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*"We choose go to the moon in this decade and do the other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard."* – John F. Kennedy

Well, it seems like only yesterday I was heralding the arrival of Spring, and here we are in the waning days of Summer.

This month has offered a couple of tangible examples where we could realize forward momentum on some critical issues. It is extremely rewarding to know that some elephants can be eaten one bite at a time and, sometimes, when a constituent raises an issue with our office, action can be taken in short order. Obviously, long-term solutions to some of our most pernicious societal woes won't be solved in the early stages of my first term, but we're getting traction on some big items and have been able to respond quickly to some other quality of life needs.

On what, you may ask?

For one, the County opened its first Safe Stay shelter this past month to house up to 125 individuals, getting them off the streets and in a safe place to begin connecting them to services. These efforts began well before I got here, so I am in no way taking credit. This is one more tool in the toolbox as we enter year one of a three-year Local Homelessness Action Plan. You can read more about that milestone in this edition.

On a smaller scale, but much more immediately gratifying, we were able to get County transportation staff to reinforce safety improvements on Dillard Road and work with CHP to enhance enforcement to slow traffic on this critical rural road. This followed a meeting with first responders, County staff and our office to discuss how dangerous this road had become. Sadly, this was punctuated by the fatal head-on collision resulting in the loss of two lives. Fresh striping and new flashers at the stop signs won't mitigate irresponsibility, but hopefully it helps remind people to be a little more careful. In addition, we continue to convene the Cosumnes Flood Response Working Group and are winnowing discussions toward a workplan that will outline tangible deliverables and the critical feasibility study needed to position us for future state and federal investments. I am confident and hopeful that there is a Venn diagram that finds a sweet spot where multiple, disconnected interests can work smarter rather than harder toward a common good to protect life, property and farming operations.



Speaking of disaster relief, we also answered the call to help U.S. Senator Alex Padilla bring together a roundtable of farmers to discuss the Senator's efforts to improve access to federal disaster relief for farmers of specialty crops, including vineyards and orchards. Special thanks to Rick Grimshaw at Davis Ranch for hosting, the Sacramento County Farm Bureau for helping identify farmers to have at the table and to District 5 staff for pivoting to help make it happen.

Finally, the California Capital Airshow returns! Airshows hold a special place in my heart as homage to my father, Col. Harlan B. Hume the fighter pilot (callsign: Maverick – true story...). I'll be out at Mather Field on Saturday, the 23<sup>rd</sup>, but you can see the same show on Sunday, the 24<sup>th</sup> as well. It is truly a fantastic time with the USAF Thunderbirds headlining performance.

The magnitude and complexity of the issues we face at the County seem daunting and intractable, but never underestimate the value of consistent, and persistent, small steps.

Okay, this is getting rather long, so remember to check out my <u>Facebook page</u> and forward this newsletter on to anyone you think might find it interesting.



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### **Homeless Shelters & Services**

Homelessness is the number one issue facing me and my colleagues on the County Board of Supervisors and an area where we share responsibilities with the cities within Sacramento County. I want to take this opportunity to share some of the County's efforts to address our unsheltered community members.

The County's response focuses on outreach, shelter and housing. Our County Encampment Services Teams (EST) each consist of a mental health counselor, behavioral health peer specialist and an outreach navigator, who take a collaborative approach to providing individuals with supportive services like treatment plans and benefits enrollment, and connecting them with basic needs such as housing, water and sanitation services. In addition, the Sheriff Department's Homeless Outreach Team, or HOT Team, works alongside EST to address safety concerns as well as crimes which may be occurring within encampments or in adjacent neighborhoods and businesses.



As the number of unsheltered folks has grown, we have not been able to keep up with the need for more housing. Counties provide social services within cities and between cities, but we do not <u>uniquely</u> receive funding to provide shelter. Nor can we compel individuals living unsheltered to accept social services or shelter. That said, I am pleased to say Sacramento County is the funding agency for 473 shelter beds, 78 shelter units for approximately 180

people/families and 505 weather respite temporary shelter spaces.

District 5 specifically is also home to the Mather Community Campus and Veterans Village in which homeless veterans, families, transitional age foster youth and single persons are able to find shelter and utilize wraparound services to obtain health care including mental health or substance abuse services as needed, in addition to employment training.

Last month, I joined my colleague Supervisor Patrick Kennedy along with other members of the Board of Supervisors, County staff and our non-profit partner Citinet in opening the first Safe Stay community in the Florin/Power Inn area to provide shelter to 130 individuals.

Safe Stay communities will be accessed through homeless services providers. Public requests for shelter referrals will go through 211 to be connected with our Coordinated Access System. Safe Stay communities provide non-congregate, private, secure sheltering with full services and re-housing support. Our County is expected to open 300 additional beds in <u>unincorporated</u> Sacramento County over the next 6-18 months.



We also recognize the need for additional capacity in serving residents with mental health needs. Sacramento County received a \$24 million grant award to construct a new 64-bed subacute, residential psychiatric facility. We are working with the Rosemont community on details related to advancing this project on a county-owned site at the Bradshaw Complex. The County is also opening Behavioral Health CORE (Community Outreach Recovery Empowerment) Centers in 10 locations, where individuals can obtain walk-in support including specialty mental health outpatient services and peer counseling.

