

Housing, Healing, Hope



Dear Friends,

To truly serve people experiencing homelessness, we must address both their physical and behavioral health needs. This week, I was proud to join the [National Health Foundation](#) to celebrate the opening of their new interim housing facility in Glendale. Housing, in tandem with services, is the best way to continue our momentum. This newly-renovated, 36-bed site will provide recuperative care services to those experiencing homelessness while connecting them to long-

term stable housing and resources that support their path to wellness. Staffed around the clock by nurses and dedicated social workers, this program offers a place to heal for those who would otherwise become homeless after they are discharged from the hospital.

This new facility is the result of a committed public-private partnership in collaboration with the [Department of Health Services' Housing for Health](#) program, the [City of Glendale](#), and [Upward Housing](#). I want to continue to hear from my communities about what services they need to serve the vulnerable residents in their neighborhoods. Together, we can identify ways the county can come alongside them to invest in needed resources. I'm excited to see this facility in action and learn how we can replicate this model across Los Angeles County.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathryn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter 'K' being particularly large and stylized.

Kathryn Barger
Supervisor, Fifth District

Student Safety



At our Board of Supervisors meeting this week, I introduced a motion to prioritize children's safety. As students navigate busy streets when they arrive and leave from school, their protection is the absolute top priority. With the insight of the Altadena Town Council and parents and staff from Altadena Arts Magnet and Eliot Arts Magnet, we're relocating crossing guards to the busiest intersections in Altadena during students' arrival and dismissal.

Masks at Schools

I'm also excited to share that as of Wednesday, masking is no longer required outside for K-12 schools or at outdoor mega events. This is a step in the right direction.

[IN THE NEWS: Read about my motion.](#)

Homeless Count



Greater
Los Angeles
Homeless
Count

FEBRUARY 22, 23, AND 24, 2022

**EVERYONE COUNTS,
NO MATTER WHERE THEY LIVE.**



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. The count is next week on Feb. 22, 23, and 24. It's not too late to sign up as a volunteer!

[Count in your community.](#)

Power Shutoffs



As part of an ongoing effort to reduce the impacts of utility Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS), the California Public Utilities Commission is hosting briefings for the community. The meetings will allow for a discussion about the last wildfire season and will allow stakeholders to share about improvements planned in preparation for the 2022 wildfire season. Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), PacifiCorp, and Liberty Utilities will present on Feb. 23 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and Southern California Edison (SCE) and San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) will present on Feb. 25 from 1 to 4:30 p.m. I encourage you to call in to make your voice heard! Call 800-857-1917 with passcode 7218384# to make comments.

Tune in.

A Voice for Youth



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DISTRICT 5 LISTENING SESSION

HOSTED BY FOSTER POWER AND LA COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION

SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 19TH
12:00PM - 2:00PM

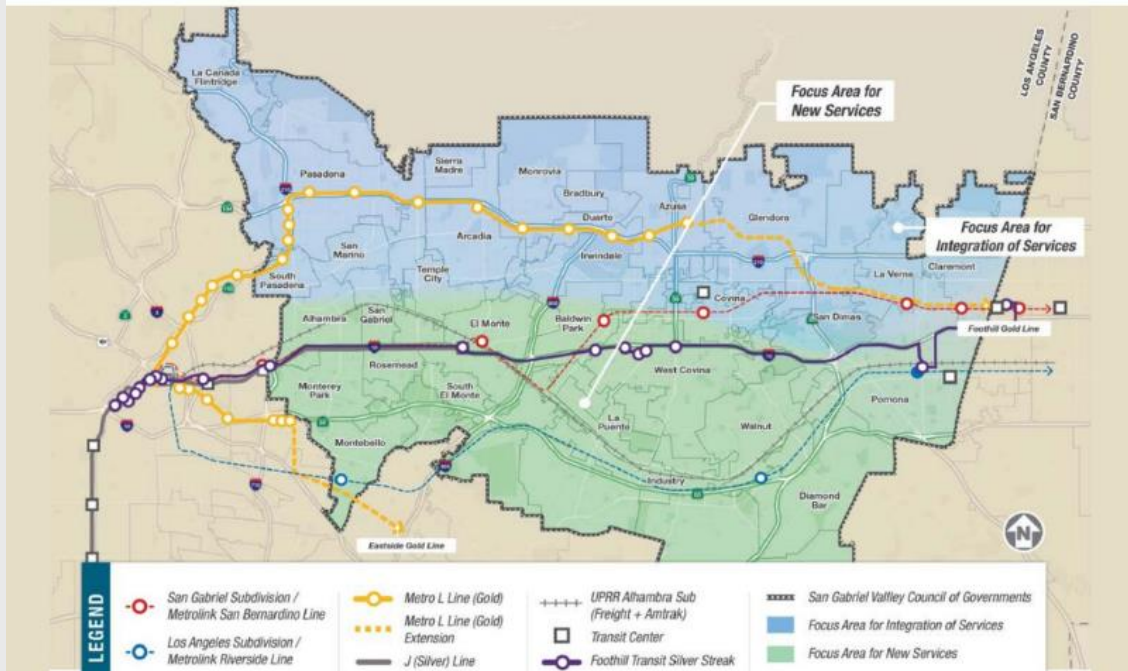
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Want to weigh in on policies and practices that prioritize youth? Join the Los Angeles County Youth Commission from 12 to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 19 to get involved. The meeting will be hosted on [Zoom](#), which you can access with the meeting ID 847 5518 5228 and the password 114053. Learn about the commission and support their mission!

