



## Supervisor Burke Encourages Local Communities in the Second District to Get Involved in the Mental Health Services Act Planning Process

More than 200 mental health professionals, commissioners, community providers, elected officials, and interested parties attended the Second District’s Mental Health Community Forum hosted by Supervisor Yvonne B. Burke held at the City of Carson’s Community Center on April 7.



The forum served as venue where Supervisor Burke welcomed the attendees, and provided a 40-plus year historical summary of the County’s highly under-funded mental health system. As a result, it has impacted the delivery of services to the citizens of Los Angeles County.

Supervisor Burke acknowledged that many constituents in her district have been underserved or inappropriately served, not just because of the lack of funding, but also due to a lack of community-based providers who are linguistically capable of understanding the various cultures of mental health consumers.

“Our ability to serve the underserved communities and those individuals with serious mental illness was enhanced by the passage of Proposition 63, the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) in 2004,” said Supervisor Burke. “We have made great progress in providing much needed services to the underrepresented ethnic groups in the County, but there is still much more work to be done.”

She then talked about some of the successful programs and their outcomes that have been implemented in the MHSA Community Services and Supports (CSS) Plan. Supervisor Burke concluded her welcome speech by complimenting Department of Mental Health Director Dr. Marvin J. Southard and his staff on their efforts in getting the various ethnic communities involved in the planning process of the County’s CSS Plan, and encouraged the

community leaders to once again participate in the planning process for the next step of the MHSA Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI).

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## EVENT CALENDAR

### 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Music Festival Hosted by Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich

Sunday, June 22, at Frank G. Bonelli Regional Park, 120 East Via Verde Drive, San Dimas 91773. Entertainers, Chubby Checker, Pat Boone and The Climax. The gates will open at 11:00 a.m., with the program beginning at noon and ending at 7:00 p.m. Advanced reserved tickets are \$20, advanced general admission tickets are \$10, parking is \$5. Children under the age of 12 receive free general admission. For information, call (909) 599-8411.

### Ford Amphitheatre

2580 Cahuenga Blvd. East, Los Angeles, CA 90068

(323) 461-3673

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May 27 - June 1 – Norman's Ark

June 2 – J.A.M. Session: Nirvana to Beethoven\*

June 3-8 – Norman's Ark

June 13 – Djavan Brazilian Nites

June 14 – Homenaje Agustin Lara IV

June 15 – Citysound Music "Notes From The Edge"

June 17 – J.A.M. Session: The Groove Divine\*

June 30 – J.A.M. Session: Bollywood in Hollywood\*

\*J.A.M. (Jazzed and Motivated)

### Hollywood Bowl

2301 North Highland Avenue, Hollywood, CA 90068

(323) 850-2000

[www.hollywoodbowl.org](http://www.hollywoodbowl.org)

### June

14-15 – Playboy Jazz Festival

20 – Opening Night at the Bowl

21 – 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Mariachi USA Festival

22 – Thievery Corporation

24 – Stone Temple Pilots

25 – Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers

28 – Sgt. Pepper's...Revisited

29 – Gilberto Gil and Devendra Banhart

### 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](http://www.arboretum.org) or call (626) 821-4623

### Los Angeles County Museum of Art

5905 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles 90036

(323) 857-6000

[www.lacma.org](http://www.lacma.org)

### Arts

Through June 15 – Kanemitsu in California during the 1960s and 1970s

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**Sheriff's Department**

presents

## Women In Law Enforcement Career Day 2008

*"Women Empowering Women"*



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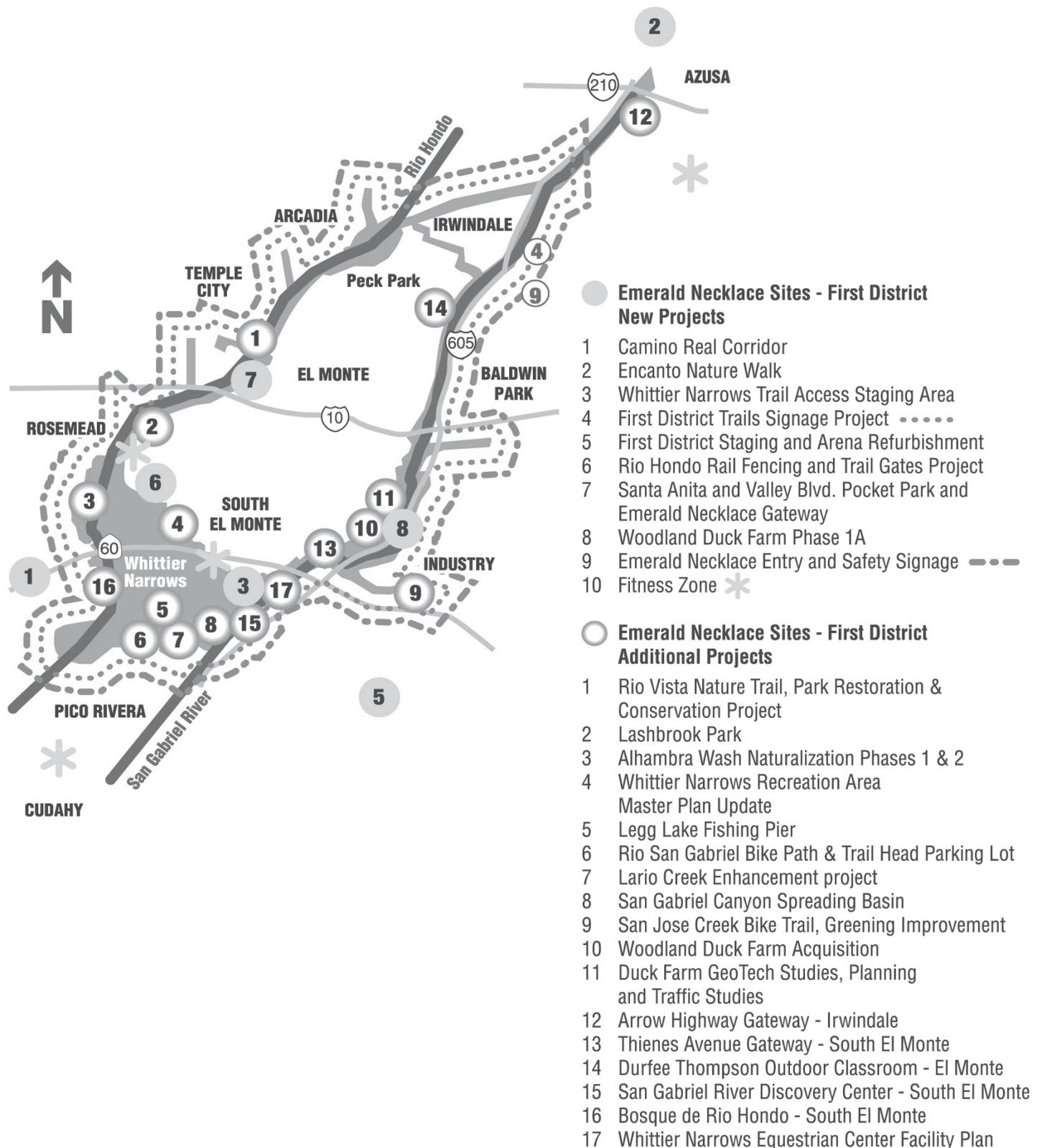
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## Supervisor Gloria Molina Announces More Park Jewels to the Emerald Necklace

