

Aligning with the State



Dear Friends,

Los Angeles County residents deserve clarity and consistency. Currently, L.A. County's Health Officer Order regarding the outdoor mask mandate is the only one stricter than the State of California's. I want to emphasize that wearing masks in high-risk indoor settings is still an important tool to combat COVID-19. However, State health experts have established that outdoor events and outdoor school environments are safe for residents to do without a mask. Aligning with the state is

the most effective way to maintain the community's confidence in our safety protocols.

With this in mind, [I sent a letter to the Department of Public Health](#) this week formally asking to align with State guidance. With the Super Bowl just over a week away where thousands of fans will arrive from outside L.A. County, I anticipate we won't see very much compliance with our current mask mandate. We shouldn't continue to have mandates in place that aren't followed or enforced. This only continues to sow further distrust and frustration for L.A. County residents. As we near the two-year mark of this pandemic, it is imperative that we protect the public health and public trust of our communities.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathryn". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kathryn Barger

Supervisor, Fifth District

Pick-Up Test Kits



Pick-up COVID-19 testing kits are now available at select [L.A. County Library](#) locations, including Quartz Hill and Acton Agua Dulce. Additionally, you can get tests from Palmdale Hammack Center and College of the Canyons, plus others in the San Fernando Valley and San Gabriel Valley. Best of all, there are no appointments needed!

[Get a test near you.](#)

Purrrfect Pet



With the Year of the Tiger underway, you can celebrate with a friendly feline of your own! Make an appointment at your local Department of Animal Care and Control Center to pick out the purrrfect pet.

[Find a feline.](#)

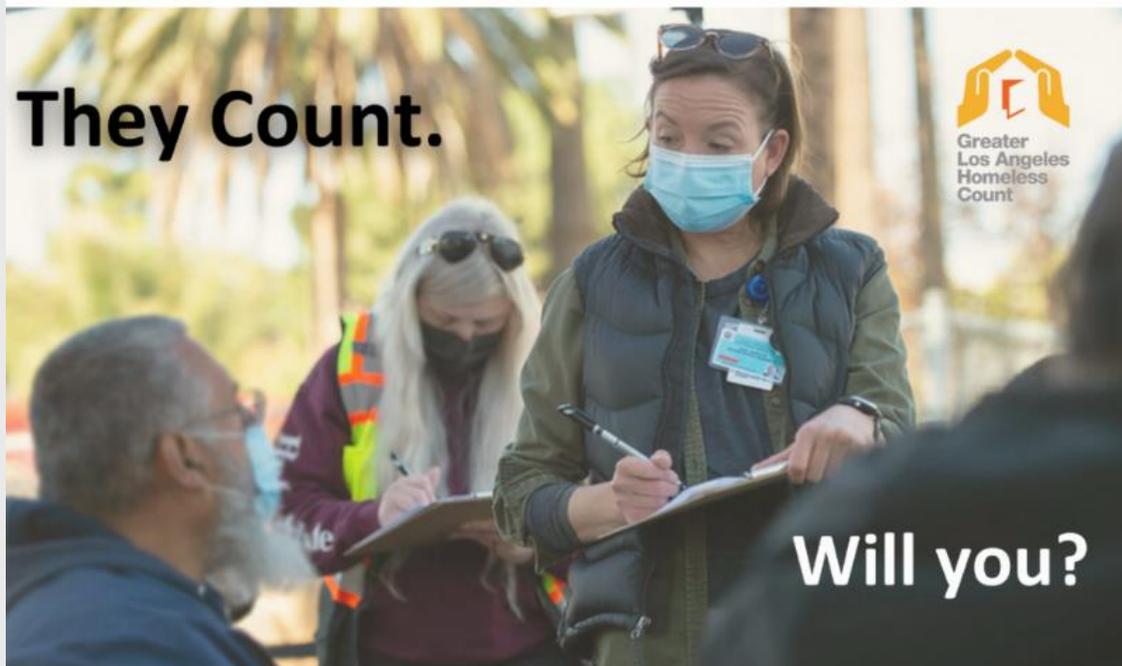
Women of the Year



Each year, the Board of Supervisors and the Commission for Women recognize and celebrate women who work to bring change to their communities, promote equality, and serve as outstanding role models. The Commission is now accepting nominations of women for exemplary contributions in art, business, education, health, labor, or public safety. The deadline to submit is Friday, Feb. 18. In addition, a portion of the proceeds from the event will provide educational scholarships for young at-risk women. I encourage you to nominate women from your community!

[Send in a nomination.](#)

Homeless Count



The annual Homeless Count gives L.A. County a better picture of the people experiencing homelessness in our communities. This data provides us with a more accurate understanding of who we're serving and ultimately informs where we dedicate resources. To ensure participants' safety during the Omicron surge, the 2022 count has been rescheduled to February 22, 23, and 24. It's not too late to sign up!

[Count in your community.](#)

Help Military Families



The San Dimas Rotary Club is hosting a food and supply drive to support Marine Corps families. Community members can give shelf-stable food, baby goods including diapers, food, and formula, and personal care items including soap, razors, shaving cream, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, and feminine hygiene items. The event will be held on Saturday, Feb. 12 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the San Dimas Masonic Lodge at 220 N. Monte Vista.

Monetary donations can be sent to the rotary club at PO Box 713, San Dimas, CA 91773. For more information, you can email sandimasrotary@gmail.com or call (909) 599-7530.

[Donate to the cause.](#)

LACMA Free Day & DJs



Tomorrow, LACMA admission is free! See their new exhibition, [Artists Inspired by Music: Interscope Reimagined](#), featuring artwork inspired by albums and songs from the Interscope catalogue including Dr. Dre, Lady Gaga, Snoop Dogg, Kendrick Lamar, and more. You can catch sets throughout the day with DJ Lean Rock from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Mr. Choc from 1 to 4 p.m., and Francesca Harding from 4 to 7 p.m. Advanced reservation for free tickets is required.

[Get tickets.](#)

[Learn more about the event.](#)

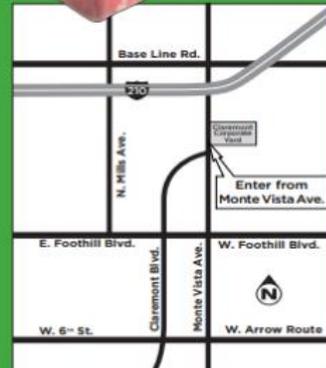
Take Out the Trash

TOO TOXIC TO TRASH



FREE Household Hazardous and Electronic Waste Drive-Thru Collection Event

Saturday, February 5 • 9 A.M. - 3 P.M.
Claremont Corporate Yard
1616 Monte Vista Avenue
Claremont, CA 91711



If you need to toss toxic trash, you can bring it to your nearest household hazardous and electronic waste event tomorrow, Feb. 5. There are events at the Claremont Corporate Yard at 1616 Monte Vista Ave. for those in the San Gabriel Valley and at the Antelope Valley Environmental Collection Center at 1200 W. City Ranch Rd. in Palmdale for those in North County. The centers accept automotive products, electronic waste, cleaners, pesticides, batteries, pharmaceuticals, paints, and solvents.

Keep L.A. County clean.

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Santa Clarita Valley:

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Santa Clarita, CA 91355
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Antelope Valley:

42455 10th Street West, Suite 104
Lancaster, CA 93534
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San Gabriel Valley:

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