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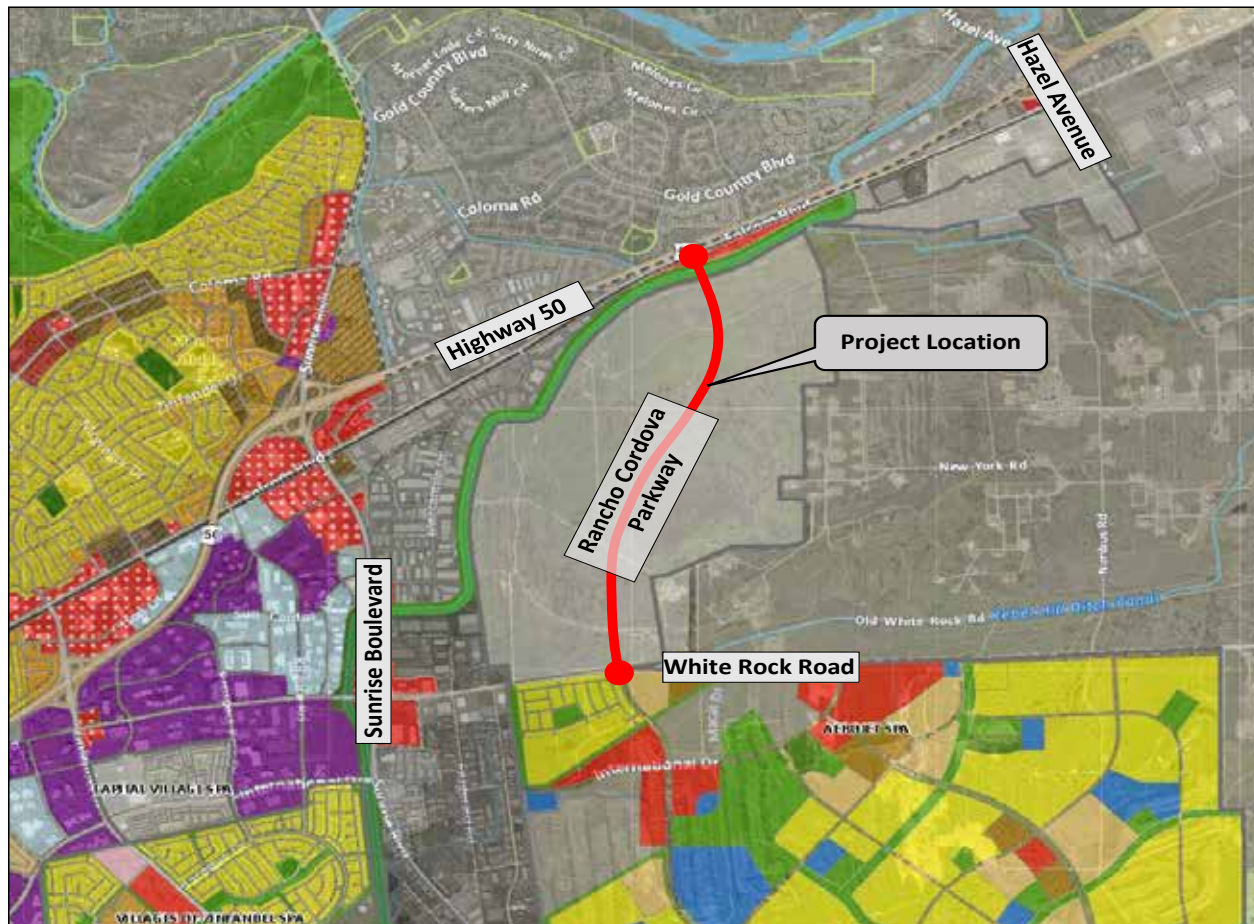


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## Highway 50 Project Moves Forward



Map courtesy of the City of Rancho Cordova

By Bill Bird

**RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG)** - The Rancho Cordova City Council approved nearly \$10 million in funding for a long-planned interchange on US 50 between Sunrise and Hazel Avenues. The proposed Rancho Cordova Parkway Interchange would be a "south only," two-mile interchange that will connect Highway 50 to new housing and commercial construction on White Rock Road.

The unanimous vote during the

September 6th meeting will allow City Manager Cyrus Abhar to negotiate a contract in the amount of \$9,672,794 with Mark Thomas & Company. The contract will result in civil engineering and structural designs for the new interchange, plus environmental and right of way support.

The San Jose based company, with offices in Sacramento and elsewhere, is responsible for several projects in the Sacramento region. This includes the Cosumnes River Blvd.

Interchange at I-5, the Watt Ave. Interchange on U.S. 50 and a 13-mile State Route 4 project in Contra Costa County.

