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COUNTY SUPERVISOR



Year in Review

Happy 2024! I hope you are filled with hope and optimism for the coming year. This edition of the newsletter is a departure from our standard format, as it marks the one-year milestone since I took office. Following is a snapshot of the myriad of things we have undertaken here for District 5. Obviously, in the interest of brevity, I can't cover everything and I'll try to stay out of the weeds on the subjects we do cover.

Nonetheless, it is quite lengthy even to just scratch the surface. Here's the shortest version: we have been working hard, the work will continue into 2024 and I am so honored and humbled to be here representing you.

This past year, I am proud to have worked on some key policy areas that I hope have already made some impacts throughout the County. Some of these were policy concerns which I came into office dedicated to addressing and some were emerging urgent issues that became front of mind, but all were opportunities to pursue something better.

Cosumnes River 2023 Flood Response

After being sworn-in in January 2023, I had to hit the ground running, dealing with the aftermath of last winter's storms. The first step was bringing together our federal representatives with key community leaders and County staff to tour the devastating impacts from the flooding of the Cosumnes River. We were then able to identify where emergency response was critical, further assess the scale of our recovery needs and begin the long work of addressing how to make the watershed area around the last wild river in the State of California more resilient.

We brought together Reclamation District 800 in Wilton with the Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District, private property owners, other water districts and environmental organizations and thus the Cosumnes Flood Response Working Group was born. We now work together to learn from past efforts dating back to floods in 1997 and chart a course to consider water management and storage and improvements to our existing infrastructure.

The Working Group has been coming together regularly since before the waters even fully receded in a proactive effort to plan for future response, recovery and resiliency in the Cosumnes watershed area from Wilton to the Sacramento River. Our discussions continue to work towards a plan that will outline tangible deliverables and the critical feasibility study needed to position us for future state and federal investments.

I was pleased to champion funding in the 2023-24 budget to dedicate resources for the development of a multi-benefit flood management and aquifer recharge project along the Cosumnes River and am confident we will find a way forward where multiple, disconnected interests can work smarter rather than harder toward a common good to protect life, property and farming operations.

Our community leaders here and in Washington, DC are committed to working with us and I would be remiss not to extend our appreciation for the efforts of the late Senator Dianne Feinstein, Senator Alex Padilla, Congresswoman Doris Matsui and Congressman Ami Bera and State Senator Roger Niello. They each were critical partners with us in this effort in 2023, to realize long-term solutions for the ever-increasing frequency and intensity of extreme weather events in our region. Often,

once the sun starts shining again, it is difficult to be able to maintain the momentum needed to keep focus especially after other pressures start fighting for attention. We are committed to advancing the ball until we see built projects.

First Responders & APOT



Not an issue on my radar before coming into office, but surely one which was elevated in importance, is APOT, or ambulance patient offload time. Our first responders and, frankly all of us when we need critical emergency care, are faced with the issue of APOT in our hospital emergency rooms. Here in Sacramento County, there is a 20-minute APOT standard, yet the average wait time is 62

minutes.

That number is unacceptable! Which is why, at our November 7, 2023 Board of Supervisors meeting, a critical workshop was held with a number of stakeholders including our local Emergency Medical Services Authority, the County's Emergency Medical Services Department, our first responders from Sacramento Metro Fire and Cosumnes Fire Districts and representatives from Sacramento's Hospital Council, to explore where a coordinated effort can improve on conditions here in our County, which this past year ranked amongst the worst on the list of longest wait times in the State.

This year, Governor Newsom signed Assembly Bill 40 requiring urgent action to reduce the commonly referred emergency department "wall times." This legislation dictates that hospitals have in place a plan to reduce paramedic wait times to no more than 30 minutes. We will work closely with our first responders, emergency operators and the Sacramento County Emergency Medical Services Agency (SCEMSA) to implement changes to get us closer to the County's standard of 20 minutes.

I am committed to sticking with this issue in 2024 to ensure we correct a failing system so that everyone receives the care they need when they need it, the burden on our emergency rooms is relieved and our first responders are freed up and available for the next emergency call.

