

WEEKLY UPDATE
SEPTEMBER 1-7, 2024

COLAB
San Luis Obispo County



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Pismo Beach, CA

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**NO BOS MEETING
ONLY 8 MEETINGS LEFT THIS YEAR**

SLOCOG: 1 ITEM MEETING

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW

OTHER AGENCIES DORMANT



THEY WILL AWAKEN HUNGRY

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**WATER FOR DANA RESERVE HOUSING APPROVED 5/0
BY NIPOMO COMMUNITY SERVICE DISTRICT
THE NEXT STOP IS LAFCO**

PENSION TRUST MEETING

MARKETS VOLATILE BUT SO FAR SO GOOD

BUT

**WILL KAMALA'S PROPOSED TAX ON UNREALIZED CAPITAL GAINS
DECIMATE THE MARKETS & PENSION SYSTEMS?**

NO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

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RE-PAGANIZATION OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION
Our age is not marked so much by disenchantment as by desecration

BY CARL R. TRUEMA

(DESECRATION AT ST PATRICKS CATHEDRAL)



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THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS
ALL MEETINGS ARE AT 9:00 AM UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

No Board of Supervisors Meeting on Tuesday, September 3, 2024 (Not Scheduled)

Item 1 - The next meeting is set for Tuesday, September 10, 2024.

Item 2 – The Board’s agenda has been relatively light so far this calendar year. Aside from the Budget adoption, the approval of the Dana Reserve mixed use project (including 400 homes), the approval of some large labor contracts, rejection of a TOT tax increase effort, and the selection of the County Administrator, there has not been an extensive (at least visibly) set of policy initiatives from the leftist Board majority. When they first took office, they rescinded many of the major policies of the prior Board majority. Since then, they have not attempted any significant new policy initiatives. This could be, in part be due to the fact that Supervisor Gibson, as President of the California State Association of Counties (CSAC), has bigger fish to fry in Sacramento.

There have been a number of show and tell reports on the status of various prior initiatives. These include the Plan to Reduce Homelessness, Cannabis development and revenue, the Behavioral Health Plan, capital projects status, progress of the REACH Economic Development Program, the pension system status, and the status of various administrative projects assigned to Planning such as updates to Plan Elements and Zoning Ordinance revisions.

Some projects that have been assigned in the past seem to have disappeared from the radar include:

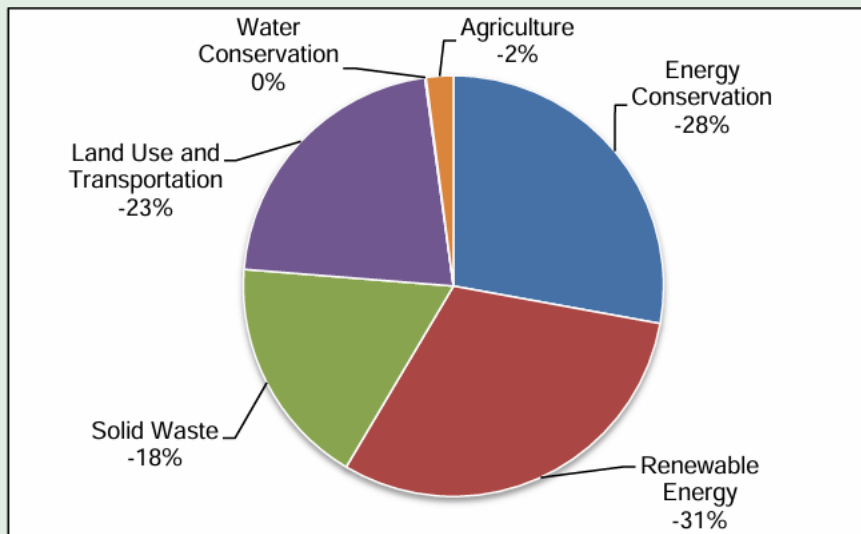
1. The joint study with Santa Barbara County of the feasibility of industrial scale desalination.
2. The feasibility and location of zoning more land for housing. This study was first assigned to the CEO’s office and then pended during COVID. It was then transferred to SLOCOG.

3 The feasibility and land use analysis to permit a 5 Star luxury hotel resort on the former Chevron site on the hill above Avila Beach.

4. Development of a sub plan in Paso Basin SGMA Plan to allow water pumping by those small users still trapped in the Paso Basin Moratorium since 2013. There does not seem to be appropriate urgency.

5. What is the status of the Climate Action plan that was adopted with much fanfare some years ago? How much CO2 has actually been reduced, if any?

