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San Bernardino County deems proposed petition to ban undocumented immigrants in Yucaipa schools illegal

By Beau Yarbrough, The Sun

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SAN BERNARDINO >> A [proposed ballot initiative](#) that would have banned undocumented immigrant children from attending Yucaipa-Calimesa Joint Unified schools is something that only the California legislature can do, according to San Bernardino County's elections chief.

“The state constitution vets the legislature with sweeping and comprehensive powers in relation to public schools,” an April 11 letter to Joseph Turner from Registrar of Voters Michael J. Scarpello reads in part. “The admission standards and tuition contemplated in the proposed initiative fall within the area of the legislature’s preemption on this subject.”

And that means the proposed ballot initiative “cannot be processed,” Scarpello wrote.

“This is exactly the sort of corruption I have come to expect from San Bernardino County where they make up and interpret the law to suit their agenda,” Turner wrote in an email Tuesday afternoon. “Their easily refuted lies and legal interpretations illustrate how government has become the enemy of working-class Californians who seek to play by the rules.”

Turner said that when he submitted his [proposed ballot initiative](#) on April 3, the registrar’s office said nothing about school district initiatives being limited to taxes and bond issues. He now intends to reach out to conservative legal groups to help him fight the county’s decision in court.

The ballot initiative, if approved by voters, would have prohibited undocumented immigrant children from attending Yucaipa schools and would have charged tuition to the citizen children of undocumented immigrants.

Turner who now lives in Torrance but who previously lived in San Bernardino and Redlands, said he chose Yucaipa for its small size and political conservatism. He would have needed about 3,200 signatures (10 percent of the registered voters in the school district) to get his measure on the ballot. According to the registrar of voters’ office, nearly 60 percent of voters in Yucaipa voted for President Donald Trump in the 2016 presidential election.

It is not a district, however, with an unusually high number of immigrant children, according to the limited information available: In the 2015-16 school year, the most recent year for which data is available, 9.4 percent of Yucaipa-Calimesa students were classified as “English Language Learners,” [according to the California Department of Education](#). Neither the district nor the state release statistics on how many students are undocumented immigrants or have parents who are.

That’s about half the rate of English Language Learners in San Bernardino County, which was 18.9 percent in 2015-16, and just more than a third of the state average, which was 22.1 percent the same year.

Had it been approved by voters, Turner's initiative would immediately have run into legal trouble, as it intentionally conflicts with [Plyler v. Doe](#), a 1982 U.S. Supreme Court ruling prohibiting the denial of free public education to students based on their immigration status. Turner previously said his hope was to inspire similar laws around the country to lead to a challenge to that ruling.

His proposition echoes a [1975 Texas law](#) that allowed school districts to refuse to provide education to children who weren't legal U.S. residents and allowed the state to withhold funds that would be spent on doing so. In 1977, the Tyler Independent School District began charging annual tuition of \$1,000 to educate students without legal documentation. The U.S. District Court for Texas' Eastern District, the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals and, finally, the U.S. Supreme Court all agreed that the 14th Amendment to the Constitution's "equal protection" guarantee meant that all U.S. laws must be applied to all people in the same way, including children in the country without legal documentation.

Monday morning, Turner emailed all members of the Yucaipa-Calimesa Joint Unified school board, "asking them to declare to the community their position on Plyler v Doe and the education of illegal aliens," he wrote in an email sent to the media. He has also asked supporters to join him at an upcoming school board meeting to ask the board members in person.

This is not Turner's first go-round with the ballot: He previously made unsuccessful bids for the San Bernardino school board in 2006 and for San Bernardino City Clerk in 2007. In 2006, Turner proposed a San Bernardino ballot measure to ban city-funded day laborer centers and require all city business to be conducted in English only. He also proposed penalizing landlords for renting to illegal immigrants.

Turner, who describes himself as a "nationalist" rather than a "conservative," founded the nonprofit Save Our State in 2004. The anti-illegal immigration group was accused of racism and [monitored by the Southern Poverty Law Center as a hate group](#). Now, he has a new nonprofit, [American Children First](#).

"We believe that American children are having their birthright stolen from them by illegal aliens and open border globalists hell-bent on destroying this great nation with their liberal policies," a mission statement on the group's Facebook page reads. "If you believe in American exceptionalism and the preservation of Western Civilization, join us!"

[Indivisible Yucaipa Area](#), the local chapter of the progressive group, cheered the county's decision.

"We thank every concerned citizen that contacted their local officials to oppose this initiative," a statement released by the group on Tuesday reads in part. "Torrance resident Joseph Turner chose Yucaipa because he thought we were an easy target for his illegal, unconstitutional, and inhumane initiative. He thought he could sow discord in Yucaipa and get us to turn on innocent children. You let him know that Yucaipa's children are protected. Every single one of them. We are proud to be your neighbors."

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President /CEO of Children's Fund resigns

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Stacy Iverson departs the end of April to make a move to Utah

After four years as an integral part of the leadership team, and 18 months serving as President & CEO, Stacy Iverson has resigned from her position at Children's Fund, a 30-year old nonprofit serving vulnerable children throughout San Bernardino County.

Iverson has spent more than 20 years of her career improving the lives of children. She worked for the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools and First 5 San Bernardino prior to Children's Fund.

Iverson is originally from Utah where both her parents and brothers still live. Her son, Brady, also moved to Utah last year and her daughter has recently been accepted to the University of Utah.

"Our work serves as a constant reminder of the value of family. We help thousands of children who long for a permanent family, who dream of living in a home surrounded by people who love and care for them," said Iverson. "Family is not something to be taken for granted. That is why I know in my heart it's time to move back home to be closer to my family."

Because of Iverson's unwavering commitment to giving children a brighter future, her resignation was a very difficult decision for her. Children's Fund supports strengthening families and that is the reason she is leaving. Right now, her family needs her support and she is fulfilling that need.

"While the Children's Fund board and staff will definitely miss Stacy's leadership, we are blessed that through her work she leaves this organization healthy and strong," states Neal Waner, the Chair of Children's Fund Board of Directors. "She has built a quality team and put us in a position of strength, enabling us to attract a high caliber CEO to continue the important work of Children's Fund."

The Board of Directors has appointed Immediate Past Chair, Lee Jackman, to serve as Interim CEO and take the helm upon Stacy's departure the end of April.

"Lee's professional background, skill set, and passion for Children's Fund make her the perfect individual to maintain stability of our operations, programs and staff while the Search Committee begins their work," states Waner.

Founded in 1986, Children's Fund is a nonprofit whose mission is giving our vulnerable children support, opportunity and hope by breaking destructive cycles through community partnerships. Since its inception, Children's Fund has served more than 1.4 million children. For more information on Children's Fund, go to www.childrensfundonline.org or call 909.379.0000.

If you would like to attend an Open House at Children's Fund on April 25 from 4-6 pm to say farewell to Stacy Iverson, please rsvp to Liset.Hernandez@childrensfundonline.org.

'It feels like we go from one tragedy to another': After slayings at North Park Elementary, San Bernardino grieves again



By **Paloma Esquivel**

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Lili Flores, a staff analyst for San Bernardino County, was at work not far from the Inland Regional Center when a husband and wife opened fire on an office holiday party there in 2015, killing 14 people, most of them her co-workers.

She was at work again Monday when she learned of [the shooting](#) at North Park Elementary School, where her son Christian is in fourth grade. She waited in anguish, through the “worst hours of my life,” she said, before learning in a message from his teacher that her child was safe.

“It feels like we go from one tragedy to another,” Flores said. “Not only that but the gang violence, the killings of people, the robberies, the increased rate in crime.”

The slaying of teacher Karen Smith and 8-year-old Jonathan Martinez, and the wounding of a 9-year-old, in a classroom for special needs students at North Park was a tragedy of domestic violence — one that might have happened in any city or town. But it happened in San Bernardino, which has endured multiple waves of heartbreak, especially in recent years.

Confronted by the horror of Monday's shooting, residents face a grief compounded by experience — with the Dec. 2, 2015, terror attack, with the city's surge in homicides, with its poverty, its routine violence and crime.

"It's a lot, and I think people feel a little overwhelmed," said Pastor Joshua Beckley of Ecclesia Christian Fellowship, who has worked with other pastors on efforts to curb the city's violence. "We were just kind of settling in to a sense of peace and comfort that some of the activities we were doing to curb crime were starting to take effect, and then this tragedy happens ... and it puts the city in an upheaval all over again."

In a way, though, those experiences have made city leaders primed to respond to that grief in a way few cities might.

"For us as pastors and civic leaders and law enforcement, it becomes about how do we get our people back down, get them comfortable and let them recognize that even though this is a major tragedy, this will not escalate into something we can't control," Beckley said.

On Monday evening, as more than 300 residents gathered at Our Lady of the Assumption Church for a vigil to mourn the dead, the city's history of violence and tragedy was never far from the surface.

One man wore a shirt that read "No more violence in SB." Others read "SB Strong" — a slogan of resilience that residents adopted after the 2015 attack. A group passed out fliers for a monthly prayer walk to remember those who have been killed in the city.

"We gather to pray ... that this community, that has experienced so many things, that we start healing," Father Henry M. Sseriiso told the mourners.

John Andrews, a spokesman for the diocese, said officials organized the vigil knowing from experience that the community would benefit from having a place to assemble and mourn on the same night as the incident. After the Dec. 2 mass shootings, the first formal vigils were held the following day, he recalled.

"We learned that people are grieving right away and the sooner you can provide them a forum to gather and pray and to grieve together, the better it is to be able to do that," he said.

As in the aftermath of the terror attack, residents again pledged resilience.

"We're proud, despite what happens, because of things like this," said Ericka Gomez, 24, as she looked at the parents, teachers, children and others who gathered outside the church, holding candles and offering prayers for the dead, for their families and for the city.

But for others, like Flores, there is a sense that the city's burdens have become simply too heavy.

