



2021 State of the City



Sacramento Mayor Darrell Steinberg



Sacramento is coming back strong.

Work on major projects like the SMUD Museum of Science and Curiosity and the SAFE Credit Union Convention Center and Performing Arts Center never stopped in the pandemic. New housing, hotels and offices are rising all over downtown.

In 2020, UC Davis finalized plans to build Aggie Square, an innovation district that will create thousands of new jobs next to Oak Park. We worked with the community and university on a formal agreement to prevent displacement and make sure local residents get hired. It's a model we will replicate on future projects.

We launched one of the most robust community relief efforts in the country, using our stimulus dollars to help small businesses, youth, cultural institutions and people threatened with eviction. We stepped up our efforts to reduce homelessness.

We will continue this focus in the months ahead as we build a Sacramento that's one city — for all of us.


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Building up business

- ✓ \$18.3 million on small business recovery and assistance
- ✓ 1,900 calls and 1,700 emails received on business help hotline
- ✓ 229 grants given to restaurants to launch Al Fresco outdoor dining
- ✓ 1.6 million masks distributed
- ✓ \$19 million in economic benefit to restaurants and farmers participating in food delivery to seniors
- ✓ Kept construction going on key projects like the SAFE Credit Union Convention Center and Performing Arts Center
- ✓ Former Sleep Train arena site in North Natomas chosen for new California Northstate University Medical Center and teaching hospital campus with 3,000 jobs



Getting people off the street

- ✓ Opened Meadowview Navigation Center with 100 beds for women.
- ✓ 2,049 people sheltered in motels and trailers
- ✓ Opened first Safeguard camping and parking sites at W/X and at Miller Park.
- ✓ Navigation Center for 100 adults at W/X freeway near Alhambra to open in late summer
- ✓ Opened tiny home community for youth ages 18-24 with (post-Covid) capacity of 49
- ✓ Launched process for adopting master plan that will create thousands of roofs, safe spaces and beds city-wide
- ✓ Converted south Sacramento motel to permanent supportive housing
- ✓ Funded two manufactured housing projects for women and children



Keeping people housed

- ✓ Used \$31 million in budget surplus funds to launch affordable housing fund
- ✓ With Sacramento County, providing nearly \$100 million in emergency rental assistance
- ✓ \$10 million from new housing fund for 220 affordable apartments on Stockton Boulevard
- ✓ Anti-displacement agreement for Aggie Square neighborhoods with at least \$50 million for affordable housing
- ✓ 447 tenants and landlords helped through City mediation service



Keeping Sacramento safe

- ✓ Adopted new policing policy that use of deadly force should be a last resort
- ✓ Established Inspector General to review serious police use-of-force cases and make public findings
- ✓ Created Department of Community Response for calls not involving crimes, such as homelessness and mental health
- ✓ Increased focus on hiring diversity in the Police Department through Pipeline Hiring Programs
- ✓ New virtual reality officer training in implicit bias and de-escalation techniques
- ✓ More funding for body worn cameras and officers in the Professional Standards Unit
- ✓ Broadened the definition of public safety to include programs that enhance the safety and well-being of young people



