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**MAYOR MICHAEL TUBBS, CALIFORNIA VOLUNTEERS & STOCKTON UNIFIED TEAM UP TO LAUNCH A  
NEW COMPREHENSIVE SERVICE STRATEGY TO TACKLE EDUCATION IN STOCKTON**

*This first-of-its-kind program places 100 AmeriCorps fellows in Stockton, focused on helping students attend college, improve literacy and support programs aimed at serving some of our most disadvantaged communities*

**Stockton, CA** - Today, Mayor Michael Tubbs joined with Josh Fryday, Chief Service Officer for California Volunteers, Stockton Unified School District Superintendent John Deasy and approximately 100 service members for an inauguration ceremony, celebrating the launch of Stockton's new AmeriCorps initiative known as Stockton Service Corps.

The Stockton Service Corps is a first-of-its-kind AmeriCorps service initiative that prioritizes new investment in underserved regions to deliver deeper community impact. California Volunteers has made an initial investment in five nonprofit organizations to host AmeriCorps fellows: Improve Your Tomorrow, Fathers and Families of San Joaquin, Changeist, and California Reading and Math Corps.

One hundred AmeriCorps fellows have committed to a year of service across the city, providing academic support, promoting restorative justice, advancing social- emotional wellness, and mentoring young people, particularly first-generation students, as they navigate high school and transition to and through college.

"Stockton is a city full of talent and now, through our new Stockton Service Corps program, we can give people the opportunity to use their skills and passions to help our youth right here at home," said Mayor Michael Tubbs. "I am excited to partner with the state, Stockton Unified, California Volunteers and AmeriCorps, to launch our very own Stockton Service Corps. In Stockton, service is in our DNA."

"California Volunteers is proud to invest \$12 million over the next six years to support the Stockton Service Corps—the first collective impact AmeriCorps program in the San Joaquin Valley," said California Chief Service Officer Josh Fryday. "Giving community members the opportunity to support Stockton's cradle-to-career vision through these service programs is one-way Governor Newsom is ensuring we create a California for All."

“We are extremely thankful to be partnering with the Mayor’s office, California Volunteers and Stockton Service Corps. said Stockton Unified School District (SUSD) Superintendent Dr. John Deasy. “This partnership is going to make a difference for students and our city as we move towards ensuring that all SUSD students are college, career and community ready.”

The Stockton Service Corps was created through new funding made available through Governor Newsom’s 2019-2020 Budget which made unprecedented levels of investment in California Volunteers and the State’s AmeriCorps program. Programs partnering with the Stockton Service Corps will receive up to \$12 million dollars in grants from California Volunteers over six years in addition to an initial \$510,000 commitment from Stockton Unified School District. Through the Governor’s investment, for the first time, fellows serving full-time are eligible to receive an education award of up to \$10,000.

Over 80% of the current service fellows identify Stockton as their home. Stockton Service Corps fellows will benefit from an AmeriCorps stipend, receive leadership development, deepen their connection to the community and receive an education award to continue their own professional growth.

Speakers from today’s event:

- Mayor of Stockton California, Michael Tubbs
- [Stockton Service Corps](#) - Sonali Nijhawan, Director
- [California Volunteers](#) - Josh Fryday, Chief Service Officer
- Stockton Unified School District - Dr. Deasy, Superintendent
- [Stockton Scholars](#) - Griselda Rojas, Manager of College Access & AmeriCorps Alumni

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