



REFLECTING ON 2017 & WELCOMING THE NEW YEAR!

Dear Friends,

I want to wish you and your family a Happy New Year! This past year was another remarkable year. I was able to lead on numerous county initiatives that impact the lives of thousands of local families, including hard working immigrants and Dreamers. See my **full list of accomplishments & initiatives** below.

I was also elected to take on new leadership roles as **President of the Latino Caucus of California Counties** and the **Co-Chair of the CSAC Coastal Counties Regional Association**.



On January 9, I will also be sworn-in as the **new Chair of the Monterey County Board of Supervisors** at 10:30am at the Supervisors Chambers located at 168 W. Alisal Street in Salinas. I hope you can join me for this special moment and it will also include a Special Ceremony for Martin Luther King Day. To celebrate, I also want to invite you to

my **SALINAS COMMUNITY RECEPTION** that same day from 5-7pm at Portobello's in **Oldtown Salinas** (150 Main Street) and will include local wines, food and live music by The Ville Band.

Lastly, I want to especially thank you for your continued support and allowing me to be your champion on the Monterey County Board of Supervisors. I wish you and your family a Happy New Year and I look forward to continue working with you this coming year.

Sincerely,

LUIS A. ALEJO

Monterey County Supervisor, District 1



I again invested in our youth by holding the first-ever YOUNG SUPERVISORS PROGRAM in 2017

SUPERVISOR ALEJO LED ONCE AGAIN IN 2017!

HEALTHCARE

- Co-led on expanding innovative pilot **\$2 Million healthcare program, Esperanza Care,**

for the undocumented & uninsured.

HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS CRISIS

- Co-Chair of the **Lead Me Home Leadership Council** (2 county homelessness coalition for Monterey & San Benito Counties).
- Leading effort to open **FIRST-ever Year-Round Homeless Shelter in Monterey County** & led successful effort for an interim **temporary shelter at the old Public Defenders Office**.
- Supported efforts to create the FIRST-ever "Safe Parking Program" for homeless residents.
- Co-Led effort to have Monterey County contribute to create the **first-ever Monterey County Housing Trust Fund (\$500,000)**. The fund has raised over \$11M total so far.
- Supporting efforts to bring more model farmworker housing projects to the Salinas Valley.
- Leading effort to improve & update County ordinance on **Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)**, of "Granny Units," and create incentives to create more rental housing stock in the county.
- Leading effort to create the **FIRST Veterans & Affordable Housing Project in Salinas** (on East Laurel Drive), next to Veterans Park & the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.
- Supporting effort to build **Mid-Peninsula Transitional Housing Project for homeless residents** in Salinas' Chinatown (city, county & Mid-Peninsula Housing collaboration).
- **Outreach events with Housing Authority** to encourage landlord & property managers to participate in Section 8 program for veterans & other needy families.

IMMIGRANT & CIVIL RIGHTS

- Organized the **FIRST Immigration Rights Forum with CA Attorney General Xavier Becerra** in Northern California to speak directly to immigrants in East Salinas.
- Worked w Sheriff Steve Bernal to **remove ICE from the County Jail** starting in Dec. 2017
- Authored Resolution to make **Monterey County a Sanctuary County**, among the first in California.
- Authored Resolution to make Monterey County the **FIRST "Dreamers County" in the nation**. Led effort for other counties & cities to do the same.
- Authored Resolution to **support the extension of TPS for local Central American families** & pathway to permanency.
- Jointly authored Resolution (Alejo/Parker) **celebrating LGBT Pride Month** in Monterey County.
- Supported **Resolution OPPOSING the Muslim Ban** by President Donald Trump.
- Leading effort to **preserve the Old Monterey County Jail**, where labor leader Cesar Chavez was jailed in Dec. 1970, rather than demolition.
- Successfully led effort to support proposal to **change "Confederate Corners" in Salinas**.

WATER STORAGE & SAFE DRINKING WATER

- Continuing to lead the work on the **Monterey County Interlake Tunnel Project**, the largest water storage infrastructure project for the Salinas Valley with multiple community benefits.
- Supported efforts to create the **FIRST-ever Safe Drinking Water Program** in the state to help families access safe drinking water due to nitrate contamination & led effort to have county staff assist with outreach.

- Founding Board Director of the **Salinas Valley Water Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency** to devise our first-ever sustainable water plan for our water basin.

BUDGET

- Chair of the **County Budget and Legislative Committees.**
- **County achieved upgraded AA+ credit rating**, which allowed county to refinance bonds & save the County and taxpayers \$20 million.
- Leading effort on **community engagement process for new Cannabis taxation funding** for Community Benefits (\$10M+ in new funding).

