



Your Dollars at Work



Dear Friends,

As your County Supervisor, one of the responsibilities I take most seriously is being a careful steward of taxpayer dollars. This funding belongs to our communities and deserves to be reinvested into our neighborhoods for residents' benefit.

At this week's Board of Supervisors meeting, our Chief Executive Officer presented the Supervisors with a \$38.5 billion budget proposal for the next fiscal year. The

recommended budget gets a number of things right. The \$12 million to fund an additional Sheriff's academy is an investment in creating a new generation of deputies and protecting public safety. Additionally, the \$15.3 million allocation to the Sheriff's Department and our County's Department of Health Services to meet our constitutional obligation to provide mental health services in our jails is a necessity. I was pleased to see both of these included in the budget.

We must harness our County's spending power to provide essential services and address issues that impact residents each day. The pandemic showed us that we must be prepared at any given moment to meet urgent needs, protect lives, and support public safety.

The budget process is still ongoing and the document will be under careful review and revision in the months to come. We will have budget deliberations in June and formally adopt the budget in October. I encourage you to get involved in the process by tuning into our Board of Supervisors meetings, which you can see at bos.lacounty.gov. Head to ceo.lacounty.gov/budget to check out details about the budget proposal and to watch a short video that explains how the process works.

Thank you for your engagement. These are your dollars and they should work for you.

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

Meals on Wheels



With new district boundaries come amazing community partnerships—and Meals on Wheels is an absolute jewel in the Fifth District. For 50 years, Claremont Meals on Wheels hasn't missed a single day of service to its community. I'm so grateful for their generous and faithful commitment to provide residents with a collective 700,000 hot meals and warm smiles!

[Connect with their cause.](#)

Sustainable Sierra Madre



What a perfect way to celebrate Earth Day! With their new solar energy project, Sierra Madre has shown what's possible when a city is committed to innovation and sustainability. These solar panels will provide more than one-third of the energy needed to run their water department facility and will offset the same amount of carbon as 820 acres of forest each year!

Honor the Earth with Clean L.A.

Pups of the Week



Nova



Benson

Meet two of our four-legged friends looking for a new home who are currently staying at the Palmdale Animal Care Center. Nova is a three-year-old Siberian Husky. She is sweet and obedient and prefers to play gently. Nova enjoys spending time with other calm dogs once she's had a chance to warm up. Benson, a pit bull, is one year and nine months old and is one of the longest-tenured residents at the center. He absolutely loves to play and is eager to engage with other dogs. He's known for being happy-go-lucky and has been declared a "good boy" by the shelter staff. If you have room in your heart and home for a new pet, please consider adopting one of these adorable pups!

[Pick your perfect pet.](#)

Armenian History Month



Mariam Kuregyan Honoree

This week's Armenian History Month honoree is Mariam Kuregyan! From the time she was a law student, she's been giving back to her community. She first partnered with the YWCA Domestic Violence Legal Division to help women access protective court orders and immigration status. Since starting her own practice, she has continued to give back to many causes, including the National Association for Armenian Studies and Research, Armenian Bar Association, All-Inclusive Community Health Center, and Society for Orphaned Armenian Relief.

[Celebrate Armenian History.](#)

Day of Remembrance

At this week's Board of Supervisors meeting, it was my solemn privilege to declare April 24, 2022 as [Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day](#). Each year, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors commemorates the Armenian Genocide, which resulted in the tragic loss of 1.5 million innocent lives. Los Angeles County is home to the greatest number of Armenians outside of Armenia, and this resilient,

strong, and vibrant community makes our region better every day. I am proud to stand in solidarity with Armenians locally and around the world.

[Watch my video tribute.](#)

Public Safety



[Santa Clarita](#) is deeply committed to public safety, which is why it was just ranked as the [3rd safest city in America by SmartAsset.com](#). The dedication of this city, and the tireless work of the deputies and leadership at the Santa Clarita Valley Sheriff's Station, truly make a difference in our neighborhoods.

