



# STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

The City of Highland hosted its annual State of the City Address at the Sterling Natural Resource Center on Wednesday, August 28, welcoming community leaders, local businesses, and residents for an evening of reflection and vision for the future. The event featured San Bernardino County Sheriff Shannon Dicus as the special guest speaker, offering valuable insight on public safety and collaboration with the City. Serving as Mistress of Ceremonies was Peggi Hazlett, CEO of the Ontario Chamber of Commerce.



## Fiscal Stability and City Services

Mayor Lilburn emphasized Highland’s ongoing commitment to fiscal responsibility, noting the adoption of a balanced \$80 million City budget for Fiscal Years 2025–2026, including \$35.6 million dedicated to Capital Improvement Projects. The City continues to operate as a contract city, maximizing efficiency by contracting essential services such as police, fire, while supporting nearly 58,000 residents with a lean City staff.

## Public Safety

The address highlighted the crucial role of Highland’s public safety services, recognizing the San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Department, CAL FIRE, and the City’s dedicated Code Enforcement Officers. In 2024 alone, Highland’s 25 assigned deputies generated more than 4,300 reports, seized illegal firearms, and responded to 174 mental health calls. Code Enforcement officers handled over 1,200 complaints ranging from illegal vending and abandoned vehicles to substandard housing and business license compliance. Fire services also responded to nearly 8,400 calls in 2024, and

celebrated the opening of a new training facility at Fire Station No. 3, funded through a \$260,000 grant from the Yuhaaviatam of San Manuel Nation.

## Public Works

The City invested \$6 million in Public Works improvements over the past year, including major road repairs, new bike lanes, sidewalk enhancements, and traffic safety upgrades. Looking ahead, Highland has over \$51 million in future projects planned, such as street and storm drain upgrades, new traffic signals, pavement rehabilitation, and renovations to City facilities.



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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

# Get Ready to Shake Out.



October 16, 2025



Register at [ShakeOut.org](https://ShakeOut.org)

## September 13, 2025

Tractor Supply Farmers Market  
8:00am to 1:00pm  
Tractor Supply Co. - 27430 Base Line

## September 16, 2025

Planning Commission Meeting  
6:00pm  
City Hall Council Chambers - 27215 Base Line

## September 18, 2025

Public Safety Subcommittee Meeting  
4:15pm  
City Hall - 27215 Base Line

## September 27, 2025

Compost Giveaway  
8:00am to 12:00pm  
City Hall - 27215 Base Line

## September 29, 2025

Blood Drive  
12:00pm to 5:00pm  
Highland Police Station - 26985 Base Line

## October 11, 2025

Discover Highland Run 5K & 10K  
8:00am  
Arroyo Verde Elementary School - 7701 Church St.  
To Enter: [Register.chronotrack.com/r/87949](https://Register.chronotrack.com/r/87949)  
For information:  
Highland Area Chamber of Commerce (909) 864-4073

## October 14, 2025

Fire Station No. 3 Open House  
9:00am - 2:00pm  
7649 Sterling Avenue San Bernardino, CA 92410

## October 14, 2025

City Council Meeting  
6:00pm  
City Hall Council Chambers - 27215 Base Line





**5TH ANNUAL DISCOVER HIGHLAND RUN 5K & 10K**



**ARROYO VERDE SCHOOL HIGHLAND**  
*Dog Friendly Event "Award for Best Dressed Dog"*

**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN**

**SAT. OCT 11, 2025 | 8AM**

5K **\$35**

10K **\$45**

\$5 Fee To Register Day of the Event

For team discount codes call the race director or the chamber office.

**\$5** Discount For Registered Teams of 5 or More

Runner Registration at: <https://Register.chronotrack.com/r/87949>

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FOR RUN DIRECTORS  
MORE James Held, 909-936-2528 ..... jmesheld2020@gmail.com  
INFO: Chris Nielsen, 909-864-4073 C: 909-864-4073 ..... hcoc@highlandchamber.org  
Register on line: [www.highlandchamber.org](http://www.highlandchamber.org) Commemorative medal, swag bag, and Event T-Shirt for registered runners. Late registrants and day of, as available.