"It's getting to the point where it feels so unsafe, and so sad," she said.

While San Bernardino has long struggled with high levels of violence, last year it marked a grim milestone as police recorded 62 killings — making it the deadliest year since 1995.

The numbers have fallen so far this year, but only slightly. There have been 15 homicides, compared with 17 at this time last year, said police spokesman Lt. Mike Madden.

Yet even as it continues to struggle, the city has made strides toward improvement.

It has all but formally emerged from a more than four-year bankruptcy. A new city charter meant to make local government more efficient was adopted. And officials are working to boost the Police Department and to implement an innovative program aimed at blunting the city's violence.

Residents have also created organizations that work together to respond to crises in the city.

A network of pastors received a text message about Monday's shooting and within half an hour, Beckley said, dozens of them had responded to offer help, first at North Park and later at Cajon High School.

"Two years ago, where a phone tree got everybody together," he said, "this time it was just a simple text message because we'd already established an infrastructure for emergency response for clergy and community leaders."

Terrance Stone, chief executive of the Young Visionaries Youth Leadership Academy, a nonprofit that provides outreach and training to the city's youth, also rushed to Cajon High School, where North Park parents had gone to reunite with their children.

Many of them had anxiously watched TV news images of children gathered on the school playground surrounded by police with long guns, not knowing for sure whether their own children were safe.

Some of the children who would soon arrive at the campus had watched in terror as their teacher and classmates were gunned down.

At Cajon, the volunteers scrambled to provide water, snacks and whatever encouragement they could offer.

A police officer brought Sherlock, the department's community affairs rescue dog, in hopes of comforting the students.

Providing support was a ritual many of these volunteers had offered on Dec. 2, 2015.

And it's one that many of them have done since, as they respond to family homes after a homicide.

As the students arrived on buses, Stone and the others gathered in parallel lines and formed a cheering squad. Many of the same volunteers had done the same thing at Lincoln Elementary School last year, after the shooting death of 9-year-old Travon Williams. They offered hugs, high-fives and applause.

The idea, Stone said, was to hearten and reassure them that the community was with them.

“We didn’t want to make it any more tragic than it was, or cause any more trauma to those kids,” Stone said.

“Even though our city can’t catch a break,” he said, “one thing I know, and I see, is that this community comes together.”

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San Bernardino school shooting victim Jonathan Martinez remembered

By *Beatriz Valenzuela, San Bernardino Sun*

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SAN BERNARDINO >> The [8-year-old boy killed in a school shooting](#) along with his teacher, is being remembered as always smiling and jovial.

“Jonathan Martinez was a happy child born with Williams syndrome,” said San Bernardino City Unified School District Superintendent Dale Marsden on Tuesday during a news conference. The family, which is from Mexico, officials confirmed, did not want to speak to the media and instead had Marsden speak for them. “He was a joy.”

• **Photos:** [Community mourns victims of San Bernardino school shooting](#)

However, a few family members shared their memories and pictures of the young boy on social media.

Dressed as his favorite character from the Mexican television show, “El Chavo del Ocho,” a family member who would only identify herself as Lexi on [Twitter](#), posted “Rip little angel, you didn’t deserve this. You’re reuniting with ur (sic) grandpa now ... hearing this on the news I had no idea it would be you.”

Jonathan was killed Monday in the shooting at North Park Elementary School in San Bernardino. His teacher Karen Elaine Smith, 53, was also shot and killed. Smith’s estranged husband Cedric Anderson, 53, of Riverside, later turned the gun on himself. Another student, a 9-year-old boy, remains hospitalized in stable condition.

The heart surgeries the young boy endured the first few years of his life because of the [Williams syndrome](#) diagnosis were also referenced.

“His life was a miracle,” she posted. “He almost had his life taken by health issues but only for a few (years) later it to be taken by some idiot.”

Another family member [set up a GoFundMe account](#) to help the family with funeral costs.

“I’m trying to help my cousins raise money for funeral expenses & meals to help provide for her family in this time of need,” [wrote Brianna Lopez](#), Martinez’s cousin. “My whole family would greatly appreciate any forthcoming donations, the love and support in this time of need.”

The donations the fund has received grew exponentially on Tuesday, raising tens of thousands of dollars by the evening.

“We honestly can’t thank everyone enough,” Lopez posted Tuesday. “We appreciate everyone’s sweet words, and we are very speechless. Thank you (for) coming together. We will keep everyone updated on any further news. My family truly truly appreciates everything from the bottom of our hearts.”

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9-year-old wounded in San Bernardino school shooting in 'good spirits,' expected to survive



San Bernardino City Unified superintendent Dale Marsden speaks about Monday's school shooting at North Park Elementary during a news conference Tuesday at the San Bernardino Police Department. (Photo by John Valenzuela/SCNG)

By **BEATRIZ VALENZUELA** and **BEAU YARBROUGH** | Press-Enterprise

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The 9-year-old boy who was wounded in Monday's deadly shooting at North Park Elementary is awake and expected to survive.

"All things considered, he's in relatively good spirits," San Bernardino Police Chief Jarrod Burguan said, at a Tuesday morning press conference at police headquarters in downtown San Bernardino.

"He's up and watching cartoons," said San Bernardino City Unified Superintendent Dale Marsden.

Monday morning, Cedric Anderson, 53, of Riverside, went to the elementary school where his wife, Karen Elaine Smith, 53, a 10-year veteran of the school district, was working. Saying he was just there to drop something off, he went back to her classroom, where Smith was, along with a classroom aide and 15 special needs students.



Without saying a word, Anderson took just a few steps into Classroom B1, pulled out a Smith & Wesson .357 Magnum revolver and fired off 10 shots, reloading with a speed-loader midway through. Smith was killed immediately and two boys, Jonathan Martinez, 8, and a 9-year-old fellow student, who has not been identified, near her were struck. After shooting Smith and the two boys, Anderson then killed himself.

Jonathan died shortly after being flown to Loma Linda University Medical Center. As of Tuesday morning, the other boy was in stable condition.

“Today we offer our sincere and deepest condolences to everyone impacted by Monday’s shooting,” Marsden said.

Jonathan’s family has asked for privacy, Marsden said, but has released photos of their son, and gave authorities permission to talk about Jonathan’s condition.

“By all accounts, Jonathan was a happy and friendly child,” Burguan said.



San Bernardino Police Chief Jarrod Burguan speaks at a press conference on Tuesday, April 11, 2017, the day after a murder-suicide shooting at North Park Elementary School in San Bernardino.

Jonathan was born with Williams Syndrome, a genetic condition that affects about 1 in 10,000 people worldwide, including an estimated 20,000 to 30,000 people in the United States. The syndrome causes cardiovascular disease, developmental delays and learning delays, according to the Williams Syndrome Association.

But it also has other impacts:

“Children with Williams Syndrome tend to be social, friendly and endearing,” Marsden said.

ANDERSON HAD MADE THREATS

Anderson and Smith had only gotten married on Jan. 28, but by mid-March, Smith had moved out of their Riverside home amidst allegations of infidelity and was living with family, including her adult children. (All of her children have been checked on and are fine, according to police.)

“It appears that he had been attempting to contact her and get her to move back home,” Burguan said.

According to Smith family members interviewed by police, Anderson had made threats — although not that he intended to shoot her — but she didn't view them as serious, and just thought he was looking for attention. Smith apparently did not tell anyone but her closest family members about the problems she and Anderson were experiencing.

“She effectively kept her private life private,” Burguan said.

During their search of the Riverside home on Monday, investigators found a note from Anderson about needing closure and feeling disrespected. But nothing about it suggested it was necessarily a suicide note.

“If found outside of the context of this case, I'm not sure anyone would be terribly alarmed,” Burguan said.

Police are now looking at a personal computer and cell phones obtained during their investigation.

Surveillance video at North Park shows Anderson attempted to get in through locked external doors before going through the main office, as school security requires. There, as a known quantity, he was sent on back to Classroom B1 and Smith.

“There was no indication to anyone that staff that he was a threat,” Marsden said. “The staff knew this newlywed couple but had no information about the crisis they were in.”

NOT UNCOMMON FOR SPOUSES TO VISIT

Anderson was arrested four times between 1982 and 2013, according to Burguan, for charges including non-gun weapons charges, domestic violence and theft, but never convicted. It is not yet known if the domestic violence charge involved Smith. An unemployed maintenance worker, Anderson was reportedly attempting to start his own business.

The Smith & Wesson revolver Anderson used Monday was purchased in 1979 by someone other than him. It's not yet clear how Anderson got the gun, Burguan said.

Police do not believe Anderson intentionally targeted the children. Marsden said all district policies were complied with when Anderson was let onto campus.

“It’s not uncommon for spouses to visit. There does not appear to be a breakdown of security,” Burguan said. “There will be a full and complete review, but it appears that things worked as they were supposed to, beyond this being a regrettable tragedy.”

North Park Elementary will be closed for the week. All other district schools will remain open.

There will be a vigil at the school playground at 7 p.m. tonight. The school is located at 5378 North H St. in San Bernardino.

Simultaneously, Kingdom Culture Worship Centre will host a prayer vigil at 7 p.m. to grieve for all the victims of Monday’s shooting at North Park Elementary. The worship centre is located at 2050 Pacific St. in San Bernardino.



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Editorial If you're shocked by the San Bernardino shooting, you haven't been paying attention



In this frame grab from video provided by KTTV Fox 11 and KCBS-TV, children are evacuated to school buses to be reunited with their parents at another location after a shooting inside North Park Elementary School in San Bernardino on Monday. (KTTV Fox 11/KCBS-TV via AP)

By **The Times Editorial Board**

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It was the location that made the killings stand out — an elementary school in [violence-racked](#) San Bernardino, a community still recovering from a mass shooting that left 14 people dead less than two years ago. But the sad reality is that Monday’s [murder-suicide](#) committed in a special needs classroom at North Park Elementary School was as mundane as American gun violence gets — because it was not an act of terrorism or an attack by disgruntled students on their classmates. Rather, it was an act of domestic violence, the kind that occurs every single day in the United States.

