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2020 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By **Joe Flores**

South Land Park Neighborhood Association President



Hello neighbors!

This year serving as the Association President has flown by and I wanted to take a moment to thank each and every one of the Board Members for their trust in me in representing our Association with our stakeholders, partners, businesses, city departments, elected officials and most importantly, you. Our last President spent years growing, fostering, and positioning our association advocating for you. It has been my charge over the last year to not only expand it, but to lead and tackle challenging, citywide issues head-on. Neighborhood advocacy is not done alone, but through partnerships and coalitions with area stakeholders and associations true community enrichment be achieved.

I am proud to report that SLPNA is **Strong** and **Vibrant** because of these partnerships that were made over the past year. Let me recap neighborhood highlights.

South Land Park: A Year in Review

MARCH 2019

Six days after the 2019 Annual Meeting, the Sacramento City Council voted unanimously to approve the environmental impact report and to officially approve the Del Rio Trail Project after more than five years of neighborhood planning and support. For more information regarding the Del Rio Trail, see page 8 of this newsletter.



APRIL 2019

At the April Board Meeting, two new board members began their service to the association and The Board selected a new Vice President in Sharla Smith and me, as the new President.

MAY 2019

Leadership of the new Board hit the ground running by cohosting a community Street Party event with Parkside Church. We had food trucks, Barrio Café, and a keg donated by Fountain Head Brewery. The evening included live music from Parkside Church's resident house band, Midnight Dip. (more)



JUNE 2019

At the May Board meeting, we were joined by the Executive Team of the Sacramento Zoo. They were reaching out to partner with neighborhood associations as they sought to explore relocation options from their current Land Park site. Before SLPNA could commit to a position on their relocation, SLPNA administered a neighborhood-wide survey to seek our neighbors' opinions. According to the results of the survey, 70% of the respondents indicated that they were in support of the Zoo relocation efforts with the caveat that by 90% of the respondents that the Zoo and stakeholders take all responsible steps to preserve the historic Zoo properties and ensure a park feature of compatible quality and attractiveness within two to three years should they relocate. The Zoo's Executive Team and many citywide organizations applauded SLPNA's survey and neighborhood thoughts. SLPNA Boardmembers went to a June City Council meeting to testify to the results of the zoo relocation Survey.

JULY 2019

SLPNA once again joined our Pocket / Greenhaven neighbors at the annual Fourth of July Pocket Parade. Board members and their family members passed out candy riding in a classic 1969 Chevy C-10 Truck.

AUGUST 2019

On August 15th, the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) approved an additional 4.85 million dollar grant to complete the full funding for the Del Rio Trial. Also in August, we hosted our biggest event of the year, National Night Out at Alice Birney School. It takes our event committee many months to plan this event in order to provide a free, safe, family friendly event right in the heart of South Land Park. Families enjoyed free Gunther's Ice Cream, free Raley's hot dogs, free 7/11 water bottles, free paletas (ice cream bars), magic show, bounce house, community organizations, discounts & coupons to local businesses, performances by Ohana Dance Group & iYa TaeKwonDo, and outdoor music by a DJ. We were joined by the Sacramento Police Department and other local law enforcement agencies, South Land Park's own Firestation 13 Firetruck, Councilmembers Jay Schenirer & Steve Hansen, Supervisor Patrick Kennedy, SCUSD Board Member Lisa Murawski, Mayor Darrell Steinberg and Congressmember Doris Matsui. We are indebted to the staff at Alice Birney and their Principal Michelle Horning. Mark your calendars now, 2020's National Night Out will be on Tuesday August 4 once again at Alice Birney School.



OCTOBER 2019

In October, we once again partnered with Parkside Church to host a neighborhood Fall Festival where we enjoyed fine IPAs donated by New Helvetia Brewing Company and food from the Casa Jalisco food truck. Also in October, the Neighborhood Association administered a housing survey to neighbors along Portrero Way to collect their thoughts on a proposed infill housing project.

