



Mayor of Rome Visits County of Los Angeles



Strolling around the 8th floor balcony of the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, Board of Supervisors Chairman Zev Yaroslavsky points out some familiar city landmarks for the visiting Mayor of Rome, Walter Veltroni.

Hundreds of Butterflies Flutter Into Los Angeles, Beginning April 15

The Annual Pavilion of Wings Re-Opens for Its Ninth Season at the Natural History Museum

Like a butterfly newly emerged from its chrysalis, the Pavilion of Wings opened for a new season at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, welcoming visitors to a ninth summer of wonder, April 15 – September 3, 2007.

Fluttering through the beautifully landscaped Pavilion on the Museum's South Lawn are hundreds of free-flying butterflies and moths, representing over 30 different species. Giant Swallowtails, American Painted Ladies, California Dogfaces and more will fill the air around Pavilion visitors, or alight delicately on their arms. As always, visitors will enjoy learning about the lifecycles, defense mechanisms, environments and migratory patterns of these "flying flowers."

In further celebration of butterflies and all things fluttery and multilegged, the Museum will also host the 21st annual Bug Fair on May 19 and 20, 2007. The

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EVENT CALENDAR

10th Annual “Remembering Our Veterans and Their Families Past, Present and Future”

sponsored by Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich

May 26, 2007
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Arcadia County Park
405 S. Santa Anita Avenue
Arcadia, CA 91006

14th Annual Keep L.A. Running

5K Walk/Run, 10K Run and Coastal Fun Bike Cruise

Sunday, July 15, 2007

Dockweiler Beach, Playa Del Rey (end of Imperial Highway at Vista Del Mar)

(213) 368-8633

Time: 7:30 a.m., Fun Bike Cruise
8:00 a.m., 5K Run/Walk
8:30 a.m., 10K Run
9:30 a.m., Kids-K Fun Run

Los Angeles County Arboretum & Botanic Garden

301 N. Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia 91007

For a list of seminars, workshops and classes, please visit www.arboretum.org or call (626) 821-4623

Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County

900 Exposition Blvd., Los Angeles

For a list of events, please visit www.nhm.org or call (213) 763-3466

Los Angeles County Museum of Art
5905 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles 90036
(323) 857-6000
www.lacma.org

Music

May 29 – L.A. Sounds and Sights – Xtet

June 12 – Mexican Baroque – Members of the L.A. Master Chorale, with Alex Acuña, percussion

Every Friday, April through Thanksgiving – Friday Night Jazz “L.A.’s Treasures” (free admission)

Exhibitions

Through June 3 - The Modern West: American Landscapes, 1890-1950

Through June 3 - Re-SITE-ing the West: Contemporary Photographs from the Permanent Collection

Music Center

135 N. Grand Ave., Los Angeles 90012

For a list of events, please visit www.musiccenter.org or call (213) 972-7211

Walt Disney Concert Hall

111 S. Grand Ave., Los Angeles 90012

For a list of events, please visit wdch.laphil.com or call (323) 850-2000

Supervisor Antonovich and “Friends” Visit Seniors at the Chatsworth Park Senior Care Center

Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich toured the Chatsworth Park Senior Care Center with pets from the County Department of Animal Care and Control.

“It is a pleasure to witness the companionship and affection that our seniors experience when holding a puppy or kitten,” said Supervisor Antonovich.



Mayor of Yerevan, Armenia, in County of Los Angeles



Board of Supervisors Chairman Zev Yaroslavsky shares a copy of the libretto from his favorite opera, “Carmen,” in the LA Philharmonic’s music library while touring the Walt Disney Concert Hall with visiting Mayor Yervand Zakharian of Yerevan, Armenia

Supervisor Antonovich Congratulates Granada Hills Academic Decathlon Team

At a recent Board of Supervisors meeting, Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich congratulated the Granada Hills Charter High School Academic Decathlon Team on their first place finish in the Los Angeles Unified School District Academic Decathlon competition held on February 3, 2007. The team scored 49,775 overall out of a possible 60,000 points.

