

Supervisor Monica Brown



Monica with Vallejo Councilmember Hakeem Brown at his swearing-in ceremony.

January 2019 Newsletter

Hello District 2! I am excited to send out my first newsletter of 2019. I will now be doing a monthly newsletter rather than a quarterly newsletter, so please be on the lookout for my newsletter every month. I am excited to update you about all the happenings in District 2. If our office can do anything to help you, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Martin Luther King Day

I was honored to present a resolution to the Vallejo NAACP in recognition of Martin Luther King Jr day. I also participated in the Martin Luther King Day march in Vallejo on January 21st. It was such an inspiring day to see the community come together to keep Dr. King's dream alive.

Important Numbers Resources and Dates

District 2 Office

(707) 784-3031

Clerk of the Board & County Administrator's Office

(707) 784-6100

Veterans Services

(707) 784-6590

Health & Social Services

(707) 784-8400

Assessor/Recorder

(707) 784-6200

Resource Management

(707) 784-6765

Registrar of Voters

(707) 784-6675

CA Department

Laura's Law

The Solano County Mental Health Advisory Board (on which I sit) unanimously recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve implementing Laura's Law in Solano County. Laura's Law allows for court-ordered treatment of those with severe mental illness. Each county must adopt Laura's Law in order to be able to take advantage of it. I convened a meeting with the Sheriff, District Attorney, Public Defender, Solano Courts and other agencies who were all in support of Laura's Law. On Tuesday January 22, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved Laura's Law. I am extremely thankful to all those who worked so hard to see this happen, especially the county Health and Human Services Department.

of Aging

(707) 644-6612

U.S. Social Security

(800) 772-1213

Independent Redistricting

I brought forward a proposal to create an independent redistricting panel. This proposal would have taken power away from the Board of Supervisors to draw the supervisorial districts and given to an independent panel. This is like the state's independent panel. Supervisor Thomson was the only supervisor to support this proposal. Given the other supervisors' comments, the proposal did not move forward. I was extremely thankful to Vallejo Councilmember Robert McConnell for speaking in support of my proposal. I want to thank Nicholas Heidorn from Common Cause for all their work helping my office prepare this proposal. I want to also thank all those who spoke in favor of this proposal.

Bayard Rustin Symposium

I attended the Bayard Rustin Symposium in Vallejo. This was a weekend long event in January honoring Bayard Rustin and the Civil Rights movement. Bayard Rustin was an organizer for the March on Washington and an LGBT rights activist. The documentary film "You don't have to ride Jim Crow" was screened and I was able to meet film maker Robin Washington at the event. I was happy to contribute \$300 to this event.

Solano Partnership Against Violence appointment

I recently appointed Vallejo resident Viola Robertson to the Solano Partnership Against Violence. Viola serves as the Executive Director of the Community Action Council in Benicia. Viola has many years of experience serving residents of District 2 and I was thrilled that she agreed to serve.

Voting against CASA

As the Solano County alternate on the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), I voted against CASA. CASA is a housing compact to address housing issues regionally. While there are good proposals in CASA and I am pleased to see a focus on solving our housing crisis, I did not think CASA was in Solano County's best interests. The discussion about funding CASA proposed a sales tax and/or property taxes. The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is taking the revenue from the newly increased bridge tolls (which 70% of Solano County residents voted against) and sending 15% of it to Silicon Valley. MTC's executive director also oversees ABAG. Ultimately the CASA compact passed. However, I could not, in good conscience, vote to give more of Solano County's tax money to a regional body that will likely not give Solano County our fair share. The proposal submitted to ABAG

indicated that we would only see 75% of any taxes returned to us. Regional governing bodies would determine where the rest goes. If you want to learn more about CASA, use this link:

<https://mtc.ca.gov/our-work/plans-projects/casa-committee-house-bay-area>

District Election Meeting

I attended a meeting at the Norman King Center in south Vallejo to hear about Vallejo's process of switching from at-large elections to forming city council districts. It was so nice to see citizen engagement as residents took part in discussions and drawing proposed maps for the city council to consider. For Vallejo residents interested in learning more about the process, click on this link: http://www.ci.vallejo.ca.us/city_hall/departments_divisions/city_manager/city_clerk/district_elections

Vallejo Women's March

I had a great time attending the Vallejo Women's March on Saturday January 19th. It was great seeing so many people coming together to advocate for ourselves, our daughters and our granddaughters. I was happy to contribute \$500 to this event.

Vallejo City Council Swearing-In

I attended the swearing-in of the Vallejo City Council on January 8th. Congratulations to Vice-Mayor Pippin Dew-Costa and Councilmembers Hakeem Brown and Katy Miessner for winning their elections. Thank you to former Councilmember Malgapo for his service.

Benicia Chamber of Commerce

I attended the installation of officers for the Benicia Chamber of Commerce at the clock tower. I enjoyed this event and the many community members who attended.

Congressperson Jackie Spier in Benicia

On January 31st, I attended Congressperson Jackie Spier's book signing at the Benicia Library. I also purchased a copy of her book from Bookshop Benicia.

Orcem/VMT cement factory

My staff attended the most recent Vallejo City Council meeting where the cement factory was discussed. I previously convinced the bay trails not to support eliminating waterfront access in south Vallejo to make way for the cement factory. I continue to monitor this issue and I will continue to do everything I can to oppose the cement factory.

Vice-Chair of the Board

At the Board of Supervisors' reorganization meeting in January, I was selected to be Vice-Chair of the Board.

Rodriguez High Music

I was honored when I received a call from the Rodriguez High Band requesting assistance. I contributed \$1,000.

Grace Patterson Elementary Field Trip

I was so happy to be able to contribute \$900 for students at Grace Patterson to go to the Lawrence Hall of Science.

Restaurant Week

I stopped by Sac's Tasty Hot Dogs in Vallejo for restaurant week. Restaurant week goes through February 2nd in Vallejo.

Office Hours

I continue to hold regular office hours in all three of the cities I represent. I am in Benicia the first Monday of the month at city hall, in Fairfield at the Cordelia library the third Thursday of the month and in Vallejo at the JFK library the third Monday of the month. All office hours at from 5-6:30. Vallejo's office hours were changed to January 30 and to February 11 because of the third Monday being a holiday those days. Please drop by and say hi.

Thank you District 2 for reading my newsletter. Please call me at 707-784-3031 or email me at mebrown@solanocounty.com if I can do anything for you.

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.

