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**Tracy High School Senior Abigail Avila Recognized as a Youth Future Leader by Supervisor Rickman
and the Board of Supervisors**

STOCKTON – At its Board meeting on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, Supervisor Robert Rickman and the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors recognized and heard from Tracy High School Senior Abigail Avila. Ms. Avila serves as a Future Farmers of America (FFA) Chapter Vice President and Delta Valley Sectional Vice President.

Ms. Avila recently demonstrated strong leadership when she took on refurbishing the school Ag Barn as her FFA Senior Project, raising the funds by applying for a grant through Supervisor Rickman's office. This will reduce impediments experienced by students that become discouraged from raising and showing livestock due to not having a proper space to keep livestock, expanding opportunities for more students to participate in Tracy FFA.

Ms. Avila is among a selected few students to be a part of the school's Ag/Science Academy (Academy), an advanced academy designed for students with a strong interest in science or agriculture and pushes students to excel in academics and in the agriculture industry. Academy students must complete a senior project – and research paper that connects to the project – that strives to leave a mark or impact on the school or the community, while offering the student life lessons.

Supervisor Rickman stated, "I proudly put forth Abigail for this recognition. Abigail's vision and choice for her senior project demonstrates bold leadership and confidence, not only because it is ambitious and included securing funds to complete, but also because she had in-mind fellow and future students that will benefit from use of the Ag Barn for years to come. Acting in the interest and welfare of others is a strong leadership trait."

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 -