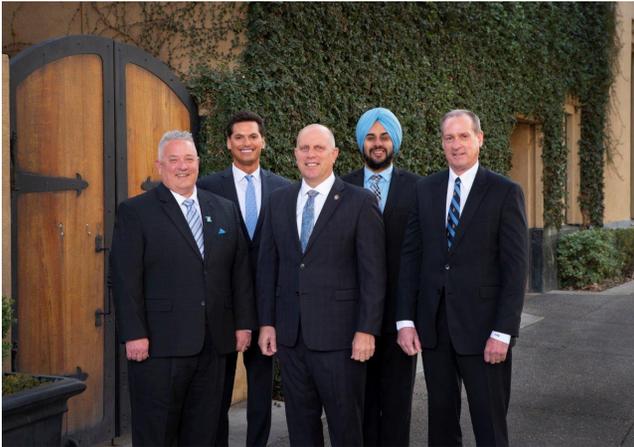


Board of Supervisors' Priorities

- Supporting Strong and Safe Neighborhoods
- Supporting Community Health
- Developing a Healthy Economy
- Promoting First-Rate Learning
- Delivering Efficient Public Services and Community Infrastructure



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Stanislaus County Municipal Advisory Councils (MACs)

Stanislaus County has nine MACs representing different unincorporated communities in the County. The oldest is the Knights Ferry MAC established December 13, 1983. The other eight MACs are Denair, Empire, Hickman, Keyes, Salida, South Modesto, Valley Home, and Wood Colony.

MACs provide unincorporated communities within Stanislaus County with a consistent, local means of discussing concerns within their communities. Made up of five elected or appointed members, the MACs serve as a voice of the community, speaking to local agencies and organizations regarding projects, concerns, initiatives and needs.

The MACs also act in an advisory capacity to the Board of Supervisors and the various county departments. A community with a MAC has a unique link to County government that supplements its representation as part of a County Supervisor's district.

MACs are created pursuant to California Government Code Section 31010.

The MACs face two ways:

- Toward the County, offering the collective and overall views of the community; and
- Toward the community, sharing information about County proposals and a place where individuals can discuss community issues and perhaps receive help or assistance.

From a County government perspective, Municipal Advisory Councils are the voice of the community on public policy issues including, but not limited to, public safety, infrastructure, growth, health and social services. Through open communication with a MAC, the County, the Board of Supervisors, the Chief Executive Office, and County Departments can maintain an active pulse on the needs and priorities of a community or communities.

Additionally, a Municipal Advisory Council:

- Gives a community or communities an opportunity to address public policy concerns and to develop coordinated planning;
- Can facilitate citizen participation in the formation of local opinion on public issues and often serves as a forum for compromise;
- Can train community leaders in local governance; and
- Gives a community or communities an officially recognized voice with public officials and agencies.

Regular Meetings

MACs hold regular meetings in the community. These meetings are open to the public and provide citizens with information from various departments and agencies.

Common presenters include: Sheriff's Department, Public Works, Parks and Recreation, Planning, Library, and Code Enforcement. Often, community-specific presenters are in attendance including California Highway Patrol, Fire, Education, and City Partners.

Many departments or agencies will attend MAC meetings to share county proposals, such as park projects, road projects, and proposed development for comment and for update purposes.

Finally, each meeting includes a public comment period which allows members of the community to share concerns or ideas for the MAC to discuss at future meetings.

Meeting schedules and contact information for all nine MACs can be found at:

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