

Advocating for Change



Dear Friends,

As one of the busiest freeways on the West Coast, the I-5 is a key component in goods movement and a major source of commuter traffic. I am keenly aware of the issues and burdens Castaic residents are experiencing, further exacerbated by last week's Route Fire, which significantly damaged an embankment and retaining structure along the I-5 freeway. My staff is working hard alongside Caltrans and CHP to offer any County support possible and are in contact with Senator Scott

leadership as our state representatives overseeing these state emergencies.

I will continue working on residents' behalf to achieve two goals. First, advocating for Caltrans to complete road repair work as thoroughly and quickly as possible. Second, to keep Castaic residents in the loop and informed of the status of the work.

That's why I sent a letter to Governor Newsom asking that he urgently allocate any and all needed resources to Caltrans and CHP so that they can complete critical repairs. I also directed Public Works to establish local access only for roadways in Castaic to keep residents mobile while closures are in place.

I introduced a motion that will be voted on at our Sept. 13 Board of Supervisors meeting that directs Public Works to immediately expedite all plans in development, including the construction of new traffic signals at critical intersections. This will help alleviate the burden of traffic congestion on The Old Road during both I-5 events and during the repair work Caltrans is conducting. The motion also directs the County's Office of Emergency Management to better coordinate traffic flows in the event of emergencies affecting the I-5.

My constituents deserve my advocacy. If you'd like to read my full open letter to Castaic residents, [you can find that here](#). If you want to see my letter to Governor Newsom, [read it here](#). For details about my motion, you can [click here](#). To call into our Board of Supervisors meeting, [learn more here](#).

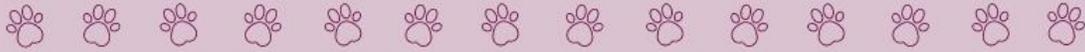
Best wishes,

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

Pets of the Week



Halo



Dutchess

Meet these perfect pets! This is Halo, a one-year-old German Shepherd, and Dutchess, a two-year-old brindle Shepherd. 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.

[Pick your perfect pet.](#)

Ready for Wildfires



Fighting fires takes a village of exceptional people and a fleet of powerful aircraft. We welcomed back the Super Scoopers to Los Angeles County from Quebec to join our L.A. County Fire Department as they protect people and property in the face of wildfires, adding the capacity for thousands of extra gallons of water to help extinguish flames. There are many ways for you to stay prepared this wildfire season! Check out the resources below to ensure your family and home are ready.

[Make an emergency plan.](#)

[Get the wildfire guide.](#)

Eviction Moratorium

Calling to testify for a Board of Supervisors meeting

Make your voice heard, advocate for your community

- 1** Dial the conference line between 9 and 9:15 a.m. You can find the phone number where it says "To Address the Board Call" at bos.lacounty.gov on the first page of the agenda for that day.
- 2** Enter the participant code, which you will find directly below the phone number.
- 3** Sign up by sharing your name with the operator. You will be placed in a virtual waiting room.
- 4** Press 1 and then press 0 to be placed in the queue. If you do not press the numbers immediately, you will not be placed in the queue to speak.
- 5** Please wait for your turn. The moderator will call your name when it's your time to speak.
- 6** It's time to testify! Please speak for the allotted time, which will vary depending if you are speaking during a regular or a special meeting. Your line will be muted when your time expires.

It's time Los Angeles County commits to ending our eviction moratorium. More than 30 months have passed since its implementation. Los Angeles County is the only jurisdiction nationwide with eviction protections for non-payment of rent still in effect. I'm introducing a motion at the Tuesday, Sept. 13 Board of Supervisors meeting to instruct our County departments to prepare a strategy to phase out these emergency tenant protections. To have your voice heard on this issue, call into our Board meeting on Tuesday.

[Call into the meeting.](#)

[Read more about the motion.](#)

Business Partners



Thank you to the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce for inviting me to speak at your Access L.A. event about the latest issues impacting businesses across Los Angeles County. Our communities are strongest when elected officials and business leaders are working together to serve our residents.

[Connect with the Chamber.](#)

Share Your Insight



Metro's Youth Council was created to give young people and our future riders a voice in Metro's projects and programs. The 27 members of the inaugural council are all high school students between the ages of 14 and 17. Being on the council enables youth to tell Metro leadership how they use our system — or would like to use it. If you know a teen who wants to get involved, applications are open from now through Friday, Oct. 14. To get the details, tune in for an informational session on Tuesday, Sept. 13 at 6 p.m. or Saturday, Sept. 24 at 10 a.m.

[Learn more about the program.](#)

[Sign up for the Sept. 13 session.](#)

[Sign up for the Sept. 24 session.](#)

Bettering Libraries

YOUR VOICE, YOUR COMMUNITY, YOUR LIBRARY Virtual Community Feedback Session

Mon, Sep 19
5:30 – 6:30 pm



Provide your thoughts on services and programs.

Share your ideas and help inform our strategic plan for the Library!



SKYE PATRICK
DIRECTOR
LA COUNTY LIBRARY



KATHRYN BARGER
5TH DISTRICT SUPERVISOR
LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Help us make our libraries the best they can be! Join Library Director Skye Patrick and me for a community feedback session on Monday, Sept. 19 at 5:30 p.m. to share your ideas and inform the library's path forward.

[Register for the webinar.](#)

[Access library resources.](#)

Grocery Giveaway



Los Angeles County remains committed to ensure communities have access to food. Join us for a grocery giveaway on Wednesday, Sept. 14 between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. at Stephen Sorensen Park in Lake Los Angeles. Please share this valuable resource with your network to make sure our neighbors are fed.

[Find food near you.](#)

Art Festival



The Antelope Valley Walls Festival will celebrate the addition of 15 new murals in Lancaster and Palmdale. Join Lancaster's Parks, Arts, Recreation, and Community Services Department and the Museum of Art and History (MOAH) on Saturday, Sept. 17 from 4 to 9 p.m. for fun activities for the whole family. The day will include live music, cultural performers, chalk artists, a car show, arts and crafts, a beer garden, food trucks, and more! This free event will be held at American Heroes Park on 701 W Kettering St. It's a great opportunity to celebrate the arts and gather with friends!

[Explore the festivities.](#)

County Contracts

The graphic features a dark purple background. At the top, the title 'County Contracts' is written in white serif font. Below it, the County of Los Angeles seal is on the left, followed by 'Kathryn BARGER' in a mix of script and bold sans-serif fonts, with 'District Supervisor - County of Los Angeles' in smaller text below. 'PRESENTS' is centered, followed by 'NAVIGATING LA COUNTY AND METRO CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES' in bold white sans-serif. A photo of Kathryn Barger in a teal blazer is on the right. Below the title, a photo shows a construction worker in an orange vest and yellow hard hat. At the bottom, logos for the County of Los Angeles, Metro, and Merriwether & Williams are displayed. A small line of text reads 'Sponsored by the Regional Contractor Development and Bonding Program'.

Join me, Metro, and Merriwether & Williams to learn more about navigating L.A. County and Metro contracting opportunities. The program is designed to assist contractors with their capacity and business growth. Attendees will learn the fundamentals of bonding and discover why it's necessary for public works projects. You will also be able to learn about certifications and the Contract Finance Assistance Program. The event will be held Thursday, Sept. 15 at 3:30 p.m. I hope you access this great resource.

[Register for the webinar.](#)



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