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Vector Control District Celebrates Seven Decades of Public Service with Open House

Santa Fe Springs, CA (April 14, 2022) – In honor of its 70th anniversary of providing public health service, the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District (District) will host an open house at its Santa Fe Springs Headquarters on Saturday April 16th from 10am to 2pm. For seven decades, the District has protected cities and communities from mosquito-borne diseases through surveillance, mosquito control, and public health education.

The free event is open to the public and will have food, music, activities for the whole family, and giveaways. The open house celebration is an opportunity for cities, elected officials, community partners, and residents to meet staff, learn about mosquito control, and explore the District's facilities.

"We invite residents and community partners to the District's 70th Anniversary Open House to celebrate this milestone and discover the agency's contributions to public health over the decades," said Mary-Joy Coburn, director of communications. "We are more than just a mosquito control service, but a resource and community partner that is committed to protecting and empowering our residents against mosquitoes and mosquito-borne diseases."

Additionally, the District will be organizing more events throughout the year, contests, and giveaways to promote the 70th anniversary celebration:

- *'Through My Lens Photo Contest'* invites residents to submit an original photo for a chance to be featured in the 2023 District calendar. This contest is open to all residents and will have multiple categories for a chance to win prizes. Visit GLAmosquito.org for more information on categories, prizes, and deadlines.
- Later this year, the District will launch a Public Service Announcement (PSA) contest to engage the youth and work with the community to promote mosquito prevention and disease reduction.
- Future open house events are planned for South Gate, the city that was home to the District's first facility, and the San Fernando Valley, near the northern branch facility.

Residents are invited to join the celebration, contests, and future events by following the District's social media platforms on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) or by visiting bit.ly/70years-GLAmosquito.

For more information, residents can contact the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District at 562-944-9656, online at www.GLAmosquito.org.

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About GLACVCD

The Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District is a public health service agency formed under the authority of the California State Health & Safety Code. Our mission is to reduce populations of public health vectors below nuisance levels and prevent human infection associated with mosquito-transmitted diseases.