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NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2019

The winter months were busy with community meetings addressing major topics affecting our neighborhood. First, SLPNA Board members participated in a listening session to collect feedback regarding solutions to calm traffic speed in the area shared by South Land Park and Land Park, in response to the youth that was struck on Sutterville Road at Mead Avenue. This was cohosted by Councilmember Steve Hansen and SCUSD Board



Member Lisa Murawski. The next meeting was a neighbor-led meeting to discuss homelessness and its public safety effects to our community. The meeting was hosted at the Freeport Boulevard Public Safety Center and featured members of the Sacramento Police Department and Councilmember Schenirer. Although SLPNA was not an official cohost of this meeting, board members assisted on securing the location and administering the pre-registration logistics and participated on the guest panel to answer community questions. In December, the City of Sacramento's Planning Department hosted a community forum to discuss the proposed infill housing project on Portrero Way, based on comments received by the above mentioned housing survey. Board Members attended this meeting to inform neighbors that SLPNA has been working with multiple stakeholders to insure a strong level of vetting of this infill project so that it can integrate seamlessly into the neighborhood with minimal impacts.



FEBRUARY 2020

Representatives of a proposed commercial project to redevelop a vacant parcel located at 5936 Freeport Boulevard (the old A&W site) to the February Board Meeting. The team was able to explain the proposed project details, their outreach to adjacent neighbors, site improvements and innovative site designs. The Board has since sent a letter to the Planning Department indicating its support for the project to transform a vacant lot along Freeport Boulevard by a local business who currently operates in South Land Park.

MARCH 2020

This March, SLPNA hosts its annual meeting with its neighbors and the publication of its annual newsletter (that you are reading right now). It is an opportunity for the Board to celebrate its neighborhood wins of the past year and forecast goals for the next.



LOOKING AHEAD TO 2020 AND 2021

As you can see in my Year in Review recap, the Neighborhood Association was active among many different neighborhood issues and, looking forward, it will be no different. We will be celebrating the grand opening of the new Raley's Flagship store; this spring, Belle Cooledge Park will see the construction of an outdoor stage in partnership with Sacramento Library; the Neighborhood Association will administer a South Land Park Business Survey to collect area business owner thoughts on how to retain and encourage their growth and share their needs to area partners and business advocates; partner with new area businesses and groups to host more community events that encourage South Land Park pride and vibrancy; and much more. If you would like to join the board or volunteer your time to various sub-committees (communications, event, FUNraising, governmental relations, or business liaison), do not hesitate to contact us at slpna@slpna.org.

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Thank you to our Board of Directors

SLPNA Board members are volunteers with busy lives and hectic schedules just like you. This Board is a fun and diverse group of people that have chosen to dedicate their free time to helping our neighborhood. I would like to express special thanks to Vice President Sharla Smith for being a soundboard for every crazy idea that I have and planning the day-to-day work on community issues and events. We look forward to executing the neighborhood goals together in this upcoming year. Each of our 2019-20 board members did an amazing job. Thank You to Nita Barve (Secretary), Brian Ebbert (Past President), Phoebe Austin, Kris Bergesen, Tony Jackson, Diane Matthews, Anthony Moseby, Chip O'Neill, and Chuck Hughes (Del Rio Trail Committee Chair) and departing Board Members Brian Backhaus, Dave O'Toole & Randall Henry (Treasurer). We look forward to working with two new Board Members in 2020 Justin Delacruz and Brandon Seto. Collectively, we have helped to protect and improve our community, which is SLPNA's primary mission. Here's to another great year in our neighborhood. ■



OUR NEIGHBORHOOD TRAIL

By **Chuck Hughes**

Del Rio Trail Committee Chair



The Del Rio Trail Project continued to advance in 2019. There were three major milestones. First, in March the Sacramento City Council approved the Del Rio Trail and certified the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Project. Second, train enthusiasts filed a lawsuit against the City's approval. Third, the Project received the remainder of its requested construction funding from the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG).

The City Council meeting went about as expected; it was exciting. There was a large turnout of both Trail supporters from our neighborhood, and train enthusiasts who opposed the Project. Several dozen people on both sides made public comments, including several SLPNA Board members who spoke in favor. The SLPNA Board and I want to thank everyone (there were dozens of you) who attended this meeting, whether you spoke or not. The City Council could easily see the support for the Project from the neighborhood.

The City Council approved the Project by a vote of 7–0 (two members were absent). Councilmembers Schenirer, Hansen, and Harris made comments in favor of the project during the meeting. After the vote, local television crews were outside in the lobby and interviewed multiple people, including two neighborhood residents. There were several media reports of the meeting and vote on television, radio, and newspapers in the following days.

