

County Budget for FY 2018-19 Approved



The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors voted today to approve the Adopted Budget for the Fiscal Year 2018-19.

The \$4.2 billion spending plan maintains the services the County provides to residents, as well as funding for new or enhanced programs and services.

The bulk of the investment in new and enhanced programs in the General fund is focused on making needed operational improvements in the jails and addressing critical needs in Child Protective Services.

The Adopted Budget includes an investment of \$5.5 million in the Sheriff and Correctional Health Services budgets to provide half a year's funding to add 63 positions and contract for increased psychiatric services. These new positions will address inmate classification and supervision issues, as well as provide enhanced medical and mental health services in the County's two jails.

Additionally, the investment of \$4 million will provide an additional 36 positions in the Department of Child, Family and Adult Services (DCFAS) budget. This will assist DCFAS in complying with State standards, keep more children with their families and reduce the amount of time children remain in foster care.

The Board also approved in June funding a number of services in the Health Services Department, with the focus on addressing critical needs in mental health and alcohol and drug services.

Consistent with the Board's General Reserve Policy, the Adopted General Fund Budget includes \$7.5 million to General Reserves. With this adjustment, the General Reserves balance will stand at \$21 million.

For details, visit www.bdm.saccounty.net.

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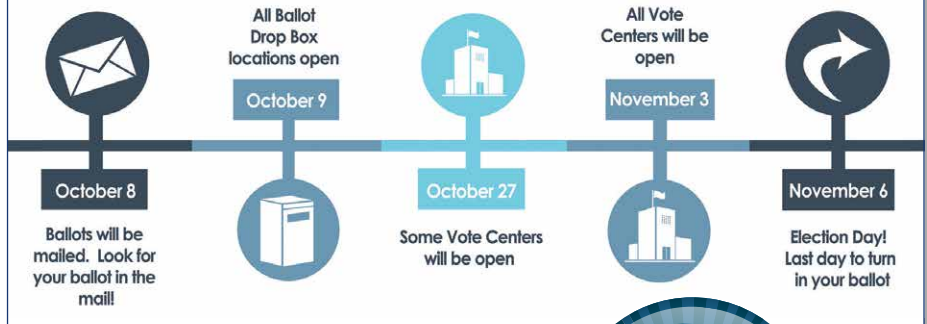
Voting this November

Sacramento County is one of five counties in California to implement the Voter's Choice Act, expanding voting opportunities for all residents. We saw positive results in June and look forward to how this makes voting easier for residents in November.

Choose how, when and where you want to vote

- » **By Mail:** Place the voted ballot inside the envelope provided, sign the envelope and return with postage.
- » **Vote Center:** With the passage of the California Voter's Choice Act, traditional polling places will be replaced with Vote Centers that are open for up to 11 days, including Election Day. This means voters can choose when, where and how they want to vote – at ANY Vote Center in the County, even days leading up to the election! At the Vote Center you can drop off your completed ballot OR vote in person as you have done at polling places in the past. There is even weekend voting!

The November Election is here!



- **18 Vote Centers** open for 11 days from October 27 – November 6, 2018
- **78 Vote Centers** open for four days from November 3 – November 6, 2018
- **53 Drop Boxes:** Beginning October 8, 2018 voted ballots may be placed in any of the 53 secure Drop Box locations throughout Sacramento County.

A complete list of locations can be found online and will be provided in the Sacramento County Voter Information Guide that will be mailed out prior to the election.

For more election and voter information, visit the Sacramento County Voter Registration and Elections website: www.elections.sacounty.net.

Emergency Alerts—Sign Up!

Have you signed up for Sacramento-Alert, yet? Just go to www.Sacramento-Alert.org and sign up your home and work phone numbers and emails, as well as your cell phone numbers. This way, when an emergency happens in your area, you will be notified about critical and time-sensitive issues – including fires, floods, evacuations and disasters.

Signing up is easy and your information is protected. Register, now, on the region's mass notification system: Sacramento-Alert.org, Yolo-Alert.org or Placer-Alert.org.

For more emergency preparedness information, go to the Sacramento Ready website at www.SacramentoReady.org.

Business License Fees Waived for Eligible Veterans

On Sept. 25, the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors approved an ordinance amending the County Code relating to general business license fees for Veterans. The approved amendment will provide eligible Veterans a fee waiver of 100 percent on general business licensing fees.

To be eligible for this fee waiver, an individual must be a Veteran of the armed services, who has been honorably discharged or released from active duty under honorable conditions from any branch of the United States military. The Tax and License Collector may require



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documentation as proof of military service and honorable discharge or release status to verify applicant eligibility.

For more information about business licensing, visit www.finance.sacounty.net.



The Path from Welfare to Workforce

Unemployment often feels like a maze. It can be hard to know where to turn – for CalWORKs recipients; the Career Connections Job Club is there to help.

