

Hello Benicia, Fairfield and Vallejo,

Welcome to the June 2019 newsletter! I want to update you on what has been happening since our last newsletter. I will never forget that I work for you. If you need anything, please don't hesitate to contact my office at 707-784-3031 or at mebrown@solanocounty.com.

PISTA SA NAYON SPONSORSHIP

I was very proud to be a sponsor of the Pista Say Nayon Festival. The festival took place on June 1st. The festival is an annual event in Vallejo and is an excellent community event.

EMERGENCY SERVICES CONFERENCE

On Monday June 3, I went to Sacramento for an Emergency Management Preparation Summit where Gov. Newsom spoke. This is an extremely important issue. We need to be proactive in fire prevention as we enter summer. I am working at the county to get a weed abatement policy.

RODRIGUEZ HIGH SCHOOL (RHS) GRADUATION

On Friday June 7th, I had a wonderful time at the RHS graduation. The 2019 graduating seniors are my last class of 8th graders from when I retired in 2015. It was bitter-sweet to realize all my students have left high school. It truly is the end of an era. However, my students know that "Mama Brown" will always be there for them wherever life takes them.

COMMUNITY LUNCHEON

On Sunday June 9th, I attended a luncheon at the Filipino Community Center. I had a great time and I was very thankful to be invited by community leader Eloise Scott.

APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY COUNSEL

On Tuesday June 11th, the Board of Supervisors unanimously appointed Bernadette Curry as County Counsel. Ms. Curry is the first woman to hold the job and has deep roots in Solano County.

SOLANO PRIDE FILM FESTIVAL

I enjoyed watching the films at the Solano Pride Film Festival on Friday June 14th. The Solano Pride Film Festival was held at the Empress Theater in Vallejo. I was happy to contribute \$500 to sponsor the event. Happy Pride Month!

JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

I presented a proclamation from my office at the Juneteenth celebration at Martin Luther King Jr. Park in Vallejo on June 15th. I enjoyed being at Juneteenth and I was honored to be invited to present a proclamation. The annual Juneteenth event in Vallejo is an amazing community gathering that brings many people together.

VALLEJO PRIDE PICNIC

I had a lot of fun at the pride picnic on Mare Island on Sunday June 16th.

VALLEJO ADMIRALS BASEBALL GAME

I had a great time at my first Admirals game of the season on Sunday June 16th. Wilson Park in Vallejo has the new scoreboard. The Admirals are truly a local treasure. The Admirals games are a great place for a date night, a family outing, a company party, a gathering of friends or even going solo. The food is delicious, affordable and the tickets are only \$5.

SOLANO COUNTY BUDGET

The Board of Supervisor adopted the 19/20 budget on June 18th. The budget focuses on paying down unfunded liabilities, providing services to those who need them most and investing in the future. The Supervisors requested \$50,000 to fund small projects throughout the county. This will allow us to fund projects that don't require a significant sum of money but are important to our constituents.

TOXIC TOUR

On Wednesday June 19th, went on a tour of areas impacted by pollution. This included south Vallejo. I took the tour with Benicia resident Andres Soto. We have a lot of work to do to make sure our communities are protected. Defeating the Orcem cement factory was a positive step in the right direction.

FILIPINO COMMUNITY OF SOLANO COUNTY'S DINNER

On June 22, I was present for the Filipino Community of Solano County's dinner. I was so happy to have received an invitation from Eloise Scott. I had the privilege to speak to some of the scholarship recipients about their future.

MIXED-IMMIGRATION STATUS RULE OPPOSITION

On June 25, the Board of Supervisors approved my resolution opposing a proposed rule from HUD. The rule would state that a family with any person with undocumented immigration status is ineligible for housing subsidies.

Current law allows for such families to access housing subsidies but with a reduction for every person who is undocumented to ensure that only persons with eligible immigration status are receiving a subsidy. This usually is a situation with undocumented parents and U.S citizen children. This proposed rule change would cost taxpayers more money. This is because the subsidy would then be used for a family where all family members are eligible and thus there would be no reduction in the subsidy. I am proud to have supported this resolution to protect our immigrant community from unfair attacks and to save the taxpayers money.

NEW SOLTRANS ROUTES

Soltrans (covering Benicia and Vallejo) will be implementing new bus routes effective on July 1st. Here is the link to find the new routes.

<http://www.soltransride.com/2019/06/2019systemwideimprovements/>

SOLANO COUNTY FAIR

The Solano County Fair is this weekend. Here is the information and the Fair schedule.

<https://www.scfair.com/general-fair-info>

FIGHTING AGAINST UNFAIR RENT INCREASES

On Monday June 24, I sent a letter to Governor Newsom asking him to include Solano County in the extension of an executive order capping rent increases. This executive order was originally issued in order to ensure those displaced by the wildfires were able to find housing without being subjected to price gouging.

On Thursday June 27th, the city of Vallejo issued an order declaring an emergency and limiting rent increases to 10% a year. This was necessary given the recent notices at apartment complexes in Vallejo that rent would be more than doubled. I applaud the city of Vallejo for doing this.

MEDICARE FUNDAMENTALS

On July 3rd, there will be a seminar on the different Medicare plans as well as penalties and timelines. It will take place at the Fairfield Adult Recreation Center at 1200 Civic Center Drive in Fairfield. To reserve a seat, you can call (800) 434-0222 or go to www.SASNB.org.

UPCOMING VETERAN'S PANEL

Supervisor Skip Thomson will chair a Veteran's panel to discuss healthcare access for Veterans on Thursday July 11th. The panel will be at the county events center at 601 Texas St from 2-4 p.m.

OFFICE HOURS

My office hours in July will be from 5-6:30 as follows: July 1st at Benicia City Hall, July 15th in Vallejo at the JFK library and July 25th in Fairfield at the Cordelia Library. Please stop by and say hi!

Sincerely,

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Vice-Chair, Solano County Board of Supervisors
Chairperson, Napa Solano Area Agency on Aging