



SUPERVISOR MONICA BROWN AUGUST 20TH, 2021 UPDATE

Hello Benicia, Fairfield and Vallejo,

Welcome to my most recent update. I can be reached at mebrown@solanocounty.com.

CORONAVIRUS

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE GET VACCINATED AND PLEASE ENCOURAGE EVERYONE YOU KNOW TO GET VACCINATED. I know I say this in every update, and I will continue to say it. We are seeing unvaccinated people filling up the hospitals with covid infections. Hospitalization and death from covid is almost completely preventable with vaccines. I urge everyone to get vaccinated and to encourage everyone you know to get vaccinated.

I know that many of you have requested the county issue a mask mandate. I have told the public health officer and the county administrator that I want a mask mandate implemented. The public health officer has made it clear he will not implement a mask mandate. As only one of five supervisors, I do not have the authority to implement one or to order staff to implement one. Only the entire Board can do that.

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends masks be worn in Solano County. Every Bay Area health officer has issued mask mandates save Solano's. The science is clear that masks prevent transmission and save lives. Regardless of what Solano's public health officer does or does not mandate, ***I AM STRONGLY RECOMMENDING THAT EVERYONE WEAR MASKS IN INDOOR PUBLIC SPACES.***

The City of Benicia will be considering a mask mandate within its city limits. I am in full support of this proposal and sent a letter to the Mayor and City Councilmembers requesting they adopt it.

There are many places where you can get vaccinated. Every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, vaccinations and rapid covid tests are offered at the Solano Mall (1350 Travis Blvd Fairfield, CA) on the second floor next to Build a Bear. All three vaccines are offered and available from 10am-7pm.

There will also be a vaccine event Sunday August 22nd at Temple Emmanuel Church (900 6th St) in south Vallejo from 10am-1pm.

There are also other vaccination events in Vallejo in the coming week. PLEASE GET VACCINATED AND PLEASE ENCOURAGE EVERYONE YOU KNOW TO GET VACCINATED.

To see our covid numbers, where to get vaccinated and more, please visit:

https://www.solanocounty.com/depts/ph/coronavirus_links/covid_19_vaccines.asp

<https://doitgis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=055f81e9fe154da5860257e3f2489d67>

BENICIA LAST MILE PROGRAM

The City of Benicia and Solano County Transit (SolTrans) are offering a program where you can use a Lyft ride to fill the gap between where transit drops you off and where you need to be dropped off. All rides that originate and terminate within the Benicia City limits will cost \$5. To use this program, please use the code 5BENICIA

DELTA CONVEYANCE PROJECT

The State Department of Water Resources will be holding an event to discuss the Delta Conveyance Project. For more information, please visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/delta-conveyance-project-virtual-info-webinar-climate-change-registration-157826482257>

RESOURCES FOR VETERANS REGARDING U.S. WITHDRAWAL FROM AFGHANISTAN

If you or someone you know is having a difficult time, or simply want to talk to someone, VA has the resources and tools to help:

- [**Veterans Health Administration mental health services, including how family members can assist a Veteran in crisis;**](#)
- [**Veterans Crisis Line: Suicide Prevention Hotline at 1-800-273-8255 press 1 or text 838255;**](#)

- **Finding local mental health services and resources: [Resources | Videos & Info for Military Veterans | Make the Connection](#);**
- **Information on how to access immediate care and/or book a mental health appointment: [VA Mental Health Services](#);**
- **[Vet Center resources](#) are also available and include counseling; there is also a toll-free number: 877-WAR-VETS.**

GOLDEN STATE STIMULUS

The Golden State Stimulus (GSS) has been expanded so more Californians are eligible. There are now three programs.

- ***New* Golden State Stimulus II** information can be located here: <https://www.ftb.ca.gov/about-ftb/newsroom/golden-state-stimulus/gss-ii.html> The page includes information on if you qualify, payment amounts, and also the link to the GSS II estimator.
- **Golden State Stimulus I** information can be located here: <https://www.ftb.ca.gov/about-ftb/newsroom/golden-state-stimulus/index.html> The page includes qualification and payment information for GSS I.
 - Additional help with both programs can be located here: <https://www.ftb.ca.gov/about-ftb/newsroom/golden-state-stimulus/help.html>
- **Golden State Grant** Program is administered by the Department of Social Services (DSS). DSS administers the Grant program for, in part, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), CalWORKS, and Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI) recipients. Additional qualification information for that program can be located here: <https://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/cdss-programs/golden-state-grant-program>. You may also contact DSS directly at (916) 651-8848.

VETERAN TRAILBLAZER NOMINATIONS

From CalVet- CalVet Minority & Underrepresented Veterans Division (MUVD) will host a *DO Ask, DO Tell* celebration of the 10-year milestone to honor the service and sacrifices of LGBTQ veterans. As part of the celebration, CalVet MUVD would like to recognize several California LGBTQ veterans who have or are doing extraordinary things in their communities that help to support, appreciate, and distinguish the lives and efforts of LGBTQ veterans and their families. This opportunity is extended to nominees throughout California who meet the criterion. Please submit applications

to Minorityveterans@CalVet.Ca.Gov by Sep. 6, 2021. If you have questions, please contact Rakesh Pal at (916) 651-5040.

FAIRFIELD-SUISUN ADULT SCHOOL

The Fairfield-Suisun Adult School is offering career training, professional development courses and more. If you want to receive training to be a phlebotomist, notary public, pharmacy technician, para educator, and more, please visit: <https://www.fsusd.org/fsas>

SOLANO SUBBASIN VIRTUAL TOWNHALL MEETING

For more information about the upcoming meeting regarding the Groundwater Sustainability Plan, please visit: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_tbcAB3_zTZGEwAnmPePAFw

SOLANO COUNTY VETERAN OUTSTATION

I am thrilled to announce that Solano County will receive an outstation veteran center. I will be providing more information as the details become available.

JOBS

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To see what jobs are available at Solano County, please visit: <https://jobapscloud.com/solano/>

CITY OF BENICIA JOBS

To see what jobs are available in the City of Benicia, please visit: <https://agency.governmentjobs.com/benicia/default.cfm>

CITY OF FAIRFIELD JOBS

To see what jobs are available in the city of Fairfield, please visit: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/fairfield>

CITY OF VALLEJO JOBS

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/vallejo>

Thank you for taking the time to read my most recent update. Please stay safe, spread kindness, support our local businesses, and wear your masks.

Sincerely,

Monica Brown,

Solano County Supervisor, District 2.



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.