



SUPERVISOR MONICA BROWN NEWSLETTER

May 9, 2025



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Hands Off Travis!



A message from Congressman John Garamendi's Office:

It was a busy week! We learned this week that Donald Trump and the Department of Homeland Security have begun plans to create a mass immigration detention facility at an air force base in our district. Let me be clear: **Travis Air Force Base is absolutely inappropriate for an immigration detention facility.** It plays

a critical national security role, providing global transportation for personnel and material, especially in support of Ukraine.

We must push back against Trump's mass deportation plans before they compromise our national security.

Introduced the SHIPS Act to Revitalize Mare Island

America's dangerous maritime decline threatens our national security as international competition for trade, commerce and military power in the Pacific grows. To maintain our economic and military strength, America must rebuild its maritime industry. That's why I, alongside Sens. Mark Kelly (D-AZ) and Todd Young (R-IN), and Rep. Trent Kelly (R-MS), introduced the bipartisan, bicameral SHIPS for America Act.

The bill sets an ambitious national goal of expanding the U.S.-flagged international fleet by 250 ships over 10 years, promises to bring new high-skilled and high-paying jobs to Mare Island, and

invest in overdue infrastructure upgrades for the California Maritime Academy and a new Golden Bear multisession training ship.

As Rosie the Riveter said, “We can do it.” So, let’s get it done.”

For more information, click [here](#).

Seven Amendments Introduced

This week, my committees – the House Armed Services and Transportation and Infrastructure Committees – met to debate next year’s budget. House Republicans are trying to pump money into Trump and Hegseth’s military while slashing infrastructure funding for roads, bridges and highways - even in their own districts. These Republican budget proposals cut funding for essential services our communities need, **all to give tax cuts to billionaires**.

I was proud to introduce seven amendments to push back hard against the House Republicans’ budget plans. From fighting to shut down a \$150 billion military slush fund, to ending book bans in the military, to tackling water insecurity, these amendments hold the line on waste and overreach while standing up for accountability.

When will we finally admit that Republicans care more about billionaires than the working families they claim to represent?

Information this week

Attorney General Bonta Announces Fifth Edition of Disability Rights Handbook



From the office of California Attorney General Rob Bonta:

California Attorney General Rob Bonta, through the California Department of Justice’s Disability Rights Bureau, announced the release of the fifth edition of “Legal Rights of Persons with Disabilities,” a

publication that provides information regarding the rights of people with disabilities in California. This handbook summarizes state and federal laws that protect the rights of individuals with disabilities in many arenas, including in the workplace and in accessing facilities open to the public. The handbook covers disability rights and obligations in a variety of contexts including businesses and places of public accommodation, employment, housing, K-12 education, healthcare, voting, and telecommunications, with chapters released on an ongoing basis since January 2024.

“At California DOJ, we are committed to ensuring that all individuals have access to inclusive and respectful environments free from discrimination, including discrimination based on disability,” **said**

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Attorney General Bonta. "Nearly one quarter of adults in California have a disability, and with the latest edition of this handbook, we aim to provide valuable information on disability rights to support accessibility and full participation for all Californians in every aspect of daily life."

Californians with disabilities face widespread discrimination, segregation, and exclusion in many aspects of everyday life. California's disability rights laws are designed to provide protection from these harmful practices, but Californians are often unaware of the nature and scope of these complex laws. All chapters of the "Legal Rights of Persons with Disabilities" handbook are available at <https://oag.ca.gov/civil/disability-rights> including new and updated chapters on:

1. **Introduction to State and Federal Disability Rights Laws:** This chapter provides an overview of major California state and federal laws that protect the rights of people with disabilities.
1. **Access to Businesses and Other Public Accommodations for People with Disabilities:** This chapter discusses California and federal laws that prohibit disability-based discrimination in business establishments and other public accommodations. It also describes an individual's options when they have experienced disability-based discrimination in business establishments and other public accommodations.
2. **Access to Healthcare for People with Disabilities:** This chapter describes the state and federal laws that protect the rights of people with disabilities to access healthcare services, including hospitals and other facilities, services, insurance plans, and information offered by doctors' offices and other medical providers. It also describes an individual's options when they have experienced disability-based discrimination in healthcare services.
3. **Disability Rights in Employment:** This chapter discusses major California and federal laws that protect people with disabilities from discrimination, harassment, and retaliation in employment. It also describes an individual's options when they have experienced discrimination in employment because of their disability.
4. **Disability Rights in Housing:** This chapter discusses California and federal laws that protect persons with disabilities from public and private housing discrimination. It also describes options when persons with disabilities have experienced discrimination in housing because of their disability.
5. **Disability Rights in K-12 Education:** This chapter discusses the rights of students with disabilities in pre-school, primary, and secondary education under California state and federal law.
6. **Access to Voting for People with Disabilities:** This chapter discusses access to polling places and the voting process under federal and state election laws. Additionally,

this chapter describes an individual's options when they have experienced discrimination because of their disability while registering to vote or voting.

7. **Access to Public and Private Buildings and Facilities for People with Disabilities:** This chapter provides an overview of state and federal laws that set requirements for physical accessibility of both public and private buildings and facilities. In addition, this chapter provides information regarding options for individuals who have experienced discrimination regarding physical accessibility.
8. **Access to Telecommunications for People with Disabilities:** Telecommunications services are services that allow people to communicate through cable, radio, television, satellite, or wire equipment and include a variety of services like telephone and text message services. This chapter details state and federal laws regarding telecommunication services ensuring that people with disabilities have equal access to said service. It also provides information if there are concerns about accessibility of a product or service.
9. **Benefits and Services for People with Disabilities:** This chapter highlights state and federal benefits, programs, and services that are designed to assist people with disabilities.
10. **Service Animals:** This chapter discusses the rights of people with disabilities to use service animals and emotional support animals under both federal and California laws. This chapter also provides the various complaint options people have when their rights regarding service or emotional support animals have been violated.

Attorney General Bonta is committed to supporting the rights of Californians with disabilities and enforcing state laws that protect people from discrimination. He has [supported an update](#) to the Americans with Disabilities Act's (ADA) Title II regulations concerning accessibility of web information and services of state and local government entities, [defended access to housing](#) for persons with disabilities, and [recommended revisions](#) to strengthen and protect the rights of students with disabilities under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. This handbook demonstrates the Attorney General's ongoing commitment to enforcing these laws and ensuring that all Californians are protected from discrimination.

