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ARDEN & WATT COMPLETE STREETS GROUNDBREAKING

I was proud to join the [Department of Transportation](#) for the groundbreaking of **two major street improvement projects in District 3** over the last couple weeks.

The [Arden Way Complete Streets Project](#), consisting of 1.7-miles of the Arden Way Corridor, from Howe Avenue to Watt Avenue, is a heavily traveled area featuring commercial centers and residential developments. The project will improve safety and accessibility by adding bike lanes, separated sidewalks, buffer zones, and medians, transforming the auto-centric area into a walkable, mixed-use community that benefits businesses, property owners, and residents.

The [Watt Ave Complete Street Improvement Project](#) will similarly increase multi-modal accessibility and safety along Watt Avenue, between I-80 and Roseville Road, by providing buffered bicycle lanes in both directions, new raised landscaped medians, and separated sidewalks with landscaped buffers. The project also includes upgrading and improving traffic signals, street lighting, and transit facilities.

These projects will bring significant improvements to some of the most heavily traveled streets in the unincorporated communities of District 3. They will reduce collisions between pedestrians, cyclists, and motor vehicles, and they will create a safer transportation network leading to more walking and biking trips between adjacent neighborhoods and employment and commercial sites. **Most importantly, there will be new asphalt with no potholes!**

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NEWLY INSTALLED AED AT EASTERN OAK PARK

I was proud to support [Mission Oaks Recreation and Park District](#), in partnership with the [Arden Arcade Rotary Club](#), as one of the area's first outdoor access Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) was installed at Eastern Oak Park. This state-of-the-art AED is publicly accessible, providing crucial support in emergencies. **This is the first of approximately a dozen AEDs that Rotary is dedicated to installing in parks and schools from Marysville to Elk Grove.**

Eastern Oak Park is a vibrant hub for community activities, featuring multiple pickleball courts where residents engage in sports and recreation. The addition of this AED will ensure that immediate assistance is available for individuals experiencing cardiac emergencies, potentially saving lives.

In addition to the AED installation, Project ADAM, an affiliate of UC Davis Health, provided hands-only CPR training during the event. This training will empower community members with skills needed to respond effectively in emergencies. Thank you so much for making our communities safer, one AED at a time!



THANK YOU TO THE FAIR OAKS & CARMICHAEL CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE!

I am honored that the [Fair Oaks Chamber of Commerce](#) selected me as Citizen of the Year during the Best of Fair Oaks Awards Gala and that the [Carmichael Chamber of Commerce](#) presented me with the Public Service Award during their Annual Awards Dinner.

I have lived in Sacramento County nearly all my life. I couldn't be more grateful that my parents chose our community to raise their family and that I've been able to offer the same opportunity to my children. I'll continue to serve District 3 every way I can for as long as I can.

Thank you to these two local chambers. It is an honor to work with you to help local businesses thrive!



ADU PLANS - READY FOR USE

Homeowners throughout Sacramento County are exploring options for building **Accessory Dwelling Units** (ADUs) to help aging parents, assist adult children or college students, or earn rental income. Due to new State of California laws intended to promote more housing, the process and requirements to build ADUs have become easier and streamlined.

[Sacramento County's new shelf-ready ADU plans](#) have been met with enthusiasm from residents in the unincorporated areas, with the first units already in the construction phase. The program, which offers free, pre-approved detached ADU plans, has made the process of adding secondary housing units more affordable and efficient for homeowners.

The shelf-ready plans, which adhere to the 2022 Residential Building Code and have received prior approval from the County's Building Permits and Inspection Division, speed up the approval process and remove the added expense of having a full set of drawings prepared for a permit. By providing ready-to-use designs, Sacramento County is significantly reducing permit times and saving homeowners thousands in architectural and engineering costs.

The available plans include:

- Two 460-square-foot studio/one-bedroom units
- An 870-square-foot two-bedroom unit
- A 1,000-square-foot two-bedroom unit
- A 1,184-square-foot three-bedroom unit

To use these plans, applicants must submit a site plan to indicate where the proposed ADU will be located on their property. While modifications to the pre-approved designs are not permitted, their variety and thoughtful layouts cater to a wide range of needs.

Please keep in mind, these plans may not work on all parcels within the unincorporated county due to setback and firewall requirements, but they should work on most. For more information on the shelf-ready ADU plans, [visit the Building Permits and Inspection website](#).

