District 3 News

Representing Lathrop, Manteca,
Stockton, and French Camp

Two Months of Progress, Partnership & Community

September and October have been two incredibly busy and productive months across San Joaquin County. From advocating for our communities in Washington, D.C., to celebrating important milestones right here at home, we have continued working to strengthen our County, support our residents, and build partnerships that move us forward.

In September, I joined my fellow members of the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors in Washington, D.C., to advocate for federal resources and investments in our region. Our discussions focused on critical priorities, including transportation and infrastructure, protecting the Delta, addressing homelessness and behavioral health needs, and securing continued support for the SJ BeWell Campus. These conversations are essential to ensuring San Joaquin County's needs are heard at the federal level.

Closer to home, we celebrated significant progress throughout our communities. From new housing opportunities for veterans and individuals experiencing homelessness to investments in public safety, infrastructure, and local businesses, these projects reflect the dedication and collaboration of our cities, County departments, nonprofit organizations, and community partners.

One of the highlights of October was our 2026 State of the County Address, held on October 14 at Great Wolf Lodge in Manteca. It was an honor to bring together community leaders, residents, and partners to reflect on our accomplishments, discuss the challenges ahead, and share our vision for the future of San Joaquin County. I am grateful to everyone who joined us and continues to play a role in our County's success.

These past two months also provided opportunities to recognize the remarkable individuals and organizations that make our communities special. From honoring our veterans, first responders, and agricultural leaders to celebrating cultural traditions, educational achievements, and local businesses, I continue to be inspired by the people who call San Joaquin County home.

As always, my commitment remains the same: to listen, advocate, and work collaboratively to ensure San Joaquin County continues to be a place where families, businesses, and future generations can thrive.

Thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving you.

With gratitude,

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24/7 Crisis Phone Line
209-468-8686

24/7 Consumer Warmline
209-468-3585

Suicide Hotline
1-800-SUICIDE(784-2433)

Friendship Line (Elderly)
1-800-971-0016

Veterans' Crisis Line
1-800-273-8255

Advocating for San Joaquin County in Washington, D.C.

In September, I joined my fellow members of the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors in Washington, D.C., to advocate for the priorities and needs of our residents directly with federal officials and congressional offices.

Throughout our meetings, we discussed several issues critical to San Joaquin County, including protecting the Delta and addressing the invasive golden mussel threat, behavioral health and the SJ BeWell Campus, housing and homelessness, transportation and infrastructure improvements, and the impacts of H.R. 1 on local health services.

We also met with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to discuss Delta priorities, golden mussels, reimbursement issues, and federal water infrastructure needs. Discussions with federal housing and health representatives focused on housing following inpatient treatment, homelessness, behavioral health parity, and continued support for the SJ BeWell Campus.

Transportation and infrastructure were also an important part of our advocacy, including the need for continued federal investment to improve our roads, bridges, and transportation network as San Joaquin County continues to grow.

Our goal is simple: to make sure San Joaquin County has a strong voice in Washington. These meetings allow us to bring the needs of our residents directly to federal decision-makers and strengthen the partnerships necessary to secure resources and investments for our communities.

I am grateful to our federal partners and their staff for meeting with us and listening to the priorities of San Joaquin County.









Food Distribution Resources

LATHROP/FRENCH CAMP

Lathrop Senior Center
15707 E. 5th St.
- **Silver Harvest (60 and up)**
  - 2nd & 4th Tuesday
  - 9:00 – 11:00 AM
- **Commodities**
  - 3rd Thursday
  - 9:00 – 11:00 AM

Serving zip codes 95231 and 95330

Our Lady of Guadalupe
16200 Cambridge Dr.
- 2nd & 4th Wednesday
  - 10:00 – 11:30 AM

MANTECA

St. Vincent de Paul
525 E. North St.
- Wednesday and Friday
  - 2:00 – 3:30 PM

Support Life Foundation
1058 Union Rd.
- Third Friday of the month
  11:00am – 1:00 PM

Calvary Community Church
815 W. Lathrop Rd.
- Pantry-Every Wednesday
  - 10:30 AM to 11:45 AM
- Loaves & Fishes- Every Thursday
  - 2:30 pm to get tickets.