[Connect with your local station.](#)

Preventing Overdoses in Jails

At our Board of Supervisors meeting this week, my colleagues approved my motion with Supervisor Janice Hahn to mitigate inmate deaths due to drug

overdoses. A 2021 study by the Department of Justice that found drug related deaths in jails have risen by 623% nationally. Our role as County leaders is to look out for the safety and well-being of all our County residents, and that includes individuals in our jails. It is unacceptable to ignore the loss of life in what should be a highly regulated and secure environment. We need to have the necessary resources and tools to keep drugs out of our jails.

[Read more about this issue.](#)

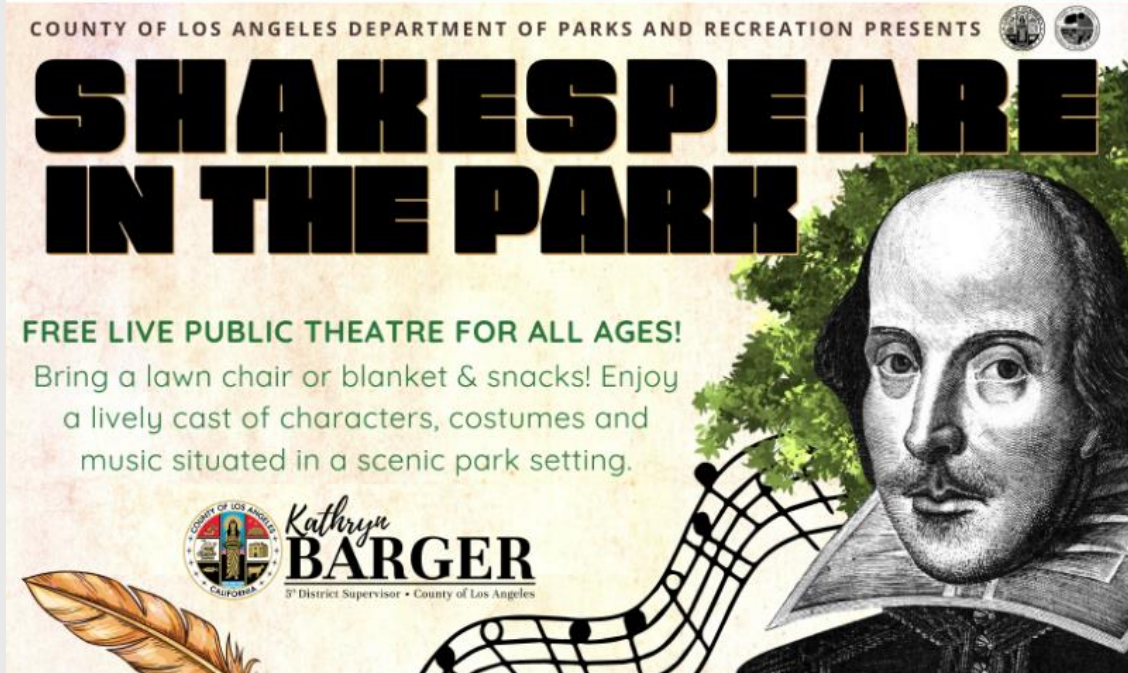
Field Trip



I'm so grateful when community partners not only invite me to pay them a visit, but welcome my staff for a field trip! This week, my Children and Family Services Deputy Monica Banken and Antelope Valley Assistant Field Deputy Chuck Bostwick took a trip to [Littlerock High School](#). They got an up-close look at the school's agriculture department, where they explored hydroponics and visited with farm animals.

Meet my staff.

Family Fun



You can play at the park AND see a play at the park! The Department of Parks and Recreation is partnering with local theatre companies to host Shakespeare in the Park at locations across Los Angeles County. Save the date to catch a show at a park near you.