Councilman David M. Sander found himself voting in favor of the project, while taking note of the cost. "Aye vote, for some very expensive engineering," he said during the September 6th meeting. "A new record, I think, on any project we've ever looked at."

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## CDPH Warns Schools of 'Rainbow Fentanyl'



"Rainbow fentanyl" can be found in many forms, including pills, powder, and blocks that can resemble sidewalk chalk or candy." Photo courtesy Drug Enforcement Administration

CDPH News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) this week warned school leaders about a new and concerning "rainbow fentanyl" drug that may interest youth. In a letter to superintendents and charter school administrators, CDPH Director and State Public Health Officer Tomás J. Aragón warned that "rainbow fentanyl" is a potentially fatal drug found in pills and powders in a variety of bright colors, shapes and sizes that could attract young people. "Rainbow fentanyl can be found in many forms, including pills, powder, and blocks that can resemble sidewalk chalk or candy," said Dr. Aragón. "Any pill, regardless of its color, shape, or size, that does not come from a health care provider or pharmacist can contain fentanyl and can be deadly," he said.

In its letter, CDPH points to a recent warning from the United States Drug Enforcement Agency that notes the highly addictive and potentially deadly "rainbow fentanyl" has been found in at least 18 states.

**Anyone who encounters fentanyl in any form should not handle it and should call 911 immediately.**

Recognizing the signs of opioid overdose can save a life. Here are some things to look for:

Small, constricted "pinpoint pupils"; Falling asleep or losing consciousness; Slow, weak, or no breathing; Choking or gurgling sounds; Limp body; Cold and/or clammy skin; Discolored skin (especially

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## Global Semiconductor Company Builds Research and Development Facility

Solidigm News Release

**RANCHO CORDOVA, CA, (MPG)** - Solidigm, a U.S.-based subsidiary of global semiconductor company SK hynix, Inc., along with the City of Rancho Cordova and the Greater Sacramento Economic Council(GSEC), announced the largest high-wage jobs project in Greater Sacramento's history.

After an exhaustive site search in the Greater Sacramento region, Solidigm chose the City of Rancho Cordova to build its global research and development (R&D) campus, which will be home to more than 1,900 professionals in highly paid technology jobs over the next five years with more



One of California's largest semiconductor projects will move into White Rock Corporate Campus, creating up to \$1.2 billion in annual economic impact for the capital region. Photo courtesy of the City of Rancho Cordova

than \$100 million investment in the facility. This is the largest semiconductor industry R&D project Greater Sacramento has seen over the last decade.

Solidigm is a leading

global provider of innovative NAND flash memory solutions. The company launched as a U.S.-based subsidiary of SK hynix, Inc., the world's second-largest memory chip

maker, on December 29, 2021, following an October 2020 agreement by SK hynix to acquire Intel's NAND and SSD business for \$9 billion.

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# Playmakers Goes National

Story by Shauna Boyd

### SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG)

Local non-profit organization The Playmakers has been teaching character and leadership through sports since the founding in 2009. The Playmakers founder Greg Roeszler, known as Coach Roz, saw the need for at-risk kids, such as foster youth and kids with developmental differences, to have real opportunities to be included and build relationships through team sports.

Playmakers has reached thousands of local kids through their summer football camps and after-school programs, all of which are free to students and their families. And Playmakers is expanding their reach by taking the football camps national: This summer, in addition to the local Sacramento camp, Playmakers hosted camps in Ohio, Iowa, and Florida.

It costs about \$10,000 to host a camp, and they are completely free for the students and their families. The camps are funded through private and corporate donations, various fundraising events, and with support from local civic groups, schools, and churches.

The camps are facilitated by athletes from the local high schools, who oversee the activities and participate along with the kids. Coach Roz said, "It's been encouraging to see high school kids want and be willing to serve. ... A lot of kids are craving that."

And next summer, in addition to the existing camps, Playmakers will be expanding to Washington D.C.—hosting a camp at Gallaudet University for the deaf and hearing impaired. And the high school students who help out locally at the Sacramento camp will have the opportunity to travel with Playmakers to Washington D.C.



High school athletes volunteer as leaders at The Playmakers camps, which offer a day of fun activities for at-risk kids and those with developmental differences as they learn about the importance of character while building relationships through team sports. Photo courtesy of The Playmakers.

to help at that camp, allowing them to further practice their leadership skills in a new venue.

"There are kids everywhere that need this opportunity," said Coach Roz. "We can expand anywhere there is an interest."

For many of the kids who attend these camps, it's the first time they've had a chance to play a sport with other people and be included this way — and Coach Roz said it means so much to both the kids and their families. "It's a great experience for everyone

involved," he said.

