

Supervisor Monica Brown



Monica with the Benicia High Debate Team

DISTRICT 2 UPDATE

Hello District 2, welcome to my May 2019 newsletter. I want to update you on all that has happened since our last newsletter. I will never forget that I work for you. If you need any assistance from my office, please don't hesitate to contact me at mebrown@solanocounty.com or at 707-784-3031.

BOY SCOUTS AWARDS DINNER

On Friday May 3rd, I went to the regional awards dinner for the Boy Scouts at the Benicia Veteran's Hall. The dinner was amazing, and I had a great time seeing people from the community.

EARLY COLLEGE SENIOR PROJECTS

**Important Numbers
Resources and Dates**

District 2 Office

(707) 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 of Aging

707-784-8960

U.S. Social Security

(800) 772-1213

On Friday May 3rd, I was invited to review the Senior Projects at the Early College Program. It was such a joy listening to the presentations and hearing the students talk about their future career plans. When I was a Trustee at Solano College, the Early College Program was one of my proudest accomplishments.

CAL MARITIME ACADEMY GRADUATION

On Saturday May the 4th (Star Wars Day!), I had a wonderful time at the Cal Maritime Academy Graduation. The weather was beautiful, and it was such a joy to see the graduates start their new lives.

BBQ AT ROCKVILLE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

On Saturday May 4th, I went to the Rockville Homeowners' Association BBQ. I enjoyed talking to the members of the Association.

MAMA MIA PERFORMANCE AT BENICA HIGH SCHOOL

On Saturday May 4th, I enjoyed the BHS students performing Mama Mia. The students did a fantastic job.

REGIONAL MEASURE 3 OVERSIGHT BOARD

At the May 14th Board meeting, I was appointed to a subcommittee to review applications for the RM3 Oversight Board. RM3 raised bridge tolls \$3 over several years. 70% of Solano County voters voted against RM3. We will receive only 10% of the revenues while paying 14% of the tolls. Silicon Valley, on the other hand, will receive 15% of the revenues while only paying 2% of the tolls. We need Solano County residents on this Oversight Board who will ask questions and bring accountability to the tolls our residents are unfairly burdened with paying. If you are interested in being appointed, please fill out the application (included below). Applications are due June 4th to the Clerk of the Board.

http://www.solanocounty.com/depts/clerk_of_the_board/rm3.asp

BENICIA BRIDGEVIEW HEIGHTS HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday May 15th, I had a great time talking to the Bridgeview Homeowner's Association at the Benicia Round Table Pizza. I talked to them about the work needed to make multifamily housing smoke free, the RM3 oversight Board, my office hours and many other topics. Two of my former students from Green Valley Middle School are members of the Association and it was great to see them. I would love to come and speak to your HOA, civic group or any other gathering. Please contact my office if interested.

FAIRFIELD-SUISUN SCHOOL DISTRICT CERTIFICATES

On Thursday May 16th, I passed out certificates at the awards ceremony for students with high academic achievement. After retiring from Green Valley Middle School in 2015, this year's seniors at Rodriguez High School and the Early College Program will be my last class of 8th graders graduating. I'm so proud of my former students. It's hard to believe that after this year, all my former students will be out of secondary school.

BENICIA EAGLE SCOUT CEREMONY

On Sunday May 19th, I thoroughly enjoyed being at Brandon May's Eagle Scout ceremony in Benicia. Brandon's parents and his troop put on an excellent event at the Benicia Veteran's Hall. As the sister of an Eagle Scout, I know that Brandon's achievement is significant.

BENICIA HIGH DEBATE TEAM

The Benicia High debate team held a mock presidential debate on May 22. I was so honored to be invited. The students did an excellent job and clearly worked very hard on this. I look forward to attending more events with the Benicia High debate team.

CEMENT FACTORY DEFEATED!

On Friday May 23, Vallejo Marine Terminal (VMT) announced that they were abandoning their appeal and their support of the

proposed cement factory in south Vallejo. Because VMT has hold of the land, the Orcem cement factory will not be able to move forward without VMT's support. WE WON!

Mayor Bob Sampayan, Vallejo residents Ladonna Williams, Brenda Crawford, Liat Meitzenheimer, Peter Brooks and I were interviewed by channel 5 (link below).

I am thankful to these Environmental Justice Advocates. I am also thankful to Mayor Sampayan and Councilmembers Robert McConnell and Katy Miessner for voting against the cement factory. A huge thanks must also go to Councilmember Hakeem Brown for speaking against the cement factory at the planning commission.

I have worked for almost 3 years to oppose the cement factory. I successfully advocated for the Bay Trail not to allow Orcem to exchange money for cutting off waterfront access in south Vallejo. The people I represent made it clear repeatedly that they did not want a cement factory in Vallejo.

<https://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2019/05/25/opponents-of-plan-for-vallejo-cement-plant-celebrate/>

MEMORIAL DAY

I spent Memorial Day at the Benicia Arsenal. The entire ceremony was a very somber event. With the laying of the wreaths to taps to the 21-gun salute to the fly overs of the C-17 Globemaster from Travis Air Force Base and the MH-65 D helicopter from the Coast Guard to the Bagpiper playing Amazing Grace, the day reminded me that Freedom is to be Cherished. A thank you to the Benicia Historical Society for the outstanding program.

My staff represented me at the Memorial Day activities in Vallejo. It was a sobering reminder of the sacrifices made by those who

gave their lives for our freedoms and the sacrifices of their families. We owe them a debt of gratitude that can never be repaid.

PISTA SA NAYON APPRECIATION DINNER

On May 29th, I was recognized as a sponsor of the Pista Sa Nayon Festival by the Filipino Community of Solano County at a celebration at the Empress Theater in Vallejo. I was so honored at this recognition and I very much appreciate Vallejo resident Eloise Scott for all her hard work on the Pista Say Nayon Festival.

CELEBRATION OF CEMENT FACTORY DEFEAT

Tonight (May 30th) I will attend a celebration on the steps of Vallejo City Hall to celebrate the defeat of the Orcem Cement Factory. We have much to celebrate!

OFFICE HOURS

My office hours will be from 5-6:30 as follows: Monday June 3rd at Benicia City Hall, Monday June 17th at the JFK library in Vallejo and Thursday June 20th at the Cordelia Library. Please stop by and say hello!

Thank you for reading my newsletter. If you need any help from my office, please call, email or drop by office hours. I am here to help you.

Sincerely,

Monica Brown

Solano County Supervisor, District 2

Vice-Chairperson, Solano County Board of Supervisors

Chairperson, 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.