

# Joel Sjostrom appointed CEO of Food Bank Contra Costa Solano

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Joel Sjostrom has been appointed new president and CEO of the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano, taking the reins of Larry Sly. He was unanimously elected by the Search Board and Committee of the organization.

"We are excited that Joel joins the team," Tracy Tomkovicz, Chairman of the Board of Directors. He said in a statement. "He is a leader with the experience, talent and commitment to lead the Food Bank towards the future. He is the right person for this position."

Sjostrom, a long-standing resident of Contra Costa County, previously served as CEO of Fairn & Swanson, one of the largest wholesalers and retailers in the U.S. travel and tax-free industry. He has also held leadership positions in a variety of companies, including Metropolitan Coffee & Concession, Peet's Coffee & Tea and Old Navy.

In addition, Sjostrom has volunteered for a variety of nonprofit organizations, including the Greater Richmond Interfaith Project, the Alameda County Community Food Bank, Hope Lutheran Church Preschool, the Trinity Church Brown Bag Program, the Project Haitian Foster Home and the American Heart Association.

Born in Minnesota, Sjostrom lives in El Sobrante with his wife, Sherry.

"This is an incredible opportunity to combine my passion for community service and combine it with my professional business experience to grow this incredible organization," Sjostrom said in a statement. "I hope to continue the momentum towards the 50th anniversary of the Food Bank and beyond."