

The Mind Numbing Corruption And Perversions In Marin County In California

By Susan Lundt

Recognized for its rolling green hills and freshly scrubbed blonde yuppies, Marin County in Northern California is supposed to be Heaven-on-Earth but a peek behind the scenes reveals Marin to be operated by crony criminals and ridden with pedophiles and anal sex fanatics. Even when you die in Marin County, the coroner may still rape your body and the tax people will rape your estate. Take a look at these stories for some color on Marin County that will make you blush red with anger and embarrassment:

[Marin County's Deputy Chief Coroner Arrested For Child ...](#)

Marin County's deputy chief **coroner** was **arrested** last week on accusations of multiple counts related to child molestation, as first reported by the **Marin** ...

› nbcbayarea.com/news/local/Marin-Countys-Deputy-Coroner-A...

[Marin head coroner arrested on molestation charges | The ...](#)

The head of the **Marin County coroner's** office was **arrested** last week on a warrant charging him with four felony **county** of child molestation.

› pressdemocrat.com/news/6969520-181/marin-head-coroner-arres...

[Marin coroner charged with molesting girl - marinij.com](#)

The head of the **Marin County coroner's** office has been **arrested** on a warrant charging him with four felony counts of child molestation over a period of seven years.

marinij.com/article/NO/20170506/NEWS/170509847

[Coroner In Marin County Arrested On Child Molestation Charges ...](#)

A Northern California **coroner** has been **arrested** on child molestation charges.

› sacramento.cbslocal.com/2017/05/08/child-molestation-coroner-mari...

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NOVATO — The Northern California **coroner** for one of the wealthiest counties in the country was **arrested** and charged with sexually abusing a girl younger than 14 ...

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[Marin coroner arrested in Eureka on molestation warrant](#)

The head of the **Marin County coroner's** office was **arrested** in Eureka on a warrant charging him with four felony counts of child molestation over a period of seven ...

times-standard.com/article/NJ/20170507/NEWS/170509888

[Head of Marin County coroner's office charged with molesting](#)

The head of the **Marin County coroner's** office was **arrested** on charges of repeatedly molesting an underage girl over a span of seven years, beginning when she was ...

sfgate.com/bayarea/article/Head-of-Marin-County-coro...

[Head Coroner Arrested On Child Sex Abuse Charges In Marin County](#)

MARIN COUNTY, CA - UPDATE: MONDAY, MAY 8, 4:40 p.m. **Marin County** Chief Deputy **Coroner** Darrell Alan Harris was arraigned this morning on felony and misdemeanor ...

<https://patch.com/california/sanrafael/head-coroner-arreste...>

[Marin County coroner charged with molesting girl](#)

The head of the **Marin County coroner's** office made his initial court appearance on child molestation charges Monday but delayed entering a plea. Darrell Alan Harris ...

EBT.eastbaytimes.com/2017/05/08/marin-county-coroner-charged-w...

[Marin County coroner charged with molesting girl](#)

The head of the **Marin County coroner's** office made his initial court appearance on child molestation charges Monday but delayed entering a plea.

mercurynews.com/2017/05/08/marin-county-coroner-charged-w...

[Marin County Coroner Accused Of Child Molestation](#)

Marin County Coroner Accused Of Child ... who is in charge of the **Marin County's Coroner** office, remained in jail Monday on \$750,000 bail and is ...

The Marin County Corruption Scandal!

- What to do when County officials engage in political reprisals and ideological

vendettas against you!

By Andy Cosgrove and The Marin Alliance

Are public employees who hate Trump, or hate Obama, using their public offices (that your tax dollars pay for) in order to attack you because they hate the current President or they hate your politics? **Is that legal? No!** It is a violation of the law, a violation of the U.S. Constitution and a violation of the trust of the public. Here is what you can do:

- File public-interest lawsuits for RICO, Civil Rights violations and related corruption charges against the top 10 county administrators, PERSONALLY, the county itself and the attacking investigator, **personally**, for abuse of office.
- Publish a WIKIPEDIA book on the internet, ASAP about the entire incident naming all of the names involved.
- Contact the Secret Service to advise them that a public official is using Government resources to express their intentions towards the acting President.
- Investigate the top 15 county officials, and their campaign financier,s and track-back every: Hooker use and sex party activity; Off-shore tax evasion account; Un-reported or improperly documented Illicit family trust fund; Covert construction company and building supplier ownerships which inure to those officials through payola and kickback deals; All of their pedophilia crimes; Nepotism hires, and every other traceable illicit action which clever private and public investigation and forensic science can uncover.
- Seek Federal defunding of the entire County and contact every federal entity that has ever distributed funds to the county within the last 10 years to demand defunding of that County.
- Deploy a global website that documents each and every corrupt person and their corrupt deeds in the county (ie: <http://xyzcase.xyz>)
- Use the peer-to-peer investigation network of millions of voters and current and former intelligence and law enforcement contacts to eradicate any and all improprieties in the County and place all County staff under long term surveillance using Voat.co, Reddit.com, Facebook, and all social media.
- Send out bi-weekly national press releases with updates on the investigations.
- Hold public TV press conferences in front of the offices of officials engaging in such reprisals.
- Use ALL of these entirely legally actions WITH the support of Congressional officials and Federal law resources.
- Make absolutely certain that every voter in the County knows that the defunding and the ruckus is because of these officials. You can even name the whole scandal after the Chief Administrator of the County or the investigator who was doing the reprisals so that everyone knows who to thank for all of the hassle.

You can now easily eradicate these corrupt public officials, wipe out their pensions, expose them in global media, have them arrested and indicted and end their ability to abuse public offices. They work for YOU. They are YOUR employees. Hold them to task! Thousands of dirty officials have been terminated, 100% legally, using these tactics!

In Marin County, California an incredible number of public officials have been caught having sex with the children of the local populace and then using their offices to cover up their underage sex crimes. In addition, the greatest disparity of millionaire vs. poor people exists in Marin County yet, guess who all the bosses of Marin County government and the Judiciary are: Millionaires! The poor (under \$75K/Yr.

Total family income) are consistently set upon in Marin by bureaucratic fascists who feel that anyone who is not pulling in a cool million are “sub-humans”. In fact the majority of Marin County are not even remotely millionaires and that majority is tired of getting a boot on their head every time they look for justice. These bureaucrats must no longer be allowed to prey on our children, our poor and become fat off the trough of the public’s taxes.

They get away with these things because they live in a bubble in which they believe they are “untouchable” and that nobody is their boss. Tell them now, Tell them Today: YOU ARE THEIR BOSS!

Pedo-like Marin County Bosses should no longer get to think that the public is their day labor and realize that every one of the Elitist Political Mob Bosses lording it up under Frank Lloyd Wright’s big blue domes are the tools of that very public! The *Alliance Against Marin County Corruption* is asking everyone to participate in an Anti-Corruption program by reporting on, discussing and exposing Corruption in Marin County by adding #STOPMARINCORRUPTION as a hashtag, or keyword, on all of your social media when exposing corruption in Marin County.

Marin Residents are stepping up to the task, even if their elected officials won’t do it!

Petition: Marin County, CA Superior Court corruption ...

This petition is to request a special investigation by Attorney General Alberto Gonzales into the ongoing **corruption** in **Marin County**, CA superior court.

thepetitionsite.com/takeaction/279/133/210/

Marin County, CA Superior Court corruption investigation

Marin County, CA Superior Court **corruption** investigation Target: Alberto Gonzales, US Attorney General, U.S ... **Marin County**, CA judges have a ...

truthscotsthistle.blogspot.com/2006/09/marin-county-ca-superior-court.html

Marin County Schools | Exposing corruption, incompetence and ...

Exposing **corruption**, incompetence and lies in the Ross Valley School District (especially at White Hill Middle School), as well as at St. Rita’s School

<https://marincountyschools.wordpress.com>

Marin County illegally uses reprisal and economic blackmail against poor people...

Exposing **corruption**, incompetence the abuse of the poor by rich elitist Marin County insider bearocrats...

<http://www.pilpca.org/2012/04/10/marin-county-illegally-refuses-subsistence-money-to-thousands-of-poor-residents/>

[Ripoff Report | Marin County Superior Court of California ...](#)

Marin County Superior Court of California, Jeanne Mann, ... Home > Reports > Outrageous Popular Rip Off > Government **Corruption** > **Marin County** Superior Court Of ...
ripoffreport.com/reports/government-corruption/marin-count...

[Marin County BLACKMAILS Citizen for Exposing Corruption ...](#)

If you want to complain about government abuses or **corruption** in **Marin County** be prepared to go bankrupt—unless you are really, really, rich.

capoliticalreview.com/capoliticalnewsandviews/marin-county-blac...