"It all just revolves around relationships," explained Coach Roz. "We're learning so much, spending time with them." And these lessons are expanding into a new avenue for Playmakers, as they give the high school athletes the opportunity to become leaders of inclusiveness on their own campuses. Just launched this school year is a calendar of events, a playbook for the athletes to follow as they take the initiative and build relationships with the special education

classes at their schools. The Playmakers' calendar of events includes activities such as painting pumpkins for Halloween and decorating ornaments for Christmas. Coach Roz said these activities keep the kids involved and the relationships connected throughout the school year.

So, in multiple states across the country, as this new school year is getting started, high school athletes are taking those lessons of connection and inclusion to heart, and forging

relationships with special education students to make them an integral part of the social life on campus.

As Playmakers is growing and expanding, these high school students are serving as delegates, bringing that message into the schools, serving as role models to other students on how to lead with character and compassion and make a difference for those who need it most.

To donate, volunteer, or find out more about The Playmakers, visit <https://theplaymakers.org/>. ★

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# Apex Predator MMA Wins Gold at BJJ Santa Cruz Tournament



Even a Thanksgiving feast couldn't keep gold away from Rancho Cordova native Edgar Alberto.

Story and photo by Rudy Vidaurri

**SANTA CRUZ, CA (MPG)** - Rancho Cordova native Edgar Alberto won gold at the Brazilian Jui-Jitsu Tour Santa Cruz Tournament on September 10 at Kaiser Permanente Arena.

Head coach and owner Rudy Vidaurri has now coached Alberto to three gold medals and one national bronze medal since opening Apex Predator Mixed Martial Arts almost one year ago. Edgar suffered a high ankle sprain just a month before the tournament and had considered withdrawing from competing until doctors cleared him to fight.

There was also nobody initially entered in his division, so Edgar arrived at the arena uncertain of his fight status. While tournament officials scrambled to find him an opponent, Edgar and his family

decided to take a trip to a local diner where he proceeded to eat turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing and pie. Unbeknownst to the Alberto family, an opponent was found at the last minute.

Meanwhile, Edgar arrived at the arena in street clothes just 10 minutes after eating a Thanksgiving dinner, and to his surprise, his name was being called for the fight. Vidaurri entered through the coaches entrance and shoved his way up to the barricade moments before the fight.

After hustling to change into his fight wear, Alberto walked on to the mat, full of turkey and pie, and won 18-0 on points without ever really being challenged. This victory marks the fourth gold medal for Apex Predator and continues with an undefeated streak in regional championships. ★

# Highway 50 Project Moves Forward

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Rancho Cordova Mayor Donald Terry agreed.

"It's a big darn project," he echoed. According to a report prepared by City staff, the new interchange project is expected to reduce congestion and improve the flow of traffic at both the Sunrise Blvd. and Hazel Ave. offramps from Highway 50. It is also expected to spur future housing development and job growth, plus create additional access to light rail and other forms of regional transit.

In addition, the project is expected to expand the bike network on Rancho Cordova Parkway south of US 50. The intent is to connect these trails along Rancho Cordova Parkway between White Rock Road and Easton Valley Parkway. They will ultimately connect to the bicycle lane and trail system in the future Westborough development.

Funding for the project will come

from several sources. This includes traffic mitigation fees, supplemental transportation fees, Sunridge Park Community Facilities District, and federal grants. The city staff report does not anticipate any impact on the City's General Fund.

Construction on the interchange is expected to begin in 2025 and is expected to take 3-4 years to complete. The estimated construction price tag is \$127 million. The City Council vote also instructed city staff to investigate federal grant opportunities to offset the cost of the project.

The City Council also approved a resolution to move forward with plans to widen Sunrise Blvd. between Kiefer Blvd. and Jackson Road (Highway 16). The project seeks to widen this 1.3 mile stretch of Sunrise from two lanes to four. The project will also result in bike lanes, improved bridge structures and additional traffic signals. ★

# Wildfire Victims Get 'Healing' Tax Exemption from Settlement Payments



Office of Senator Jim Nielsen

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Wildfire victims receiving payment from PG&E's "Fire Victim Trust" will not have to pay state income taxes on those

payments with the signing of Assembly Bill 1249 (Gallagher). Senator Jim Nielsen, R-Red Bluff, is AB 1249's principal co-author.

"The signing of the measure into law was critical for the healing of the victims of the devastating Butte and Camp Fires," said Nielsen. "I am deeply grateful for the unanimous bipartisan and heartfelt support AB 1249 has received."

AB 1249 will provide financial relief to wildfire victims of the 2015 Butte Fire and the 2018

Camp Fire by exempting them from paying state income taxes on settlement payments made out of PG&E's "Fire Victim Trust" fund.

Elected to the State Senate in January 2013, Senator Nielsen represents the Fourth Senate District, which includes the counties of Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Tehama and Yuba. To contact Senator Jim Nielsen, please call him at 916-651-4004, or via email at senator.nielsen@senate.ca.gov. Follow him @CASenatorJim. ★

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# Aerospace Museum: We Did Do It!