# YARD & GARAGE SALE PERMITS



The City of Highland regulates yard, garage, or similar types of sales to help maintain neighborhood safety, fairness, and community standards. Below are key requirements residents should know before planning a sale.

A City-issued permit is required for all yard or garage sales. Residents are limited to three sales per household within a 12-month period. Sales may only be held between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Only personal property may be sold. Goods must be displayed only during sale hours and kept off the public right-of-way.

One double-faced sign (up to six square feet, five feet in height) may be placed on the property where the sale is held. Signs may be posted no earlier than 24 hours before the sale and must be removed immediately after. Code Enforcement enforces these requirements. (Sales conducted under court order or legal process are exempt from these provisions).

As of September 8, 2025, the permit fee has increased from \$10 to \$13. Residents may obtain a permit conveniently through the online portal on the City’s website or in person at City Hall.

# FINANCE DEPARTMENT REMINDERS

**Dog Licenses** The City of Highland is launching a new, user-friendly pet licensing system in partnership with DocuPet. Pet owners will soon be able to license their pets online, by phone, mail, or in person. The system offers: 24/7 HomeSafe® lost pet recovery, custom tags that serve as official licenses,

easy online management of pet profiles and renewals. Stay tuned for additional updates in the coming months. For more information call (909) 864-6861, ext. 243.

**Business Licenses** All business licenses will expire on December 31, 2025 as the City moves to a

## SCHEDULE OF FEES UPDATE

The City of Highland has adopted an updated schedule of fees, effective September 8, 2025. These changes affect a variety of city services, including building and planning permits, yard sale permits, public works inspections, and administrative processing fees.

The adjustments are intended to better align service costs with the resources required to provide them. A full list of updated fees is available on the City’s website under the Administrative Services Department section or by visiting City Hall.



calendar-year renewal cycle. New licenses issued before then will be prorated to fit this schedule. Renewal notices for 2026 will be sent on December 1, 2025 by email and mail. Please update your contact information to avoid delays. For more information call the Finance Department at (909) 864-6861, ext 239.



## BLOOD DRIVE INFORMATION

### Join the Blood Drive Committee!

Want to get involved in a meaningful way? Committee volunteers help by posting blood drive flyers in the community and assisting in the canteen during blood drives.

Our next committee meeting is on Monday, September 15 at 4:00 pm. To sign up or learn more, contact Volunteer Services at (909) 864-6861, ext. 203.

### Save the Date

Highland's next Blood Drive is on Monday, September 29 at the Highland Police Station, 26985 Base Line from 12:00pm – 5:00pm. Schedule your appointment online:

<https://giftoflife.lstream.org/donor/schedules/drive/schedule/121248>

For questions or to make an appointment by phone, contact: Denise Moreno, Volunteer Services Coordinator at (909) 864-6861, ext. 203 or by email at [dmoreno@cityofhighland.org](mailto:dmoreno@cityofhighland.org)

## COMPOST GIVEAWAY EVENT

The City of Highland Public Services Division and Burrtec Waste Industries Inc. are teaming up to host the last compost giveaway of the year, so residents can tackle the Fall lawn and garden projects.

### HOW IT WORKS:

Open to all. This is a **SELF SERVE** program; therefore, participants must provide their own shovels and assistance to load their vehicle. Available on a first come first service basis. Wait time could be up to 2 hours. A tarp is recommended for open bed trucks & trailers. City Staff reserve the right to end the event at any time due to product availability.

### (Spanish translation)

La División de Servicios Públicos de la Ciudad de Highland y Burrtec Waste Industries Inc., se está uniendo para organizar la

última entrega de abono del año, para que los residentes puedan abordar los proyectos de césped y jardín de otoño.

### CÓMO FUNCIONA:

Abierto a todos, este es un programa de **AUTOSERVICIO**; por lo que los participantes deberán traer sus propias palas y asistencia para cargar su vehículo. Disponible por orden de llegada. El tiempo de espera puede ser hasta de una hora. Se recomienda una lona para camiones y remolques con plataforma abierta. El personal de la ciudad se reserva el derecho de finalizar el evento en cualquier momento debido a la disponibilidad del producto.

