



**NEW POMONA CHAMBER BOARD** -- Members of the Pomona Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, front row, from left, are Luis Rodriguez, of San Antonio ROP, Marco Argote, of Artec Partners, Cristian Herrera, of Athens Services, Daniel Thomas, of Forest Lawn, Josh Landis, of Foothill Transit, Nef Cortez, of Re/Max Galaxy Realty, Jim Dale, of Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center, Renee Barbee, of La Nueva Voz, Heidi Ortega, of Downtown Pomona Owners Association, and Ron Garner, of Inland Empire Fence and Construction. Back row, from left, are Chamber President and CEO Monique Robles, Sal Ayala of Uniko, Monique Cardenas, of Pomona Unified School District, Lanae O'Shields, of SoCalGas, Victor Caceres, Youth and Family Club, David Perez, of Valley Vista Services, Jeff Johannsen, of Pomona Hope, Daniela Franco, Metro Event Center, and Frank Guzman, Pomona Pride Center. And out in front is Dr. Enrique Medina, of Medina Consulting. Not pictured are Joe Perez, Credit Union of Southern California, Grace Yao, Cal Poly Pomona, Kirk Pelsler, City of Pomona, Jill Dolan, Mt. San Antonio College, and Robin Farias-Eisner, WesternU.



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## Hundreds attend Pomona Police Department's 'National Night Out'

Pomona Police Chief Mike Ellis welcomed several hundred people to this year's "National Night Out" activities this month, an event Ellis said helps improve transparency, outreach and partnerships in the community.

"It's very important for the city and for the police department,"

Ellis said as he thanked residents and stakeholders for participating in the event.

He also thanked Corporal Jeff Hayward, head of the Pomona Police Department's Community Services Unit, and his staff for organizing the event.

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## Pomona Chamber of Commerce announces awards, adds five board members

Ron Garner of Inland Empire Fence and Construction was named "Member of the Year," the top honor of the Pomona Chamber of Commerce, and Ray Adamyk and his "The Union on Garey" received the "Employer of the Year" award last month at the Chamber's annual installation and awards banquet at the Kellogg West Conference Center on the

Cal Poly Pomona campus.

And five new Chamber Board members were installed at the event, bringing the total number of board members to 25 -- the largest board ever, according to Chamber President and CEO Monique Robles.

The Chamber's new Board members are Heidi Ortega, of the Downtown Pomona Owners As-

sociation; Ron Garner, of Inland Empire Fence and Construction; Marco Argote, of Artec Partners; Luis Rodriguez, of San Antonio Regional Occupational Program; and Dr. Enrique Medina, of Medina Consulting.

Chamber Board Chair Nef Cortez of Re/Max Galaxy Realty in Diamond Bar told an audience

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Pomona Mayor Tim Sandoval and members of the Pomona City Council were also at the annual community celebration which attracted about 50 vendors and resource organizations.

“This is the embodiment of what this is which is about community, and our police department coming together . . . be-

cause we’re a lot stronger when we work together,” Sandoval said.

National Night Out is observed by nearly 20,000 communities in all 50 states in an effort to help law enforcement organizations build trust in the areas they serve by bringing police together with neighbors to spend time together

under positive circumstances.

It was first held in 1984 and originally included only 400 communities across the country.

The Pomona event included everything from police drones and crime scene investigation gear to SWAT teams and their equipment, police motorcycles and more.



‘FULL HOUSE’ IN POMONA CIVIC CENTER FOR NATIONAL NIGHT OUT -- Assemblymember Freddie Rodriguez, at left, presents a special certificate to Pomona Police Chief Mike Ellis, center, and Community Services Unit Corporal Jeff Hayward on the occasion of their successful “National Night Out,” an event observed by nearly 20,000 communities in all 50 states to help law enforcement agencies build trust in the areas they serve.

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Garey High School teacher Ion Puschila chats with Kathryn Martens at the Compassionate Pomona booth at National Night Out.

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Crime prevention officer Courtney Louie hands out one of the first raffle prizes to a prize winner who looks like she can't wait to see what's inside at this month's National Night Out in the Pomona Civic Center.



The Pomona Optimists were busy helping kids make their own bracelets and things out of beads -- that is until the La Nueva Voz camera showed up on the scene and everybody pretty much got into a “pose for the photo” formation. Pictured, at left rear, is Optimist Vice President Sonia Molina, at left front is President Lorraine Canales, and at right rear is Pomona Unified School District Supt. Darren Knowles.

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Olympics photo

**SIGNING TEAM USA BOARD** -- Olympics bronze medalist in Paris Brittany Brown, 29, of Forth Worth, Texas, signs a Team USA board during track competition. Brown, granddaughter of Pomona NAACP President Jeanette Royston, received the medal for placing third in the women's 200-meter sprint finals with a time of 22.20 seconds. It was her first Olympic medal. Gabby Thomas, of Northampton, Mass., won the gold in the event with a time of 21.83 seconds. Brown, who received a bachelor's degree in human services from the University of Iowa, started running to try for an athletic scholarship, according to the Olympics web site. And the Claremont, California, native and Claremont High School graduate achieved her success despite her battle with the chronic disease endometriosis that causes serious cramping. Congratulations, Brittany!



Photo by Renee Barbee

**CHINO RESIDENT REUNITED WITH LIFE-SAVING FIRST RESPONDERS** -- Chino resident Jasmine Horn, 28, was reunited last week with first responders from Los Angeles County Engine Company 187 outside Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center where she was presented with a bouquet of flowers and received a lot of media attention as well. Horn was heading to her boyfriend's graduation in June at Cal Poly Pomona and texted him she was on campus. But when she didn't arrive at their meeting place on time, her boyfriend went to the parking lot and found her unconscious in her vehicle. The boyfriend pulled her out of the car, called 9-1-1 and began CPR until first responders arrived. She was transported to Pomona Valley Hospital, spent an entire month there recovering and undergoing physical and speech therapy, and has very little memory of what happened to her, according to a hospital spokesperson. Her doctors and nurses were on hand last week for the reunion.

## Two candidates sign up for each of two seats in Pomona School Board race

The deadline for filing of nomination papers in the Nov. 5 general election for two seats on the Pomona Unified School District Board closed this month, leaving two candidates -- including incumbent Board President Arturo Jimenez -- vying for each seat and incumbent Board member Lorena Gonzalez opting not to seek re-

election after only one four-year term.

Jimenez, owner of Pomona's Laguna Technical College, and challenger Angel David Arellano, who listed his occupation as a community volunteer, will face off in Governing Board Trustee Area No. 3.

And Alfredo Camacho, who

listed his occupation as an education policy director, will compete with Tamara Gonzalez for the Trustee Area No. 2 seat. Gonzalez listed her occupation as an education director and professor.

Lorena Gonzalez four years ago received a decisive 53.35 percent of the vote over Pomona

Planning Commission Chairman Camacho, who had 46.65 percent.

