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**\*\*\*PRESS RELEASE\*\*\***

**San Joaquin County Assessor-Recorder-County Clerk to Close Offices to Public in Response to COVID-19**

*Services will continue via telephone, email and mail*

STOCKTON, CA, March 18, 2020 – On Wednesday, March 18, 2020, San Joaquin County Assessor-Recorder-County Clerk, Steve J. Bestolarides, announced that effective Thursday, March 19, 2020, the Assessor-Recorder-County Clerk’s offices are closing to the public and will continue to provide services via telephone, email and mail.

“We are doing so out of an abundance of caution for the public as well as the health and safety of our employees,” said Assessor-Recorder-County Clerk Bestolarides.

- The Assessor’s office is closing to the public until further notice. The office will be conducting business and interacting with the public via email and telephone.
- The Recorder-County Clerk’s office is closing to the public and providing limited services by appointment. The department will evaluate business strategies on a daily basis.

Recorder-County Clerk services that the department will continue to provide include the following:

- Real Estate – The office will continue uninterrupted electronic recording. Real estate recording transactions are suspended for walk-in customers. Customers are encouraged to submit documents through title companies who can submit them electronically. The office will also process documents received through the mail.
- Birth, Death, and Marriage Records Requests - Requests for vital records (birth, death, and marriage records) submitted online through the Vitalchek service ([www.vitalchek.com](http://www.vitalchek.com)), as well as requests submitted through the mail will be processed. Completed requests will be returned by mail.
- Business Filings and Official Record Purchases - Filings or requests submitted through the mail will be processed. Completed filings or requests will be returned by mail.
- Telephone Calls and Emails - Telephone calls, voicemails and emails may be answered based on availability of staff.

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