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DEAR NEIGHBOR

As we've learned, no one was immune to the devastating impacts of the global pandemic. Our community garnered national attention for rapid contraction rates and was deemed an epicenter of COVID-19, due to many essential workers and families living in crowded, and multigenerational households. As our community faced the economic and emotional impacts, my team and I ramped up our efforts to address food insecurity for homebound seniors and families in need, fought for greater financial relief, eviction protections, provided personal protective equipment to those who needed it, and worked to ensure access to testing and vaccines in the Seventh Council District to help stop the spread and begin our recovery.

The impact of the pandemic will have a ripple effect for many years, particularly for the youth of our City. COVID-19 has amplified what we already knew – access to resources and programs are not equitable. Looking back 10 years at 1.2 million arrests, persons ages 10 to 25 made up 32% of those arrests. Stanford Economists predict the year of learning loss from the pandemic will result in reduced lifetime earning capacity for young people, and we've seen a growing number of youth finding themselves homeless. We don't need hindsight to know the benefits of investing in youth and preparing them with the resilience they need. It's why I'm proud to have led the fight and created the City's first Youth Development Department that would provide resources for young Angelenos. A centralized department will uplift the needs of the more than 800,000 young people in Los Angeles and provide equal access to programming. This effort is among several fights I've led since taking office and a great deal more work remains ahead.

Looking toward our collective recovery, this year's budget process was historic. As a member of the City's budget committee, I continued to fight for investments for a district that historically has been underserved. Accelerating citywide economic recovery by continuing my fight for small businesses and restaurants including job programs for young Angelenos, funds to restore vital city services that were cut out due to budget impacts and funding for the development of affordable housing, homeless prevention, eviction defense, and other homeless services. It's a substantial first step to regaining our footing.

As I look back at the last fiscal year I am proud of the work that has been done and reminded of the great honor it is to represent the Seventh Council District. Working together we will recover with a stronger, healthier and more resilient community.

Sincerely,

Monica Rodriguez
Los Angeles Councilwoman, 7th District

WE ARE **ONE** LA!

Disabilities Meal Program

- Secured \$800,000 in funding to continue the Angelenos with Disabilities meal program in partnership with the Department of Disability and Khalsa Care, providing 2,000 daily meals to Angelenos with disabilities.

Hot Meals

- Partnered with Khalsa Care to provide hot meals every Friday for those living in Council District 7 with food insecurity.

COVID-19 Test Sites

- Secured free COVID-19 testing sites in the Seventh Council District.

COVID-19 Vaccine Sites

- Secured mobile COVID-19 vaccine sites to provide a hyper local approach to vaccine access in the Seventh Council District.

COVID-19 Vaccines to Homeless

- Partnered with the Mayor’s Office of City Homeless Initiatives, the Los Angeles Fire Department, and the Community Organized Relief Effort Team to provide COVID-19 vaccines to individuals experiencing homelessness near Hansen Dam.



Sanitation Stations

- Authored legislation that installed more than 250 sanitation stations at encampments and more than 300 at public transportation areas throughout the City to help stop the spread of COVID-19.

Eviction Moratorium

- Passed legislation implementing an eviction moratorium for Angelenos impacted by COVID-19.

Rent Subsidies

- Approved rent subsidies of up to \$2,000 for low income Angelenos impacted by COVID-19 that benefited 986 families in CD7.

Utility Assistance

- Introduced utility assistance program to prevent LADWP shut offs during the pandemic.

