



**Supervisor Vianey Lopez**  
*Fifth District*

## Westminster Free Clinic



At our July 23rd Board of Supervisors meeting, we recognized the student volunteers of the Westminister Free Clinic (WFC.) WFC is a non-profit healthcare provider that offers free healthcare services and health supporting programs to low-income and uninsured people in Ventura County with locations in Thousand Oaks, Oxnard, and Santa Paula. More than 200 high school students participate in a rigorous two-year program that builds excellent job skills in the health care profession by assisting volunteer medical professionals in the delivery of primary health services to over 12,000 low-income uninsured residents annually in Ventura County.

To learn more about the Westminister Free Clinic [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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## Change of Command

### Seabees “Can Do!”

On July 18, 2024, I visited Naval Base Ventura County, Port Hueneme to witness the Seabees, Naval Construction Group 1 (NCG1) Change of Command Ceremony.

Members of the community and various officials gathered to watch the formal transfer of authority and responsibility of off-going Commanding Officer, Captain Gordon Meek to on-coming Commanding Officer, Captain Angel Santiago.

When addressing the group, on-coming Commander Santiago said, “My intent over the coming years is easy, continue our journey towards building the most-ready Naval Construction Force the Navy has ever seen. We will continue to focus on mastering our construction skills, combat readiness, and personal resiliency.”

As Ventura County’s top employer, Naval Base Ventura County’s three installations, Point Mugu, Port Hueneme and San Nicholas support approximately 4,000 active-duty service members and 24,000 civilian jobs, making them the county’s top economic producer with an economic impact of over 4.5 billion dollars.

Thank you to our Seabees for providing engineering support required to ensure the readiness of our U.S. Navy and Nation.



## Farmworker Resource Program & Veteran Services Office Visit



On July 16th, I joined Melissa Livingston, Human Services Agency Director, on a visit of the new office location for the Farmworker Resources Program (FRP), the Veteran Services Office (VSO), and the RAIN Bridge Housing Program. I was pleased to connect with VSO Director Jim McHugh and staff from the FRP and RAIN programs to learn more about the services being provided to Ventura County residents. The new office for these programs is located at 2000 Outlet Center Dr., Suite C-220, Oxnard. We expect a public grand opening of the office later this fall.

**[Click below to learn more about these programs:](#)**

[Farmworker Resources Program](#)

[Veteran Services](#)

[RAIN Bridge Housing Program](#)

## Boys and Girls Club, Port Hueneme Tour



On July 17, I joined Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Oxnard and Port Hueneme (BGCOP) CEO Erin Antrim and Vice President of Advancement Andrew Peake on a tour of the Port Hueneme Club. I was able to see firsthand the programs and enrichment opportunities provided to youth in the community, from sports to arts. They also shared with me updates on the future of the Port Hueneme Club. The BGCOP has partnered with a University of Southern California (USC) research team on a study to better understand the community needs and perception of the club. I encourage you to participate in this survey, all responses will remain confidential.

### You can access the survey here:

Survey in English: <https://forms.gle/GZVHHXnaXndDshUu9>

Survey in Spanish: <https://forms.gle/7tz8w2ZNP4H6rUW1A>

I look forward to seeing how the project develops and watching the organization continue to serve youth of the Fifth District.

Click [here](#) to learn more about the Boys & Girls Club.

## Arts and Culture Grant Program Recipient



At the beginning of July, the County's Arts and Culture Division announced the recipients of the County's first dedicated Arts and Culture grant program, which was approved by our board as part of the 2023 Recovery Plan to support local artists and organizations that were impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Our board allocated \$800,000 in grant funding to support both nonprofit arts and culture organizations, as well as artists based in Ventura County.

To learn more about the County of Ventura Arts and Culture Division, click [here](#).

### Congratulations to the recipients from the Fifth District:

- Oxnard Film Society
- Oxnard Performing Arts Center Nonprofit (OPAC)
- Teatro De Las Americas
- Queala Clancy, Performing Artist/Dance
- Javier Gomez, Musician/Teaching Artist
- Alfredo Gonzalez, Visual Artist/Painter
- Guillermo Gutierrez, Filmmaker
- Maria Mayo, Filmmaker
- Evan Mendelson, Visual Artist/Muralist
- Angelique Pineda, Photographer
- Christian Ramirez, Photographer
- Edith Reyes-Sanchez, Performing Artist/Teaching Artist
- Rolando Rubalcava, Fashion/Graphic Designer
- Elisa Torres, Visual Artist/Muralist
- Roxanne Trujillo, Visual Artist/Teaching Artist

## Housing Issues Forum



On July 24th, I participated in a housing issues forum hosted by Housing Opportunities Made Easier (HOME) alongside fellow elected officials from throughout the County, including city councilmembers and State Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin. As a panelist, I provided my perspective on housing as a County Supervisor and shared some highlights of the County's work to increase the stock of affordable housing units. Since 2021, the County has added more than 800 units of housing and collaborated with local cities on housing developments to help address the shortage of affordable housing.

