



# Serving Students



Dear Friends,

As students return to school full time, the weight of the last year and a half still affects them mentally and emotionally. This is a critical time to expand onsite mental health services to ensure youth can thrive both in the classroom and in daily life. On Wednesday, [the Board passed my motion](#) with Supervisor Hilda Solis to identify additional school districts in need of on-campus mental health support.

Currently, the Community School Initiative is implemented at [15 school sites](#), plus an additional 10 regional teams comprised of 45 total members who are deployed

Duarte, and Pasadena school districts. [Wednesday's motion](#) seeks to sustain the initiative and identify communities with a high need for mental health services where the county can expand the program.

Schools are trusted partners for residents. We can leverage that relationship as a pathway to accessible, welcoming mental health services for students and their families.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathryn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that loops back under the 'n'.

Kathryn Barger

Supervisor, Fifth District

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# Doing Our Part



At our Board meeting this week, we declared September as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month in Los Angeles County. The more we have these open and honest conversations, the better we will be able to destigmatize suicide and equip our communities with the support they deserve to put their mental health first.

Join prevention efforts.

Access mental health resources.

# Dolores Huerta



Today, we dedicated Dolores Huerta Middle School in Burbank. Huerta founded the National Farm Workers Association with Cesar Chavez in 1962 and used her voice to speak out against poor working conditions. Local students will greatly benefit from learning about her leadership and legacy. This is an especially fitting tribute to commemorate Hispanic Heritage Month.

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month.

# Traffic Safety



I am heartbroken by the tragic accidents that occurred on Sloan Canyon Road. The Castaic community should not live in fear that this road is unsafe for families. In an effort to ensure roadway safety and prevent future crashes, I read in a motion at our Board meeting this week to accept a portion of the road into the county system of highways to allow for traffic safety studies by the Department of Public Works and traffic enforcement by California Highway Patrol. I am committed to working collaboratively to overcome bureaucratic hurdles that ultimately put pedestrians and drivers at risk.

Keep Castaic safe.

# Nature Centers



Our Department of Parks and Recreation nature center volunteers make the great outdoors accessible and engaging for residents and I was honored to celebrate them on Saturday. I'm grateful for their passion and commitment to highlight our fun, educational, and beautiful natural areas in the 5th District. We have stunning nature centers in the Fifth District for our residents to enjoy, including Eaton Canyon, Placerita Canyon, Vasquez Rocks, and San Dimas Canyon.

[Visit your local nature center.](#)

# Tee Time



On Monday, I stopped by the Santa Clarita Valley Sheriff's Foundation golf tournament to thank volunteers, supporters, and local law enforcement. The Santa Clarita Valley Sheriff's Station is among the best, which is a true testament to the commitment of those who work at the station and live in this community.

[Connect with the foundation.](#)

# Arts Internships



Arts and cultural organizations are an essential part of our communities' well-being, hope, healing, and connection. The Los Angeles County Department of Arts and Culture has opened its grant application for arts internships so local organizations can host talented youth who are eager to get experience in this rewarding field. I encourage Fifth District organizations to apply to host an intern for next year!

[Apply to host arts interns.](#)

# Always Prepared



After a fire and earthquake this week, we're reminded that it's crucial to always be prepared in the event of a natural disaster. On Saturday, the Route Fire shut down the I-5 freeway near Castaic and on Monday, a 3.0 earthquake was reported near San Fernando. In any event, make sure you have supplies ready, including water, snacks, needed medication, your photo ID, important documents, and your cell phone and charger. Check out the resources and tips below to ensure you, your family, and your home are prepared to stay safe.

[Prepare for fires.](#)

[Prepare for earthquakes.](#)

# Get Creative



Calling all students! L.A. County Library is kicking off its 42nd annual bookmark contest for youth from kindergarten through high school. This beloved tradition celebrates reading and creativity by inviting kids and teens to use their imagination to draw, paint, or design their own bookmark. Each of the Library's 85 locations will select one winner from four categories— kindergarten through 2nd grade, 3rd through 5th grade, 6th through 8th grade, and 9th through 12th grade. Supervisors will then select our favorites, which will be professionally printed and distributed across all Library locations! Submissions will be accepted through Oct. 30.

[Submit your bookmark.](#)

[Visit your local library.](#)

## **Opera Tales**

Discover the magic of opera with the L.A. County Library! This special presentation of Opera Tales, in partnership with L.A. Opera, features songs and stories from Mozart's classics. Tune in Saturday, Sept. 18 at 11 a.m. for The Marriage of Figaro & The Magic Flute, plus Q&A with director Eli Villanueva and

Tune in tomorrow.

# Community Needs

**YOUR VOICE COUNTS!**



## 2021 VIRTUAL COMMUNITY MEETING

**SATURDAY**  
**OCTOBER 2, 2021**  
**1:00 P.M. - 2:30 P.M.**

**MEETING DETAILS AVAILABLE AT:**

**[yourvoicecounts.lacda.org](http://yourvoicecounts.lacda.org)**

- Registration Information
- Call/Video Streaming Access



The Los Angeles County Development Authority is inviting residents from unincorporated areas to participate in a virtual community meeting on Oct. 2. Based on feedback, LACDA will be able to better allocate funding and resources to make neighborhoods stronger.

Use your voice.

# Job Opportunities



There are employment opportunities available across L.A. County in a variety of sectors. The America's Job Center of California has a new website that serves as a hub for people looking to make their next career or business move. Access resources for both employees and businesses with this helpful one-stop shop.

[Connect with the job center.](#)

Education is among the sectors in need of great candidates. The Castaic Union School District is hiring substitute teachers, substitute classified positions, and bus drivers. Working for the district provides a fantastic way to get involved in your community and enjoy a flexible work schedule.

[Learn more and apply.](#)

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