**8:00AM - 12:00PM**

**27215 BASE LINE HIGHLAND, CA  
92346**



**BURRTEC**  
"We'll Take Care Of It"



# HIGHLAND COMMUNITY PARK HOURS



On August 12, 2025, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 473 regarding Camping and Storing Personal Belongings on Public Property. As part of its implementation, Community Park will be closed after posted park hours from 11:00pm to 5:00am beginning Monday, September 15, 2025.

In 2024, the City completed the Highland Community Park Perimeter Fence and Gates Project

which fully enclosed the park. With this infrastructure in place, the City will now begin locking the gates nightly to ensure the park is secured after hours.

This coordinated effort involves the City’s Public Works Department, Police Department, and Code Enforcement. City staff has engaged with the Library, YMCA, and Little League, all of whom express their support for the change. Notices are being

placed at each of the park’s entrances. Individuals remaining in the park after closing will be cited and vehicles will be towed at the owner’s expense. We ask for the public’s compliance of this new policy. City officials believe this action will help reduce or eliminate incidents of vandalism, ensuring a safer and more enjoyable environment for the community.

For further questions, please contact us at (909) 864-6861.

**ROAD CLOSURE UPDATE**

As part of the San Bernardino County Flood Control District’s (SBCFCD) Elder Creek Channel Project, the road closure at Old Greenspot Road and Tyler Street has been extended. The updated closure end date is Tuesday, September 30. We appreciate your patience as this important infrastructure work continues.

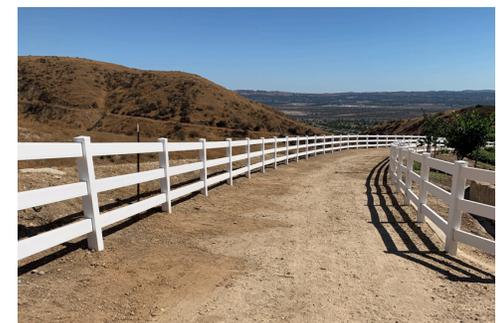


## SHELTON TRAIL FENCE RESTORED

The City of Highland is pleased to announce that the Shelton Trail fence along Cloverhill Drive has been fully restored after sustaining damage during last year’s Line Fire.

Restoring this section of the trail was a priority to ensure it remains safe, accessible, and enjoyable for everyone. The project involved replacing approximately 1,380 feet of trail fencing with new commercial heavy-duty 3-rail PVC fencing. These improvements help maintain the trail’s natural character while ensuring long-lasting durability for the community.

The Shelton Trail has been a long-time local favorite for hiking and running, offering a quiet outdoor experience that highlights Highland’s natural beauty year-round. The City appreciates the community’s patience during the repair process and invites residents and visitors to enjoy the scenic trail once again.



## SOUTH COAST AQMD LAUNCHES \$21 MILLION GO ZERO PROGRAM



The South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) has launched its \$21 million GO ZERO Pilot Incentive Program designed to help residents and businesses switch to cleaner, zero-emission space and water heating technologies. These technologies are up to 3-4 times more efficient than traditional gas systems and can help reduce your energy use and lower utility bills.

**GO ZERO** includes rebates for Heat Pump Devices for Space and Water Heating: Available for single-family homes, multifamily buildings and small businesses. Incentives are available for two (2) separate technologies: replacing traditional gas furnaces and central HVAC systems or replacing conventional gas or propane water heaters. Workforce (Installer) Training to build a strong clean energy workforce for the future.

Application Assistance is available to help applicants maximize and combine program incentives for even more savings.

### Funding is Limited

Applications are processed on a first-come, first-served basis while funds last. Rebates typically range from \$1,000 to \$2,000 per heat pump, with up to \$3,000 available for homes in overburdened communities and \$4,000 for small businesses.

To address affordability, 75% of the program's funding for homes is designated to benefit overburdened communities. To qualify for the GO ZERO rebates, the newly installed unit must be a heat pump that replaces a gas or propane unit (furnace, water heater). To learn more about the program go to [www.aqmd.gov/go-zero](http://www.aqmd.gov/go-zero).

## TRACTOR SUPPLY CO. FARMER'S MARKET EVENT

On Saturday, September 13, the Highland Tractor Supply Co. store located at 27430 Base Line will participate in the company's Nationwide Farmers Market, celebrated in all of its 2,200 communities. Don't miss this one-day event that will take place from 8:00am to 1:00pm in the Tractor Supply Co. parking lot.

