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### Updates from Supervisor Mitch Mashburn - May 2023

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Dear Neighbor,

The photo above was taken at Patwino Worrtila Kodoi Dihi Open Space Park - one of Solano Land Trust's newest trail systems. The site features grades and natural paving that are easier for wheelchair access, making our public spaces more accessible for everyone. Plus, with thousands of acres of cattle grazing abutting the property, you get to enjoy the views and moos of our bovine neighbors! As you make summer plans, don't forget the many stay-cation opportunities available in this beautiful county we get to call home.

Thanks for allowing me into your email inbox to keep you up to date on what's happening here in the Fifth District of Solano County. Please don't hesitate to reach out with questions, comments or concerns, or to share your neighborhood's good news or problems that need attention.

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## Memorial Day: All Gave Some, Some Gave All



This weekend's extra day for barbecues and parades, family get-togethers and memory making was paid for by those who gave their lives on the field of battle, in service to our great nation and our freedoms. So while you're enjoying the weekend, please take a moment of silence, honor the memory of those who gave all in whatever you're doing. You can also join us at one of the ceremonies honoring the fallen this weekend:

### **Saturday, May 27th**

*Ceremony followed by placing of American Flags on Graves*

*Featuring the Air Force Band of the Golden West & TAFB Commander Col. Derek Salmi*

9:00 a.m.

Sacramento Valley National Cemetery  
5810 Midway Road, Dixon

### **Memorial Day Ceremonies, Monday, May 29th**

10:00 a.m.

*Guest Speaker: Col. Derek Salmi, Travis Air Force Base Commander*

Old Solano County Courthouse  
580 Texas Street, Fairfield

11:00 a.m.

*Guest Speaker: Vietnam Veteran Grover Wright*

Vacaville Elmira Cemetery  
522 Elmira Road, Vacaville

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## CAP Solano: Our New Regional Approach to Homelessness



The staggering growth of homelessness in our communities is a problem with a solution, and with our new commitment to Community Action Partnership Solano – or **CAP Solano** – we’re doing something about it. Rather than cities taking their own approach to homelessness with the result of shuttling people back and forth among communities, we’re taking a full, regional approach.

With two elected Councilmembers from each of Solano’s seven cities, plus me and Supervisor John Vasquez serving on its Board of Directors, we’ve made the entire county eligible for significant funding from Sacramento and Washington DC to tackle this shared problem with a shared approach. In April, we held our first strategic planning session since its inception last year, setting clear goals, metrics, and benchmarks that will guide our efforts so we’re never spinning our wheels.

I’m proud to say we’re trailblazers in taking this approach after witnessing the dismal failures in California’s more urban areas, and I’m humbled to serve as its Chair. We can’t afford to prolong the problems with band-aid solutions. We have an opportunity through CAP Solano to be more holistic in our approach and treat our fellow human beings – whether down on their luck, mentally ill or addicted to drugs – with some dignity, while sending the message that we won’t accept this anymore.

These meetings are held in public, where they belong, so everyone’s voice can be heard. Please feel free to join us on the fourth Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the County Event Center, 601 Texas Street in Fairfield.

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## Food Bank Comforts Neighbors in Need



I enjoyed a fun and informative morning recently touring the Food Bank of Contra Costa & Solano in Fairfield. Open 7 days a week in a new 104,000 square foot facility, they're constantly working to build their capacity to serve – most recently through the addition of an on-site commercial refrigerator & freezer. They help serve our neighbors in need in Solano County through 72 direct distribution sites and 74 partner agencies, with 97 cents of every dollar donated going directly to feeding the community.

Programs offered are thoughtfully tailored to those in need. A few examples we enjoyed hearing about include “**Ready-Set Meals**” packed with items that are all able to be enjoyed right then without the need for can openers, microwaves, etc. - perfect for those in the midst of a disaster or experiencing homelessness. “**K-NOW Boxes**” (Kids Nourishment On Weekends) for those in need when school meals are not available to them. “**Mobile Food Pharmacy**” which provides doctor prescribed healthy choices at a mobile pantry and currently only available here in Solano County.

The Food Bank's website makes it easy for folks to find out where they can pick up food when they are in need. Check it out [here](#). And they do much of this work through the generous help of many wonderful volunteers. Signing up to help is easy to do, just check out all the great opportunities to help [here](#). The Food Bank of Contra Costa & Solano leads the fight to end hunger, partnering with our community & serving our neighbors in need and Solano County is lucky to have them here!

## About Me, The 5th District and Contacting My Office

### About Me

I'm honored to serve as your representative on the Solano County Board of Supervisors since taking office in January 2021. As you may know, I spent 10 years on the Vacaville City Council and retired from the Solano County Sheriff's Office – I've spent my entire adult life in public service, and I'm pleased to be able to continue in this new role. My wife, Tonya, and I were both raised here, and are raising our girls here. I'm committed not just to strengthening our communities today, but to ensuring the next generation has the opportunity to thrive.

### About the 5<sup>th</sup> District

The 5<sup>th</sup> District is a beautiful little slice of Solano County – including the City of Rio Vista, Elmira, portions of the Cities of Fairfield, Suisun City and Vacaville, as well as the beautiful rolling hills of Eastern Solano County. The 5<sup>th</sup> District is the proud home of thousands of airmen and civilian employees at Travis Air Force Base, hundreds of small farms, orchards and ranches, and a portion of the San Francisco Bay Delta – the largest estuary on the west coast of North and South America, and the world's only inland Delta.

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