The approval of the Project opened up a 30-day legal window in which lawsuits could be filed against the City under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). As expected, train supporters filed suit against the Project in April. When the issues with the train supporters began, the claim was that the Trail Project was not doing enough for historic preservation. The Project retains 98% of the old tracks, and the incorporation of a rail theme into project components was suggested. As the issue has dragged on, the train supporters have made it clear that preservation was never really the point, and that returning the tracks to active use was the only goal. The opening brief by the train activists was filed on February 27th. The City's response is due by April 17th, and a hearing is scheduled for May 29th.

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In late summer 2019, the Del Rio Trail got good news SACOG decided to fund the remainder of the construction cost that the City had requested. This means that the Project is now funded. As of just a few weeks ago, the City was actively contracting with an engineering firm to produce the final design plans for the Trail. Those are the plans that would be used to get construction bids and ultimately build the Trail.

Councilmember Hansen, City staff, and some SLPNA representatives recently participated in a short site walk along part of the Trail. Construction timing was discussed. Although it is still too early to tell exactly when shovels might hit the ground, the current best guess is 2022. While this may seem like a long time, especially given the time spent on this Project so far, this is normal for substantive new infrastructure projects in California.



Again, thank you to all the neighbors who were involved in the Del Rio Trail Project over the last year. The City and SACOG have heard the general support for this Project from the neighborhood and continue to move in the direction of construction by defending against the lawsuit, funding the Project, and proceeding with final design drawings. We hope to bring more good news about the Del Rio Trail in the future. ■

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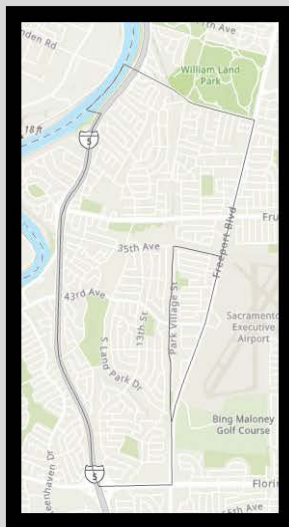
By **Captain Adam Green**

City of Sacramento Police Department
South Command

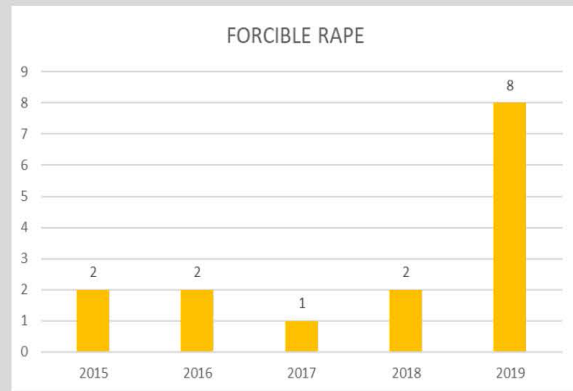
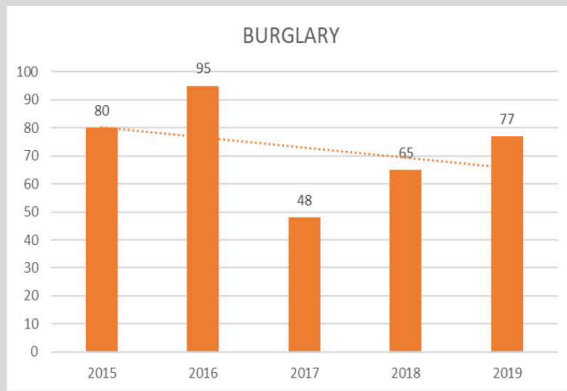


Hello! I would like to introduce myself; my name is Adam Green and I have been the new Captain assigned to the South Command since September. I feel very fortunate to be joining a great law enforcement team at our Department's South Station. It has been a few years, but I previously worked in the South Command as Patrol Sergeant and before that as POP Officer. I take great pride in being a part of the Sacramento Police Department. Preventing and addressing crime with a focus on service and professionalism is of great importance to me. I also look forward to opportunities for our Officers to engage our community and build relationships. I look forward to getting to working together to build a stronger community.

