

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

DEPT: Board of Supervisors

BOARD AGENDA # *A-4

Urgent

Routine

AGENDA DATE March 4, 2008

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

SUBJECT:

Acceptance of the Resignation of Darren Schafer from the South Modesto Municipal Advisory Council

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Accept the resignation of Darren Schafer from the South Modesto Municipal Advisory Council.
2. Direct staff to post vacancy.
3. Direct staff to send Certificates of Appreciation to Mr. Schafer.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2008-139

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

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

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) X Approved as recommended

2) _____ Denied

3) _____ Approved as amended

4) _____ Other:

MOTION:



ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

File No.

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Board of Supervisors
Stanislaus County
1010 Tenth Street
Modesto, Ca 95355

Dear Board of Supervisors:

The experience and the opportunity to be a " beacon " to shed light on the many challenging issues in South Modesto: this a once in a life-time. Without reservation, I could not serve as " Vice Chairman " because my duties to lead are very limited. If current events had called for a vote to elect me as " Chairman ", I could not serve faithfully which this position calls for. As of this new year, many personal obligations are taking a lot of my time. Please except my resignation as Vice Chairman and as council member of South Modesto Municipal Advisory Council.

Mr. Mendez will be greatly missed because of his nack for communication, which makes you want to be around him as a friend. He is the master of great detail which is the strings that keeps all the County Municipal Advisory Councils together. I wished that I had his vision as facilitator.

Unfortunately, the same issues haunt both areas I and II. As a former member of South MMAC, I was unable to delegate committees to meet with different departments to help resolve issues. Vice Chairman are only to serve as " Chair " in the Chairman's absence. I think that all council members should have the opportunity to serve as Chairman and no consecutive terms. Every leadership brings new perceptive and it's refreshing for accountability.

I only sat on three committees at the urging of my requests. There was no accountability at all for the results of the meetings with various county departments. Our monthly meetings were too lengthy and there was no control of the speakers. As the records show, there was too much time complaining about the County Sheriff and the department. I had my complaints but I wanted answers and a resolution to work with the sheriff's office. I marvel at the question " why we did not have a committee address the issue with our neighborhood stores sell alcoholic beverages so close to the park, school bus stops, our churches " ? Our beloved state representatives, and our senators did not respond to our letters for help in this issue !

What I do not understand is why was a committee member appointed that did not speak " ENGLISH "!!!!!!! How could anyone that is not bilingual understand what that member is saying ??? The official language of the county government is english. I understand that the Board of Supervisors meetings do not stop and have someone speak " Spanish " for the audience that does not speak " english ". There were only a few times did the MAC meetings had a translator. Without a translator, the meetings are stopped and then someone speaks in Spanish. Time is the essence and the council are not getting paid for their time.

Realistically, everyone failed at the nuisance noise ordinance, SMMAC, Sheriff's Office, District Attorney's Office, Chief of Police of Modesto, CHP. This is a rampant problem with boom boxes emitting audio tones that can be heard from a three to four block radius. Stationary, moving vehicles that emit these "loud" tones that disrupts the peace. The noise ordinance should author a misdemeanor. No one has resolve this issue.

As a former council member, I spent a lot of my own time on issues of Environmental issues: trailers used a living quarters, junk in front and back yards. Before the Environmental was a " complaint driven " department, the department was not meeting the public demands or resolved the complaints. The department is now only complaint driven and will not meet it's goal or objectives. The South Modesto area looks like a " third world country ". The Board of Supervisors: hire and train more staff to address this issue. Take drive down Hatch road and see for yourself!!!!!!!!!!!! Areas I and II, especially " Parklawn " area has no sewer services, street drains, side walks and decent roads.

The council only accomplished a lighting district, change the meeting location, set a new date for appointed or elected office terms.

The Gallo Art Center cost the county 15 million dollars and residents of the City of Modesto and Stanislaus County needed that money for roads, sewers, crime prevention, drug treatment, the homeless, job training, medical care to the needy, services for the elderly " list is endless ". I guess entertainment is more important!!!!!!!!!!!!

The new addition to the South MMAC is a good idea. I strongly recommend that the candidate that replaces me be from area III! No one has the passion than the person who lives in that area.

I commend the CHP officer Mayo Banuelos for his tireless efforts in making arrests and keeping our roads and neighborhoods safe. The new Stanislaus County Deputies that graduated recently are doing a good job in the Parklawn Area!!!!!!!!!!!!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Darren Schafer".

Darren Schafer