By Ruth N. Morse

**MCCLELLAN, CA (MPG)** - The Aerospace Museum hosted its second annual STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) 'We Can Do It' event on Saturday, September 24, 2022. The co-chairs Heidi Sanborn and Linda Martin put together an experience meant for girls in junior high and high school. The program encourages them to consider studies and careers in math, science and engineering. Specializing in aerospace technology from multiple eras, the Museum is uniquely situated to provide this.

Statistically, girls participate in STEM endeavors less than boys. Twenty-six percent of STEM participants are female. The program leads interests in such areas as robotics, space and many other math-based careers. Also offered are the satisfaction of career choice as well as challenges in scientific and intellectual pursuits of all kinds. For the intellectually curious, these paths are not only personally rewarding but also beneficial to a technologically based society.

The Aerospace Museum called on Rosie the Riveter as a mascot for the Saturday event. During World War II, women became involved in assisting the Allies by working in factories. Iconic views of Rosie the Riveter appeared on t-shirts worn by volunteers, attendees and staff. They also sported red scarves with white dots



Girls from the region's school districts attended the 2nd annual STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) 'We Can Do It' day on Saturday, September 24, 2022 at the Aerospace Museum. Photo courtesy of Karen Jones/Aerospace Museum

following the female factory workers of the 1940s.

A story about women who broke ground laying the foundations for the U.S. space program became famous recently in the movie Hidden Figures. The Museum is currently working on a mural featuring famous women in the history of aviation. Also prominent on the museum floor is a display highlighting women historical figures in science and math.

Spearheading the Saturday encounter were two co-chairs, both highly passionate about students becoming involved in STEM activities. Linda Martin is the Museum Board's President and was formerly an Assistant Supervisor of the San Juan Unified School District, one of the Sacramento area school districts and located nearby the museum. She feels strongly that girls



Kids are encouraged by their parents to apply their creativity to lessons pertaining to STEM curriculum. Photo courtesy of Karen Jones/Aerospace Museum

should be exposed to science and math so that doors can open, and women can enter careers in the field. For this, role models and mentors are needed.

Heidi Sanborn is the other co-chair of the event. She is an elected official on the SMUD Board. Her

other passion is waste and recycling. She was instrumental in getting California State SB 54 passed which will aid in achieving zero carbon in packaging by 2030. As the daughter of a chemist, she was inspired to look into a STEM career herself and has been

challenged and inspired by it. She wants the community to know that STEM activities at the museum are monthly and a strong focus of the facility.

San Juan Unified School District partners with the Aerospace Museum. As a great illustration of support, girls were bussed from various junior high and high schools to attend the event. The busses were packed with girls representative of the cultural diversity in the Sacramento region. They visited the planes, used program passports to show their viewing of various displays and connected with career mentors. On the lighter side, snacks were enjoyed, pictures with friends were taken, a few stepped into cultural dance steps as the disc jockey played lively and cultural tunes with a beat around and

had pictures taken, generally enjoying themselves. The general atmosphere was both entertaining and educational

Volunteers and staff are an integral part of the venue on special days like 'We Can Do It'. Phyllis Caesar, a former principal in SJUSD, was enjoying her first volunteer event at the museum. Liz Stowell, a passionate STEM advocate, has been at the museum for quite some time. She began as an air traffic controller in New York and then went on to work with high voltage power grids. Her father was a pilot and bomber in World War II, so she has had an interest in aviation for a long time.

Elliot Lopez entered into the spirit of the day by sporting the bandana and t-shirt. He has been part of the educational support staff at the museum for a few months and loves his job there, as do many of the other enthusiastic staff.

A panel of speakers took the stage in the afternoon to discuss their careers and interests in STEM and hopefully inspire others to participate in like pursuits.

Since the museum does not receive local or state funding, it relies heavily on its support partners and Saturday was no exception. SJUSD paid for and provided the busses for enthusiastic junior high and high school students. SMUD brought giveaways and information. The Girl Scouts, a local robotic team, and volunteers from St. Francis High School in Sacramento also participated. ★

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# Social Security Matters

## Veteran Asks About Disability and Ex-Spouse Benefits



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

**Dear Rusty:** I am a military veteran with a total & permanent disability. I was married for over ten years to a military man who has since honorably separated from military service. I was originally on Social Security disability, which automatically converted to regular Social Security retirement benefits when I turned 65 -- with the amount remaining at the "disabled" level instead of the "regular" rate based on my Social Security employment contribution record. Why wasn't my "regular" Social Security rate used when I turned 65? Also, I contacted Social Security regarding my ex-husband's Social Security since I was married to him for over 10 years but was told I am not entitled to a portion of his Social Security benefit. Why not? I was told the amount I would receive wouldn't subtract from his SS entitlement. **Signed: Disable Veteran**

**Dear Disabled Veteran:** First, I want to thank you for your service to our country. Your sacrifice is sincerely appreciated, and I'll be honored to answer

your Social Security questions.

