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Proclaiming April 6 through April 10, 2026, as National Community Development Week

Enacted by Congress in 1974 under the Housing and Community Development Act and signed into law by President Gerald Ford on August 22, 1974, the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program provides necessary funding to communities across the country to address infrastructure, economic development, housing, disaster recovery, and other community needs. One of CDBG’s greatest strengths is its ability to leverage other investments. As a flexible resource designed to accommodate local needs, CDBG often serves to match other sources of public and private funds. Program resources also help projects and services become reality providing gap funding to meet budget needs.

The County of Los Angeles (County), through the Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA), administers the largest CDBG Urban County Program in the nation, encompassing the unincorporated County areas and 47 participating cities. This year, 2026, marks the 52nd anniversary of the CDBG Program. Since its inception, CDBG has consistently assisted low- and moderate-income residents of the County through a variety of economic development, public service, recreation, and

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housing rehabilitation programs.

CDBG funds provide services to youth and seniors, persons that are experiencing homelessness, and persons with special needs. Strong partnerships among County Departments, participating cities, Community-Based Organizations, and other Public Agencies have helped ensure the quality and effectiveness of CDBG within the County.

During the past fiscal year, the County's CDBG Program served 100,163 persons who were homeless, as well as 948,695 persons through code enforcement programs, improved 949 housing units through housing rehabilitation, offered economic development financial and technical assistance to 249 businesses and created or retained 203 full-time equivalent jobs, and constructed or improved 9 public, senior, youth or special needs facilities. Partnering with over 25 agencies and 47 participating cities, the County also provided public services to 290,998 persons, supportive services to 2,994 seniors, and services and activities for 1,171 youth and children.

The Los Angeles Urban County CDBG Program substantially exceeded the federal requirement to expend 70% of its funds for the benefit of low- and moderate-income persons. In the past fiscal year, the CDBG Program spent \$18.6 million, equaling over 94% of its total CDBG expenditures, for the benefit of low- and moderate-income persons.

Within Fiscal Years 2020 through 2025, the County expended nearly \$134 million

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in CDBG funds and was able to leverage an additional \$678 million in expenditures from other public and private sources during the same period. In summary, for every \$1 in CDBG funds expended, an additional \$5.06 in leverage funds was spent.

Ongoing CDBG Program funding is vital to sustaining the revitalization of local infrastructure, public services, housing rehabilitation, neighborhood development, and supportive services.

Prior to the 1990 enactment of the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program, there were few options available to communities to develop affordable housing. Families lived in overcrowded and unsafe housing. Communities lacked the resources needed to design large-scale affordable housing programs to address these problems. The HOME Program, which is the largest federal block grant to state and local governments, was designed exclusively to provide resources to communities to provide decent, safe, and affordable housing opportunities for low-income persons. Since 1992, HOME funds have produced or preserved 1.4 million units of affordable housing and provided tenant-based rental assistance to 415,000 households.

Despite significant reductions to this valuable resource, the County has used its HOME Program funds with great success to finance innovative housing programs and projects for low-income families, including the construction of affordable housing, the rehabilitation of existing housing, and the down payment assistance for eligible first-time homebuyers. Since the HOME Program's inception in 1992, the County has overseen

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the administration of over \$355.8 million in HOME funds into the County's housing market. The HOME Program's added benefit is its ability to leverage local funding. The total leveraging ratio for its rental projects is approximately 5.05 times, for a total of over \$1.22 billion made available for local housing since 1992.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors proclaim April 6 through April 10, 2026, as National Community Development Week in the County of Los Angeles in order to recognize the history and accomplishments of the CDBG and HOME Programs.

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