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Community Relations & Newsletter
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Community Resources

LA County COVID-19 Rent Relief Program

Beginning on August 17th, tenants in Los Angeles County may apply for rent relief by calling **2-1-1** or completing the online application on the rent relief page. Please visit their page for more information and frequently asked questions: <https://www.211la.org/lacounty/rentrelief>

Get Help with Food Expenses & Food Resources

The CalFresh program and the Women, Infants & Children program (WIC) can help individuals and families pay for food through an electronic benefit transfer (EBT) card, which works like a debit card. WIC also offers nutrition education, breastfeeding support, and referrals to healthcare and community services.

Apply for CalFresh: <https://www.getcalfresh.org/>

Apply for WIC: <https://www.phfewic.org/how-wic-works/apply-for-wic/>

LA County & City of Los Angeles Elder Nutrition Program

LA County and the City of Los Angeles are providing free meals to adults age 60 and older who are impacted by the COVID-19 crisis. Meals are provided at distribution sites or via home-delivered meals. View the map below for information about each site. Adults age 65 and older must send a family member, friend or caregiver who is under the age of 65 to pick up meals at their assigned site. Call **1-800-510-2020** to request services.

Los Angeles Regional Food Bank

Visit the following page to locate food bank locations: <https://www.lafoodbank.org/find-food/pantry-locator/>

Community Concerns:

These are concerns expressed via social media, Email sent directly to me or verbally expressed:

Fireworks

4th of July celebrations was over but we continue to have an issue with the fireworks. Many residents would like to see more enforcement and fines. Andrea Gordon, the Public Safety and Health Chairperson and Adriana Quinones are working on a community task force composed of residents, Sheriff and Fire Dept to discuss plans to minimize the use of fireworks.

Neighborhood Watch

For the remainder of the year, we are going to promote organization of neighborhood watch, block by block and soon have the block captains meet regularly to share their experience and recommendations. If any resident wants to start a neighborhood watch on their street, they can contact me via email: [Adriana quinones.HHIA@yahoo.com](mailto:Adriana_quinones.HHIA@yahoo.com)

Clean Air Coaliton (CAC) is still working on concerns expressed by residents of the following communities: Hacienda Heights, Avocado Heights, La Puente and North Whittier.

AQMD fined Quemetco \$600,000.00 for toxic emissions violations. DTSC and AQMD continue to process Quemetco's permit renewal and the company's application to increase production by 25%. CAC has been in contact with AQMD board members to make the aware of the pollution and how it affects the health of our children and community. Some policies need to change. The settlement for \$600,000 was not reviewed and approved by the board. The current policy allows for AQMD staff to make the settlement decisions and not present to the board. For more information, visit their page: <https://www.cleanaircoalition.org/index.html>

Hacienda La Puente Unified School District:

In November 2020, for the first time in history, we will have by-area trustee elections in the Hacienda-La Puente Unified School District and elections will occur in Valinda (Trustee Area 1) and parts of LP and HH (Trustee Area 3). The community was instrumental by participating in meetings with the board, LACOE. The school district filed a lawsuit against LACOE and Country Registrar, the case was lost, and they appealed the case. The courts ruled in favor of the majority of the community. See information on HLP Movement Facebook page:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/hlpmovement/?post_id=930990634007745

Aera Project - 02-109-(4)

We received great news Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning, the applicant, Aera Energy LLC, formally withdrew their project application. The agency has processed this withdrawal and closed the project case for all associated **entitlements**. This means that the Regional Planning Commission did not take an action at the August 12 public hearing since there is no longer a project. Please check out the link below for the Supplemental Memo to the Planning Commission, Applicant's Request for Withdrawal, and additional public comments received. <http://planning.lacounty.gov/case/view/02-109-4>

Community Events/Workshops/Town Halls/Roundtables Etc

Women and Girls Initiative--August 19 and 26

Los Angeles County Initiative on Women and Girls (WGI) will be hosting a virtual Townhall meeting on August 19 and 26 at 2:00 p.m. please visit their page: <https://lacounty.gov/wgi/>

College & Career Fair Slated for September 12

In partnership with Hacienda La Puente Unified School District and Boys & Girls Club of West San Gabriel Valley, I am proud to host the 57th Assembly District Annual College & Career Fair on Saturday, September 12, 2020. Due to the current pandemic, the event will take place virtually this year.

Colleges, universities, and career technical education programs admission requirements will be available on my website and admissions representations will be on available to answer questions virtually. Students and parents will have an opportunity to learn how to prepare and apply for college. Virtual workshops and information about SAT/ACT, community colleges, and DREAMer Resources will be provided

Please visit Majority Leader Ian Calderon's page at: <https://a57.asmdc.org/event/upcoming-event>

If you have any questions, would like to provide suggestions, please contact me at:
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Respectfully,

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