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WEST NILE VIRUS CHALLENGE!

Each year the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health hosts the “Champion for West Nile Virus Prevention Challenge”, a program to promote literature about the dangers of the common mosquito spreading the deadly West Nile Virus (WNV) that could kill! The challenge would keep the momentum going to keep residents aware of virus prevention within the community. I, Lucy Pedregon of Public Relations, was assigned to carry out the challenge. Two years ago, eighteen cities and neighborhoods participated in the Challenge and were recognized for their participation by Janice Hahn, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisor, 4th District. The Hacienda Heights Improvement Association was one of the unincorporated areas to be officially recognized for the WNV Challenge for doing out reach of spreading the health message and protecting residents from the endemic disease in the year 2018.

I am elated to announce for the year 2019, HHIA received recognition for the WNV and Prevention Challenge of the disease and because HHIA participated for the second year in a row receive “*Honorable Dedication to West Nile Prevention!*” On February 11, 2020 – Tuesday, participants gathered at the Hall of Administration Board Room to receive a “Los Angeles County Commendation” scroll from Hilda Solis, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisor, 1st District. May I also add that Hacienda Heights was the only unincorporated community that participated this past year in the WNV Challenge. It was an exciting moment for pictures, speeches and have Supervisor Hahn - 4th District, Lauren Yokomizo, Field Deputy cheer HHIA along with Caroline Gongora from the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control who did the Hacienda Heights community presentation. Thank you Supervisor Hahn, Lauren and Caroline for your support!