



"Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while you could miss it." – Ferris Bueller

Well, so much has happened since the last newsletter, I'm not sure where even to begin. Maybe I'll start where we left off with respect to SB 802, the legislation proposed by Senator Ashby to address housing and homelessness. Following a meeting with myself, my colleague Supervisor Rich Desmond and Sacramento City Councilmember Caity Maple, the Senator agreed to pause her legislative effort and give us time to work on an organic restructuring that provides for greater collaboration regionally. Those discussions had already begun in earnest, but there is a renewed sense of urgency to work smarter, not harder to achieve better outcomes for our crisis of homelessness.

I had the great pleasure of sitting down with the Senator, the Mayor of Sacramento and my friend, Scott Syphax, to discuss these efforts for his show *Studio Sacramento* – the episode will air on KVIE this Sunday, August 10 at 5 pm, or search for it on YouTube. We barely scratched the surface of the issue, let alone the needed solutions, but I'm happy to play a role as a convener for these important conversations. As the pieces come together on how we will break down the silos between the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency, Sacramento Steps Forward (our Continuum of Care designee) and all of the region's local governments, I will keep you apprised to what the new proposed framework looks like.

Regardless of the structure or coordination, I remain firmly committed that the only truly compassionate way forward is unlocking how to compel different behavior

from those living unsheltered who remain most resistant to accepting services and to provide the treatment and support for mental health and addiction issues which frequently co-occur with chronic homelessness. As it stands, official policy focuses the lion's share of the expenditure on providing the most expensive form of subsidized housing without an expectation, or in my opinion much hope, that the individual's trajectory in life will change.

One of this issue's main articles focuses on new plans and exciting economic opportunities for Mather Airport along with an article on efforts to enhance and improve some of the transit options in Sacramento County. I'm frustrated to report, however, that discussions with Union Pacific to expand Valley rail are becoming more and more complex and funding more and more elusive. That's a discussion for another day, but it's one more plate yours truly is keeping spinning.

I hope you've been able to get out and enjoy this beautiful summer weather we've been having. This week, my staff and I surely enjoyed getting out for National Night Out. Check out our Out & About photos to see if you recognize any of your neighbors. It was a beautiful night!

As always, please share this newsletter 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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Investing in Mather's Future

As the County representative for Mather, I have long believed in the area's untapped potential and the vital role it plays in the economic fabric of our region. That's why I'm excited to share a bold new chapter that is beginning for this area.

Just a few weeks ago, our Department of Airports launched the most comprehensive strategic planning effort since the former Mather Air Force Base was transferred to Sacramento County in 1995. This Strategic Real Estate Development Plan will help guide the future of thousands of acres of land surrounding Mather Airport, land that holds incredible promise for economic development, job creation and regional innovation.

While the plan is still in its early stages, it marks a significant shift in how Sacramento County is approaching Mather, now with more intention, collaboration and a proactive mindset. We're not waiting for opportunities to come to us; we're actively planning for the types of development that will best serve the community and the broader Sacramento region.

This effort builds on the strong foundation that already exists. A fun fact: as a former U.S. Air Force base, Mather Airport, has one of the longest runways in

California, but what makes it truly unique is that it is capable of handling even the largest aircraft in the world – including the now retired space shuttle! That infrastructure alone positions Mather as an incredibly beneficial asset to our region.



Today, Mather is a dynamic hub of aviation activity. It hosts a range of businesses that work on and support aircraft operations, including two fixed-base operators that provide services like fueling and maintenance. It has been my pleasure to work with Mather Aviation, one of the

largest providers of maintenance in the Western United States servicing Embraer, Cessna, Cirrus, Kodia, Piaggio, Pilatus and Piper planes.





Left: With Quinten House, Victor Cushing and Candice Cushing-Emerson of Mather Aviation. Right: With Tenley Ong, Marc Houston and Jenae Owen of Skyrise Aviation.

I've appreciated my time getting to know Skyrise Aviation providing individual flight training for private and commercial pilot certificates and the EVA Flight Training Academy, a subsidiary of EVA Airways preparing future pilots for the skies. EVA is now constructing a 9.6 acre campus at Mather, including a new instructional

building and a dormitory for trainee pilots, where they will be contracted to serve EVA Airways and additional airlines in the future.





