

Advocating for the Unhoused in Sacramento County

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PUBLIC HEALTH
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RECOVERY, RESPONSE & REPAIR

An aerial photograph of a suburban neighborhood, showing a grid of winding streets, numerous houses with varying roof colors, and dense green trees. The image is dimly lit, giving it a somber and contemplative feel. The text is overlaid in the center in a clean, white, sans-serif font.

**How have you witnessed
the homelessness crisis
touch Sacramento?**

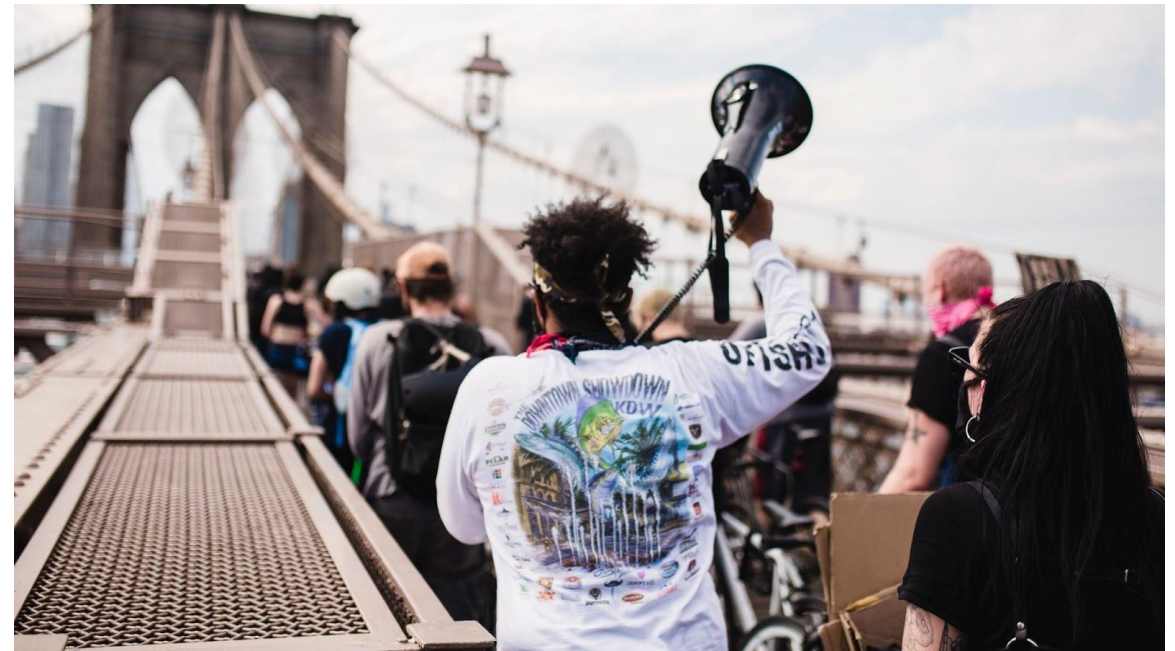
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RECOVERY, RESPONSE & REPAIR

RECOVERY, RESPONSE, AND REPAIR means helping communities recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, respond to health and economic disparities, and repair the damage of systemic racism and oppression.

Our Priority Areas

- **Housing and Homelessness**
- Addressing Racial Disparities in COVID Response
- Economic Support for Individuals and Families
- Increasing Resources for Community-Based Organizations Led by and Serving Communities of Color





Our Work in Sacramento County

- Recovery, Response, & Repair
- Initiative to Extend Project Roomkey
- Influencing Homelessness Solutions Through ARPA

What is ARPA?