[CPS/Family Court Corruption, Uncovering the Truth—Bay Area ...](#)

CPS/Family Court **Corruption**, Uncovering the Truth—Bay Area ... Assemblyman Tim Donnelly is coming to **Marin County** to gather stories from aggrieved families in ...

<https://facebook.com/events/231221910374531/>

[Corrupt Judges are out of control in America - Ugly Judge](#)

The **corruption** is spreading from Santa Clara County to **Marin County** as ... and the code of conduct sworn to by all lawyers and judges. "**CORRUPTION ALERT**: ...

uglyjudge.com/judges-2/

[Marin County CCW Corruption -- Update - Keep and Bear Arms](#)

Marin County CCW **Corruption** -- Update. by Jim March jmarch@prodigy.net. December 3, 2001.

Hi all, The official response to the initial **Marin County**, California CCW ...

keepandbeararms.com/newsarchives/XcNewsPlus.asp?cmd=view&arti...

[Judge Adams and her Reign of Terror | Free Jasmijn](#)

Judge Adams and her Reign of Terror. ... Volumes have been written about the rampant **corruption** on the **Marin County** Superior Court bench located on the north side of ...

freejasmijn.com/?p=720

[Marin County Superior Court - Public Index](#)

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marincourt.org/PublicIndex/Default.aspx

[The Marin Post](#)

In the latest **corruption** of process, **Marin County** Department of ... And if medical office use has now become a **County** project, then why should **Marin** General be the ...

<https://marinpost.org/blog/2016/1/24/the-latest-corruption-of-p...>

[Family Court Crisis Online Photo Exhibit](#)

Family Court Crisis: Surviving A Broken System is a moving photography exhibition from the Center for Judicial Excellence in **Marin County**, California.

<centerforjudicialexcellence.org/multimedia/family-court-crisis-online-pho...>

[Novato High School track coach arrested for sexual ...](#)

Novato track coach arrested for sexual relationship with **student**. Email EMBED </> ... according to the **Marin County** ... news teacher arrested **sex** teacher **students** ...

<abc7news.com/news/novato-track-coach-arrested-for-sexu...>

[Novato High School track coach arrested for having sex with ...](#)

Police have arrested Novato High School track coach Steven ... arrested for having **sex with student**. ...

Deschler was booked into the **Marin County** Jail on ...

<kron4.com/2015/07/03/novato-high-school-track-coach...>

[Marin County Film Teacher Arrested on Child Porn Charges ...](#)

A San Francisco man who taught film production and screening classes to young children in **Marin County** has been arrested on child ... in **sex** acts with ...

<nbcbayarea.com/news/local/Marin-County-Film-Teacher-Arre...>

[Deputies: Marion County teacher had sex with second student](#)

... Marion **County** teacher had **sex with** second **student** Bail set at \$715,000 | Updated: 5:55 PM EST Feb 27, ... the **arrest** affidavit said Adams and the girl had sexual ...

<wesh.com/article/deputies-marion-county-teacher-ha...>

[Community sickened by arrest of Novato High School track ...](#)

Community sickened by **arrest** of Novato High School track coach for **sex** ... **arrest** for **sex** crimes with a former **student**. **Marin County** sheriff's officials said ...

<kron4.com/2015/07/03/community-sickened-by-arrest-o...>

[Martin County teacher arrested for having sex with student ...](#)

Martin **County** teacher arrested for having **sex** ... Martin **County** teacher arrested for having **sex with student**. ... **County** school where a teacher is under **arrest** for ...

<wflx.com/story/20073189/martin-county-teacher-arre...>

[San Rafael sex offender arrested at Terra Linda High School](#)

A convicted **sex** offender was arrested in San Rafael after an off-duty probation officer spotted him ... was booked into **Marin County** Jail on ...

marinij.com/article/NO/20170319/NEWS/170319784

[Victim's mother berates ex-Novato coach during sentencing in ...](#)

A former Novato High School coach accused of **sex** acts with a 17-year-old **student** was sentenced to ... during sentencing in **sex** ... **Marin County** District ...

marinij.com/article/NO/20160218/NEWS/160219780

[Arrested Made in Murder of Novato High Student - patch.com](#)

... The **Marin County** Sheriff's Office on Nov. 22 announced a new **arrest** ... Sheriff's deputies previously arrested two Novato High School **students**, Juan Carlos ...

patch.com/california/novato/arrested-made-murder-no...

