



# Board of Supervisors Health and Mental Health Cluster Agenda Review Meeting

**DATE:** July 9, 2025

**TIME:** 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**MEETING CHAIR:** Tyler Cash, 5<sup>th</sup> Supervisorial District

**CEO MEETING FACILITATOR:** Jack Arutyunyan

**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

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Members of the Public may address the Health and Mental Health Services Meeting on any agenda item. Two (2) minutes are allowed for each item.

THIS TELECONFERENCE WILL BE MUTED FOR ALL CALLERS. PLEASE DIAL \*6 TO UNMUTE YOUR PHONE WHEN IT IS YOUR TIME TO SPEAK.

## **9:00AM - CS-1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**

Government Code Section 54956.9(a)

Sharon Anderson v. County of Los Angeles

Los Angeles Superior Court Case No: 21STCV34038

Department of Mental Health

I. Call to order

- II. **Information Item(s) (Any Information Item is subject to discussion and/or presentation at the request of two or more Board offices):**
  - a. **DHS:** Request to Accept Compromise Offers of Settlement for Patients Seen Under the Trauma Center Service Agreement
  - b. **DPH:** Recommendation to Continue the Declared Local Health Emergency for the January 2025 Critical Fire Events (#08205)
- III. **Discussion Item(s):**
  - a. **DMH/DPH-SAPC/DHS:** Streamlining Los Angeles County Mental Health And Substance Use Disorder Bed Reporting  
(Presenters: Dr. Lisa Wong and Lauren Nakano, DMH; Dr. Gary Tsai, DPH SAPC and Dr. Clemens Hong, DHS)
- IV. Items Continued from a Previous Meeting of the Board of Supervisors or from the Previous Agenda Review Meeting
- V. Items not on the posted agenda for matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation, or where the need to take immediate action came to the attention of the Department subsequent to the posting of the agenda.
- VI. Public Comment
- VII. Adjournment

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO EMAIL A COMMENT ON AN ITEM ON THE HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES CLUSTER AGENDA, PLEASE USE THE FOLLOWING EMAIL AND INCLUDE THE AGENDA NUMBER YOU ARE COMMENTING ON:

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# BOARD LETTER/MEMO CLUSTER FACT SHEET

☒ Board Letter

☐ Board Memo

☐ Other

<b>CLUSTER AGENDA REVIEW DATE</b>	7/9/2025							
<b>BOARD MEETING DATE</b>	7/29/2025							
<b>SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AFFECTED</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <sup>st</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <sup>nd</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <sup>rd</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <sup>th</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <sup>th</sup>							
<b>DEPARTMENT(S)</b>	Department of Health Services							
<b>SUBJECT</b>	REQUEST TO ACCEPT COMPROMISE OFFERS OF SETTLEMENT FOR PATIENTS SEEN UNDER THE TRAUMA CENTER SERVICE AGREEMENT.							
<b>PROGRAM</b>	Health Services							
<b>AUTHORIZES DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO DEPT</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No							
<b>SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No							
	If Yes, please explain why: N/A							
<b>SB 1439 SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION FORM REVIEW COMPLETED BY EXEC OFFICE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No – Not Applicable							
<b>DEADLINES/ TIME CONSTRAINTS</b>	N/A							
<b>COST &amp; FUNDING</b>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Total cost: \$ N/A</td><td>Funding source: N/A</td></tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">TERMS (if applicable):</td></tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Explanation: There is no net cost to the County</td></tr> </table>		Total cost: \$ N/A	Funding source: N/A	TERMS (if applicable):		Explanation: There is no net cost to the County	
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Explanation: There is no net cost to the County								
<b>PURPOSE OF REQUEST</b>	<p>Requesting Board approval for the acceptance of compromise offers of settlement for patient accounts that are unable to be paid in full. The payments will replenish the Los Angeles County Trauma Funds.</p> <p>The Board is being asked to authorize the Director, or designee, to accept the attached compromise offers of settlement, pursuant to Section 1473 of the Health and Safety Code. This will expedite the County's recovery of revenue totaling \$34,931.57 for medical care provided at LA General MC, Harbor UCLA MC, and Rancho Los Amigos NRC.</p>							
<b>BACKGROUND (include internal/external issues that may exist including any related motions)</b>	The acceptance of the attached compromise settlements will help maximize net revenues and will help DHS meet its' budgeted revenue amounts.							
<b>EQUITY INDEX OR LENS WAS UTILIZED</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please explain how:							

