in America that are raised in close quarters, slaughtered on factory farms and then consumed as food. Rates of vegetarianism in the United States have been static at 5 percent for many years, and global meat consumption is rising. But grass roots activism has helped lead to recent victories to protect animals against cruel treatment.

Prop 12 is one. So is a California law passed in 2019 that bans the sale in the state of new clothing and accessories made of fur. The European Union has committed to phasing out the use of the most extreme confinement in animal farming. Plant-based meats are now available at fast food chains across the nation.

Perhaps the jury verdict in our case is a sign that more people are rethinking whether their diets should include meat. Historically, many social movements have experienced sudden upswings in support, often in response to people taking risky actions that force the moral issue to the fore.

Our rescue in March 2017 revealed the tension between slaughtering animals for food and having compassion for them. The jury made the right choice. Our society eventually will, too.

**Wayne Hsiung is an attorney, the executive director of The Sanctuary Initiative and the co-founder of the animal rights network Direct Action Everywhere.**



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## Norwalk Community Calendar

### MONDAYS

1st Mon., 6 pm - Public Safety meetings - Council Chambers  
2nd Mon., 7 pm - Relay for Life meetings - Mr. Rosewood Family Restaurant

### TUESDAYS

9:00 a.m. - 1 pm - Farmers Market - Norwalk City Hall  
1st & 3rd Tues., 6 pm - Toastmasters Meetings - Registrar Recorder/County Clerks Office  
1st & 3rd Tues., 6 pm - City Council - Council Chambers  
3rd Tues., 5:45 pm - Housing Authority - Council Chambers

### WEDNESDAYS

1st & 3rd Wed., 7 pm - Lions Club - Bruce's Restaurant  
2nd Wed., 10:30 am - Norwalk Woman's Club - Faith Church  
2nd & 4th Wed., 1:30 pm - Alondra Senior Citizens - Social Services Center  
2nd & 4th Wed., 6 pm - Soroptimist International - Via Zoom  
2nd & 4th Wed., 7:30 pm - Planning Commission - Council Chambers  
4th Wed., 11:30 am - Coordinating Council - Arts & Sports Complex

### THURSDAYS

7 pm - Boy Scouts Troop 924 - Norwalk United Methodist Church  
2nd Thurs., 6 pm - 605 Kiwanis Club - Mr. Rosewood Family Restaurant  
2nd Thurs., 7 pm - American Legion Post No. 359 - 11986 Front St.  
2nd Thurs., 7:30 pm - Golden Trowel - Norwalk Masonic Lodge

### SATURDAYS

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Farmers Market - Norwalk City Hall  
2nd Sat., 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - Pancake Breakfast - 1st Christian Church of Norwalk

### SUNDAYS

12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Food Pantry - 12201 Firestone Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650

