Board of Supervisors

Economic Development Policy Committee Meeting

DATE: March 5, 2026
TIME: 2:30 pm
MEETING CHAIR: Annette Trejo, 1st Supervisorial District
DEO MEETING FACILITATOR: Kevin Anderson and Heidi Schultheis

This meeting is held under the guidelines of Board Policy 3.055

To participate in the meeting in-person, the meeting location is:

Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street | Los Angeles, California 90012 | Room 140-A (1st floor)

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The meeting chair will determine the amount of time allowed for each item.

Agenda posted at: Agendas – Los Angeles County (lacounty.gov)

I. Call to Order

II. Board Motions

- SD1: Protecting Small Businesses and Strengthening Economic Resiliency in Los Angeles County

III. Presentation/Discussion Item(s)

- Department of Youth Development Employment and Training Programs
  Department of Youth Development (DYD)

IV. Public Comment

V. Adjournment

Los Angeles County Economic Development Objectives:

- Attract, develop, and retain businesses that provide quality jobs in high growth industries.
- Increase employment opportunities by improving workforce development skills and employer partnerships.
- Invest in infrastructure needs to improve and maintain competitiveness of LA County Region.
- Coordinate across multiple County agencies to ensure that services to workers, businesses and entrepreneurs are coordinated and streamlined to facilitate a "no wrong door approach" to serving our constituents.
- Work to balance jobs with housing.

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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR HILDA L. SOLIS March 17, 2026

Protecting Small Businesses and Strengthening Economic Resiliency in Los Angeles County

On June 17, 2025, a motion was approved by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. The motion was in direct response to the Trump administration's mass immigration enforcement that saw people taken from their workplaces resulting in business owners losing staff, loss of foot traffic at brick-and-mortar businesses, and revenue loss. The motion, which was titled "Responding to Workforce and Economic Impact of Federal Immigration Enforcement in Los Angeles County," directed departments to produce an economic impact report to understand the effect of the immigration raids on the local economy; create a toolkit for business owners and workers to help understand their legal rights; and launch a Small Business Resiliency Fund for direct financial relief to those facing immediate and stark revenue loss.

With 3.5 million residents in Los Angeles County being immigrants, political action that negatively impacts immigrants will have broad impact. The economic impact report, commissioned by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors with the LA County Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) and whose data collection and analysis were led by the Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC)

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and the Los Angeles Economic Equity Accelerator (LEEAF), found that of the 311 small businesses who took a survey administered online, nearly 60% were concerned about their ability to maintain their current workforce in the coming months. Among those surveyed, 44% reported revenue loss exceeding 50%. The impact of the immigration raids is not only short-term but long-lasting, particularly for smaller businesses that lack the means to recoup costs and will continue to face deficits due to the fear inflamed by federal immigration enforcement tactics. The report found that the climate of fear led to reduced consumer activity, with customers avoiding public spaces. The report provides recommendations such as creating flexible loan and grant programs for businesses and coordinated communication delivery of timely information and resources to businesses. These recommendations serve as a foundation in preparation for response to future broad disruptions and disasters leading to local economic impact.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the:

1. Los Angeles County Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO), in consultation with Department of Consumer and Business Affairs (DCBA), and all other applicable departments, to:
    a. Propose a framework, implementation plan, and necessary resources to establish and operate a permanent business interruption fund or grant program focused on providing funds to small businesses impacted by disasters.

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b. Propose a framework, implementation plan, and necessary resources to establish a flexible, low-interest loan program for small businesses that will be heavily promoted to the most impacted communities as identified in the final Economic Impact Report and geared towards disaster recovery.

c. Ensure both the grant and loan programs are paired with culturally competent, multilingual technical assistance designed to:

    i. Offer small business assistance with loan application packaging for public and private loan programs

    ii. Increase financial literacy and small business readiness for accessing capital

d. Conduct an evaluation of eligibility requirements across County-supported disaster funding programs to identify opportunities to:

    i. Establish baseline standardization where appropriate

    ii. Reduce unnecessary barriers to entry

    iii. Promote accessibility for all businesses, including microbusinesses, immigrant-owned businesses, and those operating in the informal or cash-based economy

e. Propose a definition for economic disaster for both sub-directives a and b, which will be minimally defined as:

i. Fires, earthquakes, floods, windstorms, rain, and other natural disasters

ii. Immigration enforcement activity, civil unrest, road closures, strikes and other major economic disruptions

f. Review existing State-supported capital access programs, including but not limited to the California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank (IBank) loan guarantee programs, to:

i. Assess alignment with disaster-impacted small business needs,

ii. Evaluate current eligibility criteria and utilization,

iii. Identify gaps in serving businesses impacted by the proposed changes to the Small Business Administration (SBA) eligibility requirements, and

iv. Further develop advocacy recommendations in partnership with relevant stakeholders to expand IBank program capacity and improve accessibility for disaster-impacted businesses.

