



Back in the Board Room



Dear Friends,

This week marked a significant milestone for our [Board of Supervisors](#). After hosting meetings entirely online during the pandemic, we gathered for our first meeting back in the Board room, all five of us on the dais, on Tuesday.

During the meeting, I was proud to [introduce two motions that prioritized mental health](#). One supports a bill that eliminates the mandatory spending categories counties currently have to follow through the [Mental Health Services Act](#). This

change will allow us to be more flexible with funding streams so we can ensure our mental health care budget goes where it's needed most. We also supported the [9-8-8 Implementation Act](#), which will launch the suicide prevention emergency lifeline to complement 9-1-1. The bill provides guidance to states and sends federal funding to help with local operational costs of the new system. A call to 9-8-8, once fully operational, will dispatch unarmed mental health professionals instead of sworn law enforcement officers to assist people in crisis and provide them with a safe place to get the care they need. L.A. County is working to establish the infrastructure and staffing to ensure we're ready to implement this life-saving tool when it rolls out.

I was also proud to support a [motion](#) to declare [April as Arts Month](#). Through the motion, our Board also voted to double the amount of funding currently available through the [Organizational Grant Program](#), which equips arts nonprofits with the funding they need to provide communities with programming, performances, productions, exhibits, and arts education. We also declared April as [Donate Life Month](#) and [Armenian History Month](#), which you can read more about below.

These are just a handful of the motions I introduced and supported this week. You can get look at more motions in this week's [Board Meeting Highlights](#). I encourage you to stay engaged with our Board meetings, which occur every other Tuesday. Head to bos.lacounty.gov to see what's on the upcoming agenda and to participate or listen in on a meeting. Thank you for engaging with causes you care about!

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

Save the Date

Tribute to Veterans & Military Families

Saturday, May 28, 2022

Arcadia County Park

★★★ 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. ★★★



Kathryn
BARGER
5th District Supervisor • County of Los Angeles

Mark your calendar! My Tribute to Veterans and Military Families is back in person at Arcadia County Park on May 28. The event is a longstanding Fifth District tradition and provides our community with the opportunity to thank our veterans, service members, and their loved ones for their commitment to a lifetime of service. We are eager to equip attendees with access to programs, services, and benefits! The event is free and open to the public, but I encourage you to RSVP to let us know you're coming.

[RSVP to the event.](#)

Tune in



It was a pleasure to sit down for the Community Conversations podcast! Hosted by Jonathan Weedman in partnership with the Outlook Newspaper Group, this podcast project brings you the voices of Los Angeles County leaders in nonprofit, civic, foundation, elected, business, and volunteer sectors. Tune in to hear my candid conversation about what it's like to be Supervisor for the community I grew up in, my policy priorities, and my approach to public service.

[Listen to the podcast.](#)

Armenian History Month



Sona Van Honoree

At Tuesday's Board meeting, my colleagues approved my motion to declare April as Armenian History Month! Throughout the month, I'm highlighting incredible community members for their contributions. First up is Sona Van, a renowned poet whose work sheds light on the Armenian Genocide. She's authored seven books that have been translated into 20 languages, bringing international awareness to the resilient Armenian people.

[Celebrate and learn more.](#)

Pups of the Week



Roc



Otto

Meet two of our four-legged friends looking for a new home!

Roc is a four-year-old German Shepherd and is the longest tenured resident at the Palmdale Animal Care Center. He's social and especially likes other dogs. He's also very treat-motivated and will thrive in a home where he has time to build trust.

Otto is a one-year-old Shar Pei and Mastiff mix. He is very friendly with people and dogs alike. He's responsive and obedient to handlers at the Palmdale Animal Care Center and is always eager to play.

If you have room in your heart and home for a new pet, please consider adopting one of these sweeties!

[Pick your perfect pet.](#)

Celebrate Spring



Join the Department of Parks and Recreation for their Spring Jubilee! Attendees will enjoy holiday characters, arts and crafts, games, egg hunts, entertainment, music, and children's story time. Head to your local park for springtime fun!

Thursday, April 14 (4 to 7 p.m.)

Castaic Sports Complex

Charter Oak Park

Dr. Richard H. Rioux Park

Friday, April 15 (3 to 6 p.m.)

Charles Farnsworth Park

Crescenta Valley Park

George Lane Park

Jackie Robinson Park

Pamela Park

Pearblossom Park

Val Verde Park

Saturday, April 16

Stephen Sorensen Park (11 a.m. to 2 p.m.)

Loma Alta Park (1 to 4 p.m.)

[Hop over to the jubilee.](#)

Give Someone Hope

DONATE LIFE MONTH

SOMONE WASHINGTON
TRANSPLANT RECIPIENT

"I am forever grateful to that soul and that family for the gift they gave me."

OneLegacy
saving lives through organ, eye & tissue donation

#DonateLifeMonth #OneLegacy

At this week's Board of Supervisors meeting, I declared April as Donate Life Month in partnership with OneLegacy. When you check yes on your DMV form to be an organ and tissue donor, you make a lifelong impact on the recipient and their family. Sign up today!

[Get involved.](#)

Smarty Pants Storytime



Throughout April, your local L.A. County Library is hosting Smarty Pants Storytime every Friday at 11 a.m. Be sure to get your little one involved so they can enjoy books, songs, rhymes, and movement while learning school readiness. There will be an extra special story time on April 22 to celebrate Earth Day!

[Find an event at your library.](#)

Job Fair



*The 2022 L.A. County Fair
Job Fair is Here!*

Want to join the 2022 L.A. County Fair team? Join us at our Job Fair on Saturday, April 9!

When: Saturday, April 9 (9AM - 2PM)

Where: 1101 W. McKinley Avenue Pomona, CA 91768
- Enter through GATE 9

For open positions, visit lacountyfair.com/jobs



The L.A. County Fair is back and ready to celebrate their 100th anniversary! They're staffing up for spring and are eager to get locals good jobs. Attend their job fair tomorrow, Saturday, April 9 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in their Blue Lot. Please let your children, family, and friends who are looking to work in a fun and unique environment know about this opportunity! It's a great way to build a résumé, maintain a flexible schedule, or jumpstart a career in hospitality or events. Plus, seasonal staff receive complimentary admission for themselves and their friends and family!

The fair returns May 5 through 30, so get ready for a month of fun.

[Get hired.](#)

[Plan your visit.](#)



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