

# **SYLMAR COMMUNITY ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

### **Increasing Public Safety**

- Installed two new pedestrian hybrid beacon crosswalks on Hubbard Street and Aztec Street, near Osceola Elementary School and on Olive View Drive and Bucher Street near Olive View Hospital.
- Installed 3 new stop signs adjacent to West Lakeside Street Park on Bledsoe Street and Encinitas Avenue.
- Secured over \$300K in overtime funding for the repair and fortification of over 480 street lights in the district that had been in the dark for several months due to copper wire theft and vandalism. Repaired lights include Polk Street between Glenoaks Boulevard and San Fernando Road, Foothill Boulevard between Roxford Street and Bledsoe Street, Olden Street, and Olive View Drive.
- Directed LADOT and LAPD to initiate a pilot program for enforcement of street racing and takeovers at the following intersections: Balboa Boulevard and Foothill Boulevard, Bledsoe Street and Bradley Avenue, Balboa Boulevard and San Fernando Boulevard, Glenoaks Boulevard and Polk Street, and Yarnell Street and Foothill Boulevard.
- Secured \$1.2M in this year's budget for LAFD's Wildland Fuel Management Hand Crew which addresses brush fires during fire season and performs mitigation and maintenance work during fire off-seasons.

# Addressing Homelessness

- Continued the CD 7 RV Encampment to Home Program in Sylmar, where 129 individuals have successfully transitioned into housing and 91 RVs have been disposed of permanently. This effort is currently prioritizing the commercial corridors of San Fernando Road and Foothill Boulevard.
- Worked with the Los Angeles Police Department and LA Department of Transportation to tow abandoned RVs on Foothill Boulevard between Balboa Street and Filbert Street and San Fernando Road between Bledsoe Street and Roxford Street.
- Schedule recurring CARE/ CARE + operations for our most chronic locations, removing health hazards, trash, and debris from the public right of way and offering outreach services with opportunities for housing.



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## **Delivering Resources to Sylmar**

- Utilized Operation Bright S.P.O.T, an initiative I created, to conduct weed and litter abatement, sidewalk power washing and tree stump removal on major commercial corridors including San Fernando Road, Hubbard Street, Glenoaks Boulevard, Polk Street, Herrick Avenue, Bledsoe Street, and Foothill Boulevard.
- Partnered with LA Sanitation to install No Illegal Dumping signs at chronic illegal dumping locations, including Cobalt Street and Foothill Boulevard, Astoria Street and San Fernando Road, Sepulveda Boulevard and San Fernando Road, and Foothill Boulevard and Arroyo Street.
- Secured \$2.5M for the continued design of the Sylmar Senior Center. The design consists of the demolition of an existing vacant building at the Sylmar Recreation Center and construction of a new Senior Center with outdoor space and landscaping.
- Commenced the process to accept a long-awaited parcel of land for the new Sylmar Fire Station. In addition, I secured \$2 million in additional funding from Congressmember Tony Cardenas for the development of the fire station.
- Acquired the parcel of land on Maclay Street between Gladstone Street and Hunnewell Avenue to construct a new 11 foot wide sidewalk, upgrade the curb ramp to meet the latest ADA requirements, add an extra travel lane, and construct a retaining wall along the unimproved lot to help alleviate the bottleneck of vehicles entering the freeway and allow for safer circulation.
- Secured \$1.5M for the completion of Stetson Ranch Park improvements, including trail entrance improvements, new lighting and security cameras, site grading and soil stabilization, irrigation, trans cans, decorative entrance gate, picnic seating, bleachers, round pen, ADA Access Route, Arena PA system hook-up, and shade structure over bleachers and picnic area.
- Completed street resurfacing on Hubbard Street from Glenoaks Boulevard to Herrick Street, Astoria Street from San Fernando Road to Newgard Avenue, and Newgard Avenue from Oro Grande Street to Astoria Street.
- Provided Tree Trimming along Foothill Boulevard between Yarnell Street and Excelsior Street.

### Expanding Opportunities for Youth

 Launched the CD 7 Youth Sidewalk Repair program in partnership with the Los Angeles Conservation Corps and repaired the sidewalk at 13800 block of Sarye Street alongside Sylmar Square. This program provided eight youth between the ages of 18–26 from the San Fernando Valley with three weeks of paid classroom and field training. During this time they learned how to handle power tools, improve communication skills and increase their future employability while repairing some of the most damaged sidewalks in our community.

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