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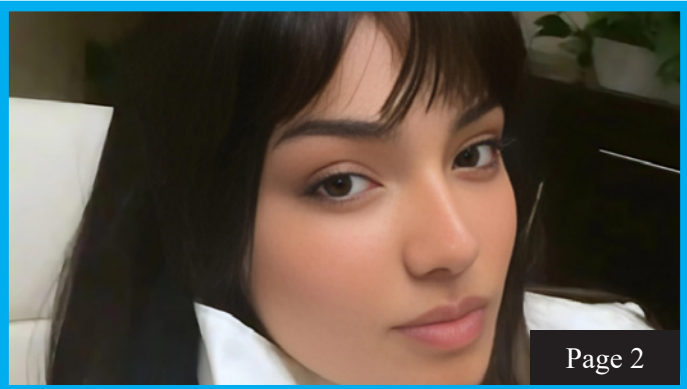
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## Sacramento: At Capitol Rally, Former Inmates Share Memories of Forced Labor

By Antonio Ray Harvey | California Black Media

Assemblymember Lori Wilson (D-Suisun City) addressed a group of advocates and activists, including formerly incarcerated men and women at the State Capitol last week. She promised them that she is determined to advance Assembly Constitutional Amendment (ACA) 8 “across the finish line” for voters’ to decide in a November General Election referendum.

Wilson, Chair of the California Legislative Black Caucus (CLBC), was speaking at an April 29 rally at the State Capitol organized to promote “The

End Slavery in California Act,” a measure that Wilson authored to amend the California Constitution, abolishing involuntary servitude in prisons across the state.

“For me, it’s a priority to reassert our unwavering commitment to ACA 8 but not just myself as the author but also the entire legislative Black caucus,” Wilson said at the rally held on the southeast end of the State Capitol’s grounds.

“This is not just legislation. It is a declaration of our value

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## Pure Land Foundation Honored with Education Medal of Honor for Mobile Food Pantry Initiative



(l-r) SBCUSD Superintendent Mauricio Arellano, Board member Felicia Alexander, Pure Land Foundation Founder and CEO Michael Tsai, his wife and Pure Land member Belinda Tsai, Board member Mikki Cichocki, Board member Mary Ellen A. Grande and Board member Dr. Scott Wyatt celebrate Pure Land Foundation being awarded an Education Medal of Honor by San Bernardino County School Boards Association and San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools. (Photo by Corina Borsuk and provided courtesy of SBCUSD)

SAN BERNARDINO, CA--- The San Bernardino City Unified School District (SBCUSD) is proud to announce that the nonprofit organization Pure Land Foundation has been awarded the prestigious Education Medal of Honor for its outstanding contributions to the community through its mobile food pantry initiative.

The award was presented on April 29 by San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools Ted Alejandro at the 2024 Spring Awards in recognition of Pure Land Foundation's dedication to addressing food insecurity and providing essential support to thousands of families in need.

Pure Land Foundation's mobile food pantry initiative has been

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# Sen. Laphonza Butler Introduces Bill to Honor Rep. Shirley Chisholm with Congressional Gold Medal, Statue

By Bo Tefu, | California Black Media



erected in the U.S. Capitol in her memory.

“Shirley Chisholm left a mark on our nation's history that demands its own recognition,” Butler said.

“She was a trailblazer -- the first Black woman elected to the U.S. House of Representatives and the first to run for President -- who opened doors for generations of Black women,” Butler added.

Chisholm, a lifelong public servant, worked in education and social services before being elected as the second African American to the New York State Assembly in 1964. She is remembered as a passionate leader who advocated for women and minorities through legislation she introduced and supported.

Warnock said Ch-

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U.S. Sen. Laphonza Butler (D-Calif.) announced last week she is co-sponsoring a bipartisan bill to honor Shirley Chisholm, the first African American woman elected to the United States Congress.

Butler, the only Black woman currently serving in the U.S. Senate, and Sen. Raphael Warnock (D-GA.) proposed the legislation to posthu-

mously endow Chisholm with Congress's highest award in commemoration of her accomplishments, activism, and legacy.