Check out the calendar:

Pamela Park (Duarte): April 22 & 29, 5 p.m., Eastside Theatre

George Lane Park (Lancaster): April 23, 1 p.m., AV Players Arena

Richard Rioux Park (Stevenson Ranch): April 30, 11 a.m., Deanna Jay Talent Management

Jackie Robinson Park (Little Rock): April 30, 1 p.m., AV Players Arena

Farnsworth Park (Altadena): April 30, 2 p.m., Theatre Americana

Charter Oak Park (Covina): May 6 & 13, 6 p.m., Eastside Theatre

Pearblossom Park (Pearblossom): May 7, 1 p.m., AV Players Arena

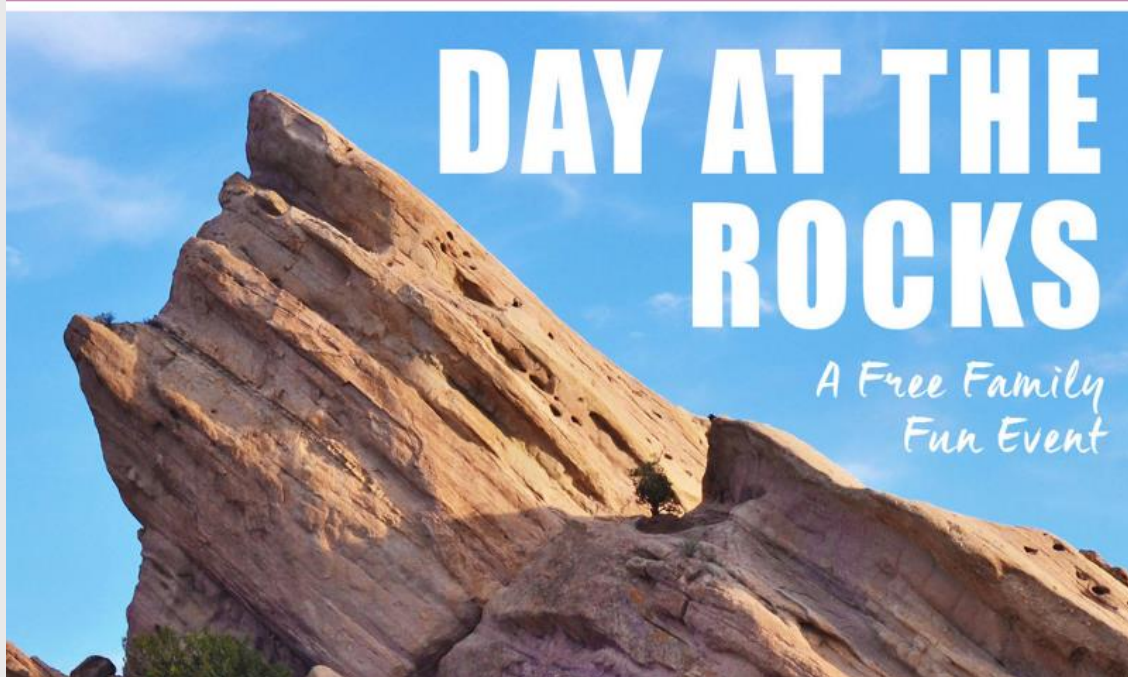
Crescenta Valley Park (La Crescenta): May 7, 2 p.m., Theatre Americana

Stephen Sorenson Park (Lake Los Angeles): May 14, 1 p.m., AV Players Arena

Castaic Sports Complex (Castaic): May 14, 11 a.m., Deanna Jay Talent Management

[Play at the park.](#)

Outdoor Adventures



Go explore a Fifth District landmark! The Department of Parks and Recreation is hosting a Day at the Rocks at Vasquez Rocks Natural Area on Saturday, April 30 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will feature storytelling and songs with members of the Fernandeño Tataviam indigenous people, guided hikes, animal presentations, food trucks, crafts, educational booths, and more! For details, call (661) 268-0840.

Visit Vasquez Rocks.

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