For more information about the Disability Rights Bureau, visit our webpage at <https://oag.ca.gov/civil/disability-rights>.

Eastbound and Westbound- I-80 Fairfield



From a Caltrans press release:

Caltrans and its transportation partner, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) will be testing signage for the new I-80 Solano Express Lanes. The signs are located on

eastbound and westbound I-80 between Red Top Road and Manuel Campos Parkway in Fairfield.

During testing, the signs will be illuminated with test messaging. The signage testing will occur starting Friday, May 9 until tentatively late summer 2025. Motorists will see test messaging on the signs each day beginning at 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM, Mondays-Fridays. Motorists will NOT be charged to use the new far-left traffic lanes on I-80 in Fairfield and Vacaville during this testing phase. They will continue to be allowed to use the far-left traffic lanes on eastbound and westbound I-80 in Fairfield and Vacaville as a temporary car-pool lane during commute hours and use those same lanes as a traffic lane with no restrictions during non-commute hours.

After the testing phase is completed, sometime in late 2025, the signs will be activated and motorists using the new express lanes, the far-left traffic lane, will be charged based on Express Lane charging criteria.

For additional information, click [here](#).

56-Hour Closures scheduled to begin in March for Rio Vista Bridge



From a Caltrans press release:

Caltrans is advising motorists of six scheduled weekend closures of the Rio Vista Bridge (Helen Madere Memorial Bridge) on State Route 12

(SR 12) for ongoing repairs.

This \$27.2 million project is funded through the Bridge Rehabilitation and Replacement Program and will require multiple 56-hour weekend closures for the work to be completed because of the limited width of the bridge to allow for heavy equipment access.

The project is making necessary mechanical repairs, replacing the movable deck span and replacing bridge rails.

During the weekend closures that are scheduled between March and June, the contractor will replace the movable span bridge deck concrete, and 60 steel stringers needed to extend the service life of the bridge.

Due to the limited width of the existing bridge deck, 56-hour weekend bridge closures are necessary to facilitate safe access to the work for contractor and Caltrans personnel.

The 56-hour weekend bridge closure schedule will lessen total project workdays and help avoid the wait times at peak commute hours during the week.

Motorists could encounter additional travel times of up to two hours using detours from Rio Vista to Sacramento County on SR 12 across the Sacramento River. Please allow for extra travel time to reach your destination, especially for scheduled appointments and work schedules.

CLOSURE DATES:

- 9 p.m. Friday 5/09 - 5 a.m. Monday 5/12
- 9 p.m. Friday 6/06 - 5 a.m. Monday 6/09
- 9 p.m. Friday 6/20 - 5 a.m. Monday 6/23

Schedules are subject to change due to weather conditions, equipment or material availability, or other unexpected events.

Caltrans District 3 is responsible for maintaining and operating 4,385 lane miles in 11 Sacramento Valley and Northern Sierra counties. Caltrans reminds motorists to “Be Work Zone Alert” and slow in construction zones for the safety of travelers and crews performing these improvements.

Interstate 80 Scheduled for Multiple Closures in Yolo County

From a Caltrans press release:

Caltrans is alerting motorists of an upcoming extended connector and on-ramp closure for the ongoing Yolo Interstate 80 (I-80) and U.S. Highway 50 (US-50) Pavement Rehabilitation Project.

The mainline between I-80/US-50 connector ramp to Reed Avenue will be reduced to two lanes after the end of a 55-hour closure from May 12 through May 21.

Construction work will include a full closure of eastbound (EB) I-80 after crossing the EB I-80 Yolo Causeway from Davis going towards Reed Avenue in West Sacramento. Caltrans urges motorists to plan for additional travel time, to expect delays and use the designated detour route. (see maps)

Ongoing pavement replacement and striping work will continue for the EB direction of I-80 and US 50 in West Sacramento.

SCHEDULED CLOSURE #1:

- Eastbound (EB) I-80 connector ramp to EB Reed Avenue, westbound (WB) US50 connector ramp to EB I-80, Enterprise on-ramp to EB I-80 and EB I-80 to Reed Avenue off-ramp
 - **55-hour full closure** - From 9 p.m. Friday, May 9 through 4 a.m. Monday, May 12

- **Nightly full closures** - From 9 p.m. to 4 a.m.
Monday, 5/12 to Sunday, 5/18 and 11 p.m. – 4 a.m.
Monday, May 19 to Wednesday, May 21

DETOUR:

- EB I-80 traffic will be detoured to EB US-50 to Sacramento over the Sacramento River to northbound I-5 to Redding (EXIT 4A), to east I-80 to Reno (EXIT 522).
- From WB US-50, take the Enterprise Boulevard off-ramp (EXIT 81) and stay left, continue onto Enterprise to Industrial Avenue (left turn at light) continue Industrial to Harbor Boulevard (left at light) for EB US-50 to Sacramento (EXIT 82), continue over Sacramento River to northbound I-5 to Redding (EXIT 4A), to eastbound I-80 to Reno (EXIT 522).

SCHEDULED CLOSURE #2:

- Reed Avenue loop on-ramp to EB I-80 closed
- **72-hour full closure** from 5 a.m. Monday, May 12 through 5 a.m. Thursday, May 21

DETOUR FOR CLOSURE #2:

- From Reed Avenue, continue west on Reed, (left turn at signal) take westbound I-80 to the San Francisco on-ramp, to EB US-50 to Sacramento (EXIT 82), continue over the Sacramento River to northbound I-5 to Redding (EXIT 4A), to east I-80 to Reno (EXIT 522).

The work zone is from the Yolo Causeway through West Sacramento on I-80 and US 50. The speed limit has been reduced to 55 miles per hour 24/7 for the safety of workers and motorists. Work is scheduled to begin as listed but subject to change due to traffic incidents, weather conditions, availability of equipment and/or materials, and construction-related issues.

The extended lane closures will help to minimize the duration of the work and improve workers' safety.

This \$280 million project includes \$47 million from Senate Bill (SB 1), the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017. SB 1 provides \$5 billion in transportation funding annually, shared equally between state and local agencies. Road projects progress through construction phases more quickly based on the availability of SB 1 funds, including projects partially funded by SB 1.

