



## Supervisor Knabe Again Opposes Legislation That Will Negatively Impact the Safe Surrender Program

Supervisor Don Knabe, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, renewed his opposition for the fourth time to new legislation by Assemblyman Alberto Torrico (D-Fremont) that will fundamentally alter the rules of the highly-successful Safe Haven Law.

Under the proposed legislation, AB 1048 will extend the newborn surrender period to 30 days. Currently, the program allows mothers of unwanted newborns to surrender their babies at Safe Surrender sites, such as fire stations and hospitals, up to 72 hours after the child’s birth. Access to quality medical care in the first hours of life is a critical component that could be placed in jeopardy if this legislation passes. Many infants who are safely surrendered have received no prenatal care or medical care at all – services that are critical for these newborns to receive in the first hours after birth. Extensive research has shown that the 72-hour window works.

Similar bills have been introduced in the last three years by Assemblyman Torrico. All three attempts, AB 1873, AB 81 and AB 2262 were vetoed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

“This was an unnecessary bill the first three times, and it remains unnecessary,” said Supervisor Knabe, who championed the Safe Surrender Program, the County of Los Angeles’ version of the Safe Haven Program, over six years ago. “There is no data showing that an extension to the 30 days proposed in Assemblyman Torrico’s legislation would improve this successful program, and we cannot allow an arbitrary number with no scientific basis to compromise the safety of these babies. The only window that has irrefutable evidence is the 72 hours, and changing it is a risk that we simply cannot afford. I vow to fight this bill every step along the way.”

The County of Los Angeles has been at the forefront of implementing the Safe Haven Law. Since its enactment in 2002, 71 babies have been safely surrendered in the County of Los Angeles – more than one-third of all the newborns saved in California.

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## Ford Amphitheatre

2580 Cahuenga Blvd. East, Los Angeles, CA 90068

(323) 461-3673

[www.fordamphitheatre.com](http://www.fordamphitheatre.com)

## July

- 3 - Viver Brasil Feet on the Ground/Aiyê
- 4 - Big!World!Fun! Grandeza Mexicana Folk Ballet
- 4 - Shin Hae Chul and N.EX.T. Awakening World Tour
- 6 - J.A.M. Sessions D.I.Y. (Do It Yourself) Drumming
- 11 - Big!World!Fun! On Ensemble
- 12 - Gregorio Luke at the Ford: Life-size Murals of Rufino Tamayo
- 13 - J.A.M. Sessions Indie Inspiration
- 15-19 - Outfest 2009 Under the Stars
- 20 - J.A.M. Sessions Flamenco for All
- 24 - Upright Cabaret's Wicked Summer Nights Eden Espinosa: ME
- 25 - Big!World!Fun! Masanga Marimba
- 25 - An Evening of Independence: A Celebration of Singers, Songwriters and Music
- 27 - J.A.M. Sessions Feel the Folk

## 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)

### Art

Through September 20 - Your Bright Future: 12 Contemporary Artists from Korea

Through October 4 - Pompeii and the Roman Villa: Art and Culture around the Bay of Naples

August 16-November 8 - Heavy Light: Recent Photography and Video from Japan

### Music

Sundays Live – Every Sunday at 6 p.m.

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

## Music Center

135 N. Grand Avenue, Los Angeles 90012

(213) 972-7211

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

## Walt Disney Concert Hall

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

## Los Angeles Philharmonic

[www.laphil.com](http://www.laphil.com)

(323) 850-2000

## Center Theatre Group

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

## Ahmanson Theatre

July 7-September 6 – Spamalot

September 8-October 18 - August: Osage County

November 13- January 10 – Mary Poppins

## Mark Taper Forum

Through July 12 - Oleanna

July 23 to Sept 6 - The Lieutenant of Inishmore

Sept 24 to Nov 15 - Parade

## Los Angeles Opera

(performances in the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion)

[www.losangelesopera.com](http://www.losangelesopera.com)

The 2009-2010 season will open on September 15.

## Los Angeles Master Chorale

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

## Natural History Museum

900 Exposition Boulevard, Los Angeles 90007

For a list of events, please visit [www.nhm.org](http://www.nhm.org) or call (213) 763-DINO



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## Supervisor Ridley-Thomas Applauds the Launch of New County of Los Angeles Solar Mapping Program

County of Los Angeles officials unveiled a solar mapping program that will allow homeowners and businesses to go online to determine if their properties are good candidates for solar power. The program uses roof size, pitch and shading from nearby trees, buildings and mountains to provide a building's solar potential and the potential value of installing solar panels.