The airport is also gearing up for new infrastructure upgrades that will help expand operations and increase flexibility for both cargo and general aviation. On top of all that, Mather continues to see new investments and milestones, with upcoming groundbreakings signaling growing interest in the area's long-term potential. And of course, it's home to the annual California Capital Airshow, one of the region's most celebrated and well-attended events, drawing in thousands of visitors and showcasing Mather's rich aviation legacy.



But Mather is more than just its airport, it is also a growing and diverse community, home to many veteran support services including Mather Veteran's Village and the VA Medical Center, as well as countless residents, workers and visitors. As we plan for the future, we are working to make any new development complement and enhance what is already there.

I'm proud to support this renewed focus on Mather and to partner with our award-winning Director of Airports Cindy Nichol, Deputy Director Stephen Clark, County staff and local stakeholders to ensure that we're not only thinking big but also planning pragmatically.

This strategic planning effort is just the beginning. We're creating a vision for Mather that reflects the needs of the community, supports jobs and advances sustainable, long-term growth. I can't tell you how truly excited I am to shape a strategic path forward for Mather that we can all be proud of, one that both honors its past and embraces its future.

Public Transit - SacRT Future Planning

With last month's newsletter focused heavily on road projects, I wanted to also take a moment to highlight some updates in the public transit sector, an area I'm equally passionate about.

I've had the pleasure of serving on the SacRT Board of Directors for nearly two decades, dating back to my time as a Councilmember in Elk Grove. Public transit is a vital, ever-evolving service having to adapt to shifting trends in transportation preferences.

In order to take a fresh, in-depth look at how well SacRT's current transit services are meeting the needs of the communities we serve, they are launching a Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA). This analysis will help shape the future of public transit across Sacramento County and ensure that available resources are being used as efficiently and effectively as possible.

The COA will evaluate current routes and services to identify where improvements can be made, from better service delivery and route design to exploring alternative service models like micro-transit and on-demand options. In addition to routes and schedules, the study will examine fleet composition, service efficiency and operational performance across the system.

Two key planning documents will be developed based on the findings of this analysis:

Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP) – covering the years 2026 through 2030, this five-year plan will outline proposed service changes, fleet needs and budget forecasts. In line with Senate Bill 125, the SRTP will focus on achieving fiscal sustainability without major fare increases or service cuts.

Long Range Transit Plan (LRTP) – last updated in 2011, the LRTP will establish a 30-year vision for capital improvements, expansion priorities, and potential funding sources. The plan will aim to balance system maintenance with future growth, while aligning with the Sacramento Area Council of Governments' Blueprint 2025.

The updated plans will also incorporate recent developments that have shaped how and where people travel, including:

Lasting shifts in travel patterns post pandemic

- The annexation of Elk Grove's transit services
- The evolution of SacRT Flex and micro-transit models

By taking a comprehensive, data-driven and community-informed approach, SacRT is working to ensure that our transit system continues to serve riders efficiently today, while preparing for the region's long-term growth and evolving mobility needs. For more information and how to get involved, visit the SacRT website here.

Collaboration on Safety in Sacramento County

When it comes to public safety, my core mission, aligned with that of Sacramento County, is to promote and maintain a high quality of life where people work, live and connect with one another. To advance this mission, the County relies on a robust and collaborative multi-agency network that works to tackle a multitude of issues ranging from wildfire prevention and homeless response efforts to investigating code violations and vehicle abatement.

Some of this teamwork happens behind the scenes in places you might not expect, such as addressing illegal food vendors, abandoned and unregistered vehicles and housing and zoning violations. The County's Office of Environmental Management, Code Enforcement, the Sheriff's Office and staff from the District Attorney's (DA) Office work closely together to address potential violations, relying heavily on reports from community members to 311.

In fact, these same agencies: County Code Enforcement, the Sheriff's Office, the Sacramento Metro Fire District (SMFD), the DA's staff and other county departments, meet monthly with representatives from the Board of Supervisor's offices to give and get current updates on issues ranging from derelict buildings, junk vehicles, sinking or sunk marine vessels, encampments, excessive rubbish and debris and weed and vegetation abatement.

