

**THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS  
BOARD ACTION SUMMARY**

DEPT: Aging & Veterans Services BOARD AGENDA #: \*B-1

AGENDA DATE: May 10, 2016

**SUBJECT:**

Approval of the Commendations for Stanislaus County Outstanding Senior Citizens in Celebration of Older Americans Month in May

**BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:**

No. 2016-231

On motion of Supervisor O'Brien, Seconded by Supervisor Withrow  
and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Chiesa, Withrow, DeMartini, and Chairman Monteith

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1)  Approved as recommended

2)  Denied

3)  Approved as amended

4)  Other:

MOTION:

ATTEST:   
ELIZABETH A. KING, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

File No.

**THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS  
AGENDA ITEM**

DEPT: Aging & Veterans Services  
Urgent  Routine

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CEO CONCURRENCE: *fat*

4/5 Vote Required: Yes  No

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. Approve Commendations for Stanislaus County Outstanding Senior Citizens of the Year.

**DISCUSSION:**

The month of May is officially recognized as 'Older Americans Month' throughout the nation, and senior citizens around the nation are recognized for their contributions to our country. In Stanislaus County, five outstanding senior citizens, one from each Supervisorial District, are selected for their volunteer work in any of the following areas: community service, humanitarianism, leadership, political advocacy, or being a good neighbor. Seniors were nominated from the community at large, and the five 'Senior Award Winners' who were selected by the Senior Award Committee, have made invaluable contributions to the growth and prosperity of our community. These seniors are:

- Supervisorial District 1: Mr. Dale Butler (Modesto)
- Supervisorial District 2: Ms Teresa Guerrero (Ceres)
- Supervisorial District 3: Ms Beverly Sawyer (Modesto)
- Supervisorial District 4: Mr. Richard Edgecomb (Modesto)
- Supervisorial District 5: Mr. Paul Borchardt (Patterson)

The Board of Supervisors presentation of the Senior Commendations to their respective constituents is very meaningful to the Senior Award winners.

**POLICY ISSUE:**

The Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors have presented Resolutions to their respective District's Senior Award Winner since the late 1980's during their evening meeting in May.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

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**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' PRIORITY:**

The Board of Supervisors in recognizing the importance of senior residents in Stanislaus County and the contributions they make to the county's quality of life, promotes the Board of Supervisors' priority of A Healthy Community.

**STAFFING IMPACT:**

Current staff are overseeing this project.

**CONTACT PERSON:**

Margie Palomino, Director. Telephone: (209) 525-4601

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

Five Attachments: Resolutions 1 - 5 are from each Supervisorial District.

**RECOGNIZING DALE BUTLER AS AN OUTSTANDING  
SENIOR CITIZEN OF DISTRICT 1, STANISLAUS COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors wishes to acknowledge the outstanding service and commitment of senior citizens; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Dale Butler served in the United States Navy for four years during the Vietnam War; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Butler was a young migrant farm worker who came from Texas and with fierce determination worked and studied hard to achieve the "American Dream"; and,

WHEREAS, early on he decided that he would work in the public service field so that he could help others achieve their goals and dreams. He is an avid volunteer and he founded, or co-founded, the following organizations: DRAIL (Disability Resource Agency for Independent Living), Latino Community Roundtable, Stanislaus Regional Latino Chamber of Commerce, Latino Emergency Council; and Headrest, Inc. (now Center for Human Services); and,

WHEREAS, Dale served, or currently serves, on the following organizations as an Officer, advisor, or active member: Hispanic Leadership Council, Stanislaus County Mabuhay Club, California State University Stanislaus President's Advisory Council, American GI Forum, Stanislaus County Area Operational Council, South Modesto Businesses United, El Concilio de Stanislaus County, YMCA, Mayor's Committee for the Employment of Persons with Disabilities, Mexican American Political Association, Casa de Modesto Retirement Center, MJC Blue Ribbon Multi-Cultural, Modesto Bee's Hispanic Advisory Council, CA Association of Equal Rights Professionals, North Modesto Kiwanis Club, Comite Mexicano de Beneficencias, Global Ambassador for the City of Modesto's International Festival, Judge for the City of Modesto 4th of July parade, Stanislaus County Fair Board Director for 20 years, and Deputy Commissioner of Civil Marriages for Stanislaus County; and,

WHEREAS, he has received numerous awards over the years for his dedication and commitment to helping others. In December 2015, *Vida en el Valle* named him as one of the 25 most influential Latinos in the Central Valley; and,

WHEREAS, one acknowledgment that describes Dale's dedication and commitment to others is that the Stanislaus County Equal Rights Award is named in his honor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize Mr. Dale Butler as an outstanding senior citizen and thanks him for his very special contributions to the entire community of Modesto, and to Stanislaus County.

