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Explore the amazing wine from our cellar with 15% off all 750ml bottles and an opportunity to uncover something new.

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# Effort begun to repeal P.G. council raise

By KELLY NIX

A GROUP of residents opposed to the Pacific Grove City Council’s decision last week to give itself an immediate 130 percent pay raise is hoping to overturn the idea by putting it to a vote of the people.

The council on May 21 passed an ordinance to increase their monthly pay from \$420 to \$966, and from \$700 to \$1,610 for the mayor. Councilmembers Lori McDonnell and Paul Walkingstick voted against the pay hike.

In response, a group calling itself Transparent Pacific Grove filed referendum paperwork with the city clerk May 23. Former city councilman Luke Coletti filed the documents for the group.

Referendum organizers have a tight deadline. City attorney Brian Pierik — who recommended the city council give itself the raise — has 10 business days to approve the group’s referendum summary. Once that’s been done, Transparent Pacific Grove has 30 days to collect about 1,000 signatures from registered voters.

### Can’t afford it?

If the group is successful in getting them, the city council has the option of putting the referendum on the ballot or repealing the pay raise.

Most of the 20 or so P.G. residents who commented on the raise at a May 7 meeting were opposed to it, though several residents wrote letters supporting the idea.

Transparent Pacific Grove’s message to

the council and voters is that the city can’t afford the pay raise and possible medical benefits, which the council is also considering giving itself. City council positions are part time.

During an April 16 meeting, city finance director Fred Marsh told the council that Pacific Grove is facing a \$55 million unfunded pension liability, a 30 percent

increase in liability insurance, and a projected deficit over the next several years.

“Councilmember Tina Rau emphasized the need to prepare for upcoming economic headwinds,” Transparent Pacific Grove said in a press release. “Councilmember Cynthia Garfield acknowledged that Pacific Grove and Carmel have some of the worst pension

liabilities in the region.”

Despite their budget concerns, three weeks later, the city council, including Rau and Garfield, voted to increase councilmembers’ pay.

While the raise will cost P.G. taxpayers an extra \$50,232 annually, if the councilmembers also give themselves healthcare coverage, the total cost could be about \$93,000. That figure would increase to more than \$179,000 with family healthcare coverage, Transparent Pacific Grove maintains.

Taxpayers would also be on the hook for pension costs, which councilmembers are entitled to receive.

“Increasing their salary increases the potential pension benefit,” the group said.

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20250967  
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **STUDIO DEMARIA**, 8750 Carmel Valley Rd., Carmel, CA 93923.  
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.  
Registered Owner(s): JUSTIN DEMARIA, P.O. Box 22192. Carmel, CA 93922.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on May 1, 2025.  
**BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT.** A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).  
S/Justin Demaria  
Date signed: May 23, 2025  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on May 23, 2025.  
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).  
Publication Dates: May 30, June 6, 13, 20, 2025 (PC 578)

### SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
Case No. 25CV002710  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, MARITESS TORREBLANCA WICKLIFF, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
**A. Present name:** MARITESS TORREBLANCA WICKLIFF  
**Proposed name:** MARITESS TORREBLANCA  
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.  
**NOTICE OF HEARING:**  
DATE: July 15, 2025  
TIME: 10:00 a.m.  
DEPT: 15  
The address of the court is 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.  
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Carmel Pine Cone.  
(s) Thomas W. Wills  
Judge of the Superior Court  
Date filed: May 23, 2025  
Publication Dates: May 30, June 6, 13, 20, 2025. (PC 580)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 20250905  
Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ADVOCATES OF THE UN-**

**DERGROWTH, 160 18th Street, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.**  
County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.  
Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: **ADVOCATES OF THE UNDERGROWTH LLC.**  
State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA  
This business is conducted by a limited liability company.  
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on May 13, 2025.  
**BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT.** A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). *I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).*  
S/Bryan Sands, CEO  
Date: May 13, 2025  
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Publication Dates: May 30, June 6, 13, 20, 2025. (PC 581)

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO LEVY AND COLLECT ANNUAL CARMEL VALLEY RECREATION AND PARK MAINTENANCE DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-26

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on June 11, 2025, at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard, the Board of Directors of the Carmel Valley Recreation and Park District will hold a Public Hearing to consider levying and ordering the collection of the assessments for the Carmel Valley Recreation and Park Maintenance District for Fiscal Year 2025-26. The Board will accept public comments and questions, and consider ordering the maintenance of improvements, confirming diagrams and assessments and the levying and collection of assessments.

This hearing will be held at 29 Ford Road, Carmel Valley, California, 93924.

A Resolution of Intention to Levy and Collect Assessments for the above referenced Park Maintenance Assessment District was approved by the Board of Directors of the Carmel Valley Recreation and Park District on May 14, 2025, by Resolution No. 2025-02. The Fiscal Year 2025-26 assessments shall be levied and increased by 2.76% over that which was levied in the prior fiscal year.

Information regarding the Engineer’s Report for the Park Maintenance Assessment District may be obtained from the Carmel Valley Recreation and Park District by calling (831) 659-7275. The Engineer’s Report may be viewed on the Carmel Valley Recreation and Park District’s website at [cvrpd.specialdistrict.org](http://cvrpd.specialdistrict.org).