Homeless Encampments

In February, I was pleased to be able to bring together representatives from the Sheriff's Office, Sacramento Regional Transit District, our County Counsel and private businesses to address unsafe conditions for our unsheltered residents living in more than 30 tents along the Folsom Boulevard light rail corridor near La Riviera in Rosemont.

The corridor between Watt Avenue and Bradshaw Road that lies between the cities of Rancho Cordova and Sacramento struggled mightily with growing encampments throughout the pandemic. After three fatal accidents and some other close calls, the need to more highly prioritize safety became overwhelmingly apparent and what is legally referred to as a "balance of harms" was considered along this area of critical infrastructure.



County and Regional Transit attorneys concluded that the risk of being hit by an oncoming train and the amount of trauma that could potentially be inflicted upon the homeless as well as the conductor and all of the passengers was a significant safety risk. Thus, Sacramento County and Regional Transit established policy to allow for appropriate safety enforcement near the light rail and train tracks and the encampment was removed. There are many other areas along public right-of-ways where the Sheriff's Department and our Encampment Services Team are working to connect homeless individuals to social

services and safer shelter. These efforts will continue in 2024 and I will continue to seek measurable progress from our coordinated approach and sizeable investments.

Looking back at the beginning of last year, the County officially established the Department of Homeless Services and Housing (DHS) with one of its critical goals being transparency in its effectiveness in dealing with the problems of homelessness in our County. Sharing outcomes and reporting out data on the number of people that have engaged with DHS's programs and services, the number of people currently being served and results of those that have exited programs and services, are among the information DHS will be sharing to better inform the community on how the County is addressing the ongoing problem of homelessness.

Just a few weeks ago, I got an email from an Isleton City Councilmember informing me of a growing encampment with safety concerns and possible criminal activity. My office was quickly in contact with the Sheriff's Homeless Outreach Team, who

specialize in a service and community-based approach. They determined the site to be either an abandoned camp or an illegal dumping hotspot and, in an abundance of caution for any possible unsheltered folks in the area, posted the location with an Official Notice to Vacate. Our waste management team visited the site a few days later where an extensive effort was put forth to clear the large number of vehicles, garbage and miscellaneous items that had accumulated there.

One of the biggest areas of concern coming from the Delta region, out in the far reaches of Sacramento County, is the response times for law enforcement which can be as long as 40 minutes. I've appreciated the opportunity to work with Sacramento County Sheriff Jim Cooper and the leadership of CHP here in our County to raise these concerns and am glad to see both agencies putting forth notable effort to minimize these response times with increased staffing.

Delta Tunnel

The State of California continues to work on a proposed Delta conveyance project. I am continuing to advocate against the tunnel and stand in solidarity with the Delta communities to protect the health of the Delta - for the sake of our fisheries, flyway and farmers.

As the recently appointed Chair of the Delta Counties Coalition, where Sacramento County joins Contra Costa, San Joaquin, Solano and Yolo counties, I enjoy working with my elected colleagues in the best interest of the Delta, including opposing projects that would alter and damage its landscape and waterways.

Just before Christmas, I enjoyed a visit from Cub Scout Troop 28 from Mather in our Board Chambers. Their questions were plentiful, but one young Scout poignantly asked me if I'd worked with another county to try to solve a problem and make things better. I did my best to explain California water rights, which frankly remain baffling to many of us, to these young Scouts.

Early in December, my colleagues from San Joaquin and Contra Costa and I trekked to Washington, DC to meet with our Federal delegation and Federal agencies including the Army Corps of Engineers, US Environmental Protection Agency and Bureau of Reclamation to raise concerns of the environmental impacts of not just building the tunnel in the Sacramento – San Joaquin Delta to move water to Southern California, but also the significant environmental impacts of operating this proposed infrastructure that doesn't create any additional water, no new storage opportunity, nor system capacity.



Pat with Congresswoman Doris Matsui meeting with Delta Counties Coalition in Washington, DC.

Much ballyhoo has been spent advocating for the protection of the natural gem and premium agricultural value of this National Heritage Area during the current Governor's administration's pursuit of the proposed Delta Tunnel. Despite this, the State Department of Water Resources (DWR) has issued their final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and signaled approval of the project. Now the legal wrangling begins. In 2024, I remain committed to exploring alternative water projects with our water district providers in Southern California to address our shared water needs in a way that will not bring such devastation to the natural environment.

