



## Voting to Represent You



Dear Friends,

We had a packed Board of Supervisors agenda this week. With so many pressing issues, it's critical that I vote to represent our communities. Sometimes that can mean voting no on initiatives that don't protect taxpayer dollars or necessary resources. With the effects of COVID still ongoing, every effort should have the community's best interest in mind.

For that reason, I abstained from voting on two motions that would have created new county departments. While I support efforts to refocus services where they have the most influence, we should wait until we fully understand the fiscal impacts of creating those departments in light of the economic impacts of COVID. Additionally, I voted no on two motions that sought unrestricted general funds totaling more than \$10 million. We need to allocate funds strategically, including closing the county's current budget deficits and minimizing future layoffs. I also voted against support for Proposition 15. Known as Split Roll, the statewide ballot measure would result in the largest tax increase in California history at a time when businesses are grappling with major financial repercussions.

For the third and final consecutive meeting, I voted against placing a charter amendment on the November ballot that would automatically direct 10 percent of the county budget to social services. Currently, the county dedicates more than half of our funds, millions of dollars each year, to these programs. This effort permanently ties the county's hands on any financial decisions for future generations, regardless of pressing fiscal and policy issues, and would direct funds away from public safety. Since the initiative was voted to be placed on the ballot 4-1, I encourage you to vote your conscience in November.

The ongoing pandemic has significantly burdened our communities. Rather than imposing more hardships on our

local businesses, workers, first responders, and neighbors, we should look for opportunities to support our regrowth.

Best wishes,



Kathryn Barger  
Supervisor, Fifth District  
Chair, Board of Supervisors

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# Get Your Grant

## Loan & Grant Writing Workshop

Monday, August 10 • 9 to 10 a.m.

Learn to successfully access & apply for grant & loan opportunities  
from the county, state & federal governments.



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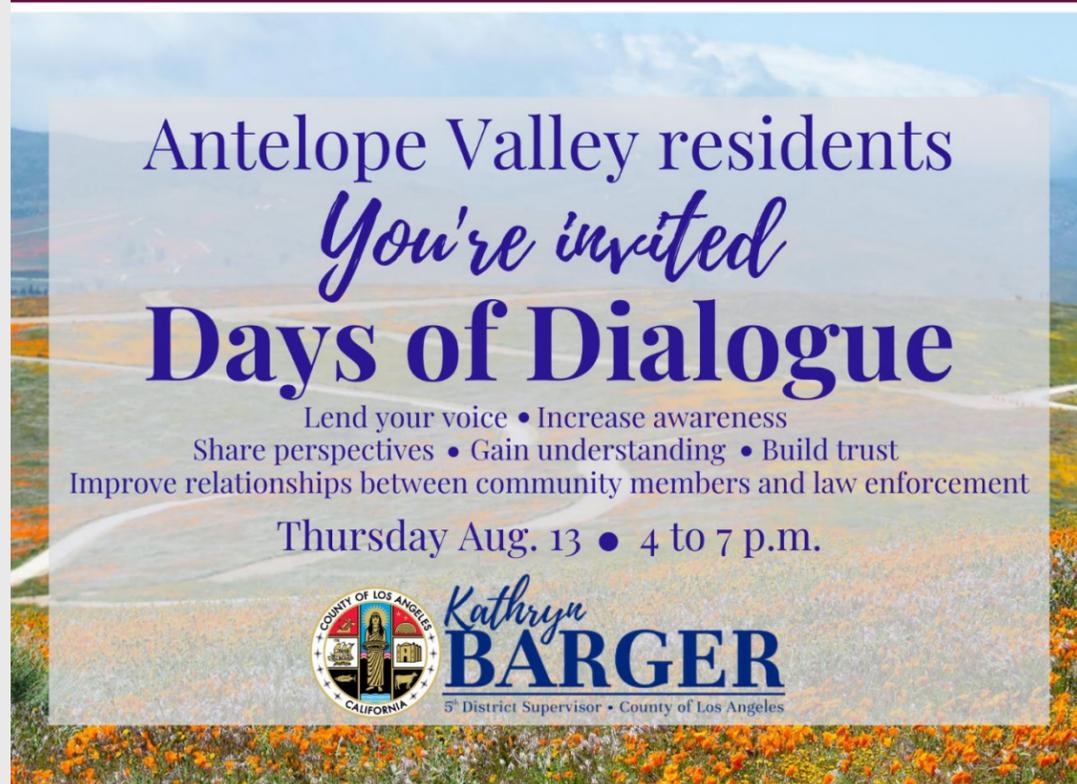
**LISC LA**

Mark your calendar! On Monday, Aug. 10 at 9 a.m., I'll be hosting a loan and grant writing workshop to support our local businesses and organizations. Thank you to the Los Angeles County Department of Consumer and Business Affairs, California Consulting, Inc, and Los Angeles LISC for lending your expertise!

