



Supervisor Vianey Lopez *Fifth District*

Swap Meet Justice



I was thrilled to welcome back Swap Meet Justice at our September 24th board meeting to provide an update on their End of Year Grant Report. In the spring of 2023, our Board approved a request from my office to support Swap Meet Justice with grant funding from the County so they can continue their programming, providing a one stop shop of resources for residents.


Every month, Swap Meet Justice volunteers welcome between 600-800 residents at the Oxnard College community market with over 40 different government agencies, non-profits, and service providers addressing various needs.

To learn more about Swap Meet Justice, 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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National Night Out

On August 6th, my office and I joined other community leaders and public safety agencies at several National Night Out events throughout the Fifth District. My office and I attended gatherings at La Colonia, Rose Park, Carriage Square, Wilson, Oxnard Shores, and the City of Port Hueneme.



This annual event enhances the relationship between neighbors and public safety, bringing back a true sense of community. Thank you to the neighborhood councils and city partners for creating these spaces to connect. To learn more about National Night out, click [here](#).

Back to School Kits



On August 9th, my staff assisted Cabrillo Economic Development Corporation (CEDC) in assembling over 260 Back to School kits for their residents. Thank you to CEDC and its board members for making a positive impact on the lives of many students in our community. To learn more about CEDC, click [here](#).

Oxnard Fire Department EMS Corps Launch



The Oxnard Fire Department has officially launched the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Corps, a 5-month training program for youth ages 17.5-26 interested in a career in EMS or Fire. It is great to see youth engaged in our community and their interest in local career opportunities. There is still time to apply for the program's first cohort, scheduled to begin January 2025. You can apply to EMS Corps [here](#).

Fathomwerx Summit



On September 17th, I attended the Fathomwerx Summit at the Port of Hueneme, where I got to see numerous technological demonstrations and projects that Fathomwerx is developing. We are fortunate to have an innovative company like Fathomwerx in our County working with industry partners and local U.S. Navy leaders.

To learn more about Fathomwerx and their upcoming events, click [here](#).

Ventura County Fire Department HQ Grand Opening



The Ventura County Fire Department Headquarters moved to Thousand Oaks in May of this year. On August 15th, Fire Chief Gardner held a grand opening for the new building, allowing the department to consolidate administrative and all other services under one roof. The headquarters were previously operated at the Camarillo Airport from 1992 to 2024. The new location in Thousand Oaks offers room to grow to meet the ever-changing needs of our community.

Oxnard Mural Dedication



On September 7th, I attended the celebration of Oxnard's newest mural located under the 3rd Street bridge. Titled 'Don't Forget Your Neighborhood', the mural by artist D.J. Javier showcases the rich and diverse culture reflective of the Latino and Filipino communities in Oxnard, and honors Cola Boy, an Oxnard Musician who passed away earlier this year.

This mural was made possible with the support of the City of Oxnard, the Oxnard Performing Arts Center Corporation, and the Downtown Oxnard Improvement Association.

SCAG Port of Hueneme Tour



On August 30th, I attended the annual tour of the Port of Hueneme led by Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG). I was also joined by Ventura County Leadership Academy (VCLA) Director Pattie Braga and VCLA Cohort 30 member Justin Karbowski.

If you were to take the SCAG region, which includes Riverside, Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Imperial, and Ventura Counties into its own economy, it would rank as the 15th largest economy with a \$1.6 trillion dollars in regional GDP. The Port is an integral source for our supply chain and our imports and exports.

Thank you to SCAG and the Port for the invitation to participate in the tour!

100th Year Celebration of Air National Guard



This year the 146th Airlift Wing of the California Air National Guard celebrated 100 years. The celebration at the station included a presentation by Col. Christopher Dougherty and former Commander Daniel Pemberton who shared about the contributions of the Airlift Wing to the state and the nation as well as the historical move from Van Nuys to Point Mugu in 1990.

Community Action of Ventura County Tour



I had an opportunity to visit the Community Action Ventura County (CAVC) headquarters in Oxnard to meet with Executive Director, Susy Lopez-Garcia and Board Chair, Anson Mar, during their weekly food distribution day. I witnessed staff and volunteers working hard to ensure the process is as efficient as possible.

Community Action helps residents countywide with basic needs such as food assistance, homeless services, Medi-Cal enrollment, utility bill assistance and other needs relevant to living a dignified life. Director Lopez-Garcia shared that some of their workers were once recipients of CAVC's services, which is one of the best testaments to their ability to help people realize a pathway out of poverty and establish dignity in their lives.

To learn more about Community Action, click [here](#).

EV Charging

At our September 24th Board of Supervisors meeting, our board approved the acceptance of a \$12 million grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation to our Sustainability Division to invest in electric vehicle charging infrastructure. This grant will help our county support the ambitious goal for the State of California to reach 5 million Zero Emission Vehicles by 2030. Additionally, more charging stations will help the County reach the Green House Gas Emission goals by 2040 as part of our County General Plan.

To learn more about the County's Sustainability Division and resources offered, click [here](#).



Building Electric Incentive Program

At our September 24th Board meeting, our board voted to amend our Ventura County Building code no longer requiring new building construction with all-electric appliances and equipment. Instead, our board supported establishing an incentive program with a reduced cost of 50% for the Expedited Plan Review services for building permits. This proposal will shorten the timeframe of a proposed project to be reviewed for new buildings, should the applicant opt for an Expedited Plan Review.