Supervisor Gloria Molina is thrilled to announce that more park “jewels” will be affixed to the “Emerald Necklace” of rivers, trails, and green space gracing the Rio Hondo and the San Gabriel River! To date, Supervisor Molina has completed and opened to the public 13 separate Emerald Necklace projects. Now, the Supervisor is investing over \$1.6 million for ten more. Look for updates on the progress of these projects in future issues of the *County DIGEST*.



# RETIREES

*Congratulations to the following employees who are joining the ranks of the retired after 40 or more years of service to the people of the County of Los Angeles:*

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE:** Joyce E. Harris  
**HEALTH SERVICES:** Brenda Fennell, Arnetta D. McLaughlin, Jerry A. Monk, Mary L. Morgan, Margaret H. Riegert  
**PARKS AND RECREATION:** Dennis P. Bern

*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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**ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER:** Walter F. Krstulja  
**ASSESSOR:** Ernesto G. Agpaoa, Woon Y. Lim  
**AUDITOR-CONTROLLER:** Vergie Timmons  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE:** Carlos Brea, Joan T. Schimmel  
**CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES:** Maxine Williams-Wiggins  
**CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES:** Lyssa Brashier-Marsh, Richard Le  
**COMMUNITY & SENIOR SERVICES:** Sherom Muldrew, Roland Yorke  
**DISTRICT ATTORNEY:** Larry Diamond, Patti A. McDaniel  
**FIRE:** James Beeler, William B. Cyr, Roger B. Gomez, Mark Hopkins, Brian L. Hughes, Randy Jones, Sylvester Malone  
**HEALTH SERVICES:** Genoveva Banda, Patricia A. Blair, Paula J. Burkhart, Myrna Callahan, Norman L. Fair Jr., Patrick L. Godfrey, Stephen A. Greenberg, Dorothy M. Johnson, Ye J. Lee, Caroline Martinez, William S. Matthews, Lucy Ouellette, Raphael W. Scott, Hervey D. Segall, Alice F. Singleton, Carmen Soria  
**INTERNAL SERVICES:** Albert E. Hernandez, David Lambertson, Sergio Murillo, Richard J. Priver, Janice M. Tukua  
**MENTAL HEALTH:** James Allen, Gaston Malke  
**PARKS AND RECREATION:** Victor B. Hernandez, Timothy W. Howell  
**PROBATION:** Ernest G. Acosta, Kenneth Bruce, John A. Clark, Steven J. Corry, Richard A. Elliott, Nancy L. Johnson, David C. Kennedy, Tonnie McIntyre, Gladys B. Nagy, Henry Pinkard  
**PUBLIC DEFENDER:** Joan M. Guido, Lynn C. Storing  
**PUBLIC HEALTH:** Janet Comey, Donald Foint, Samuel Kaddis  
**PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES:** Gloria Bautista, Frankie Edwards, Ronald Hall, Betty Manns, Boude C. Moore, Sharon Washington  
**PUBLIC WORKS:** Gary L. Clinton, Norman M. Cortez, Dave M. Kosareff, Edward Pelczar, Leticia Riedel, David Wilch, Henry Yan  
**REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK:** Peggy Y. Roberts  
**SHERIFF:** Kenneth J. Brazile, Mary D. Campbell, Cheryl A. Comstock-Galbraith, Patrick B. Hunter, Bruce D. Jackson, Marc L. Klugman  
**SUPERIOR COURT:** David C. Bachelder, Renell Cannon, Robert R. Fitting  
**TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR:** Cheryl A. Lloyd