ENVIRONMENTAL & COASTAL PROTECTION

- Wrote **letter to federal agencies, U.S. Dept of Commerce and NOAA, re protecting the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary** against President Trump's efforts to relook at coastal oil drilling.
- Supported County **Resolution opposing offshore oil drilling in California.**

VETERAN & MILITARY AFFAIRS

- Member of the **Monterey County Military & Veteran Affairs Commission.**
- Leading Legislative Effort to **Name State Highways after 5 fallen Monterey County Veterans.**
- Leading effort to create the **FIRST Veterans Housing Project in Salinas.**
- Supported **increasing funding for the Homeless Veterans Stand Down.**

PARKS & YOUTH RECREATION

- Leading effort to approve the **Salinas Regional Soccer Complex to establish 9 additional soccer fields** in Salinas.
- Leading effort to bring **FIRST BMX Pump Track to Salinas**
- Leading effort **2nd Skate Park to Salinas** (more recreational options for our youth)
- Leading effort to construct the **long-requested sidewalk in East Laurel Street in Salinas** to connect the East Salinas community to Natividad Hospital and nearby parks. Avoids mothers & families from having to walk in dangerous shoulder of the road.

JUVENILE & CRIMINAL JUSTICE

- Leading effort to **consolidate the County Juvenile Hall sites** to better serve our youth and REPURPOSE the "Youth Center" site in East Salinas for other community needs such as housing, health, parks, Youth Center, swimming pool, economic development, etc.
- **Co-Chair of the Community Alliance for Safety and Peace (CASP).**
- Successfully led efforts to ensure families & inmates have continued face-to-face visitation at the County Jail, rather than video only. An important part of inmate rehabilitation.
- **Groundbreaking for new \$90M County Jail facility** to better serve adult inmates needs (jail facing lawsuit for poor conditions). I had helped secure \$44M for the jail in 2013 while in the State Assembly along with Senator Bill Monning and defeated 2 bills that aimed to take that funding from Monterey County.

IMPROVING COUNTY SERVICES

- Successfully led efforts to **improve and reorganize County services to the community at the Office of Employment Training (OET)**. OET was successfully reorganized under the County Dept of Social Services to better serve the community.
- Led effort to **improve services at the County Animal Shelter** by improving agreement with the City of Salinas and the County and advocating for more positions at the shelter.
- Authored **Resolution supporting In-Home Support Services (IHSS)** for our disabled, seniors & vulnerable residents.

TRANSPORTATION

- Board Director of the **Transportation Agency of Monterey County (TAMC) and Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST)**.
- Led effort to install long needed **Bus Shelter at the Monterey Aguajito Courthouse** for families accessing the family, civil, probate and small claims court services.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & YOUTH LEADERSHIP

- Led effort to create and modernize our **County Commissions website** to make it easier for the public to access and apply for vacant positions. Consolidated lists of commissioners and application NOW online!
- Leading effort to create the **FIRST official flag for Monterey County**. Includes contest to have students create artistic proposals for a county flag.
- Created **FIRST-ever Young Supervisors Program** in Monterey County to mentor local youth.
- Held **FIRST-ever Going to Law School Workshops** for local high school & college students.
- Created **FIRST-ever District 1 Citizens Advisory Committee** and held regular **Cafe Con Luis meetings at La Plaza Bakery in East Salinas** in an informal setting. Effort to increase civic participation by District 1 residents.
- Conduct monthly **Mobile Office Hours at the Salinas Farmers Market/Mercado Popular** to make my office more accessible to the community.
- Held **OPEN HOUSES** twice a year to invite the community into our office.

I look forward to continuing working hard for you in 2018!



I was proud to hold regular Mobile Office Hours at the Salinas Farmers Market/Mercado Popular! We brought our County Office to you!



I organized the FIRST Immigrant Rights Forum in Northern California with California Attorney General Xavier Becerra in East Salinas! It was attended by hundreds of immigrant families.



In the face of attacks against immigrants by the federal administration, I led on protecting and speaking out for our local immigrant families and Dreamers.



Team Alejo serving food to our homeless residents at Dorothy's Place in Chinatown!