The race at the time was for the seat held by Jason Rothman who did not seek re-election.

La Nueva Voz reached out to Gonzalez asking why she decided against running again.

"When I ran four years ago, my intention was always to run for one

term only," she said, adding that it was at a very difficult time in her family's life. "I have given it 100 percent while in the seat trying to provide a parent and Hispanic woman's perspective facing very real struggles in my life."

"I did what I set out to do -- be there for my kids, make them proud and represent my community with compassion, humility and humanity," she said.

And while she continued to say she is not a politician, "everyone at Pomona Unified School District has been nothing but kind."

"I think now that my last child is a young adult, looking back at my decades of service which started in my early 20s, I am ready to live for myself," she said. "But I certainly hope that the next person in my seat remembers that our families don't live in privilege, and they need someone who will humble themselves and understand what they are going through and meet them where they are."



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**OPERATION SCHOOL BELL** -- Assistance League of Pomona Valley President Suzanne Miller helps find just the right items for that perfect "back to school look" during the non-profit organization's "Operation School Bell" event last week downstairs at the chapter house in Pomona where volunteers staff an entire room filled with new clothes in almost a retail store-type setting. Among its other programs, the group provides clothing for underserved students in schools in Pomona and neighboring cities. Pictured, from left, are Giovanni Martinez, 16, a Pomona High School junior; his mom, Ivania Martinez, and Miller. For more information, visit the web site at alpv.org.



Photo by Renee Barbee

**THIS BACKPACK GIVEAWAY WAS FOR THE TEACHERS** -- Here's an idea with a twist -- Pomona's Youth and Family Club of Pomona Valley teamed up with the Fairplex Child Development Center on the Fairplex campus this month for a backpack giveaway for the teachers, really a "Teacher Appreciation Day," that was really more like a shopping spree for \$250 worth of supplies each on those tables spread out behind the volunteers. Teachers were able to push a shopping cart around and fill it with all the essentials for their classroom. Pictured with volunteer staff members from The Club, from left, are Trianne Dothage, Vice Principal at Holy Name of Mary School in San Dimas, and Pomona Rotary Club President Josh Landis, and, at far right, rear, Director of Operations for The Club Aries Wolcott. Volunteers at the event included half a dozen Rotary members, Fairplex employees and Home Depot employees. Also stopping by were The Club Executive Director Victor Caceres, Pomona Unified School Board President Arturo Jimenez, Board Member Dr. Roberta Perlman, Supt. Darren Knowles and Assistant Supt. Fernando Meza. Items were donated by the Family and Kids Foundation in Riverside.

## Healthy Brain Aging 101

By Elizabeth Cisneros, PhD, QME

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They're often called the "Golden Years," but for many advancing in age, they also represent a real concern about cognitive deficits and lost independence. Sometimes, it's not easy to determine whether we're having a so-called "senior moment" or whether there is genuine cause for worry.

Just as the body experiences normal wear-and-tear, so does the brain. So how do we recognize changes in cognition that are a normal part of aging, versus those that may precede a brain-related disorder like dementia? Some natural forgetfulness or absentmindedness as we age -- losing your keys, or not finding that specific word you want -- is to be expected. But repetitive forgetful behaviors, costly lost items such as smartphones, or lingering communication deficits may be signs of crossing over into "mild cognitive impairment."

Mild cognitive impairment (MCI) is a condition where people exhibit more pronounced cognitive problems than others of similar age. Symptoms of MCI are not nearly as severe as those of Alzheimer's disease, for example. People with MCI often lead normal, functional lives. Unfortunately, they are also at increased



Elizabeth Cisneros, PhD, QME

risk of developing Alzheimer's disease or related dementias.

That's why, if you believe you

are experiencing MCI, it's important to see a specialist to start monitoring your cognitive health. Often, simple medication or lifestyle adjustments can improve MCI and stop it from developing into a more complex condition like dementia. This is one of the benefits of being evaluated by a neuropsychologist.

A neuropsychology evaluation typically consists of a series of tests on memory, problem-solving, and communication, as well as review of medical history, personal details about family and

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## Chamber of Commerce... from pg. 1

of nearly 200 members, supporters and friends that the Employer of the Year each year provides valuable service to the Chamber through committee work, special volunteer assignments, and demonstrates excellence in leadership and extraordinary support of the business community.

In his comments as he received the award, Garner said he has dedicated his career to students, families and communities through personal counseling, leadership and personal growth initiatives.

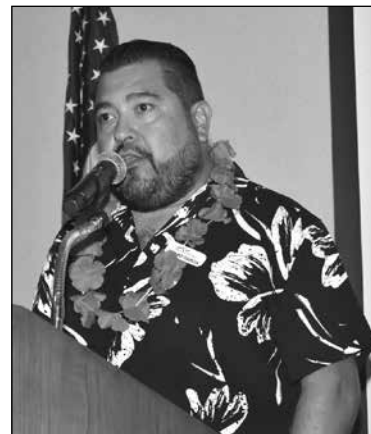
“The Chamber has been phenomenal for me and for the com-

pany,” he said. “It has helped the company grow, it has helped me grow as a person, and I look forward to continuing to grow. We have amazing people in this room.”

Chamber Board Vice Chair Josh Landis of Foothill Transit introduced the “Employer of the Year” winner which, he said, is honored for promoting employee growth and development and demonstrating leadership in the business sector while providing resources and support in the development of



Hawaiian hula dancers and a Hawaiian guitar helped round out the Luau theme for the Pomona Chamber Installation and Awards Banquet.



Jenaro Garcia, of Gold Crest Industries, received the Pomona Chamber’s “Image Award.”



Joel Rosales of Modern Woodmen of America Financial receives the Pomona Chamber’s “Ambassador of the Year” award. Pictured, from left, are Pomona Chamber President and CEO Monique Robles, Chamber Board Vice Chair Josh Landis, of Foothill Transit, Rosales and Chamber Board Chair Nef Cortez, of Re/Max Galaxy Realty in Diamond Bar.

other local businesses.

Honoree Ray Adamyk purchased Pomona’s more than 100-year-old YMCA and his company Spectra, a Pomona-based historic preservation and restoration company, turned it into the recently opened “The Union on Garey” which includes 36 units featuring everything from three event venues to retail

and office spaces.

“The Union on Garey is a very special place but I’ve got the most beautiful people, the team of The Union on Garey, these guys make it happen,” Adamyk said, adding that he has a new restaurant coming in, “Take Your Seat Café,” which currently has locations in Chino Hills and Ontario.

He said the building currently is about 93 percent full.

The “Image Award” went to Gold Crest Industries, Inc. a quality cushion and patio umbrella manufacturing company, and was accepted by owner Jenaro Garcia.

“I’m lucky and fortunate that our family landed in such a great and beautiful town,” he said, adding that he thanked Monique Robles and her staff for all their help working with the city during the permit approval process to make it all possible.

