

San Mateo County Supervisor

LISA GAUTHIER

Representing the 4th District



Dear D4 Neighbors,

As we look ahead to the changing seasons, we find ourselves in a time of transition. While some children have already returned to school, others are enjoying the final moments of summer break. This is also a crucial time to remind our community to be mindful of children returning to school.

With school back in session, pedestrians and cyclists will be more abundant. Please slow down in school zones, obey crossing guards, and stay alert. Remember to put away your phones, especially near crosswalks and bus stops. A few extra seconds of caution can save a life. Let's protect our children and keep our streets safe.

This month, we also celebrated Women's Equality Day, recognizing the ongoing fight for equal rights, equal pay, and equal opportunities for all women. From boardrooms to classrooms, and from legislation to liberation, we advocate for a future where every woman's voice is heard, valued, and empowered. Let's continue to build a society where every voice counts and every family has the opportunity to thrive.

As August comes to a close and we approach September, we also celebrate Labor Day. I want to take a moment to honor the hardworking individuals who strengthen our communities: teachers, healthcare workers, tradespeople, public servants, and many others. Labor Day is more than just a long weekend; it's a time to recognize the dignity of work and to support the efforts for fair wages, safe working conditions, and opportunities for all. Let's celebrate the contributions of every worker and recommit ourselves to creating a community where everyone can prosper.

As always, my office is here to support you. Whether you have a question, concern, or idea, please don't hesitate to reach out. Together, let's continue to build a community that reflects the best of who we are.

With gratitude,
Supervisor Gauthier
District 4

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We're making steady progress on traffic and safety enhancements in the Coleman and Ringwood area.

The County's Department of Public Works recently refreshed pavement markings and added new traffic striping along Coleman Avenue, starting at Ringwood Avenue. These upgrades improve visibility, clarify lane configurations, and make the road safer for drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians alike.

This is just one step forward, but an important one. Thank you to everyone who has shared feedback with my office and continues to play a role in shaping safer streets for our community.



The San Mateo County Transportation Authority has committed \$25 million to improve transit in East Palo Alto.

This includes \$16.25 million for the Dumbarton West Connector, \$4.43 million to continue SamTrans Express bus service with shorter wait times, and \$5 million to expand Ride Plus to the Palo Alto Transit Center, giving residents more direct connections to jobs,

schools, and regional transit.

These investments will provide more reliable service, stronger regional connections, and a meaningful step toward reducing congestion in our community.

Come Join Me Tomorrow for the Last *Music on the Square!*

It's hard to believe summer is already wrapping up, but there's still time for one more night of music, fun, and community. This Friday is the final Music on the Square of the season in Downtown Redwood City, and I'd love for you to join me!

Bring your family, friends, and dancing shoes. It's the perfect way to celebrate summer together. See you on the Square! For more details on events and to stay updated, click [here](#).



Capelo's BBQ Puts North Fair Oaks on the Map

I visited Capelo's BBQ in the heart of North Fair Oaks, recently ranked No. 33 on [Yelp's list](#) of Top 100 barbecue spots in the country. The only Bay Area restaurant to make the list, right here in District 4!

If you have visited yet, stop by and try it for yourself at 2655 Middlefield Road.

Supporting Youth Through Housing

The County of San Mateo intends to purchase a home at 3335 Spring Street in Redwood City to ensure that foster youth ages 16–21 have a safe place to live while they transition to independence. This property will house the Housing Youth Services Program, which provides transitional housing, life-skills training, mental health support, and job development assistance to young people at risk of homelessness.

This effort is part of the County's broader Housing Element, which prioritizes protecting vulnerable residents and expanding access to stable housing. The purchase represents a critical step toward ensuring that every young person has the opportunity to thrive without the fear of homelessness.

Thank you to everyone who has shared their input so far. I've heard your concerns and have moved this item to a Board of Supervisors meeting in September for further discussion. If you have any questions or would like to share additional feedback, please reach out to my office at smc_supgauthier@smcgov.org.



Women's Equality Day: "Her Voice. Her Power. Our Future."

I was honored to join Supervisors Noelia Corzo and Jackie Speier as a panelist at the San Mateo County Commission on the Status of Women's Women's Equality Day event, "Her Voice. Her Power. Our Future." The evening was filled with powerful stories, thoughtful conversations, and a shared commitment to building greater equity and opportunity for women in our community. I'm grateful to the Commission and all who

attended for creating such an inspiring space.

LISA IN THE NEWS

I recently joined the ribbon cutting for the new Kaiser Permanente Hearing Aid

Center in Redwood City, which features state-of-the-art sound booths and the latest hearing device technology. You can read more about the event in The Daily Journal [here](#).



Child care continues to be one of the biggest challenges for working families, including my own.

At our first Child Care Town Hall in South San Francisco, Supervisor Jackie Speier and I spoke with [ABC 7 News](#) about why this issue matters so deeply. The Daily Journal also [covered the event](#) and recently published an [op-ed](#) I wrote on the struggles families face in finding and affording care.

