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Ivanhoe PUD's Solorio says he's on the ballot by mistake

■ Seat 2 Board member Ruben Solorio blames late paperwork, encourages voters to choose Gilbert Barajas for Seat 5

By Olivia Henry
The Ivanhoe Sol

On Nov. 8, Ivanhoe residents will cast their votes to choose who will fill Seat 5 on the Ivanhoe Public Utility District's board of directors – but one of the candidates says he didn't mean to be on the ballot. Ruben T. Solorio, who is halfway through a four-year term on the board's Seat 2, is listed as running against Seat 5 incumbent Gilbert Barajas. If Barajas was unchallenged, he would have been re-appointed to the board automatically.

Solorio (who is married to Ivanhoe Sol team member Connie Vela-Solorio) explained to The Ivanhoe Sol that it was a case of late paperwork. Solorio said he was advised by the utility district to fill out candidacy paperwork with

the Office of the Tulare County Registrar. He said he believed he was extending the term of his own position, Seat 2.

Solorio completed the paperwork at the registrar's office on Aug. 10, but said he was later told by Ivanhoe PUD Manager Carol Fina that his application included wrong information and he needed to withdraw his candidacy. Solorio said he filled out the withdrawal papers and gave them to Fina to submit to the county. He said he assumed the matter was resolved, and was surprised to see his name on the vote-by-mail ballot he received this week.

The deadline to withdraw from the election was Aug. 17, according to the registrar's office, leaving five business days from the date Solorio

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County funds available to repair sidewalks – but residents must pay upfront

■ Tulare County will reimburse property owners up to \$4,000 if work is completed by May of next year

By Olivia Henry
Ivanhoe Sol

Missing sidewalks are a persistent complaint in Ivanhoe, where the slow pace of small town life is endangered by speeding cars.

Now, through the county's Curb and Sidewalk Reimbursement Program, funds are available to build or replace sidewalks in residential areas. The catch? Residents must pay for the construction work out of pocket

before the county will refund the cost up to \$4,000.

This poses a significant upfront challenge for Ivanhoe, a community with a median income below the California State average.

Tulare County Engineer Roxana Mendez spoke to the Ivanhoe Community Council on Aug. 30 about how to apply for the program. Property owners must apply for the program, and once their plans are approved, they need to work with a licensed contractor to get appropriate permits.

After the work is completed, residents must submit paper-

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Fondos del condado disponibles para banquetas, pero los residentes deben pagar por adelantado

■ El condado de Tulare reembolsará a los propietarios hasta \$4,000 si el trabajo se completa para mayo del próximo año

Por Olivia Henry
Ivanhoe Sol

Falta las aceras son una queja persistente en Ivanhoe, donde el ritmo lento de la vida de un pueblo pequeño se ve amenazado por la velocidad de los autos.

Ahora, a través del condado Programa de Reembolso de Aceras y Aceras, hay fondos disponibles para construir o reemplazar aceras en áreas residenciales. ¿La captura? Los residentes deben pagar el

trabajo de construcción de su bolsillo antes de que el condado reembolse el costo hasta \$4,000.

Esto plantea un importante desafío inicial para Ivanhoe, una comunidad con un ingreso medio por debajo del promedio del estado de California

La ingeniería del condado de Tulare, Roxana Méndez, habló con el Consejo Comunitario de Ivanhoe el 30 de agosto sobre cómo solicitar el programa. Los propietarios deben presentar una solicitud para el programa, una vez que se aprueben sus planes, deben trabajar con un contratista con licencia para obtener los permisos correspondientes.

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Festival energizes Latino voter engagement

■ Free community event GenteFest seeks to engage Latino voters in Tulare County to turn out to vote

By Pedro Hernandez
Ivanhoe Sol

On Oct. 7, nearly 1,000 residents from throughout Tulare, Kern, Kings, and Fresno County gathered to attend GenteFest at Visalia's Fox Theater. This free concert was hosted by various organizations including Loud For Tomorrow and the Dolores Huerta Foundation.

