



2024 Accomplishments

1. Progress on Homelessness

a. The Board's SJCARES initiative, led by Probation, conducts encampment outreach with behavioral and public health staff to provide on-site assessments and connect people to resources to get people off the streets and into the appropriate care they need.

2. Safe Communities

a. Safety of our community continues to be Supervisor Ding's number one priority. The Board updated Sheriff's Deputies and Sergeants Contract with a three-year agreement and 18% raise to recruit and retain the best employees.

b. With the Board's support, the Sheriff's Office has added 27 new deputies, 33 correctional officers, 7 dispatchers and 40 professional staff in 2024.

c. The Woodbridge Fire District received \$737,000 in ARPA funding from the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors for a new fire boat, capable of flowing 1,500 gallons per minute. The District, also secured funding for a new training facility (more on page 5).

3. Public Works Improvements

a. Secured \$2.25 million for Phase 2 of the Acampo Area Drainage Innovation Project. This phase, along with future phases, aims to reduce flood risks for Cooper's Corner residents, businesses, schools, and roadways (including State Route 99) while improving groundwater supply resiliency.

b. Removed 2,400 tons of illegally dumped debris from County right-of-way

c. Preserved and enhanced 189 miles of roadways with chip, cape, and slurry seal treatments and 133 miles of roadways with crack seal treatment.

d. Read more in the Annual Report: [2023-24 SJC Public Works Annual Report.pdf](#)



Best wishes to each of you for a happy and healthy new year! May 2025 be our best year yet.



SJCARES

If you see someone who needs assistance or an encampment that needs clearing, contact Probation's SJCARES team at: sjcares@sjgov.org



MySanJoaquin App

Report a pothole, illegal dumping, streetlight outages and more by downloading the MySanJoaquin app and connecting directly with Public Works.

Available at the Apple Store or Google Play for Android.

Garbage Rates Lowered

Supervisor Steve Ding led the recent Board decision to award a trash collection contract to USA Waste of California for Refuse Service Area C, covering Morada and Linden. Ding emphasized the benefits of a competitive, transparent process, which he said led to improved services and up to 45% savings for residents with large refuse carts. The new contract begins on January 1, 2026, after the current one ends. Ding advocated for applying this competitive approach to all county refuse areas moving forward.

“When this issue came to the Board in April, I fought for a competitive process to allow the free market to determine the best possible rate and services for County customers,” commented Supervisor Ding. “The outcome confirms my view that the same process and template should be used going forward in all county refuse areas. I look forward to expanding this renewed competitive process to all County refuse areas in the future.”



Supervisor Ding with Emergency Services Director Sierra Brucia



Supervisor Ding with County Administrator Sandy Regalo



Supervisor Steve Ding with Board honoring outgoing members, Chairman Miguel Villapudua and Supervisor Tom Patti.

Critical Resources

24/7 Mental Health Crisis Phone Line
209-468-8686

24/7 Peer Support Warmline
209-468-3585

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

Institute for Aging Friendship Line
1-800-971-0016

Veterans' Crisis Line
1-800-273-8255

Local Resources
211

SJREADY
Sign up for emergency alerts at www.sjready.org



Supervisorial District 4 Fund Contributions in 2024

Lawrence Park	\$75,000
Thornton Basketball Court	\$30,000
Morada Little League	\$27,784
Clements School Community Center (A/C Unit)	\$20,500
Lodi Boys and Girls Club	\$20,000
PALS Haven Adoption/Spay and Neuter Clinic	\$20,000
Morada Area Association Security Cameras	\$11,300
Parkin Memorial Park	\$10,000
Animal Protection League Low Cost Spay and Neuter	\$10,000
Luia G. Alvarez Rewards for Justice	\$5,000
Village Adult Developmental and Community Center	\$5,000
Lockeford Elementary YMCA Afterschool Program	\$3161
MSgt. Richard A. Pittman Memorial Highway Signage	\$2,000
Thornton Veterans Plaque	\$1,700
Lockeford MAC A/V Equipment	\$855
Port City Patriots	\$200

Investing in our Community

Supervisors have discretionary funds to address local and district-specific needs. Proposed projects are reviewed and recommended for approval by a Board majority, following County policies and practices.

Additionally, the Board approved grant funding for non-county organizations as part of the 2024-25 budget.

Non-County Organizations Funded in District 4

Lodi Grape Festival	\$ 200,000
Lodi Boys and Girls Club	\$ 175,000
Stockton Historical Maritime Museum	\$ 100,000
Linden Community Preschool	\$ 45,000
Lodi Memorial Hospital Association, Inc. Camp Hutchins	\$ 45,000
World of Wonders	\$ 41,625
Animal Friends Connection Humane Society	\$ 35,474
Community Partnership for Families of San Joaquin	\$ 11,000
Lodi Community Concert Association	\$10,000



Supervisor Ding with District Attorney Ron Freitas and Chairman Miguel Villapudua



Supervisor Ding honoring Jose Jauregui, Iraq War Veteran, at annual veterans' recognition



Supervisor Ding greeting Cary Martin at the annual Board Open House in Stockton.



Supervisor Ding with local fire chiefs at the annual Board Open House in Stockton.

Lodi Branch Reopening

The Lodi Branch of the San Joaquin County Superior Court will reopen on February 3, 2025, improving access to justice services for north county residents. I want to thank Presiding Judge Gus Barrerra and Mayor Lisa Craig for their efforts in making this reopening possible.

Upcoming MAC Meetings

Thornton MAC
January 8, 2025
6:30 pm

Thornton Community Center

Waterloo-Morada MAC
February 6, 2025
5:30 pm

Waterloo-Morada Fire District

Linden - Peters MAC
January 15, 2025
7 pm

*Linden-Peters Fire District
Classroom*

Lockeford MAC
January 16, 2025
7 pm

Lockeford Community Center

Woodbridge MAC
January 23, 2025
6:30 pm

Woodbridge Fire Department



Annual Veterans Recognition at the Board Chambers



On-going Support for Fire Districts

Since 2022, the Board of Supervisors has used American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to support local fire districts' life-saving work, including new sleeping quarters at Clements Fire District, a water tender at Linden-Peters Fire District, a fire boat at Woodbridge Fire District, and upgrades to vehicles, infrastructure, and communications for smaller districts.

ARPA Funding for District Four Fire Departments (Partial List)	
Clements Fire District	\$478,500
Farmington Fire District	\$321,356
Linden-Peters Fire District	\$658,606
Mokelumne Fire District	\$771,566
Thornton Fire District	\$166,165
Waterloo-Morada Fire District	\$995,406
Woodbridge Fire District	\$2,670,681



Supervisor Ding with Clements Fire personnel at new sleeping quarters which are partially funded by County ARPA grants



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