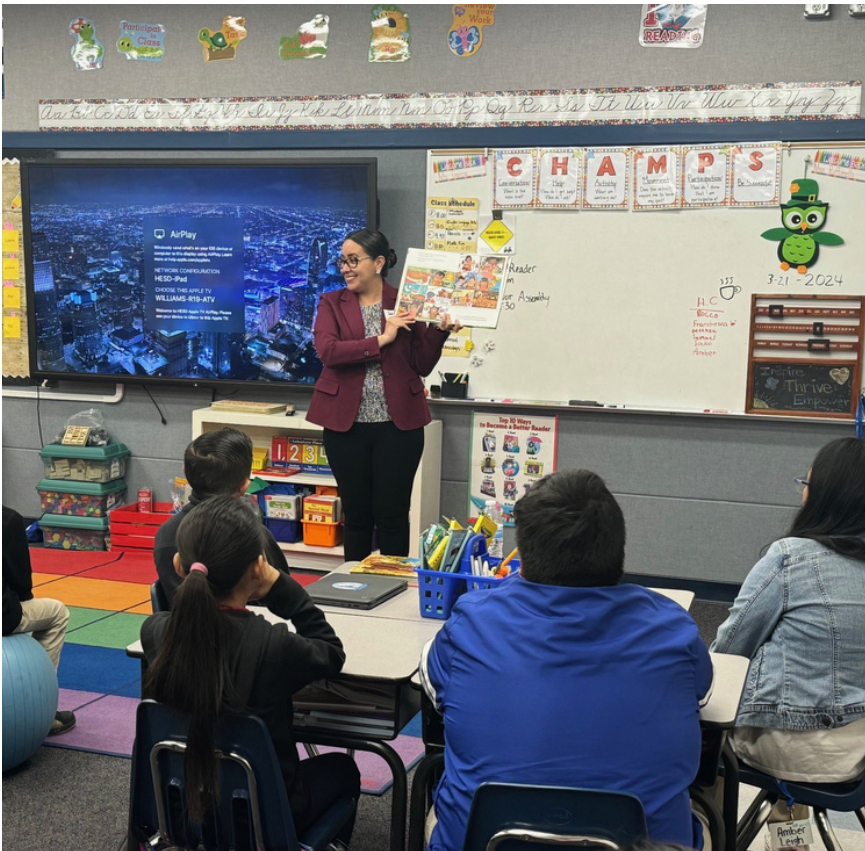




Supervisor Vianey Lopez *Fifth District*

Read Across America



March is 'Read Across America', a national celebration of reading to promote writing and literacy and to encourage adults to be more involved in the education of our community's students.

Reading is an essential skill to promote and serves as a catalyst for the academic success of our students and prepares our youth for the jobs of the future.

I was delighted to participate this year by reading 'Our Favorite Day of the Year' at Fred L. Williams elementary in Oxnard.

