

Supervisor's Newsletter

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OCTOBER MEMO: HOLIDAYS ON THE HORIZON

Hello to all the wonderful residents of our district,

I hope this October newsletter finds you well and rejuvenated after the spooktacular festivities of Halloween! Speaking of gatherings, I'm still buzzing from the overwhelming success of our Telephone Town Hall on October 24th. We had an amazing 9,151 residents all on the call simultaneously. Your participation and engagement truly demonstrate the remarkable spirit of our community.

While we are on the topic of community, our D5 community will be celebrating this week for the grand re-opening of the San Jacinto Animal Campus. No longer will residents in the area have to drive to Jurupa or Coachella to pick up their four-legged friends. I am very excited about this and I heard the residents of the San Jacinto and Hemet areas who expressed the need for the campus to be open once again. If you are reading this message prior to November 3rd, I hope to see you all at the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

As we dive into the final chapters of 2023, the air is filled with excitement and anticipation for the upcoming holidays. It's hard to believe we're in the home stretch of this year. Time surely flies

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when we're making progress and working together. As the holidays draw near, I want to extend an invitation to everyone: let's come together, as we always do, for our community events such as the Nuevo and Cabazon movie nights in December.

Both will be showing The Polar Express and we will have hot chocolate and popcorn on hand to go along with fun games and activities for the whole family. You can get all the details in the events calendar portion of this newsletter or on my website www.rivcodistrict5.org/events.

Let's celebrate, spread cheer, and most importantly, let's ensure that these festivities are peaceful and safe for everyone.

Warmly,

Supervisor Yxstian Gutierrez



Staff Member Spotlight

Zuly Martinez
Director, Health & Human Services

This month, we turn our attention and appreciation to our Director of Health and Human Services, Zuly Martinez. Zuly graduated from the University of California, Riverside, where she got her Bachelors in Business Administration. She has been working for the county since March 2021 where she started as a TAP employee with the Assessor County Clerk Recorders office and a few months later became a board assistant with the Clerk of the Boards office. She started working for Supervisor Gutierrez's office in June of this year and is a resident of the 5th district living in Moreno Valley. Her biggest desire is to make a positive impact in our community.



BANNING STATE OF THE CITY

On Thursday, October 12th, I swung by the Banning State of the City event over at the Morongo Casino. Starting at 11 a.m., it was a cool opportunity to catch up on what's been happening in Banning, the challenges the city's facing, and the plans moving forward.

Being there was a great way for me to connect with fellow leaders and locals. It's always refreshing to be in the mix, hear firsthand from the community, and join in on the conversations shaping our district's future.

I want to thank the city staff, council and Mayor for inviting me and allowing me to take part in their celebration.



Upcoming Events:

San Jacinto Animal Campus Grand Re-Opening
November 3rd
9:00AM - 11:00AM
581 S Grand Ave, San Jacinto, CA 92582

Veterans Parade
Beaumont November 11th
9:00AM - 11:00AM
Beaumont Avenue and 6th Street, Beaumont.

Nuevo Movie Night Rescheduled! Coming This Spring!
Valley View Elementry School. 21220 Maurice St, Nuevo, CA 92567

Cabazon Movie Night
Decmer 2nd
6:00PM - 9:00PM
James A. Venable Community Center. 50390 Carmen Ave, Cabazon, CA 92230





TELEPHONE TOWN HALL

The recent Telephone Town Hall was nothing short of phenomenal. At its peak, we had the voices and ears of over 9,000 residents, all tuning in at the same time. This massive participation is a testament to our community's dedication to staying informed and engaged. Over the course of the call, we tackled more than a dozen questions live, providing clarity and shedding light on issues that matter most to our residents.

While live engagement was robust, I acknowledge that many of you left insightful questions via voicemail. I want to assure everyone that those messages are not going unheard. My dedicated staff is meticulously going through each one, ensuring that we provide timely and accurate responses.

What excites me most about these town halls is the unparalleled level of engagement they offer. In a community as vibrant and diverse as ours, having a platform where thousands can gather, ask, and listen is invaluable. It grants more people access to essential information, and it allows for a broader spectrum of voices to be heard. Every question asked, every concern raised, paints a more comprehensive picture of our collective aspirations and challenges. I look forward to hosting many more of these sessions, continually bridging the gap between our offices and the wonderful residents we serve.