By typing in an address, a person can identify if a property's roof size area is suitable for solar panels, the amount of electricity produced, electricity savings, carbon reduction, nearby solar installations and case studies, available rebates from utility companies, and information about installers. The ultimate goal is to make the Web site a one-stop solar shop for residents and businesses.

Los Angeles County Solar Map



Supervisors Mark Ridley-Thomas and Zev Yaroslavsky praised the project, saying it will help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and energy costs. The solar Web site, developed at a cost of \$93,500, was generated from high-resolution imagery and elevation information acquired in 2006 which included roof-top and ground elevation every five feet. It calculates and ranks incoming solar radiation every 25 square feet, using roof pitch, orientation, and shading from surrounding structures and trees to provide the best estimate possible.

“The County is a major electricity user, with facilities spread over a wide geography, operating in more than 3,000 buildings that comprise more than 60 million square feet, so the mapping project will save countless hours developing initial estimates and prioritizing projects manually,” said Internal Services Department Director Tom Tindall. Buildings account for 65 percent of electricity consumption and 30 percent of greenhouse gas emissions in the United States, according to the U.S. Green Building Council. Energy consumption can be reduced by as much as 20 percent by the use of energy-efficient measures in existing buildings.

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### LACERA Elections

General Members are encouraged to vote in the upcoming LACERA election. The election will be held on Tuesday, August 4, 2009.

Using the employee's address on the Auditor-Controller's master file, the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's office will begin mailing ballots via US mail on Monday, June 29, 2009. If you do not receive a ballot, you may request a duplicate ballot through your Departmental Election Coordinator no later than Monday, July 20, 2009.

Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk must receive voted ballots before 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 4, 2009. For more information, contact your Departmental Election Coordinator. Contact information for your Election Coordinator may be obtained at the Board of Supervisors' Election Information Internet Web site at [http://bos.co.la.ca.us/lacera\\_election.htm](http://bos.co.la.ca.us/lacera_election.htm).

# 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:*

**PROBATION:** Ida Richburg  
**PUBLIC HEALTH:** Carolyn Haas, Mary Robles  
**PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES:** Melvin L. Bryant

*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:*

**ASSESSOR:** Reynaldo Torio  
**CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES:** Glenda Henderson  
**CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES:** Gloria J. Hymes  
**CONSUMER AFFAIRS:** Debra Myrick-Williams  
**DISTRICT ATTORNEY:** James L. Cospier  
**FIRE:** Bernard J. Cain III, Steve L. Knevelbaard, Michael J. Williams  
**INTERNAL SERVICES:** Francisco Macatangay Jr., Wilma J. Smith-Martin  
**MENTAL HEALTH:** Gregorio Carnero Jr., George W. Hines Jr.  
**OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY:** James T. Rich  
**PARKS AND RECREATION:** James Bowdry, Benjamin E. Sanchez  
**PROBATION:** Duane A. Leet, Russell H. Turner, Barbara Young-Knott  
**PUBLIC HEALTH:** Gloria Bianco, James Fountain, Robert M. Simcik  
**PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES:** Georgiana Fisher, Judy L. Hodges, Barbara Redd, Laverne C. Wallace-Edmond  
**REGIONAL PLANNING:** Linda A. Higgins  
**SHERIFF:** Maria E. Dimaano  
**SUPERIOR COURT:** Nina N. Hampton, Debora C. Larson, Vera N. Ramos, Darlene S. Torregano

*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:*

**CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES:** Kathleen Dominguez  
**FIRE:** Gary R. Bronner, Wayne R. Lee  
**PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES:** Shirley J. Banks  
**SHERIFF:** Stephen H. Glennan

## Supervisor Antonovich Collaborates with Jackie Chan to Raise Awareness for Foster Youth

Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich joins Patricia Ploehn, Director of the County's Department of Children and Family Services, in collaborating with Jackie Chan on raising awareness for foster youth.



*(From left to right: Jackie Chan, Supervisor Antonovich; Patricia Ploehn, Director, Department of Children and Family Services; Christine Hu, wife of Supervisor Antonovich)*

Supervisor Antonovich and family in tow take a photo with Jackie Chan.



