

Evictions of Garden Grove Small Businesses by V8 Investments, LLC

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Tue, May 26, 2020 02:57 PM

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Hello,

Please see the attached letter from The Kennedy Commission and confirm receipt. Thank you

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 **5.26 Evictions of Garden Grove Small Businesses by V8 Investments, LLC.pdf**
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May 26, 2020

Mayor Jones and City Councilmembers
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Re: Evictions of Garden Grove Small Businesses by V8 Investments, LLC

Dear Members of the Council,

The Kennedy Commission is a broad based coalition of residents and community organizations that advocates for the production of homes affordable for families earning less than \$20,000 annually in Orange County. Formed in 2001, the Commission has been successful in partnering and working with jurisdictions in Orange County to create effective policies that has led to the new construction of homes affordable to lower income working families.

When you considered amendments to your 2015-2020 Consolidated Plan to access emergency funding you prioritized Economic Development. On April 28, 2020 you voted to expand the city's existing Small Business Assistance Loan (SBA) Program and implementation of the Jobs 1st Program. Today we ask that you that you continue to prioritize Economic Development and Garden Grove small businesses by passing an enforceable ordinance that bans evictions for the next six months. The current resolution expires on May 31st. In five days, residents and workers will be without protection if action is not taken by the city to enact strong legal protections.

We urge you to agendize this issue and protect Vietnamese refugees and immigrants who are small business owners and workers who were evicted during COVID-19 by V8 Investments, LLC in Garden Grove. During a pandemic, immigrant-owned small businesses and residents should not have to face unjust evictions of any kind. You can take immediate action to protect the businesses and residents by:

1. Immediately halting the eviction by V8 Investments, LLC and ensure that the businesses can return safely to the lot.
2. Enacting an ordinance to protect Garden Grove residents and businesses from evictions for 6 months and expanding those protections to renters of self-storage facilities.
3. Monitoring and ensuring that V8 Investments, LLC abides by the moratorium on evictions

Thank you for your consideration of these critical elements of the City's response to COVID-19. We urge you to include the recommendations listed above. Your current resolution ends in five days. Your actions can address urgent, growing concerns about economic development and the fate of Garden Grove residents. Please take action now.

If you have any questions please contact Cesar Covarrubias at cesarc@kennedycommission.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cesar", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Cesar Covarrubias
Executive Director

Please include 14 attachments for NICHOLAS DIBS Public Comment submission regarding 05-26-2020 City Council meeting, Thank you!

From : Nick Dibs <nickdibs1@gmail.com>

Tue, May 26, 2020 06:01 PM

Subject : Please include 14 attachments for NICHOLAS DIBS Public Comment submission regarding 05-26-2020 City Council meeting, Thank you!

 14 attachments

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May 26, 2020

Dear City Clerk,

Regarding the importance of fostering good wellness and mental health, please include these 14 attachments to be included on the City's webpage as my written Public Comment submission for tonight's 05-26-2020 City Council meeting. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Nicholas Dibs, Teacher and
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Blessed are the peacemakers - from Nicholas Dibs for CLASS OF 2020 Graduates! read at Garden Grove City Council meeting 05-26-2020.pdf
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"BEYOND VIETNAM: A Time To Break Silence" - Martin Luther King Jr.
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The King We Would Rather Forget

By JOHN MARCIANO - January 15th, 2019 - Ashland Daily Tidings Guest Opinion
www.dailytidings.com

On November 9th, 1967, Dr. King gave the Annual Convocation address of the Graduate Student Association (GSA) at SUNY Buffalo. On behalf of the GSA, I was co-organizer of the event and his driver that evening. This speech was seven months after his historic "Beyond Vietnam" oration at New York's Riverside Church in which he condemned that war. That evening, we discussed the harsh attacks he received for his opposition. King calmly and patiently explained that he opposed the Vietnam conflict because conscience demanded it; he resolutely stayed the course until his assassination five months later.

"BEYOND VIETNAM" is perhaps his greatest speech, although unknown to most Americans compared with his "I Have a Dream" oration at the August 1963 March for Freedom and Jobs in Washington. Those who have heard or watched King's magnificent oration that day are deeply moved, but to this day little is known about the pre-march "apprehension [and] dread" of the corporate media and political establishment. President Kennedy ordered 4,000 troops to be "assembled in the suburbs, backed by 15,000 paratroopers" of the 82nd Airborne Division in North Carolina; his aide was ready "to cut the power to the public-address system if rally speeches proved incendiary"; Washington banned all alcohol sales for the first time since Prohibition; and hospitals prepared "for riot casualties." The event was a huge success: it drew a record crowd of some 250,000 people in a marvelous and peaceful show of support for justice (Taylor Branch, "Pillar of Fire: America in the King Years 1954-63").

Four years later, King articulated powerful truths about the War in Vietnam and this nation. He laid his firm opposition to the war squarely on the shoulders of the U.S. government — that had denied the Vietnamese their right to independence, aided brutal French colonialism there, created and supported Diem's dictatorship in South Vietnam, and violated the 1954 Geneva Agreement.

King denounced the U.S. as "the greatest purveyor of violence in the world today," and saw the war as "a symptom of a far deeper malady within the American spirit." Later that spring, he asserted that "the evils of racism, economic exploitation and militarism are all tied together": we could not "get rid of one without getting rid of the others [and] the whole structure of American life must be changed." He stated that the injustice of the conflict was inextricably linked to the African American struggle for civil rights. The war was an enemy of poor

people because it diverted money that could be used to mitigate the effects of poverty. And the poor, especially the African American poor, were being killed or maimed in higher proportions than their representation in the U.S. population (Southern Christian Leadership Conference Report, 1967).

King's speech elicited vicious attacks by the political and corporate media establishment, and civil rights leaders. *Life Magazine* stated, "Much of his speech was a demagogic slander that sounded like a script for Radio Hanoi." The *New York Times* called his effort to link civil rights and opposition to the war a "disservice to both. The moral issues in Vietnam are less clear-cut than he suggests." It concluded that there were "no simple or easy answers to the war in Vietnam or to racial injustice in this country." The *Washington Post* claimed that some of his assertions were "sheer inventions of unsupported fantasy"; that King had "diminished his usefulness to his cause, to his country and to his people." The corporate media and political condemnation of King accurately reflected public sentiment; a Harris poll taken in May 1967 revealed that 73 percent of Americans opposed his antiwar position, including 50 percent of African Americans.

If we wish to pay tribute to Dr. King, we should read (or reread) his "Beyond Vietnam" speech, and abandon the myths about him and the movement for justice and peace to which he dedicated his life. We do a grave injustice to his legacy and that struggle by revising the actual history of the era, and by failing to fully understand and confront the economic exploitation, militarism, and racism that he condemned — which continue to poison this nation.

John Marciano presently lives in Talent, Oregon, after residing in Santa Monica for several years. He is a long-time activist in the antiwar, social justice, and trade union movements.

He is Professor Emeritus at the State University of New York at Cortland, and has written a number of books on American foreign policy and Education, including **Lessons of the Vietnam War** with William L. Griffen, 1979; **Civic Illiteracy and Education**, 1997; **The American War in Vietnam: Crime or Commemoration?** 2016; and **The Russians are Coming, Again: The First Cold War as Tragedy, the Second as Farce** (with Jeremy Kuzmarov, 2018)

From 2004 through 2008, he taught community courses for adults in Santa Monica, CA on Howard Zinn's *A People's History of the United States*, and *Empire as a Way of Life*, based on the work of historian William Appleman Williams.

From 1991 through 1996, he was chair of the Tompkins County (Ithaca NY) Human Rights Commission. He is a member of United University Professions (UUP) of the American Federation of Teachers (AFT), Local 2190, and was a founding member, Central New York Chapter, Labor Party, 1996.

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Proclamation

Mental Health Awareness Month

WHEREAS, Mental health is essential to everyone's overall health and well-being;

WHEREAS, All Americans experience times of difficulty and stress in their lives;

WHEREAS, Prevention is an effective way to reduce the burden of mental health conditions;

WHEREAS, There is strong research that diet, exercise, sleep and stress management can help all Americans protect their health and well-being;

WHEREAS, Mental health conditions are real and prevalent in our nation and with effective treatment, those individuals with mental health conditions can recover and lead full, productive lives;

WHEREAS, Each business, school, government agency, healthcare provider, organization and citizen shares the burden of mental health problems and has a responsibility to promote mental wellness and support prevention efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the month of May 2020 is "**Mental Health Awareness Month**" in the City of Garden Grove, and in doing so we recognize the need to raise awareness and to promote services for integrated mental health and wellness solutions for children, youth and families.

May 26, 2020

THIRD READING

Bill No: SCR 73
Author: Pan (D)
Introduced: 8/21/19
Vote: 21

SUBJECT: Blue Light Awareness Week

SOURCE: Eyesafe

DIGEST: This resolution designates October 10 of each year as Blue Light Awareness Day in California.

ANALYSIS: This resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) There are over 80 million electronic devices with digital screens in California.
- 2) Screen time viewing with electronic devices exceeds over nine hours per day.
- 3) The increased usage of, and access to, digital devices by young children and adolescents is an acute area of concern, as ophthalmologists, optometrists, and medical researchers continue to learn more about the short-term effects of increasing and cumulative exposure to artificial blue light on the developing human eye and mental health at a young age, along with long-term potential cumulative effects on adult eye health and mental development.
- 4) The scientific community and recent studies have identified growing concerns over potential long-term eye and health impacts for all age groups from digital screen usage and cumulative blue light exposure emitted from digital devices.
- 5) Blue light has been reported to cause visual discomfort in 65% of Americans.
- 6) Blue light has been associated with possible harmful effects on retinal cell physiology linked to the high-energy, short wavelength in the narrow range of 415-455 nanometers.
- 7) Cumulative blue light exposure from digital devices has been shown to disrupt sleep cycles by suppressing the natural release of melatonin and has also been

linked to premature aging of the retina, which could accelerate potential long-term vision problems such as age-related macular degeneration, decreased alertness, and memory and emotional regulation impacts.

- 8) Screen time can take a toll on vision health and comfort, leading to symptoms of digital eye strain and dry, irritated eyes.
- 9) Given the growing body of research around the breadth and scope of potential eye and systemic health impacts related to blue light exposure, the State of California encourages citizens, particularly children, to consider taking protective safety measures in reducing eye exposure to high-energy visible blue light.

This resolution designates October 10 of each year as Blue Light Awareness Day in California.

FISCAL EFFECT: Appropriation: No Fiscal Com.: No Local: No

SUPPORT: (Verified 8/26/19)

Eyesafe (source)

OPPOSITION: (Verified 8/26/19)

None received

ARGUMENTS IN SUPPORT: The author states, “For most of human history, the sun has been mankind’s primary source of light and nights were passed in relative darkness. The recent proliferation of mobile devices and other LED screens has completely changed the levels of exposure to a part of the light spectrum commonly referred to as “blue light. ” This increase is particularly pronounced in the evening hours. Blue wavelength light is considered by leading medical and academic researchers to have detrimental effects on ones’ circadian rhythm, potentially leading to decreased sleep time and quality of sleep, ocular strain, as well as possibly other negative health effects. Blue light is thought to decrease the body’s natural production of melatonin, an important hormone that influences the circadian rhythm, as well as speeding up the macular degeneration that occurs as we age. Increased public awareness, understanding of and attention to the potential impacts of blue light particularly on children is important.