*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:*

**CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES:** Francis Carhart  
**FIRE:** Richard J. Gillaspy, John M. Mosher, Anthony J. Novak, Paul L. Williams  
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**INTERNAL SERVICES:** Palvinder S. Sandhu, Geoffrey W. Sikorski, Philip H. Yu  
**MENTAL HEALTH:** David G. Guzman  
**PROBATION:** John D. Willis  
**PUBLIC DEFENDER:** Eustolia Guardado  
**PUBLIC HEALTH:** Michael S. Burk, Maria A. Gonzalez, Federico Obregon, Somalay Reang  
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**PUBLIC WORKS:** Richard W. Rolof, Christina M. Song  
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**SUPERIOR COURT:** Teofilo Estrella, Judy K. Spencer

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## General Member Elections to be held for the Board of Retirement and Board of Investments of LACERA

LACERA Elections will be held this year to elect the Second Member of the Board of Investments and the Second Member of the Board of Retirement for terms of office commencing January 1, 2009. The elections will be held **Tuesday, July 29, 2008.**

General Members interested in running for these offices may obtain nomination packets from the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk at 12400 Imperial Hwy., Norwalk, CA 90650. Nominating petitions must be signed by at least 50 active County employees (as of March 1, 2008) who are General Members. Petitions must be filed with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, before 5:00 p.m. on **Friday, May 30, 2008.** For more information, contact your departmental election coordinator.

## Grand Opening of Kaiser Hospital in Panorama City

Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky presents a plaque to Dr. David Potyk, past medical director for Kaiser Permanente Panorama City Medical Center, who helped oversee the successful completion of Kaiser’s brand new \$280 million facility. The Kaiser Medical Center becomes the first full-service hospital to open in the San Fernando Valley in 14 years, and replaces Kaiser’s original Panorama City Hospital dating back to 1962.

The 400,000-square-foot hospital includes an electronic medical records system accessible by computers in every patient’s room and at nurses’ stations, a state-of-the-art digital system for Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)’s, Computed Tomography (CT) scans and other diagnostic imaging, and 10 operating rooms with high-definition cameras to assist surgical teams. An entire floor is devoted to labor and delivery, with 13 patient suites and a 24-bed level 3B neonatal intensive care unit, among the most advanced and well-equipped neonatal facilities in the nation.



## Department of Parks and Recreation Says “Make a Splash!” at one of the Department’s 29 Public Pools



With the fickle weather bringing record high temperatures lately, there is no better place to stay cool than at one of the Department of Parks and Recreation’s 29 public swimming pools. With free swimming classes and programs from aqua aerobics to snorkeling lessons, the pools have something to offer everyone. And, swimming not only allows you to cool off when the temperatures rise but also to stay active with a low-impact exercise. So, get out there, get healthy, and bring your family and friends to visit one of the many pools in Los Angeles County. For more information, please visit [www.lacountyparks.org](http://www.lacountyparks.org).




Employee **Group Banking Benefits** have been updated. See the changes at <http://web.co.la.ca.us/lacounty/> or obtain them from your Human Resources Division.

## Supervisor Antonovich Dedicates New I-5 Freeway HOV Lane *“Improve Your Drive on Interstate 5 by Sharing Your Ride”*



To provide congestion relief, improve traffic flow and traffic safety for residents of the North Los Angeles County and our region, Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich joined State and local officials and representatives from the MTA, CALTRANS, and the CHP, to open the first HOV lane on the Interstate 5 freeway in the County of Los Angeles. HOV (High Occupancy Vehicle) lanes or carpool lanes are intended to move more people rather than more cars.

Started in May 2005, the 6.2 miles of northbound and southbound HOV lanes will provide new capacity for the Interstate 5 (I-5) freeway between State Route (SR) 14 and State Route 118. Currently, this section of the Interstate 5 freeway experiences heavy peak-hour congestion and traffic delays due to high traffic volumes and chokepoints – serving as the converging point for the Interstate 5, Interstate 210, Interstate 405, and State Route 14 freeways.

The North County Area is the fastest growing portion of the County,” said Supervisor Antonovich. “With a population of more than two million people and a geography encompassing nearly 3,000 square miles, this new Interstate 5 HOV lane will be vital for the future of this area.”

Future HOV lanes will connect the Interstate 5 to State Routes 14 and 126 in the North, and State Route 134 in the South. The project cost of \$89 million included \$7.5 million in funding from the State and \$82 million from the MTA. Last May, Supervisor Antonovich joined CALTRANS and MTA officials in a groundbreaking ceremony for the

Pomona (60) freeway HOV lane construction project. The \$155 million project included the construction of two 11-mile carpool lanes along the Pomona (60) freeway to the 605 freeway.

This project is the latest mobility improvement to come to the North County. Other important strides include:

- Boosting the frequency of Metrolink train service between the Antelope Valley, San Fernando Valley, and Los Angeles.
- Adding several key bus services to better connect Santa Clarita and Antelope Valley commuters with major County transit services.
- Initiated the Palmdale Flyer Express Bus, a new bus line that connects Santa Clarita and Van Nuys Metrolink Stations to the Palmdale Airport twice a day.
- Provided funding for the construction of the Cross Valley Connector, an eight-and-a-half mile roadway connecting the I-5/126 to SR 14, significantly reducing commute times for Santa Clarita Valley residents.

Future projects to alleviate traffic in the North County include:

- The establishment of an “Inland Port” in the Antelope Valley to accept freight via rail to the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, taking trucks off of our freeways, highways, and roads.
- The construction of the High Desert corridor, a 50-mile multi-lane expressway connecting State Route 14 in Palmdale to Interstate 15 in Victorville. The project aims to improve mobility, spur expansion of manufacturing and industrial development in the High Desert, and improve regional congestion by providing an alternate route for trucks.

