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A Letter from Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda L. Solis

Dear Friends,

June is National Pride Month and I am so proud to represent a County that is home to residents who represent the full diversity of the LGBTQ+ community, including youth and adults of all ages coming from many different races, religions, gender, and sexual orientations. Over the years, I know the resiliency of this community has been tested, and despite tremendous progress that has been made there remains much work to do. Unfortunately, across the country, we are seeing examples of hateful and discriminatory legislation being passed attacking the LGBTQ+ community. There is no place for such hate in LA County, and as Supervisor of the First District, I stand with our LGBTQ+ residents. This month, I am dedicated to celebrating the strength, bravery, resiliency, and joy of this community, while continuing to be an ally and advocating for policy changes to make a real impact in our LGBTQ+ residents' lives.

This begins with health. Recent studies have shown that LGBTQ+ people are at higher risk of experiencing mental health conditions such as anxiety and depression. In fact, approximately 40% of LGBTQ+ youth have considered suicide in the last year and that number rises to more than half for trans and nonbinary youths. Our Department of Mental Health has a variety of [resources](#) available, as well as a 24/7 Helpline that can help connect you with mental health professionals specially qualified to work with LGBTQ+ individuals and families. The Helpline can be reached by calling (800) 854-7771.

I am also committed to making sure our County's health services are a safe and welcoming space for LGBTQ+ residents seeking essential care. Last June, Supervisor Kuehl and I introduced a motion for our Department of Health Services to work with our Department of Children and Family Services and community-based organizations and experts to develop best practices to ensure our LGBTQ+ residents had access to quality, gender-affirming care within the County clinics. This year we are building on those efforts, and next week I will be introducing a motion to create a Gender Health Program within the Department of Health Services, in partnership with the Department of Children and Family Services and the Department of Mental Health. We will ensure all our LGBTQ+ residents have access to safe spaces where they feel welcomed and do not experience unnecessary barriers to accessing the care and services they need here in LA County.

These types of initiatives are only possible due to the continued advocacy and hard work of so many LGBTQ+ residents and allies across the country. This Pride Month, I remain committed to working hand-in-hand with our residents to ensure LA County remains a safe

and welcoming home for all.

As always, if you have any questions, do not hesitate to reach out to my office.

Sincerely,

Hilda L. Solis

Supervisor, First District

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LifeArk Opens its First Permanent Supportive Housing Project in El Monte

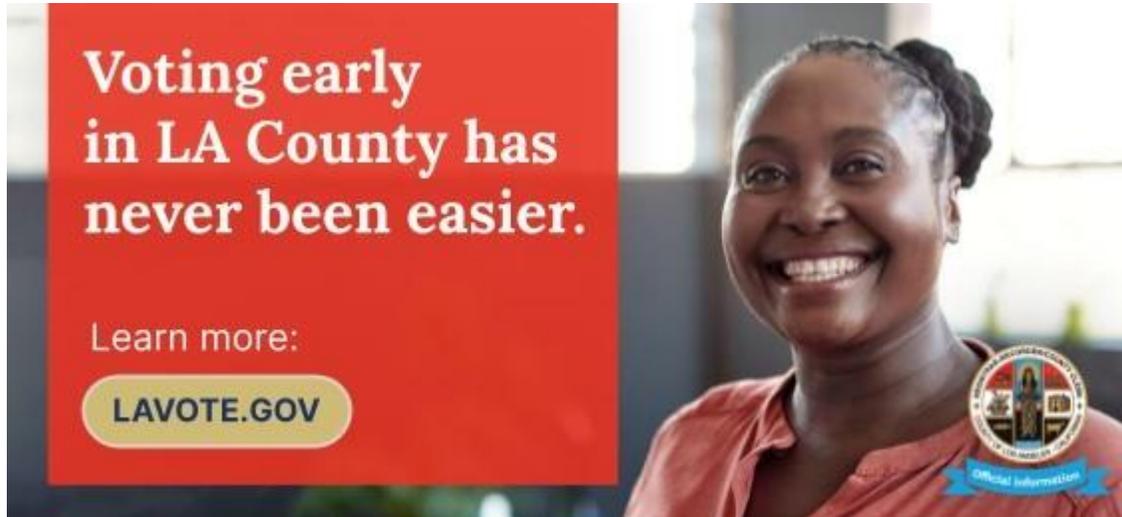


It was such an honor to join LifeArk and the Illumination Foundation for the grand opening of LifeArk El Monte, a 19-unit permanent supportive housing complex for individuals transitioning out of homelessness. As a resident of El Monte, I am proud to have this project in my hometown.