“Community Service Organization of the Year” award went to the Assistance League of Pomona Valley. The local chapter, formed in 1936, provides services to Pomona area students and their families through Operation School

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## National Night Out... from pg. 2



Aztec dancers from the Youth and Family Club of Pomona Valley perform at this month's National Night Out in the Pomona Civic Center.



Mariachis performed at this month's National Night Out in the Pomona Civic Center.



Members of the Pomona City Council draw the raffle tickets at National Night Out festivities this month. From left are Community Services Unit Corporal Jeff Hayward, crime prevention officer Kimberly Marquez, Pomona City Council member Nora Garcia, Pomona Mayor Tim Sandoval, and Councilmembers John Nolte and Elizabeth Ontiveros-Cole.

Pomona's Vernon Price, at left, chats with two members of the Pomona Police Department's volunteer senior patrol unit at this month's National Night Out.



A possible crime scene investigator in the making carefully examines a plaster cast of a boot print with a magnifying glass at one of the Pomona Police Department exhibits at this year's National Night Out.



Eva Thiel-Maiz, representing Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis, presents certificates to the organizers of this year's National Night Out. Pictured, from left, are crime prevention officers Diana Ngo and Denise Hernandez, Corporal Jeff Hayward of the Pomona Police Community Services Unit, Thiel-Maiz, and crime prevention officer Courtney Louie.



Several guests of this year's Pomona Police Department's National Night Out get a quick demonstration at the FBI "Los Angeles Community Outreach" booth of how to "breach" or break down a front door using a battering ram-type device.



**Editor's Note:** This page is the fifth in a series of a Phase Three statewide program with three focus areas -- "Anti-Hate," "Socioeconomic Justice and Equity" and "Health." The program is supported in whole or in part by funding provided by the State of California, administered by the California State Library in partnership with the California Department of Social Services and the California Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander American Affairs as part of the "Stop the Hate" program. To report a hate incident or hate crime and get support, go to <https://www.cavshate.org/>.

## Hate, Justice, Equity and Health – Phase Three of an on-going series as La Nueva Voz participates in a statewide program as newspapers attempt to help make a difference

### Foundation works to rebuild local news amid trend of disappearing newspapers

By Jeff Schenkel, Publisher  
La Nueva Voz

**RIVERSIDE** -- Equity, or really just old-fashioned fairness and justice -- or a lack of it, applies not only to ethnicity, social status and zip code -- it also applies to newspapers -- large ones, small ones, dailies, weeklies and monthlies -- and, by extrapolation, to the communities they serve.

Clearly, the term "news desert" was invented for a reason -- a community without its own newspaper is not receiving equitable treatment in terms of access to its own local news.

And the entire "hedge fund" phenomenon -- in which huge investor groups are buying up individual newspapers and even entire chains and then slashing staffing and the number of pages in the newspapers to increase profits -- often boils down to one newspaper reporter being required to "cover" three or four cities instead of only one, reducing local coverage in all of the communities served.

In many instances, those cities -- and their residents -- represent smaller communities or predominantly minority communities or blue collar or rural communities that are actually being targeted for these cuts, really making them victims for nothing more than profit motives.

Or some of those cities may simply be unwitting victims of economic dynamics causing their newspapers to simply fold up shop, often after years of publication.

Fortunately for those who still appreciate values like freedom of the press, transparency in government or simply keeping newspapers around just to keep the community involved and aware of just what's going on in their hometown -- both good and bad -- there are groups hard at work trying to do something about all of this.

One of them is the 80-year-old Inland Empire Community Foundation, which brings together donors, stakeholders and nonprofits while "growing" philanthropic resources to address the region's most pressing needs.

It held a two-day "Policy and Philanthropy Summit" this month at the Riverside Convention Center where a major "town hall" on day two focused on "Rebuilding Local News in the Inland Empire."

Included was a look at the impacts of policymaking on media sustainability. La Nueva Voz was among the media "partners" invited to the town hall.

"We are in the middle of a crisis in local news, a collapse in the entire system of local news throughout the country on a scale that is really breathtaking," said Steve Waldman, founder and president of Rebuild Local News and the co-founder and former president of Report for America, a national service program placing journalists in newsrooms across the country.

"There's been an 82 percent drop in the amount of advertising revenue that goes to newspapers around the country," Waldman said. "The consequences of that are severe . . . in California, (there's been) a 68 percent drop in the number of reporters just in two decades."

"Thousands of newspapers have closed, thousands more are what they call ghost newspapers . . . they're still publishing but are barely able to cover their communities anymore," he said. "On average, two and a half newspapers are closing every week in the United States. That's up from two per week last year -- closures are accelerating."

"And, of course, what this means is less coverage of crucial issues," he added, pointing out that the figures were from a study of 121 newspapers around the country where researchers counted articles about local schools, city hall, water -- "about all the basic civic needs of a community, and this is what is happening."

Waldman said vacuums created by the "contraction of local news" get filled by "misinformation, disinformation, social media, also national media which tends to be more polarizing."

And he cited a new problem that has been popping up in the last five years involving more than a thousand local web sites that are actually "counterfeiting" local news and not covering the news in a "good faith way."

Then what do the academic studies say about the consequences of the decline of local news?

"You tend to get more government waste, more corruption, literally the studies show more pollution, less voter turnout, and the one that I think is more interesting to me . . . is that you have more alienation from the community," he said.

"When there's less local news and people have less information, they feel less powerful, they feel like they have no way of influencing what's happening in their community," Waldman said, and communities in general have become less able to solve the problems.

"So, all of the other issues that you are working on, whether it is homelessness or food insecurity or anything else becomes harder to solve when you don't have a good local news and information ecosystem," he said.

Waldman said his group is focused on public policy issues surrounding the problem, but that innovation also is needed to try to rebuild or reconceive community news to make it even better than it was before "because the golden years weren't all that golden for many communities."

He cited a need for a return to the innovation that once happened among news organizations, and a need for philanthropy to support news media organizations.

But he said there's a need for getting government involved in supporting journalism.

And while, as he pointed out, part of the role of newspapers is to hold government accountable, "there are ways of doing it."

"The founding fathers in the very first Congress of the United States, one of the first things they did was enact a massive subsidy for newspapers" by creating a postal subsidy in which newspapers paid less than anybody else for postal rates.

And he said in modern dollars, today that would be the equivalent of a \$40 or \$50 billion dollar a year subsidy -- roughly the size of NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration).

In addition, today there are public radio and television stations.

Yet with all of this, he said the U.S. does much less than other countries in terms of subsidizing the media.

Waldman said news organizations themselves need to be involved in the discussion.

"If media isn't really grounded in the community, is not at the table of public policy, then other people will be making these decisions for us (and) . . . we (want) the voices of really community grounded media . . . to shape this," he said.

Waldman cited Riverside resident Paulette Brown-Hinds, Publisher of Black Voice News, founder of the Inland Empire Journalism Innovation Hub and Fund, an outgrowth of the Inland Empire Community Foundation, and Board Chair of Waldman's Rebuild Local News, as an important local and even national leader in the current media movement.