Cedric Anderson, 53, checked in at the school office Monday morning saying he needed to drop something off for his estranged wife, Karen Smith, described by a colleague as a “beloved teacher” who “went to bat for every one of her students.” Waved onto the campus, Anderson opened the door to Smith’s classroom, pulled out a

hidden .357 handgun and began firing, killing Smith and wounding two nearby students. Then Anderson reloaded his gun and killed himself.

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A woman is shot and killed by a current or former romantic partner every 16 hours

There was an almost palpable sense of relief when the initial toll of two dead and two wounded didn't climb, as so often happens. But then it did: 8-year-old Jonathan Martinez, one of the wounded children, died at the hospital before he could make it into surgery. Still, given that the classroom held 15 students and two adult aides, it could easily have been an even worse tragedy. Such are the grim emotional calculations we make in such a [violent nation](#).

School shootings have [grabbed so many headlines](#) in recent years that we've almost become accustomed to them. Yet lethal domestic violence is so much more frequent, it's overlooked by the media, and we as a society seem to have stopped noticing long ago.

It's disturbing to think that if Anderson hadn't killed his wife in such a public and dramatic way, the crime would have barely rippled beyond the grief of their families and friends. In fact, The Trace — a nonprofit journalism site that covers firearms — [reports](#) that a woman is shot and killed by a current or former romantic partner every 16 hours, and that a woman is five times more [likely to be killed](#) if the abuser has access to a gun. The pro-gun control group Everytown for Gun Safety [reported in 2014](#) that more than half of women murdered with guns in the U.S. are killed by domestic partners, and that from January 2009 through June 2014, nearly three of five [mass shootings](#) (at least four people killed or wounded) involved an act of domestic violence — crimes that rarely resonate beyond the communities in which they occurred.

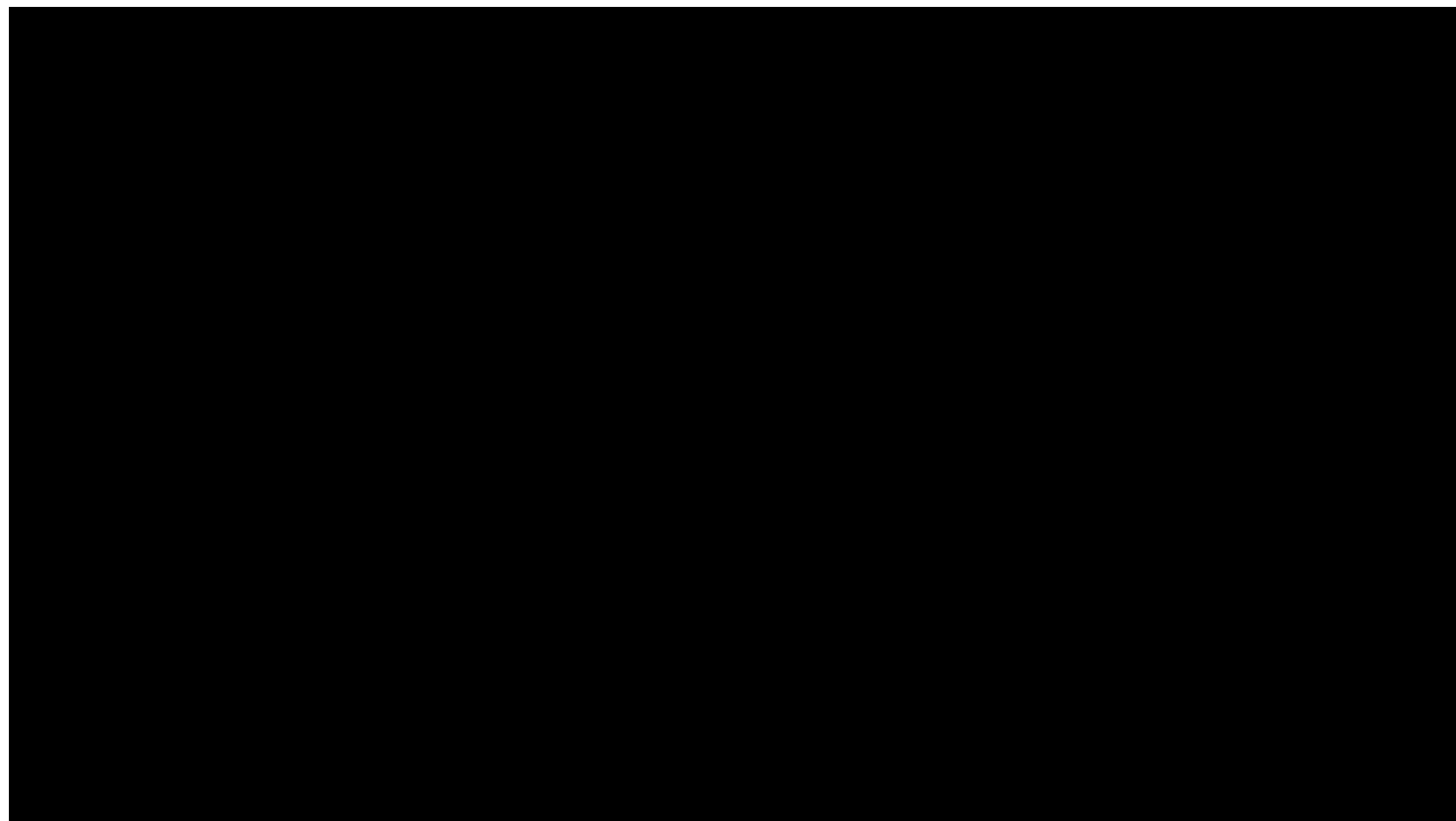
That such acts of gun violence have become so routine, and that so little is done to address the problem, is the broader tragedy here.

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San Bernardino gunman had a history of domestic abuse allegations



A school shooting has left San Bernardino reeling from violence once again. (April 11, 2017) (Sign up for our free video newsletter here <http://bit.ly/2n6VKPR>)

By **Matt Hamilton, Richard Winton, Sonali Kohli and Melissa Etehad**

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No one at North Park Elementary School knew the private anguish of special education teacher [Karen Smith](#).

In March, after two months of marriage, Smith, 53, had left her husband. But [Cedric Anderson](#) refused to let her go.

Anderson reached out to her repeatedly and tried to persuade her to return. He had made multiple threats against her, which she relayed to her family. Police said she was concerned by his behavior, but saw it as attention-seeking.

What Smith may not have known was that Anderson had a history of allegations of violence made by at least two other women with whom he had been romantically involved.

One accused him of trying to suffocate her with a pillow and threatening her with a butcher knife, according to court papers. He once bluntly told his ex-wife that she would die, she stated in court proceedings.

On Monday, Anderson's propensity for violence brought him to his wife's school, where surveillance footage showed him searching for an unlocked door.

An employee there recognized him as Smith's husband, and after asking him to sign in, allowed him to walk alone to her classroom. That's not an uncommon practice for family members of teachers and other employees, San Bernardino City Unified School District Supt. Dale Marsden said.

In Smith's classroom, Anderson fired 10 shots from a Smith & Wesson revolver — stopping at one point to reload — then fatally shot himself.

Smith died at the scene. Two children were also struck; one, Jonathan Martinez, 8, was airlifted to a hospital and died before entering surgery. A 9-year-old boy was listed in serious condition Tuesday at Loma Linda University Medical Center. His name has not been released.

Since the shooting, police have visited addresses linked to Anderson and scoured his past — including his stint as a preacher and handyman in Las Vegas. Investigators interviewed Smith's family and friends, probing her husband's recent actions, San Bernardino Police Chief Jarrod Burguan said Tuesday.

The inquiry has focused on what transpired during the couple's marriage and what drove him to carry a gun into the school, where Smith's colleagues knew nothing of the trouble at home. Police said her co-workers still viewed her as a newlywed.

"She effectively kept her private life private," Burguan said. "They were both adults and they had adult children, so it's not like there were a lot of people who were truly engaged in their business."

Some saw hints of trouble. Lincoln Cooper, who runs a food bank in Perris, said he met Anderson by chance at a Riverside gas station last month. During the conversation, Anderson cast blame on his estranged wife's family for keeping her away from him, Cooper said.

When Anderson spoke of his marriage, he often clenched his fists, and he admitted to calling Smith every day.

"He said, 'I don't know what to do. I can't focus on anything else,'" Cooper recalled.

For Anderson, a self-professed pastor, allegations of brutality trailed his former relationships.

Nearly two decades ago, his then-wife sought a restraining order amid divorce proceedings after Anderson called her and told her she was going to die, according to court papers.

The separation turned even more bitter as the couple fought over the custody of three sons, who at the time were all younger than 10. She called her ex-husband a "habitual liar," and he accused her of assaulting him.

As recently as 2016, Anderson was the subject of a domestic violence-related restraining order involving a former domestic partner, a woman in Torrance and her 12-year-old daughter.

The woman stated in court papers that she had been ironing clothes around Memorial Day 2013 when Anderson ran upstairs and pushed her onto the bed before grabbing a large butcher knife.

“He told me he was sick of me,” the woman recounted in court papers. The Times is not identifying the woman because she was an alleged victim of domestic violence.

Anderson had tried to suffocate her with a pillow, she said, after he learned she planned to go to karaoke with a female neighbor.

“He then put the pillow over my face and held it so I could not breathe,” she wrote. “I fought as hard as I could.... I thought I would die that night.”

She told the court there was a pattern of abuse over several months. Police were called five times to their address.

Anderson was arrested by Torrance police in May 2013 and charged by Torrance city prosecutors with misdemeanor assault and battery, disturbing the peace and brandishing a weapon. The case was abandoned when the victim did not turn up to testify, Torrance police Sgt. Ronald Harris said.

