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A Letter from Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda L. Solis

Dear Friends,

The last 26 months have been marked by trauma for our communities. Not just when it came to the severe health ramifications of COVID-19, but also the increase in violence that we must address immediately. That is why I led the effort to increase funding for the County's violence prevention work, through a \$5 million dollar investment in Measure B funding and a \$20 million dollar commitment in American Rescue Plan funding, thanks to President Joe Biden.

This week, I hosted a press conference at Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center (PVHMC) with the County's Office of Violence Prevention to underscore a meaningful element of that investment – an increased commitment in hospital intervention, which is linchpin to violence prevention work. Our trauma hospitals, such as PVHMC, often receive individuals, including young adults and teenagers, who are victims of gang violence – gunshot wounds and other life-threatening injuries. Although we pray for their speedy recovery, and hospitals like PVHMC work to address their physical injuries, we know there is much trauma underlying that physical injury that we have a responsibility to heal.

If we are going to stop violence, we must stop it from reoccurring by gaining the trust of those who have suffered the consequences brought on by gangs and street violence. Victims of violence are understandably distrustful of government and institutions like hospitals. These are often young people who have grown up in the foster care system, homeless, and without the resources they deserve.

To that end, I am working to repair that trust through a partnership between PVHMC and SoCal Crossroads, an organization that brings peers and community navigators to victims, to implement hospital violence intervention programs and develop protocols for treatment. Just Us 4 Youth is also a critical partner in Pomona providing street outreach, another instrumental component of violence prevention. We have a lot of work to do to heal our communities, provide young people with opportunities, and actualize an LA County of peace and healing.

Sincerely,

Hilda L. Solis

Supervisor, First District

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Dali's Dog Park is Now Officially Open!



I had such a fun time celebrating the grand opening of a new 0.75-acre dog park at Peter F. Schabarum Regional Park this week alongside our [Department of Parks & Recreation](#) and community members from the unincorporated communities of Rowland Heights and Hacienda Heights!

The new amenity, named "Dali's Dog Park" in honor of a community leader's beloved furry friend as they championed the realization of this project over 5 years ago, consists of two fenced-in dog areas — one for large dogs and one for small dogs. No such facility currently exists in proximity to the Schabarum Regional Park as the closest dog off-leash area is over 8 miles away! To that end, this new dog park will provide a much-needed service for dog owners wanting a secure space for dog socialization and play.

First District Woman of the Year Award



It was an honor to recognize Rosa Soto, Executive Director of [The Wellness Center](#), as this year's First District Woman of the Year at the LA County 37th Annual Women of the Year Celebration!

Rosa is a first-generation Latina from very humble, but hard-working Mexican parents and became the first in her family to go to college and receive her degree from the University of Southern California. She grew up in East LA and South El Monte where she often experienced systemic injustices and health adversities. She is nationally recognized by health foundations, such as The California Endowment, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and Kaiser Permanente, as a strong organizer and a policy expert. Moreover, she is profiled in the Emmy nominated movie, *Food, Inc.*, and has also been recognized by the White House and the First Lady Michelle Obama's Drink Up! Campaign, for her work in childhood obesity prevention.

I am so grateful for her leadership, her partnership, and most importantly, her friendship. Thank you for your commitment to our community and your courage to never stop fighting.

Celebrating the LA County Fair's 100th Birthday!



So warming to commemorate the LA County Fair's 100th birthday with a reception for First District community leaders and our very own LA County Department Directors and Chief Deputies to thank them for their tireless work.

I'm truly grateful and proud to have partnered with the Fairplex over these past two years in service to our most vulnerable. From serving as a COVID-19 testing location, to a quarantine/isolation site, to a food bank, a vaccination point of distribution, and an Emergency Intake Site for unaccompanied children who were seeking refuge from trauma and violence last year during the surge on our border — the Fairplex has been a beacon of hope.

There is something for everyone at the LA County Fair including farm animals, wine tasting, food, carnival rides, shopping, and endless entertainment. Stop by! You don't want to miss out.

[Buy Tickets](#)

COVID-19 Sidewalk Pick-up Program



The new contactless pilot program enables residents to reserve PCR testing kits and pick them up at the curb of a designated LA County Library location. No in-person contact will occur during the reservation and pickup process.

Upon making a reservation, recipients will need to indicate the number of kits needed, a pick-up date, and desired location. They will then receive a confirmation of their order, via email, and instructions for pick up. Up to four kits may be ordered at a time. Access to the internet is needed to activate the test kits and access test results. People without internet access can call (626) 350-0537 or (626) 434-3596 to get assistance.

The program is currently limited to three LA County Libraries, including one located within the First District — Norwood Library in the City of El Monte. The program will be expanded to other sites if it proves to successfully provide kits to residents.