## **RECOGNIZING TERESA GUERRERO AS AN OUTSTANDING SENIOR CITIZEN OF DISTRICT 2, STANISLAUS COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors wishes to acknowledge the outstanding service and commitment of senior citizens; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Teresa Guerrero has volunteered for over 25 years, focusing primarily on helping enhance educational opportunities for students through non-profit organizations. She is an exceptional leader, role model, and mentor to young people, encouraging, guiding, and inspiring them to set and achieve goals for themselves. Following are some of the events and/or organizations she started or works with on behalf of students:

- ♦ She organizes the Annual Young Women's Conference held at California State University, Stanislaus
- ♦ She is the Executive Director for Parent Institute for Quality Education (PIQE)
- ♦ She was a volunteer tutor and resource liaison for the Migrant Educational Program (Caswell School)
- ♦ She is member and volunteer for the Mujeres Latinas de Stanislaus
- ♦ She is a past President of the Hispanic Leadership Council
- ♦ She served as a volunteer advisor for the Hispanic Youth Leadership Program at Downey High School
- ♦ She is a member of the Stanislaus County Juvenile Justice Commission
- ♦ She serves on the Advisory Council for the new Boys & Girls Club of Stanislaus County
- ♦ She is a member of the Ceres Unified School Board of Trustees; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Guerrero has received numerous awards for her community service over the years, and just a few months ago she was named one of the 10 most influential Latinos in Stanislaus County by *Vida en el Valle*; and,

WHEREAS, Teresa was the child of hard working farm workers and she learned early what a positive work ethic was. Ms. Guerrero worked hard to achieve her goals and she has always made it a point to help others who need encouragement. She serves as a role model who inspires others to work hard and achieve their own goals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize Ms. Teresa Guerrero as an outstanding senior citizen and thanks her for her very special contributions to the entire community of Ceres and to Stanislaus County.

**RECOGNIZING BEVERLY SAWYER AS AN OUTSTANDING  
SENIOR CITIZEN OF DISTRICT 3, STANISLAUS COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors wishes to acknowledge the outstanding service and commitment of senior citizens; and,

WHEREAS, since 1965 Ms. Sawyer has volunteered for her church, Grace Lutheran (Modesto), serving on the Altar Guild, the Church Council, and visiting residents in convalescent hospitals, bringing a friendly face, a beautiful smile, and warm conversation; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Beverly Sawyer has been a volunteer with the City of Modesto Police Department (MPD) for 23 years. She began volunteering with the MPD in 1993; and,

WHEREAS, as a volunteer with the MPD Ms. Sawyer has been involved with a number of programs: the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program, the Police Activities League (P.A.L.) program, the Bicycle program, and delivering bags of food to shut-ins; and,

WHEREAS, in 2001 Ms. Sawyer joined the Police Department's H.A.W.K. (Helping Adults with Kindness) program and has been volunteering in that capacity ever since. The H.A.W.K. program involves volunteers doing "senior citizen checks" (making sure that senior citizens are doing well) and helping senior citizens find the resources they need to maintain independently living; and,

WHEREAS, she volunteers an average of 20 hours per week for the H.A.W.K. program and at the age of 90 has no plans to stop; and,

WHEREAS, Beverly was an active volunteer with Modesto City Schools for 16 years while her daughters were in school; and;

WHEREAS, Ms. Beverly Sawyer has volunteered for 5 years with Camp Fire Girls before moving to the Modesto area; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Sawyer is a wonderful example of unselfish, compassionate volunteerism, and is a great inspiration to everyone she meets.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize Ms. Beverly Sawyer as an outstanding senior citizen and thanks her for her very special contributions to the entire community of Modesto, and to Stanislaus County.