To view the latest news and information on state and federal infrastructure investments, visit RebuildingCA.ca.gov, which contains data on state and federal funding.

Air District Soliciting Applications for Community Advisory Council Seats

The Air District is soliciting applications for thirteen seats on its Community Advisory Council (CAC). The thirteen open seats represent: Alameda County, Contra Costa County, San Francisco County, San Mateo County, Santa Clara County, and Solano County, as well as at-large and youth seats.



In November 2021, the Board of Directors approved the formation of the Air District's inaugural CAC, consisting of 17 community members from across the Bay Area. The Board created the CAC in response to community input and to support an equity-forward policy agenda. The CAC provides guidance to the Board of Directors on programs and policies that impact all communities, including overburdened communities.

The CAC reflects the diversity of the Bay Area and lived experiences in communities heavily impacted by air pollution. The CAC is composed of individuals with diverse skill sets and a range of relevant knowledge and technical expertise. This includes, but is not limited to, individuals who reflect the diverse demographics of the Bay Area and/or have been or are impacted by air pollution, as well as individuals who utilize community-centered approaches and have expertise and knowledge on air quality issues.

The CAC meets bi-monthly in person and members are expected to:

- Review materials for CAC meetings and participate during the meetings;
- Attend required trainings;
- Join at least one ad hoc committee every year, except CAC leadership;
- Perform all other duties as prescribed by the Charter, including following Civility expectations.

Council Members are compensated \$500 for attending the bi-monthly CAC meetings and \$75 per hour for other meetings.

First time applicants, please complete this [application](#) ([Arabic](#), [Chinese](#), [Spanish](#), [Tagalog](#), and [Vietnamese](#)). Current CAC members interested in reapplying, please contact CAC staff.

For more information on the work of the CAC, selection criteria and background documents, visit the [CAC web page](#).

For questions, please contact the Air District at communityadvisorycouncil@baaqmd.gov. The application closes on June 1, at midnight

Integrated Action Civics Project

Integrated Action Civics Project

Summer Institute - June 23-27



Join us for this 5 day summer institute. Learn how to empower students by integrating lenses and strategies of change-making throughout the study of your history, Ethnic Studies or other course content.

Day 1 Introduction: [Integrated Action Civics Project](#) Envisioning Justice

Day 2 Student Self-reflection: Exploring Worldview, Connection to Local History

Day 3 Problem Analysis & Power analysis

Day 4 Stake & Rights-holders Analysis

Day 5 Building Awareness and Taking Action

AM Sessions: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm (PDT): Strategies & Lessons
PM Sessions: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm: Facilitated planning time

Learn more and register
bit.ly/iacp-institute-info



\$300 Registration Fee
\$250/person - Groups of 4 +

For more information, and/or to apply, click [here](#).

Proposed BAIFA Toll Ordinance Amendment 2025



The Bay Area Infrastructure Financing Authority (BAIFA) is proposing changes to the existing Toll Facility Ordinance to support the opening of new

Express Lanes on Interstate 80 (I-80) in Solano County and to update selected policies for all BAIFA Express Lanes in the Bay Area.

Proposed Toll Ordinance Changes in 2025

The proposed changes will allow BAIFA to apply its toll policy to the new Interstate 80 (I-80) Express Lanes in Solano County, which are scheduled to open in Fall 2025, and make other updates to the

policies for all Express Lanes. The changes to the toll ordinance will allow BAIFA to:

1. Include the new Solano County I-80 Express Lanes in BAIFA's toll policies
2. Have more flexibility for Express Lanes pilot projects, including the allowed timeframe and parameters for pilot projects
3. Increase the minimum toll per zone from \$0.50 to \$0.75 for all BAIFA Express Lanes
4. Clarify that the Clean Air Vehicle (CAV) discount will end in September 2025 (unless federal law changes before the current expiration date)
5. Adjust the boundaries of the toll zones on southbound Interstate 680 (I-680) to reflect the gap closure between BAIFA's and Alameda County Transportation Commission's (CTC's) Express Lanes on I-680

For more information, click [here](#).

Public meetings

Student Loan Repayment Webinar

Behavioral Health leaders and workforce partners can learn how they can support their workforce through the [Medi-Cal Behavioral Health Student Loan Repayment Program \(MBH-SLRP\)](#), which offers up to \$240,000 in educational loan repayment for behavioral health professionals.

Application opens July 1, 2025.

Webinar info: Tuesday, May 13, 3 to 4:30 p.m.

[Register Here](#)

Topics:

- How individuals within your organization or network could receive up to \$240,000 in educational loan repayment
- What service obligations are required
- Where service obligations can be completed and if your organization may qualify as one of these settings
- Which behavioral health professions qualify

The California Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI) is offering this repayment program as part of the Behavioral Health Community-Based Organized Networks of Equitable Care and Treatment (BH-CONNECT) Workforce Initiative.

CARE Community Briefing Immigration Detention Facilities Report



From the office of California Attorney General Rob Bonta:

The [Office of Community Awareness, Response and Engagement \(CARE\)](#) invites you to join us for our next CARE Community Briefing. We are pleased to present a CARE Community Briefing on the

recently released Immigration Detention Facilities Report on **Thursday, May 22, 3 to 4 p.m., virtual presentation.**

To register, click [here](#).

This virtual community briefing will share highlights and findings from California Department of Justice's 2025 [Immigration Detention Facilities Report](#). The report provides members of the public and policymakers with a comprehensive review of the conditions of immigration detention facilities in California with a particular focus on mental health.

CARE Community Briefings are public virtual webinars to share information about CA DOJ reports and resources.

Please contact care@doj.ca.gov for any questions about this virtual presentation.

GVRD seeks public input

A poster for the Greater Valley Recreation District (GVRD) Budget Process. It features a microphone in the foreground and a blurred background of people. The text includes the GVRD logo, the title 'BUDGET PROCESS Fiscal Year 2025-2026', and 'PUBLIC OUTREACH'. It lists ways to participate, such as scanning a QR code, and provides contact information: 707-648-4600 and www.gvrd.org. The event is scheduled for Thursday, May 22, 2025, at 6:30pm in the GVRD Boardroom, 401 Armador Street, Vallejo, CA.

