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Board Update

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It is hard to believe that we are already in March - the almond blossoms have bloomed and spring is on the way. This year has already seen some great successes with our Board of Supervisors. In February, the Board approved a plan that Supervisor Tom Patti and I helped develop with our Probation Chief for a new approach to the issue of homelessness in our community. While the new program, known as SJ CARES, won't be a silver bullet to solve this problem, we know that by having accountability and continuity of care, we can impact lives for the better and improve outcomes in our community. Supervisor Patti and I also both participated in the Animal Protection League dance competition at their annual fundraiser. The Board donated a total of \$50,000 in district funds to help support the new mobile spay and neuter van to ensure that all residents have access to free or low-cost spay and neuter services for their pets. My "Car Wash" dance was a hit, as was Supervisor Patti's reflection back on his disco days. I am proud to serve the people of San Joaquin County with my colleagues on this Board, and I look forward to continued success this year.



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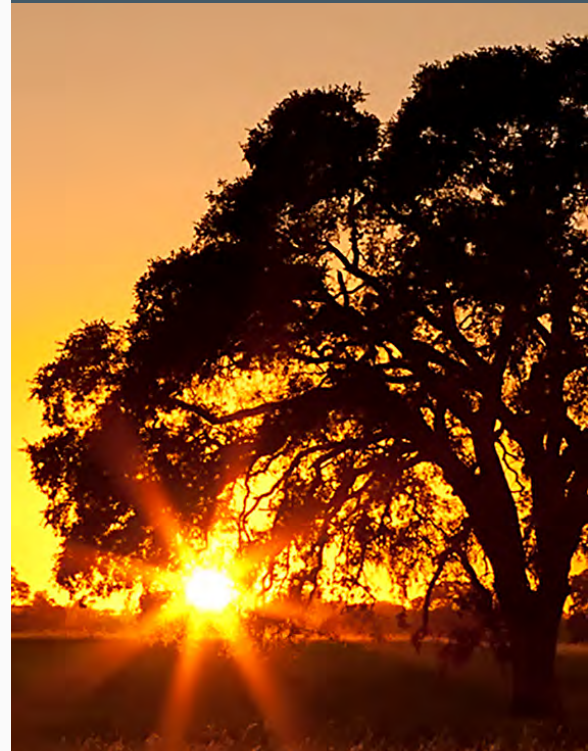
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Chairman's Initiative - D1 Recognition

At a recent February meeting, the Board of Supervisors acknowledged the efforts of Bread of Life, a local non-profit dedicated to feeding the underprivileged and addressing food insecurity. Chairman Villapudua chose Bread of Life as a First District recognition because of their contributions to our community, supporting those in need and preventing hunger in San Joaquin County.

For more information, visit <https://www.breadoflifeca.org/>





SJ CARES - Coordinating Care

The San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors approved the creation of a Community Assessment, Response and Engagement (CARE) team and program to be headed by the County’s probation department in response to the on-going crisis of homelessness in our community. Supervisors Paul Canepa and Tom Patti encouraged the Board to adopt the measure, since both have served as representatives on the Ad Hoc Committee on Homelessness. The SJ CARE Team and program will be modeled on a similar approach in Stanislaus County.

“I appreciate the input of Supervisors Canepa and Patti,” commented Board Chairman Miguel Villapudua. “As elected officials, they have responded to the homelessness crisis by educating themselves and looking for concrete approaches that our Board can adopt to help the men and women in our community who need help. SJ CARES will allow us to engage already existing resources in innovative ways to try and assist the most vulnerable in our community.”

“Our approach to this point has not been as successful as we want. By embracing the success of other agencies and counties, the Board is committed to doing all we can to improve that situation and most importantly, the outcomes for our residents,” commented Vice Chair Paul Canepa, who also represents the Second Supervisorial District. “Individual approaches and silos of information haven’t served us well. I support this collaborative effort which has everyone working together to expand our impact and be the best stewards of our resources.”





SJ CARES - Changing Lives

Supervisor Tom Patti, Third Supervisorial District representative continued, “we have reached out and partnered with our cities, County agencies, and local non-profit groups to look for an innovative, umbrella approach to this continued crisis. We appreciate the Probation Department answering the call for a structured program throughout the County, including outreach, enforcement, care, and coordination for the unsheltered homeless in our community. Their input and willingness to take on new and expanded roles will impact lives and our communities for the better.”



Mission

The SJ CARES Team aims to quickly connect clients in San Joaquin County with support services. Case managers facilitate access to services, track clients through the process, and ensure continuity of care.



