



5TH DISTRICT  
**ROADMAP TO  
REVITALIZATION**

*2021-2024 IMPACT REPORT*



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# A MESSAGE FROM SUPERVISOR

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**Supervisor Joe Baca, Jr**  
5th District

As I reflect on my time as Supervisor, I'm proud of what we've accomplished together. My goal has always been to serve with transparency, integrity, and a focus on making life better for everyone in our district.

During the past four years, we have embraced opportunities for growth and achieved remarkable accomplishments. Through strong partnerships with community leaders, organizations, and local governments, we have made significant strides in areas that matter most in the Fifth District: addressing homelessness, creating affordable housing, enhancing infrastructure, revitalizing our parks, and improving the quality of life for our residents.

Our accomplishments are a testament to what we can achieve when we unite with a shared purpose. Looking ahead, I remain committed to building on these successes, focusing on continuing the work we've started and addressing the challenges that still lie ahead.

Thank you for your trust and support. Together, we will keep moving the Fifth District forward, making it a place where everyone can thrive.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Baca, Jr." The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial "J" and "B".

# HOMELESSNESS

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In 2024, approximately 4,255 people were experiencing homelessness in San Bernardino County, with 1,864 of them located in the Fifth District. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) defines homelessness as living in places not meant for habitation, such as cars or abandoned buildings, or staying in emergency shelters or transitional housing.

Effectively addressing homelessness demands a focused effort to tackle mental health issues, which are critical to breaking the cycle and creating lasting solutions for individuals and the community.

An effective action plan to combat homelessness involves expanding affordable housing, increasing bed capacity, and addressing mental health issues.

With these strategies in place, we've made significant progress in addressing homelessness, showcasing the effectiveness of collaborative efforts and targeted solutions. As a result, we've accomplished the following:

- \$14.7 million Pacific Village Phase II Expansion - addition of 32 beds to the community housing individuals experiencing homelessness
- \$2.5 million Kern Street Adult Residential Facility Expansion
- \$3.8 million Project Roomkey Continuance
- \$15 million County Housing Development Grant
- \$12.7 million HOME - American Rescue Plan (ARPA)

This requires strong collaboration between government agencies, community organizations, and private sector partners, along with a commitment to transparency and accountability in the implementation of these initiatives.



# BLOOMINGTON

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In 2020, our vision for the underserved community of Bloomington centered on enhancing park facilities, expanding recreational programs for families, and creating Safe Routes to School. Our goals also included strengthening local law enforcement, improving Ayala and Kessler Parks, and enforcing local codes.

Four years later, we have successfully accomplished these objectives and more, using funds from the Bloomington Community Benefit/Improvement Reserve, Board Discretionary Funds, and ARPA Funds to make these essential improvements a reality. Looking ahead, ongoing advocacy for Bloomington is crucial to its continued growth and development. By staying committed to addressing community needs and securing necessary resources, we can ensure Bloomington thrives as a safe, vibrant, and welcoming place for all residents.

Reflecting on the last four years, we are proud to highlight the investments of over \$6 million, that have contributed to the positive development of Bloomington:

- Increased law enforcement presence in Bloomington with two (2) Sheriffs
- Dedicated Code Enforcement Officer
- \$160,000 Two (2) Full-time Maintenance Workers for Kessler and Ayala Park
- Recreation/ Programming Improvement
- Kessler Park Revitalization Project:
  - \$45,000 Mendoza Monuments
  - \$20,000 Infield Field 2
  - \$6,000 Slurry Seal Parking Lot
  - \$4,000 BBQ grill coal receptacles and Picnic Tables
  - \$2.6 million Basketball Lighting, WiFi project, Corridor and Fencing
  - \$3.1M Dream Field
- Ayala Park:
  - \$1.5 million New Ayala Park - Platinum Park
  - New Ayala Community Center Mural
  - New Ayala Senior Nutritional Plan
  - Wi-Fi Project
- \$130,000 Addition of streetlights (8)
- \$1.8M Farmers Court, Hamada Lane, Alder Avenue
- Investment of \$1.8 million for Bloomington High School Baseball and Softball Field Improvements



# LITTLE 3RD

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Little 3rd is an island in the city of San Bernardino located north of 3rd Street, south of Vine Street, east of Waterman, and west of Tippecanoe. This working-class community has been long ignored which has resulted in a lack of physical infrastructure and maintenance. This community has seen a significant increase in crime which makes it even more imperative to prioritize improvements and provide the support this community needs to thrive.

