



"And even when your hope is gone, move along, move along just to make it through..." – The All-American Rejects, *Move Along*

Where has this year gone?! I can hardly believe that we are already into fall and the holidays are upon us. It's only a matter of time until the pumpkin spiced lattes are unleashed. It also means football season!

One thing I've learned about this job is that it isn't about touchdowns or throwing Hail Marys, it's about the fundamentals – blocking and tackling and moving the chains. If you focus on the scoreboard or even the redzone, the weight will overwhelm you. Make a series of solid plays, get yourself a new set of downs and sometimes it's the persistence that wins the game.

Big kudos to our Department of Transportation for getting the Clay Station Road bridge back open when they said they would. This was a much bigger project than anticipated and they dug in and got the job done. Special thanks to Julio Melo and his bridge crew.

I want to also publicly congratulate Rancho Cordova on their big project announcement. There is a lot of excitement about bringing this type of catalytical investment to the community and I hope this vibrant mixed-use sports and entertainment project gets some wheels.

This edition features an update on a proposed new framework for addressing homelessness in the region. I am hopeful that we can all begin rowing in the same direction toward greater accountability in the efficacy of our efforts. It also features a report on the recent Terra Madre Americas event celebrating agriculture, food and

music for all here in Sacramento. If you missed it, you missed something! It will be back in 2027 or maybe you can check it out in Italy in 2026!

Finally, if you're wondering about the unusual source for my quote at the top, they are a featured artist at this weekend's Aftershock Festival – the largest concert event in the region, rain or shine.

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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Regional Homelessness Response

Homelessness is one of the most pressing challenges facing Sacramento County. While the crisis does not stop at city or county boundaries, too often the efforts of many dedicated agencies happens in silos, undermining efficacy and efficiency. This is why Sacramento County is proposing a new model to address homelessness; one built on stronger collaboration across agencies and jurisdictions to deliver better results.

Recently, Senator Angelique Ashby introduced SB 802 in an effort to break down some of these barriers and improve regional coordination. While I appreciate the intent behind the bill, my colleagues and I had significant concerns about the top-down approach and unintended consequences of its restructuring plan. I am fortunate to have a strong working relationship with Senator Ashby, which allowed us to have candid conversations, share our concerns, and ultimately work toward a better solution. Following a meeting with me, Supervisor Rich Desmond, and Sacramento City Councilmember Caity Maple, the Senator agreed to pause her legislative effort allowing us all a little more time to pursue a more organic restructuring plan that enhances regional collaboration.



Many of these discussions were already underway, especially with the City [of Sacramento] - County partnership, but we now have renewed energy to put something on the table that all the local jurisdictions can come to agree upon. The goal is simple: to work smarter, not harder,

and achieve better outcomes in addressing the homelessness crisis. Senator Ashby, Sacramento Mayor Kevin McCarty, me and my friend Scott Syphax sat down to discuss these efforts on Scott's show *Studio Sacramento*. [Here is the <u>link to the episode</u> for those interested]

Right now, homelessness response throughout the county is divided among several different agencies and local governments. The Continuum of Care (CoC) system, led by Sacramento Steps Forward, oversees the distribution of federally funded homeless assistance programs, manages the local homeless services data system, and conducts the Point-in-Time count which gives us a picture of just how many people are living unsheltered across our county. Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA) administers subsidized housing and voucher programs countywide. The Board of Supervisors sets policy for the unincorporated areas, and each city council governs its own jurisdiction's approach to those living unsheltered. In short, everyone is working on the problem, but the siloed nature of these efforts can create barriers to true collaboration.

At the heart of the new county proposal is the creation of a Sacramento Homeless & Housing Board (SHHB). This new body would coordinate homelessness policy across our county and include collaboration among our elected representatives from each city in the county. Each city, Citrus Heights, Elk Grove, Folsom, Galt, Rancho Cordova and Sacramento, would be represented on the SHHB and would have a seat at the table to help govern our response to the homelessness crisis. The SHHB would provide for more coordinated decision-making power and increase transparency and accountability. Recommendations would also be given to the SHHB from a strategic leadership group consisting of city and county staff focused on homelessness and housing, along with Sacramento Steps Forward and SHRA.

The proposal is currently making its rounds to each of the cities and being presented at their council meetings, giving each city the opportunity to hear the details, ask questions, and provide feedback. In addition to city input, we are also gathering perspectives from community organizations, the current Continuum of Care board, and other key stakeholders to help shape a new approach to a complex problem we have yet to make sufficient progress on within our current divided structure.

A joint Board of Supervisors/Sacramento City Council hearing will occur on October 28 as an opportunity to discuss current conditions and hear further public

input. After gathering this feedback, staff will refine the proposal and bring forward a Memorandum of Understanding for approval by each city council and the Board of Supervisors before the end of the year.