BUDGET PROCESS
Fiscal Year 2025-2026
PUBLIC OUTREACH

Other ways to participate:

- Scan or click the QR code to provide input.
- Additional board meeting dates posted on our website.

6:30pm
Thursday, May 22, 2025
GVRD Boardroom
401 Armador Street, Vallejo, CA

707-648-4600 www.gvrd.org

Community Corner

Community Baby Shower



The Vallejo First 5 Center is thrilled to invite you to the Baby Blossoms Community Baby Shower.

This free, family-friendly event is perfect for expecting Solano County families, those planning to grow their families, or those with young babies.

Join us for a morning of celebration, support, and valuable information—including wellness presentations, lactation support, and insights from Black Infant Health. Enjoy expert talks on baby milestones, infant massage workshops, and nutrition guidance from a certified nutritionist.

Every family will receive a goody bag and a month's supply of diapers, plus chances to win amazing raffle prizes like a bassinet, stroller, and car seat.

A light breakfast will be served, and local early childhood providers will be on hand with resources and support. Don't miss it—RSVP today by calling (707) 784-1240.

Summer reading challenge



The Solano County Library will host a Summer Reading Challenge from June 1 to July 31.

Beginning June 1, stop by your local library to sign up and pick up an activity sheet or [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER ONLINE](#)

How It Works:

Readers: Track reading minutes on an activity sheet.

Non-readers: Track fun activities on an activity sheet.

Prizes:

Children: Sticker and pencil at registration; prize book, certificate, and Sacramento River Cats ticket after completing the activity sheet.

Teens: Prize book and Sacramento River Cats ticket after completing the activity sheet. *Teens will be able to select an in-stock book of their choice from Amazon with a \$15 max limit.*

Adults: Bendable book light and Sacramento River Cats ticket after completing the activity sheet.

Extras:

Automatic entry into weekly drawings for San Francisco Giants and ferry passes.

Prizes must be picked up at a Solano County Library branch (no mail delivery).

Book prizes provided by the Friends Groups of Solano County Library

Solano County to Celebrate Bike to Wherever Days in May



The Solano Transportation Authority invites Solano County to join the Bay Area in celebrating Bike to Wherever Days this May. Pledge to ride and sign up for the collective 30,000-mile Bay Area Bike Challenge celebrating 31 years of Bike to Workday to win prizes. This year, Solano Mobility's Employer Commuter

Program is partnering with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), 511, and Amazon to feature:

The 31st Annual Bike to Workday on May 15

The Bay Area Bike to Workday (BTWD) began in 1994 as a celebration of bicycles as a fun and healthy way to get to work, as well as an opportunity for those who don't usually bike commute to try it out. After 2020, as fewer people were biking to work during the pandemic, the event expanded into Bike to Wherever Days for the whole month of May, encouraging riders to choose their bicycle for more of their transportation needs. Now, Bay Area Bike to Wherever Days and Bike to Workday reflect the new hybrid model of work and life. May is also a time to advocate for improved bicycle infrastructure and safety across the region.

During the month of May, no matter where you need to go, you're encouraged to bike to run errands, visit friends and family, ride recreationally, and commute to work or school. Commit to riding by signing the Pledge and show off your pride by taking the Bay Area Bike Challenge. Be sure to come out to one of the events on Bay Area Bike to Workday on Thursday, May 15, to celebrate bicycling and to get your 2025 BTWD commemorative bag. Everyone on two wheels is welcome.

Visit <https://solanomobility.org/btwd2025/> for more information.

John F. Kennedy Library events in May



The John F. Kennedy Library events for May can be found [here](#).

\$5/bag sale at Benicia Library

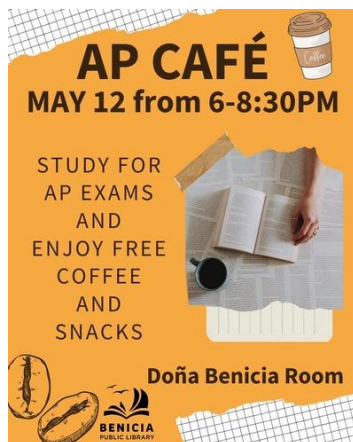


It is almost time for the \$5/Bag Sale - this **Saturday, May 10, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Lower Level of Benicia Public Library, 150 East L Street.**

The Friends of the Benicia Library provide the bags, and you fill them from a sorted

selection of 50,000+ books, DVDs, CDs, vinyl and puzzles. Bag Sale does NOT include items from the Premium Section. Cash, check and credit accepted. Dealers welcome. Come shop and support the library!

AP Cafe



The Benicia Public Library is located at 150 East L Street.

Matter of Mind: My Alzheimer's



Teen snack and study session



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TEEN SNACK & STUDY SESSION

Chill out at the library while you study for finals.



Teens are invited to come to the Fairfield Civic Center Library to study for their finals and enjoy some yummy snacks.

SATURDAY, MAY 17

12:30PM - 4:30PM

FAIRFIELD CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY

For more information visit solanolib.org/events

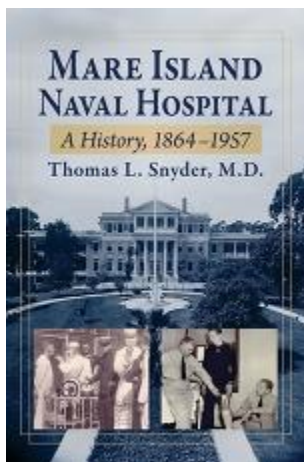
The Fairfield Civic Center Library is located at 1150 Kentucky Street.

Speaker Series: Dr. Tom Snyder – Mare Island Naval Hospital (1864–1957)

The Mare Island Historic Park Foundation's Speaker Series continues on **Saturday, May 17 at 3 p.m.** with author Dr. Tom Snyder, who wrote *Mare Island Naval Hospital (1864–1957)*.