Federal Funding

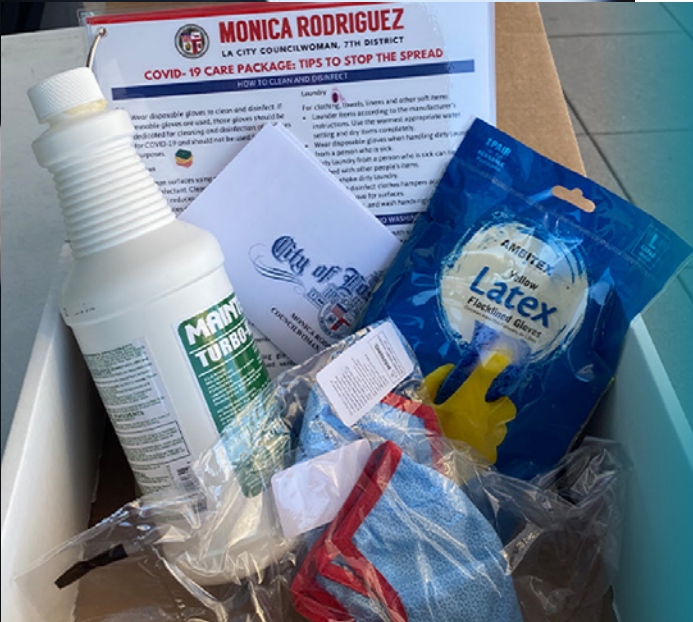
- Advocated for federal funding to benefit working families, renters and property owners.

Utility Grant

- Approved COVID-19 Utility Grant Program providing \$500 for utility bills to low income families.

COVID Care Kits

Since the beginning of the pandemic, more than 2,500 COVID Care Kits were provided to community members and local health care providers. The kits contain PPE, hand sanitizer, cleaning solutions and directions on how to properly disinfect against the virus. In December of 2020, COVID Care Kits were given to LAFD to place on rescue ambulances in Council District 7 to be left at homes where they were called for a COVID-19 positive patient. In January 2021, the LAFD program was expanded city-wide to help combat the rising cases of COVID-19.



Secured \$2 Million in Grant Funding From the CAREs Act

- Secured \$2 million in grant funding from CARES Act that provided funding for more than 300 street vendors. This grant allowed the street vendors to reopen under COVID-19 requirements.

COVID-19 Relief for Small Businesses

- Introduced legislation calling for a review of COVID-19 relief programs to ensure they provide maximum relief for small businesses.

USDA Farmers to Families Food Box

- Supported increased funding and distribution of USDA Farmers to Families food box program.

Secured \$1,000,000 for Meals

- Secured over \$1 million to provide meals for people with disabilities and their families.



Pandemic Recovery Legislation for Small Businesses

- Adopted legislation to create a centralized resource for small businesses to help them navigate through the reopening protocols, cut through red tape, and safely reopen during the pandemic.

El Nido Family Source Center Emergency Fund

- Created an emergency fund operated by El Nido Family Source Center to provide financial assistance to CD7 families.

\$25,000 Grant from California Community Foundation

- Obtained a California Community Foundation grant of \$25,000 that was used to distribute gift cards to over 300 low income Sylmar families. They were also provided with bags of PPE to protect their family during the pandemic.



PPE to Hope of the Valley

- Provided PPE to homeless individuals through Hope of the Valley to protect them from COVID-19.

Paxton and Bradley

- Housed 67 individuals with the help of LA Family Housing, which represented the largest encampment housing operation in the City. During the clean up, more than 15,000 tons of materials were removed from the location. Nearly 80% of the individuals have been matched with or moved into permanent housing.

Safe Parking

- Implemented Safe Parking for people living in their vehicles. The site can accommodate up to 20 participants at a time and assists them with finding temporary or permanent housing. The site has helped 34 participants find housing.

LASAN RV Pilot Program

- Implemented an RV engagement and sanitation pilot program in Pacoma and Sylmar. The pilot program reduced the number of permanent RVs and trash in the area and safely disposed of 27,140 pounds of waste from the RV sewage systems.



NUMBER OF MARKET
RATE UNITS ENTITLED

1,258

ADU APPLICATIONS

2,413

BEDS OF INTERIM
HOUSING

172

SUPPORTIVE
HOUSING UNITS

175

AFFORDABLE HOUSING
UNITS ENTITLED

256

WINTER SHELTER BEDS

120

SAFE
PARKING SPOTS

20



Silva Crossing

- Broke ground at Silva Crossing, a project that will provide 56 units of supportive housing. This project was made possible in part by \$10.9 million in voter approved HHH bond funding.

