

# Ventura County Special Districts Association

September/October 2022

Offering quality of life services through direct representation

## President's Message by Bruce Dandy



Despite the hottest days of the year in early September by the time we meet in October Fall will have arrived. I hope you had a great Summer. Personally, I spent a week in Lake Tahoe, and it was beautiful.

Upcoming we will hold our meeting at United Water Conservation District in Oxnard. Kara Ralston, Camarillo Health Care District had offered to host, however, because of an expected "HUGE" turnout for guest speaker Michelle Ascencion, Kara graciously recommended United's larger facility. YES, Michelle will join us and share the ins and outs of the County Recorder's Office and all the things that make elections happen.

In addition, Camarillo Health Care District will present a "District Update" for our information and appreciation for all the things they do for their community.

Last of note, besides our regular business, is that we will hold a forum for any candidates who are interested in serving on LAFCo. Elaine Freeman has announced that she will not be seeking to remain on LAFCo which means that her position will be open, and the Alternate position is up for election. I would appreciate a "heads up" from anyone interested in participating on LAFCo and will invite them to speak to the membership for a few minutes. We will also share some information from LAFCo about the process for those interested candidates. (Remember, voting is done by *individual districts sending their vote to LAFCo*. VCSDA is not directly involved in the process.)

Enjoy the last full days of summer and we will see each other in October!



Bruce E. Dandy

Please join us at  
**UWCD, 1701 N Lombard Street  
Oxnard**

or via Zoom link:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82815724536?  
pwd=dDVZTERiZDUxOHYwMVFlc1B6cG5WQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82815724536?pwd=dDVZTERiZDUxOHYwMVFlc1B6cG5WQT09)

Meeting ID: 828 1572 4536

Passcode: VCSDA

**For the October 4, 2022  
VCSDA meeting  
when we welcome GUEST SPEAKER**



## **Assistant County Clerk-Recorder and Ventura County Clerk-Recorder Elect MICHELLE ASCENCION**

We're happy to report that Ms. Ascencion has fully recovered from COVID and has graciously agreed to share her presentation: "*What to Expect for the November 2022 General Election: Candidacy, Voting, and Canvass.*"

With the certification of the June 7 Primary Election, Michelle Ascencion made history by becoming the first woman elected as Ventura County Clerk & Recorder and the second African American (first AA woman) elected to Ventura County office.

Ms. Ascencion joined the County of Ventura as Assistant County Clerk-Recorder in January of 2021, after 15 years of local government service which began in 2006 when she began working for the City of Port Hueneme as an Executive Specialist in the City Manager's office. Following eight years as the Deputy/City Clerk of Port Hueneme and one year as Clerk of the Board for the Ventura Regional Sanitation District, Ms. Ascencion was elected as the City Clerk of her hometown, Oxnard, CA, in November 2016, where she Continues...

**MICHELLE ASCENCION**, continued.

served for four years before joining the County of Ventura.

Ms. Ascencion holds an Associate's Degree in General Liberal Arts and Sciences from Oxnard College and a Bachelor of Science in Journalism from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. She has been a Certified Municipal Clerk since 2009 and earned her Master Municipal Clerk certification in 2020.

**"Magic is believing in yourself. If you can do that,  
you can make anything happen"**

- - Johann Wolfgang von Goethe.

## VCSDA Board Members

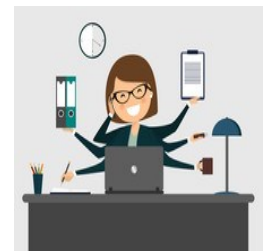


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