**RECOGNIZING RICHARD EDGECOMB AS AN OUTSTANDING  
SENIOR CITIZEN OF DISTRICT 4, STANISLAUS COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors wishes to acknowledge the outstanding service and commitment of senior citizens; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Richard Edgecomb served in the United States Army for four years during the Vietnam War and served the nation for a total of 47 years (in the Army and National Guard); and,

WHEREAS, his dedication and commitment to helping those in need have made him an inspiration to others. He averages 175 volunteer hours a month; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Edgecomb has been involved in the American Legion for 23 years, serving in a variety of leadership positions and activities: The American Legion Boy State, School Award Medal Program for youth, organizing Christmas food baskets for needy Veterans and their families, and assisting with Modesto's 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade, the Veterans Day parade, and setting up flags for Memorial Day; and,

WHEREAS, Richard has received numerous awards for his wide variety of volunteer work: in 2004 he was named the State Legionnaire of the Year, in 2006 he was awarded funds from the *Modesto Bee* "Book of Dreams" contest to purchase uniforms for the American Legion's youth baseball team, in 2012 he was named the 25th Assembly District Veteran of the Year, and he received national recognition in a *TIMES Magazine* article for his leadership in the American Legion youth baseball program; and,

WHEREAS, he has driven the 40 & 8 Stanislaus Voiture Local 653 Train for many years, giving rides to children and adults at various community events. He also maintains and loans out durable medical equipment to: senior citizens, disabled persons, Veterans and their family members. In addition, Richard has also provided free transportation for Veterans to local and bay area health clinics for many years; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Edgecomb worked with Steven Lawson, Director of the Modesto Veterans Center, to lobby for and then help set up the Modesto Vet Center. The Vet Center provides "readjustment counseling services" to Veterans; and,

WHEREAS, Richard has advocated on behalf of Veterans for many years to the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors. In April 2012, the Board of Supervisors created the Veterans Advisory Commission (VAC) to advise the Board on matters pertaining to Veterans. Mr. Edgecomb was elected Chair of the VAC and the VAC has worked hard on behalf of Stanislaus County Veterans resulting in the development of a "one-stop-shop" Veterans Center that is planned to be open in November, 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize Mr. Richard Edgecomb as an outstanding senior citizen and thanks him for his very special contributions to the entire community of Modesto, and to Stanislaus County.

**RECOGNIZING PAUL BORCHARDT AS AN OUTSTANDING  
SENIOR CITIZEN OF DISTRICT 5, STANISLAUS COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors wishes to acknowledge the outstanding service and commitment of senior citizens; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Paul Borchardt has served as a Sunday School Teacher at his church (Good Shepherd Lutheran, Turlock) for 30 years, teaching 7th and 8th grade classes. He has also served as an Elder at the church for 7 years; and,

WHEREAS, Scout Law states that a Scout is “trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent” and Mr. Borchardt embodies every one of these attributes; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Borchardt has volunteered with the Boy Scouts of America organization for over 26 years. Some of his leadership roles have included: Scout Leader, Cub Scout Leader, Assistant Scout Master, and Council Resident Camp Facilitator for youth who reside in Stanislaus County’s West Side; and,

WHEREAS, he spends countless hours at meetings and organizing events: Pine-wood Derby, Blue and Gold Dinner, Rain Gutter Regatta, Scouting for Food, Memorial Day and Veterans Day activities. These events help build character, encourage community service, and promote personal fitness; and,

WHEREAS, Paul is currently serving as Cubmaster for Cub Scout Pack 81(he has served in this capacity for 16 years). Even though he no longer has children, or grandchildren, of his own in the program Paul continues to help build future leaders by teaching and mentoring youth to: value each other, respect themselves, and give back to the community; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Borchardt is a positive role model and encouragement to the youth he has worked with, whether in Scouting or at church, he has taught them valuable lessons they will carry throughout their lives and these attributes also show in his dedication to his coworkers; and,

WHEREAS, for 27 years he assisted his fellow coworkers by serving as Job Steward with the Alameda City Employees Association (10 years as President, 17 years in other Officer positions); and,

WHEREAS, he currently serves with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) the nation’s largest and fastest growing public service employees union where he represents numerous employees in the City of Patterson.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize Mr. Paul Borchardt as an outstanding senior citizen and thanks him for his very special contributions to the entire community of Patterson, and to Stanislaus County.