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"Here comes the sun, doo-doo-doo-doo

Here comes the sun, and I say it's alright..."

Spring is a time of birth, rebirth, growth and optimism!

The "first 100 days" mark of my term is quickly approaching and the team and I have been busy serving the District. We remain focused on recovery and relief from the flooding that impacted our farmers and rural residents and we are diligently working on some exciting opportunities to build more resiliency into the Cosumnes River to lessen future catastrophes. At this point let's hope summer doesn't come in too hot, too soon.

In the meantime, we have been helping constituents navigate different county departments and helping them get answers to their concerns. Please don't hesitate to contact the office if you have a matter requiring assistance.

In addition to all of the internal briefings, I have been busy meeting with community based organizations (CBO) to start to sift through all of the programs the County funds to help our most vulnerable. There are many non-profits out there doing great work and it is so fulfilling when I have an opportunity to help them be successful. As you'll read in one of this issue's features, sometimes this means literally using my voice to help strengthen theirs.

Finally, we've been having an internal discussion about these newsletters – thank you to so many of you who have reached out to say you appreciate them! We strive to make them both useful and informational, as well as give you a little peek behind the work of a Supervisor.

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Redirection of Sacramento Self-Help Housing Funds

Our homeless crisis is indeed a housing crisis in which the County is working to create more affordable housing units and ensure our affordable units are serving our vulnerable residents.

A major development in housing came March 28th, when my colleagues and I on the Board of Supervisors voted to approve a reallocation of \$1,000,000 in General Fund dollars to preserve housing supports for individuals currently sheltered in the County's Scattered-Site Shelter Program, in addition to redirecting up to an additional \$700,000 to preserve housing for households currently utilizing the County's Flexible Housing Pool (FHP) program, for a total of \$1,700,000.

Both the Scattered-Site Shelter Program and Flexible Housing Pool (FHP) programs are funded by the County, but operated by Sacramento Self-Help Housing (SSHH) a local, community-based nonprofit providing outreach services, shelter, supportive services, and permanent housing to people experiencing homelessness. SSHH leases with landlords of privately owned 'scattered site' housing and shelter.

As you've probably read, the county recently determined SSHH was in jeopardy of losing rental agreements with participating landlords, thereby putting participants at

risk of losing their housing or shelter. County staff worked in coordination with SSHH staff to ensure rental payments continued without disruption.

The County's number one priority remains keeping folks housed or sheltered and to ensure vulnerable landlord relationships are restored.

Despite significant coordination with SSHH to improve these landlord relationships, the County had made a sizeable investment to extend landlord contracts through the end of 2022 in order to stabilize the clients in rental units.

The extended contract for PRTS with SSHH expired on December 31, 2022 and the County hired a new provider, through the competitive bid process, for both PRTS and the Intensive Case Management Services. Consumer Self-Help Center (CSHC) took over the 38 clients and units in the PRTS program and has been working with both tenants and landlords for nearly three months.

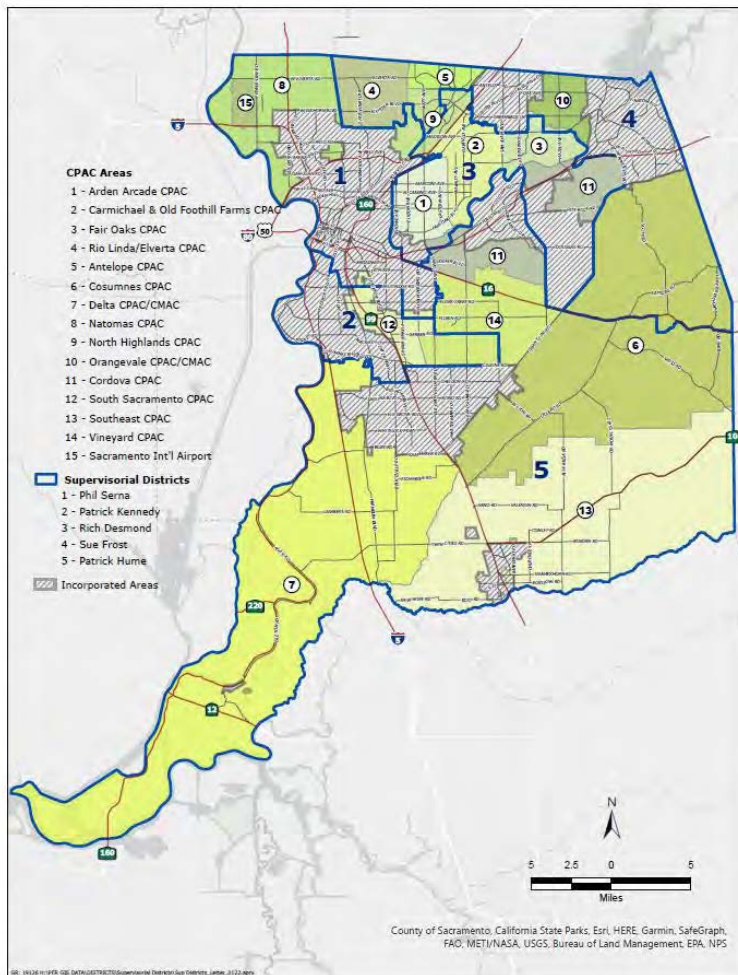
SSHH is also the provider for County-funded scattered-site shelter program. This shelter model, master leases single-family homes, provides a 24/7 on-site house monitor and can shelter up to five unhoused individuals at one time.