I am particularly pleased to share with you all the opening of the new Nottoli Place in the Bradshaw Complex this year. The County was successful in reusing one of our facilities to assist vulnerable seniors who are eligible for Sacramento County's Adult Protective Services (APS) and experiencing housing instability or homelessness.

Too often, vulnerable seniors who may be experiencing physical, emotional or financial abuse or neglect are fearful of reporting these incidents and potentially losing their housing. Nottoli Place provides a safe space for adults to come and feel restored, to alter their faith and their hope until they can find permanent housing.

To learn more about available County services, please visit <u>What We Are Doing</u> on our Department of Homeless Services and Housing website.

## **Taking Flight**

Up, up and away! September brings the California Capital Airshow, the United States Air Force Thunderbirds and the grace of the F-16 Fighting Falcon to Mather Airport. The Airshow is an annual celebration of flight-inspiring future careers in aerospace and STEM and the promise of continued economic opportunity. Visitors will come to Mather Airport and the Airshow on September 23 and 24 from all over California, the country and the world to experience the history of aviation in our nation and look at what lies ahead for this industry.

Space exploration and aeronautics attracted many rocket scientists to work at Aerojet Rocketdyne in Rancho Cordova. For more than 80 years, Aerojet advanced propulsion and power systems to launch NASA into space and in 1958 was called by *Time* magazine the "General Motors of the United States Rocketry." In 2022, Aerojet made 39 propulsive elements for the 2022 Artemis



mission to the moon. On August 23, 2023, India set a new first by landing a spacecraft near the moon's unchartered south pole.



sincerely stretches the imagination.

When asked about the view from space, astronaut Sally Ride, the first American woman in space said, "The stars don't look bigger, but they do look brighter." I enjoyed the kick-off STEM Expo on August 25 with the *Ask Me Anything* Conference & Mentorship Luncheon where over 400 teenagers heard directly from industry experts about how much bigger and brighter future careers in air mobility and urban air mobility, artificial intelligence and cyber technology may ultimately be.

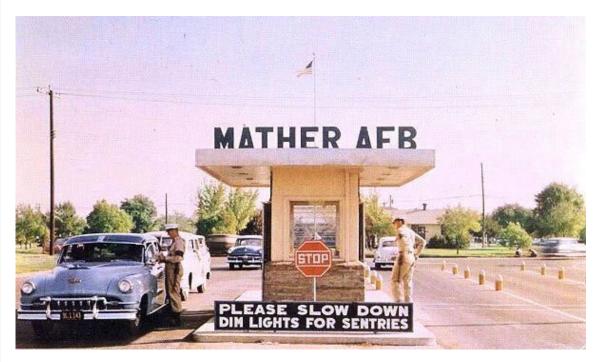
However, the educational opportunities for the Airshow locally are year-round with educational events, mentorship, internships and scholarships for students. The close-up look at sustainable and autonomous aviation and what the future may look like in engineering, design, robotics, drone, aviation or space careers

The economic impact stemming from the Airshow was estimated in 2021 to total \$7.1 million in benefits to the Sacramento region, including \$4.2 million in direct

spending, generating a total of \$6.8 million in economic activity along with direct support to more than 30 non-profit organizations who help make the Airshow experience possible. Economic impact findings indicate that for every \$1 in direct spending, \$1.67 in additional economic activity is generated in our region.

The global economic forecasts for passenger and air cargo travel combined with the host of STEM related industries is, needless to say – robust! Employment of aerospace engineers alone is projected to grow 6 percent from 2021 to 2031, according to Bureau of Labor Statistics. It makes me very hopeful the future is truly bright for many of the middle and high schoolers I met at the STEM Expo. My own childhood memories of traveling with my family as my father was stationed at many Air Force bases around the world linger with me and continue to spark curiosity of the many wonders I have yet to see, but surely look forward to.

Looking into the future of our own Mather Airport, our County Department of Airports is planning strategically to maximize increasing demand for airport related real estate. From the first flying air show in 2006 to today, we have seen the successful reuse of Mather Air Force Base.



#### PLANNING FOR MATHER'S FUTURE

In 2024, Mather Airport will see a runway facelift with the rehabilitation of the primary runway. Mather's vast real estate is also getting a fresh look as the region

continues to diversify its economic portfolio. While supporting aviation operations will remain Mather's primary mission, our Airport's Commercial Development team is looking to leverage the recent announcement of Solidigm in Rancho Cordova and Bosch in Roseville to drive additional development on Airport property.

To help guide these efforts, the Airport team will undertake the most extensive real estate strategic planning effort in Mather Airport's history. In the months ahead, this critical project will help our Department of Airports understand Mather's opportunities to support regional and global business needs while driving engagement with local economic development and real estate professionals.



We expect to see the release of a formal request for a consultant to undertake the planning portion of this project later this year, pending final selection and County Board of Supervisors approval in early 2024.

