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San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors Proclaim "Religious Freedom Day" in San Joaquin County

STOCKTON – At the request of Supervisor Rickman, the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors proclaimed "Religious Freedom Day" in San Joaquin County, at their meeting Tuesday, January 13, 2026.

During the Pandemic, Supervisor Rickman often spoke out against the state's guidelines placing restrictions on places of worship, as they appeared inconsistent with the free exercise clause of the First Amendment.

"Religious freedom is the right to live our faith openly—or not at all—without fear, coercion, or discrimination. It is a cornerstone of our democracy and a promise we must protect for every community," said Supervisor Robert Rickman.

The recognition was accepted on behalf of the community, by Senior Pastor Reverend Edward Garrett and Administrator Margaret Boyd of People of Christ Missionary Church in Tracy.

Learn more about Supervisor Rickman at <https://www.sjgov.org/departments/bos/districts/district-5>

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"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 -