



Supervisor Monica Brown



Monica with Vallejo Councilmember Robert McConnell in south Vallejo celebrating the defeat of the cement factory

SUPERVISOR MONICA BROWN AUGUST 2019 NEWSLETTER

Hello Benicia, Fairfield and Vallejo,

Welcome to my August 2019 newsletter. I want to update you on all that has happened since our last newsletter. If I can ever be of any assistance to you, please don't hesitate to contact me at mebrown@solanocounty.com or at 707-784-3031.

CORDELIA TOWNHALL WITH SHERIFF TOM FERRARA

On Tuesday September 3, I will be holding a joint townhall at the Cordelia Library with Sheriff Tom Ferrara. The event will be at the Cordelia Library, located at 5050 Business Center Drive in Fairfield. The time is 6:30-8:30. This will be an opportunity for residents to meet with me as well as the Sheriff.

DOING BUSINESS WITH SOLANO COUNTY WORKSHOP

On Wednesday September 18, I am hosting a workshop about how to do business with the county. It will be from 5:30-8:00 PM at 601 Texas St in Fairfield. For more information or to RSVP, click here: <http://www.solanocounty.com/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?BlobID=30728>

NAPA SOLANO AREA AGENCY ON AGING BREAKFAST FOR PROVIDERS

On August 1st, the AAA and I hosted a breakfast for providers to inform them on what is required to be a vendor with the AAA. We want to make sure that our providers know what is needed to provide excellent services to our seniors. I am extremely proud of the work of our Solano County staff in restoring the AAA and ensuring our seniors continue to receive services.

FAIRFIELD VICE-MAYOR PAM BERTANI TOWNHALL

On August 3, I went to Vice-Mayor Pam Bertani's townhall at Fairfield City Hall. Many topics were discussed with the community members present. Vice-Mayor Bertani provided information on what Fairfield is doing to solve homelessness.

One of the strategies is implementing Laura's Law. Laura's Law provides for court ordered treatment of those with severe and persistent mental illness. I brought Laura's Law to the Board of Supervisors in January for adoption. I was supported by a Broad coalition that included the City of Vallejo, Assemblymember Jim Frazier, the Solano Courts, the Sheriff, County Health and Social Services, the Solano Mental Health Advisory Board and others. I am so thankful to see that Laura's Law is being utilized.

I am very thankful to Vice-Mayor Bertani for holding this event to keep the community informed. I look forward to more opportunities for the city and the county to collaborate.

HOMELESSNESS AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING

During a discussion on adopting impact fees for new construction at the August 6 Board of Supervisors meeting, I requested that we be presented with options on homelessness and affordable housing. Specifically, the county has \$1.6 Million in reserve for affordable housing. I requested that the Board be presented with options on how to utilize this resource.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

National Night Out on August 6th was a blast! My first stop was to the Cordelia Community Park where I ran into many people I knew. I am very thankful to Cordelia resident Nora Dizon for inviting me.

After Cordelia, I went to Mare Island. They were serving ice cream from Lileds! Lileds is a local Vallejo candy shop that has been in Vallejo since 1936. They have delicious homemade ice cream! It's located on Tennessee St.

After Mare Island, I went to Benicia. I ran into many people I knew including two former students from Green Valley.

I had a wonderful evening in District 2 on National Night Out.

ALL CHAMBERS NIGHT AT THE VALLEJO ADMIRALS

On August 7, I had a great time at the Admirals game. Many of the local chambers of commerce teamed up to have a night at the Admirals. And the best part was, we won!

ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE AT THE SOLANO FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER

On August 8th, I was very impressed with the SFJC open house. The SFJC provides support for victims in Solano County and it was great to see all the hard work they do to support our community.

ANNUAL BENICIA PEDDLER'S FAIR

On Saturday August 10, I had the best time at the Benicia Peddler's Fair. I ran into many people, went to the firefighter booth and bought some merchandise from several vendors. The Peddler's Fair is an excellent community event in Benicia.

GLEN COVE DAY AT THE ADMIRALS

On Sunday August 11th, I threw out the first pitch for the Vallejo Admirals. It was also Glen Cove day. It was great to see so many Glen Cove residents at the park.

HOME ENTERPRISE

At the August 13th Board meeting, I told the county staff that I wanted a discussion on permitting the home enterprise program in Solano County. I previously brought this up at the July 23 meeting. I have requested this be placed on the agenda in October.

The home enterprise program allows for the preparation of a relatively small number of meals to sell through a home kitchen. I believe this would be a good way for people in the community to operate their own business.

RODRIGUEZ HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC PARENT NIGHT

It was great to see so many families at the RHS music parent night on Thursday August 15. I was happy to be able to contribute \$1,000.00 to the music program. Both of my own children went to RHS and many of my former students attended RHS.

It was a bittersweet moment to realize that this was the first event I have ever been to at RHS event after all my former students have graduated. After retiring in 2015 from Green Valley Middle School, my last class of 8th graders graduated this past summer (2019). Even though my former students have graduated, I will always be there for the students in my district.

CONGRESSMEMBER MIKE THOMPSON BENICIA CLIMATE CHANGE TOWNHALL

On Monday August 20 (after my office hours in Vallejo that evening), I listened to the presentations at Congressman Thompson's Benicia townhall. It was great to see the Benicia community. I am glad to see an awareness of the impacts of climate change in our community.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT AT THE ADMIRALS

On Saturday August 24, I gave away 36 backpacks at the Vallejo Admirals game. The Benicia Community Action Council also donated 2 backpacks to give away. I filled the backpacks with pencils, paper, colored pencils, markers, notebooks, rulers, scissors, glue and pens. As a retired teacher, I know the importance of school supplies.

FRESH AIR VALLEJO CELEBRATION

On Sunday August 25th, I joined the celebration party with Fresh Air Vallejo at the Norman King Center in south Vallejo. We celebrated the defeat of the Orcem Cement Factory.

BENICIA BUS HUB OPENING CEREMONY

On Monday August 26th, I was at the opening for the Bus Hub in the Benicia Industrial Park.

REGULATION OF SHORT-TERM RENTALS

At the August 27th Board meeting, we approved entering into an agreement with online listing companies for tax collection. I brought up the issue of enforcement. While short-term rentals are a reality, we need to regulate them so that they do not diminish quality of life for our residents.

<https://www.dailyrepublic.com/all-dr-news/solano-news/solano-county/solano-county-takes-steps-to-collect-taxes-on-tourist-homes/>

BENICIA CHAMBER BREAKFAST

On August 29th, I was present for the quarterly Benicia Chamber Breakfast. The breakfast was held at the Union Hotel. It's always nice to enjoy breakfast at a local restaurant and to hear from our local businesspeople.

CLEAN SLATE EVENT

On September 3 from 4-6PM, there will be a free event by Legal Services of Northern California to discuss how to expunge criminal records. The event will be held at 500 Chadbourne Road in Fairfield.

SOLANO COASTAL CLEANUP

On September 21, there will be opportunities to pick up trash all over Solano County to participate in the annual Coastal Cleanup Day. If you are interested, you can learn more at cleanupsolano.org.

Thank you for reading my newsletter. Please reach out to me if I can be of any help to 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.