



"These days I wonder why more and more people are pessimistic when American history actually supports optimism." – bell hooks, Author and Educator

Very little about the work we do here is easy or fast, but there is incremental progress to be appreciated. One of the most frequent questions I get asked is some version of whether or not the job is fun. After reflection on this, my assessment is, if you're pouring into the work and invested in the outcomes, I'm not sure it is meant to be fun. However, I do feel like I am where I'm meant to be, which is highly fulfilling.

This will be a busy month! Next week, I will be participating in a panel discussion at the Association of California Water Agencies conference. We will be discussing the threats and future of the Delta – hopefully, we will talk about mutually agreeable solutions to get our farmers, businesses and neighbors to the south the water they need while protecting the health and well-being of the Delta and its residents.

Speaking of the Delta, I'll be spending some time in Locke at their Spring Festival on Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup>, before heading to Rancho Cordova for their International Festival. Then, on Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup>, I'll be at the Walk on the Wildside at the Beach Lake Preserve. It's a great time of year to get out to something outdoors, so I hope I'll see you enjoying the beautiful weather.

Finally, later this month, I have the honor of presenting the story of Sergeant First Class Bryan Hall on Memorial Day at the Elk Grove Cemetery. Bryan was an Elk Grove High School graduate who died while serving in Iraq in 2009. This is a great privilege for me as my father, too, died in active duty. Remember as you're enjoying your day: Veteran's Day is in honor of all who served, Memorial Day is for those who died while serving.

Take care and be well, and as always please encourage your friends and neighbors to <u>subscribe</u> to these newsletters or check out my Facebook page <u>here</u>.

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## **Public Safety in the Delta**

I recently hosted two Town Hall meetings in the Delta region of District 5, one in Walnut Grove and one in Isleton, that focused on public safety. I've heard a lot from constituents asking for updates on County Sheriff activity, traffic and road safety, and crime reports in their neighborhoods. I wanted to host these meetings to bring together a lot of the major players in the public safety sector to address the issues we're hearing about and provide a forum for questions, discussion and an opportunity to share information.

These community sessions were really a collaboration with several County and State departments and the many staff who made these meetings possible. I would like to extend my thanks to all the presenters who attended these forums. including Sheriff Jim Cooper, Capt. Vanessa Vaden and Chief Dan Donelli from the County Sheriff's Office. Community Prosecutors Carolyn Masingale and Mai Trieu from the



District Attorney's Office and CHP Capt. Eric Jones.

There are many unique features that characterize this beautiful part of Sacramento County: the flowing Sacramento River, the green pastures, farmland and vineyards, and the sloughs and deltas that dot the region. But one of the downfalls of residing in this special place is the longer than average response time for emergency services, due in part to their proximity to the service centers and law enforcement facilities. Because of this, I and all County staff are committed to working harder than ever to reduce these wait times and provide the best service and access to public safety possible.



Sheriff Jim Cooper was kind enough to take time out of his busy schedule to attend the Town Hall in Walnut Grove in March. He brought with him a multitude of officers from the POP (Problem-Oriented Policing) Team, Drug Enforcement, Homeless Outreach Teams and more, all who made themselves available to answer questions and provide information and resources. Sheriff Cooper, during his presentation, did touch on many of the concerns that folks came to discuss, specifically, the need for more patrol officers in the area, faster response times and enforcement of the law, and consequences to those who break those laws. I am proud of the job County law enforcement is doing to address all these very relevant concerns and will continue to work closely with Sheriff Copper and his officers to make sure the Delta remains a safe place to call home.

Working in close collaboration with the Sheriff's Office, the District Attorney's Office is a valuable resource in both prosecuting those who violate the law and working with community members to help mitigate issues before they become problems. Mai Trieu and Carolyn Masingale, representing the District Attorney, came prepared to provide lots of information to the attendees. The DA's main areas of focus in the Delta are quality of life offenses, which include nuisance residents and businesses, homeless issues and drug related concerns. They also work closely with the Sheriff's Marine Division on water and harbor issues, abandoned and derelict vessels (ADV) and issues related to problem individuals on the water. A few of the most recent tools that the DA's Office is using to address Delta specific problems include the Delta Task Force that works directly with local agencies to address issues in the region, the Rural Crimes Task Force, and the ADV Task Force whose members work with the Coast Guard to enforce the removal of commercial derelict vessels.

Thank you to the Sheriff's Department and CHP for their collaboration on traffic and other law enforcement in the Delta, Sqt. Ron Milton and Capt. Eric Jones of the California Highway Patrol (CHP) ioined me to offer information and field questions from the community. Most of the Delta communities in Sacramento County can be found within the CHP South Sacramento Area's



Beat 90 which can roughly be described as the portion of Sacramento County west of Interstate 5 and south of Hood-Franklin Road extending into the Sacramento Delta. Beat 90 is on the priority list during CHP's day and afternoon shifts, which means they typically have a unit solely dedicated to the area.