“SCR 73 calls attention to and promotes awareness of the potential harm of excessive blue light exposure and encourages Californians to consider taking

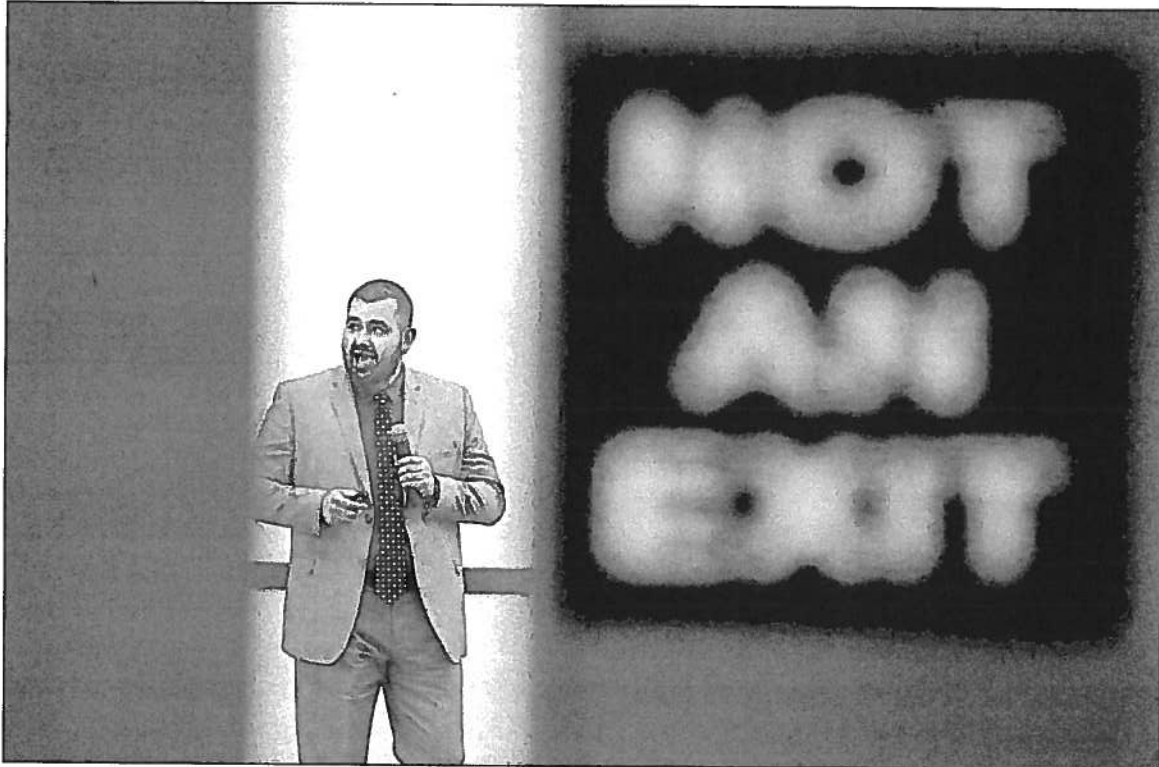
appropriate protective safety measures in reducing their unprotected exposure to blue light.”

Prepared by: Melissa Ward / SFA / (916) 651-1520
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CALIFORNIA

1 IN 5 HIGH SCHOOLERS CONTEMPLATES SUICIDE



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Jose A. Gonzalez, clinical supervisor of the Ontario-Montclair School District's Family & Collaborative Services, speaks during a suicide prevention workshop for parents and students at Hill Auditorium in Ontario earlier this month.

Data: Keeping on top of students' mental health allows districts to offer help to desperate kids

By Beau Yarbrough
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@LBY3 on Twitter

About one in five California students surveyed by their school districts have thought about killing themselves, according to a new analysis by the Southern California News Group.

But not every school district asks students about whether they're considering suicide, including two Southern California districts where students have killed themselves in recent years. Districts that obtain the information, however, and then act on it, report a reduction in suicide ideation rates.

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"What happens in the classroom and on the playground matters."

— Avi Astor, a professor of social work at USC



Parents and children listen during a suicide prevention workshop for parents and students hosted by Chaffey Joint Union High School District and Ontario-Montclair School District.

Inside: Mental health and suicide prevention resources. PAGE 8

Success stories: Schools engage with youths who consider taking their own lives

By Beau Yarbrough
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It takes a village to lower the number of young people who think about killing themselves, according to educators whose school districts have dramatically reduced suicide ideation rates among their student populations.

In four such school districts in Southern California, the number of students who contemplated suicide fell dramatically when the districts partnered with local government agencies and nonprofits to educate students, their teachers and others on campuses about warning signs and how to help those in crisis.

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"Suicide is the second leading cause of death for middle and high school students," - Frank Wurrell, a professor at UC Berkeley's Graduate School of Education and an expert in at-risk youth



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Data

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on the playground matters," said Avi Astor, a professor of social work at USC. "How students are treated between themselves and by teachers, it matters. A lot of times it has to do with how they feel in the class or how the students or teachers react to them."

Astor co-authored a study published last year in the *Journal of Pediatratics* examining data from the California School Climate, Health, and Learning Surveys, which are given to about 70% of students in the state's 1,026 public school districts.

The surveys, known as CalSCLHS, are educational circles, asking students about drug use, bullying, whether they've seen a weapon on campus, and more. Districts are required to gather data on school climate as part of California's 2013 shake-up of educational funding. But there is no mandate that the CalSCLHS surveys be used in that process. In districts where CalSCLHS surveys are used, the state Department of Education and San Francisco-based WestEd distributes and tabulates the results.

One of the CalSCLHS surveys, given only to ninth and 11th graders as well as students in nontraditional high schools, asks students if they've seriously considered killing themselves in the past 12 months.

Astor studied data from individual school sites, rather than the district-level CalSCLHS data available to the general public. According to him, at some schools, 4% of students surveyed reported experiencing suicidal thoughts. At others, the number was nearly 70%.

A Southern California News Group analysis of the CalSCLHS suicide ideation question, meanwhile, averaged district-level data from 2015-16 through the 2016-17 school years. That analysis showed about 18% of the high school students surveyed in California public school districts expressed suicidal thoughts.

The same report indicates the prevalence of suicidal thoughts in youth ranges from 20% to 24%

Data collection encouraged

And it appears to be getting worse. Emergency room visits for children and young adults ages 5 to 18 who have had suicidal thoughts or have attempted suicide have almost doubled since 2007, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics.

In 2018, 53 minors killed themselves in four Southern California counties: 28 in Los Angeles County, 10 in Orange County, six in Riverside County and nine in San Bernardino County, according to their respective coroner's offices.

In recent years, the suicides of students in Rancho Cucamonga and Yucaipa — two districts that do not administer the CalSCLHS surveys — grabbed attention.

In the first three weeks of the 2018-19 school year, four Rancho Cucamonga students killed themselves. Three of the students attended school in the Chaffey Joint Union High School District. The fourth was a middle school student in the Alta Loma Elementary School District. At a suicide prevention seminar earlier this month, Chaffey Joint Union officials revealed that a fourth Chaffey district student committed suicide in spring 2019.

In November 2017, Rusele Avila, an eighth grader in the Yucaipa-Calimesa Joint Unified School District, killed herself after she was reportedly bullied by her peers.

Neither the Chaffey district nor Yucaipa-Calimesa give CalSCLHS surveys to their students. (The Alta Loma district only teaches kindergarten through eighth grade.)

Suicide rates among our youth

Percentage of students surveyed in County Unified school districts who said they've contemplated suicide from 2013-2017.

Table with 2 columns: Los Angeles County and Orange County. Rows list districts and their suicide rates.

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Hollister chairs two mental health committees for the district, working with local cities and elementary school districts, and with faith and mental health leaders. The district has held campus focus groups for the Chaffey district gives students a survey based on a U.S. Department of Education school climate poll. It does not gauge whether students are having thoughts of suicide.

ing themselves. Instead, it asks a general question about whether students feel safe at school, along with their hopes for the future, "entrepreneurial aspiration" and "career/financial literacy."

"As educators, we continue to learn about student wellness and mental health," Superintendent Cali Binks wrote in an email. "We train our employees and hire specialists in the field that are able to support our students District goals in Yucaipa-Calimesa School District reflect student health wellness and parent and community education on these important issues."

Focus on prevention and partnerships

The CalSCLHS surveys wouldn't catch every student with suicidal thoughts. The surveys are distributed only to students in ninth and 11th grades, and to those in nontraditional high schools. Still, collecting this sort of data — and acting on it — could save children's lives, according to Astor.

"Even if we just targeted the top 10% or top 15%, and that's double, we could lower the suicide rate dramatically," he said.

Districts with below-average suicidal ideation rates share a couple traits — they widely promote suicide-prevention training and they prioritize community partnerships to bring in resources they might otherwise have to go without.

"We're very fortunate at Newport-Mesa that we have a very strong buy-in from staff," said Angela Castellanos, coordinator of the district's health and outreach for Newport-Mesa Unified in Orange County. "We know that if students are thinking about other chaotic things, that the learning is just not going to happen."

Newport-Mesa Unified School District in Orange County was the site of a well-publicized teen suicide in 2018. According to the Southern California News Group's analysis, about 14% of the students surveyed in the district reported having suicidal thoughts.

Such an approach is especially helpful in cash-strapped school districts that must balance academic programming needs with services such as counseling.

In Los Angeles Unified School District, the largest in the state, 92% of all employees have been trained to identify and speak with students in crisis and help connect them with the services they need, according to Pia Escudero, executive director of Student Health and Human Services for the district.

The Southern California News Group's analysis showed about 14% of students surveyed in Los Angeles Unified have had suicidal thoughts. One in five LAUSD students has received counseling, most at a school site, Escudero said.

"We know that it's needed, but the school district only has so many resources," Escudero said. "Do we fund smaller classrooms? Do we fund these services? We wish we had enough to fund teams in every school."

Despite Los Angeles Unified's struggles with declining enrollment and the impact on its finances, more resources are being allocated for student mental health, Escudero said.

Meanwhile, other districts with financial struggles are finding ways to partner with agencies to provide professional mental health services to students.

Rim of the World Unified in the San Bernardino Mountains, for example, has partnered with Mountain Counseling and Training and Rim Family Services, said Superintendent Michelle Murphy.

Both agencies have grant funding for the services they provide to the district, where 11% of students surveyed reported having suicidal thoughts, according to the Southern California News Group's analysis.

The agencies provide in-home and at-school services, based on referrals from teachers and staff, Murphy said.

"The district tries to tackle other issues that can impact a student's mental health, such as poverty and homelessness."

But mental health services remain vulnerable to budget cuts.

Coachella Valley Unified School District in eastern Riverside County, for example, has a \$25.8 million deficit to close.

The district has one of the lowest suicide ideation rates — 13% percent of students surveyed reported having suicidal thoughts, according to the Southern California News Group analysis.

But according to Carissa Carrera, president of the Coachella Valley Teachers Association, the district laid off two school psychologists earlier this year, and previously laid off two of its three counselors.

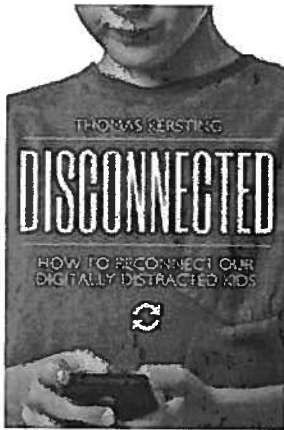
There are no counselors available at Coachella Valley elementary schools, according to Carrera.