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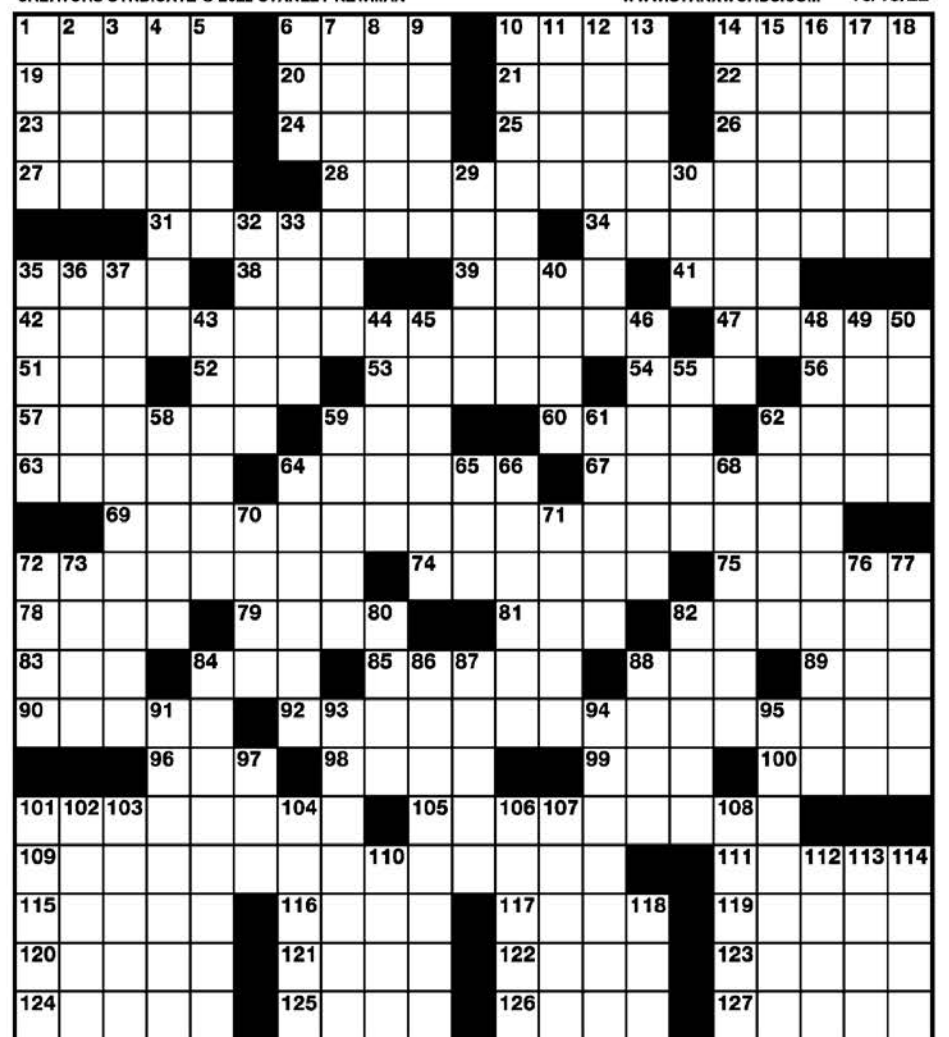
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The following person(s) is/are doing business as: JUMP GYM PLUS, 19355 SHERMAN WAY #16, RESEDA, CA 91335 LOS ANGELES. Mailing address if different: N/A. Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number: 5254719. The full name(s) of registrant(s) is/are: JUMP GYM PLUS INC., 19355 SHERMAN WAY #16, RESEDA, CA 91335. This business is conducted by: CORPORATION. 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.) Signed: ALVARO G LLOSA, CEO. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on (date): 09/20/22. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on (Date) 10/04/2022. NOTICE: This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. 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). Publish: 10/07/2022, 10/14/2022, 10/21/2022, 10/28/2022. THE NORWALK PATRIOT. AAA1059834.

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## GOVERNMENT

### CITY OF NORWALK SUMMARY ORDINANCE NO. 22-1734

The Norwalk City Council, at a meeting held October 18, 2022, adopted proposed Ordinance No. 22-1734, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORWALK ADOPTING ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT NO. 2022-01 ESTABLISHING THE NORWALK ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT – CIVIC CENTER SPECIFIC PLAN, by the following roll call vote:

**AYES:** Councilmembers Ayala, Perez, and Rios, Vice Mayor Valencia, and Mayor Ramirez  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSENT:** None

The full text of Ordinance No. 22-1734 is available for review in the Office of the City Clerk during regular business hours and on the City's website with the October 18, 2022 Council agenda, Item No. 8.

Theresa Devoy, CMC, City Clerk  
October 19, 2022

**The Norwalk Patriot**  
10/21/22

### CITY OF NORWALK SUMMARY ORDINANCE NO. 22-1735

The Norwalk City Council, at a meeting held October 18, 2022, adopted proposed Ordinance No. 22-1735, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORWALK APPROVING DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT NO. 2022-01 BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND PRIMESTOR DEVELOPMENT, INC., by the following roll call vote:

**AYES:** Councilmembers Ayala, Perez, and Rios, Vice Mayor Valencia, and Mayor Ramirez  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSENT:** None

The full text of Ordinance No. 22-1735 is available for review in the Office of the City Clerk during regular business hours and on the City's website with the October 18, 2022 Council agenda, Item No. 8.