*(From left to right: Christine Hu, Jackie Chan, Mary-Christine Michael Jr., and Supervisor Antonovich)*

## Department of Parks and Recreation Continues to Enrich Parks and Recreation Field with Annual Parks Summit

The Department of Parks and Recreation hosted its 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Park Summit which had the largest number of attendees in the Park Summit’s history, with cities from Los Angeles County, partner groups and other parks and recreation organizations attending. This year’s theme was “A Time for Change” and speaker, trainer and author Ruby Newell-Legner gave the keynote address. County Parks and Recreation Director Russ Guiney and other



Parks and Recreation directors from other cities attended the Director’s Roundtable and chose to focus their collective efforts on “Healthy Partners,” and how to become better partners with each other and other agencies. In addition to speakers and break out sessions centered on the theme of change, there was a strong customer service theme.



More than 25 vendors set up shop and shared their information with the attendees. This year’s vendors included: Avant Garde; Clif bars; Energy Efficiency Solar; Florasource, LTD; Jamba Juice; Los Angeles County Arts Commission; Los Angeles Conservation Corps; Los Angeles County Parks Foundation; Mia Lehrer and Associates; Simple Green; South Central Farmers; Southern California Edison; Southern California Municipal Athletic Federation; State Park Grants and Local Services; Tierra Del Sol; Trader Joe’s; Your Tuff; Youth Educational Sports; Water2 Save; Whole Living Natural.

## County Launches “Reverse 9-1-1” Emergency Alert Notification System

Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky (*pictured below*) gets a first-hand demonstration of Los Angeles County’s new mass-notification system that will be used to contact County residents and businesses via recorded phone messages, text messages and e-mail in case of emergency.



The Countywide program, informally known as a “reverse 9-1-1” system, was officially unveiled by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, County Fire Chief P. Michael Freeman and other officials at a press conference in the Sheriff’s headquarters and emergency operations center in Monterey Park. For more information and to register your cell phone number, Voice over IP number, and e-mail address, please visit <http://alert.lacounty.gov/>.

### Board Adopts Supervisor Yaroslavsky’s Plan to Ban Smoking in County Parks

On June 2, the Board of Supervisors adopted Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky’s plan to ban most smoking in County-operated parks. Acting on recommendations from the Department of Public Health, the Board directed County officials to return in 90 days with a formal policy and statutory language to enact the prohibition with only narrow exceptions for authorized film productions, on open fairways and golf courses, and in small designated areas overseen by County concessionaires. “Research tells us that exposure to sidestream and second-hand smoke can be harmful to our health; personal experience tells us it spoils the public’s enjoyment of these wonderful outdoor facilities,” Supervisor Yaroslavsky said.

## Supervisor Ridley-Thomas ‘Tweets’ from the Nation’s Capitol

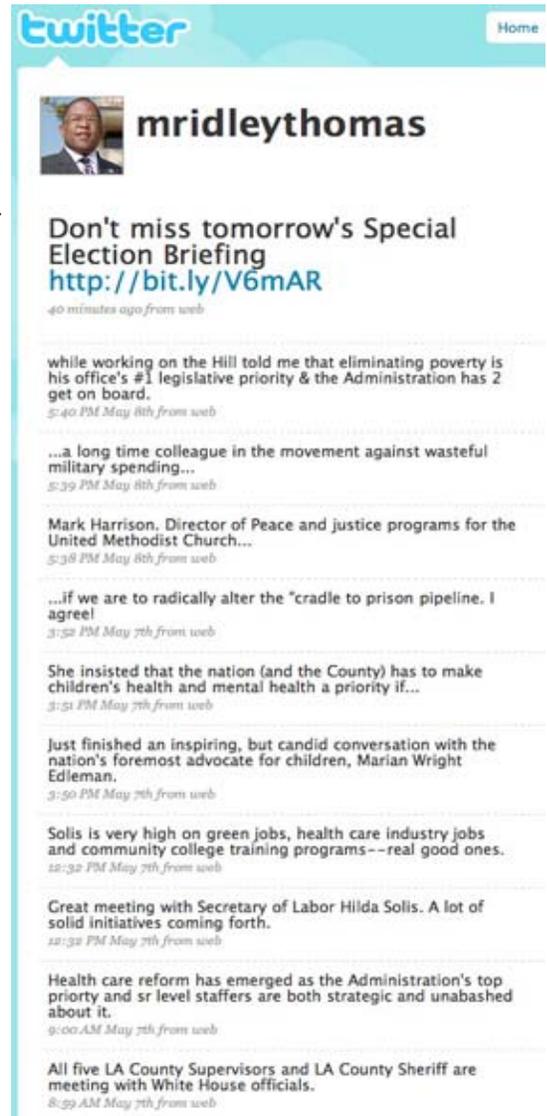
Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas joined his Board colleagues in Washington, D.C. to meet with administration officials and members of California’s congressional delegation to seek critically-needed dollars for the County of Los Angeles during the first week of May.