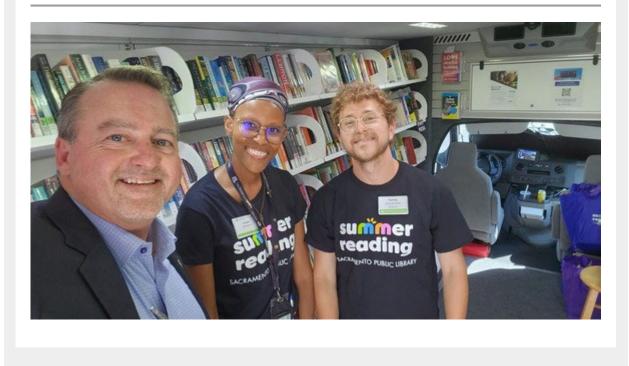
### **Out & About in District 5**



Wilton Memorial Rose Garden Volunteer Day. Pictured left: Me with organizer Claire Delfino and volunteers Ken, Alice and Bill. Pictured right: I also brought out some volunteers: Jennifer and Steve Ferraiuolo and Alison and Martin Sadler.



Sacramento Farm Bureau Federation's A Toast to Education – Winemaker's Dinner August 26, 2023 in Elk Grove. Photo (left to right) Me and Camey Sears. Me with Sacramento County District Attorney Thien Ho and Jenny Ho.



Checking out the inaugural launch of the first all-electric Bookmobile for the Sacramento Public Library. Thanks for the tour Christina and Thomas!



Cosumnes Flood Response Working Group meeting at the Sacramento County Farm Bureau.

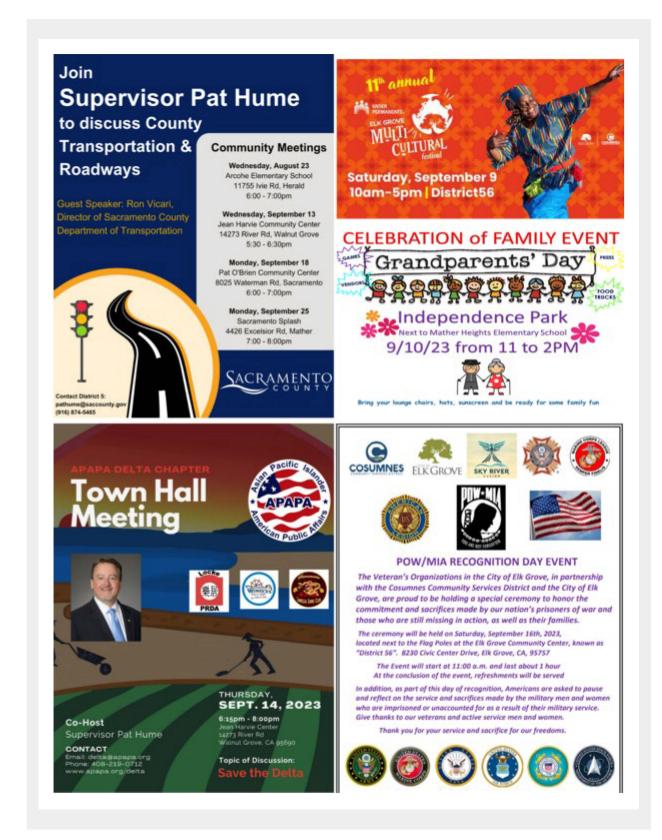


Herald Day parade and celebration on August 5. Pictured right: Me with Galt Mayor Jay Vanderberg, former Supervisor Don Nottoli and Pam Cearley judging pickling.



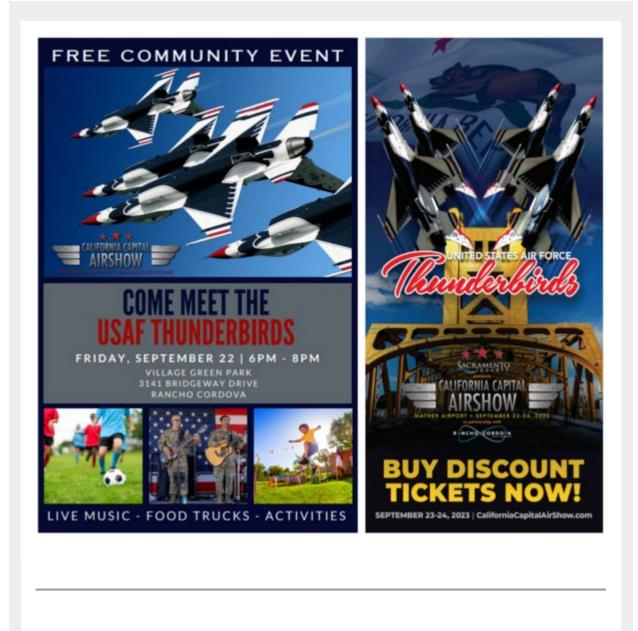
Cordova Community Luncheon on August 18 at Rancho Cordova City Hall. Photo (left to right) Shelly Blanchard, Supervisor Rich Desmond, FCUSD Trustee Chris Clark, City Councilmember Siri Pulipati, me, Mayor Linda Budge, Police Chief Luke Brandon and Diann Rogers.

## **Upcoming Events**









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