## Summer Beach Bus Services are Starting Soon!

Summer is nearly here and it will soon be time to gather our beach gear and head to the shore! The Department of Public Works is making that trip easier for everyone living in several unincorporated areas. Come join the fun. How? It's easy... **RIDE the SUMMER BEACH BUS!**

Services from the following areas travel to **Santa Monica State Beach:**

- **Altadena**
- **Antelope Valley**
- **Charter Oak**
- **East Los Angeles**
- **La Crescenta/  
La Cañada Flintridge**
- **Santa Clarita Valley**
- **Topanga Canyon**  
(also serves Topanga State Beach  
and Will Rogers State Beach)



Please call our toll free number (888) 769-1122 or visit [www.LAGoBus.info](http://www.LAGoBus.info) for more information on individual routes, schedules, and fares.

Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich sponsors the Altadena, Antelope Valley, and Charter Oak services. Supervisor Antonovich and the City of La Cañada Flintridge sponsor the La Crescenta/La Cañada Flintridge service. Supervisor Antonovich and the City of Santa Clarita sponsor the Santa Clarita Valley service. Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky sponsors the Topanga Canyon service. Supervisor Gloria Molina sponsors the East Los Angeles service.

## Department of Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures Enjoys Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day 2008

On April 22, the Department of Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures celebrated "Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day." The children were introduced to the Department's various programs that protect the public and the environment.

Beginning with a visit to a real strawberry farm, where the kids were able to pick their own strawberries, the program continued to the Department's Entomology Lab where the children saw how to create three dimensional digital images for the Department's insect pest database. They explored a Web site that makes pest identifications easier for home gardeners and field inspectors. Each child received a pair of 3D stereo glasses and a CD to view insects up close and in three dimensions. The group then visited the Plant Pathology Lab where they packed straw in order to grow their own mushroom farms.



The Scales and Meter Division of the Weights and Measures Bureau did a short presentation on some of the larger equipment used by our Inspectors to check the accuracy of delivery to the customer at the gas pump and retail locations. The group of children were weighed using a 20,000 lb. test weight. They weighed 4,980 lbs. and they'll be checked again next year to see how much they've grown. The day, as always, was an educational and rewarding one for all, no matter what their age. One participant thanked her father a couple of times for "working for the County" and said she wished there was an activity like this every month!

# ENRICHING LIVES...

## Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations, Los Angeles City and County Departments of Parks and Recreation and Partners Receive National Award for Teens Make a Difference Day

For its leadership coordinating Teens Make a Difference Day 2007, a Countywide day of volunteer and community service, the Human Relations Commission and eight other agencies and non-profit partners were selected as one of ten National Award recipients by USA Weekend Magazine and Points of Light Foundation.

At its April 22 meeting, the Board of Supervisors presented scrolls to Robin Toma, Executive Director of the Human Relations Commission; Russ Guiney, Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation; representatives of Connect LA; Los Angeles City Department of Recreation and Parks – Class Parks Program; Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) Health Education Programs; LAUSD Beyond the Bell branch; Los Angeles Junior Chamber of Commerce and Los Angeles Conservation Corps Clean n Green program.

To highlight the award, youth from Jesse Owens Park were featured on the cover and in the story of the ten national award recipients in the April 27 issue of USA Weekend Magazine in Sunday newspapers nationwide, for their volunteer efforts during the 2007 Teens Make a Difference Day.

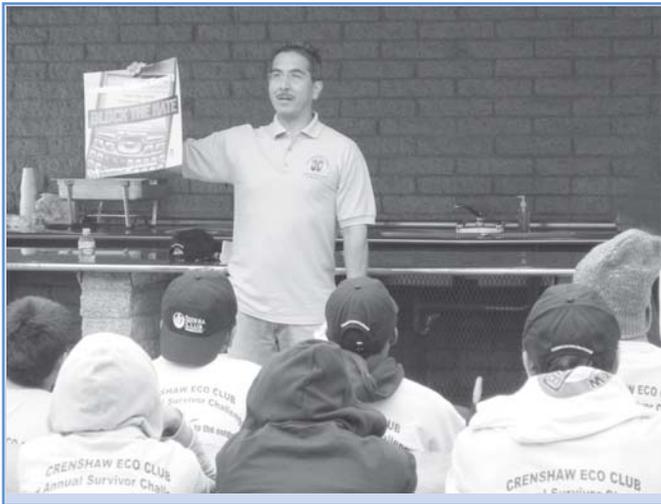


On Saturday, October 27, 2007, an estimated 3,000 teens at 65 different locations in over 20 cities throughout Los Angeles County participated in *Teens Make a Difference Day*. The Human Relations Commission, whose mission is to foster harmonious and equitable intergroup relations, empower communities and institutions, engage in non-violent conflict resolution and promote an informed and inclusive multicultural society, spearheaded this collaborative effort as part of the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual National Make a Difference Day. The County's teen-oriented initiative was matched with the Commission's **zerohour: No Haters Here!** youth initiative and two volunteer interns Juan Huezo, a recent graduate from UCLA, and Xochitl Rodriguez, a senior at Bonita High School in La Verne, were volunteer coordinators of the project.

Teens were encouraged and supported to implement one-time or on-going self-initiated volunteer and community service projects in their community. They were encouraged to consider collaborative projects with other teens from different racial and ethnic, or geographic communities or organizations in order to strengthen and improve intergroup relations and understanding among and between teens.

Highlights included a project at *Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation's Kenneth Hahn Park State Recreation Area* where 80 teens from Crenshaw High School's Eco Club, under the guidance of park staff and volunteers from the Sierra Club, camped out at the park in order to develop awareness about the environment. Their community service included walking the trails and picking up litter. Then they met with a local botanist who taught them about the local flora in the park that are native to California and culminated in teens planting drought resistance trees, shrubs and flowers.