The Supervisors were excused from the week’s regular Board meeting in order to schedule Wednesday and Thursday discussions with Labor Secretary Hilda Solis, Senators Barbara Boxer and Diane Feinstein and Representatives Lucille Roybal-Allard, Maxine Waters, Henry Waxman, Xavier Becerra, and Jane Harman among others.

The five Supervisors discussed a wide range of issues, including the re-opening of a new Martin Luther King, Jr. Hospital, health care legislation and climate change. Supervisor Ridley-Thomas also focused on issues relating to economic development in the Second District, including access to federal stimulus funds, job creation and job training programs.

Through the entire week, Supervisor Ridley-Thomas ‘Tweeted’ from the nation’s capitol giving his followers an inside look into his experience. The Supervisor posted on a wide range of topics from who he met with to what he learned. “Health care reform has emerged as the Administration’s top priority and senior level staffers are both strategic and unabashed about it.”

Read a sampling of the Supervisor’s ‘Tweets’ at left or visit his ‘[Twitter](https://twitter.com/mridleythomas)’ page at <http://twitter.com/mridleythomas>. Be sure to sign up to follow the Supervisor on ‘Twitter’ going forward.



The image shows a screenshot of a Twitter profile for 'mridleythomas'. The profile picture is a headshot of Mark Ridley-Thomas. Below the name, there is a tweet that says 'Don't miss tomorrow's Special Election Briefing' with a link 'http://bit.ly/V6mAR' and a timestamp of '40 minutes ago from web'. Below this are several other tweets, each with a timestamp and a 'from web' label. The tweets include: 'while working on the Hill told me that eliminating poverty is his office's #1 legislative priority & the Administration has 2 get on board.' (5:40 PM May 8th); '...a long time colleague in the movement against wasteful military spending...' (5:39 PM May 8th); 'Mark Harrison, Director of Peace and justice programs for the United Methodist Church...' (5:38 PM May 8th); '...if we are to radically alter the "cradle to prison pipeline. I agree!' (3:52 PM May 7th); 'She insisted that the nation (and the County) has to make children's health and mental health a priority if...' (3:51 PM May 7th); 'Just finished an inspiring, but candid conversation with the nation's foremost advocate for children, Marian Wright Edleman.' (3:50 PM May 7th); 'Solis is very high on green jobs, health care industry jobs and community college training programs--real good ones.' (12:32 PM May 7th); 'Great meeting with Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis. A lot of solid initiatives coming forth.' (12:32 PM May 7th); 'Health care reform has emerged as the Administration's top priority and sr level staffers are both strategic and unabashed about it.' (9:00 AM May 7th); and 'All five LA County Supervisors and LA County Sheriff are meeting with White House officials.' (8:59 AM May 7th).

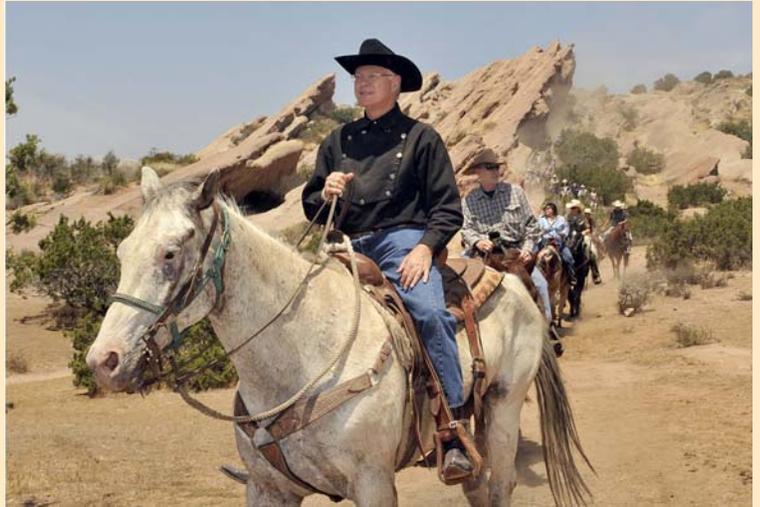
## July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks Extravaganza at Marina del Rey