Figure ES-6. 2020 Community-Wide GHG Emissions Reduction Summary by Goal



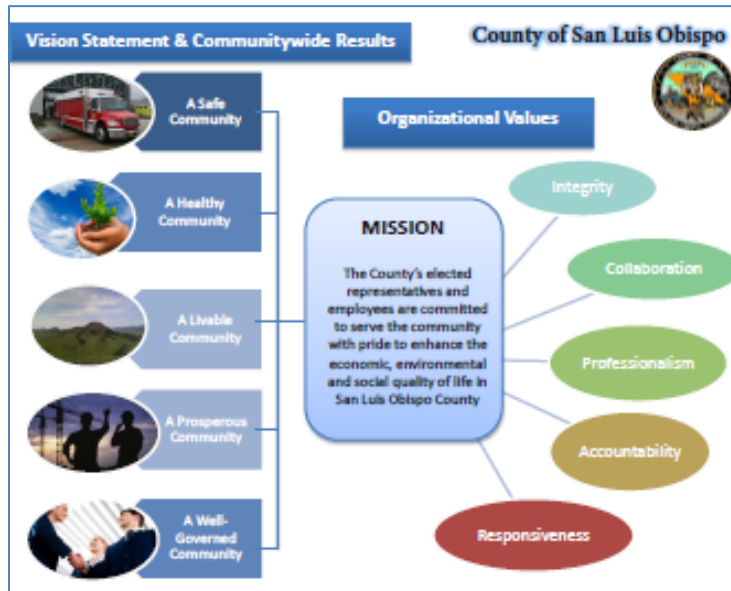
6. Tellingly, 2 of the Planning Department’s most significant projects are 1) the decommissioning of the Diablo Nuclear Power Plant and 2) cleanup of the land being abandoned due to the closure of the Phillips 66 Oil Refinery. Other than approval the aforementioned Dana Reserve project that is still not a done deal, what major initiatives are planned? The County is crowing about various government subsidized affordable housing projects, but these are not real private investment. Of course, at some point the subsidies will run out, and they may be tax exempt.

Projects for which the Board has not shown interest include:

1. Reform of the Budget document and related tools. Prior CAOs have said that they are working on this. The County is in the process of installing new budget software (and perhaps enterprise wide data sharing software) that they say is required to modernize the Budget. When will this happen? After all, the County is still budgeting by archaic “fund centers”, rather than comprehensive programs and performance.

2. Development of a long range Revenue Plan. Given the inexorable growth of salaries, benefits and staffing levels, what does the County need to do to raise the revenues to cover these costs over 5, 10, 20, and future years. Are tax increases the only solutions? Are service cuts inevitable? How does the REACH Economic Development Plan tangibly relate, if at all?

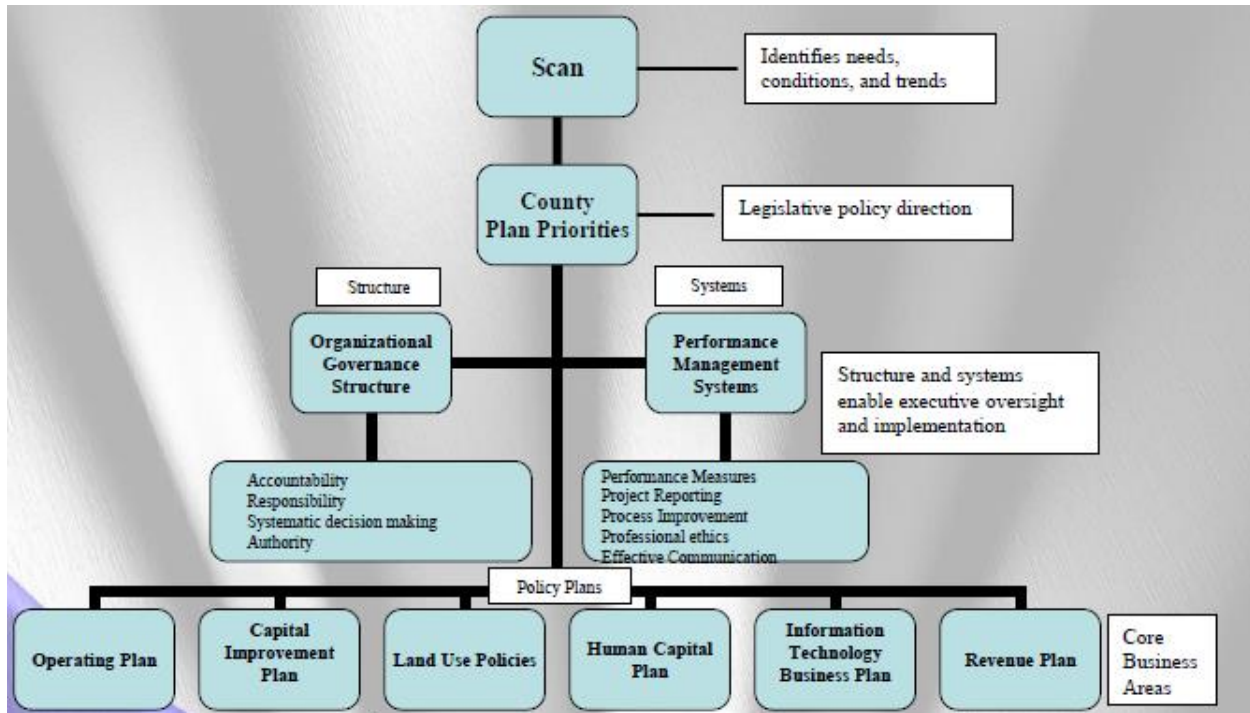
3. What is the County's Strategic Operating Plan? Other than platitudes listed in the Budget Summary shouldn't there be an overall Plan rather than just reaction to the latest State policies and mandates, let alone all the leftist fads?



Current platitudes above.



A Basic System is needed



Implementation structure and process.

What’s your management system?

There are 8 board meetings left in 2024.

San Luis Obispo County Council of Governments (SLOCOG) Meeting of September 4, 2024 (Added Meeting)

This is essentially a one-item meeting, the annual performance review of the Executive Director.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**
- II. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Any member of the public may address the SLO Board for a period not to exceed three (3) minutes on any item of interest not on agenda within the jurisdiction of the Board. In compliance with the Brown Act, the E will listen to all communication, but in compliance with the Brown Act, will not take action on items that are not on the agenda.