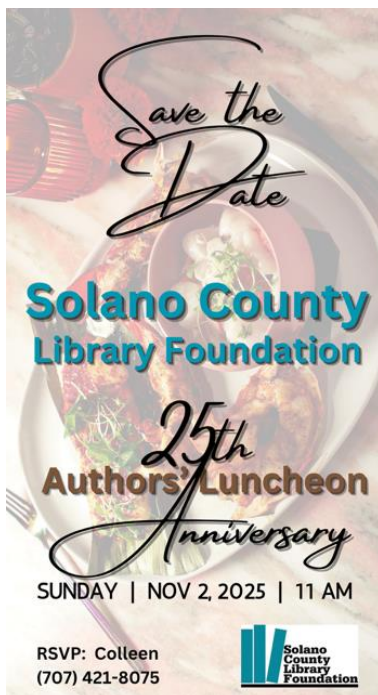
Dr. Tom Snyder is a retired Navy Captain, and urological surgeon. Dive into the fascinating history of the Navy's first West Coast hospital—from its Civil War roots to its pivotal role in WWII and beyond.

The event will take place at St. Peter's Chapel, 1181 Walnut Avenue on Mare Island in the city of Vallejo. Tickets are \$15 advance and \$20 at the door. Special member pricing available. Members, email admin@mihpf.org for your exclusive discount code before purchasing!



For more information, click [here](#).

Save the date for special Authors Luncheon



For more information, click [here](#).

Benicia library and Kanopy

Cozy up, fam! Browse and stream Benicia Public Library's collection of movies, TV shows, and documentaries on Kanopy – all subscription free with your library card. Get started here: <https://www.kanopy.com/en/benicia/>



SolTrans PAC openings



SolTrans, the public transportation agency serving Benicia and Vallejo, is seeking three Benicia members for its Public Advisory Committee (PAC). The PAC consists of nine members of the public with demonstrated expertise or a special interest in transit issues, who reside within the boundaries of the agencies they represent. Each Member Agency (the City of Benicia, the Solano Transportation Authority, and the City of Vallejo) appoints three public members to serve on this committee.

The PAC meets quarterly or as needed and provides input to the SolTrans Board on service and fare adjustments, short-range transit plans, and SolTrans' annual work plan.

Email completed applications to Kristine Peterson at kpeterson@ci.benicia.ca.us

If you have any problems accessing, completing, or printing the application online, please call the City Clerk's Office at (707) 746-4200 or email Kristine Peterson and an application will be sent to you.

For more information, click [here](#).

Mermaid University



This fun, instructor-led class will teach you to swim with a mono-fin and tail elegantly through the water. Learn the skills and techniques to maneuver beneath the water like a mermaid. Participants must pass our swim test to be able to continue with the course.

The course will run from June 8 to June 29, at Allan Witt Park, 1741 W Texas Street in downtown Fairfield. To enroll, click [here](#).

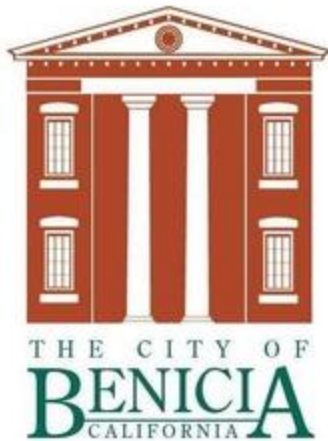
Updates from around Solano County

New Solano County website



Coming Summer 2025, Solano County is launching a new website. Keep up to date for the latest news and upcoming launch date.

Benicia Residential Questionnaire for Business Development



Do you live in Benicia and care about the future of our downtown? If so, the city wants to hear from you!

What do you love most about Downtown Benicia?

What could make it even better?

The Economic Development Division is conducting a brief 2-minute resident questionnaire to gather your feedback. Your insights will directly help the city prioritize projects and initiatives that support our local businesses, improve public spaces, and ensure a vibrant,

welcoming downtown.

[Take the questionnaire](#) by May 31.

Benicia Veterans Hall cleanup



From Gary Ritchie, American Legion Post 101 Commander, Benicia Veterans Memorial Hall:

To all who showed up to help with cleaning around the building, a **"BIG THANK YOU"** from everyone on the House Commission and manager.

Thank you, Scouts, for coming out Friday night and working, great job starting the weekend.

Thank you, Tim, for getting the material for the signpost, and Mic, Pete, Gary S., Mark for getting it up in place.

Thank you, Erick, Shawn Brazil, Jeffrey Rotter, Kristine & Dave Passalacqua, Lionel Largaespada, and everyone else I didn't get a chance to thank, or don't remember their names.

Special thanks to Jennie and Matt for helping out early getting things setup and going all day long.

Everyone thank you!!!

New website expands access to aging and disability support across Napa and Solano Counties



From a Napa-Solano Area Agency on Aging press release:

Designed to connect Napa and Solano counties' older and disabled adults with resources that support their health, independence and well-being, a new website—www.aaans.org—is now live. The Napa/Solano Area Agency on Aging (N/S AAA) manages the new, highly accessible website.

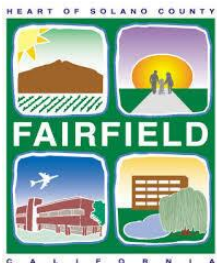
Launched in conjunction with [Older Americans Month](#), the website reflects the agency's mission to help people navigate their next chapter with confidence. At the center of the platform are the dedicated [Napa](#) and [Solano County Resource](#) pages, providing user-friendly directories of free services ranging from healthcare counseling to transportation, caregiver respite to legal counsel and housing to community-building activities. For those still warming up to online tools, the site offers downloadable resource guides in English and Spanish, along with the option to speak directly with a staff member for personalized support.

"In a time when digital inclusion is more important than ever, we're proud to offer this online resource," says Elaine Clark, director of the N/S AAA. "No one should miss out on services because of complexity or confusion. We're here to change that."

Spreading awareness of this website is especially critical in Solano County, where the rapid growth of the older adult population is making aging more difficult to afford. The N/S AAA is launching a robust, three-month outreach campaign to ensure the growing community knows where to turn for support. Through digital ads, printed materials, direct mailers, local magazine placements and social media outreach, the agency aims to drive residents to the website where they can explore the full range of available services.

The N/S AAA provides leadership in addressing issues related to older and disabled adults, develops community-based systems of care and promotes citizen involvement in the planning and delivery of services. With key insights into the community, a vast network of service providers and a commitment to advocating for overlooked populations, the agency is a trusted partner of Napa and Solano counties' nearly 200,000 older and disabled adults. Learn more at www.aaans.org.

