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San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors Proclaim February 2025 "National Cancer Prevention Month" in San Joaquin County

STOCKTON – At the request of Supervisor Rickman, the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors proclaimed February 2025 "National Cancer Prevention Month" in San Joaquin County, at their meeting Tuesday, February 11, 2025.

“Cancer continues to afflict so many in our communities and devastate families whose loved one’s battle, and all too often, lose their battle to this disease. I feel it is incumbent upon our Board and the County, to ensure that we enhance awareness and highlight services available,” said Supervisor Robert Rickman.

Accepting the recognition was cancer survivor, San Joaquin County Planning Commissioner and US Ambassador for World Cancer Care Charitable Society, Jass Sangha.

February is National Cancer Prevention Month; the federal government estimates that 2 million Americans were diagnosed with cancer (other than non-melanoma skin cancer) during 2024, and that more than 600,000 died from their disease. Research shows that more than 40% of these cases and nearly half of the deaths can be attributed to preventable causes—smoking, excess body weight, physical inactivity, and excessive exposure to the sun, among others. Source <https://www.aacr.org/patients-caregivers/awareness-months/national-cancer-prevention-month/>

In San Joaquin County, St. Joseph's Cancer Institute has an accredited cancer program (<https://www.dignityhealth.org/central-california/locations/stjosephs-stockton/services/cancer-institute/cancer-treatment>) and provides support services (<https://www.dignityhealth.org/central-california/locations/stjosephs-stockton/services/cancer-institute/cancer-support-services>). The National Cancer Institute provides county cancer statistics (<https://statecancerprofiles.cancer.gov/incidencerates/index.php?stateFIPS=06&areatype=county&cancer=080&stage=211&race=00&sex=0&age=001&type=incd>).

For more information about Supervisor Rickman, please visit the [District 5 webpage](#).

“I hope I shall possess firmness and virtue enough to maintain (what I consider the most enviable of all titles), the character of an honest man.”
- George Washington -

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County Supervisor Robert Rickman Gains Support and Secures Funding for City Emergency Low Barrier Homeless Shelters

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