Despite four arrests since 1982 on suspicion of theft, weapons and domestic violence, Anderson was never convicted of a crime.

He was allowed to obtain a gun, although the weapon he used Monday had been purchased in 1979 in Michigan. Police said Anderson was not the buyer listed in firearm records.

For those in San Bernardino and beyond, the cold-blooded killing of a teacher and her student has been devastating. Hundreds gathered late Monday at a Catholic church in San Bernardino to mourn the victims.

“Sometimes all we can do is cry,” said Bishop Gerald Barnes of the Diocese of San Bernardino.

Grief counselors met Tuesday with the parents of Jonathan Martinez, the young boy who was fatally shot.

His parents’ only son, Jonathan had already endured heart surgery and he was born with Williams syndrome, a congenital disorder that affects about 25,000 people nationwide.

He “was a happy child,” said Marsden, the superintendent.

Children with Williams syndrome are overly friendly and endearing, but are vulnerable to exploitation by strangers. The genetic disorder typically results in heart and kidney problems and other health ailments, officials said.

“If you’ve met a child with Williams syndrome, you just don’t forget it. They quickly have a way to light up a room,” said Terry Monkaba, executive director of the Williams Syndrome Assn. She did not know Jonathan or his family, but said his death was acutely felt by the community of parents and family of those with the disorder.

“We lose a handful of children every year to ... medical problems, and we all feel all of those deaths so personally,” Monkaba said. “This one, because it was so senseless and so tragic, it just makes it that much harder.”

Neighbors and friends of Jonathan described the boy as friendly and well-behaved, from a loving — and now grieving — family.

Francisco Hernandez, who lived next door to the family for three years, said his 6-year-old son would go on play dates at Jonathan’s house.

Hernandez said he was anxious over the challenge ahead, one felt by other parents in this Inland Empire community: having to inform a young child how a friend died while at school.

“I didn’t tell my son what happened,” Hernandez said. “I don’t know how.”

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San Bernardino school shooter had history of violence

By Joe Nelson, The Sun

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Tuesday, April 11, 2017



Cedric Anderson's Facebook timeline would leave one thinking he was living in a state of marital bliss with wife and San Bernardino special education teacher Karen Elaine Smith.

"My wife Karen Smith-Anderson is an Angel," Anderson said in a Facebook post on March 11.

But according to police and members of Smith's family, the union between Anderson, 53, and Smith, also 53, was anything but.

The Riverside couple had known each other four years before they were married on Jan. 28 at Bethesda Temple Church in Los Angeles. They were separated less than two months later, in mid-March.

Smith had left Anderson amidst allegations of infidelity and was living with family, including her adult children, San Bernardino Police Chief Jarrod Burguan said during a [news conference](#) Tuesday.

About 10:30 a.m. Monday, Anderson, 53, walked into his estranged wife's special needs class at North Park Elementary School in San Bernardino, pointed a Smith & Wesson .357 Magnum revolver at her and fired 10 shots total, stopping to reload the gun before continuing shooting. Smith died at the scene.

Two students were also struck by gunfire. Eight-year-old student Jonathan Martinez was flown to Loma Linda University Medical Center, where he died, and a 9-year-old student, who has not been named, was critically wounded. The boy was said to be in stable condition Tuesday.

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During a Tuesday night vigil at the school, Principal Yadira Downing talked about Smith, "She always had a smile on her. She cared deeply for her students, and she was a very good teacher.

"She loved our students. She loved the staff. She loved working hard. She came in every day with a smile on her face, and we're going to miss her. The students are going to miss her," said Downing.

School District Superintendent Dale Marsden said in a statement Tuesday that Smith "epitomized excellence and everything a special education teacher should be." Smith was a teacher in the district for 10 years.

Burguan said during Tuesday's news conference that Anderson had been contacting Smith, trying to persuade her to move back home.

According to Smith's family, Anderson had been making threats but Smith did not take them seriously and thought it was just a bid for attention, said Burguan, adding that Smith kept her personal problems with Anderson private, telling only her closest family members.

During a search of Anderson's Riverside home Monday, police found a note written by Anderson indicating he felt disrespected and needed closure.

Anderson, a former U.S. Navy petty officer and unemployed maintenance worker, doted on Smith on his Facebook page, posting about their honeymoon and date nights, and her making him breakfast in the morning.

"I love being married to Karen Smith-Anderson!" Anderson posted on Feb. 27.

He also peppered his timeline with Bible verses and Christian memes stating "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved" and "Rise up and pray."

But Anderson had a dark side — a violent side.

Torrance police records show officers responded to five calls involving Anderson in 2012 and 2013. One of the calls was related to domestic violence involving Anderson and a female cohabitant (not Smith). Three other calls involved family disturbances, a verbal argument and keeping the peace when Anderson was moving out of his residence in the 3400 block of Maricopa Street.

Anderson repeatedly threatened a former girlfriend he lived with, once holding a butcher knife to her head and once nearly suffocating her with a pillow, court records show.

On one occasion in 2013, Anderson threw his keys at his then live-in girlfriend and dragged her across their apartment, inflicting bruises and other injuries, according to court records.

Contacted by phone Tuesday, the woman declined to be interviewed.

Anderson's relatives could not be reached for comment.

Smith's daughter and son, Jennifer and Rod Smith, could not be reached for comment Tuesday.

Smith's son Adam posted the following Monday on his Facebook page:

"My mother will be remembered as someone who above all loved God, her family, and her students. During this time please refrain from any negative comments about my mother. She loved her students very much and dedicated her entire life to them. It was her passion to see her students succeed. Please pray for my family and please pray for the family of Jonathan Martinez. Pray for all the children impacted by this tragic event. Pray for the Anderson family. I love you momma more than anything in the world... I will see you again beautiful."

The state Division of Workers' Compensation website showed Anderson had filed two cases alleging he was hurt between Dec. 1, 2012, and Oct. 14, 2014, while working for Cushman & Wakefield Inc. Records showed he said he had injured his head, neck, arm, back and suffered psychiatric injury. He listed a Cushman & Wakefield office in San Jose.

The case appeared to be resolved in March. Attorneys for Anderson and Cushman & Wakefield did not return calls.

Peter Melton, a spokesman for the California Department of Industrial Relations said records of the case were not immediately available Tuesday.

Staff writers Ryan Hagen, Beau Yarbrough and Beatriz Valenzeula contributed to this report.

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After a school shooting, advice on how to help children cope



Betty Rodriguez hugs her granddaughter Giselle Rodriguez, 11, during a prayer vigil outside Our Lady of Assumption Catholic Church for the victims in the shooting at North Park Elementary School. (Gina Ferazzi / Los Angeles Times)



By **Sonali Kohli**

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North Park Elementary School in San Bernardino was closed on Tuesday, the day after a man walked into a special education [classroom and killed his wife](#), an 8-year-old student and then himself.

In the meantime, the children in that classroom and school and in surrounding schools — as well as their parents and teachers — have to cope with what they experienced Monday.

Counselors will be available for North Park students, parents and staff Tuesday and Wednesday at Del Vallejo Middle School, said Maria Garcia, spokeswoman for the San Bernardino City Unified School District.

“We’re going to make sure that they have counseling available as well as referrals to local agencies that might be able to assist,” she said.

The district's superintendent, Dale Marsden, also asked parents to try to return to regular routines.

"Please work with your young child to keep things as normal as possible. Be willing to listen to their story, and be willing to listen to their story multiple times," Marsden said during a press conference Monday afternoon. "Reassure them that the danger that they faced has passed and also continue to model for them healthy ways to cope with what they're feeling. Children, as we know, model the behaviors of the adults around them."

That is in line with the advice that [child trauma experts in San Bernardino shared](#) in December 2015 after students were on lockdown during [the shooting rampage](#) that killed 14.

It can be helpful for parents to let children who experience a trauma like this know that whatever they're feeling is normal, and to ask them what makes them feel safe, said Jonathan Vickburg, a [school trauma therapist](#) in L.A.

Even those who just heard about the shooting from others may need help, said Brett Nelson, a Cal State San Bernardino professor and coordinator of a school psychology program.

"A lot of people don't want to deal with emotionally latent situations," he said. "Absolutely ask them how they're feeling and support them and empathize."

Parents also should ask their children whether they know what their school's plan is for emergencies like this one, Nelson said.

The National Assn. of School Psychologists has [guidelines](#) for explaining violent events to children of different ages. It's important, the experts say, to use age-appropriate language, and to answer questions without adding to confusion.

From the NASP tip sheet:

- "Early elementary school children need brief, simple information that should be balanced with reassurances that their school and homes are safe and that adults are there to protect them."
- "Upper elementary and early middle school children will be more vocal in asking questions about whether they truly are safe and what is being done at their school. They may need assistance separating reality from fantasy. Discuss efforts of school and community leaders to provide safe schools."
- "Upper middle school and high school students will have strong and varying opinions about the causes of violence in schools and society.... Emphasize the role that students have in maintaining safe schools by following school safety guidelines ... communicating any personal safety concerns to school administrators, and accessing support for emotional needs."

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LOCAL NEWS

Cal State San Bernardino responds to school shooting by holding a teddy bear drive



Stacy Brooks, an administrative assistant at Cal State San Bernardino, stands with a pile of donated teddy bears on Tuesday at CSUSB. Brooks and the psychology club hope to collect more than 500 Teddy Bears to give to the North Park Elementary School students when they return to class next week. (Photo by Rachel Luna, The Sun/SCNG)

By **JIM STEINBERG** | Press-Enterprise

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Teddy bears bring comfort.

That's the thought behind the Cal State San Bernardino effort to collect the furry stuffed animals that staff and students there are collecting. They aim to give each of the more than 500 students at North Park Elementary School one of the cuddly critters.

"Our precious babies need love, care and support," Stacy Brooks, an administrative support coordinator for the psychology department, said in an email.

