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Working With the State of California to Support Los Angeles County Values

On November 6, 2024, Governor Gavin Newsom issued a proclamation to convene a special session of the California Legislature to safeguard California values and fundamental rights in the face of an incoming Trump administration. The special session will focus on bolstering California legal resources to protect civil rights, reproductive freedom, climate action, and immigrant families.

The special session responds to the public statements and proposals put forward by President-elect Trump and his advisors, and actions taken during his first term in office — an agenda that could erode essential freedoms and individual rights, including women’s, LGBTQ+, and immigrant rights. In addition, his actions will threaten the environment and setback progress combatting climate change. A special session allows for expedited action that will best protect California and its values from attacks. The special session will begin December 2 when the Legislature convenes.

The County of Los Angeles has also taken several steps in recent years to safeguard reproductive freedom, support immigrants and their families, tackle climate

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change, and champion LGBTQ+ rights. For example, Los Angeles County established a pilot for a reduced-cost/no-cost plan for people from outside of California seeking reproductive care. The Office of Immigrant Affairs was created in 2017 to support the immigrant community in Los Angeles County. It now hosts the Represent LA program, providing immigration legal representation services and linkage to support services. The County also established an LGBTQ+ Commission to uplift the needs of our LGBTQ+ residents and created a program to ensure the provision of gender-affirming care. Lastly, the Board of Supervisors adopted the OurCounty Climate Action Plan and has begun taking steps to attain carbon neutrality by 2050, source 80% of our water locally by 2045, and install 130,000 new public electric vehicle chargers by 2035. When President-elect Trump assumes office on January 20, 2025, Los Angeles County will need to work with the State of California to continue making progress on our priorities and protect our residents in the face of federal antagonism.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Executive Office Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations Branch to:

1. Send a five-signature letter to Governor Gavin Newsom, with a copy to the Los Angeles County State Delegation to express Los Angeles County's support for the Governor's efforts to protect California's values.
2. Continue to inform members of the Los Angeles County State Delegation of the County's policy and budgetary priorities and the impacts of a changing federal landscape.

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