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*100+ Accomplishments in First 100 Days in Office:  
April 13, 2005*

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

• Sludge

-- Opposed and led the charge against Synagro's quest for public bond financing before the Board of Supervisors on March 1, 2005.

-- Made initial referral and led effort to enact an outright ban on the importation of sludge to Kern County.

• Neighborhood Watch

-- Held Neighborhood Watch community meetings in Lamont on January 27, 2005, one in Southeast Bakersfield on March 3, 2005 and one in East Bakersfield on April 11, 2005 (each meeting was attended by an average of 125 people)

-- Continue working with the Bakersfield Police Department Community Policing team to increase the number of residents participating in Neighborhood Watch programs.

• Curbs, Gutters and Sidewalks

-- Applied and received TE (Transportation Enhancement) funds to provide curbs, gutters, and sidewalks at Pioneer Drive School.

-- With this construction, Pioneer Drive School will be the last school in the Fifth District to finally get curbs, gutters, and sidewalks.

- Safe Roads Measure

-- Selected as co-chair of Local Transportation Measure Committee within KernCOG.

-- Working to bring greater funds to Kern County to help with the transportation needs of the County.

## **ACCOUNTABILITY**

- Kern Medical Center

-- Led the effort to prevent KMC items to go behind closed doors, continuing his pledge for open government.

-- Was sole “No” vote (4-1) on physician compensation items during January 4, 2005 meeting.

- Night Meetings

-- Proposed, developed protocol, and convinced fellow Supervisors to support establishing night meetings in each Kern County Supervisorial District, except District 3 (there are no cities within S.D. #3 other than Bakersfield).

-- Working to expand efforts to effectively increase access by constituents to their Board of Supervisors and make Board more accountable to not only residents of Bakersfield, but also those living in outlying areas.

- County Administrative Officer

-- Within the scope of recent efforts to recruit and hire a new CAO following the announcement of the retirement of Scott Jones, made referral to explore the possibility of expanding the role and responsibilities of the CAO to be modeled more like a CEO.

- First Five Kern

-- Questioned expenditures made by First Five Kern Commission to ensure that taxpayer dollars were being used as intended (i.e. \$3,000 charter flight from Bakersfield to Sacramento)

-- Nominated Jeff Green as Fifth District appointee to First Five Kern.

- VLF Gap Loan

-- Requested that Kern County pull down VLF Gap Loan funds early to ensure that in case the State does not fulfill previous commitments, the County still receives over 95% of funds previously committed

## *CONSTITUENT SERVICES*

- Street/Road Problems

-- Teaming with Roads Department to fix potholes, remove tumbleweeds, put up necessary stop signs, and other safety hazards throughout the Fifth District. (Please see appendix)

- Fifth District Resident Advocacy

-- Serve as intermediary between Fifth District residents and County offices and departments.

-- Provide any information requested from residents so that they can better access County services and programs.

- Boys & Girls Club in Lamont

-- Currently working to facilitate the Boys & Girls Club acquiring the former Health Department building in Lamont to build the first satellite office of the club outside of Metro Bakersfield

- Code Compliance

-- Please see Appendix.

## **WORK IN PROGRESS**

- Submitted an application for a Section 108 CDBG Loan (approximately \$7 million) for the construction of nine miles of curbs and gutters and some sidewalks near schools and bus stops in East Bakersfield and Lamont
- Working to secure approval of a \$6.2 million grant application for the design and construction of the Rexland Acres Sewer System (this will effectively eliminate a public health problem which has been on-going for many years)
- Conducting a comparison analysis with the Roads Department on the feasibility of the County of Kern purchasing a Pothole Patching Machine (estimated cost is about \$150,000)
- Abate an on-going illegal junk storage problem at 320 Hudson, 340 Hudson, and the 4200 block of Cottonwood Road (the County is the lead agency on the Hudson properties and the City of Bakersfield is the lead agency on the Cottonwood Road property)
- Working with the residents of Cheatham and Reese Streets to vacate a “pedestrian walkway” that invites illegal dumping, loitering, and drug trafficking
- Elimination of parking on South Union Avenue between Belle Terrace and Amador Avenue to eliminate parking problems in front of the Bakersfield Lodge (motel) near the Kern County Fairgrounds (vehicles are blocking motel parking on the weekends during the Swap Meets)
- Restrict parking of large commercial vehicles on South Union Avenue at Barton Street in order to eliminate “sight distance (blind spots)” problems for vehicles leaving the neighborhood to go north on South Union to McKee Elementary School and Bakersfield
- Demolition of dangerous structure 1201 Feliz Drive (this property contains public nuisances in need of abatement)
- Have the Roads Department do a blade seal on Teal Road
- Finish installation of concrete, curb, gutter, and sidewalks on Pioneer Drive (Safe Route to School Project) from Oswell Street to Morning Drive

