

## Public invited to Ventura 150th “City Hall Open House” on Friday, March 11



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Community members of all ages are invited to visit Ventura City Hall, located at 501 Poli Street, for a fun afternoon learning about local government during an Open House celebrating Ventura’s 150th anniversary of cityhood. The free event will be held Friday, March 11, from 1 to 4 pm.

Art and historic tours, music, refreshments, displays, open offices and a mock City Council meeting conducted by VUSD fifth grade school children are all highlights of the afternoon.

FOYER – Meet your guide Glenda Jackson at 1:15 and 3 pm in the first floor Foyer for a tour of the historic building with fascinating stories about its landmark architecture and role as the former county courthouse. At 2:30 pm Community Partnerships Manager Denise Sindelar will guide you through the building’s nationally prominent Municipal Art Collection – a permanent showcase of the county’s finest artists.

ATRIUM – Enjoy live music, refreshments and displays by the Ventura Water, Police and Community Development departments in the first floor Atrium from 1 to 4 pm.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS – Don’t miss the mock City Council Meeting conducted by Ventura Unified School District fifth grade school children at 2 pm in the majestic second floor Council Chambers, once the county’s superior court.

COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM – Explore a century of dramatic historic photos of city history in this former courtroom on the second floor from 1 to 4 pm.

SANTA CRUZ CONFERENCE ROOM – View a 20-minute film celebrating the first century of City Hall in the smallest former courtroom on the second floor 1 to 4 pm.

CITY MANAGER, CITY CLERK & HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICES – Meet city officials and explore the offices of government leaders during the open house from 1 to 4 pm.

CITY HALL EAST BACK PARKING LOT – Visit “touch a truck” displays behind the building from Ventura Police, Fire, Public Works and Ventura Water from 1 to 4 pm.

For more information contact Parks, Recreation and Community Partnerships Director Elena Brokaw at 805/658-4731 or Public Information Officer Lysa Urban at 805/677-3914.

This release is available on the City of Ventura website [www.cityofventura.net](http://www.cityofventura.net). ###

# HELP US CELEBRATE!

## Ventura City Hall OPEN HOUSE

Friday

March 11, 2016 • 1-4 pm

### First Floor

- FOYER** *Meet your tour guide for:*  
1:15 & 3 PM Historic City Hall with Glenda Jackson  
2:30 PM Municipal Art Collection with Denise Sindelar  
1-4 PM Live music performances

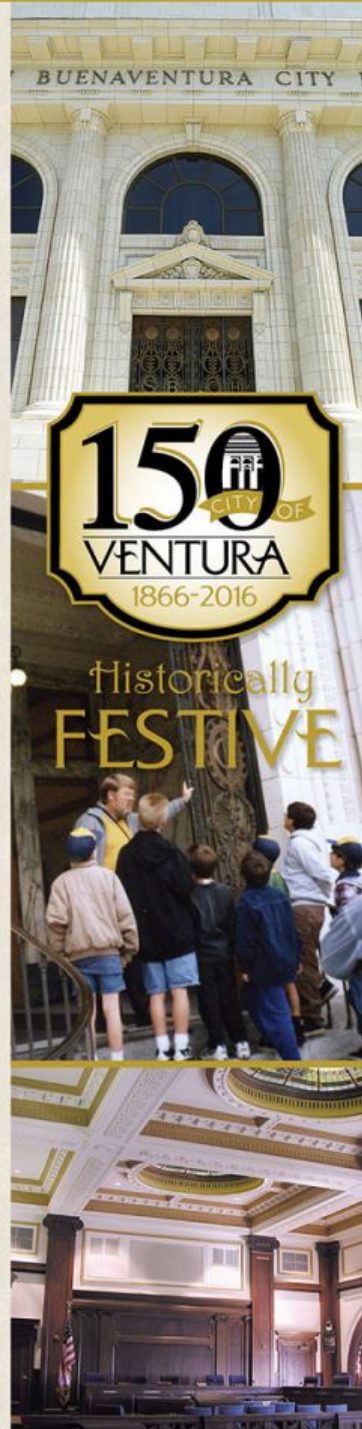
- ATRIUM** *Refreshments +*  
1-4 PM Ventura Water, Police & Community Development displays

### Second Floor

- COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
2 PM Mock City Council Meeting by VUSD 5th graders
- COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM**  
1-4 PM Historic Photo Display
- SANTA CRUZ CONFERENCE ROOM**  
1-4 PM History of Ventura Video Presentation
- CITY MANAGER, CITY CLERK & HUMAN RESOURCES**  
1-4 PM Visit these offices during the open house

### City Hall East Parking Lot

- 1-4 PM Fire, Police, Public Works & Ventura Water Displays



Calendar of 150th Events: [www.CelebrateVentura.org](http://www.CelebrateVentura.org)