2. DEO, in consultation with DCBA's Office of Immigrant Affairs (OIA), Chief Executive Office's Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations Branch (CEO-LAIR), and all other applicable County departments and partners, to:

a. Build on education and outreach activities, establish a standing community convening that will meet virtually on a regular frequency to

build relationships with small businesses and business serving organizations countywide to at minimum:

i. Deliver regular communication about changing legislation that impacts small businesses,

ii. Feature resources to help small businesses,

iii. Provide multi-lingual participation and real-time opportunities to sign up for individual assistance,

iv. Encourage enrollment in available programs, services, and resources, such as the “Shop Local” business registry,

v. Identify opportunities to partner and amplify with the Small Business Commission and LA County Workforce Development Board and community leadership, and

vi. Regularly evaluate the council to encourage growth and two-way communication with community, particularly in the development and delivery of small business-related programs.

b. Identify One-Stop or other facilities countywide where DEO already has a presence, such as the East Los Angeles Entrepreneur Center located at Maravilla Center, where a rotating calendar of community-based organizations offering a range of services beneficial to small businesses can be implemented and provide a plan to implement in those sites.

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3. DEO, in consultation with Los Angeles County Department of Arts and Culture, to explore the feasibility of a program partnering with local visual artists, under which consumers who shop at participating small businesses in unincorporated areas may receive prints of existing artworks as an incentive.
4. Report back in writing within 90 days on Directives 1, 2 and 3.

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DYD Workforce Development PROGRAMS

LA County Department of Youth Development

Danielle Vappie
Chief Deputy Director

March 5, 2026

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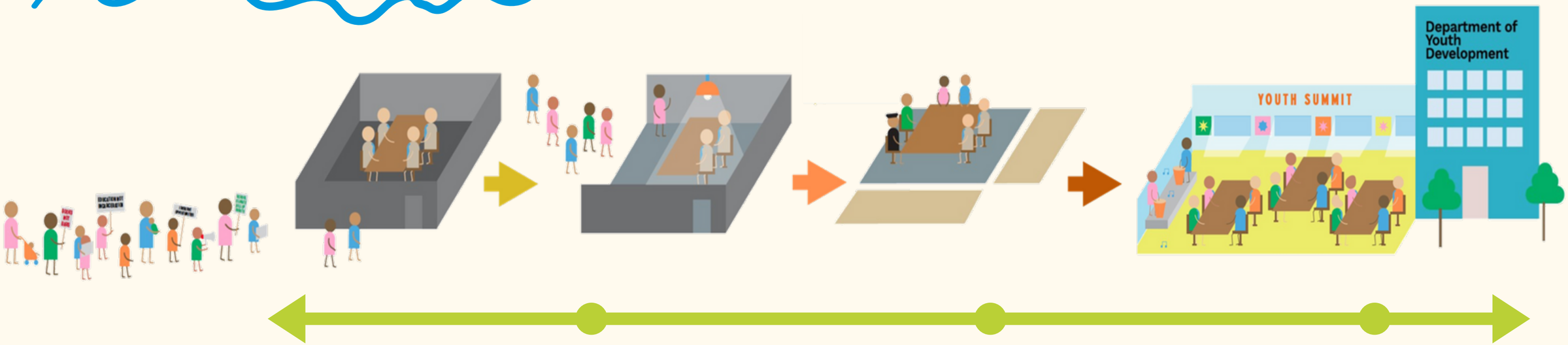
HISTORY OF DYD & YJR



2017- 2018

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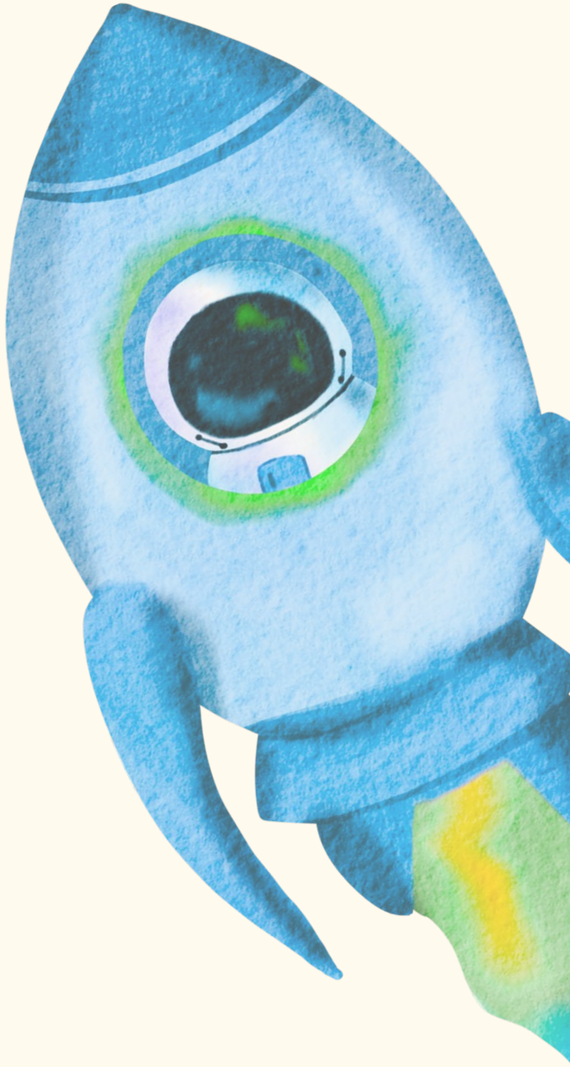
MISSION

DYD's mission is to be a catalyst for transformation by **providing innovative pathways to youth development** through intersectional, anti-racist, youth-centered strategies **so that all young people can access resources that nurture their growth, well-being, and connection to community.**

VISION

We envision **a flourishing youth development ecosystem that builds safer communities and eliminates youth incarceration** by ensuring young people have the tools they need to thrive.