A second highlight was *16, Cool, and Giving Back*, held at the House of Blues in West Hollywood. This was a unique project because it was a fundraiser coordinated by Saleem Thompson of Culver City High for his 16<sup>th</sup> birthday party



as a way for friends, classmates and family members to give much needed help to the Los Angeles Homeless Services Coalition (LAHSC) by donating money rather than buying him presents. Almost 500 teens and adults attended and money was raised to donate to the LAHSC. The event served as a celebration, a fundraiser and a creative way to spread awareness about the 90,000+ homeless people living in Los Angeles.

Teens learned about leadership, teamwork and the importance of giving back and contributing to their neighbors, fellow community residents, and to improving the quality of life for the 10 million residents in the 88 cities of Los Angeles County. We are confident that all of the projects had at least one common element, that **‘Teens Can Truly Make a Difference!’**



Plans are already underway for a bigger and better effort for Teens Make a Difference Day in October 2008. Marjorie Matsushita, co-founder of Connect LA, donated \$800 of prize money to award the ten projects of 2007 for creativity and commitment, which will be awarded at a teen conference on Saturday, May 31 at Expo Center in Exposition Park from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more information on planning a project in October, or to attend the May 31 youth conference, contact Gustavo Guerra-Vasquez at (213) 974-7626.

# County of Los Angeles Strategic Plan



## County Vision

“Enriching Lives”

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                |
| 3. Organizational Effectiveness | 7. Health and Mental Health          |
| 4. Fiscal Responsibility        | 8. Public Safety                     |

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First District

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# TOY LOAN PROGRAM

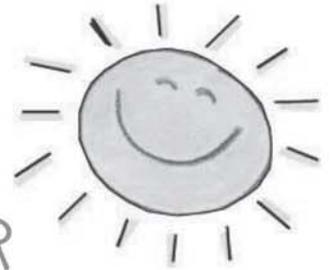


## You Can Help!

Support this worthwhile program by making a monetary contribution. Your donation will help purchase much needed **new** toys such as:

- Role-playing toys
- Interactive toys & equipment
- Science toys & equipment
- Math games & equipment
- Adaptive learning toys (for children with learning/development disabilities)
- Books
- Board games
- Sports equipment
- And much more!

## SUMMER FUNDRAISER



Co-sponsored by the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors and the Department of Public Social Services, the Toy Loan Program is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization. Every year from June 15th through the end of September, Toy Loan's Annual Summer Fundraiser raises monetary and toy donations to be used for all Toy Loan Centers. "Playground barrels" are placed in County offices, as well as other community organizations, for individuals to donate new, unwrapped toys.

This year, we would like to outdo our fundraising efforts from last year. That's why we're asking for your help in achieving our goal. Without generous donors such as yourself, the Toy Loan Program would not be able to continue to put smiles on the faces of thousands of children who otherwise may never have the opportunity to play with toys.

Many child development experts agree that play is an essential element for the development of healthy children. We here at Toy Loan agree and that's why our aspiration is to give that opportunity to as many children as possible. That's where you come in. Please donate and make a difference in a child's life.

**YOUR DONATIONS ARE STRICTLY VOLUNTARY AND GREATLY APPRECIATED.**

For more information you may call  
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**PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH**

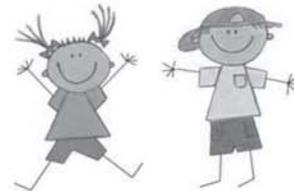


**"The Program with a Heart" - ANNUAL SUMMER FUNDRAISER**  
June 15th - September 30th



**You can help!** Support this worthwhile program by making a monetary contribution.

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 City, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
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Yes! I would like to support the Toy Loan Program.  
Please accept my donation of:

\$5 \$10 \$20 \$100 Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to:

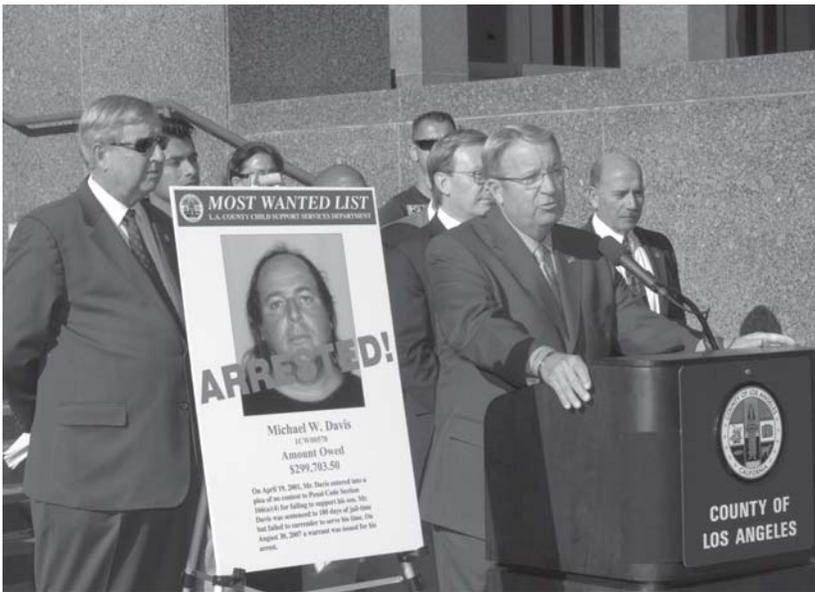
**Toy Loan Advisory Board**  
2615 S. Grand Ave. 2nd Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90007

**Please send in no later than September 30th.**

**County Employees Only:**

Department \_\_\_\_\_ District Office (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Work Address \_\_\_\_\_

## County Launches 10 Most Wanted Program for Child Support Evaders



At a recent press conference, District Attorney Steve Cooley, Supervisor Don Knabe, and Child Support Services Department Director Steven J. Golightly launched a new program, modeled after the FBI’s successful Most Wanted List, to track down and capture the County’s ten most egregious child support payment evaders. This new Most Wanted List features some of the County’s worst child support offenders and evaders. The ten individuals together owe more than \$2 million in unpaid child support for 17 children. The individual amounts owed range from \$63,000 to over \$427,000 per person.

