

Cesar Chavez 3rd Grade Presentation



It was great to see that the three third-grade classes at Cesar Chavez Elementary School are well-informed, engaged, and knowledgeable about local issues. This month, I had the opportunity to present an overview of the County, discuss how the Board of Supervisors works, and talk about some of the concerns the Fifth District community has that I'm working on.

So many students asked so many good questions -- about development, about the aquatics center, and tons of other issues. All were very curious and thoughtful about government and the community when asking questions.

Thank you to the school administration for the opportunity to present before these outstanding students.

CREW Green Valley Project

Big thanks to the youth of C.R.E.W and project leader Melissa Ruiz for bringing thoughtful questions and initiating an excellent discussion during their visit to my office this month.

C.R.E.W. members gave an informative and captivating presentation on their Green Valley Project in Oxnard; the team is advocating for the preservation of three mature Western Sycamore trees on County property in Nyeland Acres. I appreciated hearing all about the tree preservation.

C.R.E.W. empowers youth ages 13-20 years to restore Ventura County's environment through education and community engagement. By planning and implementing restoration projects, they develop their skills in environmental leadership, civic engagement, and environmental stewardship.



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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Boys and Girls Club Kindness Award Reconition



On October 19th, the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Oxnard and Port Hueneme awarded me the 'Kindness Ambassador Award'. Thank you to the Boys and Girls Club for this recognition. As your County Supervisor, I am committed to continue supporting and uplifting the youth of not just the fifth district, but all of Ventura County.

Keeping District 5 Clean, One Watershed at a Time!











On October 19th, my office collaborated with County Watershed Protection to host a graffiti abatement at the Rice Road Drain – part of the watershed on Eastman Ave near the Rose Park Neighborhood. I was joined by Oxnard City Councilmember Oscar Madrigal and staff from the Port of Hueneme. We covered almost a mile worth of graffiti in about an hour. These abatements are all volunteer run, with paint donated to our County Public Works Agency.

Thank you to our County Public Works Agency, Councilmember Madrigal, and the Port of Hueneme for your support in another successful graffiti abatement at the Rice Road Drain.



Your County at Work!

Indigenous People's Day Resolution



At the October 8th Board of Supervisors meeting, our Board joined me in proclaiming October 14th, 2024 as Indigenous People's Day in Ventura County. This year we honored the Ventura County Indian Education Consortium for their work supporting American Indian and Alaskan Native students in our county.

The Consortium provides direct services to American Indian and Alaskan Native students from transitional kindergarten through twelfth grade. The program is a Title VI federally funded and is also financially supported by local partner districts.

Navy League 50 years of Support Resolution

On October 8th at the Ventura County Board of Supervisors meeting, my colleagues and I presented a proclamation to the Navy League Channel Islands Council honoring their 50-plus years of dedicated support to America's Sea Services.

Since 1973 the award-winning Channel Islands Council has been providing support ranging from recognizing and awarding service members for outstanding performances in their field to coordinating baby showers for active-duty families.

As your Fifth District Supervisor, it is an honor to represent Naval Base Ventura County and to recognize the Navy League Channel Islands Council for their ongoing work and dedication to our sailors and their families.



Your County at Work

Promotores de Salud Recognition



We honored sixteen dedicated Promotores de Salud at the October 8th Board of Supervisors Meeting – the third cohort of Creando Comunidad who have completed comprehensive training on core competencies, public health fundamentals, and emergency response.

I was honored to lead the effort to present a proclamation recognizing the crucial role Promotores have in facilitating access and delivering high quality, culturally competent health services. Promotores are our frontline public health champions and trusted members of our communities, serving as liaisons and bridges to community members

for essential health resources. These community health workers go through many hours of training in public health and emergency response, serving a vital link for the County to have successful community outreach.

<u>Support for Expanding Behavioral Health Infrastructure</u>

Lewis Road MHRC Campus

- · County owned 54-acre campus
- Adaptive re-use of the former RAIN homeless shelter facility into a 38-bed MHRC.
- Considering additional MHRC 16-bed pods.
- Relocate bus turnaround to inside the campus.
- Build a community market.
- · Build a community gathering space.
- Total budget estimated at up to \$180M for 38+ beds & bus turnaround & community gathering space.



