



FOURTH DISTRICT NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 2024



Hi Neighbors,

Welcome to my inaugural newsletter! There's a lot happening in the 4th District, and I am thrilled to share what we have been working on at the County level, along with some fantastic events in your neighborhood. If you have any questions or topics you'd like to discuss, please don't hesitate to reach out!

Sincerely,

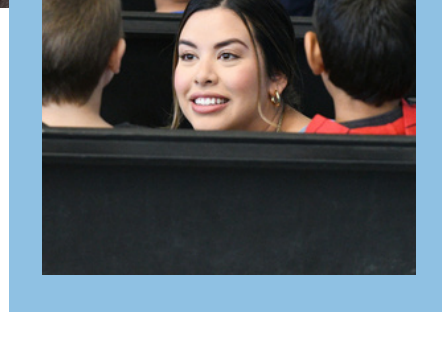
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Flory Dual Language Immersion

On September 17th I participated in the ribbon cutting of the Dual Language Immersion program at Flory Academy of Science and Technology in Moorpark. This program kick off was a great celebration with 45 students singing songs in both English and Spanish. The program is the first of its kind in Moorpark, and I am excited to witness the growth and learning journey of these children. For more information, head to Flory's website: <https://flory.mrpk.org/parents/dual>



BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT WM's RNG Project

HERE ARE A FEW WORDS FROM THE WM TEAM:

In pursuit of a more sustainable Ventura County, WM has been working on a state-of-the-art Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) facility at the Simi Valley Landfill and Recycling Center.

The RNG facility will capture gas from the landfill and purify it into renewable energy to be used in our community. This \$100MM+ investment will reduce GHG emissions by nearly 100,000 tons per year, which is equivalent to removing 2,000 heavy duty trucks from local roads.

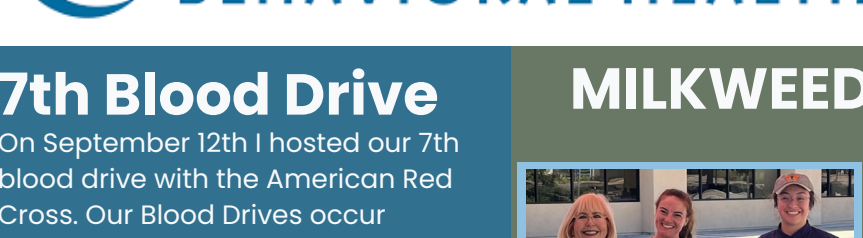
In anticipation of an early 2025 opening, WM has already posted full-time jobs for this new facility.

Lastly, we would like to thank Supervisor Parvin for championing this renewable energy facility, helping create local jobs and a cleaner tomorrow.



Crisis Stabilization Unit Update

I am very excited we are bringing a Crisis Stabilization Unit "CSU" to the East County. This four chair facility is designed to provide immediate care and support for individuals experiencing a mental health crisis. It will help to stabilize their condition and prevent escalation in a secure and controlled setting, reducing the risk of harm to themselves or others. The East County CSU will reduce emergency room visits benefitting both the individuals and the healthcare system. Our CSU is expected to be completed in the Fall of 2025 and will be a valuable resource in the mental health care system, offering immediate, compassionate, and effective support for individuals in crisis while promoting long-term recovery and well being.



7th Blood Drive

On September 12th I hosted our 7th blood drive with the American Red Cross. Our Blood Drives occur quarterly in Moorpark, so be sure to sign up for our next one on December 5th!

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MILKWEED GIVEAWAY



Milkweed is critical for the survival and reproduction of the monarch butterflies. Monarchs cannot complete their life cycle without it. On August 31st my office partnered with the Santa Monica Mountains Fund to distribute over 1,800 Milkweed plants to the public!

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

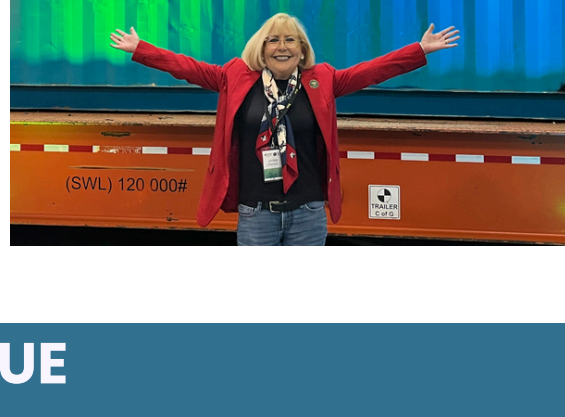
The Economic Development Collaborative has multiple programs in which businesses can benefit. Two that I want to highlight are the Broadband Initiatives and the EDC Film programs.

Broadband is essential infrastructure for cities and communities. Having high speed internet connectivity leads to stronger business growth, retention and attraction.