The Farmers Market is a free, family-friendly event with local vendors selling products like fresh fruit and vegetables, arts and crafts, accessories, specialty food and drink, and more. Customers and community members are invited to stop by, explore the wide range of offerings and support their neighbors by purchasing homemade and homegrown goods and products.

Tractor Supply is passionate about serving the needs of recreational farmers, ranchers, homeowners, gardeners, and pet enthusiasts of Highland.



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INCENTIVE PROGRAM



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# BUILDING & SAFETY ONLINE INSPECTION SCHEDULING

The City of Highland is making it easier to schedule inspections. Building & Safety and Fire Permit holders can now schedule their inspections electronically through the Permit Portal.

To schedule an inspection online:

1. Visit [www.cityofhighland.org/](http://www.cityofhighland.org/)
2. Click on Departments
3. Click on Building & Safety
4. Click on Inspections
5. Under Requesting an Inspection, click Permit Portal
6. Click Request an Inspection
7. Please read through the instructions thoroughly and fill out all fields, then click Submit.

Under our Inspections page, you can find information on days and



times available for inspections, inspection requirements, and more. The inspection schedule is also posted daily by 8:00am during normal business hours.

For quick access to schedule an inspection online, scan the QR code above.

(Please have your Contractor Access Code handy).

If you do not have an access code or cannot locate yourself in the contractor portal, please contact our Building & Safety Permit Technician at (909) 864-6861 ext. 232.

## NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

September is National Preparedness Month. The 2025 theme, "Preparedness Starts at Home," focuses on getting back to the basics of disaster readiness. Take these four key steps:

### Understand Your Risks

Learning your risks where you live will help you make informed decisions to stay safe. Check which disasters are most likely in your area by visiting [ready.gov](http://ready.gov) for information.

### Create a Family Emergency Plan

Planning ahead saves time and stress and helps minimize expenses during a crisis. Find low- or no-cost tips at [ready.gov/low-and-no-cost](http://ready.gov/low-and-no-cost).

### Build an Emergency Supply Kit

Stock food, water, meds, and a go-bag. Visit [ready.gov/kit](http://ready.gov/kit) for a full checklist of recommended supplies.

### Get Involved

Emergencies can happen without warning and help may not always be nearby. Take CPR/first aid classes or join a CERT team. Explore free FEMA courses at [training.fema.gov](http://training.fema.gov).

For additional information, please visit [ready.gov/september](http://ready.gov/september). The City of Highland prepares for winter storm season by clearing storm drains and reinforcing roads and parks before the annual winter rains hit.

Residents and businesses are encouraged to get Storm Ready by also visiting our website: [www.cityofhighland.org/360/Storm-Preparedness](http://www.cityofhighland.org/360/Storm-Preparedness) for additional tips and resources.



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## Community Development

The Community Development Department reported strong progress in both housing and retail. Projects such as Crestwood’s 35 new homes, DR Horton’s Vista Verde tract along Greenspot Road, and the 470-unit San Carlo developments are bringing new housing options and parks to the community.

On the retail side, the new Costco Wholesale Warehouse and the growing Greenspot Crossings center stand out as major milestones, joined by openings like Tractor Supply, Grocery Outlet, and Pat’s Place. These efforts, combined with future projects such as Chick-fil-A and a new hotel, demonstrate the City’s commitment to balancing growth while enhancing residents’ quality of life.

## Regional Partnerships

The address also underscored the importance of collaboration. The City extended thanks to Omnitrans for providing vital public transportation, and to the Yuhaaviatam of San Manuel Nation for ongoing support through generous grants, funding everything from a new fire engine to the Highland Senior Center renovation.

Appreciation was also given to the Highland Area Chamber of Commerce, community volunteers, and City staff, whose dedication ensures that Highland continues to thrive. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all who attended this year’s event and warmly invite the community to join us again for next year’s State of the City Address.



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## KIDS CORNER

# Color By Number



Use these Crayola crayon colors from the 64 count box to color in this Brainstorming Bulb!