[Pick-up My Kit](#)

More Benefits for CalFresh Recipients!

CalFresh Plus+
= more food, cash savings and fun!

UTILITY RESOURCES

Southern California Edison CARE/FERA Program

CARE reduces energy bills for eligible customers by about 30%, FERA reduces electric bills for qualified households by 18%.
www.sce.com/residential/assistance/care-fera

dpss.lacounty.gov

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ONLINE SERVICE DISCOUNT

Amazon Prime

Amazon Prime is \$6.99 a month for qualifying customers with an EBT or MediCal card. Get free delivery on millions of items, access Prime movies and TV shows, exclusive deals for Prime members and unlimited photo storage.
www.amzn.to/3UJsVfJ

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TRANSPORTATION RESOURCES

Metro LIFE

The Metro LIFE program provides discounted fares to low-income individuals in Los Angeles County.
www.metro.net/riding/life

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FOOD RESOURCES

Women, Infants, & Children Program (WIC)

Health and nutrition program for babies, children under 5, pregnant persons, and new parents.
www.myfamily.wic.ca.gov

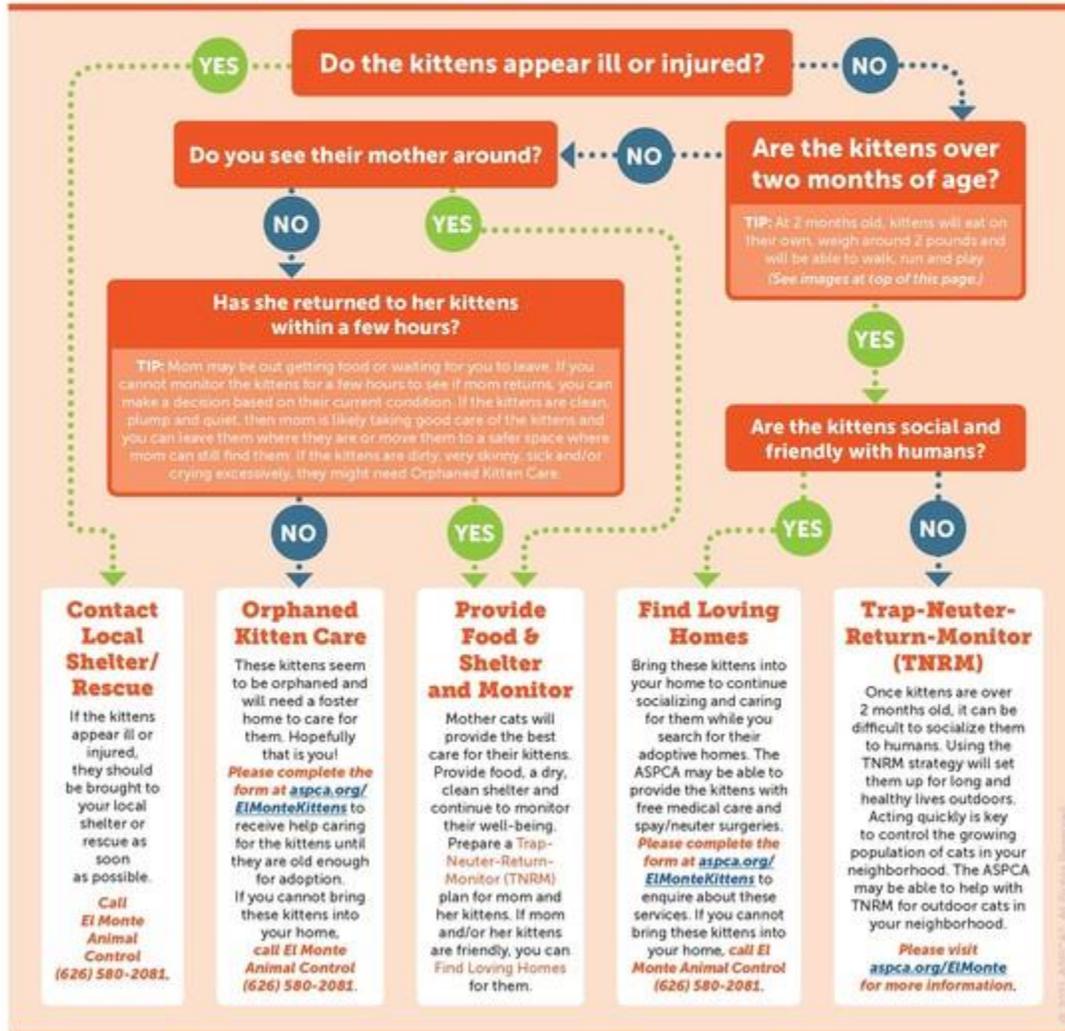
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May is CalFresh Awareness Month and it's the perfect time to expand your benefits. If you receive CalFresh benefits, you may also qualify for the following benefits:

- Edison's CARE and FERA programs reduce your monthly electricity bill. Apply [here](#).
- Get Amazon [Prime](#) for only \$6.99 per month.
- Metro [LIFE](#) program provides reduced fares and a free 90-day pass.
- Women, Infant, and Children's (WIC) food programs. Get more information [here](#).

