



NEWSLETTER

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Fifth District

Thank you

Thank you to the entire Ventura County community – the advocates, volunteers, organizations, and individuals – who are fighting every day to protect and support immigrant and undocumented people in our county as families continue to be separated by the actions of federal officials.

In August, our Ventura County Board of Supervisors heard from you in the form of 300 written comments and over 150 public comments over the course of two Board meetings. During those two meetings, the Board considered several actions that I recommended we take to support our community, including bolstering legal access and education so that immigrant families could feel confident in understanding their rights amid a complex and challenging immigration system.

Despite the facts and demonstrated evidence of the contributions of immigrants to this county, our board failed to do what is right and just. The outcome of these meetings is disappointing and shameful. Our county is facing a humanitarian and economic crisis. And our community is hurting.

Our board failed our community, but I am heartened by those willing to show up, speak up, and work towards efforts that will positively impact vulnerable people during this time.

I am committed to continue fighting for all people in Ventura County, to uphold the values of our community rooted in integrity, humanity, and service to others.

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.

Contact My Office

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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

Ventura County
Neighbors
Support Fund



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.

National Night Out

On Tuesday August 5th, the Fifth District Team and I proudly participated in the National Night Out, visiting 9 events held across the district. National Night Out is all about fostering stronger relationships between community members, neighborhood councils, and local law enforcement. From park gatherings to block parties, each event showcased the vibrant leadership and creativity of our neighborhoods.

I continue to be grateful to all the agencies, neighborhood councils, and first responders who participated and showed support for our community. Thank you for continuing to keep our communities safe.



Supporting Youth Heading Back to School

This month the Ventura County Probation Agency hosted a heartwarming and practical back-to-school event designed to help support youth in the community as they prepare for the upcoming school year. The event was held on site at the Probation Agency office and brought together a wide network of county agencies and local partners in a show of solidarity and support for youth.

The youth received age-appropriate backpacks filled with school supplies tailored to their grade levels and were offered free haircuts. The goal was simple, to help every student start the year with confidence and the tools they need to succeed.

But it wasn't just about backpacks, the event included snacks, pizza, drinks and plenty of good energy to go around. Tables lined the space offering resource information from across the county, connecting youth and their families with services ranging from health and wellness to education and mentoring. Events like this reflect the best of what local government can do - coming together to support young people and to create opportunity.

Congratulations to the graduates of the Consular Entrepreneurship Program for Mexican Women Abroad

Last month, the Institute for Mexicans Abroad and the Consulate of Mexico in Oxnard held their sixth graduation ceremony of the Consular Entrepreneurship Program for Mexican Women Abroad. The program provides tools, information, and training to help Mexican women residing abroad to start their own businesses. This year over 20 women participated in the program and have started their businesses that span both Santa Barbara and Ventura County.



To the graduates - your hard work, vision, and determination are inspiring. I enjoyed learning about your businesses and the powerful stories that led you to where you are today. This milestone is not only a celebration of your achievements but also a meaningful step forward in the empowerment of women around the world. We celebrate your achievements and look forward to the positive impact you'll make in our communities and beyond.

Cooling Down and Speaking Up



This summer I had the pleasure of bringing the conversation and treats to local neighborhood parks with my *Paletas in the Park* event series. This month I was especially proud to partner with Port Hueneme Mayor Dr. Martha McQueen Legohn at the newly reopened Bubbling Springs Park. The playground was bustling and I was happy to see so many kiddos stop by for a Paleta along with their parents.

Together, the Mayor and I connected with families, seniors, and youth in the community discussing everything from park improvements, library services, and bike friendly infrastructure. Thank you to everyone that stopped by, shared their story, or simply enjoyed a paleta with us.



Join Me at the Next Paletas in the Park!

Join me and residents from the Via Marina, and Sea View Estates neighborhoods for a Paleta at Dunkirk Park on Saturday, September 13, 2025 from 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM.

Stop by for a few minutes to share any concerns or questions with me – together we can build a stronger community!



World Oceans Day Summit

Thank you to the Port of Hueneme for bringing communities together for the 3rd annual World Oceans Day Summit – held this year at the Channel Islands Maritime Museum the theme was Sustaining the Seas. This year's lineup featured panel discussions, including one on driving nature-based solutions in the emerging blue-green economy and a presentation of the Blue Whales and Blue Skies awards to shipping companies who are doing their part to slow cargo ships down in order to reduce air pollution and protect whales along our coast.