ICYMI: PROP 36

Sacramento County District Attorney Thien Ho and I penned an op-ed in the [February 2025 edition of Inside Arden](#), “Action Time, New Law Targets Retail Crime, Addiction, Overdoses”. The article can be found on page 26 of the publication and below:

“With the overwhelmingly passage of Proposition 36 in November, California voters made it clear they support common sense criminal justice reform that prioritizes treatment for those who need help while holding people accountable for crimes that are damaging our neighborhoods and small businesses. We are happy to have worked with a broad, bipartisan, statewide coalition of local elected officials on a measure that will bring hope back to so many of our Sacramento County communities.

Since the passage of Prop. 47, addiction to fentanyl and other dangerous drugs have become an epidemic across our state. [Overdoses are skyrocketing](#) and participation in drug courts have plummeted. Research shows that substance abuse is [especially prevalent](#) within our unhoused communities. Prop. 47 took away the ability for judges to mandate and hold drug offenders accountable for completing treatment. It didn’t contemplate the public health crisis of fentanyl. And it has allowed those desperate to support drug habits to steal up to \$950, every day — even multiple times per day — without facing any real consequences. This has created a “theft tax” in the amount of [hundreds of dollars](#) per year which is paid off by working families already struggling with the effects of inflation.

Today, the combined crises of homelessness, drug addiction and retail theft are hollowing out communities across California like a cancer. [Open-air drug markets](#) and tent cities are too common. Instead of costly measures that target individual symptoms, we needed to close policy gaps allowing this triple epidemic to metastasize into a perfect storm of suffering. And that’s exactly what Prop. 36 will do by expanding the treatment and accountability tools we need to break the cycle of addiction that’s creating even more costly problems down the line.

Prop. 36 will maintain the focus on treatment contained in Prop. 47 by restoring consequences for those who fail to pursue the help they need. Specifically, Prop. 36 restores the ability for judges to require those repeatedly convicted of crimes involving fentanyl and other dangerous drugs to

complete treatment as an alternative to incarceration. It also offers access to addiction specialists, shelter and job training, and having criminal records expunged upon successful completion of a treatment program. With overdoses now the [leading cause of death](#) amongst Californians aged 15-44, Prop. 36 rightly adds the drug that is driving this wave of preventable fatalities — fentanyl — to the list of hard drugs that can warrant prison time for dealers in possession of large quantities. The measure will save lives and prevent both overdoses and the substantial downstream costs that emerge when addicts are presented with no alternatives to dealing or stealing. In doing so, it builds on important steps in the last two years [to create more treatment beds](#) and expand eligibility for immediate interventions to address mental illness and substance abuse.

Now, the hard work to implement Prop. 36 begins. It will require coordinated efforts by law enforcement agencies and the District Attorney's Office to identify and hold accountable those committing retail theft drug crimes. It will require our County government to build up and support treatment resources. And it will require our businesses and communities to educate themselves and their customers about the new law and report crimes when they occur. Prop. 36 came with many promises. A promise to our small businesses that they will see relief from an epidemic of theft that is driving them into the ground. A promise to our communities that we will not tolerate tent cities that operate as open-air drug markets. A promise to those who commit theft out of necessity or openly use drugs under the ravages of addiction that they will receive access to the social services and treatment they need. And a promise to the voters that we can continue to re-imagine our criminal justice system as one that both holds people accountable and gets them help to overcome their challenges.

The crises of drugs, crime and homelessness cannot be ignored nor punished into submission. We need policies that can save lives, protect small businesses and working families and bring more of our unhoused neighbors indoors. We need to begin an era of mass treatment. Prop. 36 will help us get there.

SIDEWALK VENDING ORDINANCES

Sacramento County recently passed new ordinances to better **regulate sidewalk vending** in the unincorporated County to

enhance public health, safety, and compliance. These rules will take effect this month.

The ordinances were introduced in response to a significant rise in sidewalk vending following the enactment of Senate Bill 946 (SB 946) in 2019 and Senate Bill 972 (SB 972) in 2023. While these state laws decriminalized sidewalk vending and eased compliance requirements for mobile food vendors, Sacramento County has faced increasing challenges related to vendor compliance and enforcement.

The newly adopted ordinances introduce specific permitting and operational guidelines. The Department of Finance will oversee the issuance of sidewalk vending business licenses in the unincorporated areas of the County and will work with other County departments to ensure vendors adhere to business licensing requirements and avoid restricted locations such as school zones, bike paths and emergency facilities. Vendors must also comply with federal ADA regulations and local health codes. A one-year sidewalk vending license will cost \$61.

