

# State of the County Address



**January 24, 2007**

**Valerie Brown  
Chairwoman  
Board of Supervisors**

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County*



# State of the County Outline

- **Accomplishments from 2006**
- **County Infrastructure**
- **Challenges Ahead**

# Voting

- 89% Registered Voter Turnout in 2004
- 75.5% Voter Turnout in 2006 is 3<sup>rd</sup> Highest in State
- Open Space and Agricultural Property Protection

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## DEMONSTRATION BALLOT

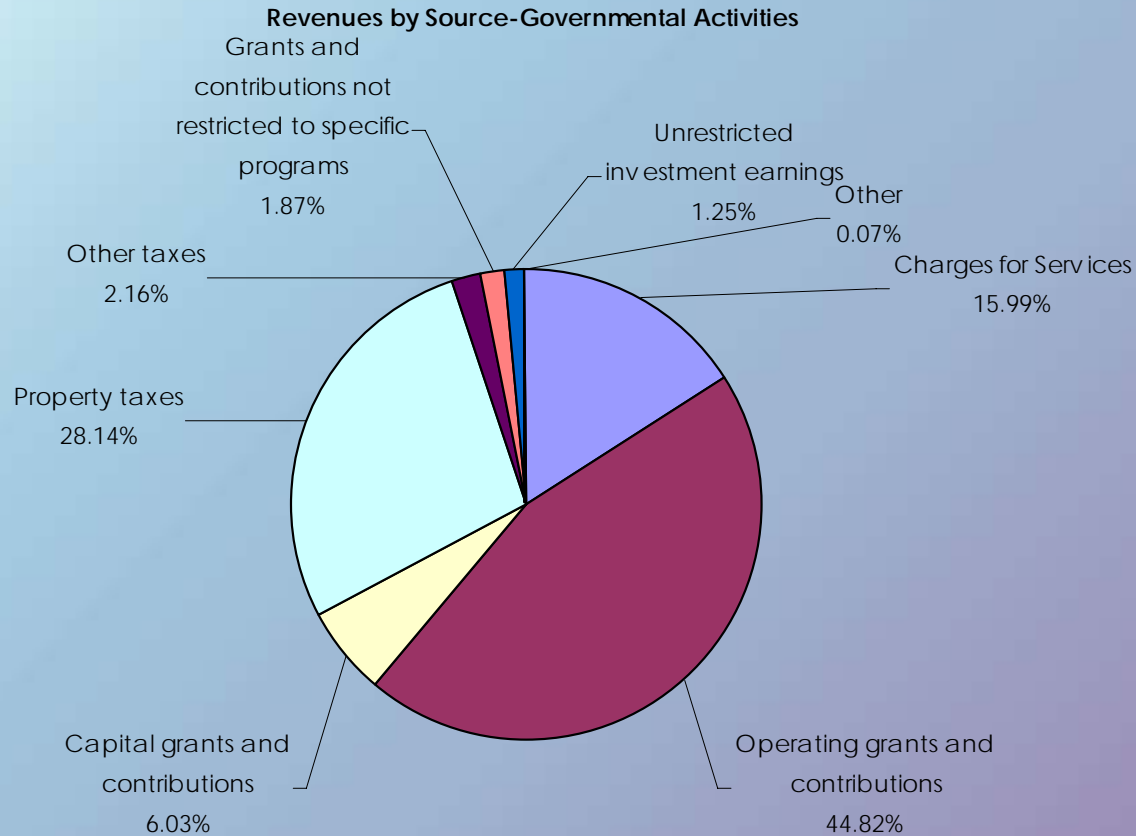
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<b>PARTISAN OFFICES</b>		
<b>PRESIDENTIAL</b>		
For Delegates to the National Convention	Vote for One Group Only	
Candidates expressing no preference TERRA Z. COTTA (Chairman)		<input type="checkbox"/>
Candidates expressing no preference EDWARD T. INDIGO (Chairman)		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>CONGRESSIONAL</b>		
United States Senator	Vote for One	
ANITA A. APRICOT		<input type="checkbox"/>
BENJAMIN T. BLUE		<input type="checkbox"/>
JOHNNY J. JASMINE		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>STATE LEGISLATURE</b>		
Member of the Assembly	Vote for One	
LORENZO L. LAVENDER		<input type="checkbox"/>
PORTER P. PURPLE		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>COUNTY COMMITTEE</b>		
Member County Central Committee	Vote for Three	
BERTRAND B. BRONZE		<input type="checkbox"/>
OLEN O. OCHRE		<input type="checkbox"/>
PATRICIA P. PEACH		<input type="checkbox"/>
RUTHERFORD R. RUST		<input type="checkbox"/>
TERESA Q. TURQUOISE		<input type="checkbox"/>
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# County Funding