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- III. **CLOSED SESSION**
 - A-1 **Personnel: Executive Director’s Annual Performance Evaluation (Government Code Section 54957(b)).**
- IV. **OPEN SESSION: SLOCOG Legal Counsel Reports Out**
- V. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS & BOARD REPORTS**
- VI. **ADJOURNMENT**

Next SLOCOG meeting: October 2, 2024, Wednesday

LAST WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

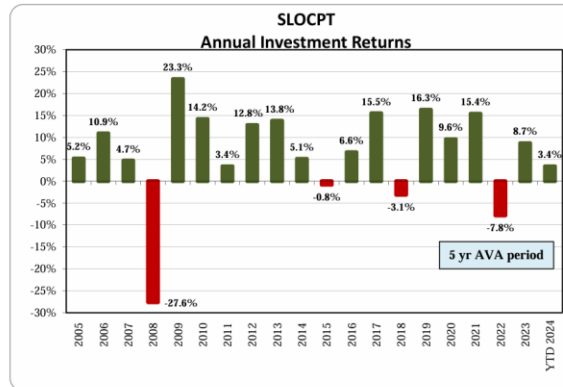
SLO County Pension Trust Meeting of Monday, August 26, 2024 (Completed) 9:30 AM

Item 15 - Quarterly Investment Report for the 2nd Quarter of 2024. The fund had an overall return of 3.4% this year (Through July). August returns have been strong so far. If this trend continues, the results could come closer to the Trust's overall assumption rate of 6.75%.

Relatedly:

Presidential candidate Kamala Harris's proposal to tax unrealized investment returns could decimate financial and real estate markets. Imagine, you buy 100 shares of Chevron at \$120 and it closes out the tax year at \$140, a paper increase of \$2,000. Will they tax you 25% on unrealized gains? What about your house that you bought for \$200,000 in 1975 that's now \$1 million on paper. Her current proposal is that the tax would only be levied on people with over \$100 million. This does not mean we are safe. Witness how the Alternative Minimum Tax has crept down the tax tables over the years to now hit people with \$100,000. This would be the foot in the door.

Attached is the Q24 quarterly investment report from the Trust's investment consultant - Verus. Claudia Schloss of Verus will present and discuss the quarterly report. The history of SLOCPT investment returns, gross of fees, is shown below.



Item 16 - Monthly Investment Report for July 2024

	1-month	YTD	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Total Fund (%) (Gross)	1.20	5.4	8.9	(8.0)	15.2	8.9	16.3
Policy Index (%)*	1.40	6.4	10.2	(9.7)	12.8	10	16.4

	YTD	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Market Value (millions)	\$1,771	\$1,694	\$1,614	\$1,775	\$1,552	\$1,446

Yahoo Finance reported on August 24, 2024:

The Kamala Harris campaign has made one of its first concrete policy proposals this week with a tax plan. The centerpiece of the plan is a series of high-end tax increases on corporations and wealthy households worth approximately \$5 trillion over 10 years. Specifically, Harris has proposed enacting the tax increases detailed in President Biden's [budget](#) released earlier this spring.

One issue in this plan has captured specific attention: a new tax on unrealized capital gains. Biden, and now Harris, have proposed levying an annual tax on the static wealth of households worth more than \$100 million. Specifically, households worth more than \$100 million would pay an annual minimum tax worth 25% of their combined income and unrealized capital gains.

This is known as a "wealth tax," and the goal is to tax wealthy households that increasingly avoid taxation by living off unsold and unrealized assets. However, unrealized capital gains means that the asset has not been sold, and thus a price has not been locked in for the benefit of the asset-holder. This means that taxes may be paid on value that is never received by the owner, ultimately disincentivizing long-term investments by wealthy households. Here's what to know.

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No Board of Supervisors Meeting on Tuesday, August 27, 2024 (Not Scheduled)

The next meeting is set for September 10, 2024.

Nipomo Community Service District Meeting of Wednesday, August 28, 2024 (Completed)

Item E – 1 - Consider approving negotiated property tax exchange with the county of San Luis Obispo, annexation agreement, and the local agency formation commission (LAFCO) plan for services, and making required findings under California environmental quality act (CEQA), relating to the Dana Reserve project [recommend: 1. adopt resolution accepting the negotiated property tax exchange; 2. adopt resolution approving the annexation agreement, LAFCO plan for services, and making certain findings under CEQA. After a large number of public speakers both supported and opposed the project, the Board voted unanimously to annex the property into the District. The staff report, its backup, and the developer’s presentation were all excellent. The opponents pretty much forgot that the District’s job is to provide water, not to rule on land development which is the province of the Board of Supervisors in this case. Several attempted to play on emotions about water shortages. Again the district is supposed to find ways to provide water, which it did in this case. The systemic statewide water shortage is the deliberate creation of successive governors, the State Legislature, counties, and cities. It’s not the fault of the Nipomo Community Service District.

The process now must go before LAFCO. It will be interesting to see how County Supervisor Paulding, who is also a LAFCO Commissioner, will vote, since he voted against the project at the Supervisor’s Board meeting. Supervisor Ortiz-Legg voted for the project. The Current LAFCO Commissioners are listed below. How to you handicap the others?