Arroyo Bridge Housing in Sylmar

- Opened the 85 bed Arroyo Bridge Housing campus for women in Sylmar. The facility will care for homeless women and victims of domestic violence in a setting that includes an outdoor garden, yoga studio, dining room and recreational activities. Services such as art therapy and mental health counseling will also be available to help them navigate a path toward permanent housing.

Good Nite Inn

- Approved the acquisition of the Good Nite Inn in Sylmar to house vulnerable seniors. The funding is made possible by California State grant funding through Project Homekey. The Good Nite Inn will be converted into 87 units of permanent housing for seniors and the medically vulnerable.

Metamorphosis

- Opened Metamorphosis Supportive Housing providing 47 units for homeless individuals and families. Through funding from the Home Depot Foundation, ten units are reserved for veterans.



Partnered with LA Family Housing, the Los Angeles Public Library and LAUSD to Provide School Supplies

- Hosted a back-to-school fair in partnership with the LA Family Housing, Los Angeles Public Library and Los Angeles Unified School District to provide resources such as free hygienic items, school supplies, affordable cell plans, free meals, books and on site casework for formerly homeless families.

Partnered with North Valley Bears and Foes Academy for Toy Drive

- Partnered with North Valley Bears and Foes Academy to deliver donated toys to the students of Vaughn Charter Elementary School and Carlos Santana Arts Academy.

Food Pantry Operational Procedures

- Directed LADOT and LAPD to develop traffic operational procedures for food pantries. These safety procedures have been implemented city-wide.



MEALS FOR SENIORS
DELIVERED

273,969

HOT MEALS FOR CD7
FAMILIES DELIVERED

15,500

BOXES OF GROCERIES
DELIVERED

1,800

TOILETRIES AND
SANITIZERS DISTRIBUTED
(Hispanic Star Partnership)

2,500

BACKPACKS DISTRIBUTED

1,500

THANKSGIVING MEALS
DISTRIBUTED

2,000

Holiday Event Drive Thru with Kahlsa Care

- Hosted a holiday drive thru event in partnership with Khalsa Care Foundation to provide holiday gifts to more than 1,000 families.

Summer Play LA in Sunland Park

- Opened the Summer Play LA program in Sunland Park to provide free child care to 48 children as workplaces reopened and parents struggled to find care.

Veterans Resource Webinar

- Hosted a virtual resource fair to provide veterans in the Seventh Council District with information on resources such as housing.

Blood Drives

- Hosted three blood drives in partnership with the American Red Cross, Casa Torres and the Sylmar Resiliency Coalition.

Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway

- Partnered with North Valley Caring Services to host a Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway. In addition to turkeys, participants received masks and hand sanitizer to help them stay safe at the height of the pandemic.

Youth Development Task Force

- Commenced Youth Development Task Force that created and presented a city-wide strategy on programming for youth. The Task Force findings supported the Councilwoman's call for a standalone department to oversee youth programming in the City of Los Angeles.

Introduced Motion for Youth Development Department

- Adopted legislation directing the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance to create a Youth Development Department. The legislation was unanimously approved by the City Council.

Secured \$1.4 Million for Standalone Department

- Led the efforts to create a standalone Youth Development Department in the City of Los Angeles. With the passing of the 2021-2022 budget, \$1.4 million was secured to begin that work. The creation of the department is the beginning of systemic change that will deliver greater equity and justice for young people in the City of Los Angeles.

MRod Youth Council

- Established the MRod Youth Council to empower local middle- and high-school students to become active in City government. The 25 youth meet with City leaders monthly to learn more about their City and work on solutions to address issues in their community.

Adulting 101 Webinars

- Created Adulting 101 webinars to provide recent high school graduates with information about college readiness and their post high school options.

Olivia Mitchell Youth Council

- Introduced legislation to create the Olivia Mitchell Youth Council to give participants an insight into how city government works. Olivia Mitchell oversaw the Youth Advisory Council under Mayor Tom Bradley. This new council will include two youth representatives from each council district and will educate and invite their participation in their city government.



LAFD and Emergency Management Department Wildfire Evacuation Plan

- Adopted legislation that directed LAFD and the Emergency Management Department (EMD) to create a plan to safely battle and evacuate for wildfires during COVID-19.

