

Enough is Enough



Dear Friends,

I'm asking all our community members to take urgent action for the safety of our residents. The Orange County Superior Court is currently considering a location in

Lancaster for the placement of sexually violent predator Lawtis Donald Rhoden. This is the second proposed placement of a sexually violent predator in the Antelope Valley in the past several months.

Enough is enough. This is becoming an issue of equity. We cannot allow North Los Angeles County to be a recurrent location for violent criminals who have no nexus or connection to the area. It's an issue facing the Antelope Valley today, but it could be your community tomorrow. Please use your voice to advocate for safe communities across Los Angeles County.

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office is gathering all public comments by Oct. 19 to submit to the OC Superior Court. If you'd like to submit a comment, please email Rhoden.Comments@da.lacounty.gov or send mail to:

Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office
Attn: Jay S. Grobeson, Deputy District Attorney
9425 Penfield Ave., #3210
Chatsworth, CA 91311

For more details on the case and our community efforts, click [here](#). For information on public comment and the hearing scheduled for Nov. 5, click [here](#).

Thank you for using your voice to stand up for our community.

Best wishes,

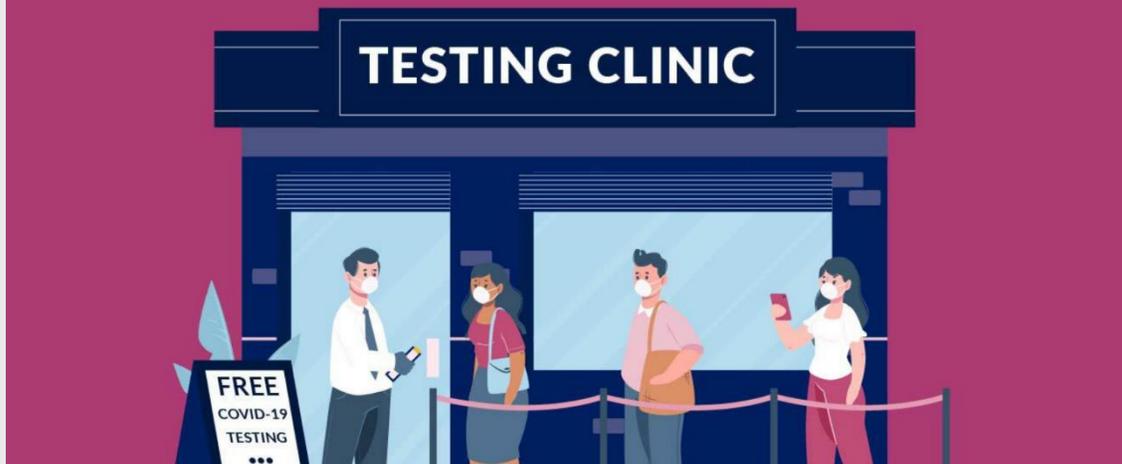
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Kathryn Barger
Supervisor, Fifth District

Get Tested

TESTING IN LA COUNTY

**NEED TO GET TESTED FOR AN
EVENT? FIND A FREE COVID-19
TESTING SITE NEAR YOU**



If you need proof of a negative COVID-19 test and you're attending a game, concert, or any event where it's required, you can get a free test at any L.A. County partnered pharmacy or health center near you.

[Take a test.](#)

Also, Pfizer booster shots are now available for qualifying community members. Currently, those groups include adults 65 and older, residents of long-term care facilities, people 18-64 with underlying medical conditions, and people 18-64 with high institutional or occupational risk including healthcare workers, first responders, and grocery store workers.

Get your booster.

AV Rural Museum



I'm proud our Board is allocating \$200,000 to help complete the Antelope Valley Rural Museum. In its new home at the Antelope Valley Fairgrounds, the facility will collect artifacts that celebrate AV history ranging from ranches and railroads to aerospace and art.

Explore what the museum has in store.