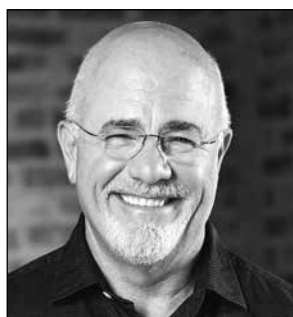
Regarding your current Social Security amount versus your previous disability amount, the Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefit you were receiving was, in fact, the amount you were entitled to at your full retirement age, even though you claimed disability benefits earlier. Your SSDI benefit, when awarded, was computed using your entire lifetime earnings history up to the point that you became disabled, resulting in you getting your earned full amount as your disability benefit before you reached your full retirement age. And that is why the amount stayed the same when it automatically converted to your normal SS retirement benefit (at your full retirement age which, by the way, was 66 if you were born before 1955). Said simply, SSDI is the full Social Security amount you have earned up to the point you stopped earning, so it stays the same when you reach your full retirement age.

As for additional benefits from your ex-husband, although you meet the length of marriage rule for ex-spouse benefits, there are additional criteria as well - you must not have remarried and remained so, and your ex-husband must be already receiving his own Social Security benefit (unless you've been divorced at least two years, in which case your ex need only be eligible to collect).

But you can only get an additional benefit, known as a "spousal boost," if you meet all the other criteria and half (50%) of the benefit your ex-husband is/was entitled to at his full retirement age is more than your current Social Security benefit. Since Social Security said you aren't entitled to an ex-spouse benefit, you apparently do not meet all of the eligibility criteria mentioned above. And to address your last point, if you had met all criteria and been entitled to an ex-spouse benefit it, indeed, would not have affected your ex-husband's benefit in any way.

Again, please accept my sincere gratitude for your military service. You may wish to visit the "For Veterans" section at our [www.amacfoundation.org](http://www.amacfoundation.org) website.

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## Dave Ramsey Says

### An Uncomfortable Situation

Dear Dave,

I need your advice. I just accepted a new job in a field I love three weeks ago. Yesterday, I was recruited and offered a position by a huge company for the same kind of position, and they pay more than twice what I'm making now. I did not send in a resume, or fill out an application for the job that was just offered. They came directly to me, and it was a huge surprise. I don't have a contract with my current employer, but they are good people and I want to handle things well and do the right thing. Can you help?

- Jenny

Dear Jenny,

Long story short, I think you take the new job. Now, how do you handle this with your present

employer? With total honesty, respect and a lot of gratitude. Walk into your boss's office, and lay out the whole situation truthfully. Let them know what has happened, how it happened, and while you feel awful about how things worked out, you had no intention of misleading them or causing problems. On top of all that, promise to do everything possible to make the transition as easy as you can.

In uncomfortable scenarios, it's always a good idea to try to put yourself in the other person's shoes. Let's pretend you own a business, and you just hired a young lady. A few weeks later, someone comes in, completely out of the blue, and offers her more than double what she's making with you. I can tell you what would happen at my company. I'd tell her to take it. I'm serious. I mean, as an employer I'm certainly not going to double her income that quickly. And while I'd be surprised, and a little disappointed, I'd be happy she has the chance to take such a big step up.

If an organization cares

about its people, and one of those team members has the opportunity to significantly increase their income - and they're not breaking a contract or promise in the process - this type of scenario is perfectly reasonable, even if it's a little inconvenient for the current employer in the short term. I know it'll be uncomfortable for you, Jenny, but they can't realistically expect you to pass up a chance to do what you love at double-plus what you're making now. Congratulations!

- Dave

*Dave Ramsey is a seven-time #1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of The Ramsey Show, heard by more than 18 million listeners each week. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today Show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions.* ★

## CDPH Warns Schools of 'Rainbow Fentanyl'

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It may be hard to tell if a person is high or experiencing an overdose. If you aren't sure, treat it like an overdose. Here are the steps that could save a life: 1) Call 911 immediately; 2) Administer naloxone, if available; 3) Try to keep the person awake and breathing; 4) Lay the person on their side to prevent choking; 5) Stay with the person until emergency help arrives.

Get more facts about Fentanyl from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Some California schools have created naloxone policies in response to increases in opioid overdoses among youth. Naloxone is a life-saving medication used to reverse an opioid overdose. CDPH encourages schools that are interested in developing these policies and receiving free naloxone to review relevant regulations and apply for a Statewide Standing Order for Naloxone.