Additionally, the CHP South Sacramento Area periodically uses grant funded overtime from the California Office of Traffic Safety to conduct supplemental enforcement details (focusing on speeding, and other primary crash causing violations) in Beat 90. Although enforcement is an important component to these details, their primary goal is to remind drivers to slow down and encourage responsible driving. The CHP uses radar trailers placed in problem areas to encourage safe driving and help change unsafe driving behaviors. One of these trailers is currently stationed in Walnut Grove with the possibility of further use in other Delta locations.

Because of understaffing, there are only so many CHP resources available to cover the whole Sacramento region and while it's clear there is a great need for more CHP presence in the Delta, and in fact, on all our Sacramento highways and roads, the overwhelming message of Capt. Jones' presentation was to encourage folks to slow down, drive safely and continue to report traffic issues.



I was extremely pleased with the turnout at these two Town Halls, the thoughtful questions and lively discussions that ensued, the very apparent pride folks have in their community and their level of commitment to keeping their neighborhoods safe. I believe the representatives from both the

County and CHP went above and beyond in providing resources and information, answering questions and working with the community to address their most urgent concerns and taking steps toward viable solutions.

Look for future town halls and community engagements in the coming months as I get out and about in District 5. I look forward to seeing you!

## **Roadway Funding**



Road maintenance is happening now on River Rd along the Sacramento River, between the town of Locke and Twin Cities Rd

Part of being safe includes having well-maintained roads. We hear the concerns about our road conditions and maintenance, and the safety concerns related to speeding and signage.

The County is responsible for road maintenance in all of our unincorporated areas, our communities not included in cities. District 5 is allocated only 14% of available road maintenance funds based on a formula considering population and lane miles. With many rural roads across the 650 square miles of District 5, we have a lot of lane miles because our population is not as concentrated as some other areas in the County.

We recognize the need to make these road improvements before conditions worsen and become even more expensive, but the resources are limited. The County is currently facing a backlog of over \$800 million in road maintenance, to which in any given year we only have roughly \$30 million in funding to prioritize the most critical repairs.

Last year, the Board of Supervisors made every effort in the budget cycle to increase spending on road maintenance. Over the last two years alone, \$62 million has been invested into roadway funding from the general fund. I also advocated for

an additional \$20 million in the last budget adoption to help address the impacts on many suburban and rural roadways in District 5 and am committed to maximizing our budget resources for these critical infrastructure improvements in the 2024-25 fiscal year. Unfortunately, we are going into a much tighter budget cycle this year, so we may not be able to commit as much funds to roadways. That said, I, and many of my colleagues on the Board, remain motivated to stretch available funding to do what we can to improve our roadways.

## **Child Abuse Prevention Month**



Sacramento County's Department of Child, Family and Adult Services (DCFAS) spread awareness about child abuse prevention by planting pinwheels outside the buildings. The pinwheel symbolizes childhood innocence and joy.

Last month, the Board proudly recognized April as Child Abuse Prevention Month, a time for communities to unite in compassionate connections, supportive environments and positive experiences for children and families.

We were grateful to have with us Michelle Callejas, the Director of Children, Family and Adult Services, along with Janay Eustace, the President and CEO of the Child Abuse Prevention Center. Their insightful presentation highlighted the work and initiatives they spearhead in safeguarding the children of Sacramento County. These organizations, among numerous others, work tirelessly to protect and strengthen families and prevent child abuse.

Since 2015, we've witnessed a remarkable 63% decrease in monthly entries of children into foster care, with an overall reduction of 56.8% in the foster care population. This incredible achievement is a testament to the services provided by our dedicated social workers and the collaborative efforts of community partners

who all come together in support of families and children. With County partners for mental health treatment, substance abuse treatment, public health workers and more, the County and our partners are leading critical prevention services on the ground for the health and wellbeing of our families.

The Sacramento County public and nonprofit systems are working hard to safely keep children with families, not only preventing the trauma that comes with family separation, but also the trauma that comes from being in the child welfare system.

In April, the Board also approved a contract renewal and additional funding for the Laverne Adolfo Program (Adolfo) for former foster youth. Adolfo has been in existence since 2004 and serves youth aged 18-24 who have aged out of the foster care system and may be homeless or precariously housed. The program provides interim housing and support services, including workforce training, to aid in a successful transition from the foster care system to independent living.

The Board of Supervisors remains steadfast in its ongoing commitment to investing in prevention and early intervention services for children to prevent child abuse, support parenting and encourage parents to seek support so children can grow up in safe and nurturing families and communities.

### **Out & About in District 5**



Touring the Single Mom Strong preschool expansion facility with organization President Meghan Huber and Founder Tara Taylor.





Glad to have been able to join the St. Martin Foundation at their fundraiser night in Galt. Pictured with me on the left is my predecessor, Don Nottoli. Pictured with me on the right are St. Martin Foundation founders Cecelia Overton and Mark Jackson and other dedicated St. Martin staff and volunteers.





