



Family Justice Center Update





The Family Justice Center

Helps Victims of:

- Elder Abuse
- Dependent Adult Abuse
- Domestic Violence
- Sex Crimes
- Human Trafficking
- Child Abuse
- Hate Crimes





Ventura FJC: A Four-Year Journey



2015



2017



2019



Carmen Ramirez Family Justice Center Update



555-545 South A Street
Oxnard



Key Milestones for Carmen Ramirez FJC



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County of Ventura purchases Oxnard building for future home of the Carmen Ramirez Family Justice Center

OXNARD, Calif. – The County of Ventura has entered into an agreement to purchase a building in downtown Oxnard, which will serve as the future home of the Carmen Ramirez Family Justice Center.

The two-story, 32,000-square-foot building, located at 555/545 South A Street, is anticipated to be purchased for \$4.1 million contingent upon an environmental review, Board of Supervisors approval, and the completion of a 30-day escrow. Situated near transit and city services, this location will provide outreach and support services to victims of crime in the cities of Oxnard and Port Hueneme.

"Underserved families of the Fifth District deserve a safe and welcoming space where they can receive support services to help improve their lives," Ventura County Supervisor Vianey Lopez said. "I want to thank District Attorney Erik Nasarenko, Chief Deputy District Attorney Mike Jump, and the entire District Attorney's Office for their hard work in making this happen. Opening a Family Justice Center in Oxnard was the vision of my predecessor, and dear friend, Carmen Ramirez who saw the need for such services in our community and was working hard to make it a reality. As a former Councilmember in Oxnard, I supported the city's commitment to the Family Justice Center and I am pleased to further my support now, as Supervisor."

The new Family Justice Center will be named after the late Ventura County Supervisor Carmen Ramirez, who was the consummate fighter for crime victims and marginalized Oxnard residents. During her decades of public service, Ramirez recognized that undocumented, migrant field workers, and the region's residents of Mixtec and indigenous descent were especially susceptible to being victimized. Oftentimes, cultural and linguistic barriers prevented these residents from reporting crimes and receiving the justice and services they deserve.

"In recognition of Carmen and the communities she loved and served, I am pleased to name the Family Justice Center in her honor," said District Attorney Erik Nasarenko. "This will serve as a lasting and enduring tribute to her decades of work improving the lives of Oxnard residents, especially those who have been victimized by crime."

The Family Justice Center, a resource administered by the Ventura County District Attorney's Office, is a community support system that uses a holistic approach to uplift and empower victims and their families. The Ventura County Family Justice Center offers a comprehensive selection of services to Ventura County residents seeking a safe environment to recover, heal, and break the cycle of violence.

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Where Are We Now?





Architect: Anderson Kulwiec Appleby



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Santa Paula Architectural Firm Approved for Carmen Ramirez Family Justice Center in Oxnard



VENTURA, Calif. – At the regular meeting, on Tuesday, December 5, 2023, the Ventura County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a professional services contract with Anderson Kulwiec Appleby Architects (AKA), from Santa Paula. The architectural firm will be completing architectural and engineering services for the remodel of the recently acquired 545-555 South A Street building in Oxnard, the future home of the Carmen Ramirez Family Justice Center (FJC).

"I want to thank the Board of Supervisors for approving the contract, which will enable a reputable Santa Paula-based architectural firm to design the remodel of portions of the building's first and second floors," said District Attorney Erik Nasarenko. "This moves the project one step closer to providing victim-based services for Ventura County residents."

The \$239,900 contract with AKA Architects will help transform the two-story, 32,000 sq. ft. building into the home of a second FJC located in the county. The construction plan is laid out in four phases: Pre-Design, Schematic Design, Construction Documents, and Construction





AKA 
Anderson
Kulwiec
Appleby
Architects



Restraining Order Clinics



Helping Victims
First Clinic Started on September 24th

Upcoming Clinics
Tuesday, 11/12
(English)

Wednesday, 11/20
(Spanish)

Tuesday, 12/10
(English)

Wednesday, 12/18
(Spanish)



East County FJC Update





East County FJC Development Timeline



Timeline from August 29, 2023, Exhibit 5



East County FJC Community Engagement





Strategic Planning Retreat Sept. 5-6





Strategic Planning Report



Ventura County Family Justice Center Strategic Planning Report



October 2017

Prepared by the Family Justice Center Alliance

(a program of Alliance for HOPE International)

Strategic Planning



Justice system's primary role is to provide a safe and just emphasis on the innocent.