Emergency Preparedness Webinar

- Hosted Emergency Preparedness webinar series that covered emergency preparedness, wildfire preparedness and evacuation planning.

Safety in Equestrian Neighborhoods

- Actively worked with multiple City Departments to increase safety in equestrian neighborhoods by increasing street lighting and creating a contiguous bridle path.

Installed No Oversize Vehicle Parking Signs

- Approved legislation to install “No Oversize Vehicle Parking” restrictions at Olive View Drive between West Way and Cranston Ave; Bledsoe Street between Bradley Avenue and San Fernando Road; Astoria Street between Eldridge Avenue and Fenton Avenue; Truman Street between its terminus at San Fernando Road and Hubbard Street; Maclay Street between Fenton and Harding Street (to the City’s boundary).

Operation Bright S.P.O.T.



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- Operation Bright S.P.O.T. is a targeted neighborhood cleanup program launched in Council District 7 to improve the quality of life. Cleanups focus on major commercial corridors while bulky items are picked up from residential neighborhoods.



Secured \$4 Million to Repair Sinkhole Caused by Debris Following La Tuna Fire

- Secured \$4 million in funding to repair a large sinkhole caused by debris flow following the La Tuna Fire. This massive reconstruction project was needed to restore the stability of La Tuna Canyon Road.

Caltrans Cleanups

- Advocated for Caltrans to conduct neglected maintenance along their right-of-way in the City of Los Angeles. The long history of neglected maintenance causes fire and health risk to the community. The office is continuing to push for Caltrans to clear and maintain these areas but have seen some results including the Van Nuys Blvd. off ramp from the I5 in Pacoima and Caltrans sites near Ritchie Valens Park and Paxton Park.

Bradley Avenue Lighting Upgrade

- Worked with the Bureau of Street Lighting and the Department of Water and Power to upgrade and install five new LED Cobra head lights on Bradley Avenue from Dyer Street to Astoria Street. These new lights emit a cleaner, brighter white light that better illuminates the area, are more energy efficient, have a longer life span and require less maintenance.



SQUARE FEET OF
SIDEWALKS CLEANED

46,017

FEET OF ROADS
CLEANED

379,000

BAGS OF
WEEDS REMOVED
AND LITTER
PICKED UP

2,754



Saddleridge Fire Improvements

- Completed the Saddleridge Fire Improvements working closely with LADOT, LADWP, Bureau of Street Services and the Los Angeles Beautification team. Improvements included repainting 30 red curbs, painting ten fire hydrants, planting two new Crepe Myrtle trees on Filbert Street and adding asphalt to three vacant curb cuts on the sidewalk.

Sidewalk and ADA Upgrades on Eldridge Avenue

- Worked with LADWP to upgrade 630 square feet of sidewalks and install two new ramps to meet the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards on Eldridge Ave. between Astoria St. and Dyer St.

Left-Turn Phasing Signal Installed at Foothill and Maclay Street

- Installed a left-turn phasing signal at Foothill and Maclay, a busy intersection that experienced 31 collisions between 2015 and 2020. The left-turn signal has technology to track the flow of traffic which minimizes traffic collisions, increases pedestrian safety and prevents traffic from the 210 freeway.

Traffic Improvements on Devonshire Street

- Partnered with LADOT to install a left-turn phasing signal at Devonshire St. and Sepulveda Blvd. A right turn only sign was installed at Langdon Ave. and Devonshire St. to prevent future collisions.

Left-Turn Phasing Signal Installed at Foothill and Apperson

- Installed and activated a new left-turn phasing signal at Foothill and Apperson funded through LADOT's Vision Zero initiative.

Installed a Left-Turn Phasing Signal in North Hills

- Worked with LADOT in activating a new left-turn phasing signal at the Sepulveda and Nordhoff intersection in North Hills. This intersection has seen 72 collisions between 2015 and 2020.

Installed Five New Utilitarian Lights on DeGarmo Avenue

- Installed five new utilitarian lights with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power on DeGarmo Avenue from Roxford Street to the dead end north of DeGarmo Avenue.