If you or someone you know is considering suicide, please call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 800-773-8255 or visit SuicidePreventionLifeline.org.

Data reporter Nikita Johnson contributed to this report.

DISCONNECTED - Brand New Book

By Thomas Kersting



We see it everywhere: at the park, in restaurants, and inside our homes and cars—kids connected to handheld devices and disconnected from the world around them. According to the latest research, the average thirteen-year-old spends eight hours per day, seven days a week, glued to a screen. Yes, this is problematic, but for every problem there is a solution.

In *Disconnected*, renowned psychotherapist and longtime school counselor Tom Kersting explores the device-dependent world our children live in and how it is impacting their mental and emotional well-being. Research shows that too much time in the cyber world is re-wiring kids' brains, affecting their ability to flourish in the real world as anxiety, depression, and attention issues soar.

Thankfully, it is not too late to save our children. Kersting provides simple strategies to help reduce screen time as well as a host of meditative and mindfulness techniques to help our kids reclaim their brains, and their lives.

**"Blessed are the peacemakers:
for they shall be called the children of God."**

(Matthew 5:9 KJV)

"SUCCESS (as I prefer defining it) is devoting and utilizing your career, talents and abilities helping others and oneself achieve much-needed positive change for a better future, nation and world!" -- Nicholas Dibs

Important message for CLASS OF 2020 Graduates!

– Please share –

May 26, 2020

Dear **Class of 2020 Graduate**,

Please accept my sincere "Congratulations!" and personal recommendations and advice in recognition and honor of the special milestone achievement you have earned -- graduation!

Someone once said, "When you discover a job and career you enjoy doing, you will never work a day in your life!" As such, my first recommendation and advice to you is to choose jobs and a career (or careers) that you enjoy doing (that you know are both ethical and legal) – because you will be devoting about 80,000 work-hours during your lifetime (40 hours/week x 50 weeks/year x 40 years)!

Secondly, I ask you to please devote your talents and abilities and your precious lifetime of 80,000 work-hours, working in a career to help achieve much-needed "positive change" because it is the right thing for each of us and all of us to do! This means working to achieve a better future by helping others, your community, city, nation, and the world to be better than you found it! This also means putting people's welfare and the "greater good" of individuals and humanity, ahead of greed, corruption, and unfair and unethical results and outcomes.

Thirdly, elections and who voters elect is very important: Therefore, be sure to VOTE, become informed and remain engaged in the political process, and perhaps run for public office!

In closing, please read (google) Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "**Beyond Vietnam**" speech and John Marciano's attached article of January 15, 2019. Most importantly, -- do all (and everything) you can to devote and dedicate your life's precious time, work and endeavors helping others and yourself to help achieve a better future, community, nation, and world very much in need of positive change and freedom "... with liberty and justice for all!"

Wishing you the best of success in your future positive change endeavors!

Sincerely,

/s/

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. AND THE GLOBAL FREEDOM STRUGGLE

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4 April 1967

Beyond Vietnam**

New York, N.Y.



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Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen, I need not pause to say how very delighted I am to be here tonight, and how very delighted I am to see you expressing your concern about the issues that will be discussed tonight by turning out in such large numbers. I also want to say that I consider it a great honor to share this program with Dr. Bennett, Dr. Commager, and Rabbi Heschel, some of the most distinguished leaders and personalities of our nation. And of course it's always good to come back to Riverside Church. Over the last eight years, I have had the privilege of preaching here almost every year in that period, and it's always a rich and rewarding experience to come to this great church and this great pulpit.

I come to this great magnificent house of worship tonight because my conscience leaves me no other choice. I join you in this meeting because I am in deepest agreement with the aims and work of the organization that brought us together, Clergy and Laymen Concerned About Vietnam. The recent statements of your executive committee are the sentiments of my own heart, and I found myself in full accord when I read its opening lines: "A time comes when silence is betrayal." That time has come for us in relation to Vietnam.

The truth of these words is beyond doubt, but the mission to which they call us is a most difficult one. Even when pressed by the demands of inner truth, men do not easily assume the task of opposing their government's policy, especially in time of war. Nor does the human spirit move without great difficulty against all the apathy of conformist thought within one's own bosom and in the surrounding world. Moreover, when the issues at hand seem as perplexing as they often do in the case of this dreadful conflict, we are always on the verge of being mesmerized by uncertainty. But we must move on.

Some of us who have already begun to break the silence of the night have found that the calling to speak is often a vocation of agony, but we must speak. We must speak with all the humility that is appropriate to our limited vision, but we must speak. And we must rejoice as well, for surely this is the first time in our nation's history that a significant number of its religious leaders have chosen to move beyond the prophesying of smooth patriotism to the high grounds of a firm dissent based upon the mandates of conscience and the reading of history. Perhaps a new spirit is rising among us. If it is, let us trace its movement, and pray that our inner being may be sensitive to its guidance. For we are deeply in need of a new way beyond the darkness that seems so close around us.

Over the past two years, as I have moved to break the betrayal of my own silences and to speak from the burnings of my own heart, as I have called for radical departures from the destruction of Vietnam, many persons have questioned me about the wisdom of my path. At the heart of their concerns, this query has often loomed large and loud: "Why are you speaking about the war, Dr. King? Why are you joining the voices of dissent?" "Peace and civil rights don't mix," they say. "Aren't you hurting the cause of your people?" they ask. And when I hear them, though I often understand the source of their concern, I am nevertheless greatly saddened, for such questions mean that the inquirers have not really known me, my commitment, or my calling. Indeed, their questions suggest that they do not know the world in which they live. In the light of such tragic misunderstanding, I deem it of signal importance to state clearly, and I trust concisely, why I believe that the path from Dexter Avenue Baptist Church—the church in Montgomery, Alabama, where I began my pastorate—leads clearly to this sanctuary tonight.

I come to this platform tonight to make a passionate plea to my beloved nation. This speech is not addressed to Hanoi or to the National Liberation Front. It is not addressed to China or to Russia. Nor is it an attempt to overlook the ambiguity of the total situation and the need for a collective solution to the tragedy of Vietnam. Neither is it an attempt to make North Vietnam or the National Liberation Front paragons of virtue, nor to overlook the role they must play in the successful resolution of the problem. While they both may have justifiable reasons to be suspicious of the good faith of the United States, life and history give eloquent

testimony to the fact that conflicts are never resolved without trustful give and take on both sides. Tonight, however, I wish not to speak with Hanoi and the National Liberation Front, but rather to my fellow Americans.

Since I am a preacher by calling, I suppose it is not surprising that I have seven major reasons for bringing Vietnam into the field of my moral vision. There is at the outset a very obvious and almost facile connection between the war in Vietnam and the struggle I and others have been waging in America. A few years ago there was a shining moment in that struggle. It seemed as if there was a real promise of hope for the poor, both black and white, through the poverty program. There were experiments, hopes, new beginnings. Then came the buildup in Vietnam, and I watched this program broken and eviscerated as if it were some idle political plaything on a society gone mad on war. And I knew that America would never invest the necessary funds or energies in rehabilitation of its poor so long as adventures like Vietnam continued to draw men and skills and money like some demonic, destructive suction tube. So I was increasingly compelled to see the war as an enemy of the poor and to attack it as such.

Perhaps a more tragic recognition of reality took place when it became clear to me that the war was doing far more than devastating the hopes of the poor at home. It was sending their sons and their brothers and their husbands to fight and to die in extraordinarily high proportions relative to the rest of the population. We were taking the black young men who had been crippled by our society and sending them eight thousand miles away to guarantee liberties in Southeast Asia which they had not found in southwest Georgia and East Harlem. So we have been repeatedly faced with the cruel irony of watching Negro and white boys on TV screens as they kill and die together for a nation that has been unable to seat them together in the same schools. So we watch them in brutal solidarity burning the huts of a poor village, but we realize that they would hardly live on the same block in Chicago. I could not be silent in the face of such cruel manipulation of the poor.

My third reason moves to an even deeper level of awareness, for it grows out of my experience in the ghettos of the North over the last three years, especially the last three summers. As I have walked among the desperate, rejected, and angry young men, I have told them that Molotov cocktails and rifles would not solve their problems. I have tried to offer them my deepest compassion while maintaining my conviction that social change comes most meaningfully through nonviolent action. But they asked, and rightly so, "What about Vietnam?" They asked if our own nation wasn't using massive doses of violence to solve its problems, to bring about the changes it wanted. Their questions hit home, and I knew that I could never again raise my voice against the violence of the oppressed in the ghettos without having first spoken clearly to the greatest purveyor of violence in the world today: my own government. For the sake of those boys, for the sake of this government, for the sake of the hundreds of thousands trembling under our violence, I cannot be silent.

For those who ask the question, "Aren't you a civil rights leader?" and thereby mean to exclude me from the movement for peace, I have this further answer. In 1957, when a group of us formed the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, we chose as our motto: "To save the soul of America." We were convinced that we could not limit our vision to certain rights for black people, but instead affirmed the conviction that America would never be free or saved from itself until the descendants of its slaves were loosed completely from the shackles they still wear. In a way we were agreeing with Langston Hughes, that black bard from Harlem, who had written earlier:

O, yes, I say it plain,
America never was America to me,
And yet I swear this oath—
America will be!

Now it should be incandescently clear that no one who has any concern for the integrity and life of America today can ignore the present war. If America's soul becomes totally poisoned, part of the autopsy must read "Vietnam." It can never be saved so long as it destroys the hopes of men the world over. So it is that those of us who are yet determined that "America will be" are led down the path of protest and dissent, working for the health of our land.

As if the weight of such a commitment to the life and health of America were not enough, another burden of responsibility was placed upon me in 1954.* And I cannot forget that the Nobel Peace Prize was also a commission, a commission to work harder than I had ever worked before for the brotherhood of man. This is a calling that takes me beyond national allegiances.

But even if it were not present, I would yet have to live with the meaning of my commitment to the ministry of Jesus Christ. To me, the relationship of this ministry to the making of peace is so obvious that I sometimes marvel at those who ask me why I am speaking against the war. Could it be that they do not know that the Good News was meant for all men—for communist and capitalist, for their children and ours, for black and for white, for revolutionary and conservative? Have they forgotten that my ministry is in obedience to the one who loved his enemies so fully that he died for them? What then can I say to the Vietcong or to Castro or to Mao as a faithful minister of this one? Can I threaten them with death or must I not share with them my life?

Finally, as I try to explain for you and for myself the road that leads from Montgomery to this place, I would have offered all that was most valid if I simply said that I must be true to my conviction that I share with all men the calling to be a son of the living God. Beyond the calling of race or nation or creed is this vocation of sonship and brotherhood. Because I believe that the Father is deeply concerned, especially for His suffering and helpless and outcast children, I come tonight to speak for them. This I believe to be the privilege and the burden of all of us who deem ourselves bound by allegiances and loyalties which are broader and deeper than nationalism and which go beyond our nation's self-defined goals and positions. We are called to speak for the weak, for the voiceless, for the victims of our nation, for those it calls "enemy," for no document from human hands can make these humans any less our brothers.

And as I ponder the madness of Vietnam and search within myself for ways to understand and respond in compassion, my mind goes constantly to the people of that peninsula. I speak now not of the soldiers of each side, not of the ideologies of the Liberation Front, not of the junta in Saigon, but simply of the people who have been living under the curse of war for almost three continuous decades now. I think of them, too, because it is clear to me that there will be no meaningful solution there until some attempt is made to know them and hear their broken cries.

