

Time for a Change



Dear Friends,

I am deeply concerned with the state of our juvenile justice system in Los Angeles County. There have been four different cases of violence in our juvenile halls in the past month, which have impacted both youth and staff members. I believe high staff vacancies are directly contributing to this issue as the Probation Department's juvenile halls are operating with a 46 percent deficit of staff members and 59 percent of staff members on leave.

The Board of Supervisors has envisioned a strong path forward for our juvenile justice system that emphasizes mental health care, rehabilitation, and education to propel youth on a brighter path into the future. But, those goals cannot come to fruition if we don't have the staff to support our youth.

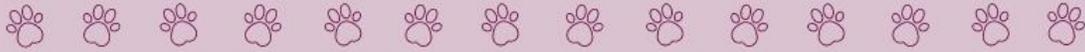
It's time for meaningful change. This week, I sent a letter to the Chief Probation Officer tasking him with identifying strategies, actionable steps, and a timeline to address staff shortages. His plan is due back today and I look forward to seeing a thoughtful path forward. The lives of our youth, and the future of our Probation Department, depend on it.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathryn". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'K' and a long, sweeping tail.

Kathryn Barger
Supervisor, Fifth District

Pets of the Week



Maverick



Ghost

Meet these perfect pets! This is Maverick, a two-year-old Siberian Husky, and Ghost, an 11-month-old cat. They are both staying at the Palmdale Animal Care Center and are looking for loving homes. If you'd like to meet them, you can stop by the center between 2 and 5 p.m. any day, 2 to 7 p.m. on Wednesdays, or make a morning appointment online.

Clear the Shelters

The Department of Animal Care and Control is joining NBC4 and Telemundo 52's annual Clear the Shelters™ pet adoption and [donation](#) campaign throughout August. For the entire month, adoption fees at **all** County Animal Care Centers will be waived for cats and reduced to \$20 for dogs! Fees include adoption, spay/neuter, vaccinations, and microchips.

[Pick your perfect pet.](#)

Beach Bus



The Beach Bus is still here for you to take for a few more weeks! 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.

Take the beach bus.

Beat the Heat



It's hot out this week! Make sure those who are at higher risk of heat exhaustion, especially children, seniors, and pets, are cared for and cool. You can beat the heat by visiting one of the free cooling centers in your neighborhood to access some air conditioning, or enjoy fun in the sun at your local pool or splash pad.

[Find a cooling center.](#)

[Find a splash pad.](#)

[Find a pool.](#)

Climate Commission



Los Angeles County is looking for the next generation of environmental leaders! This week, the County launched its Youth Climate Commission and we're in search of 25 young adults to be our inaugural class of commissioners. The group will inform, recommend, and advise on County goals, plans, actions, and policies related to climate change mitigation and resilience. It's important that we attract a diverse group of individuals so we hear perspectives inclusive of different parts of our County, including our high desert, foothill, and mountain communities. Many of these communities face a higher likelihood of being impacted by natural disasters due to climate change, such as wildfires and flooding. This is a fantastic opportunity for young people who are passionate about climate change issues and who are interested in public service! Tune in on Thursday, Aug. 25 at 6 p.m. for an informational session to get all the details.

[Learn about the commission and apply.](#)

[Register for the info session.](#)

Open Rehearsals



Did you know that many [Hollywood Bowl](#) rehearsals are open to the public? Enjoy an afternoon at this iconic venue to get a sneak peek at upcoming performances! When you sign up for the Hollywood Bowl's neighborhood newsletter, you'll get the full list of upcoming rehearsals straight to your inbox each week.

[Sign up for neighborhood updates.](#)

Fresh & Free



THIRD SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH
FROM 10A-12NOON

Free Fresh Produce in NoHo



Produce Giveaway! Your bags of produce await!

The Los Angeles Regional Food Bank, in collaboration with CalFresh Healthy Living and NoHo Home Alliance invite the community to participate in the Food for Thought Produce Pick-Up!

Drive-thru and walkups are welcome. Enter through the alley on Camarillo. Masks and social distancing required.

Funded by USDA SNAP, an equal opportunity provider and employer.
Contact: alaguiar@lafoodbank.org or info@nohohome.org



NOHO HOME ALLIANCE | 11031 CAMARILLO ST | NORTH HOLLYWOOD 91602

Looking for free and fresh produce? Every third Saturday of the month, the [NoHo Home Alliance](#) partners with the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank to host a grocery giveaway for the community. Head to 11031 Camarillo Street this Saturday, Aug. 20 between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. to access incredible fruits and vegetables.

[Find food near you.](#)

[Donate to the food bank.](#)

Explore Outdoors

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES   PARKS AND RECREATION

Overnight FAMILY CAMPING



FRIDAYS • JUNE 24 • JULY 22 • AUG 26

BONELLI • WHITTIER NARROWS • SANTA FE DAM
KENNETH HAHN • CASTAIC LAKE

 STARTING AT 6:00PM

\$10 GENERAL ADMISSION

FREE KIDS 11 & UNDER

Camp under the stars to finish off the summer! Join the [Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation](#) next Friday at one of five locations for a fun family fishing and camping event. It's a great opportunity to do your favorite activities at these beautiful sites close to home! It's just \$10 a person and kids 11 and younger attend for free.

[Register at Bonelli.](#)

[Register at Castaic.](#)



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