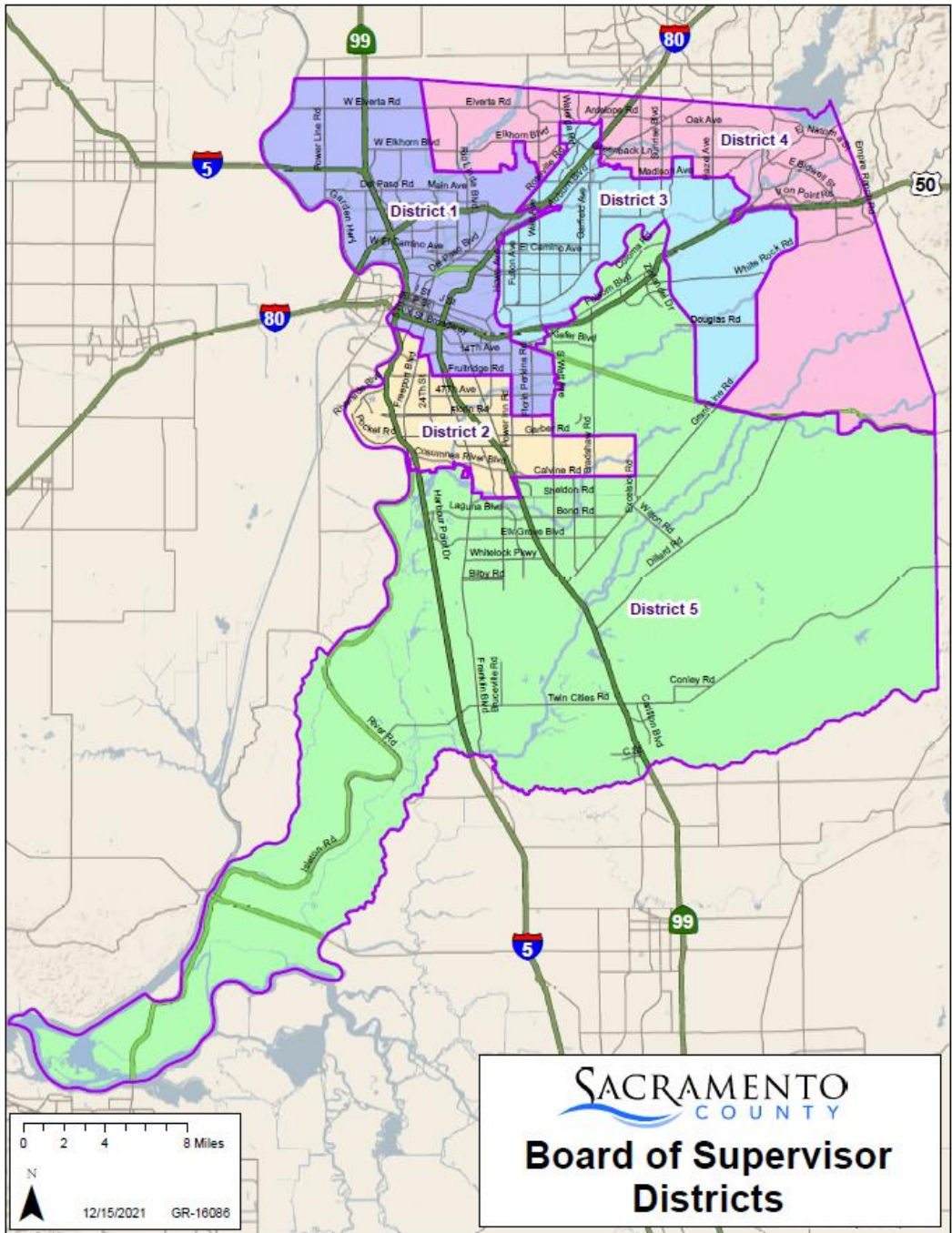
American Rescue Plan Act

Infusion of \$301M to Sacramento
County

Can be used to respond to the far-reaching public health and negative economic impacts of the pandemic

What's the Difference?