The San Bernardino elementary school was the site of a shooting on Monday morning that left three dead. Student Jonathan Martinez, 8, and his teacher Karen Elaine Smith, 53, were shot and killed by Smith's estranged husband, Cedric Anderson, 53, of Riverside, who later turned the gun on himself. Another student, a 9-year-old boy, remains hospitalized in stable condition.

"Instead of sitting back and feeling sad," Brooks said, she fired off an email seeking a teddy bear to give to each of the students.

The university's Psychology Club and university staff members were quick to offer assistance, she said.

The idea is to provide "a hug from the community" to the returning students, she said.

Although the students are scheduled to return to class Monday, Brooks said she has been working with the San Bernardino City Unified School District administration to determine when would be the appropriate time for delivering the stuffed animals.

The donation can be any stuffed animal and is not limited to teddy bears, Brooks said.

There were multiple collection boxes around the CSUSB campus Tuesday and Brooks said she has received telephone calls from other area schools saying stuffed animals would be gathered there as well.

The collection effort was to be announced at Tuesday night's Inland Empire 66ers game, she said.

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Candlelight vigil at North Park Elementary mourns shooting, 'this is where healing begins'



A woman cries as the community gathers for a candlelight vigil service on the playground at North Park Elementary School in San Bernardino, Calif. on Tuesday, April 11, 2017. Cedric Anderson, 53, of Riverside, entered North Park Elementary School, killing his his estranged wife Karen Elaine Smith, 53, student Jonathan Martinez, 8, and critically injuring another student before turning the gun on himself on Monday morning in San Bernardino. (Photo by Rachel Luna, The Sun/SCNG)

By **RYAN HAGEN** and **DOUG SAUNDERS** | Press-Enterprise

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SAN BERNARDINO — San Bernardino once again came together Tuesday evening in the wake of tragic violence that took innocent lives Monday.

Hundreds gathered for a candlelight vigil at North Park Elementary School on April 11, where one day earlier a classroom filled with special-needs children watched as their teacher and one of their classmates were fatally shot before the gunman turned his weapon on himself. The shooter wounded another student.

Clergy, school district officials and community leaders prayed for everyone affected by the shooting, including first responders and the community.

Related: [9-year-old wounded in San Bernardino school shooting in 'good spirits,' expected to survive](#)

Pastor Steve Lounsbury reminded the crowd of the Sermon on the Mount: Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Everyone who has been so hurt by yesterday’s tragic events, we want to mourn together, we want to pray together, to find strength to do what is honorable even in the midst of pain and confusion,” Lounsbury said.

Superintendent Dale Marsden said the district stood in solidarity.

“We all need to embrace each other for this time of healing,” Marsden said. “This is where healing begins, and I am so grateful that we have a community that knows how to come together and support each other in such a terrible time.”

The vigil followed another Monday at Our Lady of the Assumption Roman Catholic Church to find healing for the new wounds, while others made their way to the school to set down candles and flowers, and to pray.





A second vigil was scheduled at the same time at Kingdom Culture Worship Centre.

“We decided to do this prayer vigil because we want to unite our city as tragedy has struck once again,” lead pastor Sherman Dumas said in a news release. “We’ve rose from the ashes before and we know our community can and will do it once more. We’re believing that as our community draws together we’re going to feed on the energy and love of one another and build another moment of hope.”

Tuesday’s vigil ended just after sunset, as the crowd lit candles before singing “We Shall Overcome.”

“They are symbolic of the real life that needs to come from us,” Lounsbury said, referencing the Bible’s urging to shine a light for others rather than hiding it under a bushel. “In the same way, San Bernardino, North Park, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your father in heaven.”

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San Bernardino residents, leaders mourn North Park shooting victims during vigil

Tuesday

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SAN BERNARDINO — Civic and religious leaders called for communication and understanding Monday night during a prayer vigil held in the wake of a school shooting that brought bloodshed and panic to this city.

Held less than a mile from North Park Elementary School where, hours before, Cedric Anderson opened fire in a classroom, killing his estranged wife and an 8-year-old student before turning a .357 Magnum revolver on himself, the vigil saw hundreds of community members pour into Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church to both mourn and pray.

Four candles were lit during the ceremony — one for each person directly affected by the violence — that offered an emotive speech delivered by Gerald Barnes, bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of San Bernardino.

“Sometimes all we can do is cry. And today is a day for that,” Barnes said. “We’ll get up again. We’ll move on. We’ll become stronger. But today is a day to cry that we have come to such a state.”

A “failure to forgive and to dialogue” led to “clouded up” emotions, according to Barnes, which resulted in the deaths of 53-year-old North Park teacher Karen Smith, 8-year-old student Jonathan Martinez and the 53-year-old Anderson, as

well as injuries to an unidentified 9-year-old boy who's in stable condition at Loma Linda University Medical Center.

"It begins in the homes," Barnes then said of hope and communication. "It's also part of our communities, our neighborhoods, our workplaces, our churches, our society. We need to find ways of trying to understand one another, and even though we may disagree, that we disagree respectfully."

Barnes repeated that final word before continuing.

"And that's something we need to be committed to," he said. "There's so much we can learn from what happened today. That there's much more that we have to do, and let this evening be a commitment of doing. Of doing."

In attendance following two press conferences that thrust their names into the national spotlight, San Bernardino Mayor Carey Davis and San Bernardino City Unified School District Superintendent Dr. Dale Marsden also spoke during the vigil, with the former expressing his gratitude to the community "for gathering in support of our North Park Elementary family."

"This tragic event has impacted our community's most vulnerable (citizens), our children," Davis said. "And I'm sorry our students, parents and teachers have suffered these events, but I find comfort joining with you in prayer."

Davis thanked first responders, as well as elected officials "for their calls and expressions of concerns," including President Donald Trump, who has yet to personally comment on the shooting in public.

On Tuesday, however, White House Press Secretary Sean Spicer began his afternoon press briefing with an announcement on the incident.

"The events occurred after the (Monday) briefing, so I just want to make sure I acknowledge that our thoughts and prayers go out to all the families of the three victims," Spicer said. "We hope for a speedy and full recovery of those who were wounded in the events that occurred."

Meanwhile, Superintendent Marsden evoked a sentiment in his address that echoed the "SB Strong" motto championed by city and county leaders following the Dec. 2, 2015, terrorist attack inside the Inland Regional Center that left 14

people dead and 22 others injured.

“This is a time that we do stand strong and we do stand with each other,” Marsden said. “We overcome the hatred with grace and with peace. I am reminded that none of this that has been described escapes God’s attention. I’m reminded that not even a sparrow falls to the ground and God doesn’t notice.”

Outside the church, led by Our Lady’s Father Henry Sseriiso, residents held tea light candles during a call-and-response prayer that served as a sign of unity amid the morning’s tragedy.

The dead and the wounded, as well as their families, were included in Sseriio’s calls.

The response each time: “Serve, heal and protect them, oh Lord.”

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GoFundMe raising money for 8-year-old killed in San Bernardino school shooting

By Ryan Hagen, The Sun

Tuesday, April 11, 2017



SAN BERNARDINO >> A [GoFundMe account](#) is raising money to pay for the funeral and other expenses for the family of Jonathan Martinez, the [8-year-old killed](#) Monday in the [shooting at North Park Elementary School](#).

• PHOTOS: [Three dead, one wounded in San Bernardino school shooting](#)

“I’m trying to help my cousins raise money for funeral expenses & meals to help provide for her family in this time of need,” wrote Brianna Lopez, Martinez’s cousin. “My whole family would greatly appreciate any forth coming donations, the love and support in this time of need.”

The page has raised more than \$18,000 so far.

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Donations can be made at <https://www.gofundme.com/jonathan-our-family-angel-ngeljonathan>.

Kate Cichy, who handles regional communications for GoFundMe, said a verification team is working with Lopez to ensure that the funds go to Jonathan’s parents.

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TWENTYNINE PALMS RETAIL STUDY HAS SOME INTERESTING CONCLUSIONS

By Z107.7 News, on April 12th, 2017

A retail marketing study commissioned by the City of Twentynine Palms came up with some interesting conclusions. Reporter David Haldane has the details...

Groceries, furniture and clothing. Those are three of the opportunities cited in a retail market study presented at last night's meeting of the Twentynine Palms City Council. Others include health, sporting goods, hobbies, books, music, electronics, car parts and gas. The bottom line: if you want to start these kinds of businesses, now would be a good time.

That's the recommendation of Kosmont Companies, a consultant commissioned under a grant from the Federal Economic Development Agency. Its quest: How to rejuvenate the city's downtown. Among its findings: Twentynine Palms residents are relatively young, live in smaller-than-average households, have lower-than-average incomes and frequently work and shop out of town.

The Council received the study with just one question from Mayor John Cole. Considering the frequent complaints of residents, he wondered, could the list be lengthened to include a laundromat?



