



Hope and Home



Dear Friends,

When someone is in need, our community is always eager to find a comprehensive, compassionate solution. This week, I toured The Salvation Army's site in Pasadena, which we plan to completely transform into the beautiful new Pasadena Hope Center. Part of the facility will become the social services center, which will include a food pantry where clients can select their own items, case management services, recovery programs, and life skills classes. The upper floors will become affordable permanent supportive housing comprised of 65 studio apartments. By combining housing with supportive services onsite, we can end the cycles of homelessness for good.

Los Angeles County was proud to contribute \$350,000 to close the capital

funding gap needed to move forward with the project. This facility will provide hope, help, and a home for so many children, families, seniors, and veterans in our community. If you'd like to learn more about this project, visit pasadenahopecenter.com. I look forward to more opportunities for collaboration with volunteers, churches, schools, and nonprofits to uplift those experiencing homelessness.

Best wishes,



Kathryn Barger

Supervisor, Fifth District

Chair, Board of Supervisors

Food Resources



Get Food

This week, more than 1,500 families received food from our grocery giveaway in Castaic. Since the beginning of the pandemic, Los Angeles County has hosted 49 events with the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank, distributing 4.7 million meals to more than 83,000 households countywide! The [distributions are a great resource](#), and they're not the only

way neighbors in need can access food. Survivors of the Bobcat Fire are eligible for food benefits from the [California Department of Social Services](#). Seniors across the county can connect with the Los Angeles County Department of Workforce Development, Aging, and Community Services to sign up for [Great Plates Delivered](#). Families and older adults can visit the San Gabriel Valley Service Center, Santa Clarita Valley Community Center, Antelope Valley Senior Center, and more locations for [drive thru food pickup](#).

Give Help

If you'd like to lend a helping hand, you can participate in the Foothill Unity Center's [Day of Giving](#) on Saturday, Nov. 21 from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. by dropping off canned goods and other needed items in the Denny's parking lot at 7 E. Huntington Drive. If you want to volunteer at one of L.A. County's distribution events to pass out food, you can [learn more here](#).

Virtual Tour



We are so eager for the High Desert Mental Health Urgent Care Center to open soon. We've made a special video so our community can take a look inside this incredible facility that will serve residents in crisis. Thank you to our Department of Mental Health, Department of Public Works, the City of Lancaster, and Stars Behavioral Health Group for their commitment to this project and to mental health in the Antelope Valley.

[Take a look inside the Mental Health Urgent Care](#)

Center.