City Members

Ed Waage, *City of Pismo Beach* | Term: December 2027

Vice Chair - Steve Gregory, *City of Paso Robles* | Term: December 2025

Alternate Carla Wixom, *City of Morro Bay* | Term: December 2026

County Members

Debbie Arnold, *District 5* | Term: December 2025

Jimmy Paulding, *District 4* | Term: December 2027

Alternate Dawn Ortiz-Legg, *District 3* | Term: December 2027

Special District Members

Chair - Marshall Ochylski, *Los Osos CSD* | Term: December 2026

Robert Enns, *Cayucos Sanitary District* | Term: December 2024

Alternate Ed Eby, *Nipomo CSD* | Term: December 2025

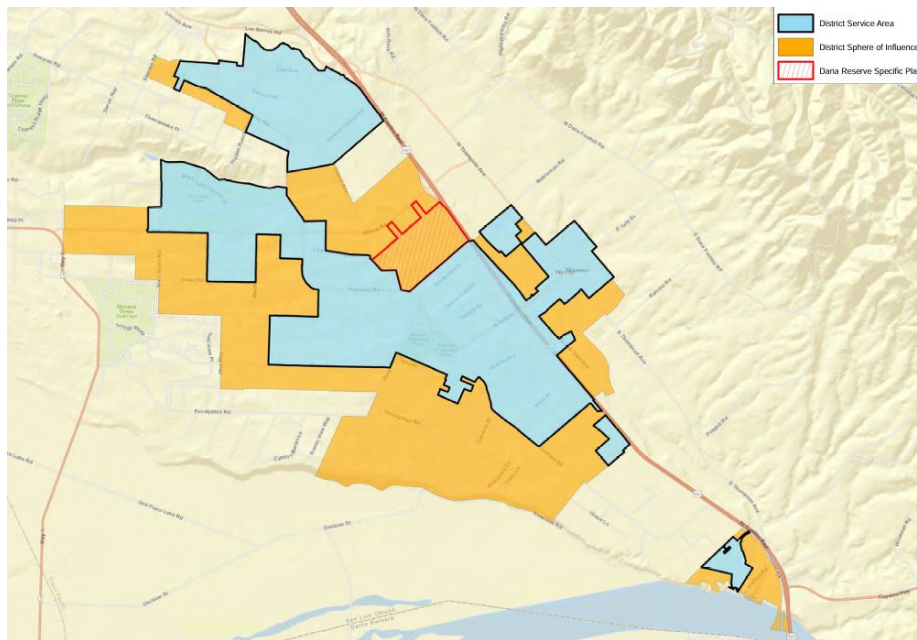
Public Members

Regular Member - Vacant

If LAFCO approves the annexation, the project is free to go forward subject to a gazillion conditions imposed by the County. Then there are some neighbors, the Sierra Club, the Audubon Society, and others who have filed a CEQA lawsuit against the County for approving the project. Perhaps everyone would prefer a race track with para-mutual betting on the site. After all it is kind of an agricultural use and would only generate traffic during racing season. If the County was in on it for a piece of the handle (the gross bets lay down), it would generate a lot more revenue. Of course, it could be a great venue for music shows too.

Background: The Dana Reserve is a multi-level housing (1400 + units) and mixed use project located in Nipomo next to Highway 101 just south of the Willow Road interchange. The Board of Supervisors approved the project on June 24, 2024 on a 3/2 vote with Supervisors Gibson and Paulding dissenting. It is the most substantial home development proposed in the County in nearly 3 decades. Naturally, some of the neighbors who live next door or nearby oppose the project on the grounds that it will convert raw land into urban development with all the obvious impacts. A number of environmental groups also oppose the project. Of course, virtually all the opponents live in a house that was once developed as the result of the conversion of raw land to homes. The land has been planned for years to become an urban area.

In order for the project to proceed it must be annexed to the Community Service District, which will provide the water. The District has prudently acquired various water supplies, including surplus state water from the City of Santa Maria. One benefit of the Dana Reserve Project is that its water use will provide economies of scale under the Santa Maria Contract, which will actually prevent rate increase for the other customers in the district.





The full NCSD Board item is detailed and thorough and can be seen at the link:

<https://ncsd.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/A-08-28-24.pdf>

EMERGENT ISSUES

Item 1 - A few weeks ago the Board majority added restrictions to public comment. They seized upon remarks and illustrations by a public speaker to justify their action. Here is her response. The article first appeared in Cal Coast News on August 25, 2024. See a related article, The Re-Paganization of Western Civilization, in the **COLAB IN DEPTH SECTION** on page 20 below.

Why do SLO County officials villainize those speaking out for children?

August 25, 2024



Gaea Powell

OPINION by GAEA POWELL

Grave harm and abuse is being perpetrated on children in San Luis Obispo County, yet our elected officials remain silent or support the abuse. To distract the public from learning the details of this unimaginable reality, our officials' strategy is to villainize and censor those who are sounding the alarm.

San Luis Obispo County supervisors Jimmy Paulding, Bruce Gibson, and Dawn Ortiz-Legg, many local schools board members, as well as Mayor Caren Ray Russom, along with her fellow Arroyo Grande City Council members are leading these efforts. These self-proclaimed social justice and identity politics advocates have taken extreme measures to intimidate, censor and wield their perceived power to abolish decades of well-established precedent so they can deprive citizens of their liberties. Actions that betray their sworn oath to the state and federal constitutions.

