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"Happiness is when what you think, what you say and what you do are in harmony." – Mahatma Gandhi

Like many of you, I have been busy trying to beat the heat. Ironically, it makes me realize how blessed we are to live in a region with so many options to make the hot days more bearable. Obviously, a trip to the mountains or the coast certainly foots the bill, but even here locally we have rivers, lakes and air-conditioned public spaces. You could even consider hopping on the train and taking a ride to relax in the cool air as you stare out the window. Whatever you do, also remember to stay hydrated.

I had the opportunity to present a State of the County speech to the Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce recently. If you weren't there in person, fear not – since you read this newsletter, you are fairly aware of all of the things I talked about. What you may not know yet, but is featured in this edition, is that there has been a tremendous influx of funding for transportation improvements. The Capital Southeast Connector – the 34-mile project to connect Interstate 5, Highway 99 and Highway 50 – received a \$25 million federal RAISE grant, thanks to the efforts of Congressman Bera. This is a drop in the bucket relative to the total amount needed to complete the project, but it is a very significant drop in this project's bucket as the largest funding award that wasn't locally funded.

Also, Sacramento Regional Transit received a combination of grants from both the federal government and Caltrans that will go toward the modification of the vehicle fleet and redevelopment of some transit stops including a new station at Horn Road. All said, it amounts to a little over \$100 million that will result in a cleaner, safer and more accessible transit network.

Unfortunately, not all funding requests go our way and an appropriation request championed by Congresswoman Matsui for our multi-benefit Cosumnes project was declined by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Obviously, neither we nor the Congresswoman were pleased with this development, but we are committed to learning how we can fare better.

Speaking of fairs, we held a Business Resource Fair in Rosemont to help highlight programs that exist to assist our small businesses. You can read about that effort in the article below. It was impressive to see all the organizations that came out and are available to help start or grow small businesses; from coaching and organizational support, to financing and more. Please reach out and we can put you in touch with someone to help you succeed.

And as always, if you're reading this month's newsletter, please share it with a friend or neighbor and encourage them to <u>subscribe</u> for future newsletters or check out my Facebook page <u>here</u>.

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#### **Rosemont Business Support**

These past few months, my office has been collaborating with the Rancho Cordova Area Chamber of Commerce and the Sacramento County Office of Economic Development in support of businesses in Rosemont. Our shared goal is to foster the growth of the Rosemont business community that we all proudly serve. The business community has faced challenges, including ongoing impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic recovery and other economic uncertainties.



At the Rosemont Business Resource Fair held at Fusion Rose Events on July 24, 2024. Pictured with me are Diann Rogers, CEO of the Rancho Cordova Area Chamber of Commerce, Chad Rinde, Sacramento County Director of Finance, Barry Chamberlain, Director of Code Enforcement, staff from the Office of Economic Development and the Sheriff's East Division POP team.

As a County Supervisor, I recognize the unique responsibility to be directly responsive to the needs of our unincorporated communities.

The Rancho Cordova Area Chamber of Commerce recently celebrated 60 years as the voice for businesses in Rosemont, Rancho Cordova, Mather, Rancho Murieta and Gold River. They have proven to be a great partner and equally dedicated to revitalizing the business sector and meeting the needs of Rosemont.

We hope for the Rosemont business community to be more successful and robust while serving the surrounding community and potentially drawing visitors from nearby. Our efforts are focused on supporting existing businesses, ensuring they have the necessary resources to succeed, while fostering collaboration for greater economic vitality.

A thriving business community not only benefits current businesses but also attracts new ones. Our vision is to create vibrant shopping centers and dining options within Rosemont, making it convenient for residents to shop and eat locally.

As a government agency, we can promote and support the community, but the ultimate decision of where businesses choose to operate lies with them. Our Office of Economic Development (OED) is dedicated to supporting and attracting businesses to the Rosemont community. As part of the post-pandemic economic recovery effort, OED distributed \$450,000 in grant funding to 54 businesses and nonprofits in the Rosemont area. OED continues to support the Rosemont business community through direct business assistance programs, including the Small Business Liaison Program and the Business Environmental Resource Center. OED staff also actively market the Rosemont area and its retail assets to national companies and commercial real estate firms.

Our journey began with a business walk back in early June, connecting with nearly 70 local businesses. The feedback we received was invaluable, highlighting both successes and areas where more support is needed. A recurring theme from these interactions was the strong sense of community that business owners cherish in Rosemont. We also learned Rosemont has a high concentration of home-based businesses, which is a testament to its entrepreneurial spirit.

The next phase of our initiative was the Business Resource Fair on July 24th, aimed at connecting local businesses with various organizations to aid in their growth and development. At the Business Resource Fair, community partners and organizations provided information on how they can support local business needs including resources for growing a business, addressing crime, service utilities and more.

The resource fair featured over two dozen organizations and entities, including the Sacramento County Office of Economic Development and other County departments such as Code Enforcement, Planning & Environmental Review, Business Licensing and more. We also had national organizations such as the Small Business Administration and SCORE, and local resources like the Chamber of Commerce, SMUD and the Better Business Bureau. Representatives from the offices of our local elected officials were also



present, including the offices of Congressman Ami Bera, State Senator Angelique Ashby and Assemblymember Josh Hoover.