At our second Child Care Town Hall in East Palo Alto, nearly 100 community members joined us to share their experiences navigating the challenges of accessing child care. We heard directly from mothers, caregivers, and providers about the barriers they face and the solutions they need. Supervisor Speier and I also spoke with [KRON 4 News](#) about how we plan to work together to address these challenges.

I was also featured in [KALW Public Media](#), where I shared how we can work together on solutions that support both families and providers.

Join us at our next [Child Care Town Hall in San Mateo](#). If you aren't able to attend, take our survey [here](#).

AUGUST AT A GLANCE



It was such a joy to welcome a group of East Palo Alto seniors to my office! We had a lively conversation about local issues, shared stories, and discussed ways the County can better support older adults in District 4. I'm always grateful for the chance to hear directly from our residents.



I toured the [Fair Oaks Health Center](#), where dedicated staff provide high-quality, accessible care to families in North Fair Oaks. I was especially inspired by a young woman who grew up as a patient there and returned as a staff member to serve her community. I look forward to supporting their continued work to keep our residents healthy and thriving.



I had the opportunity to tour [Shores Landing](#), one of the County's newest affordable housing developments, and hear directly from residents. This community will provide safe, stable homes for residents who need them most, another important step toward tackling our housing challenges in District 4.



A heartfelt thank you to every neighborhood and organization that made National Night Out such a success. Your energy and commitment brought our communities together in powerful ways. Congratulations to EHP for being recognized as the Best Overall National Night Out, an inspiring example of what collaboration can achieve.

I'm already looking forward to seeing the creativity and spirit at next year's event!

D4 UPDATES

District 4 has a new ARTS Commissioner: Anna Westendorf is a Bay Area native with a rich background in theatre arts, writing, dance, and arts education.

Anna currently serves as Chair of the Redwood City Arts Commission, where she helps guide cultural policy and community arts initiatives. She has also served on the Board of Directors for Brava! for Women in the Arts in San Francisco, supporting the organization's mission to amplify diverse voices through performance and education.



Many thanks to Jeanne Heise, who has represented District 4 since 2018 and championed arts and culture in our community.



District 4 has a new LGBTQIA+ Commissioner: David Crafts, Dean of Enrollment and Title IX Coordinator at the College of San Mateo, lives in Redwood City with their husband. They serve on the college's LGBTQ+ Advisory Council working to strengthen support and visibility for LGBTQIA+ students and staff.

Locally, David has helped organize San Mateo County Pride Prom in 2024 and 2025, creating inclusive spaces for LGBTQIA+ youth to celebrate and build community.

We extend our deep appreciation to Jane Rickerson for her service and welcome David as she passes the role forward.

District 4 has appointed Patricia McCombs to the Measure K Oversight Committee: Patricia McCombs, a North Fair Oaks resident, is a former certified public accountant who chaired national and state accounting committees and served on the South Washington County School Board in Minnesota.

In District 4, Patricia volunteers with the Redwood City School District, where her granddaughters attend, and supports the arts through TheatreWorks at the Lucie Stern Theatre in Palo Alto.

Our sincere thanks to Manuel Ramirez for his years of dedicated service representing District 4 on the Measure K Oversight Committee.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Calling All Youth Artists in District 4!

Assemblymember Diane Papan and I are excited to host a Youth Art Contest to celebrate the creativity of young people in our community.

The Art Contest is open to youth ages 11–18 who live or attend school in District 4, which includes Redwood City, parts of Menlo Park, North Fair Oaks, and East Palo Alto. The submissions are due by Friday, September 26 at 5:00 p.m. Artwork must be two-dimensional and no larger than 8.5" x 11".

To learn more and view full contest guidelines, click [here](#).

Veterans Stand Down: Building Support, Building Community

Mark your calendars for Thursday, September 25, from 10am to 3pm at 500 County Center in Redwood City. This special event is dedicated to honoring and supporting our veterans with a wide range of free services, including:

- Housing assistance
- Health care screenings and referrals
- Employment and job training resources
- Legal aid and benefits navigation
- And more community-based support

All veterans and their families are welcome to attend. It's an opportunity to connect with resources, meet service providers, and build community. To learn more about the event, click [here](#).

For organizations looking to table, register [here](#).

Civics 101: Get an Inside Look at Your County Government

Ever wonder how local government really works, where your tax dollars go, or what happens inside the Maple Street Correctional Center? The County of San Mateo is now accepting applications for Civics 101. This is a free, nine-week academy that gives residents a behind-the-scenes look at County programs, services, and initiatives.

Participants meet once a week in the evening, starting this September at County Center in Redwood City, and connect directly with staff from more than 20 County departments. It's a great way to learn, ask questions, and build community. To learn more about this opportunity, visit [here](#).

To apply, click [here](#).

Want to get involved? Check out the flyers below for upcoming community events:

COMMUNITY FLYERS

CHILD CARE TOWN HALL
JOIN US
Tuesday
SEP 16
6 to 7:30 PM

Come share your experiences with child care!
Light dinner will be provided. Kids corner for children. Subject to capacity.