They must see Americans as strange liberators. The Vietnamese people proclaimed their own independence in 1954—in 1945 rather—after a combined French and Japanese occupation and before the communist revolution in China. They were led by Ho Chi Minh. Even though they quoted the American Declaration of Independence in their own document of freedom, we refused to recognize them. Instead, we decided to support France in its reconquest of her former colony. Our government felt then that the Vietnamese people were not ready for independence, and we again fell victim to the deadly Western arrogance that has poisoned the international atmosphere for so long. With that tragic decision we rejected a revolutionary government seeking self-determination and a government that had been established not by China—for whom the Vietnamese have no great love—but by clearly indigenous forces that included some communists. For the peasants this new government meant real land reform, one of the most important needs in their lives.

For nine years following 1945 we denied the people of Vietnam the right of independence. For nine years we vigorously supported the French in their abortive effort to recolonize Vietnam. Before the end of the war we were meeting eighty percent of the French war costs. Even before the French were defeated at Dien Bien Phu, they began to despair of their reckless action, but we did not. We encouraged them with our huge financial and military supplies to continue the war even after they had lost the will. Soon we would be paying almost the full costs of this tragic attempt at recolonization.

After the French were defeated, it looked as if independence and land reform would come again through the Geneva Agreement. But instead there came the United States, determined that Ho should not unify the temporarily divided nation, and the peasants watched again as we supported one of the most vicious modern dictators, our chosen man, Premier Diem. The peasants watched and cringed and Diem ruthlessly rooted out all opposition, supported their extortionist landlords, and refused even to discuss reunification with the North. The peasants watched as all of this was presided over by United States influence and then by increasing numbers of United States troops who came to help quell the insurgency that Diem's methods had aroused. When Diem was overthrown they may have been happy, but the long line of military dictators seemed to offer no real change, especially in terms of their need for land and peace.

The only change came from America as we increased our troop commitments in support of governments which were singularly corrupt, inept, and without popular support. All the while the people read our leaflets and received the regular promises of peace and democracy and land reform. Now they languish under our bombs and consider us, not their fellow Vietnamese, the real enemy. They move sadly and apathetically as we herd them off the land of their fathers into concentration camps where minimal social needs are rarely met. They know they must move on or be destroyed by our bombs.

So they go, primarily women and children and the aged. They watch as we poison their water, as we kill a million acres of their crops. They must weep as the bulldozers roar through their areas preparing to destroy the precious trees. They wander into the hospitals with at least twenty casualties from American firepower for one Vietcong-inflicted injury. So far we may have killed a million of them, mostly children. They wander into the towns and see thousands of the children, homeless, without clothes, running in packs on the streets like animals. They see the children degraded by our soldiers as they beg for food. They see the children selling their sisters to our soldiers, soliciting for their mothers.

What do the peasants think as we ally ourselves with the landlords and as we refuse to put any action into our many words concerning land reform? What do they think as we test out our latest weapons on them, just as the Germans tested out new medicine and new tortures in the concentration camps of Europe? Where are the roots of the independent Vietnam we claim to be building? Is it among these voiceless ones?

We have destroyed their two most cherished institutions: the family and the village. We have destroyed their land and their crops. We have cooperated in the crushing of the nation's only noncommunist revolutionary political force, the unified Buddhist Church. We have supported the enemies of the peasants of Saigon. We have corrupted their women and children and killed their men.

Now there is little left to build on, save bitterness. Soon the only solid physical foundations remaining will be found at our military bases and in the concrete of the concentration camps we call "fortified hamlets." The peasants may well wonder if we plan to build our new Vietnam on such grounds as these. Could we blame them for such thoughts? We must speak for them and raise the questions they cannot raise. These, too, are our brothers.

Perhaps a more difficult but no less necessary task is to speak for those who have been designated as our enemies. What of the National Liberation front, that strangely anonymous group we call "VC" or "communists"? What must they think of the United States of America when they realize that we permitted the repression and cruelty of Diem, which helped to bring them into being as a resistance group in the South? What do they think of our condoning the violence which led to their own taking up of arms? How can they believe in our integrity when now we speak of "aggression from the North" as if there was nothing more essential to the war? How can they trust us when now we charge them with violence after the murderous reign of Diem and charge them with violence while we pour every new weapon of death into their land? Surely we must understand their feelings, even if we do not condone their actions. Surely we must see that the men we supported pressed them to their violence. Surely we must see that our own computerized plans of destruction simply dwarf their greatest acts.

How do they judge us when our officials know that their membership is less than twenty-five percent communist, and yet insist on giving them the blanket name? What must they be thinking when they know that we are aware of their control of major sections of Vietnam, and yet we appear ready to allow national elections in which this highly organized political parallel government will not have a part? They ask how we can speak of free elections when the Saigon press is censored and controlled by the military junta. And they are surely right to wonder what kind of new government we plan to help form without them, the only real party in real touch with the peasants. They question our political goals and they deny the reality of a peace settlement from which they will be excluded. Their questions are frighteningly relevant. Is our nation planning to build on political myth again, and then shore it up upon the power of a new violence?

Here is the true meaning and value of compassion and nonviolence, when it helps us to see the enemy's point of view, to hear his questions, to know his assessment of ourselves. For from his view we may indeed see the basic weaknesses of our own condition, and if we are mature, we may learn and grow and profit from the wisdom of the brothers who are called the opposition.

So, too, with Hanoi. In the North, where our bombs now pummel the land, and our mines endanger the waterways, we are met by a deep but understandable mistrust. To speak for them is to explain this lack of confidence in Western worlds, and especially their distrust of American intentions now. In Hanoi are the men who led this nation to independence against the Japanese and the French, the men who sought membership in the French Commonwealth and were betrayed by the weakness of Paris and the willfulness of the colonial armies. It was they who led a second struggle against French domination at tremendous costs, and then were persuaded to give up the land they controlled between the thirteenth and seventeenth parallel as a temporary measure at Geneva. After 1954 they watched us conspire with Diem to prevent elections which could have surely brought Ho Chi Minh to power over a unified Vietnam, and they realized they had been betrayed again. When we ask why they do not leap to negotiate, these things must be considered.

Also, it must be clear that the leaders of Hanoi considered the presence of American troops in support of the Diem regime to have been the initial military breach of the Geneva Agreement concerning foreign troops. They remind us that they did not begin to send troops in large numbers and even supplies into the South until American forces had moved into the tens of thousands.

Hanoi remembers how our leaders refused to tell us the truth about the earlier North Vietnamese overtures for peace, how the president claimed that none existed when they had clearly been made. Ho Chi Minh has watched as America has spoken of peace and built up its forces, and now he has surely heard the increasing international rumors of American plans for an invasion of the north. He knows the bombing and shelling and mining we are doing are part of traditional pre-invasion strategy. Perhaps only his sense of humor and of irony can save him when he hears the most powerful nation of the world speaking of aggression as it drops thousands of bombs on a poor, weak nation more than eight hundred, or rather, eight thousand miles away from its shores.

At this point I should make it clear that while I have tried to give a voice to the voiceless in Vietnam and to understand the arguments of those who are called "enemy," I am as deeply concerned about our own troops there as anything else. For it occurs to me that what we are submitting them to in Vietnam is not simply the brutalizing process that goes on in any war where armies face each other and seek to destroy. We are adding cynicism to the process of death, for they must know after a short period there that none of the things we claim to be fighting for are really involved. Before long they must know that their government has sent them into a struggle among Vietnamese, and the more sophisticated surely realize that we are on the side of the wealthy, and the secure, while we create a hell for the poor.

Surely this madness must cease. We must stop now. I speak as a child of God and brother to the suffering poor of Vietnam. I speak for those whose land is being laid waste, whose homes are being destroyed, whose culture is being subverted. I speak for the poor in America who are paying the double price of smashed hopes at home, and death and corruption in Vietnam. I speak as a citizen of the world, for the world as

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it stands aghast at the path we have taken. I speak as one who loves America, to the leaders of our own nation: The great initiative in this war is ours; the initiative to stop it must be ours.

This is the message of the great Buddhist leaders of Vietnam. Recently one of them wrote these words, and I quote:

Each day the war goes on the hatred increased in the hearts of the Vietnamese and in the hearts of those of humanitarian instinct. The Americans are forcing even their friends into becoming their enemies. It is curious that the Americans, who calculate so carefully on the possibilities of military victory, do not realize that in the process they are incurring deep psychological and political defeat. The image of America will never again be the image of revolution, freedom, and democracy, but the image of violence and militarism.

Unquote.

If we continue, there will be no doubt in my mind and in the mind of the world that we have no honorable intentions in Vietnam. If we do not stop our war against the people of Vietnam immediately, the world will be left with no other alternative than to see this as some horrible, clumsy, and deadly game we have decided to play. The world now demands a maturity of America that we may not be able to achieve. It demands that we admit we have been wrong from the beginning of our adventure in Vietnam, that we have been detrimental to the life of the Vietnamese people. The situation is one in which we must be ready to turn sharply from our present ways. In order to atone for our sins and errors in Vietnam, we should take the initiative in bringing a halt to this tragic war.

I would like to suggest five concrete things that our government should do to begin the long and difficult process of extricating ourselves from this nightmarish conflict:

Number one: End all bombing in North and South Vietnam.

Number two: Declare a unilateral cease-fire in the hope that such action will create the atmosphere for negotiation.

Three: Take immediate steps to prevent other battlegrounds in Southeast Asia by curtailing our military buildup in Thailand and our interference in Laos.

Four: Realistically accept the fact that the National Liberation Front has substantial support in South Vietnam and must thereby play a role in any meaningful negotiations and any future Vietnam government.

Five: Set a date that we will remove all foreign troops from Vietnam in accordance with the 1954 Geneva Agreement. [*sustained applause*]

Part of our ongoing [*applause continues*], part of our ongoing commitment might well express itself in an offer to grant asylum to any Vietnamese who fears for his life under a new regime which included the Liberation Front. Then we must make what reparations we can for the damage we have done. We must provide the medical aid that is badly needed, making it available in this country if necessary. Meanwhile [*applause*], meanwhile, we in the churches and synagogues have a continuing task while we urge our government to disengage itself from a disgraceful commitment. We must continue to raise our voices and our lives if our nation persists in its perverse ways in Vietnam. We must be prepared to match actions with words by seeking out every creative method of protest possible.

As we counsel young men concerning military service, we must clarify for them our nation's role in Vietnam and challenge them with the alternative of conscientious objection. [*sustained applause*] I am pleased to say that this is a path now chosen by more than seventy students at my own alma mater, Morehouse College, and I recommend it to all who find the American course in Vietnam a dishonorable and unjust one. [*applause*] Moreover, I would encourage all ministers of draft age to give up their ministerial exemptions and seek status as conscientious objectors. [*applause*] These are the times for real choices and not false ones. We are at the moment when our lives must be placed on the line if our nation is to survive its own folly. Every man of humane convictions must decide on the protest that best suits his convictions, but we must all protest.

Now there is something seductively tempting about stopping there and sending us all off on what in some circles has become a popular crusade against the war in Vietnam. I say we must enter that struggle, but I wish to go on now to say something even more disturbing.

The war in Vietnam is but a symptom of a far deeper malady within the American spirit, and if we ignore this sobering reality [*applause*], and if we ignore this sobering reality, we will find ourselves organizing "clergy and laymen concerned" committees for the next generation. They will be concerned about Guatemala and Peru. They will be concerned about Thailand and Cambodia. They will be concerned about Mozambique and South Africa. We will be marching for these and a dozen other names and attending rallies without end unless there is a significant and profound change in American life and policy. [*sustained applause*] So such thoughts take us beyond Vietnam, but not beyond our calling as sons of the living God.