# County Programs





# Transportation

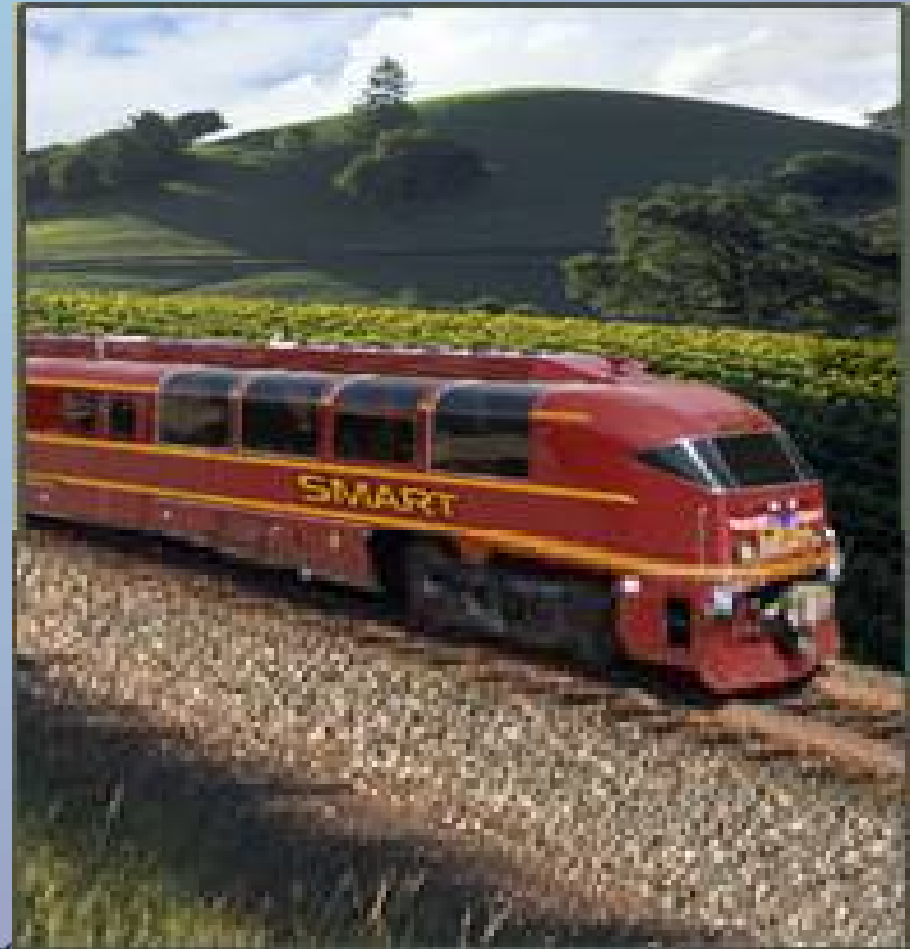
- **450 Miles in Need of Reconstruction**
- **Measure M and Prop 42**
- **Road Projects across County**





# Measure R Fails

- **Passes in Sonoma County with 69% of Vote**
- **Carries only 57% in Marin County**
- **Need for Passenger Rail and Freight Services**





