

Supervisor

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Remembering Our Fallen Heroes This Memorial Day

"On Memorial Day, we remember, and pay tribute to, our fallen heroes in the Armed Services and their families. We appreciate the blessings of liberty, and recognize the power and virtue of their sacrifice."



Los Angeles County's 47th Annual Peace Officers' Memorial



Supervisor Antonovich addressed the memorial service, flanked by LA County Sheriff Jim McDonnell (left) and Commander Eddie Rivero (right)

Supervisor Antonovich attended the 47th Annual Peace Officers' Memorial Ceremony. This ceremony commemorates the lives of peace officers who died in the line of duty while serving the people of Los Angeles County. The names of six officers were added to the memorial wall:

Officer Ricardo Galvez
Downey Police Department

Officer Ralph Miover
Los Angeles Police Department

Officer William A. Guidera
Monterey Park Police Department

Deputy Otto R. Ellinger
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Lieutenant Arthur W. Bethel
Los Angeles Police Department

Sergeant Thomas J. Fonte
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department





Supervisor Antonovich with Ventura County Sheriffs Department Captain, Garo Kuredjian, brother of fallen Los Angeles County Sheriff Deputy Jake Kuredjian



Supervisor Antonovich with Pasadena Chief of Police Phillip L. Sanchez

Gas Company Must Comply with Court Order to Clean Houses Impacted by the Aliso Canyon Gas Leak

Today, the Department of Public Health issued a press release stating that, gas leak affected residents should schedule house cleaning by the new 5:00 PM Sunday, May 29th deadline. "However, the County will take any action necessary to ensure that residents who are unable to sign up, due to no fault of their own, do not have to return home before their homes are cleaned," said Supervisor Antonovich. The County will be presenting a motion in court Tuesday addressing the continued problems being faced by residents.

On May 20th, Superior Court Judge John Wiley has ordered the Gas Company to send cleaning crews into the homes of Aliso Canyon residents who remain displaced due to the recent gas leak. While the Court ordered that the Gas Company must pay for the impacted resident's homes to be cleaned, the utility may choose the cleaning companies that meet County standards.

During the first few days of cleaning, the Department of Public Health sent its Environmental Health Strike Team out to review the cleaning process in approximately

10 percent of the homes scheduled for cleaning. **They found that the contractor employed by the Gas Co. was neither equipped nor trained for proper cleaning as required by the court-ordered protocol**, which includes HEPA vacuum cleaners and deep cleaning on soft surfaces. DPH issued a temporary stop order to forbid the work from resuming until the Gas Co. can prove that it can carry out the cleaning in compliance with the protocol.



On May 25th, once again, at the request of the County, the Court extended the deadline for residents currently relocated to hotels from 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 25th to 5:00 p.m. Friday, May 27th. SoCalGas anticipated that it will clean all homes by June 1st.

Eight hours after reaching the agreement with the Court, making a commitment to complete all scheduling by May 27th at 5:00 P.M. and all house cleaning by June 1st, the Gas Company notified the County that the dates are changing again – giving residents until 5:00 P.M. Sunday, May 29th to schedule their house cleanings and the Gas Company has set June 7th as the date they will complete the house cleaning work.

“The County's legal team and the Public Health Department will remain vigilant by monitoring and taking legal action, as necessary, in an effort to mitigate the pain and suffering the Gas Company dispenses daily to the victims of this disaster.” said Supervisor Antonovich

Los Angeles County Proclaims Armenian Genocide Day of Remembrance



"Today, we mark the 101th anniversary of one of the darkest chapters in human history. Over a centennial of a crime of the first genocide of the 20th century. Yet, the President of the United States refuses to refer to the mass killings of Armenians as genocide. It is 'necessary, and indeed a duty' to remember that this was a genocide and today, 23 nations have officially recognized it.

In Los Angeles County, home to the largest population of Armenians in the nation, we are ensuring that those who died are never forgotten by consistently remembering -- and openly condemning -- the atrocities committed against the Armenians.

At Tuesday's, May 3, 2016 meeting of the Board of Supervisors, we had an official Board presentation to members of the Armenian community, Consul General and clergy to proclaim the Day of Remembrance of the Armenian Genocide."

On Saturday, September 17, 2016 at 5 p.m. in Grand Park, Supervisor Antonovich will unveil an Armenian Monument memorializing the 1.5 million Armenians killed in 1915 at the hands of the Turkish Ottoman Empire. The stone monument, imported from Armenia, will serve as a permanent reminder of public art remembering the survivors and cherishing those who perished.

