



Be Prepared



Dear Friends,

Every day, we're reminded to expect the unexpected. This year especially, the pandemic has shown us that we have to be adaptable. With earthquakes and fires across the region this week, we're forced to remember that we have to be ready for anything. No fear! Los Angeles County has lots of resources available to help you prepare.

In case of earthquakes, remember key safety precautions and practice your duck and cover and evacuation drills. You can find a helpful checklist to identify what to put in your earthquake kit [here](#) and get more tips for preparedness [in this fact](#)

terrain means we're often susceptible to inside fires during extreme heat and wind conditions. The L.A. County Fire Department has a host of resources to help you get ready for any situation, including their *Ready! Set! Go!* [Wildfire Action Plan](#). L.A. County's [Emergency Survival Guide](#) is a comprehensive tool book that lays out the four steps to preparedness: Have a plan, keep supplies, stay informed, and get involved. These are all key to ensure safety for our communities.

I share these resources to remind you that while there are so many incidents that seem out of our control, there is actually a lot we can do to make the best of a tough situation. With all the tips and tools available, I hope that making a plan and choosing to have these conversations with your friends and family will provide you with some piece of mind. We're all in this together.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathryn". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kathryn Barger

Supervisor, Fifth District

Chair, Board of Supervisors

All Aboard



On Wednesday, I visited the future site of the San Dimas Gold Line Station. Currently, crews are working hard on construction to enhance operations. Thank you to San Dimas Mayor Badar, Mayor Pro Tem Vienna, and Foothill Gold Line CEO Habib F. Balian for joining me to check in on the progress.

[Ride the Gold Line.](#)

Food for Families



Our team was immensely grateful for the opportunity to provide hope and help to residents in the San Fernando Valley on Thursday. It warmed our hearts to nourish our neighbors through the food distribution with the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank. If you'd like to volunteer at the next event, or need food yourself, find an upcoming date near you.

[Find food or a volunteer opportunity.](#)

Get Ready to Vote

**CHECK
YOUR
MAILBOX**

All registered voters have been mailed a Vote by Mail Address Confirmation Card!

Attention Voters
Vote Safely at Home,
Make Your Voice Heard!

Easily update your address by filling out the confirmation notice and dropping it in the mail!

Check your mailbox! All registered voters in L.A. County can expect a Vote by Mail Address Confirmation Card sometime soon. If your address and information are correct, you're good to go. If you've recently moved or changed any information, please send an update so the Registrar can get your ballot to you.

Your vote is your voice.

Help for Businesses

LA REGIONAL COVID FUND

APPLY FOR A COVID-19 RECOVERY GRANT

Micro-enterprises, small businesses, and nonprofits – the backbone of our region’s economy – are facing unprecedented economic pressure.

The LA REGIONAL COVID FUND will provide grants of \$5K to micro-entrepreneurs and \$15K for small businesses and nonprofits.

Technical assistance is available in multiple languages.
Round 3 opens August 3 - August 7

Learn more and apply online here:
WWW.LACOVIDFUND.ORG

Questions? Call here:
(833) 238-4450

L.A. County is here to support our small businesses and nonprofits with grants during this difficult time. The third round of grant applications for the L.A. Regional COVID Fund is open from Aug. 3 through Aug. 7. Don't hesitate to reach out with questions.

[Get a grant.](#)