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COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS

Does DYD only serve justice involved youth?
DYD serves all youth but prioritizes equity by leading with those who are farthest from our universal goal (i.e., under-resourced, disconnected, system-involved).

Is DYD duplicating the work others are already doing?
No! DYD complements the work our partners do and fills gaps in equitable access to supportive services for young people.

Does Diversion hold youth less accountable than arrest?
Because Diversion integrates restorative practices, it is more likely to build accountability and reduce recidivism than arrest or incarceration.

Does Diversion only work for lower-level alleged offenses?
Evidence shows that Diversion is most effective for youth with more serious alleged offenses.

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CONTINUUM OF CARE FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY

The Department of Youth Development (DYD) serves youth ages 10 - 26 through a continuum of care and youth development services that promote youth well-being and prevent youth justice system involvement.

Below, the community-based services along DYD's continuum are outlined in alignment with the four stages of a Prevention and Promotion Framework as well as the Sequential Intercept Model.

THROUGH-LINE OF DEVELOPMENT

- Streamlined Administration
- Authentic Youth Engagement
- Convening Partners for Alignment

Primary

Intercepts 00-0

support for everyone, regardless of risk for negative outcomes

Regional **Youth Development Networks** offer two levels of engagement (one-time and longer-term) to increase access to resources that promote the core domains of development:

Cognitive & Creative

Vocational & Leadership

Health & Well-being

Social

Environmental

Secondary

Intercept 1

support for those with elevated risk of negative outcomes

For youth identified as having higher needs for care, **Youth Development Hubs** and **School-Based Services** can offer individualized care coordination and restorative responses.

Tertiary

Intercept 2

support for those with high or imminent risk of negative outcomes

When youth encounter the justice system, **Diversion Services** offer three points of individualized care coordination to prevent further justice system involvement.

- Pre-Arrest Diversion
- Pre-Petition Diversion
- Pre-Adjudication Diversion

Remedy

Intercepts 3-5

support for those who are or have been experiencing negative outcomes

For youth under the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Court, **Care-First Services** reduce harm, ensure successful reentry to community, and prevent future justice system involvement.

- Community Reentry Services
- In-Facility Services
- Less-Restrictive Alternatives

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT & DIVERSION

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT NETWORKS (YDN)

Community-based prevention

YOUTH DIVERSION

As alternatives to arrest or court

PARTNERSHIPS WITH SCHOOLS AND OTHER SYSTEMS

Support for restorative practices and other services to address the school-to-prison and foster-care-to-prison pipelines

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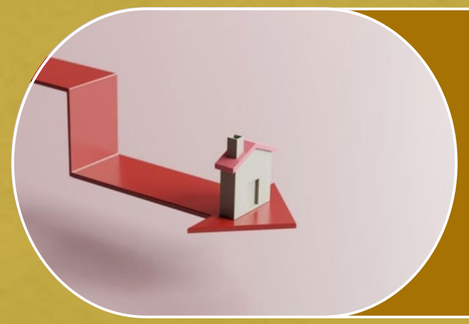
YOUTH JUSTICE SUPPORTS & SERVICES



COMMUNITY REENTRY

Individualized care coordination to support successful reentry

IN-FACILITY PROGRAMMING

Coordinating youth development services for incarcerated youth

DECARCERATION

Building alternatives to youth incarceration

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INNOVATION & LEARNING

RESEARCH & POLICY

Building evidence about what works to shape policy

STRATEGIC ENGAGEMENT

Building relationships with youth, community, and partners

COMMUNICATIONS

Narrative storytelling to increase awareness

LEARNING COLLABORATIVE

Increasing collective knowledge about best practices to improve youth well-being

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Youth Development Networks

- 7 providers with workforce development programs
- Apprenticeships, internships, externships, workforce development trainings/curriculums, career exploration, art fellowships, HVAC cert, culinary programs
- Better Youth, Our Own, Barrio Action, Do Good Daniels, Kollab Youth, Project Joy, Arts Healing Justice Network
- Positive Youth Development Framework

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OPPORTUNITIES

- Peer Learning supports for YDN providers to highlight and enhance their workforce development programs
- Connect DYD providers across continuum (RAY, Diversion, School-Based, YDNs) to county workforce development programs and opportunities
- Heart of Youth Justice Reimagined coalitions serving as a connector for youth into workforce programs/experience

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STAY CONNECTED WITH DYD!

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