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## A View from the Dais

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As we pass the halfway mark of 2025, I am proud to reflect on a year that blends celebration with meaningful progress. While we continue to face challenges, we remain committed to delivering real solutions for the people of San Joaquin County.

In honoring 175 Years of Growing Greatness, we have not only looked back on our shared history, but we have also pushed forward with purpose. In June, the Board approved our twelfth consecutive balanced budget: a \$3 billion plan centered on public safety, homelessness, mental health, and parks. I want to thank Supervisor Ding for his leadership at the National Association of Counties, where he continues to advocate for improved mental health access as we advance work on the County's new Be Well Campus.

This month, the Board also took a proactive step in response to the Republic Services strike and related service disruption by offering free garbage drop-off at County facilities. Residents can dispose of household trash at no cost with a voucher, available at drop-off sites through Sunday, July 27, as service returns to normal.

Looking ahead, we will be holding a 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary gala at the Haggin Museum on Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. More details and invitations for that event will be coming soon. Save the Dates have also gone out for our State of the County event in October—the final chapter in this year's anniversary celebration. I hope you will join us at both events this fall.

Until then, I invite you to explore this month's newsletter to see how we are working together to build a stronger, more resilient San Joaquin County.

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- [Ding Pushes for Mental Health Reform at National Conference](#)
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- [Governor Newsom Issues Emergency Proclamation to Aid Recovery from Victoria Island Levee Failure](#)
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## Historical Museum Exhibit Opens

Step into San Joaquin County's history at the new exhibit, 175 Years of Growing Greatness, now open at the County Historical Museum in Micke Grove Park. After its grand opening on June 21, the exhibit celebrates the county's rich heritage, from its agricultural roots to its growth as a vibrant community.

Through photographs, artifacts, and stories, visitors of all ages can explore key moments and people that shaped the region. The exhibit highlights the enduring connection between the land and its residents, reflecting the county's diverse culture and ongoing legacy.

Don't miss this chance to discover the story of San Joaquin County and be inspired by 175 years of growth and progress. For more information, visit [sanjoaquinhistory.org](http://sanjoaquinhistory.org) or call (209) 331-2055.







## Board Passes 25/26 County Budget

### Prioritizing Public Safety, Homelessness, and Fiscal Responsibility

On June 17, 2025, the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors approved a balanced \$3 billion budget for Fiscal Year 2025–2026. This marks the County’s 12th consecutive structurally balanced budget which does not rely on reserves to meet ongoing obligations.

The budget invests heavily in public safety, homelessness, behavioral health, and parks, while setting aside over \$151 million for contingencies and retirement liabilities.

#### Key Highlights:

- **Public Safety:** Over 60% of discretionary funds support law and justice, including new staff for the Public Defender’s Office and support for the Cold Case Task Force.
- **Homelessness & Behavioral Health:** Launches the San Joaquin Be Well Campus, expands SJ CARES, and funds a safe camping site.
- **Parks & Recreation:** Funds irrigation and restroom improvements, park upgrades in underserved areas, and planning for a new South County park.
- **Infrastructure:** Includes funding for a new Sheriff’s training facility and the demolition of the old courthouse.

Supervisors praised the budget’s forward-looking approach:

- Chair Paul Canepa: “This budget reflects responsible planning that lets us invest in the people and programs that matter most.”
- Supervisor Mario Gardea: “We’re restoring parks, supporting families, and safeguarding the future.”
- Supervisor Steve Ding: “Strategic use of funds means real progress on addiction and homelessness.”
- Supervisor Sonny Dhaliwal: “We’re laying the foundation for long-term growth and better mental health care.”
- Supervisor Robert Rickman: “Public safety remains our top priority—and we are protecting local dollars from being drained by State cost shifts.”

For full budget documents and details, visit [sjgov.org](https://sjgov.org).

## Key Points

### Fiscal Discipline Pays Off

12 consecutive years of balanced budgets without using reserves.