The site consists of three-building complexes developed with prefabricated building components made out of post-consumer recycled plastics! I hope that this first-of-its-kind

project in the San Gabriel Valley will be the model for cost-effectively bringing our unhoused neighbors indoors, while also tackling our climate crisis by rethinking the way we develop housing.

Make a Plan to Vote Today!



On Saturday, May 28, the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk opened 120 Voting Centers across LA County for voters to safely make their voice heard in the June 7 Primary Election. Voting Centers are open daily from 10am to 7pm to cast a ballot in person or to return a completed Vote by Mail ballot.

All Voting Centers are following current public health and safety guidelines and adhere to the County's [Safe Election Plan](#).

Avoid lines and vote early.

- Save time when you vote with the mobile Poll Pass and Quick Check-in code: With the [Poll Pass](#), you can access, review, and mark your votes before you visit a Vote Center.
- Your [Quick Check-in Code](#) is printed on the back cover of your Sample Ballot book and the Vote Center postcard. Take one with you to any Vote Center to speed up your check-in.

An additional 522 Vote Centers will open on Saturday, June 4, 2022, for a total of 642 Vote Centers across LA County.

In person voting will be available through Tuesday, June 7, 2022, until 8pm.

For trusted, official election information and to find all Voting Center, visit [LAVOTE.GOV](#).

Free Lunch at Select LA County Libraries



This summer at selection locations, kids and teens 18 and under can pick up free lunch at the library, in partnership with the LA Regional Food Bank ([locations coming soon](#)).

From June 13 – August 5, meals are available on a first-come, first-served basis from 12 – 1 pm, either Mon – Fri or Tue – Fri, depending on the location.

There are no restrictions on family income. Parents & caregivers can pick up on behalf of children; kids and teens don't need to be present, but are welcome!

Since 2015, LA County Library has been offering free, nutritious lunches. Lunch at the Library keeps children nourished during the summer months, helping to ensure that they return to school in the fall ready to learn.

COVID-19 Boosters Available for Children Ages 5-11

COVID-19 BOOSTERS ARE NOW AVAILABLE TO KIDS 5-11

5-11 year-olds are eligible only for a Pfizer booster five months after their 2nd dose.

For more information and to find a location near you, visit [VaccinateLACounty.com](https://www.vaccinatelacounty.com)



Kids ages 5-11 are eligible for Pfizer booster doses five months after their 2nd dose. Health insurance is not required. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. For information, go to [VaccinateLACounty.com](https://www.vaccinatelacounty.com) or call the COVID-19 information line at (833) 540-0473 between the hours of 8am and 8:30pm seven days a week.

\$2 Million in Grants for Educators



The LA County Office of Education in partnership with the Department of Public Health to award over \$2 million in grants for teachers, schools and school districts to assist educators in funding projects that address the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on student outcomes.

[MORE INFORMATION](#)

Community Resources & Events

FREE LIVE BROADCAST TO FAIRPLEX

WORLD'S EPIC LOVE STORY

AIDA

COMPOSED BY JAMES CLAYTON

Experience World's Aida in a live production broadcast live to Fairplex in Plaza. One of the world's premier opera houses tells the story of an Ethiopian princess torn between two men and her love for the enemy general. Don't miss a live evening performance under the stars, filled with all the music and drama you've been craving.

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FREE LIVE BROADCAST TO FAIRPLEX
JUNE 4
 GATES OPEN AT 6:00PM • OPERA STARTS AT 7:30PM
 GATE 11, W. McKinley Ave., Pasadena, CA 91208

RSVP AT LAOPERA.ORG/OperaAtFairplex

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LA Opera's special request is that you please support our LA ANGELES COUNTY OPERA HOUSE RILDA SOLIS

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. Gates opens at 6pm.

Date: Saturday, June 4

Time: 7:30pm

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

Register [here](#).



Pride Resource Fair in East LA

Join us tomorrow to celebrate Pride Month in East LA. There will be drag performances, free HIV testing, zumba, giveaways and much more!

Date: Saturday, June 4

Time: 9am - 2pm

Location: East LA Civic Center, 4801 E. 3rd St. Los Angeles, CA 90022

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- Downtown Los Angeles Office: 213-974-4111
- East Los Angeles Office: 323-881-4601
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