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Stanislaus County
Office of the District Attorney

POLITICAL PRACTICES TASK FORCE FORMED

Modesto, CA – Stanislaus County District Attorney Jim Brazelton has announced the formation of an Investigative Task Force that will operate at the direction of the District Attorney's office.

The task force will investigate potential violations of countywide political practices that may have affected development-related decisions.

At present, the task force has representatives from the District Attorney's Office and the Modesto Police Department. The State Attorney General's Office is aware of the investigation and has agreed to assist if necessary. The state fair political practices commission may also provide expertise and assistance as needed.

Numerous records will be examined and numerous witnesses will be interviewed.

All further inquiries should be directed to Deputy District Attorney David Harris, Stanislaus County District Attorney's Office at 525-5550.