



**WEEKLY UPDATE  
SEPTEMBER 6 - 12, 2020**

**THIS WEEK**

**NO BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S MEETING**

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

**COASTAL COMMISSION**

**WASTE BOARD MEETING CANCELLED**

**THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING IS SET FOR OCTOBER 14, 2020**

**LAST WEEK**

**TIANNA ARATA CHARGED WITH MISDEMEANORS**

**TEARS FOR TIANNA – BY ANDY CALDWELL - SEE PAGE 5**

**BOS ADOPTS REGIONAL WATER PLAN – IRWM**

**ISSUES ON CONTROL OF ENHANCED RECHARGE AND STORAGE FIXED**

**MORE 2<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT PORK FOR CAYUCOS APPROVED**

**WASTE BOARD AND SLOCOG BOTH CANCELLED**

# COLAB IN DEPTH

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## CULTURAL SUICIDE IS PAINLESS

BY VICTOR DAVIS HANSON

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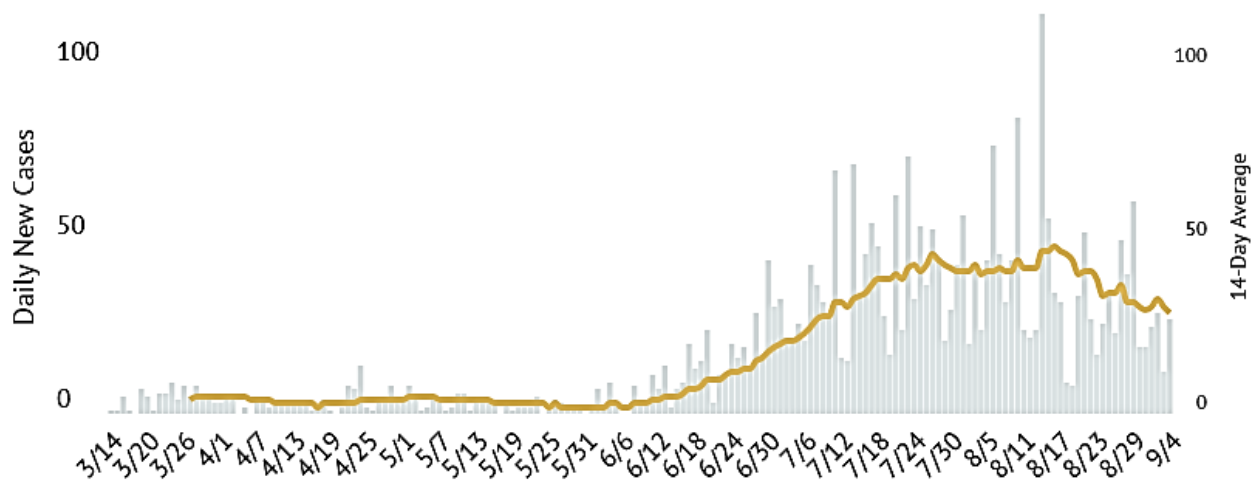
*As its Marxist pedigree makes clear, Black Lives Matter is committed to overthrowing our entire system.*

### THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

**No Board of Supervisors Meeting on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 (Not Scheduled)**

**The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is set for Tuesday, September 22, 2020.**

#### Daily New Covid Cases (and 14-Day Average)



Source: SLO County Health Dept.

10 Hospitalized (4 in ICU)

Given the statistics, the County should allow everything to open up and test the outcome. Of course this is not allowed, because Governor Newsom and the State have repeatedly changed the required metrics and would punish the County if it did try to open things up. The number of people in the hospital and the trend line for the number of people in the hospital are the relevant metric.

There are 285,000 residents in SLO County. The 10 in the hospital = .00004 percent. How many people are in the hospital for acute alcohol and/or drug problems this week? For that matter, how many are out on the streets? The state hasn't shut down liquor sales or cannabis sales for that pandemic.

Why not just tell old guys with a paunch that they have to stay home and feed the animals? Then let everyone else out. Open society back up. If the COVID trend jumps up, then phase the areas and facilities where it is occurring into quarantine.



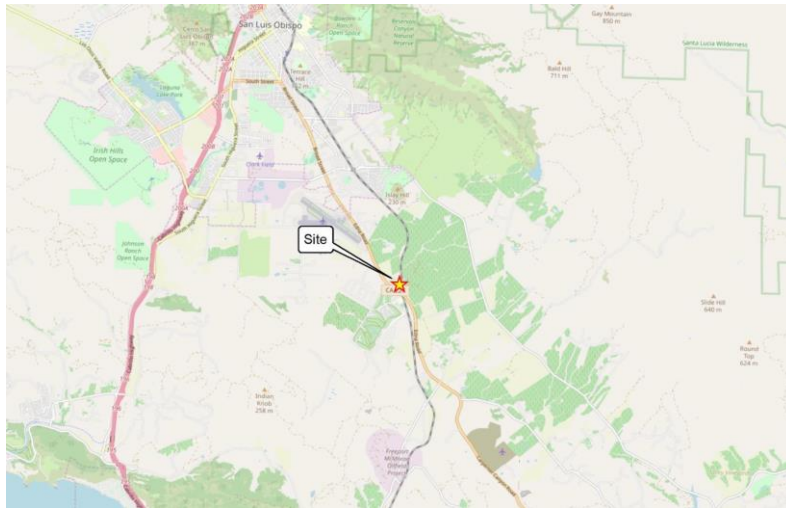
**Planning Commission Meeting of Thursday, September 10, 2020 (Scheduled)**

