



SOUTH MODESTO MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

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*Rebecca Harrington, Chair
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Martha Villasenor, Member
Monica Harvey, Member*

**Thursday, October 12, 2023 Meeting Minutes
Stanislaus County Ag Center Building
Harvest Hall (Room G)
3800 Cornucopia Way, Modesto, CA**

1. Call Meeting to Order and Pledge of Allegiance
Meeting was called to order at 6:09pm by Chair, Rebecca Harrington.
Pledge of Allegiance led by Officer Craig
2. Recording Secretary establishing Quorum by roll call. Members present are marked with an "X".

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| X Rebecca Harrington | X Martha Villaseñor |
| X Silvia Camarillo | X Monica Harvey |
| X Álvaro Ramírez | |
3. Approval of Minutes for August 10, 2023 and September 14, 2023.
Motion made by member, Alvaro Ramirez, to add approval of minutes for August 10, 2023 to agenda, second by member, Martha Villasenor. All in favor
Motion by member, Alvaro Ramirez, to approve minutes from September 14, 2023 as written, second by member, Martha Villasenor, all in favor.
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4. Monthly Reports (Limited to 5 Minutes)
 - a. Stanislaus Sheriff's Department- Deputy Craig
 - Shared statistics, not much to report. Open to questions or concerns.
 - b. California Highway Patrol – Officer Moore
 - Shared statistics, average month for calls. Open to questions or concerns.
 - c. District 4 – Supervisor Mani Grewal, Field Representative Patrick Sheilds spoke on his behalf.
 - A children's museum is opening downtown. Working on getting free passes or at least discounted prices.
 - Working on a 14-unit housing development.
 - Tree planting project coming up in the Airport neighborhood in the month of October.
 - Inviting residents to Modesto RecFest on October 12th.
 - Modesto Chamber of Commerce came out with a report on tourism for Stanislaus County and noted that Tourists spent \$449 Million in the County.
Comment: What % from Tourism was from Business vs Pleasure. The meeting was brief and those specifics were not shared, but happy to look into it.

- d. District 5 – Supervisor Channce Condit – Field Representative, Russell Fowler spoke on his behalf.
 - Sidewalks started to go up mostly near schools. Have received numerous calls on people parking on sidewalks. It takes some getting used to.
 - He feels part of the interest in our county is that the Modesto Nuts became champions.
Comment: Chair Harrington shared residents' complaint with car businesses on Crowslanding Road blocking pedestrian right of way. The resident who made these complaints on the county page has been made aware that their call log has disappeared from the system.
 - e. Assemblyman, District 22 Juan Alanis – Representative, Justin Farkis gave report.
 - Assemblyman Alanis has had several victories in Sacramento. Among some of the Bills he managed to introduce and get signed by the Governor were Assembly Bills 243, 255, 355, 1074 and 1467. Bill 1467 enables all schools to have an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) machine even if they can't afford to pay for it.
 - f. Congressman, District 13 John Duarte – Representative, Gavin Cline gave report.
 - Congressman Duarte voted to keep Congress open for another 45 days to try and pass bills that were urgently needed.
 - Taking nominations from Seniors interested in attending West Point Academy. Deadline is Oct 31st.
 - Congressman Duarte is committed to being present in the community. Gavin can be reached at 209/725-6557. Office is located at 90 S. First Street, Turlock, CA and phone number is 209/226-6880.
 - g. Stanislaus County Chief Executive Office – Erica Inacio, Community Relations Manager
 - The City of Modesto is offering financial assistance to qualifying customers.
 - Stanislaus County is having a free Housing Summit on Saturday, November 4th. Flyers were made available.
 - h. Other Community Representative Reports – None
5. Public Comments – Pertaining to Items Not on the Agenda (3 Minute Maximum) - None
 6. Information Item(s) – Presentation from Project Sentinel Fair Housing, Cynthia Hurtado.
 - They assist both renters and landlords.
 - Rent can only be increased by 9.2% and only twice a year.
 - Landlord can rent to an undocumented person, but cannot ask for more than (1) form of ID.
 - Fair Housing Intake # 1-888-324-7468
 7. Action Items – None
 8. Correspondence - None
 9. Special Order of Business / Updates / Announcements
 - Chair Harrington, “Dia de Los Muertos”, Oct 21st, 11am-8pm, Free event.
 - Erica Inacio, Parks & Rec @ Fairfiew Park, Oct 28th 12pm-3pm.
 - Member Villaseñor, Is presentation from EMT possible? Erica Inacio responded that County doesn't have these services available any longer but knows that Doctors Medical Center offers free classes every so often.
 10. Council Comments and Suggestions for Future Agendas - None
 11. Adjournment: 7:35pm, Next Regular Meeting, November 9, 2023.