

**AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE  
STANISLAUS FAMILY JUSTICE COMMISSION**

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.** Chapter 9.65, attached to this ordinance and incorporated herein by reference, is added to the Stanislaus County Code.

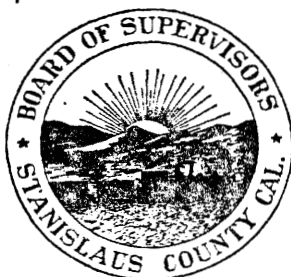
**Section 2.** This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days from and after the date of its passage and before the expiration of fifteen (15) days after its passage it shall be published once, with the names of the members voting for and against the same, in the Modesto Bee, a newspaper published in the County of Stanislaus, State of California.

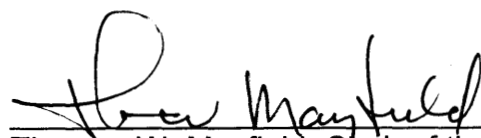
Upon motion of Supervisor Monteith, seconded by Supervisor Grover, the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Stanislaus, State of California, the 6th day of May, 2008, by the following called vote:

AYES: Supervisors: O'Brien, Grover, Monteith, DeMartini and Chairman Mayfield

NOES: Supervisors: None

ABSENT: Supervisors: None

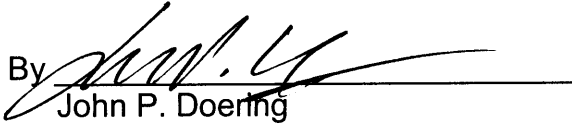


  
Thomas W. Mayfield, Chair of the Board  
of Supervisors of the County of  
Stanislaus, State of California

ATTEST:  
Christine Ferraro Tallman  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the  
County of Stanislaus, State of California

By Christine Ferraro  
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By   
John P. Doering  
County Counsel

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## Chapter 9.65

### STANISLAUS FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER

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#### Section 9.65.010 Findings and Purpose

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Stanislaus do find that the victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse or elder abuse, and more than 30 public agencies and nonprofit organizations recognize that there is a compelling need in Stanislaus County to create and implement a comprehensive, collaborative, and integrated system with a multi-disciplinary team of professionals under one roof to help and support these victims of violence.

It is the intent of this ordinance to establish a Stanislaus Family Justice Center Commission to address the needs of victims of violence, including the creation and implementation a Family Justice Center as an integrated, comprehensive, and collaborative system of information and services to build healthy relationships by providing a combination of programs, services and interventions in one location. This effort will provide support through improved case management and an augmented exchange of information and resources. Closing the gaps will improve accessibility to services and ease the burden of reporting crimes and prosecuting and rehabilitating offenders. The Family Justice Center should also greatly enhance the ability of police to investigate domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse or elder abuse crimes and ultimately increase convictions. Increasing convictions will increase the number of abusers who will complete mandatory rehabilitation programs. This combination of victim assistance, support and strengthening with the extensive counseling for abusers should work to decrease the rate of violence in Stanislaus County.

#### Section 9.65.020 Definitions

- A. "Commission" means the Stanislaus Family Justice Center Commission.

### **9.65.030 Establishment of Commission**

There is established a commission to be known as the Stanislaus Family Justice Center Commission.

### **9.65.040 Establishment of Fund**

There is established an interest-bearing special revenue fund to be known as the Stanislaus Family Justice Center. Funding will initially be provided by foundations and donors. The Board of Supervisors shall allocate for the purposes the Commission proceeds from gifts, legacies or bequests, and funds or property received for the purposes of the Commission. All moneys so allocated shall be used for the purposes of the Commission, including the acquisition of property, facilities, and equipment, and for the operation and maintenance of all facilities operated under the auspices of the Commission, and for the payment of salaries of persons employed for said work.

### **9.65.050 Membership**

A. The Commission shall consist of nine (9) members. The Chairman of the Board of Supervisors shall select one of the members of the Board of Supervisors as a member of the Commission. The Board of Supervisors shall appoint two (2) community members. The remaining six (6) members shall be standing members comprised of The Haven Executive Director, the Director of the Community Services Agency, the City of Modesto Chief of Police, the District Attorney, the Stanislaus County Sheriff, and one (1) representative from the Mayors' Commission, or each respective standing member's designated alternate representative.