[Connect with the commission.](#)

Transit Workshop

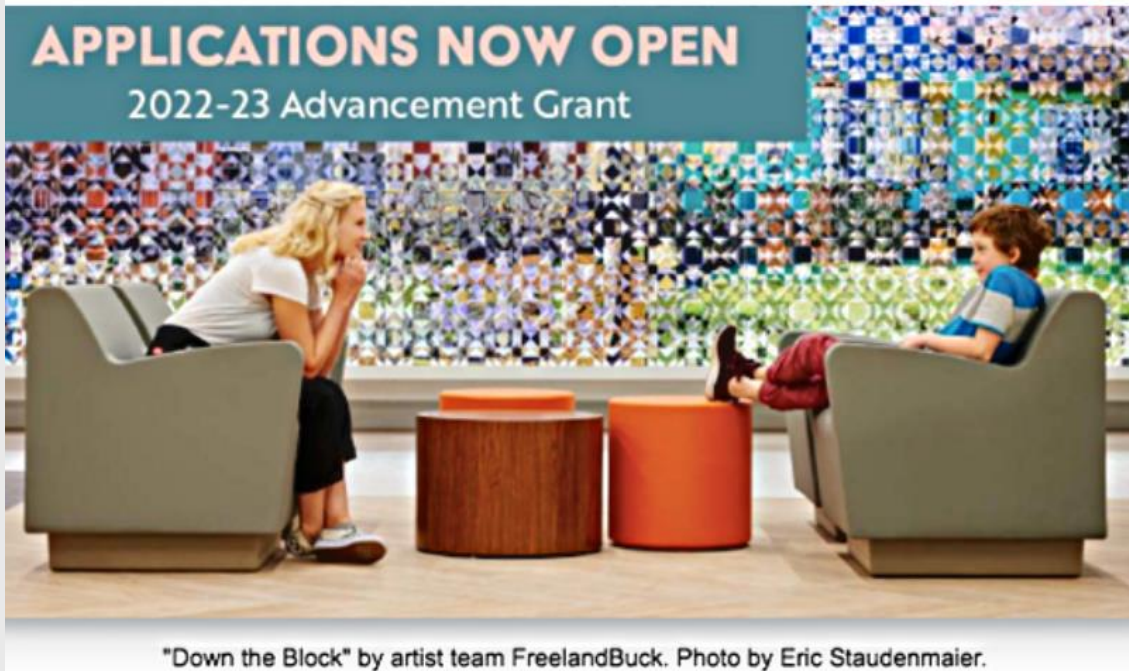


The San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments, in partnership with Metro, is hosting a virtual meeting to provide residents with information about the [San Gabriel Valley Transit Study](#). The workshop will allow community members to hear about short and long-term transit options designed to make communities better for residents and commuters. I encourage you to tune in to share your feedback! There are two sessions available on Wednesday, Feb. 23 from 12 to 1 p.m. at bit.ly/3G9BSTM and 5 to 6 p.m. at bit.ly/3u5CYNS to accommodate different schedules.

[Get more information.](#)

Arts Education

APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN
2022-23 Advancement Grant



"Down the Block" by artist team FreelandBuck. Photo by Eric Staudenmaier.

The Los Angeles County Arts Ed Collective Advancement Grant Program offers grants to help school districts provide quality arts education for students. Grants are matched by school district funds, leveraging public and private resources to expand high-quality instruction in dance, media, music, theatre, and visual arts. In 2021-22, the Arts Ed Collective offered \$867,700 in financial support to 41 school districts, including three charter networks, through the Advancement Grant Program. Applications for this round of grants are due Wednesday, March 9!

[Apply for a grant.](#)

Job Fair

Antelope Valley BSD Committee Presents

4th Annual

BUSINESS SERVICES DIVISION JOB FAIR

Thursday, February 24th, 2022
'In-Person' Event from 2:00pm- 4:30pm

Chimbole Cultural Center

38350 Sierra Highway, Palmdale, CA 93550

35 Businesses:

- Palmdale Regional Medical Center
- Reyes Holding
- Regency Palms
- Delta Scientific
- SYGMA Network and many more...

100 Job Opportunities:

- Hospitality
- General Labor
- General Office
- Food Services
- Customer Service
- Class A Driver and many more...

Resources Available for Laid-Off Individuals:

- Layoff Aversion and Workforce Development
- America's Job Center
- Department of Labor
- EDD Representative
- Covered California

Looking for a new career? The Antelope Valley has incredible opportunities in store. Join the Business Services Division on Thursday, Feb. 24 at the Chimbole Cultural Center to connect with dozens of businesses and 100 jobs.

[RSVP for the event.](#)

Academy Museum



The Academy Museum is working to make their programming accessible to all people across Los Angeles County. Their new Calm Mornings are catered toward neurodivergent audiences to create an environment for all learners to enjoy less sensory-stimulating spaces with moderated sound and lighting displays. You can attend the special event on Feb. 26 at 9 a.m. to enjoy a lovely and peaceful experience.

[Get tickets.](#)

Tax Credits

Free Tax Prep LA
is here to help.



File a tax return to claim the Child Tax Credit and Earned Income Tax Credit. This year, more people than ever before can access thousands of dollars! Put cash back in your pocket and receive credits tailormade for your family, including those for youth and seniors.

[Claim your credits.](#)



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