The Lakes Senior Center- Meet and Greet

On Saturday October 14th I held a Meet and Greet for the residents of The Lakes Assisted Living in Banning. I brought with me staff from The Department of Social Services, Adult Protective Services, the C.A.R.E. Team (Curtiling Abuse Related to the Elderly) and the District Attorney's office. The residents were very engaged and asked some very important Questions!

With the holidays approaching, the focus centered much on Scams that specifically target seniors. As your county supervisor, protecting what you have worked so hard for, is my highest priority! Be careful and have a wonderful, joyful, and memorable holiday season!





MORONGO'S 27TH ANNUAL GOLF CHARITY TOURNAMENT

On Monday, October 16th, I had the privilege of attending Morongo's 27th Annual Golf Charity Tournament. It's always uplifting to see the community come together, and this event was no exception.

Witnessing the strong support from our local governments and tribal leaders was both heartwarming and inspiring. It's moments like these that remind me of the power of unity and the positive impact we can make when we collaborate. A big thank you to the organizers for hosting such an incredible tournament, and to everyone who turned up to tee off for a noble cause.

Your dedication and commitment to making a difference are truly commendable. Let's continue to work hand in hand, supporting each other, and building a brighter future for our community. Kudos to everyone involved, and here's to many more years of teeing off for good causes!



Nuevo Movie Night- Coco

Wow, the Nuevo movie night was a total hit again! We had a great time with over 200 families showing up to watch Disney's Coco. My awesome staff were busy dishing out popcorn and making sure the kids had a blast at the game booths. We had jumpers, food vendors, and raffles. It was one epic night, let me tell you. We even handed out candy baskets to some lucky kiddos and parents.

Mark your calendars for our next event in December! We'll be showing The Polar Express in both Cabazon on Saturday, December 2nd at the James A Venable Community Center. Doors open at noon! I hope to see you all there.





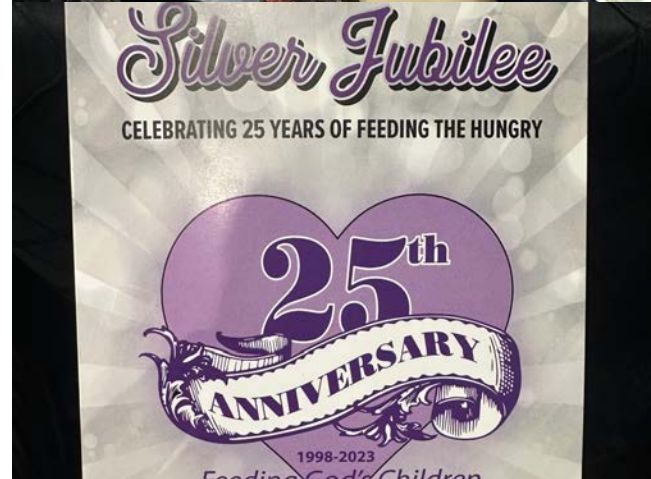
CAROL'S KITCHEN 25TH ANNIVERSARY - SILVER JUBILEE

Last week, I had the privilege of attending Carol's Kitchen's 25th Anniversary Silver Jubilee. Wow! They've been at it for a whole quarter-century! Can you believe it? For 25 years, this fantastic spot in the San Geronio area has been whipping up hearty meals and serving them with a side of love and kindness.

They've been a genuine lifeline for so many folks, ensuring that no one is left out or goes hungry. It was an honor to be there and celebrate all the good work they have accomplished over the years. I want to express my gratitude to everyone at

Carol's Kitchen and their Board of Directors for the outstanding work they do in our community. They make a significant effort to ensure that many people are fed who might otherwise go hungry.

Everyone there is incredibly kind-hearted and friendly, and I was proud to present them with a proclamation from the Riverside County Board of Supervisors.





District 5 Spotlight

SUPER SUBS OWNER DIANA BENHAR

Have you ever grabbed a bite at Super Subs in Banning? That's Diana's baby. Opened back in 2002, Super Subs quickly became a go-to spot for a hearty sandwich, and it still is! Operating from 11:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Saturday, it's a local favorite.