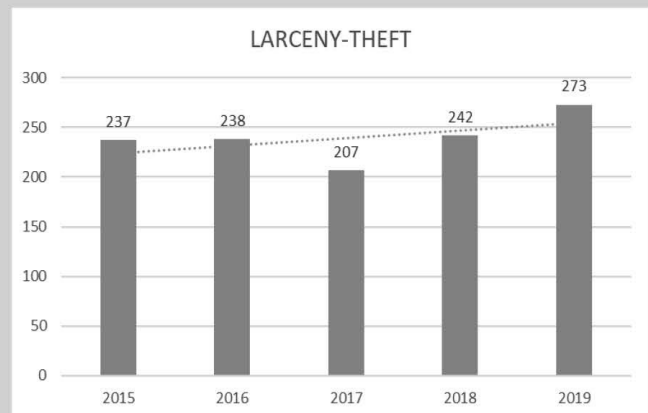
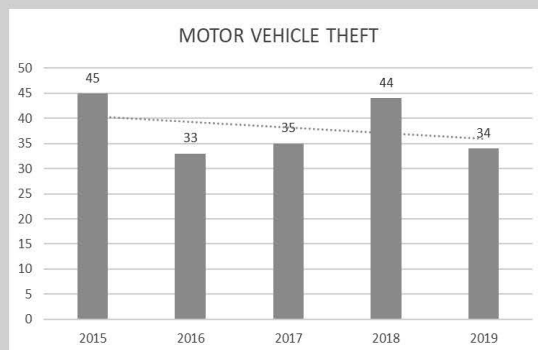
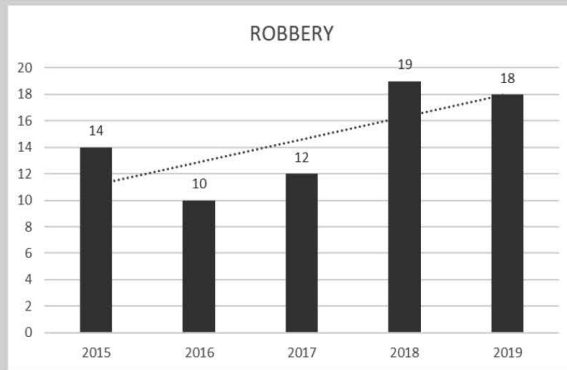
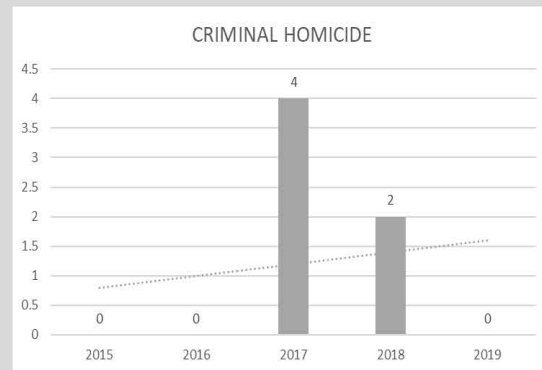
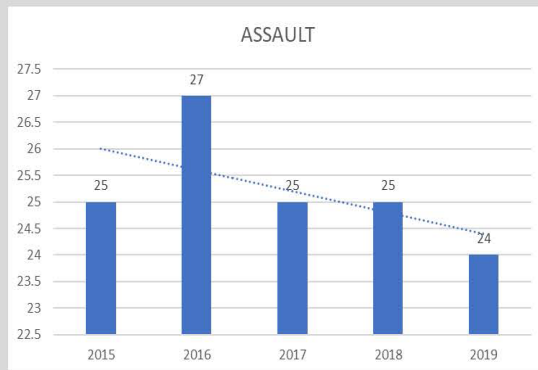
Below, is five years of Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) statistics for the South Land Park area. UCR statistics are the major categories types that all law enforcement agencies across the nation report and publish. A note regarding the following statistics: of the eight sexual assaults reported in 2019, it is important to comment that six of those incidences did not occur in South Land Park; they come up on the report because they were reported at the Public Safety Center, which is located within South Land Park, and the other two were not "stranger" rapes. Additionally, you will see that larceny has gone up. This is consistent with other areas. We are seeing increasing numbers of thefts and auto burglaries which fall into this larceny category.



