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THE RICKMAN REPORT

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 5

Another BIG WIN for District 5 and San Joaquin County

For the last year, I have met with California State University, Stanislaus to bring a University to South San Joaquin County. It has been a pleasure working with Ridgeline Property and California State University, Stanislaus to expand educational opportunities for residents of the County.

Stanislaus State's interest in establishing a campus in the county south of Tracy is a pivotal moment for San Joaquin County. Stanislaus State, recognized as one of the nation's top 10 best public colleges, will bring quality, affordable higher education directly to our communities. San Joaquin County is rich in resources and is one of the fastest-growing counties in the state. This investment would strengthen our education-to-employment pipeline, create and attract sustainable jobs and support the long-term quality of life for our families. We look forward to partnering closely with Stanislaus State in the months ahead.

Read about it here.

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COUNTY HIGHLIGHTS

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Board of Supervisors Approves Countywide High School Internship Program

After hearing directly from students about their interest, I advocated for an internship program for our high school students. Internships are essential in preparing the future workforce, giving students real-world experience as they explore different career paths. This program will not only benefit our students but also strengthen local employers by developing homegrown talent and encouraging interest in public service careers.

Applications for the Summer 2026 internships will be available March 2026. Interested students can find more information or apply directly at the San Joaquin A+ website.

175th Anniversary Update

Thank you to Mayor Daniel de Graaf and City Council of Ripon, who hosted the County earlier this month as part of the on-going 175th anniversary celebration. We enjoyed recounting great milestones and memories with our city partners. Each of these celebrations reminds us of the great diversity within San Joaquin County - from Tracy to Ripon, Lodi to Stockton - we have heard stories of pioneers, farmers, engineers and businesses who not only changed the landscape of our county but literally changed the world.

If you want to learn more, I encourage you to visit the San Joaquin County Historical Museum at Micke Grove Park. They have a new exhibit on the 175th anniversary of the County that tells the stories of icons of our communities. Be sure to check it out!

San Joaquin Valley
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT

Visit www.valleyair.org

Supervisor Rickman is on the Governing Board and urges you to visit the District's website for air quality updates and incentive programs for businesses, agriculture, and households.

NEXGEN

Update your App to NexGen311
Use the non-emergency reporting system to report issues such as illegal dumping, potholes, inoperative traffic signals.

Available in the app store

SJCARES

Homeless Response Team

sjcares@sjgov.org

Visit www.sjgov.org
View past or upcoming Board meeting materials or watch a Board meeting.

LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY: MAKING YOUR VOICE HEARD

Supervisor Robert Rickman and Fire Chief Randall Bradley Visit PG&E Emergency Operations and Grid Control Centers

On Friday, August 1, 2025, South San Joaquin County Fire Authority Chief Randall Bradley and I met with key PG&E personnel and toured the utility's Emergency Operations Center and Grid Control Center. The visit comes in the wake of a recent Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) event that left residents in several San Joaquin County cities without power from June 19–21 and was an opportunity to directly address these concerns and gain further insight into PG&E's decision-making process during PSPS events.

See published story here.

Support: SB 712 – Classic Car Smog Check Exemption

SB 712 continues to progress through the legislative process and is set for an Assembly hearing August 29, 2025.

This bill provides exemptions for collector motor vehicles from smog checks - a win for car enthusiasts and preservationists alike.

DISTRICT 5 IN ACTION

TRACY

- Tracy High School Wrestling Golf Tournament
- Joaquin Chapter, Order of Eastern Star - presented two protective service vests to Tracy Police Department canine officers and their handlers
- National Night Out
- The JOINT Chiropractic - Tracy Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
- Tracy Street Eats Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
- Little Caesars of Tracy Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting Celebration
- Tracy Police Department's unveiling of the Real Time Information Center
- Sutter Health Tracy Valpico Care Center Official Opening & Ribbon Cutting
- Daniel Ray Schack Park Dedication & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
- Sant Nirankari Mission Tracy - presented Recognition to VIP Guest Nirankari Rajpita Ramit Ji at Spiritual Convention

RIPON

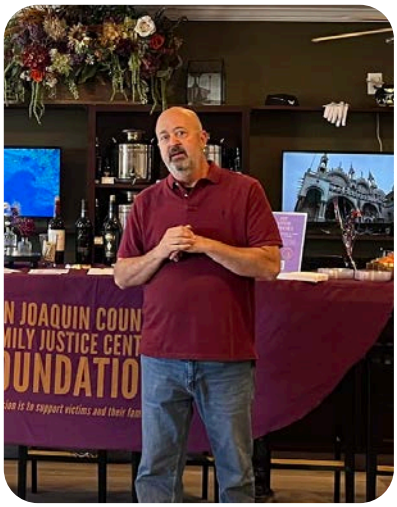
- Ripon Porch Festival
- National Night Out
- Cask & Barrel Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
- August Boutique Two-Year Anniversary Celebration
- San Joaquin County's 175th Anniversary Celebration with the City of Ripon
- Bella Vita Beauty Collective - Grand Opening

MOUNTAIN HOUSE

- Certificate Presentation to Mountain House Boys Tennis Team 2025 CIF Sac Joaquin Division 2 Sectional at Lammersville Unified School District Governing Board Mtg
- $12,000 Check Presentation to Mountain House Flag Football Team During Opening Day Ceremony for Uniform Needs
- 5th Annual Event Celebrating the 79th India Independence Day
- Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Ojas Girish
- Central Valley Marathi Mandal's Ganesh Utsav 2025 Celebration

ESCALON

- National Night Out
- District Hours & Community Engagement
- Gather Around Main $4,700 Check Presentation for Escalon's Concert in the Park Series
- Escalon Farmers Market
- Escalon Small Town Stride Community Walk

COUNTYWIDE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- SJ Delta College State of the District 2025
- Meet & Greet with the Family Justice Center Foundation
- Promotional Ceremony, Sheriff's Department
- UOP Manor Hall Opening & Ribbon Cutting Celebration | Welcoming Home for Pacific Military and Student Veterans
- San Joaquin Farm Bureau Board Of Directors Monthly Meeting
- SJBTC MC3 Graduation
- Central Valley Association of Realtors Annual Luncheon
- Thomas More Society of the Diocese of Stockton Mixer
- The STAART Evolution & Prop 36 Conference
- WWII Veteran Corporal Frank Wright Promotion Ceremony to the Rank of Sergeant
- Judged at the Tracy Hot Pawgust Nights Car Show at the Tracy Animal Shelter.