### Planning for the Future

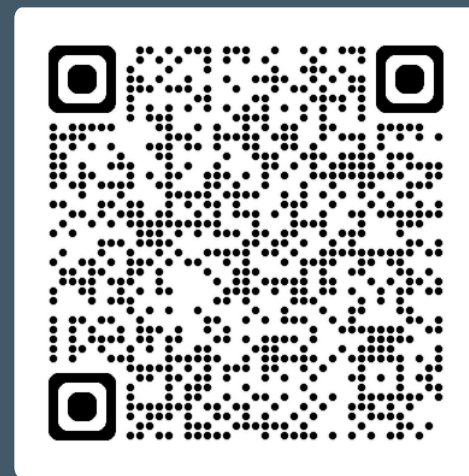
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### Major Health Investment

New San Joaquin Be Well Campus to transform mental health and addiction care.

### Public Safety Leads the Way

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2025-26 Budget Documents



## 2025/26 CBO/NCO Grant Applications

Apply Now: San Joaquin County Offers \$2.5 Million in One-Time Grants for Local Nonprofits

San Joaquin County is now accepting applications for its annual Community Based/Non-County Organization (CBO/NCO) Grant Program. Each year, the Board of Supervisors sets aside one-time funding to support eligible nonprofits based in and serving San Joaquin County. For 2025, up to \$2.5 million has been made available.

Nonprofits may apply for one-time, non-recurring project funding through a new grant management portal, which will streamline the application, evaluation, and reporting process. Operating costs are not eligible, and all proposals must align with the Board of Supervisors' Strategic Priorities and demonstrate community impact.

Projects that benefit a broad, Countywide population may be prioritized, and phased projects will be considered if they can be discontinued without harming core operations. All funding recommendations will be made by the County Administrator's Office and approved by the Board of Supervisors in September.

### Application Timeline

- Portal Opens: Tuesday, July 1, 2025
- Deadline to Apply: Thursday, July 31, 2025

### Training Opportunities

A recorded training and FAQs are available on the County's website.

### Get Started

Visit the County Administrator's Office webpage to view the full Request for Applications, recorded training, and additional details. <https://sjgov.org/departments/cao/programs-services/CBO>

Scan Code to access 2025/26 CBO/NCO  
Grant Program Application  
and Webinar Training







## Help Shape the Future South County Regional Park

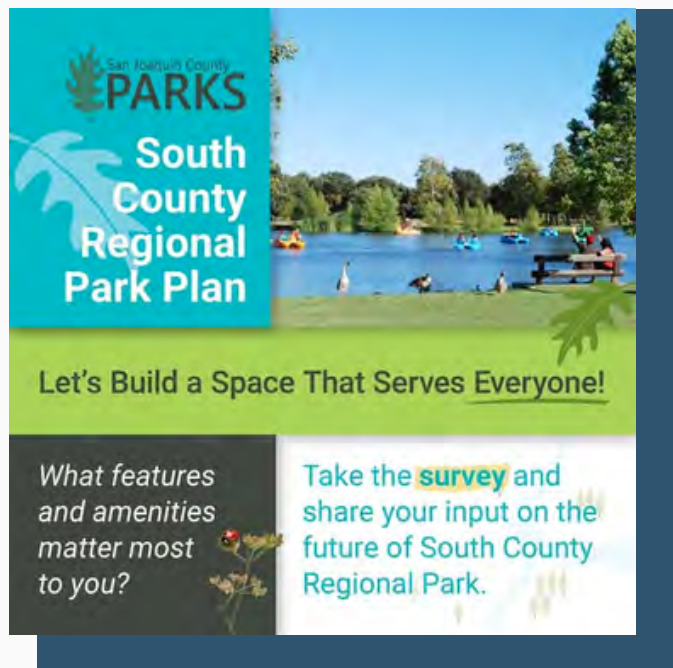
San Joaquin County is in the early stages of planning a new 120-acre regional park near Tracy—one that reflects the needs, interests, and values of the surrounding community. From sports fields and walking trails to educational programming and family-friendly spaces, this park is intended to offer something for everyone.

Community input is a vital part of the planning process, and the County is asking residents to share their ideas and priorities by completing a short online survey. The survey also includes questions about potential funding options to ensure the long-term maintenance of the park.