“We are pleased to acknowledge the achievements and commitment of these students to academic excellence,” said Supervisor Antonovich who presented certificates of recognition to team members, their coach Mr. Nicholas Weber, and Granada Hills Charter High School Executive Director Mr. Brian Bauer.

Coach Weber thanked the Board for the recognition and went on to praise his team for their hard work preparing for each competition for the past nine months. “It’s been a great year to work with all nine of these wonderful students that I have had the pleasure of knowing for almost all of their high school career, as they graduate and go out into college and into life, I know they will be okay,” he said.

The Academic Decathlon team just recently participated in the 28th Annual California Academic Decathlon competition where they placed second overall.



Pictured from left to right: Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich; Charlene Creeger, Counseling Director; Leslie Cayton; Nicholas Weber, Coach; Yoshimi Kawashima; Allison Quach; Jazzlyn De Joya; Brian Bauer, Executive Director; Betty Liu; Eunice Lee; Jordana Friedman; Dustin Mckenzie; Michelle Poon

Supervisor Knabe Participates in Lakewood Sheriff’s Station Dedication

Supervisor Don Knabe participated in the dedication of the recently expanded and remodeled Lakewood Sheriff’s Station. Supervisor Knabe pledged \$2 million in capital project funds to the remodel, which included the construction of a 15,400-square-foot, two-story addition, remodeling two existing buildings, and enlarging one of them by 2,300 square feet. The station serves over 260,000 residents in five cities, including Lakewood, Artesia, Bellflower, Hawaiian Gardens, and Paramount.



RETIREES

Congratulations to the following employees who are joining the ranks of the retired after 30 or more years of service to the people of the County of Los Angeles:

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DISTRICT ATTORNEY: David F. Wells
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INTERNAL SERVICES: Linda M. Nolan, Sharon K. Watkins
PARKS AND RECREATION: Carleen L. Aguilar, Filiberto G. Espeleta, Ronald W. Lavaneri, Lydia M. Ranslem
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PUBLIC WORKS: Darryl F. Duree, Ronald M. Edwards, Howard York Jr.
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SUPERIOR COURT: Betty Benefield, Judith A. Bowling, Mary J. Dorsey, Mary S. Iwasaki, Frederick G. Jackson, Mary E. Kinney, Ronald T. Sato, Rhetta J. Sawyer, Sylvia R. Wells
TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR: Willie M. Pleasant, Janice Stoglin

Congratulations to the following employees who are joining the ranks of the retired after 25 or more years of service to the people of the County of Los Angeles:

ASSESSOR: Maria L. Oclarino
CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES: Sylvia Marron
CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES: Sylvia McWilliams, Erna M. Sprowl
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HEALTH SERVICES: Modesta Aba, Vonnie M. Alamon, Marie Brown, Reather Butler, Gilda Franklin, Calvin L. Konishi, Gloria Ricketts, Adell Williams
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SUPERIOR COURT: Armand Garcia, Debbie L. McCoy, Delores Moore



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Jun 22 - Opening Night at the Bowl
Jun 24 - Jurassic 5
Jun 30 - Sing-A-Long Sound of Music
Jul 2 - 4 - July 4th Fireworks Spectacular
Jul 7 - The Decemberists with the Los Angeles Philharmonic
Jul 8 - Mozart's Magic Flute
Jul 10 - Tchaikovsky Fireworks
Jul 11 - Queen Latifah
Jul 12 - Haefliger Plays Ravel
Jul 13 & 14 - John Williams: Maestro of the Movie
Jul 15 - Café Tacuba
Jul 17 - Classics under the Stars
Jul 18 - 50 Years of Stax
Jul 19 - Beethoven & Brahms
Jul 20 & 21 - Cool Britannia! with Jamie Cullum
Jul 22 - Savion Glover: On Tap
Jul 24 - Sultry Spanish Nights
Jul 25 - Jazz at the Movies
Jul 26 - Chang Plays Bruch
Jul 27 & 28 - Viva Las Vegas: An Evening with Gladys Knight with Fireworks
Jul 29 - Spirit of Armenia!
Jul 31 - Beethoven's 9th!

