

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

DEPT: Aging & Veterans Services

BOARD AGENDA #: *A-5.(b)

AGENDA DATE: May 9, 2017

SUBJECT:

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

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2017-232

On motion of Supervisor Olsen, Seconded by Supervisor Withrow
and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: Olsen, Withrow, Monteith, DeMartini, and Chairman Chiesa

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
ELIZABETH A. KING, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

File No.

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Urgent Routine

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CEO CONCURRENCE: *pht*

4/5 Vote Required: Yes No

SUBJECT:

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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: Ms Colleen Charlton (Modesto)
- Supervisorial District 2: Ms Mary Burch (Modesto)
- Supervisorial District 3: Mr. Alfred Garcia (Modesto)
- Supervisorial District 4: Mr. Albert Lucchesi (Modesto)
- Supervisorial District 5: Mr. Frank Stehli (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.

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

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:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

CONTACT PERSON:

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

ATTACHMENT(S):

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

RECOGNIZING COLLEEN CHARLTON,
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, Ms. Colleen Charlton served in the United States Army for 3½ years; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Charlton has volunteered for 12 years on several Church Councils and Committees for Churches in Sacramento, Turlock, and Newman; and,

WHEREAS, Colleen volunteered for 7 years as a member of the In-Home Support Services Committee, and she also served as Chair for some of that time; and,

WHEREAS, she is currently volunteering as an Ombudsman, and has done so for the past 6 years, donating 40+ hours per month. "The Ombudsman Program advocates for the rights and quality of life for residents of skilled nursing facilities, residential care facilities for the elderly, and those who attend adult day health care programs." As an Ombudsman Volunteer, Ms. Charlton routinely visits her assigned facilities each month to ensure everything is going well for the residents, and making visits to a facility in response to any complaint against it. Many residents have no family, and Colleen treats them with gracious care and dignity, helping them during this very difficult time in life; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Colleen Charlton volunteered as a Cub Scout Den Mother for 4 years; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Charlton volunteered as the Awards Chairperson for a Boy Scouts Council for 4 years, documenting and evaluating the Scouts' progress towards badges and awards, and then ordering the appropriate badge / award for the Scouts once they fulfilled all needed requirements; and,

WHEREAS, Colleen volunteered for 3 years as a member of the Parent Teacher Association; and,

WHEREAS, she was a Hospice Volunteer for 2 years; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Colleen Charlton volunteered as a Parish Nurse for 1½ years; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Charlton is truly dedicated in helping others, whether it is a resident in a nursing facility or another Ombudsman with a difficult case. She is a very loving and compassionate person who wholeheartedly gives of herself.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors does hereby congratulate Ms. Colleen Charlton for being the Outstanding Senior Citizen for District 1 and the Board additionally thanks Colleen for her very special contributions to the entire community of Modesto, and to Stanislaus County.

RECOGNIZING MARY BURCH,
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. Mary Burch volunteered for over 20 years for the United Domestic Workers, marching, and speaking on behalf of workers' rights. She even spoke before the Governor, and the County Board of Supervisors many times; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Burch volunteered for 12 years as a hairdresser for students at Community Continuum College in Turlock. (The Mission of the Community Continuum College is: "We enhance the quality of life for our developmentally disabled adults in Stanislaus County by providing educational and recreational opportunities. We accomplish this through the development of the individual service plan which is created by the consumer with the aid of their family and support team. We strive for excellence valuing: Respect, Integrity, Teamwork, Understanding, and Open Communication. Imagine Unlimited Potential"); and,

WHEREAS, Mary was a member of HOGs (Harley Owners Group) for 5 years, and was active on behalf of the fundraiser bike rides that were held to raise funds for MS (Multiple Sclerosis), and toys for needy children at Christmas; and,

WHEREAS, she served for 4 years on the In-Home Supportive Services Advisory Committee; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Mary Burch served for 4 years on the Board of Directors for Community Continuum College; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Burch voluntarily fed homeless people in Donnelly Park in Turlock for 4 years (she lived across the street from the Park); and,

WHEREAS, Mary has dedicated her life to serving others, having been a caregiver for her mother-in-law for 12 years, a caregiver for her own mother for 8 years, and caring for her disabled daughter for 43 years, all while doing a variety of volunteer work; and,

WHEREAS, she takes humble pleasure in helping others, whether paying for grocery items for the person in the line behind her, paying for prescriptions for senior citizens, or donating money to the homeless, with the goal of making them all feel valued for who they are.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors does hereby congratulate Ms. Mary Burch for being the Outstanding Senior Citizen for District 2 and the Board additionally thanks Mary for her very special contributions to the entire community of Modesto, and to Stanislaus County.