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El festival energiza la participación de los votantes latinos

■ Evento comunitario gratuito GenteFest busca involucrar a los votantes latinos en el condado de Tulare para que acudan a votar

Por Pedro Hernandez
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El 7 de octubre, casi 1,000 residentes de todo el condado de Tulare, Kern, Kings y Fresno se reunieron para asistir GenteFest en el Teatro Fox de Visalia. Este concierto gratuito fue organizado por varias organizaciones, incluidas Loud For Tomorrow y la Fundación Dolores Huerta.

GenteFest contó con actuaciones de artistas latinos conocidos como Sno Tha Product, Las Cafeteras y Fuego.

Según el organizador del evento y cofundador de Loud For Tomorrow, José Orrellana, "Tenemos una gran mayoría de votantes latinos, pero no vamos a votar. Queríamos pensar en las actividades y los métodos de divulgación que hablan a los latinos: como música, comida gratis y simplemente pasar un buen rato. Nuestra comunidad se merece algo así."

El objetivo del evento fue crear conciencia sobre las elecciones de

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Ivanhoe will help decide the fate of three local races

■ Candidates for Tulare County supervisor and Visalia Unified school board make their case

By Olivia Henry
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Race: Tulare County Board of Supervisors, District 4

What is it? This election will choose the person who will represent roughly 92,000 people in the cities of Dinuba, Woodlake, and some of Visalia, as well as



Scott Harness
Candidate,
District 4

the unincorporated communities of Badger, Cutler-Orosi, Elderwood, Goshen, Ivanhoe, London, Monson-Sultana, Seville, Three Rivers, Traver and Yettem. The supervisor is elected for four years. Supervisors set the county budget and are in charge of all county departments, programs and property.

Who is running?

Eddie Valero: Valero was elected to the board of supervisors in 2018. He was raised in Cutler-Orosi and founded a non-profit there to support young men without fathers. Learn more at <https://eddievalero.com>. Valero submitted this

statement to the Ivanhoe Sol:

It is an honor to serve as your Supervisor. I believe we have achieved so much, but we still have so much more to do. That is why I hope to earn your vote again in November. Please feel free to reach out to me on my personal cell phone (559) 799-4359. My door is always open. –Eddie Valero

- Increased Budgets for Public Safety!
- Balanced a 1.5 Billion Dollar Budget!
- Improved Parks and Recreational Opportunities!

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Ivanhoe ayudará a decidir el destino de tres contiendas locales

■ Los candidatos para supervisor del condado de Tulare y la junta escolar unificada de Visalia presentan su caso

Por Olivia Henry
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Elección: Junta de Supervisores del Condado de Tulare, Distrito 4

¿Qué es eso? Esta elección elegirá a la persona que representará a aproximadamente 92,000 personas en las ciudades de Dinuba, Woodlake y algunas de Visalia, así como a las comunidades no incorporadas de Badger, Cutler-Orosi, Elderwood, Goshen, Ivanhoe, London, Monson-Sultana, Sevilla, Tres Ríos, Traver y Yettem. El supervisor es elegido por cuatro años. Los supervisores establecen el presupuesto del condado y están a cargo de todos los departamen-

tos, programas y propiedades del condado.

¿Quién está corriendo?

Eddie Valero: Valero fue elegido miembro de la junta de supervisores en 2018. Se crió en Cutler-Orosi y fundó allí una organización sin fines de lucro para apoyar a los jóvenes sin padres. Más información en <https://eddievalero.com>. Valero envió esta declaración a Ivanhoe Sol:

Es un honor servir como su Supervisor. Creo que hemos logrado mucho, pero todavía tenemos mucho más por hacer. Por eso espero volver a ganarme su voto en noviembre. No dude en comunicarse conmigo a mi teléfono celular personal (559) 799-4359. Mi puerta siempre está abierta. –Eddie Valero

- Presupuestos aumentados para Seguridad Pública!
- Equilibrado un presupuesto

de 1.500 millones de dólares!

- Parques mejorados y oportunidades recreativas!
- Carreteras y puentes mejorados en todo el distrito!
- Mayor acceso a suministros de agua potable para nuestros residentes!
- Pequeñas empresas locales apoyadas, trabajando para mantener bajos los trámites burocráticos!
- Luchando por más recursos para combatir y prevenir incendios forestales!
- Abogar por un mayor servicio de agua para nuestros agricultores!
- Trabajando para una mayor asociación entre el condado y las comunidades locales

Scott Harness: Harness fue

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