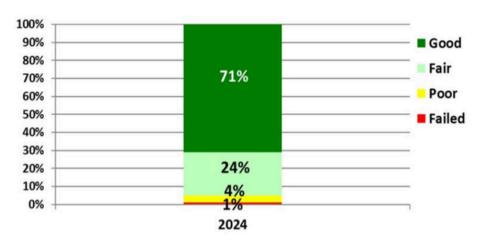
At the October 29th Board of Supervisors meeting, our Board authorized Ventura County Behavioral Health Department to participate in the Continuum Infrastructure Program. This program is a significant grant opportunity by the California Department of Health Care Services and will assist the County in expanding its infrastructure to expand the County's supply of beds and services for Behavioral Health Clients throughout the County.

Behavioral Health is applying for a total of \$235 million to build a Lewis Road Mental Health Rehabilitation Center (38+ beds), East County Psychiatric Health Facility (16 beds), and an East County Crisis Stabilization Unit. These expansions will prevent the County from referring clients outside of the County for services and treatment.

Click <u>here</u> to watch the full presentation.

County Road Replacement Priority List

County Road Network PCI



At our October 29th Board of Supervisors meeting, our Board received an update from the Public Works Roads and Transportation Department on the conditions of the County's roads and their levels of priority.

Based on the State's Pavement index, the County roads were ranked as 'Good' and scored a 70 or better. An update was also shared that the county roads in District 5 will be first priority to be repaved due to scoring lower on the pavement index. This is great news for the District, and we should be seeing improvements to our roads in the near future.

Click here to watch the full presentation.

Community Health Care Program



If you don't have access to health coverage, you may qualify for the new Community Health Care Program (CHCP). Those eligible can receive health care at Kaiser Permanente. You have until January 31, 2025 to apply. Visit kp.org/chcp or call 1-800-464-400.

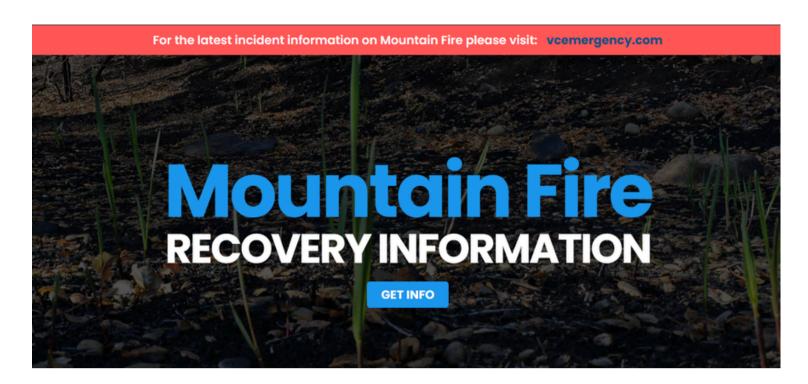
Appointee Needed for the 5th District



My office is seeking two appointees from the Fifth District to serve on the Air Pollution Control District Advisory Committee. The purpose of this committee is to have an in-depth forum to discuss the Air Pollution Control District's development and air pollution concerns. The committee considers input and makes recommendations to the Air Pollution Control Board.

To learn more about the committee, visit the committee's website <u>here.</u>

Click <u>here</u> to apply. Contact my office at District5@ventura.org if you have any questions.



Mountain Fire update as of Nov 22. 2024

Visit VenturaCountyRecovers.org to Learn More About Mountain Fire Recovery

Mountain Fire recovery information will continue to be available at <u>venturacountyrecovers.org</u>. This is the County of Ventura's official recovery portal, offering essential resources and guidance, where you can find information on the following topics: rebuilding, tax relief, business, debris removal, housing, health information, and more.

Community resources are also available to connect with local aid, food distribution events, and counseling services.

The County of Ventura is here to support you and guide you along the way.

UPCOMING BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

Tuesday, December 10, 2024 9:30am at Simi Valley City Hall



In-Person at the County Government Center 800 S. Victoria Ave, Ventura, CA 93009

Online at:

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