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Transit Dollars Coming to County of Los Angeles

San Gabriel Valley Slated to Receive \$625 Million

County of Los Angeles Supervisor and Metro Board Chair Gloria Molina announced that the County is poised to receive approximately \$3.583 billion for assorted transit projects.

“We can finally feel confident that if we support transportation bonds, that funding will make its way to our end of town,” Supervisor Molina said.

Back in November, voters approved Proposition B, a \$19.9 billion transportation bond to give California commuters some congestion relief by upgrading the state’s highways. In February, the California Transportation Commission announced that the County of Los Angeles would receive less than 12 percent of the funding available this year – even though the County is burdened with one third of the State’s congestion.

“This was absolutely unacceptable,” Molina said. “As Metro Chair and a voice for the San Gabriel Valley, I lobbied hard over the following two weeks to send a strong message to Sacramento: ‘The County of Los Angeles will not settle for less than its fair share!’ “

The County delegation teamed up with Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and scores of elected officials, from the San Gabriel Valley to the Westside all the way to San Fernando Valley. Supervisor Molina felt it was especially important that the delegation convey – to Sacramento officials, to the electorate, and to the media – just how serious Angelenos are about securing funding for two major projects: upgrades to the 10-605 Freeway interchange in Baldwin Park and a 10 Freeway carpool lane through the San Gabriel Valley to Pomona.

“As a result of our teamwork, the total amount of funding for the County of Los Angeles more than quadrupled!” Supervisor Molina said. “And both Metro and our friends in Washington, D.C., came through by filling in any funding gaps that would prevent these projects from moving forward.”



Supervisor Molina joins elected officials from the San Gabriel Valley to advocate for more state funding for upgrades to the 10-605 Freeway interchange in Baldwin Park.

Here’s where the County of Los Angeles’ dollars will go:

- 10-605 Freeway interchange in Baldwin Park = \$71 million
- 10 Freeway carpool lane through San Gabriel Valley = \$554 million
- 5 Freeway widening project @ L.A. County/ O.C. County line = \$1.402 billion
- 5 Freeway carpool lane Route 134 to Route 170 = \$606 million
- 405 Freeway Carpool lane from Westside to San Fernando Valley = \$950 million



Traffic hums along the San Bernardino Freeway approaching the 10-605 Freeway interchange in Baldwin Park.”

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- Weight Watchers Online www.weightwatchers.com/cs/bluecrossca

For more information, log on to www.bluecrossca.com or call the customer service phone number that applies to your plan:

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- Weight Watchers (800) 651-6000

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Chaka Khan, Louis Gossett, Jr. and Henry Porter Presented 2007 'Living Legend Series' Awards

The Living Legend Series Held in Observance of Black History Month

More than 800 people turned out in the early afternoon on Saturday, February 24, 2007, to see Supervisor Yvonne B. Burke present the 2007 Living Legends Awards to Grammy Award-winning artist Chaka Khan, Oscar-winning actor Louis Gossett Jr., and community advocate Henry Porter. In collaboration with Los Angeles County Public Libraries, this was the 28th Annual Living Legends Series, held at the A.C. Bilbrew Library in Willowbrook, honoring outstanding African Americans who have made monumental contributions to the arts and African American history.

KTLA 5 News anchor/reporter Walter Richards was the Master of Ceremonies for this year's annual Living Legends celebration. Margaret Donnellan Todd, County Librarian, gave the official welcome. Other participants in the program included City Councilman Herb Wesson, and Brookins A.M.E. senior pastor Reverend Frederick Murphy.

Louis Gossett Jr., has scored with a string of diverse and challenging roles. In 1977, he picked up an Emmy for his eloquent portrayal of Fiddler in the landmark ABC TV miniseries "Roots." Most recently, he played Willie, a role model to the lead character in the Tyler Perry movie "Daddy's Little Girls." Gossett devotes much of his time to the Eracism Foundation, a non-profit he founded that educates youth and reconnects generations by eradicating racism.



Displaying her recently issued L.A. County Library card by L.A. County Librarian Margaret Donnellan Todd, Chaka Khan (3rd from left) poses with from left, Librarian Margaret Donnellan Todd, Louis Gossett Jr., and Supervisor Yvonne B. Burke.



