

Supervisor Vianey Lopez
Fifth District

Supporting Our Community

In recent months, people in our county have experienced fear, uncertainty, and hurt as federal immigration activities have impacted our community. Our community is facing this uncertain moment by coming together to support each other in this time of need.

I personally talked with and heard from parents, brothers, sisters, spouses and children of those who were detained on July 10th in the unincorporated area of Camarillo. It has been reported that as many as 493 people in Ventura County have been detained since January. In this wake, our local community-based organizations have made calls to support families with groceries, diapers, rent and utility payments. And also, access to trusted and qualified legal resources, support, knowledge, and education.

Our Board of Supervisors has a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, August 12th where I have requested that we receive a report on the community impact of the recent federal immigration actions. We will hear from: MICOP, 805 UndocuFund, Economic Development Collaborative, and the County's Public Defender's Office, Human Services Agency, and Health Care Agency.

I have seen our County come together to marshal resources for our neighbors during times of need in recent years. The work that is already ongoing at our schools, by community-based organizations, and by neighbors-helping-neighbors is something to be proud of.

I am calling on our Board to support our community during this time of need, particularly in areas where we can be most impactful – supporting access to legal rights education and legal resources and supporting access to local programs for our youth. Specifically, during our August 12th Board meeting, I am requesting that the County:

- Establish and appropriate \$250,000 to a **Ventura County Immigration Legal Defense Fund** that would provide grant awards to community-based organizations that

Communities Represented

Central and Southern portions of the City of Oxnard, City of Port Hueneme, Oxnard Plain, Oxnard Shores, Mandalay Bay, Silver Strand, Hollywood Beach, Hollywood by the Sea, Channel Islands Harbor, California State University Channel Islands, Naval Base Ventura County, California Air National Guard, Oxnard Airport, Ormond Beach Wetlands, and Channel Islands National Park.

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can bolster access to a broad scope of accessible legal, educational, and outreach resources to ensure access to due process, legal resources, and legal rights education in our community.

- Support the **Public Defender's Immigrant Defense Unit** by approving seven positions – for three years - to continue providing and expand post-conviction services and some immigration related legal services to our community.
- Prepare to support the **Migrant Education Program**, run by the Ventura County Office of Education, should the federal funds that currently support the program be significantly reduced or eliminated.
- Create **protocols, policies, and trainings to support County staff working in public settings** regarding access to and use of County facilities by federal officials engaging in immigration enforcement activities.
- Amend our current **legislative platform** so the County can engage in conversations about relevant, immigration-related policy proposals from state and federal representatives.
- **Reallocate my upcoming salary increase** from my budget to the Ventura County Immigration Legal Defense Fund.

Our work is not a one-day response, or one-time. But it is about meeting the most urgent needs of our community as we look to the future: to build a Ventura County where every person that resides here can grow up with a good education, have a good and steady job, raise a family and be healthy and safe.

You may view more about the meeting on the [County's website](#) and read my request to our board [here](#) (PDF download).

Immigration Related Resources



You can call 211 to locate assistance or go to 211now.com for resources, including:

- Clothing and personal items
- Childcare
- Mental health counseling
- Utility Payment Assistance
- Food assistance
- Housing support or emergency shelter
- Healthcare



The Ventura County Community Foundation created the Neighbors Support Fund with a broad coalition of local leaders to provide critical resources to organizations serving children and families impacted by recent events. To make a contribution or apply for funding visit: vccf.org/neighbors.

School Related Immigration Resources

Local school districts are providing information and resource pages for students and families; a few are linked below. Families may also reach out to their school's outreach coordinator if they have any questions.

Ventura County Office of Education: [Educational Rights of Immigrant Students](#)

Oxnard Union High School District: [Immigration Resources](#)

Oxnard School District: [Resources for Immigrant Students and Families](#)

Ocean View School District: [Resources for Immigrants](#)

Upward Bound...First Steps Towards a Bigger Dream



I recently participated in a panel with other elected leaders before an incredible group of young people participating in the Oxnard College TRIO Upward Bound summer program. The event was held at Cal State Channel Islands University (CSUCI) – and these youth showed up well engaged, ready to listen and asking insightful questions – in fact, our scheduled one-hour panel went well over two hours! It was a pleasure participating on the panel alongside Oxnard City Mayor Luis McArthur, Ojai Unified School District Board President Atticus Reyes and Oxnard Union High School Board Trustee Karen Sher.



As a former participant in the Upward Bound program, I know firsthand the impact it has on building a vision for college success and beyond. The program is focused on supporting students who may not have experiences in a university setting. Thank you, CSUCI, for hosting the Oxnard College Upward Bound students. The opportunity to spend time and reside on a university campus will allow our youth to feel more at ease with the idea of attending college and reinforces the message “You belong here!”