Beyond her businesses, Diana's a powerhouse in the local scene. She's deeply involved, wearing multiple hats - from being a board director at Banning Chamber of Commerce to being an active member of the Rotary Club and attending community breakfasts. Her dedication is unmatched, and it's clear she does it all out of sheer love. As she puts it, "We don't do this for the money... we do this because it's fun, and I enjoy serving others."



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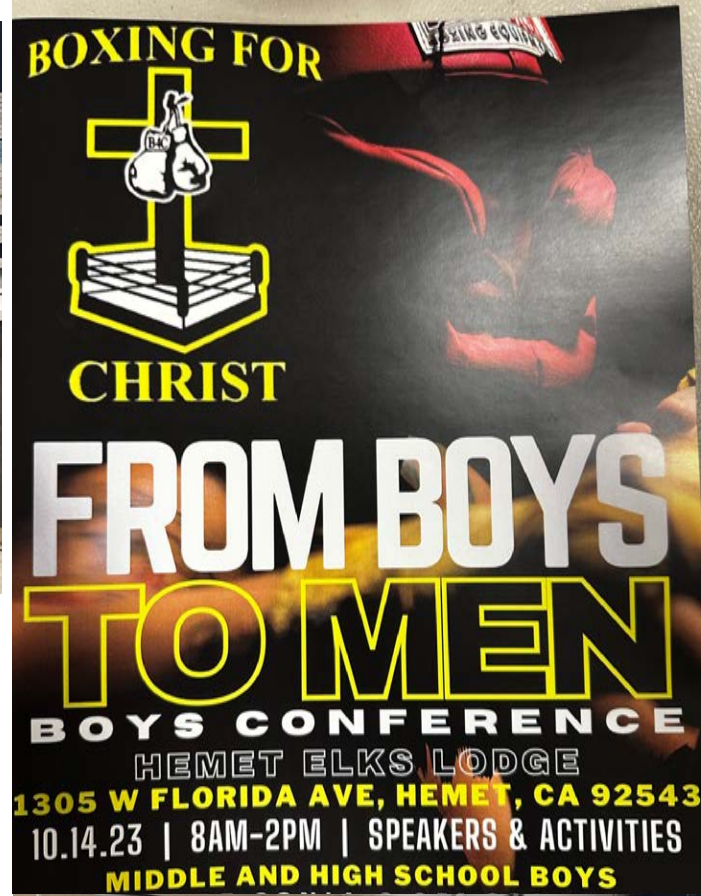
BOXING FOR CHRIST - FROM BOYS TO MEN CONFERENCE

The recent "Boxing for Christ Boys to Men" conference was an incredible gathering that showcased the strength, resilience, and determination of our community's youth. I was asked to speak so I shared my journey from a challenging childhood in Venezuela to becoming a Supervisor for Riverside County.

My story wasn't just about the trials and challenges I faced, but also a message that you can overcome them all with hard work and education. I wanted to stress that everyday people can go on to do great things when they put education and hard work first.

Overall, it was a great event. I really felt connected with these kids and I want to wish them all the best on their journey going from boys to men. I want to thank all the staff at Boxing for Christ for putting this event together and for all they do for our youth.

Events like this go a long way toward keeping our youth out of troubling situations and keeping them on track for graduation and life after high school.





Boards, Commissions and Committees

The Office of Supervisor Yxstian Gutierrez has various openings for appointments on Boards, Committees, and Commissions (BCC). Are you interested in becoming a voice for your community? This is a great opportunity for you! If you have questions about BCC please feel free to contact our office at (951) 955-1050 for more information.

You can learn more about openings and apply for positions on our website at www.rivcodistrict5.org.

Veterans Services

The PACT Act is a new law that expands VA health care and benefits for Veterans exposed to burn pits, Agent Orange, and other toxic substances.

The PACT Act adds to the list of health conditions that we assume (or “presume”) are caused by exposure to these substances. This law helps us provide generations of Veterans—and their survivors—with the care and benefits they’ve earned and deserve. This page will help answer your questions about what the PACT Act means for you or your loved ones. You can also call us at [800-698-2411](tel:800-698-2411) (TTY: [711](tel:711)). And you can file a claim for PACT Act-related disability compensation or apply for VA health care now.

