

# Rotary



# Club of Merced

## Club Meeting

Merced  
Meets at Merced Elks Lodge  
1910 M Street  
Merced, CA 95340  
Time: Wednesday at 12:00 PM

## Club Leaders



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## Events

No Events found

## Speakers

### July 31, 2024

[Raul Lomeli-Mendez](#)  
CEO Merced County

### August 07, 2024

[Stephanie Dietz](#)  
Community Foundation of Merced County

### August 14, 2024

[Colton Dennis](#)  
Merced County Arts Council

### August 21, 2024

[Kimiko Vang & May-Ci Xiong](#)  
Merced County Youth Resiliency Center

## Merced Rotary - Wednesday July 31, 2024 - Raul Lomeli Mendez

Join us today at Merced Rotary for lunch and bring a friend. We are meeting at the Elks Lodge, 12:00 noon.

Our guest speaker today is Raul Lomeli Mendez, Merced County Executive Officer. He has been in this CEO position since February 2022. Some of you may not have met him yet, so today is a good time to give him a warm Rotary welcome and hear from Raul about Merced County.

Prior to becoming the Merced County Executive Officer, Raul held a position in the Stanislaus County organization as an Assistant Executive Officer from June 17, 2020 to his appointment as Merced County CEO. While with Stanislaus County, his purview included oversight of economic development efforts, Information Technology, General Services Agency, Public Works, Library, Parks and Recreation, Environmental Resources, Agricultural Commissioner, Planning and Community Development and Workforce Development.

He began his career in public service in 1996 with the City of San Jose, initially in the City Manager's Office and then promoted to the Department of Housing. In 2001, he was hired as a Senior Management Consultant in the Stanislaus County Chief Executive Office, primarily working in the unincorporated areas to improve county relations and response to community needs. He later assumed other responsibilities in the area of the departmental budget and executive support. In 2013, he left Stanislaus County to accept an appointment to the position of City Manager with the City of Hughson. While in Hughson, Raul worked with the Hughson City Council and a strong professional staff to maintain the City's sound fiscal position while making good progress in improving Hughson's infrastructure (water and roads). Further, he advanced relations between the City and key partners including the county, other cities, the school district, fire district, business sector, non-profit organizations and the faith-based community--often leading the way for successful collaborative projects and initiatives.

Raul holds a Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Systems from California State University, Stanislaus and a Master of Public Policy from the University of Michigan. He was born in Patterson, grew up in Riverbank and has always considered the Central Valley home. Raul is the youngest of five brothers who all hold Bachelor degrees from CSU, Stanislaus and Master degrees (Duke University, Ohio State University, California State University, Sacramento and George Washington University). They all have dedicated their careers to public service and credit their parents who immigrated to the west side of Stanislaus County from Mexico in the 1960's where they worked long hours in farming in order to provide for their children.

Raul is married to his college sweetheart, Amy, who is a teacher with Modesto City Schools, and they have two children, Nicholas and Isabella, who both graduated from Thomas Downey High School and are now pursuing degrees at Rosalind Franklin University and Saint Mary's College. The Mendez family enjoys an active lifestyle still playing tennis and now running, hiking, and biking as well.



**August 28, 2024**  
[Dave Dunham, UC Merced](#)  
[Athletic Director](#)

**Birthdays**

Beverly Ann Schick  
August 2nd

**Wedding Anniversaries**

Curtis A. Riggs  
August 2nd  
RoseMary Parga Duran  
August 2nd

**Years of Service**

Jorge Cisneros  
08-06-2013  
11 Years