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A Newsletter from Supervisor Dianne Jacob

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County Strip Club Rules Earn Support in Court

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Jacob cheers as federal judge upholds most restrictive ordinance in the nation

People who think strip clubs offer a harmless kind of risqué commerce ought to talk to residents who live not far from a club. Just as secondhand smoke negatively impacts non-smokers nearby, strip clubs are detrimental to the communities around them.

Imagine drug deals going down in parking lots near your home. Imagine an increase in public sexual activity in your neighborhood. Statistics show that when a strip club moves into an area, blight and crime go up while property values go down.

I didn't want that to happen to an unincorporated area northeast of the City of El Cajon where, several years ago, a strip club threatened to set up shop next to a family-friendly pizza parlor, a video game arcade and a youth dance studio.

While reviewing the County's rules governing strip clubs and other sexually-themed businesses, I learned that our ordinance could, indeed, be strengthened. Luckily, I had the full support of my

colleagues to write the toughest ordinance in the nation within the requirements of the law.

Together, my colleagues and I banished strip clubs from residential and commercial areas and exiled them to industrial zones. We prohibited clubs from doing business within 600 feet of churches, schools,

playgrounds and parks, and we required the clubs to close between 2 and 6 a.m.

We banned total nudity, direct tipping and touching between customers and performers. We also forced businesses showing pornographic videos or films to do so only in booths without curtains or doors and

large enough for only one viewer.

As expected, these tough new rules drew a lawsuit from strip club owners who claimed that the County's ordinance was too restrictive. But the County had the guts to stick to its guns and fight the suit in federal court, standing up for families and neighborhoods.

Unfortunately, strip clubs have a constitutional right to exist, but they don't have the right to subject unwitting communities to rampant litter, noise, prostitution, decreased property values and tax revenues—all secondary effects of strip clubs according to a recent study by the National Criminal Justice Reference Service, a research arm of the U.S. Department of Justice.

In the end, the judge agreed with the County that communities have a right to

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Strip Clubs

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protect themselves from the secondary effects of the clubs. It's a decision that puts public safety first. It's also a decision that puts the brakes on two adult businesses currently operating in the unincorporated areas of the County. The same strip club that hoped to do business northeast of El Cajon is out of luck because the area is zoned commercial. An adult boutique presently doing business out of the existing storefront must relocate to an industrial area or close its doors in accordance with the ordinance.

A Spring Valley adult movie house has to change its business practices too. To comply with

the law, it must scale back hours and remove the doors to its private viewing booths.

Having stood the test of the courts, County rules governing strip clubs will continue to offer families the most protection the law will allow.

I've always believed that public safety is government's most fundamental responsibility to the people it represents. By having the courage to introduce and defend the highest of standards for our region, communities will be safer for years to come.

As I said to a reporter from the *San Diego Union-Tribune* last month, "I'm proud that the County's tough regulations will remain firmly in place."

New shelves needed to hold County awards?

When it comes to awards for government, few honors are more meaningful than those given by the National Association of Counties. San Diego County dominated this year's contest by winning 41 awards for programs that save taxpayer dollars and provide valuable services.

Among the County's award winners were programs that retrofit public buildings to make them more energy efficient, provide job training for foster youth and reduce euthanasia rates at animal shelters.

The county won more awards than any participating county.



Stick It to the Heat: Jacob opens the first 2005 County Cool Zone.

Supervisor Jacob launched the program five years ago during the energy crisis. This year, there are more than 130 zones around the region, including some private businesses. Several zones are even equipped to help seniors enroll in money-saving energy programs. Look for the cute polar bear logo and visit a cool zone today. You can even request a bus pass to get to the zone nearest you.

Where can I find a summer Cool Zone? 1-800-510-2020.



The Bears Are Back

Seniors can save money on air-conditioning bills, meet new people and stay cool this summer at any of the County's "Cool Zones." The zones are existing public buildings like libraries and community centers where the air is cool and the people are friendly.

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Tips To Beat the Heat:

- Drink plenty of water, even if not thirsty
- Eat smaller meals, more often and avoid foods high in protein
- Wear light-colored clothing
- Take cold showers or baths
- Keep shades down and blinds closed, but windows slightly open
- Avoid using salt tablets, unless directed to by a doctor

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Celebratory Swigs in Julian

After years without water, a favorite community park in Julian is celebrating water service this month. The County Department of Parks and Recreation, Supervisor Jacob and the community joined forces to dig a well near Jess Martin Park, home to popular community ballfields, a playground and skateboard park— all places where kids work up a thirst.

After striking water, the community gathered for a long-anticipated "first drink." Water service means that other projects slated for the park, such as the construction of restrooms, can proceed.



Refreshing Change: Supervisor Jacob and young friends celebrate the first drink of water at Julian's Jess Martin Park. The park had been without water for many years.

Lake Morena's Unique Needs

The many tiny communities in the County's backcountry often struggle with water and housing issues. The southeastern San Diego County community of Lake Morena is one of them. Special federal funding may be available to improve infrastructure in these often hot and remote towns if they are designated as "colonias." At my request, the Board granted this designation to Lake Morena recently, making the community eligible for federal funds. This is especially good news to water officials in the area who have plans to improve the area's water system.

Salvation Army Rolling Along

From Mt. Laguna to Descanso to Potrero, Salvation Army Back Country Social Services has been helping people in the backcountry for 20 years. Once a month, the organization brings food and other basic necessities to people in need. Other times, however, residents must make the trek to a Salvation Army office.

That will soon change thanks to a little help from Supervisor Jacob. She recently secured \$32,500 toward the purchase of a recreational vehicle that the Salvation Army will use as a

mobile office. This should help fixed-income seniors who might find it challenging to drive.

Kids getting restless this summer?

The County Department of Parks and Recreation has fun programs to keep your kids entertained this summer. Art, music, dance and sports are just a few of the ways your kids can try something new. Registration is open to kids 5 to 15. Children may participate by the day or week from now through August 19. Camp hours are 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Weekly costs are \$75 per child. For more information call (619) 479-1832.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION IN LAKESIDE

Got an idea that will improve or enhance Lakeside? Want to share comments or concerns? Supervisor Jacob invites you to an informal community coffee.

**Friday, July 29, 2005 at 8:30 a.m.
Annie Oakley's
12212 Woodside Ave., Lakeside**

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