South Land Park Neighborhood UCR Review 2015-2019



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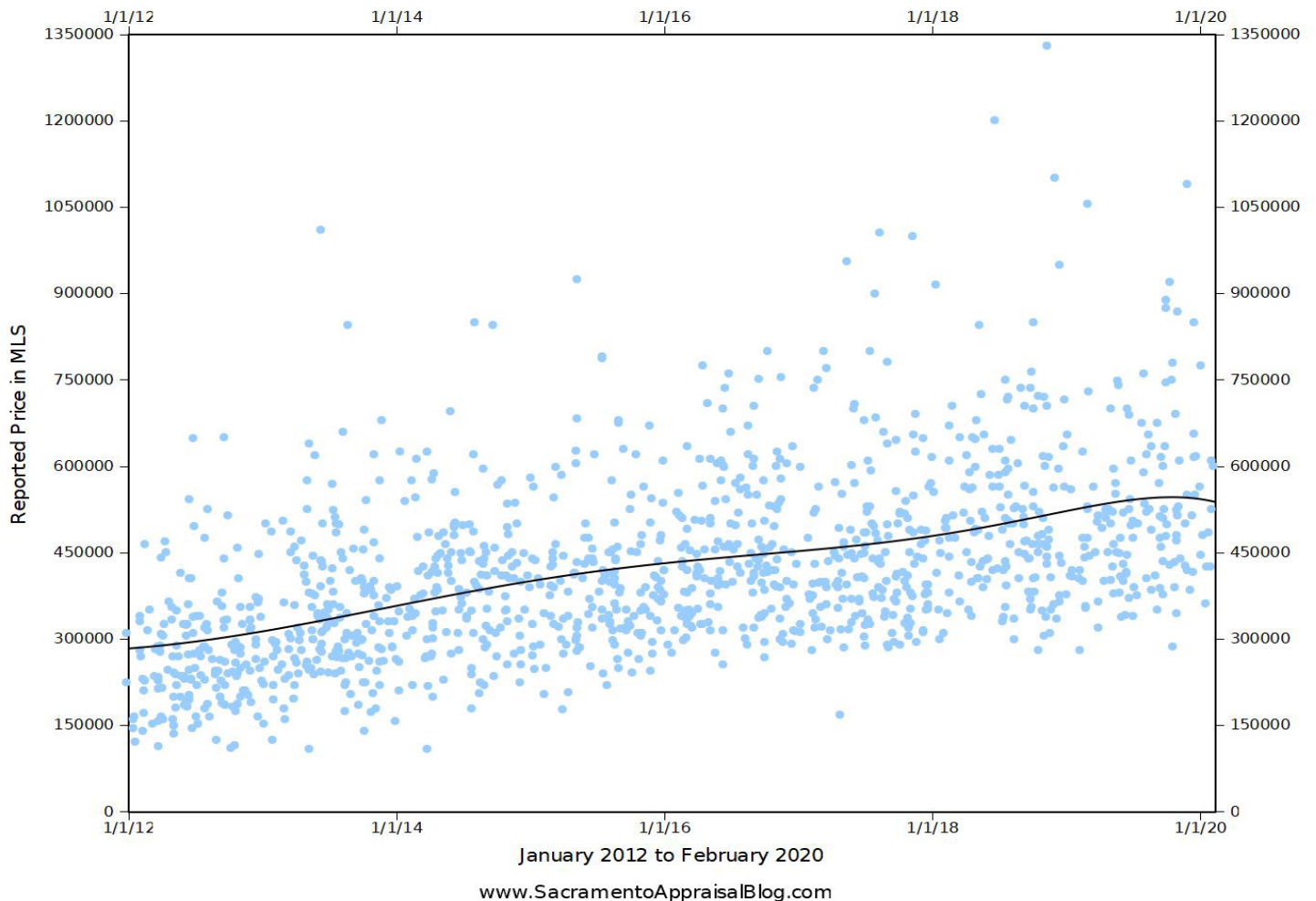