Rebuild Local News is a New York-based coalition that includes as members more than 3,000 national organiza-

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Dr. Paulette Brown-Hinds, at right, wraps up a "town hall" presentation on "Rebuilding Local News in the Inland Empire" in Riverside this month by leading a question-and-answer session with speaker Steven Waldman.





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## “Legacies of independence: Bastions of multi-racial unity and social justice”

By Jose Zapata Calderon

Emeritus Professor of Sociology and Chicano/a and Latino/a Studies  
President, Latino and Latina Roundtable

It is important for us to know that, on Sept. 15 and 16, we celebrate a number of Independence Days in Latin American countries that developed multi-racial coalitions to overcome colonial oppression and to advance struggles for land, equality, and democratic rights. A hidden part of this history is the development of multi-racial coalitions to advance the seeds of equitable independence.

On Sept. 15, the peoples of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua celebrated their independence. On Sept. 16, Mexico celebrates its independence. And now, these celebrations also include the independence of Chile on Sept. 18, and Día de la Raza (Columbus Day) on Oct. 12.

The independence movement in these colonies of Spain came to include people of color, slaves, Mestizos, Native Americans, and Spanish-origin criollos. Independence was supported in relation to the economic and racial interests of these diverse groups. The Mes-

tizos, Native Americans, and African slaves wanted more inclusion in a society that excluded them.

The independence movement in Mexico was sparked by a priest, Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla, on Sept. 16, 1810, who brought a diverse coalition of oppressed peoples (mestizos, indios, mulattoes, former black slaves, and alienated criollos) together to challenge the power of a much more militarily equipped force that eventually led to the creation of an independent nation (the nation of Mexico) from Spain.

By the middle of the 1820s, almost all the Latin American colonies had achieved independence. The new nations, with a combined population of about 16 million, and Brazil grew out of movements also that brought together Native Americans, mestizos, people of color, and many women in fighting for their freedom. They also fought to abolish Black slavery.

However, it is important to point out that this independence did not mean an end to inequality,

poverty, and social injustice. The structural components of capital and top-down authoritarian rule continued.

The meaning of these independence days has taken on a special significance today in this context. They are promoted in some of our institutions as part of appreciating our historical pluralism in this country. But there is no getting around the reality that U.S. pluralism had its origins in laws and ideologies which were used to justify the stratification of different groups through conquest, slavery, and exploitation.

All too often, some individuals and groups in our own communities fail to see what is consistent in these legacies and instead judge the other through the lens of their own historical experience. On the one hand, there are those who propose that Latinos have benefited from the legacy of nondiscrimination laws created through the civil rights movement and blame Latino immigrants for the loss of jobs. In general, they don't understand

colonialism and the role that it has played historically in disrupting overseas economies and in stimulating migration. At the same time, there are those who defend Latino immigrants as hard workers who contribute immensely to the society and take the jobs that no one else wants.

In recent decades, thousands of Latino immigrants from the global south have crossed into the U.S. for economic survival and as part of a legacy of a cold war strategy that engaged in proxy wars throughout Latin America. Changes in immigration laws and regional economic restructuring are also credited for this migration and the ultimate stratifying of Latin Americans in the low-wage and low-skill service sector.

In this context, to develop multi-racial unity between our communities, it is important to understand that immigrants from the global south are coming here because of historical colonization and policies that have historically separated immigrants into political and economic refugees based on the relationship between the U.S. and whether it supports the government and policies of their country of origin.

In large part, U.S. policies, with international support, have continued the dominance of global corporations in the global south. The new globalization operates via trade agreements, such as the North American Free Trade Act, and decision-making bodies such as the World Trade Organization. The "free trade agreement," as it is called, has removed existing trade barriers, eliminated tariffs left on American imports, allowed U.S. corporations full ownership of companies in the global south, and granted U.S. financial services greater access to these markets. The system of high subsidies paid to U.S. farmers by the government has allowed for the exporting of poultry, beans, and corn which serve to undercut the small farmers and farm workers. Forced to move to the cities and finding no employment there, these sojourners travel to the U.S.-Mexico border where they either find employment in the maquiladora industry (factories in Mexico that make

products for export), are forced to remain stuck at the southern border because of unjust asylum bans, or risk their lives to cross and join the thousands of undocumented immigrants who join the low-wage economy in the U.S. Any talk of benefits to the Mexican people becomes questionable when one looks at the dismal results of the "maquiladora" industry all along the Mexican side of the border. These corporations, which have run away from the U.S. in search of cheap labor and less regulation, have not been able to hide the costs of their social and environmental destruction. Not only have they been caught polluting the air and water, but they have also had a profound effect on the cohesion of the Mexican family. It is commonplace for these plants to primarily hire women and children. No compensation is made for the hidden costs of profit: familial disintegration and inadequate housing, health, and childcare.

It is in understanding the historical foundations of these "independence days," and the issues that have the capacity to unite us and divide us, where we can perhaps find a common ground on the meaning of Hispanic Heritage Month and work to build the types of multi-racial coalitions that many of the colonized fought for – an effort to turn around the systemic policies that are fueling militarization, sanctions, encirclement, scapegoating and corporate profits at the expense of working people; a movement that organizes our communities against immigration and refugee policies that only focus on enforcement; a movement that fights for policies that will lead to permanent residency and citizenship for our immigrant and refugee families; and a movement that steps-up citizenship drives and voter turn-out efforts to expand the number of representatives who can advance systemic changes for our quality of life and for global pro-immigrant and non-exploitative development policies.

*Editor's Note: Reprinted from La Nueva Voz August 2023 Hispanic Heritage Month special section.*

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By Renee Barbee, Member, Compassionate Pomona  
Kindness Carnival lead organizer

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Donations of any amount are also greatly appreciated. You can also donate by Venmo. Account info is @Linda-Lowry-17.

If you wish to write a check, please make it payable to Unity of Pomona and mail it to 211 Cary Lane, Pomona, CA 91767.

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Resource Organization can be found on the Compassionate Pomona website at [www.compassionatepomona.com](http://www.compassionatepomona.com). Please fill out the application form and send it to [reneebarbee7@gmail.com](mailto:reneebarbee7@gmail.com) with your logo attached as soon as possible.

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If you have any questions, please contact Renee Barbee, Lead Organizer / Chair of the Kindness Carnival Committee, at 909-762-1446 or by email at [reneebarbee7@gmail.com](mailto:reneebarbee7@gmail.com).

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## Civic change through compassion

By Lorraine Canales  
Member,  
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How does compassion inspire effective leadership? How can compassion serve to fuel the vehicle for change in a community? When we recognize injustice and the unfulfilled needs of a community, how do we begin to address these needs? What role does compassion play in the process?

