



## Legislative Update - 4/15/22

Greetings,

Below is an update on Federal and State legislative and budgetary 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**

*On April 5, 2022, the Board of Supervisors took action to support the following measures:*

- **[AB 1608 \(Gipson\)](#)** – COUNTY OFFICERS: CONSOLIDATION OF OFFICES  
This measure seeks to address the perception of bias by ensuring that all local death investigations are conducted independently and objectively, and will separate the duties of the Coroner’s Office from the duties of the Sheriff’s Office across all counties in California. More details regarding the motion are available [here](#).
- **[AB 1737 \(Holden\)](#)** – CHILDREN’S CAMPS: LOCAL REGISTRATION AND INSPECTIONS  
This measure would reinforce current safety practices and ensure due diligence for County youth and swimming pool safety, and would make existing provisions for “organized camps” applicable specifically to “children’s camps.” More details regarding the motion are available [here](#).
- **[AB 2462 \(Valladares\)](#)** – NEIGHBORHOOD ELECTRIC VEHICLES: COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES: WESTSIDE PLANNED COMMUNITIES  
This measure would authorize the County to adopt a Neighborhood Electric Vehicles Transportation Plan for the use of customized traffic signs. More details regarding the motion are available [here](#).
- **[SB 970 \(Eggman\)](#)** – MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES OUTCOMES AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT  
This measure, the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Outcomes and Accountability Act, would amend the MHSA by eliminating percentage funding requirements for specified purposes commencing with Fiscal Year 2024-25. More details regarding the motion are available [here](#).

- [\*\*SB 1177 \(Portantino\)\*\*](#) – JOINT POWERS AUTHORITIES: CITIES OF BURBANK, GLENDALE, AND PASADENA

This measure would authorize the creation of the Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Regional Housing Trust, a joint powers authority with the cities of Burbank, Glendale, and Pasadena. The purpose of the measure is to help fund new affordable housing to assist in finding housing solutions for persons experiencing homelessness, as well as those from extremely low, very low, low and moderate incomes. More details regarding the motion are available [here](#).

*The County's Sacramento Advocates are supporting the following State Budget proposals:*

- [\*\*MEDI-CAL COVERAGE FOR ALL LOW-INCOME UNDOCUMENTED ADULTS\*\*](#)  
\$819.3 million in Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 and \$2.7 billion annually at full implementation, inclusive of In-Home Supportive Services costs, to expand full-scope Medi-Cal eligibility to all income-eligible adults aged 26 through 49 regardless of immigration status. More details available [here](#).
- [\*\*PUBLIC HOSPITAL FINANCING REFORM\*\*](#)  
To further the standardization of the Medi-Cal program and move towards a more streamlined financing system, the Administration proposes to work with the public hospital systems in FY 2022-23 to reform Medi-Cal payments for public hospitals. More details available [here](#).
- [\*\*EXPANDING HOME VISITING SERVICES/BLACK INFANT HEALTH\*\*](#)  
\$50 million in ongoing funding to expand the California Home Visiting Program and the California Black Infant Health Program. More details available [here](#).
- [\*\*EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION\*\*](#)  
\$823.7 million for 36,000 additional subsidized slots to reach 145,000 slots when added to those funded in the 2021 State Budget Act. Additionally, \$373 million to support a full year of reimbursement rate increases for subsidized early care and education programs. More details available [here](#).
- [\*\*CONTRACT COUNTY CREWS AND REALIGNMENT\*\*](#)  
The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection requests \$25.4 million in FY 2022-23 and \$35.4 million ongoing to fund 12 hand crews, implemented over two years, to be utilized for vegetation management, hazardous fuel reduction projects, and wildland fire suppression in the contract counties. More details available [here](#).
- [\*\*EARLY LEARNING AND CARE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT GRANTS PROGRAM\*\*](#)  
The Early Care and Education (ECE) Coalition is sponsoring a State budget proposal that would provide \$250 million in one-time in SGF to restore and expand the Early Learning and Care Workforce Development Grants Program. More details available [here](#).
- [\*\*CONTINUANCE OF COVID-19 RELIEF BENEFITS\*\*](#)  
The ECE is also sponsoring a State budget proposal with "hold harmless" provisions to allow State-contracted agencies providing subsidized early care and education services to income eligible families to earn their full contracts regardless of enrollment and attendance and \$187 million through September 2024 to waive family fees in order to reduce the hardships imposed on families during the pandemic. More details available [here](#).

*In addition, the County's Sacramento Advocates are supporting the following proposal:*

- [\*\*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. More details available [here](#).

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## OTHER COUNTY ADVOCACY

### WASHINGTON D.C. - COMMUNITY PROJECT AND CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING REQUESTS FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2023

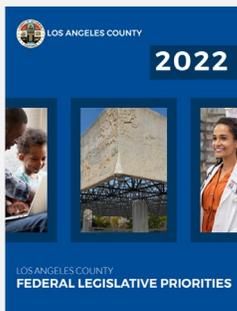
Over the course of several weeks, Members of Congress solicited: 1) programmatic appropriation funding requests, which are intended to supplement the Washington D.C. Advocates' ongoing advocacy for the highest funding levels for key programs of interest to the County; and 2) Community Project or Congressionally Directed Spending (known as earmarks) requests, to support specific local projects, as part of the annual appropriations process for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2023.



As of April 14, 2022, the County submitted:

- ✓ A total of 24 programmatic and report language requests, including: seven (7) unique programmatic funding requests totaling \$3.03 billion, with \$91,295,000 for LA County specific projects; and five (5) unique report language requests. More details are available [here](#).
- ✓ A total of 40 earmarks (known as "Community Project" funding in the House and "Congressionally Directed Spending" in the Senate), including: 24 unique earmark projects, totaling \$45,727,675. More details are available [here](#).

Additional County earmark requests are in the process of being submitted to additional Members of Congress.



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### 2022 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

The County's 2022 Federal Legislative Priorities center on efforts to lift all communities, in a broad-based and equity-focused fashion, for those hardest hit by the health and economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

A summary of these priorities are available [here](#). In addition, details on individual priorities are available [here](#).

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## RESOURCES

For more information on the County's positions on legislation, and the status of those measures, 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](#)



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