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A Strong Voice for Santa Cruz County

Daniel Hernandez has been the state representative for District 2 since 2017. He is the ranking member of the Public Safety Committee. Hernandez previously served on the State and International Affairs Committee, Judiciary and Public Safety Committee, and Federalism Property Rights committees. He is the co-founder and current chair of the LGBTQ Caucus.

"I've been honored to serve and hope to keep fighting for Santa Cruz County at the Capitol. I've learned a lot of lessons but the most important is the need to work and bring people together for the good of our state and our community. I've developed life-long friendships that I will continue to work with to help improve our state and community. Gabby Giffords continues to inspire me as an elected official and public servant. Her fight against gun violence has been pivotal to changing laws across the country," said State Representative Daniel Hernandez.

Prior to serving in the Arizona State House he served in the Sunnyside Unified School district from 2011-2019. He also was the president of the board from 2014-2016. Daniel Hernandez attended the University of Arizona. He recently just completed a class in May. Hernandez will be receiving a Bachelors in Political Science.

Daniel's mother is Consuelo Quinones Hernandez and father is Daniel Espinoza Hernandez. He has two sisters, his fellow state representative Alma Hernandez. His sister is a school board member and candidate for Pima County Supervisor Consuelo Hernandez.

His mother is originally from Nogales, Sonora. Many of his family members have emigrated from there to Santa Cruz County. "For me representing Santa Cruz County isn't just a job it's my family. I have family members that work in produce, the Holy Cross Hospital, and Mariposa Health Center. It is important for me to do a good job in representing Santa Cruz County. The border is an extremely crucial part of the state. I'm honored to serve and look forward to helping Santa Cruz County move forward," said State Representative Daniel Hernandez.

Daniel's goal is to get more underrepresented communities involved in policy making as elected officials, advocates, and subject matter experts. He has been training people of color, women and members of the LGBTQ community to run for office.

"One of the current projects I am currently working on to help improve Santa Cruz County is helping to support the healthcare infrastructure. I have been working along with Senator Andrea Dalessandro on improving testing across Santa Cruz. Right now, it is important to help protect the health of the residents of Santa Cruz. I was recently able to secure \$1.01 million dollars for Holy Cross Hospital in Santa Cruz County and \$3.6 million for Santa Cruz Valley Regional Hospital in Green Valley. I know that it will not be enough," said Hernandez."

"After the pandemic is over, I plan to continue working on economic development and job creation. These are two specific issues that continue to affect Santa Cruz County citizens. I'd like to also create more opportunities for higher education by working to strengthen and draw down full funding for the Provisional Community College. I would like to work on expanding job opportunities for our youth."



"I hope to keep representing LD2 and continue to fight for Santa Cruz County residents. Next year, we will work to help small businesses, schools, and local governments. I'm looking forward to the challenge. Together we can ensure that Santa Cruz County is able to move forward after this pandemic," said State Representative Daniel Hernandez.



Transparency-Confidence

1. What will you bring to the position of recorder?

There are two important facets of the Recorder; documents and Voters. My document management experience includes birth to the death, digitizing and computer accessing of documents. Utilization of the current technology I am familiar with will bring needed efficiency to the Recorder's Office.

Realizing on a personal level how voter education is rudimentary at all ages brings a responsibility that is unquestionable. The U.S.A. Constitution won't work if the confidence of the people is not in their vote. I have (as Deputy Recorder), and will guarantee the transparency and fairness of the voting role managed by the Recorder's Office.

An Audit identifying process's that work and those that need to be changed or further examined will be my priority. Assessing the current department budget amid the financial challenges will play a big part in implementing any changes, but rest assured I am diligent.

2. Why is representing our county special to you?

I have grown very fond of this community and all the wonderful people that live and work here, and many have made me feel part of their family. I have been bestowed with more than 25 years of wisdom and experience from Santa Cruz County, it is my turn to return the favor and work my butt off at representing the voters and community members.

3. What makes you different from other candidates?

My experience in technology, ability to communicate, proven determination and work ethic, will bring a new synergy to the Recorder's office. Vision for the future and making a plan are part of my ideas, while I can't do this alone, bringing people together and working hard to accomplish this is also what I bring.

4. What would you want to change or improve?

The efficiency and access of documents as stated, is priority. Finding a way to accomplish this feasibly will be important. Transparency, confidence and education of elections is imperative.