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# California Gets Green Light for EV Charging Network

## Caltrans and CEC Joint News Release

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - California has the green light to start using federal infrastructure funding to expand electric vehicle (EV) charging stations along the state's interstates and highways following the recent federal approval of a joint plan by Caltrans and California Energy Commission.

The U.S. Joint Office of Energy and Transportation's signoff on the California Deployment Plan for the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Program makes an initial \$56 million in funding available to install charging stations throughout the state. Funded by the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 (IIJA), California expects to receive a total of \$384 million for the program over the next five years. The federal funding will build on California's historic \$10 billion, multiyear investment to accelerate the transition to zero-emission vehicles by improving affordability

and expanding charging infrastructure.

"Thanks to the Biden-Harris Administration's approval of California's NEVI plan, we can start putting historic levels of federal infrastructure funding to work to close gaps in our state highway system's evolving EV charging network and improve availability and reliability for low-income and rural residents," said California Transportation Secretary Toks Omishakin. "Coupled with unprecedented levels of state investments in zero-emission vehicles, this funding will help supercharge California's nation-leading efforts to drastically cut climate-changing pollution from the transportation sector."

The IIJA funds will add to efforts to complete a 6,600-mile statewide charging network and deploy 1.2 million chargers by 2030 to meet the anticipated charging needs of the state's EV fleet.

"With this unprecedented federal investment, California can advance our vision of a unified network of

charging stations along the state's busiest corridors," said California Energy Commission Commissioner Patty Monahan. "This new network will increase charging access, particularly in the rural areas of our state, and help EV drivers charge up on long trips."

The state's NEVI plan focuses on construction of fast-charging stations near interstates, U.S. routes and state routes throughout California. These charging stations will increase the availability of charging options, improve the reliability of the charging network and remove barriers to accessing EVs. NEVI funding will also support upgrades to existing infrastructure, charging stations' operation and maintenance costs, community and stakeholder engagement, workforce development, and related mapping and signage.

California surpassed one million zero-emission vehicles (ZEV) sold in 2021 and leads the country in all ZEV market metrics including the highest level of public

funding, the largest EV market share percentage, and the most extensive public charging infrastructure. The success of the state's programs has led to ZEVs becoming a top export and has spurred major advances

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For more information on the NEVI Formula program, visit FHWA's NEVI website and DriveElectric.gov. For the latest developments on California's deployment

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For more information on the state's progress, explore CEC's Zero Emission Vehicle and Infrastructure Statistics dashboards. ★



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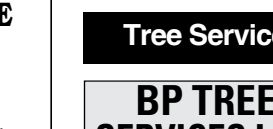
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# Low-Cost Clinic Keeps Pets Healthy and Home



Vaccinations, microchipping and licensing cost a small fee that proves priceless when owners have safe, healthy pets at home where they belong. Image by J C from Pixabay

## Sacramento County News Release

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - Pet owners whose animals venture outdoors can be keenly aware of the possible dangers to their animals, such as rabies and other illnesses as well as pets becoming lost. However, indoor animals may occasionally get out and face the same risks. In partnership with VIP Pet Care, the Sacramento County Bradshaw Animal Shelter offers low-cost vaccination and microchip clinics every third Thursday of the month, 3 - 5 p.m. at 3839 Bradshaw Road, Sacramento, CA 95827.

In addition to keeping pets healthy, the clinic focuses on making sure pets can safely find their way home. Most pets who get lost and find their way to the shelter have no identification tags and no microchip, making reunification difficult.

For only \$30, pet owners

can buy the extra security that has proven to reunite many owners and their pets. Though visible tags are the first line of identification for animals, they may wear off, fall off or get lost. Unlike traditional ID tags, permanent microchips can contain owner contact information, pet information and Bradshaw Animal Shelter's contact information, and most vets and shelters can easily scan them.

"A microchip greatly increases the chances your pet will be returned to you when lost," said Annette Bedsworth, Director of the Bradshaw Animal Shelter. "It just takes a moment to scan, and then we can quickly reunite pets with their families. Sadly, most pets who enter our shelter are not microchipped, and we have seen many beloved pets stay for several months before their owners finally tracked down where they were. It's heartbreaking."

Pet owners can take advantage of the

clinic's affordable microchipping services on the third Thursday of every month, as well as prevent illness. Pets with up-to-date vaccinations and preventive care are protected from illnesses including heartworm, kennel cough, Bordetella, parvo and Lyme disease. If unvaccinated animals contract illnesses, an owner may face costly treatments and surgeries for these preventable diseases. And when pets receive rabies vaccinations, it not only helps to prevent them from contracting the disease from bats, skunks, and raccoons, but it also protects residents from contracting the virus if bitten by an infected animal.