In 1957 a sensitive American official overseas said that it seemed to him that our nation was on the wrong side of a world revolution. During the past ten years we have seen emerge a pattern of suppression which has now justified the presence of U.S. military advisors in Venezuela. This need to maintain social stability for our investments accounts for the counterrevolutionary action of American forces in Guatemala. It tells why American helicopters are being used against guerrillas in Cambodia and why American napalm and Green Beret forces have already been active against rebels in Peru.

It is with such activity that the words of the late John F. Kennedy come back to haunt us. Five years ago he said, "Those who make peaceful revolution impossible will make violent revolution inevitable." [applause] Increasingly, by choice or by accident, this is the role our nation has taken, the role of those who make peaceful revolution impossible by refusing to give up the privileges and the pleasures that come from the immense profits of overseas investments. I am convinced that if we are to get on to the right side of the world revolution, we as a nation must undergo a radical revolution of values. We must rapidly begin [applause], we must rapidly begin the shift from a thing-oriented society to a person-oriented society. When machines and computers, profit motives and property rights, are considered more important than people, the giant triplets of racism, extreme materialism, and militarism are incapable of being conquered.

A true revolution of values will soon cause us to question the fairness and justice of many of our past and present policies. On the one hand we are called to play the Good Samaritan on life's roadside, but that will be only an initial act. One day we must come to see that the whole Jericho Road must be transformed so that men and women will not be constantly beaten and robbed as they make their journey on life's highway. True compassion is more than flinging a coin to a beggar. It comes to see than an edifice which produces beggars needs restructuring. [applause]

A true revolution of values will soon look uneasily on the glaring contrast of poverty and wealth. With righteous indignation, it will look across the seas and see individual capitalists of the West investing huge sums of money in Asia, Africa, and South America, only to take the profits out with no concern for the social betterment of the countries, and say, "This is not just." It will look at our alliance with the landed gentry of South America and say, "This is not just." The Western arrogance of feeling that it has everything to teach others and nothing to learn from them is not just.

A true revolution of values will lay hand on the world order and say of war, "This way of settling differences is not just." This business of burning human beings with napalm, of filling our nation's homes with orphans and widows, of injecting poisonous drugs of hate into the veins of peoples normally humane, of sending men home from dark and bloody battlefields physically handicapped and psychologically deranged, cannot be reconciled with wisdom, justice, and love. A nation that continues year after year to spend more money on military defense than on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual death. [sustained applause]

America, the richest and most powerful nation in the world, can well lead the way in this revolution of values. There is nothing except a tragic death wish to prevent us from reordering our priorities so that the pursuit of peace will take precedence over the pursuit of war. There is nothing to keep us from molding a recalcitrant status quo with bruised hands until we have fashioned it into a brotherhood.

This kind of positive revolution of values is our best defense against communism. [applause] War is not the answer. Communism will never be defeated by the use of atomic bombs or nuclear weapons. Let us not join those who shout war and, through their misguided passions, urge the United States to relinquish its participation in the United Nations. These are days which demand wise restraint and calm reasonableness. We must not engage in a negative anticommunism, but rather in a positive thrust for democracy [applause], realizing that our greatest defense against communism is to take offensive action in behalf of justice. We must with positive action seek to remove those conditions of poverty, insecurity, and injustice, which are the fertile soil in which the seed of communism grows and develops.

These are revolutionary times. All over the globe men are revolting against old systems of exploitation and oppression, and out of the wounds of a frail world, new systems of justice and equality are being born. The shirtless and barefoot people of the land are rising up as never before. The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light. We in the West must support these revolutions.

It is a sad fact that because of comfort, complacency, a morbid fear of communism, and our proneness to adjust to injustice, the Western nations that initiated so much of the revolutionary spirit of the modern world have now become the arch antirevolutionaries. This has driven many to feel that only Marxism has a revolutionary spirit. Therefore, communism is a judgment against our failure to make democracy real and follow through on the revolutions that we initiated. Our only hope today lies in our ability to recapture the revolutionary spirit and go out into a sometimes hostile world declaring eternal hostility to poverty, racism, and militarism. With this powerful commitment we shall boldly challenge the status quo and unjust mores, and thereby speed the day when "every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low [Audience:] (Yes); the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain."

A genuine revolution of values means in the final analysis that our loyalties must become ecumenical rather than sectional. Every nation must now develop an overriding loyalty to mankind as a whole in order to preserve the best in their individual societies.

This call for a worldwide fellowship that lifts neighborly concern beyond one's tribe, race, class, and nation is in reality a call for an all-embracing and unconditional love for all mankind. This oft misunderstood, this oft misinterpreted concept, so readily dismissed by the Nietzsches of the world as a weak and cowardly force, has now become an absolute necessity for the survival of man. When I speak of love I am not speaking of some sentimental and weak response. I'm not speaking of that force which is just emotional bosh. I am speaking of that force which all of the great religions have seen as the supreme unifying principle of life. Love is somehow the key that unlocks the door which leads to ultimate reality. This Hindu-Muslim-Christian-Jewish-Buddhist belief about ultimate reality is beautifully summed up in the first epistle of Saint John: "Let us love one another (*Yes*), for love is God. (*Yes*) And every one that loveth is born of God and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God, for God is love. . . . If we love one another, God dwelleth in us and his love is perfected in us." Let us hope that this spirit will become the order of the day.

We can no longer afford to worship the god of hate or bow before the altar of retaliation. The oceans of history are made turbulent by the ever-rising tides of hate. History is cluttered with the wreckage of nations and individuals that pursued this self-defeating path of hate. As Arnold Toynbee says: "Love is the ultimate force that makes for the saving choice of life and good against the damning choice of death and evil. Therefore the first hope in our inventory must be the hope that love is going to have the last word." Unquote.

We are now faced with the fact, my friends, that tomorrow is today. We are confronted with the fierce urgency of now. In this unfolding conundrum of life and history, there is such a thing as being too late. Procrastination is still the thief of time. Life often leaves us standing bare, naked, and dejected with a lost opportunity. The tide in the affairs of men does not remain at flood—it ebbs. We may cry out desperately for time to pause in her passage, but time is adamant to every plea and rushes on. Over the bleached bones and jumbled residues of numerous civilizations are written the pathetic words, "Too late." There is an invisible book of life that faithfully records our vigilance or our neglect. Omar Khayyam is right: "The moving finger writes, and having writ moves on."

We still have a choice today: nonviolent coexistence or violent coannihilation. We must move past indecision to action. We must find new ways to speak for peace in Vietnam and justice throughout the developing world, a world that borders on our doors. If we do not act, we shall surely be dragged down the long, dark, and shameful corridors of time reserved for those who possess power without compassion, might without morality, and strength without sight.

Now let us begin. Now let us rededicate ourselves to the long and bitter, but beautiful, struggle for a new world. This is the calling of the sons of God, and our brothers wait eagerly for our response. Shall we say the odds are too great? Shall we tell them the struggle is too hard? Will our message be that the forces of American life militate against their arrival as full men, and we send our deepest regrets? Or will there be another message—of longing, of hope, of solidarity with their yearnings, of commitment to their cause, whatever the cost? The choice is ours, and though we might prefer it otherwise, we must choose in this crucial moment of human history.

As that noble bard of yesterday, James Russell Lowell, eloquently stated:

Once to every man and nation comes a moment do decide,
 In the strife of truth and Falsehood, for the good or evil side;
 Some great cause, God's new Messiah offering each the bloom or blight,
 And the choice goes by forever 'twixt that darkness and that light.
 Though the cause of evil prosper, yet 'tis truth alone is strong
 Though her portions be the scaffold, and upon the throne be wrong
 Yet that scaffold sways the future, and behind the dim unknown
 Standeth God within the shadow, keeping watch above his own.

And if we will only make the right choice, we will be able to transform this pending cosmic elegy into a creative psalm of peace. If we will make the right choice, we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our world into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood. If we will but make the right choice, we will be able to speed up the day, all over America and all over the world, when justice will roll down like waters, and righteousness like a mighty stream. [*sustained applause*]

*. King says "1954," but most likely means 1964, the year he received the Nobel Peace Prize.

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Understanding Moral Engagement

Moral self-view – or morality – is an individual's standards of behavior or beliefs concerning what is and is not acceptable to do. Children and young people are still in the process of forming their beliefs and are influenced by the actions of the people around them. An individual's morals can be shaped by the actions and beliefs of people in their family, religious groups, culture, and in school and other social settings.

Moral engagement is a person's commitment to positive social interactions and thoughtful care of others. Research has shown that there is a connection between an individual's moral self-view and their behavior.¹ Individuals who value and express empathy and concern for others, and who behave positively in social settings, display a sense of moral engagement.

Moral Engagement and Bullying

Empathy and moral self-view play a role in an individual's potential for aggressive and bullying behavior, as well as in their capacity for positive social interactions.^{2,3} An individual who is socially kind and ethical may be less susceptible to bullying because they behave civilly toward others. A student who is morally engaged may be bothered by the mistreatment of others and find it harder to ignore. Their concern may lead them to take action and address the bullying in some way or to reach out to a trusted advisor to help deal with the situation. A morally engaged individual – including students, teachers, coaches, counselors, educators, parents, extra-curricular staff, and faith-based leaders – can influence others through their positive social behavior.



The Role of Educators in Moral Engagement and Bullying

Because peer aggression and bullying commonly occur at schools, affecting students' wellbeing and learning environment, teachers, coaches, counselors, and other school staff have the important task of being role models for moral engagement and respectful behavior. Teachers' responses to bullying and other harmful acts send clear messages to students about acceptable and unacceptable behavior toward others.¹ In effect, not responding or intervening when bullying or aggressive behavior occurs can be perceived by students as silent agreement. When a teacher, coach, or school administrator consistently intervenes in bullying, it can positively influence the moral engagement of students by setting a standard for expected behavior. It also helps improve student peer relationships, which reduces moral disengagement and helps prevent bullying.⁴

Teachers can also utilize social-emotional learning strategies in the classroom to help develop students' moral engagement. Through social-emotional learning, students can gain a deeper understanding of their own emotions and how those emotions relate to their behavior. Social emotional learning activities can help students build empathy, foster healthy relationships, and manage their feelings. In turn, this can help them become more socially confident and secure about themselves and in their relationships with others.

Addressing Bullying through Moral Engagement

To help prevent bullying, school staff can foster moral engagement and model pro-social behavior. They can implement successful bullying prevention and intervention strategies that are systematic and reliable, so everyone understands what bullying is and how it will be handled. This makes it clear to students that their teachers and other school staff are morally engaged and that bullying will be noticed and consistently addressed. When bullying occurs, teachers and school staff can defend the target of bullying by reinforcing their humanity and intrinsic worth, which helps to cultivate moral engagement and reduce victim blaming.¹ Another strategy is to provide individual support to targets of bullying, to help them address emotions and thoughts involved in the bullying situation.¹ Implementing moral engagement and bullying prevention and intervention strategies can promote a positive school climate, so everyone feels safer and more connected.

To learn more about evidence-based approaches to bullying prevention and social-emotional learning that builds moral engagement, visit [StopBullying.gov](https://www.stopbullying.gov).