**Item 5 - Hearing to consider a request by Bradford Peters and John Freeman for a Minor Use Permit (DRC2018-00237) to establish approximately 1,680 square feet of indoor cannabis canopy within an existing 1,872-square-foot greenhouse on an approximately 12.11-acre parcel. Ancillary activities to support the indoor cultivation include cannabis processing (drying only) within the existing greenhouse. An existing 160-square-foot storage container will be used for tool and equipment storage. The applicant previously cultivated cannabis within the existing greenhouse under cultivation registration number CCM2016-00338. A modification from the location standard set forth in the Inland Land Use Ordinance 22.40.050.D.1 is requested to reduce the location standard from a sensitive receptor (Los Ranchos elementary) from 1,000 feet to 860 feet. The project site is located at 5450 Edna Road approximately 1 mile southeast of the city of San Luis Obispo. This is an existing operation grandfathered in under the urgency ordinance. The operator is now applying for a regular permit as required by the permanent ordinance and the conditions of the urgency**

ordinance. It is a smaller indoor operation. The applicant states that the use of odor control technology:

*To prevent nuisance odors from being detected offsite, the existing greenhouse would be fitted with carbon scrubbers in accordance with County Land Use Ordinance (LUO) Section 22.40.050.D.8. Additionally, the existing greenhouse complies with the setback requirements from property lines and adjacent residential use areas as set forth in LUO Section 22.30.310.*

The facility is just across the UP tracks from the San Luis Obispo Country Club. The fur may fly on this one.



**Integrated Waste Management Authority Board Meeting of Monday, September 14, 2020 (Cancelled)**

The agency should be abolished. The County can operate regional waste disposal, recycling, and hazardous waste disposal through competitively bid private sector contracts. Why pay for

the overhead of a separate government agency which is always conjuring up regulations like plastic bag bans, plastic straw bans, polystyrene bans, and plastic utensil bans?

### **California Coastal Commission Meeting of Friday, September 11, 2020 (Scheduled)**

There are no matters of overarching policy concern. However, the City of Grover Beach, the City of Pismo Beach, and the Port San Luis Harbor District all have requests for Commission concurrence with proposed amendments to their regulations. Several involve allowing higher densities for affordable housing.

## **LAST WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS**

### **Peaceful Demonstrations So Far after the DA Filed Charges (As of this writing)**

On Thursday, September 3, 2020, DA Dan Dow charged Tianna Arata with 8 misdemeanors. One of her associates was charged with a felony for attacking a police officer as well as several misdemeanors. There were protestors around on Thursday and Friday but no reported violence. Advocates attempted to present a 5,000-signature petition to the DA demanding that Arata not be charged. It was properly rejected, as the legal duty of elected district attorneys is to represent the people in criminal matters and not pander to outside influence, whether it be popular or unpopular. The police can only recommend charges. The independent elected district attorney must determine if they are valid. This separation of duties is a sacrosanct and powerful element of our justice system.

The SLO County Democratic Party had made a demand that the DA not file charges. Local politicians attempting to interfere with this protective legal process is outrageous. Please see the phenomenal article by Andy Caldwell in this regard immediately below:

## **TEARS FOR TIANNA**

### **BY ANDY CALDWELL**

When I consider Tianna Arata, I don't see a Martin Luther King in the making, not yet anyway, despite what the BLM spin-doctors have to say. Instead, I see a young kid who got inebriated with a sense of power, hubris, and celebrity only to wake up to find herself charged with 13 misdemeanors, which she has now discovered is "terribly inconvenient".

Who is to blame for her predicament? Let's start with Tianna herself. Like many people her age, she is shocked to learn that her actions have consequences. The allegations against her have to do with leading followers onto the US 101 freeway which by definition created a "hostage-type" situation for motorists. The freeway was blocked on two separate

occasions. Many believe a third attempt was only thwarted by riot officers and tear gas. Regardless, enough was enough.

Tianna's big mistake was that she picked the wrong town to launch a career as a rising star in the BLM movement. At this point in the story, we need to start naming the other people who are to blame for her predicament, namely SLO's Heidi Harmon, the worst mayor on the Central Coast, and the soon-to-depart SLO police chief, Deanna Cantrell. These two woke progressives gave the young and naive Tianna way too much latitude for her own good.

In this age of the coronavirus shutdown, Heidi Harmon herself took part in rallies and marches that served to shut down downtown SLO. And, it is more than apparent, that the police chief did not bother to charge Tianna or others for any of her previous actions except during the apparent failed attempt to storm the freeway a third time. This soft approach to enforcing the law led Tianna to build up a sense of hubris until the city, the motorists, the merchants, and the residents finally had enough.

The biggest blame for the tears of Tianna falls to the leadership of BLM. It is certainly legitimate for citizens to hold a genuinely peaceful rally in cities that actually have a record of conflict, including cases of brutality, between the police and the black community. It is another thing altogether to try and score political points and create a ruckus in communities that have little to no record of such conflict, and in a community which doesn't have much of a black population to begin with.

That is, the black population on the Central Coast runs about 2% of the total population and most all of these residents, except for the gang bangers, lead upstanding lives meaning they have had little to no contact with law enforcement to begin with, unless of course they work in law enforcement. Regardless, when Sheriff Ian Parkinson tried to attest to this lack of race-based controversy surrounding local law enforcement, he was attacked as a denier!

SLO also happens to be one of the few progressive jurisdictions that is not served by a George Soros hand-picked District Attorney at the ready to dismiss any and all charges against illegal activities associated with "peaceful" protests. Moreover, the attempt to pressure, threaten and dissuade District Attorney Dan Dow from doing his job of administering justice for the people, whose rights were violated during the "peaceful" protest, is simply adding insult to injury.

