



A Letter from Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda L. Solis

Dear Friends,

I am delighted that the Board of Supervisors approved my motion early this week to provide feminine hygiene products and other personal care items at select LA County facilities! In recent years, there has been an overdue recognition that hygiene products are expensive, and that cost is disproportionately felt by women. Period poverty has a disparate impact and creates an additional financial burden for those who menstruate. This includes a lack of access to sanitary products, washing facilities, and waste products.

Nearly half of women have experienced period poverty, lacking access to sanitary products, menstrual hygiene education, and necessary facilities. At the same time, the costs for diapers has also increased in recent months. Fortunately, thanks to the leadership of the California Legislature and Governor Gavin Newsom, there is no sales tax for children's diapers and feminine hygiene products for the next two years. LA County should use this opportunity to address this structural inequity by providing free feminine hygiene products and diapers at certain facilities where parents and children frequent. As LA County opens its facilities to the public following the recent COVID-19 surge, it is an opportune time to move this forward.

In a 2021 national survey of menstruating teens, 1 in 4 reported struggling to afford period products, up from 1 in 5 in 2019. A further 4 in 5 either missed or knew someone who missed class time because they did not have access to period products. According to recent studies, the average woman spends \$13.25 per month on period products. The need for diapers can create similar hardships. Diaper manufacturers cited the increase in the price of raw materials, shipping costs, and the need to offset inflation as reasons for this increase. Even before this, low-income families were spending approximately \$1,000 a year on diapers, or around 14% of their after-tax income.

My motion directs several County departments to report back in 60 days on the implementation of a pilot program providing feminine hygiene products, diapers, and other personal care items at select County venues. It also directs the County's Chief Executive Office to support federal and state legislation reducing the cost of feminine products and diapers, providing additional federal and state funding to cover the cost of providing these free products to low-income residents, and/ or that would allow government benefits to cover the cost of feminine hygiene products and diapers.

As always, please feel free to reach out to one of my offices if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Hilda L. Solis

Supervisor, First District

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Visiting the Regional Connector Transit Project with U.S. Transportation Deputy Secretary Polly Trottenberg



On Tuesday, I had the honor of hosting U.S. Deputy Secretary of Transportation Polly Trottenberg on a visit to one of LA County's most critical transportation projects currently underway: the Regional Connector Transit Project.

This project will provide riders on a journey from Santa Monica to East LA and Azusa to Long Beach, through the downtown core, and includes three underground stations, connecting the L Line (Gold) and the A (Blue) and E (Expo) lines to increase opportunities for jobs, education, and essential services for Angelinos.

Thank you for visiting, Madam Deputy Secretary!

Celebrating the Renovation of the Whittier Narrows Equestrian Center



Yesterday, I celebrated the completion of the Whittier Narrows Equestrian Center refurbishment project which began 10 years ago to update and improve on-site equestrian amenities for horse boarders and community members! The equestrian center renovation includes 9 new stable buildings (180 total stalls), a new restroom building, new tack lockers, a concession building, and new drainage/stormwater improvements thanks to our Department of Parks & Recreation and Department of Public Works!

In commemorating this much-needed refurbishment of the Whittier Narrows Equestrian Center, we recognize the long history of equine culture in the East San Gabriel Valley. Horses have a vital impact on the physical, emotional, and environmental well-being of residents in this region, and to that end, am so proud that both boarders and our majestic creature friends will be able to enjoy upgraded amenities in their backyard.

Stop by and say hello soon! All are welcome.

**Get a Free Vehicle Day-use Pass for
California State Parks at Your Public Library**



In partnership with the First Partner's Office and the California State Library, State Parks is providing free vehicle day-use entry to over 200 participating state park units operated by State Parks to library-card holders. The California State Library Parks Pass is valid for entry of one passenger vehicle with capacity of nine people or less or one highway licensed motorcycle. The pass will not be honored at state park units operated by federal or local government and private agencies or concessionaires.

California Public library card holders can check out the State Library Park pass at their local public library. If you don't have one, visit your local library to get one. Library cards and park passes are free.

[GET YOUR FREE PASS](#)

LA County Library Spring Reading Sprint!



For the whole month of April, the LA County Library is inviting readers of all ages to participate in their Spring Reading Sprint program. Earn badges for every 100 minutes read and get a chance to win prizes. Read 400 minutes to cross the finish line. You can register as an individual reader or as a family.

