

NEWSLETTER

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Fifth District

2023 State of the County

On November 7th, the 'State of the County' was delivered at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley. The event celebrated effective, efficient, and responsible governance and leadership, with a focus on the many agencies and services they provide. Key takeaways were the county's healthy financial standing, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, the safety and health of our communities, our vibrant economy, and our continued focus on housing and homelessness.

Missed the live stream?

Click [here](#) to watch the full State of the County presentation.



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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In honor of the men and women who have served in our nation’s Armed Forces, I, along with staff, attended Veterans Day ceremonies throughout the cities of Ventura, Oxnard, and Port Hueneme. It is a privilege and honor to represent these brave men and women and their loved ones, and I am forever grateful for their dedication and service to our country and community.

Foodshare Thanksgiving Turkey & Trimmings Giveaway

On November 21st, I participated in Foodshare’s “Thanksgiving Turkey & Trimmings Giveaway” at Oxnard College Park. Volunteers and I were joined by Los Angeles Ram’s Wide Receiver Cooper Kupp, to hand out over 1,800 turkeys, fresh produce and other trimmings for Ventura County families to enjoy on Thanksgiving Day. Many thanks to Food Share of Ventura County for your support of our residents during the holidays and year-round.





CITY OF OXNARD RECEIVES \$4 MILLION FROM ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION FUND

In September, the City of Oxnard received a State grant of \$4 million to support the cleanup of encampments and provide services to residents experiencing homelessness at McWane Boulevard near Ormond Beach and Fifth Street/Harbor Boulevard sites. At our November 7th Board of Supervisors Meeting, I voted in support of our County's Health Care Agency partnering with the City of Oxnard to provide case management services for residents living at the McWane and Fifth Street locations. The County's outreach will be done by our Backpack Medicine team, that specializes in providing medical attention and connecting residents to Alcohol and Drug Treatment Case Management Services. Residents participating in these programs will be assisted in securing shelter and will be provided nutritious meals throughout their stay.

Anyone experiencing homelessness can call 805-385-1800 or click [here](#) for information on services.



16 NEW POSITIONS FOR THE 9 BED DETOX UNIT AT VCMC

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) there were over 112,000 fatal overdoses across the United States in the 12-month period ending May 2023. That is the highest number of overdose deaths ever recorded in the United States in a single year. To help address overdoses in Ventura County, at our November 7th Board meeting, I voted in support of opening nine beds for inpatient detoxification services to house patients who are undergoing withdrawal from drugs or alcohol at the Ventura County Medical Center (VCMC). To support this, I also voted to expand the detoxification services by adding 16 staff positions including registered nurses and full-time alcohol and drug counselors to provide treatment plans for patients.

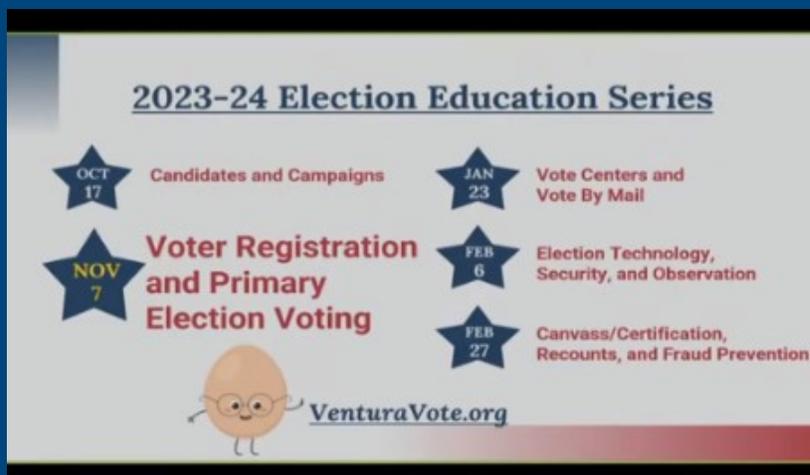
This vote reflects our county's commitment to improving the health and wellness of our residents.



Transgender Day of Remembrance

I had the pleasure of attending the Annual Ventura County Transgender Day of Remembrance event on November 20th to present a board resolution. Since 2015, the transgender community in Ventura County has come together for this impactful event. This year, The Transverse partnered with the Ventura College Pride Pirates and Associated Students of Ventura College to host this important gathering. Proceeds from generous sponsors of the event are helping fund the first Transgender Student Scholarship at Ventura College and the valuable work done that Diversity Collective and The Transverse are doing in partnership.

VENTURA COUNTY ELECTION EDUCATION SERIES



Ventura County Clerk-Recorder and Registrar of Voters, Michelle Ascencion, began presenting a five-part Election Education Series to the Board of Supervisors in October. The series, in anticipation of the upcoming March 5th Presidential Primary Election, will introduce or refresh voters on the voting procedure as well as other election activities.

Part One: Candidates and Campaigns was brought before the board at the October 17th Board meeting. Click this link to view [Part One](#).

Part Two: Voter Registration and Primary Election Voting was heard at the November 7th Board of Supervisors meeting. Click this link to view [Part Two](#).

The schedule for the remainder of the series is listed below.

- **Part Three:** Vote Centers and Vote by Mail on January 23, 2024
- **Part Four:** Election Technology, Security, and Observation on February 6, 2024
- **Part Five:** Canvass/Certification, Recounts, and Fraud Prevention on February 27, 2024



GROWING WORKS ANNIVERSARY

Turning Point Foundation celebrated the 5th Anniversary of their Growing Works program and their dedication to cultivating health, because plants symbolize belonging. At their Fall Festival Celebration, we heard from one their clients who offered testimony as a member of the program that provides mental health recovery services, job training, and supported employment to adults with severe mental health diagnoses. The nursery sells California Native, succulent, and other water wise plants. Congratulations Growing Works and Turning Point Foundation!

To learn more about this program or to shop for some cool plants, visit [Growing Works](#).

UPCOMING BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

Tuesday, December 5, 2023
8:30 AM

Tuesday, December 19, 2023
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/>