Homelessness is an incredibly complex challenge, and no one has a perfect solution. As elected officials and public servants, we do have a responsibility to pursue strategies that truly meet the needs of our community. Expanding housing options, increasing access to mental health care, addressing substance use disorders, and supporting employment pathways are all essential to helping people move toward stability. By aligning our efforts, I'm hopeful we can turn good intentions into real outcomes for people.

Terra Madre Americas

Downtown Sacramento pulsed with energy this past weekend as Visit Sacramento hosted the inaugural Terra Madre Americas, a vibrant culinary convergence that drew thousands of attendees to the SAFE Credit Union Convention Center and surrounding streets. The three-day celebration marked the largest food festival in Sacramento's history and brought together the flavors and traditions of the county and around the world together into ONE unforgettable experience.

Blending Italy's Terra Madre Salone del Gusto with Sacramento's Farm-to-Fork Festival and the Slow Food Movement, the event spotlighted diverse food traditions from across the Americas while highlighting the need for good, clean and fair food for all, using sustainable growing methods and building a resilient food delivery system.

Celebrity chefs like Alice Waters, Jeremiah Tower, and Sean Sherman, along with farmers, producers, vintners and Slow Food experts from more than 16 countries from North and South America, connected with guests in live cooking



demonstrations and thought-provoking panels on food, culture, health and sustainability. Attendees enjoyed workshops like barista and cocktail-making classes along with guided, curated tastings of spirits, ciders, coffee, chocolate and wines from over 80+ labels! What a great opportunity for folks to learn, taste and be inspired by the leaders shaping the future of food.



Beyond the convention center,
Sacramento's streets transformed into a
bustling, vibrant festival with live music,
food trucks, craft beer and wine gardens,
pop-up restaurants and fresh produce and
food items from local farms, reinforcing
Sacramento's reputation as America's
farm-to-fork capital, highlighting our
region's rich agricultural heritage and

showcasing Sacramento as a food destination.

As the weekend drew to a close, the last sip of wine was taken and the final bites were savored, the festival left a lasting impression, one of unity, flavor and shared heritage. Looking ahead, we will share the festival with Italy and every other year Terra Madre Americas will return bringing with it Sacramento's biggest and boldest food festival yet!

It's humbling to know that so much of the bounty we enjoyed at the festival and on our tables each day is sown, grown and raised right in our own backyard. One quarter of the nation's food is grown in California's Central Valley, and our orchards, vines and fields continue to bless us each year with their rich, abundant harvests. The county's Department of Agriculture is working hard to tally the totals for the 2024 Crop and Livestock Report which will give us a comprehensive summary of the yields and productions values for Sacramento County's agricultural industry. Couple fun facts that you might not know about Sacramento County's agriculture region:



- Did you know that the gross production value of agricultural commodities in Sacramento County is typically over a ½ billion dollars!
- Did you know that wine grapes are grown on over 37,000 acres in Sacramento County!

Sacramento's harvests stand as a testament to the region's agricultural richness and resiliency and, the abundance of diverse crops grown here including wine grapes, pears, corn, wheat, nuts, rice and tomatoes reflects the dedication of our local farmers and the area's unique combination of soil, climate and water. Sacramento's bountiful agriculture has become a cornerstone of our state and country's food supply, culminating in our growing role on the world's culinary stage.

Out & About in District 5









Clay Station Road bridge repairs. Top left photo: the extensive damage found while doing maintenance work on the bridge. Top right: SacDOT crews hard at work on repairs. Bottom left: construction completed and the bridge fully reopened. Bottom right: Celebrating the re-opening of the Clay Station Road bridge with the SacDOT crews and County staff. A big thank you to all of our transportation staff for a job well done!



On September 11, I had the opportunity to tour the Sacramento County Airport System Fire Department at Sacramento International Airport and meet the highly trained folks who protect the airport's facilities and are specifically trained to respond to traveler's and aircraft emergencies.



Speaking at the Rancho Cordova monthly luncheon hosted by the Cordova Community Council and the Rancho Cordova Area Chamber of Commerce. Top left photo: Curt Haven, Cordova Community Council Executive Director Shelley Blanchard, Rancho Cordova City Councilmember Linda Budge, my chief of staff Rebecca Sloan. Middle right photo: Special Assistant Stephanie Kauss, Shelley Blanchard, me, Linda Budge, Rebecca Sloan, Special Assistant Ashleigh Kaufman. Bottom right photo: me with Hon. Bob McGarvey.



A world of flavors came to Sacramento last week at the debut of the Terra Madre America's food festival. From local vendors to farm fresh food and produce to world class wines and demonstrations from renowned culinary experts, this event had something for everyone. Looking forward to Terra Madre American's return to Sacramento in 2027! Top left photo: Dan Lawrence and Mona Escudero, Lisa & me, and Bob & Marina Miller.



Getting the opportunity to meet world famous cricketer, Sunil Gavaskar, at the Heart to Heart Foundation fundraiser. Top photo from left: Shipti and Dr. Bahavin Parikh, Sunil Gavaskar, me and Lisa.



