



# **SOUTH MODESTO MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

*P.O. Box 1302, Ceres, CA 95307*

**Thursday, January 13, 2022 6:00 pm**  
**Stanislaus County Ag Center Building**  
**Harvest Hall (Room G)**  
**3800 Cornucopia Way, Modesto, CA**

While the South Modesto Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) welcomes and encourages participation at the Council meetings, please limit your comments to three (3) minutes so that everyone may be heard. Matters under the jurisdiction of the Council and not on the posted agenda may be addressed by the general public under Item VIII – Public Comments, and the Council may consider adding the item to the next month’s agenda for further consideration. However, California law prohibits the Council from taking any action on a matter that is not on the posted agenda unless it is determined to be an emergency by the Council.

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- I. Call Meeting to Order  
Meeting was called to order at 6:03pm by Chair, Matthew Harrington.
  
- II. Recording Secretary establishing Quorum by roll call  
All members present.
  
- III. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Supervisor Grewal
  
- IV. Approval of Minutes for October 14, 2021 and December 9, 2021
  - A. Motion by Vice Chair, Rebecca Harrington, to approve October 14<sup>th</sup> minutes as written. Seconded by member Maria Madrigal, all in favor.
  - B. Chair, Matthew Harrington, made note of correction needed on Item 2 regarding Vice Chair’s last name, should be spelled Harrington not Harington. Motion made by member Maria Madrigal to approve the December 9<sup>th</sup> minutes with correction mentioned. Seconded by Vice Chair, Rebecca Harrington. All in favor.
  
- V. 2022 Nomination and Election of MAC officers: Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary  
Prior to starting the nomination process, incumbent Chair, Matthew Harrington, mentioned he would not be seeking re-election in the council since he would be moving to Sacramento in a few months.
  - A. Recording Secretary: Motion made by incumbent, Vice-Chair, Rebecca Harrington, for incumbent Recording Secretary, Silvia Camarillo, to remain. Silvia Camarillo accepted, was seconded by member Maria Madrigal, all in favor.
  - B. Vice Chair: incumbent Vice-Chair, Rebecca Harrington, asked member Maria Madrigal, if she would be open to any of the two remaining positions. After some dialogue a motion was made by incumbent Vice-Chair, Rebecca Harrington, for Maria Madrigal to be the new Vice-Chair, Maria Madrigal accepted, was seconded by Recording Secretary, Silvia Camarillo, all in favor.
  - C. Chair: Motion made by Vice-Chair, Maria Madrigal, for Rebecca Harrington to take the position as Chair, Rebecca Harrington accepted, was seconded by Matthew Harrington, all in favor.

- VI. Supervisor report District 5 or 4 – Supervisor Channce Condit or Mani Grewal  
 Newly elected Chair, Rebecca Harrington, took lead from this point forward. Ms. Harrington gave brief explanation of how boundaries were divided. Supervisor Condit has Parklawn and Crowslanding Area. Supervisor Grewal now has North Ceres (9<sup>th</sup> Street area). Supervisor Condit was hopeful for this positive change. Supervisor Grewal introduced himself, mentioned how he welcomes the opportunity to work alongside Supervisor Condit. Supervisor Condit, sees the joining of Supervisor Grewal as now being two allies to work together on infrastructure for this community. If anyone is confused on which supervisor belongs to their area, to not hesitate calling either one of them.
- A. Supervisor Condit spoke about the upcoming virtual meeting on January 27<sup>th</sup> @ 2pm. It is regarding the residents of North Ceres being double billed. LAFCO, City of Modesto Mayor and City staff will be present. Chair, Rebecca Harrington also suggested inviting the City of Ceres Mayor and staff from the City of Ceres.
- B. Supervisor Condit also mentioned the upcoming virtual meeting regarding South Modesto’s infrastructure. Senator Ana Caballero and a representative from Congressman Josh Harder will also be present. Chair, Rebecca Harrington, asked if it was open to the public. Supervisor Condit said it is, but wouldn’t want this meeting to turn into a “public conversation forum” leaving little time to truly get the important facts across. There will be public forums coming up where the residents will have their turn to express their concerns and opinions.  
 Supervisor Grewal gave his contact number, cell 209/409-2525 and his representative is Casey Smith if calling his office.
- VII. Report from Chief Executive Office-Erica Inacio
- A. COVID-19: there were 1500+ positive cases in one day reported from the Omicron variant. Home testing kits are out of stock, if you go through the County of Stanislaus for testing, there should be no charge. Be careful of scam artists.
- B. Crosswalk on Nadine and Herndon will be repainted and future chip and seal also is planned. County is working with the City of Ceres to hopefully make a 4 way stop at this intersection.
- VIII. Community Reports (5 Minute Maximum)
- A. California Highway Patrol- Officer Minick  
 Staffing is low and service calls are increasing, lost one officer in a crash. Stats – 7 crashes, 15 non-injury incidents, 10 hit & runs. Encouraged residents to report anything suspicious, sometimes this information is very useful in open cases. Chair, Rebecca Harrington, suggested to have his office email stats to the MAC if an officer wasn’t going to be present at these meetings.  
 Comment: Any talks with upper management about better compensation for the officers to be able to compete with other counties. Officer Minick, there is but nothing conclusive. The officers that work in this county, work here because they grew up in this area, have family here and love their jobs and their community because the pay is very low compared to neighboring counties.
- B. Sheriff’s Department – Deputy Ben Carnes

Shares responsibilities with Deputy Martinez for MAC meetings. Stats; Dec over 393 calls, 109 deputy initiated compared to 299 calls in Nov. Will be at Fairview Park on January 22<sup>nd</sup> from 11am – 2pm. They’ll be mingling with the kids and residents.

- C. Modesto Fire – Shannon Sandobal-not present
- D. Animal Services – Ashley Graham - not present
- E. Other community reports- Alfredo Guerra and Ana Raya, PAL (Police Activities League)

Their organization partners with schools for after school programs. They partner with the Sheriff’s department. Has summer programs at Fairview Park and Airport Park, free basketball for kids in Jr High and High School at Hanshaw Middle School from 6pm-10pm and Saturday’s at Mark Twain. Currently hiring young adults preferably who are teaching career oriented, will earn valuable experience.

- IX. Public Comments – Pertaining to Items Not on the Agenda (3 Minute Maximum)  
Comment: Monica Harvey would like to know more about the garbage bill. Received letter informing her parents of an increase due to the additional bins coming out, but they already pay to the City of Ceres and Turlock Scavenger. Vice-Chair, Maria Madrigal mentioned that resident could be fined if garbage is not placed in the proper can. Erica Inacio mentioned that the garbage bin can be shared with a neighbor and share the cost. One neighbor has to be responsible for making the payments.
- X. Special Order of Business/Updates/Announcements  
None
- XI. Community Announcements  
None
- XII. Council Comments/Issues/Topics for Next Agenda  
None
- XIII. Adjournment: 7:08pm, Next Regular Meeting, February 10, 2022