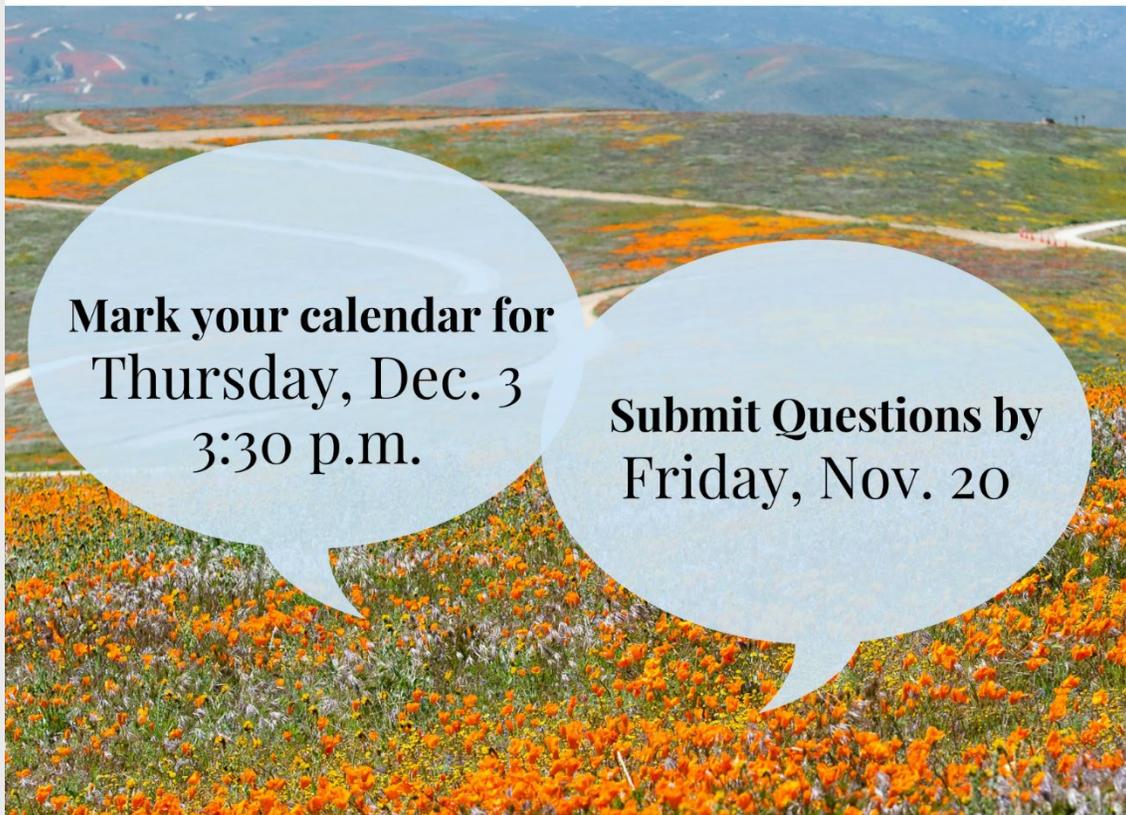
Thank a Veteran



The debt we owe veterans and their families is one we can never fully repay – and one we can never forget. This week, we commemorated both Veterans Day and the United States Marine Corps' 245th birthday. To pay homage to the veterans across Los Angeles County, I joined Dr. Sherin, Director of the Department of Mental Health, and Brigadier General Wong, Director of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, to share about our efforts to support men and women who've served. On Veterans Day and every day, we thank our veterans for their sacrifice and service for our country and our communities.

[Watch our video honoring veterans.](#)

AV Town Hall



Antelope Valley community members are invited to ask questions about any local issues at my upcoming town hall on Dec. 3. We'll also follow up on our Days of Dialogue series to address community relationships with law enforcement. Please submit your questions so we can make sure to answer them.

[Submit your questions.](#)

Youth Justice

THE ROAD TO YOUTH JUSTICE

An open forum on LA County's post-election landscape

NOVEMBER 18, 2020 | 3:00 PM



Judge Songhai Armstead (Ret.)
Executive Director
LA County Alternatives to
Incarceration Initiative



**Supervisor
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David Turner
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Join us for a conversation about how
LA County will move forward in creating a more
just, equitable and inclusive future for our youth.

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FOR MORE INFO: westernjustice.org

I'm joining the Western Justice Center on Wednesday, Nov. 18 at 3 p.m. to discuss making Los Angeles County more just, equitable, and inclusive for youth. Judge Armstead, the new Executive Director of our Alternatives to Incarceration Initiative, and David Turner, Coalition Manager for Brothers, Sons, Selves, will be part of this important conversation. You can watch on [Zoom](#), online at [Pasadena Media's Arroyo](#) website, or on your TV (Channel 32 in Pasadena and Altadena or AT&T U-Verse channel 99-Pasadena). We hope you'll tune in!

[Register to listen into the conversation.](#)

Get a Flu Shot



Protect your health and fight against the flu. You can get a flu shot conveniently at your doctor's office, a local pharmacy, a location listed on [Vaccinefinder](#), or at a [Los Angeles County Public Health Clinic](#). When you're looking for more information, make sure you're spreading facts, not the flu with this [helpful fact sheet](#).

Stay healthy all flu season.

Student Scholarship



The University of La Verne is now offering a minimum of \$15,000 in annual scholarships to eligible students from high schools and organizations that participate in the university's Partnership for Access to College Education (PACE) program. This marks an annual increase of \$5,000 from previous years! The increase in scholarships for eligible freshmen in fall 2021 shows the university's recognition of the financial challenges families are facing. All PACE affiliated schools have access to special events and workshops at no cost to assist students preparing for college. From now until December, students can meet with University of La Verne counselors for [On-the-Spot Admission](#) appointments. Starting November 16, [Preview Week](#) will be open for students to explore the University of La Verne, with topics such as living on campus, selecting a major, the honors program, and the international student experience.

[Connect your student with the PACE program.](#)

Navigate Finances



Has COVID-19 impacted your finances? Connect with a Los Angeles County financial navigator for free to help manage financial issues, identify actionable steps, and receive referrals for other services. Navigators may discuss prioritizing your payments for housing, food, and insurance; maximizing your income through unemployment or public benefits and emergency loans; managing debt by negotiating with creditors; and avoiding scams. Connect with a navigator for a session to receive personalized insight.

[Make an appointment.](#)

Toy Drive



The Spark of Love toy drive is made possible by the generosity of our communities. If you're able, consider donating a toy to this collaborative effort between the Los Angeles County Fire Department, Department of Public Social Services, and ABC7. With your help, we can make the holiday season merry and bright for local youth.

[Give a gift to a child in need.](#)



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