The *iwitness* team, Ara Oshagan, Levon Parian, Anahid Oshagan and architect Vahagn Thomasian, designed and installed this beautiful stone monument for all Los Angeles County residents to respect.

15th Annual Job Fair and Resources Expo for Foster and Community Youth



Supervisor Antonovich with representatives from the County Department of Children and Family Services

Supervisor Antonovich hosted his 15th Annual Job Fair & Resource Expo for Foster and Community Youth in the San Gabriel Valley. An effective public-private partnership, this event provides foster youth aged 16 years and older with important information about entry-level jobs and career preparation resources. In addition to information on career development internship programs within County departments and job openings for local private employers, the job fair provided resume building advice and free haircuts to help youth round out their applications.



United States Air Force and United States Army recruiters



Antonovich with recruiters for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Antonovich Expresses Support for Californians for Death Penalty Reform and Savings Act



LA County Deputy D.A.'s Association President Michele Hanisee, L.A. County Sheriff Jim McDonnell, Supervisor Antonovich, Association of Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs President George Hofstetter, LAPD Chaplain Rev. Ferroll Robins, West Covina Police Chief Faulkner and West Covina Police Captain Doug Murray

House of Administration press conference, Supervisor Antonovich joined Sheriff McDonnell and law enforcement leaders to express his support for the Californians for Death Penalty Reform and Savings Act of 2016, a measure which will appear on November's ballot. "This initiative will promote justice for murdered victims and their families, save taxpayers millions of dollars per year, and assure due process protections for those sentenced to death," said Antonovich. "At a time when crime rates are spiking, it is vital to enact reforms to make the death penalty an effective deterrent and appropriate punishment for murderers and provide justice for victims and their families."

Currently, the State of California has 746 inmates on death row and has not executed an inmate since 2006. Of those 746 inmates:

- **126 involved torture before murder**
- **173 killed children**
- **44 murdered police officers.**



Supervisor Antonovich with LAPD Chaplain Rev. Ferroll Robins

Proponent of the initiative, Reverend Ferroll Robins, whose brother, Joseph Paul, was murdered in south Los Angeles, is also a Los Angeles Police Department Chaplain and head of the nonprofit Loved Ones Victims Services, an organization that provides grief counseling for people whose family members are murdered.

Supervisor Antonovich's State of the County



Former Congressman Barry Goldwater Jr. interviewed Supervisor Antonovich

Santa Clarita Valley Chamber of Commerce annual State of the County Address featured former Congressman Barry Goldwater Jr, a longtime colleague and friend of Antonovich. Former Congressman Barry Goldwater Jr. interviewed Antonovich about politics and public service, civic accomplishments, his career, critical governmental reforms, and policies and improvements in the Santa Clarita Valley.

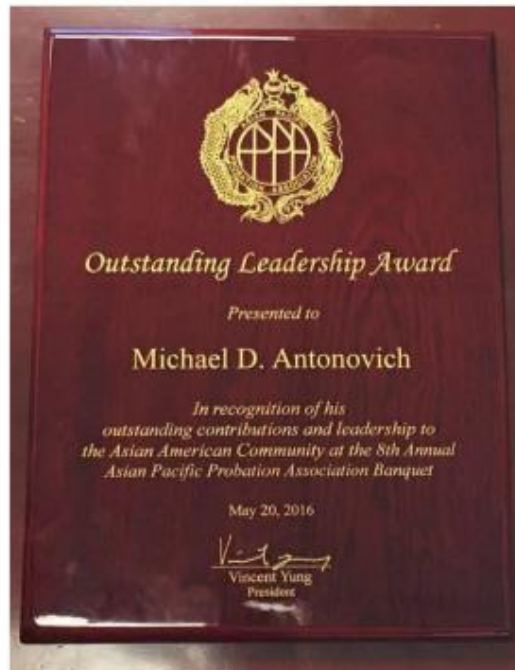
Policymakers Breakfast Hosted By Options – A Child Care and Human Services Agency



Supervisor Antonovich spoke to child development advocates, business leaders, fellow legislators and the community at the 33rd Annual Policymakers Breakfast hosted by Options - A Child Care and Human Services Agency.

Antonovich discussed several initiatives to improve the safety and well-being of the more than 2 million children and youth in the County, such as the creation of an Office of Child Protection to increase information sharing, efforts to increase self-sufficiency for Transitional Aged Youth, and programs to prevent Childhood Sexual Exploitation and Trafficking.

