

## Advocate & Collaborate



Dear Friends,

As the representative for Los Angeles County, I joined county leaders from across the country for the annual [National Association of Counties](#) conference. In total, NACo represents 3,069 county governments! I'm always encouraged to hear from attendees about their priorities and to find ways to work together to accomplish goals for all our constituencies.

My primary goal at the conference was to advocate for mental health reform. My resolution to support lifting the [Medicaid IMD](#) exclusion, which will greatly enhance our ability to increase mental health beds across Los Angeles County, passed with broad bipartisanship. I'm truly grateful for my counterparts' shared commitment to address this critical need. Additionally, I was proud to support

enhancements in housing and infrastructure through my work with the Large Urban County Caucus. I was also thankful to join the Los Angeles County Department of Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services as they accepted the Achievement Award for their [Prison to Employment](#) workforce initiative.

I'm proud to have had the opportunity to showcase the incredible work Los Angeles County has accomplished, to advocate for the change our residents deserve, and to collaborate with other leaders across the nation.

Best wishes,



Kathryn Barger

Supervisor, Fifth District

# Breaking Ground



On Sunday, around 1,000 community members gathered for the groundbreaking of the new [Armenian American Museum](#)! I can think of no more deserving or appropriate

community to build this cultural and educational facility than Glendale. This museum will share the rich history of the Armenian people locally and around the world. Watch my full remarks at the link below beginning at 44:25.

[Watch the groundbreaking.](#)

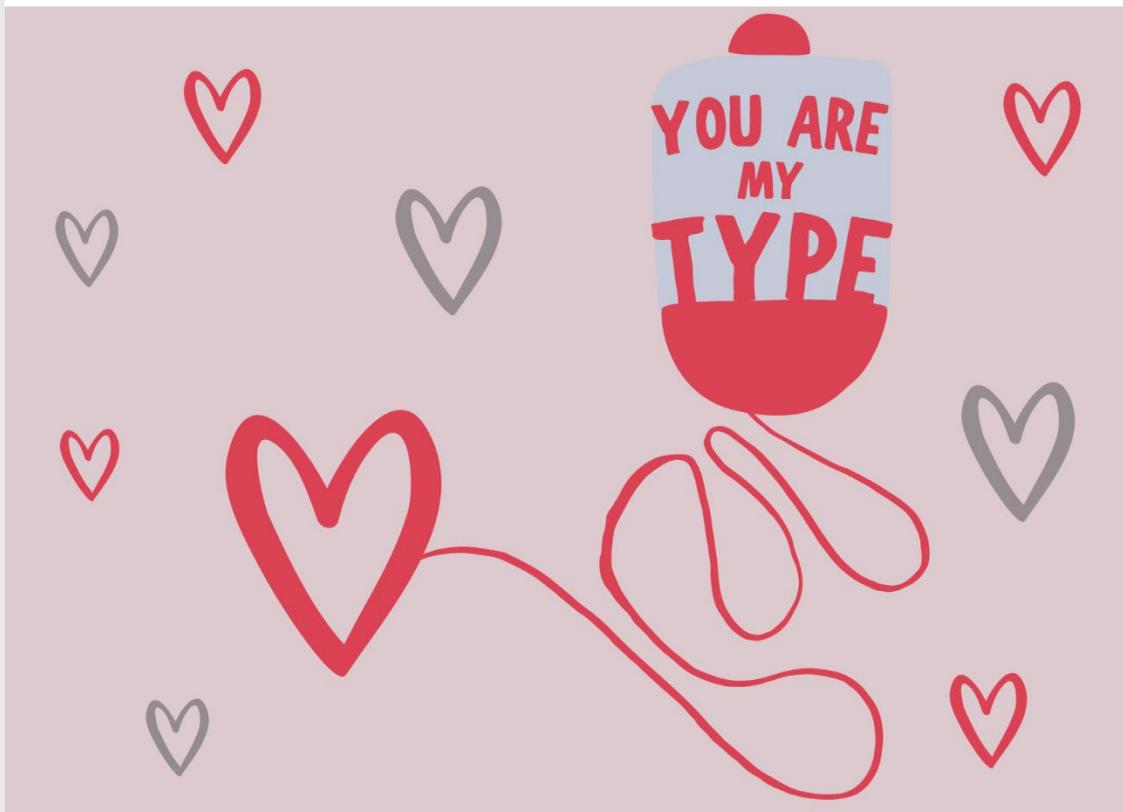
# Arts Grants



At Tuesday's Board of Supervisors meeting, we approved grant funding for many of our Fifth District nonprofits. There are 38 arts organizations throughout the district who will receive funds through the [Organizational Grant Program](#) and 12 other nonprofits who will implement arts programming through the [Community Impact Arts Grant](#). I'm grateful that these dollars will go directly to serve our communities with programs close to home.

[Connect with the Department of Arts and Culture.](#)

# Give Blood



When you give blood, you give life. There is currently a severe nationwide blood shortage, putting a strain on patient care in hospitals due to rising trauma cases, organ transplants, and surgeries. Donations of all blood types are valued and appreciated and type O and platelets (50% of which go to cancer patients) are especially needed. If you'd like to support this effort, book your appointment online or call 1-800-RED CROSS to find a donation location near you.

[Donate blood.](#)

# Fun & Fresh Air

SUMMER 2021

## BOTANIC GARDENS

FREE ENTRY FOR MILITARY VETERANS, LA COUNTY  
TEACHERS AND STUDENTS AGES 13-17 WITH VALID ID.

### THE ARBORETUM

301 NORTH BALDWIN AVE.  
ARCADIA, CA, 91007  
(626) 821-3222

### DESCANSO GARDENS

1418 DESCANSO DR.  
LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE, CA 91011  
(818) 949-4200

Our Los Angeles County gardens provide a great local escape. Plus, all summer long, admission to The Arboretum and Descanso Gardens is free for students, teachers, and veterans. Plan the perfect outing to enjoy these gorgeous facilities.

[Visit The Arboretum.](#)

[Visit Descanso Gardens.](#)

# Movie Nights



Every Friday, stop by your local park for a free movie night! Enjoy nice weather, time with loved ones, and some of your favorite family-friendly films. Parks include Charter Oak in Covina, George Lane in Lancaster, Jackie Robinson in Littlerock, Loma Alta in Altadena, Pamela in Duarte, Stephen Sorensen in Palmdale, and Val Verde in Castaic.

[See the lineup.](#)

# Ride & Dine



This summer, Friends of the Children in the Antelope Valley is treating youth to adventures by kicking off a series of scooter rides in collaboration with Metrolink Cares and the L.A. County Bike Coalition. The organization believes mobility provides empowerment, so parents and children rode Metrolink down to Newhall to tour the town on scooters donated by Lime and then enjoyed food from Buca di Beppo. I'm grateful to Friends L.A. for showing kids that fun can be found close to home and for their ongoing mentorship of local youth.

**Support Friends of the Children.**

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