St. Paul's United Methodist Church
910 E. North St.
- Last Saturday of the month
  - 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Cornerstone Community Church
10948 S. Airport Way
Second Harvest Mobile Fresh
- Friday July 17th
  - 9:30- AM – 10:30 AM
  - The 3rd Friday of the Month

Food for You Program
call (209) 953-FOOD (3663)
or email us at
foodforyou@sjgov.org

2026 State of the County
United in Service, Focused on the Future

On October 14, I had the honor of delivering the 2026 State of the County adress at Great Wolf Lodge in Manteca, bringing together elected officials, community leaders, County employees, and local partners to celebrate our accomplishments and share our vision for San Joaquin County's future.

This year's theme, "United in Service, Focused on the Future," reflects our commitment to strengthening communities, creating opportunities, and improving the quality of life for our residents.

During my address, I emphasized that San Joaquin County's greatest strength is its people, our small business owners, farmers, educators, first responders, healthcare professionals, veterans, and dedicated public servants. As our County grows, we must ensure that progress creates meaningful opportunities for our families.

County Administrator Sandy Regalo highlighted significant achievements, including 13 consecutive balanced budgets, investments in public safety and infrastructure, and progress on the $342 million SJ BeWell Campus, which will expand access to behavioral health services, crisis care, and supportive housing.

Other accomplishments included a nearly 50% reduction in unsheltered homelessness since 2024, efforts to protect the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta from invasive golden mussels, and economic development initiatives supporting local businesses.

A special highlight was presenting the Growing Greatness Award to the Thomas Toy Community Center in Manteca, recognizing its dedication to providing mentorship, education, meals, and a safe, supportive environment for local teens.

I am grateful to my fellow Board members, County Administrator Sandy Regalo, our dedicated County employees, and community partners whose collaboration makes these accomplishments possible. Thirteen County departments also hosted interactive exhibits, providing attendees with an opportunity to learn more about the services available to our residents. Special thanks to Hilary Crowley for serving as our Mistress of Ceremonies, Public Information Officer Stefanie Cruz for her dedication and hard work in helping organize this year's event, and all the County departments and staff who contributed to making the event a success.

As we look toward 2027, we recognize that an evolving federal and state financial landscape will bring challenges. However, I remain committed to responsible growth, public safety, economic opportunity, protecting our natural resources, and ensuring essential services remain available to our residents.

Together, we are building a stronger San Joaquin County.

United in Service, Focused on the Future.

2026 County Accomplishments

13 Years
Consecutive Balanced Budgets

$342M
SJ BeWell Campus investment

Nearly 50%
Reduction in unsheltered homelessness

162
Individuals moved from the streets into housing through SJ Cares

27
County traffic signals upgraded

800+
Businesses supported

$3.3B+
2025 agricultural production value

44,000+
Sheriff's calls for service







Working Together to Address Homelessness

The San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors held a special forum, coordinated by Supervisor Paul Canepa's office, bringing together representatives from cities throughout the County, local agencies, and community partners to discuss strategies and strengthen regional collaboration to address homelessness.

Attendees shared approaches being used in their communities, providing an opportunity to identify successes, challenges, and ways local agencies can better coordinate resources and services.

The discussion also highlighted programs already working across San Joaquin County, including SJ Cares, which connects individuals with wraparound services; the Shine app, which helps agencies connect people experiencing homelessness with shelter and services; and the County's behavioral health response system.

The 2026 Point-in-Time Count reported 3,306 sheltered and unsheltered individuals countywide, along with a **nearly 50% decrease in unsheltered homelessness.**

The forum provided an important opportunity to strengthen partnerships and continue working toward a more coordinated, countywide approach that connects people experiencing homelessness with housing, services, and support.

It was great to see our local partners come together, share ideas, and continue this meaningful conversation about how we can better serve individuals experiencing homelessness throughout San Joaquin County.






