

NORTH COUNTY

News



Supervisor Ding Recently Interviewed by the National Association of Counties on Medicare Reform



San Joaquin County Health Care Services Director Genevieve Valentine and Supervisor Steve Ding meet with HUD Assistant Secretary Ronnie Kurtz and the nation's leading homelessness expert Robert Marbut.

Key Takeaways from the Interview:

- Increasing the number of beds in mental health treatment facilities eligible for Medicaid reimbursement would empower counties to do more to help their residents.
- The problems San Joaquin County faces in meeting residents' behavioral health care needs have been brewing for 60 years.
- Supervisor Ding has spent years pushing to reform a rule, known as the Medicaid Institutions for Mental Diseases (IMD) exclusion, that he says leaves residents without care, overwhelms first responders, and strains county budgets. And he's finally seeing some potential for improvement.

"You work on this day after day after day after day, and nobody knows what you're talking about," Supervisor Ding said. "Then finally, you find an opening."

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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
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at www.sjready.org



Board of Supervisor's Strategic Priority to Reduce Unsheltered Homelessness is Working

From the Stocktonia:



The number of people living on the streets of San Joaquin County has dropped by almost 50%, officials report

San Joaquin County's latest point-in-time count tallied 1,838 people living outside – a drop from where numbers stood two years ago.



by Shaylee Navarro • Stocktonia May 15, 2026



Volunteers interview an unhoused man at his camp during the Point-in-Time homeless count in Stockton on Jan. 31, 2022. The biennial count aims to identify the number of unsheltered and sheltered individuals in San Joaquin County to help determine future state and federal funding for homelessness services. (File photo by Harika Maddala/Bay City News)

The number of people living on the streets of San Joaquin County fell sharply over the last two years where more are living in sheltered housing, according to the county's latest headcount tracking homelessness released this week.

The [Point-In-Time Count](#), a federally-mandated recording of a county's homeless population that must be done every two years, was carried out by hundreds of volunteers during an early morning in January, tallied 1,838 unsheltered people, or those who live in tents, cars or on sidewalks. It's a 47% decrease from 2024, where the number stood at 3,469.

"We all figured there was going to be a decrease ... but to see that big of a drop, it was really quite remarkable," said Dawn McLeish, deputy director with the human services agency that provides administrative support to the San Joaquin Continuum of Care system, which coordinates homelessness services.

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Community Clean Ups

Community Development Department staff will supervise the events and provide trash bags. The Department of Public Works will provide an End Loader Tractor and Operator. On-site Recycling, Inc. will provide electronic recycling. Waste haulers will dispose of junk and trash. The Sheriff's Department Community Corps and or the Great Valley Conservation Corps program will provide personnel to assist with loading and unloading activities. These events will be held on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

May 30, 2026

Linden High School

18527 E. Front St., Linden

Parking lot of Performing Arts Center

June 6, 2026

Thornton Community Hall

26590 N. Sacramento Blvd, Thornton

June 20, 2026

Harvest Bible Church

10088 N HWY 99, Stockton

July 25, 2026

Lockeford Community Center

19258 N. Jack Tone Rd, Lockeford

- Accepted: appliances, furniture, mattresses, bagged trash, bundled yard waste, electronics, up to 9 tires
- NOT Accepted: stumps, commercial/hazardous waste.
- No U-Hauls or commercial vehicles allowed
- **For more information call (209) 468-3141**

Supervisor Ding in the News

May 19, 2026

Supervisor Ding on bringing county government to the people:

"We are bringing government to the people, saving our community time and trouble. Residents will no longer need to take time from their workday to drive to the county building in Stockton for routine government business," said Supervisor Ding. "Now they can quickly take care of their business and have lunch in downtown Lodi."



New County Service Center Brings Government Closer to Community

North County Residents Will Get Additional Access to County Services

Lodi, CA - A new County hub set to open in Lodi will make services easier to access for North County residents. San Joaquin County purchased the Lodi Christian Life Building located at 322 W. Elm Street next to Lodi City Hall in the heart of downtown.

The Recorder-County Clerk will have a satellite office in the building and will be able to provide recordings, passports, and vital records among other services.