Take the survey today:

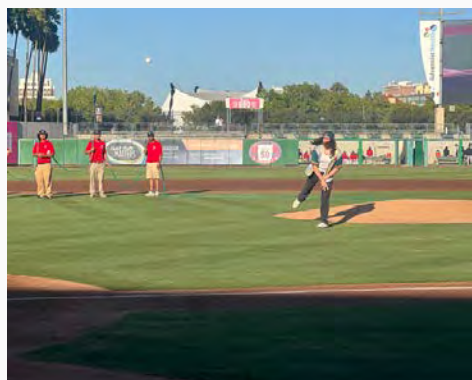
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## County Night at the Stockton Ports

San Joaquin County employees, leadership, and their families came together for a night of fun and community spirit at Banner Island Ballpark during the recent Stockton Ports game.

Supervisors joined County Administrator Sandy Regalo in cheering on County staff who helped kick off the evening in a big way with Raynard Pamilton from Behavioral Health Services singing the national anthem and Austin Wagers from Human Resources throwing the ceremonial first pitch.



Departments like Public Works were on hand to share information and connect with the public, giving residents a chance to learn more about County services in a relaxed and festive environment.

A special thank you goes to SJ Engage, part of the Human Resources Division, for organizing the event and creating a space for employees to come together with friends, coworkers, and family members. It was a great reminder that County service is not just about hard work; it is also about building connection and celebrating community.



## 175th Anniversary Update: Celebration in Manteca and Lathrop

As part of San Joaquin County's 175 Years of Growing Greatness celebration, the Board of Supervisors partnered with the cities of Manteca and Lathrop to host two community events that honored each city's unique history and growth.

In Manteca, residents gathered outside City Hall for an afternoon filled with community pride and historic reflection. City staff turned out in full force to showcase the many services they provide, and the Manteca Historical Society shared highlights of the city's journey, from its founding in 1861 by Joshua Cowell to its evolution as "The Family City." Once known as the "Tomato Capital of the World," Manteca has grown from an agricultural hub into a thriving suburban community, rooted in family and tradition.

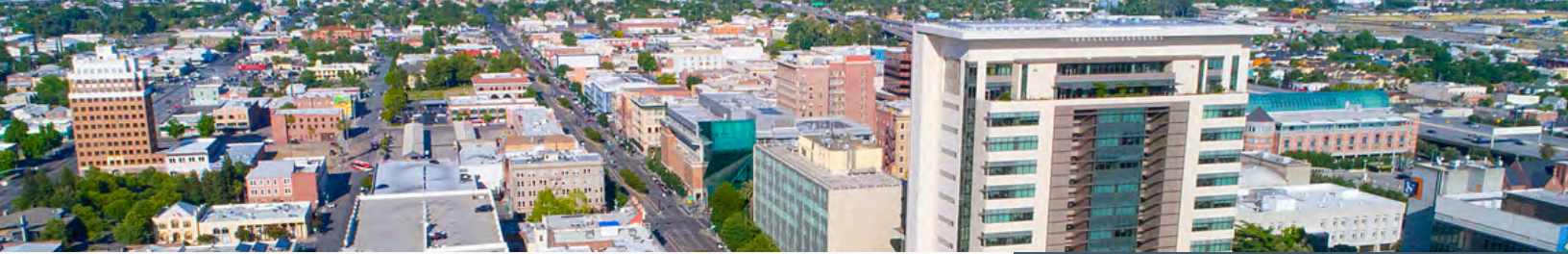
In Lathrop, the celebration took place at Generations Center Park, where families enjoyed live entertainment, giveaways, and direct engagement with City and County departments. Chair Paul Canepa and Supervisor Sonny Dhaliwal joined city officials to emphasize the importance of collaboration in managing growth and providing essential services. Lathrop's story began in the 1870s as Wilson's Station and grew around the railroads, later becoming home to major employers like the Sharpe Army Depot. After officially incorporating in 1989, Lathrop has continued to expand rapidly, emerging as one of the County's fastest-growing cities.

These events reflect the spirit of 175 Years of Growing Greatness, honoring our past while looking toward the future. They celebrated not just the history of these two cities, but also the shared progress made possible through partnerships between local governments, community organizations, and residents.

We thank the Cities of Manteca and Lathrop for helping bring our anniversary theme to life and for continuing to grow greatness right here in San Joaquin County.







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