

## Your Voice is Vital



Dear Friends,

Your input really matters in the effort to keep our communities safe. [There are changes underway with the juvenile justice system](#) and we need your involvement to ensure our residents' voices are heard during this process.

As a result of Senate Bill 823, the State has began closing the Department of Juvenile Justice to legally shift the responsibility of housing, treating, and supervising youth to probation camps in every county in California. All 58 counties are preparing for the placement of youth with the direction of a Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council. The council and its subcommittee should not make any

recommendations without a thorough analysis and meaningful discourse with residents. [I authored a motion](#) this year calling for an in-depth evaluation of all camps and halls in Los Angeles County and proper community engagement. A decision about where the youth will be housed has not been made yet. Final recommendations will be presented to the Board of Supervisors by mid-January and the Board will take a vote by February 2022.

In the meantime, please stay engaged! [Download this fact sheet](#) and [learn more about the new law](#). You can also [connect with the subcommittee](#) that is making the recommendations. [Tune in for a town hall with the Probation Oversight Commission](#) and [plan to watch our Board of Supervisors meeting](#) when we discuss the matter. I appreciate your commitment to your community and I know your voice is vital in this conversation.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light gray rectangular background. The signature is cursive and reads "Kathryn".

Kathryn Barger  
Supervisor, Fifth District

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# A Day to Play



There is nothing as special as seeing a child's face light up as they get to experience a day tailor-made to celebrate them. I was proud to host my annual holiday party for youth in foster care and their families at Six Flags Magic Mountain last Saturday. Everyone enjoyed lunch, books, crafts, pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus, a hand-picked toy, and a day in the theme park!

[Take a look inside the party.](#)

[Donate a toy to a child in need.](#)

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# La Crescenta Christmas



We were rockin' around the Christmas tree at our 7th annual La Crescenta Christmas Tree Lighting! It was so beautiful to bring some holiday cheer to a small town with such a big heart. You can visit this gorgeous tree in front of the [La Crescenta Library](#).

[See us light the tree.](#)

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# Agua Dulce Traditions



Since 1948, the Agua Dulce Women's Club has supported educational, recreational, philanthropic, and emergency preparedness efforts in the community. I was grateful to attend their Parade of Tables fundraiser last Saturday at the Agua Dulce Airport. This year's theme was "grace, gratitude, and grit," which is a perfect representation of the women in our community. I was also proud to thank them for their inspirational generosity by donating funds to their emergency readiness initiatives.

[Engage with the Women's Club.](#)

# Granada Hills Festivities



The best part of the holiday season is time spent together! It was a treat to be with the Granada Hills community for their fun and festive parade on Sunday. The event is one of the largest in the San Fernando Valley, including more than 4,000 participants and over 10,000 attendees! It was special to see how residents made the "Charles Dickens Christmas" theme come to life.

[Get the latest in Granada Hills.](#)

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# New Commissioner



We have a great new addition to our Veterans Advisory Commission! Dennis Anderson is an Antelope Valley resident, a U.S. Army veteran, University of Southern California alumnus, and social worker serving veterans and their families. I'm grateful for his perspective and eager to have his experience represented!

[Connect with the commission.](#)

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[Celebrate the Pawlidays.](#)

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# Holiday Safety



With the holiday season in full swing, the Los Angeles County Fire Department is reminding residents to protect their families and homes from accidents. This time of year, first responders see an increase in 9-1-1 calls for emergencies related to carbon monoxide alarms, electrical fires, and fires caused by candles or space heaters. Last holiday season, the Department responded to 81 Christmas tree fires, 11 kitchen fires, and 68 traffic collisions.

[Check out the tips below to ensure your safety this season.](#)

1. If you have a fresh tree, keep it well watered and hydrated. Dried out trees can put you at risk of fire danger.
2. Do not place trees where they will block exits and make sure they are at least three feet away from any heat source like fireplaces, candles, or heaters.
3. Choose ornaments and decorations that are flame-resistant.
4. Do not overload electrical circuits and carefully inspect extension cords for any wear-and-tear or fraying. Do not run cords across doorways or under rugs.
5. Always turn off your tree lights and extinguish candles before leaving home or going to bed.
6. Make sure your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors are installed and working properly and that you have a fire extinguisher in your kitchen.

7. Before you and your family go to bed, remember to “[close before you doze.](#)” Closing the bedroom door can help save your life by slowing the spread of flames and will prevent heat, smoke, and deadly gases from filling your room.
8. Have an emergency plan in place. Download the [Family Instructions for Rapid Escape Guide](#), which includes simple steps to ensure your family and home are F.I.R.E. safe.

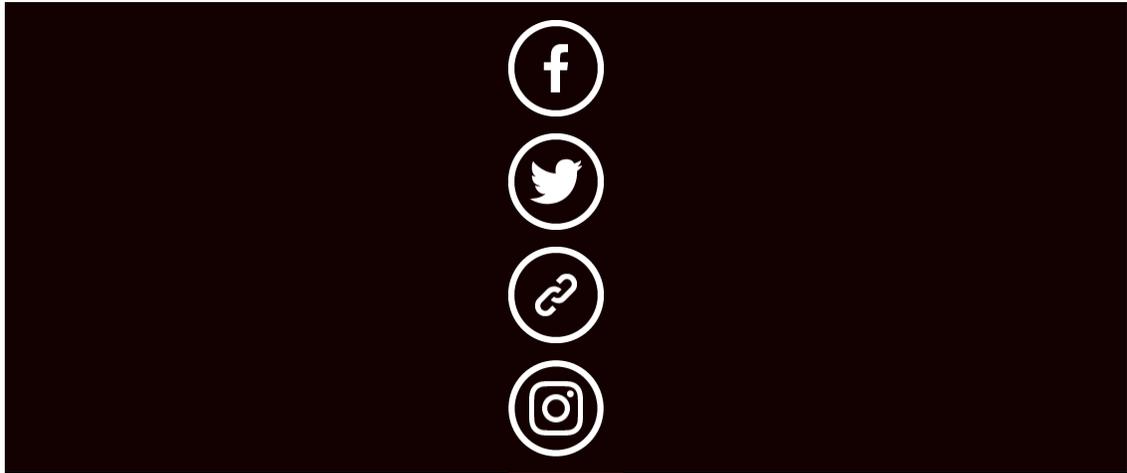
Have a safe season.

# CIF Champions



Congratulations to Quartz Hill High School's football team on an incredible year! They won the CIF Championship, the CIF-State Division 6AA Regional Championship, and now are looking to become State Champions! They will be playing tomorrow night against Argonaut High School in Jackson, California for the title. Our Antelope Valley community is rooting for you, Royals!

Watch the game live.



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