**8th Annual Asian Pacific Probation Association
Heritage Month Banquet**



Supervisor Antonovich's Outstanding Leadership Award

Supervisor Antonovich was honored at the 8th annual Asian-Pacific Probation Association Heritage Month Banquet for his *Outstanding Leadership*. Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month originated in 1977 as Asian-Pacific Heritage Week. In 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed an extension making the week-long celebration into a month-long celebration.

Antonovich's "Traildusters" Ride at Brown's Canyon



For Over 21 years, the "Traildusters" have been showcasing Los Angeles County's natural beauty, trails and open space. This year, over a hundred riders and outdoors enthusiasts at Brown's Canyon enjoyed a pancake breakfast, trail ride, and barbecue set to live a country-western music.



Supervisor Antonovich addressed riders before the trail ride



Volunteers prepare the pancake breakfast



Antonovich with his daughter Mary



Antonovich Welcomes Cyclists at the 2016 AMGEN

Supervisor Antonovich welcomed cyclists at the Stage 2 start of the 2016 Amgen Tour, in South Pasadena. On this 92-mile stage of the course, cyclists made their way from South Pasadena to Santa Clarita.

The Amgen Tour of California is a Tour de France-style cycling road race created and presented by AEG that challenges the world's top professional cycling teams to compete along a demanding course that traverses hundreds of miles of California's iconic highways, byways and coastlines each Spring. The teams chosen to participate have included Olympic medalists, Tour de France contenders and World Champions.



Supervisor Antonovich with South Pasadena City Manager Sergio Gonzalez, City Council Members, Richard Schneider, Marina Khubesrian, Diana Mahmud, Robert Joe, and City Clerk Evelyn Zneimer

Antonovich Honors Vince Beresford, President of "Go For Broke"

Supervisor Antonovich recognized Vince Beresford the newly appointed president of the Go for Broke National Education Center.

Vince Beresford has devoted his life to helping the community. He served as an adjunct professor at Azusa Pacific University, where he created experiential-based curriculum. He served as the executive director of the Child Share Program and the Hope Foundation to help children suffering with mental illness.



During World War II many Japanese Americans served their country with valor in the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, despite overwhelming prejudice against them. The 442nd Regiment was the most decorated unit for its size and length of service in history of American warfare.

In 1989, the 100th/442nd/MIS World War II Memorial Foundation was established. Over the next ten years, the Foundation worked tirelessly to raise awareness about the Nisei veterans. They held their first teachers' training workshop, began an oral history program, and through a grassroots movement, raised funds for a monument to honor their fellow Nisei veterans.

On June 5, 1999, the "Go for Broke Monument" was dedicated in Los Angeles. Reflecting their motto to "Go For Broke," or give it their all, the granite monument remains a striking tribute to the Nisei soldiers who fought overseas in World War II. With the monument in place, the Foundation shifted its focus to preserving the veterans' histories so that others might learn from their experiences.

Today, the Foundation, renamed Go For Broke National Education Center, continues its work of educational outreach to share the legacy of the Nisei veterans.

Collaborating with organizations that share our vision, including the Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles, the Japanese American National Museum, the National Veterans Network, and Japanese American veterans clubs throughout the country, we continue to promote educational programs about the Japanese American World War II experience. Through these life stories, we hope to inspire today's generation and those of tomorrow to live the core values embodied by these Nisei soldiers: courage, humility, self-sacrifice, integrity, equality, patriotism.

On May 28, the Go for Broke National Education Center will open the "Defining Courage" exhibition, a new interpretive center that will explore the concept of courage.

Antonovich Honors Madame Sylvia Wu



Supervisor Antonovich with Madam Sylvia Wu and her two sons: United States Federal Judge, George Wu, and Deputy County Counsel, Patrick Wu

Supervisor Antonovich recognized Madame Sylvia Wu for a century of noteworthy accomplishments as a renowned restaurateur, author, and philanthropist.

She operated Madame Wu's garden restaurant in Santa Monica, for almost 40 years. The restaurant has served celebrities and dignitaries such as Cary Grant, Mae West, Frank Sinatra, Robert Redford, Johnny Carson, Steven Spielberg, Princes Grace Kelly, Ronald and Nancy Reagan, and many more. She is also noted philanthropist and civic leader, supporting many charities such as the City of Hope, Columbia Teacher's College, and Loyola Marymount schools. She has opened her doors to two busloads of children from the department of children and family services for a holiday meal. Madame Wu was a founding member of the blue ribbon 400 of the music center and served on the board of directors of KCET.