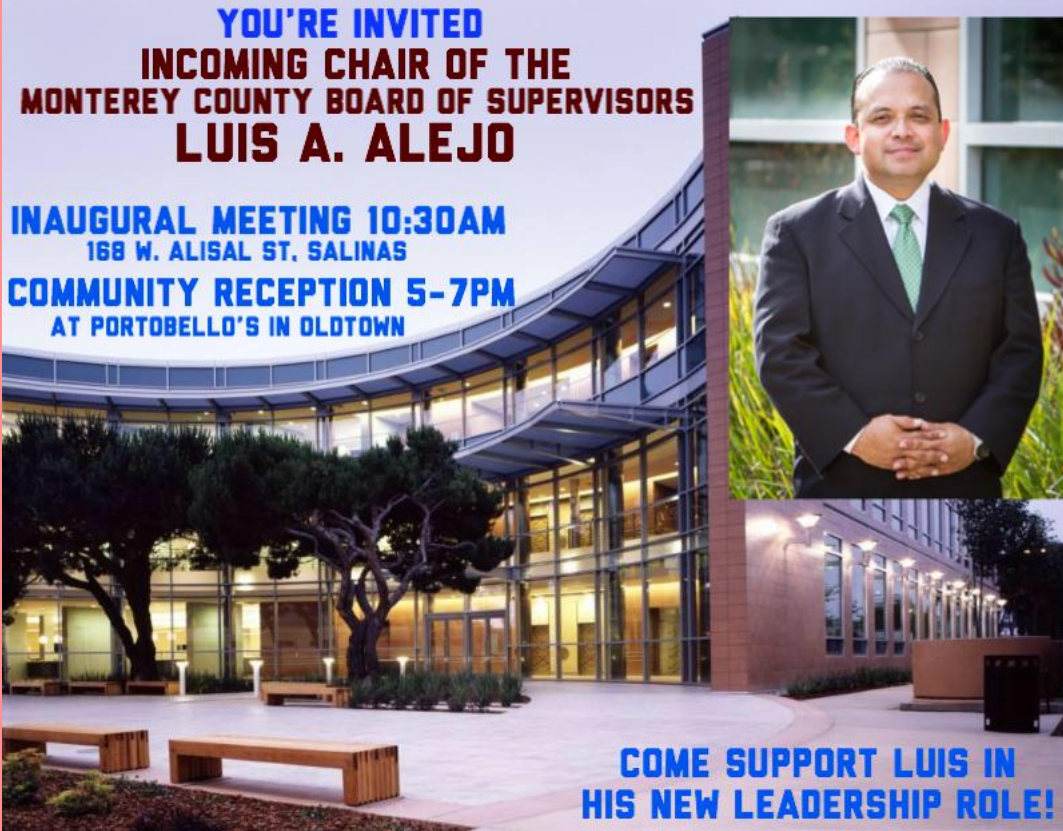


I was proud to continue honoring our Champions For Peace in our community! Fight For Peace!

YOU'RE INVITED!

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INCOMING CHAIR OF THE
MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
LUIS A. ALEJO

INAUGURAL MEETING 10:30AM
168 W. ALISAL ST. SALINAS
COMMUNITY RECEPTION 5-7PM
AT PORTOBELLO'S IN OLDTOWN



COME SUPPORT LUIS IN
HIS NEW LEADERSHIP ROLE!

ALEJO IN THE NEWS!

KION, December 19, 2017

MENTORING THE NEXT GENERATION OF
ATTORNEYS



Link: <http://www.kion546.com/news/mentoring-the-next-generation-of-attorneys/675052599>

KSBW, December 18, 2017

ICE AGENT'S DESK BOOTED FROM MONTEREY COUNTY JAIL



LINK: <http://www.ksbw.com/article/ice-agent-booted-from-monterey-county-jail/14456965>

Monterey County Weekly, December 21, 2017

COUNTY GETS AN OVERNIGHT PARKING PROGRAM OFF THE GROUND, DESPITE OPPOSITION



LINK: http://www.montereycountyweekly.com/opinion/local_spin/county-gets-an-overnight-parking-program-off-the-ground-despite/article_cd0ca8fe-e5cd-11e7-8a0c-67a802d29220.html

Salinas Californian, December 5, 2017

MONTEREY COUNTY SUPERVISORS SIGN OFF ON RENAMING CONFEDERATE CORNERS



LINK: <http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/news/2017/12/05/monterey-county-supervisors-sign-off-renaming-confederate-corners/924643001/>

Salinas Californian, September 26, 2017

W. ALISAL STREET PORTABLES WILL BE OPEN TO THE HOMELESS THIS WINTER



LINK: <http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/news/2017/09/26/w-alisal-st-portables-open-homeless-winter/705489001/>



THE WORK CONTINUES...!

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