Since taking office in 2023, I have made an effort to host regular public safety town hall discussions across my district to hear directly from residents and glean

valuable information and insight on any public safety challenges. Big thank you to everyone who has taken the time to come out and join in these discussions!



My latest safety meeting was held in Rancho Cordova last month in collaboration with my colleague Supervisor Rich Desmond. I want to thank all the officers from the Sheriff's Office and Rancho Cordova Police Department, the DA's community prosecutor, our County Park Rangers, SMFD and CHP for their participation and

continued service. To stay informed of any future community meetings or to sign up for email alerts, please visit my <u>website</u> and make sure follow me on <u>Facebook</u>.

I am a firm believer in community involvement and am encouraged to see so many residents stepping up to participate in the numerous programs and organizations working to foster safer neighborhoods through collaboration, education and engagement. Throughout Sacramento County, there are a range of services to support safety and well-being, bridging the gap between the community and law enforcement, including, but certainly not limited to, the Citizens Academy offered through the District Attorney's Office in partnership with the Sheriff's Office, the Fire Safe Councils coordinated through the Sacramento Office of Emergency Services and CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) programs offered through SMFD and the <a href="Cosumnes Community Services District Fire Department.

The Sheriff's Office also utilizes Problem Oriented Policing (POP) officers as a tool to build stronger community relationships through proactive engagements. POP officers are often the first line of contact for residents, helping to identify and resolve local issues before they escalate into larger problems.

This week, I enjoyed one of the more fun ways to get involved in our communities' safety - by participating in National Night Out (NNO). This annual community event, always on the first Tuesday of August, was created to strengthen law enforcement-community partnerships and keep an open line of communication and trust between local law enforcement and the communities they serve. I enjoyed a host of activities, potlucks, block parties and just plain old neighborhood comradery. This year, I visited neighborhoods across Elk Grove, Rosemont and Rancho

Cordova, including the Lincoln Village and Cordova Meadows communities. I hope you too were able to get out and meet your neighbors and talk to some of the law enforcement officers, firefighters and elected officials who serve your community. If you would like more information on how to start a National Night event in your neighborhood, please visit the NNO website here.

Sacramento County's multifaceted approach to public safety reflects a growing recognition that true security comes from inclusion, education and trust. By investing in and encouraging community connections, participation and collaboration, we are building stronger, more vibrant neighborhoods for the future.

National Night Out 2025!



Top row: At the Lincoln Village event (left) with Rancho Cordova Councilmember Joe Little, Cordova Recreation & Park Board Member Rick Sloan and the famous "It Takes a Lincoln Village" community group with members Lauren, Tammi, Janine, Roneka, Michael and Michelle. At Tom and Julie Steinbach's house (right) with Neil

Orchard and neighbors. Second row: Spent some time in the Rosemont community at Bill Simmons house with the Sacramento County Sheriffs (left) and at Gary and Lisa Vorce's house with CHP (right). Third row: Having fun at Karen and Phil Shipley's block party in Cordova Meadows featuring the always loved group photo, neighbors Dan Paul and Jerry Ahlin, and the SMFD crew from Station 61. Bottom row: With Rachael, Gerad and little Spencer Faulk (left), Elk Grove City Manager Jason Behrmann, Elk Grove Mayor Bobbie Singh-Allen, me, organizer Sharon Anderson and Elk Grove Police Chief Bobby Davis (center), and the Camden Neighborhood block party in Elk Grove (right).

Out & About in District 5



Spending the day in Courtland at the Annual Pear Fair. Top left photo: the Pear Fair mascot, Janis McLean and me. Top right photo: Grand Marshall Chris Fulster, me and Virginia Hemly-Chhabra. Bottom right photo: me and the Mahon Family.



Enjoying some time at the California State Fair exploring exhibits and meeting the Fair mascot. Bottom left photo: I was delighted to run into Assemblymember Stephanie Nguyen and her staff.







Visiting Humanbulb's innovative workspace in Sacramento. Top left photo: me and CEO, Charlotte Danielsson. Top right photo: an example of one of Humanbulb's workspaces. Bottom photo: Charlotte Danielsson, Co-Founder Henry Chang, me and SMUD representatives, Heidi Sanborn, Suresh Kotha and Franklin Burris.