Antonovich Recognizes Dr. Emory for Developing “Brain 1st” Treatment Model



At the Board of Supervisors Board Meeting, Supervisor Antonovich recognized Dr. Hamlin Emory for his work to improve the health of the people of the Los Angeles County.

Dr. Emory has extensive clinical experience in general medicine and psychiatric medicine. He has served as director of psychiatric programs for adolescents and adults, and as medical director of several psychiatric hospitals and residential treatment centers for eating disorders and substance dependence in Los Angeles County.

Dr. Emory developed the comprehensive “Brain 1st” Model to resolve distress of patients suffering from migraine headaches. His model includes a medical and neurobiological assessment relevant lab values and E.E.G. This unique, integrative approach decreases the incidence of negative responses to medication and increases the probability that treatment will be compatible and effective.

51st Annual Older Americans Recognition Day



Supervisor Antonovich hosted the 51st Annual Older Americans Recognition Day and Awards Program for 27 honorees along with their loved ones and guests. The theme for this year's event, "Blaze A Trail," recognized the strength, resources, and energy the honorees put into their local communities through sharing their wisdom, talents and time with others. The Board of Supervisors declared May 2016 as Older American Month. Supervisor Antonovich, Chief Deputy Kathryn Barger, and Director of Community and Senior Services Cynthia Banks recognize the following honorees for their countless contributions to the schools, faith based and service organizations at home:

Clint and Shelli Arsenault—from the City of Glendora—volunteer their time and energy to add to the warmth and friendliness of our community. Clint was the past President and Treasurer of the Grand-a-Bouts Senior Club. Shelli is very active in the Grand-a-bouts Senior Club. She was the past Treasurer and is currently the Membership Coordinator and Historian.

Jerry Burnham—from the City of Glendale—was in the Navy and is a Vietnam Veteran. His volunteer work is extensive. Jerry has worked with the Tim Herman Foundation where he participated in their annual baseball tournament. He has been the volunteer Treasurer for the Crescenta Valley Sierra Club for over thirty years and is a member of the American Legion.

Grace Campos—from the City of Temple City—has been a member of the Temple City Festival Committee for over 20 years. During the majority of that time, she served

as Royal Governess. Grace recently retired from that position, but still remains a member of the committee.

Marlou Faustini—from the City of La Verne—joined the City of La Verne Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol (RSVP) in May of 1995 and has enjoyed every minute of her volunteer time. She is currently the Secretarial Coordinator for the RSVP program.

Joyce Fortune—from the City of Alhambra—is one of the AARP Tax Program Volunteers. She has been an avid volunteer for the program for 15 years. Throughout that time, she has served as a District Coordinator, Local Coordinator, Technical Coordinator, and Instructor.

Bob Hauerwass—from Los Angeles County Arcadia Parks and Recreation, East Agency—has been a dedicated, consistent volunteer and club member with Santa Anita Bowling Green Club at Arcadia Park since 2005. He has demonstrated an outstanding initiative to enhance and serve the club in multiple ways, such as serving as President, Treasurer, and the creator of the Lawn Bowling Website.

Shelby Jacobs—from the City of Val Verde—grew up in the community of Val Verde, California and became an Aerospace Engineer with Aerojet Rocketdyne and NASA. Shelby completed the design for the installation of the camera system in 1965 for the Apollo 6 Mission which launched on April 4, 1968.

Kathryn “Kaye” Brann—from the City of Covina—has served as a volunteer since 2004 in various capacities throughout the center. Elected by her peers, Kaye serves on the Senior Advisory Committee, the Senior Citizens Club, and the Nutrition Advisory Committee.

Rita Carranza—from the City of Glendale—has been an integral part of the Congregate Meals program for the City of Glendale. She loves helping the community and especially the chef.

Del Dochterman—from the City of Monrovia—has always had an active role in the San Gabriel community. She spent 15 years as President of the Friends of San Gabriel Library, and remains an active member of the group.

Charles Garcia Jr.—from the City of Glendora—has been a volunteer at the La Fetra Center for Seniors/Community Services Department for over six years. He serves as a volunteer trip escort, facilitates our Table Tennis Program, and creates beautiful hand crafted wood items for the La Fetra Center.

Robert L. Hammond—from the Antelope Valley Senior Center—likes to help the elderly and loves staying busy. He is extremely dedicated and assists with any and all tasks needed to be performed at the senior center nutrition program.

Lee Jensen—from the City of San Dimas—has been a faithful and dedicated volunteer for the Chuckwagon Lunch program at the San Dimas Senior Citizen/Community Center since 1995. For over 20 years, Lee has volunteered Monday through Friday serving meals with a smile.