Theresa Devoy, CMC, City Clerk  
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### CITY OF NORWALK NOTICE INVITING BIDS FOR ALONDRA BOULEVARD TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS (HOME DEPOT SIGNAL TO SHOEMAKER AVENUE) PROJECT NO. 7232 FEDERAL- AID PROJECT NO. HSIP-5347 (042) IFB NO. 23-703

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the City of Norwalk, California ("City") invites sealed Bids for the Project. The City will receive such Bids at the City Clerk's office, Room 10, City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, California 90650 up to **11:00 AM on November 9, 2022**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids will be opened and read aloud in the City Clerk's Office, Room 10, unless otherwise posted.

**SCOPE OF WORK.** The project will upgrade signal hardware, install new pedestrian countdown signal heads, install American with Disabilities Act compliant curb ramps, and update the signal timing coordination at specific locations along the entire project corridor

The Project is estimated to cost approximately \$1,000,000 and includes, without limitation, furnishing all necessary labor, materials, equipment and other incidental and appurtenant Work necessary to satisfactorily complete the Project, as more specifically described in the Contract Documents. This Work will be performed in strict conformance with the Contract Documents, permits from regulatory agencies with jurisdiction, and applicable regulations. The quantity of Work to be performed and materials to be furnished are approximations only, being given as a basis for the comparison of Bids. Actual quantities of Work to be performed may vary at the discretion of the City Engineer.

**FEDERAL FUNDING.** This project is partially funded by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The successful Proposer will be required to comply with Equal Employment Opportunity and all applicable federal, state and local laws, and requirements. The City of Norwalk hereby notifies all Proposers that the City will affirmatively assure that Disadvantaged Business Enterprises are afforded full opportunity to participate in the performance of contracts and sub-contracts financed in part or in whole with funds provided under this Invitation to Bid, and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, gender, age, or national origin in consideration for an award.

**Potential Bidders** may also obtain the Bid Documents for the Project at the office of the City Engineer, Room 11, Norwalk City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, California 90650 for a non-refundable fee of \$29.00 per set, or by mail for a non-refundable fee of \$29.00 plus mailing cost + 10% per set. The City must receive payment before the Contract Documents will be provided. For questions regarding this project, contact the Engineering Division at (562) 929-5723.

**REGISTRATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS.** In accordance with Labor Code Sections 1725.5 and 1771.1, no contractor or subcontractor shall 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, unless currently registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5 [with limited exceptions for bid purposes only under Labor Code Section 1771.1(a)].

**PREVAILING WAGES.** In accordance with Labor Code Section 1770 et seq., the Project is a "public work." The selected Bidder (Contractor) and any Subcontractors shall pay wages in accordance with the determination of the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations ("DIR") regarding the prevailing rate of per diem wages. Copies of those rates are on file with the Director of Public Works, and available to any interested party upon request. The Contractor shall post a copy of the DIR's determination of the prevailing rate of per diem wages at each job site. This Project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the DIR.

**BONDS.** Each Bid must be accompanied by a cash deposit, cashier's check, certified check or Bidder's Bond issued by a Surety insurer, made payable to the City and in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the total Bid submitted. Personal or company checks are not acceptable. Upon Contract award, the Contractor shall provide faithful performance and payment Bonds, each in a sum equal to the Contract Price. All Bonds must be issued by a California admitted Surety insurer using the forms set forth in the Contract Documents, or in any other form approved by the City Attorney. Failure to enter into the Contract with the City, including the submission of all required Bonds and insurance coverages, within fifteen (15) Days after the date of the mailing of written notice of contract award to the Bidder, shall subject the Bid security to forfeiture to the extent provided by law.

**LICENSES.** Each Bidder shall possess a valid Class A or C10 Contractor's license issued by the California State Contractors License Board at the time of the Bid submission, unless this Project has any federal funding, in which case the successful Bidder must possess such a license at the time of Contract award. The successful Contractor must also possess a current City business license.

