



Reopen & Revitalize



Dear Friends,

This week, we made incredible strides to reopen L.A. County and revitalize our local businesses. I am excited to share that we received approval today to

immediately reopen in-person dining at restaurants and services at hair salons and barbershops! This comes just days after the L.A. County Department of Public Health aligned with the state to open places of worship, in-store retail, drive-in theaters, and flea markets. Meanwhile, the county's [Economic Resiliency Task Force](#) is hard at work to develop plans for other key industries to reopen safely and soon. These are all meaningful ways to reunite our communities by restoring hope and providing an opportunity for unity. [Click here](#) if you'd like to learn more about the guidelines for reopened establishments.

These important steps allow us to resume a sense of normalcy, showing monumental progress for Los Angeles County as we join the majority of other counties in California on the path to recovery. I'm grateful to our state and local partners for their collaboration to move from being Safer at Home to being Safer at Work and Safer in our Communities. Our ability to continue reopening will depend on continued physical distancing and face covering practices to ensure we protect the health of residents.

I am moved by the strength of each L.A. County resident. I know our friends and neighbors will do everything possible to protect and support one another. We've come a long way, and it's only because of your resiliency that we've made it so far.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathryn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter 'K' being particularly large and stylized.

Kathryn Barger

Supervisor, Fifth District

Protecting Seniors



On Tuesday, our Board passed a motion by me and Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas to appoint an Inspector General to oversee skilled nursing facilities, which account for more than half of COVID-19 deaths in L.A. County. We must ensure the safety of the vulnerable residents who have been entrusted to their care.

[Read more about this critical step.](#)

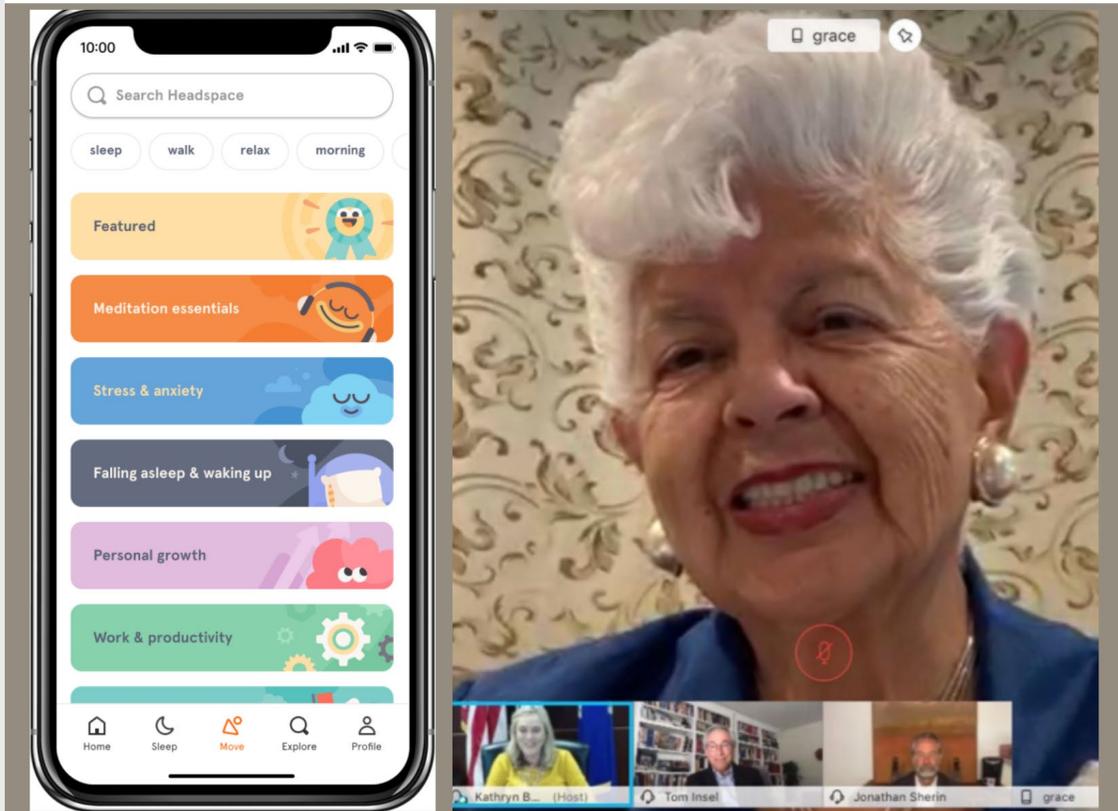
Sharing a Story



On Thursday, I hosted a special story time in honor of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month! Check out L.A. County Library's incredible story program featuring our librarians who engage, entertain, and educate our youth throughout the week.

