



Power to the People



Dear Friends,

Community members should be aware that the Board of Supervisors voted this week to put a [County Charter Amendment](#) on the November ballot that would essentially give the Board the power to remove the Sheriff with "just cause." I voted against this motion because I truly believe it dilutes the power of voters. I will always stand in support of law enforcement and know we cannot afford to further distract from public safety.

I find it timely curious that this measure will be on the same ballot as the election for the Sheriff. If voters don't support the Sheriff, an election (or a recall election) is the right course of action. Also, I question why it would only apply to the Sheriff and not all eight elected County positions, including the Assessor, District Attorney, and all five Supervisors. I strongly urge you to carefully consider this issue. I am committed to ensuring the power stays with the people.

Best wishes,



Kathryn Barger

Supervisor, Fifth District

Back to the Basics



As COVID cases rise, it's important that we go back to the basics when it comes to public

years underway, residents know well what tactics are effective to protect themselves. Wearing a mask in crowded indoor settings and businesses, regular testing, sanitizing your hands, opting to eat outdoors, and getting vaccinated are all proven strategies. Be safe, be careful, and we'll all get through this wave together.

Take a COVID test.

Bigger and Better



The expansion of Lucinda Garcia Park in Monrovia will offer new opportunities for our community to come together for refuge, restoration, and rejuvenation. I was grateful to allocate \$300,000 toward this project to help facilitate a place for neighbors to find rest, to gather, to have fun together, and to make lasting memories. The project will expand the park by a quarter-acre, add two new playgrounds, install five exercise fitness stations, build two new gardens, add a bike rack with a fixit station and water bottle station, and

[Peek at the plans.](#)

Prioritize Child Safety



Caring for the youth in our community must remain a top priority. This week, our Board approved my motion to support Senate Bill 616, which prioritizes child safety in our family court system by initiating California's path to receive federal funding to protect victims of child abuse and domestic violence. "Piqui's Law" would expand the training needed for judges and court personnel regarding child abuse and domestic violence to equip them with the tools to recognize and respond to abuse, trauma, and violence. This law is a step in the right direction to make sure that when we see abuse, our family law court judges and personnel will be educated to ensure the safety of our most vulnerable children.

[Read my motion.](#)

Explore Outdoors



Want to explore the outdoors this summer? People with an L.A. County Library card can get free entry to more than 200 participating State Parks! Visit your local L.A. County Library location or Bookmobile to borrow a pass and plan your trip to a participating park.

[Plan your trip.](#)

Beach Bus



The Beach Bus is back! Enjoy summer the best way we know how by heading to the beach. Round trip tickets are just \$6 for children and adults, plus a discounted rate of \$2 for seniors and people with disabilities. Catch the beach bus close to home in Altadena, Castaic/West Ranch, Charter Oak/Duarte, La Crescenta/La Cañada Flintridge, Lancaster, or Palmdale from now to Sept. 5 on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, Sundays, and Labor Day.

[Ride the Beach Bus.](#)

Backpack Giveaway



Get ready for school! L.A. Care is hosting a free back to school giveaway and food pantry in partnership with the Antelope Valley School District on Friday, July 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Attendees will receive free backpacks filled with school supplies, food items, and resource bags to ensure students have everything they need to succeed this year. The giveaway will be held at the Palmdale High School Football Field Parking Lot at 2137 E Ave R in Palmdale on 20th St East between Ave R and Palmdale Blvd.

[Access L.A. Care resources.](#)



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