Sharing a meal with Asian American leaders and business owners to foster connections and create opportunities. Thank you to Kit Lee, Andy Hoang and Peter Fong for hosting the meet and greet.









Attending the 25th Annual Public Safety & Community Appreciation Luncheon hosted by District Attorney Thien Ho. Top left photo: me, District Attorney Thien Ho and Supervisor Rosario Rodriguez. Top right photo: me, Wilton Rancheria Tribe Chairman Jesus Tarango and Sacramento County Sheriff Jim Cooper. Bottom right photo: Thien Ho, Elk Grove Police Officer Suzanne Hostetler and Kerry Wood, President of the Rotary Club of Sacramento.

Upcoming Events







Join us for a community celebration commemorating the Rancho Cordova Library's 50th Anniversary on October 4 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The all-ages event starts with opening remarks at 11 a.m., followed by:

11:30 a.m. - History of Rancho Cordova

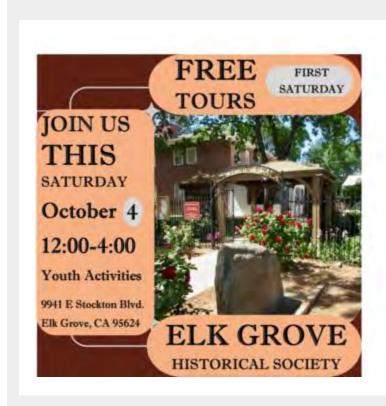
12 p.m. - Refreshments and musical performance by the Cordova Youth Spotlight Orchestra

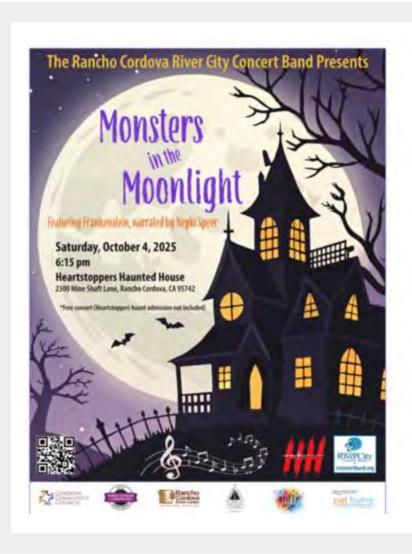
12:30 p.m. - Balloon animals and face pairiting by Pixie Tribe

1:30 p.m. - Documentary screening of "Rancho Cordova: from the Gold Rush to the Space Race"



















Venue: Stone Creek Park, 3625 Spoto Dr, Rancho Cordova



FREE ENTRY

Register at suvidhainternational.org/diwali SUPPORTED IN PART BY MEASURE H CEIF FROM THE CITY OF RANCHO CORDOVA

Call contacts to setup, food stall & perform in cultural performances

Special Aerial Fireworks Show

OTHER ATTRACTIONS

- Hanging Lantern competition
- **Decorative Lantern Competion**
- Photo Booth & Pictures
- Children's Carnival Games

Henna & Vendor Stalls

- Costume Competition 15 & under Saree Competition 16 & above
- Food Stalls
- Musical Performances
 - Cultural Performances
 - Rangoli Competition
 - Cooking Competition

 - Lehanga Competition 16 & above

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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETINGS

Quarterly Neighborhood Watch Meetings Scheduled for 2025:

- Tuesday, January 14, 2025
- Tuesday, April 22, 2025
- Tuesday, July 22, 2025
- Tuesday, October 21, 2025

6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Meeting Location: Rancho Cordova Police Department / East Division 2897 Kilgore Road, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 JOIN RCPD / EAST DIVISION AT A
NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING
TO LEARN ABOUT PROACTIVE
POLICING PROGRAMS IN OUR
COMMUNITY, ASK QUESTIONS,
AND MEET YOUR PROBLEM ORIENTED POLICING (POP) OFFICER.
THE MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO ANY
RESIDENTS, WHETHER YOU ARE
A MEMBER OF AN ACTIVE
NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH GROUP
OR INTERESTED IN LEARNING
HOW WE CAN PARTNER.





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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

11:00 am - 5:00 pm

Trick or Treat Safetyville offers a fun and safe trick or treating experience for kids of all ages. Take a walk down the spooky streets of the little city and see what surprises pop up around every corner. Visit the trick or-treat stations hosted by our community partners and sponsors to enjoy fun activities related to safety and health and to fill up your bag with treats and prizes.

Trick or Treat Safetyville helps raise funds to support the children's safety and health education program at Safetyville.

WHEN Gam - Spm, Seturday, October 25, 2005.
WHERE: Saletyulle: USA, 3909 Braddhaw Road, Secramental abilission: \$7.50 per person; Children 2 and under FREE

This event will take place RAIN or SHINE - no refunds.

"NO BIKES OR SCOOTERS ALLOWED AT THIS EVENT"





www.safetycenter.org/events/202





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