Fairfield seeks applicants for Planning Commission



The city of Fairfield is currently accepting applications to fill one seat on the Planning Commission. This is a four-year term beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2029.

The Planning Commission plays a vital role in reviewing development projects throughout the city—ranging from residential neighborhoods to commercial and industrial buildings.

Commissioners ensure that each proposal aligns with Fairfield's General Plan and Zoning Ordinance while considering environmental impact, infrastructure capacity, visual design, and site layout.

The commission meets twice a month, on the second and fourth Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Harry T. Price Council Chamber.

In addition to project review, the commission helps shape Fairfield's future by recommending long-range development plans that guide the city's growth for the next 20 to 30 years.

Applications must be submitted by 5 p.m. on Friday, June 13.

You can pick up an application in person at the City Clerk's Office, located on the 4th floor of Fairfield City Hall, 1000 Webster Street. You can also download the application [here](#) or request one by contacting Deputy City Clerk Esther Beavers at (707) 428-7402 or cityclerk@fairfield.ca.gov.

Completed applications may be submitted by mail, email, or delivered in person. Please note: the city is not responsible for lost or misdirected applications.

FSUSD students shine at California State Spelling Bee

The Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District is pleased to recognize the achievements of three outstanding students who advanced to the third round of the California State Spelling Bee on Saturday, April 26, at The Great Wolf Lodge. Sixth graders Sadia Hennous from the Virtual Academy of Fairfield-Suisun and Kayla Wu from Green Valley Middle School, along with seventh grader Gwen Sabio from the Virtual Academy, showcased exceptional spelling skills and represented the district with pride and poise.

"We are incredibly proud of Sadia, Kayla, and Gwen for their accomplishments," said Colleen Hutchinson, principal of the Virtual Academy in Fairfield-Suisun Unified. "Their dedication, focus, and

love of learning were so evident throughout the competition. They represented our schools and community beautifully."

The excitement was palpable as talented students from 28 counties gathered for a day full of impressive performances. The morning competition featured 47 fourth, fifth, and sixth graders, each bringing their A-game to the stage. Sadia and Kayla stood out for their focus and determination as they moved confidently into the third round.

In the afternoon, another 47 students from the seventh, eighth, and ninth grades took the stage. Gwen Sabio demonstrated poise and perseverance under pressure as she too advanced to the third round, a remarkable accomplishment in a challenging field of competitors.

"We are thrilled to celebrate the achievement of these students for advancing in such a competitive statewide event," said FSUSD Superintendent Jennifer Sachs. "Their passion for learning and commitment to excellence is an inspiration to our entire school community."

Congratulations to all three students on their outstanding performances!

2025 Solano County Fair Entertainment Listing



The entertainment listing for the 2025 Solano County Fair can be viewed [here](#).

Summer Nights, Live Vibes



The city of Fairfield is excited to announce the return of the Fairfield Summer Music Series, kicking off Friday, June 6, and running through September 5. The free concert series will feature live music, food trucks, and family fun at parks throughout the city on select **Friday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m.**

This year's opening concert features local favorite 2nd Planet at Vintage Green Valley Park. Guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, blankets, and the whole family to enjoy an evening of great music in a relaxed outdoor setting.

2025 Summer Music Series Lineup:

- June 6 – *Vintage Green Valley Park* – 2nd Planet
- June 20 – *Rolling Hills Park* – Papa Joe and the New Deal
- July 18 – *Veterans Park* – Git With It
- August 1 – *Lee Bell Park* – Los Cochinos
- August 15 – *Woodcreek Park* – Top Shelf Classics
- September 5 – *Gary Falati Park* – Hey Jude

Each concert will feature live musical performances and food available for purchase from local food trucks. Admission is free and open to all ages.

Mark your calendars, gather your friends, and come out to celebrate summer with music in Fairfield's beautiful neighborhood parks.

For the full schedule and more information, click [here](https://www.fairfield.ca.gov/music).

Solano County celebrates May is Mental Health Month 2025 with several free community events



The Solano County Department of Health and Social Services, Behavioral Health division, is recognizing May 2025 as Mental Health Month, a time to raise awareness about mental wellness, build community support, and

connect residents to valuable resources. This year's theme, "Navigating Mental Health Together," focuses on promoting healing through shared experiences.

"Too many people suffer in silence and face mental health challenges alone", said Eugene Durrah, Mental Health Services Manager over the Behavioral Health Services Act, or Prop1, in Solano County Behavioral Health. "This May, we invite all Solano County residents to come together, connect, and navigate mental health as a community."

Throughout May, Solano County Behavioral Health invites the community to participate in a variety of free events aimed at promoting mental health, including:

Podcast Launch - Tune in for inspiring personal mental health stories shared by Solano residents. **The Solano Connex Podcast, Thursday, May 15, 22, and 29, starting at 12 p.m.** Listen on Spotify @SolanoConnex.

Generations of Strength Summit - Attend this special event to explore the impact of generational trauma on **Wednesday, May 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., located at 601 Texas Street in Fairfield.** Register by emailing TStacy@ChoiceInAging.org.

Crescent Moon Center – Join us for a mindfulness and wellness morning with healing activities and mental health resources on **Saturday, May 17 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at 3521 Grizzly Island Road in Suisun City.**

Healing Through Stories – Come together with community members sharing personal journeys of resilience and recovery in a safe, supportive space on **Thursday, May 22 from 2 to 3 p.m., located at 505 Santa Clara Street in Vallejo.**

Inside Out 2 – Join us for a free screening of Inside Out 2 followed by a family friendly mental health discussion on **Thursday, May 29 from 5:15 to 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 4:45 p.m., located at 601 Texas Street in Fairfield.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION For more information for on any of these events, please contact wru@solanocounty.gov or visit our event page: [Solano County - Awareness Events](#).

ABOUT SOLANO COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Solano County Behavioral Health assists over 6,000 children, youth and adults each year who are experiencing a psychiatric crisis, addiction, or who have significant mental and emotional disabilities. [Visit our website](#) and on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#) (@SolanoCountyBH)

Annual Yard Waste & Weed Abatement clean-up



The Benicia Fire Department, Public Works Department, and Republic Services are hosting the annual Citywide Yard Waste and Weed Abatement Clean-up Program.