[New suspect in Marin teen's slaying arrested in Maryland](#)

New suspect in **Marin** teen's slaying arrested in Maryland. ... The **Marin County** District Attorney's Office is still ... were **students** at Novato High School and ...

mercurynews.com/2016/11/22/alleged-ms-13-gang-leader-arre...

[Marion County teacher arrested on sex battery charges with ...](#)

An Ocala teacher already charged with having **sex with** a **student** has been arrested again after a new accusation that he ... Marion **County** teacher arrested on **sex** ...

clickorlando.com/news/marion-county-teacher-arrested-on-se...

[Marin County School Aide Arrested For Alleged Sex Acts With ...](#)

Marin County School Aide Arrested For Alleged **Sex** Acts With Teen Girl January ... was scheduled to be arraigned Wednesday in **Marin County** Superior Court, ...

sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2013/01/30/marin-county-school-aide-arres...

[Alleged gang member arrested in Maryland for murder of Novato ...](#)

The **Marin County** Sheriff's Office announced today another **arrest** in the murder and attempted murder of two Novato High School **students** in May. Edenilson Misael Alfaro ...

marinscope.com/novato_advance/news/alleged-gang-member-a...

[Headmaster Of Highbrow Marin School Busted With Meth ... - SFist](#)

Headmaster Of Highbrow **Marin** School Busted ... a tony private high school in **Marin County** that's produced ... as its headmaster is allegedly at the center of a **sex** ...
sfist.com/2014/10/07/headmaster_of_highbrow_marin_s...

[Recent Bookings | Martin County Sheriff's Office](#)

Recent Bookings. THIS REPORT IS NOW ... MONDAY THRU FRIDAY . This report reflects the **arrests** in **Martin County** for the last 24 hrs. ... Place of **Arrest**: ...
sheriff.martin.fl.us/bookings.html

[Another Arrest Made in May 25 Slaying of Novato High Student](#)

The **Marin County** Sheriff's Office announced Tuesday another **arrest** ... The **Marin County** ... Sheriff's deputies arrested two Novato High School **students**, ...
nbcbayarea.com/news/local/Another-Arrest-Made-in-Slaying...

[Authorities ID arrested suspects in Marin hiker slaying - KTVU](#)

The **Marin County** Sheriff's Department late Wednesday released the identities of ... Homeless **student** graduates ... Authorities ID arrested suspects in **Marin** hiker ...
ktvu.com/news/31084130-story

[California teachers arrested for 'having sex with students on ...](#)

... (right), 30, met up with and had **sex with** a group of male **students** on an Orange **County** ... arrested for having **sex with students** ... Mail Online. Published: 17:00 ...
dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2915878/Two-California-teach...

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[County Of Marin - Online Warrant Search](#)

Volunteers and **Student** Internships; ... Online Warrant Search ... If there is an outstanding warrant for your **arrest**, you may contact the **Marin County** Superior ...
apps.marincounty.org/WarrantSearch

[San Rafael Cracking Down On Massage Parlors Accused Of ...](#)

Sex parlors masquerading as ... San Rafael Cracking Down On Massage Parlors Accused Of Prostitution June 5 ... In the hub of bucolic **Marin County**, ...

sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2014/06/05/san-rafael-cracking-down-on-ma...

[Martin County](#)

MARTIN COUNTY Name: BALUJA, TANYA ODALYS Race: W Sex: F DOB: ... Arresting Agency: MCS Officer: STONEBRAKER Place of Arrest: ...
sheriff.martin.fl.us/cad/new_bookings.html

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marinsheriff.org

[California principal arrested with drugs, unconscious woman ...](#)

Police say the principal of a private **Marin County** high school was arrested after ... California principal arrested with drugs, unconscious woman. ...
foxnews.com/us/2014/10/07/california-principal-arrest...

[Marin County Court needs FBI oversight | Free Jasmijn](#)

Judge Adams takes orders from child molester. ... This is a newspaper article about previous anti-**corruption** protests at **Marin County** Superior Court.
freejasmijn.com/?p=602

[The Pension Scandals in Sonoma and Marin Counties - Union Watch](#)

Special Interest **Corruption**; 2013 Archives; ... In both Sonoma and **Marin County's** Code of Ordinances there ... 8 Responses to The Pension Scandals in Sonoma and ...
unionwatch.org/the-pension-scandals-in-sonoma-and-marin-...

