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## The race for the Assembly seat

### Ramos wants to focus on homelessness, mental health

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James Ramos



Jennifer Tullius

California 40th Assembly incumbent James Ramos is ready to build on his productive first term.

During his first two years in office, the Democrat from Highland drafted multiple bills that were signed into law by Gov. Gavin Newsom.

AB 2112 created an office of suicide prevention for the first time. AB 1767 allows for policy on pupil suicide prevention that specifically addresses the needs of high-risk groups in grades K-12. Previously, suicide prevention policies only served grades 7 to 12.

"We want to make sure mental health is not forgotten," said Ramos. "When I first ran in 2018, youth suicides were taking place in my district due to social bullying. I wanted to do more. That is why I ran because laws are created in Sacramento."

Some of Ramos' other bills include AB 3099, which partners tribal government and t

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### Tullius wants to reopen the economy

California Assembly candidate Jennifer Tullius is new to politics but wants to create change.

"I started as an activist for Travis Allen when he ran for governor in 2018," said Tullius. "I joined the Chaffey Republican Women's Federated and was appointed as a delegate to the California Republican Party."

Tullius is a businesswoman who started her medical billing business in 2007. Growing a successful business is one of the reasons Tullius supports Proposition 22.

"If elected, I hope I can make policy changes to repeal AB 5," she said. "AB 5 destroyed millions of independent contractors. Mothers, fathers, students, they didn't ask for this. The government should not be allowed to tell someone who they can work for or for how long. I would not have been able to grow my business if AB 5 existed in 2007. It

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The park opened as Pharaoh's Lost Kingdom in 1994.

## Board has no faith in Splash Kingdom, revokes its permit

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The Redlands Planning Commission voted unanimously to revoke the conditional use permit for Splash Kingdom on Tuesday, Oct. 13.

The amusement park, which hasn't operated at full capacity in a decade, has had a tumultuous history.

The facility opened in 1994 as an Egyptian-themed water park with bumper boats, go-karts, water slides, pools and a lazy river.

In 2009, the Planning Commission revoked its conditional use permit due to non-compliance and code violations after operating as a center for night-time music and dance

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## Grants helping teachers enhance distance learning

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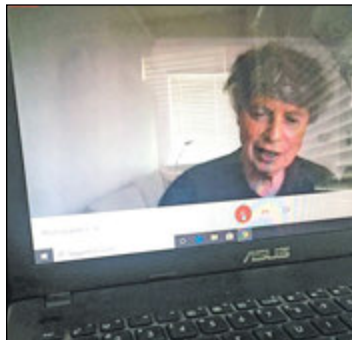
On Beattie Middle School students' computer screens, Synnove Tyo's digital math wall depicts a dozen whimsical-looking "buttons" that they can click on to take them to various lessons, such as "primes," "exponents" or "transformations."

As her colleagues in the teaching profession everywhere knows, eighth-grade

math teacher Tyo could tell you that contemporary textbooks are simply not designed for distance learning.

Software she has acquired through a \$500 grant from the Redlands Educational Partnership (REP) gives her a new virtual means of reaching her students. The programs include a virtual word wall, game show-style learning quizzes inspired by the "Jeopardy!" format, and

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The author Avi, the Newbery Award-winning author who wrote the "Poppy" series, interacts with students at Cram Elementary School.

## AP students are honored, REV closer to a stadium

Forty-eight high school students were honored during Redlands Unified's school board meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 13.

The students from Citrus Valley, Redlands East Valley and Redlands High received the AP Scholar with Distinction award after passing at least four exams with an average score of 3.5.

This year, AP scores within the district went up 3%, and

the tests were free for the first time.

Autumn Jackson, a senior at Citrus Valley, said her teachers were the reason she was prepared.

"It was a combination of fan-

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