This free annual program is for Benicia residents who need to clear their property of weeds and other vegetation. Only green waste/vegetation will be accepted at this event, excluding palm fronds. Tree branch cuttings shall be limited to 4 inches in diameter.

This event is open to Benicia residents only and is intended for use by homeowners. Proof of residency will be required to gain entry. No commercial dumping will be allowed.

The clean-up will take place on Saturday, May 31 and Sunday, June 1, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Benicia Corporation Yard – 2400 East Second Street

If you have any questions, please contact the Benicia Fire Department at 707-746-4275.

Solano Comprehensive Transportation Plan



The Solano Transportation Authority invites Solano County residents and commuters to participate in an important survey that will gather community input to identify needs, challenges, and potential transportation improvements.

The Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) is the primary long-range planning document for Solano County designed to create a safe, equitable, and sustainable multi-modal transportation system that meets the diverse mobility needs and sustainability goals of our communities. The plan will serve as a roadmap for the Solano Transportation Authority to guide transportation investments over the next 30 years, including active transportation (walking and biking), roadways and highways, public transit, equity, and land use.

A key element of updating the CTP is collaborating with members of the public to create a shared vision for a transportation system that is safe, equitable, sustainable, and meets the needs of Solano residents. Your input will play a crucial role in shaping transportation decisions in Solano County for the next 30 years.

To take the survey online, click [here](#). Survey participants may be eligible to receive a reward.

Lunch Buddies Bistro (Congregate Meal program)



Enhancing the health and well-being of Solano County Older Adults through nourishing meals, connection, and community engagement.

new & EXCITING
CONGREGATE MEALS PROGRAM

Come for nutritious meals, friendship, and fun!

- Yummy lunches, completely re-imagined with YOU in mind!
- Engaging conversation and social opportunities
- Guest speakers—Help us choose the topics!

Voluntary contributions are accepted, but not required. Come as often as you like!

Meal Reservations are Required two days in advance.

To make a meal reservation, you can:

- Go to one of the sites from 11-1 pm
- Call or text (707) 684-4376
- Email info@innovativehealths.com

Visit our website for more information:
innovativehealths.com/congregate-meals-program

LOCATIONS & HOURS

BENICIA SENIOR CENTER
1201 E 2nd St., Benicia
Mon-Fri | Lunch @ 11:30 AM

FAIRFIELD ADULT RECREATION CENTER
1200 Civic Center Dr., Fairfield
Mon-Thur | Lunch @ 11:30 AM

FLORENCE DOUGLAS CENTER
333 Amador, Vallejo
Mon-Fri | Lunch @ 11:30 AM

MCBRIDE SENIOR CENTER
91 Town Square, Vacaville
Mon-Fri | Lunch @ 11:30 AM

RIO VISTA SENIOR CENTER
25 Main St., Rio Vista
Mon-Fri | Lunch @ 11:50 AM

JOSEPH NELSON COMMUNITY CENTER
611 Dr., Suisun
Mon-Fri | Lunch @ 11:30 AM

GERION SENIOR MULTI-USE CENTER
201 S 5th St., Dixon
Tues & Thur | Lunch @ 11:30 AM

To view the May menu, click [here](#).

To reserve a warm meal at any of the seven (7) sites, clients can:

1. Call or text: 707 | 684-4376
2. Email the general email: info@innovativehealths.com
3. Go to one of the sites and reserve onsite with an IHS site host

Reservations are required at least two (2) days in advance. If you have a large group (4+) attending, please give at least one (1) week notice.

Spring 2025 Vaccine Clinics Hosted by Solano Public Health

FREE VACCINES IN SOLANO, CA
First come, first served. While supplies last.

*Eligibility requirements may apply.

Date	Time	Location	Vaccines
Thursday, March 27, 2025	4:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Grange Middle School (Gymnasium) 1975 Blossom Ave, Fairfield, CA 94533	Flu 6 months+ Tdap* 10 years+ COVID-19* 6 months+
Thursday, April 24, 2025	4:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Grange Middle School (Gymnasium) 1975 Blossom Ave, Fairfield, CA 94533	Flu 6 months+ Tdap* 10 years+ COVID-19* 6 months+
Thursday, May 15, 2025	4:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Grange Middle School (Gymnasium) 1975 Blossom Ave, Fairfield, CA 94533	Flu 6 months+ Tdap* 10 years+ COVID-19* 6 months+
Thursday, May 22, 2025	2:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Solano County Health & Social Services Multipurpose Room 2101 Courage Dr, Fairfield, CA 94533	Kindergarten Vaccines* Flu 6 months+ Tdap* 10 years+ COVID-19* 6 months+
Thursday, May 29, 2025	2:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Solano County Public Health Multipurpose Room 2109 355 Tuolumne St, 2nd Floor Vallejo, CA 94590	Kindergarten Vaccines* Flu 6 months+ Tdap* 10 years+ COVID-19* 6 months+

Solano County Public Health | <https://www.solanopublichealth.com> | Facebook: @Solano Public Health

These free events target low-income and/or uninsured residents in Solano County. Now is the time for families to get their students vaccines required for school. Flu levels are still high! It's not too late – everyone 6 months and older should get the updated flu vaccine to prevent serious illness and hospitalization.

May calendar at the Benicia Veterans Memorial Hall



The May calendar of events for Benicia Veterans Memorial Hall, can be found [here](#).

The Benicia Veterans Memorial Hall is located at 1150 1st Street in downtown Benicia.

Upcoming events in Solano County

Maykers Market



The city of Fairfield continues to support the local and small businesses by bringing the community together with a spring edition of Maykers Market - Mother's Day Special Edition.

Come join on May 10, from 12 to 5 p.m. in Downtown Fairfield! This event will showcase downtown businesses and feature a vendor market pop-up with local artisans, crafts, baked goods, and more!

Contact vendors.fairfieldsuisun@gmail.com for more information.

Vacaville Multicultural Festival



From the city of Vacaville:

In partnership with Downtown Vacaville, the city of Vacaville Parks and Recreation Department is excited to present Vacaville's newest family-friendly celebration of culture and community!

This free event invites people from all backgrounds to honor the rich diversity of our city through stunning art, delicious ethnic cuisines, and captivating performances.