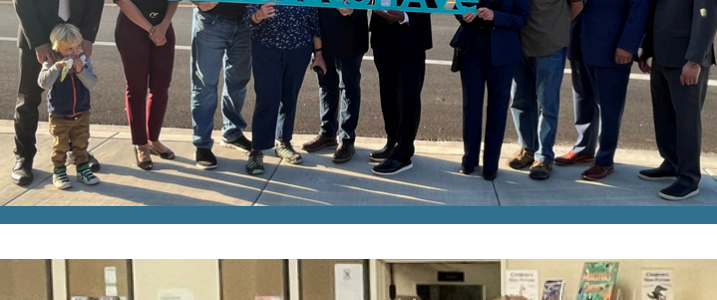
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Reinvigorated in 2013 under the Economic Development Collaborative, **EDC FILM** facilitates communication and convenings among industry professionals to increase local film shoots, industry spending, local job retention and creation and positive exposure of Ventura County in media. Simi Valley is the film capital of Ventura County

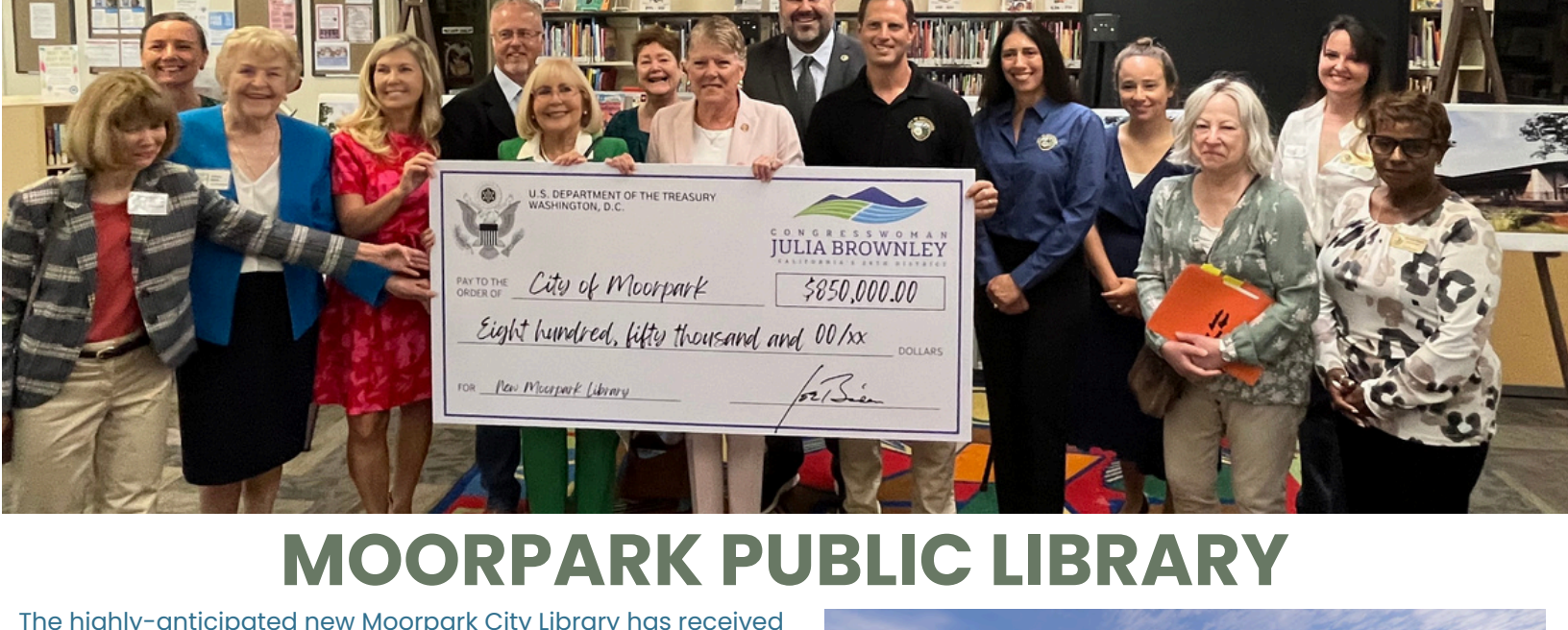
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PRINCETON AVENUE



The grand reopening of Princeton Avenue marks the culmination of a 30-year, \$18 million improvement program. After more than two decades of efforts to secure funding, the city has successfully widened and straightened the road, added turn lanes, and installed sidewalks. These improvements will enhance public safety while beautifying the streets, making the area more appealing to both residents and visitors.



MOORPARK PUBLIC LIBRARY

The highly-anticipated new Moorpark City Library has received a boost after Congresswoman Julia Brownley secured \$850,000 in funding toward the new building as part of the federal budget. This brings the total federal contribution for the project to \$1,600,000. The new library, will be built to the west of the current library. It will feature 17,500 sq. ft. and house Moorpark's ever-growing collection of books and media while also adding new meeting spaces, a multipurpose room for special events, library programming, separate children's and adult areas, and an innovation center/teen area with 3D printing capability and expanded STEM programming. Construction on the new library is expected to begin in mid-2025.