I Found Kittens, What Do I Do?

Please follow this flow chart to determine what you should do and what local resources in the **City of El Monte** may be available to you.



Community Resources & Events



**GET HIRED!
BUS OPERATOR
HIRING EVENT**
Saturday, May 21, 2022, 8am – 1pm

Earn a \$3,000 sign-on bonus.

East Los Angeles Community College
2044 Bleakwood Av
Monterey Park, CA 91754
Free onsite parking.
Go Metro: bus lines 70, 106 and 260.

Interviews, bus operator candidate assessment testing, physicals and fingerprinting – all in one day!

ITEMS TO BRING:

- Driver's license (must be 21 years or older)
- KA driving record dated within 30 days (obtainable from the DMV office, DMV kiosks and online)
- A copy of your resume

DRESS CODE:
Please wear flat, closed-toe shoes.

Metro offers a \$3,000 sign-on bonus (terms and conditions apply) and a starting rate of \$20.49/hour.

To learn more, scan the QR code or contact the Metro Employment Office at 619.965.8629, metro.net/hiring
Metro is an equal opportunity employer.

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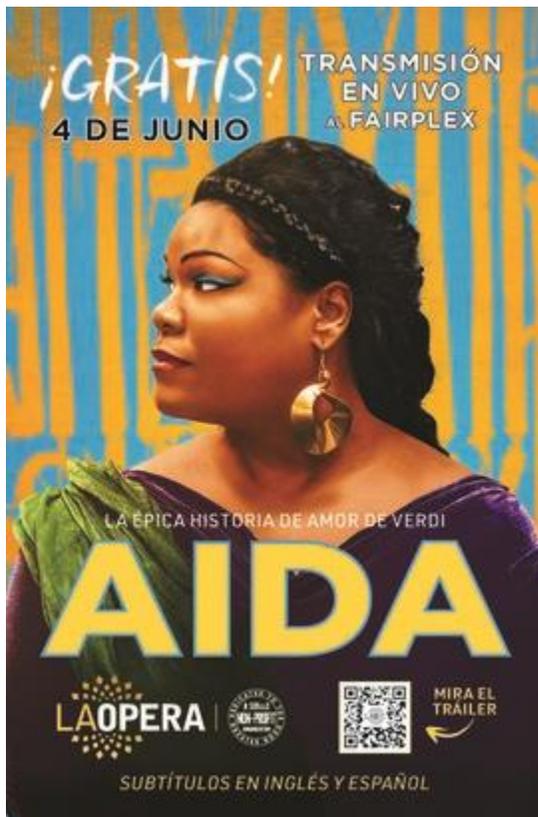
Metro Job Fair at ELAC

Do not miss Metro's Hiring Event at East LA Community College. Bus operators' starting rate is \$20.49 per hour. In addition, Metro is offering a \$3,000 sign-on bonus. Don't forget to bring your resume!

Date: Saturday, May 21

Time: 8am - 1pm

Location: East LA Community College, 2044, Bleakwood Ave. Monterey Park, CA 91754



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4 DE JUNIO AL FAIRPLEX

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SUBTÍTULOS EN INGLÉS Y ESPAÑOL



Opera at the Pomona Fairplex

Gather your blankets and lawn chairs, pack your picnic and come experience the music and drama of *Aida* under the stars. This is a FREE event. The gate opens at 6pm.

Date: Saturday, June 4

Time: 7:30pm

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

Register [here](#).



Military, Veterans and Family Appreciation Day in LA Puente

Join us this Saturday to show love and appreciation to our military, veterans and their families. There will be free food, haircuts, manicures, live entertainment, resources and much more!

Date: Saturday, May 14

Time: 10am - 1pm

Location: La Puente County Library, 15920 Central Ave, La Puente 91744



My Green Day Building Conference and Expo

Join us on this Community Day for inspiration, art, music, interactive showcases, demos, career info, and education all focused around actionable sustainability skills to easily bring into one's home and lifestyle. This is an all-ages event with different activities and opportunities for the entire family to enjoy.

Date: Saturday, May 21

Time: 9am - 2pm

Location: LA Trade Technical College, 400 W. Washington Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90015

More Information [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
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