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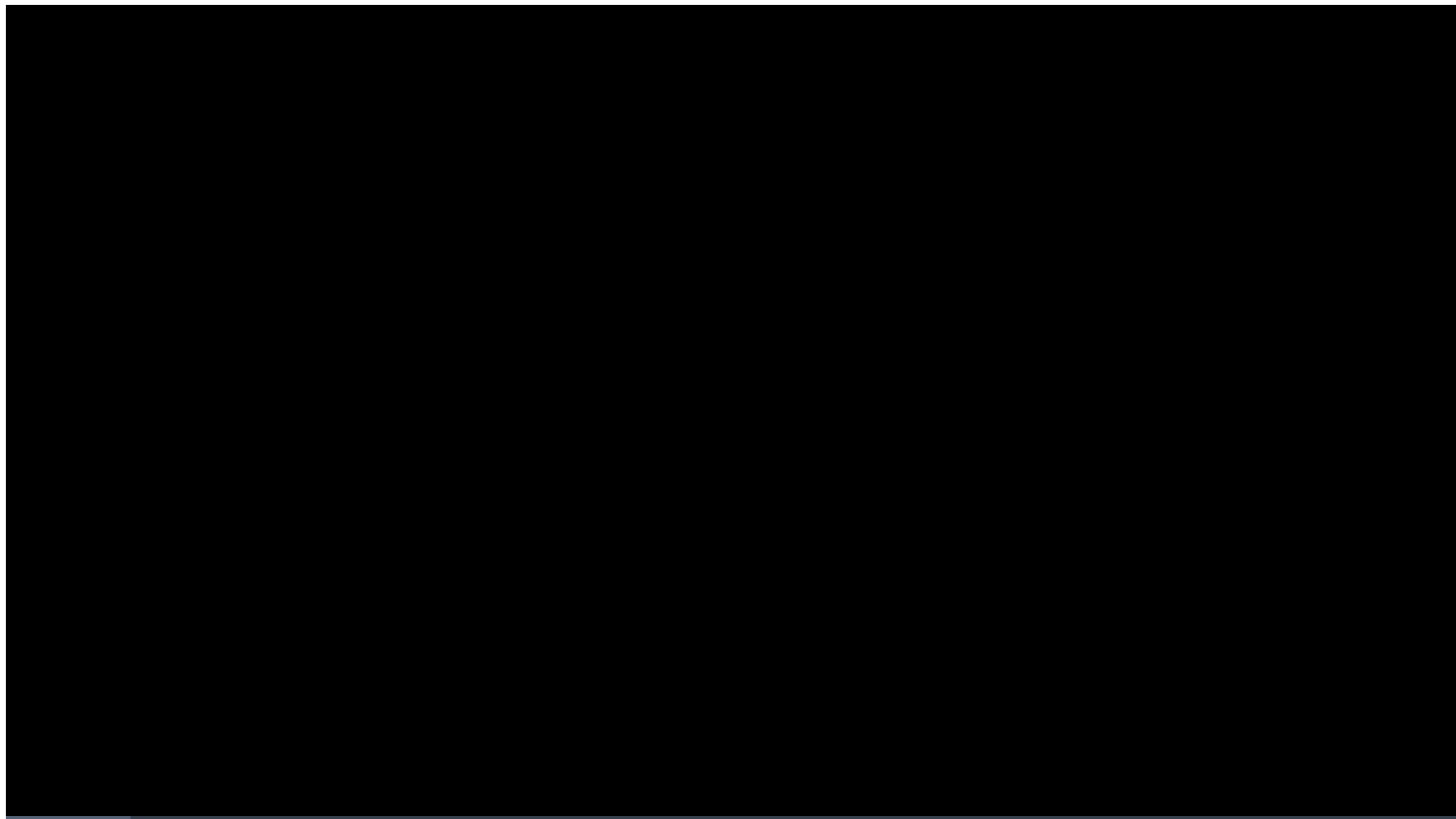
Construction started this week on a nine-mile project from the western border of Joshua Tree to the eastern border of Twentynine Palms. The \$4.7 million project will add two-way left turn lanes and widen the existing shoulders to a standard eight feet. The California Department of Transportation says the project is needed to address the higher-than-average number of collisions in which vehicles cross the center line. Typical work hours will be from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. seven days a week, although night shifts are also possible. Around-the-clock lane closures are probable, but one lane in each direction will always be open. The project is expected to be completed in June. Please obey the lowered speed limits through the construction zone.

In addition, work is expected to begin shortly on installing raised curb medians and a traffic light in Morongo Valley. This \$5.1 million project will take about a year to complete. The raised curb medians are being built to mitigate cross-over vehicle collisions. CalTrans says the temporary delineators that were installed two years ago were successful in reducing the number of cross-over, head-on collisions.



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Body found near Mt. Baldy confirmed as that of veteran Culver City hiker



By his count, Seuk Doo Kim has climbed Mt. Baldy nearly 750 times and aims to log 1,000 summits by next year.



By **Ben Poston**

APRIL 12, 2017, 8:50 AM

Authorities confirmed the body of a hiker found Tuesday near Mt. Baldy is that of Seuk Doo Kim, a 78-year-old South Korean hiker from Culver City who has climbed the 10,064-foot peak more than 700 times.

Kim's body was discovered just northwest of Mt. Baldy, slumped over at an elevation of 8,800 feet, said Lt. Elisabeth Sachs of the [Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department](#) in San Dimas.

A sheriff's helicopter airlifted Kim's body off the mountain, she said. His cause of death has not been determined.

A flight crew located a body on the north side of Mt. Baldy near Pomona about 2:10 p.m., according to the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department.

Kim's enthusiasm for climbing the mountain made him a minor celebrity among local hikers, most of whom knew him only as Sam.

He had parked his car Friday morning near the trailhead at Manker Flats, as was his custom. His family became worried when he didn't return and alerted authorities.

On Tuesday afternoon, as the rescue operation wound down, Kim's white Toyota Landcruiser was still parked where he'd left it. Tucked under the windshield wiper was a note from a sheriff's deputy: "Sam stop by the firehouse."

In December, on [his 240th trip](#) up Mt. Baldy that year alone — his 100th daily ascent to the summit in a row — Kim repeatedly encountered regulars he'd met on the trail before.

In his self-appointed role as mountain ambassador, Kim handed out Clif bars, jelly beans and Doritos. He was always eager to chat, and charmingly assertive in demanding that everyone he encountered pose for a selfie.

"It got to the point where I said, 'No more pictures,'" said Ellen Coleman, 63, of Riverside, as she descended the ski hut trail. "He calls me Superwoman, but he's significantly older than me so I call him Superman. He's incredible."

"That's my idol right there," said trail runner Thavee Nantarojaporn, 49, of South Pasadena. "Anybody who can do it 100 days in a row is awesome."

Kim was vocal about his desire for peaceful reunification of South and North Korea.

Another hiker on the trail that day, Nithin Siddharth, said he had posted a picture on Facebook that shows Sam with his friends at the summit, holding the South Korean flag.

The caption reads: "Here's to Kim and the power of the human spirit. For me he is literally the spirit of that mountain."

Kim didn't hesitate to show his love of Mt. Baldy.

"I'm feeling God's embrace — this is better than church," Sam said on the way up. "My shortcut is the holy spirit."

At the time, his son, David Kim, tried to explain his father's passion.

"My mother can't understand why he goes to the same mountain every single day. She says, 'Who cares if you hike this 1,000 times?' But it means a lot to him," David said. "It's a spiritual journey for him. He feels invigorated and finds peace of mind when he is up in the mountains."

In 1981, Sam and his family moved from South Korea to Southern California, where he worked as a manager at the Bank of Seoul. He later bought and operated a convenience store. At one point he did not take a day off for nine years, his son said.

On Tuesday, search and rescue teams from across Southern California scoured the Mt. Baldy area, using tracking dogs and a helicopter.

A team of three search volunteers from the Ventura County Sheriff's Department who had flown to the summit in the morning made their way down the south side of the mountain tracing the ridge of Goode Canyon, blowing a whistle and shouting: "Sam!" and "Mr. Kim!"

Just after 2 p.m., volunteer Andy Puhek's hand-held radio crackled. Another search team had found a body matching Kim's description.

Puhek's posture changed. It was not the outcome any searcher hopes for.

"You think of the family," said Puhek, of Moorpark. "They want closure. If it didn't work out it didn't work out and they are entitled to know."

Back at the trailhead, Mt. Baldy Village resident Robin Riggle, who had met Kim and his wife on the trail, was saddened to hear the news.

"He is adorable and that just breaks my heart," Riggle said. "He was just the most amazing, generous spirit."

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UPDATES:

April 12, 8:50 a.m.: This article has been updated with authorities confirming that the body found was that of Seuk Doo Kim.

9:40 p.m.: This article has been updated throughout with additional information and quotes.

LOCAL NEWS

Enjoying the sunshine? It won't last for long



Grey skies and even some drizzle may be possible later this week, according to the National Weather Service.

By **ALEX GROVES** | agroves@scng.com | The Press-Enterprise

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You may think that the end of the rainy season has arrived with all the regular sunshine and clear blue skies recently.

But Mother Nature may have another bout of dreary weather for the Inland region — and it's expected Thursday.

A low pressure system will be moving in over the area, dropping temperatures slightly and bringing a chance of some drizzle, according to a National Weather Service forecast discussion.

Temperatures will be in the mid- to high 70s through Wednesday, but will drop to the upper 60s by Thursday as the system moves in.

There will be a deep marine layer and a chance for some drizzle across parts of the Inland valleys, the NWS says.

Things will stay at least partially cloudy through the end of the week, but will get sunnier and warmer during the weekend.

INLAND VALLEY FORECAST

Wednesday: Highs of 72 to 77. Patchy fog and clouds in the morning, becoming mostly sunny. Light winds becoming 15 mph with 30 mph gusts.

Thursday: Highs 67 to 72. Patchy fog in the morning. Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of sprinkles in the morning. Chance of measurable precipitation is 20 percent.

Friday: Highs 72 to 77. Patchy fog and clouds in the morning, becoming mostly sunny.

Saturday: Highs 79 to 84. Mostly sunny.

Sunday: Highs 78 to 83. Partly cloudy.

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Mug of new writer Alex Groves in Temecula, July, 21, 2015.

Alex Groves

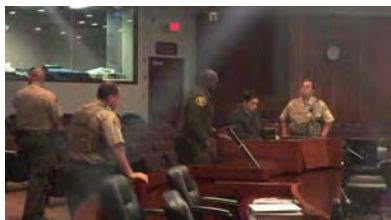
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OC SUPERVISOR MEETING PUBLIC COMMENTS

Homeless Advocate Shuts Down OC Supervisors' Meeting Over Children in Riverbed



Homeless activist Mohammed Aly is surrounded by a sheriff's deputy and security officers after he refused to leave the speaker podium at Tuesday's meeting. (Photo by Nick Gerda/Voice of OC)

By **NICK GERDA** ([HTTP://VOICEOFOC.ORG/AUTHOR/NGERDA/](http://voiceofoc.org/author/ngerda/))  ([HTTPS://TWITTER.COM/NICHOLASGERDA](https://twitter.com/nicholasgerda)) 13 hours ago

Homeless advocate Mohammed Aly shut down the Orange County Board of Supervisors' public meeting for half an hour Tuesday to draw attention to what he says is their failure to help homeless children living along the Santa Ana River.