Historically, this model has been successful in transitioning people off the streets and into more stable housing situations. The intent of this model is a short stay in a shelter home and a more seamless move into traditional or supportive housing. There are currently 80-90 clients in this shelter program, which funded at full capacity could be accommodating as many as 160 clients.

The County has opted to let the contracts with SSHH expire and move forward with alternative providers. CSHC has already begun its work and the County is in final talks with another provider that will take over the scattered-site sheltering program. Once that provider is under contract, the County will release more information and work directly with the new providers to transition all units and clients over.

For more information about what the County is doing to address homelessness, visit the Department of Homeless Services and Housing website at schs.saccounty.gov.

The Importance of Community Planning Advisory Councils



Have you ever been driving around in your neighborhood, noticed construction, and wondered what it's going to be?

A way to stay informed on upcoming developments in your area is through your local Community Planning Advisory Council (CPAC).

The County created CPACs, made up of appointed local representatives, to help facilitate public participation in the planning process for new development projects in the unincorporated areas.

Sacramento County is unique in that more than a third of its residents live in unincorporated areas so we entrust our CPACs to

provide feedback to the Planning Division on the thoughts or concerns of the community.

CPAC meetings are live, public meetings where project applicants present their projects to the Council and community members. The CPAC members are able to ask questions and raise concerns with the project proponents, and take public comment on the matter, before voting to recommend or not recommend the project for approval. This recommendation is included in future reports from the County's Planning Division and taken into consideration if and when the project makes its way to the Board of Supervisors or other hearing body, which may include the County's Planning Commission and Zoning Authority, for final consideration.

CPAC members are appointed by County Supervisors in their individual districts. In District 5, the Cordova, Cosumnes, Delta, Southeast Area, and the Vineyard Area CPACs have openings for new Council Members. If you are interested in being on

the front lines of development in your community by providing valuable local insight and feedback, I encourage you to apply for an open seat.

Members are expected to attend the monthly meeting and may have occasional responsibilities related to meeting preparation. To apply for a seat on your local CPAC, fill out the [application](#) and submit it to the Clerk of the Board. You may also visit the [CPAC Webpage](#) for additional information.

Sacramento County Office of Education Initiatives



Supervisor Hume with Dave Gordon, Superintendent of the Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE), on March 17th at SCOE's David P. Meaney Education Center.

Last month, I had the privilege to meet and catch up with longtime friend and former colleague Dave Gordon, Superintendent of the Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE), who has been in this role since 2004, having previously served as Superintendent of the Elk Grove Unified School District from 1995 to 2004.

Dave hosted me at SCOE's David P. Meaney Education Center at the former Mather Air Force Base, where we discussed the vital role SCOE plays in addressing the varied needs of our young people and how our educational programs are best preparing them for success, no matter their life circumstances. It was immensely beneficial to learn more about the organization tasked with the crucial role of educating so many students and the new initiatives underway focusing on the impacts of the pandemic on their learning, as well as their social development and mental health.

Among the many impactful and exciting initiatives SCOE has launched is the School-Based Mental Health and Wellness program, which is placing mental health clinicians in every school in Sacramento County. Beginning in 2020, SCOE has partnered with the Sacramento County Department of Health Services in an effort to transform all public schools in the County into "Centers of Wellness" to identify and address the mental health and wellness needs of its students. By placing a mental health professional in every school, SCOE hopes to improve academic achievement for students, increase early identification of mental health disorders/indicators for students, expand access to mental health services for students, and foster a proactive wellness culture for staff and students alike.

[Click here](#) for more information on the School-Based Mental Health and Wellness program.

