



Creative Solutions



Dear Friends,

This year has made us all adapt how we work, learn, and connect with one another. While this has led to some challenges, it's also enabled us to be more innovative. This week, I joined our [Los Angeles County Public Defender](#) Ricardo Garcia at the site of a new pilot project his team implemented. Outside the Pasadena Courthouse, clients can have their records cleared without needing to go into a courtroom. This has been a safe and effective way to continue serving residents. The Public Defender is looking to expand the program to other areas throughout the county.

As we continue to rise to the occasion, I'm grateful for our public servants, businesses, schools, neighbors, and volunteers who are meeting needs in new ways. Food is more accessible for families at drive thru [distributions](#) and for seniors through [Great Plates Delivered](#). [Library](#) books can be picked up curbside.

Constituents are able to call into our [Board of Supervisors meetings](#) to share their perspectives in real time. [Businesses](#) are more connected to grants and resources. [Mental health care](#) is accessible from the comfort of home.

Widespread [testing](#) is in every corner of the county.

These efforts and so many others have spotlighted the ingenuity of our communities. As we move to reopen Los Angeles County, these creative solutions continue to be effective and convenient. I'm proud of our residents and workers for proving their resilience and resourcefulness.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathryn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'K' and a long, sweeping underline.

Kathryn Barger

Supervisor, Fifth District

Chair, Board of Supervisors

Your Vote Matters



As this year marks a century since women won the right to vote, it's more exciting and timely than ever to cast your ballot. Whether you vote in person at a local vote center, drop your ballot in an official L.A. County vote box, or vote by mail, these convenient options make voting easy. Plan ahead so you know how you're voting and encourage your friends, neighbors, and loved ones to do the same.

[Find a drop box.](#)

[Find a vote center.](#)

[Track your ballot.](#)

Equipping Partners



This afternoon, my office joined BizFed to drop off a donation of 340 face shields to the Foothill Unity Center, which connects San Gabriel Valley families with food, health care, crisis management, and school supplies. These face shields will enable their dedicated team and volunteers to continue their efforts while keeping themselves and the families they serve safe. This donation was part of BizFed's Equip L.A. initiative to provide protective equipment for frontline workers in hospitals, businesses, and community groups.

[Support Foothill Unity Center.](#)

[Donate to Equip L.A.](#)

Quinceañera Parade



Last weekend, a group of young ladies celebrated their quinceañera at Castaic Sports Complex with a special car parade and a complimentary gown. The annual event, hosted by the Department of Children and Family Services, spotlights foster youth and honors their culture, which is particularly meaningful since it took place during Hispanic Heritage Month.

[Read more on the special event.](#)

[Connect with DCFS.](#)

You Count



There isn't much time left to fill out the census. Communities in the San Fernando Valley and the Antelope Valley have a high percentage of people who haven't responded. When residents don't complete the census, it means less money for schools, hospitals, and community programs in your neighborhood. Please respond today to make sure you get the services you and your neighbors deserve!

[Get counted.](#)

Be Prepared



Are you prepared with the tools and tips you need to protect your family in case of a disaster? Tune in on Saturday, Oct. 10 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the Southern California Preparedness Foundation's free Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair. The event features guest speakers and neighborhood council members, safety demonstrations, emergency and first aid information, and pet preparedness tips. If you'd like to do your part to help your community, there is an accompanying blood drive at the Northridge Fashion Center on [Saturday](#) and [Sunday](#) from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is a great way to help save the life of someone in need.

[Tune in for the fair.](#)

Share Your Art



There are really creative children in our communities and their art deserves to be on display! If your child or teen is willing to show off their skills, please send us a photo of their work for the chance to be featured in the newsletter, on social media, or in special messages. Especially with the holidays just around the corner, there are lots of opportunities to create.

Show off your creativity and stay connected.

Improving Transit



We're working to improve service on the Metrolink Antelope Valley Line to make it more reliable for riders. This effort impacts our communities in Glendale, Burbank, Sun Valley, Sylmar, San Fernando, Newhall, Santa Clarita, Acton, Palmdale, and Lancaster and will enhance the experience for travelers and neighbors. Join a community meeting on either Thursday, Oct. 15 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. or Saturday, Oct. 17 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The call in number is (883) 548-0282 and meeting ID is 917 9041 8493.

[Join the meeting to improve transit.](#)

[Ride Metrolink.](#)

Thanking Teachers



This year especially, teachers have shown how much they are committed to their students. The Los Angeles County Office of Education announced their Teachers of the Year, and many of them serve in the Fifth District! Congratulations to Timothy Green, Antelope Valley UHSD; Ericca Dent, Burbank USD; Annie Paliza, Keppel USD; and Jim Klipfel, William S. Hart UHSD. Our communities are immensely grateful for your guidance, encouragement, and compassion.

[Connect with the Office of Education.](#)

Donated to Deputies



When two Santa Clarita Valley brothers heard about the Sheriff's deputies who were ambushed a few weeks ago, they wanted to help. Max, 11, and Carson, 8, set up a soda stand and raised more than \$1,100 to drop off at their local Sheriff's station to be sent to the deputies. This is such an encouraging story of youth showing they care!

Girls Rule

WOMEN IN BUSINESS, OCTOBER 13TH-17TH
"BOSS-ISH"

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
MONEY MATTERS FINANCIAL GOALS/STABILITY WORKSHOP VIA: WEBEX DODGERS FOUNDATION AND BANK OF AMERICA VIA: WEBEX T: 4:30PM-5:30PM 	VISION BOARD PARTY	WOMEN IN BUSINESS PANEL: WOMAN EXECUTIVES AND WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS AVYGAIL SANCHEZ, Founder & CEO, TQM Partners GENETRIC BROWN, Dir Marketing & Communications, Habitat for Humanity DESHA VILCHEZ, Supply Chain Analyst, CEVA Logistics CELENE HEREDIA, Owner, The Pastry Queen LA LAURA KNIGHT, Publisher & Founder, Friendly Planet VIA: WEBEX T: 4:30PM-5:30PM	<i>Quote of the day!</i> On my own i will just create, and if it works, it works, and if it doesn't, I'll create something else. I don't have any limitations on what i think i could do or be. - Oprah Winfrey, T.V. Personality.	WOMEN IN BUSINESS GUEST SPEAKER CATARAH COLEMAN, Public Relations Guru & Entrepreneur, Co-founder of Southern Girl Desserts VIA: WEBEX T: 11:00AM-12:30PM <i>Business</i>

Los Angeles County knows that girls rule and deserve opportunities to be uplifted and encouraged. Throughout October, the Department of Parks and Recreation is hosting a Girls Empowerment Conference for youth 11 to 18. Each panel, concert, workshop, and activity helps girls use their voices, build their confidence, and prepare for college and careers. Every week features a different theme, including Women Leading L.A. County, Women in Sports, Women in Business, Women in Entertainment, and Women Creating Change. Registration is free and necessary to participate.

[Share this with a girl who means business.](#)





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