During public comments, Aly criticized each supervisor by name for "failing families" and "failing children" by not working harder to find housing for homeless families with children.

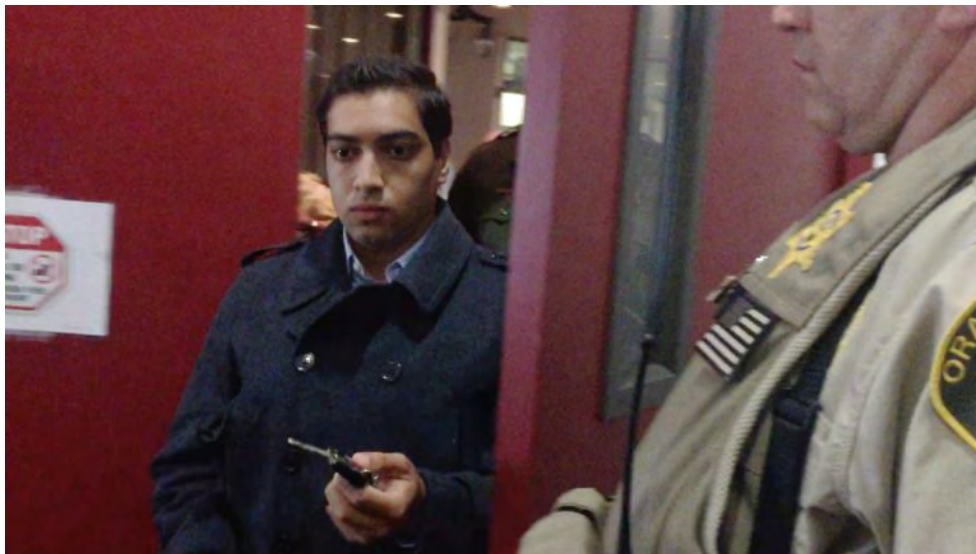
"The five of you have failed. The five of you have abdicated your responsibility and your role as policymakers," said Aly, who began his remarks by saying he'd be speaking about homeless children for half an hour.

"Supervisor [Shawn] Nelson, I told you about 72 hours ago there was a 10 year-old child living in that riverbed. I just came from that child right before this meeting, and she is still living in that riverbed. I'm in disbelief," said Aly. He sent an email about the issue to all five supervisors Saturday (<https://goo.gl/coCPr3>) but said none had replied as of Tuesday morning.

Board rules limit each speaker to three minutes and prohibit them from addressing supervisors by name. But Aly continued talking when his time was up and his microphone was turned off. Supervisors' Chairwoman Michelle Steel called for a 10-minute recess and a few minutes later ordered Sheriff's officers to clear the room.

Aly stayed at the podium as sheriff's security officers stood close by, facing him. The lead deputy overseeing security, Kevin Taylor, threatened to arrest a Voice of OC reporter who identified himself as a journalist and was filming the interaction from about 20 feet away. Taylor ordered the reporter to leave the public meeting chambers and the reporter ultimately complied. Later Taylor said the criminal charge would have been trespassing.

Eventually, Aly left the building after, he said, the officers threatened to use an electric-shock Taser weapon on him.



Aly exits the supervisors' meeting room. (Photo by Nick Gerda/Voice of OC)

"They told me that if I did not cooperate then they would use a Taser" and that it would be "painful," Aly later told Voice of OC. "So I cooperated."

The meeting resumed about 30 minutes after the recess began. Supervisors did not discuss the homeless children issue.

Taylor, who serves as the sergeant-at-arms for supervisors' meetings, declined to comment on Aly's statement that officers threatened him with Taser.

The sheriff's department's lead spokesman, Lt. Lane Lagaret later said Taylor didn't directly threaten to use a Taser. Instead, he said, Taylor told Aly, "I wouldn't want to have to tase you," or "I wouldn't want to have to use the Taser," or "I don't want to have to use a Taser."

Aly's protest came amid an ongoing battle over public comments and homelessness at county supervisors' meetings.

Activists say supervisors need to create more housing for the homeless, which a new UC Irvine study says would save the public \$42 million per year.

Aly was one of more than a dozen members of the public to speak about homelessness Tuesday. All either were critical of the supervisors or called on them to do more to help the homeless.

Supervisor Todd Spitzer suggested the board hold a special meeting devoted to homelessness where the public could have more time to comment specifically on the issue, and voice frustrations.

"It's our job to create a safe environment where people can come and be upset," Spitzer said.

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) also has threatened to sue supervisors over several of the their public speaking policies, including the ban on addressing supervisors by name.

Controversy erupted again at the end of Tuesday's meeting in response to comments by Darrell Nolta, a frequent speaker who said the board has restricted the public to less and less time to speak at meetings over the years.

"Members of this board – some of you are foreigners – are un-American. You do not believe in the constitution. You don't know what the constitution stands for. You profess that you know. But you do not know. You do not have it in your heart what the material stands for, the substance, the meaning of what is in this document," Nolta said, waving a paper pamphlet.

He said Aly was a "very courageous individual" for speaking as he did at the meeting. "You individuals are just talkers" who only do something "when there is bad press. People of Orange County need to vote you people out," he told the supervisors.

His comments drew a strong reaction at the end of the meeting from four of the five supervisors.

Supervisor Andrew Do was born in Vietnam and Steel in South Korea. The other three were born in the U.S.

“We have people now who directly confront individual supervisors by name, who now have gone beyond the realm of acceptable conduct, of acceptable civility in civilized society, to cast personal aspersions on people,” said Do.

“I have my right to not be verbally assaulted. I have my right to have my dignity be respected. I did not surrender those rights when I ran for office,” he continued.

“The next time somebody says something like that, I’m going to ask the chair to hold that person out of order, and I’m going to ask county counsel to look into what is it that we can do in the future to prevent things like that from happening.”

Referring to a commenter at a prior meeting, Steel said she’s “upset that somebody came here that [said] we don’t understand the freedom of speech and we...eat dogs and cats.”

“I never ate dogs and cats. And [I] was very offended by those people, the public speakers. And I really want them to do something about it, and I’m asking County Counsel...what [do] we have to do to prepare or how we are gonna to stop them.”

Bartlett said “personal attacks” against supervisors by members of the public should stop.

“You know the First Amendment rights are important, but there should be a level of, of respect and common courtesy and a proper decorum. And we shouldn’t have personal attacks coming at us on the dais,” Bartlett said.

But Supervisor Todd Spitzer said although he viewed Nolta’s comments as “completely out of line,” it’s part of the supervisors’ job to hear offensive speech from angry constituents.

“We got elected to put up with this,” said Spitzer, who noted the First Amendment gives “wide latitude” for the public to criticize elected officials.

“It is the arena, and if you don’t think you’re going to get bloody and dirty, then you’re probably in the wrong arena,” Spitzer told his colleagues.

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LA County leaders skip vote on funding legal defense fund for undocumented immigrants

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A proposal to transfer \$1 million of Los Angeles County money into a [legal defense fund](#) to help illegal immigrants and others threatened with deportation was pulled from a vote Tuesday so members of the Board of Supervisors could examine concerns raised within the motion.

The legal defense fund was proposed in December by members of the Los Angeles City Council and the Board of Supervisors in response to President Donald Trump's pre-election remarks about deporting people who live in the country illegally. Los Angeles city and county leaders unveiled plans to contribute \$5 million to the proposed \$10

million fund, with local nonprofit organizations providing the rest.

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But questions were raised as to who would benefit from the fund, including people who may have criminal records. Supervisor Hilda Solis, who co-authored the motion with Supervisor Janice Hahn, said before Tuesday's meeting that the item was sent back until there was more of a consensus among county leaders.

Outside the Hall of Administration, several members of the California Coalition for Universal Representation, which includes members from the American Civil Liberties Union, opposed Solis and Hahn's motion because they said it does not provide legal support for immigrants with criminal histories. Dozens of people spoke during the board meeting, calling for universal representation.

"The coalition believes that everyone caught up in the deportation system – even those convicted of serious crimes – deserves legal representation," according to a statement from the group.

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Supervisor Kathryn Barger, who has voted against her colleagues on various immigration proposals that challenge federal law, said that even when the motion is brought back, she would oppose it

"I'm sympathetic," she said of those law abiding people who are in the country illegally, but added that local governments need to focus efforts on pressing federal leaders on immigration reform.

The need for a legal defense fund was deemed urgent by a majority of the supervisors after Trump signed an executive order in his first week as president to step up deportations. His order cast a wider net over all immigrants, they wrote in the original motion. Those include people who are reportedly legal residents, pose no threat to public safety and are protected from deportation under the federal Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, Solis and Hahn said in their original motion.

But while that motion was held for a later date, two other proposals were voted on, including setting up a membership structure and selection process for the newly formed Immigrant Protection and Advancement Task Force. That motion was approved on a 4 to 1 vote, with Barger opposing it. The other motion was to ask the county staff to examine what kind of policy can be drafted that can limit federal investigation and enforcement around schools, courthouses and hospitals.

In that motion, Solis and Supervisor Sheila Kuehl noted that national media has focused on the pending deportation case of Rómulo Avelica-González, detained in February by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents while driving his two daughters to their Lincoln Heights school.

They said such reports have raised concerns in immigrant communities about enforcement occurring near schools, health care clinics, courthouses and “other sensitive locations.” The result, they said, could be fewer people getting medical care, school programs or reporting crimes to sheriff’s stations.