The traditional fireworks extravaganza over the main channel in Marina del Rey will take place Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, starting promptly at 9 p.m. and lasting approximately 20 minutes. This year’s display presents the famed Zambelli Pyrotechnics, which originated more than 100 years ago in Italy and follows the Italian tradition of huge finales. The fireworks are choreographed to patriotic music, which will be broadcast in sync with the display over FM radio KXLU, 88.9. Those watching can tune their radios to listen to the simulcast. The music will be relayed over loudspeakers in Burton Chace Park, for onlookers there. The park is located at 13650 Mindanao Way and Fisherman’s Village, at 13755 Fiji Way, as well as the beaches in Marina del Rey and Playa del Rey which are prime locations for viewing the pyrotechnic extravaganza. Parking is available in County lots throughout the Marina for a \$5-7 entrance fee and at Fisherman’s Village for \$1 per half hour, \$8 maximum. *Please check page 14 for information regarding transportation.* Additional information including street closures is available by visiting the Department of Beaches and Harbors Web site at <http://marinadelrey.lacounty.gov>.



## Supervisor Antonovich Hosts Annual “Trail Dusters” Trail Ride

Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich hosted his semi-annual trail ride on Sunday, May, 31 through the scenic trails of Vasquez Rocks Natural Area in Agua Dulce. The ride was enjoyed by over 100 riders. An advocate of the equestrian lifestyle, the Supervisor spoke on the need to protect the County’s trails. “Our County’s trails and open spaces are vital for families to enjoy the outdoors,” said Supervisor Antonovich. After the trail ride, a barbeque lunch was served, and participants relaxed while being entertained by a live band.



## Free Marina del Rey Summer Concerts Kick Off Exciting Season Thursday, July 9

This summer, there could be no better way to spend glorious evenings than at the free Marina del Rey Summer Concert series. The concerts will feature Thursday evening classical concerts starring the Marina del Rey Summer Symphony with world-class artists and Maestro Frank Fetta conducting; and, on alternate weeks, Saturday evening pop concerts, bringing to the Marina internationally famed artists from the worlds of pop and jazz, with all concerts beginning at 7 p.m.

The Thursday classical series is particularly exciting this year. Kicking off Thursday, July 9, waterside in Burton Chace Park, Marina del Rey, with a concert featuring the 75-member Marina del Rey Summer Symphony conducted by its Music Director Frank Fetta and special guests, the 82-voice Southern California Master Chorale, with soloists, performing works by Ralph Vaughan-Williams, Francis Poulenc, and the magnificent “Carmina Burana” by Carl Orff.

“A Night at the Opera” on July 23, will present some of the nation’s most important young operatic talents – finalists in the famed Loren L. Zachary National Vocal Competition, which has introduced to the operatic world such celebrated talents as Thomas Hampson, Deborah Voigt, Ruth Ann Swenson, and Julianna di Giacomo – who will appear as the special guest following her sensational debut at Italy’s famed La Scala opera house in Milan.

On Thursday, August 6, Rufus Choi, this year’s winner of the celebrated José Iturbi International Piano Competition, will appear as soloist with Maestro Fetta and the Orchestra in Sergei Rachmaninoff’s Concerto No. 3. On Thursday, August 20, Maestro Fetta will welcome honored guests Dame Cleo Laine and Sir John Dankworth, who will present

a special program with the Marina del Rey Summer Symphony. For this program, John Dankworth, a renowned composer as well as an instrumentalist and conductor, has written for the Marina del Rey Summer Symphony a composition “Pacific West” world premiering at this concert. Among the music Cleo Laine will sing with the orchestra are medleys of music by composers George Gershwin and Johnny Mercer.

Pop Saturdays open July 18 with two-time Tony nominee Christine Andreas, personified by critic Rex Reed as “...pure, undiluted enchantment.” She will appear in a concert of Broadway classics, accompanied by composer/pianist Martin Silvestri. On August 1, The Four Aces, one of America’s most celebrated singing groups will appear in concert with their band, performing some of their many Grammy winning hits and million selling records. They will be followed on August 15 by singer/actor John Davidson, star of Broadway musicals, feature films, records, and the well-known host and star of numerous TV series. The season will close on August 29 with Sue Raney, called “one of the great living interpreters of the American songbook,” who will appear in concert with the renowned Alan Broadbent Trio, featuring songs from her new album, a tribute to Doris Day.

Supervisor Don Knabe and the Department of Beaches and Harbors invite County employees to enjoy the free Marina del Rey Summer Concert experience. Sample a delicious summer menu at Café Petra in the park or picnic on the grass beside the Marina’s main channel to watch the sunset over the water while you listen to your favorite music performed by these world-class artists. For more information, please call the department’s information line at (310) 305-9545 or access its Web site at <http://marinadelrey.lacounty.gov>.