Family Medicine Resident Physicians Host Local Elected Officials

Thank you to the Ventura County Medical Center Family Medicine Residents for including me on your recent local government panel and for your excellent questions advocating for your patients amid recent federal actions. It was a pleasure to join Oxnard Mayor Luis McArthur and Martita Martinez-Bravo, the Executive Director of Friends of Fieldworkers on the panel – I appreciate the opportunity to connect voices from the medical community with local elected officials.



Gateway Hall Dedicated and Opens at CSUCI



Congratulations to Cal State Channel Islands students, faculty, and the entire CSUCI community on the grand opening of the long-awaited Gateway Hall! Gateway Hall will provide new state-of-the-art classrooms and labs -- and includes a Welcome Center and Enrollment Management office to serve new and prospective students, along with interdisciplinary classrooms

and labs for Math, Computer Science, and Mechatronics. Plus, a new coffee shop, Coastal Cup, has opened on the first floor to help fuel students as the 2025-26 school year gets underway.

Old Car Buyback Program Doubles Payments to \$2000

Thinking about retiring one of your old vehicles? The Air Pollution Control District recently doubled payments for the Old Car Buyback Program to \$2,000 and expanded the eligible model years to 2003 or older.



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CONTROL DISTRICT**

Launched in 2017, the program pays Ventura County residents who own older operable cars, light-duty pickup trucks, SUVs and vans to retire their vehicles. The cars must be driven to dismantlers in Oxnard or Santa Paula under their own power. The Air Pollution Control District hopes the incentive encourages more people to retire vehicles that emit higher amounts of pollutants due to their age and lack of advanced emission controls. Motor vehicles produce more than half of the air pollution in Ventura County.

To learn more about eligibility and schedule an appointment to sell a vehicle, call 800-717-7624 or visit vcapcd.org/old-car-buyback/

Tsunami Preparedness Community Meeting

Join the Ventura County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services at a community meeting on Thursday, September 25 at 6:30pm at the Channel Island Beach Community Room to talk about tsunami preparedness, including: preparation and notifications, updated signage, evacuation procedures and Community Emergency Response Team.



VENTURA COUNTY SHERIFF
Emergency Services



Community Benefits Grants from Clean Power Alliance



The Clean Power Alliance's (CPA) is now accepting applications for the 2025-26 community benefits grant program. This program provides grant funding to nonprofit organizations working to advance clean energy and clean energy industry jobs, environmental education and stewardship, and energy equity and diversity. CPA plans to award 9-12 grants worth more than \$280,000 to non-profit organizations; the grants are designed not only to provide critical financial support but also to empower local organizations to expand their reach and amplify their impact. Learn more at: <https://cleanpoweralliance.org/community-benefits-grant/>

\$28 Million HomeKey+ Dollars Awarded to County of Ventura

Ventura County has received nearly \$28 million in state funding to develop an 88-unit permanent supportive housing near 1732 S. Lewis Road, adjacent to a 49-unit senior housing development and the recently dedicated Linda Parks Park.

Along with the 88 permanent supportive housing units for individuals experiencing homelessness, the development includes community gathering spaces and offices for case managers and support staff, fostering a welcoming and supportive environment for residents.



Homekey+ Lewis Road project rendering provided by LifeArk.

The County partnered with DignityMoves and Many Mansions to apply for the funding following a competitive procurement process earlier this year. DignityMoves will serve as the project developer, while Many Mansions will act as the long-term operator and leaseholder. In addition to a Gold Coast Health Plan commitment of \$2.5 million and a \$2 million commitment from the City of Camarillo, the Board of Supervisors approved additional matching funds earlier this year.

Youth Advisory Council Applications Now Open!

Know a youth between 14 and 19 years old who works, lives, or goes to school in the Fifth District? If they're interested in shaping policy and advising me on local issues from a youth perspective, encourage them to apply to serve on the 2025-2026 Youth Advisory Council. Students meet twice a month to engage on local governing and policy issues – and meet with me to share their thoughts. The deadline to apply is September 24. Learn more at: bit.ly/4gggQWY



UPCOMING BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

Tuesday, September 16, 2025
8:30 AM

Tuesday, September 30, 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/>