Installed Seven Electrolier Lights on Foothill Boulevard

- Worked with the Bureau of Street Lighting to repair seven electrolier lights on the east side of Foothill Boulevard from Fernmont Street to Gridley Street.



Hubbard Street/ Dronfield Sidewalk Improvement

- Secured \$620,000 for sidewalk and curb ramp improvements along the south side of Hubbard Street from Dronfield to Foothill.

Maclay Street Reconfiguration

- Secured \$1.7 million for a roadway improvement project that includes concrete improvements and signal, signage and striping work on Maclay Street north of the 1-210 freeway.

Mission Mile

- Sepulveda Boulevard Visioning Project: Secured \$39.7 million for this milestone project in Council District 7. Sepulveda Boulevard in Mission Hills was chosen as a high priority for this project due to the high volume of traffic deaths and severe injuries. One of just four Los Angeles projects that was considered for active transportation funding, this project will improve community health and safety, improve environmental quality, offer beautification and green projects, expand transportation options and improve the quality of life for local residents and businesses.

Transit Oriented District Specific Plan

- Secured staffing necessary to complete a Transit Oriented Community Plan for the communities along the future Metro East San Fernando Valley Transit Corridor line. This forward-thinking plan will identify land use recommendations and strategies for the preservation and expansion of affordable housing opportunities along the corridor.

Transportation

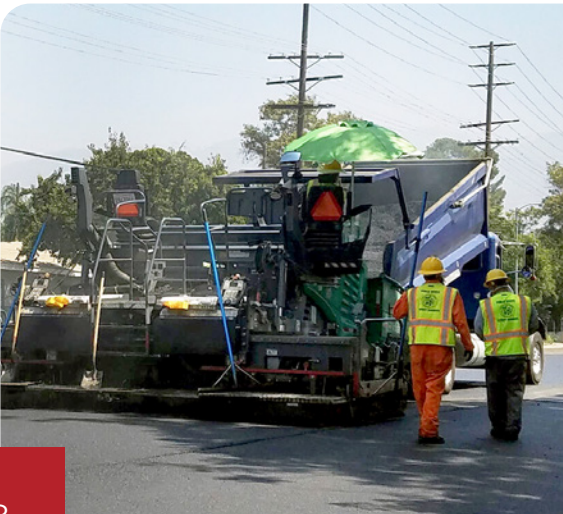


Installed New Sidewalk Access Ramps on Osborne

Completed the Osborne Street Access ramp project installing five new sidewalk access ramps on Osborne Street from Laurel Canyon Boulevard to the 5 Freeway overpass. Previously, it was difficult for residents who use mobility devices and families with strollers to cross a street or enter a sidewalk without an access ramp. These newly installed access ramps will now ensure the safe access for all who cross or enter sidewalks on Osborne Street.

Secured \$5 Million for 20 Safety Projects including Fenton and Terra Bella Street

Secured nearly \$5 million in funding for twenty traffic safety projects throughout the district. This funding includes the Fenton and Terra Bella Street improvement project. For this project, the Council Office secured the permits and worked with LADWP and the Bureau of Sanitation to complete construction. The Fenton and Terra Bella Street project discharges water directly to the sanitary sewer from their facility instead of diverting water into the neighborhood gutter and storm drain.



MILES OF LANES RESURFACED	MILES OF CURBS SWEEP
38	7.186
MILES OF SLURRY LANES COMPLETED	SQUARE FEET OF POTHOLES REPAIRED
88	23,629

Abatement

Eustace Street Abatement

Coordinated with the City's Department of Building and Safety to clean and secure an abandoned property on the 1300 block of Eustace Street. Four junk vehicles were impounded, structures were demolished, 1,194 square feet of demolished materials were removed and 420 yards of additional debris was cleared from the property. To secure the property from future dumping and trespassing, the back fence was repaired.

Olden Street Abatement

Partnered with the Los Angeles Conservation Corps (LACC) on an abatement project of more than 2,300 linear feet on Olden Street. LACC trimmed 13 trees, abated over 1,480 square feet of weeds and collected 15,560 pounds of trash.