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marincounty.org/depts/da

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The Martin **County** Sheriffs Offices civil suit, ... If you agree with what you read in the **corruption** that goes on beneath the surface and want to try to make a ...
<https://martincountyfloridaiscorrupt.com>

[Hon. Lynn Duryee \(Ret.\), JAMS Mediator and Arbitrator](#)

As a Superior Court judge in **Marin County**, California, Judge Duryee resolved thousands of commercial, contract, and negligence cases.

<https://jamsadr.com/duryee/>

[Marin County Superior Court - San Rafael, California ...](#)

Marin County Superior Court, ... Kathleen Russell — 1 star **Marin** Superior Court **corruption** is pushing hard working folks into poverty, yet their days are numbered.

<https://facebook.com/pages/Marin-County-Superior-Court/1367949...>

[Official's girlfriend, on stand in Marin corruption trial ...](#)

Official's girlfriend, on stand in **Marin corruption** trial, ... Richards is standing trial in **Marin County** Superior Court on charges that he took the loan from the ...

marinij.com/article/NO/20150921/NEWS/150929960

[Family Court Accountability Coalition: Judge Beverly Wood ...](#)

Family Court **Corruption** across the US-trash the relationship between the protective good parents and their child. **Marin** Family Court Presiding Judge Verna ...

familycourtcoalition.blogspot.com/2014/06/Marin-Judge-Beverly-Wood-Kim-Turn...

[Family Court Corruption | Lies, Facts, and Laws Violated](#)

Family Court **Corruption**. Lies, Facts, and Laws Violated. Skip to content. Home; Enforcing our Rights in Family Court. We are not here to whine about the **corruption** in ...

familycourtcorruption.com

[Marion Correctional Institution -- Fl Dept. of Corrections](#)

Marion Correctional Institution **County**: Marion. Offender Search for this Facility: Queries may take a long time for facilities with large populations.

dc.state.fl.us/facilities/region3/304.html

[marin county Archives - THE PUBLIC COURT](#)

SAN DIEGO CORRUPTION. ... Home » **marin county**. State Audit Targets Sacramento, **Marin** Family Courts. January 21, 2011 By zoeCat@pubCourt 6 Comments.

thepubliccourt.com/tag/marin-county/

[Defense in Marin corruption inquiry says former Ross Valley ...](#)

Marin County District Attorney Ed Berberian said Thursday that former Ross Valley Sanitary District general manager Brett Richards "clearly misused" a \$350,000 ...

marinij.com/article/zz/20140206/NEWS/140208703

CPS Fraud-Corruption - THE PUBLIC COURT

CPS Fraud-**Corruption** ... family code section 3110.5 family court FL-326 government and judicial **corruption** kathleen russell Lesh w. robert **marin county** mediators ...
thepubliccourt.com/cps-fraud-corruption/

Marin County Scandal and Elder Abuse Horror: Lawsuits Link ...

Marin County Scandal and Elder Abuse Horror: Lawsuits Link 'Death Nurse,' Bay Area lawyers, Doctor and 'Blind Eye' by Local, State, and National Public Officials
prnewswire.com/news-releases/marin-county-scandal-and-el...

The Marin Post

Update on **Corruption** of Process on the Bently Holdings Application for Medical Office Use. ... Unfortunately, Strawberry is an unincorporated area of **Marin County**, ...
<https://marinpost.org/blog/2016/2/7/update-on-corruption-of-pro...>

Judge Verna Adams of Marin County; enabler/apologist for ...

In 1995, then Gov. Gray Davis was duped into appointing Verna A. Adams to a judgeship on the **Marin County** Superior Court.
noethics.net/News/index.php?option=com_content&view=ar...

Marin County welfare fraud investigators arrested after realty agent gets threatening, racist phone calls

By Katrina Cameron, Bay Area News Group HERCULES >> A Marin County welfare fraud investigator is under investigation after someone called a realty age

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Police arrested Raymond Anciaux, 51, of Hercules last week on suspicion of calling and threatening the agent, who is black, according to Hercules police.

Hercules police Sgt. Joseph Vasquez, saying Anciaux was released from jail after prosecutors asked for further investigation, said he expects the case will wrap up in a week or two. He called the allegations surprising in light of Anciaux's job.

A Marin County spokesman said "the county does not comment on the status of employees or personnel matters."