Richard Jover—from the City of Glendale—has been a participant and volunteer for the City of Glendale since 2006. He is a faithful soccer player and donates his time regularly to the Glendale Sports Complex. Dick volunteers over 3,000 hours to the complex. He created a Walking Soccer program for adults over 60.

Kathy Kirchner—from the City of Duarte—has been a dedicated member of the Duarte Women's Club, serving since 1986 in many capacities, including Auditor and Treasurer. Kathy has served the City of Duarte and neighboring communities for many years in many roles. She has been volunteering for 8 years, doing computer data entry at the Foothill Unity Center, a regional nonprofit center.

Chuck Morris—from the City of Santa Clarita—plays a vital role in our mission of promoting quality of life for seniors and has an immeasurable impact in the Santa Clarita community. Chuck brought the Traveling Vietnam Wall to Santa Clarita, impacting the lives of over 20,000 guests. He organized a Memorial Day Parade and participates in Operation Gratitude to boost the spirits of service people.

Carol Libby—from the City of Arcadia—has lived in Arcadia for over 40 years. She is very active with the Arcadia Friends of the Library, where she served as Vice President and Program Chairman. Carol also prices books for the library book store.

Kaye I. Norris—from the City of Burbank—has made remarkable contributions to the Burbank Police Department Traffic Bureau. Staff has affectionately dubbed the days she volunteers as “K Days.” Kaye gives of her time at the Joni and Friends International Disability Center in Agoura Hills.

Carlos Rodriguez—from the City of Palmdale—has been an active participant for many years at the Legacy Commons, which was formerly known as Management class and volunteered on the senior center trip committee since 1999. As a certified diabetes educator and a member of the Professional Diabetes Association, Ms. Tanikawa made sure her classes always followed the current guidelines for participant education.

Myrtle Smith—from the Antelope Valley Senior Center—began volunteering at the senior center in 2007. Over the years, she held highly responsible volunteer leadership roles in many clubs and groups at the center, such as Quilting, Black Historical Society, Senior Diversity Group, Friends of the Center, and Center Advisory Board.

Melinda Thomas—from the City of Pasadena—serves her community as the President of the Participant Advocacy Board for the Villa Esperanza Adult Day Program. She attends rallies, writes letters, and makes phone calls to legislators and other community leaders in an effort to increase funding for programs serving individuals with intellectual disabilities.

Marvin A. Tingdahl—from the Antelope Valley Senior Center—has been a senior center volunteer for over 25 years. After retiring from Edwards Air Force Base in 1987, Mr. Tingdahl started coming to the senior center with his wife Naoma.

Naomi Tanikawa—from the Antelope Valley Senior Center—has taught the Diabetes Self-exercise routine feeling that it was no longer safe for them to walk in their community. While utilizing the senior center gym, Mr. Tangdahl began to assist center staff by performing simple upkeep and repair of the exercise equipment and has continued to do so daily since then.

Yarvand Zohrabian—from the City of Glendale—has volunteered at the Glendale Adult Recreation Center for the past five years. During this time, he has become a valuable member of our team. He speaks Armenian, Farsi, and English. This enabled Yarvand to translate for us at the community center.

Carol Touchette—from the City of San Dimas—has volunteered for the San Dimas Senior Citizen/Community Center for eight years. She started by leading a Canasta card group. A few years later, when Senior Citizens Club Bingo needed volunteers, Carol was the first person to offer to help run the program.

Anne Tyler—from the City of Sierra Madre—was one of the founding members of the Sierra Madre Civic Club, served as President, and has been an active member for the past 72 years. She has been a member of the Sierra Madre Women's Club for many years and served as their President.

Antonovich Recognizes “Promotional Products Work Week” in Los Angeles County



Supervisor Antonovich welcomed Stephen Ropfogel, of Halo Branded Solutions, to the Board of Supervisors in recognition of “Promotional Products Work” Week in Los Angeles County.

The Promotional Products Association International, founded over a century ago, educates the public, policy-makers, and community about the strength of promotional product businesses. These businesses, many of them family owned, improve our neighborhoods through their workforce, volunteerism, revenue, and community partnerships. “Promotional Products Work Week” will help to educate the community and stimulate the local economy.

**Supervisor Antonovich's Pets of the Week:
"Jack, Jet, Buttercup, Muffin, and Joey"**



At the weekly Board of Supervisors meetings, Supervisor Antonovich presented "Jack, Jet, Buttercup, Muffin, and Joey," five puppies ready to be adopted. For more information about adopting a pet, please call (562) 256-1649.