Sayre Street and Kismet Avenue Abatement

Completed an abatement project with the Department of Building and Safety at a property near Sayre Street and Kismet Avenue. The cleanup included removing excessive trash and debris from the public right-of-way next to the property on three separate occasions. The owner was instructed to remove trash and debris and install fencing along the perimeter of his property.

Sylmar Upper East Channel Abatement

Completed an abatement of the Sylmar Upper East Channel working with the Los Angeles Sanitation staff and the Los Angeles Conservation Corps. LASAN staff spent 2,700 hours and the Conservation Corps spent 500 hours on this project. More than 35,000 pounds of green waste and 250 cubic yards of trash and debris was removed.



SQUARE FEET OF GRAFFITI REMOVAL
373,463
SITES OF GRAFFITI REMOVALS
16,195

Park Improvements



100 LED Lights at Sunland Park

Replaced 100 lights at Sunland Park with energy efficient LED lights. The new lights are on photocells turning on automatically from dusk to dawn. Upgrading the lights provides better visibility and illuminates the park.

Verdugo Hills Pool Bathhouse Renovation

Secured an additional \$700,000 towards completion of the pool and bathhouse renovation.

Sylmar Senior Center

Secured \$1 million for feasibility and initial design for the establishment of a senior center in Sylmar.

Pacoima Little League Improvement Project

Coordinated improvements for the Hansen Dam Baseball Fields including new fencing and backstop, aluminum bleachers, concrete paving and walkways, and irrigation. The project also included site grading, removal of excess soil and planting of new trees.



Secured \$10.5 Million in Measure W Funding for Oro Vista Avenue Urban Flow Management project

Secured \$10.5 million in Measure W funding for the Oro Vista Avenue Urban Flow Management project. This project will capture, treat, and percolate water runoff. A new reinforced concrete storm drain will be constructed with 13 new catch basins to capture water from large rain events and convey it to the channel. The project will include previous sidewalks, infiltration planters and new street trees.

Completed \$3.2 million Bradley Plaza and Green Alley

Completed the \$3.2 million Bradley and Green Alley improvements in Pacoima. This first of its kind project in Los Angeles adds open space while capturing up to two million gallons of storm water runoff during an average rain season.

Glenoaks Green Street Project

Completed the \$3.2 million Glenoaks-Filmore Stormwater Capture Project in Pacoima. This project captures stormwater and urban runoff from a 115-acre watershed and infiltrates the captured water into the ground. This improves local water quality, limiting the amount of urban runoff with trash, bacteria and other pollutants from being swept into the LA River.



TREES PLANTED	BULKY ITEM TOTAL TONNAGE
1,931	1,440
TREES TRIMMED	HOMELESS ENCAMPMENT SERVICE REQUESTS
1,643	7,305
TREE STUMPS REMOVED	HOMELESS ENCAMPMENT TONNAGE
142	350
ILLEGAL DUMPING REMOVED	
4,211 CUBIC YARDS	

Herrick Street School Trees

- Planted 43 trees on the perimeter of Herrick Avenue Elementary School in partnership with Los Angeles Sanitation's Environmental Services Group. These trees will improve air quality by filtering pollutants, cool the surrounding neighborhood, and create a more pleasant experience for families walking to school.

Tujunga Canyon Boulevard Green Street Project

- Secured \$3 million to install permeable concrete sidewalks, bioswale islands, infiltration planter, street trees, and double drywell systems to improve water quality and increase water supply while beautifying the neighborhood.

Hansen Dam Revitalization

- Secured \$1 million for a feasibility analysis, hydrology, and geotechnical studies to be completed to explore the possibility of revitalizing Holiday Lake, a community priority identified in the Upper LA River Tributaries Revitalization Plan (ULART).

Introduced legislation calling for closure of Whiteman Airport

- Introduced legislation in response to the November 2020 Whiteman Airport accident in Pacoima. The motion calls for a report back on the steps necessary to close Whiteman Airport, with an environmental analysis establishing the toxic nature of the airport's presence and impact on the surrounding community. In addition, the motion directs a report back on alternative uses for the site.



