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**Supervisor Robert Rickman, a Retired Law Enforcement Sergeant, Celebrates State Budget Victory:  
Funding Secured for New Tracy Courthouse**

Tracy – San Joaquin County Supervisor Robert Rickman (District 5), a Retired Law Enforcement Sergeant, today applauded the inclusion of critical funding for the New Tracy Courthouse in the State of California’s 2026–27 budget. This milestone funding advances the long-awaited project that will restore essential court services to the rapidly growing southern portion of San Joaquin County while delivering important public safety benefits for local law enforcement.

Following Supervisor Rickman’s advocacy — including a formal letter to Governor Gavin Newsom urging support for the project as an “immediate needs” priority — the state budget includes \$3.503 million in General Fund support for the Performance Criteria phase of the New Tracy Courthouse. This initial investment moves the project forward toward full construction – a total project authorization of \$65,854,000 – of a modern two-courtroom facility.

“The inclusion of this funding in the 2026–27 state budget is a major win for the residents of Tracy, Lathrop, Mountain House, and surrounding communities,” said Supervisor Robert Rickman. “As a Retired Law Enforcement Sergeant with decades of experience, I know firsthand how critical it is for law enforcement to remain close to their communities. “For far too long, the closure of the Tracy Branch Court has forced local officers to travel away from the communities they serve and spend hours waiting in crowded courthouses in Stockton or Manteca. A new courthouse right here in Tracy will keep our law enforcement professionals closer to the communities they serve, allowing them to return to patrol duties faster and provide greater visibility and quicker response times for residents.”

The Tracy Branch Court has been closed since October 3, 2011, creating significant burdens on nearby courthouses, increasing travel times for litigants, witnesses, and law enforcement, and limiting justice access for a growing population. Tracy is now home to approximately 100,000 residents, Lathrop is approaching 40,000, and Mountain House is nearing 30,000.

The new courthouse will replace four existing vacant and outdated facilities.

Key benefits include:

“I hope I shall possess firmness and virtue enough to maintain (what I consider the most enviable of all titles), the character of an honest man.”

- George Washington -

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- Restoration of full local court services
- A modern, safe, and accessible facility meeting today's standards
- Improved operational efficiency and public safety
- Reduced travel and wait times for officers, enabling them to focus on patrol duties
- Long-term cost savings by avoiding maintenance of inadequate buildings
- Repurposing a Judicial Council-owned site, eliminating land acquisition costs

This funding represents a significant step forward from prior budget cycles where the project was deferred due to statewide fiscal constraints. It aligns with the Judicial Council's 2019 ranked list of facility needs and supports broader efforts to address court infrastructure across California.

Supervisor Rickman continues to prioritize infrastructure improvements, public safety, and responsive government services for District 5 residents.

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Supervisor Robert Rickman represents the Fifth District of San Joaquin County, which includes Tracy, Mountain House, Ripon, Escalon, and surrounding rural communities. He is committed to delivering practical solutions on public safety, infrastructure, housing, and economic opportunity for District 5 residents. For more about Supervisor Rickman, visit <https://www.sjgov.org/departments/bos/districts/district-5>.