If the bill passes, Congress will present Chisholm, who was elected in 1968 to represent New York's 12th District in the United States Congress with the Congressional Gold Medal. A statue of Chisholm will also be

# “Let the Reader Understand!”

By Lou K. Coleman | WSS News Contributor



Lou K Coleman

God's warnings are meant for our good. [2 Timothy 3:16]. God never tells us to do something without a reason. If God gives us a warning in Scripture, [Matthew 24:15] it is there for our good. For God's Word is our keeper, the watcher of our souls; and when a danger is approaching, it rings the alarum and gives us warning. So, consider the message and understand the vision. [Daniel 9:33].

Jesus has been detailing

the destruction, devastation, and hardship that all of us will face soon and very soon. Unprecedented wrath and devastation. A time of suffering and despair, so please take heed; for he has told us all things beforehand. [Mark 13:23]. He said when you see 'the abomination that causes desolation' standing where it does not belong--let the reader understand.

Jesus did not give these instructions for us to speculate about the future. He gave them that we might be armed and ready. I tell you, wisdom shouts in the street, she lifts her voice in the square; at the head of the noisy streets, she cries out; at the entrance of the gates in the city she utters her sayings. How long will you who are simple love your simple ways? How long will mockers delight in mockery and fools hate knowledge? Repent at my rebuke! Then I will pour out my thoughts to you, I will make known to you, my

teachings. Understand that My warnings are meant for your good. [2 Timothy 3:16]. Take Heed! If you do not, I will laugh when disaster strikes you; I will mock when calamity overtakes you--when calamity overtakes you like a storm, when disaster sweeps over you like a whirlwind, when distress and trouble overwhelm you. For then you will call Me but I will not answer; you will look for Me but will not find Me, since you hated knowledge and did not choose to fear the Lord. Since you would not accept My advice and spurned My rebuke, you will eat the fruit of your ways and be filled with the fruit of your schemes. For the waywardness of the simple will kill you, and the complacency of fools will destroy you; but whoever listens to Me will live in safety and be at ease, without fear of harm." [Proverbs 1:20-33]. Let the reader understand. The End is Near!

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# Assemblymember Holden Joins Lawmakers for the Groundbreaking of America's Very First High-Speed Rail



LAS VEGAS, NV--- This week, Assemblymember Chris Holden joined State and National leaders for the historic groundbreaking of the Brightline West high-speed rail. Assemblymember Holden has been a lifelong advocate of regional transportation and connectivity across the west coast. Last year, as Chair of the Select Committee on Regional Transportation Solutions, Holden hosted an informational hearing last year featuring Brightline West on the panel and they shared plans on the early stages of the production of the historic rail line.

"I am so pleased to see this project come into fruition. Transportation is a key part of opening doors and opportunities. The benefit of better connectivity goes beyond convenience and will impact our regional dedication to environmental health, equity, business opportunity, economic growth, and so much more," said Assemblymember Holden. "This high-speed rail is a major step, but still only the beginning of great innovation and change for our country." The 218-mile system will be constructed in the middle of the I-15 and is based on Brightline's

vision to connect city pairs that are too short to fly and too far to drive. Hailed as the greenest form of transportation in the world, Brightline West will run zero emission, fully electric trains capable of speeds of 200 miles per hour. The groundbreaking included remarks from U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg, Brightline Founder Wes Edens, Nevada Gov. Joe Lombardo, Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto, Sen. Jacky Rosen, Senior Advisor to President Biden Steve Benjamin and Vince Saavedra of the Southern Nevada Building Trades.

# PPIC Report Gives Update on California's "Capacity to House Its Homeless"

By Bo Tefu, | California Black Media



California's permanent housing and emergency shelter capacity programs are struggling to meet the homeless population's growing housing needs, a Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC) report stated. California has launched several programs to mitigate its homelessness crisis -- the worst in the nation -- which was exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. According to the report, federal funding helped the state increase emergency shelter beds by 34% during the pandemic. However, the shelters only provided temporary housing for people experiencing homelessness. The PPIC stated that the increase in homelessness indicates that California needs to expand housing programs to accommo-

date the growing population. The "programs that can prevent and mitigate homelessness and housing instability are more urgently needed than ever," the PPIC stated. Across California, there remains a shortage of beds in shelters for unhoused people. The report estimates that the state has more than 180,000 homeless people but only about 70,000 beds, accounting for an overall shortage of nearly 110,000 beds. The state's struggle to provide permanent housing persists despite establishing partnerships with community-based organizations to tackle the problem. California's government has spent billions to increase capacity, but the rising cost of living

and limited progress has made it difficult to get rid of homelessness. Local governments have also struggled to track city spending and provide accurate audits of housing programs. A major concern for the state, according to the report, is that local governments are running out of pandemic-related relief funds. This has led to a decline in the number of beds funded by the Emergency Solutions Grants -- Coronavirus (ESG-CV) program. Local governments have urged the state to increase funding for city housing programs, but city officials are yet to establish a reliable method to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of existing programs.