Hopefully, somebody with a modicum of wisdom and righteousness will inform Tianna that Martin Luther King was successful because he drew the sympathies and compassion of the general public to the plight of black people in America. For a near perfect rebuke of the organization BLM by a man who has history in Dr. King's movement, see this recent speech by Tennessee State Representative John J. Deberry Jr here:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h7VMz4M1WWU&feature=share&fbclid=IwAR3yRuNaNmkrU9W4VqhCU\\_RPj21x8t7jkHR85MuX3Tle2zHY2DIXjtM2Xc8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h7VMz4M1WWU&feature=share&fbclid=IwAR3yRuNaNmkrU9W4VqhCU_RPj21x8t7jkHR85MuX3Tle2zHY2DIXjtM2Xc8)

I have actually been involved in a genuine Black Lives Matter movement for over 40 years. It started with my three black roommates in college, my studies at the college that focused on what was then called "minority studies", a seven year prison ministry, and a life of calling out the significant pathologies in the black community that are mostly responsible for destroying black lives. Specifically, genocidal abortion rates, fatherless families, the school to prison

pipeline, the double whammy of rejecting anything resembling “acting white” which the Smithsonian just resurrected in grand style along with the abysmal unbelief that cycles of poverty and despair can be broken, the prevalence of gangs and the street code that rejects cooperation with law authorities, and finally, drugs, alcohol, high unemployment and drop out rates and associated generational dependency on welfare which guarantees perpetual poverty.

Moreover, there are several exposes that have been published on the BLM movement which indicate that the name of the organization is pure marketing genius for a Trojan horse of Marxism whose purpose is destruction of America institutions including the nuclear family and belief in God, along with other foundations of Western Civilization.

As a point of reference, I have interviewed David Horowitz a number of times over the years. David was a pioneer Marxist revolutionary in the 1960's who was also involved with the original Black Panthers. His associate at the David Horowitz's Freedom Center, John Perazzo, who I recently interviewed, wrote an excellent expose on BLM here:

<https://www.frontpagemag.com/fpm/2020/09/blm-pamphlet-john-perazzo/>

In conclusion, Tianna, spitting and stomping on our flag while dropping f\* bombs at the police, our country and our flag, and everyone else who came within earshot, is not how you win friends and influence people, and it does absolutely nothing to improve black lives. Additionally, blocking freeways is not a winning strategy to encourage people to listen to what you have to say with an open heart and mind. There surely is a better way.

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Tianna Betrays her Moment



Black Leaders Matter

**Board of Supervisors Meeting of Tuesday, September 1, 2020 (Completed)**

**Item 13 - Request to: 1) accept a grant from the California Natural Resources Agency Cultural, Community and Natural Resources Proposition 68 Grant Program, in the amount of \$1,937,000; 2) authorize advertisement for construction bids for the Cayucos Veteran's Hall Rehabilitation project; and 3) authorize a budget adjustment, in the**

**amount of \$1,987,000 to increase appropriation and fund the project through the USDA loan acceptance, using \$1,937,000 from Cultural Community and Natural Resource Agency funds and \$50,000 interim loan from the Tax Reduction Reserve Fund, by 4/5 vote. District 2.** After considerable questioning and review, the Board approved the project unanimously on the consent calendar. The basic argument was the old “sunk cost” fallacy: “We have already spent so much on design and permitting that we might as well go ahead.” The County Administrator clarified that if the USDA loan is not approved, the project would have to be placed on hold until an alternative source of funding could be approved. There was also considerable discussion of how important the facility is for generating events which enhance the economic base in Cayucos.

In this regard readers may remember that last year the Board purchased a large tract of land just down the highway for open space. It would have been an excellent site for a 5-star destination resort hotel. No one was concerned about economic devolvement at that point.

The County Parks Director assured the Board that the event revenue would cover operating and debt costs by the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of operation.

The staff stated that sea level rise would not be a problem because the floor will be 3.6 feet above the Coastal Commission forecast of increasing wave run up level. Neither the Board nor staff clarified which ocean rise scenario (conservative, medium, or severe) or which time period (10 years, 50 years, or what?) was used for this statement. Any homeowner or private sector developer would be stopped in their tracks.

**Background:** All in, this is a \$4.2 million scheme using a combination of State grants, County general fund, internal loans, and a roll of the dice on a long term State loan to rehab a historic building in Cayucos which is to be used as a kind of event center. Weddings were cited as the main event revenue source.

The building was constructed in 1872 and is structurally deteriorated. For all intents and purposes, it is really going to be a new building on the pattern of the original.

Supervisor Gibson knows how to deliver the bacon in his district – rehabilitation of the Cayucos Pier, County takeover and funding of the Cayucos Fire Department, fancy golf electronic simulators and go-cart stuff at the Diary Creek Golf Course, Cambria Emergency water facilities (\$4.4 million), and of course the Los Osos Sewer Treatment Plant.

