

33rd Annual Juneteenth Celebration in Oxnard





On June 15th I attended the 33rd Annual Juneteenth Celebration at Plaza Park in Oxnard. Ventura County CEO, Dr. Sevet Johnson joined me in presenting a proclamation recognizing the historical moment of the emancipation of African-Americans in 1865 when the news of the presidential declaration reached Texas. It was great to see many community members and leaders in attendance. Thank you to the Juneteenth Celebration Committee of Ventura County and the many volunteers who organize this event annually.

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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Progress Pride Flag Raising





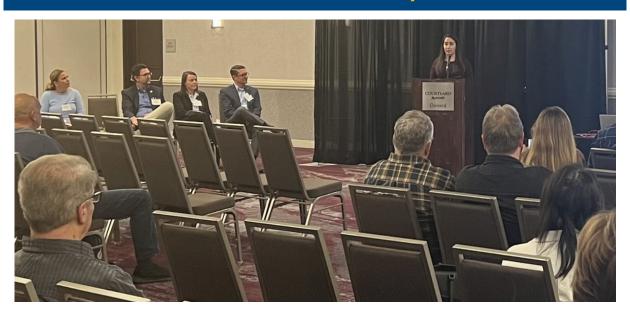




On June 6, I led the effort to raise the Progress Pride Flag at our County Government Center in recognition of Pride Month. Pride Month takes place in the month of June, to stand in support and in solidarity of our LGBTQ+ community. Ahead of the flag raising ceremony, I presented this year's proclamation of Pride Month at June 4th Board of Supervisors meeting to the LGBT+ Aging Coalition and the Oxnard Union High School District Inclusivity Taskforce.

Even when there is hate, if we stand together for equity and the right to be who you are, we will always overcome those attempting to silence individuality. As your Supervisor, I am committed to continue advocating and supporting all residents of the fifth district. Thank you to all the attendees at both events who showed support to the LGBTQ+ community.

Part 150 Noise Study



The Ventura County Department of Airports hosted its third community meeting regarding the Part 150 Noise Study at the Oxnard Airport to receive suggestions on measures to be evaluated for inclusion in the Noise Compatibility Program. The Part 150 study is a voluntary effort, funded by a grant from the Federal Aviation Administration, that will include Noise Exposure Maps and a Part 150 Noise Compatibility Program for Oxnard Airport. You can learn more about the Part 150 Study here: Oxnard Airport Part 150 Study.

Farmworker Resources Program Townhall



I recently attended the Ventura County Farmworker Resource Program townhall hosted by Central Coast Alliance United for a Sustainable Economy (CAUSE), Mixteco/Indigena Community Organizing Project (MICOP), Lideres Campesinas, and the County Human Services Agency. This townhall was a helpful resource to help our agriculture community. To learn more about our County's innovative Farmworker Resource Program, click <u>here</u>.

California Clean Power Alliance



As your Supervisor, I serve on a variety of Boards and Commissions, the Clean Power Alliance (CPA) is one of those committees. CPA is a locally operated not-for-profit electricity provider for 35 cities across Los Angeles County and Ventura County and has been recognized as the #1 green power provider in the nation. Ten cities in Ventura County, including unincorporated County are members of CPA. In Ventura County, the overall participation rate is 84.7% with over ninety percent of active customers signed up to receive 100% Green Power. Through this

participation, our County as a whole has made progress in the reduction of Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions. Thanks to CPA and its member agencies across both counties, 10.921 billion pounds of GHG emissions have been avoided. This is equivalent to 81.7 million trees planted and grown for ten years. To learn more about the CPA and the programs available to member agencies, click <u>here.</u>

Port Hueneme World Ocean's Day





The Port of Hueneme made an exciting announcement during this year's World Ocean Day celebration held on June 11th at the Channel Islands Maritime Museum.