Additionally, the Environmental Management Department has set new standards for compact mobile food operations (CMFO), including permitting, sanitation, temperature control and approved commissary use. These regulations will apply countywide, including in the incorporated cities. It is important to note that these rules apply to CMFOs, not mobile food trucks.

Although the new ordinances are an improvement, they only apply to vendors operating on public property, usually along roads and sidewalks. The County is exploring other ordinances to address an increased number of vendors operating on private property in the unincorporated areas, often without the property owner's knowledge or approval.

In Sacramento County Regional Parks, sidewalk vending will be restricted to designated areas and times to preserve public access to natural and recreational resources. A Request for Proposal (RFP) process is being developed for concession agreements for stationary vending. Stationary vending will be limited in parks where exclusive concession agreements exist. Park Rangers will be authorized to enforce these regulations, ensuring vendors operate in compliance with county codes.

To ease the transition, the County will initially focus on education, partnering with the Office of Economic Development, Code Enforcement, Park Rangers and the Sheriff's Office to inform vendors about the new rules. They will also be holding public free workshops throughout the

spring for those looking to get more information. As these new regulations take effect, Sacramento County aims to create a balanced approach that supports small businesses while maintaining public safety and order.

FREE TAX HELP FOR LOW INCOME FAMILIES

The IRS's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) programs offer free basic tax return preparation to qualified individuals.

The VITA program has operated for over 50 years. VITA sites offer free tax help to people who need assistance in preparing their own tax returns, including:

- People who generally make \$67,000 or less
- Persons with disabilities; and
- Limited English-speaking taxpayers

In addition to VITA, the TCE program offers free tax help, particularly for those who are 60 years of age and older, specializing in questions about pensions and retirement-related issues unique to seniors.

While the IRS manages the VITA and TCE programs, the VITA/TCE sites are operated by IRS partners and staffed by volunteers who want to make a difference in their communities. The IRS-certified volunteers who provide tax counseling are often retired individuals associated with non-profit organizations that receive grants from the IRS.

VITA/TCE services are not only free, they are also a reliable and trusted source for preparing tax returns. All VITA/TCE volunteers who prepare returns must take and pass tax law training that meets or exceeds IRS standards. They also assist taxpayers with the preparation of thousands of Facilitated Self-Assistance returns.

Before going to a VITA or TCE site, please check [what to bring to ensure you have all the required documents](#) and information our volunteers will need to help you.

Note: Services can vary at each site due to the availability of volunteers certified with the tax law expertise required for your return.

VITA and TCE sites are generally located at community and neighborhood centers, libraries, schools, shopping malls and other convenient locations across the country. To locate the nearest VITA or TCE site near you, use the [VITA Locator Tool](#) or call [800-906-9887](tel:800-906-9887).

At select tax sites, taxpayers also have an option to prepare their own basic federal and state tax return for free using web-based tax preparation software with an IRS-certified volunteer to help guide you through the process. This option is only available at locations that list "**Self-Prep**" in the site listing.



IRS Certified Volunteers Providing

FREE TAX PREPARATION

IRS VITA/TCE return preparation sites are operated by certified volunteers. Site operating hours and services offered may be limited. In addition, by law, some sites provide priority services to seniors. Please be advised that you may not be immediately served. Your patience and understanding are appreciated.

Will Prepare

- Wages, salaries, etc. (Form W-2)
- Interest Income (Form 1099-INT)
- Dividends Received (Form 1099-DIV)
- State Tax Refunds (Form 1099-G)
- Unemployment Benefits (Form 1099-G)
- IRA Distributions (Form 1099-R)
- Pension Income (Forms 1099-RL, RRB-1099-R, CSA-1099)
- Social Security Benefits (Form SSA-1099, RRB-1999)
- Simple Capital Gain/Loss (Form 1099-B) limited
- Sale of Home (Form 1099-S) limited

- Prior Year and Amended Returns
- Self-Employed Income (Form 1099-MISC, Form 1099-NEC and Form 1099-K) limited
- Gambling Winnings (Form W-2G)
- Cancellation of Debt (Form 1099-C) limited
- Health Savings Accounts (Form 1099-SA) limited
- Remyded Deductions limited
- Education Credits (Form 1098-T)
- Child Tax Credit
- Earned Income Credit
- Health Insurance Statements (Forms 1095-A, B or C)

Will Not Prepare

- Schedule C with lots, depreciation or business use of home
- Complicated Schedule D (capital gains and losses)
- Form SS-5 (request for Social Security Number)
- Form 8608 (non-deductible IRA)
- Form 8814 (child taxed at parent's tax rate)
- Form SS-8 (determination of worker status for purposes of federal employment taxes and income tax withholding)
- Parts 4 & 5 of Form 8962 (Allocation of Policy Amounts, Alternative Calculation for Year of Marriage)

- Form W-7 (application for individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN))
- Returns with casualty/disaster losses



Please see a professional preparer for assistance with complicated returns.