# Horizon Air Service

- **To and From LAX and Seattle beginning March 20, 2007**
- **Thank You to the Airline Attraction Committee**
- **Chaired by Mike Merrill**





# Green Initiatives Bill

- **25% Reduction in Greenhouse Emissions by 2020**
- **Model for Other Counties**





# Strategic Plan

- **Work already Underway**
- **Addresses Demographic and Economic Change**





# Demographic Change

- **In the next 10-15 Years, a Quarter of the Population will be Over 60**
- **Latino Population will Grow to 140,000**





# Public Safety

- **Gang-related Sentencing on a Rise**
- **Rise in Methamphetamine Use Across all Segments of Society**





# Mitigating the Effect of Methamphetamine Abuse on Our Society

- **Search for Substance Abuse Programs and Facilities for Inmates and Placement for Children a Challenge**





# Gang Activity

- **26 Recognized Gangs**
- **3,000 Documented Gang Members**
- **Recent Gang Summit Discussed Means to Curb Violence**





# General Plan Update

- **Land Use and Water Resources**
- **Planning Commission Led by Dick Fogg**





# Immigration

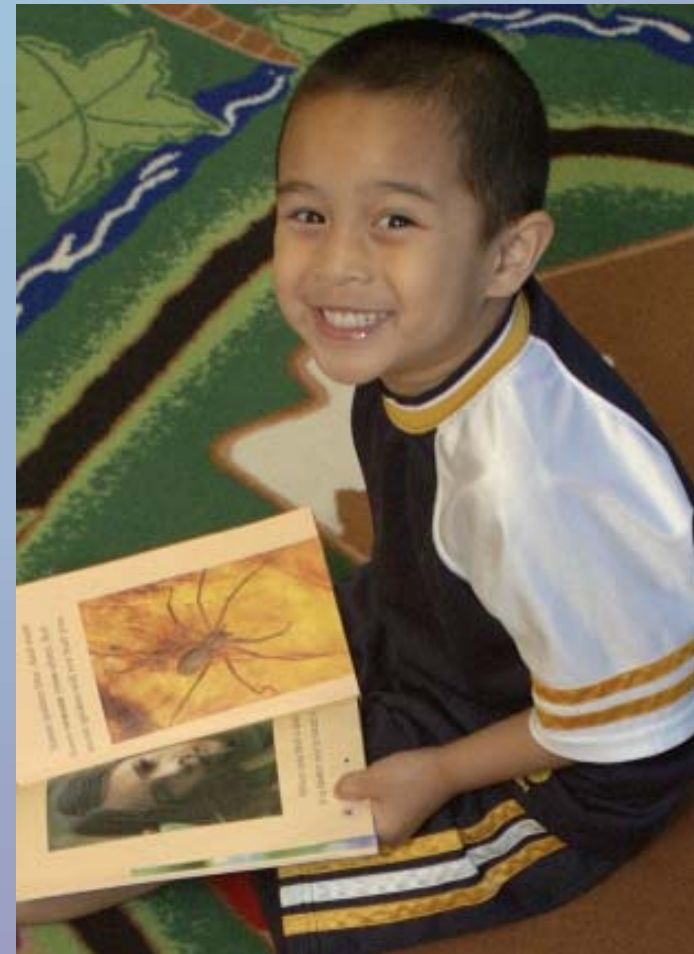
- **Undocumented Workers Essential to Local Economy**
- **Cumbersome Immigration Laws that Must be Changed**





# Sonoma County's Youth

- **“First 5” Program**
- **School Readiness Project**
- **\$1.7 Million of Additional State Dollars Leveraged**
- **Support Systems as a Means of Drug and Gang Prevention**





# Conclusion

- **Partnerships Instrumental in Our Success in 2006**
- **2007 will Build on 2006's Achievements to make Our County Stronger**





**“Few will have the greatness to bend history itself; but each of us can work to change a small portion of events, and in the total of all of those acts will be written the history of this generation”**

**-Robert F. Kennedy**