The 51-year-old realty agent, who was not identified, held an open house Aug. 2 and authorities believe Anciaux's cellphone was used to call her several times and leave voice mails. Police said the caller used several racial and gender slurs, stated he didn't want her in his neighborhood and threatened to kill her.

Anciaux was arrested on suspicion of committing a hate crime and making annoying phone calls.

IJ reporter Nels Johnson contributed to this story.

OBAMA'S HEAD OF CALIFORNIA OBAMACARE ARRESTED FOR CORRUPTION AND RACKETEERING OUT OF MARIN



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Arrest of HIX Chief Doesn't Slow 'Covered California' Development

Despite searching for a replacement for its IT chief, the California health insurance exchange is slated for an on-time launch.

BY JESSICA MULHOLLAND ([HTTP://WWW.GOVTECH.COM/AUTHORS/JESSICA-MULHOLLAND.HTML](http://www.govtech.com/authors/jessica-mulholland.html)) / APRIL 18, 2013

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On March 15, the IT chief for California's health insurance exchange (HIX) -- called Covered California -- James Joseph Brown Jr., was arrested. And he left his post on March 25, the day he was arraigned on felony conflict of interest charges, according to local news outlet *The Sacramento Bee* (<http://www.sacbee.com/2013/03/29/5303231/former-california-state-employee.html>). *The Bee* also reported that when the crimes occurred, between Nov. 2 and Dec. 8, 2009, Brown was bureau chief of information systems for the Justice Department, according to a complaint filed in Sacramento Superior Court.

And now, with California's health insurance/benefits exchange facing a year-end deadline, the exchange is scrambling to fill the position, according to the *Sacramento Business Journal* (<http://www.bizjournals.com/sacramento/print-edition/2013/04/12/arrest-chief-challenge-health-exchange.html>).

Arrest of IT chief is new challenge for Covered California

Covered California lets some deadlines slip as it seeks to replace James Joseph Brown Jr.

Apr 12, 2013, 3:00am PDT

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The state's health benefits exchange, facing a year-end deadline, is scrambling to fill a key position after its information technology chief was arrested last month.



Health exchange IT chief James Joseph Brown Jr. was arrested on charges of felony... [more](#)

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[James Joseph Brown Jr.](#) was arrested March 15 and arraigned March 25 on

Marin County Illegally Refuses Subsistence Money to Thousands of Poor Residents

by [Peter Gallotta](#)

Update: Recent [coverage](#) in the Marin Independent Journal critical of the County's administration of its [General Assistance Program](#).

SAN RAFAEL, CA – In California's wealthiest county live up to 6,000 desperately poor residents, most of them neglected by the County's government. In a lawsuit filed on January 31 in Marin County Superior Court, three destitute Marin residents charge that the County uses illegal and unfair methods to refuse subsistence aid to its most destitute population.

The suit, filed by Greg Versis, Alfredo Garcia and Lee A. Lee and backed by two major public interest law firms, asks the court to lend order, consistency and openness to the County's methods for dispensing General Assistance (GA) funds. GA is a county program which provides a small monthly stipend (about \$387 a month) to indigent adults.

While California law requires counties to distribute GA funds fairly, the lawsuit charges that Marin County shirks this duty by running its GA program "according to *ad hoc*, unpublished, ever-changing, and often unwritten rules that result in the inhumane termination of last resort aid." Moreover, plaintiffs allege that the County is breaking state law by cutting people out of GA assistance without first making the required findings of good cause.

The result: Just 450 of the county's indigents, many of whom are disabled, are given the few dollars they need to survive, and even those people face arbitrary cut-offs. The rest have fallen through the safety net. In the past 11 years, the complaint alleges, about 139 homeless people have died on the streets of Marin County and many more have been left hungry, ill, and unable to pay for shelter.

Kristen Washburn, an attorney with Bay Area Legal Aid, one of the organizations representing the plaintiffs, saw her client lose his GA benefits and then his housing. "He couldn't pay his rent and was evicted. He was living in a tent during the coldest and wettest time of the year," she said. "Then there was a cold snap and a lot of rain, and he told me his tent was leaking. I wondered how he was going to survive."

The suit alleges that Marin has shunned its indigent population for decades. "The Board of Supervisors has ignored this critical, last-resort benefit, and the very poorest members of this affluent county for more than 30 years," said Bob Capistrano, another lawyer with Bay Area Legal Aid. "Welfare workers are cutting people out of GA based upon nonsensical, unfair, and illegal rules they seem to be making up as they go along."