Attachment 5  
Cayucos Veteran's Hall Rehabilitation - Perspective Renderings





**EXHIBIT A**  
**Project Cost Estimates**

Cayucos Veteran's Hall Rehabilitation  
Cayucos, CA  
Project No. 320089  
(Through Project Completion)

Expenditures:	Prior Year Costs through FY 2019/20	FY 2020/21 Budget	Total Budget	Estimated Project Costs	Variance
Preliminary Engineering, Environmental, & Design	\$445,573	\$26,027	\$471,600	\$521,600	(\$50,000)
Construction	-	0	0	3,103,000	(3,103,000)
Construction Contingency	-	0	0	1,044,205	(1,044,205)
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$445,573</b>	<b>\$26,027</b>	<b>\$471,600</b>	<b>\$4,668,805</b>	<b>(\$4,197,205)</b>
<b>Funding Source:</b>					
General Fund	\$445,573	\$26,027	\$471,600	\$471,600	(\$0)
Grant Award - Cultural, Community and Natural Resources Grant Program (CCNR)	0	0	0	1,937,000	(1,937,000)
Interim Loan - Tax Reduction Reserve	0	0	0	50,000	(50,000)
USDA Loan - BAR will be requested with USDA Loan Acceptance at a later date	0	0	0	2,210,205	(2,210,205)
<b>Total Funding</b>	<b>\$445,573</b>	<b>\$26,027</b>	<b>\$471,600</b>	<b>\$4,668,805</b>	<b>(\$4,197,205)</b>

\*Cost estimates will be more accurate at time of award

How come the construction contingency is 25% of the entire construction budget itself? Do they suspect a lurking problem?

How can the Board justify spending \$4.2 million in view of sea level rise & when they let a power plant on a 75 ft. high bluff be shut down due to tidal wave threats?

No doubt any efforts to entice the private sector to rehab it as a destination restaurant would be annihilated by the Planning and Building Department, Coastal Commission, Fish and Wildlife, Army Corps of Engineers, the Monterey Bay Marine Sanctuary, and all the local Woke elitists.

**Item 20 - Submittal of resolutions approving the 2019 San Luis Obispo County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan.** After some discussion the Board approved the Plan unanimously. Supervisor Arnold allowed as to how some of the objectionable language had been removed.

**Background:** The item was previously scheduled on the agenda of August 11, 2020. It was pointed out that the 429-page item contains a considerable amount of implied water policy and should have been scheduled as a regular business item.

For the County and other local jurisdictions to be eligible for State water funding grants, an IRWM plan must periodically be submitted to the State Department of Water Resources (DWR) for review and must meet the stringent requirements. It is somewhat analogous to the SLOCOG Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) in the road and transit universe. At its most general level (429 very technical pages), the Plan:

- *Describes the Region and its water management strategies*
- *Reviews the Region's water issues (e.g., supply, quality, storage, conveyance, etc.)*
- *Puts forward strategies to address solutions for those issues*
- *Suggests actions, programs, and capital projects to carry out those strategies*
- *Prioritizes and integrates those actions, programs, and capital projects*
- *Establishes metrics to measure and manage collected data to show the potential improvements, benefits, and impacts of the plan*
- *Provides a methodology to carry out those actions, programs and capital projects*
- *Monitors the plan's progress and adjusts when needed*

The full Plan can be seen at the link:

<https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/getattachment/fd41c16f-f29e-4ef0-be2c-cd3e7197ebe3/2019-IRWM-Plan.aspx>

The flock of both bureaucratic and volunteer water groupies in the County study the Plan intensively, influence it, and use it to help push whatever policies they support. For our readers with insomnia, download the Plan and read it at night.

Some of the portions which need close Board and public scrutiny include:

### **Conjunctive Management and Groundwater Storage**

*The evaluation and development of groundwater recharge projects/programs aligns directly with Objectives of the Groundwater Management Goal, and crosses over to multiple Objectives in other Goals, specifically, "Enhance Natural Recharge" as listed in the Flood Management Goal. The primary goal is to enhance recharge to groundwater basins, especially where demand meets or exceeds the existing perennial yield. Supplementing groundwater in storage would help to meet the goal to diversify the regional water supply portfolio and to ensure a long-term, verifiable, reliable and sustainable supply to meet current and future agricultural, urban, rural, and environmental demands. Any projects would need to be implemented in a way that would not harm overlying users in the basin. Groundwater recharge would help meet multiple Objectives by:*

- *Helping to avoid impacts to existing users*
- *Providing a firm, verifiable, and sustainable supply*
- *Supporting protection of surface water rights by making full use of entitlements for groundwater recharge purposes*

- a. What is the status of the water vis-a-vis the preeminent rights of overlayers?
- b. Who controls the water?
- c. How is the “enhanced” recharged water distinguished from the “regular” recharged water once it is in the ground?
- d. Can State water be recharged? What is its legal status once it is in the ground?
- e. How can the State recharged water be distinguished from the “regular” recharged water?

### **Recommended Project Elements**

*The following Recommended Project Elements were provided:  
San Luis Obispo County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan*

- *Develop groundwater recharge facilities to enhance recharge to basins and/or capture and protect surface water rights*
- *Develop groundwater management plan elements to support groundwater recharge projects and to meet requirements for state grant funding*
- *Conduct needed feasibility studies and/or pilot and demonstration projects to obtain needed data*
- *Select a preferred groundwater recharge alternative and develop final project designs and funding requirements*
- *Seek state and federal grant funding to conduct the needed evaluations and pilot projects*

### **Climate Change**

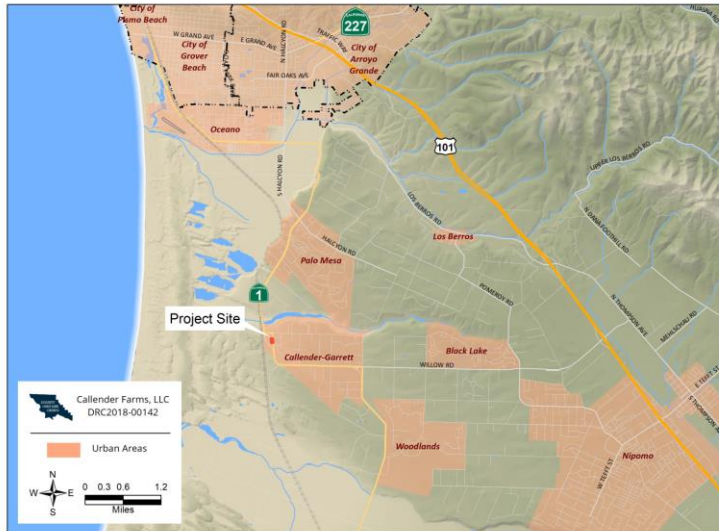
The Plan contains a substantial chapter on climate change including data about how it is expected to impact water supply and therefore water management efforts. The underlying support is based on the International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) data, which has been shown to be highly suspect and consistently wrong over time. Thus the chapter needs to be pulled out and presented as a Board item in and of itself.