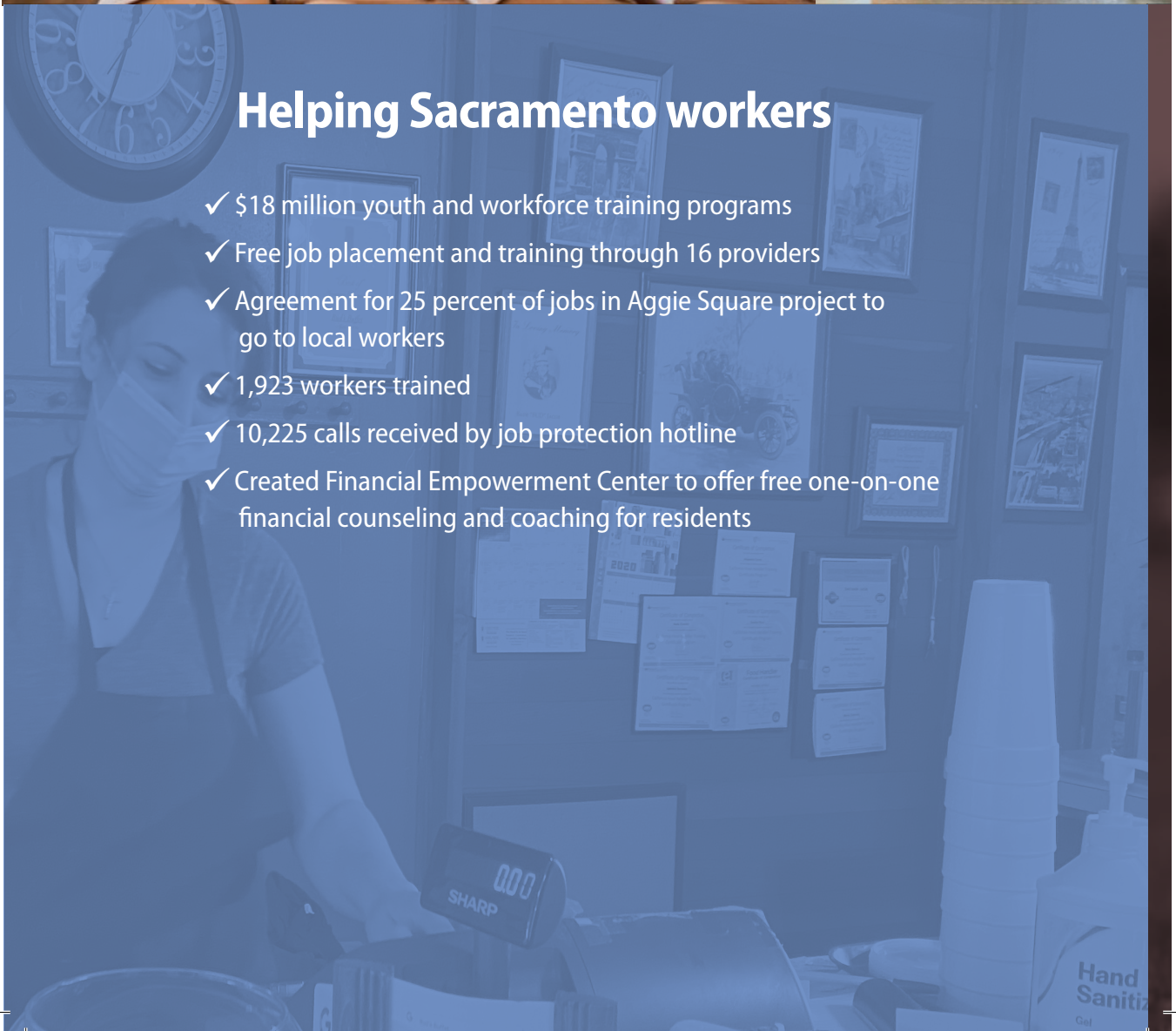
Building a sustainable future

- ✓ Required that all new buildings run on electric power, starting in 2023 with buildings of three stories or less
- ✓ Committed to achieving carbon neutrality in Sacramento by 2045
- ✓ New ordinance to require electric vehicle chargers in new multi-family projects
- ✓ Closed six miles of roadways to through traffic in "Slow Streets" pilot so pedestrians and cyclists have priority
- ✓ City Council adopted recommendations of Mayors' Commission on Climate Change
- ✓ Electric bus service launched between UC Davis and Sacramento



Helping Sacramento workers

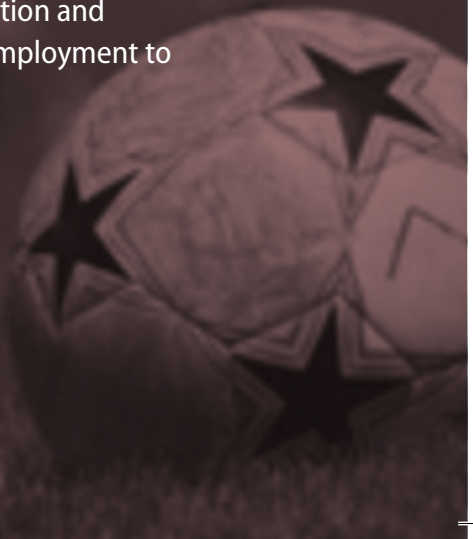
- ✓ \$18 million youth and workforce training programs
- ✓ Free job placement and training through 16 providers
- ✓ Agreement for 25 percent of jobs in Aggie Square project to go to local workers
- ✓ 1,923 workers trained
- ✓ 10,225 calls received by job protection hotline
- ✓ Created Financial Empowerment Center to offer free one-on-one financial counseling and coaching for residents





Investing in young people

- ✓ 1,327 teens trained in paying jobs with #SacYouthWorks
- ✓ Free transit passes for youth
- ✓ 5,774 students engaged in STEAM camp activities
- ✓ Youth trained as mental health peer mentors through City-funded program
- ✓ 24,130 stays in City-provided childcare, academic enrichment and student support
- ✓ \$2 million for youth “Pop Up” activities
- ✓ Thousand Strong program worked with construction and agricultural partners to train and provide paid employment to 40 students





Cultivating a creative economy

- ✓ Led nation by devoting \$20 million dollars of CARES Act funding to creative economy and tourism, including:
- ✓ Healthy HeARTs & Minds – a Sacramento County Office of Education partnership that employs artists to use their craft to help address mental health issues, trauma, absenteeism, and other effects of the pandemic on already at-risk youth.
- ✓ Sacramento Artist Corps run by the Latino Center for Arts & Culture employed artists to convey critical information on coronavirus and coronavirus vaccines.
- ✓ Fought to continue the work on the SAFE Convention Center and Performing Arts Center project
- ✓ Partnered with the Sacramento Metro Cable Commission on CreaTV — a TV series of K-12 enrichment content made by local creatives.
- ✓ Launched weekly Friday Art Break feature to highlight local creatives online during the stay-at-home order.
- ✓ Advocated for additional funding at the state and federal level to support artists and creatives.

2021 Mort Friedman Legacy Award Winner



Dr. Olivia Kasirye

Appointed to be Sacramento County's Public Health Officer in 2012, Dr. Olivia Kasirye has steadfastly overseen Sacramento County's response to COVID-19. She and her team have been on the front lines mitigating the devastating impact of this virus.

Dr. Kasirye led efforts to stand up testing sites in our most under-resourced neighborhoods. She worked with elected officials and community leaders to create multiple mass vaccination sites throughout the county, with a particular focus on reaching disadvantaged and at-risk populations.

We would also like to acknowledge Scott Syphax, the 2020 award winner, who received the honor privately during the pandemic shutdown. In making the award, the Friedman family singled out the Nehemiah Emerging Leaders program founded by Syphax, a longtime community leader and producer and host of KVIE's Studio Sacramento.

In its eighth year, the award honors outstanding individuals who demonstrate a strong commitment to public service through their work and community leadership. It is named for the late Mort Friedman.

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