



# County of Santa Cruz

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## HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY

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## Press Release

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**SANTA CRUZ COUNTY SUPERVISOR ZACH FRIEND REAPPOINTED AS CSAC CHAIR**  
***Supervisor Zach Friend will continue to serve as CSAC's Chair of the Health and Human Services Policy Committee***

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY –The California State Association of Counties (CSAC) has reappointed Santa Cruz County 2<sup>nd</sup> District Supervisor Zach Friend to serve as chair of the Health and Human Services Committee. The one-year term expires in January 2025.

"I am honored to continue serving the Health and Human Services Committee as chair and remain committed to bringing forth policies that will address critical issues faced by our community and beyond," said Friend.

"We congratulate Supervisor Friend on his reappointment and are thankful for his dedication and support of mental health initiatives. His ongoing advocacy enhances our local voice in crucial funding discussions at both the state and federal levels, addressing systemic challenges related to behavioral health services and support for individuals experiencing homelessness," said Health Services Agency Director Mónica Morales.

As Chair of the Health and Human Services Policy Committee, Supervisor Friend has been recognized for advocating on behalf of CSAC for all 58 counties via public testimony during legislative hearings on the Mental Health Services Act and other mental health initiatives, as well as advocating for counties through media and in meetings with legislative members.

Friend was first elected to the Board of Supervisors in 2012, and advocates on behalf of the County at the federal level, including serving on the National Association of Counties Board of Directors and with various local and regional agencies.

CSAC represents county government before the California Legislature, administrative agencies, and the federal government. CSAC seeks to significantly improve the fiscal health of all California counties so they can adequately meet the demand for vital public programs and services.

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## **About the County of Santa Cruz Health Services Agency:**

The County of Santa Cruz Health Services Agency exists to enhance, protect and improve the health of the people in Santa Cruz County, California. To accomplish this, we provide a wide variety of health-related services in the areas of public health, environmental health, behavioral health and clinical services.

The Health Services Agency serves as a community safety net by providing a broad spectrum of services that address and promote health and equity in our community. These essential services protect, improve, and meet the basic needs of health care for low-income and uninsured residents who have no other sources of care.