It was a beautiful day in Herald at the Annual Herald Day community celebration. Top left photo: The Monseth family raising cows, horses, goats, pigs, chickens, turkeys and five generations of kids, driving their classic antique car in the parade. Top right photo: Bryan and Michaela Johnson, me and Becky Roenspie. Bottom left photo: Jett and Joey Moe attended the fair with their mom Jessica Lewis-Moe. Center photo: the H-Town Mini Moos with Ash, Duke and April, the 2025 Sacramento County Fair FFA Novice Showman Champions. Right photo: Herald Royal Court, Queen Raiza Lexau and King Kason Lauchland with the Herald Fire Prevention Council. Thank you to the fantastic residents of Herald who work to make this event possible each year!



It was an honor to attend the U.S. Army Corp. of Engineers Change of Command ceremony. Left photo: me and newly installed commander Col. Robert McTighe. Right photo: Elk Grove City Councilmember Darren Suen, Col. James J. Handura and me.

Upcoming Events











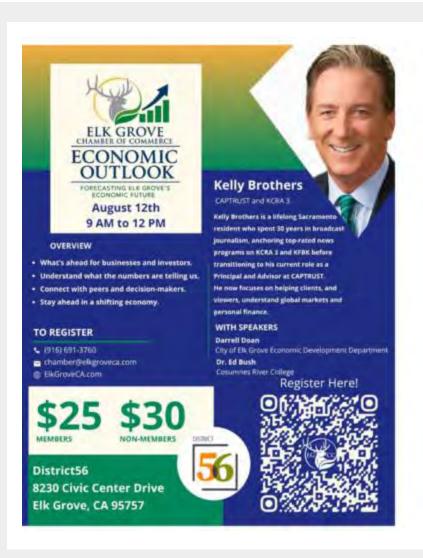
August 9, 2025 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Join us for dancing, museum play, special guests, and more!

Scan the QR code or visit Sackids.org to register!









AUGUST LUNCHEON

Join us for a special screening of Food for Thought: The Story of the Rancho Cordova Food Locker.



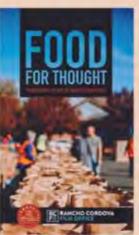
DOORS OPEN AT 11:30 A.M. FOR BUFFET LUNCH, PROGRAM BEGINS AT NOON.

*Due to the length of the movie, this luncheon my be extended.

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

- \$20 for members of the Cordova Community Council and/or the Rancho Cordova Area Chamber of Commerce
- . \$30 for non-members and walk-ins

Want to become a member? Visit our website: cordovacouncil.org







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www.cordovacouncil.org/the-rancho-cordova-luncheon Reservation deadline is Wednesday before the luncheon.





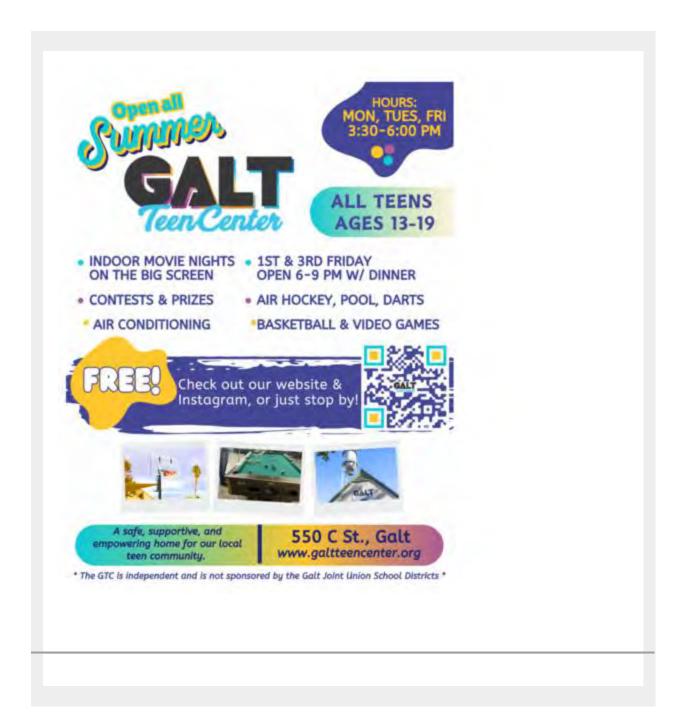












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