B. The two (2) appointed community members of the Commission shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Supervisors for a term of office of three (3) years, until the appointment of his/her successor, and are subject to a two-term limit. Vacancies shall be filled by appointment for the unexpired portion of the term.

C. The two (2) appointed community members of the Commission shall have staggered terms. One community member shall be appointed for an initial term of office for three years, and the other community member shall be appointed for an initial term of office for two years.

D. In the event any member fails to attend three consecutive regular meetings of the Commission without valid excuse, approved by the Commission, the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors shall be notified of that fact by the Secretary of the Commission. The Commission is empowered to excuse absences, upon the giving of a valid excuse, or grant permission in advance to its members upon valid excuse to not attend a meeting or a reasonable number of meetings. Any appointed member of the Commission may be removed by the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors subject to the approval of the board, or by a majority vote of the Board of Supervisors.

E. The members of the Commission shall serve without compensation, but may receive actual and necessary expenses as are incurred in carrying out their duties.

**9.65.060 Officers**

A chair and vice-chair shall be elected by the Commission from among the members, and elect a secretary, who need not be a member of the Commission. Each officer shall serve for a term of one year.

**9.65.070 Conduct of Business**

The Commission shall establish a time and place for regular meetings which shall be held at least once every two months. Special meetings may be held upon the call of the Chairman. All meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act (Gov. Code, § 54950 et seq.). The Commission shall make such rules and regulations as are necessary to conduct business, and shall keep a record of its resolutions, transactions, which record shall be a public record.

The Commission shall adopt and, thereafter, maintain a conflict of interest code in compliance with applicable provisions of the Political Reform Act (Gov. Code, § 87300 et seq.) and the regulations adopted by the Fair Political Practices Commission (Cal. Code of Regs, tit. 2, § 1870 et seq.).

**9.65.080 Duties**

A. The Commission shall coordinate with and establish partnerships with those governmental and non-governmental organizations engaged in actives designed to prevent and treat victims of domestic violence, elder abuse, child abuse and sexual assault. The Commission may receive funds from governmental and non-governmental sources to defray needed administrative expenses to fund programs to accomplish its objectives, including the acquisition of property and equipment in the name of Stanislaus County.

B. The Commission shall ensure effective organizational planning, ensure adequate resources, manage resources effectively, determine and monitor the Commission's programs and services, and enhance the Commission's public image.

C. The Commission may employ such staff as is reasonably necessary to implement the objectives of the Commission, and shall consider all appeals of staff decisions related to the programs established by the Commission.

**9.65.090 Property and Assets**

A. All personal and real property acquired to further the purposes of the Commission shall be held in the name of the County of Stanislaus.

B. Upon repeal of this ordinance, or if the Commission becomes a private organization, any surplus property or surplus money shall be returned, pro rata, to the funding source from which funds were furnished, or to the person, agency or entity making the contribution. Any surplus property or money that cannot be attributed to any single fund source shall be distributed to the County.

ORDINANCE C.S. 1040

Upon motion of Supervisor Monteith, seconded by Supervisor Grover, Ordinance C.S. 1040 was passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Stanislaus, State of California, this 6th day of May 2008, by the following called vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS: O'Brien, Grover, Monteith, DeMartini, and Chairman Mayfield  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAINING: None

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A full copy of the ordinance is available for review at the Clerk of the Board's Office, 1010 10th Street, Suite 6700, Modesto, California. For further information, call Carol Shipley, Assistant District Attorney at 525-5552.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATED: May 6, 2008

ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk  
of the Board of Supervisors  
of the County of Stanislaus,  
State of California

BY:

  
Elizabeth A. King, Assistant Clerk of the Board

**DECLARATION OF PUBLICATION  
(C.C.P. S2015.5)**


**COUNTY OF STANISLAUS  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident Of the County aforesaid; I am over the age of Eighteen years, and not a party to or interested In the above entitle matter. I am a printer and Principal clerk of the publisher of **THE MODESTO BEE**, printed in the City of **MODESTO**, County of **STANISLAUS**, State of California, daily, for which said newspaper has been adjudged a newspaper of general circulation by the Superior Court of the County of **STANISLAUS**, State of California, Under the date of **February 25, 1951, Action No. 46453**; that the notice of which the annexed is a printed copy, has been published in each issue there of on the following dates, to wit:

**MAY 10, 2008**

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury That the foregoing is true and correct and that This declaration was executed at **MODESTO, California** on

**MAY 10, 2008**

  
(Signature)

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