To this day, he maintains his innocence, a Philadelphia police officer in the 1980s. Herard, UC Irvine associate professor of society, "recalled Tiffany Willoughby-the first week of their research fellowship.

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Dolores Canales — decades removed from her drug-related struggle with the criminal justice system — advocated for her son, John Martinez, as he took part in a long and ongoing remote hunger strike. Scott Smellor | Staff Photographer

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Quarantine compels Rose Francisco to explore what music she can create solo

BY ADA TSENG

Megan Rose Francisco has been in her pajamas, banding, browsing and making music. After being under lockdown for years and years, she was on track to become one of the hottest new acts in Orange County. But now, with the world paused, she’s reinventing herself.

In late 2018, on the cusp of finishing her spoken word project, she decided to pursue music full time. “It’s almost like a mini Meek Mill project,” she said since always has been a hip-hop fan.

“Graduation,” her favor- ite track from her first solo EP, is a love letter to her high school. “It’s the first time I’ve really been myself, a lot of it just comes in one breath. I’m desensitized but not麻木,” she said. “Right now, I want to do all the things.”

The song also mixes in an ode to a former flame. “You’ll never know how much I loved you,” she said. “I want to make sure that music is something I can survive on.”

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BYBEN BRAZIL

Local Black activists will discuss the upcoming housing ordinance related to affordable housing at an event in Santa Ana this weekend. The ordinance, which was passed by the City Council on Tuesday night, will require developers to set aside 10% of new buildings for affordable housing.

The event was organized by Orange County Housing Opportunity, a local non-profit that advocates for affordable housing. The panelists will discuss the new ordinance, the history of affordable housing, and the role of housing in the community.

Despite opposition from some developers, the ordinance was passed by the City Council. The vote was 4-3, with City Council candidates Vice Mayor Miguel Pulido and Councilmember Christina Santacruz opposing, and Mayor Miguel Pulido and Councilmember Nelida Sarmiento voting in favor.

The event will be held on Saturday, May 1st, from 10am to 12pm at the Santa Ana City Hall. For more information, contact Orange County Housing Opportunity at info@ochousingopportunity.org.

SINGER-WRITER Megan Rose Francisco performs at all-Off Books as part of the Fall Off Books poster art. With her hair tossed to the back and her sweatshirt pulled up over her head, she is surrounded by a sea of people, all of whom are cheering her on.

“Ten More” is a song that describes her experience of being an urbanite. “I love being around the people, but I also need my own space sometimes. I love to dance and sing, and I think that being around other people is really refreshing,” she said.

The song features an ensemble that includes a rhythm section, a horn section, and a vocal harmonies. The lyrics talk about the joys and challenges of urban life, and the singer is depicted as a strong and independent woman who is not afraid to speak her mind.

“Ten More” is the debut single from Megan Rose Francisco’s upcoming EP, which she hopes to release next month. The EP features a mix of genres, including R&B, neo-soul, and hip-hop.

The album was recorded in Francisco’s home studio in Los Angeles earlier this year. “As we are talking about this concept of what Black Panther Park is, I think about how amazing it is that we’re able to come together and create something that’s so powerful,” she said. 

Francisco has been a vocal advocate for affordable housing in Orange County, and she has been involved in several local organizations, including the Fire Love Foundation and the Anaheim Housing Coalition. She has also been a strong supporter of the housing ordinance.

The album features contributions from a variety of artists, including R&B singer Tashiki and hip-hop artist Donte Profit. Francisco said she is excited to release the EP and to share her music with as many people as possible.

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During the pandemic, Francisco has been working to raise awareness about the importance of affordable housing. “We can’t be the affordable housing pioneers,” she said. “We have to continue to be the leaders, and we have to keep pushing for change.”

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Black activists look to hold ‘Reimagine’ Liberty forum at Santa Ana park

BY BEN ZELT

Despite opposition from some developers, the City Council of Santa Ana City council decided to support Thursday night in response to the growing concerns about affordable housing. The council voted 5-2, with City Council members Vice Mayor Miguel Pulido and Councilmember Christina Santacruz opposing, to approve the ordinance, which was introduced by City Councilman Ben Bach in December.

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“Black Lives Matter moved me to look at the idea of housing in a whole new way,” Lee said. “To me, housing is not just a place to live, it’s a place to be. It’s a place where people can thrive. It’s a place where people can be who they want to be.

Lee said her organization is working with the Black Lives Matter movement to raise awareness about the need for affordable housing. “We’re working with the people to make sure that everyone has a place to call home,” she said.

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“We utilize a progressive discipline model for inmates who violate jail rules, and disciplinary housing is a last resort. The Orange County Sheriff’s Department is committed to providing a safe environment for all inmates entrusted to our care.”

Ramirez said inmates are confined for 23 hours a day in disciplinary housing, which loses privileges for the inmates.

According to the Sheriff’s Department’s custody operations manual, Orange County jail inmates cannot call staff by their first name. Health staff is supposed to comprehend what is being asked of them — those with mental health crises and those experiencing some level of paranoia and doesn’t really know what’s going on, have no idea how to deal with the situation, those folks are often written up and thrown in the hole, which further exacerbates their mental health issues.

Canales said she doesn’t trust Orange County law enforcement due to a track record of mishandling and illegal jailhouse informant scandals. The Orange County jails were also embroiled in legal jailhouse informant scandals. The ACLU has been working to get better conditions in Orange County jails and too get Orange County Grand Jury reports over the last few years, dealing with jail conditions.

More recently, Canales said she has continued to advocate for an end to solitary confinement in Orange County and at the state level, drawing on her experiences and those of her son.

“There is no one better equipped to lead this fight,” Ramirez said. “I truly did not think I would be here, and the orange County jails have been using disciplinary housing as a means to address COVID-19.

However, the custody operations manual states that disciplinary housing may be used for medical quarantine.

More recently, Canales helped advocate for Orange County inmates during a hunger strike at Theo Lacy Jail. She demanded a return to hot meals and family visits, which had been discontinued due to the virus. Martines took part in that strike as well.

Canales said she has been working to get the County Sheriff’s Department to advocate for those in disciplinary housing to be able to purchase food from the commissary to supplement the minimal food they are getting during the pandemic.

The Sheriff’s Department manual states that inmates in confinement are suspended from using the commissary.

Medical and mental health needs are essentially unmet, Canales said. “There is no one better equipped to lead this fight,” Ramirez said.

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"Having them be able to sit in the seat of power, to make records of people that movement and that sire to make records of people that movement and that sires accessible to the masses," Millward said. "It was actually a project that I was steeped in Black feminist theory and Black oral history boot camp honing and have the work ethic and the drive and have the work ethic that a people's movement needs to understand the diverse histories, the tragedy and triumph of African Americans. This spring is a perfect example."
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