



# Taking Action to Combat Homelessness



Dear Friends,

It's as clear as ever that the status quo is not working in our approach to combat the homelessness crisis. We desperately need sweeping changes to our current system. On Tuesday, July 27, I will introduce a motion at our Board of Supervisors meeting that proposes a new [Blue Ribbon Commission on Homelessness](#).

If approved, the Commission will be made up of nine members nominated by each of the five members of the Board of Supervisors, one nominated by the Mayor of Los Angeles, one by the Los Angeles City Council President, one by the Contract Cities Association, and one by the Councils of Government. This representation ensures voices are heard from service providers and local officials from all 88 cities across Los Angeles County.

The Blue Ribbon Commission would provide us with an opportunity to improve accountability, transparency, and inclusivity. Members would be tasked with researching best practices from across the nation, examining our current structure to assess our limitations, and finding areas for improvement and reform. The proposed Commission would present its findings in six months and would then sunset. This definitive timeline ensures we're being efficient and can implement solutions quickly to meet the dire need. More than 700 people experiencing homelessness have lost their lives on our streets already this year and we cannot wait any longer.

With this all-hands-on-deck approach, I know we can find practical solutions that will really work.

Best wishes,



Kathryn Barger

Supervisor, Fifth District

# Movie Night



JOIN  
BABY2BABY & SUPERVISOR BARGER  
FOR A SHOWING OF

# COCO

Summer goodies, snacks, diapers, hygiene items, and more  
will be provided!

FRIDAY, JULY 30TH AT 7:30PM

CHARTER OAK PARK  
20261 E COVINA BLVD



It's my privilege to invite you to a very special event with giveaways and fun for the whole family. My office is partnering with Baby2Baby to distribute summer goodies, snacks, diapers, hygiene items, food boxes, and more. The giveaway will be followed by a showing of Coco presented by the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation. The distribution will begin at 7:30 p.m. and the movie starts at 8:30 p.m. on Friday, July 30 at Charter Oak Park in Covina. We hope to see you there!

[Engage with Baby2Baby.](#)

[Watch a movie at your local park.](#)

# Summer Concerts



Our Parks After Dark Summer Concert Series is underway! Enjoy an incredible range of local bands featuring diverse genres from Beatles covers to country and mariachi to blues. Head to your closest park every Saturday for a new show! 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.

[Check out the lineup.](#)

# Be Prepared



There have been multiple small fires throughout the Fifth District recently, providing an important reminder to always be prepared in case you need to evacuate. Download the Los Angeles County Fire Department's Ready! Set! Go! Guide today so you have a plan in place to protect your family.

[Get the guide.](#)

# SCV Senior Center



I was glad to join the Santa Clarita Valley community for the Celebrity Waiter Dinner fundraiser on Saturday to support the SCV Senior Center's invaluable services. Last year, their Meals on Wheels program delivered more than 400,000 meals to residents!

**Engage with the Senior Center.**

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# Smart Sister Cities



This week, I joined Consul General Muto and Mayor Rex Parris to celebrate the official signing as Smart Sister City partners, which begins a relationship centered around hydrogen technology between the City of Lancaster and Namie, Japan. We're eager for this partnership to allow for innovation and collaboration in the Antelope Valley.

[Read about the partnership.](#)

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# Arts Interns



Hey college students! Are you interested in a career in the arts or arts administration? The Los Angeles County Arts Internship Program is offering paid internships at more than 140 arts organizations across the region. Plus, many positions are open on a rolling deadline and can be done remotely. Incredible nonprofits from across the Fifth District still have spots available.

[Apply today.](#)

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# Team USA



Congratulations to the Los Angeles County residents who will be representing Team USA at the Tokyo Olympics! Some of the competitors include David, Allyson, Kyle, and Abbey from the Santa Clarita Valley and Cravon from the San Gabriel Valley. We'll be cheering them on as they represent the United States and our communities!

[Meet the team.](#)

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# Strong Businesses

## TOGETHER FOR L.A. LAUNCH EVENT

A partnership to strengthen and support women and diverse-owned businesses, with no-cost technical assistance and small business resources.



Want to join a supportive network of women and diverse-owned businesses? Together for L.A., spearheaded by the Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation, launches next week and aims to provide assistance for your small business. Join in for the launch on Tuesday, July 27 at 11:30 a.m. to hear about the program, its mission, and the resources available to you.

[Connect and learn more.](#)



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