Transparency in County Budget

Greater transparency in our budget processes is important to the community and contributes to the County's financial standing, fiscal reporting and budget development. The County recently conducted a new survey to assess residents' budget priorities in comparison to past years' priorities. At our Board of Supervisors hearing on December 5th, these priorities were presented in advance of beginning budget development for our Fiscal Year 2024-25 budget adoption next June.

Part of the County's effort to have a more transparent budget development process includes alternating surveys and focus groups each year to hear public input. The most recent Public Opinion Survey of County residents found many of the same issues that have consistently been important to residents in past years continue to be of concern: homelessness, road conditions and crime being the top three. Future budgetary priorities will be based directly on the results of these surveys and focus

groups, namely, funding new or enhanced programs that address homelessness and its impacts, road improvements and provide for a General Fund Reserve policy.

Roadway Funding

Far and away, the issues we hear about most from constituents are related to the Department of Transportation (DOT), specifically road conditions and maintenance, roadside debris cleanup and removal, roadside vegetation and fallen trees, ditch maintenance and safety concerns related to speeding. The County is responsible for road maintenance in the unincorporated areas of the County, which does not include the cities. Although it might seem like issues get bogged down in the processes of government red tape, I'm discovering how steady, continued efforts do produce significant improvements.

As an example, in the unincorporated communities of Rosemont and Riviera East, DOT has steadily worked to resurface neighborhood streets and complete multiple phases of improvements along Folsom Boulevard. For the last several years, each construction season has made progress on improvements including massive resurfacing projects. Since 2019, approximately 55 streets and courts have been paved or slurry sealed in these neighborhoods which were first developed starting in 1960. Our DOT staff are working across our County, neighborhood-by-neighborhood, stretching and maximizing these precious road funds.

District 5 is allocated 14% of available road maintenance funds based on a formula considering population and lane miles. With many rural roads across the 650 square miles of District 5, we have a lot of lane miles but not as many people as some other areas in the County. DOT staff maintain a list of the roads with the worst conditions based on the Pavement Condition Index. While a good standard of road conditions sits at about a PCI score of 70, many of our County roads struggle with an average PCI of 46, which looks like potholes and cracks.

We recognize the need to make these road improvements before conditions worsen and become even more expensive, but the resources are limited. Due to limited roadway maintenance funds over the years, the County currently has a maintenance backlog of over \$850 million, to which on any given year we have \$35 million to prioritize the most critical repairs.

This year, the Board of Supervisors has made every effort in the budget cycle to increase spending on road maintenance with an investment of over \$62 million being added to the General Fund over the last two years alone! I also advocated for an additional \$20M in this last budget adoption to help address the impacts on many suburban and rural roadways in District 5 and am committed to maximizing our budget resources for these critical infrastructure improvements in 2024.

Representing District 5

The District I so proudly represent in Sacramento County stretches from Rancho Cordova to Isleton and the San Joaquin County border and includes communities with unique needs from each other, from the agriculture lands in the Delta, to the suburban cities and unincorporated neighborhoods. It is important that each community within District 5 feels represented.

In the District 5 office, my staff are fielding calls and emails daily, hearing from constituents on various topics, whether that be someone voicing concerns about issues in their community, advocating for a project or explaining difficulties they're having in accessing County services. Government can be confusing to navigate between all the different layers: City, County, State, Federal and the numerous departments on top of that.

We can provide assistance navigating your government services and connecting you with the right person. We can also act as a liaison between our constituents and County departments whether it be with planning questions and applications, clarifying building codes, sorting out the requirements for waste pickup, or addressing a wide variety of questions on County tax bills, water rights and easements, animal care issues and more. Anything you may need some extra assistance with, we are here to help.

I may never forget one particular constituent's call during my first week in office. Back during the winter storms, we learned of a family of six trapped inside their house for three days due to a downed power line with no access to electricity, water or heat. After talking with the father, we reached out to SMUD and within hours SMUD was able to visit their home and clear the downed wires. With assistance from our Animal Care Department and the Cosumnes Fire District, we were also able to help get safe water to the family's livestock.

