



#### Dear friends,

It seems unbelievable that almost a month has gone by since I was sworn in! What a month it has been. We've been dealing with the impacts of the storms and flooding and trying to make sure the people of the Fifth District are able to clean up and recover. This has been especially impactful for our farmers and ranchers along the Cosumnes River - I am committed to helping them where I can and digging in to find long-term sustainable solutions to lessen the devastating impacts and loss of life in the future.

We've also been working with our Homeless Outreach Team and partner agencies to address some encampments that were proving to be a dangerous situation and getting worse. Fortunately, all parties were able to come together to enforce the protection needed so that the unhoused individuals would no longer be camping illegally in such a dangerous spot. There is a long road ahead to craft actual solutions to get folks off the streets for good, but rest assured we will keep at it.

The most pleasant surprise so far has been the effort already underway by the executive staff to affect organizational culture change within the County. The Board voted at our last meeting to endorse this effort by adopting a resolution that backstops staff to be more eager, creative and customer service oriented in our building and planning departments. Feeling safe enough to take risks won't happen right away, but it is important that people feel supported to act as facilitators, rather than gatekeepers.

If you have a particular issue or concern, please reach out to me and my office.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

Best,

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February is Black History Month. While we can celebrate black history and culture year-round, February welcomes a dedicated time to uplift and give prominence to the triumphs of Black Americans.



In doing so, I would like to commend Sacramento County Public Health Officer, Dr. Olivia Kasirye, who recently received a community service award recognizing her leadership and work in the County particularly during difficult times.

including the pandemic. Dr. Kasirye was an honoree of the 2023 Robert T. Matsui Community Service Award presented by the Sacramento Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Committee at their 24th annual MLK celebration event. Since starting her role with the County in 2012, Dr. Kasirye has provided strong guidance and has been able to showcase her passion for public health and serving the people of Sacramento County.

## Flood Recovery

Our early response and recovery efforts focused on RD 800, but have also included meetings with the Sloughouse RCD, residents of Point Pleasant and agricultural landowners along Hwy. 99. This work will continue for many months and include stakeholders from agriculture to our environmental preserves in addressing the unprecedented force and volume of water of these recent storms, both in repairs and proactive efforts.

I have had the opportunity to tour the levee damages on both foot and from a helicopter – exploring Michigan Bar to the Sacramento River – and surely recognize firsthand the Cosumnes River flooding is impactful to the watershed areas through the Lower Cosumnes, Sloughhouse, Point Pleasant and on into the Delta. It was a privilege to meet with long-time, south county, farmer Ken Oneto of KLM Ranches and Steve Etchegaray of Etchegaray Farms, to survey the effects of the recent storms. Together, we saw the recovery efforts currently underway near Hwy. 99 as well.



While the flooding was almost completely subsided in a few short weeks since the New Year's Eve flood event, some pockets of water and other remnants of the storms remained. Since the devastating storm ravaged large swaths of our community last month, the effects of the catastrophic release still remain. Surveying the devastating impacts of the storms on the surrounding farmland once again brought the sheer magnitude of these storms into better perspective.



We are monitoring the impacted areas with farmers and residents who bore the brunt of the recent winds and rains and considering how to improve our community's resiliency for future severe weather events. Ultimately, future sustainable adaptation will require innovative approaches and close coordination between all the levels of government and our residents.



People who suffered losses from the storms should contact their insurance companies first. Insurance delivers the majority of financial help in disasters.

For losses not covered by insurance, residents can register assistance on line at <a href="https://www.disasterassistance.gov">www.disasterassistance.gov</a> or by calling 800-621-3362 or 800-462-7585 (TTY)



Some say 50 is the new 30. Others claim that with age comes wisdom. But whether age is a state of mind or not, seniority has its perks.

Coinciding with Older Americans Month, the Sacramento County Adult and Aging Commission is currently accepting nominations to honor its **5 Over 50 Awards**. Qualified applicants are considered exceptional Sacramento County residents who

devote considerable time volunteering and contributing to the health and vitality of our county.

Nominees must be age 50 or older, have attained their achievement when they were 50 or older, and be a current resident of Sacramento County. Applications will be evaluated according to their volunteer experience, years of service, other merits or awards, or letters of recommendation or reference. (Members of the Adult and Aging Commission are not eligible for nomination.)

Applications deadline is now February 17. Applications may be emailed to <a href="mailto:agefriendly@saccounty.gov">agefriendly@saccounty.gov</a> or by mail to: Sacramento County Senior and Adult Services, Attn: Heidi Richardson, A401, P.O. Box 269131, Sacramento, CA 95826 Residents may also visit dcfas.saccounty.net/SAS for more information.

# **County Services at Your Fingertips**

For residents of District 5 who wish to speak to a real person about their issue or concern right away, all of us in District 5 are eager to assist you, help find solutions and/or connect residents with the critical county department who can best assist. If we can assist with County services, help answer a question, or be available to hear your thoughts and suggestions, please call us at 916-874-5465 or email me at pathume@saccounty.gov.

Whether it is potholes, garbage on the side of the road, trees in need of trimming, or graffiti, Sacramento County also has an easy way to report virtually every issue you may encounter on a daily basis. **311 Connect** is a valuable resource for all Sacramento County residents, and one that when constituents utilize it creates valuable data for the county. Simply call 311 or 916-875-4311, visit the <u>311 website</u>, or download Sac County 311 Connect in the app store on your smartphone. For service seven days a week, 24 hours a day, 311 Connect integrates all County municipal service departments for our residents. An interactive map also allows residents to pinpoint the exact location for their requests too.

311 Connect is a crucial tool that helps keep government accountable while making County services available and easy to access for all residents. In the event of immediate danger, please dial 9-1-1.



Applications for the next round of grants to non-profit organization can be submitted online **until 5 pm on March 13**. Since 2017, Sacramento County has administered the Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) Program, annually providing \$1 million in support of the arts and culture, community development, health and human services and workforce development. An expert panel reviews applications and the Board of Supervisors will consider grant awards in June 2023.

To learn more about this grant opportunity, please participate in one of the Virtual Workshops February 16th at 5:30 p.m. or February 17th from 9:30 – 11 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Read more information about the <u>TOT Program in this Sacramento County News</u> Article.

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



Please tell us about your favorite restaurant, new business, upcoming community events and important celebrations by emailing me

at PatHume@saccounty.gov or calling us at 916-874-5465.

We'd be pleased to share these opportunities in our newsletters and do our best to join you too.

(Above) Supervisor Hume and Lisa Hume at Fujiya in Elk Grove, enjoying locally sourced food, wine, and even caviar grown in District 5.



Supervisor Hume speaking to the Isleton Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting at Delta Paradise Island Marina in Isleton.



(Above) Supervisor Hume and Leonardo Maya at #XuloCafe in Elk Grove





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