



Help, Hope, Change



Dear Friends,

This week marked an important step in our effort to address the homelessness crisis in the Santa Clarita Valley. On Monday, I joined local leaders from the Santa Clarita City Council and our nonprofit partners from Bridge to Home [to break ground on their new permanent shelter](#), slated to welcome clients in 2023. Individuals and families experiencing homelessness deserve a safe shelter where they can access the resources they need to get stable housing, receive mental and physical health care, and meet their career and education goals.

Because of the dedication of their all-star staff and amazing volunteers, the new shelter will enable clients to find permanent housing—and keep it for good. Our community is collectively committed to provide people experiencing homelessness with the resources they need in a place where they feel cared for, safe, and empowered to set plans in motion for their future. If you'd like to see the blueprint for the new shelter or want to donate, [you can find that information here](#). This effort is perfectly aligned with Bridge to Home's steadfast mission to provide "help, hope, and change."

As we rethink how we approach homelessness services in Los Angeles County, we need the input and expertise of our cities and local partners. Stay tuned in the next few weeks for more information on the [Blue Ribbon Commission on Homelessness](#)' findings from their six months together. I look forward to hearing from these experts and continuing to make progress in lockstep with city and community stakeholders.

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

Entirely Electric



Antelope Valley Transit Authority is now 100% electric, making it the first agency to reach this milestone in North America! I'm grateful to the local visionaries whose pioneering spirit made our region a national leader in transportation. For generations, North Los Angeles County has played a central role in some of the most important scientific and technological advancements in aerospace and defense. As a result, the AV has developed a strong manufacturing base and a tradition of bold thinking.

[Find out more about the fleet.](#)

City Collaboration



Our very best work is done collaboratively. Thank you to the Santa Clarita City Council for sitting down with me on Monday to discuss the issues that matter to this community most, ranging from prioritizing public safety and addressing homelessness to bettering transportation and increasing access to the arts.

[Connect with your local field office.](#)

Property Tax Relief



Property owners shouldn't have to bear the burden of our COVID-19 relief efforts. On Tuesday, our Board passed my motion with Supervisor Janice Hahn to cancel property tax penalties for property owners who've been impacted by the eviction moratorium. Many of them, including seniors, depend on their rental income to make ends meet. It's time we do our part to help.

[Learn more about the motion.](#)

Home Insurance Survey

If you are a homeowner and have been dropped by a home insurance company or your rates have gone up significantly, fill out this short, confidential survey hosted by the California Department of Insurance. The survey results will allow the department to help residents keep their assets insured and protected. For one-on-one assistance with an insurance professional, call the Department of Insurance at 800-927-4357 or head to insurance.ca.gov to use the virtual chat feature.

Take the survey.

Senior Centers Reopen



We have very good news for residents who love spending time at their local community center or senior center! On Monday, March 21, community and senior centers will finally open their doors to relaunch some indoor activities. Staff members are taking extra steps to implement safety protocols to ensure the well-being of guests. Additionally, all programs and activities will be fully reopened on Friday, April 1! If you want to visit your local center, you can call ahead to plan your visit. Reach the Altadena Senior Center at (626) 798-0505 and the Antelope Valley Senior Center at (661) 726-4400.

Engage with your center.

March Meowness



If you've been considering adopting a new furry friend, March is the purrrfect time! The Department of Animal Care and Control is hosting the March Meowness campaign where you can adopt a cat or kitten for as low as \$13! If you'd fancy a new feline, you can meet Fin (left) at the Lancaster Animal Care Center or Gwen (right) at the Palmdale Animal Care Center.

[Pick your perfect pet.](#)

New Resource Program

BREATHE **LA COUNTY'S** **GUARANTEED INCOME PROGRAM**

COULD YOU USE AN EXTRA \$1000 A MONTH?

Los Angeles County's Guaranteed Income Program is launching.

Eligible residents who are selected
will have a chance to "breathe" easier.

APPLICATIONS START
March 31, 2022

Los Angeles County's new guaranteed income program "Breathe" is gearing up for its launch at the end of the month. Through the program, 1,000 eligible residents will receive \$1,000 a month for three years. Applications open Thursday, March 31. Learn more about the program and the eligibility requirements.

[Get more information.](#)





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