Licensing can be done at the same time as vaccinations and microchips for as little as \$15. Owners may also conveniently purchase a license online. This inexpensive service proves a pet's ownership and home address, and animals found by County animal officers can be returned immediately to the home, saving the stress of a shelter stay for the animal and the owners.

Vaccinations, microchipping and licensing cost a small fee that proves priceless when owners have safe, healthy pets at home where they belong.

Don't have a pet? The Bradshaw Animal Shelter has many available pets for adoption looking for loving homes. Adoptions include spay/neuter surgery, vaccines and microchipping. Visit the Bradshaw Animal Shelter's website to view a list of adoptable pets. ★

# How Sweet It Is ... The MACC Turns 5!



Left: 'Creotions' are the Oreo-based art of Christopher Creek which explores popular culture through the cookie medium displaying on the 5th anniversary of the MACC Oct. 6-22. Photo courtesy of MACC

Below: Claude Monet's impressionist masterpiece Water Lilies and Japanese Bridge gets a round cookie canvas. Photo courtesy of MACC

## MACC News Release

**RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG)** - Rancho Cordova's MACC (Mills Station Arts & Culture Center) celebrates its 5th year anniversary Oct. 6-22 with the sweetest exhibit yet! Join the celebration as the MACC is throws a birthday party – and it is all about sweets, ranging from Oreo art to award-winning cakes.

Utah artist Christopher Creek traded in his miniature stamp size paintings for an exploration into sculpting the creamy centers of Oreo cookies.

Creek began with creating these tiny pieces of art by sculpting the 17 prophets of the Latter-day Saints. During the pandemic, he set out to do one sculpture a day for a year. These small creamy creations look like porcelain on the chocolate cookie palette.

Creativity grew as he continued his experimentation, and the results became more complex and dimensional as he pushed the cookie medium further along. An accomplished tiny portrait painter, Creek decided he could also use the blank white canvas to paint, using a variety of colored creams. Before he knew it, Creek had painted all the Marvel superheroes, animals, politicians, holiday themed characters, foods like hot dogs,

apple pie ala mode, and even sushi.

Next, he thought it would be fun to have a bigger palette, so he crushed up the chocolate wafers and added a binder to stick the crumbs back together using a 7-inch springform pan to create the "ultimate Oreo." The MACC

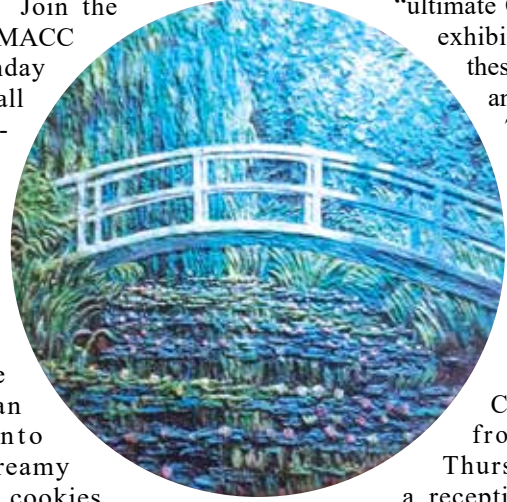


exhibit will feature 80 of these mini-masterpieces and some of the larger 7-inch cookie paintings. Creek and his son coined "Creotions" as the name of these artful snacks made from Oreo cookies.

Meet Christopher Creek and son Kyle from 5:30-8 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 6 for a reception and artist talk on how he got started down this cookie path, sharing stories of his journey. In addition to Creotions (Oreo Art), the MACC will also feature Northern California artists' works in a juried show of "Sweets" which will include paintings and artwork that deals with candies, cookies, pies and all things sweet.

And, since a birthday is nothing without a cake, entries from a cake decorating contest will also be on display throughout the gallery. Come and see who took the prizes for the top three cakes from among local cake decorators.

For more information, contact Art Director and Curator Cheryl Gleason at [cheryl@cordovacouncil.org](mailto:cheryl@cordovacouncil.org) or visit [rmacc.org](http://rmacc.org) or call 916-225-7800. ★

# Semiconductor Company Builds Research and Development Facility

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Solidigm is currently working on tenant improvements to the 230,000-square-foot R&D campus and is targeting a move-in date in the first quarter of 2023. The site was chosen for its ample office and lab space, proximity to where Solidigm's workforce lives, availability of public transportation, nearby amenities and the ability to expand to accommodate a growing workforce.

"Solidigm is pleased to bring innovation and jobs to Rancho Cordova and the Greater

Sacramento area, known for its highly skilled workforce and spirit of inventiveness," said Solidigm CEO Rob Croke. "We look forward to investing in and supporting the area's economic growth and community through jobs, partnerships, and volunteerism."

