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Supervisor Ding Scores Win at National Conference

Last week, at the National Association of Counties (NACo) Annual Conference in Philadelphia, I was proud to see my resolution adopted by the NACo Board of Directors—marking another step forward in our work to expand access to mental health care across the country.

My resolution calls on Congress to raise the federal limit on inpatient mental health beds from 16 to at least 36. This long-overdue reform would more than double treatment capacity, unlock additional federal funding, and make it easier for counties like ours to provide care close to home. These policy changes are especially critical as San Joaquin County prepares to break ground on the Be Well Campus, our major investment in behavioral health services.

This resolution builds on my earlier success at NACo in pushing for clearer rules for multiple treatment facilities on the same site, another important win for our Be Well project and for behavioral health infrastructure nationwide.

Federal restrictions should not stand in the way of care. With this resolution now part of NACo's national advocacy platform, we are one step closer to real change that will improve lives, bring in more Medi-Cal funding, and keep our most vulnerable residents out of crisis.

I will keep fighting for practical, common-sense reforms that give counties the tools we need to serve our communities.



The Annual NACo meeting was held in Philadelphia, PA.

Supervisor Ding's proposal passed unanimously. Supervisor Steve Ding argues passionately for the update of mental health language to allow for better care, close to home.



SJCARES

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Report a pothole, illegal dumping, streetlight outages and more by downloading the MySanJoaquin app and connecting directly with Public Works.

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Supervisor Ding with his mother Sharon Ding and Karen and Nicole Goehring at the Loel Sr. Center during Mother's Day Week. Supervisor Ding approved \$25,000 in District 4 Funds to the center to support its Meals on Wheels Program.

Summer 2025

Groundbreaking Begins on Pioneer Village: A New Chapter in Local History

I have always supported local history, and I am thrilled that we have a vibrant, young executive director leading the San Joaquin County Historical Museum. His education, experience, and enthusiasm have helped expand the museum's offerings, while deepening its role as an educational resource for students across our County. Programs like Valley Days continue to inspire new generations while preserving the stories of those who came before us.

That is why I was proud to secure \$1.6 million in funding to help launch the museum's newest endeavor: Pioneer Village. Last week, we broke ground on this long-anticipated project—a hands-on, ADA-compliant space designed to bring local history to life. It will feature a cookshack, print shop, blacksmith shop, and more, creating an immersive experience that teaches students about the trades and traditions that built our region.

This project is a true partnership between the County and the Historical Society, and a great example of how we can preserve the past while investing in the future.

Read the Lodi News-Sentinel Article on the Groundbreaking [here](#)



Funding Local Priorities



Supervisor Ding presented a \$50,000 check to the Lodi Salvation Army Advisory Board to support the Pre-Recovery Program



Supervisor Ding presented a \$4,911 check to the Linden Ag Boosters at the Cherry Festival for Fitting Equipment for the San Joaquin Ag Fest Show and Sale



Supervisor Ding with Juan, Mercedes and Camila Heredia after the Board of Supervisors approved \$8,245 from Supervisorial District 4 Funds for Aqua Eye Hand Held Intelligent Sonar and a Drysuit for Angels Recovery Dive Team



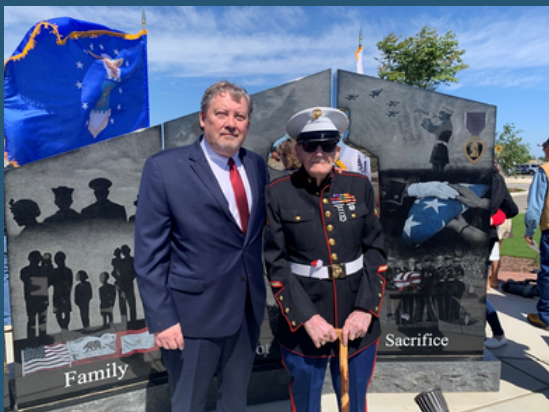
Supervisor Ding presented a \$5,000 check to Brenna Butler Gutierrez from the A.G. Spanos Companies on behalf of The Cool Cats and Barking Dogs to support enhanced services and access to care for animals

Introducing Jeff Archer: Community Development Department



The Board of Supervisors recently created a new role in the Community Development Department to help residents navigate the permitting process, and I'm pleased to introduce Jeff Archer as the staff member serving in this position. Jeff brings a strong background in customer service and construction, having worked as a building inspector and now with our department for the past decade.