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# Rising Latin Singer-Songwriter Rubyána Set To Release New Single "Luz Verde"



hit song. The cover even gained the attention of Xavi, who started to follow Rubyána on Instagram. The video for the song "La Diabla" was filmed in popular landmarks in L. A & Tijuana, Playas de Tijuana, and Rosarito Beach.

Rubyána's career has steadily been gaining momentum, and her new music will surely expand her fan base. Currently, Rubyána is on a high school and middle school tour in Southern California and Baja California. The principal at Cecytebc Grupo LA Mission High School in Rosarito, Mexico was especially thankful for her recent performance. The principal noted that nobody has ever come to his school to do anything like this and was grateful for Rubyána giving back to the community.

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Mother's Day! To show our appreciation, we will be hosting a special Mother's Day activity, where children can create a small gift for their mothers. Please feel free to bring family and friends along to enjoy the day.

LOS ANGELES, CA---- Rubyána, a young singer-songwriter in the Latin music scene, is scheduled to release a sizzling new single titled "Luz Verde" penned by the artist herself this summer via her social media channels and streaming platforms. The LA-based artist recently assembled an impressive team to help launch her career to new heights. Team members include veteran marketing executive and promoter Issy Sanchez, as

well as Thiago Machado, founder and CEO of the leading digital marketing company, Ranked Music. Taken together, these creative entrepreneurs have worked with the likes of Anita, Camilla Cabello, Drake, Alicia Keys, and many other prominent artists.

Rubyána recently covered the hit song "La Diabla" by Xavi. Her feminine approach paired with her unique voice and delivery adds a fresh perspective to the mega-

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# Decoy Operations Expose Underage Tobacco Sales, Sparking Community To Take Action



SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY--- In a bold move to amplify youth voices and confront the realities of underage tobacco sales, Music Changing Lives (MCL) and the California Health Collaborative - San Bernardino County Tobacco Control Program (CHC - SBCTCP) are gearing up for their Youth-Led Community Resource Fair happening on June 1, 2024. This event, slated to take place from 2:00pm - 5:00pm at the United In Christ Baptist Church, marks a significant milestone in the fight

against underage tobacco consumption. The Resource Fair is a follow-up to the recent Community Dialogue events held in February and March, where the organizations revealed alarming findings from their collaborative investigative efforts. The Community Dialogues, attended by concerned community members, served as a platform to dissect the prevalence of underage tobacco sales and strategize preventive measures. During decoy operations conducted in early

2024, youths aged 18 to 20 were deployed to local tobacco retailers in Apple Valley, only to discover that they could readily purchase tobacco products, including flavored Swisher Sweets, despite California's ban on flavored tobacco since late 2022 under Senate Bill 793. Patricia Lopez, CHC Program Manager, grimly affirmed, "Our youth were able to purchase tobacco products in Apple Valley even being under 21." **To continue, visit [www.wssnews.com](http://www.wssnews.com).**

# Letter to the Editor

## Sex While Pregnant? Health Advocates Say Yes



LOS ANGELES, CA--- From May 1st-2nd, 2024, Maternal Mental Health NOW (MMHN) hosted a two-day "Sex & Perinatal Mental Health Conference" in recognition of Maternal Mental Health Month, focusing on the critical intersection of maternal mental health and sexual wellness during the perinatal period. The event brought together healthcare professionals, sex educators, lactation consultants, holistic healers, and community advocates to discuss innovative solutions and advocate for better

systems that support the emotional well-being of expectant and new parents. "Protecting the mental health needs of Los Angeles County's pregnant and postpartum individuals requires a holistic approach that integrates sexual health," said Kelly O'Connor, Executive Director of Maternal Mental Health NOW. "This conference empowers birthing care professionals to provide diverse individuals and families with trauma-informed and culturally appropriate care."