<b>SUPPORTS ONE OF THE NINE BOARD PRIORITIES</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please state which one(s) and explain how:
<b>DEPARTMENTAL CONTACTS</b>	Name, Title, Phone # & Email: DHS, Virginia Perez, Associate Hospital Administrator II, (626) 525-6077 virperez@dhs.lacounty.gov County Counsel, Meghna Parikh, Senior Deputy County Counsel, (213) 808-8724 mparikh@counsel.lacounty.gov

June 12, 2025

**DRAFT**

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**REQUEST TO ACCEPT COMPROMISE OFFERS OF SETTLEMENT  
FOR PATIENTS SEEN UNDER THE  
TRAUMA CENTER SERVICE AGREEMENT  
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)  
(3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Request authorization from the Los Angeles County (LA County) Board of Supervisors (Board) for the Director of Health Services (Director), or designee, to accept compromise offers of settlement for patients who received medical care at either Los Angeles County (LA County) facilities and/or at non-County operated facilities under the Trauma Center Service Agreement. The compromise offers of settlement referenced below are not within the Director of Health Service's authority to accept.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

Authorize the Director of Health Services (Director), or designee, to accept the attached compromise offers of settlement, pursuant to Section 1473 of the Health and Safety Code, for the following individual accounts:

Patients who received medical care at County facilities:

- LA General Medical Center – Account Number 100892999 in the amount of \$4,500.00 – (Attachment I).
- LA General Medical Center – Account Number 102971908 in the amount of \$2,000.00 – (Attachment II).

- LA General Medical Center – Account Number 102846645 in the amount of \$2,000.00 – (Attachment III).
- LA General Medical Center – Account Number 101651373 in the amount of \$20,300.00 – (Attachment IV).
- LA General Medical Center – Account Number 102964400 in the amount of \$3,484.24 – (Attachment V).
- Harbor UCLA Medical Center – Account Number 100358885 in the amount of \$1,647.33 – (Attachment VI).
- Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center – Account Number 102732938 in the amount of \$1,000.00 – (Attachment VII).

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The compromise offers of settlement for patient accounts of patients who received medical care at LA County facilities is recommended because the patients are unable to pay the full amount of charges and the compromise offers represent the maximum amount the Department of Health Services (DHS) was able to negotiate or was offered.

It is in the best interest of LA County to approve the acceptance of these compromise offers, as it will enable the DHS to maximize net revenue on these accounts.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The recommended actions support LA County's Strategic Plan North Star 3 – Realize Tomorrow's Government Today, Focus Area Goal G – Internal Controls and Processes, Strategy 1 – Maximize Revenue.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The approval will recover revenue totaling \$34,931.57 in charges.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Under LA County Code Chapter Section 2.76.046, the Director, or designee, has the authority to reduce patient account liabilities by the greater of i) \$15,000, or ii) \$75,000 or 50 percent of the account balance, whichever is less. Any reduction exceeding the Director's, or designee's, authority requires Board approval.

On January 15, 2002, the Board adopted an ordinance granting the Director, or designee, authority to compromise or reduce patient account liabilities when it is in the best interest of LA County to do so.

On November 1, 2005, the Board approved a revised ordinance granting the Director, or designee, authority to reduce, on an account specific basis, the amount of any liability owed to LA County which relates to medical care provided by third parties for which LA County is contractually obligated to pay and related to which LA County has subrogation or reimbursement rights. The revised ordinance was adopted by the Board on December 8, 2005.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Maximizing net revenues on patients who received medical care at LA County facilities will help DHS meet its budgeted revenue amounts.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina R. Ghaly, M.D.  
Director

CRG:CB:vp

Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office  
County Counsel  
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors

**DATA FOR COMPROMISE SETTLEMENT**

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES  
TRANSMITTAL 25-02-A

Amount of Aid	\$47,689.00	Account Number	100892999
Amount Paid	\$0.00	Name	Adult Male
Balance Due	\$47,689.00	Service Date	04/29/24-08/01/24
Compromise Amount Offered	\$4,500.00	Facility	LA General Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	\$43,109.00	Service Type	Inpatient

**JUSTIFICATION**

The patient was treated at LA General Medical Center at a total cost of \$47,689.00. The patient has a total of \$55,109.00 in medical bills and attorney fees.