5. How has your life changed by working in public service?

Funny, I'm not currently in public service but I have long been a public servant. Working with our community and youth builds knowledge and wisdom. I am fortunate to say it is very gratifying when a youth returns and says thank you for all you did.



Celebrating Our Everyday Heroes

When we think of people who work in healthcare, we often know these people are caring, kind and patient. While this is true, health professionals have also proven to be courageous. Border Eco this month, celebrates our everyday heroes, our healthcare workers. We often don't realize the sacrifices healthcare workers make on a daily basis to keep patients healthy. We realize now healthcare workers are heroes too. A hero is an individual who gives unconditionally, often putting their own lives at great risk, for the greater good of the patient. According to Kaiser Health News nearly 600 and counting — US Health Workers Have Died Of COVID-19.

The Holy Cross Hospital was recently awarded in April of this year, \$1.01 million dollars to help Arizona's rural hospitals dealing with the challenges of the coronavirus crisis. Holy Cross Hospital is a 25-bed critical access hospital established in 1960. It currently employs 175 healthcare providers. Carondelet Holy Cross is fortunate to be a part of Tenet Healthcare, with its network of 65 hospitals across the country.



Carondelet Holy Cross Hospital was recognized for their quality of patient and nurse communication and patient safety in the surveys conducted by the Center of Medicare and Medicaid Services and Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, divisions of the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services. Carondelet Holy Cross Hospital also received Critical Access Hospital recognition certification in 2017 from the National Rural Health Resource Center, recognizing its work with the Community Healthcare Integrated Paramedicine Program. It is also certified as a Critical Access facility by The Joint Commission.

"We are united around a common mission to help people within the communities where we serve to live happier and healthier lives. We accomplish this by providing for the health care needs of our community; by embracing the whole person in mind, body, and spirit; and by serving all persons without distinction. We seek to serve our patients, customers, and our communities well; and to provide an exceptional environment for our employees and affiliated physicians," said Communication Specialist Angelica Martinez.

As a rural safety net provider, Carondelet Holy Cross Hospital collaborates with community partners like Mariposa Community Health Center and works with emergency medical services to provide care for residents of the Santa Cruz County area. Holy Cross Hospital provides general medical/surgical services, 24-hour emergency care, outpatient rehabilitation, diabetes care, skilled nursing swing bed and community education services, birthing services, mammography and ultrasound. Holy Cross also offers advanced technology such as teleradiology and lithotripsy programs.

As a critical access hospital, Carondelet Holy Cross Hospital is a cornerstone of the Santa Cruz County community, providing access to healthcare for a broad population. "We are very proud of our long history of caring for our friends and neighbors," said Martinez. The 25-bed facility provides emergency care, general surgery, labor and delivery services, rehabilitation services and health and wellness education for residents of Santa Cruz County in Southern Arizona. Holy Cross Hospital also focuses on offering community education and outreach on key health issues including prenatal care, obesity, diabetes, well-child visits and preventive care.



“There has been tremendous teamwork and compassion from hospital staff, physicians and board members, who are offering all of their support during this pandemic. We are all in this together to protect the health of our community. We have had to make changes like restricting visitors, but our hospital remains open and able to treat those needing care. For the protection of our community, everyone entering the hospital is screened for fever, respiratory symptoms and travel history, and must wear a face mask. Holy Cross Hospital works closely with our county and state health departments and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to respond to any potential COVID-19 cases that may present at our hospital,” said Communication Specialist Angelica Martinez.

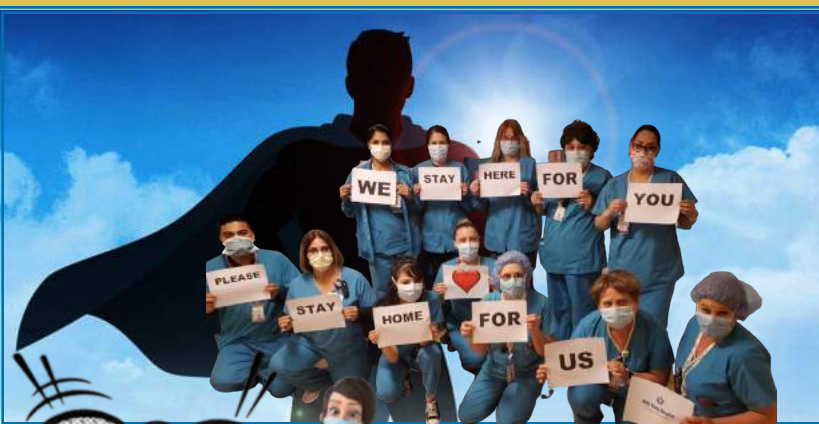
Making Waves Across the Healthcare Field