At the event, port officials announced their vow to make all operations at the Port of Hueneme ZERO EMISSIONS by 2030. If the Port of Hueneme succeeds in achieving this goal, the project will make them the first zero emissions port in the United States! This project will not only help save marine life and preserve ecosystems, but also improve the public's health. By using low and zero emission vehicles and equipment over the years, and encouraging cleaner technology for its partners, the port has already made significant progress in reducing emissions.

Congratulations to Reel Guppy Outdoors, MERITO Foundation, and Coastal Keepers, this year's recipients of the "Friend of the Port Awards." Your work in our community is recognized and greatly appreciated.

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Your County at Work



SOAR Amendment for Agricultural Food Processing

At the June 4th Board of Supervisor Meetings, we voted to implement an Amendment to Save Open-Space and Agricultural Resources (SOAR), to allow up to 3- Acres per lot for Agricultural Food Processing plants in the Opens Space (OS), Agricultural Exclusive (AE), and Rural Agricultural (RA) Zones consistent with the County's SOAR Ordinance. This will allow agricultural companies to process food products in their own agricultural use-based property. As part of the ordinance, a maximum of 12-acres for food processing will be allowed countywide with a sunset date of 2030. To learn more about this ordinance or how to apply for a permit, click here.

Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance



At our June 4th Board meeting, we received an update on the County's Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) and Junior Accessory Dwelling Unit (JADU) ordinance for unincorporated areas of the county. Under the County's newest ordinance, applicants that have a building permit on their parcel, now have an option to build an additional ADU, or can choose different ADU or JADU options based on the parcel where the development is taking place. To learn more about ADU/JADU and how to obtain a permit, visit the County Resource Management Agency website here.

Capital Improvement Projects



At our June 18th Board meeting, we received an update on various Capital Projects throughout the county. Here is a brief summary of the projects located in or near the Fifth District:

- The Vanguard Building: an estimated \$28 million dollar project, that will include permanent supportive housing for unhoused individuals. So far, \$17.5 million has been allocated from state and federal sources to fund the project.
- City of Port Hueneme Ray D. Prueter Library: Due to the recent storm events, this library is in need of repairs totaling \$2.3 million. Funding that will support these repairs and previously identified work includes a state grant of \$1.5 million.
- Hueneme Road: To improve traffic and bicycle safety, this project includes widening Hueneme Road to 4 car lanes and constructing bike lanes from Edison Drive to Rice Avenue. The estimated cost is \$12 million when completed.
- Channel Islands Boulevard: Under the Public Works Agency, a feasibility study will be completed on widening of the road to 4 car lanes with bike lanes from Oxnard city limits to Rice Avenue. The estimated cost of this study is \$150,000.

To view the full report, click here.

City of Oxnard State of the City

On Friday June 14th the City of Oxnard held their Annual State of the City address at Zachari Dunes Resort at Mandalay Bay in Oxnard. Over 200 sponsors and guests were in attendance to hear about the City Council's priorities and highlights of the city's economic development including a few businesses located in the City. Mayor John Zaragoza proudly announced the city's balanced budget and a \$35 million surplus. Keeping with tradition, the event was hosted by the West Ventura County Business Alliance. Thank you WVCBA for another great event.

Click here to read more about the State of the City Address.



Phillippine Flag Raising





On June 12th I attended the 126th Philippine Independence Day Flag raising ceremony in Oxnard. It was a meaningful event that symbolizes the courage, resilience, and unity of the Filipino people.

"Empower & Inspire Students" Backpack Drive



Now through July 26th, my office is supporting the Mixteco Indigena Community Organizing Project (MICOP) backpack drive. This school supply drive will help underserved K-12 indigenous students in our community be ready for their first day of school. Join me in this effort by dropping off new school supplies in the baskets located outside my office, on the 4th floor of the Hall of Administration. Items in need include backpacks, highlighters, notebooks, pencils, folders, calculators, etc.

Thank you in advance for supporting these students!

HELP US REACH OUR \$2,500 FUNDRAISING GOAL



SCAN THE QR CODE TO DONATE!

bit.ly/MICOP2024Backpack

UPCOMING BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

Tuesday, July 23, 2024 8:30 AM

No Meeting 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

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