Together these ten evaders owe \$2,032,296.90 to their children; these families are struggling to

pay their bills because this specific group of parents is choosing to evade or ignore their responsibilities. With this new 10 Most Wanted List, the County now has another tool in aggressively tracking down these uncooperative parents. In fact, since the launch of the List at a press conference on March 18, several members of the Most Wanted List have already been taken into custody.

Abdoul R. Sesay was arrested at an apartment in Marina del Rey exactly one week after the launch of the List. Sesay owes the largest amount of unpaid support of any member of the Most Wanted List, more than \$427,000. He has been wanted for nearly three years, with the original warrant for his arrest being issued on May 2, 2005.

Michael Lee, a second member of the 10 Most Wanted List, surrendered to authorities the day after the press conference, after seeing his image broadcast by the media at the launch of the Most Wanted List. Lee owes

over \$60,000 in unpaid child support and a warrant for his arrest had been outstanding since January 1999.

James J. Nickerson, who owes more than \$412,000, was taken into custody at his home in San Clemente on Saturday, March 29. Officers from the San Clemente Police Department, working with information and assistance from Los Angeles District Attorney Investigators, executed the outstanding bench warrant issued by the Los Angeles Superior Court.

All three men have just a few weeks to make substantial down payments on their back child support and to begin coming current on their late payments, otherwise they each face jail time.

Prior to the launch of the 10 Most Wanted List, the County previously had a list of the most wanted delinquent parents, but in the past, the Child Support Services Department (CSSD) had no way of arresting and bringing these offenders to court. That changed last April when Supervisor Knabe

helped create a partnership between CSSD and the Office of the District Attorney to establish the Child Support Arrest Warrant Project. The project is designed to pursue uncooperative parents who evade their child support obligations even after arrest and bench warrants have been issued against them for failing to appear in criminal court. Supervisor Knabe directed \$500,000 in County funds to assist in hiring District Attorney Investigators who will seek out, investigate and arrest these child support evaders.

CSSD has a number of options to pursue the collection of child support payments on behalf of families in need, and always seeks to establish cooperative relationships with parents who are required to make payments. Unfortunately, there are hundreds of parents currently in the County’s system that go to great lengths to evade their child support obligations, even after arrest warrants have been issued.

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## Discounts and Programs Offered Through County-Sponsored Medical Plans

*Please note: This information is subject to change without notice.  
Please contact the medical plan directly for questions and updates.*

### ANTHEM BLUE CROSS

Jenny Craig (800) 597-JENNY or (800) 597-5366 or [www.jennycraig.com/corporatechannel/bcca.aspx](http://www.jennycraig.com/corporatechannel/bcca.aspx)

GlobalFit (800) 294-1500 or [www.globalfit.com/bcc](http://www.globalfit.com/bcc)  
A network of 10,000 participating local, regional and national fitness clubs, including Bally Total Fitness, Gold's Gym, World Gym, Powerhouse Gym, and Curves for Women.

Lindora Lean for Life (800) LINDORA [546-3672] or [www.lindora.com/bluecross](http://www.lindora.com/bluecross) Receive 20% off of in-clinic programs or 10% off all other products and services.

Weight Watchers Online  
[www.weightwatchers.com/cs/bluecrossca](http://www.weightwatchers.com/cs/bluecrossca)

For more information, log on to [www.anthem.com/ca/countyoflosangeles](http://www.anthem.com/ca/countyoflosangeles) or call the customer service phone number that applies to your plan:  
CaliforniaCare HMO: (800) 227-3771  
Catastrophic or PPO: (800) 288-2539  
Point-of-Service: (800) 288-6921

### CIGNA

- Jenny Craig (800) 597-JENNY or (800) 597-5366. Print a discount coupon from [www.mycigna.com](http://www.mycigna.com) to get a free consultation at certain Jenny Craig centers.
- GlobalFit (800) 294-1500
- A network of 10,000 participating local, regional and national fitness clubs, including Bally Total Fitness, Gold's Gym, World Gym, Powerhouse Gym, and Curves for Women.
- Weight Watchers (800) 651-6000 or Weight Watchers at home (800) 710-4663.

For more information, log on to [www.cigna.com](http://www.cigna.com) or call customer service at (800) 870-3470 and ask about the Healthy Rewards programs.

*Jenny Craig, Global Fit, and Weight Watchers Web sites can be accessed through the [www.mycigna.com](http://www.mycigna.com) Web site.*

### KAISER PERMANENTE

Every Kaiser Permanente facility provides some health education classes, such as weight loss, disease management, and smoking cessation for their members (some classes may require a fee).

Topics and availability vary at each facility. For more information log on to [www.kp.org](http://www.kp.org) or call (800) 464-4000 or (800) 777-1370 (TTY for the deaf, hard of hearing, or speech impaired), weekdays from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and weekends from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Kaiser Permanente members also have access to preferred rates on select fitness club memberships in addition to teaming up with Weight Watchers to help members save money on regular membership fees.