- 1 = Yellow
- 2 = Goldenrod
- 3 = Red
- 4 = Silver
- 5 = Black
- 6 = Periwinkle
- 7 = Indigo
- 8 = Peach
- 9 = Macaroni and Cheese
- 10 = Tickle Me Pink

# COMMUNITY INFORMATION



**SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY**  
**REGIONAL PARKS**  
**New Park Hours**

**FALL SCHEDULE**  
**Saturday, Sept. 6-20**  
7:30 AM to 7:30 PM  
**Saturday, Sept. 20-Oct. 17**  
7:30 AM to 7 PM  
**Saturday, Oct. 18-Dec. 31**  
7:30 AM to 5 PM

 Regional Parks  parks.sbcounty.gov



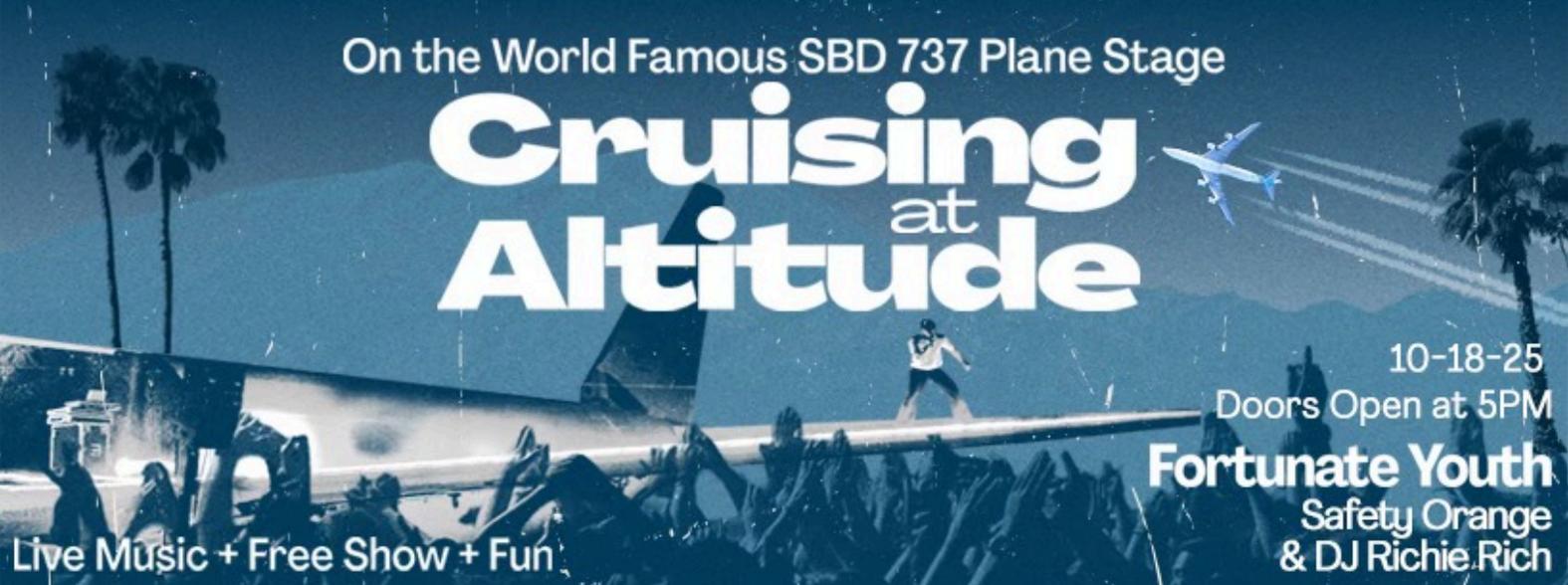
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HIGHLAND**

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**Community?**

**COMMUNITY  
TRAILS  
COMMITTEE  
VACANCY**

**DEADLINE TO  
SUBMIT:  
SEPTEMBER 18, 2025**

**FOR MORE  
INFORMATION**  **PHONE**  
(909) 864-6861  **HIGHLAND CITY HALL**  
27215 BASE LINE  
HIGHLAND, CA 92346



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Doors Open at 5PM  
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# YOUR Community