- Finish construction of 3,255 feet of curb and gutter, concrete drive approaches and wheelchair ramps on Wharton Avenue in Lamont
- Secure street lights for the Southgate neighborhood south of Ming Avenue and the Kern County Fairgrounds (neighborhood meeting is currently being scheduled)
- Working with the Lamont School District to install “No Parking” signs and Crosswalk on Segrue Street east of Santa Rosa Street for the benefit of the children attending Lamont School
- Abate numerous abandoned vehicles, solid waste, and zoning problems as well as illegal residences at 5737 Zephyr Lane in the Fairfax area
- Saved Baseball Diamond Lights at DiGiorgio Park
- Organize volunteers for the Great American Cleanup Day scheduled April 23, 2005
- Introduced Nurses Reinvestment Act of 2005 (Kern County would pay for the nursing education of 5 BC and 5 CSUB nursing students and, in turn, the students would agree to work at KMC for 18 months for every 12 months that the County pays)
- Developing project to take before the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District to retrofit school buses to reduce environmental and health risks related with exhaust fumes, etc.

## **APPENDIX**

### **CODE COMPLIANCE / CONSTITUENT SERVICES**

- Made referral to county staff to draft an ordinance to impound the cars of persons involved in illegal dumping activities in Kern County (Board of Supervisors passed ordinance on April 12, 2005)

- Partnered with Kern County Waste Management Department on a Bulky Waste Collection Event on April 9, 2005 (Supervisor Rubio and staff focused on the neighborhoods around Kern Medical Center in East Bakersfield)
- Removed junk car on street at 3128 Lake Street
- Removed 8-10 junk cars in yard at 3141 Monterey Street
- Removed several junk cars and cleaned up yard at 2214 Robinson Street
- Removed 3 old mattresses and garbage in south alley at 1320 Lake Street
- Removed stray female dog and puppies at 1118 Jefferson Street
- Removed bulk waste items at 2117, 2119, 2127, and 2129 Potomac Avenue
- Fixed sump fence on Melville, removed tumbleweeds in right of way, and repaired vacant lot fence
- Removed tumbleweeds in right of way west of 7149 East Panama Road to Fairfax Road (Lamont Area)
- Removed tumbleweeds blocking mail service at 800 Barlow Street
- Removed stagnant water and filled the edge of pavement hole at 7700 Dunsmere Street in South Lamont (This has been a persistent problem since 1991)
- Fixed potholes on Gail Marie Drive near Myrtle Avenue School in Lamont
- Cleaned storm drain (siphon) on Virginia Avenue near 400 block of Beverly
- At Oswell and Potomac, the current 15 mph speed limit sign was spread out 200 feet north for greater traffic visibility, two new and larger street delineators (traffic guides) with reflective tape were installed, all current delineators were made larger with reflective tape added, reflective tape was installed on the two current signs in the resident's front yard, raised pavement markers on the lane lines were installed, moved directional signs for Potomac north to give better turning notice to drivers, and put reflective tape on the street light on Potomac (All of this was done to keep vehicles away from the home on the southwest corner of Potomac and Oswell)

