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Weberstown Mall celebrates 60 years

Weberstown Shopping Center opening announcement published on The Stockton Record on Feb. 14, 1966.
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A look at a Stockton community fixture

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The Stockton Record
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For the past 60 years, Weberstown Mall has been a staple for shoppers in Stockton.

On Feb. 17, the shopping center on Pacific Avenue celebrated its anniversary at center court with a ribbon cutting with the Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce, gift card giveaways, a photo booth, cake and more, mall officials said. Those in attendance also had the opportunity to "share a memory" of their favorite mall experience on a community wall.

Weberstown Mall officially opened Feb. 15, 1966, according to Melissa Gomes, general manager for Mershops Weberstown Mall and Spinoso Real Estate Group. While the shopping center has been known as Weberstown Mall for nearly its entire history, it opened as Weberstown Shopping Center and recently rebranded as Mershops Weberstown Mall following its acquisition by the Mersho family (Mershops) in July 2025.

Mershops acquired Weberstown Mall for $50,750,000 through Steerpoint Capital, a real estate investment and advisory firm that led the acquisition of the mall on behalf of Mershops.

"For 60 years, Weberstown Mall has been more than just a shopping destination. It has been a gathering place for the community," Gomes said. "We are incredibly grateful to the Stockton community for its continued support."

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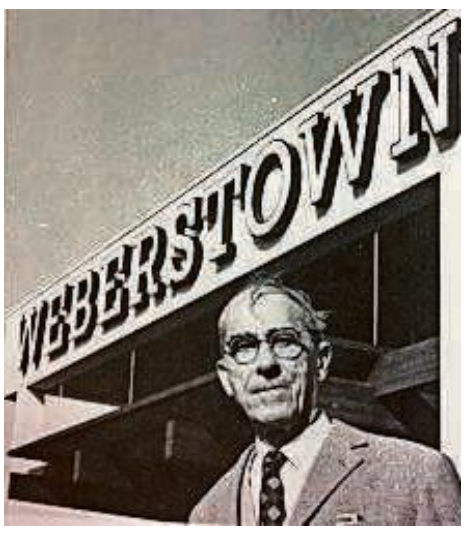

Weberstown Mall was founded by Charles M. Weber III, the grandson of Captain Charles M. Weber who founded the city of Stockton.

Audit committee sends RTD dispute to controller

Hannah Workman
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The Council Audit Committee voted to forward concerns about oversight of Stockton City Council meetings to the California State Controller's Office after a dispute over a San Joaquin Regional Transit District (RTD) presentation delivered at Tuesday's council meeting.

The unanimous vote by Vice Mayor Jason Lee, District 1 Councilmember Michele Padilla and District 3 Councilmember Michael Blower came on Thursday, Feb. 20, after committee members discussed the transit funding presentation given by Mayor Christina Fugazi.

"This action is not about personalities, but rather policies," Lee said. "It is about ensuring that when a reimbursement of funding in the millions may affect essential public transit services, the appropriate documentation is available for independent review and discussion."

Lee said the presentation given by Fugazi omitted critical slides detailing the funding timeline, allocations, denials and RTD's resulting fiscal shortfall, which had been included in the original presentation from Dec. 2 by former RTD Chief Executive Officer Alex Clifford.

Lee requested a presentation from RTD in December after he learned of a dispute between RTD and San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG) over $62.4 million that SJCOG denied to RTD for repairing aging buses and maintaining service. About $43.3 million comes from California Senate Bill 125, and roughly $19.1 million comes from Measure K, a voter-approved sales tax in San Joaquin County. Fugazi chairs the SJCOG board.

Despite Lee's Dec. 9 request that RTD deliver a presentation within 30 days to clarify how the denial would affect transit services in Stockton, the item was not placed on the agenda within that timeframe. Clifford was

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