



Ready to Reopen



Dear Friends,

Our communities are making incredible progress returning to work and feeling rejuvenated by some of their favorite activities. This week, the Department of Public Health announced additional openings that took effect today. We're eager that day camps and recreational camps for youth can resume. This provides opportunities for children to learn, play, and spend time with friends while allowing their parents to return to work with peace of mind. Music, film, and television production are also allowed to resume, which is an important part of the economy in Los Angeles County and will enable many workers to get back on

the job. For those looking to return to their fitness routine, gyms and sports training facilities are permitted to reopen. People eager to enjoy the great outdoors can now access campgrounds and outdoor recreational spaces. Plus, museums, galleries, zoos, and aquariums can all welcome back patrons for fun, education, and cultural opportunities.

Sectors across L.A. County have been working diligently to implement health guidelines so they can reopen safely for their crews and consumers. This is another important step on our road to recovery and these activities will provide much-needed relief as we all regain our footing. L.A. County will continue to rejuvenate our neighborhoods and economy with new opportunities to reopen at work and at play. This next phase will alleviate stress for working parents, support youth, encourage fitness, enable recreation, and get employees back to work.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathryn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left.

Kathryn Barger

Supervisor, Fifth District

Chair, Board of Supervisors

Food Giveaways



Drive thru food bank

As more businesses and activities reopen, there are still residents and families in need of assistance. I'm excited to share that the L.A. Regional Food Bank served 1,200 households during Thursday's giveaway in Altadena! Each family received fresh produce and boxes of shelf-stable items, dairy, and protein.

Great Plates

Also, I'd like to congratulate all the local restaurants who were chosen to participate in the Great Plates program, which provides three healthy meals a day to seniors and other at-risk adults. In addition to feeding those in need, it supports businesses impacted by the pandemic.

[Find food near you.](#)

Virtual Hearings



On Tuesday, the Board of Supervisors approved my motion to look into technology for virtual court hearings to prevent further delays for families. This would enable judges to video conference with parents, facilitating adoptions and ensuring care for foster youth. We'll hear back on next steps in a few weeks.

[Read about this important initiative.](#)

Dining Al Fresco



As more L.A. County residents return to work and regain a sense of normalcy, expanding access to outdoor dining is a creative way to foster safe reopening for restaurants. We will continually collaborate and find solutions to support the needs of restaurants large and small on their path toward recovery.

[Learn about the effort to expand outdoor dining.](#)

Making Progress



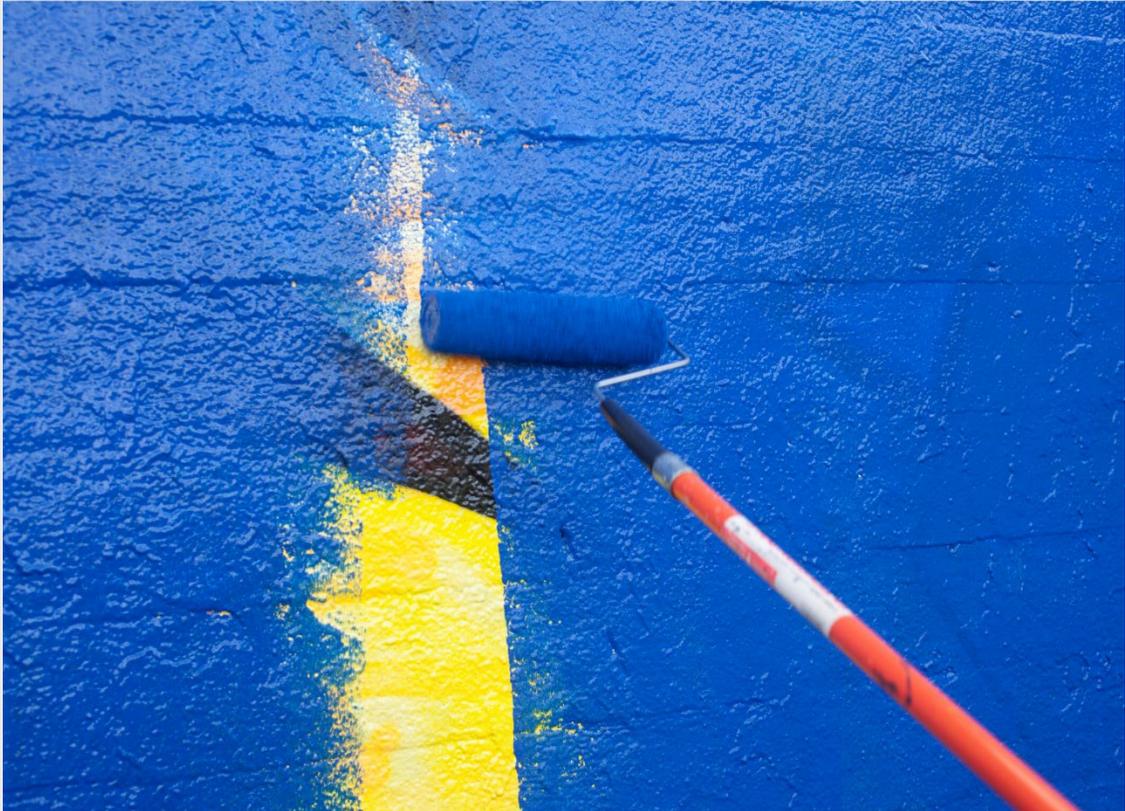
I am happy to report that construction for the High Desert Mental Health Urgent Care Center is still on schedule! We are eagerly awaiting for the facility to open later this year to provide comprehensive care for our community members who are most in need. The 9,900 square foot facility will serve Antelope Valley residents experiencing a mental health crisis through rapid access to 24/7 stabilization services, assessment and evaluation, crisis intervention, medication support, and case management.