Perinatal mental health disorders, including postpartum depression and anxiety, affect approximately 1 in 5 women in Los Angeles County. These challenges particularly impact marginalized communities, with Black women experiencing maternal mortality rates three to four times higher than white women, often due to disparities in access to quality healthcare and culturally competent services. **To continue, visit [www.wssnews.com](http://www.wssnews.com).**

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# SB County Supervisor Curt Hagman sworn in as President of the Southern California Association of Governments



Curt Hagman

the region's role as an innovation hub top Curt Hagman's list of priorities as the newly installed President of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG).

Hagman, San Bernardino County 4th District Supervisor, was sworn in Thursday to lead the nation's largest metropolitan planning organization after serving the past year as First Vice President of SCAG's Regional Council. The swearing in took place on the first full day

of SCAG's 59th Annual Regional Conference and General Assembly.

"We have to remember who we are. We're a combination of local governments, and together we create a lasting impact on the future of our region and the quality of life of our residents," Hagman said, as more than 800 elected leaders from across Southern California gathered in Palm Desert for one of the biggest annual gatherings of its kind.

Hagman was elected to the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors in 2014, after serving six years in the California State Assembly. Prior to that, he served as a City Councilmember and Mayor in Chino Hills.

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# SB County Supervisor Curt Hagman

In addition, he serves on the Boards of the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA), the Ontario International Airport Authority (OIAA), the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), Inland Empire Health Plan (IEHP) and OmniTrans.

Hagman began his public service as a Chino Hills Parks and Recreation Commissioner and has served on the

San Bernardino County Workforce Investment Board.

He succeeds Art Brown, who has served as SCAG President for the past year. Brown is a Buena Park City Councilmember.

Also sworn in to Regional Council leadership positions on Thursday were First Vice President Cindy Allen, Vice Mayor of Long Beach; and Second Vice President Ray Marquez, a Chino Hills

City Councilmember. Before serving in public office, Allen was an entrepreneur and small-business owner, and served her community as a Long Beach officer for 10 years. Marquez was elected to the Chino Hills Council in 2013 and serves on the Boards of SBCTA and the San Bernardino County Airport Commission.

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# Pure Land Foundation Honored with Education Medal

a lifeline for families facing food insecurity in our community, particularly during challenging times. Through this initiative, the organization distributes nutritious food items directly to families in underserved areas, ensuring that they have access to healthy meals and essential resources. The mobile food pantry visits various neighborhoods throughout San Bernardino, always operating out of SBCUSD campuses and with support from dozens of student volunteers,

serving about a thousand families each month and making a meaningful difference in their lives.

"SBCUSD is honored to have nominated Pure Land Foundation for the Education Medal of Honor, and we extend our heartfelt congratulations to them on this well-deserved recognition," said Superintendent Mauricio Arellano. "We're working hard to elevate not just our school district but also our community. If we're able to meet a lot of the basic needs of

our families, we believe that's going to have a monumental impact not just to the district but to the city as a whole. Pure Land Foundation's commitment to serving our community aligns with our District's mission to support the well-being of all students and families. We are grateful for their partnership and the invaluable support they provide to our community."

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# Sen. Laphonza Butler Introduces Bill to Honor Rep. Chisholm

Chisholm's legacy inspired him to fight for the rights and well-being of Black Americans.

"Shirley Chisholm broke barriers for Black women, Black Ameri-

cans, and any American who refuses to be confined by injustice," Warnock said.

"As an educator, and a trailblazing Congresswoman and presidential

candidate, she fought for an inclusive democracy, one that lives up to our nation's highest ideals of equity and justice under law," he added.

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# At Capitol Rally, Former Inmates Share Memories of Forced Labor

and resolve to end all forms of slavery and involuntary servitude in our state. ACA is vital because it proposes to remove the 'exception' for involuntary servitude from the state's constitution, declaring unequivocally that all forms of slavery are prohibited," she added.

The "Quest for Democracy (Q4D)" rally was hosted by All of Us or None of Us (AOUNOU), a grassroots civil and human rights organization

focused on supporting formerly and currently incarcerated people and their families.

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