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Stanislaus County mourns passing of Chairman Thomas Mayfield

Stanislaus County, CA – Stanislaus County staff are in mourning over the death of Thomas Mayfield, Chairman of the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors, after an extended illness.

“It’s a sad day for Stanislaus County,” stated Rick Robinson, Stanislaus County Chief Executive Officer. “Chairman Mayfield brought a spark to our Board that cannot be replaced. We have lost not only an outstanding leader, but a dear friend.”

Mr. Mayfield had been a member of the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors since January 1993 and was completing his fourth and final term of office. He represented District Two, which comprises most of the south eastern portion of Stanislaus County. He served on numerous committees and commissions. He was especially known for his strong interest in the issues of agriculture and was an ardent proponent of family-related issues.

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As a County Supervisor, one of his goals was to re-create County government. He focused on accountability in government and encouraged quick follow through on issues and adherence to timetables on projects to minimize impact on taxpayers.

A number of major capital projects were completed during his terms in office. Projects included: the Stanislaus County Jail off Hackett Road; the Sheriff Operations Center; the Community Services Agency "StanWorks" building; the Ray Simon Criminal Justice Center; Tenth Street Place city/county building; 12th Street office building; the Gallo Center for the Performing Arts; and the Stanislaus County Ag Center.

Chairman Mayfield had a long and distinguished record of involvement in the Hughson community. He was member of the Stanislaus County Farm Bureau, the Hughson Chamber of Commerce and St. Anthony's Church. He also served ten years on the Hughson Elementary School Board.

Thomas (Tom) Mayfield was born in Holtville, California and raised in Imperial County, California. His family moved to Hughson, California where he graduated from Hughson High School. He worked in construction in Alaska prior to serving in the Air Force. Chairman Mayfield is survived by his wife Anita who lives in Hughson. The Chairman was always very proud of his three children and three grandchildren. With his wife, he owned and operated a farm growing walnuts and almonds and also operated a hulling business.

He will be remembered for his leadership presence, his commitment to the citizens of the county and his ability to use humor to ease tense situations.

He will be greatly missed.

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