[REGISTER NOW](#)

Community Resources & Events



Drive-thru Easter Distribution in Northeast LA

Date: Saturday, April 9th

Time: 11am - while supplies last

Location: Sycamore Park Foursquare Church, 4328 N. Figueroa St. Los Angeles, CA 90065



IT'S GAME TIME!

Sports Lab Clinics

Join us for 3 Saturdays of free sports clinics. We will be offering basketball, dodgeball, soccer, and softball. Equipment and snack will be provided. No prior sports experience needed!

Location: Salazar Park in East Los Angeles

Time: 9 am to 12 pm

Dates: Saturday, April 9
Saturday, April 16

Ages: 9 to 18 yrs old

LGBTQ+ friendly 



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[HOW TO SIGN UP](#)



Sports Events for LGBTQ+ Youth in East LA

No se pierda la sesion informativa virtual en espanol de la Oficina de Manejo de Cannabis para aprender sobre el uso y venta de cannabis en areas no incorporadas del Condado de Los Angeles.

Fecha: Martes 12 de Abril

Hora: 10am

Registrese en cannabis.lacounty.gov



LA County Fair Job Fair in Pomona

The LA County Fair is hiring! The Fairplex is hosting a job fair tomorrow to hire for the LA County Fair in May.

Date: Saturday, April 9th

Time: 9am - 2pm

Location: Pomona Fairplex Gate 9, 1101 W. McKinley Ave. Pomona, CA 91768

Healthy Relationships

Virtual Healthy Relationships Classes
Starting 4.14.22 to 6.30.22 Weekly
Every Thursday from: 3pm-5pm

Need access to smartphone or computer

To register contact:
 Erica Hurtado
 ehurtado@hillsides.org

What is Domestic Violence and Abuse?
Building Healthy Relationships
Overcoming Abuse

Classes will be held virtually via ZOOM and handouts will be sent via email.

- Certificate of Completion provided
- Open to all parents/caregivers

Click here to register
 *Participants must complete 12-weeks for certificate of completion.

Bienvenidos Family Resource Centers
 5430 E. Olympic Blvd., 7th Floor
 Los Angeles, CA 90022
 T: 323.726.8196 ext. 4
 bienvenidos.org

Health Relationships Virtual Classes

Bienvenidos Family Services will be hosting a 12-week virtual program of healthy relationship classes in both English and Spanish. They will address multiple topics such as domestic violence, building healthy relationships, overcoming abuse and more!

- [English](#) - Every Thursday starting on April 14th until June 30th from 3pm to 5pm.
- [Spanish](#) - Every Friday starting on April 15th until July 1st from 9am to 11am

LA COUNTY

CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

JOB FAIR

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ELAC SPECIALIZED AJCC

WEDNESDAY
13
APRIL 2022
 10AM - 2PM

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To Register Visit: buildingnextgen.com

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SPONSORS

Construction Job Fair at East LA College

Those interested in a construction career, cannot miss our LA County Construction Industry Job Fair.

Date: Wednesday, April 13th

Time: 10am - 2pm

To register, Scan the QR code or visit buildingnextgen.com



GET CAREER READY 2022
EXPLORE ENGINEERING

At UCLA's **Get Career Ready!** students will hear from a diverse panel of engineering professionals and students, gain knowledge about careers in the field of engineering, learn about the various types of engineering degrees for students, and more!

Saturday, May 21, 2022 | 9:00am–12pm
via Zoom Webinar

APPLY
connect.admission.ucla.edu/register/2022getcareerready

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Be a current 10th or 11th grader
- Have at least a 3.0 GPA
- Submit a copy of unofficial transcript
- Deadline to apply is April 15, 3:00pm PDT

Questions? Email us at: connect@post.ucla.edu

UCLA Strategic Partnerships & Community Engagement



UCLA's Get Career Ready 2022

UCLA is offering a virtual session for high school students interested in engineering in which they will hear from a engineering professionals and students, gain knowledge about careers in the field of engineering, types of engineering degrees and more!

The deadline to apply is April 15th at 3pm.

Register [here](#).

GIVE US A CALL

- Downtown Los Angeles Office: 213-974-4111
- East Los Angeles Office: 323-881-4601
- San Gabriel Valley Office: 626-350-4500
- East San Gabriel Valley Office: 909-593-3661