Illegal Cannabis



At our meeting on Tuesday, the Board of Supervisors approved \$5 million to combat illegal cannabis grows in the Antelope Valley and dispensaries across the county. Illegal cannabis operations continue to threaten the well-being of our residents, water supply, and environment. By empowering and equipping our law enforcement partners with the resources they need, we can better protect our communities.

[Learn more about this effort.](#)

Castaic Community



Thank you to the Castaic Lions Club, Castaic Town Council, and Castaic community for inviting me to connect with you last Saturday! Whether we're expanding safety on our streets or implementing innovative programs for youth, I'm grateful for your perspective and partnership as we work to strengthen Castaic.

[Connect with the latest in Castaic.](#)

Give Mentor Love



Give-Mentor-Love Foundation uplifts youth who have been in foster care, experienced homelessness, or have been victims of sex trafficking. I was proud to attend their fundraiser last Saturday to support this worthwhile cause. Their inspiring work helps youth rediscover their self worth and provides them with resources to rebuild and thrive.

Support youth in need.

Dream Quinceañera



The [Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services'](#) Quinceañera at the Arboretum gave deserving young ladies a day to feel special and celebrate their heritage. For Latina youth living in foster care, the prospect of such an elaborate and expensive celebration may have seemed unattainable. Recognizing the cultural and sentimental value of this tradition, DCFS was proud to host their seventh annual event on Oct. 3 to celebrate five deserving youth. This was a beautiful way to recognize youth in our county's care while commemorating Hispanic Heritage Month.

[Watch the event.](#)

Food for Families



Sycamores does amazing work to uplift families across Los Angeles County. My office was happy to donate lunch bags filled with snacks to complement their grocery giveaway for local families, plus diapers and wipes courtesy of [Baby2Baby](#). Sycamores' Family Resource Center provides support services including after-school enrichment programs for youth, individual and family counseling, academic support, access to their community technology center, and other preventative programs designed to enrich and empower families. They have locations in Pasadena, Altadena, Covina, Palmdale, and more, so connect with them today!

Receive resources or lend support.

Find food near you.

Celebrating Girls



POWERFUL SPEAKERS
INTERACTIVE SESSIONS
LIVE MUSIC

October 9, 2021

FREE EVENT FOR GIRLS AGES 12-18
Register at: parks.lacounty.gov/gec2021
Transportation at select sites! **Space is Limited!**

**GIRLS
EMPOWERMENT
CONFERENCE**

LOMA ALTA PARK | HACIENDA HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTER | EARVIN MAGIC JOHNSON PARK

Logos for Loma Alta Park, Jackie Robinson Park, and George Lane Park are visible in the top left. A logo for the Miller Girls Empowerment Conference is in the top right, with the tagline "GIRLS WITH DREAMS BECOME WOMEN WITH POWER".

In Los Angeles County, we want to equip and empower girls with the resources and support they need to succeed. Girls ages 12 to 18 are invited to attend the free Girls Empowerment Conference tomorrow, Saturday, Oct. 9 at Loma Alta Park. Transportation will also be provided from Castaic Sports Complex, Jackie Robinson Park in Littlerock, and George Lane Park in Quartz Hill for girls who live in North County and want to participate! Participants will hear from powerful women innovators, educators, and trailblazers, engage with their peers, participate in fun activities, and receive free swag. Panels include Women in Tech, Step into your Power, Girls and Women with Vision, Pathways to College, Delete the Divide, and Sports and Dance Workshops.

Sign up.

Shift the Script



October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and [Strength United](#) is here to uplift our communities. They are hosting informative and encouraging events all month long to fit their theme "Communities United: Shifting the Script." Join them for educational workshops and self-care activities as you find ways to take action to stop domestic violence in your community. During their sessions, learn about self-defense, soul care, strength in unity, youth advocacy, and financial justice.

Tune in and stand up.

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Santa Clarita, CA 91355
(661) 287-3657

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