Click [here](#) to learn more about HOME's efforts.

## Central Terrace Grand Opening



I was delighted to attend and share some remarks at the grand opening of the Many Mansions Central Terrace Apartments, located in Downtown Oxnard. This beautiful apartment building will soon be called home by 86 households including some of our most vulnerable residents. Central Terrace is an innovative housing model that will include a carpool program for farmworkers, youth development programs, and financial literacy courses for residents.

To learn more about Many Mansions and this project, click [here](#).

## Ventura County Crop Report

Ventura County Agricultural Commissioner Korinne Bell presented the 2023 Annual Crop Report at our board meeting on July 23rd. It is with tremendous gratitude, that I acknowledge the men and women who plant, grow, and harvest these products in Ventura County.

### Top 10 Leading Crops

- Strawberries
- Nursery Stock
- Lemons
- Celery
- Raspberries
- Avocados
- Blackberries
- Peppers
- Tomatoes
- Lettuce

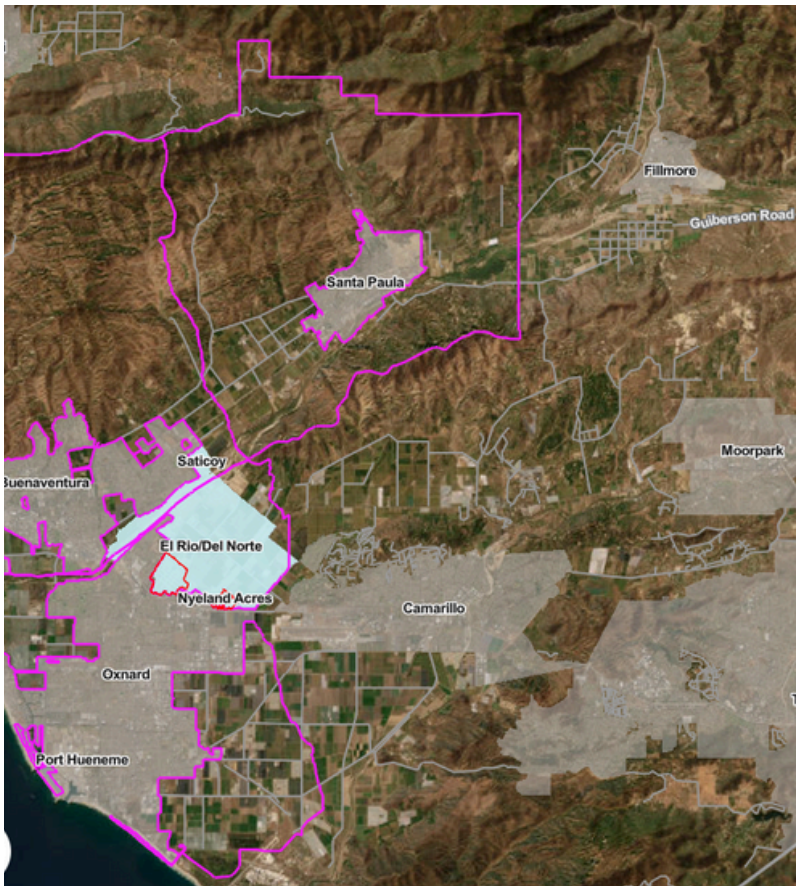
Click [here](#) to view the full Crop Report.



## Disadvantaged Community Study

At our July 23rd Board of Supervisors meeting, our board voted to update our 2040 General Plan to include additional designated disadvantaged communities in the unincorporated areas of Ventura County. Including this in our General Plan helps to ensure that these communities can benefit from grant funding and help create county policies that protect these communities from environmental pollution and create improvements to services and infrastructure.

Click [here](#) to learn more about the County's Designated Disadvantaged Communities Study.