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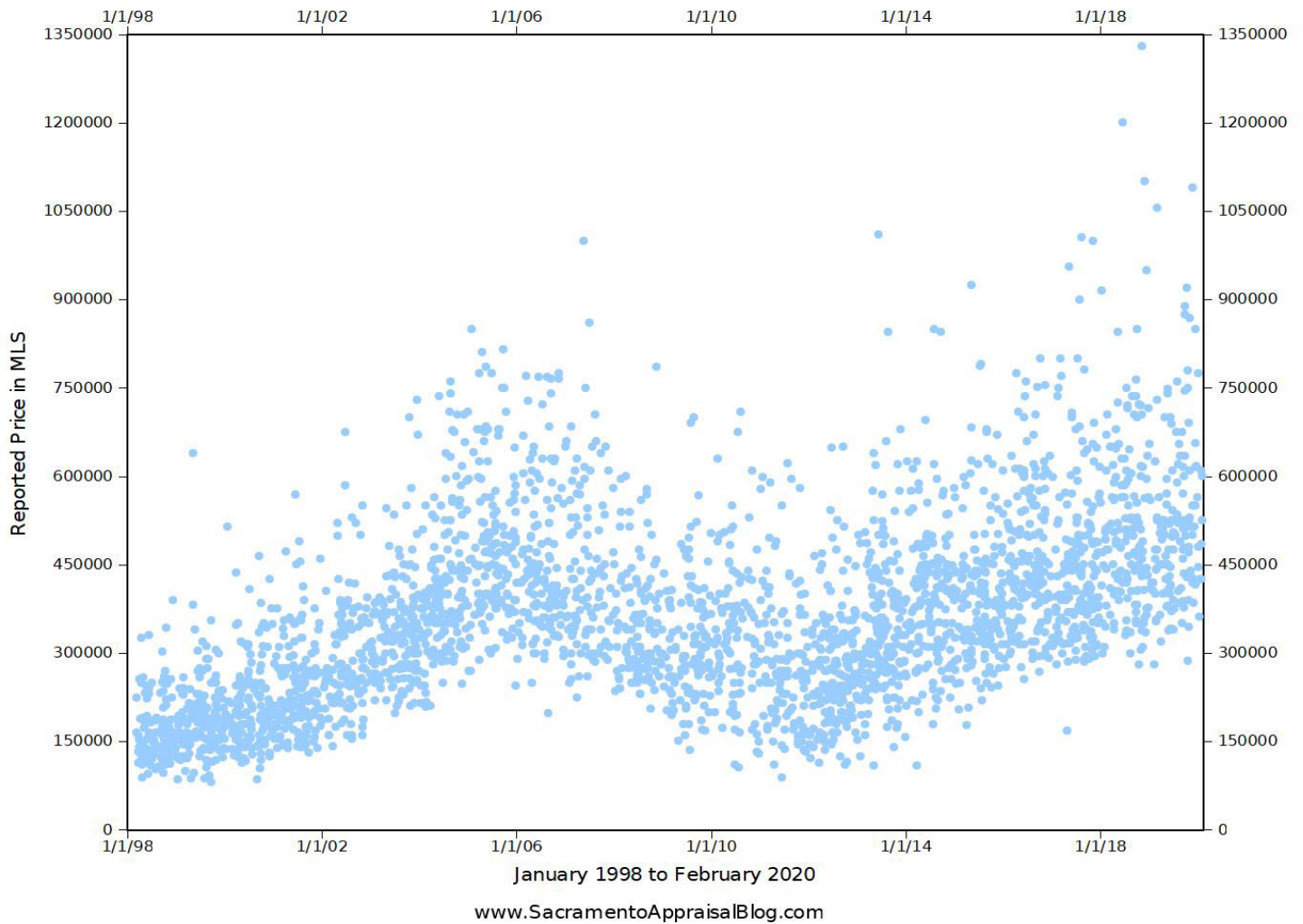
The South Land Park Neighborhood Association asked a Residential Appraiser, who has been featured in numerous media reports, to run numbers specifically for our neighborhood (Sutterville to Florin & I-5 to Freeport). Anecdotally, we have been hearing that home values have been rising over the past year, and below are the visualizations.

South Land Park Neighborhood Sales (under \$1.35M)



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South Land Park Neighborhood Sales (under \$1.35M)



South Land Park Neighborhood Trends

Monthly Data	2018	2019	Change
Median Price	\$490,000	\$500,000	+2.0%
Average Price	\$519,005	\$531,509	+2.4%
Closed Sales	162	136	-16%
Days on Market (CDOM)	30	29	-1



Stats based on single family detached sales in Metrolist

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DISTRICT FIVE

By **Jay Schenirer**

Councilmember, District 5



While we are a few months into the New Year, I still want to wish everyone a happy and healthy 2020!

Last year we spoke to many neighbors in South Land Park – from Florin Road to Sutterville and everywhere in between during neighborhood association meetings, street party at Parkside Church, handing out *paletas* (Mexican ice-cream bars) at National Night Out at Alice Birney, and with some homemade lattes at Barrio. During these conversations, we heard many of your concerns as well as the optimistic desires for the neighborhood.

Sacramento is diverse and beautiful in so many ways. From Oak Park to Z'Berg Park and Golf Course Terrace to North City Farms, each neighborhood is unique in the characteristics that it holds and brings to the city. Many have strong neighborhood organizations, some have nascent organizations, and some are not organized at all.