**Item 21 - Hearing to consider an appeal (APPL2019-00004) by Callender Farms LLC (formerly Donovan Viera, DCD Membership Group) of the Planning Commission’s denial of their request for a Development Plan/Coastal Development Permit (DRC2018-00142) to establish 2,500 square feet of indoor cannabis cultivation, an indoor cannabis nursery, and a non-storefront cannabis dispensary within an existing building located at 1291 Mesa View Drive approximately two miles south of the community of Oceano in the Callender-Garrett Village Area in the Coastal Zone of the South County Planning Area.** There was a lengthy session during which a number of opponents and proponents spoke. After the Board agonized for hours, the permit was approved with some very severe conditions including a death pill if there is even one violation.

In essence the original applicant and proposed operator had jumped the gun and was conducting unpermitted activities and had been cited with violations. The landlord is reputable and leased to a new operator. Nevertheless, the Board was very tenuous about the issue.

**Background:** This was an appeal of the denial of a permit by the Planning Commission for an indoor cannabis operation in an industrial section of Nipomo. The vote was tied 2/2.

There is considerable disagreement involving a number of regulatory agencies about whether the original applicant (which has now been replaced) had committed various violations.



**San Luis Obispo County Integrated Waste Management Authority Meeting Wednesday, September 2, 2020 (Cancelled)**

**The notice below was received a week ago Thursday:**

*You are hereby notified that the San Luis Obispo County Integrated Waste Management Authority **Executive Committee** has canceled their **September 2, 2020, meeting** scheduled for 12:00 noon via Zoom. The next scheduled meeting will be **October 7, 2020, at 12:00 noon**. Meeting location and format has not been determined as of August 27, 2020.*

**San Luis Obispo County Council of Governments meeting of Wednesday, September 2, 2020 (Cancelled)**

**The meeting was cancelled, probably for lack of business as well as the fact that the week of the 2<sup>nd</sup> leads up to Labor Day weekend. People may be taking off for the woods.**

## **COLAB IN DEPTH**

**IN FIGHTING THE TROUBLESOME, LOCAL DAY-TO-DAY ASSAULTS ON OUR FREEDOM AND PROPERTY, IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT TO KEEP IN MIND THE LARGER UNDERLYING IDEOLOGICAL, POLITICAL, AND ECONOMIC CAUSES**

### **CULTURAL SUICIDE IS PAINLESS**

**BY VICTOR DAVIS HANSON**

The story of all Dark Ages is that when civilizations finally prefer suicide, they do it easily, and the remnants flock to the countryside to preserve what they can—allowing the cities go on with their ritual self-destruction.

In February, New York was the world's most dynamic metropolis. By August, the city was more like the ruins of Ephesus. It is not all that hard to blow up a culture. You can do it in a summer if you haven't much worry about others.

When you loot and burn a Target in an hour, it takes months to realize there are no more neighborhood Target-stocked groceries, toilet paper, and Advil to buy this winter.

You can in a night assault the police, spit at them, hope to infect them with the coronavirus, and even burn them alive. But when you call 911 in a few weeks after *your* car is vandalized, *your* wallet is stolen, and *your* spouse is violent, and no one comes, only then do you sense that you earlier were voting for a pre-civilized wilderness.

You can burn down a Burger King in half an hour. But it will take years to find anyone at Burger King, Inc., who would ever be dumb enough to rebuild atop the charred ruins—to prepare for the next round of arson in 2021 or 2023.

Today's looter carrying off sneakers and smartphones in 10 years will be tomorrow's urban activist, understandably but in vain demanding stores return to a charred no man's land, to do their fair share, and to help restore the downtown, neighborhood, inner-city, or the "community."

**Old Liberal Ideas Are Being Destroyed**

We are living in the most racially polarized climate since the 1960s. America's past, present, and future are in the process of being recalibrated entirely through the lens of one's skin color. Columbus is reduced to nothing more than another racist white Italian sailor of a half-millennium past. Grant might as well have fought *for* slavery in the mind of today's campus ignoramus. Apparently, the Antifa thug thinks he could just as easily have written the Gettysburg Address or sculpted a statue of Frederick Douglass.

The old liberal ideas of assimilation, integration, and intermarriage are being destroyed by the Left under the specious doctrines of cultural appropriation, or "acting white" or "how we look is who we are."

A new fuzzy Jim Crow returns with racially segregated campus safe spaces and theme houses or the race-based reeducation and training sessions in the workplace—all predicated to stop racism! Somehow selecting strangers on the basis of their race to bully in a restaurant, or targeting old anonymous men and women to beat up in the street by their race, or singling out suburbanites by their race for racial taunts and profanity is redefined as reparatory justice or overdue payback—on the assumption that no one would dare say that the arson, looting, and rhetoric are descending into ever more hate-filled nihilism.

Our collective future of nationalized tribalism will become what always results when citizens identify by superficial appearance or shared religion. Just go to Lebanon, the Balkans, or Iraq to see what is in store first hand.

