

## SYLMAR COMMUNITY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

WINTER 2018

### Prioritizing Public Safety

#### Sylmar Fire Services

- ✓ Secured \$200,000 to identify a site and design for a new fire station in Sylmar.
- ✓ Procured additional resources for Fire Station 91, including a Fast Response Vehicle and resurfaced the Olive View Helispot to support air operations.
- ✓ Secured funding to restore an engine company at Fire Station 75 in Mission Hills, which includes 12 new firefighter position authorities in order to staff this engine company.
- ✓ Attained additional \$1.25M to increase brush clearance services in Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones.

#### Responding to the La Tuna and Creek Fires

- ✓ Coordinated City Department activities and funding to prevent mudslides and mitigate impacts to fire-damaged areas during the rainy season.
- ✓ Engaged the LA Conservation Corps to perform weed abatement around Mountain View Apartments and Santiago Estates.
- ✓ Canvassed high risk fire areas in Sylmar with the Los Angeles Fire Department and MySafeLA to install over 150 smoke detectors in local homes.
- ✓ Assembled a City and County task force to mitigate damages after the wildfires to prevent future fires and mudslides

### Fighting for Healthy Communities

#### Supporting Our Equestrian Community

- ✓ Established the Equine Advisory Council to preserve and protect public trails, a diverse group made up of local horse and ranch owners, to thoughtfully address safety concerns and create contiguous trail systems in the 7th District.
- ✓ Installed an Equine Smart Crosswalk at Olive View Drive. Upgrades include: continental-style high visibility crosswalks, equestrian push button for crossing, and additional horse crossing signage along Foothill Boulevard to increase safety.



## Addressing Homelessness

- ✓ Opened the City's first Safe Parking Program that allows RVs. This program is designed to provide a stable and safe parking environment for people living in their vehicles and connect them to housing and supportive services.
- ✓ Established the CD 7 Homelessness Task Force comprised of multi-sector agencies and appointed community members to coordinate outreach efforts and services in the 7th Council District.
- ✓ Reopened the Pacoima Winter Shelter, the only winter shelter serving the San Fernando Valley. Implemented the "Good Neighbor Policy" to upgrade the standards of the shelter's operations, which resulted in minimal impacts to the community and maximized the number of homeless individuals served.
- ✓ Supported the Women's Bridge Housing at the Sylmar Armory, a facility to care for women experiencing homelessness.
- ✓ Coordinated with direct service providers to secure interim and permanent supportive housing for individuals experiencing homelessness.

## Improving Neighborhood Infrastructure

### Bringing New Resources to Sylmar

- ✓ Fought for for an additional \$3M in federal funding investment for recreational and open space improvements throughout the 7th Council District.
- ✓ Advocated for \$1.3 billion dollars in transit infrastructure for the creation of the light rail East San Fernando Valley Transit corridor.
- ✓ Secured \$800,000 in funds to support improvements at Sylmar Community Park.
- ✓ Secured new DASH bus routes from the Sylmar Metrolink Station to Mission College and from Pacoima to Panorama City.
- ✓ Obtained \$200,000 for a technical analysis to expand LADOT DASH service from Sylmar Metrolink Station to CSUN.
- ✓ Delivered on overdue street and sidewalk repairs in Sylmar through the North San Fernando Road Widening Project in Sylmar. The \$1 million project includes planting trees, widening sidewalks, repaving roads, installing new pavement, and fixing the curbs to improve commutes for all.



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