Is it because they are political puppets of Governor Newsom and his anti-constitutional administrative state that dictate the enforcement of unjust laws that sew division, violate civil liberties of parents and cause great physical and emotional harm to children? The state's unjust laws and policies break federal law forbidding the sexual grooming and physical harm of children as well as laws that protect them from exposure to obscene material such as pornography.

Knowing these facts, why are many of our local government officials doing nothing to protest these laws to protect its citizens' safety and wellbeing?

Regardless of identity politics, [all should be appalled](#) by any local official who refuses to speak out in opposition to the child pornography, lewd and vulgar content I found at Arroyo Grande High school and similar age-inappropriate content that can be found in other local K-12 public schools. They should also be overly concerned about what this leads to, the psychological abuse, sexual indoctrination, chemical sterilization, and surgical mutilation of children.

Our officials can no longer claim ignorance as they had an opportunity to view the evidence privately and then viewed the crimes and obscenities during my public comment presentation. As they ignore the evidence and their duty to our constitution and to, we the people, I am determined to continue my mission to make the public aware and hold those complicit accountable for turning a blind eye and/or supporting abhorrent behavior, actions and the abuse of kids.

I am confident that when the public becomes well informed that they will act immediately to have this destructive ideology and obscene content removed from our public schools, regardless of local and state government dictates. I also hope they insist on accountability as well as vote for those with American values and who will provide a higher standard of leadership.

The solution some of our current leaders have chosen is to protect their progressive agenda and create arbitrary policies to silence and/or restrict adversaries' free speech during public comment. Particularly of those whose principles and values do not align with theirs. These officials' agenda mirrors the current anti-constitutional Administrative State's efforts to devolve California into a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) oligarchy. This means forced diversity and inclusion. For example, forcing girls to include boys (pretending to be girls) in their bathrooms, locker rooms and in their sports without regard for the girls' rights. Equity or social

justice does not mean equal rights and opportunities for all. It dictates that good character, merit, skills or talent are meaningless and that we all must lower standards to accommodate those who are not qualified nor have worked to earn anything. That we must treat them better than those who have a strong work ethic, who have strived to achieve their goals, and who have earned their opportunities.

Well respected thought leaders like Elon Musk, Dr. Phil, Dr. Jordan Peterson, Christopher F. Rufo, Dr. Robert Malone, and Douglas Murray, long with thousands of other critical thinkers with a knowledge of world history have a simpler definition for DEI, communism. A quick review of Karl Marx's Ten Planks of the Communist Manifesto provides enlightenment.

DEI also encompasses the radicalized progressive LGBTQIA+ PRIDE transgenderism movement which most in the LGBT community fiercely oppose. A movement that is aggressively attempting to 'normalize' the indoctrination, sexualization, and mutilation of children as well as forced inclusion and acceptance of pedophilia into American culture.

As a civil society with a moral obligation to protect kids and our constitutional republic, we the people must ask ourselves why. Why are so many of our local elected officials supporting all the previously mentioned horrors? All while demonizing those who oppose it.

Why did they ignore the proof privately shared, then behave emotionally triggered, feign offense, and act shocked and appalled when presented the material at a public meeting? Why did they direct their anger at the messenger and not at the perpetrators seen in the images and videos of DRAG queens (men in costumes) in K-12 schools, DRAG shows involving kids on school property, naked men and women parading around children, PRIDE parade participants chanting, "we're here, we're queer and we're coming for your children, men engaging in sexual activities such as performing oral sex and urinating upon one another... at 'family friendly' PRIDE events?"

Why do they dismiss imagery of serious injuries and damages caused by the forced inclusion of male students in female private spaces and sports? Dictates that have led to devastating emotional and physical injury to the females, including sexual assaults. The most important question – why are they not compelled without hesitation to speak out once confronted with the images of chemically and surgically butchered children, under the guise of irreversible 'gender affirming care'? A business model of care that ensures these poor kids will suffer being patients of the medical industrial complex, for life. Imagine what their parents must then endure.

The excuse our leaders offer for taking no action? "It is out of our jurisdiction." Are they kidding? All human beings who possess a moral compass can act immediately to stop this and/or at the very least voice disapproval. Instead, their interest is in using their government platforms to force their DEI, LGBTQIA+ ideology down our throats while wrapping their agenda in the ever-changing progressive LGBTQIA+ PRIDE flag and their proclamation of June as PRIDE month. A Trojan horse to usher in the acceptance of sexual indoctrination of children as 'normal.' Harming children and exposing them to sexual predators will never be normal.

We used to have laws in California that protected children and their parents, obviously that is no longer the case. It is now up to us. We must demonstrate fortitude, courage, and diligence as we stand against and refuse to comply with unjust dictates of the anti-constitutional Administrative State and their patsies.

As Martin Luther King, Jr. stated in an excerpt from his famous Birmingham jail letter, “One has not only a legal but a moral responsibility to obey just laws. Conversely, one has a moral responsibility to disobey unjust laws ...”

It is pathetic and saddening that we the people have allowed our elected officials and government bureaucrats to use their divisive radical agenda to take away parental rights and to target children. All funded by us, the taxpayers.

If citizens refuse to take a stand against this atrocity, for what are we willing to fight? It is time to join one another in a peaceful show of force, by use of our moral compasses, our voices, and megaphones if necessary to exercise our constitutional right to free children from this insanity. Let’s do the right thing before it is too late.

“At what point then is the approach of danger to be expected? I answer, if it ever reaches us, it must spring up amongst us,” Abraham Lincoln said. “It cannot come from abroad. If destruction be our lot, we must ourselves be its author and finisher. As a nation of freemen, we must live through all time, or die by suicide.”