# ENRICHING LIVES...

## 2009 Commissioners' Leadership Conference

### *"Moving Ahead in Tough Times"*

The Quality and Productivity Commission hosted the 7<sup>th</sup> annual Commissioners' Leadership Conference, *"Moving Ahead in Tough Times,"* at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion. The conference provided an opportunity for County Commissioners to network and to hear about different initiatives in the County to help them move forward during these tough economic times.

Commission Chair Algird Leiga, Supervisors Don Knabe, Michael D. Antonovich and Zev Yaroslavsky and Chief Executive Officer William T Fujioka welcomed nearly 200 commissioners, department heads and managers to the conference.



Jack Kyser, Senior Vice President and Founding Economist of the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation, spoke about the current crises and future state of the economy in his presentation, *"Signs of Life."* He discussed signs of recovery and the impact of the Federal stimulus and State budget.

Amy Gutierrez, Systems Pharmacy Director, Department of Health Services, presented *"Tightening Health Services' Drug Budget – a Hard Pill to Swallow."* She discussed the *"Pharmaceutical Management Program,"* which saved the County almost \$50 million in just one year. This program is transferable to other government agencies. The Internal Services Department (ISD) has been a leader in developing creative and new efficiencies resulting in energy and cost savings. Director Tom Tindall presented *"Highlighting County Purchasing, Energy Management and Information Technology Infrastructure Support."* ISD collaborates with counties both statewide and nationwide to strengthen the consolidated purchasing position of the County. Director Tindall also highlighted the department's *Green Vehicle Initiatives for Clean Air.*



Santos Kreimann, Director of Beaches and Harbors, and Russ Guiney, Director of Parks and Recreation, spoke about the approaches used by their departments to address budget shortfalls by marshaling internal and external resources. These creative solutions enable the two departments to continue providing quality services during difficult times. Benefits and services provided by these departments are key to the morale of the residents of the County.



District Attorney Steve Cooley discussed the impact of fraud on public benefit programs at local, state and federal levels. He outlined different techniques which can be used to reduce fraud and the abuse of County-run public benefit programs. The Director of the Department of Public Social Services, Philip Browning, addressed the issue of welfare fraud and prevention within the department. During difficult economic times, the detection and prevention of fraud becomes even more important. Fraud initiatives in the department have resulted in a total fraud cost-avoidance of \$51 million in 2008 alone.



Dr. Jonathan Fielding, Director, Department of Public Health, gave an overview of the H1N1 Flu and Public Health's response in dealing with this new health issue. This timely presentation outlined how the flu spreads from person to person, how to prevent the spread, and the location of current cases nationally. The Quality and Productivity Commission thanks the department heads and County commissions for their continuing efforts to preserve the quality of services in these tough economic times. Continuing strategic collaboration and innovation are key to "Moving Ahead."



# County of Los Angeles Strategic Plan



Enriching Lives  
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## County Mission

- To enrich lives through effective and caring service

## County Values

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

- Accountability** – We accept responsibility for the decisions we make and the actions we take.
- Can-Do Attitude** – We approach each challenge believing that, together, a solution can be achieved.
- Compassion** – We treat those we serve and each other in a kind and caring manner.
- Customer Orientation** – We place the highest priority on meeting our customers' needs with accessible, responsive quality services, and treating them with respect and dignity.
- Integrity** – We act consistent with our values and the highest ethical standards.
- Leadership** – We engage, motivate and inspire others to collaboratively achieve common goals through example, vision and commitment.
- Professionalism** – We perform to a high standard of excellence. We take pride in our employees and invest in their job satisfaction and development.
- Respect for Diversity** – We value the uniqueness of every individual and their perspective.
- Responsiveness** – We take the action needed in a timely manner.

## Strategic Plan Goals

- Operational Effectiveness:** Maximize the effectiveness of the County's processes, structure, and operations to support timely delivery of customer-oriented and efficient public services.
- Children, Family and Adult Well-Being:** Enrich lives through integrated, cost-effective and client-centered supportive services.
- Community and Municipal Services:** Enrich the lives of Los Angeles County's residents and visitors by providing access to cultural, recreational and lifelong learning facilities programs; ensure quality regional open space, recreational and public works infrastructure services for County residents; and deliver customer oriented municipal services to the County's diverse unincorporated communities.
- Health and Mental Health:** Improve health and mental health outcomes and efficient use of scarce resources, by promoting proven service models and prevention principles that are population-based, client-centered and family-focused.
- Public Safety:** Ensure that the committed efforts of the public safety partners continue to maintain and improve the safety and security of the people of Los Angeles County.