**RETENTION SUBSTITUTION.** Five percent (5%) of any progress payment will be withheld as retention. In accordance with Public Contract Code Section 22300, and at the request and expense of the Contractor, securities equivalent to the amount withheld may be deposited with the City or with a State or federally chartered bank as escrow agent, which shall then pay such moneys to the Contractor. Upon satisfactory completion of the Project, the securities shall be returned to the Contractor. Alternatively, the Contractor may request that the City make payments of earned retentions directly to an escrow agent at the Contractor's expense. No such substitutions shall be accepted until all related documents are approved by the City Attorney.

**BIDDING PROCESS.** The City reserves the right to reject any Bid or all Bids, and to waive any irregularities or informalities in any Bid or in the bidding, as deemed to be in its best interest.

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**OBTAINING BID DOCUMENTS.** Bidders may obtain free copies of the Plans, Specifications and other Contract Documents online by filing out the request form on the webpage below: <https://www.norwalk.org/city-hall/departments/public-services/engineering/requests-for-bid-documents>.

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# Protests expected to continue as LA Councilman Kevin de Leon refuses to resign

■ The councilman was secretly recorded engaging in a racist conversation; he says he will not resign.

By City News Service

**LOS ANGELES** — Protesters are expected to remain outside the Eagle Rock home of City Councilman Kevin de León, after the embattled councilman said he does not plan to resign from his position despite continued widespread calls to step down.

The protesters have been staging a camp-out since Sunday morning in front of de León's home.

De León conducted interviews with Univision, in Spanish, and CBS2, in English, on Wednesday and said that he will not resign amid calls for his resignation from President Joe Biden to nearly all of his colleagues.

"I've always been up against many, many challenges," de León told CBS2. "And obviously, this is the biggest one I've ever been confronted with in my life."

The councilman said the city needs to heal, and that he "wants to be part of that."

The October 2021 conversation between de León and fellow council members Nury Martinez and Gil Cedillo, along with Ron Herrera, president of the L.A. County Federation of Labor, included racist comments and discussions over favorable redistricting -- and led to Martinez resigning her council presidency and later her council seat last week.

"I'm not going to mince words," de León told CBS2. "I'm not going to deflect blame. I'm not going to defend the defenseless."

De León and Cedillo have been under mounting pressure to resign since the release of the tape Oct. 9.

De León also sent a letter to newly chosen Council President Paul Krekorian asking to be excused from attending council meetings "in the coming weeks" so he can focus on the healing process. The letter was first reported by the Los Angeles Times and obtained by City News Service.

De León told Krekorian he

would be "spending the coming weeks and months personally asking for your forgiveness."

But Krekorian did not appear to accept de León's attempt to make amends. In a statement, Krekorian said "apologies will not be nearly enough to undo the damage that this city has suffered."

"The only way we can begin to heal as a city is for Mr. de León to take responsibility for his actions, accept the consequences, and step down."

De León said he called Councilman Mike Bonin -- whose 2-year-old Black son was the target of a racial slur by Martinez -- to apologize and left a voice mail. He said he planned to apologize at last Tuesday's council meeting, but that it was difficult because protesters forced him to leave the meeting.

Neither he nor Cedillo have attended a meeting since.

De León told CBS2 that when he compared Bonin's handling of his son at a Martin Luther King Jr. Day Parade to "when Nury brings her little yard bag or the Louis Vuitton bag," he was making a comment directed at Martinez's "penchant for having luxury accessories" and not at Bonin's family.

But Bonin said following de León's interviews Wednesday that de León "cannot be a part of the healing as long as he refuses to resign." In a statement, Bonin called de León's comments "gaslighting of the highest order."

"He says he should have 'intervened,' as if he were a mere bystander to a racist conversation in which he played a central and ignominious role," Bonin continued.

Bonin added that "no matter what he says today," de León is "unfit for office in this city."