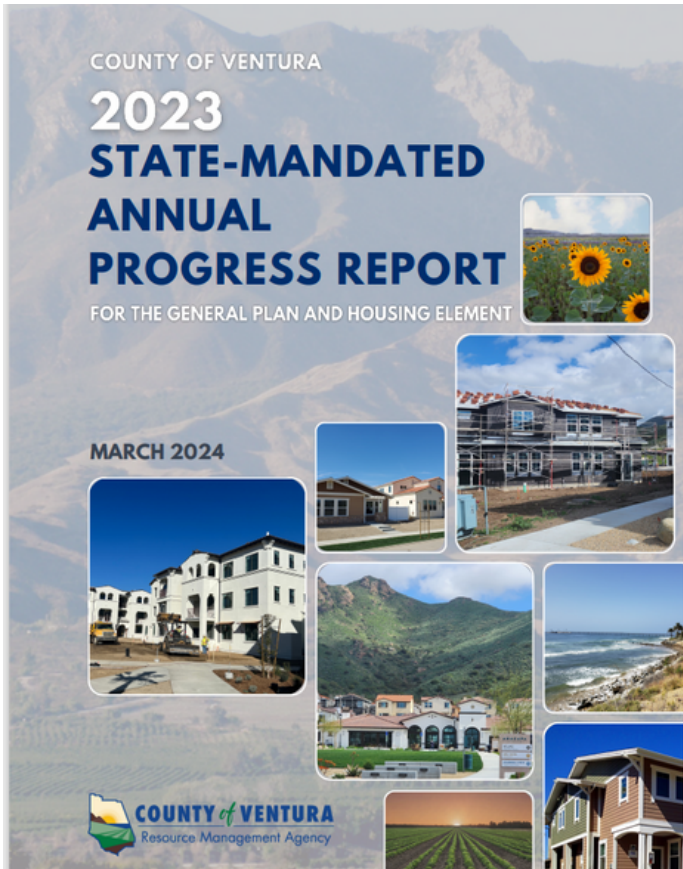
Communities Represented

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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At our March 26th Board Meeting, staff provided an update on our County's General and Climate Action Plans. Our General Plan includes a total of 569 policies and 185 implementation plans. Although there is still work to be done for our General Plan, our county has made a great impact on the housing front, by adding 465 housing units in 2023 alone, all affordable housing. For our Climate Action Plan, our County has created a tool for the public to view our programs and the County's goals to achieve a more sustainable climate for our County.

You can view the new tool [here](#).



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March was an eventful month for the Board of Supervisors. We received updates from staff on our General Plan Programs, and the status of our affordable housing projects.

On March 12, our Board voted to approve distributing \$4.7m in grant funds to support affordable housing development in Ventura County. As a part of this funding, our Board allocated \$1.8m to the Cypress Place project located in the 5th district, which will add 60 units of affordable housing in the City of Oxnard.

Women's History Month in Ventura County

State Senator Monique Limón 'Women of the Year' Event



In celebration of Women's History Month, Senator Monique Limón recognized Women who are making a difference in our communities. Fortunately for Ventura County, there is an abundance of impressive and inspiring women who are deserving of this honor.

This year's honorees are Celina Zacarias, Port of Hueneme Board of Commissioners President, Elizabeth Botello, Ventura High School Assistant Principal, Mary Maranville, SEEAG Founder, President and CEO, Gagan Pawar, MD, MBA CEO, Clinicas del Camino Real, Monica White, President, Food Share of Ventura County, CEO. On March 21st the recipients were honored with proclamations from Senator Monique Limón. Thank you, to the recipients for the work you do that uplifts Ventura County and thank you Senator Limón, for recognizing these inspiring women.

International Women's Day at West Ventura County Business Alliance



On March 8th I had the pleasure of speaking at the West Ventura County Business Alliance inaugural Women's Business Conference in honor of International Women's Day. It was an honor to share about my experience as a female public official in Ventura County and the people and experiences that have inspired me over the years. Thank you West Ventura County Business Alliance for bringing together a diverse panel of women representing multiple generations each with unique and valuable experiences in our community.

You can read more about the event [here](#).

Transgender Day of Visibility



In collaboration with the office of District 1 Supervisor Matt LaVere, I presented a proclamation recognizing the inaugural Transgender Day of Visibility in Ventura County. It was an honor to stand with our transgender and gender fluid community members, and allies, in celebration of respect, love, and individuality.

Recipe for Caregiving: 16th Annual Caregiver Provider Conference



At the 16th Annual Caregivers Conference in Oxnard, I welcomed over 100 volunteers and staff gathered to receive information and resources available to them as caregivers. There are over 8,000 caregivers in Ventura County providing 24/7 care for elderly, disabled, and children with disabilities.

