



Vaccines for All



WHEN ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR YOUR FREE COVID-19 VACCINE?



Dear Friends,

I'm eager to share that vaccine eligibility will be expanded in April to include all adults across Los Angeles County. On April 1, any person 50 years old and older will be eligible, and starting April 15, every Los Angeles County resident 16 years old and older will be able to receive the vaccine. We are anticipating a large influx of vaccines to be delivered to L.A. County in the weeks to come to help meet the demand.

I hope you sign up when the time comes for you to get the vaccine. This is our

communities healthy and continue to return to normalcy. If you would like more information or want to schedule your vaccine appointment, visit

VaccinateLACounty.com or myturn.ca.gov.

Best wishes,



Kathryn Barger

Supervisor, Fifth District

Woman of the Year

CITY OF SAN DIMAS - SD CARES

HOT MEAL PROGRAM

SAN DIMAS CAKE & ICE CREAM

The City of San Dimas with the help of local businesses such as San Dimas Cake & Ice Cream are working together to provide the Senior community affordable meal options. Meal will include main dish, starch and a dessert. There is a suggested donation of \$5.



I'm proud to recognize Celine Esquivel as our Fifth District Woman of the Year. A longtime resident of the region, Celine is a small business owner who founded the San Dimas Cake Company in 2012. Building a business from the ground up wasn't easy, but with the support of the community and her family, Celine achieved her dream. When COVID hit, her shop faced incredible challenges like many of our small businesses did. Through her membership with the San Dimas Chamber of Commerce, she was invited to participate in the San Dimas CARES community program. She committed to

hesitation—absorbing all the costs herself. Celine said, “Sitting back and doing nothing wasn’t an option.” I know with women like Celine leading the way, Los Angeles County and our small business community are in caring, capable hands.

[Connect with the Commission for Women.](#)

Leading the Way

CENTER FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN
AT MOUNT SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY

**Making HERstory:
How the All-Female
LA County Board
of Supervisors are
Leading the Way**

THE REPORT
ON THE STATUS OF
WOMEN AND GIRLS
IN CALIFORNIA™

March 31, 2021



For the first time since its inception more than 150 years ago, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors is comprised of entirely women. Join me and my colleagues at Mount Saint Mary's Report on the Status of Women and Girls in California event on March 31 as we discuss how we are leading the way for our residents.

[Register for the event.](#)

Metro I-5 Project



Yesterday, the Los Angeles Metro Board of Directors approved a \$679.4 million budget for the I-5 North County Enhancement Project in the Santa Clarita Valley, moving the project into the construction phase. The project is designed to enhance the operations and safety of the freeway corridor, improve the movement of freight and passenger vehicles, and accommodate expected growth between Santa Clarita and Castaic in large part through the addition of one HOV lane in each direction. Improvements will also involve a two-mile extension of truck lanes, improvements to auxiliary lanes, and widening or upgrading seven bridges, including the replacement of the Weldon Canyon Bridge.

This project is deemed to be the highest priority for North Los Angeles County. I'm happy to see these critical mobility improvements moving forward and I thank our local Santa Clarita Valley stakeholders who have advocated for these enhancements. The I-5 is the backbone for trade in the western U.S. and our federal and state partners recognize its importance.

The Metro Board also approved a \$170.3 million light rail vehicle overhaul contract with Kinkisharyo for four and half years that will ensure more than 100 jobs remain in the Antelope Valley at the company's plant in Palmdale. With all the challenges workers have endured over the past year, this is great news for the City of Palmdale, the greater

[Connect with Metro.](#)