De León, however, said to Univision, "I will not resign because there's a lot of work ahead. There's a lot of work that we have to face. The crisis that is happening in the district, the infections, the unemployment, the threat to eviction, the humanitarian crisis of the homeless."

He added that he felt "very bad and embarrassed for the hurt, for the wounds that exist today in our communities."

"I'm very sorry. I'm sorry and for that I ask for apologies from my people, to my community, for the pain that my hurtful words caused from that day a year ago."

De León claimed he felt "very uncomfortable" during the meeting, and was shocked at Martinez's comments toward Bonin's son as well as her denigration of the Oaxacan community. He said he wanted to "make clear that those comments weren't mine."

"I recognize the contributions of the Oaxacan village to our society," de León said. "I've always been at the front of civil rights, human rights, labor rights, of the Oaxacan village. I demonstrate it. Those weren't my comments, those weren't my words. But I failed, I failed with my silence."

Sheila Bates, an organizer with Black Lives Matter's Los Angeles chapter, told CBS2 that she was not surprised that de León is resisting the calls because people in power tend to want to hold onto it.

"It shows his complete lack of humility," Bates said. "And it shows the fact that he's clearly not serving the city of Los Angeles. He's serving his own interests. Because if he was serving Los Angeles, he would listen to the city of Los Angeles and the fact that they told him to step down."

Alberto Retana, president and CEO of Community Coalition -- a South Los Angeles nonprofit organization that has worked to build relationships between Black and Latino groups -- told City News Service that de León's refusal to resign was both arrogant and a slap in the face.

De León told CBS2 that he's begun reaching out to various leaders and organizations. But Retana said he doesn't anticipate hearing from the councilman.

"I don't anticipate him reaching out to us at all," Retana said. "Quite frankly, what I think we're all looking for to make amends is not a call. It's a resignation."

Community organizer Eunisses Hernandez, who beat Cedillo in the June primary and is set to join the council in December at the latest, responded to the news with a #recall hashtag on Twitter.

There is a lot do work to be done, but you do not have the credibility to move it forward," Hernandez said on Twitter. "Your legacy will be your failure to take accountability for your harm."

Speaking to CBS2, de León said that he will "find out" whether his colleagues and others will be receptive to his attempts to mend the divide.

"That's going to be hard," de León said. "It's not going to be easy and I know that."

Another one of De León's council colleagues, Paul Koretz, told KNX that, despite de León's goal to stay in office, he doesn't see it happening -- nor should it.

"I just don't think that he can stay in office," Koretz said. "I don't think he can weather the storm. I don't think the council can operate as it normally does until he has resigned."

Councilman Bob Blumenfeld agreed, noting in a statement that de León and Cedillo remaining on the council would be "both a distraction and an impediment" for the city to move forward.

"There is too much at stake," Blumenfeld said. "I continue to call for their resignations."

Amid calls by activists to not allow in-person council meetings to take place as long as de León and Cedillo remain in office, the council is next scheduled to meet



In interviews with Univision and CBS2, Los Angeles Councilman Kevin De Leon said he will not resign.

-- remotely -- on Friday, after a recent COVID exposure. After that, the council would next meet on Tuesday, but it is not yet known whether that meeting would be in-person.

De León also said to CBS2 that he told Cedillo in the hallway after the meeting that he was shocked at Martinez's language.

A spokesman for Cedillo said Wednesday night the councilman remains at "a place of reflection," echoing a comment he made Monday.

When asked whether his decision to not step down was selfish, de León said that it wasn't about him, and pivoted to the needs of District 14.

De León, 55, has been on the council since 2020 and made an unsuccessful run for mayor this year. He previously served in the state Senate and Assembly

"I failed to step up and shut down a conversation," de León said. "The words that were incendiary, words that were painfully hurtful. And I didn't do that. And I'm sorry to the city of L.A. for not stepping up, and being a leader that they expect me to be."

When asked by Univision's León Krauze what de León thought his late mother who was -- as Krauze described -- an undocumented immigrant who worked her whole life and experienced discrimination and racism, would think of his current situation, the councilman grew contrite.