[Tune in for Story Time.](#)

Mental Health



On Wednesday, I was grateful to join Rep. Grace Napolitano to discuss mental health care for our communities, including hospitals and schools. We're committed to eliminate the stigma of asking for help. Thanks Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health Director Dr. Sherin, Dr. Insel of Mindstrong Health, Rep. Judy Chu, and Rep. Katie Porter for joining us!

Mental health care is needed in every aspect of life. Courtesy of the L.A. County Department of Mental Health, you can download the Headspace app for free and access resources that help you be more at ease when you rest, think, move, and eat.

[Access Headspace.](#)

Planning for School



The Los Angeles County Office of Education team has worked hard to develop guidelines that prioritize safe learning for students and teachers across the 80 diverse school districts in our L.A. County communities. Read the framework for what school could look like in the fall, including distancing measures, fewer students per classroom, cleaning protocols, and efforts to provide continued mental health care and meal services.

Get ready for school.

Great Plates



I'm excited to announce that L.A. County's Department of Workforce Development, Aging, and Community Services launched an innovative meal delivery program to assist seniors in need with three healthy meals a day. It also enables our restaurant, hospitality, and transportation communities to get back to work. Great Plates is a win-win!

Apply to give or get meals.

Pick a Pup



I would cross the Rocky Mountains for a dog as cute as Denver, but thankfully he's available for adoption here at your local County of Los Angeles Department of Animal Care and Control center! This two-year-old husky loves to play with high school aged youth and large dogs. He has a reputation for being high-energy and social. Denver and many other pets are looking for loving homes and are ready to be welcomed into yours.

Find your furry friend.

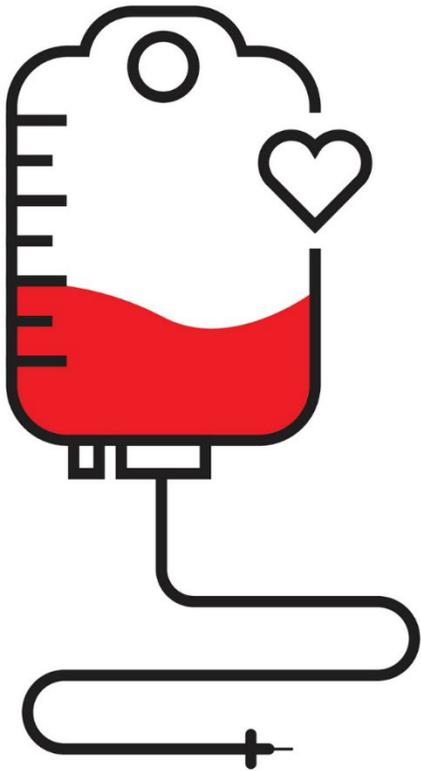
Star Students



Each year, the AV Fair hosts all the 4.0 seniors throughout the Antelope Valley for a night of celebration. Despite restrictions, the community still gathered for a special event online. Congratulations to our stellar Antelope Valley seniors! We are so excited for what's in store for you.

Celebrate these seniors.

A Great Gift



**Give blood.
Save lives.**

**Combat COVID-19.
Make an appointment today.**

**1-800-REDCROSS
redcrossblood.org**

When you donate blood, you give a priceless gift to someone in need. Blood banks are in short supply and your community could use your help. It's completely safe to donate with current restrictions in place as long as you're healthy. There is a blood drive at the Santa Anita Family YMCA gym in Monrovia on June 5 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Donate at this event with the code YMCAMONROVIA or find another event near you.

Make an appointment, save a life.



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