A Nogales native and Nogales High School graduate Greta Solinap Peng, MD Pediatrics is making waves across the healthcare field. She was recently recognized for her work in the healthcare field by SEAHEC. “My experiences with SEAHEC made a huge impression on me and I carried those lessons with me throughout my college years as I made decisions about my career path. I would like to serve in underserved communities throughout my career. I aspire to have genuine, caring, and long-term relationships with my patients. Much of my volunteering time between college and medical school was spent with under-resourced communities, whether in the rural islands of the Philippines or in the inner-city streets of Providence.

I hope to bring high-quality, specialized, and community-oriented neurologic care to children that have little to no access to this type of medical care,” said Greta Solinap Peng, MD.

Greta truly stands out as exemplary among a group of tremendously talented peers in the healthcare field. It was with great pride that her department nominated her for this year’s Krevans Award. She is an intern in pediatrics, with plans to become a pediatric neurologist. Greta recently graduated from Alpert Medical School of Brown University, where she co-led the Advanced Medical Spanish elective, served on the board of the Latino Medical Students Association (LMSA), and focused on global health research. She graduated from Harvard College in 2013 with a degree in the History of Science and a minor in Neurobiology.

“It is a beautiful calling and privilege to be able to partake in some of people’s deepest life experiences,” stated Dr. Solinap Peng





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Experience & Dedication

Suzie Sainz Vote for Recorder

Suzie Sainz has 40 years' experience working in the county. She was born and raised here in Nogales, Arizona. Her father was Manuel F. Sainz, who retired from U.S. Customs Treasury Department as an Import Specialist, after 43 years. Her mother is Mary Lou Sainz a former Santa Cruz County Recorder, retiring after 14 years as County Recorder. Sainz has two older Sisters. Ann Denise Lutz, from Michigan, retired from Hartland County Public Works Department and Alva Luz Sainz, Assistant Principal at Arleta High School in Los Angeles. Suzie have a son, Maurice Gene Jackson, who lives in Tucson, Arizona. He her with blessed with three grandchildren-Kendra Mary Lou, Nicholas Tyler and Ella Gene Jackson. **"I enjoy being with my grandchildren and doing different activities with them. Teaching them things I did as a child, enjoying the music and movies my father brought us up with such as musicals and singing with them," said Suzie Sainz.**

Suzie Sainz attended Coronado Elementary (now A.J. Mitchell) and Lincoln Elementary School. She attended Nogales High School-Class of 1974, and received her GED Diploma at Mesa Community College in 1975. Sainz took general courses at Pima and Mesa Community College and studied Business Management at the University of Phoenix. She is a certified Appraiser of Real and Personal Property by the Arizona Department of Revenue and the International Association of Assessing Officers. Sainz is a Certified Election Officer by the Arizona Secretary of State's Office.

In 2005, her office purchased a new document recording system, where documents are scanned and become images, making our office more efficient in assisting the public with searches and locating their property documents.

Ms. Sainz is working on a project, which she refers to as Phase I of recorded documents that were only on microfiche from years 2005 to 1982. They have since been imaged and indexed by seller, buyer and legal description, readily available for property searches, viewing and to make copy requests, including sending the information via email to our customers.

Their Phase II project included imaging all of documents that are on microfiche, aperture cards or in docket books from 1982 going back to 1899 when Santa Cruz County was established as a county. All these will be indexed once our vendor has completed their part of this project. Another project that is very important and special to Ms. Sainz is preserving property maps dating back to the early 1900's through early 1960's. These historical maps were folded in an envelope and were deteriorating, brittle and breaking off. With the guidelines of the Arizona State Library Archives and Public Records they were able to humidify the maps in chambers and flatten the maps. To keep them preserved, the recorders office is mending the torn maps with archival filmoplast and storing them in archival sleeves.