Supervisor Yvonne B. Burke is joined by 'Living Legend' Henry Porter.

Chaka Khan, an eight-time Grammy winner is well known for a catalog of classic hits that include: "Tell Me Something Good", "Sweet Thing", "Once You Get Started", "Everlasting Love", "Do You Love What You Feel", "Ain't Nobody", "I'm Every Woman", "I Feel For You", "Through The Fire", "Clouds", "I'll Be Good To You", and "Whatcha Gonna Do For Me." Through her Chaka Khan Foundation, at a recently-hosted Chaka Khan for Peace, she hosted hundreds of at-risk youth for an afternoon of fun fellowship and dialogue about violence.

Henry Porter, a long-time educator and active resident of the Westmont-Athens area since 1965, has worked tirelessly to improve the quality of life for area residents. He has served as a member of the Safe Schools Collaborative with George Washington Preparatory High School and on the Oversight Committee for the Southwest Community College Proposition A & AA expenditures.

This annual event is sponsored by the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, Department of Public Libraries, and in part by premier corporate sponsor, Equinaire Inc.

ENRICHING LIVES...

County of Los Angeles Commission for Women and Board of Supervisors 22nd Annual "Women of the Year" Awards Luncheon March 12, 2007

2007 Awardees

Patricia Allen Dreizler, Women of Proyecto Renacimiento, Edna Aliewine, Ellen Hoberman, Angie Papadakis, Suzan Solomon, Patty DeDominic, Laura Diaz, Ramona Cortes Garza, Areva D. Martin, Esq. and Lisa Watson



*Commissioner Peggy Freeman
Awards Luncheon Chair*



*Patricia Allen Dreizler and
President Charlotte*



*Supervisor Molina and
Ramona Cortes Garza*



Supervisor Molina and the Women of Proyecto Renacimiento



*President Lesser, Ellen Hoberman
and Supervisor Yaroslavsky*



*Supervisor Knabe, Angie Papadakis
and Mrs. Julie Knabe*



*President Lesser and
Patty DeDominic*



Commissioner Karin Davalos, Laura Diaz and Commissioner Olivia Rodriguez



President Lesser and Lisa Watson



President Lesser, Edna Aliewine and Supervisor Burke



Suzan Solomon and Supervisor Antonovich

County of Los Angeles Strategic Plan



"Enriching Lives"

County Vision

Our **purpose** is to improve the quality of life in Los Angeles County by providing responsive, efficient and high quality public services that promote the self-sufficiency, well-being and prosperity of individuals, families, businesses and communities.

Our **philosophy** of teamwork and collaboration is anchored in our **shared values**:

- **A can-do attitude** - we approach each challenge believing that, together, a solution can be achieved.
- **Accountability** - we accept responsibility for the decisions we make and the actions we take.
- **Compassion** - we treat those we serve and each other in a kind and caring manner.
- **Commitment** - we always go the extra mile to achieve our mission.
- **Integrity** - we act consistent with our values.
- **Professionalism** - we perform to a high standard of excellence.
- **Respect for diversity** - we value the uniqueness of every individual and their perspective.
- **Responsiveness** - we take the action needed in a timely manner.

Our **position** as the premier organization for those working in the public interest is established by:

- A capability to undertake programs that have public value;
- An aspiration to be recognized through our achievements as the model for civic innovation; and a pledge to always work to earn the public trust.