Compassion must be the cornerstone of everything we do as leaders in a community. When we talk about the qualities of effective leadership, too little is said about mindfulness, kindness, respect, empathy, and compassion.

Compassionate people are people who are mindful of others'

emotions, thoughts, lifestyles, and belief systems. Compassionate leaders must possess integrity, authenticity, effective communication, emotional intelligence, and accountability. We need leaders who possess solid ethical foundations. We need leaders who feel and empathize with the suffering and challenges of others and take responsibility for addressing those challenges.

In order to lead, we must ensure that we can effectively understand through clear, open, respectful, and impactful communication. Compassion is the cornerstone of working together to make innovative, creative and well-informed decisions that benefit the entire community for long-term positive impact.

Through compassionate and respectful dialogue, we must come together as a community to create a shared vision that inspires us, and ultimately leads to beneficial change.

Creating true positive change in a community is hard grueling work, fueled by compassion and commitment. Our leaders and community must turn the challenges that we face into action. It is about taking responsibility and making a commitment to the hard work that actually manifests the positive change.

So where do we start if we want to make strides to address the challenges of Pomona? Compassionately listening to our community members and making authentic connections within

political spheres as well as community organizations will result in truly effective collaborations. Trust in each other creates a climate of cooperation which is essential for change.

Many in our community have been traumatized by violence, lack of employment and affordable housing, and poverty. True leadership incorporates healing, compassion, and love. This is about children and families. This is about our seniors and our veterans. It takes an entire community to address these challenges.

So how do we do this? How do we become leaders who can make the community and world understand the importance of addressing the needs of our youth and most vulnerable if we are

to have them become successful and compassionate members of our society?

What does it take to lead this change? We don't need leaders who walk forward and then look back to see if anyone is following, but leaders who will walk shoulder to shoulder with residents with compassion and in solidarity.

Effective leadership doesn't come from unchecked power, but from our connectedness to our constituents. Compassionate leadership comes from our awareness, responsibility, and commitment to understand and empathize with the experience of others. Let us walk together with compassion to create the positive change we want to see!

### L.A. County Supervisor Solis awards \$1.6 million to non-profits

Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis last month awarded more than \$1.6 million in "First District Community Grants Program" funding to eight organizations in the first supervisorial district, including \$1.13 million for four groups serving Pomona and surrounding areas.

The Community Grants Program helps develop and support services that meet the diverse needs of first district residents in such key areas as arts, environmental justice, health, housing, immigration and education, according to a news release.

"Over my tenure, I have had the honor of being able to deliver millions of dollars in funding for community organizations and municipalities working to improve lives in Los Angeles County's first district," Solis said. "Today's investments are



Team members of the San Gabriel Valley Conservation Corps receive an \$850,000 check from Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis. Pictured with the team, from left, are Board Member Marco Robles, Executive Director Norma Quinones, Solis, Director of Operations Sharon Akin, and Board Member Mario Olmos Rodriguez.

a continued commitment of mine to strengthen community-led efforts around health, safety and well-being."

A check for \$850,000 went to the San Gabriel Valley Conservation Corps to support the

organization's capacity-building and beautification projects in unincorporated communities across the San Gabriel Valley.

Another check for \$50,000 went to the San Gabriel Valley YWCA to support the organiza-



Pictured is Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis presenting a check for \$130,000 to the Pomona Public Library. From left are Pomona City Manager Anita Gutierrez, Solis and City Councilmember Victor Preciado.



Pomona's God's Pantry received a check for \$100,000 from Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis. Pictured, from left, are Housing Coordinator Jason Dillard, Solis, Executive Director Goose Dulce and Food Distribution Coordinator Amanda Ambriz.



The San Gabriel Valley YWCA received a check for \$50,000 from Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis. From left are Community Health and Education Manager Lily Tran Taniguchi, Solis, and Executive Director Debra Ward.

tion's work strengthening programming and services.

In addition, a check for \$100,000 was presented to God's Pantry in Pomona to support housing for "Transitional Age Youth" who are aging out of the foster care system.

And a check for \$130,000 went to the Pomona Public Library to support the expansion of the library's tutoring / story time room.

In a previous round of funding, Solis recently distributed another \$4.5 million in Community Grants Program funds to another 13 regional organizations.



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## National Night Out... from pg. 8



Freddie Pacheco, at left, operates the sno-cone ice machine at the Knights of Columbus, Pomona Council #877, booth at this year's Pomona Police Department National Night Out.



Renee Barbee of La Nueva Voz, at left, and Rev. Jan Chase, of Pomona's Unity Church, both members of Compassionate Pomona, do a little catching up at this month's National Night Out in the Pomona Civic Center.



Visitors of all sizes stopped by the Pomona Lions Club booth at National Night Out for free books or, for that matter, free copies of La Nueva Voz. Pictured are Lions Club members Jo Fulton, at left, and Don Martens.



Visitors stopping by the Pomona Kiwanis "Dunk a Duck" booth try their hand at, well, dunking a duck firing spring-loaded rubber darts as Kiwanis member Norma Quinones, at center, looks on.



Pomona Unified School District Board President Arturo Jimenez and Renee Barbee of La Nueva Voz stop by the God's Pantry hot dog stand at this month's National Night Out.



Pomona Rotary brought in On Time Photo Booth Rentals to take instant photos -- hats, glasses and all -- at National Night Out. Pictured, from left, are Domenica Carrillo of "On Time Photo Booth" and Rotarians Jill Dolan and Darren Krohn.

### Pomona Rotary awarded prestigious Rotary International 'Citation'

The Pomona Rotary Club learned this month it has been selected to receive the highly coveted 2023-2024 Rotary Citation from Rotary International in recognition of the local club's "exceptional leadership, commitment to service and dedication to creating hope in the world as reflected in your club's outstanding achievements."

Notification of the award came in an e-mail to Pomona Rotary President Josh Landis from Michael Soden, Rotary District 5300 District Past Governor.

"Allow me to extend my heartfelt congratulations to you and your team on this well-deserved award," Soden said in the e-mail. "Your efforts have not only made a significant difference in your community but also inspire others to join the worthy cause of Rotary."

The award, for clubs that meet certain goals or criteria established each year by Rotary International, was signed by Rotary International Past President R. Gordon McNally.

