Vote For A Sutter County Flag Design

Two members of Sutter Buttes 4-H have won permission from the Sutter County Board of Supervisors to finalize designs for an official Sutter County flag.

Members of the public are being invited to participate in the process of creating a Sutter County flag by voting on which of three designs they prefer.

Franklin Tarke and Francisco Ruiz are Sutter County delegates to the 4-H California Citizenship Conference for high school 4-Hers at the state Capitol in June. The event immerses 4-Hers in the history and political processes of California.

For a traditional procession, attendees are asked to bring a “County flag.” Because Sutter County has no official flag, however, attendees from Sutter County in the past have either had no flag for the procession or have made their own.

Attendees are also required to perform a citizenship project in the county, so Mr. Tarke and Mr. Ruiz decided to make their project the creation of an official county flag.

To do that, they are learning to engage their local government. On April 11, they presented several design options to the Sutter County Agriculture, Public Protection and General Government Committee, and secured the Committee’s enthusiastic support for the project.

On Tuesday, April 19, the two Sutter High School students made a presentation to the five-member Board of Supervisors, and again won enthusiastic support. Supervisors directed that three of the possible flag designs presented by the youth be placed on the County’s website and that residents be allowed to vote on the design.

On Tuesday, May 3, the Board of Supervisors will vote on the final design.

To vote for your favorite, see the three “rough draft” flag options entitled A, B and C accompanying this article. Choose your favorite and vote by sending an email to survey@co.sutter.ca.us before the end of the day Sunday, May 1.

Individuals should vote just once. Multiple votes from the same email address will require the names of each individual voting to be considered.

Each of the three designs employs the official County seal and includes the year that Sutter County was created, 1850. (Sutter County was one of the original 27 counties of California).

Options A and C both utilize an outline of the Sutter Buttes borrowed from the Sutter County Historical Society. Option B utilizes an outline of the County boundaries with a star denoting the location of Yuba City, the County seat.

The youth are also accepting financial assistance to pay for a professional graphic designer to put the finishing touches on the chosen flag design, and to assist in purchasing flags.