SCOE is aggressively working to also grow and improve the pipeline for future teachers, mental health professionals, and other support staff in our public schools. Last month, SCOE co-hosted an employment fair to recruit and hire talented candidates to support preschool through high school. The event brought together dozens of local educational agencies (LEAs) to team up in recruiting for a wide range of positions. SCOE is also working to hire 300 mental health clinicians to facilitate and oversee its School-Based Mental Health and Wellness program. For current educators and those interested in exploring a career in education, the SCOE website has a host of professional learning opportunities [here](#).

Despite the daunting challenges and increasing demands on our educational system, I sincerely felt more hopeful after talking with Dave Gordon about the many ways our best education and health professionals are coming together in the interest of our future generation.

Arts, Culture & Creativity Month



Art is an essential part of life. Art invokes beauty, creativity, imagination, and skill. It can be both personal and civically engaging. At the March 28th Board of Supervisors meeting, my colleagues and I adopted a resolution recognizing April 2023, and every April thereafter, as Arts, Culture, and Creativity Month in Sacramento County. The resolution designated April as a significant time to recognize and celebrate the arts, culture, and creativity of all peoples in Sacramento County.

In addition to serving as an important tool for expression, arts can also serve as an

agent for economic development and have an impact on societal and cultural issues. Given the vital role art plays in every aspect of our society, it is imperative for all children and youth in Sacramento County to have access to the arts as they grow and develop creative thinking skills.

The arts help children foster understanding and provides them a continual source of personal enrichment, inspiration, and growth. I believe art is also a crucial component of a well-rounded educational curriculum. Throughout District 5, there are several resources in place devoted to supporting our young artists, granting them a space and support system needed to flourish in the arts.

On April 14th, the Mills Station Arts & Culture Center (MACC) will be hosting its 4th Annual Student Show. The exhibit showcases the artwork of K-12 students who live and/or go to school in Rancho Cordova within the Folsom Cordova, Elk Grove and Sacramento City Unified School Districts.

The teachers submit student art to be considered for dawning the walls of the MACC for three weeks. According to MACC Art Director and Curator Cheryl Gleason, over 300 pieces of art will be featured at this year's exhibit. "To see their [the students] work in a professional gallery is amazing to them," said Gleason. "Watching their faces is incredible." Gleason knows firsthand the value of an

education enriched with the arts, and the positive impact it can have toward the trajectory of one's life. "As someone who would have never made it through school without art, it's really important that students have the ability to create art and to have a voice with their art," she explained. "It [art] gives students something to look forward to and energizes them in a way unlike anything else."

Gleason works directly with each school, their teachers, in addition to homeschool families to curate a diverse show representing the imaginations of our youngest community members. If you are a parent who homeschools your creatives, please reach out to Cheryl Gleason at cheryl@cordovacouncil.org to learn more about next year's show, too.

During the awards ceremony reception on April 14th, the MACC will also crown its first ever Rancho Cordova Youth Poet Laureate for the 2022-2023 season. This reception will also feature a special symphony performance for attendees to enjoy. [Click here](#) for more information on the 4th Annual Student Show.

More youth artwork, as well as professional and performing artists, will also be on display April 29th in Elk Grove for the City's Festival of the Arts. The event, hosted by the Elk Grove Fine Arts Center, is a way to introduce the community to the diverse world of the visual and performing arts in our region, and will feature live performances, food and wine, and a kid's zone.

Elk Grove Festival of the Arts



In April 2022, the City of Elk Grove and the Elk Grove Arts Commission came together to mark the inaugural Festival of the Arts at the Old Town Plaza in the heart of the city. The festival included a youth art show presented by students of the Elk Grove Unified School District, among other events.

The 2023 Festival of the Arts will take place April 29th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free.

For more information on the Elk Grove Festival of the Arts, [click here](#).

Sacramento Splash & the Value of Nature



Supervisor Hume at Sacramento Splash on April 5th. From left to right: Splash Instructor David Rosen, CEO Mackenzie Wisner, Supervisor Pat Hume, Vice Chair Khaim Morton, and Board Chair Nigel Moore

There is no denying the wonders air conditioning has done for spending time indoors. And, I, too can attest to being attached to my smartphone for longer than I'd like to admit. However, there is no replacement for fresh air and the great outdoors.

Experiencing nature is especially important for our youth, and serves as a crucial factor in leading happy and healthy lives. Unfortunately, there is a growing trend of children spending less time in nature.

Sacramento Splash, or "Splash," is a non-profit organization that is working to address this problem. Splash wants to help children understand and value our natural world, and mentor the children who will go onto serve as nature stewards. Splash is dedicated to protecting this scarce resource through ensuring that each

new generation understands its impact on nature, and nature's benefits to humanity.