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## OPINION

## ‘Pomona Kids First’ measure on November ballot, funded by ‘outsiders,’ is bad policy, deserves a ‘NO’ vote!

This November, Pomonans will vote on a ballot measure that would, if approved, divert money from the city’s general fund to support programs for kids and youth, dubbed Pomona Kids First. While all the new programs established by the measure have merit, how they will be funded does not. The measure is a City Charter amendment that will mandate funding that can only be modified by a vote of the people. After a ramp-up period, that amount will be 10 percent of the general fund. These funds would be allocated to non-governmental and governmental organizations, some, perhaps, outside Pomona. Such a level of mandatory new spending will certainly require cuts in other programs or increases in tax revenue to maintain a balanced budget. According to the city’s Feb. 26, 2024, Impact Analysis Report, prepared with the assistance of Urban Futures, Inc. (an organization that provides financial advisory services to public sector clients throughout California), presented to the Pomona City Council:

“Due to the non-supplantation and other restrictive language in the initiative, this (the measure) will **decrease** by a proportionate amount **funds available** to provide existing municipal services including **police, fire, streets, parks and community centers, senior and recreation programs, libraries, and neighborhood services.**” (emphasis added) p. 3.

and later in its conclusion,

“... any type of major general fund ongoing (not onetime) revenue source reduction or legislative mandated annual appropriation **will impact other city services** funded by the general fund including, but not limited to, **police, fire, library, parks, recreational programs, certain public works operations, development services,** city council, administration, city clerk, finance and human resources.” (emphasis added) p. 11.

As an example, a 10 percent cut in police funding would result in the loss of approximately 30 officers and professional staff.

We believe that each of the services that might be cut to fund the new mandate are already underfunded. Cuts would make things worse, not better. Many cities the size of Pomona spend far more in all these areas. Our relatively low tax base restricts what we can do now. The measure, if passed, will only make it worse.

The measure creates a new, unnecessary, and costly city bureaucracy, a Department of Children and Youth, and a new commission called an “Accountability Board.” We already have a Police Oversight Commission. The new commission will be more than twice the size of any existing board or commission and have responsibilities and powers, like hiring the executive director, at a salary in the \$150,000 range, that no other board or commission enjoys.

In addition to the negative impact on current city programs, budgeting by charter amendment is a bad policy. Any change, no matter how small, would need to go to the voters for approval. At the level of detail of the proposed charter amendment, change is even more challenging. The proposed measure sets percentage funding floors for a wide range of programs. For example, Section 4a.x. Eligible Uses reads,

“**Deportation and Immigrant Support:** Support for young people and their families experiencing or being threatened with deportation; legal services, and empower immigrant community members through economic, political, and social development and sustainability. Deportation and immigration support must represent a minimum of at least 1 percent of the yearly total fund expenses.” (Note: the “fund” referenced here is the “Children and Youth Fund,” which would be created if the measure is approved by voters.)

This is a real issue that deserves to be addressed. But will it always be? If federal policy and law changes favorably, it would be necessary to go to the voters to reallocate any funds for deportation and immigrant support below the mandated spending floor. Eleven specific service areas are likewise inflexible as to minimum funding levels without a vote of the people.

The largest group funding this proposal is NOT from Pomona. A San Francisco based organization, The Heising-Simons PAC, has put in over \$160,000 to pass this measure. One can rightly ask, “Why does an outside agency, with no direct knowledge of or ties to Pomona, want to change the way our local, knowledgeable, elected officials budget city funds?” Whatever your answer might be, the long-term goal of their involvement has nothing to do with Pomona.

The measure is bad policy, and bad for the city budget. We ask you to vote NO on the initiative.

Save Our Pomona Public Library Advocacy Group  
John Clifford, President  
Duane Smith, Treasurer

*Editor’s Note: La Nueva Voz also is urging a “no” vote on this measure. For the complete text of both the initiative and the city staff report, please visit [www.lanuevavoz.net](http://www.lanuevavoz.net) (click on link on home page). Compassionate Pomona will host an informational question and answer forum open to the public on the measure at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 25, at Pomona’s Pilgrim Congregational Church.*



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— Prince of Peace Church in Pomona held its annual vacation bible school this month. Children from around the community were invited to learn about the triumphs and failures of King David and how he trusted the Lord throughout hardship and victories. Afterwards, the children participated in arts and crafts, games, and fun activities. Barney’s Ice Cream was on hand to treat the children with their choice of frozen delight. The week culminated with a giant waterslide for the kids to enjoy. Prince of Peace Church is located at 895 E. 7th St. Services are held Sundays at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 7:30 p.m. For further information, call 909-750-0331.



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## Celebration of life held for Rev. Eddie Banales, Sr.

A celebration of life was held this month for lifelong Pomona resident Rev. Eddie Banales, Sr., who graduated as student body president of Garey High School in 1981 and went on to become an ordained minister and founder of "Gangs to Grace" ministry.

Banales died last month at his home in Pomona surrounded by family -- only two days before his 61st birthday.

He received an associate degree from Mt. San Antonio College in the electrical technician program and went to work at the Inland Container paper mill, where he became a foreman.

Banales received his ministerial credentials through the Assemblies of God Brean College program and became a licensed minister and an ordained bishop in the Church of God, where he

served in several leadership positions and as overseer of several churches.

He authored a book called "From Gangs to Grace" and served as a consultant to the Pomona Unified School District working with students who were at risk of making choices that could lead to destructive lifestyles, a path he was on himself before his spiritual awakening.

Banales was known for his love for the word of God, people and the city of Pomona, all fueling the passion with which he approached everything he did.

At the time of his death, he was pastor of the Southern California Dream Center, Church of God, in Pomona, where he served for more than 30 years as senior pastor.



Rev. Eddie Banales, Sr.

And while he changed the name of the church a few times, the mission "Restoring Broken Dreams" always was the same.

Banales was loved by his congregation, and he was a grand storyteller and visionary whose work

touched hundreds of lives.

He was married to his wife Rosie, his high school sweetheart, for 43 years.

And he enjoyed spending time with his mother, Esther, his children and grandchildren, playing cards and board games, and swimming.

He loved classic cars, playing basketball, singing and listening to music.

Banales is survived by his wife, Rosie, daughter Sandi Banales, son Eddie Banales, Jr. (Melissa), sons David Banales and Isaac Banales, Sr., his mother, Esther Banales, brothers Anthony and Jason Banales (Dorothy), sister Maudie Banales-Limon (Danny), 11 grandchildren, four great grandchildren and many nephews, nieces, aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, Fred David Banales and grandparents Paul Banales, Sr. and Modesta Banales, and Francisco and Caritina Cardiel.

Services were held at Pomona's Purpose Church, followed by burial at Pomona Valley Memorial Park. A reception was held at the Southern California Dream Center.

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## Chamber of Commerce... from pg. 7

Bell, providing clothing to needy children. Last year the group provided clothing to 1,200 children. They also have served 156 clients coming in for 350 appointments through their no-cost dental center.

And the "New Business of the Year" award went to On Time Photo Booth Rentals which provides "real time" photos -- in costumes or not -- for area events, galas and parties. Receiving the award were owners Frank and Domenica Carrillo.

In accepting the award, Frank Carrillo thanked Pomona Unified School District Supt. Darren Knowles, who was in the audience, for being the first to hire his company about a year ago, followed a short time later by Lina Mira of the Latina/Latino Roundtable, also in the audience.

Carrillo said he managed a retail store for 15 years but started the photo business after injuring his back and undergoing surgery.

Domenica Carrillo said they are both very happy to be doing business in Pomona.

