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A NEWSLETTER FROM SUPERVISOR DIANNE JACOB

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LEADING SAN DIEGO COUNTY INTO THE 21ST CENTURY

On June 21, 1999, the Board of Supervisors tentatively approved a fully reserved, structurally balanced, two-year budget that will lead this County into the 21st Century.

The County of San Diego is running more like a business. It's not only more accountable to you - the taxpayer, but it is operating cheaper, better and faster!

But to truly run like a business - it's important that customer satisfaction be a top priority. Take a look at what you - the taxpayer - will be getting for your money in the next two years.

Making Our Streets Safer

My #1 priority is to make sure you are safe, both in your home and in your community. I'm proud to say that because of this commitment, our streets *are* safer. In fact, in areas under the Sheriff's jurisdiction, crime is 35 percent **less** than the rest of San Diego County. I want this trend to continue on its downward spiral. That's why the County has dedicated \$50 million more for public safety. This includes 11 more Deputy Sheriffs on our streets, 9 more Deputy Marshals to collect outstanding warrants, 55 Probation Officers to ensure juvenile offenders are supervised and 11 new investigators for the District Attorney's elder abuse and domestic violence prevention teams.

And there's more good news for East County. The communities of Julian and Pine Valley will be getting new Sheriff stations in the near future. A Rancho San Diego Sheriff station is one step closer this year - a site has been located and \$200,000 has been dedicated toward design of the building. The Campo Volunteer Fire Department will get a new fire engine.

The Shelter Valley Fire Department will have new equipment to continue fighting back-country fires and the San Pasqual Fire Department will receive the necessary matching funds for a brand-new building that will be used for training and engine repairs.



Preserving our Parks and Open Space

I am dedicated to preserving the beauty of East County. Because of this, I co-sponsored the award-winning Multiple Species Conservation Plan (MSCP). This open space preservation plan strikes a delicate balance between environmental protection and economic growth by preserving for future generations 172,000 acres of meaningful open space throughout San Diego County! As a result of this program, East County already has more open space areas than any other jurisdiction in the State, and this year the Board of Supervisors dedicated another \$6 million to acquire even more open space and parks throughout San Diego County.

The Julian Pioneer Memorial Park will get a \$50,000 face lift and a new amphitheater - so that as visitors eat their delicious apple pie, they can also sit in a beautiful park setting and listen to entertainment at the amphitheater! Collier Park, in Ramona, will get new walkways throughout the park. So, as you walk from the tot-lot to the junior lot, or to the Boys & Girls Club - you'll have paved walkways now! Also, more than \$50,000 has been dedicated for new hiking and riding trails - just for East County!

Investing in the Future - Our Kids!

We all know how important it is that our young people participate in positive activities after school - activities that will keep them out of trouble, and allow them to sprout into healthy young adults. That's why, this year, the Board of Supervisors dedicated an additional \$5 million for after-school and juvenile diversion programs.



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But, that's not all. Our County library hours have also increased. In fact, some will now be open on Sunday. So, you can spend more time in your local library - whether it be reading, helping to research your child's school project or volunteering. Also, a children's librarian will be available at certain branches to help our kids after school.

And, with about \$5.5 million dedicated toward construction, Rancho San Diego and Potrero will all be getting beautiful new libraries in the near future. Julian is on its way too, with \$100,000 committed for the design of their joint-use library.

What about youth recreational activities?

With \$150,000, Rancho San Diego soccer players will get a new arena. Preschoolers in Santee will soon have a new gymnastics center - to meet their tumbling needs! The La Mesa Parks Partnership received \$150,000 to relocate football and baseball fields. With \$340,000, Ramona children are on their way toward getting a new gymnasium and the Rios Canyon Baseball fields will get playground equipment for an on-site park. The Alpine Child Care Center will also have much needed new playground equipment. And, the Cajon Valley High School Physical Education program will be on the "cutting edge" with the purchase of 25 heart monitors that will monitor the optimal, and safe heart-rate of physical education students.

Have you noticed an increase in skateboarding lately? The problem is that there is no place for kids to skateboard. It's dangerous for them to ride on sidewalks with pedestrians, and it's dangerous to ride in the streets with cars and it also affects businesses as well as customers. That's why, it's important to have parks - just for skateboarders! This year, nearly \$400,000 has been set aside to build skateboard parks in Rancho San Diego, El Cajon and Julian.

Serving our Seniors

By the year 2000, there will be more people over 60 years of age than there will be under 18 years of age. The senior population is growing at *twice*

the rate of the general population. That's why last May, I co-hosted an Aging Summit. Over 300 people throughout the County developed a plan with recommendations so that this region might be better prepared to address senior issues. As a result of the Aging Summit recommendations, this year, over \$5 million additional dollars have been dedicated to senior services and \$2 million specifically for transportation.

Also, after discussions with the Julian Union School District, an innovative new idea emerged. How about seniors having lunch with our school children? This year, the County dedicated \$100,000 toward a new kitchen in Julian. This will allow both the seniors and school-age children to have hot, delicious and nutritious meals - but also open the door for interaction between our seniors and kids. Many children are in need of role models, and who better to serve as mentors than our own community seniors?

Bringing San Diego County into the 21st Century

In addition to the investment in public safety and your community projects - County government is giving back at least \$2.5 million dollars to you - the taxpayer, and the customer.

For example, the Business Fee Elimination is saving taxpayers more than \$1 million annually while maintaining services. Also, because the building permit process has been streamlined, with only the actual cost of a permit being charged, fees have been reduced by 24 percent! San Diego County now has the lowest building permit fee in the region, and homeowners save around \$1.5 million each year!

But there's more good news! If you live within the County Sanitation District, your sewer fees will not increase. And, if you live in the Wintergardens area, you will see a 10 percent reduction in your sewer fees!

Wherever you live in San Diego County - your County government is working for you, providing services better, cheaper and faster!

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HOLLYWOOD COMES TO EAST COUNTY!

We've always known about the beautiful East County scenery. We've got it all - rolling hills, majestic mountains and beautiful lakes, just to name a few. Well, word has gotten out. Right now, two film projects are underway in East County!

The Campo Museum will get national attention in late summer when a Levi Strauss commercial airs throughout the country. Now that's some good publicity for the museum! Word has it that filming will wind up late this month and air immediately.

There's more! Watch for a swashbuckling, sword-fight and romantic escapade to hit the streets of Pine Valley. Hollywood heart-throb, Eric Roberts, is featured in *The Kings Guard*, filming this summer in scenic Pine Valley. The setting is 17th Century England. Word has it, producers are still looking for an East County waterfall. If you know of a location, call the Film Commission at 234-FILM. Who knows, maybe you'll be the next up-and-coming star!

Join me for Coffee and Conversation...

Thursday, August 12, 8:30 to 10:30am

at the

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The Club House

3199 Stonefield Drive, Jamul

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