## **CITY HALL**

27215 Base Line  
Highland, CA 92346  
(909)864-6861

Monday - Thursday 7:30am - 5:30pm  
**CLOSED ON FRIDAYS**

## **SPECIAL COUNTER HOURS**

Building & Safety: No permits issued  
after 5:00pm  
Engineering: 7:30am - 4:00pm

## **HIGHLAND CITY COUNCIL**

Mayor Penny Lilburn  
District 3  
Mayor Pro Tem Larry McCallon  
District 5  
Councilmember Gregory Hogan  
District 1  
Councilmember Jimmy Saldana  
District 2  
Councilmember Johh P. Timmer  
District 4

## **HIGHLAND POLICE STATION**

26985 Base Line Highland, CA 92346  
(909)425-9793

For emergency calls, dial 9-1-1

## **FIRE STATION NO.1**

26974 Base Line Highland, CA 92346  
(909)862-3031

## **FIRE STATION NO. 2**

29507 Base Line Highland, CA 92346  
(909)862-1760

## **FIRE STATION NO. 3**

7649 Sterling Ave. Highland, CA 92346  
(909)884-4100

## **HIGHLAND SAM RACADIO LIBRARY**

7863 Central Ave. Highland, CA 92346  
(909)798-8490

Mon - Wed 10:00am-8:00pm

Thurs - Fri 10:00am-6:00pm

Saturday 9:00am-5:00pm

**CLOSED ON SUNDAYS**

## **HIGHLAND FAMILY YMCA**

7793 Central Ave.  
Highland, CA 92346  
(909)864-8297

## **HIGHLAND CORPORATION YARD**

7935 Central Ave.  
Highland, CA 92346  
(909)863-0284

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# HELPFUL Resources

Caltrans  
(909)383-4285

Highland Post Office  
(909)864-2463

City of Redlands  
(909)798-7500

Highland Senior Center  
(909)862-8104

City of San Bernardino  
(909)384-7272

Omnitrans  
(800)966-6428

City of San Bernardino Animal  
Services (909)384-1304

San Bernardino County  
(909)387-2020

Highland Chamber of Commerce  
(909)864-4073

San Bernardino County Animal  
Control (800)472-5609

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[cityofhighland.org/list.aspx](http://cityofhighland.org/list.aspx)

Scan the QR  
code for digital  
versions of our  
Newsletter



## UTILITIES



Burrtec Waste Industries, Inc.  
5455 Industrial Parkway  
San Bernardino, CA 92410  
(909)889-1969



East Valley Water District  
31111 Greenspot Road  
Highland, CA 92346  
(909)889-9501  
[www.eastvalleywater.gov](http://www.eastvalleywater.gov)



Southern California Edison  
(800)684-8123  
Southern California Gas  
Company  
(888)607-4357

## ELECTED OFFICIALS

Alex Padilla (D)	U.S. Senator	CA	<a href="http://www.padilla.senate.gov/">www.padilla.senate.gov/</a>
Adam Schiff (D)	U.S. Senator	CA	<a href="http://www.schiff.senate.gov/">www.schiff.senate.gov/</a>
Jay Obernolte (R)	U.S. Representative	CA - District 23	<a href="http://www.obernolte.house.gov/">www.obernolte.house.gov/</a>
Pete Aguilar (D)	U.S. Representative	CA - District 33	<a href="http://www.aguilar.house.gov/">www.aguilar.house.gov/</a>
Rosilicie Ocha Bogh (R)	State Senator	District 19	<a href="http://www.sr19.senate.ca.gov/">www.sr19.senate.ca.gov/</a>
Elóise Gomez Reyes (D)	State Senator	District 29	<a href="http://www.sd29.senate.ca.gov/">www.sd29.senate.ca.gov/</a>
Tom Lackey (R)	State Representative	District 34	<a href="http://www.ad34.asmrc.org/">www.ad34.asmrc.org/</a>
James C. Ramos (D)	State Representative	District 45	<a href="http://www.a45.asmdc.org/">www.a45.asmdc.org/</a>
Greg Wallis (R)	State Representative	District 47	<a href="http://www.ad47.asmrc.org/">www.ad47.asmrc.org/</a>

San Bernardino County Supervisor Dawn Rowe (Third District)

(909)387-4855

<https://bosd3.sbcounty.gov/>