Attending the Grand Opening of Station 77 for the Cosumnes Fire Department. Pictured with me are Cosumnes Fire Chief Felipe Rodriguez and Elk Grove Mayor Bobbie Singh-Allen.



Enjoying a beautiful day at the "Essence of Rosemont" event hosted at Rosemont High School with volunteers from Rosemont Reads and the Rosemont Community Association.



Had a great time at the Cordova Community Council's 34th Annual Kids Day in the Park in Rancho Cordova.



Celebrating the Elk Grove Festival of the Arts in Old Town Plaza. Nice to see all the local artists that came to the event!



I was honored to join the Chicks in Crisis team in celebrating their 27 years of community service. From left; Client Coordinator Sherry Kennedy, Founder Inez Whitlow, Director Marya Cooley and myself.

# **Upcoming Events**

## Sessions with the Supervisor Wilton & Herald

# **Community Meeting**

TUESDAY, MAY 14

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Wilton Community Center

9717 Colony Rd, Wilton, CA 95693

Please join us for a conversation about the issues and concerns important in your community.

### Speakers:

- Supervisor Pat Hume
- Sacramento County Sheriff's Office
- · District Attorney's Office
- Code Enforcement





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invites you to attend our

# **Annual Meeting**

Thursday, May 2nd 2024 at 7pm

Einstein Middle School Cafeteria 9325 Mirandy Dr Sacramento, CA 95826

- · Learn about RCA Open to Members and Non-Members
- RCA Board Member Elections
- . Engage with Community Organizations and Elected Officials
- · Get a Sneak Preview on Upcoming Events











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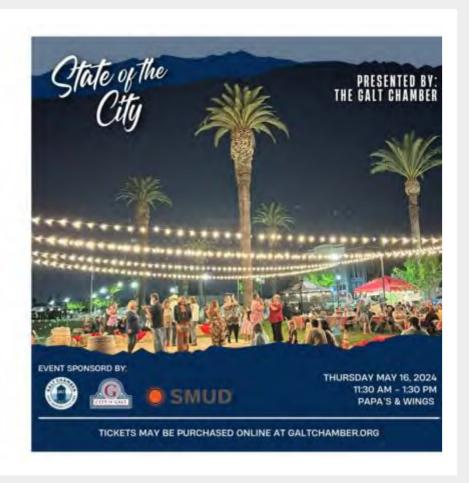
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Sunday, May 19, 2024 10AM - 2PM District56 8230 Civic Center Drive Elk Grove, CA 95757





### 29TH ANNUAL DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL CELEBRATION

THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2024 | 5:30 - 9 PM DOUBLETREE BY HILTON 2001 POINT WEST WAY, SACRAMENTO, CA 95815



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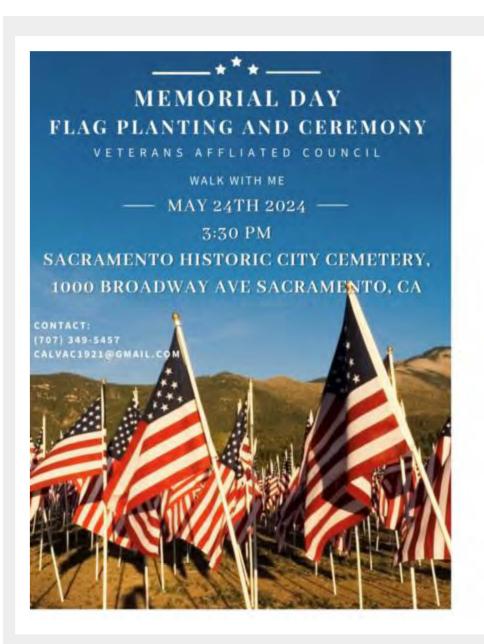
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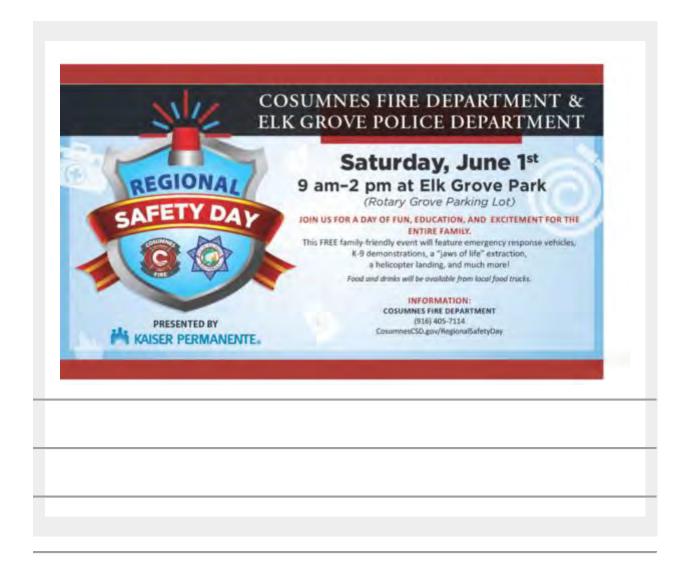


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