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Lynch restraining order cases dismissed

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Stockton City Council District 5 candidate Desiree Lynch did not appear in court on Aug. 20 for hearings on her requests for restraining orders against former Mayor Anthony Silva and former Vice Mayor Ralph Lee White, and the civil harassment cases were dismissed.

Lynch, a registered nurse, is running

against incumbent Brando Villapudua in the Nov. 3 general election. She was arrested on Aug. 19 in a separate criminal case following a six-week public corruption investigation into her candidacy and residency by the San Joaquin County District Attorney's Office Bureau of Investigations. She faces five felony election-related charges: three counts of per-



Lynch

jury, one count of causing, procuring or allowing false voter registration and one count of filing a false declaration of candidacy.

Lynch's failure to appear at the order to show cause hearings in the civil harassment cases raised questions about whether her absence violated the terms of her release following her arrest the previous day.

San Joaquin County Superior Court Commissioner Kerry Krueger presided

over the hearings and dismissed Lynch's civil harassment cases against Silva and White without prejudice, allowing her to refile the cases in the future.

The temporary restraining orders previously issued against Silva and White were also dismissed, ending restrictions that prohibited the men from harassing, intimidating, stalking, threatening or otherwise contacting Lynch.

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Community mourns loss of local advocate



Ben Amador, a father, husband, friend and Stockton advocate is remembered by loved ones after his sudden passing.
PROVIDED BY JESSICA CELESTINE AMADOR, MALIYAH AMADOR AND KARA TORRES

Ben Amador lost in a fatal car accident on August 15

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For those in the community he was an advocate but for his loved ones, Benjamin Ernest Amador, better known as "Ben," was a husband, a father, a son, a brother and a friend.

Jessica Celestine Amador described her husband as "strong," "humble" and a

"beautiful heart."

On Aug. 15, Amador was driving home to Stockton after hiking with friends when he was killed in a car wreck. He was 38 years old.

Jessica said her husband loved nature. The couple married on January 31, 2020. They had known each other since they were teenagers, Jessica said.

"I loved Ben from the day he had nothing until the day he died," she said. "We

started from nothing and we built a really nice life together. My kids are blessed for the hard work he put in."

The couple had two children Maliyah, 16, and Matteo, 5.

Several years before they wed, Amador served an eight-year prison sentence. He was released from custody on Jan. 31, 2015.

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22-year-old arraigned in connection to homicide

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A 22-year-old man, who was already in jail on a separate case, was charged this week with killing a man who died in February.

Daniel Bautista appeared in a Stockton courtroom Thursday, Aug. 20, for his first arraignment hearing in connection with the murder of 21-year-old Jaden Rashawn Phillip Bailey.

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California will provide free inhalers to schools

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California will provide free emergency albuterol inhalers and spacers to public and charter schools statewide for use by students experiencing asthma-related breathing emergencies under a new initiative announced this week by Gov. Gavin Newsom.

The School Albuterol Access Initiative, launched through the state's CalRx program in partnership with Amneal Pharmaceuticals, will provide schools with an annual emergency

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