For volunteer opportunities or to learn more about available services, click this link: ventura.org/vcaaa

First Robotics at the Port of Hueneme



First Robotics is an annual competition hosted by the Port of Hueneme, where youth from across the State show off their science, technology, engineering, arts, and math (STEAM) skills. This competition demonstrates the importance of STEAM in our education system and the crucial role it plays in empowering our youth to develop these skills.

You can learn more about First Robotics and their annual competition [here](#).

Reel Guppy Outdoors Two Year Celebration



Congratulations Reel Guppy Outdoors on the 2-Year Anniversary of the Learning Center at the Fisherman’s Wharf in Oxnard. The founder, Kevin Brannon created this youth program for would-be anglers in Ventura County over a decade ago. As part of the Learning Center celebration, a check for \$5,000 was presented from the Port of Hueneme by Harbor Commissioner Jess Ramirez. A large group of supporters and friends were gathered to share in the success of Reel Guppy, and to hear about their big plans for the future of the organization.

Oxnard Youth Baseball Opening Day



Oxnard Youth Baseball slid into its 70th season as it celebrated Opening Day at Eastwood Memorial Park in Oxnard on March 9th. With 32 teams consisting of players ranging in age from 3 to 14 years old, this is sure to be a season of family, community, and fun for all ages.

Visit oxnardyouthbaseball.org for more information including game schedules.

Ventura Training Center Academy Graduation



My staff attended the Ventura Training Center Ceremony to celebrate the graduates with their friends and families. The Ventura Training Center was established in 2018 by the California Department of Correctional Rehabilitation, Cal Fire, California Conservation Corp, and the Anti-Recidivism Coalition, to offer advanced firefighter training to parolees who participated at fire camps or institutional firehouses. Since 2018, over 150 paroled people have completed training at the center and now more than half of those graduates are employed full-time with state, local, and federal firefighting agencies.

Annual Cesar Chavez March



On March 30th, I participated in the Annual Cesar Chavez March in Oxnard to commemorate the life and work of Cesar Chavez, Farmworkers, and the creation of the United Farmworkers (UFW) labor union. Thank you to the organizers, sponsors, and community members who attended and participated.

Digital Upskill Tech Classes

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Digital Upskilling Training Program

VENTURA COUNTY DIGITAL UPSKILLING INITIATIVE

The Ventura County Digital Upskilling Training Program is a NO-COST, short-term training program that is increasing the digital skills of job seekers, current workers and small business operators across the county. Three training programs compose the initiative: Computer Basics, Computer Technologies Upskilling and Get Your Small Business Online. The initiative was made possible by State Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin, who developed the project idea and secured \$5 million in state general funds.

NEED FOR THE INITIATIVE

The COVID-19 pandemic increased the digital divide by causing a surge in the use of digital technologies while exacerbating the discrepancy in digital skills.

Digital-skills deficiencies disproportionately impact women, people of color and non-English speakers.

All industries need basic digital skills, and employers need basic digital-skills training for their entry-level employees.

As technology changes, current workers need upskilling to stay employed in an evermore automated and digitized world.

"Before the course, I looked for someone to help me complete computer tasks at work, and now I can do them on my own. Looking towards the future, I recommend this class because it will help you to get a better job and to climb and not stay where you are."

Maria R.
Computer Basics Student

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Curriculum and instructor tools are available for FREE in English and Spanish.

COMPUTER BASICS

The Computer Basics course teaches adult learners the essential computer skills and confidence they need to: navigate digital devices; be more technically proficient in the workplace; advance to better jobs; and access additional training and

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The Economic Development Collaborative is accepting registrations for their Ventura County Digital Upskilling Training Program, where applicants take a free 6-week course that teaches essential computer skills that are needed to get a better-paying job. These courses will be provided in both English and Spanish and will be in-person.

To register, visit the locations in person to sign up for the classes. You can view the class locations and view more information [here.](#)

UPCOMING BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

Tuesday, April 23, 2024
8:30 AM

Tuesday, May 14, 2024
8:30 AM



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