

District 5 Supervisor, Angel Barajas

DISTRICT UPDATES

COVID-19

Currently, Yolo County is in the red tier but is on track to move into the orange tier. We are hoping to transition into the orange tier very soon!

During the month of March, there has been a lot of news regarding COVID-19 in Yolo County. On March 2nd, 2021, the Board of Supervisors held the COVID-19 Summit meeting. Through this summit, the County discussed the different impacts that have transpired due to the virus. From healthcare providers and businesses to community members, these



multiple stakeholders were able to inform the public regarding the challenges they have faced. One of the issues brought up was health equity in terms of vaccinations and their plans to overcome those barriers. Supervisor Barajas along with other Supervisor colleagues, staff, and community stakeholders have been working to improve vaccine distribution to underserved populations, such as farmworkers, and assuring that vaccines are distributed to HPI areas.

To read more, please see the articles from Daily Democrat below.

One year later: what Yolo County has learned during the coronavirus pandemic Yolo County supervisors host discussion on widespread implications of coronavirus

Budget Update

The Board of Supervisors held two (2) budget workshops during the month of March, in which County staff provided a summary of Yolo County's economic health during the 2020/2021 fiscal year and projected 2021/2022 fiscal year. With Covid-19 beginning in early 2020, the County saw an increase in the unemployment rate and decrease in economic growth compared to previous years. However, with more vaccine rollout and state/federal stimulus, the County expects the economic growth to accelerate in the next few months. Department heads also reported their fiscal year accomplishments and prospective needs heading into FY 2020/2021.

For more information please visit <u>Budget Report 1</u> and <u>Budget Report 2</u>

Cannabis Land Use Ordinance

The Cannabis Land Use Ordinance known as the, "CLUO" was tabled until May 4, 2021. However, please note, the Board will hear an update during one of the April Board of Supervisor meetings.

To read more, please see the <u>CLUO</u> from Daily Democrat below.

Starlink

During the 3/9 Board of Supervisors meeting, Supervisor Barajas asked County staff to provide an upcoming report regarding the newest broadband company-Starlink. It has been placed on the long range calendar. County staff will provide more information on the possibility of partnering with Starlink. The goal is to explore options to determine if the County and other stakeholders like School Districts could partner with Starlink to provide internet to the rural and unincorporated areas of Yolo County.

Former County Administrator Blacklock and New County Administrator Kim

After 11 years, the Board of Supervisors said their farewell to County Administrator, Patrick Blacklock. While Mr. Blacklock will be missed, his accomplishments don't go unnoticed-Please read the article.

Lastly, as we said our farewells to Patrick Blacklock, we have also welcomed our new Interim County Administrator, Daniel Kim. We have great respect and confidence in Mr. Kim's ability to head Yolo County.

For more information please visit the Daily Democrat article on <u>Blacklock</u> and

<u>Kim</u>.



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