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Source and Research Limitations

[stopbullying.gov](https://www.stopbullying.gov)

This research summary is based on the most up to date research on bullying and prevention, but it is important to note that this research has several important limitations. Most of the research is cross-sectional, which means it took place at one point in time. This type of research shows what may be related at that time, but cannot tell us which came first or if one caused the other to occur.

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Districts

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About 70% of the state's 1,026 school districts give their students the California School Climate, Health, and Learning Surveys, which are meant to gauge how many ninth and 11th graders and students in nontraditional high schools have considered suicide, as well as poll their experiences with drugs, bullying, whether they've seen a weapon on campus, and more.

San Francisco-based WestEd, which distributes and tabulates the CalSCHLS surveys, does not make site-level data available to the public or media. A Southern California News Group analysis, which averaged district-level data from 2013-14 through the 2016-17 school years, showed that about 18% of students surveyed had expressed suicidal thoughts.

Four school districts stood out in the SCNG analysis, showing drops in suicidal ideation rates among students in the same graduating classes over the four-year period.

Spotting a trend

Social media plays a role in the rise and fall of suicidal thoughts, educators in Lake Elsinore Unified School District found.

Over the four school years analyzed, an average of 20% of the students surveyed in the Riverside County district reported they had thought about killing themselves.

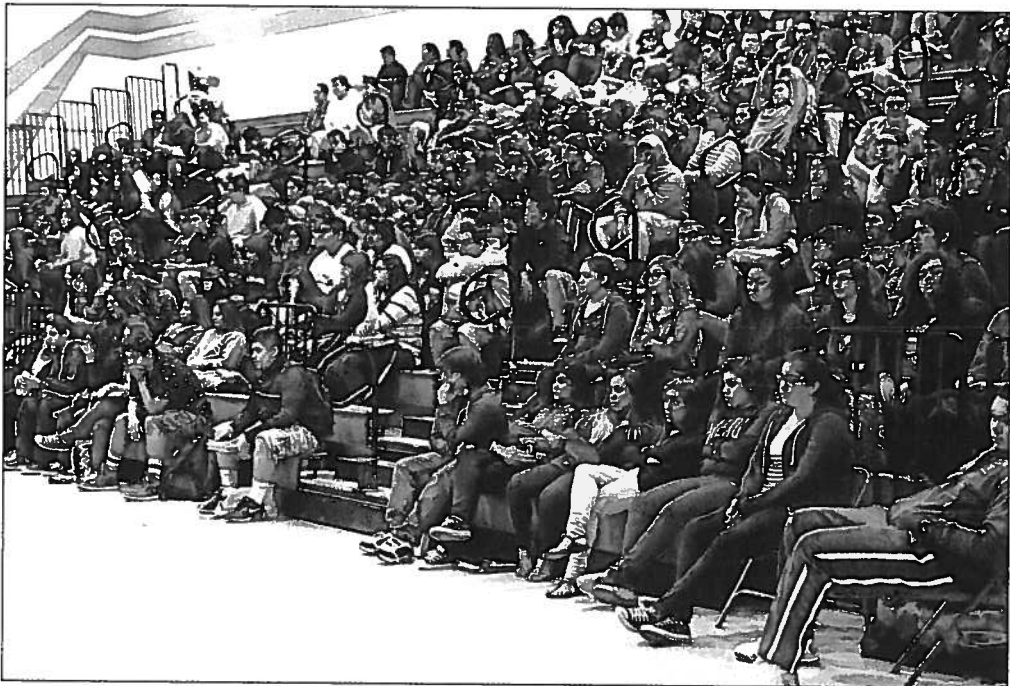
In the 2013-14 school year, 25% of freshmen reported having suicidal thoughts. That number dropped by 6 percentage points two years later, when the same students were surveyed as juniors. Then, 19% reported they had considered suicide.

"About three years ago, we were dealing with much more volume of social media attacks on students and threats, and these were the things that caused greater disruption to the classroom environment, and we as a district had to pay more attention to social media," said district spokesman Mark Griggs.

"Fast-forward three or four years," he said, "and we have much more support on the ground for social-emotional support."

Lake Elsinore now has specialists available to work at all grade levels, from kindergarten through 12th grade, and intervene with students who need help. The district also developed a program to help students who have behavioral problems or have trouble focusing, but who aren't covered by a traditional individualized education program, or IEP.

"We believe in investing in the wellness of students as much as equipping the classrooms with the latest teaching technology," Griggs said. "We're training more of our instructors to be the partner who recognizes signals and problems and can call in the specialists."



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Rowland Unified is one school district in the region that has worked hard to improve students' mental health. During the 2016-17 school year, for example, the schools saw success in recognizing students undergoing crises and getting them to talk with trusted adults, district officials said.

Making an investment

Over the four school years analyzed, an average of 26% of Morongo Unified students surveyed said they had thought about committing suicide. But that doesn't tell the whole story.

During the 2013-14 school year, 26% of freshmen were thinking about killing themselves. Two years later, that had dropped by 8 percentage points to 18%.

"We've done quite a bit of teacher training on suicide and suicidal ideations. We have a great crisis team that does part of that training," said Julie Fontana, a support and child welfare attendance coordinator for the district in San Bernardino County. "Also, we've done a lot with our community partners."

The district now uses methods to look at student behavior more objectively, so that not only the obviously challenged kids will get help.

"We also want them to look at the kids who are quiet and see what's going on with them as well," Fontana said.

None of this was free, of course. But Fontana said district officials supported making the investment needed.

"The powers that be were very supportive. They care a lot about the health and socio-emotional health of our kids," she said. "Yes, it cost us some money up front from our stakeholders, but it was not a hard sell for our stakeholders."

Getting them involved

Rowland Unified School District reported one of the higher suicide ideation rates over the four-year period. According to the analysis, about 32% of students surveyed, or nearly one in three, contemplated killing themselves. But that's



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After seeing data on students who say they've considered killing themselves, Santa Ana Unified is training students to recognize and report those in crisis. It also has introduced more community resources, including nine clinicians who are paid for by Orange County.

largely because of a very bad 2014-15 school year.

That year, 44% of freshmen were thinking of killing themselves. But by the 2016-17 school year, that number had dropped by 24 percentage points.

Those results match up with the district's move during that period to ramp up efforts to promote better mental health among students, according to Laurel Estrada, a student services coordinator with the Los Angeles County district.

"This includes a mandatory system-wide training in suicide prevention and it involves an intentional look at school climate and a student's sense of belonging," Estrada said.

Rowland Unified also involved students to raise awareness.

"They have demonstrated a greater awareness of issues that adults may not be aware of," Estrada said. "They're more likely to report their concerns to a trusted adult."

To address issues that can contribute to mental health problems, the district opened a family resource center, providing food to families that aren't getting enough and offering an eye care clinic.

"Sometimes it's not just the grades ... it's helping the families," Estrada said.

Rowland Unified has connected with agencies in its area to help students. Still, the district has more work to do to tackle the stigma surrounding mental health issues, which sometimes prevents families from getting their students the help they need, according to Estrada.

"We're not saying your child is crazy," she said. "We're saying that getting your student the help they need will make them a better student, a healthier person, a stronger family and happier community."

Extending support

A multidisciplinary approach supported-by the

enlisting students in its efforts.

"If you see a student in crisis or exhibiting signs, bring it to the administration's attention, bring it to someone's attention," said Sonia Llamas, the district's assistant superintendent for K-12 School Performance and Culture. "That intervention could be the critical moment to turn that child away from suicidal thinking."

Santa Ana Unified has also worked with existing community resources to get more of them into schools, including nine clinicians who are paid for by Orange County.

In addition to potentially saving students' lives, the district's mental health efforts are paying off academically, with improved attendance by students, Llamas said.

"Students in crisis aren't forgotten if they require hospitalization, she said.

"We're making sure we reintegrate them back into our school community and making sure we check back in with them and making sure there's the consistent message of hope, care and love," Llamas said.

That support extends beyond graduation.

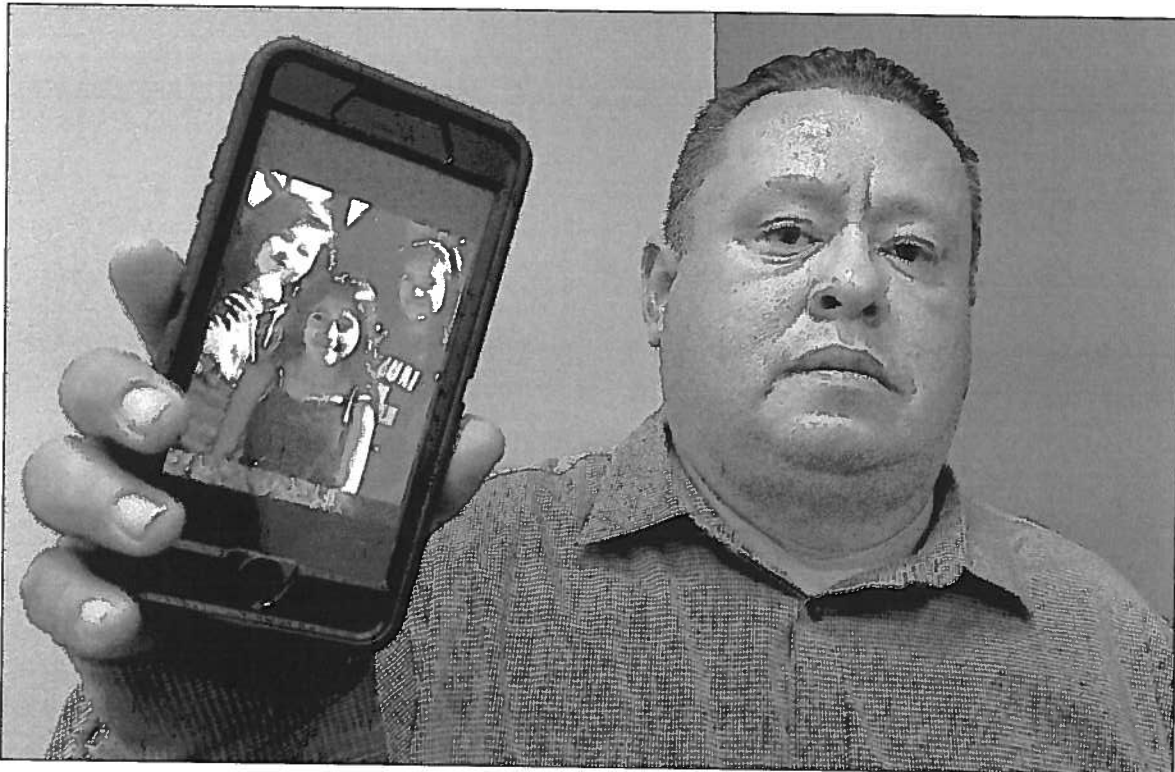
"It's all about raising a healthy adult," Llamas said. "Kids know that this relationship doesn't end with high school for us: We have a lifelong commitment to them in this community."

If you or someone you know is considering suicide, please call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 800-273-8255 or visit SuicidePreventionLifeline.org.

Data reporter Nikie Johnson contributed to this report.

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COMMON THREAD IN LAWSUITS: BULLYING



Schools: District says it is responsive to issue. Family of girl who killed herself doesn't agree.

Legislation: Area lawmakers address crisis help, school suicide and bullying policies



Lackey

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Troubled by a growing trend in bullying and suicide rates among California youths, legislators this year have approved several bills aimed at protecting children and saving their lives.

