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

STOCKTON, CA – At the Board of Supervisor’s July 13, 2021 regular meeting, Supervisor Robert Rickman presented an item requesting funding for city planned Emergency Low Barrier Homeless Shelters in the cities of Lodi, Manteca, and Tracy. After presentations from the cities on their respective plans, the Board awarded \$2.8 million to Lodi, \$2 million to Manteca, and \$3.6 million to Tracy.

These funds will assist the cities with the establishment of these shelters, which will provide wraparound services such as mental health and substance abuse treatment, housing and employment services, and much more.

“I have been lobbying my colleagues during Board meetings for funds to assist the cities with their efforts to add another tool in our collective toolbox to respond to our homeless crisis,” stated Supervisor Rickman. Rickman added, “Chairman Patti and I have long been engaging our city officials to determine the best way we could help the cities. I appreciate Chairman Patti’s encouragement to bring this item forward and its approval for the Board Agenda.”

A State Auditor’s February report on Homelessness in California, noted that the state has the largest homeless population in the nation - more than 151,000 Californians experienced homelessness in 2019 – and that the State’s approach to addressing homelessness is disjointed. Rickman said, “By working together and working locally, we can attack the root causes and make significant strides to decrease the rate of homelessness in our cities and neighborhoods.”

Making presentations for the cities were Manteca Vice-Mayor Gary Singh, Lodi Council Member Doug Kuehne, and Tracy Council Member Dan Arriola.

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

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“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 -