- Installed a new street light at the entrance to alley way at the northeast corner of Quincy and Alta Vista
- Fixed potholes on Center Street west of Isabel Street
- Installed 4-Way Stop Signs at Casa Loma Drive and Cottonwood Road
- Received a complaint on February 8 about a street light being out since October 2004; the street light was fixed three (3) days later on February 11
- Partnered with the Kern County Farm Bureau to dispose of about 3,000 illegally dumped tires from local farmland in the Arvin-Lamont-Edison areas
- Installed 3 Chevron Reflective Signs outside the front yard fence, added two (2) additional Curb Warning Signs (one on the median and one on the sidewalk side), and put a raised payment marker on the lane line at the northeast corner of Cunha Street and Bernard Street to protect the home from being hit by vehicles
- Enhanced existing crosswalks around Leo G. Pauly School with brighter paint and diagonal lines and upgraded the existing school zone signs with larger replacements that are high intensity fluorescent yellow in color
- Enhanced existing crosswalks around South High School with brighter paint and diagonal lines and upgraded the existing school zone signs with larger replacements that are high intensity fluorescent yellow in color
- Fixed large pothole at the intersection of Texas and Hayes Streets;
- Installed “No Parking” signs and crosswalk on San Diego Street for the benefit of children attending Alicante Avenue School in Lamont
- Fixed two potholes at 37 Hayes Street
- Fixed potholes at the intersection of Casa Loma and Madison
- Facilitated the issuance of a temporary bus pass for an unemployed single father through the Department of Human Services
- Assisted the Greenfield County Water District in restoring adequate power (electricity) to one of the District’s water wells by contacting PG&E

- Assisted Crystal Pools (swimming pool business) in securing three swimming pool building permits
- Removed wall graffiti at the corner of Park and San Emidio Streets in Lamont
- Established a handicap parking space at 717 Tanner Street
- Installed electrical conduit wiring, electrical panel and connections, import and compaction for modular building pad, construct concrete sidewalks, and modular classroom building for Jameson Children's Center
- Constructed asphalt concrete and pedestrian path on Main Street in Lamont from Collison Street to Mountain View School
- Served on planning committee for the 2005 Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration held at the MLK Community Center in Southeast Bakersfield
- Through the Kern County Graffiti Removal Program, facilitated a Southeast business merchant cleaning of a wall and fence covered with graffiti.
- Assisted Edison School Board members with researching potential park site and the process for establishing a Recreation and Park District
- Organized a meeting in Lamont for business owners to speak with Supervisor Rubio, Sheriff Mack Wimbish and Assistant District Attorney Dan Sparks and address issues of concern to them.
- Serve on the Brundage/Fairfax Neighborhood Partnership (to identify recreation service providers, potential summer recreation programs and the feasibility of creating a new recreation and park district in the area)
- Participated on the Southeast Neighborhood Partnership planning committee for the 2005 Youth Summit scheduled for June 2005 at Bakersfield College (other organizations involved are Bakersfield College, Americorps, Clinica Sierra Vista, Kern County Sheriff's Department, and the Housing Authority of Kern)
- Serve on the Valley Fever Foundation Fundraising Committee (to raise funds for the creation of a vaccine to cure Valley Fever and to increase the awareness of Valley Fever throughout the communities in Kern County)

## **CODE COMPLIANCE ABATEMENT**

1. Abated abandoned vehicles, weeds, trash, and housing problems at 1813 Davidson Avenue
2. Abated weeds, dangerous building, and housing problems at 414 and 500 Curtis Drive
3. Abated housing and zoning problems at 219 Ethrum Avenue
4. Abated housing problems at 1100 Feliz Drive #B
5. Demolition of dangerous structure and abatement of abandoned vehicles, illegal dumping and housing problems at 8206 Blackburn Street
6. Abated illegal dumping on Curnow Road
7. Abated abandoned vehicles, housing and zoning problems at 2812 Citrus Drive
8. Abated illegal dumping and squatters at 2425 South Chester Avenue (old business)
9. Abated illegal dumping and housing problems at 3419 Camellia Drive
10. Abated zoning problems at 2401 E. California Avenue
11. Abated zoning problems at 400 Bridle Avenue
12. Abated building problems at 624 Beverly Drive
13. Abated illegal dumping on Edison Highway east and west of Morning Drive
14. Abated illegal dumping between East Brundage Lane and Edison Highway
15. Abated housing problems at 2121 Berger Street
16. Abated illegal dumping behind 3143 Niles Street
17. Abated illegal dumping across from 6918 Niles Street

