

Quarterly Community Issues

2023: January - March

KQNC 6:04 am– 6:06 pm Weekdays

1-3-23: MEDICAL HELP FOR THE UNHOUSED

A volunteer group is providing medical care to unhoused people in Sacramento... where in 20-21, almost 200 unsheltered people died. The practice of bringing medicine to the people ... is taking off around the state.

1-9-23: STORMS

This next atmospheric river is forecasted to drop several inches of rain, from the Bay Area to the foothills, plus blizzards in the Sierra Nevada mountains. Californians are still reeling from weeks of winter storms. Hundreds of thousands lost power this weekend. And officials worry about increased flooding and downed trees due to heavily saturated soil.

1-10-23: GOVERNOR NEWSOM'S BUDGET PLAN

California Governor Gavin Newsom laid out his plan to address a projected deficit in the state budget this year.

1-17-23: MLK DAY

The march starts at the high school and travels through Del Paso Heights. The MLK day celebration is about imparting history to the next generation. Yamilet Jorlen drove her five-year-old daughter Yolilah from land park to the march when her daughter asked to attend. Yolilah explains that her reason for coming to the March was to remember unjust laws.

2-6-23: SOLITARY CONFINEMENT REFORM

For the second year in a row there's an effort underway to reform and significantly reduce the use of solitary confinement in California.

2-14-23: STOCKTON SCHOOL FRAUD

A state audit could result in local control being taken away from the Stockton Unified School District due to illegal practices that threaten its fiscal solvency.

2-16-23: HOMELESS SPENDING ACCOUNTABILITY

California has poured billions of dollars into reducing homelessness in recent years. But residents, state, and local officials are frustrated over an apparent lack of progress. A new proposal in the California Legislature aims to bridge disagreements between Governor Gavin Newsom and local government leaders on the issue.

3-10-23 VACANCY TAX

Oakland, Berkeley and San Francisco all recently passed a vacancy tax ... to prod owners to clean up or lease their vacant properties. Sacramento City Councilmember Katie Valenzuela said at a recent committee meeting that revenue from a tax here could fund homeless services and boost the city's housing supply.

3-20-23 TRANS FLAG

Sacramento City Unified School District has kicked off a week of celebrating its trans students. The district's board passed a resolution naming the days leading up to March 31st ... Trans Visibility Week.

3-24-23 NATIVE AMERICAN CRISIS SUPPORT CENTERS

Virginia Hendrick directs the California Consortium for Urban Indian Health. She says Native people may not be calling 9-8-8 because of cultural differences in how they express feelings of distress. Many of us have a cultural belief that once you speak about something, you're speaking life into it, you speak power into it. Assembly member James Ramos believes many Native people experience psychological pain related to historical trauma...and counselors must be aware of that. Having the infrastructure is important because we need to know when someone calls that they're reaching out and talking to somebody that they can relate to. Ramos supports creating a 988 option for Native callers to be linked with Native volunteers. That model is already in place in Washington state.