What to Bring

- For married filing joint, both spouses must be present
- Government issued photo identification for you and your spouse (if married)
- Social Security cards or individual taxpayer identification number documents for you, your spouse, and/or dependents
- Birth dates for you, spouse, and/or dependents
- A copy of last year's tax return
- All Forms W-2 and 1099
- Forms 1065-A, B or C (ACA Statements)

- Information for other income
- Information for all deductions (including charitable contributions/credits)
- Total paid to day care provider and their tax ID number
- For direct deposit of refund, proof of account and bank's routing number
- For prior year returns, copies of income transcripts from IRS (and state, if applicable)




IRS e-file of tax, state returns, credits, and refunds.

AGE & DISABILITY-FRIENDLY ACTION PLAN

Sacramento County is taking a significant step toward ensuring a more livable and accessible future for its aging and disabled residents. By 2030, one-fourth of the County's population will be 60 or older, and approximately 200,000 residents currently live with a disability. In response to the growing needs of these populations, the Department of Child, Family and Adult Services has launched the Local Age and Disability-Friendly Action Plan (LADAP), a comprehensive initiative shaped by years of advocacy and community input. Sacramento County is proud to partner with the California Department of Aging and AARP's Age-Friendly Network of States and Communities to achieve this goal.

On Tuesday, Feb. 25, the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors formally adopted the LADAP resolution, reinforcing the County's commitment to improving access to essential resources for older adults and people with disabilities. This plan aligns with the five bold goals of California's Master Plan for Aging:

1. **Housing for All Stages & Ages** – Ensuring accessible and affordable housing options for residents of all ages.
2. **Health Reimagined** – Expanding healthcare access and wellness programs tailored to older and disabled adults.
3. **Inclusion & Equity, Not Isolation** – Fostering community connections and reducing social isolation.
4. **Caregiving That Works** – Strengthening support for caregivers and long-term care services.
5. **Affording Aging** – Addressing economic challenges that impact aging residents.

Celebrate the LADAP Launch

Sacramento County will celebrate the launch of LADAP on March 17 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Sacramento State Union Ballroom. All Sacramento County residents are invited to attend, with registration open until room capacity is reached.

To learn more about the action plan visit the [Age & Disability-Friendly Sacramento County website](#).

Register for the LADAP launch [on Eventbrite](#).

For more information visit the [Master Plan for Aging website](#).



THE SACRAMENTO SYMPHONIC WINDS CONCERT

The Sacramento Symphonic Winds is delighted to announce their next concert that is scheduled for **Sunday, March 9, 2025, at 2:30 pm** entitled “**A Place for Us: A Leonard Bernstein Tribute.**” The Concert will be held at their new concert location at the Capistrano Hall, California State University Sacramento, which is located at 6000 J Street, Sacramento and there is free covered parking.

The Sacramento Symphonic Winds is a 60-piece adult symphonic wind ensemble conducted by Music/Artistic Director Dr. Matthew Morse. This concert features Candide Suite, Profanation from “Jeremiah, Symphony No. 1,” Three Dance Episodes from On the Town, Symphonic Dances from West Side Story, and Slava! Tickets are available at the door and General Admission is \$15; high school and college students (with an ID) are \$10, and youth (8th Grade and younger) are free. Visit the [Sacramento Symphonic Winds website](#) for more information.



SACRAMENTO PHILHARMONIC & OPERA

Sacramento Philharmonic & Opera (SP&O) and Carnegie Hall will present “**Link Up! The Orchestra Moves**”, a flagship education program that allows third to fifth grade Title 1 students to receive the beginnings of their music education. Through learning how to sing songs and play simple pieces on a recorder, they will perform what they learned with other students in a live culminating concert with the SP&O musicians. Be a part of the enjoyment! The details are listed below:

Date: Tuesday, March 18th and Wednesday, March 19th

Time: 10:30 am & 11:30 am (each concert is 40 minutes)

Location: Safe Credit Union Performing Arts Center, 1301 L Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

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Contact the SP&O for more information & ways to get involved:
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