A new award presented for the first time this year, the "Ambassador of the Year" award, went to Joel Rosales of Modern Woodmen of America Financial.

"(The ambassadors) are the ones that are day in and day out working in the community, growing in the community and spreading the word of the chamber," Robles



Domenica and Frank Carrillo of On Time Photo Booth Rentals receive this year's "New Business of the Year" award.



Ron Garner of Inland Empire Fence and Construction received the Pomona Chamber's "Member of the Year" award.

said. "(The award) is going to a remarkable individual who has demonstrated exceptional commitment, leadership and advocacy in promoting our local business community."

Rosales, a native of Pomona, told the audience there is nothing



"The Union on Garey" and owner Ray Adamyk received this year's Pomona Chamber "Employer of the Year" award. Pictured, at left, is Adamyk introducing his "team" at The Union.

ing "that makes me happier than to see businesses work together as well as helping other nonprofit foundations (and) students."

"It's just focusing and growing Pomona at the end of the day," he said.

Pomona Mayor Tim Sandoval once again this year conducted the "swearing in" ceremony for the new and continuing board members.



This year's "Community Service Organization of the Year" award went to the Assistance League of Pomona Valley. Pictured, from left, are Board Member Lisa Frazier and President Suzanne Miller as Chamber Board Vice Chair Josh Landis looks on.

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It was Pomona Unified School District's backpack giveaway time again this month at the Village at Indian Hill. Director of Student and Family Support Services Patti Azevedo told La Nueva Voz they were giving out 2,000 backpacks filled with school supplies, along with 30 cases of COVID test kits, since students had to be tested before going back to school this month. She added the event was scheduled to start at 8 a.m. but when she arrived at 6:45 a.m. cars were lined up out to the street. "So we let people in early," she said. The "drive through" approach, first used during COVID, worked so well staff decided to continue it again this year. Pictured helping with boxes is volunteer Cristian Jimenez as volunteer Lorraine Canales hands out a test kit while Patty Luminato of Student and Family Support Services hands out a backpack.



## Watercolor Class!!

Sunday, October 6, 2024

**Join us for a watercolor class on Sunday, October 6, 2024, at 12:00 p.m.  
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Leading the class will be professional artist and teacher Heather Bonds of the Hilliard-Bonds Experience. Heather has a degree in Art Education. She teaches art to all age groups, from preschoolers to the elderly and enjoys it all. You can see her art at her Instagram page: hhbarts or her website: heather\_hilliard.pixels.com.

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**SUMMER FOAM PARTY IN POMONA CIVIC CENTER** -- It was a summer foam party for the entire family this month (no worries, it was non-toxic but the organizers recommended being careful because it might not taste good) in the Pomona Civic Center as a free family event organized by the Pomona Public Library. Kids of all ages got into the act and were literally walking around in a layer of foam once the machines were turned on.

**County supervisors call on sheriffs to reduce deputy-involved traffic collisions**  
 The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors last month voted unanimously to call on the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department to take immediate action to reduce the number of traffic collisions its deputies are involved in that have resulted in tens of millions of dollars in settlements to resi- **Traffic Collisions... pg. 26**





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## Disappearing newspapers... from pg. 9

tions, mainstream newspapers, Black newspapers, Spanish newspapers, nonprofits, rural weeklies and even civic organizations, labor unions and other groups working to save local journalism. It was founded on the principle that democracy needs a strong local news system to thrive.

“We’re really trying to revive the value of being . . . a community-based institution,” Waldman said, adding that despite all of the new technology available to the industry, “we still think there’s no substitute for having reporters.”

He listed “a lot of activity out there in the country” in the area of policy issues, like an employment tax cut for news organizations that hire or retain local reporters in New York; a similar version of that currently being considered by legislators in Sacramento and another in Illinois; and even scholarships and fellowships available to reporters in local newsrooms.

And he explained that those tax

policies make it easier to protect editorial independence as opposed to government grants.

On that whole hedge fund ownership of newspapers issue, he said, several states are considering legislation that would require newspapers considering selling out to an out-of-state company like a hedge fund to first give notice to the community offering a chance for local operators to acquire the newspaper if they want.

He said hedge funds certainly are part of the problem, but he said the Internet is the largest part. Even so, half the papers in the country now are owned by a hedge fund or private equity fund to further “exacerbate the problem.”

Yet California has become the “center of gravity” for deciding how to solve the problem and has two bills on the table to try to do just that.

Assembly Bill 886 (Wicks) would create a bargaining mechanism between “tech” companies



Armando Carmona

and newsrooms, forcing tech companies to compensate news organizations for using their content.

And Senate Bill 1327 (Glazer), taking a different approach similar to New York, would provide a tax credit for local newsrooms that hire and retain local reporters.

This measure, Waldman said, “supersizes the benefits for smaller newsrooms” with five and fewer reporters and would provide \$500 million a year for local news.

“It really is the first bill that I’ve seen almost anywhere in the world that would really profoundly solve this problem,” he said -- and it would be funded by the tech companies like Google, Meta, Amazon and possibly Microsoft.

Speaking to an audience predominantly consisting of representatives of the foundations, Waldman said having the foundation voices

and community groups lobbying the legislators already has proven to have a significant influence on outcome.

“You all know better than the journalists do what the importance to a community that this kind of work is,” he said.

Armando Carmona, Project Director for the Inland Empire Journalism Innovation Hub and Fund, an organizer of the summit, and a City Councilmember in the City of Jurupa Valley, told the group additional town halls are planned this year in an effort to help “reinvigorate and strengthen journalism and the media ecosystem here in the Inland Empire . . . (to) integrate the vital conditions, framework to have coverage in our communities (and) . . . to make sure we have solutions oriented journalism . . . that is helping us solve problems, is helping us hold folks accountable and helping us inform communities so that they can make better decisions.”

“We’re continuing to work with media outlets and publishers from across the region . . . to make sure we have a more informed community,” he said.

Major sponsors of the event were groups like the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the Annenberg Foundation, the Inland Empire Health Plan Foundation and the Lewis Group of Companies.

## Healthy Brain Aging 101... from pg. 6

work, and more. The evaluation will help determine the extent of any deficits, potential sources or causes, and interventions that may work to address them. Whether you're in need of speech therapy, increased aerobic activity, or medication adjustments, the specialist will work with your primary care team to determine the best way to maximize your remaining function.

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To celebrate Healthy Aging month, Dr. Cisneros will host a free community seminar, "Healthy Brain Aging," at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 25 in the Loverso Education Center on Casa Colina's Pomona campus. Space is limited. To register, visit [casacolina.org/communityevents](http://casacolina.org/communityevents) or call 866/724-4132.

## Traffic collisions... from pg. 25

dents who have been severely injured.

Over the last three years, the department has been involved in 162 traffic collisions, most occurring during calls for service and emergencies, that have resulted in \$22 million in settlement payouts to those who have suffered traumatic injuries.