My goal is always to support the priorities and initiatives of each neighborhood – when there is a strong and engaged neighborhood organization, my job is much easier. South Land Park is exactly such a neighborhood, and I certainly want to commend and say thank you to all the South Land Park community members who devote many evenings and weekends working to improve the quality of life in your neighborhood – whether as an official board member, a concerned resident, or a volunteer. I also like to personally thank the Board of the South Land Park Neighborhood Association for their high-level of involvement and tackling citywide issues head on. In fact, the association's leadership and track record has served as a model as my office assists other emerging neighborhood associations within the district.

I am hopeful that 2020 has many great things are in store for South Land Park. There are still many ways that we can improve the area. From public safety response from the impacts of area homelessness, increasing accessibility for different modes of transportation, and the continuing support of South Land Park area businesses with their individual concerns, we will continue to assist South Land Park in this next year.

I look forward to working with SLPNA in meeting the City's challenges and creating the very best Sacramento we can.



Please don't hesitate to reach out to me at jschenirer@cityofsacramento.org or 916-808-7005.

SUPERVISOR PRIORITIES

By **Patrick Kennedy**

Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, District 2



Happy New Year South Land Park! Overall, this past year was a positive year for Sacramento County. The Board adopted the \$4.5 billion budget and while there were challenges around decreased state and federal revenues, costs around lawsuits and increased expenditures, the County was able to weather the adversities with a balanced budget that minimized the impact to critical services.

I'd like to take this time to share some highlights:

- 547 children were prevented from going into foster care by providing intensive services focused on child safety and strengthening of families, resulting in \$4 million in cost savings.
- In-Home Supportive Services served 30,000 clients, which allows community members to remain in their homes rather than institutional settings.
- Over 5,600 investigations of elder/dependent adult abuse were conducted.
- Sacramento County received a Drug Medi-Cal waiver which will provide for a substantial expansion of treatment for substance use disorders.
- Environmental Health Specialists conducted more than 15,000 routine inspections at food facilities throughout Sacramento County, placing green placards at a vast majority.
- \$124,332,964 in child support payments were collected, a \$3.5 million increase over the previous year.
- The Youth Detention Facility was recognized nationally for innovative programming resulting in the most improved culture change and increased safety. The population is less than half of what it once was.
- The Bradshaw Animal Shelter received more than 13,000 animals, with one of the highest live release rates in the country.
- Sacramento International Airport (SMF) handled 8.7 million passengers from January through August 2019—that's a 9.9% passenger increase versus the same period in 2018. SMF placed 7th among Large Airports in JD Power's 2019 Airport Satisfaction Survey.
- Sacramento County adopted the South Sacramento Habitat Conservation Plan encompassing 317,000 acre area in south Sacramento to conserve habitat, open space and agricultural land.

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Of course, the human tragedy of homelessness continues to plague our community and we have a lot more work to do. However, we have seen positive and encouraging results through our homeless initiatives:

- 114 families with dependent children were served through two County funded emergency family shelters, with 63 of the families successfully exiting to housing.
- The Mather Community Campus singles transitional housing program serves 329 adults. 114 exited to housing, while the transitional housing for families served 37 families with 10 exiting to housing.
- The scattered site shelters served 186 single adults with 77 exiting the shelters into housing.
- Services for those aged 18-24, include prevention, diversion and intervention that assist youth in maintaining their current housing — preventing them from experiencing homelessness. 404 youth were served, with 125 receiving preventive services to maintain their housing. 50 entered permanent housing.
- The initiative to house the 250 highest users of County services successfully placed 212 into permanent supportive housing. Housing the most vulnerable and saving taxpayers millions of dollars.
- Navigation and rehousing services in the unincorporated areas of the County served 425 persons, with 102 receiving services that allowed them to enter housing.
- The County secured \$13 million for two proposed permanent supportive housing developments for persons experiencing homelessness. Through the No Place Like Home program, where I serve as a Governor's appointee, 87 units built will be dedicated for persons that also have a serious mental health illness and wrap-around services will be provided.

If you have any questions about this or any other issue you can contact my office by calling 916-874-5481 or reach my by email at SupervisorKennedy@sacounty.net.