County Mission

To enrich lives through effective and caring service

Strategic Plan Goals

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| 1. Service Excellence | 5. Children and Families' Well-Being |
| 2. Workforce Excellence | 6. Community Services |
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| 4. Fiscal Responsibility | 8. Public Safety |

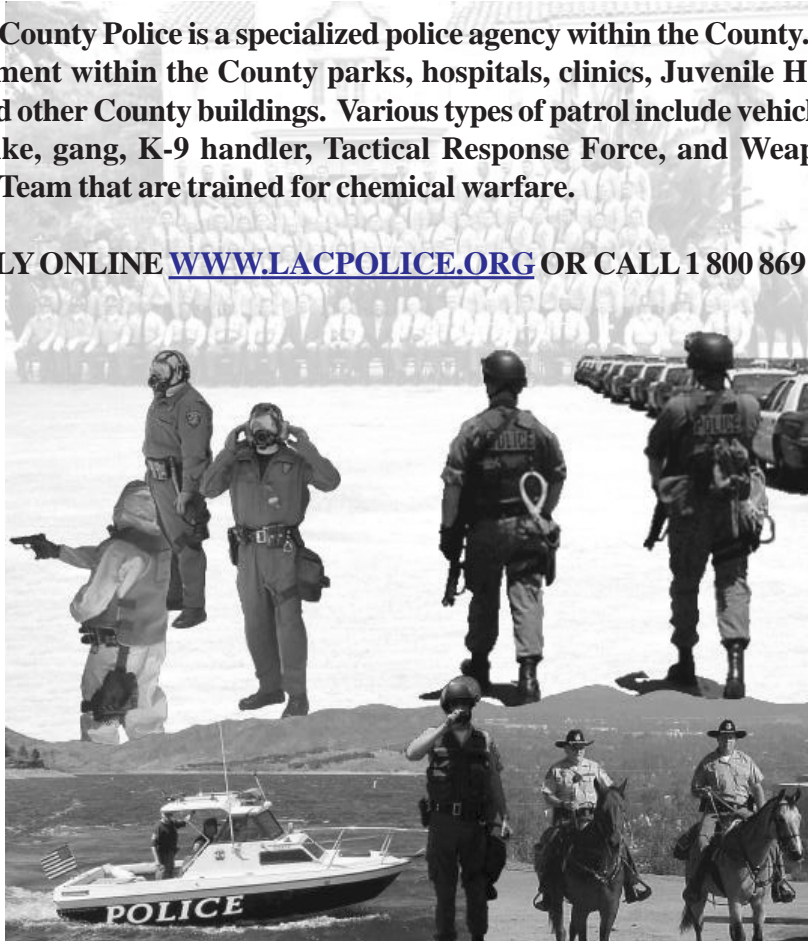
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For more information about the Commission for Women or the 2007 Women of the Year Awards Luncheon, please go to <http://bos.co.la.ca.us/categories/commissions/laccw/laccw.htm>

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biggest bug festival in North America, the Fair will give visitors an opportunity to buy bugs and bug merchandise from more than 60 vendors, view outstanding collections, and learn more about the teeming world of arthropods and arachnids, with help from the Museum's resident "Bug Guy," entomologist Brent Karner, and other experts.

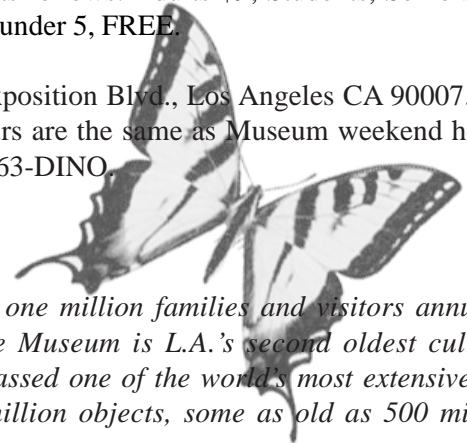
NHM Pavilion of Wings Special Ticketing & Info

Special ticketed admission applies to the Pavilion of Wings: Adults \$3; Students and Seniors \$2; Museum members and children under 5 are FREE. Regular Museum admission is separate and as follows: Adults \$9; Students, Seniors and Youths (13-17) \$6.50; Children (5-12) \$2. Museum members and children under 5, FREE.

The Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County is located at 900 Exposition Blvd., Los Angeles CA 90007. The Pavilion of Wings is located on the Museum's South Lawn. Pavilion hours are the same as Museum weekend hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, visit www.nhm.org or call (213) 763-DINO.