The attorney has settled the case in the amount of \$15,000.00. Due to the low recovery and the insufficient funds to fully satisfy all liens and fees the attorney proposes the following disbursement:

<b>Disbursements</b>	<b>Total Claim</b>	<b>Proposed Settlement</b>	<b>Percent of Settlement</b>
Attorney Fees	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	40.00%
Attorney Cost	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	10.00%
Other lien holders	\$47,609.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Los Angeles Department of Health Services (LA General MC)	\$39,607.00	\$4,500.00	30.00%
Net to Client (Heirs)	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	20.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$55,109.00</b>	<b>\$15,000.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>



**DATA FOR COMPROMISE SETTLEMENT**

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES  
TRANSMITTAL 25-02-B

Amount of Aid	\$229,958.00	Account Number	102971908
Amount Paid	0.00	Name	Adult Male
Balance Due	\$229,958.00	Service Date	08/18/24-08/30/24
Compromise Amount Offered	\$2,000.00	Facility	LA General Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	\$227,958.00	Service Type	Inpatient

**JUSTIFICATION**

The patient was treated at Rancho LA General Medical Center at a total cost of \$229,958.00. The patient has a total of \$241,203.37 in medical bills and attorney fees.

The attorney has settled the case in the amount of \$15,000.00. Due to the low recovery and the insufficient funds to fully satisfy all liens and fees the attorney proposes the following disbursement:

<b>Disbursements</b>	<b>Total Claim</b>	<b>Proposed Settlement</b>	<b>Percent of Settlement</b>
Attorney Fees	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	40.00%
Attorney Cost	\$490.75	\$490.75	3.27%
Other lien holders	\$4,754.62	\$4,754.62	31.70%
Los Angeles Department of Health Services (LA General MC)	\$229,958.00	\$2,000.00	13.33%
Net to Client (Heirs)	\$0.00	\$1,754.63	11.70%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$241,203.37</b>	<b>\$15,000.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

**DATA FOR COMPROMISE SETTLEMENT**

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES  
TRANSMITTAL 25-02-C

Amount of Aid	\$118,260.00	Account Number	102846645
Amount Paid	\$0.00	Name	Adult Male
Balance Due	\$118,260.00	Service Date	2/14/24-08/19/24
Compromise Amount Offered	\$2,000.00	Facility	LA General Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	\$116,260.00	Service Type	Inpatient

**JUSTIFICATION**

The patient was treated at LA General Medical Center at a total cost of \$118,260.00. The patient has a total of \$127,741.00 in medical bills and attorney fees.

The attorney has settled the case in the amount of \$15,000.00. Due to the low recovery and the insufficient funds to fully satisfy all liens and fees the attorney proposes the following disbursement:

<b>Disbursements</b>	<b>Total Claim</b>	<b>Proposed Settlement</b>	<b>Percent of Settlement</b>
Attorney Fees	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	40.00%
Attorney Cost	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Other lien holders	\$3,481.00	\$662.27	4.42%
Los Angeles Department of Health Services (LA General MC)	\$118,260.00	\$2,000.00	13.33%
Net to Client (Heirs)	\$0.00	\$6,337.73	42.25%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$127,741.00</b>	<b>\$15,000.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

**DATA FOR COMPROMISE SETTLEMENT**

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES  
TRANSMITTAL 25-02-D

Amount of Aid	\$72,828.00	Account Number	101651373
Amount Paid	\$0.00	Name	Adult Male
Balance Due	\$72,828.00	Service Date	08/16/19-08/19/19
Compromise Amount Offered	\$20,300.00	Facility	LA General Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	\$52,528.00	Service Type	Inpatient

**JUSTIFICATION**

The patient was treated at LA General Medical Center at a total cost of \$72,828.00. The patient has a total of \$456,185.41 in medical bills and attorney fees.

The attorney has settled the case in the amount of \$350,000.00. LA General Medical Center is only pursuing 4 days of the visit in the amount of \$72,828.00. The patient is using his settlement to pay for the incurred medical bills. The county vendor Compspec has agreed with the attorney on the following disbursement:

<b>Disbursements</b>	<b>Total Claim</b>	<b>Proposed Settlement</b>	<b>Percent of Settlement</b>
Attorney Fees	\$140,000.00	\$140,000.00	40.00%
Attorney Cost	\$70,000.00	\$70,000.00	20.00%
Other lien holders	\$173,357.41	\$34,241.00	10.00%
Los Angeles Department of Health Services (LA General MC)	\$72,828.00	\$20,300.00	6.00%
Net to Client (Heirs)	\$0.00	\$85,459.00	24.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$456,185.41</b>	<b>\$350,000.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

**DATA FOR COMPROMISE SETTLEMENT**

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES  
TRANSMITTAL 25-02-E

Amount of Aid	\$46,470.00	Account Number	102964400
Amount Paid	\$0.00	Name	Adult Male
Balance Due	\$46,470.00	Service Date	08/07/24-01/16/25
Compromise Amount Offered	\$3,484.24	Facility	LA General Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	\$42,985.76	Service Type	Inpatient

**JUSTIFICATION**

The patient was treated at LA General Medical Center at a total cost of \$46,470.00. The patient has a total of \$54,501.53 in medical bills and attorney fees.