"As a global leader in data memory storage, Solidigm brings its research and development to Rancho Cordova at a critical time for our national supply chain and at a moment when we need more U.S. investment in the essential

technologies of the future," said Congressman Ami Bera. "And regionally, the benefits of this – the largest high-wage jobs economic development project our region has ever seen – brings considerable investment and opportunities that will benefit the Greater Sacramento region and its residents."

"We are thrilled to welcome Solidigm to the City of Rancho Cordova," said Mayor Donald Terry. "Our city, one of the largest jobs centers in the Greater Sacramento region, is home to

over 3,500 diverse businesses. We're proud to further diversify and add data memory storage to the exceptional list of entrepreneurial efforts that are established here."

"This investment was a significant team effort and showed collaboration within the Greater Sacramento economic development community, proving global market validation in the semiconductor industry," said GSEC President and CEO Barry Broome. "I'm proud of the GSEC and Rancho Cordova teams who


worked with our community partners to make this project a success for the state capital of California and put us on a global stage for future semiconductor economic development projects."

A critical site selection factor for this project was the timely availability of low-cost, high-up-time power. As a core member of the project team, the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) has ensured that timelines for the project were met with high reliability and competitive cost. ★



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# Kiley Responds to State Gas Prices \$2 above National Average

**Office of Assemblyman Kevin Kiley**

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - September 26, 2022, Assemblyman Kevin Kiley (R-Rocklin) released the following statement in response to California's average gas price rising to \$5.80, over

\$2.00 above the national average of \$3.73.

"California drivers are now paying \$2.07 more than the national average and we are only 20 cents away from \$6 per gallon," Kiley said. "This is what happens when the Legislature places relief for the people of our state at the

bottom of their priority list. The politicians responsible for this must be held accountable."

In January, Kiley introduced AB 1638, an urgency measure that would have immediately suspended the gas tax and saved Californian's over 50 cents per gallon at the pump. That bill was rejected in the

Assembly on multiple occasions. Instead of providing relief, the Speaker of the Assembly created the Select Committee on Gasoline Supply and Pricing to study the issue. To date, the committee has held two hearings and has yet to produce anything actionable.

Assemblyman Kevin Kiley represents the 6th Assembly District, which includes the Sacramento, Placer, and El Dorado County communities of Cameron Park, El Dorado Hills, Fair Oaks, Folsom, Granite Bay, Lincoln, Loomis, Orangevale, Penryn, Rocklin, Roseville, and Sheridan. ★

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## ABOUT KEN COOLEY



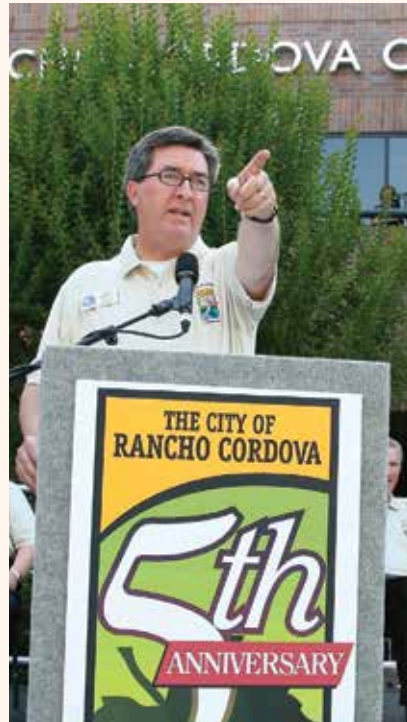
**Assemblyman Ken Cooley** and his wife of 47 years, Sydney, have made their home in eastern Sacramento County since 1977. They raised their sons here and passed their love of camping and hiking in California's mountains, rivers and lakes. As a young man, Ken worked in the Legislature and today he is the only sitting lawmaker who has run a multi-year program of active executive branch

oversight and also supported a successful veto override. Both are vital to fulfilling the Legislature's role as a co-equal branch of government.

Ken's experience and skill have earned him leadership duties in the State Capitol as Chair to both the Assembly Rules Committee and the Joint Senate and Assembly Rules Committee. As a strong advocate for the communities he represents, in recent budgets he helped local projects access about \$50 million dollars in state funds.

Ken believes the most uniquely "American method" in problem-solving – seen in churches, service clubs and PTA's – is based on listening, so that all are encouraged to speak up so a sense of the group can emerge, often reflecting parts of all the ideas shared. Ken thinks this "American method" is how all governments should make decisions.

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Although Ken was just one of the thousands of elected councilmembers serving in California's 500 cities, Ken's public service focus, respectful listening, and demonstrated ability at helping people find middle-of-the-road solutions to complex issues caught the eye of California city leaders. By Fall 2008, city leaders statewide had advanced him to be the number two state leader of the League of California Cities. Ken considered that a great compliment.



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