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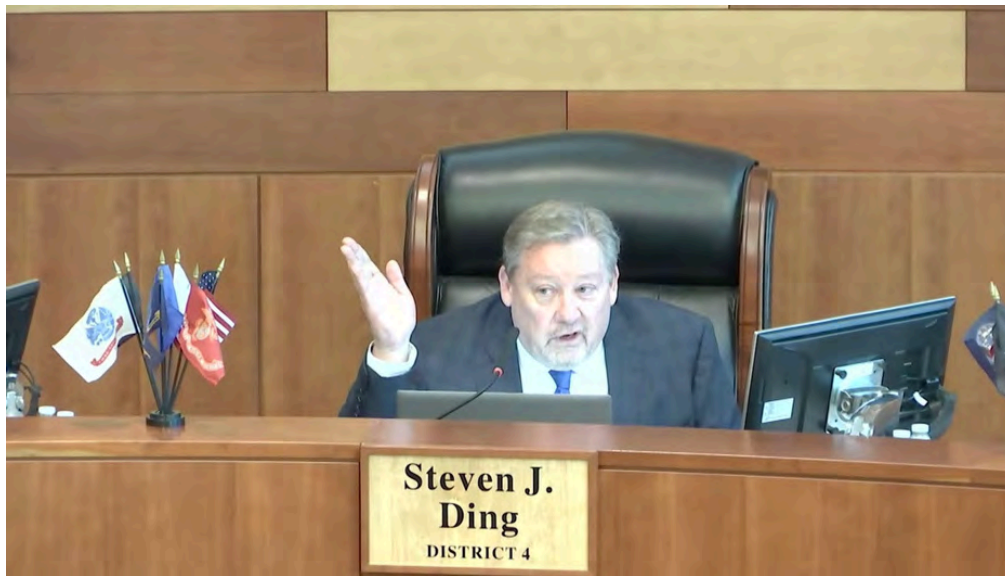
Supervisor Ding in the News

May 12, 2026

Supervisor Ding led the effort to block proposed fee hikes:

"Keeping fees down means more money in the pockets of our hard-working business owners and community members," said Board Vice-Chair and District 4 Supervisor Ding who led the charge to block fee increases on business. "This is not the board's money to spend. But it's our money to steward and act with fiscal responsibility."

Board of Supervisors Blocks County Fee Hikes, Calls for Greater Fiscal Discipline



Stockton, CA - The San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors voted to deny fiscal year 2026-2027 county fee increases, asking departments to cut costs and live within the current fee structures without raising fees across county services and departments. The vote ensures fees paid by residents for services remain constant while health care departments can seek reimbursements for services provided.

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Supervisor Ding in the News

May 13, 2026

Supervisor Ding on his efforts that led to the new county ordinance to crack down on catalytic converter theft:

"Families who commute long distances, warehouse and logistics employees, truck drivers, small business owners, and agricultural workers depend on their vehicles every day," said Supervisor Ding. "When catalytic converters are stolen, residents lose more than a car part, they lose the ability to get to work, transport goods, take their children to school, and sustain their livelihoods."



San Joaquin County to Get Tough on Catalytic Converter Theft

Stockton, CA – The San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors has approved an item brought forward by District Four Supervisor Steve Ding to explore an ordinance allowing fines and potential jail time for possession of a stolen catalytic converter.

San Joaquin County joins Riverside, San Bernardino, Ventura, Kern, Fresno, Kings, and Orange counties in pursuing stronger enforcement measures. Under current state law, individuals may possess up to nine detached catalytic converters without a proper license before law enforcement can take action.

The proposed ordinance would apply to all individuals, not just automobile dismantlers, and would be triggered by possession of even a single detached catalytic converter.

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MAC Meetings

Five Municipal Advisory Councils (MACs) are located in County Supervisor Ding's District – Morada, Linden, Woodbridge, Thornton and Lockeford that meet monthly. The groups advise the Board of Supervisors on such matters relating to the interest and welfare of the residents, including but not limited to, advice on matters of public health, safety, welfare, public works, and planning.

For more information on any of the MACs or to apply, go to: <https://www.sjgov.org/departments/cob/boards-commissions-and-committees>.

Thornton MAC - 1st Wed. 6:30pm – Thornton Community Center
Contact: Lisa Swinyard lisajswinyard@yahoo.com

Morada MAC - 1st Thurs. 5:30pm – Waterloo-Morada Fire District (January, March, May, July, September, November)
Contact: Gavin Cline gcline@sjgov.org

Linden MAC - 3rd Wed. 7pm - (January, March, May, July, September, November)
Linden-Peters Fire Department
Contact: Nicole Goehring ngoehring@sjgov.org

Lockeford MAC - 3rd Thurs. 7pm – Lockeford Community Center
Contact: Patti Stetson plstetson@sbcglobal.net

Woodbridge MAC - 4th Thurs. 6:30pm – Woodbridge Fire Dept.
Contact: Priscilla Stringer priscillastringer@gmail.com

Supervisor Ding in the News

April 30, 2026

Supervisor Ding led the effort at San Joaquin County for a mandatory spay/neuter ordinance for impounded animals:

"This is about responsibility, compassion, and common sense," said Supervisor Ding. "When shelters are overwhelmed and taxpayers are carrying higher costs, we cannot simply look the other way and hope the problem fixes itself. Exploring a balanced ordinance now can help prevent unnecessary suffering and create a better system for everyone."