"Too many of us have experienced the shock and sadness of losing a friend or loved one to suicide. No matter the circumstances, when someone takes their own life, it is a tragedy,"

Assemblyman Tom Lackey, R-Palmdale, wrote on his Facebook page in August.

Lackey and Assemblyman James Ramos, D-Highland, each brought forth legislation in response to suicide rates to promote intervention and education, as well as address some of the issues that may prompt young people to consider killing themselves. A Southern California News Group analysis found nearly 1 in 5 high school students surveyed statewide considered

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Ramos

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The Yucaipa-Calimesa Joint Unified School District is facing six lawsuits alleging the district doesn't take complaints about bullying seriously. In one case, bullying apparently led to a middle school student killing herself. At least one more suit is coming.

"We have six lawsuits and one more pending against this school district," Pasadena lawyer Brian Claypool wrote in a text message Sept. 17. "This district is a train wreck."

Claypool's lawsuits include one on behalf of the family of Mesa View Middle School eighth grader Rosalie Avila, 13, who killed herself in late 2017 after years of alleged bullying.

Rosalie's death sparked an outpouring of support for her family, who believed her

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ABOVE: Freddie Avila of Yucaipa shows a photo of his daughter, Rosalie, who he said was bullied at school for years before committing suicide in 2017.

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21 APPS



PARENTS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

Courtesy of the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office
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PLENTY OF FISH



PLENTY OF FISH is a popular free dating app and website that encourages chatting with strangers. It allows users to browse profiles based on location.

HILY



HILY is a dating app where users can browse photos, engage in chats, send private videos and more. Based on the GPS location of a mobile device, strangers can arrange to meet up locally.

ZOOSK



ZOOSK is a location-based dating app and website similar to many others. The app is available in 80 countries and utilizes a "carousel" feature which matches users with random strangers.

MOCUSPACE



MOCUSPACE is a free social networking and dating app geared towards African American and Latino communities. Users can connect with strangers worldwide via text messages or voice calls.

BEST SECRET FOLDER



BEST SECRET FOLDER is specifically meant to "hide photos and videos," according to app store descriptions. It features password protection, decoy videos and alarm settings.

MONKEY



MONKEY is a live video chat app that connects users to random strangers worldwide, offering group chat and private message options. It claims to be rated for ages 12 and up but has "mild sexual content and nudity."

MEETME



MEETME is a dating social media app that allows users to connect with people based on geographic proximity. As the app's name suggests, users are encouraged to meet each other in person.

GRINDR



GRINDR is a dating app geared towards gay, bi and transgender people. The app gives users options to chat, share photos and meet up based on a smart phone's GPS location.

SKOUT



SKOUT is a location-based dating app and website. While users under 17 years old are unable to share private photos, kids can easily create an account using a different age.

WHATSAPP



WHATSAPP is a popular messaging app that allows users to send texts, photos, voicemails, make calls and video chats worldwide. WHATSAPP uses an internet connection on smart phones and computers.

TIKTOK



TIKTOK is a new mobile device app popular with kids used for creating and sharing short videos. With very limited privacy controls, users are vulnerable to cyber bullying and explicit content.

BADDOO



BADDOO is a dating and social networking app where users can chat, share photos and videos and connect based on location. While the app is intended for adults only, teens are known to create profiles.

BUMBLE



BUMBLE is similar to the popular dating app "Tinder" however, it requires women to make the first contact. Kids have been known to use BUMBLE to create fake accounts and falsify their age.

SNAPCHAT



SNAPCHAT is one of the most popular apps in recent years. While the app promises users can take a photo/video and it will disappear, new features including "stories" allows users to view content for up to 24 hours. Snapchat also allows users to see your location.

KIK



KIK allows anyone to contact and direct message your child. Kids can bypass traditional text messaging features. KIK gives users unlimited access to anyone, anywhere, anytime.

LIVEME



LIVEME is a live-streaming video app that uses geo-location to share videos so users can find out a broadcaster's exact location. Users can earn "coins" as a way to "pay" minors for photos.

HOLLA



HOLLA is a self-proclaimed "addicting" video chat app that allows users to meet people all over the world in just seconds. Reviewers say they have been confronted with racial slurs, explicit content, and more.

WHISPER



WHISPER is an anonymous social network that promotes sharing secrets with strangers. It also reveals a user's location so people can meet up.

ASK.FM



ASK.FM is known for cyber bullying. The app encourages users to allow anonymous people to ask them questions.

CALCULATOR%



CALCULATOR% is only one of SEVERAL secret apps used to hide photos, videos, files, and browser history.

HOT OR NOT



HOT OR NOT encourages users to rate your profile, check out people in their area, and chat with strangers. The goal of this app is to hook up.





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To: cityclerk@ggcity.org

Cc: Allison Vo <allison@vietrise.org>

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Hi City Clerk,

My name is Tracy La and I am the Executive Director of VietRISE, a community organization based in Garden Grove. Below is a letter and petition signed by 437 residents, small business owners, workers, and visitors, calling on the Garden Grove City Council to agendize and pass an ordinance that bans all evictions during COVID-19. Please protect our residents and small businesses.

Dear Garden Grove City Council,

We are writing as 437 concerned Orange County residents, small business owners, workers, and community organizations to urge you, the Garden Grove City Council, to take action and agendize and pass an ordinance that bans all evictions during the COVID-19 pandemic.

V8 Investments, LLC, the owner of a self-storage lot in Garden Grove, evicted 10 small businesses owned by former Vietnamese refugees who are now small business owners, workers, and residents who rented that space to store their business equipment and materials. They were evicted despite paying rent for years, and did not receive a refund for their April rent payment. We strongly oppose this inhumane act that endangers the lives and livelihoods of our immigrant and refugee small business owners and workers.

While the City Council has a resolution that supports an eviction moratorium until May 31st, the current resolution does not include businesses or renters of self-storage facilities. This eviction makes clear that business owners and workers need to have their rights protected by an ordinance that includes coverage for renters of self-storage facilities.

We urge you to take immediate action to protect them and all community members from facing evictions during COVID-19 by:

- Immediately halting the eviction by V8 Investments, LLC and ensure that the businesses can return safely to the lot to protect their businesses.

- Enacting an ordinance to protect Garden Grove residents and businesses from evictions for 6 months and expanding those protections to renters of self-storage facilities.
- Monitoring and ensuring that V8 Investments, LLC abides by the moratorium on evictions.

Thank you. Now is the time to act boldly and swiftly to protect our small businesses, refugee and immigrant communities. We are calling on you to take leadership and please listen to your constituents, small businesses, community organizations, and residents by taking action now. If you would like to follow up on this matter, please contact Tracy La at tracy@vietrise.org.

Signed, 437 residents, small business owners, workers, and visitors:

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Garden Grove City Council Protect Workers, Businesses, and Residents from Unjust Evictions!

From : Tina Lam <65tlam@gmail.com>

Tue, May 26, 2020 02:32 PM

Subject : Garden Grove City Council Protect Workers, Businesses, and Residents from Unjust Evictions!

To : cityclerk@ggcity.org

Cc : allison@vietrise.org

Dear Mayor Steve Jones and Councilmembers of Garden Grove,

My name is Tina Lam and I am a resident of Garden Grove.

During the last city council meeting on Tuesday, May 12th, over 55 community members submitted a public comment to urgently call on you to take action to protect us from unjust evictions during COVID-19. It is gravely concerning that the city only has a record of 19 and did not read any public comments out loud during the council meeting.

The current resolution expires on May 31st. In 5 days, residents and workers will be without protection if action is not taken by the city to enact stronger legal protections for everyone through an ordinance. I am writing again to urge you to protect Vietnamese refugees and immigrants who are small business owners and workers who were evicted during COVID-19 by V8 Investments, LLC in Garden Grove.

During a pandemic, immigrant-owned small businesses, workers and residents should not have to face unjust evictions of any kind. I urge you to take action immediately to protect the businesses and residents from facing evictions in Garden Grove by:

1. Immediately halting the eviction by V8 Investments, LLC and ensure that the businesses can return safely to the lot.
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3. Monitoring and ensuring that V8 Investments, LLC abides by the moratorium on evictions

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Signed,

Tina Lam

Garden Grove City Council Protect Workers, Businesses, and Residents from Unjust Evictions!

From : Lien Huynh <liennhuynh@gmail.com>

Tue, May 26, 2020 01:08 PM

Subject : Garden Grove City Council Protect Workers, Businesses, and Residents from Unjust Evictions!

To : cityclerk@ggcity.org

Cc : allison@vietrise.org

Dear Mayor Steve Jones and Councilmembers of Garden Grove,

My name is Lien Huynh and I am a resident of Buena Park.

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Signed,
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Garden Grove City Council Protect Workers, Businesses, and Residents from Unjust Evictions!

From : Elaine Le <ele6@uci.edu>

Tue, May 26, 2020 03:43 PM

Subject : Garden Grove City Council Protect Workers, Businesses, and Residents from Unjust Evictions!**To :** cityclerk@ggcity.org**Cc :** allison@vietrise.org

Dear Mayor Steve Jones and Councilmembers of Garden Grove,

My name is Elaine Le and I am a resident of Garden Grove. During the last city council meeting on Tuesday, May 12th, over 55 community members submitted a public comment to urgently call on you to take action to protect us from unjust evictions during COVID-19. It is gravely concerning that the city only has a record of 19 and did not read any public comments out loud during the council meeting.

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Garden Grove City Council Protect Workers, Businesses, and Residents from Unjust Evictions!

From : Minh Phạm <phamnguyenkhaiminh93@gmail.com> Tue, May 26, 2020 02:39 PM
Subject : Garden Grove City Council Protect Workers, Businesses, and Residents from Unjust Evictions!
To : cityclerk@ggcity.org
Cc : Allison Vo <allison@vietrise.org>, Minh Phạm <phamnguyenkhaiminh93@gmail.com>

Dear Mayor Steve Jones and Councilmembers of Garden Grove,

My name is Minh Pham and I am a resident of Westminster.

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Signed,

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Minh Pham

Garden Grove City Council Protect Workers, Businesses, and Residents from Unjust Evictions!

From : Jenny Vo <vojennyp@gmail.com>
Subject : Garden Grove City Council Protect Workers, Businesses,
and Residents from Unjust Evictions!
To : cityclerk@ggcity.org
Cc : Allison Vo <allison@vietrise.org>

Tue, May 26, 2020 02:31 PM

Dear Mayor Steve Jones and Councilmembers of Garden Grove,

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Signed,

Jenny Vo

Garden Grove City Council Protect Workers, Businesses, and Residents from Unjust Evictions!

From : Lena Tran <lena@vietrise.org>

Tue, May 26, 2020 02:28 PM

Subject : Garden Grove City Council Protect Workers, Businesses,
and Residents from Unjust Evictions!

To : cityclerk@ggcity.org

Cc : Allison Vo <allison@vietrise.org>

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Dear Mayor Steve Jones and Councilmembers of Garden Grove,

My name is Lena and I work in Garden Grove. During the last city council meeting on Tuesday, May 12th, over 55 community members submitted a public comment to urgently call on you to take action to protect us from unjust evictions during COVID-19. It is gravely concerning that the city only has a record of 19 and did not read any public comments out loud during the council meeting.

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Signed,

Lena Tran
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Garden Grove City Council: Agendize and Pass an Ordinance to Protect All of Us from Evictions during COVID-19

From : Allison Vo <allisonpvo@gmail.com>

Tue, May 26, 2020 02:28 PM

Subject : Garden Grove City Council: Agendize and Pass an Ordinance to Protect All of Us from Evictions during COVID-19

To : cityclerk@ggcity.org

Cc : Allison Vo <allison@vietrise.org>

Dear Mayor Steve Jones and Councilmembers of Garden Grove,

My name is Allison Vo and I am resident of Garden Grove.