To improve the quality of life for residents in Little 3rd, there must be a focus on creating Safe Routes to School, addressing flood channel issues, and enhancing road infrastructure.

Since 2020 the following improvements have been made:

- \$2.56M Little 3rd Street Improvement Project to create ADA sidewalks and upgrade roads
  - Palm Lane to Tippecanoe Avenue
  - Investment of \$2.7 million to enhance flood channel and roadways
- \$888K 5th Street & Pedley Road Traffic Light near Monterey Elementary School to mitigate traffic and create safer routes to school for students and families



# MUSCOY

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Muscoy is a unique equestrian community filled with pride and a country feel. However, its proximity to nearby communities creates traffic congestion, pedestrian accidents, and unkempt roads and streets including State, Macy, and Duffy Street. The residents of Muscoy were concerned about the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists who use roadways to access local businesses.

To mitigate these issues, we employed a Safe Routes to School program and identify ways to reduce traffic congestion.

Four years later, we have made a host of road improvements along with other community enhancements:

- Installation of Bus Shelters
- No Parking Zone on State Street
- \$5M Macy Street Sidewalk Improvements
- Striping Refresh near schools - Muscoy, Vermont
- \$1.2M Muscoy Elementary School Field Improvements
- \$2.1M PAL Center Baseball Field
- \$1.8M Muscoy Entrance Monuments
- Increased law enforcement presence in Muscoy with two (2) Sheriffs



# ARROWHEAD FARMS

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Arrowhead Farms, a diverse community home to single-family residences, multi-housing units, businesses, and churches, also hosts essential institutions like Cajon High School and San Bernardino County Fire Station 227. However, the area has endured years of delayed upkeep.

To improve the quality of life and safety in this area, attention is needed for road infrastructure, enhanced code enforcement to reduce crime and graffiti, flood control maintenance, and securing funding for Safe Routes to School near Cajon High School.

Since 2020, we've accomplished the following:

- Investment of \$2.8 million for improvements on 40th Street and Other Roads which includes road maintenance and rehabilitation, and reconstruction of ADA ramps
- \$1.2M Newmark Elementary School sidewalk improvement project to construct new sidewalks, curbs, gutters, and ADA-compliant ramps.
- \$959,000 state funding allocated to move the community from septic to sewer systems





# DEL ROSA

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Much like Arrowhead Farms, the community of Del Rosa is home to single-family homes, multifamily residences, and businesses.

While we did not cover this area until redistricting in 2022, we have identified the need for road infrastructure, enhanced code enforcement, and flood control maintenance.

Since then, we've accomplished the following:

- \$1.5M Southwest Del Rosa ADA project to construct ADA-compliant ramps in various areas
- \$10.2M Fire Station 226 in the Del Rosa community



# RIALTO

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Rialto is an incorporated city with some outlying areas near Carter High School and El Rancho Verde that fall under county maintenance and are in need of infrastructure improvements.

In 2020, a comprehensive plan was created to tackle these issues, and now, four years later, many of these concerns have been addressed, along with additional improvements.

- \$995K International Healing Garden for Rialto Unified School District
- \$700K Rialto Library Improvements
- \$1.6M Birdsall Park Improvements
- \$1.5M Eisenhower High School Baseball Field Improvements
- \$1.5M Rialto High School Baseball Field Lighting Improvements
- \$162,334 Off-Highway Vehicle Fleets for Public Safety
- \$150K Fire Department - Specialized Utility Vehicle Purchase
- Road Improvement Projects
  - \$750K Cactus Avenue and others
  - \$750K Jurupa from Cactus to Walnut
  - Apple at Pecan
- \$1.15M Linden Ave and Others - Road Rehabilitation
- \$798K Rialto Channel - Cactus Trail Landscaping
- \$367K Lilac Streetlight Addition (6)
- \$95K Cactus Streetlight - between Easton and Lurelane (4)
- \$665K Cactus Ave @ Easton Streetlights
- \$2.45M Randall Avenue Culvert @ Rialto Channel Project



# COLTON

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In the City of Colton lies a small unincorporated pocket within County jurisdiction. In this area, more work needs to be done to create a sustainable system of community health, public safety, and infrastructure. The main priorities in this area included enhancing road infrastructure and code enforcement.