City	County	State
Addresses Homelessness Within City Limits Through Financial Investments and Policy Making	Provides Health, Homeless, and Social Services to all County Residents	Provides Money to Counties for Health and Welfare Services
Enacts City - Wide Policies, in Addition to County Mandates	Public Health Officer Guides Public Health Initiatives	State Public Health Authority Issues Public Health Guidance & Mandates for the Entire State
Public Services to City Residents: Water, Sewer, Roads, Parks, Infrastructure	Provides Services to Residents in Unincorporated Areas	Passes Laws to Advance Public Health and Safety
Police Chief is Appointed	Sherriff is Elected	



Search By Address Tool

www.saccounty.gov/SupervisorLookUp

Find Your County Supervisor



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[Phil Serna](#)



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[Rich Desmond](#)
[Vice Chair](#)



[District 4](#)
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Would you like to know which member of the Board of Supervisors represents you?

Please enter your street number and street name and you'll be directed to the website for your County Supervisor:

Or, [view all Sacramento County Supervisorial District Maps](#)

What if I Don't Live in Sacramento County?

- Do you work, play, or go to church in Sacramento County?
- Your input and opinion is valuable.
- There are still ways you can get involved!

The Message

Build on the Success of Project
Roomkey

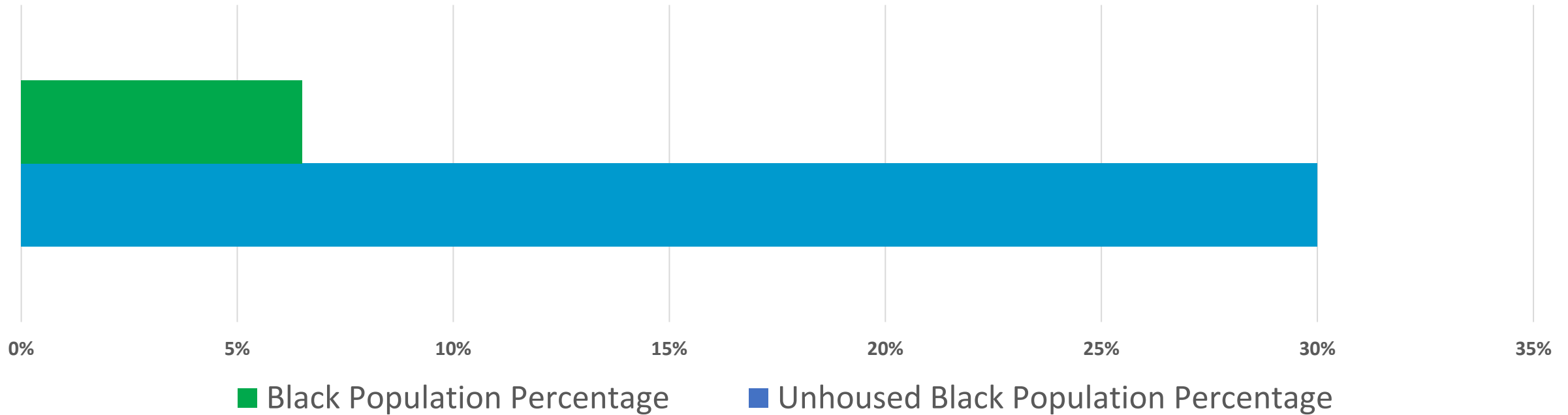
Fund Long-Term Housing Solutions

Use Data for Equitable Decision
Making

Racism is a Public Health Crisis

- U.S. Dept of Housing and Urban Development Annual Report to Congress Pre-Pandemic
- 6.5% Californians Identify as Black
- About 30% of Unhoused Californians Identify as Black

Black Populations in California





A high-angle, top-down photograph of a diverse group of people standing in a circle on a wooden floor. They are all reaching their hands towards the center, where they are stacked on top of each other. The people are wearing various casual and business-casual clothing, including denim jackets, patterned shirts, and blouses. The lighting is soft and even, highlighting the texture of the wood and the variety of colors in their clothing. The overall mood is one of unity and shared purpose.