The Board approved the motion on a 4 to 1 vote, with Barger casting the dissenting vote.

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Police departments say they don't enforce immigration laws. But their manuals say something different



Protesters outside the Hall of Justice in downtown Los Angeles demonstrating last month against the use of state police resources for federal immigration enforcement and deportation. (Mark Ralston / AFP/Getty Images)



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Like many law enforcement agencies across California, police in the desert town of Blythe say officers don't enforce federal immigration policies.

But the department's police manual seems to suggest something different, [offering officers guidance](#) on how to stop people suspected of illegally entering the U.S., a misdemeanor under federal law.

Blythe's policy says that "a lack of English proficiency may be considered" as a possible criterion for police to stop someone suspected of illegal entry into the country, though the policy goes on to say that "it should not be the sole factor in establishing reasonable suspicion."

The department is one of at least 11 in California that uses blanket police manuals from Lexipol, an Irvine company that drafts policies for law enforcement agencies.

Civil rights activists are now raising concerns about the manuals, saying they encourage immigration enforcement at a time when many local police agencies are trying to build trust with immigrant communities fearful over President Trump's calls for more deportations. The American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California sent a five-page letter to Lexipol on Wednesday morning, calling on the company to modify the policy.

"By suggesting that officers may systematically consider characteristics widely shared by Californians to arrive at reasonable suspicion of a crime, the policy encourages profiling and illegal detentions, and runs afoul of the Fourth Amendment," the letter reads.

Adrienna Wong, an ACLU staff attorney, said her office began researching the issue after receiving reports that some police agencies in the Inland Empire were turning over suspects to immigration enforcement agents without receiving warrants or detainer requests from federal authorities. ACLU officials said they identified nearly a dozen agencies using the Lexipol policy by submitting public records requests to various departments for their policies.

In addition to Blythe, police in Azusa, Brisbane, Culver City, Fontana, Fremont, Irwindale, Laguna Beach, Murrieta, Rialto and Walnut Creek all purchased the policy, according to the ACLU.

Police officials in Blythe, Brisbane, Culver City, Rialto and Walnut Creek told The Times they do not actively engage in immigration enforcement. Culver City declared itself a "sanctuary city" last month, and Rialto's police chief said this week that he would consider revising the policy.

Police in Azusa, Fontana, Irwindale, Laguna Beach and Murrieta did not respond to requests for comment.

Ken Wallentine, a senior legal advisor with Lexipol, said the group's policies are guidelines for local police chiefs, who should consider their local demographics and circumstances before turning those policies into practice.

He said the addition of a "lack of English proficiency" as a criterion for a stop might carry more weight in, say, Minnesota than Southern California.

"It just depends on the individual circumstances. That's why we say lack of English proficiency is only one factor. The very fact that we emphasize that in policy is a pretty loud pronouncement of caution," said Wallentine, who is also a special agent for the Utah attorney general's office.

A Lexipol spokeswoman would not say how many departments in California use the company's policies. Nationwide, roughly 3,000 police agencies have purchased some form of policy from Lexipol.

The ACLU's report comes at a time when law enforcement officials in California and around the country are growing concerned that increased immigration enforcement will deter some people in the country illegally from cooperating with local police, reporting crimes or stepping forward to serve as witnesses at trial.

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— Jennie Pasquarella, director of the ACLU's Immigrants' Rights project in Southern California

Prosecutors in several states said ICE's practice of making arrests in courthouses will have a “chilling effect” on crime reporting. Last month, Los Angeles police said the number of sexual assaults and domestic violence incidents reported by Latinos had plummeted in the city since the beginning of the year.

Jennie Pasquarella, the director of the ACLU's Immigrants' Rights project in Southern California, said continued use of Lexipol's policy would only deepen the divide between police and the immigrant community.

“It worries me that all these agencies have these policies on the books,” she said. “If they're not enforcing it, that's good, but they shouldn't have this policy on the books to begin with.”

The Lexipol policy adopted by Blythe tells officers that “all individuals, regardless of their immigration status, must feel secure that contacting or being addressed by members of law enforcement will not automatically lead to immigration inquiry and/or deportation.” It then explains that officers “may detain an individual when there are facts supporting a reasonable suspicion that the individual entered in the United States in violation of a federal criminal law.”

In a statement, Blythe police said they do not take part in immigration enforcement, but said they believed Lexipol's policies “represent best industry practices.”

Culver City Police Lt. Troy Dunlap, who heads the department's community relations bureau, said the immigration policy was part of a comprehensive package of policies purchased from Lexipol. His department has steadfastly refused to take part in immigration enforcement, he said.

“I would say the purpose of us stopping someone would not be for immigration enforcement. The only time immigration would come into play is if they came to our jail and they were booked,” he said. “Specifically stopping someone and asking about immigration status is not our practice.”

Rialto Police Chief Randy De Anda said he was concerned about the possibility that crime victims might decide against contacting police, even though his agency does not engage in immigration enforcement.

“I think it’s a concern across the state for a lot of police chiefs and sheriffs,” he said. “Hopefully, moving forward, we’re able to put those communities at ease because obviously we cannot do our jobs to the fullest if we don’t have the cooperation of witnesses or victims.”

Other departments have modified their policies to remove sections the ACLU had criticized. A Fremont police spokesman said the department had deleted the section that allowed officers to consider a “lack of English proficiency” as a criterion for stopping a person suspected of illegal entry.

In the Northern California city of Brisbane, police said they do not stop people to question their immigration status, but Cmdr. Robert Meisner defended the decision to nonetheless employ Lexipol’s policy.

“The policy is to give guidance to officers on where we stand and what they’re allowed and should be doing or not doing,” he said. “But we’re sensitive to the issues. ... We need to maintain trust in the community.”

Meisner said all municipal police departments in San Mateo County have purchased general policies from Lexipol, and ACLU officials said they are concerned the policy could be employed by many more agencies in California. Pasquarella said ACLU officials in Minnesota have also been wrestling with similar police policies provided by Lexipol.

“It’s not a good idea to have local law enforcement engaged in the work of immigration enforcement, both because it’s not their job, and it undermines community trust in police,” Wong said. “Calling on local law enforcement to engage in immigration enforcement results... in racial profiling and disparate scrutiny placed on communities of color.”

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OPINION

The public's growing fear and loathing of government



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In this Oct. 22, 2013 file photo, Bay Area Rapid Transit passengers wait for a BART train to depart the Fruitvale station in Oakland.

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“Where the people fear the government you have tyranny. Where the government fears the people you have liberty.” — John Basil Barnhill (1914)

The American public's growing mistrust and disdain for political leaders and institutions has been a long-term trend, spanning decades, though it seems to have deteriorated even faster over the past 10 or 15 years. Trust in political leaders has fallen more than 20 points — from 63 percent to 42 percent — just since 2004, Gallup polls show. And, while Congress has never been hugely popular, confidence in the legislative body has plunged from 40 percent or more during the 1970s to mere single digits today.

Americans also have a great deal of fear of government, which is perfectly rational and understandable, given how much power it has over our daily lives. Their biggest fear is good, old-fashioned government corruption, according to Chapman University's 2016 Survey of American Fears. "Corrupt government officials" topped the list of fears, with more than 60 percent reporting that it made them "Afraid" or "Very Afraid," higher even than terrorism, not having enough money for the future and loved ones dying or becoming seriously ill.

Perhaps government corruption is such a common fear because citizens have seen it so frequently. Sometimes it is "merely" unethical, and not illegal, behavior, such as when state and local government agencies in the California Public Employees' Retirement System went on a hiring binge during the final week of 2012, just prior to the January 1, 2013, implementation of the state's pension reforms that reduced benefits and increased pension contributions for newly hired workers. Agencies hired three times as many employees that week as they did, on average, in recent years prior, including more than 200 employees who started work on New Year's Eve.

Citizens' ire is also raised by outright lies and deception on the part of government officials. Consider the San Diego Association of Governments, which pushed an \$18 billion sales tax increase on the November ballot in order to raise money for transportation projects. The problem was that the revenue estimate was based on taxable sales growth projections that were nearly twice the historical rate. To make matters worse, the agency discovered the error a year before the vote, and several months before the measure was finalized, yet hid it from voters. This allowed SANDAG to inflate the list of promised projects, and essentially bribe more voters into supporting Measure A. Fortunately, many San Diego voters felt burned by previous transportation taxes, and the measure failed.

Bay Area residents were not so lucky. Less than three months after the passage of a \$3.5 billion BART bond promised for capital projects, transit officials put forth a plan to use bond funds to divert money to cover unsustainable salary and pension costs. Future fare increases approved based on similar assurances will also likely be used to pad sweetheart union contracts.

And don't even get me started on stories like the BART janitor who made more than \$270,000 in salaries and benefits in a year, racking up massive amounts of overtime, despite the fact that security cameras caught him disappearing into a storage closet for hours a day, or how, due to union rules, BART staffed its Warm Springs station for six months before the station even opened.

Even these outrages pale in comparison to the horror faced by Deanna Fogarty-Hardwick, whose two daughters, aged 6 and 9 at the time, were taken from her for six and a half years by Orange County after two social workers filed false reports and withheld evidence that would have exonerated her.

Such bad behavior is certainly not limited to the public sector, of course. The difference is that, in the private sector, competition provides much stronger incentives to hold bad actors accountable, and to make aggrieved parties whole again. Lying to customers is bad business — which has serious repercussions. And, however much power you may think the capitalist magnates may have, Apple CEO Tim Cook cannot force you to buy an iPhone (unlike, say, government mandates to purchase health insurance). George Soros and the Koch Brothers cannot lock you in prison or take away your children for behaving a certain way — or merely claiming that you behaved in a manner of which they disapprove.

No wonder so many Americans fear and loathe government. Now, if only they would throw off those chains and work to reduce its size and scope.

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