The motion directs the department to partner with County Counsel and CEO Risk Management to conduct a comprehensive review of its training policies and procedures to address the root causes of these traffic collisions, which range from distracted and reckless driving to a simple lack of driving experience, and to increase accountability for those deputies who have a demonstrated history of problematic driving.

“This is about protecting people’s lives and making sure we have the best possible training and accountability systems in place to significantly reduce traffic collisions that put innocent people in harms way,” said Supervisor Hil-da Solis.

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**A HAPPY 100TH SURROUNDED BY FAMILY** -- Aurelia Gonzalez Lopez, seated at center, is surrounded by some of the members of her family during her 100th birthday celebration last month at Pomona Adult Day Health Care Center. Her family members helped organize the party and the "birthday girl" received a special certificate from a representative of Congresswoman Norma Torres recognizing her "remarkable life and significant contributions to the community."



Photo courtesy of Assemblymember Rodriguez

**FREDDIE'S FINAL FANFARE** -- Assemblymember Freddie Rodriguez has his blood pressure checked by a volunteer Western University of Health Sciences student at a free "Women's Health Fair" this month at the Anthony Muñoz Community Center in Ontario. It was his last scheduled event before he terms out of office at the end of November.



**NEW ADDITION TO FAMILY** -- New dad Steve Yahns and mom Alysa Ashley Yahns, of Everett, Washington, are pictured with their baby James Michael Yahns II, their first child. The baby was born Aug. 9 at Evergreen Health Medical Center in Kirkland, Washington, and is the ninth great-grandchild of Susie and Angel Perales of Pomona. The baby's grandmother is Ann Marie Perales Thompson of Mukilteo, Washington. James Michael weighed in at 9 pounds 3 ounces.

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**Traffic collisions... from pg. 26**

Solis co-sponsored the motion with Supervisor Janice Hahn. "Many of these collisions can be avoided through more focused and effective training, better implementation of new technologies, and more appropriate overview to ensure greater accountability and transparency," Solis said.

She added the sheriff's department and County Risk Management have taken initial steps, "but there is clearly more that needs to be done." "I am concerned about deputy-caused traffic collisions, not only because of the costs of settlements to taxpayers, but the danger they

pose to the public," Hahn said. Key measures the board adopted include implementing new technologies, including an early warning system that identifies problematic driving behavior, and issues prompt warnings that will trigger training and guidance, as well as additional systems.

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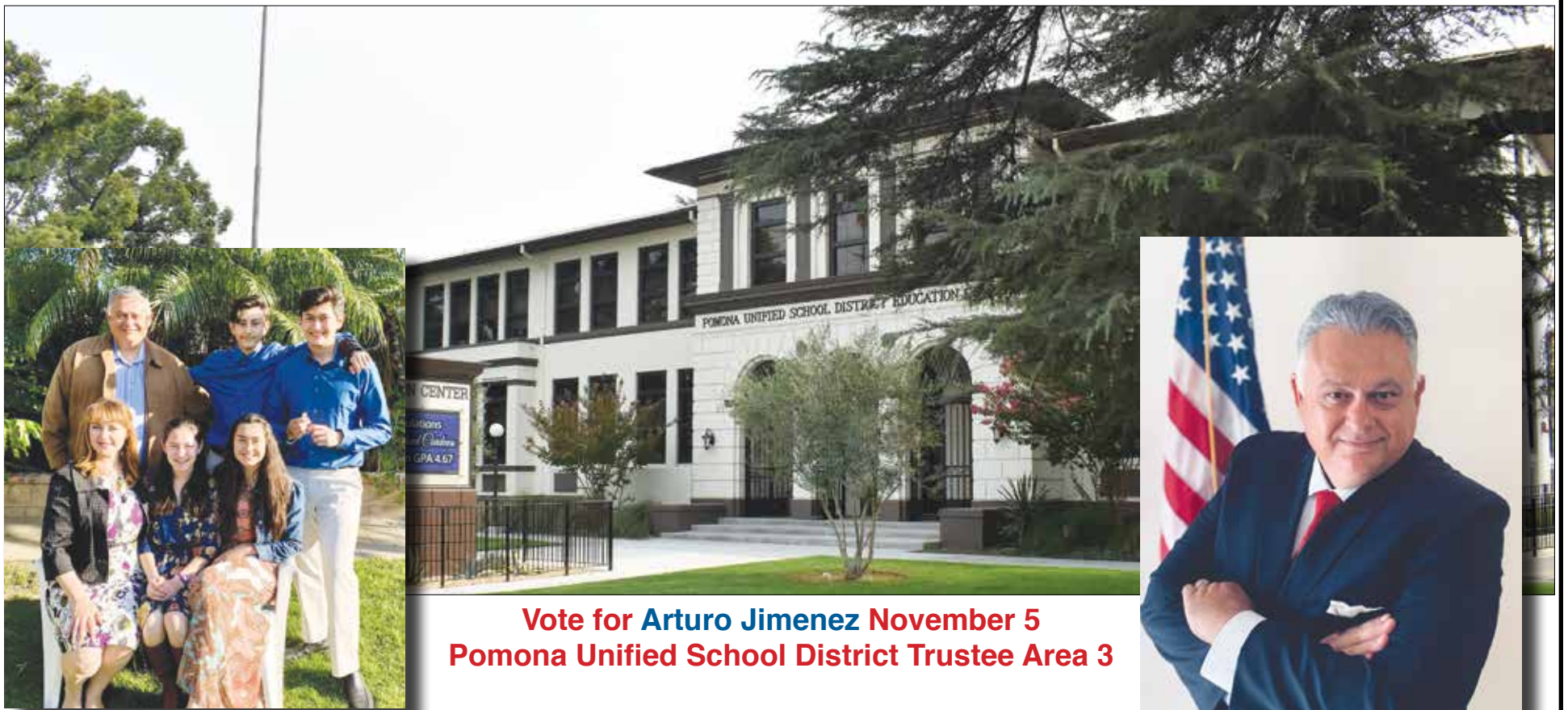
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- Helped institute anti-bullying programs, provided access to mental health services, improved communication with parents and families, and increased computer and internet accessibility

### **Algunos de mis logros durante los ultimos 4 años:**

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- Respalde la iniciativa del consejo escolar para crear un programa educativo de Aviación y Aeronáutica para el Distrito Escolar Unificado de Pomona
- Respalde la iniciativa del consejo escolar para crear la Granja Urbana López como un recurso educativo y comunitario para niños y adultos
- Aseguré la responsabilidad fiscal, mejoré el éxito académico y reduje el índice de abandono escolar
- Continué la intervención de drogas y pandillas, incrementé la financiación para el arte y la música, modernicé las instalaciones escolares, e incrementé las capacitaciones de los empleados para mejorar la seguridad en las escuelas
- Ayudé a establecer programas contra el acoso, proporcioné acceso a servicios de salud mental, mejoré la comunicación con los padres y familias, e incrementé el acceso a computadoras e internet

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