On a personal note, South Land Park has a new neighbor. After 30 years of living in the wonderful neighborhood of Hollywood Park, Judy and I have made a move and are now South Land Park residents. So, when you see us walking the dog, please give us a wave.■

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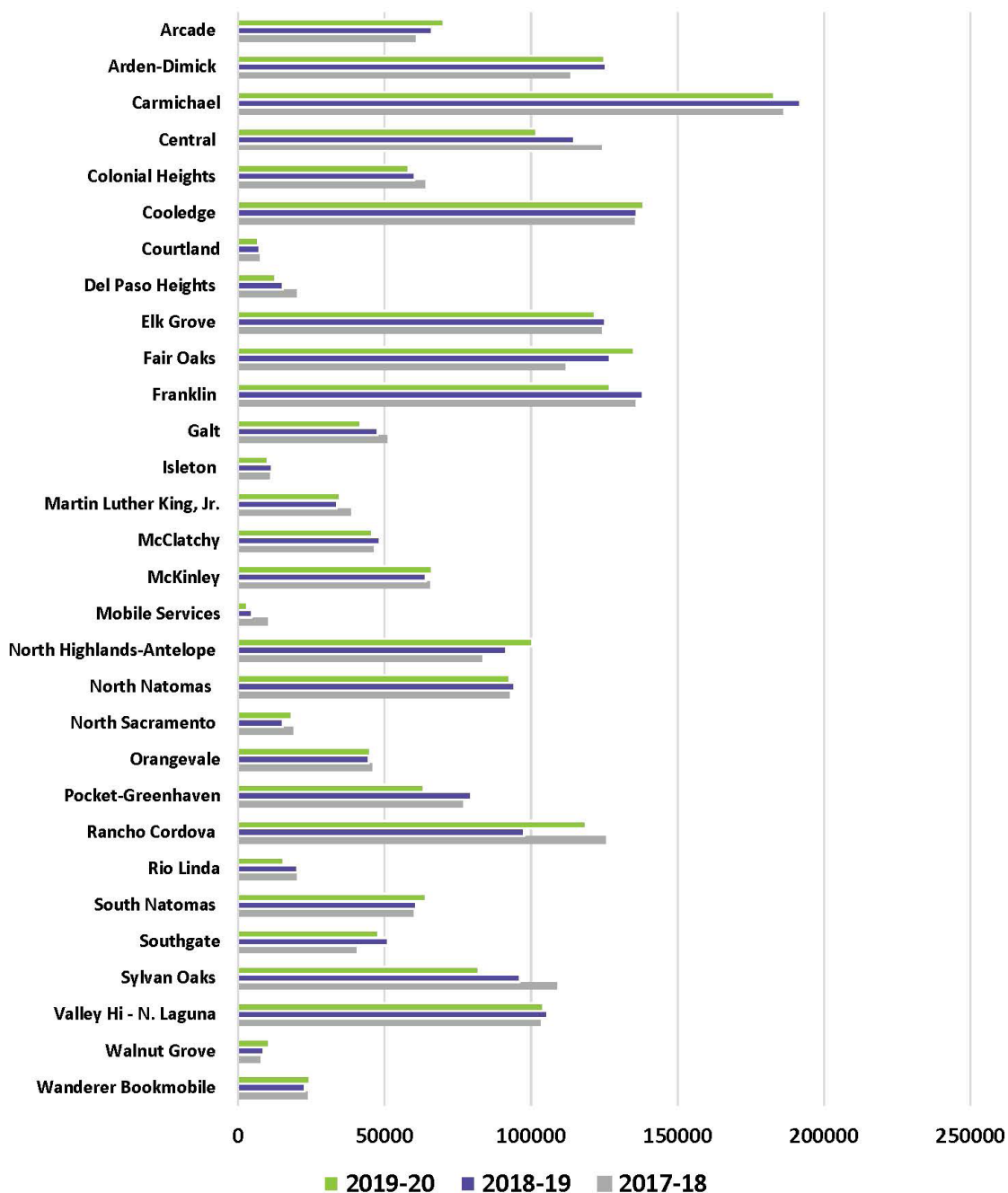
Belle Coolege Library, Branch Supervisor

In a recent Library Board Report, the Belle Coolege Library was ranked #2 across the entire library system for the number of items checked out of the library for Calendar 2019 (and has seen positive growth over the last three years). Now is a great time to also join and support the Friends of the Belle Coolege Library, Sacramento Public Library that sponsor family friendly activities like Teen Scene, Adult Programing, and Saturday's with Mr. Cooper.



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