### **Tribalism Rising**

To survive, all groups will self-identify, at first quietly, but eventually unapologetically. Some will form alliances of self-preservation, others will war with each other. Tribal gangs, as they already do now in our streets of fire and looting, will assume they are exempt from consequences; and so will their antitheses of vigilantes who band together to guard their stores in the absence of a defunded police.

Liberal elite whites themselves are now uneasy, since the abstract doctrines they so nihilistically advocated, from defunding the police to [recalibrating looting](#) as "redistribution," are now becoming reified and closer to home. They see that when BLM protestors jam a restaurant to demand fealty or lecture on "white privilege" or march into a suburb to wake up the commuter to apprise him of his immorality, the racialists will not qualify their agendas with "except for woke whites."

When tribalism is distilled to its innate and terrifying essence, there are never exemptions for individuals: you are reduced to what you appear superficially as to strangers. The white felon is no different than the white Harvard president, the black shoplifter is the same as the black physicist. We are all condensed to a sort of collective nothingness, or rather a racial "allness."

### **The Self-Immolation of Pro Sports**

Professional sports, once an integral part of American life, appears to be nearly in ruins. Professional baseball, basketball, and football might have survived the virus, the lockdown, and the recession—and then maybe they might not have. After all, millions of the bored more quickly than expected got acculturated to the idea of soon not listening to a boring rant from LeBron James or the sad confessionals of Drew Brees.

But what the NBA and NFL, and perhaps MLB *won't* survive is cultural suicide as players fragment into causes. The NBA existed on the premise that billionaires were willing to pay multimillionaires to lose billions as a prestige lark—as a franchise became a sort of a huge, showy Louis Vuitton bag. But even billionaires have limits. Snobbery and appearing cool do not always trump losing the equivalent of a Ferrari every hour or a Gulfstream each week.

The NBA, we are told, is a woke industry.

But it's also the strangest, most nondiverse, right-wing, money-obsessed woke institution in America. More than three-quarters of the multimillionaire players are African-American. Over 90 percent of the billionaire team owners are white.

Yet the entire industry—players, coaches, owners, staff—lecture Americans *ad nauseam* about their supposed sins. The monotonous sermons have become transparent medieval redemptions—given the mortal sin that the NBA sold its very soul to a racist, genocidal, and totalitarian China—to recover billions abroad for the billions lost in viewership and attendance at home.

Nondiverse multimillionaires, working for even less diverse billionaires, finger-pointing at middle-class Americans on the evils of privilege, in the pay of the Chinese Communist Party, is not a way to win back fans.

### **Institutional Crack-Ups**

Universities are in for hard times. The federal government eventually will get out of the \$1.5 trillion student loan subsidy business, and force spendthrift colleges to accept their own self-created moral hazards. Charging \$30,000-40,000 for tuition over Zoom is a bad business model in a recession. And the alphabet soups after the names of professors and deans will not make a bit of difference.

Thousands of college-educated protesters and rioters are not especially good advertisements for the building of lifelong character on woke university campuses. Once undergraduate institutions decided to make students socially conscious rather than educated, and once their graduates seem to be neither, then who really finds their mentors essential?

Our major cities, emerging from lockdown, and on the edge of nightly violence, remind us of what Procopius, the Byzantine historian, saw of Rome in AD 538, once the cultural and political megalopolis of the world: a mostly deserted shell of weeds, deserted streets, collapsed stone, choked fountains, and fortified villas where lawlessness reigned and feuding tribes were what was left of a government that once had enshrined habeas corpus.

No city gets a pass from history, not Athens, not Rome, not Alexandria—not Detroit, Baltimore, or Chicago.

After all, there is no rule that just because Bill Gates and Amazon headquartered in Seattle that its mayor, city council, and state governor will not abandon its signature downtown. What once made Portland great can be undone in a few weeks.

Wall Street may run the world, but it certainly does not run the New York City government. Electronic capital really does still have human legs and when the proverbial suited investor thinks he will be infected, short of toilet paper, or assaulted on the street, he leaves, taking his laptop with him. Bill de Blasio is left to govern, like a horned and bearded Visigoth, over an increasing shell of former grandeur.

To venture into San Francisco is to return in a time machine to 1855, a boomtown based on silicon chips, not gold dust, but one likewise lawless, fetid, and safe only for those with private security guards. To the casual visitor, it appears a lunatic place now recalibrated for the homeless, the looter, the assaulter—and the very rich. Crimes like public defecation and drug use, or shattering the windows of a parked car window to steal its contents are not crimes unless the targets are the well-connected.

The story of all Dark Ages is that when civilizations finally prefer suicide, they do it easily, and the remnants flock to the countryside to preserve what they can—allowing the cities to go on with their ritual self-destruction.

So it has begun to seem this endless summer.

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As the Goths, Franks, Vandals and other Germanic groups took over the cities, the upper classes fled to country estates. The solution was only temporary.



Later on they found that they had to fortify these estates as civil order collapsed everywhere. Note that the manor house gave way to the fortified keep below.



You're gonna need more than a gate on your gated community. In the age of automatic weapons, mortars, artillery, air craft, and bio- weapons, a big wall won't help much either.

## **TO DESTROY AMERICA**

**BY MIKE GONZALEZ**

*As its Marxist pedigree makes clear, Black Lives Matter is committed to overthrowing our entire system.*

The protests that sprang up in the wake of George Floyd's killing in Minneapolis seemed like spontaneous outpourings of grief and anger. They weren't entirely. Though many who joined their ranks may have been moved by outrage at the images of Floyd's death, those operating behind the scenes have prepared for this moment for a long time.