Additionally, the Chamber is excited to offer an intensive "business boot camp" in late August. It will be two days power-packed with seven sessions covering business fundamentals. Participants will walk away with tools and strategies to help them stick to their business plan, execute a marketing strategy, understand their financials and represent their business with confidence.

I encourage you to stay engaged with Rosemont business community

activities by sending your contact information to Rosemont@RanchoCordova.org or visiting the <u>Rosemont page</u> on the Rancho Cordova Area Chamber website.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to <u>my office</u> if there is any assistance we can provide. The <u>Office of Economic Development</u> is also a great resource, whether you're someone thinking of starting a business and need help with the process or you have an established business and are looking to expand, they are there to offer support. Together, we can ensure Rosemont's business sector not only recovers but thrives, making the community an attractive and prosperous place for all.

#### **Capital SouthEast Connector Project Update**

Of all the constituent issues my office responds to, the vast majority of those are related to the Department of Transportation (DOT), specifically road conditions and maintenance, and safety concerns related to speeding and signage. Unfortunately, due to lack of funding, the County is perpetually behind on road maintenance and expansion and safety projects.

So, it is with great excitement that I share with you that the Capital SouthEast Connector Joint Powers Authority has been awarded \$25 million dollars from the U.S. Department of Transportation RAISE Grant Program to improve a section of Grantline Road. The section being addressed will be just past the Douglas Road intersection, which is one of the most dangerous sections of road in unincorporated Sacramento County.

This funding will address significant safety issues associated with a roadway constructed over 60 years ago that was not designed to handle current traffic conditions. These improvements to Grantline Road aim to reduce accidents along this narrow corridor plagued by crashes over the years. Along this stretch of corridor there have been 125 collisions over a five-year period from 2016-2020 and two recent fatalities in 2021 and 2024.



The transportation project will turn the 3.6-mile stretch of existing Grantline Road from a rural two-lane road into a modern four-lane expressway with better shoulders, as well as pathways for bicyclists and pedestrians.

When the full Capital SouthEast Connector project is completed, the Connector will link Interstate

5, Highway 99 and Highway 50, providing commuters an easier and more direct route from South Sacramento and Elk Grove to Folsom and El Dorado County.

I would like to express my thanks to Congressman Ami Bera for his role in helping Sacramento County secure these vital funds which will aid in modernizing our infrastructure, support economic development and connect our growing communities.

#### **SacRT Fleet Upgrades**

As a Sacramento Regional Transit (SacRT) Board Member, it is especially thrilling for me to announce that SacRT has received \$77 million dollars in funding from the Federal Transit Administration Low or No Emission Grant Program. This grant money will go towards the conversion of its bus fleet to hydrogen vehicles, the purchase of more low floor light rail vehicles, modernizing a bus maintenance facility as well as helping to build and remodel some light rail transit stations.

The project supported by this grant aligns with SacRT's broader strategy to enhance public transportation infrastructure, create new job opportunities and ensure a cleaner environment for the Sacramento community. As part of its ambitious goal to convert the entire bus fleet to zero emissions buses (ZEB) by 2040, this funding will allow SacRT to construct the first hydrogen facility in the capital region and convert the bus fleet service in some of Sacramento's disadvantaged neighborhoods to ZEBs by 2028.

This project is a significant step towards Sacramento region's commitment to sustainability and innovation and I am proud to have been a part of helping to advance people and communities towards their climate goals.

For more information about SacRT's zero-emission initiatives and the Low or No Emission Project, please visit their website <u>here</u>.



Out & About in District 5



Celebrating the 4th of July in Rancho Cordova at their annual parade. Top left photo: My wife, Lisa, and I enjoyed riding in the parade. Top right photo: honored to shake hands with a U.S. Veteran. Bottom left photo: with Rancho Cordova Councilmember Siri Pulipati and Rancho Cordova Police Chief Matthew Tamayo. Bottom right photo: meeting the Rancho Cordova All-Stars Little League team.



Delivering my State of the County address to the Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce. Top left photo: representatives from the Cosumnes Fire Department, CSD Board member Angela Spease and me. Top right photo: with my friends from Sutter Health. Bottom right photo: members of the Laguna Sunrise Rotary Club.



The CA Capital Airshow was awesome! Top left photo: meeting the pilots of the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds. Top right photo: Congresswoman Doris Matsui. Bottom left photo: presenting a proclamation to the pilots of the Italian Air Force Frecce Tricolori Team. Bottom right photo: Standing with the pilots of the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds.



Had a great time at the Strauss Festival of Elk Grove. Pictured top right: Presenting a proclamation in recognition of the Festival's 35th Anniversary to Board Chair Marjorie Jones, Board Chair Beth Hedlund and Mark Hedlund.



Spending the day at the Courtland Pear Fair! Top row, going across: Pictured with me Left: Richard Elliot; Middle: Kerri and John Stump; Right: members of the Sacramento River Delta Historical Society. Middle row: Left: John Stutz; Middle: Scottish Color Guard; Right: Honey Lum and Mark Miller from the Locke Historical Foundation. Bottom row: Left: Anna Swenson; Right: presenting a proclamation in honor of the 50th Pear Fair, accepted by Haley Chan.

### **Upcoming Events**



3020 Renwick Ave, Elk Grove, CA 95758 (map)





# COUNTRY ROUNDUP

## SATURDAY AUGUST 3 | 9AM - 2PM 4TH STREET PROMENADE

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