**RECOGNIZING ALFRED GARCIA
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, Mr. Alfred Garcia served in the United States Marine Corp for 4 years; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Garcia has been a member of the American GI Forum, PFC Oscar Sanchez, Modesto Chapter, for 43 years. The American GI Forum is a congressionally chartered Hispanic Veterans and Civil Rights organization that advocates for Veterans' issues (mental health, education, employment, etc.). For the last 5 years, Alfred served as the Chapter Commander, where he provided instrumental leadership in encouraging the membership to step up and work on behalf of Veterans (he also served in this capacity in the 1980's). The organization's motto is "Education is our Freedom and Freedom should be Everybody's Business." To that end, fundraisers, such as the annual 'Black and White Ball' are held to provide scholarships to deserving students. Mr. Garcia currently serves as the 2nd Vice Commander of the State GI Forum, and his leadership there inspires members statewide to actively advocate on behalf of Veterans; and,

WHEREAS, Alfred has been a member of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) for 17 years; and,

WHEREAS, he has been a member of the Ceres American Legion Post # 491 for 4 years; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Alfred Garcia has served as a Trustee for the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) #3199 for 2 years, volunteering 10+ hours per month; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Garcia served as the Chaplain of the Marine Corps League, Bill King Detachment, for 1 year, volunteering 5+ hours per month; and,

WHEREAS, Alfred is a member of the VFW Honor Guard Funeral Detail; and,

WHEREAS, he has voluntarily taught a GED class for El Concilio; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Alfred Garcia has received accolades for his valuable volunteer work in the community, as he was recognized as the 2013 Veteran of the Year by the Latino Community Roundtable, and selected as the 2016 Veteran of the Year for Assembly District #21 by Assemblyman Adam Gray. His leadership, spirit, positivity, and perseverance make him an exemplary volunteer role model for others.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors does hereby congratulate Mr. Alfred Garcia for being the Outstanding Senior Citizen for District 3 and the Board additionally thanks Alfred for his very special contributions to the entire community of Modesto, and to Stanislaus County.

RECOGNIZING ALBERT LUCCHESI, 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. Albert Lucchesi served in the United States Army for 3 years; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Lucchesi has been a Volunteer with HICAP (Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program) for 11 years, volunteering 2-3 days a week and 45+ hours per month, mostly in the Modesto Office, but he also holds office hours in Patterson and Turlock once a month. HICAP *“provides free and objective information and counseling about Medicare. Volunteer counselors can help you understand your specific rights and health care options.”* His Supervisor notes that he is highly self-motivated and takes the initiative to learn new things and be well informed. He took extensive training to become a Medicare expert so he would give accurate information to his clients. He is always willing and able to assist with whatever is needed, and he is dedicated to working with the senior, disabled, and homeless populations, being very sensitive to their needs and making them feel respected. Al recently became a new Volunteer for the Senior Medicare Patrol, and in this role he will be educating the community and Medicare beneficiaries on Fraud Awareness; and,

WHEREAS, Albert has been actively involved for 7 years in two service programs at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church:

- ♦ Family Promise program (a member of the interfaith ministry of 11 congregations in the Modesto area) that “provides temporary shelter and support to homeless families, helps them find permanent affordable housing, and provides other family support services to low income families with children”; and,
- ♦ St. Vincent de Paul Ministry “leads women and men to join together to grow spiritually by offering person to person service to the needy and suffering. Services provided include twice a week food bag distribution from the SVDP office and weekly assistance with emergency utility assistance and other needs”; and,

WHEREAS, he volunteered for 6 years, serving on the Department of Correction’s Chowchilla Women’s Facility Advisory Council; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Albert Lucchesi volunteered for 6 years, serving on the Madera County Behavioral Drug Abuse Commission; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Lucchesi was a Red Cross Volunteer for 4 years; and,

WHEREAS, Albert served on the Stanislaus County Civil Grand Jury for 2 years; and,

WHEREAS, he inspires his peers with his dedication, motivation, problem-solving skills, and humor in the face of tragedy, and is an example of a person whose life is a dedicated act of service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors does hereby congratulate Mr. Albert Lucchesi for being the Outstanding Senior Citizen for District 4 and the Board additionally thanks Albert for his very special contributions to the entire community of Modesto, and to Stanislaus County.

RECOGNIZING FRANK STEHLI
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. Frank Stehli has been actively involved for 33 years in Patterson's Sacred Heart Catholic Church's Society of St. Vincent de Paul. "The primary role of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is to bring the love and peace of Christ to those who are suffering. If that calls for food, clothing or other assistance we will provide it with the love of Christ." He is involved in the yearly Giving Tree Christmas collection of gifts for needy families, and the annual Thanksgiving Food Basket program that feeds 500 families. For the last 10 years, he has been delivering the food for the 5-day a week lunch in the park program; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Stehli has been a member of the Patterson Garden Club for 11 years, participating in the beautification projects around the Patterson Circle and Plaza. He also helps plan field trips for the Garden Club; and,

WHEREAS, Frank has volunteered with the Salvation Army Food Distribution Program for 10 years, delivering food to the farm labor groups on the West Side; and,

WHEREAS, he has been reading to a Kindergarten class for 2 years; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Frank Stehli was a 4-H Leader for 2 years; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Stehli has a passion to serve the less fortunate, and his heart of service is inspirational to others.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors does hereby congratulate Mr. Frank Stehli for being the Outstanding Senior Citizen for District 5 and the Board additionally thanks Frank for his very special contributions to the entire community of Patterson, and to Stanislaus County.