



### **LOSSAN Rail Corridor Resiliency Public Hearing.**

Senator Blakespear chaired the third public hearing of Senate Transportation Subcommittee on LOSSAN (Los Angeles, San Luis Obispo, San Diego) Rail Corridor Resiliency on Monday, December 11, at the San Clemente City Hall. Numerous experts ranging from academics and transportation officials to policy consultants and numerous representatives of interested organizations shared information. This is the second busiest rail corridor in the country. You may watch the entire hearing by visiting <https://www.senate.ca.gov/media-archive>

### **Fentanyl Town Hall**

Senator Blakespear hosted a Town Hall on Fentanyl in Mission Viejo featuring Orange County District Attorney Todd Spitzer. Over 60 attendees learned about the threat of this dangerous drug, the impact that it is having in local communities and the efforts that law enforcement and health professionals are doing to decrease the distribution of Fentanyl and deaths by overdosing. Because of the interest in Town Hall and the positive response, the Senator is exploring opportunities to host a similar event in San Diego County in 2024.

### **Ending Homelessness Summit**

Senator Blakespear hosted the *Ending Homelessness Summit* on Thursday, October 26, 2023, from 8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. at the Schulman Auditorium located at the Dove Library in Carlsbad. Over 100 professionals, volunteers and elected officials who work with the unsheltered population attend this event the summit that featured three dynamic panel discussions. The Senator received numerous recommendations for legislation and policies to better serve this population and increase the housing supply in the state.

### **Grant Writing 101 Webinar**

Senator Blakespear hosted a grant-writing webinar on Thursday October 26, 2023. Over 100 participants attended the webinar presented by California Consulting. They learned that there is more grant funding available than at any other time and helpful guidance on effective grant writing and applications. The Senator's office is making an effort to notify organizations and agencies in the district of grant opportunities.

**Encinitas Chamber of Commerce Legislative Update**  
**Assemblymember Tasha Boerner – AD 77**  
**December 2023**

**Recent Events:**

- District Office Open House (12/2)
  - We were so honored to be joined by a large group of community members in celebrating our new office at 505 Loma Santa Fe in Solana Beach.
  - The Open House was also a successful supply drive, as we gathered an amazing quantity of mugs and blankets that we will give to Dreams for Change to support their Safe Sleeping Site program.

**Next Legislative Session:**      *Legislature will reconvene on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024*

- AB 530: E-Bike License and Training Program
  - Goal is to ensure safety of children on e-bikes.
  - The bill would require an online written test and a state-issued photo identification for those without a valid driver's license.
  - It would prohibit persons under 12 years old from riding e-bikes.
  - And create a stakeholders working group that includes the DMV, California Highway Patrol, the Transportation Agency, bike groups, and more to establish an e-bike training program and license, including more specifics on the classes and types of e-bikes.
- AB 47: Health Insurance Coverage for Pelvic Floor Physical Therapy.
  - The bill would require health insurers to cover pelvic floor physical therapy after pregnancy to help women treat postpartum complications

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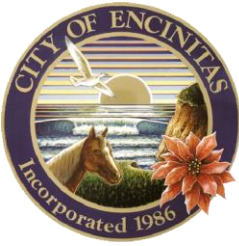
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December 7, 2023

*Tony Kranz*  
Mayor

Corrine Busta  
Encinitas Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center

RE: Government Affairs Council Meeting

Dear Corrine,

*Joy Lyndes*  
Deputy Mayor

Here are the updates on behalf of the City of Encinitas which were shared as part of the Government Affairs Council Meeting on December 7, 2023.

- **Holiday Parade:** Big success with no arrests or protests. There were 85 entries in the parade and thousands of people taking part in some holiday cheer.

*Allison Blackwell*  
Council Member

- **December 13 Council Agenda Items:**
  - Shopping Cart Ordinance: Ordinance proposed that makes it illegal to take a shopping cart off the store parking lot premises. Stores will have to either keep their carts on premises or retrieve ones that are off premises.
  - Mobility Update: Our new Mobility Manager Nick Buck will give a mobility update. There has been a lot of work with the school districts and getting folks trained to be cycle instructors.
  - Legislative Priorities for 2024: City Council will be discussing the Legislative Program for 2024 and will decide what their legislative priorities are. This guides the City on supporting or opposing bills at the state and federal levels.