San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors Advances Plans for Mandatory Spay/Neuter Ordinance

Stockton, CA - At its meeting on Tuesday, the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors voted to consider implementation of a mandatory spay/neuter ordinance aimed at addressing growing concerns over pet overpopulation, shelter overcrowding, and rising public costs associated with animal care and control.

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Supervisor Ding in the News

April 29, 2026

Supervisor Ding on gap housing for behavioral health treatment:

"With this partnership we are aiming to fill the gap between treatment, transitional housing, and permanent supportive housing," said District Four Supervisor Ding. "The project includes a new stepping stone in the housing continuum: a stabilization transitional housing option for those moving from behavioral health residential treatment. This model combines independent living and treatment compliance from a client health and wellbeing lens."



City of Lodi Celebrates Grand Opening of Reimagined Housing on Main Street

Lodi, CA - Today, the City of Lodi today celebrated the grand opening of the Main Street Transitional Housing Project, a newly rehabilitated facility located at 22 S. Main Street. The project transforms the former Deluxe/Star hotel into a safe, supportive living environment designed to serve individuals experiencing housing instability with linkages to behavioral health services.

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Supervisor Ding Spotlight



On May 12, Supervisor Ding honored Retired Gunnery Sergeant Marvin Hernandez Garcia for his military service and continued service to his fellow veterans as Commander of the Stockton Marine Corps Club, Commander of American Legion Karl Ross Post 16, Chairman of the San Joaquin County United Veterans Council and most importantly, his friendship to 100 year old WWII Veteran Frank Wright.

It was an incredible honor to join the celebration of World War II Master Sergeant Robert Potter's 100th birthday on May 9. Spending time with one of America's Greatest Generation is a reminder of the courage, sacrifice, and patriotism that shaped our nation.

During the celebration, I shared a mission with Master Sergeant Potter's grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



I told them to record your grandfather's stories. Over time, history is often rewritten or forgotten, but they have living history sitting right in front of them. Talk to him. Ask him questions. Ask him how he spent his 17th birthday. Ask him about Okinawa. Preserve those memories for future generations. I had been looking forward to this event because it is rare to sit and listen to heroes like Master Sergeant Robert Potter and Sergeant Frank Wright share their experiences firsthand. Their stories deserve to be heard and remembered.

On behalf of our community, I want to say: Happy 100th Birthday, Master Sergeant Potter. Thank you for your service, your sacrifice, and your example to all Americans.

God Bless America.

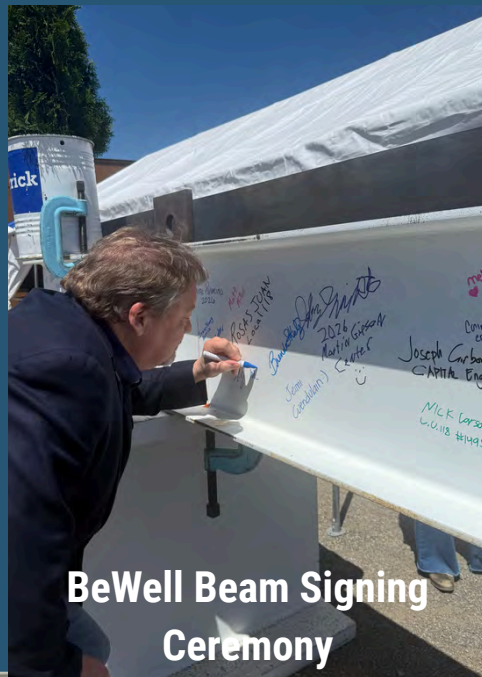
Supervisor Ding In the Community



BeWell Beam Signing Ceremony



New Roof for Army Veteran



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Clements Fire, Grace and Mercy and 180 Teen Center Receive District 4 Grant Funding



Oak View Elementary School District Receives District 4 Grant



Cold Case Arrest Announcement



Linden Cherry Festival



Northern CA Shriners Denim and Diamonds Dinner



Love Lodi Rally



Lodi District Grape Growers Board Meeting



New Roof for Army Veteran



Officer Inn Memorial Bench Dedication



2026 Recycle Drop-Off Events

Don't miss the opportunity to declutter your home and responsibly dispose of items that shouldn't be placed curbside at no additional cost. Events are exclusively to residents of City of Lodi and San Joaquin County.

Mar. 07	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	1333 E Turner Rd. Lodi CA
*Apr. 04	9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	
Jun. 06	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	
Sep. 05	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	

- Accepted Items:**
- E-waste
 - Secure document shredding
 - Tires (limit 2 per household)
 - Mattresses (limit 2 per household)

* Special Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) and compost giveaway event

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