
CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE - 5TH DISTRICT SUPERVISOR, LOS ANGELES COUNTY

REGARDING OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLE (OHV) RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY

Dear Candidate,

Thousands of Antelope Valley residents own and use off-highway motor vehicles (OHV's). The organizations below that represent them would be grateful to learn your views through this brief questionnaire:

American Motorcyclists Association, District 37
California Four Wheel Drive Association
LA County Trail Crew 4X4 Club

Antelope Valley Four Wheelers
California Trail Users Coalition
Off-Road Business Association

Kindly send your response by May 23, 2016 to: info@SundanceMedia.com

BACKGROUND

Each year, OHV owners in the Antelope Valley pay vehicle registration fees and fuel taxes that fund California's Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Program. The intent of the program is to provide high quality opportunities for OHV recreation balanced with protecting the state's natural and cultural resources.¹

During the past four years Los Angeles County received \$1.2 million dollars from California's OHV Trust Fund through grant allocations and OHV license fees (in lieu of property taxes). Yet, zero dollars went to increasing or improving OHV recreational opportunities in Los Angeles County. Rather, virtually all of these funds went to subsidize the Los Angeles County Sheriff Department's Palmdale and Santa Clarita substations.

In 2013 the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation was awarded a \$377,000 acquisition grant from the OHV Trust Fund to purchase approximately 260 acres in the Littlerock area to develop an OHV Park for the half-million residents of the Antelope Valley that currently have no local OHV recreation opportunities.

Despite the overwhelming support of Antelope Valley residents, Supervisor Antonovich directed the Department of Parks and Recreation to decline the grant award and cancel the project.

There continues to be no OHV recreational opportunities in the Antelope Valley, yet Los Angeles County continues to siphon off valuable OHV Trust Fund moneys that could be used elsewhere in the state to increase and improving OHV recreation.

QUESTIONS

1) *What will you do as Supervisor to improve or increase OHV recreation opportunities in the 5th District for residents of the Antelope Valley?*

2) *What is your position on the practice of Los Angeles County spending OHV Trust Fund dollars, which are paid by OHV owners and users, for OHV law enforcement programs in the Antelope Valley when the County provides no legal OHV recreation opportunities there?*

¹ *Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Commission Program Report, January 2014, California State Parks*