For more information, log on to the Web site at [www.choosehealthy.com](http://www.choosehealthy.com) or call (800) 464-4000.

A variety of other health tools such as health calculators, drug encyclopedia and much more are also available. For more information, log on to [www.kp.org](http://www.kp.org).

### PACIFICARE

Log on to [www.pacificare.com](http://www.pacificare.com), select CA area; Health and Wellness tab; PacifiCare Perks Overview link; and "LifeCare" to see a list of discounts, or call LifeCare customer service at (800) 873-4636 M-F 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. EST.

Weight Watchers waives membership fee for members with PacifiCare ID card. Call Weight Watchers at (800) 651-6000 or visit [www.weightwatchers.com](http://www.weightwatchers.com). For more information, log on to [www.healthyatcola.com](http://www.healthyatcola.com) or call (800) 367-2660.

## Supervisor Antonovich Hosts 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Foster Youth Job Fair and Resource Expo

In partnership with the City of Pasadena and the Departments of Children and Family Services, Community and Senior Services, Human Resources and Public Social Services, Supervisor Antonovich hosted the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Foster Youth Job Fair and Resource Expo at Jackie Robinson Park in Pasadena.

The fair provides entry-level jobs and career preparation resources to current and newly emancipated foster youth. Other public and private retailers were present at the fair, offering entry-level jobs in retail, education, child care, transportation, public safety, government and the Armed Forces.

Additional resources available were how to dress for success, fill out a job application, and write a resume.



*Supervisor Antonovich pictured with Dr. Lakshmanan Sathyavagiswaran, the Chief Medical Examiner-Coroner of the Department of Coroner (center) and Michael J. Henry, Director of Personnel, Department of Human Resources.*

“Providing opportunities for our young people to work and have success at an early age can play a pivotal role in boosting their self-confidence and deepening their commitment to graduate from high school, go on to college and become productive citizens,” said Supervisor Antonovich.

As of February 2008, the Department of Children and Family Services had 36,000 children under its supervision. Of which 10,300 (29%) were ages 14 and older, and 18,600 (52%) were placed outside of their birth homes. Nearly, 1,300 foster youth emancipate from the County annually. Unfortunately, in the County of Los Angeles, **one out of every five** 16-to-24-year-old is out of work and out of school.

“Whether they are – safely at home with their parents, in the homes of their relatives or foster caregivers, or newly emancipated – education and employment among young adults is vital for their well-being, and for our community and economy,” Supervisor Antonovich added. “To compete in the new global economy, young people require higher education and more sophisticated skills. We encourage current and former foster youth to take advantage of these opportunities to find a job and a productive career.”

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There are approximately 1,240 parents with outstanding warrants who fall into this category, and they owe several million dollars in child support payments. Since the use of District Attorney Investigators began on December 4, 2007, nearly 200 of those 1,240 warrants have been cleared.

“By going after the members of our Most Wanted List, Los Angeles County is sending a strong message that this kind of behavior is unacceptable and has serious legal consequences,” said Supervisor Knabe. “The message here is clear: if you constantly evade your child support payments, we are coming after you with every legal recourse we have available in order to get that money in the hands of the children and families who need it.” The 10 Most Wanted List is available online at <http://cssd.lacounty.gov>.

SUPERVISOR MICHAEL D.

# ANTONOVICH

Trail Dusters' Ride



LOS Pinetos Trail  
Sunday, JUNE 8, 2008

Activities: Check in and pancake breakfast at 7 a.m. The event will kick off at 9 a.m. and continue through the scenic trails of Los Pinetos. The day will conclude with the traditional barbecue and live country western music

\$25 per person

EVENT INFORMATION: (909) 599.8411

FOR HORSE RENTAL RESERVATIONS:  
GRAHAM BROS. CALL LEE GRAHAM (760)245-7695

*Creating Community Through People, Parks & Programs*

**Sponsored By:** Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich & the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation, in conjunction with Rocky Hill Riders, Sylmar Vista Del Valle, San Fernando, Shadow Hills Rough Riders & L.A. County Mounted Police Unit.

### ADA NOTICE

Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks & Recreation has designated an ADA Coordinator to carry out this Department's compliance with the non-discriminatory provisions of the ADA. For more information, you may contact the ADA Coordinator's Office, Tel. (213) 738-2970 TDD (213) 427-6118 Fax (213) 487-0380. Upon 3-day request notice, sign language interpreters and related materials in alternative formats (Braille-transcript, large print, audio-record, video-captioning, live description) or any other reasonable accommodations are available to the public for County-sponsored activities and events.

**RIDING CONDITIONS:** COMBINATION OF ROLLING HILLS, SOME SEMI-STEEP HILLS AND LEVEL AREAS. THE RIDE IS TO BE 3.5 HOURS WITH 2 REST STOPS.

**Los Pinetos Trail in Sylmar (adjacent to Olive View Medical Center) 14445 Olive View Drive, Sylmar, CA 91342**

• NON-RIDERS ARE WELCOME • RIDERS UNDER 18 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT • NO STALLIONS OR DOGS. Please.