Plaintiff Alfredo Garcia, 49, a former construction worker who was sidelined by work injuries, was able to receive GA but he fears losing this lifeline because it is nearly impossible to understand and follow the County's many arbitrary requirements. For example, he and other recipients have to file monthly status reports and are threatened with possible termination even if they file the reports one day *early*. "I really worry about all of the other people who rely on GA and the many folks who lose it every month." Garcia said. "It isn't much money, but it is all we have to survive."

“We are asking the court to order Marin County to follow the law,” said Judith Gold of the Public Interest Law Project, which is also representing the plaintiffs. “That means it can’t cut people off from this critically needed aid for violating program rules unless the violations are truly their fault. It also cannot keep running this program under unwritten standards that the Board of Supervisors has not reviewed or approved. While we recognize that counties are under pressure to save money, this will save money in the long run by allowing more people to get out of costly shelter beds and into stable housing.”

The Public Interest Law Project provides crucial litigation and advocacy support to local legal services and public interest law programs throughout California. (<http://www.pilpca.org>). Bay Area Legal Aid is the largest provider of free civil legal services in the Bay Area. Bay Legal and PILP have frequently worked together to ensure access to the GA safety net. They have successfully pursued a number of General Assistance cases against other counties, including Contra Costa and Alameda.

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Elite Marin County Politicians Play Favorites and “Political Payback” With Public Funds

By [Nels Johnson](#), **Marin Independent Journal**

More than 21,000 people live below the federal poverty level in Marin County, and 1,900 are children under 6 years old, a new study reports.

Marin’s overall poverty rate checks in at 8.4 percent, a measure that involves a family of four earning less than \$23,550 a year, but the rate hits a lofty 12.8 percent for Marin children under 6.

“Poverty in the Bay Area,” a new analysis by San Rafael economist Jon Haveman, focuses on the region as a whole, but provides striking insights about Marin County as well.

“It does surprise me that the poverty rate here is so high,” Haveman said. “It peaked at 9.5 percent in 2011.”

As for the high poverty rate involving young children, the lack of affordable child care is a problem, he said, adding 30 percent of all youngsters across the Bay Area live in households involving a single mother.

Haveman, who heads Marin Economic Consulting and has monitored the regional pulse since 2001, said that when measured by a more rigorous California poverty indicator that adjusts for the cost of living, Marin’s poverty rate is somewhere between 17 percent and 19 percent — not much better than the state’s 22 percent average. He added that as far as meeting a separate “self sufficiency” standard that also accounts for the cost of living, almost 30 percent of Marin residents are unable to make ends meet adequately, about the same as the rest of the Bay Area.

“Marin has a have and have-not economy,” Haveman said. “The wealthiest county in the Bay Area has levels of economic hardship comparable to the region as a whole.”

Heather Ravani, assistant director of the county Health and Human Services Department, said Haveman’s observation comes as no surprise. “Marin may be the healthiest and one of the wealthiest counties in the state, but every day thousands of our children are hungry and falling behind, and our families struggle to meet their basic needs,” Ravani said. “Until we as a community change our focus and move to support and improve these conditions, we will continue to see this gap widen and see our children unable to escape a life of poverty.”

Amy Reisch, executive director of the First 5 Marin Childrens and Families Commission, said the new study backs data already on hand. “It’s clear we have an unacceptable level of poverty,” Reisch said. “We’ve known there’s a big disparity in Marin, and for children in particular, we’re not doing all we can.”

Marin childcare activists are working on a 2016 quarter-cent sales tax measure that would raise \$10 million a year to benefit impoverished children. County supervisors have allocated \$50,000 for a plan outlining how funds raised by a sales tax for kids would be used, information needed to persuade voters the tax makes sense.

Children’s advocates including MarinKids last year reported more than 800 families were on a waiting list for affordable child care, nearly 60 percent of elementary and middle school children are unsupervised after school, and hundreds of Marin children live below the federal poverty level. While 91 percent of white children attend preschool, only 32 percent of Latino kids attend. Only 30 percent of children from poor families score well in English, compared to 82 percent of others.

Haveman said he was unaware of the ballot plan.

As a region, Haveman’s study indicated the Bay Area has an 11.3 percent poverty rate that hovers near historic highs, with more than 800,000 people living below the poverty line. Poverty plagues the region even though “the Bay Area has a fast-growing frontier economy that is the starting point for much of the technology created nationwide,” the study noted.