Honorable Gregory D. Totten
Ventura County District Attorney



Strategic Planning



development of a dynamic, multi-agency Center in Ventura County, working together for victims of trauma and violence for all their services and needs. Alliance for HOPE International's Office in 2016 to assist in the creation of a Family Justice Center, culminated in a two-day strategic planning process and this report.

change organizations in the area to use informed approaches to address sexual assault and their services serve more than 150,000 children each year in the United States and more than twenty countries every year.

pathways to hope for women, children and related sexual assault through various initiatives to break the cycle of violence in the United States and around the world.

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VENTURA COUNTY FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER STRATEGIC PLANNING REPORT FOR THE OXNARD FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER 2023

Prepared by Gael Strack, and Casey Gwinn on behalf of the Family Justice Center Alliance, a program of Alliance for HOPE International

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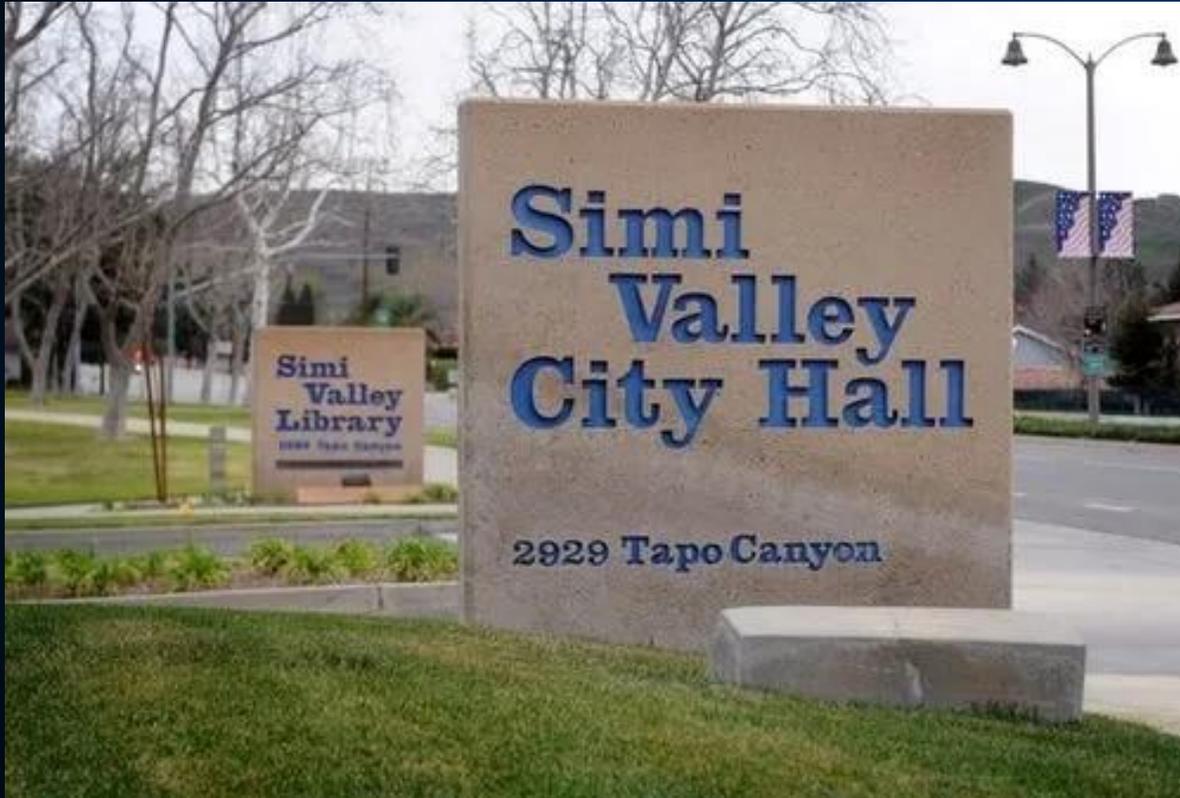
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City Visits



December 2, 2024



December 3, 2024



East County FJC Location



Announcement of Recommendation: December 17



East County FJC Site Selection



Site Review and Selection Conducted by County Public Works in Coordination with City Based on:

- 8,000 to 12,000 Square Feet
- Near Transportation and Medical Services
- City Contribution for Acquisition
- With Open Space Potential
- Adaptive Re-use; No Vacant Lots
- No Leases; Purchase Only



Thank You For Your Support of an East County FJC