Four years later, numerous achievements have been accomplished with those priorities in mind.

- \$575K Bike Path Improvements
- \$1.8M Elizabeth Davis Park Improvements
- \$162,334 Off- Highway Vehicle Fleet
- \$160K Police Department - Drones and Shields
- \$100K Fire Department - Radio Purchase
- Striping Refresh near Schools
- \$648,740 ARMC Landscaping
- \$1.05M Re-opening of Agua Mansa Cemetery/ Museum
- \$45K Jackson Street Light additions (5)



# ROSENA RANCH

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Rosena Ranch is a newer housing development that includes Paakuma Elementary. While the community has greatly benefited from infrastructure agreements with developers and the establishment of Homeowner Association dues, residents have expressed concerns about safety and graffiti. To address these concerns, increased code enforcement is necessary to tackle graffiti in various locations, and a heightened sheriff presence is needed to enhance safety and reduce incidents of burglaries and theft in the community.

Within four years, we have mitigated these concerns with various community enhancements and found new opportunities for upliftment.

- Enhanced Road Infrastructure - Rosena Ranch Road and Others
- Infrastructure supporting School Traffic
- Flashing Stop Signs at Sycamore Creek Drive and Sycamore Creek Loop
- \$103,000 Streetlights at Paakuma Elementary - Sycamore Creek Dr, Clearwater Parkway
- Free one year pilot program for street sweeping services
- Increased law enforcement presence in Rosena Ranch with four (4) Sheriffs



# GLEN HELEN REGIONAL PARK

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The San Bernardino County Civil Grand Jury investigated and reviewed all county parks, including Glen Helen Regional Park and its facilities, during 2018-2019. The Grand Jury found that poor maintenance and neglect have led to significant deficits in capital improvements and increased liability risks.

Despite these challenges, Glen Helen Park remains a popular destination for weekend and summer activities, including use of the lake, picnic areas, and general recreation. As our county's population grows, it is essential to maintain open spaces that enhance our community's quality of life.

In 2020, the priorities for Glen Helen Regional Park include refurbishing restrooms for ADA compliance, improving landscaping and road maintenance, upgrading irrigation systems, enhancing staffing for the summer swimming pool, and evaluating existing third-party leasing and maintenance agreements.

Four years later, the following enhancements have been accomplished:

- Glen Helen Monuments
- Glen Helen Lighting Project
- \$2.5M 2 New waterslides and upgraded swimming amenities
- New restrooms
- Picnic shelters
- Island bridge
- Fishing Dock
- Expanded Splash Pad



# BLOOMINGTON ANIMAL SHELTER

One of the initial district tours in 2020 was at the Devore Animal Shelter. While the tour was insightful, it's evident that our animal shelter has deteriorated in recent years and has been underutilized, especially when compared to the state-of-the-art facility in Riverside County.

We recommend conducting a feasibility study to assess the cost and financing options for a new animal shelter and evaluating a potential "joint powers authority" governing structure with stakeholders to enhance services for San Bernardino County and its communities.

Four years later, we've made conscious efforts in improving the Devore Animal Shelter:

- \$40M allocated toward a new animal shelter in Bloomington to avoid overcrowding and make more animal care services accessible
- \$663,295 Mobile Vet clinics to expand onsite vet services in San Bernardino County
- Addition of two (2) regular positions to streamline adoption process



# LOOKING AHEAD

With 95% of our projects completed or actively progressing toward completion, we take great pride in the meaningful strides made during the few years. These efforts have enhanced the quality of life for residents and transformed the Fifth District into a safer, more vibrant, and thriving community.

As we look toward the future, we recognize that our work is far from finished. There are still critical projects to be initiated, from expanding essential infrastructure to improving public spaces and addressing community needs. We remain committed to creating sustainable growth, revitalizing neighborhoods, and ensuring every resident has access to the resources and opportunities they deserve.

Together, we will build on this momentum and continue making the Fifth District a beacon of progress and opportunity for all.