Gaea Powell is a business owner and candidate for the Arroyo Grande mayor seat.

Item 2 - California Democrats’ plan to give illegal immigrants taxpayer funds to purchase a home, By Katy Grimes, August 26, 2024

At a time in California when the median home price is over \$850,000, housing starts are halted by environmental or labor union lawsuits, and \$1,500 a month gets you a 240 square foot apartment in Los Angeles or San Francisco, California’s Democrat lawmakers want to give public taxpayer money to illegal immigrants for a down payment on a home purchase.

Assembly Bill 1840 (D-Arambula), would give California taxpayer dollars to illegal immigrants to help them purchase a home.

Why?

Because, as the bill analysis for Assembly Bill 1840 says:

to “Expand opportunities for California households to accumulate wealth for themselves and their families, including ensuring that design of the loan product is not an unreasonable impediment to homeowner wealth creation.”

Notice that Democrats say “California households” and not “illegal immigrants,” as if all California households will benefit from this bill.

The title of the bill was: “California Dream for All Program.” Now it is *Home Purchase Assistance Program: Eligibility*. As if you won’t notice that the Democrats want to provide people who are in California illegally with down payments for new homes.

AB 1840 will:

“Establish a revolving, shared appreciation first-time homebuyer program with the goal of eventually providing up to \$1 billion per year for first-time homebuyers.” Senate Republicans’ analysis found that the plan pulls funds from veterans, to give money to illegal immigrants.

There are young men and women in the military stationed in California who cannot buy a first home because of California's \$850,000 median home cost, and highest-in-the-nation real estate prices. They are serving their country while illegal immigrants take precedence in the Democrats' playbook.

The Globe talked with State Senator Brian Dahle Monday, who also noted that this could hurt the state's veterans who may need a little help. "It's not fair. It's very unfair," he said and indicated the bill will increase those who come to California for programs like this, as well as increase those fleeing California because of unfair policies like this.

"It would be so very wrong to prioritize undocumented immigrants over the men and women who have made great sacrifices in military service to our country," said Sen. Dahle (R-Bieber). "California is struggling with a multi-billion dollar deficit, and numerous housing and homelessness programs providing vital assistance to so many struggling Californians face budget cuts. AB 1840 would short-change veterans even more."

"The people who need a little help will get less," Dahle said. "Prior to this legislation, they [those here illegally] were disqualified."

Where is this coming from?

The bill's sponsor is the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA), which says, "AB 1840 would ensure immigration status is not a barrier when accessing housing services..." and "Ensuring documentation status does not preclude an individual from accessing housing support and resources removes confusion and encourages undocumented Californians to access critical support services that allow them to achieve housing stability..."

The Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA), lists that it received \$33,966,572 in government grants on its 2023 IRS Form 990, and \$10,628,376 in "All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above," for a grand total of \$44,760,434.

That's \$44.7+ million in government grants and contributions that the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights takes in, but is advocating for California's taxpayers to fork over \$1 billion per year for first-time illegal immigrant homebuyers.

Why don't California's Democrats ask the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights provide the down payments for illegal immigrants "when accessing housing services." This isn't something California taxpayers should be on the hook for – especially with a huge budget deficit, and especially when California's own kids can't even afford to buy homes.

Notably, the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights gives away:

\$1,130,140 in the form of "Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments;" \$11,774 to "Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals."

They give away \$1.142 million.

They spend \$391,001 on “Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees” for two employees, \$1,426,410 on “other employee benefits,” and \$11,847,539 on “Other salaries and wages.”

They spend \$1,156,380 on “office expenses.”

The Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights spends more on offices expenses than it gives away.

The grand total functional expenses for the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights is \$20,129,065.

The Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights has \$24,255,116 in total assets.

Even after expenses, the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights had \$31,344,533 Net assets or fund balances at end of year.

If the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights cares so much about “ensuring immigration status is not a barrier when accessing housing services” they should think about using their net assets/fund balances to help illegal immigrants purchase homes. Otherwise someone might wonder why the government is sending them \$33,966,572 in government grants annually.

Near the end of the IRS Form 990 the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights listed \$55,249 going out of the country to Central America and the Caribbean – I’d love to know what that is spent on.

And under Grants to other domestic organizations or domestic governments, they contribute “cash” to these 501 (c)(3) organizations:

(1) Santa Barbara County Immigrant Legal Defense CTR: \$118,128

(2) El Concilio Family Services: \$119,320

(3) Education and Leadership Foundation: \$120,276

(4) MIXTECOINDIGENA COMMUNITY ORGANIZING PROJ: \$228,156

(5) International Rescue Committee Inc.: \$192,133

(6) Community Justice Alliance Inc: \$223,478

(7) Building Skills Partnership: \$46,664

(8) California ChangeLawyers: \$20,000

(9) NPNA (Chicago): \$15,000

(10) RAIZES COLLECTIVE: \$7,000

This totals: \$1,090,155

Katy Grimes, the Editor in Chief of the California Globe, is a long-time Investigative Journalist covering the California State Capitol, and the co-author of California's War Against Donald Trump: Who Wins? Who Loses?