San Mateo Main Library
55 W 3rd Ave, San Mateo, CA 94401

RSVP:
bit.ly/42Kmemn
OR

Moderated by Supervisors
Jackie Speier and
Lisa Gauthier

Fill out survey here:

The flyer features a blue background with a photo of diverse children at the top. It includes contact information for the San Mateo Main Library, an RSVP link, and two QR codes for survey completion. The event is moderated by Supervisors Jackie Speier and Lisa Gauthier.



Do you know a veteran* who is making a difference in your community? Nominate them for Veteran of the Year here

[Veteran of the Year](#)

Do you know a Non-veteran* who is making a difference supporting veterans? Nominate them for Patriot of the Year here

[Patriot of the Year](#)

Do you want to recognize an organization that serves veterans in our county? Nominate them for Enterprise of the Year here

[Enterprise of the Year](#)

The Veteran of the Year Event is held each November Visit WWW.SMCVeterans.org for more information

*Veteran and Patriot of the year must be a County of San Mateo Resident

JOIN VOICE APPLY BY SEPTEMBER 5TH

ABOUT VOICE:

- Six-month youth program that sparks positive change by harnessing youth voices & power to create stronger communities
- VOICE's goal is for youth leaders to feel empowered to continue their civic engagement journey beyond high school!

ELIGIBILITY COMMITMENT

- Youth between the ages 14-18
- Youth who live or attend schools in Redwood City/North Fair Oaks
- Ability to commit to weekly in-person meetings.

PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES

- Weekly community organizing & leadership trainings
- Public Speaking & Networking
- Youth Stipend
- Letters of Recommendations



For more info, email agile@yli.org or scan the qr code



Calling all high schoolers in San Mateo County!

Apply to become a Youth Climate Ambassador!

Youth Climate Ambassadors (YCA) is an eight month leadership program for high schoolers to learn about climate change and become local leaders.

- Take action to address climate change
- Build leadership skills
- Connect with peers who have similar interests
- Implement a Community Impact Project
- Get paid \$570 upon completing the program!



Applications are open! Apply by September 1st by 11:59pm at smcsustain.org/YCA

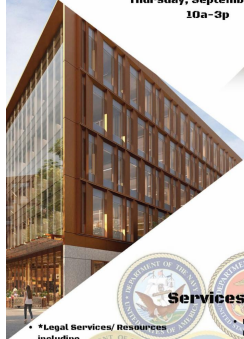


Questions? Email youthclimateambassadors@smcgov.org



Veteran Stand Down

Main County Courtyard
500 County Center, Redwood City 94063
Thursday, September 25th
10a-3p



All attendees receive a free VSO gift bag!

Services:

- Legal Services/ Resources including
 - Veterans Treatment & Diversion Court
 - VA Claims Assistance
 - State & Federal benefit Assistance
 - VA Health Care Enrollment
 - Education Resources
- Housing Assistance & Employment Resources
- Transition Assistance Programs
- Nutritional Assistance
- In-Home Care
- Long Term Care Facilities
- Social Support
- Burial Benefits
- And More...

*Cases in County of San Mateo Jurisdiction

CITY OF EAST PALO ALTO
SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SENIOR BALL

CRUISIN' THROUGH THE DECADES
1920'S - 1960'S

SEPTEMBER 26, 2025
5:00 - 10:00 PM

FOUR SEASONS HOTEL SILICON VALLEY
2050 UNIVERSITY AVE.
EAST PALO ALTO, CA. 94303

Early Bird Special: \$50 (July 10th - Aug. 31st)
Regular Price: \$60



QUESTIONS? REACH OUT TO:
COMM SERVICES@CITYOFEPA.ORG

Ticket sales will be sold online. For assistance, please go to the East Palo Alto Library on Monday's & Wednesday's from 11 AM - 1 PM.

Apply Today for the Community Building Academy!

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COMMUNITY BUILDING ACADEMY



Join the **City of Redwood City** in this 7-week academy that engages participants in a fun, hands-on, behind-the-scenes look at how local government works, and how you can make an impact!

GET INVOLVED. BUILD COMMUNITY. MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

For more information and to apply, visit www.RedwoodCity.org/CBA
Questions? Call City Manager's Office: (650) 780-7308

SOUND THE ALARM



FREE Smoke Alarm Installation on Sept. 27, 2025

Participate in our smoke alarm installation event to get your old smoke alarm replaced!

For who? Any East Palo Alto resident.

When? September 27, 2025 anytime between 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Where? Your home!

How? Call the Smoke Alarm Hotline (650) 259-1769 to schedule your appointment!

CALL NOW



CIVICS 101

COUNTY OF SAN MATEO



Do you have questions about San Mateo County programs, services, finances, or initiatives? Join Civics 101 to learn from department heads and local leaders.

Learn more, visit: www.smcgov.org/ceo/civics-101-academy

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