Whether you're just starting a project or need an update, Jeff is here to help—reach him at jarcher@sjgov.org or 209-468-2097.



Supervisor Ding with Corporal Frank S. Wright at the unveiling of the Gold Star Families Memorial Monument

Critical Resources

**24/7 Mental Health
Crisis Phone Line**
209-468-8686

**24/7 Peer Support
Warmline**
209-468-3585

Suicide Hotline
1-800-SUICIDE
(784-2433)

**Institute for Aging
Friendship Line**
1-800-971-0016

Veterans' Crisis Line
1-800-273-8255

Local Resources
211

SJREADY
Sign up for
emergency alerts
at www.sjready.org



Blocking the Backdoor Deal on the Delta

As your representative on the Delta Counties Coalition, I've been working closely with leaders from five Delta counties to oppose the deeply flawed Delta Tunnel proposal. Buried in the Governor's May budget revision were trailer bills that would have fast-tracked this controversial project, stripping away environmental protections, bypassing legal safeguards, and giving the state a blank check to build a 45-mile tunnel through the heart of our Delta communities.

I made San Joaquin County's opposition to these bills clear, alongside local cities, water agencies, and business leaders. I was joined by my DCC colleagues in demanding the Legislature reject these backdoor proposals and protect the Delta from permanent harm, and they have listened!

This project threatens our farmland, our economy, and our water quality while offering no real increase in water supply. It does nothing to address drought, doesn't create new storage, and leaves ratepayers on the hook for billions.

We support smart, sustainable water solutions, but the Delta Tunnel isn't one of them. I'll continue standing up for our families, farmers, and future.

Helping North County Families Through Trash Service Disruptions



Scan code for trash voucher

I want to thank the San Joaquin County residents for reaching out to me regarding the Stockton Republic Garbage situation.

I was in constant contact with Republic and County Public Works to ensure this got resolved as soon as possible.

When the issue to renew the Stockton Republic contract came to the Board last April, I fought for a competitive process to allow the free market to determine the best possible rate and services for County customer for Refuse Service Area C, covering Morada and Linden. When the new contract with USA Waste of California begins January 1, 2026, residents with large refuse carts will receive up to 45% savings.

Backing Parks, Building Community

I am also backing efforts to bring much-needed park amenities to the Linden community. In a letter to the Linden Municipal Advisory Council (MAC), I made clear my commitment to making Linden a priority in the County's upcoming Parks Master Plan.

The MAC's request aligns with one of my top priorities, supporting a healthy, active community. I want to see more kids playing outside and spending less time on their phones.

The Parks Master Plan, part of the County's upcoming 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan, will emphasize equitable access to recreation, with special attention given to underserved areas like Linden and Victor. Community input will help guide the planning process.

I will work with County staff to ensure a Linden park project is included in the final plan. Reach out and let me know why you think parks are important!



Parks and recreation are a vital part of a healthy community. The Board's strategic priorities include supporting health infrastructure and advocating for more parks and open space to allow families more options for safe outdoor play.



Supervisor Ding recognized the 2025 Rotary Camp RYLA student leaders at the May 13th Board Meeting

Upcoming MAC Meetings

Waterloo-Morada MAC

August 7, 2025

5:30 pm

Waterloo-Morada Fire District

Lockeford MAC

August 21, 2025

7 pm

Lockeford Community Center

Woodbridge MAC

August 28, 2025

6:30 pm

Woodbridge Fire Department

Thornton MAC

September 3, 2025

6:30 pm

Thornton Community Center

Linden - Peters MAC

September 17, 2025

7 pm

*Linden-Peters Fire District
Classroom*



Volunteer Positions Available

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Morada MAC
Parks & Recreation Commission
Thornton Community Center
Woodbridge MAC

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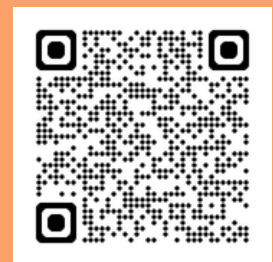


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