18. Abated illegal dumping 300 feet west of Fairfax and Zephyr
19. Abated housing problems at 548 Hill Street #B
20. Abated zoning problems at 801 Hoffman
21. Abated abandoned vehicles, illegal dumping, housing, building, and zoning problems at 2112, 2121, and 2129 Holly Avenue
22. Abated housing problems at 2006 and 2517 Kentucky Street
23. Abated abandoned vehicles and illegal dumping at 1515 Naranja Avenue
24. Abated housing problems at 5825 Leo Street
25. Abated abandoned vehicles and zoning problems at 15850 Malaga Road
26. Abated building and zoning problems at 248 and 320 Mariposa Avenue
27. Abated housing problems at 4928 Mayfair Court
28. Abated abandoned vehicles at 4301 Mesa Drive
29. Abated zoning problems at 712 Mission Street
30. Abated housing problems at 4800 Morro Drive
31. Abated illegal dumping and zoning problems 500 Mt. Vernon Avenue
32. Abated illegal dumping at 3701 and 6019 Niles Street
33. Abated building problems at 1109 Normandy Drive
34. Abated housing problems at 2029 Owens Street
35. Abated abandoned vehicles, dangerous buildings, housing, illegal dumping problems at 1821 Pacific Street
36. Abated housing problems at 1412 Palm Drive
37. Abated zoning problems at 5030 Panama Lane

38. Abated dangerous building and illegal dumping at 1611 Quincy Street
39. Abated building problems at 7907 Redbank Road
40. Abated housing problems at 505 and 609 Stirrup Avenue
41. Abated housing problems at 8907 Tillson Way
42. Abated building, illegal dumping, and zoning problems at 508 Tulip Street
43. Abated building problems at 6640 Union Avenue
44. Abated building and zoning problems at 1016 Vineyard Street
45. Abated housing problems at 1116 Vista Street
46. Abated building problems at 213 Wiseman Street
47. Abated zoning problems 8913 Yvonne Street
48. Abated illegal dumping problems on Zephyr Lane 200 feet west of Fairfax Road
49. Abated illegal dumping problems on Old Edison Highway and Neumarkel Road
50. Abated housing problems at 10004 Kenmore Avenue (back house)
51. Abated building and housing problems at 11601 Pierce Street
52. Abated building, illegal dumping, and zoning problems at 11208 Santa Paula Avenue
53. Abated housing problems at 5412 Tamarac Street
54. Abated abandoned vehicles, illegal dumping, and zoning problems at Sparling Avenue, Assessor's Parcel Number (APN# 019-231-09)
55. Abated plumbing problems on Lake Street (APN# 137-450-18)
56. Abated illegal dumping at Vern Street (APN#171-030-07)

57. Abated illegal dumping at Feliz Street (APN#167-052-02)
58. Abated zoning problems at Oswell Street (APN# 174-260-01)
59. Abated illegal dumping problems at 2229 Arlington Street
60. Abated housing and illegal dumping problems at 1303,1305, 1309, 1313, and 1317 Bernard Street
61. Abated illegal dumping and zoning problems at 202 and 509 Burchfield Avenue
62. Abated illegal dumping and zoning problems at 417 Crawford Street
63. Abated zoning problems at 2008 Del Amo Way
64. Abated illegal dumping east side of Cottonwood Road
65. Abated building and illegal dumping problems at 2319 Gage Street
66. Abated housing problems at 1126 Grace Street
67. Abated illegal dumping problems in alley behind 3143 Niles Street
68. Abated illegal dumping problems in field behind 2517 River Boulevard
69. Abated building problems at 3039 Kentucky Street
70. Abated abandoned vehicle problems at 3128 Lake Street
71. Abated housing problems at 505 Larry Street
72. Abated building problems at 350 McKee Road
73. Abated abandoned vehicles, weeds, housing and zoning problems at 3141 and 3229 Monterey Street
74. Abated housing problems at 709 Monticello Avenue
75. Abated illegal dumping and zoning problems at 500 Mount Vernon Avenue
76. Abated building problems at 1100 Niles Street

77. Abated zoning problems at 3223 Panama Lane

78. Abated squatters and illegal dumping problems on Core Mark Court

79. Abated illegal dumping problem at the Oswell Street overpass and railroad tracks

80. Abated graffiti at 4816 Sammons, 4900 Sammons, and 4914 Marion Avenues