Any interested person may file a written protest with the Board of Directors prior to the conclusion of the Public Hearing, or having previously filed a protest may file a written withdrawal of that protest. A written protest shall state all grounds of objection, and a protest by a property owner shall contain a description sufficient to identify the property owned by such property owner. At the Public Hearing all interested persons shall be afforded the opportunity to hear and be heard. The address to file a written protest is P.O. Box 334, Carmel Valley, CA 93924.

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# Worship

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PACIFIC GROVE ~ PEBBLE BEACH ~ SEASIDE

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*where it all began*

## CARMEL MISSION BASILICA

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS  
5:30 p.m.

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9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

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[www.carmelmission.org](http://www.carmelmission.org)

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Open and Affirming  
WORSHIP 11 A.M. SUNDAYS

Sermon title:

**'JESUS GIVES US A NEW VISION  
OF GOD AND GOD'S KINGDOM'**

Pastor Paul Wrightman

4590 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel CA 93923  
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## St. Anselm's Anglican Church

SCRIPTURE-BASED WORSHIP  
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Worship Every  
Sunday 9:30 am

Meeting at:  
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1116 Funston Avenue | Pacific Grove, CA 93950  
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Multi-Denominational

Sundays 9:45 am

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## All Saints' Episcopal Church



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SW Corner of Dolores & 9th  
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Centering Prayer - Thursdays at 5:30 p.m.  
(In-Person and Online)

831.624.3883

[info@allsaintscarmel.org](mailto:info@allsaintscarmel.org)



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9:30am

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11:00am

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### Chapels & Services:

1 Skyline Forest Drive, Monterey

- 10 a.m.
- 12:30 p.m. (Single adults)

1024 Noche Buena St., Seaside

- 10:30 a.m.
- 1 pm (Tongan)

### QUESTIONS?

(408) 708-8800

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[Anne@carmelpinecone.com](mailto:Anne@carmelpinecone.com)  
to be included in this directory

## Pancakes with police

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE CARMEL Police Department is hosting a free pancake breakfast at the Carmel Youth Center May 31 from 9 to 11 a.m., when officers, dispatchers and volunteers will be available for casual conversations with locals over a tasty meal.

“The pancake breakfast is a ‘no-agenda’ community gathering for Carmel,” new CPD Cmdr. Todd Trayer said. “It’s my goal to build more trust between the community and officers. I already see it happening. This is one important step.”

Trayer said he expects to make brief introductions of any public officials who attend and will have members of the police department seated at each table to chat with guests about whatever subjects they want.

“This builds real trust and legitimacy,” he said, and “gives people a voice on things that are on their minds, good and bad, and lets us know what we can do to make it better.”

In addition to pancakes, breakfast will include eggs, bacon, coffee and juice. It’s all free, but Trayer is asking people to RSVP at [tinyurl.com/4peudujb](http://tinyurl.com/4peudujb). The youth center is located on Fourth Avenue at Torres Street next to the police department.

## COUNCIL

*From page 18A*

“Both Mayor Nick Smith and Councilmember Chaps Poduri are enrolled in the city’s pension program.”

### ‘More diverse’

While state law also allows voters to decide how much city council members should be paid, P.G. city attorney Brian Pierik — who recommended the raise — did not include the information in his report to the council, something the group notes.

It also took issue with the council’s decision to give itself an immediate pay increase instead of following state law, which calls for pay hikes to take effect after the next election.

“The mayor and council used our charter city status to bypass this state law in order to give themselves an immediate 130 percent salary increase,” the group said.

However, the council hasn’t had a raise in more than 25 years, and Smith, some of the council members and others contend the increase was reasonable and not as high as other cities, including Marina and Monterey.

A pay hike would also make the council more “diverse,” others have suggested, by allowing lower-income citizens to run for office.

Being a council member, Poduri argued earlier this month, involves a lot of work, and he noted that he sometimes spends many hours in meetings.

Besides Smith and Poduri, councilmembers Joe Amelio, Cynthia Garfield and Tina Rau voted to increase their pay.

## AGENDA

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among them an ambulance, a loader and two EV trucks for public works, two patrol cars and a forestry bucket truck.

“As part of the staff presentation on June 3, council will receive the same list of CIP projects, with a handful of them highlighted” for potential cuts, if desired, according to the staff report.

Councilmembers will revisit the recently released fire hazard severity zone map, which must be adopted by early July, and consider an ordinance amending the Carmel Municipal Code to incorporate it, and will then vote on the introduction of paid parental leave for employees. That ordinance would provide up to six weeks of paid leave per year for the birth, adoption or foster placement of a child.

Finally, the council will be asked to OK a 4.19 percent rate increase sought by GreenWaste. Since the company replaced Waste Management as the city’s trash hauler a decade ago, residential customers have seen their rates nearly double, from about \$80 per period to around \$145.

Each meeting will be held in person in city hall on Monte Verde south of Ocean and online via Zoom with a 4:30 p.m. start time. For more information, including full agenda packets, visit [ci.carmel.ca.us](http://ci.carmel.ca.us).

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