No Dumping Signs Installed Alongside Big Tujunga Canyon Road and Oro Vista Avenue

- Coordinated with the Department of General Services to install a series of 'No Dumping' signs alongside the Big Tujunga Canyon Road and Oro Vista Avenue. Additionally, a gate and barriers were installed across Oro Vista Avenue to help prevent access onto the hillside for illegal dumping and trespassing on a city-owned property.

Valley Generating Station Methane Gas Leak Legislation

- Instructed LADWP to provide immediate relief to residents after a year-long methane leak was reported. Legislation requires LADWP to provide immediate relief and create resources to benefit residents impacted by harmful emissions. In addition, it directs LADWP to develop and fund a plan to install air quality monitors near the site.



Rushing Waters

- Celebrated the local artists who completed the "Rushing Waters" mural in Pacoima for their work on this significant project. An investment of \$100,000 was made for this mural which cleaned up the blighted corridor and added community art to the neighborhood.

Valentine's Day Senior Ball

- Hosted the fourth annual Valentine's Day Senior Ball virtually giving seniors in the community PPE and a gift from the council office.



Utility Boxes

- Commissioned local artists to complete 39 utility artbox murals that discourage graffiti while adding public art to the community. The art boxes are located throughout the district in Sylmar, Pacoima, Mission Hills and North Hills.

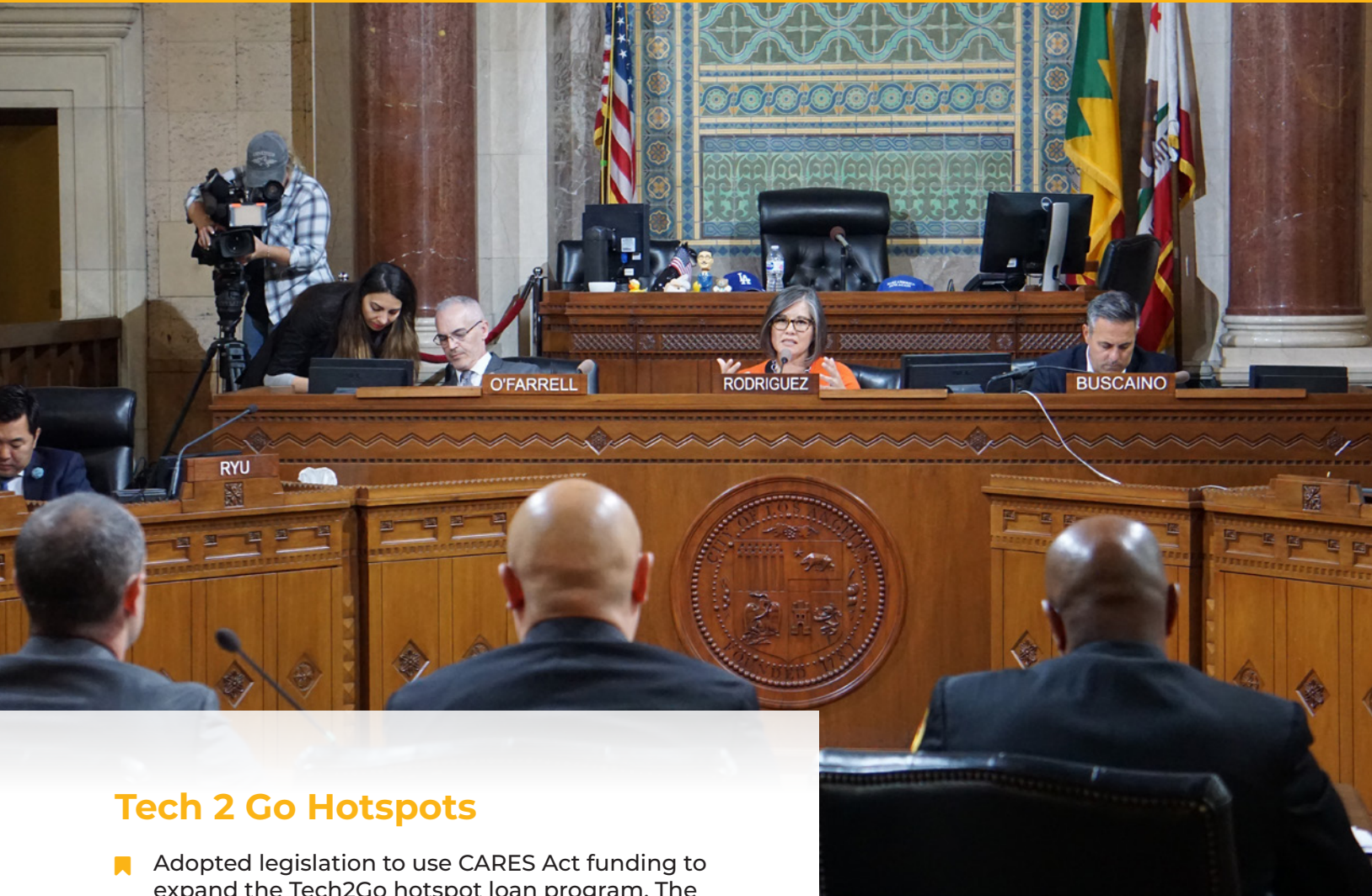
Hosted Trick or Treat Drive Thru Event with Mission Hills Neighborhood Council