Splash is a self-described "passionate group of nature-lovers, scientists, and educators working toward ensuring every child has access to forming a connection with the natural world." Splash trains teachers on how to teach Science in a fun and engaging way, which includes its water pollution prevention-focused curricula, and a culminating field trip to the Splash Science Center in Mather.

On April 5th, my Chief of Staff, Rebecca Sloan, and I toured the Sacramento Splash office, where we spoke with CEO Mackenzie Wieser and members of the esteemed staff of Splash about the exciting and impactful programs currently underway. I even had the opportunity to see some of the animals on site – including a snake who was kind enough to pose for a picture with me.

Splash truly is a gem in our community, and I encourage each of my constituents to head over to its website, Sacsplash.org to learn more about the organization, and perhaps find ways to get involved with its efforts.

One program I recommend for students in my district who are entering 6th or 7th grade is Splash's Youth Environmental Leadership Camp (YELC). YELC is an immersive summer program for students entering the 6th or 7th grade in the coming fall. Campers will become change-agents who design and implement climate-smart solutions aimed at improving air/water quality and/or natural habitats where they live. Campers will also learn about the importance of volunteerism, social participation and community involvement while learning water and energy management, pollution prevention, and watershed ecology.

After the camp, the campers will participate in at least two volunteer events with identified partner organizations between July-November, to deliver a positive impact within their community. Campers will also run a personal fundraising campaign for one of the organizations, and will present to their peers in November, about their experience.

YELC is a five-day camp. Participants will attend one of the four weeks in June (June 5-9, June 12-16, June 19-23, or June 26-30). Space is limited. To sign up for YELC, or to learn more about the program, visit this [link](#).

Out & About in District 5



You may know me as your representative on the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, but did you also know that in my spare time I sometimes serve as an auctioneer? That's right, I am a graduate of Western College of Auctioneering in Billings, Montana.

On March 25th, I was honored to lead the dessert auction at the Empty Bowls fundraiser for the Galt Sunshine Food Pantry. The event was part of the ongoing campaign to raise funds for the construction of a proposed new 3,500-square-foot building to serve the growing number of residents suffering from food insecurity in Galt.

Since 2010, the Center has called the Galt United Methodist Church home. In the last five years, the Center has seen a staggering 400%

growth in individuals utilizing its services. In 2017, the center estimated serving 488 people per month, while in 2022, that number had grown to over 2,450 people per month, according to Leesa Klotz, Grant Chair for the Sunshine Food Pantry & Resource Center.

Amidst this growing demand, the Center has launched its fundraising campaign with the hopes of building a larger, modern, efficient, and sustainable food pantry that serves the community of Galt in an assortment of ways.

One neat aspect of the fundraising campaign is the Buy-A-Brick program, which allows those interested to contribute much-needed funds, while also cementing a role in the history of the building and its mission.

Buy-a-Brick allows people to purchase a custom laser-engraved brick in memory of a loved one, as a recognition for someone in the community, in the name of your family, or anyone else you want to be a recognized. The bricks will go on to be a part of the building.

I was honored to participate in the Buy-a-Brick program. The kind men and women of the Sunshine Food Pantry & Resource Center were generous to gift me a brick of my own, and I was delighted to purchase one as well.



To see how you can purchase a brick of your own, click [here](#).

Galt United Methodist Church unanimously voted to sell two vacant lots for seed money to support the project. My predecessor, Supervisor Don Nottoli, helped secure \$200,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for the project, while the center also received \$10,000 in ARPA funds from the City of Galt, as well as multiple individual donations and countless in-kind donations from local businesses. Still, an additional \$1,000,000 in donations is needed to make the new site a reality and better serve the most vulnerable members of the Galt community.

The Sunshine Food Pantry & Resource Center is currently accepting donations that will go toward the construction of its new facility. Click [here](#) if you would like to contribute.



Supervisor Hume speaking at the Sons in Retirement Luncheon on March 2nd at the Rancho Cordova Elks Lodge. Left to right: Walter Phillip, Dan Barthel, Supervisor Hume, Tom Beigel and Ed Spellacy



Supervisor Hume at the Wilton Fire District Appreciation Luncheon on March 18th. Left to right: Brian Takemori, Senator Roger Niello, Fire Chief Kenny Deide and Supervisor Hume



Supervisor Hume speaking at the Sunriver Neighborhood Association on April 4th.

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The illustration shows a train station with a wooden roof and a sign that says "STATION". To the right is a ticket booth with a sign that says "TICKETS". A steam locomotive is on the left. Five children in cowboy hats are in the foreground, waving. A purple sign on the roof says "SOUTHERN PACIFIC".

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