



SUPERVISOR MONICA BROWN FEBRUARY 4TH, 2022 UPDATE

Hello Benicia, Fairfield, and Vallejo,

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

February is Black History Month. For my updates throughout February, I will be recognizing African-American leaders throughout America. For this week's update, I want to recognize California Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond.

Superintendent Thurmond is the second African-American to serve as Superintendent of Public Schools in California. His work as Superintendent has included establishing the first Office of Equity in the California Department of Education, leading the schools through the COVID-19 pandemic, increasing awareness and support for mental health services, and much more. To learn more about Superintendent Thurmond, please visit: <https://www.cde.ca.gov/eo/bo/tt/>

The Racial Justice Project has many resources for educators and families for Black History Month. . To see what resources are available, please visit: <https://centerracialjustice.org/resources/black-history-month-resource-guide-for-educators-and-families/>

February 1st was the start of the Lunar New Year. This year is the year of the tiger. I wish everyone celebrating a Happy Lunar New Year. For more information, please visit: <https://www.cnn.com/travel/article/lunar-new-year-2022-cmd/index.html>

RUSSIA/UKRAINE

**Important Numbers
Resources and Dates**

District 2 Office

(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

**Tax
Collector/Treasurer/
County Clerk**

(707) 784-7485

**Area Agency on
Aging**

The thought that Russia might invade Ukraine terrifies me. Last night, (Thursday, Feb. 3rd), I had a chance to talk to Congressman John Garamendi about my fears. The Congressman is the chair of the House Armed Service subcommittee on Readiness. He stated that he shares my concerns. I asked what can be done? What can I and others do to support Ukraine? We can support HR 6470, The Defending Ukraine Sovereignty Act of 2022, which has been introduced in the House of Representatives.

To support this bill, please contact Speaker Pelosi. You can contact Speaker Pelosi at her D.C. office at 202-225-4965. Hours are M-F 9 to 5:30 pm (Eastern Standard Time). Her San Francisco office is 415-556-4862. The message is to pass the bill out of the House to show national unity and give President Biden all the tools he needs to avoid wars.

To read the bill: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/6470/text>

Please contact your friends and family and ask them to make the phone calls.

I thank all of you for your help.

CORONAVIRUS

While our numbers are still too high, we are seeing a decline in case rates. The decline is expected to continue. We should be past the omicron surge sometime this month. However, we are not done with COVID-19. There is a very real possibility that we will see more variants. Please stay safe.

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) recently released new graphs showing the incidence of infections, hospitalizations, and ICU admissions for the unvaccinated, vaccinated with no booster, and vaccinated with a booster. The data makes it clear that being vaccinated with a booster is your best defense against COVID-19.

According to the data, you are 7.5 times more likely to contract COVID-19 if you are unvaccinated versus if you are vaccinated with a booster. You are also 15 times more likely to be hospitalized and 30 times more likely to die if you are

(707) 784-8960

U.S. Social Security

(800) 772-1213

SUICIDE PREVENTION

NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION HOTLINE

800-273-8255

SPANISH LINE

888-628-9454

DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING

800 799 4889

FRIENDSHIP LINE FOR SENIORS

800 971 0016

CRISIS TEX LINE

741741

THE TREVOR PROJECT FOR LGBTQ YOUTH

866-488-7386

TRANS LIFELINE PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR THE TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY

877-565-8860

unvaccinated. The data speaks loudly to the need to get vaccinated and boosted.

Please get your booster shot if you have not done so already and encourage everyone you know to do so. The numbers for boosters everywhere are far too low. Please do your part to keep us all safe and healthy.

To see where to get tested, where to get your vaccine/booster, our COVID-19 numbers, the CDPH graphs, and our COVID-19 numbers, please visit:

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

<https://covid19.ca.gov/state-dashboard/#postvax-status>

https://www.solanocounty.com/depts/ph/coronavirus_links/covid_19_vaccine_s.asp

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

FUNDING FOR SENIOR CITIZENS OR PERMANENTLY DISABLED ADULTS

The Napa/Solano Area Agency on Aging (for which I am the Solano County representative) has funding available to help seniors (60+) OR PERMANENTLY DISABLED ADULTS. The funding can be used for one-time emergency rental assistance, help with utilities, or for projects that may be required to keep seniors in their homes. This would include roof work, wheelchair ramps, and other similar items. To apply for funding, please contact the Benicia Family Resource Center at 707-746-4352 or at klara@ci.benicia.ca.us.