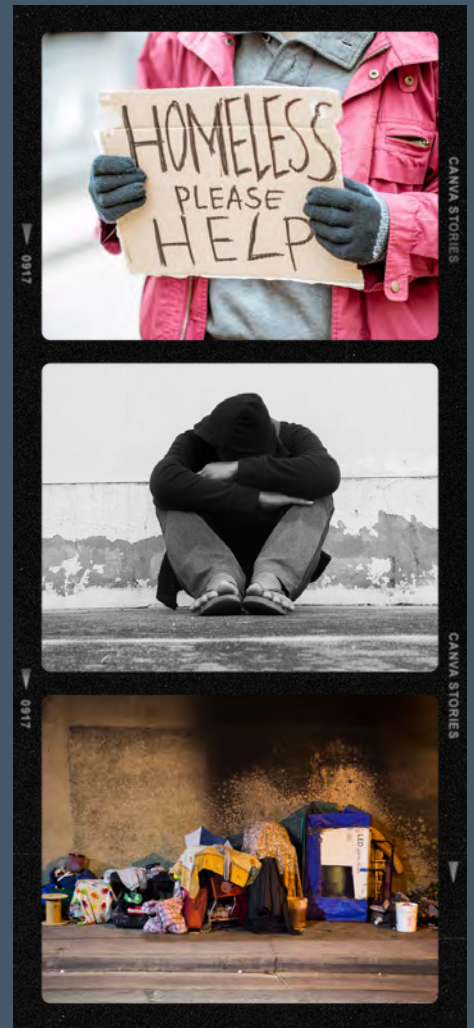
Goals

- Build relationships with SJ CARES clientele to gain their trust and willingness to accept services
- Link SJ CARES clientele to services in the community and provide them with resources
- Link SJ CARES clientele to appropriate mental health and substance use disorder services



Outcomes

- Reduce the number of calls for service
- Reduce the number of arrests
- Reduce the number of days in jail
- Reduce the number of 5150 WIC holds





Board Opposes AT&T Action at CPUC

The Board of Supervisors voted to oppose the recent application by AT&T to end its responsibilities as the “Carrier of Last Resort” and encourages County residents to contact the California Public Utilities Commission to make their voice heard on this issue.

San Joaquin County encompasses an area of 1,426 square miles, much of it rural, with seven, potentially eight, cities. Cell service in our county can be spotty with dead zones, areas that don’t receive cell signals, either because it’s too far from the nearest cell tower, or because it’s being blocked by a building or something else in the environment. It is reasonable to expect that we have residents that rely on their landlines whether it be seniors, those with disabilities, or rural occupations, not only for daily routine use, but as a last resort in emergency situations.



Still Time to Oppose PG&E Rate Hikes

No More Rate Hikes!
Tell CPUC and PG&E Enough is Enough!

- Families impacted by inflation
- Farmers need water for crops
- Business at a breaking point
- Hold PG&E accountable!

Send your comments to:
public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov

CPUC Public Participation Hearings on AT&T

March 14, 2024
2 p.m. and 6 p.m.

In-person only Indio City Hall Council Chambers
100 Civic Center Mall, Indio, CA
92201

March 19, 2024
2 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Virtual only 1-800-857-1917
Passcode: 6032788#
www.adminmonitor.com/ca/cpuc

More information at
www.cpuc.ca.gov/pph





Community Clean-Up Events

The Board of Supervisors is proud to partner with the Community Development Department (CDD) to offer community clean-up events, also known as “Dumpster Days.” Event times have been updated to 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, based on vendor availability.

These events allow County residents the opportunity to dispose of unwanted household waste in their local area at no-cost. In the first three events, we have collected more than 159,000 lbs. of trash, 584 tires, and provided 240 dump passes to local residents.

Remember, this is also an opportunity to get rid of e-waste like computers, monitors, televisions and old phones. We have collected more than 5,900 lbs. of e-waste at our first three events.

Upcoming Town Halls

Supervisor Steve Ding will attend the upcoming Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) meeting in Morada on March 13th at 6:30 pm. Residents are invited to come out and discuss issues of importance with him there. There will also be updates from the Sheriff’s Office and Waterloo-Morada Fire District.

The Linden MAC will meet on Wednesday, March 20th at 7:00 pm with representatives from Caltrans, Public Works, the Sheriff’s Office and the Fire Department on hand to give updates and reports.

Morada MAC/Town Hall

Wednesday, March 13th
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Waterloo-Morada Station #1
6925 Foppiano Lane, Morada

Linden MAC

Wednesday, March 20th
7:00 pm
Linden-Peters Fire Dept.
17725 E. Highway 26, Linden

Upcoming Dates

- Taft: March 16, 2024
- Boggs Tract: March 30, 2024
- Larch-Clover: April 6, 2024
- French Camp: April 13, 2024
- Thornton: April 20, 2024
- Tully C. Knoles May 4, 2024
(Tentative)
- Woodbridge: May 18, 2024
- Morada: June 1, 2024
- Country Club: June 15, 2024
- Lockeford: June 29, 2024
- Garden Acres: July 13, 2024
- Gianone Park: July 27, 2024
- Kennedy: August 3, 2024
- Taft: August 17, 2024





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