This past summer, after a very unfortunate car accident on Dillard Road resulting in a double fatality in the small community of Wilton, I heard the concerns of local residents over excessive speeding on this two-lane road connecting Highway 99 and Grantline Road. We were able to bring together the Wilton Fire Protection District, California Highway Patrol and the County Department of Transportation to explore strategies to help reinforce safety measures, including updating road striping, increasing road lighting and signage along the roadway and enforcement from our CHP partners. Never did I think I would be so happy to see flashing lights on stop signs, but in this long stretch of rural roadway, this small addition is helping drivers do their part.

All of our public agency partners were pleased to help, but on occasions like this and even some lesser emergencies, it isn't always clear who to call and how to connect the pieces. District 5 was well represented by the longtime service of my

predecessor, former Supervisor Don Nottoli. He paved the way for me to continue with a commitment to the highest standard of customer service for the residents of District 5 that includes both hard work and a healthy dose of kindness. We're happy to help where we can, when we can, but most importantly to ensure you get the information you need.

Community meetings

I am proud of the efforts I have made in bringing information directly to the community related to issues that are important to them. With the help of County staff, I held my first two rounds of community meetings beginning with two distinct topics: transportation/roadway maintenance and mental health/substance abuse services in Sacramento County. I believe these meetings were helpful in providing better information to the community about how to access County services and hearing directly from constituents on issues that matter most to them.

I continue to learn from the District 5 residents of the challenges and issues specific to each of the unique communities in my District and will strive to do my best to continue these open communications with residents, keeping them informed and aware of relevant topics in the County and specifically, in District 5.

Events in your neighborhood

Possibly, the part of my job that I love the most is getting out in the community and meeting people! From my first tours of the areas affected by the floods of last winter and meeting the folks who sustained damage from the flood waters, to walking in this year's Christmas parades dressed like an elf along with my wife dressed like a Christmas tree (with presents and everything!), I have enjoyed every minute of meeting the residents of District 5 and getting to know them and their communities better.

So many events stand out in my mind from this year. Some are the ones that have meaning to me and my family, whose roots run deep in the Sacramento region and some are new, delightful discoveries: the Capital Airshow, Locke Chinese New Year, Herald Days, the Isleton Crawdad Festival, Courtland Pear Fair, the Rosemont Annual Celebration, Mather Grandparents Day Celebration, American River Clean-Up Day, Walk on the Wildside event, 4th of July parades and celebrations in Galt, Rancho Cordova and Elk Grove, National Night Out, the Diwali Festival of Lights, the Elk Grove Veterans Day Parade and all the other Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club and community events I attended this year. I enjoyed each and every one of these events, especially because they got me out in the community, meeting all you good folks!



Left to Right from the top: Locke Chinese New Year, 4th of July Parade, Rosemont Annual Community Celebration, Herald Days, National Night Out and the Isleton Crawdad Festival.

Goals for next year

In the coming year, we'll continue to work hard on the critically important priorities of homelessness, transportation and crime and make steady progress on our 2023 projects including watershed issues, (APOT) wall times and wellness to name just a few. I'll continue fighting for a better solution for the Delta and protecting the fragile heritage communities there. My goal is that every community in District 5 feels that they have good representation and responsive access to help navigate their needs within the County. It is truly an honor to have this responsibility and I do not take it lightly.

Finally, I would be remiss if I didn't mention the hardworking folks within the County. I look forward to strengthening my relationships there and especially working with our new County Executive, David Villanueva. Nothing gets done without support and buy-in, so I will continue to build rapport and recognize their efforts.

So, with that, Happy New Year to you and yours and thank you again for putting your faith in me.

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Out & About in District 5



Congratulating Elk Grove Citizen of the Year, Jon Colton.



All smiles with Patrick Harbison, Councilmember Darren Suen and Regina Burley at the APAPA Holiday Party.



Presenting a Resolution honoring the Elk Grove High School FFA Marketing Team.



Being presented the "Key to the City" of Safetyville USA. From left to right: Shayna Davis, Safetyville Executive Director Mindy Johnson, me, Safety Center CEO Darrell Teat and the Safetyville mascot.



