



## LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

### Legislative Update - 4/1/22

Greetings,

Below is an update on Federal and State legislative items of interest to the County of Los Angeles.

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#### COUNTY ADVOCACY POSITIONS

Please find a list of recent advocacy positions taken by the County below.

##### Sacramento

- **State Budget** – ADVANCING PUBLIC HEALTH WORKFORCE AND PREPAREDNESS FOR FUTURE PANDEMICS AND RECOVERY  
On March 15, 2022, the Board of Supervisors took action to support the proposal to allocate \$300 million ongoing for public health infrastructure; and to support the Public Health Equity and Readiness Opportunity Initiative request, to address public health workforce needs, recruitment and retention challenges, and providing existing workforce with upward mobility opportunities to facilitate a pipeline of trained public health professionals. More details regarding the motion are available [here](#).
- **[AB 2576 \(Aguiar-Curry\)](#)** – VOTER REGISTRATION AND OUTREACH PROGRAMS  
This measure would create the Civic Learning, Outreach, and Engagement Fund to expand and develop programming in counties, including Los Angeles County, with high percentages of unregistered eligible voters. Therefore, consistent with existing policy, the Sacramento Advocates are supporting AB 2576. More details available [here](#).
- **[AB 1789 \(Bennett\)](#)** – TRAILS AND GREENWAYS PROGRAM  
This measure would appropriate \$75 million to the Natural Resources Agency for the Trails and Greenways Program that would award competitive grants to local agencies and other entities to provide nonmotorized infrastructure development and enhancements that promote new or alternate access to parks, waterways, outdoor recreational or other natural environments. Therefore, consistent with existing policy, the Sacramento Advocates are supporting AB 1789. More details available [here](#).
- **[AB 2120 \(Ward\)](#)** – FEDERAL FUNDING FOR LOCAL BRIDGES  
This measure would restore a previously used formula, 55 percent local, 45 percent State, to distribute dedicated federal bridge funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to State and local projects. Therefore, consistent with existing policy, the Sacramento Advocates are supporting AB 2120. More details available [here](#).

## Washington D.C.

- **Federal Legislation** – SUPPORT FLEXIBLE AND INCREASED FEDERAL FUNDING TO SUPPORT LOCAL CHILD WELFARE SERVICES  
Title IV-B of the Social Security Act provides formula grants under the Stephanie Tubbs Jones and Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF) programs, which are used by local child welfare agencies for a variety of child welfare services including policies to protect against and prevent child abuse, neglect or exploitation. Congressional committees with jurisdiction over child welfare programs plan to introduce legislation this year to reauthorize Title IV-B of the Social Security Act. Therefore, consistent with existing policy, the Washington D.C. Advocates are advocating for proposals to expand and increase federal IV-B funding for primary prevention efforts and build capacity to serve vulnerable youth and families. More details available [here](#).

## OTHER COUNTY ADVOCACY

- **COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE, RECOVERY AND EMPOWERMENT (CARE) COURT**



On March 15, 2022, the Board of Supervisors took action to advocate in support of the Governor’s proposed framework for the CARE Court program; and direct impacted County departments to collaborate with the California Health and Human Services Agency to assist in the development of the CARE Court program. More details regarding the motion are available [here](#).

## 2022 COUNTY SPONSORED LEGISLATION

This year the County of Los Angeles is sponsoring and/or co-sponsoring several State legislative and budget proposals, including recently introduced new legislation. This includes proposals to better support individuals suffering from health and behavioral health issues, improvements in our justice system, and support for our youth. Updated details are available [here](#).

**County Government Initiatives**

**AB 2197 (Bernaldo) Mobile Stroke Units** – This measure would amend the Health and Safety Code to define a Mobile Stroke Unit (MSU) as a rapid emergency response vehicle under the direction of a local emergency medical responder and as an emergency medical, critical care, and transportation unit for stroke patients, in addition to usual stroke care for emergency health care services to include coverage for services performed by MSUs.

**AB 2421 (Bernaldo) Enhanced Enforcement Against Water Theft and Illegal Landfilling** – This measure would amend the California Code of Regulations to provide authority to bring criminal and civil actions to civilly penalize and regulate water theft, and the California Fire and Safety Code to authorize county fire departments to take preventive and water meter pollution. Remote video-surveillance capabilities are required to support the degree of legal evidence to identify persons who have committed the water theft and illegal landfilling. Remote video-surveillance capabilities are required to support the degree of legal evidence to identify persons who have committed the water theft and illegal landfilling. Remote video-surveillance capabilities are required to support the degree of legal evidence to identify persons who have committed the water theft and illegal landfilling.

**AB 2420 (Bernaldo) New ORP Fees** – This measure would amend the California Code of Regulations to provide authority to bring criminal and civil actions to civilly penalize and regulate water theft, and the California Fire and Safety Code to authorize county fire departments to take preventive and water meter pollution. Remote video-surveillance capabilities are required to support the degree of legal evidence to identify persons who have committed the water theft and illegal landfilling.

**AB 2421 (Bernaldo) Increasing Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Treatment Capacity** – This measure would amend the California Code of Regulations to provide authority to bring criminal and civil actions to civilly penalize and regulate water theft, and the California Fire and Safety Code to authorize county fire departments to take preventive and water meter pollution. Remote video-surveillance capabilities are required to support the degree of legal evidence to identify persons who have committed the water theft and illegal landfilling.

## RESOURCES

For more information on the County’s positions on legislation, please visit: [County of Los Angeles’ Legislative Tracking System](#)

Information regarding the County’s legislative policies and priorities can be found at: [Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations](#)

Please contact us at [legislativeaffairs@ceo.lacounty.gov](mailto:legislativeaffairs@ceo.lacounty.gov) with any questions.





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