



## **Supervisor Monica Brown**



*Monica with Benicia Centenarian Pete Caggiano*

### ***SUPERVISOR MONICA BROWN SEPTEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER***

Hello Benicia, Fairfield and Vallejo,

Welcome to my September newsletter. I'd like to update you on all that has happened since our last newsletter. If you have any questions or I can be of any help, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. I can be reached at 707-784-3031 or at [mebrown@solanocounty.com](mailto:mebrown@solanocounty.com).

### ***TOWNHALL WITH THE SHERIFF***

On October 22, Sheriff Tom Ferrara and I will hold a joint townhall in Benicia. The event will be from 6:30-8:30 at the Benicia Community Center. The center is located at 370 E L St in Benicia. Please come and say hi!

### **MEETING WITH NIMITZ**

On Tuesday Sept 3, I had a meeting with representatives from Nimitz. Nimitz is proposing to be the developer for Mare Island. I discussed a broad range of topics with Nimitz. Nimitz is in the very early stages of their project and there are no specific proposals.

However, Nimitz has compiled a wealth of information about the island and has been holding community meetings. They informed me that they want to use their development of the island to ease the burden of the extra fees Mare Island residents must pay.

I look forward to seeing how we can develop Mare Island.

### **BENICIA FILM FESTIVAL**

Friday September 6<sup>th</sup> was the opening night of the Benicia Film Festival. The dinner was delicious, and it was so nice to see the community out to support independent films.

My favorite film featured at the Film Festival was All For Money: A Painting by Marry Perry.

### **BENICIA CAMEL BARN CONCERT**

On Saturday September 7<sup>th</sup>, I thoroughly enjoyed the Nikola Massenkoff concert. It's always such a joy to know there are so many enriching experiences in the area I represent.

### **FINDING SOLUTIONS TOWNHALL IN VALLEJO**

A forum was held at Vallejo High School on Saturday September 7<sup>th</sup> to discuss solutions to police-community relations. I was asked to speak on Mental Health in Solano County. I spoke about Solano County's request to the state for \$14 million to build a mental health facility. We have sent a letter to the Governor asking for this to be included in the state budget. It was an informative forum and informed elected officials of what the concerns of the community are.

### **SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> REMEMBERANCES**

On Wednesday Sept 11, I participated in remembrances in Vallejo and Benicia. Vallejo's remembrance event was held at the steps of city hall. Benicia's was held on First St at the park.

It is always a somber occasion to remember the attack. We must never forget, and we must always remember the sacrifices made to keep us safe.

### **BENICIA POLICE DEPARTMENT SWEARING-IN**

On Tuesday Sept 11, I witnessed the new Benicia Police officers being sworn in. I enjoyed meeting the new officers and I very much appreciated the invitation from the Benicia Police Department. Best of luck to our new officers!

### **VALLEJO ART WALK**

On Friday September 13<sup>th</sup>, I went to the Vallejo Art Walk. There were many people out and about enjoying themselves at the Art Walk. I had a nice dinner at a local Chinese restaurant.

### **ROCKVILLE TRAILS GROUNDBREAKING**

On Wednesday Sept 18, I took part in the ground breaking for the Rockville Trails Project. I am so thankful to the Solano Land Trust for all the work that they put in this project. It was an honor to be a part of this celebration.

### **SOLANO COLLEGE SUNRISE EVENT**

On Friday September 20, I went to an event for the Seniors in the Early College program at Solano College. The event was an early morning event (6 AM) for the High School Seniors. Early College is still one of my proudest accomplishments from my time as a Trustee at Solano Community College.

### **COASTAL CLEAN UP DAY IN BENICIA.**

On Saturday September 21, I participated in Coastal Cleanup day in Benicia. It was great to see so many Benicians participate in this event.

### **GREATER VALLEJO RECREATION DISTRICT 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

On Saturday September 21<sup>st</sup>, it was a fun time celebrating GVRD's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. I saw many Vallejo community members out celebrating. The atmosphere was fun, and a great time was had by all.

## **CENTENARIAN EVENT**

On September 24, the Board recognized the county's centenarians. I was so honored to have my office arrange for Peter Caggiano from Benicia attend. Peter was the only centenarian from Benicia at the event. Peter had so much fun and it was such an honor to recognize him and all the centenarians in District 2 and Solano County.

## **STATE OF EDUCATION**

On September 26, I was present for the County Office of Education State of Education event. As a retired Green Valley Middle School teacher, I will always have my heart in education. State Superintendent Tony Thurmond was present, and I had a chance to talk to him about some issues.

## **AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

The county currently has money in reserve for affordable housing. I have asked for a presentation to the Board of Supervisors regarding how we can use that money to partner with the cities on affordable housing.

## **SENATE BILL 139: INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING**

SB 139 would require counties with 400,000 residents to create independent redistricting commissions to draw supervisor boundaries. This would be instead of the Supervisors themselves drawing the boundaries, as is the current practice. I testified in support of SB 139 when it was in committee. SB 139 has passed the legislature and is awaiting Gov. Newsom's signature. I sent the Gov. a letter asking him to sign SB 139.

## **FREE FLU SHOTS**

Here are the places you can get free flu shots in Solano County:

<https://www.timesheraldonline.com/2019/09/30/free-flu-shots-in-benicia-on-wednesday/>

<http://solanolibrary.com/News/Article/98888>

## **OFFICE HOURS**

My office hours will be from 5-6:30 PM as follows: Monday October 7<sup>th</sup> at Benicia City Hall, Thursday October 17<sup>th</sup> at the Cordelia Library and Monday October 21<sup>st</sup> at the JFK library in Vallejo.

On the 17<sup>th</sup>, I will need to leave at 5:30. After 5:30, my staff will be present to assist in any way possible.

Thank you for reading my newsletter. If I can ever be of assistance to you, please don't hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Monica Brown,

Solano County Supervisor, District 2



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.