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**Statement from Chair Paul Canepa on the Passing of Pope Francis**

**Stockton, CA** – Board Chair Paul Canepa issued the following statement on behalf of the Board of Supervisors as the world remembers Pope Francis:

"Today, we join with people across San Joaquin County and around the world in mourning the passing of Pope Francis. As the leader of the Catholic Church, he was a powerful voice for compassion, dignity, and justice. His humility, warmth, and unwavering commitment to the poor and marginalized resonated far beyond religious boundaries. For the many Catholics in our community and for countless others of all faiths, his legacy of kindness, service, and humanity will continue to inspire. May he rest in peace."

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The Board of Supervisors is the governing body of San Joaquin County and serves more than 789,410 residents.

The Board establishes County policies, passes local ordinances, approves the budget, sets local tax rates, supports community programs and provides many other essential services.