The attorney has settled the case in the amount of \$15,000.00. Due to the low recovery and the insufficient funds to fully satisfy all liens and fees the attorney proposes the following disbursement:

<b>Disbursements</b>	<b>Total Claim</b>	<b>Proposed Settlement</b>	<b>Percent of Settlement</b>
Attorney Fees	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	33.33%
Attorney Cost	\$266.53	\$266.53	1.78%
Other lien holders	\$2,765.00	\$2,765.00	18.43%
Los Angeles Department of Health Services (LA General MC)	\$46,470.00	\$3484.24	23.23%
Net to Client (Heirs)	\$0.00	\$3,484.23	23.23%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$54,501.53</b>	<b>\$15,000.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

**DATA FOR COMPROMISE SETTLEMENT**

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES  
TRANSMITTAL 25-02-F

Amount of Aid	\$27,910.00	Account Number	100358885
Amount Paid	\$0.00	Name	Adult Male
Balance Due	\$27,910.00	Service Date	05/29/24-10/04/24
Compromise Amount Offered	\$1,647.33	Facility	Harbor UCLA Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	\$26,262.67	Service Type	Inpatient

**JUSTIFICATION**

The patient was treated at Harbor UCLA Medical Center at a total cost of \$27,910.00. The patient has a total of \$69,920.00 in medical bills and attorney fees.

The attorney has settled the case in the amount of \$15,000.00. Due to the low recovery and the insufficient funds to fully satisfy all liens and fees the attorney proposes the following disbursement:

<b>Disbursements</b>	<b>Total Claim</b>	<b>Proposed Settlement</b>	<b>Percent of Settlement</b>
Attorney Fees	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	40.00%
Attorney Cost	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Other lien holders	\$36,010.00	\$2,125.42	14.17%
Los Angeles Department of Health Services (Harbor UCLA MC)	\$27,910.00	\$1,647.33	10.98%
Net to Client (Heirs)	\$0.00	\$5,227.25	34.85%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$69,920.00</b>	<b>\$15,000.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

**DATA FOR COMPROMISE SETTLEMENT**

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES  
TRANSMITTAL 25-02-G

Amount of Aid	\$385,016.00	Account Number	102732938
Amount Paid	\$0.00	Name	Adult Male
Balance Due	\$385,016.00	Service Date	09/14/23-12/01/23
Compromise Amount Offered	\$1,000.00	Facility	Rancho Los Amigos NRC
Amount to be Written Off	\$384,016.00	Service Type	Inpatient

**JUSTIFICATION**

The patient was treated at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center at a total cost of \$385,016.00. The patient has a total of \$968,380.00 in medical bills and attorney fees.

The attorney has settled the case in the amount of \$15,000.00. Due to the low recovery and the insufficient funds to fully satisfy all liens and fees the attorney proposes the following disbursement:

<b>Disbursements</b>	<b>Total Claim</b>	<b>Proposed Settlement</b>	<b>Percent of Settlement</b>
Attorney Fees	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	33.33%
Attorney Cost	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Other lien holders	\$578,364.00	\$1,502.18	10.01%
Los Angeles Department of Health Services (Rancho Los Amigos NRC)	\$385,016.00	\$1,000.00	6.67%
Net to Client (Heirs)	\$0.00	\$7,497.82	49.99%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$968,380.00</b>	<b>\$15,000.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