*Bruce Ehlers*  
Council Member

*Kellie Shay Hinze*  
Council Member

- **December 20 Council Agenda Items:**
  - Outdoor Dining: Council will discuss whether to continue outdoor dining parklets which were permitted during COVID-19 pandemic.

*Pamela Antil*  
City Manager

- **Commissions:** We launched a new Public Health & Safety Commission in October. We also have posted the openings for various Commissions with the application deadline being 1/18 for incumbents and 1/25 for new applicants.

- City Staff is working with both our federal and state legislative consultants on **grant funding opportunities** for capital improvement projects in the city when they become available next year.

Thanks again for a great meeting.

Sincerely,

Allison Blackwell  
Council Member, City of Encinitas

December 7, 2023

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### **Re: EUSD Update for the Encinitas Chamber Governmental Affairs Council Meeting**

Thank you for the opportunity to share a few updates from the Encinitas Union School District.

Communities come together around school districts, and we are proud to work in support of Encinitas and South Carlsbad. To ensure we continue to be aligned with our community, EUSD has recently worked to update the vision, values, and learner profile for the district. This update included a collaboration with staff, students, families, and the community to ensure we are working towards clearly defined goals. We are excited to launch a refreshed vision statement and learner profile. We value the uniqueness and gifts of every child in EUSD and it is our vision to ignite the limitless potential of all learners. This work focuses on offering high-quality teaching and learning experiences, robust systems of support, and an intentional focus on the individual.

We have also outlined the major competencies necessary for all learners (students and staff) which include being an: Empowered Learner, Global Citizen, Innovative Thinker, Skilled Communicator, Wellness Advocate, Confident Collaborator. These all combine to ensure learners can reach their full potential and be future-ready for all the complexities and challenges in school and beyond.

Safety is always at the forefront of our minds. We continue to be proactive in the top strategies suggested for school by experts – ongoing education and training. Our schools participate in trainings throughout the school year and staff receive further training to ensure they are more equipped in crisis management, communication, and response. This fall, we implemented bike safety training opportunities and assemblies to all students – Kindergarten through Grade 6. We greatly appreciate this joint effort with the City of Carlsbad, City of Encinitas, and the San Diego Bike Coalition. Upon completion of the bike / e-bike safety training and with an application submitted by a parent/guardian, students receive a permit tag for the bike indicating approval to ride to / from campus. This process will be required for each new school year. We know that our communities continue to work together on safe routes to schools and this training provides an additional layer of support.

We continue to cultivate an environment for learning that is supportive, inclusive and welcoming of all children. It is our strong intent to address the inequities and racial injustices impacting education by ensuring all children are seen, heard and loved for their uniqueness and gifts. This fall, we shared the first three equity podcasts for families, titled Everyone Belongs Here. These podcast episodes are an introduction for families to learn about the journey that EUSD has gone on with our staff over the last three years. We invite our families – and you as well – to listen to the episodes on our website which will continue with a new episode each month.

- The Aspen Institute named MiraCosta College one of the 150 institutions eligible to compete for the \$1 million Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence, the nation's signature recognition of high achievement and performance among two-year colleges. The institutions selected for this honor stand out among more than 1,000 community colleges nationwide as having high and improving levels of student success as well as equitable outcomes for Black and Hispanic students and those from lower-income backgrounds.
- MiraCosta College received double recognition for environmental leadership this past month. The California Community Colleges Board of Governors awarded MiraCosta College the 2023 Energy and Sustainability Award (for a middle-sized college), a testament to the District's dedication to combating climate change in alignment with the Vision 2030 strategic plan. Simultaneously, MiraCosta College was honored as the Olivenhain Municipal Water District's (OMWD) Customer of the Year, acknowledging our significant contributions to sustainable water management.
- MiraCosta College was recognized by the U.S. Department of State as one of the "Gilman Top Producers," which is awarded to the 13 colleges and universities that contributed the highest number of recipients of the Benjamin A. Gilman Scholarship for the 2021-2022 academic year, allowing American students with limited financial means to study or intern abroad. This summer, MiraCosta students will have the opportunity to study in Paris, France, or Sámara, Costa Rica.