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

Latino Heritage Month

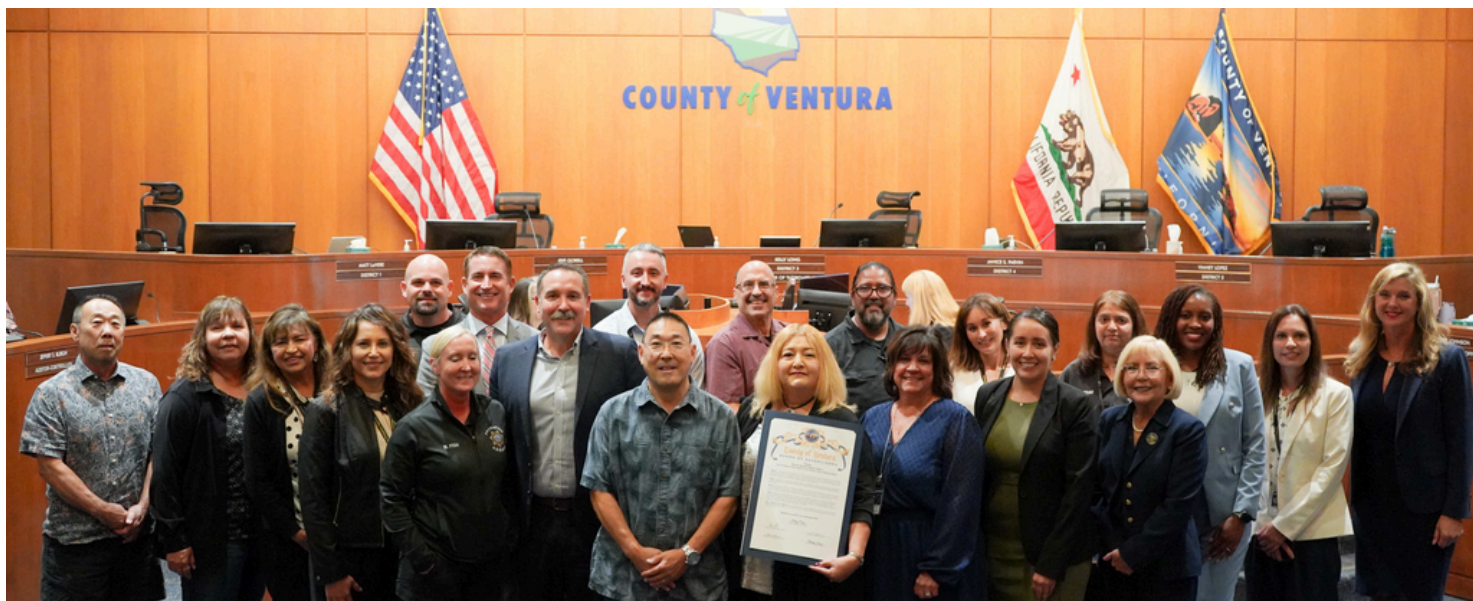


As the County celebrates Latino Heritage Month, I was delighted to present Teatro de las Américas with this year's resolution proclaiming Latino Heritage Month from September 15th – October 15th.

For over 32 years, Teatro has enriched the lives of countless community members by providing opportunities for artistic expression, education, and cultural exchange through theater performances and workshops. Thank you, Teatro de las Américas, for the positive impact you have had on the lives of our community. As part of the presentation at the September 10th Board meeting, our Board also recognized Margaret Cortese, co-founder and recently retired Executive Director of Teatro, for over 56 years of public service in our community.

To learn more about Teatro and their upcoming shows, click [here](#).

Employee Retirement - Sandra Carillo



At our September 24th Board meeting, I presented a proclamation to Sandra Carillo in recognition of her 32 years of service to our Probation Agency. Sandy's tireless efforts in promoting rehabilitation and guiding individuals towards a positive path have made a lasting impact on countless lives. Congratulations on your retirement Sandy!

Click [here](#) to watch the presentation.

Language Access and Inclusive Service Manager



At our September 10th Board of Supervisors Meeting, our Board approved the acceptance of a grant for our Health Care Agency to implement a language access program and hire a Language Access and Inclusive Community Service Manager. This project will expand and develop language access for the immigrant community of Ventura County as they interact with the Ventura County Medical System.

It will provide a system-wide approach to addressing linguistic and cultural barriers including ongoing needs assessment, recruitment and training of qualified interpreters, and cultural humility training for clinicians and staff. In 2021, the Health Equity Advisory Council was formed and conducted a comprehensive review that highlighted the need for Spanish, Tagalog, Mixteco and other indigenous language interpreters in medical care.

County of Ventura Disability Access Summit



“Building Bridges, Breaking Barriers,” was the theme for the County of Ventura’s First Annual Disability Summit.

Held over 4 days at the Crowne Plaza in Ventura, the first of its kind summit offered a wide range of learning sessions such as Accessible Civic Engagement, Disaster Preparedness with a focus on those with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, Public Safety Power Shutoff Customer Support and Outreach, Increasing Accessible Transportation Options, Emergency Management and the ADA, Disability and Aging and others.

I had the pleasure of introducing an Emergency Preparedness Panel with speakers from the California Office of Emergency Services, DC Homeland Security and Emergency Management, and Southern California Edison as well as listen to their presentations. It was a unique opportunity to hear from experts and those with lived experience, to gain better understanding of the barriers that exist in the daily lives of those with various disabilities. Thank you to the many sponsors who partnered with the County of Ventura to make this historic summit a success.

UPCOMING BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

Tuesday, October 8, 2024
8:30am

Tuesday, October 29, 2024
8:30am



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