About the Museum

The Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County serves more than one million families and visitors annually, and is a national leader in research, exhibitions and education. The Museum is L.A.'s second oldest cultural institution, the first to open its doors to the public in 1913, and has amassed one of the world's most extensive and valuable collections of natural and cultural history – more than 33 million objects, some as old as 500 million years.



Norwalk Clinic Receives Major Financial Gift

Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe joined local health leaders recently to christen the new “S. Mark Taper Foundation Building” at the Norwalk Regional Health Center and celebrate the Foundation’s \$300,000 gift that will help boost health care services at the facility, which opened in February 2006.

Supervisor Knabe, Norwalk City Councilmember Gordon Stefenhagen, JWCH Institute CEO Al Ballesteros and others unveiled new building signage to recognize the grant that will provide additional medical services for low-income, under-insured and uninsured residents, regardless of their ability to pay. According to the County’s Health Department, nearly 27,000 people in the City of Norwalk have no health care insurance.

“With this health center being open for the past year – we are giving the gift of hope to many thousands of people who have not had access to these services,” Supervisor Knabe said. “I also want to express my deepest thanks to the Taper Foundation for their support of this health center. This type of partnership works well to benefit our communities.”

The Norwalk Health Center had closed in 2002 because of budget cuts, but reopened in 2006 with the help of Supervisor Knabe, the County of Los Angeles Department of Health Services, L.A. Care Health Plan and Kaiser Permanente.



Van Nuys Civic Child Development Center Marks First Anniversary



Dedicated on January 2, 2006, the Van Nuys Civic Child Development Center (VNCCDC) recently celebrated its first anniversary marking a year of successful operation, offering area employees a convenient, high-quality option for child care close to work and home. The VNCCDC cares for children from six weeks to five years of age, regardless of income. Depending on their financial circumstances, families may qualify for subsidized or even fully covered child care services based on income and need. Pictured here, Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky entertains the preschoolers with a personal reading of “From Head to Toe” by bestselling children’s author Eric Carle.

HONORING ALL Who Served

Please join

**Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich
Los Angeles County**

at his 10th annual event

“Remembering Our Veterans and Their Families Past, Present and Future”

Saturday, May 26, 2007

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Arcadia County Park

405 S. Santa Anita Avenue, Arcadia 91006

A special tribute to our Armed Forces will be held at 11:30 a.m.

Bring a duplicate of a military photo
to be placed on the “Wall of Remembrance”

FREE ADMISSION

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Supervisor Antonovich Hosts First Meeting of the High Desert Corridor Joint Powers Authority

Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich hosted the first meeting of the High Desert Corridor Joint Powers Authority (JPA) Meeting inside the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration.

The nine member committee, led by Supervisor Antonovich and San Bernardino County Supervisor Brad Mitzelfelt, sent letters to federal lawmakers seeking \$23 million to build a new expressway between Palmdale and Victorville. The committee also unanimously agreed on the need for an expressway to relieve congestion in the High Desert.

The JPA was formed by the initiative of Supervisor Antonovich in November 2006 to bring the Counties of Los Angeles and San Bernardino into a single-purpose agency to accelerate the implementation of the High Desert Corridor – a multi-lane expressway connecting State Route 14 in Palmdale to Interstate 15 in Victorville. The goal of the JPA is to develop an innovative financial plan and coordinate funding for building the corridor on an accelerated timetable.

”In conjunction with the LA/Palmdale Airport and the ‘inland port,’ this vital corridor will improve mobility, spur expansion of manufacturing and industrial development in the High Desert, and create a vital, missing goods movement link in Southern California that will improve regional congestion throughout Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties caused by trucks,” said Supervisor Antonovich.