Gloria Molina Supervisor, First District    Mark Ridley-Thomas Supervisor, Second District    Zev Yaroslavsky Supervisor, Third District    Don Knabe Supervisor, Fourth District    Michael D. Antonovich Supervisor, Fifth District

# TOY LOAN PROGRAM



## SUMMER FUNDRAISER



## 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!

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.

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## "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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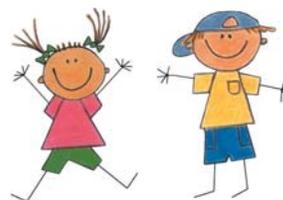
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## Supervisor Antonovich Helps Rededicate the Placerita Canyon Nature Center

Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich joined Russ Guiney, Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, and officials from the California Department of Parks and Recreation, Placerita Canyon Nature Center Associates, Santa Monica Conservancy and members of the community in rededicating the Placerita Canyon Nature Center — the first nationally certified County building for energy efficiency. Originally built in 1971, the Placerita Canyon Nature Center helps educate the surrounding communities on wildlife and the environment.



Supervisor Antonovich joins County and local officials in cutting the ribbon to rededicate the Placerita Canyon Nature Center.

*(From left to right: Marsha McLean, Councilmember, City of Santa Clarita; Supervisor Antonovich; Gwynne Pugh; Russ Guiney, Director, Department of Parks and Recreation; Laurene Weste, Mayor Pro-Tem, City of Santa Clarita; Frank Hoffman, Acting Park Superintendent; Smokey the Bear)*

## Marina del Rey Waterbus Cruises Into Summer Service

The Department of Beaches and Harbors Marina del Rey WaterBus summer weekend service is available through September 7. Riders can access the WaterBus by heading to any boarding location where a dock attendant will hail the next available WaterBus. Service is available Fridays 5 p.m. to midnight, Saturdays 11 a.m. to midnight and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Holiday WaterBus service is available for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, 11 a.m. to midnight, and Labor Day, September 7 from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

There are seven Marina boarding locations including Fisherman’s Village at 13755 Fiji Way; Burton Chace Park at 13650 Mindanao Way; Waterfront Walk/Fire Station #110 at 4433 Admiralty Way; Mother’s Beach at 4101 Admiralty Way; Dolphin Marina at 13900 Panay Way, Dock Gate #C-200; Esprit I at 13900 Marquesas Way, Dock Gate #B-602 and Marina Harbor at 14028 Tahiti Way, Dock Gate #A-2200. Tickets are available at each boarding location for \$1 per person, one-way. Season passes are available for purchase at the Fisherman’s Village location for \$30.

All boarding locations are fully ADA compliant except Fisherman’s Village and parking is available at County lots located throughout Marina del Rey for a minimal fee. WaterBus service will operate 5 p.m. to midnight during the Marina del Rey Summer Concerts on July 9 and 23, as well as, August 6 and 20 for concertgoers who prefer water transportation to and from the concerts. Special WaterBus service is available for movie nights in Burton Chace Park on Thursday nights, July 30 and August 13 from 5 p.m. to midnight, and Saturday nights, August 8 and August 22, from 11 a.m. to midnight.

In addition to WaterBus service, the free, clean fuel, landside Beach Shuttles will circulate between Playa Vista, Marina del Rey and Venice Beach Pier on summer weekends and during the Marina del Rey Summer Concert Series. For additional information on Marina del Rey WaterBus service, please call (310) 628-3219 or visit the Beaches and Harbors Web site at <http://marinadelrey.lacounty.gov> to download a WaterBus schedule.

## Yvonne B. Burke Park Dedicated

A dedication ceremony took place recently at Yvonne B. Burke Park, located at 4350 Admiralty Way, Marina del Rey. New signs reflecting the name change were installed in honor of former Supervisor Burke's retirement and decades of service to the community.



The Board of Supervisors unanimously approved renaming Admiralty Park as Yvonne B. Burke Park. The name change, proposed by Supervisor Don Knabe, honors former Supervisor Burke for her 16 years of service representing the Second District citing Burke's many firsts, including becoming the first African-American elected to the Board of Supervisors, and devoting her entire professional life to public service, whether as an elected official, an attorney, or as an official of the U.S. Olympic Organizing Committee.