- Partnered with Mission Hills Neighborhood Council to host a drive thru Trick-or-Treat for families in the neighborhood.

Drive thru Dia de Los Muertos honoring COVID-19 victims

- Hosted a drive thru experience at Pacoima City Hall honoring COVID-19 victims for Dia de los Muertos.





Tech 2 Go Hotspots

- Adopted legislation to use CARES Act funding to expand the Tech2Go hotspot loan program. The program provides free hotspots to students through the Los Angeles Public Library.

Accelerated Communications Projects During the Pandemic

- Adopted legislation to accelerate telecommunications projects expanding internet connectivity in underserved neighborhoods.

Moratorium on Debt Collection

- Introduced legislation calling for a moratorium on debt collection requests. The motion asked the Mayor to amend the Safer at Home emergency order to list debt collection as a non-essential business during the pandemic.

Prison Labor

- Introduced legislation that directed the City Administrative Officer and the City Attorney to report on a process that would prohibit the City of Los Angeles from procuring goods and services derived from prison labor which allows for profit companies to take advantage of inexpensive labor and unfair labor laws.



Held First Community Safety Advisory Council of the CSP Program

- Held the first Community Safety Advisory Council of the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) program for the San Fernando Gardens. The CSP program implemented at San Fernando Gardens is a collaboration between the community and LAPD to create safer communities through the joint partnership.

Resumed Neighborhood and Business Watch Programs

- Resumed programs for residents and business owners to meet with LAPD for public safety updates. Business watch groups met virtually with LAPD. Neighborhood Watch meetings resumed with Senior Lead Officers to discuss crime and safety progress in the neighborhoods.



Opportunities for Youth

- Dedicated \$3.3 million of reinvestment dollars to youth jobs training programs as an alternative to policing.

Mental Health Vans

- Launched a year-long pilot program with City and County partners that places mental health vans with specially trained teams at L.A. City Fire Stations. The mental health units will transform the way calls for mental health care are being dispatched in the City.



Illegal Fireworks Legislation

- Introduced legislation to curb the use of illegal fireworks in the City of Los Angeles. The legislation led to the LAPD fireworks portal opening earlier than in past years as a tool for residents to report illegal fireworks in their area. In addition, a pilot fireworks buyback event was held to take illegal fireworks off the street resulting in over a quarter ton of fireworks being voluntarily turned-in by residents.

Joint Public Safety Committee and Board of Police Commissioners Meeting on Public Safety

- In an historic meeting, the Public Safety Committee and Board of Police Commissioners met to learn more about community based public safety approaches. Speaker Aqeela Sherrills shared his experience in leading public safety reform through community focused initiatives in cities throughout the nation. Attendees also heard from Joshua Young, Deputy Senior Vice President of Justice Initiatives for the Center for Policing Equity, who spoke about reform initiatives needed to create equitable policing practices.



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