"I feel honored that Santa Cruz County has given me the opportunity to serve them. I am humbled knowing that there is someone, somewhere, somehow, where I made a difference in someone's lives. I would like to thank the voters. I appreciate the faith they placed in me to do the job I was elected to do as their County Recorder," said Suzie Sainz. The future plans for the recorder's office are to complete Phase II of the project. This project includes the indexing of all documents, index books, the restoration of historical maps by indexing these documents with property information of the seller, buyer and legal description. The recorders office wants to image all of the voter registrations that are stored in archival boxes, including the historical election rosters. An important on ongoing project is voter outreach to voters. Sending voters a Voter Guide for upcoming elections, which also includes illustration on how to vote their ballot. Postcards with Schedule of Events, Early Voting Sites and Voter Registration Forms mailed to each household to re-register if needed. **"I'd like to thank all the organizations I am a member of, for their support. For sharing their knowledge and skills as members of this community. The organizations include the Nogales Women's Club, Pimeria Alta Historical Society, Catholic Daughters of America, the Arizona Association of County Recorders and the Arizona Association of Counties, just to name a few," said Sainz.**

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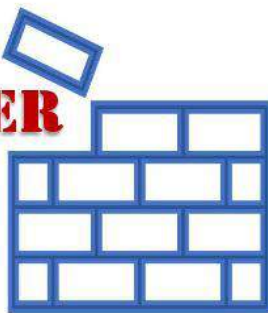
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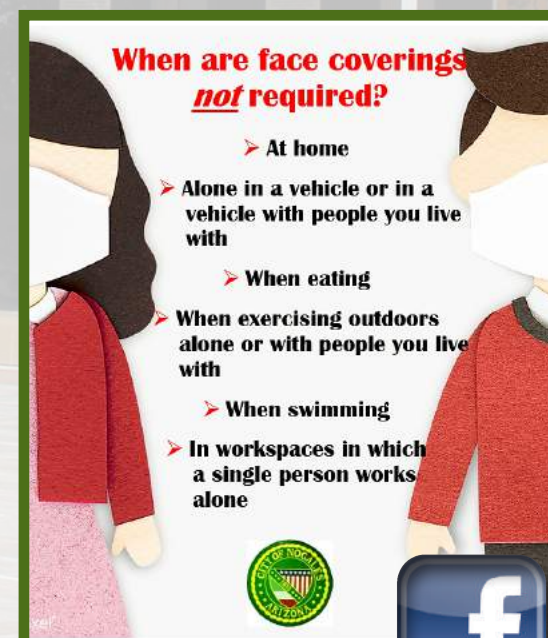
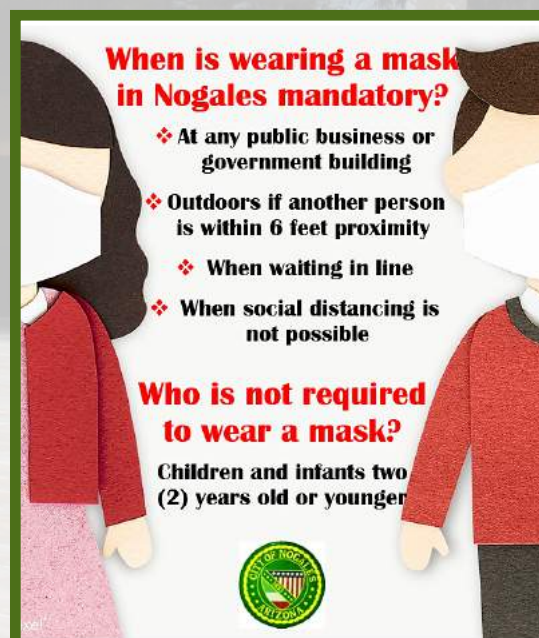
Dear Friends,

I have been tirelessly advocating that residents in our community follow the guidelines set forth by the CDC in an effort to help slow down and stop the spread of COVID-19 in our community. I am committed to taking any and all necessary steps needed to help prevent the continued spread of this virus and due to the increasing rates of confirmed cases of COVID-19, that impact the health and well-being of the residents in our community, I issued a Proclamation on June 18th that a public health emergency continues to exist and have therefore made it mandatory that all individuals must wear a face covering while in public.

All local businesses were provided signs in Spanish and English stating that face masks/coverings must be worn to enter. It makes me very happy to see that the majority of businesses and people in our community have responded well to the mask mandate and are doing their part in helping slow the spread.

I want to remind everybody to please follow CDC guidelines especially the following: wear your face covering while out in public or around other people, stay at least six (6) feet away from other people, stay home if you feel sick, and last but not least, please avoid large gatherings. I understand that we all miss being with family and friends but we need to avoid parties and anything that will place us at risk of contracting the virus.

I appreciate the effort everyone has made to slow the spread. If everyone does their part we will help flatten the curve sooner rather than later. Please take care of yourself and your family. Be safe!





SUZANNE “Suzie” SAINZ
County Recorder

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