"Supervisor Burke has a deep personal attachment and commitment to Marina del Rey dating back nearly 30 years," said Supervisor Knabe. "I am proud to honor my colleague and my friend by finally and permanently renaming this park with the name it should rightfully have."

## Free Concerts Sponsored by the County of Los Angeles Announced

Sounds ranging from Hawaiian slack key guitar and all-girl classic rock to Balinese gamelan and Latin Jazz will echo from all corners of Los Angeles County. Fifty free concerts are scheduled through October in parks, libraries, museums and community centers. A complete schedule is available online. Go to [www.lacountyarts.org](http://www.lacountyarts.org) and click on "Free Concerts in Public Sites".

(direct link: [http://lacountyarts.org/free\\_May09.html](http://lacountyarts.org/free_May09.html))

Since its inception in 1947, the Los Angeles County Arts Commission has sponsored free concerts at community venues throughout the County to provide access to quality music programming representing the diversity of County residents. In the past, the County has provided general funds for the program; however, due to County budget constraints, each of the five County Supervisor offices is funding the concerts in their district this summer.

A sampling of free concerts across the Supervisorial Districts includes:

- Diverse blues from the L.A. Bluescasters at Memorial Park Bandshell in Sierra Madre, July 26
- The country rock of I See Hawks in LA at Central Park in Whittier, July 27
- Mariachi Divas at San Fernando Recreation Park, August 9
- The voices and drums of the African fusion group Adaawe at Grand Performances in downtown L.A., August 21
- The swing band Moondance at Fiesta La Ballona in Culver City, August 30

Artists who perform at "Free Concerts in Public Sites" are chosen by the concert presenters from the Arts Commission's Musicians Roster featuring more than 100 County-based groups representing a range of musical styles. This online directory is accessible to the general public. Go to [www.lacountyarts.org](http://www.lacountyarts.org) and click on Musicians Roster. The roster is searchable by key word, name of artist, and by music style. Artists included are chosen by a panel of experienced and respected music professionals based on artistic excellence, cultural diversity and the ability to work cooperatively with other organizations as representatives of the Free Concerts program.

## Supervisor Molina and County Departments Launch “One Stop” Empowerment and Learning Center for Children and Youth

*New Children’s Medical Hub Initiates Transformation of County Campus*

The Departments of Health Services, Children and Family Services and Mental Health joined Supervisor Gloria Molina in kicking-off plans to transform the former MacLaren Children’s Center into a “One Stop” Empowerment and Learning Center for children and youths, with the dedication of the new LAC+USC Satellite Medical Hub. The County campus is located at 4074 N. Durfee Avenue in El Monte.



Project partners who joined Supervisor Molina at the dedication included Medical Hub founder Dr. Jan Astrid Heger, LAC+USC Medical Center CEO Peter Delgado, Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) Director Patricia Ploehn, the Department of Mental Health, the Chief Executive Office, YMCA, Alma Family Services and the City of El Monte.

The comprehensive Medical Hub and “safe haven” will be staffed by a team of health professionals co-located at one site — providing quality medical care for children in the child welfare system. It is designed from Dr. Heger’s nationally recognized model which tracks the health and well-being of children in the system. In addition to medical and forensic assessments, mental health screenings and crisis intervention for children will be provided. The fiscal year 2009-10 annual budget for the Medical Hub is \$550,000.

“We are dreaming big for our children, and the new children’s Medical Hub marks the beginning of a significant transformation of a County campus – where foster youth will now have access to comprehensive health and social services from one location,” said Supervisor Molina. “It represents new hope for the children we are responsible for protecting against child abuse and neglect — in a safe and welcoming environment, and I thank our County departments for helping us make this possible.”

The following are plans for services:

- Medical Hub - Children will be walked to the campus’ cottages for special needs services evaluation.
- Mental health services will be provided to developmentally delayed clients and their families, as well as training and advocacy in conjunction with the local Regional Center.
- Pre-school for special needs children.
- Two dental suites at the Medical Hub for dental screenings and treatment.
- The YWCA of Greater Los Angeles and Job Corps training for careers in nursing, dentistry, and other health related fields.
- Universal pre-school on site.
- Green job technology training for Job Corps youths.
- A Culinary Institute.
- County Office of Education Head Start program to train future teachers and child care workers in child development careers.



“Through the Medical Hub partnership, DCFS ensures a child’s safety - including their physical, mental and emotional health - is given the highest priority. The addition of this new resource enhances our ability to ensure timely and quality medical care for all children in the child welfare system,” said DCFS Director Patricia Ploehn.

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