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# **COUNTY CROSSROADS**

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#### Thank you for everything!

CHAIRMAN MIGUEL VILLAPUDUA, DISTRICT ONE

The past eight years have been encouraging, rewarding, and humbling. I want to thank my wife and family for their support as I have worked to serve the people of San Joaquin County. I also want to thank each of the Board members that I have served with, but especially each of the men who are now on the Board. I appreciate your friendship, your hard work, and your commitment to our community.

When I started this position, I wanted to serve as a strong voice for the people of the first district. Our accomplishments, like the updates to the community centers, the rehabilitation of county streets and facade improvements are important investments in our future.

My tenure was not without challenges - COVID-19 changed the landscape of our county, but we were able to use federal funding to support local small businesses and make important investments in infrastructure and community meeting places, like our local veterans' halls.

As I prepare to leave this position, your friendship and support will remain with me. I look forward to our bright future together here in San Joaquin County.

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# News of Note

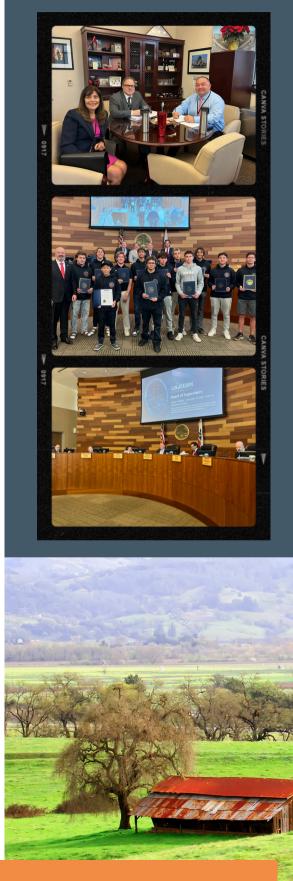
- Board Secures Lower Garbage Rates for Stockton Area <u>Consumers</u>
- <u>San Joaquin County Supervisor Robert Rickman Elected Chair</u> of the Tri-Valley - San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority
- Board Supports Local Small Businesses
- <u>Statement on San Joaquin County's Intentions for the Purchase</u> of the Oakmoore Golf Course

#### **Public Safety Contracts**

The San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors has approved new three-year contracts for the Deputy Sheriff's Association (DSA) and the Sheriff Deputy Sergeants Association (SDSA) to improve recruitment, retention, and compensation for public safety personnel.

The DSA agreement, representing 282 deputies, runs from November 12, 2024, to November 12, 2027, while the SDSA agreement, covering 43 sergeants, spans December 3, 2024, to December 3, 2027. Both contracts provide an 18% base wage increase over three years, updated benefits and leave policies, increased call-back pay, and additional pay supplements for specialized duties and certifications.

Board Chairman Miguel Villapudua emphasized public safety as a top priority, expressing gratitude for the dedication of deputies and sergeants. Sheriff Patrick Withrow praised the agreements, stating they improve morale, aid in recruiting and retaining top talent, and ensure San Joaquin County remains an attractive place for law enforcement careers.



# Storm Season: SJReady

After the floods in 2022, the Board of Supervisors turned the Office of Emergency Services into a stand-alone department that reports directly to the Board. Earlier this year, the Board hired Sierra Brucia to head this department. With direct accountability and new leadership, we are confident that we will be best prepared if and when disaster strikes.

But YOUR PARTICIPATION is vital. If you haven't already, be sure to sign up at www.sjready.org to get emergency alerts sent right to your cell phone. This is a free service available to all County residents.

As storm season approaches, preparation is key. Make a plan. Build a Kit. Stay Informed. And most of all, stay safe, San Joaquin.









#### Holiday Open House

The Board of Supervisors once again hosted its annual open house for members of the County Boards, Commissions and Committees earlier this month. It takes all of us to grow greatness and strengthen our communities, and we wanted to thank those volunteers who sacrifice their time and give freely of their talent to improve San Joaquin County.

To learn more about how you can give back to our community and see the vacancies on our local boards and commissions, click here: <u>https://www.sjgov.org/department/cob/boards-commissions-and-</u> <u>committees.</u>



# With Gratitude

Supervisor Tom Patti, District Three

As I conclude my eight years of service on the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors, I want to express my deepest gratitude to the residents of District Three. It has been an incredible honor to represent you and work alongside so many dedicated individuals committed to making our county a better place.

I also want to thank my colleagues on the Board of Supervisors. Together, we've faced challenges, celebrated accomplishments, and laid the foundation for a stronger, more vibrant future. I am proud of what we have achieved, and I leave knowing that the work we've done will continue to benefit our community for years to come.

Thank you for the trust and support you've given me throughout this journey. I look forward to continuing to serve in new ways and watching San Joaquin County thrive.





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