SERVICE CLUB MONTH

I had the privilege of presenting a Proclamation to Savi Bhim, Past Governor of Rotary District 5240, declaring September as Service Clubs Month. Service clubs in Ventura County have been vital to our community, showcasing a strong commitment to volunteerism, philanthropy, and civic engagement. These organizations engage in various charitable activities, from organizing fundraisers and supporting local schools to providing scholarships, promoting public health initiatives, and addressing poverty. It's time to celebrate the significant impact of Rotary and all service organizations that contribute to the well-being of our communities.



AT&T: CARRIER OF LAST RESORT



I brought forward a letter to the Board of Supervisors to send to the Public Utilities Commission "PUC" expressing our disdain for AT&T's request to withdraw its designation as an Eligible Telecommunication Carrier (ETC) and to be relieved of Carrier of Last Resort (COLR) obligations. AT&T's request raises public safety concerns in Ventura County, where many residents, especially in remote areas and high-risk fire zones, rely on landline services due to poor cell coverage. This letter, signed by all five supervisors, and support from the California Deputy Sheriff's Association, along with testifying before the PUC was enough to convince the PUC to vote no on AT&T's request.

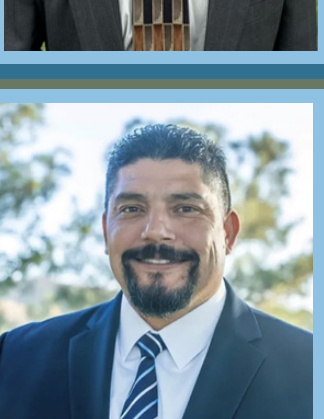
ARROYO SIMI BRIDGE

I have first hand knowledge of the emotional impacts caused by suicide at this location. Since the completion of the bridge in 1993, we have experienced 14 suicides, along with additional deaths from unknown causes. I spoke before the California Transportation Commission in late October requesting they approve a significant safety upgrade of added fencing for one of our regions most dangerous overpasses. I am pleased to report the Commission voted unanimously in favor.



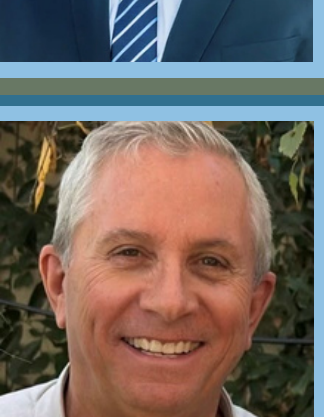
APPOINTEES

During the October 8th Board of Supervisors Meetings, I appointed and reappointed four dedicated community members to various Boards and Commissions. I am honored to have them represent the 4th district in their important roles.



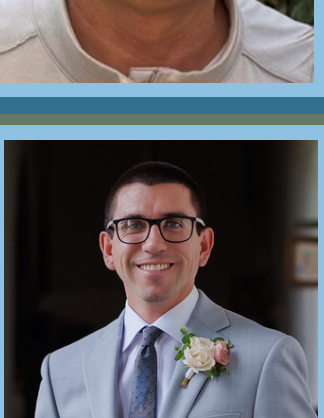
SCOTT DETORRE Climate Emergency Council

Scott, a former Fire Captain with 32 years at the Ventura County Fire Department, currently serves on the Moorpark Unified School District Board and has taught at Oxnard College. His strong community ties, having raised his family in Moorpark, reflect his commitment to local issues. With his extensive background in public service and education, Scott brings valuable insights to the Council on climate issues.



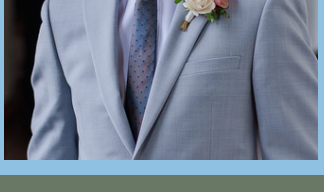
JAMES ESPINOZA Behavioral Health Advisory Board

James is a veteran and the President and Co-Founder of the Veteran Mentor Project, has made significant contributions to supporting veterans in need. His organization focuses on educating, empowering, and encouraging veterans to seek the help they require, making a real difference in their lives.



STEVE FRANCIS Emergency Medical Service Advisory Committee

Steve has been a Ventura County resident for over 54 years and served 35 years with the Ventura County Fire Department, providing EMS care and fire protection. He retired in March 2018 as an Assistant Chief and will be a valuable asset to this committee as they work to enhance our current system.



CHRIS TEJADA Behavioral Health Advisory Board

Chris has been an active member of this advisory board for many years and has played a pivotal role in establishing the Candela Group, a nonprofit dedicated to improving the quality of life for individuals affected by mental illness. His efforts to connect clients and their families with local mental health services have brought much-needed stability to the community.