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Signed,

Allison Vo

From : Moc Le Nguyen <moclenguyen@gmail.com>

Tue, May 26, 2020 02:17 PM

Subject : <No Subject>

To : cityclerk@ggcity.org

Cc : Allison Vo <allison@vietrise.org>

Dear Mayor Steve Jones and Councilmembers of Garden Grove,

My name is Moc Le Nguyen and I am a resident of Garden Grove.

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Signed,
Moc Le B. Nguyen

Garden Grove City Council Protect Workers, Businesses, and Residents from Unjust Eviction!

From : Kevin Ha <hakevin829@gmail.com>

Tue, May 26, 2020 02:06 PM

Subject : Garden Grove City Council Protect Workers, Businesses, and Residents from Unjust Eviction!

To : cityclerk@ggcity.org

Cc : allison@vietrise.org

Dear Mayor Steve Jones and Councilmembers of Garden Grove,

My name is Kevin Ha and I am a resident of Westminster.

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Signed,
Kevin Ha

Garden Grove City Council Protect Workers, Businesses, and Residents from Unjust Evictions!

From : Kathleen Nguyen <kathleenhdn@gmail.com>

Tue, May 26, 2020 02:07 PM

Subject : Garden Grove City Council Protect Workers, Businesses, and Residents from Unjust Evictions!

To : cityclerk@ggcity.org

Cc : Allison Vo <allison@vietrise.org>

Dear Mayor Steve Jones and Councilmembers of Garden Grove, My name is Kathleen Nguyen and I am a resident of Santa Ana. During the last city council meeting on Tuesday, May 12th, over 55 community members submitted a public comment to urgently call on you to take action to protect us from unjust evictions during COVID-19. It is gravely concerning that the city only has a record of 19 and did not read any public comments out loud during the council meeting. The current resolution expires on May 31st. In 5 days, residents and workers will be without protection if action is not taken by the city to enact stronger legal protections for everyone through an ordinance. I am writing again to urge you to protect Vietnamese refugees and immigrants who are small business owners and workers who were evicted during COVID-19 by V8 Investments, LLC in Garden Grove. During a pandemic, immigrant-owned small businesses, workers and residents should not have to face unjust evictions of any kind. I urge you to take action immediately to protect the businesses and residents from facing evictions in Garden Grove by:

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Sincerely,

Kathleen Nguyen

PUBLIC COMMENT for May 26 City Council Meeting: Stop Evictions in Garden Grove

From : Indigo Vu <indigo.vu@gmail.com>

Tue, May 26, 2020 02:04 PM

Subject : PUBLIC COMMENT for May 26 City Council Meeting: Stop Evictions in Garden Grove

To : cityclerk@ggcity.org

Cc : Allison Vo <allison@vietrise.org>

Dear Mayor Steve Jones and Council Members of Garden Grove,

My name is Indigo Vu, and I am writing to you on behalf of the OC CV-19 Community Response Team as the lead for the Resource Guide. Our team is committed to making sure that the residents of Orange County, particularly those who are immigrants and refugees of color, have equitable access to support and resources during this global pandemic that is continuing to ravage the United States and our communities.

We are writing to you as a continuation of the comments we sent in for your last city council meeting on May 12, 2020 out of concern for the evictions that are happening in Garden Grove. We understand that the eviction moratorium passed in Garden Grove in March was a resolution that is set to expire in 6 days, after May 31, 2020. We urge you to lead your city in good faith and to protect your residents: extend the eviction moratorium for 6 months by passing an enforceable ordinance that extends protections to renters of self-storage facilities.

We as a team are particularly concerned about the state of democracy in Garden Grove, as over 55 comments were sent in for the previous city council meeting yet only 19 were recorded and none were read out loud. Your residents, your constituents, and your community are reaching out to you and urging you to act to protect them during a crisis. You have a responsibility to act.

We urge you to listen and to take action today. We urge you to recognize the impact evictions are having on the residents of your city. Agendize this issue and protect Vietnamese refugees who are residents and business owners in your city, in particular those who were evicted in March by V8 Investments, LLC after the passing of the eviction moratorium. We urge you to do the following 3 items to help your city:

1. Immediately halting the eviction by V8 Investments, LLC and ensuring that the businesses can return safely to the lot.
2. Enacting an ordinance to protect Garden Grove residents and businesses from evictions for 6 months and expanding those protections to renters of self-storage facilities.
3. Monitoring and ensuring that V8 Investments, LLC abides by the moratorium on evictions.

Your current protections for the residents of Garden Grove are limited and expire in 6 days. We need you to act immediately.

Signed,
Indigo Vu
Resource Guide Lead for the OC CV-19 Community Response Team

PUBLIC COMMENT for May 26 City Council Meeting: Protect Your Residents & End Evictions!

From : Indigo Vu <indigo.vu@gmail.com>

Tue, May 26, 2020 02:39 PM

Subject : PUBLIC COMMENT for May 26 City Council Meeting:
Protect Your Residents & End Evictions!

To : cityclerk@ggcity.org

Cc : Allison Vo <allison@vietrise.org>

Dear Mayor Steve Jones and Council Members of Garden Grove,

My name is Indigo Vu, and I am a resident of Santa Ana. As a long-time resident of Orange County and as someone with family living in Garden Grove, I am writing to you today to urge you to protect our community members from evictions.

I have written to you before on this issue on behalf of my organization and am sending you this message on behalf of only myself.

The eviction moratorium in the city of Garden Grove as it is does not provide adequate protections for the residents of your city, particularly the most vulnerable of those who live there. As it currently stands, it is a resolution, and your people need you to pass something stronger to protect them. I understand that you have been citing the fact that Santa Ana has not extended their eviction moratorium and that you are trying to comply with the Governor's executive order, which also ends on May 31, 2020.

In a global pandemic and crisis, compliance is not enough.

Los Angeles, Oakland, and even as local a city as Anaheim have all extended their moratoria.

If you truly want to represent and protect the residents of your city, including Vietnamese refugees and immigrants who are business owners within your city, then you have a duty to listen to your communities concerns, especially when you receive dozens of comments urging to act.

This is not a matter of bureaucracy; it is a matter of human decency.

Your residents need you to pass an ordinance, not a resolution, that extends the eviction moratorium for another 6 months, at the minimum so that they can continue to have some semblance of peace of mind in the midst of a global pandemic and crisis. People should not be worried about whether or not they will have a place to live or not in 6 days even as the number of those who are hospitalized and in ICU for COVID-19 continue to rise on a weekly basis in Orange

County. They should not be worried about no longer having their businesses because of unjust evictions during an eviction moratorium that failed to be enforced.

Although the state and country continues to speed up the pace of reopening in hopes of returning to economic "normalcy," it is not yet safe to do so.

The evictions by V8 Investments, LLC in Garden Grove did not happen in a vacuum and continue to have lasting impacts not only on those who were directly involved but also as a matter of precedent for business owners everywhere. If they could be evicted during a pandemic even though there was an eviction moratorium in place in their city, what is there to stop other unjust evictions from happening?

It is your duty as the civic leaders for Garden Grove to take action today and agendize this issue. Use your leadership for the benefit of your residents who need you right now to do the right things:

1. Immediately halt the eviction by V8 Investments, LLC and ensure that the businesses can return safely to the lot.
2. Enact an ordinance to protect Garden Grove residents and businesses from evictions for 6 months and expand those protections to renters of self-storage facilities.
3. Monitor and ensure that V8 Investments, LLC abides by the moratorium on evictions.

I urge you to take action today and to set an example for the rest of the county as well as the rest of the state by putting your residents' safety and best interests first.

Signed,
Indigo Vu

URGENT: Request for Organizational Sign-on to Support Viet Workers and Businesses Facing Eviction in Garden Grove

From : MHS Amnesty International
<mhsamnestyin@gmail.com>

Tue, May 26, 2020 01:38 PM

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Subject : URGENT: Request for Organizational Sign-on to Support Viet Workers and Businesses Facing Eviction in Garden Grove

To : cityclerk@ggcity.org

Cc : Allison Vo <allison@vietrise.org>

Dear Mayor Steve Jones and Councilmembers of Garden Grove,

My name is Christina Nguyen and I am the President of Marina High School's Chapter of Amnesty International. Our organization works to combat injustice in the community, as well as promote and protect our human rights through the means of educating others and taking action.

I am writing with concern to urgently call on you to pass an ordinance that bans evictions for the next 6 months. The current resolution expires on May 31st. In 5 days, residents and workers will be without protection if action is not taken by the city to enact stronger legal protections for everyone through an ordinance.

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Your current resolution ends in 5 days and everyone in your city is running out of time. Please take action now.

Signed,

Christina Nguyen

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Garden Grove City Council, Stand with and Protect our city's small businesses!

From : Vincent Tran <vincent5tran@gmail.com>

Tue, May 26, 2020 02:56 PM

Subject : Garden Grove City Council, Stand with and Protect our city's small businesses!

To : cityclerk@ggcity.org

Cc : allison@vietrise.org

Dear Mayor Steve Jones and Councilmembers of Garden Grove,

My name is Vincent Tran and I am a worker in Garden Grove.

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Signed,
Vincent Tran

GG City Council: Protect Workers, Businesses, and Residents from Unjust Evictions!

From : Chloe Vo <chloevo18@gmail.com>
Subject : GG City Council: Protect Workers, Businesses, and Residents from Unjust Evictions!
To : cityclerk@ggcity.org
Cc : Allison Vo <allison@vietrise.org>

Tue, May 26, 2020 02:38 PM

Dear Mayor Steve Jones and Councilmembers of Garden Grove,

My name is Chloe Vo, and I reside in Garden Grove.

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I believe that workers' rights should exist as a constant. No, I *know* that workers' rights should exist as a constant—an indisputable aspect of everyday life during the Coronavirus pandemic, our city's policies should reflect the importance of such rights.

As a young student, I experience my own burdens with distance learning, but of course, I live with a roof over my head and do not have to worry about business-related drawbacks. When I heard about the small business owners and workers that were evicted by V8 Investments, LLC, I initially felt ignorant severe hardships that other people face during this time. Then, I heard that my friend's family is experiencing similar obstacles with their small business the Asian Garden Mall (Phước Lộc Thọ). Soon, my feelings of ignorance transformed into the desire to raise my voice and empower those workers, to let them know they are not alone. As the pandemic continues, I may not be struggling in the same way that they are; however, I am a community member, and that provides me with an "us" mindset, not an "I" mindset.

The workers impacted by the recent evictions not only have to endure through the struggle of staying healthy and safe, but they also endure financial loss of their clientele. Still, the injustice does not begin or end with V8 Investments. The injustice does not exist in solely one place. The injustice impacts workers across the county, and possibly beyond those bounds.

With all of this considered, they should be explicitly protected by an ordinance that both outlines and uplifts their workers' rights.

As a member of the Garden Grove community, I urge you to take action by

- 1. Immediately halting the eviction by V8 Investments, LLC, and ensure that the businesses can return safely to the lot.
- 2. Enacting an ordinance to protect Garden Grove residents and businesses from evictions for 6 months and expanding those protections to rental facilities.
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Please use your influential positions to reinforce solidarity with the local workforce. Solidarity is what we need for both the present and the future.

Signed,
Chloe Vo