Membership on the High Desert Corridor JPA include:
 Hon. Michael D. Antonovich, Los Angeles County Supervisor, 5th District
 Hon. Brad Mitzelfelt, San Bernardino County Supervisor, 1st District
 Hon. Jim Nehmens, Mayor, City of Adelanto
 Hon. Henry Hearn, Mayor, City of Lancaster
 Hon. James C. Leford, Mayor, City of Palmdale
 Hon. Tim Jasper, Councilman, Town of Apple Valley
 Norm L. Hickling, Los Angeles County
 Hon. Steven Hofbauer, Councilman, City of Palmdale (alternate member)



From left to right: Michael Cano, Transportation Deputy to Supervisor Antonovich; Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich; San Bernardino County Supervisor Brad Mitzelfelt; Peter Papadakis, Executive Office; Norm Hickling, Field Representative to Supervisor Antonovich; Lancaster Mayor Henry Hearn; Councilman Steven Hofbauer, City of Palmdale; Laura Biery, City of Palmdale

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County of Los Angeles

9th Annual

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*Continuing the Journey: Adapting to
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2007

**Wednesday and Thursday
May 16 and 17, 2007**

**Pasadena Convention Center
300 E. Green Street
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Terry Lewis-Nwachie (213) 738-4772 Department of Mental Health (Email: tewis@lacdmh.org)

*"You must be the change you wish to see in the world"—
Gandhi*

Save The Date

DPSS Volunteers at The City of Los Angeles Marathon XXII

The City of Los Angeles Marathon has been an international sports affair for the last 22 years. Athletes from all over the world gather in Los Angeles to participate in an annual event that includes the physically challenged and children. Only L.A. could host an event with 25,000 athletes where a 45 year-old woman from Russia can come in first place. When the stakes are as high as a \$100,000 cash prize and the course as long as 26.2 miles, volunteers become the backbone of all marathon operations. This year, the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) volunteers were there from the beginning setting-up tables, passing-out water and cheering-on the competitors.

For 20 years, DPSS has been volunteering and supporting the athletes at the L.A. Marathon and this year was no exception. On Sunday, March 4, 2007, a total of 186 volunteers, which included employees, family and friends, were at a crucial point in the event when the athletes needed the most support – Mile 24.

Water Station–Mile 24 has been DPSS volunteers’ home at the L.A. Marathon for almost 10 years. For more than 10 hours, DPSS volunteers were there, on both sides of 6th Street between Alameda and Central, to assist with anything that was needed; whether it was filling cups of water, standing with a jar of petroleum jelly for the chafed runners or holding out soaked sponges for the heat exhausted.

Not only did DPSS employees volunteer at this year’s L.A. Marathon, but they were also participants. A number of athletic DPSS employees trained for months to run the 26.2-mile course in the name of charity. The proceeds raised from this worthwhile effort were donated to the DPSS Charitable Giving Campaign, which goes to help various non-profit, community-based charities. In more ways than one, DPSS is giving back to the community.

In addition to participating and fund-raising, DPSS volunteers’ contributions helped make the event enjoyable for spectators, event organizers and athletes from all 50 states and 100 nations. Volunteers truly exemplify the best of our community.



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Agricultural Day LA (AG DAY LA) is on the Way



You probably know that California is a worldwide agricultural leader, but did you know that the County of Los Angeles also has a rich agricultural heritage and continues to make significant agricultural contributions? Thursday, May 17 is AG DAY LA 2007. The activities and displays of the AG DAY LA event demonstrate and celebrate the connections between what we eat, drink, and wear, the

environment, and how various professions contribute to producing our goods while preserving the environment.

Organized by the County of Los Angeles Department of Agricultural Commissioner/Weights & Measures, Los Angeles County Farm Bureau, California Women for Agriculture, and the 48th District Agricultural Association, AG DAY LA will be held at the 48th District Agricultural Association's Schools' Involvement Fair at the Fairplex in Pomona. The fair will take place May 16-20 with the theme, "Food Grows Where Water Flows."

For the sixth year, 3rd and 4th grade students and their teachers are invited to discover how water, plants, bees, fiber, food, and dairy are like pieces in an agricultural puzzle that is present in our everyday lives. Getting hands-on with interactive activities, seeing a mobile dairy, meeting farm animals up close, and visiting with agriculture professionals will leave a lasting impression on the students, who mostly live a life disconnected from the source of the agricultural elements in their lives. This is their chance to learn about farming and the preservation of a healthy food supply. The fair will also have a display of student entries and class projects.

The AG DAY LA activities will take place from 9am through 1pm. Visit <http://www.AGDAYLA.com> for more information and to RSVP.



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