HELP PAYING FOR CHILD CARE

You may be eligible for financial assistance paying for child care. To learn more, please visit: <https://solanofamily.org/help-paying-for-child-care/>

RESTAURANT RESILIENCY PROGRAM

The Solano Small Business Development Center is administering a program for restaurants in Vallejo, Fairfield, and Suisun City to be able to provide hot meals to low-income families and homeless in Fairfield and Vallejo. The restaurants will be paid \$25 for every meal prepared. For more information, please visit: <https://www.solanonapasbdc.org/restaurant-resiliency-program/>

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STATE ROUTE 12 CLOSURE

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will perform one-way traffic control on State Route 12 at the Mokelumne River Bridge (San Joaquin/Sacramento County line) for bridge inspection.

Work will occur on Thursday, February 10, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING

On Tuesday, February 8th, the Board will be discussing the county's \$87 million from ARPA. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for us to solve some of the most pressing issues in our community. I would encourage everyone to watch this meeting and send in your thoughts on how this money should be spent. You can attend the meeting in person or watch it on the internet. You may call into the meeting to speak. The meeting starts at 9:00 AM.

To see the meeting agenda and information on how to participate in the meeting, please

visit: <https://www.solanocounty.com/depts/bos/meetings/videos.asp>

FAIRFIELD GENERAL PLAN

Next Tuesday, February 8th from 5-8pm, the city of Fairfield will hold the meeting virtually and at city hall about the General Plan (GP). There will also be meetings on 3/8 and 4/12. The GP is being updated in Fairfield. Major updates of a city's GP happen every few decades. The GP will determine what is built where and how the city will look for a generation to come.

After I and many other citizens expressed concerns about the loss of open space, the City Council requested more meetings to provide more alternatives. I appreciate that the Council took this step.

It is extremely important to make your voice heard. Please let the city know what you want to see in future development. To see more information about the GP and information on how to participate in the meetings, please visit: <https://www.fairfieldforward.com/>

FAIRFIELD DOWNTOWN PROJECT

The city of Fairfield will host a meeting on Wednesday, February 16th from 6-7pm to discuss the downtown intersection project. This will impact Texas St. The meeting will be held via zoom. For more information, please visit: <https://www.fairfield.ca.gov/government/city-departments/public-works/capital-improvement-projects/hof-downtown-striping-and-intersection-improvement-project-meeting>

SOLANO POINT-IN-TIME (PIT) COUNT

On February 23rd, the PIT will be conducted to determine the number of our unhoused population. This will determine funding to Solano County and will raise awareness of the need for more housing for our unsheltered residents. If you are interested in volunteering, please visit: <https://solano.pointintime.info/>

SOLANO COUNTY SUICIDE PREVENTION PLAN UPDATE

To read the county's suicide prevention plan, please visit: <https://www.solanocounty.com/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?blobid=35366>

COUNTY OFFICE CLOSURE

The county offices will be closed on Friday, February 11th for Lincoln's Birthday and Monday, February 21st for President's Day.

JOBS

SOLANO COUNTY: <https://jobapscloud.com/solano/>

CITY OF BENICIA: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/benicia?page=1>

CITY OF FAIRFIELD: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/fairfield>

CITY OF VALLEJO: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/vallejo>

BENICIA SCHOOL

DISTRICT: <https://www.edjoin.org/Home/Jobs?districtID=874&catID=0>

FAIRFIELD-SUISUN UNIFIED SCHOOL

DISTRICT: <https://www.edjoin.org/Home/Jobs?districtID=876&catID=0>

VALLEJO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT:

<https://www.edjoin.org/Home/Jobs?districtID=879#>

GREATER VALLEJO RECREATION DISTRICT: <https://www.gvrd.org/current-job-openings>

Thank you for reading my most recent update. Please stay safe, spread kindness, wear your masks, get vaccinated/boosted, and support our local businesses.

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.