Expanding Supportive Housing in Manteca

September brought two important milestones in Manteca as our community continued expanding resources and supportive housing for residents in need.

On September 8, we celebrated the **Phase 1 grand opening of The Way Veteran Village,** a new tiny home community providing veterans with supportive transitional housing, access to services, and a pathway toward stability, wellness, and permanent housing. The first phase includes three tiny modular housing units, made possible with $**281,000 in Behavioral Health Bridge Housing funds from San Joaquin County.**

This project represents a strong partnership between the **City of Manteca, The Way Church, Keystone Housing Foundation, Wellnest, and San Joaquin County Health Care Services.** We are grateful to everyone who helped turn this vision into a resource for veterans in our community.

On September 9, we joined the City of Manteca for the ribbon cutting of **new transitional housing units and dog kennel containers,** another step toward providing individuals experiencing homelessness with safe accommodations and supportive services while also addressing the needs of those who have pets.

These two projects demonstrate what can be accomplished when the County, cities, nonprofit organizations, faith-based partners, and our community work together to create practical solutions and pathways toward stability.





Investing in Public Safety & Infrastructure



Manteca Police Station Groundbreaking



Manteca Fire Station 6 Groundbreaking

Strengthening Public Safety in Manteca

October brought two important milestones for the City of Manteca. On October 7, our office attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Manteca Police Station, followed by the groundbreaking of Fire Station 6 on October 14.

These investments will provide essential facilities to support law enforcement and emergency response services as Manteca continues to grow. We appreciate the City of Manteca, its first responders, and everyone involved in bringing these important projects forward.

Strengthening Flood Protection in San Joaquin County

On October 30, our office joined federal, state, and local partners to celebrate the completion of the first phase of the Lower San Joaquin River Project. This milestone marks the completion of the Tenmile Slough Reach 30 Left Bank (TS30L), which improved approximately 1.1 miles (5,900 feet) of levee near Stockton. Construction took place between 2025 and 2026 and included reshaping the levee to improve its stability and strengthen flood protection for surrounding neighborhoods.

The project also included installing a soil-bentonite cutoff wall extending approximately 50 feet below the levee to help control underground seepage, along with an improved access road for inspections and maintenance. As the first completed section of the larger Lower San Joaquin River Project, these improvements represent an important step toward reducing flood risks, protecting homes and businesses, and strengthening our community's long-term resilience.





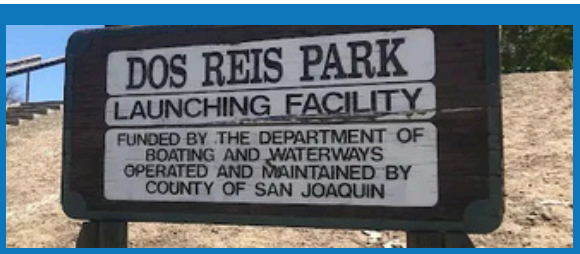


Enhancing Safety at County Parks

San Joaquin County recently installed two security cameras at Dos Reis Regional Park and two at Mossdale Crossing Regional Park in Lathrop.

These improvements support our continued efforts to protect County facilities, enhance public safety, and maintain welcoming recreational spaces for residents and visitors.





Remembering the Lives Lost, Honoring Our Heroes

This September marked **25 years since the tragic events of September 11, 2001**, and our community came together to remember the innocent lives lost and honor the extraordinary courage, service, and sacrifice of our nation's heroes.

We were honored to join **Oakmont of Brookside** for a moving Patriot Day remembrance ceremony. Together, we paused to reflect on the lives lost and recognize the first responders who answered the call on that tragic day. The Honor Guard's flag-folding ceremony and ceremonial salute served as powerful reminders of the unity, bravery, and resilience demonstrated by our nation.

A special thank-you to **U.S. Marine Corps Vietnam War veteran and Purple Heart recipient Tino Adame** for planning and coordinating this meaningful tribute and to Oakmont of Brookside for bringing our community together in remembrance.