ConGRADulations



Congratulations to all the graduates across the 5th District! We are incredibly proud of your resilience and commitment. As the sun sets on this chapter, know the next will be even brighter. Your community is cheering for you every step of the way.

Repair & Rebuild



In the midst of peaceful protests, we also witnessed some people cause damage to small businesses across our county and country. In response, the Consumer Federation of America sent a letter asking the largest insurance companies in the U.S. not to deny business interruption claims from businesses and facilities that were adversely impacted by civil unrest. We need to restore our businesses, especially after they've already endured so much during closures. As we continue important conversations about injustice, we must also support our communities by restoring the shops and storefronts that provide much-needed jobs and services to families. If your business suffered damaged due to recent events, including COVID-19, please contact the L.A. County Disaster Help Center online or call (833) 238-4450 for help understanding your insurance claims and other business resources.

Get to business.

Well Fed, Well Read



The graphic features a light beige background with scattered yellow leaf-like patterns. At the top left is a slice of orange. In the center, the text 'PICK UP A FREE LUNCH AT THE LIBRARY' is written in a bold, blue, hand-drawn font. Below this, the dates 'June 16 - August 7' are in green, followed by 'Tuesday - Friday, 12 - 1 pm' and 'At Select Libraries' in a smaller green font. The website 'LACountyLibrary.org/SummerLunch' is at the bottom left. On the right, there is a purple banner with a strawberry and the text 'Well Fed Well Read', and the LACountyLibrary logo at the bottom right.

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This summer, let's ensure the youth in our community are well fed and well read.
Find a participating library near you to pick up a meal or a book.

[Get a meal.](#)

[Get a book.](#)

Better Hiring

VIRTUAL RECRUITMENT STRATEGIES:

The Northrop Grumman Model

- Community & Business Partnerships
- Virtual Recruiting
- AJCC Services

Join Us!

Tuesday, June 16th 2:00pm-3:00pm

Every business can benefit from new strategies to hire qualified candidates. Join L.A. County's Business Development Branch on Tuesday to learn from Northrop Grumman Corporation's successful efforts.

[Get ready to recruit.](#)

Share Your Story



"When we're caught up in a crisis, creativity is the path out of it."

- Luis J. Rodriguez, author and former Poet Laureate of Los Angeles

Together, the Department of Arts and Culture and the Department of Mental Health have made a valuable resource called "Healing Through Story: A Toolkit on Grassroots Approaches" that fosters well-being, connection, and healing through sharing, listening, and art.

[Get connected.](#)





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