Offered through the Department of Human Assistance's Employment Services Division, Career Connections Job Club is an interactive employment training program that provides strength-based skills training and an enthusiastic support team to help clients get back on their feet.

After being assessed by their caseworker to determine employment barriers and overall eligibility, participants referred to Career Connections Job Club receive child care and transportation assistance, interview practice, resume rewrites, guidance in pursuing specialized certificates and learn innovative strategies for competing in today's job market. Job Club staff work with participants to demystify the process and keep them on track with clear, achievable goals.

Career Connections Job Club is one of several opportunities offered through DHA's Employment Services division.



Participants, through their case worker, can locate a community volunteer opportunity to build work skills, access a job matching tool that connects participants with opportunities through DHA's subsidized employment providers and direct hire program. Participants who meet the criteria of a job are referred to the employer and scheduled for an interview. This provides employers with pre-screened candidates and CalWORKs families with quality jobs.

For more information, visit www.dha.saccounty.net or call 916-874-3100.

Become a Foster Family

After being in and out of foster homes for most of his childhood, one of Michael Darrough's biggest fears was that he'd end up homeless one day.

"I just know that a lot of foster kids have trouble being successful, and I was nervous about falling into that category. I get a little choked up taking about it," he says as his voice quivers a little.

Darrough first entered the foster system around age five after Child Protective Services was tipped off by a neighbor that his parents, who both struggled with drug and alcohol abuse, were neglecting Darrough and his five siblings. Due to the difficulty of finding a foster family able to take in six children at once, the kids were split up and sent to different homes.

When he was a junior at Del Oro High School in Loomis, one of his best friends from school invited Darrough to stay with his family for some respite from a foster

family that Darrough was having trouble connecting with. Darrough moved in and immediately felt like part of the family. "I loved this family," he says of finally feeling at home. "I was nervous to bring up adoption because I wasn't sure how they felt," he says, "but I just knew that this was my family."

Darrough was 17 when he brought up the topic of adoption. "They asked me if I was sure I wanted to be part of this family," he remembers of that initial conversation. "I was like, 'Of course I do!'" After some paperwork and a handful of court appearances, it was official.

"Being adopted has given me a new start in life, a new perspective," he says of how the decision has impacted him in his



transition into adulthood. "Being with a family that cares about me and wants me to succeed has given me so many opportunities.."

For details on how to become a foster parent/family, visit www.dcfas.saccounty.net.

Why Your Tax Bill is Different than Your Neighbor's

During the month of October, many people ask, "why is my property tax bill (or assessed value) different than my neighbor's?" For Sacramento County property taxpayers, the property tax bill they receive in October reflects the assessed value of the property as of January 1, 2018.



Under California's unique property tax structure, commonly known as Prop 13, property is reassessed when it undergoes change in ownership or new construction. Prop 13 assessed values increase each year by an inflation factor of 2% or less.

In a real estate market downturn, California's tax laws allow for temporarily reduced assessed values of properties that have a market value that is lower than their Prop 13 factored base value. Such temporary reductions reflecting a decline in market value are commonly called Prop 8.

It is important to note that assessed values under Prop 8 can go down more than 2% per year, and when the real estate market picks up, values may increase by more than 2% per year. However, a property's assessed value cannot be more than its Prop 13 factored base year value.

Property taxpayers can find their assessed values and property characteristics through the Assessor Parcel Viewer on Assessor's web site at www.assessor.saccounty.net. The Assessed Value Lookup tool provides a comparison between a property's Prop 13 and Prop 8 value, if applicable.

Property owners who believe a revision to their assessed value is needed, have until December 31, 2018 to file a request.

To inquire about assessed values, the review process, or other property tax assessment matters, taxpayers can contact the Assessor's Office by email, phone, or in person. To learn more, visit www.assessor.saccounty.net.



2018 Adult and Family FREE FLU CLINICS

County of Sacramento, Department of Health Services, Public Health Division, Immunization Assistance Program
(916) 875-SHOT (7468)

LOCATION	DATE	TIME
N.Highlands Comm. Center 6040 Watt Ave. North Highlands, CA. 95660	Wednesday, October 3	10am-1pm
Citrus Heights Comm. Center 6300 Fountain Square Dr. Citrus Heights, CA. 95621	Wednesday, October 10	10am-1pm
Cordova Church of Christ 10577 Coloma Rd. Rancho Cordova, CA. 95670	Wednesday, October 17	10am-1pm
Loaves & Fishes 1321 N. C Street #22 Sacramento, CA. 95811	Thursday, October 25	10am-1pm
Church of Christ 4910 Lemon Hill Ave. Sacramento, CA. 95824	Saturday, October 27	9:30am-1pm
Hart Senior Center 915 27th Street Sacramento, CA. 95816	Wednesday, October 31	10am-1pm
Mission Oaks 4701 Gibbons Dr. Carmichael, CA. 95608	Wednesday, November 7	10am-1pm

Flu vaccinations are available for persons over 6 months of age without a medical contraindication to receiving the vaccine.