## City of Ocotlan Public Safety Equipment Donation



I want to thank the Ventura County Sheriff's Office (VCSO) and the Ventura County Fire Department (VCFD) for their partnership in donating old and used equipment to public safety officials in the City of Ocotlan, Jalisco, Mexico through the Oxnard Sister City Committee. At our July 23rd Board of Supervisors meeting, I presented this recommendation to our board, which was approved unanimously. The City of Oxnard formed the 'Sister City' relationship with the City of Ocotlan in 1964, with the purpose of promoting goodwill and friendship through a program of exchanges and visitations.

During their visit to Oxnard in 2023, public safety officials from Ocotlan shared with me the dire need for equipment, as their current equipment has long exceeded its expected useful life. My office then collaborated with both VCSO and VCFD to identify eligible used equipment for donation, which resulted in 50 radios, 24 vehicle radios, and 20 pairs of firefighting equipment including helmets, coats, boots, gloves, and uniforms that are no longer needed based on U.S. standards. These donations will provide a long-lasting benefit for Ocotlan's Public Safety Officials, residents, and visitors from our community for years to come. Click [here](#) to watch the full presentation.

## Ventura County Mobile Library



The Ventura County Board of Supervisors received a visit from the Ventura County Library Department's brand-new Mobile Library at our July 23rd Board meeting.

The new School Mobile Library is fully stocked with new books, a computer lab, wi-fi, and offers full accessibility.

In 2022 the County of Ventura received grant funding for the purchase of the vehicle and created a partnership with the Ventura County Office of Education (VCOE) and local credit unions Premier America, CBC

Federal Credit Union, County Schools Federal Credit Union and Ventura County Credit Union were named as sponsors for ongoing funding.

This project was made possible with additional support from the VC Library Foundation, Rotary Club of Camarillo, and The Institute of Museum and Library Services. a. By working together, we are enriching the lives of Ventura County's youth.

Click [here](#) to see the Mobile Library's upcoming events.

# Oxnard Fire Department Emergency Medical Services Corps

## OXNARD EMS CORPS



Are you between the ages of 17 1/2 -26 and interested in a career in Emergency Medical Services and Fire?



EMS Corps has trained hundreds of young people underrepresented in the fire and healthcare workforce for careers in emergency medical services. Many have gone on to become paramedics, nurses, firefighters and doctors. **The next EMS Corps in Oxnard begins January 2025!**

### The 5-month program includes:

- EMT and Fire Training provided by Oxnard Fire Department
- Life coaching, mentorship, job readiness training and physical fitness
- Earned monthly stipends of \$1,500 during the program
- Assistance finding jobs after graduation

Spots are limited.  
**Apply Today!**

July through October 2024 Applications open  
October through November 2024 Interviews  
January through May 2025 Program/class dates



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### PARTNERS



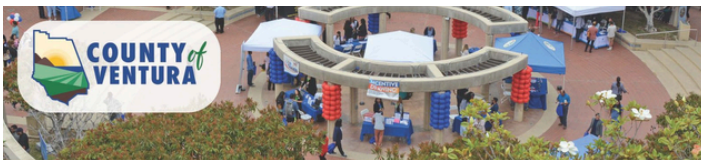
Oxnard Fire Department has launched the Oxnard Emergency Medical Services Corps, a 5-month training program for youth ages 17-26 that are interested in a career in EMS or Fire. This is a great opportunity for the youth of Oxnard! The cohort begins January 6, 2025. Visit [oxnardemscorps.org](http://oxnardemscorps.org) to apply.

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## Ventura County Career and Resource Fair



# CAREER & RESOURCE EXPO



**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2024 11 A.M. - 2 P.M.**

COUNTY OF VENTURA GOVERNMENT CENTER  
800 S. Victoria Ave, Ventura  
Between Hall of Justice and Hall of Administration

[VENTURA.ORG/JOBS](http://VENTURA.ORG/JOBS)  
[coventura](https://www.instagram.com/coventura)

### OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND COUNTY EMPLOYEES



- Meet representatives from up to 26 agencies/departments.
- Learn about open positions, the application process, and benefits.
- Explore career opportunities in Administration, Health Care, Public Works, Safety, and so many more!

Interested in a career in sustainability, public works, or healthcare? The County will be hosting a County of Ventura Career and Resource Expo in the main courtyard of the Ventura County Government Center on Wednesday, August 7, from 11:00am to 2:00pm. Both the event and parking are free. Click [here](#) for additional information.



## UPCOMING BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

No Meetings for the month of August

Tuesday, September 10, 2024  
8:30am



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/>