



December 16, 2020

Dear Neighbors,

Happy Holidays! I hope you are able to enjoy this time while staying safe and healthy. I cannot believe it is already the end of the year. For me, it is also the end of my tenure as President and CEO of Fairplex – I will be departing at the end of December. I have immensely enjoyed my four years at Fairplex. This last year, with the pandemic, was challenging but I leave the campus in good hands -- Vice President and CFO Walter Marquez will be stepping in as the interim CEO. I have had the opportunity to meet many of you and work together to create an open dialogue between the neighbors and Fairplex. I have no doubt that Walter will continue this relationship.

I am also pleased to inform you that Fairplex remains a constant economic engine for the City of Pomona. Even with the challenges to our putting on events during the pandemic, Fairplex has contributed more than \$1.4 million this year to the City, including more than \$400,000 to the District 6 Neighborhood Mitigation Fund created through the Interim Use of Fairplex Agreement. We continue to partner with the City where we can: Fairplex staff remains very involved in the Pomona COVID-19 Action Committee; and we helped raise funds for the Pomona Community Foundation's Pomona Compassion Fund for COVID relief efforts. Fairplex staff has also continued to be a part of the Pomona Leadership Network, preparing the City's young leaders for the future. And, if you looked closely, some of the decorations you saw at the annual Pomona Christmas Parade may have looked familiar – they are from our Fairplex holiday décor.

Thank you for your support. I wish you all a happy, healthy 2021. Here is what is happening at Fairplex.

The partnership between Fairplex and LA County for use of the Sheraton Fairplex Hotel to house medically quarantined individuals and help slow the spread of COVID-19 has been extended through March 2021. COVID-19 testing conducted by the LA County Department of Health Services will also remain on Fairplex grounds to help increase testing capacity for County residents. The Child Development Center continues to provide necessary, quality, childcare for the community as well as for healthcare workers, first responders, and essential workers.

As some of our neighbors may have noticed, there is activity going on at Gate 9, also known as the blue lot. We have contracted with a vehicle company to park cars in blue lot, as we have done in the past. If you have any questions, please contact our general information line at (909) 623-3111 or email info@fairplex.com.

Please visit <https://fairplex.com/events> for our full calendar of events and follow us on social media for the latest news and activities happening at @Fairplex:

- Dec. 9: **Sowing Seeds Drive-Up Holiday Pantry** – December marked the last food pantry of the year as Fairplex wrapped up a nine-month partnership with non-profit Sowing Seeds for Life, which provided food assistance for the surrounding community and served over 96,000 individuals and

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distributed over 2,000,000 pounds of food. Please visit <https://sowingseedsforlife.org/> for the food pantry's new location and latest information. If you would like to make a monetary donation to support Sowing Seeds for Life, please visit <https://sowingseedsforlife.org/donate/>.

- Now through Jan. 3: **The Elf on the Shelf's Magical Journey** – Elf on the Shelf continues its magical journey to help keep holiday spirits high. Christmas Spirit is running low this year, so Scout Elves will need the help of guests to build Christmas Spirit. This drive-thru quest will have a dazzling light spectacle and all the sights and sounds of the holidays, but all sound and light traffic should conclude by 10 p.m. each evening. Visit <https://elfontheshelfjourney.com/> or call (213) 267-8786 for more event information.

As always, if you have any issues or immediate concerns during Fairplex events - noise, traffic, or other - please call, text, or email the Neighborhood Response Line (NRL) accessible 24/7 at (909) 263-3304 or neighborhood@fairplex.com. For general information call (909) 623-3111, or visit <https://fairplex.com>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Miguel A. Santana". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

Miguel A. Santana
President & CEO