Item 3 - California's businesses stop hiring, By Lee Ohanian

Between January 2022 and June 2024, employment in US private businesses increased by about 7.32 million jobs. Of these 7.32 million jobs, about 5,400 were jobs created in California businesses—representing about .07 percent of the US figure. Put differently, if California private-sector jobs grew at the same rate as in the rest of the country, they would have increased by over 970,000 during that period, about 180 times greater than the actual increase.

[Data is from the US Bureau of Labor Statistics. For total jobs, see the [data tool](#). The calculation for California private-sector jobs is derived from [total jobs](#) minus California [government jobs](#).] It is well known that California has been among the worst-performing states in the country in terms of job growth. But the latest statistics show that nearly all jobs that are being created in California are government jobs. Between January 2022 and June 2024, total California jobs grew by about 156,000, with government jobs accounting for 96.5 percent of that growth.

California's job creation record has been even more dismal over the last 18 months. Since January 2023, private-sector employment in the state declined by over 46,000 workers. California's private-sector job collapse is unprecedented, and with the state representing nearly 12 percent of the country's population, it is a drag on the nation's economy.

Part of California's job weakness reflects the number of people and businesses leaving the state. California's population declined by about 75,000 between 2022 and 2023 (the latest data available), and [a number of business headquarters have departed](#). Economic factors are the primary reasons behind these departures. Households are moving because of the cost of living and deficient public services. The [median single-family home price is over \\$900,000](#), and the median price of a condominium or townhouse is nearly \$700,000. Electricity prices are the [fifth highest in the country](#). [Gasoline prices are the second highest in the country](#), reflecting in part the nation's highest gasoline taxes. [With the country's highest gas taxes](#), California roads should be among the best, but [they are among the worst](#). [California public schools are grossly underperforming](#), with only 25–30 percent of students proficient in math, language arts, or science.

Businesses are also leaving because of the state's economic climate. The Tax Foundation, a nonpartisan research center that focuses on tax policies, ranks [California as having the fifth worst tax climate](#), eclipsed only by New York, Vermont, Connecticut, and Hawaii. *Chief*

Executive magazine’s annual survey of the best states to do business in invariably ranks California as the least business-friendly state in the country. And California is ranked second worst among states in regulatory burdens.

Businesses are leaving because it is no longer economically feasible for them to stay within California. Well-known departures in recent years include the headquarters of Tesla, Oracle, Hewlett Packard Enterprises, Charles Schwab, and Chevron, which last week announced it is relocating to Texas. But it is not just well-established large headquarters that are leaving. Small but rapidly growing businesses that may become the economic powerhouses of tomorrow are also leaving. These include Envirotech Vehicles, which creates zero-emissions trucks, heavy equipment, and buses, and which left California for Arkansas; AquaMetals, which has developed a new, unique way of recycling strategic and rare metals, including lithium, used in smartphone batteries, and which left California for Nevada; and Maxar Technologies, a rapidly growing business specializing in radar and satellite technologies, providing 90 percent of the geospatial intelligence used by the US government for protecting our troops and other national security purposes, and which left California for Colorado.

California’s weak labor market is not just a consequence of people and businesses leaving the state. Businesses that remain in California are hiring much less, and California now has the country’s second highest unemployment rate. The state’s Employment and Development department expects to pay out \$6.8 billion in unemployment benefits this year, financed by only \$4.8 billion in payments into the insurance fund. California had borrowed \$20 billion already from the federal government in 2020 to cover its unemployment insurance benefits shortfall, which led to an increase in the state’s unemployment insurance taxes on businesses. Combined with this year’s expected \$2 billion debt, California’s unemployment insurance deficit will rise to about \$22 billion by 2025.

These poor job growth statistics stand in sharp contrast to recent statements made by California governor Gavin Newsom, who remarked recently that “California continues to lead the nation’s economy and create good jobs throughout the state. Just this year, the state created over 107,000 jobs—more than doubling what we accomplished in the same time period last year.” But Newsom omitted the fact that the state’s recent job growth has been driven by government hiring, and a state’s economy obviously cannot survive just by creating public-sector jobs.

While California has many natural advantages, its state and local economic policies have created a business climate that is no longer competitive with that of many other states. Policies have driven business and housing costs so high that companies and people are leaving the state for more affordable, less regulated, and less taxed locations. This process will continue until the state’s political leaders make very different policy choices that create a different future for California—one that is more like the California of yesteryear, when the state was growing rapidly and had a government that facilitated the interests of businesses and households versus the California of today, a shrinking state with a government that fails to meet the interests of its businesses and residents. *Lee E. Ohanian is a senior fellow (adjunct) at the Hoover Institution and a professor of economics and director of the Ettinger Family Program in Macroeconomic Research at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). He is associate director of the Center for the Advanced Study in Economic Efficiency at Arizona State University and a*

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RE-PAGANIZATION OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION *Our age is not marked so much by disenchantment as by desecration*

BY CARL R. TRUEMA
(DESECRATION AT ST PATRICKS CATHEDRAL)



The controversy surrounding the recent funeral for Cecilia Gentili at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York has been well-documented in the press. Gentili was a transgender prostitute, an atheist, and a misogynist who denied that women's bodies were of any real relevance. The service has been decried by Catholic conservatives as blasphemous—among other things, it featured prayers for transgender rights and a eulogy that praised Gentili as “Saint Cecilia, the mother of all whores”—and celebrated by Catholic progressives. The priest in charge of the cathedral has issued an apology, claiming that when he agreed to host the service he had no idea of what was to transpire. A mass has even been offered by way of atonement.