We also attended the **Celebrating All Local Heroes and 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony** at the Atlantic Jet Center in Stockton, hosted by Supervisors Steve Ding and Mario Gardea. The event brought together veterans, first responders, law enforcement, firefighters, emergency personnel, military representatives, and community members to recognize those who have dedicated their lives to serving others.

The ceremony also paid special tribute to **101-year-old U.S. Marine Corps World War II veteran Sgt. Frank S. Wright**, who served in four historic battles in the Pacific: Guadalcanal, New Georgia, Guam, and Iwo Jima.

Twenty-five years later, we continue to remember those whose lives were lost, honor those who answered the call to serve, and express our gratitude to the men and women who continue protecting our communities and our country.

We remember. We honor. We will never forget.



Celebrating Community Excellence & Cultural Traditions



Agricultural Hall of Fame



Pashtun Gala Night

Agricultural Hall of Fame

On October 21, our office attended the 41st Annual San Joaquin County Agricultural Hall of Fame Dinner, hosted by the Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce, celebrating five individuals for their outstanding contributions to our agricultural industry.

Agriculture remains a cornerstone of San Joaquin County's economy and heritage. Congratulations to this year's inductees, and thank you for your lasting contributions to our region.

Celebrating Pashtun Culture & Heritage

Our office was pleased to attend Pashtun Gala Night, a celebration of culture, heritage, and community.

Events like these bring people together, honor traditions, and highlight the cultural diversity that makes San Joaquin County special.

Thank you to the organizers and everyone involved in creating an opportunity for residents to connect, celebrate, and share their heritage.



Best of Lathrop Awards



Tommy Awards

Recognizing the Best of Lathrop

In September, our office joined the Greater Lathrop Chamber of Commerce for its Best of Lathrop Awards, recognizing outstanding businesses, organizations, and individuals making a difference in the community.

Congratulations to all the honorees! Your dedication, service, and contributions help strengthen Lathrop's business community and make it a wonderful place to live and work.

Celebrating Young Talent at the Tommy Awards

Our office also attended the 2026 Tommy Awards, hosted by Thomas Toy Community Center, celebrating the creativity and achievements of local youth in the performing and visual arts.

Congratulations to all the young artists and performers! Thank you to the organizers for providing opportunities that encourage creativity, build confidence, and recognize the incredible talent of our next generation.

Community Growth & Local Celebrations

Supporting Local Business



Our office celebrated the grand opening of **Food 4 Less** in Manteca, welcoming another shopping option for local families.



We joined **Employnet** for its ribbon-cutting ceremony, celebrating its continued investment in Manteca's business community.



We celebrated the grand opening of **Mi Cuca's** Yoga Studio, welcoming a new space dedicated to wellness in Manteca.



Our office joined **Rise Real Estate** for its grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony, recognizing another addition to Manteca's business community.



We were pleased to celebrate the grand opening of **The One Center** and recognize its commitment to serving the Manteca community.



Our office attended the grand opening of **At Home Comfort Assisted Living,** celebrating expanded residential care options for the community.

Investing in Our Growing Communities

Celebrating New Business, Services & Infrastructure



We celebrated the grand opening of **Sam's Club** in Lathrop, recognizing another milestone in the city's continued economic growth.



Our office attended the **Forward Landfill Compost Facility** expansion celebration, highlighting continued investment in composting and waste management infrastructure.



Our office joined **Second Harvest** for its warehouse expansion ribbon cutting, celebrating increased capacity to serve families facing food insecurity.



We joined community partners to celebrate the opening of the **Roos Health & Wellness Center,** recognizing an important investment in local health and wellness services.



On October 1, we celebrated the grand reopening of **WM Stockton Scavenger's** Navy Drive facility, recognizing new infrastructure and neighborhood improvements in South Stockton.



Our office attended the groundbreaking of the new **Lathrop Animal Center**, celebrating an important step toward expanding animal care facilities and services for the community.