"She would be angry with me," de León said. "Embarrassed for the simple fact that I failed to raise my voice, for not putting a stop to the hurtful words."

# Montebello man charged with fire that killed 10 people is set free

■ Joseph Monge, 47, pleaded guilty to manslaughter and was released with credit for time served.

By City News Service

**MONTEBELLO** — A Montebello man who was initially charged along with two others with murder in the deaths of 10 people, including two pregnant women, in a 1993 arson fire at an apartment building in the Westlake area of Los Angeles was sentenced Monday to

11 years in state prison.

Superior Court Judge Curtis B. Rappe gave Joseph Alberto Monge, 47, credit for time he has already served behind bars and ordered him to be released from custody after the sentencing.

Monge pleaded guilty in February 2020 to one count of voluntary manslaughter involving the death of Olga Leon.

He and co-defendants Ramiro Alberto Valerio, now 49, and Johanna Lopez, now 57, were

charged in 2017 with 12 counts of murder in connection with the May 3, 1993, blaze at the 69-unit complex in the 300 block of West Burlington Avenue.

Authorities said in 2017 that they believed the fire was set in retaliation because a building manager was trying to crack down on drug-dealing at the apartment complex.

A fourth person, who is suspected of starting the fire inside the apartment building, is still being sought by authorities.

Valerio was convicted of 10 counts of first-degree murder and two counts of first-degree murder of a human fetus.

Jurors in Valerio's trial also found true the special circumstance allegations of multiple murders and murder during arson of an inhabited structure.

Valerio is facing life in prison without the possibility of parole, with sentencing set Nov. 4.

Lopez -- described in court by a prosecutor as a "major drug dealer" -- pleaded guilty in February 2020 to two counts of voluntary manslaughter and is facing 22 years in state prison, with sentencing expected Thursday.

In his closing argument in Valerio's trial, Deputy District Attorney Victor Avila called it a "horrific crime," and said it was "the result of the greed not only of this defendant, but his gang" involving a "money-making enterprise that cannot be jeopardized."

"These victims had the misfortune to live in the area controlled by this defendant's gang," the prosecutor said. "They control these areas because they instill fear in these people."

"This was not an accidental fire," Avila added, noting that it was set in front of the manager's apartment and that the manager was the target but didn't die.

He noted that Valerio was being

prosecuted under a theory of aiding and abetting, and that he didn't have to be the one who went in and lit the match. The prosecutor said Valerio remained outside to act as a lookout.

Valerio's attorney, James Hallett, questioned the credibility of four of the prosecution's most important witnesses, including Lopez.

The defense attorney contended that the witnesses' years-long delay in reporting their allegations against Valerio was "enough reason to doubt them."

Jurors had to decide whether the government's case overcame the presumption of innocence for Valerio and established sufficient, reliable evidence to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that Valerio specifically directed the commission of the arson, the defense attorney told the panel.

"If you hate Ramiro because he was involved in drug-dealing and all that involves ... that's not enough," Hallett said. "The issue here is whether or not he directed the lighting of this fire... We don't have any reliable evidence."

At an October 2017 hearing in which Valerio, Lopez and Monge were ordered to stand trial, Los Angeles County Deputy Medical Examiner Christopher Rogers testified that "the main problem with smoke is it has a lot of carbon monoxide." He noted that "you would need only a few breaths to die."

Those who died as a result of smoke inhalation from the fire were: Olga Leon, 24, and Rosalia Ruiz, 21, who were both pregnant; 1-year-old Lancy Mateo, 3-year-old Jose Camargo, 4-year-old Jesus Camargo, 6-year-old William Verdugo, 7-year-old Rosia Camargo, 8-year-old Yadira Verdugo, 10-year-old Leyver Verdugo and 29-year-old Alejandrina Roblero.

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or both of JULIAN EDUARDO LUGO. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by JAMES J. ALLEMAND in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that JAMES J. ALLEMAND be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act with limited authority. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 10/26/22 at 8:30AM in Dept. 2D located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012. IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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