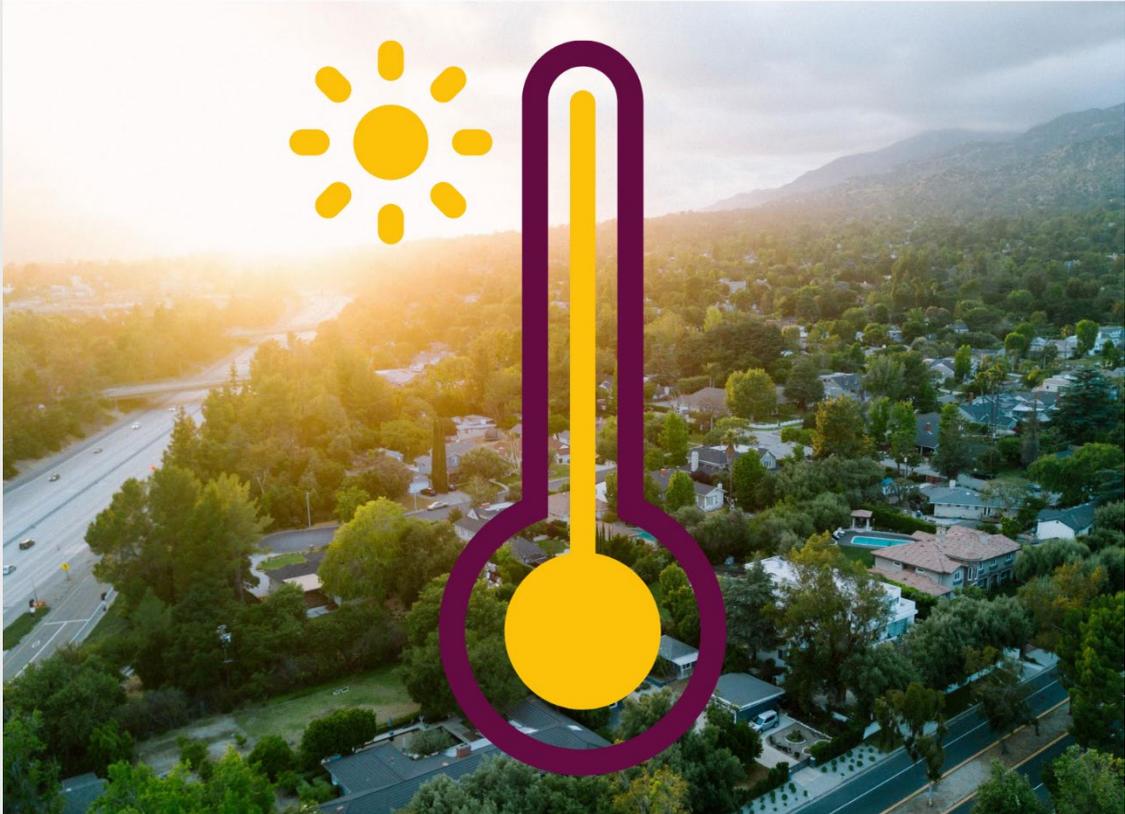
Safe Travels



This week, I participated in a Twitter chat with the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments and local transportation experts to discuss the latest efforts to make transit accessible, convenient, and safe. The health of riders and staff is our priority. Agencies are installing sanitizer stations, promoting distancing, and handing out masks. [Metrolink](#) has rolled out a “How full is my train?” feature on their website to ensure you have plenty of space to distance. If you didn’t catch the conversation, you can still access all the great information.

[Tune into the Twitter chat.](#)

Stay Cool



It's going to be a scorcher of a weekend across L.A. County with temperatures as high as 105° in the Antelope Valley and 107° in the Santa Clarita Valley. If you don't have a way to cool off at home, there are cooling centers at local libraries and community venues across the Fifth District. To cool off while you're outdoors, enjoy [fishing and camping at local lakes](#), [kicking back at drive-in movies under the stars](#), and cooling off at [splash pads and swim beaches](#).

[Find a cooling center.](#)

Student Voices



Do you know a student who has an interest in lending their voice to conversations about public education and youth issues? Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools Debra Duardo launched a Student Advisory Council to include students' views into conversations and decision making. The council will be comprised of 25 diverse high school students from districts across the county. The application is due Friday, Aug. 28.

[Apply for the council.](#)

Learn in a Flash

MAKE LEARNING FUN!
Learn numbers and colors with our new flashcards in English and Spanish. Download them at fire.lacounty.gov/kids-flashcards.



The L.A. County Fire Department is making learning fun! They created flashcards that are perfect for your future firefighter. Children can practice counting and identifying colors with this interactive resources.

[Download the cards.](#)

Get Counted



Have you completed the 2020 census?

[Yes!](#)

[Not yet.](#)

[No, and I don't plan to.](#)

Did you know the census results in 10 years of funding for hospitals, schools, meal programs, and more? During the last census, there was a drastic under count and L.A. County lost out on millions of dollars for our neighborhoods. Filling out the census will take less than 10 minutes to complete and it is safe, secure, and confidential. Get counted today!

[Help your community count.](#)



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