Indeed, the leaders of the Black Lives Matter organizations fueling this summer's disturbances were trained by self-described Marxist revolutionaries who have long used the plight of black Americans as justification for overthrowing America's constitutional order. They frankly admit that such "organizing" is the key to their goal of world revolution. Our political leaders owe it to themselves and to their fellow Americans to understand this blueprint before rhetorically

embracing, let alone implementing, the radical changes that the protesters and rioters are demanding.

The goal of upending the American system is, moreover, also evident among the consultants now conducting “anti-racism training” within major corporations and foundations. These facilitators of anti-white struggle sessions disdain the capitalist system and seek its replacement—and the mainstream media cheers them on. In a July *New York Times* [article on the BLM movement](#), Douglas McAdams, professor emeritus at Stanford, wrote: “It looks, for all the world, like these protests are achieving what very few do: setting in motion a period of significant, sustained, and widespread social, political change. We appear to be experiencing a social change tipping point—that is as rare in society as it is potentially consequential.”

But who initiated this demand for change? After the initial protests following Floyd’s death, public outrage was channeled—by trained activists working from a playbook—into manifestations that often grew riotous. The Black Lives Matters Global Network and Movement for Black Lives organizations have been the nerve center of the protests. They have been laying the groundwork for years, carefully cultivating a network of groups that could organize protests when the moment came and amplify the message through social media.

Consider the BLM Global Network. The three women who [thought up the BLM name](#) in 2013, and then added the hashtag, later founded the global network. They remain in charge. As the *New York Times Magazine* [explained](#), “while much of the nation’s attention drifted away from Black Lives Matter, organizers and activists weren’t dormant.” One of the three founders, Alicia Garza, said that “the movement’s first generation of organizers has been working steadily to become savvier and even more strategic over the past seven years, and have been joined by motivated younger leaders.”

As the *Times* report elaborates, “One of the reasons there have been protests in so many places in the United States is the backing of organizations like Black Lives Matter. While the group isn’t necessarily directing each protest, it provides materials, guidance and a framework for new activists.” Deva Woodly, a professor at the New School, told a *Times* reporter that, “those activists are taking to social media to quickly share protest details to a wide audience. . . . These figures would make the recent protests the largest movement in the country’s history.”

Melina Abdullah, of BLM’s Los Angeles chapter, told an [interviewer](#) that the demonstrations in that city had been strategically planned: “We built kind of an organizing strategy that said, build black community [to] disrupt white supremacy.” Their targets, she said, were the neighborhoods where “white affluent folks” lived. “That’s one of the reasons the marches and the protests were in Beverly Hills.”

A *Los Angeles Times* [story](#) emphasizes the central role that the BLM organization played, saying: “The unprecedented size and scope of recent rallies speaks to how Black Lives Matter has transformed from a small but passionate movement into a cultural and political phenomenon.” Weeks after Floyd was killed, BLM members were “continuing to channel their outrage and grief over his killing into a sustained mass campaign for profound social change. The group has political sway that would have seemed unimaginable just a few months ago.”

In a 2015 interview, Patrice Cullors, another of the three founders, said that she and Garza were “trained Marxists.” Abdullah, of the Los Angeles BLM chapter, was born a red-diaper baby—

“Raised in the 70s, in the picket lines of Oakland, by activist parents,” as the interviewer put it. Her paternal grandfather was Gunter Reimann, a member of the German Communist Party. Garza cut her organizing teeth as director of People Organized to Win Employment Rights (POWER), founded by Marxists Garth Ferguson, Patty Snitzler, Regina Douglas, Brian Russell, and Steve Williams. To Williams we owe the concept of “transformative organizing,” which **insists** “that effective organizing for social change cannot simply be based on an apolitical and highly specific analysis of what is possible in the short term.”

Cullors trained for a decade as a radical organizer in the Labor/Community Strategy Center, established and run by Eric Mann, a former member of the Weather Underground, the 1960s radical faction identified by the FBI as a domestic terrorist group. The “Weathermen” explained in their 1969 foundational **statement** that they were dedicated to “the destruction of U.S. imperialism and the achievement of classless world: world communism.” The ties between the BLM Global Network and the Weathermen run deep. *National Review*’s Andrew McCarthy revealed in a recent **exposé** that Weather Underground supporter Susan Rosenberg, whose 1984 **sentence** of 58 years in prison for **possession** “of 740 pounds of explosives, an Uzi submachine gun, an M-14 rifle, another rifle with a telescopic sight, a sawed-off shotgun, three 9-millimeter handguns in purses and boxes of ammunition” was commuted by President Bill Clinton, serves as vice chair of the board of directors of Thousand Currents—the radical, grantmaking institution that until July sponsored the BLM Global Network.

Rosenberg was also sought on federal charges that she aided the 1979 prison escape of Joanne Chesimard, a Communist now living in Cuba, and whom Cullors quotes approvingly in her **book** *When They Call You a Terrorist*. (Since July, the Global Center has become “a project” of the Tides Center, another donor and supporter of the hard Left and its ideas).

Mann, who served 18 months in **prison** for assault and battery and disturbing the peace, remains committed to overthrowing the American system and achieving world revolution through organizing. He calls his Strategy Center the “Harvard of Revolutionary graduate schools,” or “the University of Caracas Revolutionary Graduate School.” The Center’s purpose, he **told** a seminar at the University of California, San Diego in 2008, is “to build an anti-racist, anti-imperialist, anti-fascist united front.”