Speaking at the Butterfield-Riveria East Community Association General Meeting.



Celebrating the Annual Elk Grove Hannukah Festival with Elk Grove Mayor Bobbie Singh-Allen and Elk Grove Vice-Mayor Rod Brewer.



Cub Scout Troop 28 from Mather visiting the Board of Supervisors' Chambers for their "Building a Better World" project.

Upcoming Events



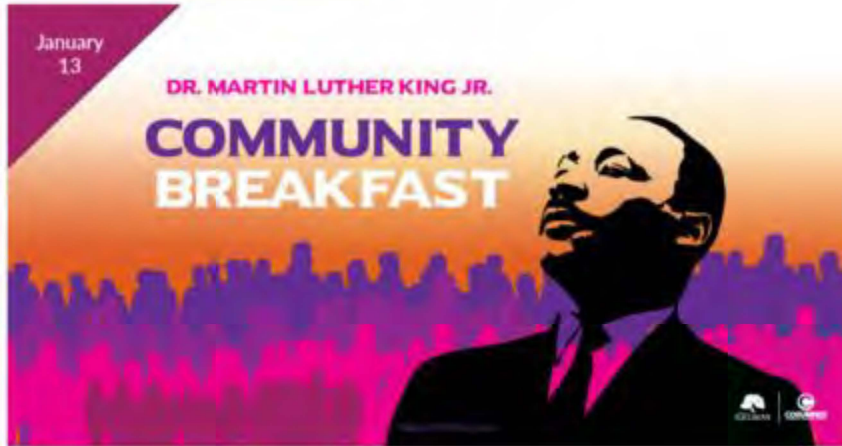
WINTER BREAK HOURS

MONDAY- FRIDAY 1:00PM- 9:30PM

SATURDAY & SUNDAY 11:30AM- 9:30PM

DECEMBER 25, 2023- JANUARY 7, 2024

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A light blue rectangular poster for a polar bear plunge. It features a cartoon polar bear in the center, surrounded by several blue snowflake icons of varying sizes. The text is in a bold, sans-serif font.

MONTHLY EVENT



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January 16, 2024
A Seat at the Table
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FREE RABIES VACCINES & MICROCHIPS are being offered to pets of Rancho Cordova residents. A limited number of DAppV vaccines will also be available for canines and a limited number of HCP vaccines for felines.

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Saturday, January 13, 2024

TIME:

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

LOCATION:

Rancho Cordova
Neighborhood Services
2880 Gold Tailings Court

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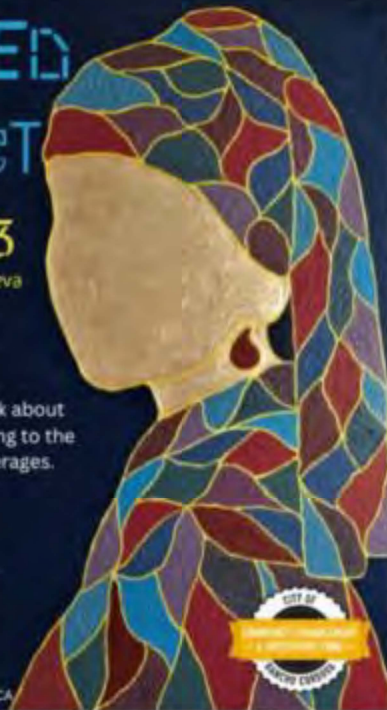
w/Artist Alexandra (Sasha) Yakovleva

**Artist Talk Jan. 19
Friday 6 pm.**

Come see and listen to Sasha talk about her journey through art and coming to the USA. Enjoy light snack and beverages.



10191 Mills station Rd. Rancho Cordova, CA



Sorting Out examining racial identity
Race & stereotypes in thrift store donations

January 18 - February 24

A Traveling Exhibit from the Kaufman Museum at Bethel College

What do antiques and collectibles with racial imagery teach us about racism? Does old stuff matter?

Sorting Out Race arose out of a desire to divert artifacts with racial content from thrift stores to an exhibit that would generate a healthy community conversation about racial stereotypes past and present in order to heighten awareness of our continuing struggles with race.



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