[Register for the workshop.](#)

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# AV Conversation



I'm grateful for the opportunity to invite our Antelope Valley residents to participate in an open, honest conversation about how to improve community relationships and ensure equity. Please call our office at (661) 726-3600 if you have any questions. You must register at the link below in order to participate.

[Join the dialogue.](#)

# Food for Castaic



Whether you've used food resources in the past or could use a little extra in your pantry, I invite you to stop by the Castaic Regional Sports Complex on Aug. 12 for fresh produce, generous servings of protein, and nonperishable canned goods. This is a wonderful opportunity to nourish your loved ones at home or to pick up for a neighbor in need.

Find food or a volunteer opportunity.

## Wear Your Mask



When your neighbor wears their mask, it's a sign that they care. As you grab your keys before you leave the house, remember to get your mask and hand sanitizer, too! One of our team members surprised us with these fun, glitzy face masks and it's become everyone's favorite. [Tag me on social media](#) wearing your best mask for a chance to be featured in the newsletter!

Keep your community healthy.

## Check Your Mail

**We're mailing all  
registered voters  
a ballot beginning  
October 5**



Check your mailbox! All L.A. County voters were sent a Vote by Mail Address Confirmation Card. If your information

is correct, you're good to go. If you've recently moved or changed any information, please send an update so the L.A. County Registrar-Recorder can get your ballot to you on Oct. 5.

[Prepare to vote.](#)

## Help for Renters

Are you a Lancaster resident having difficulty paying **RENT** due to COVID-19 financial hardship?



You may qualify for a rental assistance grant!



**Signups open through August 10.**

Contact 211LA for info & to sign up:



CALL **2-1-1**



GO ONLINE

**WWW.211LA.ORG**

Need assistance with rent? The City of Lancaster has grants available for tenants. Learn more by heading to [cityoflanasterca.org](http://cityoflanasterca.org) or by calling 2-1-1.

[Get help with rent.](#)

## Get Counted

LACOE invites you to join the LA County Census

# CHALKATHON

August 17 - September 7

WEEKLY GIVEAWAYS  
on Facebook Live

WHAT TO INCLUDE IN YOUR ART:

"Everybody counts! 2020Census.gov"

Calling all chalk artists! Encourage your neighbors to complete the census by writing messages in chalk in your driveway and

sidewalk. If you're a professional artist, you can even get paid for your work by emailing flores\_esmeralda@lacoed.edu or calling (562) 774-6991. Have your social media handles, bio, previous art work, and your sketch for the census project ready.

Have you completed the 2020 census?

[Yes!](#)

[Not yet.](#)

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

[Help your community count.](#)

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# Fighting Fires



Photo Credit: Austin Dave

While the Fifth District is the proud home of many gorgeous valleys, our terrain means we're often susceptible to hillside 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 through their comprehensive *Ready! Set! Go! Wildfire Action Plan*. As fire season revs up, make sure to have a safety plan in place.

[Access Ready! Set! Go!](#)

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# California Camping



THE GREAT CALIFORNIA VIRTUAL CAMPOUT  
Saturday, August 8, 2020

<b>9 A.M.</b>	Campout Kickoff! Learn how to pitch a tent, indoors and outdoors!	
<b>10 A.M.</b>	<b>Choose your own adventure!</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Discover Nature in the City at Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook</li><li>• Backyard Scavenger Hunt with Pismo State Beach</li><li>• How to Make an Edible Tide Pool with Crystal Cove State Park</li><li>• <b>AND MORE!</b></li></ul>	<a href="https://facebook.com/CaliforniaStateParks">facebook.com/CaliforniaStateParks</a>
<b>2 P.M.</b>	<b>Choose your own adventure!</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dive into Hearst Castle's Neptune Pool</li><li>• How to Make a Nature Diorama at Ed Z'berg Sugar Pine Point State Park</li><li>• Beach Nature Search at San Onofre State Beach</li><li>• <b>AND MORE!</b></li></ul>	
<b>7 P.M.</b>	Campfire Program: "Parks' Musical Jam Session!"	
<b>8 P.M.</b>	S'mores/Dessert contest!	

You don't have to leave home to go on a great camping trip! Enjoy tours of beautiful sites across California, have a scavenger hunt, get creative with interactive projects, star in a musical jam session, and top off the day with a s'more!

Camp across California.

## Play a Part in Art

FOR THE  
LOVE OF L.A.

The Music Center has launched a virtual program called *For the Love of L.A.* in celebration of the creativity and resiliency of artists in our region. There is a special focus on music, dance, visual art, and more with featured local artists and the opportunity for community members to participate.

Love L.A. through the arts.

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