Actions You Can Take

Write a Letter or Send an Email





 Phil Serna – District 1
700 H Street, Suite 2450
Sacramento, CA 95814
 SupervisorSerna@saccounty.gov





 Sue Frost – District 4
700 H Street, Suite 2450
Sacramento, CA 95814
 SupervisorFrost@saccounty.gov





 Patrick Kennedy – District 2
700 H Street, Suite 2450
Sacramento, CA 95814
 SupervisorKennedy@saccounty.gov




 Don Nottoli – District 5
700 H Street, Suite 2450
Sacramento, CA 95814
 Nottolid@saccounty.gov



 Rich Desmond – District 3
700 H Street, Suite 2450
Sacramento, CA 95814
 richdesmond@saccounty.gov

Take a photo of this slide
with your smartphone
to save for later!

 Non-Residents:
BoardClerk@saccounty.net

Effective Letters...

Clearly Identify the Author and
Their Supervisory District

Succinctly Identify Concerns and
Requests (One Page!)

Make a Personal Connection

Dear Supervisor _____,

My name is **Abigail Hewins** and I live in your district at **1234 Main Street**. I would like to see the Board of Supervisors **allocate ARPA funds to community-based organizations** serving the unhoused in our community.

I have built relationships with **some of my unhoused neighbors through my church**. Trusted community organizations are providing vital services to our unhoused neighbors, but they need funding through the Board of Supervisors to address this urgent crisis.

When you are able, please **provide a written response** regarding this matter to AbigailHewins@email.com.

Call In to a Board of Supervisors Meeting

Phil Serma – District 1
Patrick Kennedy – District 2
Rich Desmond – District 3 (Vice Chair)
Sue Frost – District 4
Don Nottoli – District 5 (Chair)



AGENDA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
700 H STREET SUITE 1450
SACRAMENTO, CA 95814
(Members may participate via teleconference)

TUESDAY MAY 10, 2022 9:30 AM AND 2:00 PM

The Board meets simultaneously as the Board of Supervisors and as the governing board of all special districts having business heard this date.

PUBLIC COMMENT PROCEDURES

The Board of Supervisors fosters public engagement during the meeting and encourages public participation, civility and use of courteous language. The Board does not condone the use of profanity, vulgar language, gestures or other inappropriate behavior including personal attacks or threats directed towards any meeting participant.

In compliance with directives of the County, State, and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the meeting will be live stream and open to public attendance pursuant to health and safety guidelines. The practice of social distancing and wearing of face coverings (mask or shield) is recommended for the health and safety of all persons participating in person during the meeting although it is not required. Seating is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Speaker time limits

In the interest of facilitating the conduct of the County's business, members of the public (speakers) who wish to address the legislative body during the meeting will have specific time limits as enumerated below. Consent matters are acted upon as one unit, while Public Hearings and separate

- ✓ Allows for flexibility
- ✓ Ensures the Supervisors Hear Your Comment
- ✓ Heard by In-Person and Live Stream Attendees
- ✓ Heard by the Press

How to Call in to a BOS Meeting

"It's a Piece of Cake!"

You will Receive...

- ✓ Board Meeting Date
- ✓ Time
- ✓ Telephone Number
- ✓ Talking Points

Hypothetical Example


CALL IN

SUNDAY, 5/15/22 AT 12:30 P.m.

916-875-2500 Agenda Item #14

Talking points:

1. We need sidewalks on Tralala Lane.
2. Last year a boy was seriously injured walking to WooHoo school on Tralala Lane.
1. The children in this area deserve safe routes to school



Give Public Comment at a Board of Supervisors Meeting

Day of Action: June 14th



Gather with Sacramento advocates to tell the Board of Supervisors to fund community-based organizations who serve the unhoused



- Community Organizations are Effective
- Community Organizations are Trusted
- The Need is Urgent



Stay in touch with Rev Lucy for more information in the coming weeks!

A blurred background image showing a group of people in a classroom or meeting. Several individuals have their hands raised, indicating they want to ask a question or participate. The scene is dimly lit, with a whiteboard visible in the background. The overall atmosphere is one of an interactive session.

Questions?