The event will take place on Saturday, May 10, from 1 to 5 p.m. in downtown Vacaville at Andrews Park.

For more information, click [here](#).

“Everybody Loves Line Dancing” Hosted by Innovative Health Solutions



Line dancing is perfect for all skill levels, and no partner is required. Enjoy an evening filled with music, fun, and community spirit—all proceeds will go towards providing free line dancing classes in our community.

This party is happening Saturday, May 10 from 1 to 6 p.m. at Benicia High School (1101 Military W, Benicia).

For more information visit [here](#). To make a payment, visit Venmo [here](#).

City of Fairfield to celebrate grand opening of all-inclusive playground at Allan Witt Community Park



The city of Fairfield, in partnership with the Parks & Recreation Department, invites the community to join the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the newly renovated all-inclusive playground at Allan Witt Community Park. The event marks the grand opening of this exciting new space designed to be accessible and fun for children of all abilities.

Key Details:

- **Location:** Allan Witt Community Park, 1741 W. Texas St., Fairfield
- **Date and Time:** Monday, May 12, 2025, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Event Highlights:

- Ribbon-cutting ceremony with city officials
- Music, refreshments, and family-friendly entertainment
- Interactive games and activities for all ages, hosted by the Parks & Recreation Department's Fun on the Run truck

The transformation of Allan Witt Community Park includes a variety of new features such as custom play structures, accessible paths, and inclusive play equipment like a sensory dome, swings for all abilities, and sign language and braille panels. This new playground offers a welcoming and fun environment for all children to enjoy.

For more information visit fairfield.ca.gov/allanwitt.

Garden Tour



To buy tickets, click [here](#).

Bay Area Butterfly Festival



Monarch butterflies play a crucial role in regulating our ecosystems and pollinating plants — including the crops we rely on for food. One out of every three bites of food we eat is thanks to pollinators like the Monarch butterfly. Without pollinators, our entire food web could unravel.

After two years of counts averaging 116,000 Western Monarch butterflies, only 5,407 of these orange-and-black beauties were counted in their winter groves during the most recent winter. (Data from Xerces Society.) This population count shows a heartbreaking decline of 95% for Monarchs, who are dying off due to pesticides and habitat loss.

You can learn more about Monarchs and how to support them at the Bay Area Butterfly Festival on **Sunday, June 1 at the Mare Island Promenade in Vallejo from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.** There will be fun for the entire family, with interactive stations, presentations,

music, vendors, arts and crafts, food & drinks, and more!

The festival is a low-to-no-waste event and will highlight the importance of sustainability.

To learn more, click [here](#).

Jazz O'Clock



The city of Benicia's Community Services Department has partnered with the Benicia Performing Arts Foundation to bring to you Jazz O'Clock at the **Clock Tower on Monday, June 2, from 6 to 8 p.m., 1189 Washington Street.**

Listen to a variety of talented artists perform! Sit back, relax, and enjoy! Feel free to bring your food and drinks!

Tickets are \$20. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. The Benicia High School Jazz Band will open for the Bruce Forman Trio.

To purchase tickets, click [here](#).

The Benicia High School Jazz Band, directed by Ms. Candice Crismond, is an extracurricular ensemble within the Benicia High School Panther Band program that offers students an opportunity to delve into jazz music. Meeting twice weekly throughout the school year, the Jazz Band performs at five concerts annually and participates in select band reviews featuring jazz performances.

Events I attended this week

Last Saturday, May 3, I attended the commencement held at the Cal Maritime. The guest speaker was Leon Panetta. The speech was spot on. Thank you, sir. I wish you were in the White House as an advisor right now.

Starting July 1, 2025, we will be known as: CAL POLY, SOLANO CAMPUS housing the Cal Poly Maritime Academy. There will be many more changes but a shoutout to everyone who worked to keep the institution open. I look forward to the new boat/ship, the additional engineering degrees as well as keeping what we have.

After the program, I went to celebrate the literacy event held at the event center. I was able to get the book of writings written by the Adult Literacy Students. Over 130 people attended.

Then I raced over to the STEAM Discovery Festival held at the Community College. More information next week about some summer classes.

Wednesday, May 7, was the Nurse-Family Partnership graduation. I love this program as nurses help parents for the first time to succeed. This means prenatal care up to age one at least looking at the cute kids learning how to walk.

Wednesday was also the commemoration of Peace Officer's Memorial Day, held at noon. Reflecting on our past is hard but necessary.

Looking for a job? Consider these links

If you or someone you know is looking for a job, please consider a career with Solano County. Click [HERE](#) to access the website and follow on Facebook [@SolanoCountyJobs](#). Please also consider these other employment resources, including:

[STATE OF CALIFORNIA](#)

[CITY OF BENICIA](#)

[CITY OF FAIRFIELD](#)

[CITY OF VALLEJO](#)

[SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE](#)

[BENICIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT](#)

[FAIRFIELD-SUISUN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT](#)

[VALLEJO SCHOOL DISTRICT](#)

[POST OFFICE](#)

[GREATER VALLEJO RECREATION DISTRICT](#)

[YOUTH JOBS CORPS](#)

[CALIFORNIA CONSERVATION CORPS](#)

[SOLANO RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT](#)

[FAIRFIELD-SUISUN SEWER DISTRICT](#)

Solano County Jobs

Positions	Job Posting Opened
Administrative Services Manager	05/05/2025
Deputy Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer of Weights & Measures	05/05/2025
Deputy Director of Library Services	05/07/2025
Library Assistant	05/05/2025

NOTE: To be considered for the recruitment(s) listed above you must submit an application by the date indicated in the job announcement. The new eligible list(s) resulting from the above recruitment(s) may replace an existing eligible list; therefore, interested candidates are encouraged to apply for the current recruitment.

If you have any questions regarding the recruitments listed above, please contact the assigned HR Analyst listed in the job posting.

For general inquiries, please contact recruitment@solanocounty.gov.

If you, or someone you know, are interested in learning more about the Solano County career opportunities, review the [Job Opportunities](#).



First elected in 2016, Monica represents District 2 on the Solano County Board of Supervisors. District 2 encompasses the city of Benicia, the portion of Vallejo south of Georgia Street, Mare Island, Cordelia, Green Valley and a portion of Fairfield.