



# Solano County *California*

## Supervisor Monica Brown



*Monica with Benicia School Board Trustee Sheri Zada*

### **SUPERVISOR MONICA BROWN APRIL 2019 NEWSLETTER**

Hello District 2, I wanted to update you on all that has been happening since our last newsletter. Please feel free to reach out to me if I can be of any assistance to you. Please call me at 707-784-3031 or email me at [mebrown@solanocounty.com](mailto:mebrown@solanocounty.com).

### **TESTIFYING AT THE CAPITOL**

On April 2<sup>nd</sup>, I testified before the Senate Elections and Constitutional Amendment Committee in support of Senate Bill 139. SB 139, authored by Senator Ben Allen, would require counties with more than 250,000 residents to create an independent redistricting commission to draw supervisorial boundaries. Currently, the Board of Supervisors determines their own boundaries.

I worked with Common Cause to create an independent redistricting commission in Solano County. Unfortunately, I was not able to get the support of a majority of the supervisors. Common Cause requested that I testify in support of SB 139. I testified about my unsuccessful attempt in Solano County as well as the

### **Important Numbers Resources and Dates**

#### **District 2 Office**

(707) 784-2974

#### **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 of Aging**

(707) 644-6612

#### **U.S. Social Security**

(800) 772-1213

experience of former Supervisor Barbara Kondylis. Kondylis was forced to move after her home was taken out of District 1 in the 1991 redistricting. The Committee voted to move SB 139 forward.

### **NELDA MUNDY ELEMENTARY BOY SCOUT PROJECT**

On April 5<sup>th</sup>, I was present at Nelda Mundy Elementary to see Boy Scout troop 864 assemble a storage shed and benches as a part of an Eagle Scout project. The scouts worked very hard and I was very happy to attend this event.

### **BENICIA ART SHOW**

On April 5<sup>th</sup>, I visited at an art show at the Plein Gallery on 1<sup>st</sup> St. The artwork was spectacular, and I was thrilled to see the local artist community engaged.

### **MARIN CLEAN ENERGY**

On April 9<sup>th</sup>, the Board of Supervisors voted to appoint me as the alternate member representing Solano County on the Marin Clean Energy (MCE) Board. MCE provides affordable options for residents of unincorporated Solano County to use renewable energy. My office worked to gain approval of MCE for the unincorporated areas and I look forward to representing the county on the MCE Board. The city of Benicia is currently a part of MCE.

### **LAUREL CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FIELD TRIP**

I was a chaperone on April 18<sup>th</sup> for Laurel Creek Elementary School's field trip to the Laurence Hall of Science. My friend and fellow teacher Stephanie Cobb took 2<sup>nd</sup> graders and I was happy to sponsor the bus.

### **LAURA'S LAW IMPLEMENTATION**

I successfully advocated for the Board of Supervisors to adopt Laura's Law in Solano County. Laura's Law allows for court ordered treatment of those with severe mental illness and must be adopted by a county to take advantage of it. The county is working diligently to implement Laura's Law. Here is a link to the county web page

regarding resources available under Laura's Law.

<https://www.solanocounty.com/depts/mhs/aot.asp>

### **MARTIN GRUBER'S PASSING**

Vallejo resident Martin Gruber passed away recently. Martin was a local realtor and environmental justice advocate. Martin did a detailed study showing how the proposed cement factory has already had a severely negative impact on home sales in south Vallejo. Martin's work was invaluable in fighting the proposed cement factory. I adjourned the April 9<sup>th</sup> Board of Supervisors meeting in his memory and I attended his funeral on Mare Island on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Martin will be missed. This newsletter is dedicated to his memory.

### **BENICIA COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL FASHION SHOW**

I went to the Benicia Community Action Council fashion show/luncheon at the Clock tower on Wednesday April 24. This is the annual fundraiser for the CAC. The food was excellent, and it was very well attended. I had a wonderful time.

### **OPENING DAY OF THE BENICIA FARMER'S MARKET**

On Thursday April 25<sup>th</sup>, I went to the opening day of the Benicia Farmer's Market. I bought some pastries and a necklace from Arc Solano. The weather was beautiful, and it was well attended.

### **SOLANO COLLEGE VETERAN'S CENTER**

On Friday April 26<sup>th</sup>, I took a tour of the new Solano College Veteran's Center. I contributed \$500 to support the center.

### **BENICIA TRASH PICKUP AND TREE PLANTING**

On Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup>, I attended a tree planting and trash pickup event sponsored by the Benicia Tree Foundation. I worked with community members to clean Community Park. I had a great time and I gave the Benicia Tree Foundation a \$500 check. 30 people attended, and we picked up 22 pounds of garbage and planted 10

trees.

### **OPENING DAY ON THE STRAIT**

On Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup>, I was present at the Opening Day on the Strait at the Benicia Yacht Club. I was there with Benicia School Board Member Sheri Zada and her husband Alan. I had a great time at this event. This was an extra special event as it was the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The Benicia Yacht Club puts in a lot of hard work and I appreciated the invitation to attend.

### **SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE MUSICAL**

I had a great time at the performance of My Fair Lady at the college on Saturday April 27. The role of Eliza Doolittle was played by Julianna Romualdi. Julianna is a former student from Green Valley Middle School. I taught at Green Valley Middle for 30 years. It's always great seeing former Green Valley students doing well in the community.

### **SOLANO COUNTY AGRICULTURE TOUR**

On Tuesday April 30, I toured the northern part of the county to see our agriculture industry. Paula Bauer, a Vallejo resident and my appointee to the county Planning Commission, joined me on the tour. We saw organic farms, livestock and more.

### **OFFICE HOURS**

Please stop by my office hours and say hi. I am in Benicia on the first Monday of the month at Benicia city hall. I am in Fairfield at the Cordelia Library the third Thursday of the month. I am in Vallejo on the third Monday of the month at the JFK library.

Thank you for reading my newsletter! If there is anything my office can do for you, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Monica Brown

Solano County Supervisor, District 2

Vice-Chair, Solano County Board of Supervisors

Chair, Napa-Solano Area Agency on Aging



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.