Mann says that the Center must teach people to organize strategically because “people think they can join an organization, and go out, and change the most dictatorial country in the world by just showing up. We don’t think so. Organizing is a skill, is a vocation.” During the Center’s “six-month, intensive training program,” classes offer a mix of theory—Mann’s wife teaches a class on “problems of imperialism, women’s studies, strategies and tactics”—with street activism, where students are held accountable. “How many people did you organize? How did it go?” They also teach how to raise funds. “If we’re going to build a revolution, you gotta ask people for money . . . the poor must pay for their own liberation, so we need to teach you to ask for money,” Mann told the students. “I spend my time organizing mainly young people who want to be revolutionaries,” Mann said. If you’re not in organizing, “your life is meaningless,” and you risk becoming a “bourgeois pig.”

The challenge for students, Mann told the class, was to ask themselves, “Am I making decisions to change the system? Am I being tied to the masses?” Universities serve as vital centers of recruitment and radicalization. “The university,” Mann explained, “is the place where Mao Zedong was radicalized, where Lenin and Fidel were radicalized, where Che was radicalized.

The concept of the radical middle class of the colonized people, or in my case the radical middle class of the privileged people, is a model of a certain type of revolutionary.” The goal for students, he told his class, was to “Take this country away from the white settler state, take this country away from imperialism and have an anti-racist, anti-imperialist and anti-fascist revolution.”

In their 1969 declaration, *You Don't Need a Weatherman to Know Which Way the Wind Blows*, Bill Ayers, Bernardine Dohrn, John Jacobs, and other revolutionary leaders of the Weather Underground spoke of black people not so much as the reason for their push to destroy American society and institute world Communism, but as a means to achieve their goals. American blacks were considered a colonized subject of the United States, along with the people of Vietnam and Bolivia—another victim of U.S. imperialism.

Their liberation was secondary to the general struggle; seeking black liberation for its own sake was just a form of bourgeois nationalism. “No black self-determination could be won which would not result in a victory for the international revolution as a whole,” the document affirmed.

These are the ideological sources for what could be the largest radical movement in American history—one that could lead to real policy changes. One component is street pressure, driven by the likes of Mann and Cullors. Another takes place in plusher environments, such as Fortune 500 companies or the halls of Congress. Consultants like *White Fragility* author Robin DiAngelo told 184 Democratic legislators in a conference call in June that their policies hurt black lives. DiAngelo told *The New York Times* that “capitalism is so bound up with racism. ... [it] is dependent on inequality, on an underclass. If the model is profit over everything, you're not going to look at your policies to see what is most racially equitable.”

Up to now, the American system has resisted socialism by offering prosperity and opportunity. Our politicians today need to understand what they're facing from the BLM movement and what is at stake. The “white settler state” of Eric Mann's fevered mind is in reality the American constitutional order. The imperialism that Mann, Rosenberg, DiAngelo, and others imagine is the American free-market system that has been the most successful weapon against poverty ever devised. Political leaders of either party feeling pressured to adopt BLM policies or even just mouth the rhetoric should spend some time examining the movement's intellectual sources—and its political goals.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

# CENTRAL COAST TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION

### **CCTA OPPOSES NOVEMBER BALLOT SALES TAX INCREASES OF SIX CITIES IN SLO COUNTY**

When cities need money, the default reaction is always to raise taxes: sales taxes, transient occupancy taxes, surcharges on utility bills, increases in every fee and additional fees, ad nauseam. Senior staff has a vested interest in staving off bad news, wrapping their tax proposals as reasonable, logical, and painless. “It will be paid by tourists,” “it’s only one percent,” and of course, “Everyone is doing it so we won’t be uncompetitive.” It’s so easy.

But we know from recent past experience that this approach doesn’t work. Taxes with sunset clauses, pushed to provide “extras,” are now funding routine maintenance and permanent positions. And now the demand is for even more taxes, permanently.

No tax increase should even be considered without a thorough review of the structure of the city and its long and short term goals. Consolidation of services and outsourcing are only a start. No amount of sales taxes, TOT and other fees can make up for the structural compounding growth in salaries, staffing and pension debts of small cities. These pension debts have been growing exponentially for

at least two decades. Administrators and department heads, often paid more than the Governor, will block any and every attempt to make reforms, preferring a permanent sales tax hike to create another source for leveraging debt, via bonds. Thus they can postpone the inevitable pain a little longer or at least until retirement looms.

The current pandemic provides an excellent opportunity to break this cycle of tax and overspend and finally institute overdue, sound, long term financial planning in city government. Anyone breathing knows the lockdowns have created unprecedented drops in revenue for everyone. We literally are all in this together. It is time that local governments, like families and businesses, take a good long hard look at their expenses and priorities, or risk losing everything.

**Six Cities have sales tax increases on the November ballot. Only the City of Arroyo Grande does not! See below!**

**City of Arroyo Grande - No Sales Tax Increase on November Ballot**

[Arroyo Grande's proposed sales tax increase fails - Cal Coast ...](#)

**City of Atascadero - 1%**

[Council Votes to Add Sales Tax Measure to Ballot](#)

**City of Grover Beach - 1%**

[Grover Beach City Council supports raising sales tax](#)

**City of Morro Bay - 1%**

[UPDATE: Morro Bay City sales tax increase placed on ...](#)

**City of Paso Robles - 1%**

[Paso Robles City Council votes to put 1-cent sales tax ...](#)

**City of San Luis Obispo - 1%**

[UPDATE: SLO City Council approves added 1% sales tax for ...](#)

## **City of Pismo Beach - 1%**

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### **CITY OF PISMO BEACH**

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**PISMO BEACH PUBLIC SAFETY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES PROTECTION MEASURE.** To maintain police and firefighter service levels; reduce 911 emergency response times; protect local groundwater and beaches; and enhance senior programming and other essential services, shall the hotel/visitor tax be increased by 1%, paid by visitors, generating approximately \$1 million annually, until ended by voters, requiring annual audits and local control of funds?

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