PRE-REGISTRATION IS A MUST. RESERVATION DEADLINE BY JUNE 5, 2008

## ANTONOVICH TRAIL DUSTERS' Reservation Form

Please make checks payable to: County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation  
Mail Reservation Form & Payment to: Supervisor's Trail Ride, Department of Parks and Recreation,  
120 E. Via Verde Road, San Dimas, CA 91773  
For info. call Vincent Pedroza (909) 599-8411

NAME:	PHONE: ( )	
ADDRESS:	CITY:	
NUMBER OF TRAIL RIDE TICKETS @ \$25.00 PER PERSON:		
NUMBER OF RIDERS:	NUMBER OF NON RIDERS:	TOTAL ENCLOSED:

**CALENDAR**

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Through August - A Connoisseur's Delights:  
Indian Paintings from the Nasli and  
Alice Heeramanek Collection

Through August – A Masterpiece Restored:  
LACMA's Tibetan Painting of  
Yama and Yami

Through September – BCAM Inaugural  
Installation

Through Nov 2 – Tradition as Innovation in  
African Art

**Music**

Jun 12 – Taikoproject

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Through November – Friday Night Jazz,  
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

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For more information on LACMA's Music  
Programs, please call (323) 857-6115

**Music Center/Disney Concert Hall**  
135 N. Grand Avenue, Los Angeles 90012  
(213) 972-7211  
www.musiccenter.org

**Los Angeles Philharmonic**  
www.laphil.com  
(323) 850-2000

**May**  
29 - 31 – Salonen's Piano Concerto

**June**  
1 – Salonen's Piano Concerto

**Center Theatre Group**  
www.centertheatregroup.org  
Through June 8 – Keep Your Pantheon  
Through June 8 – Duck Variations

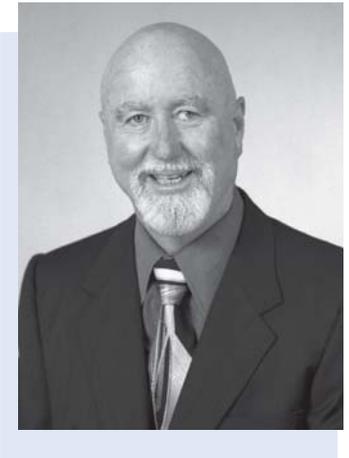
**Los Angeles Opera**  
www.losangelesopera.com  
Through June 21 – Tosca  
June 7-28 – La Rondine

**Los Angeles Master Chorale**  
www.lamc.org  
June 28 - The Harvard Glee Club

**Natural History Museum**  
900 Exposition Boulevard  
Los Angeles 90007  
For a list of events, please visit www.nhm.org  
or call (213) 763-DINO

**Public Defender Michael P. Judge  
Honored as Attorney of the Year**

Public Defender Michael P. Judge is among 34 attorneys statewide selected as California Lawyer Attorneys of the Year for significant achievements in 2007. Judge was selected for his successful efforts in getting federal legislation, the College Cost Reduction and Access Act, approved which encourages law school graduates to choose a career in public service.



The legislation allows law school graduates to extend repayment of student loans, with the balance forgiven after 10 years of public service. This makes it easier for new attorneys to take a job with a public agency, which often pays less than a private firm. Those selected as Attorneys of the Year by California Lawyer Magazine included sole practitioners, attorneys from international law firms, government attorneys and a law school professor. The awards recognized 22 accomplishments in 16 areas of legal practice.

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Also in attendance were California State Senator Mark Ridley-Thomas (26<sup>th</sup> Senate District) who was representing the State's Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission; City of Los Angeles Councilman Bernard Parks (Eighth District); City of Carson Mayor Jim Dear; City of Carson Councilman Elito M. Santarina; Primitivo Castro, Field Representative from California State Senator Jenny Oropeza's Office (28<sup>th</sup> Senate District); Chair Jerry Lubin, AICP, Lana A. Brody, MA, Delores Huffman and Hayward McNeill, MPH of the Los Angeles County Mental Health Commission; and Nancy Carter, President of National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Los Angeles.

Councilman Parks stated, "The last thing people think about is mental health. There is no stigma when you are seeking mental health help. We can deal with the circumstances on the streets. We can make an impact. We need to give our kids a sense of hope, and our mental health professionals do that."

Following the welcome speeches, Dr. Southard presented on the MHSA CSS Plan and outcomes, and Dr. William Arroyo talked about the Department of Mental Health's planning process for PEI. The Mental Health Community Forum was the fifth that the Department of Mental Health has coordinated with the Board of Supervisors.

# Share It



## Vehicle Purchasing Services Program (VPSP)

On February 12 the Board of Supervisors established a Vehicle Purchasing Services Program (VPSP) for alternative fuel vehicles. The Program provides an incentive for County employees, retirees, family members, and contractors/sub-contractors to purchase “green” vehicles to help lessen the environmental impact when commuting to and from work.

### About the Program

- Establishes pre-negotiated pricing agreements with dealerships within the County of Los Angeles
- Discounted pricing for the purchase or lease of alternative fuel vehicles available to all County employees, retirees, family members, and contractors/sub-contractors
- Offers binding arbitration clauses to resolve disputes between participating dealerships and program participants

### How it Works

- Contact the Fleet Department at a participating dealership
- Identify yourself as a County employee, retiree, family member, or contractor/sub-contractor
- Indicate that you are interested in purchasing or leasing a vehicle through the County of Los Angeles’ VPSP
- Select an alternative fuel vehicle and any added options
- The dealership will provide you with the pricing according to the VPSP. You may request a copy of the vehicle invoice from the participating dealership prior to purchase.
- Determine whether you want to accept the offer



To utilize the Program, you may contact the following participating dealerships:

#### Toyota / Lexus

Longo Toyota / Lexus  
3534 North Peck Road  
El Monte, California 91731

#### Toyota Contact

Mel Castelo  
(626) 580-6048

#### Lexus Contacts:

Gary Littleton  
(626) 580-6275  
Mark Chapman  
(626) 580-6276



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