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**Statement from Chairman Miguel Villapudua on the  
Flagpole Permitting Issue at Local RV Sales Center**

**Stockton, CA** – Board Chairman Miguel Villapudua issued the following statement today on the recent news coverage related to the flagpole permitting issue at a local RV sales center.

“The Board of Supervisors is proud to support the ability of local residents and businesses to fly the American flag. As elected representatives, we value the symbol of freedom and democracy and have done much to encourage public support and reverence for the flag. The situation at one of our local RV sales centers is an issue of safety and permitting to ensure that the flagpole is properly installed and anchored to protect our residents and neighboring properties, which includes Interstate 5.

We are thankful we have been able to resolve this issue swiftly. We understand and appreciate the strong feelings this matter evokes, but we ask that those who wish to offer support do so in a respectful and appropriate manner. Our employees and staff are committed public servants, focused on ensuring safety and care in their duties. Unfortunately, many have faced harassment, verbal abuse, and threats in recent days. This behavior is unacceptable. We urge everyone to maintain common decency and courtesy in their interactions with our staff and officials.”

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