Connecting Through Community & Partnership

Celebrating the People and Organizations That Bring Us Together



On October 3, our office enjoyed **the Manteca Pumpkin Fair**, celebrating local businesses, family activities, and community traditions. Thank you to Manteca Sunrise Kiwanis and its volunteers!



Our office attended the **2026 Trades Day at San Joaquin Delta College,** highlighting opportunities for students to explore skilled trades and future career pathways.



On October 8, our office attended the **Multi-Chamber Mixer** at Great Wolf Lodge, connecting with business leaders and community partners from across the region.



Chair Dhaliwal joined t**he Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce's 59th Industrial Barbecue**, celebrating the businesses and industries contributing to our regional economy.



We joined the community for **Stockton Pride**, celebrating inclusion, diversity, and the connections that bring residents together.



Our office attended the **26th Annual San Joaquin County Diversity Luncheon**, celebrating the diversity, inclusion, and unity that strengthen our communities.

Education, Community Engagement & Local Highlights

Celebrating Education, Youth Empowerment & Community Growth



Our office attended **Delta College's State of the District**, highlighting the college's accomplishments and continued commitment to student success and educational opportunities.



Our office attended **Stockton Unified's State of the District,** led by Superintendent Dr. Michelle Rodriguez, highlighting district accomplishments, student success, and future goals. Student dance and musical performances showcased the talent and spirit of the district's youth.



Our office attended a presentation by the **District Attorney's FIRST Unit** at Calla High School, Manteca. Educating students about the dangers of fentanyl and the importance of overdose prevention.



Our office celebrated the grand opening of **Teriyaki Madness,** welcoming another dining option to Manteca.



Our office joined **Flip Flop Shops** for its grand opening, celebrating another addition to Manteca's growing business community.



Our office celebrated the grand opening of **Ansh Care Home**, recognizing its commitment to providing care and support to local residents.

Honoring Those Who Serve

Recognizing Dedication, Achievements & Service to Our Communities



Sheriff's Promotional Ceremony

Our office attended the Sheriff's **Promotional Ceremony**, recognizing the acoplishments and dedication of personnel serving San Joaquin County.



Custody Academy Class 187

Our office celebrated the graduation of Custody Academy **Class 187,** congratulaing the graduates as they begin their careers in public service.





Sheriff's Ball in Acampo

Our office attended the **Sheriff's Ball**, joining community members for an evening recognizing and supporting our law enforcement professionals.



Welcoming New Correctional Officers

We congratulate lateral Correctional Officers **Anthony Green- Young. Omar- Borjon, and Ashlee Fells** as they join the Sheriff's Office.





Sergeant Promotions

Congratulations to **Brian Rust** and **Kendal Glass** on their promotions to Sergeant with the San Joaquin County Sheriff's Offcie!

Advocacy in Action

Throughout September and October, San Joaquin County continued advocating at the State level to protect our communities, strengthen critical infrastructure, and expand economic opportunities.

Preparing for Winter: I joined local government leaders, flood-control agencies, water agencies, and organizations from across California in requesting State action to help communities prepare for the 2026–27 winter season. The request calls for expedited flood prevention work and additional resources for emergency preparedness and response.

👉Read more here

Protecting the Delta & Water Infrastructure: The Board of Supervisors urged Governor Gavin Newsom to sign SB 872 (McNerney), which proposed $300 million over 20 years to strengthen Delta levees, improve flood protection, address water infrastructure challenges, and support statewide water reliability. Although the Governor vetoed the bill, we remain committed to advocating for investments that protect our Delta communities.

👉Read more here

Supporting Small Businesses: On behalf of San Joaquin County, I supported the **San Joaquin County Economic Development Association's application** to host a NorCal SBDC Full-Service Center. The center would expand access to advising, training, financing resources, and technical assistance for local entrepreneurs and small businesses.

👉Read more here

Through these efforts, San Joaquin County continues working with State and regional partners to protect our communities, strengthen our economy, and prepare for the future.

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Homeless Response Team
sjcares@sjgov.org

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Update your App to

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Use the non-emergency reporting system to report issues such as illegal dumping, potholes, inoperative traffic signals.