Cooling Down and Speaking Up



This summer I have been inviting residents to join me at various parks in the Fifth District for “Paletas in the Park” -- a chance to casually connect while enjoying a paleta. This month I partnered with City of Oxnard Mayor Pro Tem Gabe Teran who represents Oxnard’s second district for “Conversations and Paletas in the Park” at Eastwood Park.

I have really enjoyed connecting with you and we hope you have enjoyed it too. I can’t think of a better way to enjoy our summer weather than to go to one of our local outstanding parks. By visiting different neighborhoods throughout my district and speaking informally with the residents, we can have deeper conversations on a wide variety of issues impacting our communities. I would like to thank everyone who has come out to share a paleta – and talk about the issues most important to you. I hope to see you at our next Paletas in the Park.



New Look for Channel Islands Beach Services District Administration and Operations Building

The 1960’s era Administration and Operations Building that housed the Channel Islands Beach Services District has a new modern look that includes sustainable innovation designs such as renewable energy systems, and onsite stormwater treatment and capture. Thanks to the hard work and vision of many different individuals, including General Manager Peter Martinez and Director Jared Bouchard, this project is complete and will serve the community for many, many years to come. Congratulations CIBSD on your new home!



Ventura County Job & Career Fair – August 13th

The County of Ventura is hosting a Job & Career Fair on August 13th at the Government Center. Learn about open positions and the application process! Visit hr.ventura.org to learn more.



Cutting Edge Air Quality Innovation at the Port of Hueneme

On July 16th, building on their green legacy, the Port of Hueneme unveiled their second STAX Emissions Control Barge known as STAX 6 establishing the Port of Hueneme as one of only two California ports operating multiple STAX barges. What does this mean for our port employees and surrounding communities? This innovative system will filter out 99% of particulate matter and 95% of nitrogen oxides directly from ship exhaust, reinforcing the port's role as a leader in clean air infrastructure, building on years of green milestones such as Green Marine certification, electric equipment and shoreside power, and staying true to their vision of Zero Emissions by 2020.

Karl's Village Project to be Reviewed by Coastal Commission

The California Coastal Commission will hold a hybrid public hearing starting at 9 a.m. on Thursday, August 14th, 2025. At the meeting, the Commission will consider action to amend the certified Channel Islands Harbor Public Works Plan to incorporate the construction of Karl's Village and consider action on the Notice of Impending Development (NOID) by Ventura County Harbor Department for the demolition of Fisherman's Wharf and construction of Karl's Village.

Karl's Village is an ongoing project to revitalize part of the Channel Island Harbor via an 11-acre visitor-serving development featuring retail, dining, recreational attractions, and public waterfront access improvements located at the corner of Channel Islands Boulevard and Victoria Avenue within Channel Islands Harbor, City of Oxnard, Ventura County.



Please visit <https://www.coastal.ca.gov/meetings/agenda/#/2025/8> for meeting information and more info.

Apostille Services Brought to Ventura County



Thank you to the Ventura County Clerk-Recorder & Registrar of Voters for bringing Apostille services directly to our residents on July 29th, giving people the opportunity to connect directly with the California Secretary of State without having to drive to Sacramento or Los Angeles.

By the end of the day, 315 people received apostille certification on 712 documents, impressive stats for the first time holding this event. The Clerk-Recorder hopes to partner again with the State team soon to continue to bring this important service back to the community. Thank you to all the staff who made this event possible!

County Animal Services Update

The weeks surrounding the Fourth of July are especially hard on animal shelters, with many animals arriving after being startled by fireworks and becoming separated from their families. Ventura County Animal Services (VCAS) is experiencing unprecedented overcrowding at the shelter. It's comforting to know many of the misplaced animals left the shelter after just a short time due to the great work VCAS does reuniting lost pets with their owners. Others found forever homes thanks in part to efforts from VCAS to increase adoptions. Learn more about adopting your own pet at: [VCAS adoption](#).

The work that staff and volunteers at VCAS perform is not always easy, but from what I've seen when I visit the shelter, they do it with true compassion and dedication.



Hiring: PT Volunteer Coordinator

Animal Services is hiring a part-time Volunteer Coordinator to serve as a lead for volunteers working varied schedules; coordinate interactions between participating volunteers; recruit, train, assign, and direct the work of volunteer staff. [Learn more and apply here.](#)

UPCOMING BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

Tuesday, August 12, 2025
8:30 AM

Tuesday, August 26, 2025
8:30 AM

In-Person at the
County Government Center
800 S. Victoria Ave, Ventura, CA 93009

Online at:
<https://www.ventura.org/board-of-supervisors/agendas-documents-and-broadcasts/>