

"Bringing Government to the People" Supervisor Chiesa hosts gathering of Turlock's federal, state and local elected officials

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Stanislaus County, CA--Stanislaus County Supervisor Vito Chiesa, District 2, will host his 3rd Annual *Turlock Government Night* on Thursday, March 20, 2014 from 6:30 to 8:00 PM in Mary Stuart Roger Building (MSR) 130 Conference room of California State University, Stanislaus in Turlock. President Sheley, has opened up the California State University, Stanislaus for this town hall-style gathering of federal, state and local elected officials listening to the constituents they serve.

Government works best face-to-face," said Supervisor Chiesa. "It's important that government leaders are accessible and listen to the public we serve. Government Night has become a tremendous vehicle for the public to meet with their elected officials and let their voice be heard," he continued.

The third annual Government Night will consist of:

HOST:	Stanislaus County Supervisor Vito Chiesa, District 2
GREETINGS:	President Joseph Sheley
SPEAKERS:	Congressman Jeff Denham, 10 th Congressional District of California
	Assemblymember Kristin Olsen, 12 Assembly District of CA
	Mayor John Lazar, City of Turlock
WHAT:	Turlock Government Night
WHEN:	Wednesday, March 20, 2014 from 6:30PM to 8:00 PM
WHERE:	California State University, Stanislaus, 1 University Way, Mary
	Stuart Rogers Building (MSR) 130 - Turlock

"I applaud Supervisor Chiesa for holding Government Night again this year. This is an important opportunity for local residents to engage with their elected officials at all levels of government. I look forward to discussing ways to address our ongoing drought on the Federal and State levels, how we can work together to rein in out-of-control government spending and finding solutions to help create jobs in the Central Valley," said Congressman Jeff Denham.

Supervisor Chiesa has been working aggressively over the past seven years to bring more accountability to local government, with a greater focus on budget reform. He also is a staunch believer in a government that listens to the public and is responsive.

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"Government Night is an opportunity for people to meet with their Federal, State and local representatives in one location. It is a forum to directly interact with the representatives they voted into office," he stated.

Supervisor Vito Chiesa and a panel of elected officials, including **Congressman Jeff Denham**, **Assemblymember Kristin Olsen** and **Mayor John Lazar** will provide a few minutes of prepared comments and then answer questions directly from the audience.

"I confer regularly with Congressman Denham, Assemblymember Olsen and Mayor Lazar. We discuss the issues of our area and work collectively to find solutions to the challenges we face. We have a strong working relationship between the layers of government here in Turlock. I want people to see that work in action and be part of the process," Chiesa stated.

Seating is free but limited to the capacity of the facility; those who plan to attend are encouraged to RSVP by e-mailing <u>hatcherb@stancounty.com</u> or by calling (209) 525-6440.

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