The incident is eloquent testimony to the nature of this moment in American, even Western, culture. That actor Billy Porter played a lead role at the funeral is unsurprising: If anyone could be said to represent the real presence of the absolute absence of intellectual or cultural substance, it is he. Only a cultural vacuum could be filled by such a caricature, and his comment on the funeral bears testimony to this: “There's no right or wrong way to grieve. But just make sure that you do, you allow yourself to do that, so that we can get to the other side of something that feels a little bit like grace.” What exactly that means is anybody's guess.

One obvious question is why an atheist man convinced that he is a woman and committed to a life of prostitution would wish to have a funeral in a church. One answer is that the struggle for the heart of a culture always takes place in two areas: time and space. As the Christian transformation of the Roman Empire was marked by the emergence of the liturgical calendar and the turning of pagan temples into

churches, so we can expect the reverse to take place when a culture paganizes. The pagans will respond in kind. And so we have a month dedicated to Pride and church buildings used for the mockery of Christianity. Time and space are reimagined in ways that directly confront and annihilate that once deemed sacred. A funeral in a Catholic cathedral for an atheist culture warrior is a first-class way of doing this.

This goes to a point I have made before: Our age is not marked so much by disenchantment as by desecration. The culture's officer class is committed not merely to marginalizing that which previous generations considered sacred. It is committed to its destruction. Disenchantment has passive connotations, a dull, impersonal, somewhat tedious but inevitable process. But desecration speaks to the exultation that active destruction of the holy involves. When Gentili is celebrated as a "great whore" in Spanish by trans rights advocate Liaam Winslet in a eulogy greeted with wild applause, then "desecration" seems the only word that captures both the blasphemy and the exhilaration of the moment.

To quote another person present, artist Rio Sofia, "It's Cecilia day. She's an immigrant, so it's international. It's a day to celebrate the fact that we flooded Saint Patrick's Cathedral with trans people. That was nothing less than historic." Notice the language of celebration. The same note was struck by one Oscar Diaz: "To have St. Patrick's Cathedral full of trans and queer folks, sex workers, immigrants, Black and brown folks, folks in solidarity with Palestinians—a crowd roaring her name—cements the sainthood of the legacy she left behind."

The question of whether the typical Palestinian would find much solidarity with "queer folks" and trans activists is a matter for another day. What is clear is that none of these individuals speaks the language of mourning or loss. These are not words of disenchantment. They are the exultant words of desecration. To quote the commentary at CNN, "Gentili may not have been a believer, but she likely would have delighted in the spectacle at St. Patrick's Cathedral."

Yet there is an irony here. Gentili is dead. There are limits to human self-creation. You can pretend your body has no authority. You can kid yourself and other people that you are a woman when you are a man. But you cannot defy your bodily limits indefinitely. Sooner or later, your body has the last word and you will, to use the American idiom, sleep the big sleep.

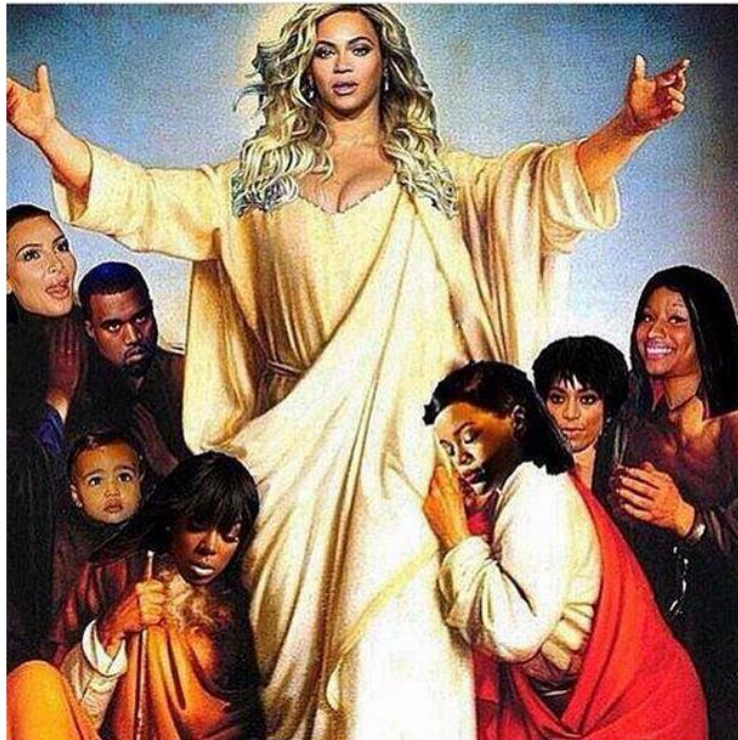
And that is where the irony becomes tragedy. As a number of individuals associated with the funeral commented to the press, Jesus did not turn people away and even welcomed prostitutes. That is true. But the key thing to remember is that he did not

offer them affirmation. He offered them the possibility of forgiveness and grace and liberation from the self-destruction to which they were in bondage. Affirmation of such self-destruction and of rebellion against God is neither loving nor kind. And it too is a form of desecration—the desecration of man, man denied the opportunity to live freely as God intended. Billy Porter might use the word “grace,” but upon his lips it is an empty cypher that connotes nothing but feckless sentimentalism and impotence in the face of an overwhelming reality—death—to which he has no response. And, most tragically of all, he and his friends seem to think that is something to celebrate.

Desecrating the cathedral is not the only thing they should be ashamed of.

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