



## Supervisor Vianey Lopez *Fifth District*

### BOARD OF SUPERVISOR MEETING UPDATE



#### Community Health Worker Appreciation Month

At the February 6, 2024, Board of Supervisors Meeting, I had the honor of leading a Proclamation in recognition of Ventura County Community Health Worker Appreciation Month as well as presenting certificates to the graduating cohort of Public Health Community Health Workers or Promotore/as.



Promotoras act as liaisons to facilitate and deliver high-quality and culturally competent services by building rapport in their respective communities. Promotoras undergo an 11-session learning series to develop critical physical and mental health knowledge.

If you would like to see the full presentation, click [here](#).

#### 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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# Regional Equity Initiative Presentation

I invited the Fund of Santa Barbara to present their 'Central Coast Regional Equity Initiative', which was a project done with support from the County of Ventura. This presentation shared data on the social, economic, and environmental inequities our residents

are experiencing. The data shared provided valuable insight to our Board on how we can address these inequities in our County. You can read the full report by clicking [here](#).



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## Arts and Culture



Our Board approved an additional \$375,000 for Ventura County Arts and Culture. This is in addition to the \$1,000,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds that was allocated to Arts and Culture in December of 2022. I am very proud of this investment in our local arts and think it will promote community resilience and foster a thriving business ecosystem to create jobs, increase wages, and strengthen the local economy. Most Ventura County-based nonprofit arts and culture organizations and independent artists are eligible to apply for this program. Funding can support general operating costs and either new or existing projects.

For more information on arts and culture in Ventura County visit the Ventura County Arts Council website at <https://vcartscouncil.org/>.



## Grand Jury Awareness Month



At our February 27th Board meeting, I led the presentation of a proclamation in recognition of 'Grand Jury Awareness Month' in Ventura County. The Grand Jury is a crucial component of California's justice system and is composed of 19 individuals who dedicate their time for a full calendar year to serve on the Grand Jury.

On February 28th, I spoke before the Grand Jury and gave a presentation on the fifth district and my career as a public servant. I am so grateful to the members of the community who take the time to apply and volunteer on the Grand Jury.

If you would like to learn more about how you can become a Grand Juror, visit their website [here](#).

## OUT IN THE COMMUNITY



On February 4, I had the privilege of attending the Pinkard Youth Institute's "A Heart for Youth" fundraiser in Oxnard. The annual event raises funds for three major programs sponsored by Pinkard Youth Institute:

- African American Enrichment Academy at CSUCI
- Summer Internship Program
- The Black College Tour to Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).

Two well-deserving high school students were each awarded a \$500 scholarship for their excellence in community service, volunteerism, scholastic achievement, and school involvement. Congratulations to this year's scholarship awardees, Christian Garcia and Gwen Withers.

On February 28th, I attended the 1-year anniversary of Nate's Place, a local nonprofit in Oxnard that was founded by Heidi and Larry Rhoades in 2023 following the untimely death of their son, Nate Rhoades.

Nate's Place has served more than 100 individuals from Ventura County ranging from 13-25 years old. Services offered at Nate's place include peer-support recovery coaching and recreational activities such as boxing, weightlifting, pool, ping-pong, kayaking, hiking, meditation, art therapy, and music lessons.

Nate's Place, a Wellness and Recovery Center, is located at 3840 Channel Islands Boulevard in Oxnard. For more information, visit [natesplacewellnesscenter.org](https://natesplacewellnesscenter.org)



## UPCOMING BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

Tuesday, March 26, 2024  
8:30 AM

Tuesday, April 9, 2024  
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/>