Ribbon Cutting

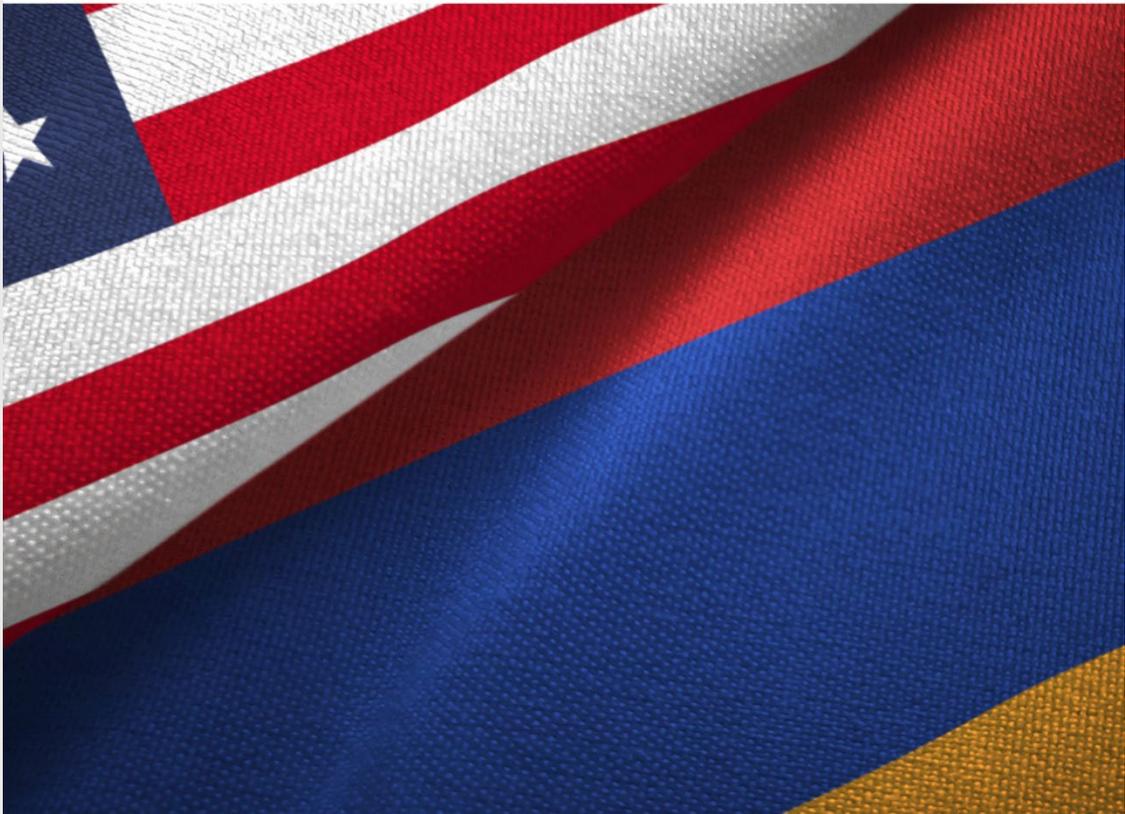


This week, Bridge to Home in Santa Clarita hosted a virtual ribbon cutting to celebrate the new sewer and water hookup at their Drayton St. shelter. Additionally, they announced their capital campaign to help propel their efforts forward as they work to build their new shelter, which will begin this summer and be completed in fall 2022. The facility will house 60 individuals and eight families in the valley's first family shelter. In recent years, the nonprofit has shifted from a winter shelter to a year-round shelter offering extensive case management. I'm proud to partner with Bridge to Home and the City of Santa Clarita to bring housing and services to those experiencing homelessness in the SCV.

[Watch the ribbon cutting.](#)

[Learn about the new shelter.](#)

Stand with Armenia



Advocating for our Armenian community continues to be a priority. At this week's Board of Supervisors meeting, our Board passed my motion to support federal legislation to release Armenian prisoners of war and captured civilians. The motion lends support to federal legislation by the Armenian Caucus and representatives Adam Schiff, Jackie Speier, and David G. Valadao to advocate on behalf of the 200 Armenians in captivity. Additionally, I commend the ongoing effort by community organizations to encourage President Biden to formally acknowledge the Armenian Genocide. There is a petition started by the Pan Armenian Council of the Western United States if you would like to show your support.

[Read my motion.](#)

[Sign the petition.](#)

Preparing the SGV



On Monday, I'm joining the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments for a Twitter discussion about emergency preparedness and response. I'll be accompanied by Supervisor Solis, the cities of Alhambra, Duarte, and Monrovia, the L.A. County Office of Emergency Management, Southern California Edison, SoCalGas, the South Coast Air Quality Management District, and more. Tune in for the conversation live at 12 p.m. on the SGVCOG's page or by following #PreparingSGV.

[Tune into the Twitter chat.](#)

Air Monitoring



This week, the South Coast Air Quality Management District voted to develop a network for real-time air monitoring and a system for reporting symptoms and incidents for community members impacted by the SoCalGas facility in Aliso Canyon. This is a meaningful step in the effort to ensure protection and safety for residents in Porter Ranch.

[Stay updated on the latest.](#)

Museums to Reopen



Under new health guidelines, your favorite museums will be able to reopen soon. The Natural History Museum and the Los Angeles County Museum of Art are both slated to open to guests on April 1. Safety protocols are in place, including mask wearing and physical distancing, to ensure all community members are protected as they're enjoying the museums. Additionally, visit the Museum of Art and History in Lancaster, which is now featuring "[Golden Hour](#): California Photography from the Los Angeles County Museum of Art."

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Mental Healthcare



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The Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health Wellbeing Line now has a live chat feature. The Wellbeing Line was created last year to provide access to emotional support services, assistance navigating mental healthcare, and referrals to grief resources. The chat feature will serve as a resource in conjunction with the existing phone line at 833-307-0509. This service is made especially for first responders, healthcare workers, teachers and school staff, and Los Angeles County employees.

[Chat now and get support.](#)



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