

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR HILDA L. SOLIS

March 3, 2026

Proclaiming April 2026 as Second Chance Month

The month of April is nationally observed as “Second Chance Month,” which aims to help individuals, communities, and agencies across the country recognize the importance of providing meaningful opportunities to reduce recidivism, foster redemption, improve outcomes, and facilitate healing for the justice-involved population through reentry programs, culturally specific services, restorative justice, and trauma-informed care. Second Chance Month empowers individuals, communities, and community-based organizations to extend second-chance opportunities to justice-involved individuals that enhance community safety and drive momentum for policy change throughout the country.

Los Angeles County has consistently demonstrated its commitment to advancing the goals of Second Chance Month through deliberate and sustained action by the Board of Supervisors to expand opportunity for justice-involved and system-impacted individuals. These efforts reflect a broader County strategy to remove structural barriers to employment, promote economic mobility, and support successful reentry.

Among these actions, in 2017, the Board passed a motion authored by Supervisor Hilda L. Solis that established a fair chance task force to promote adopting

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fair chance hiring practices within the Los Angeles County.¹ In 2024, the Board adopted a Countywide Fair Chance Ordinance through a motion co-authored by Supervisors Holly J. Mitchell and Solis, expanding employment opportunities for individuals with prior justice involvement and directing the Department of Economic Opportunity and the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs to conduct robust outreach and education to ensure effective implementation.² Most recently, in May 2025, the Board approved a motion co-authored by Supervisors Solis and Janice Hahn establishing a career pathway into the Los Angeles County Fire Department for formerly incarcerated individuals, further reinforcing the County's commitment to meaningful second chances and workforce inclusion.³

To commemorate Second Chance Month, the Los Angeles County Justice, Care and Opportunities Department (JCOD), in collaboration with our contracted community-based service providers and other partners, is hosting a series of community resource events in each Supervisorial district. These events will recognize and celebrate the efforts of JCOD, the County, and community-based organizations that provide robust services, support, and resources for our reentry population. The Second Chance Month community

¹ <https://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/supdocs/115171.pdf>

² <https://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/supdocs/188366.pdf>

³ <https://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/supdocs/202909.pdf>

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Events will feature services and resources that connect the community to care management, workforce opportunities, education, legal resources, housing, and other supportive services.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors proclaim April 2026 as Second Chance Month in Los Angeles County.

I, FURTHER, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct County Communications to promote the Justice, Care, and Opportunities Department's and other Departments' Second Chance Month events on the County website, including in high-usage languages.

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