# BOARD LETTER/MEMO CLUSTER FACT SHEET

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CLUSTER AGENDA REVIEW DATE	7/9/2025	
BOARD MEETING DATE	7/29/2025	
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AFFECTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <sup>st</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <sup>nd</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <sup>rd</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <sup>th</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <sup>th</sup>	
DEPARTMENT(S)	Department of Public Health	
SUBJECT	RECOMMENDATION TO CONTINUE THE DECLARED LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY FOR THE JANUARY 2025 CRITICAL FIRE EVENTS	
PROGRAM	Executive Office Services	
AUTHORIZES DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO DEPT	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please explain why:	
SB 1439 SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION FORM REVIEW COMPLETED BY EXEC OFFICE	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No – Not Applicable  <b>If unsure whether a matter is subject to the Levine Act, email your packet to <a href="mailto:EOLevineAct@bos.lacounty.gov">EOLevineAct@bos.lacounty.gov</a> to avoid delays in scheduling your Board Letter.</b>	
DEADLINES/ TIME CONSTRAINTS		
COST & FUNDING	Total cost: \$	Funding source:
	TERMS (if applicable):	
	Explanation: There is no fiscal impact related to the continuance of this local health emergency, but the proclamation of local health emergency could allow the County to seek recovery of eligible costs from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and State of California. The County will incur costs associated with the response to and recovery from the local health emergency.	
PURPOSE OF REQUEST	<p>The local health emergency declared by the local health officer on January 10, 2025, was ratified by the Board on January 14, 2025, and initially extended on February 11, 2025, and continued thereafter, must be reviewed by the Board to determine the need for the local health emergency to remain in effect at least once every 30 days, until it is terminated; and (2) proclaim the local health emergency terminated at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant the termination.</p> <p>Public Health and the Los Angeles County Health Officer have reviewed the need for the proclaimed local health emergency referenced above to remain in effect and recommend that the local health emergency be continued.</p>	
BACKGROUND	The January 2025 Windstorm and Critical Fire Events are an ongoing local health emergency in Los Angeles County, which has required an ongoing response to several	

<p><b>(include internal/external issues that may exist including any related motions)</b></p>	<p>destructive and wind-driven fires, especially the Palisades and Eaton Fires. These fires have burned thousands of residences and structures and resulted in massive amounts of post-fire health hazards in the form of burned hazardous materials and hazardous ash, soot and fire debris remaining in the burn and surrounding areas. The recovery response to these catastrophic fire events requires the ongoing need for federal, State and local emergency response and recovery operations to implement and complete a large scale urban wildfire debris removal and disposal and evaluate related human health risks.</p> <p><u>Board Motion</u>  On January 14, 2025, via motion, the Board ratified the County Health Officer's Declaration of Local Health Emergency made on January 10, 2025, for the January 2025 Windstorm and Critical Fire Events, in the County of Los Angeles. The Proclamation of Local Health Emergency shall remain in effect until its termination is proclaimed by the Board because conditions still exist as a result of the fires to justify the declared emergency.</p>
<p><b>EQUITY INDEX OR LENS WAS UTILIZED</b></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes      <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No  If Yes, please explain how:</p>
<p><b>SUPPORTS ONE OF THE NINE BOARD PRIORITIES</b></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes      <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No  If Yes, please state which one(s) and explain how:</p>
<p><b>DEPARTMENTAL CONTACTS</b></p>	<p>Name, Title, Phone # &amp; Email:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joshua Bobrowsky  Director of Government Affairs, Public Health  <a href="mailto:jbobrowsky@ph.lacounty.gov">jbobrowsky@ph.lacounty.gov</a></li> <li>• Blaine D. McPhillips  Senior Deputy County Counsel  Health Services Division  <a href="mailto:bmcphillips@counsel.lacounty.gov">bmcphillips@counsel.lacounty.gov</a></li> </ul>





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July 29, 2025

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**RECOMMENDATION TO CONTINUE THE DECLARED LOCAL HEALTH  
EMERGENCY FOR THE JANUARY 2025 CRITICAL FIRE EVENTS  
(ALL AFFECTED) (3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

The Department of Public Health (Public Health) is recommending that the Board of Supervisors (Board) continue the local health emergency declared on January 10, 2025, in response to the January 2025 Windstorm and Critical Fire Events impacting Los Angeles County (County).

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

Adopt and instruct the Chair of the Board to execute the attached Resolution to Continue the Local Health Emergency due to the January 2025 Windstorm and Critical Fire Events.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The local health emergency declared by the local health officer on January 10, 2025, was ratified by the Board on January 14, 2025, and initially continued by the Board on February 11, 2025, must be reviewed by the Board to determine the need for the local health emergency to remain in effect at least once every 30 days, until it is terminated; and (2) proclaim the local health emergency terminated at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant the termination.

Public Health and the County Health Officer have reviewed the need for the proclaimed local health emergency referenced above to remain in effect and is recommending that the local health emergency be continued. This review included considerations of the extent to which the specified conditions for the proclaimed local health emergency, such as the continued existence of hazardous materials, hazardous waste in the form of fire ash, soot, and debris remaining inside and near the burn areas; the ongoing need for federal, State and local emergency response and recovery operations to implement and complete a large scale urban wildfire debris removal and disposal response; the ongoing need for federal and/or State financial assistance; and the extent to which departments continue to engage in essential emergency-related activities that are dependent on the local health emergency remaining in effect.

The January 2025 Critical Fire Events are an ongoing local health emergency in the County, which has required an ongoing response to several destructive and wind-driven fires, especially the Palisades and Eaton Fires. These fires have resulted in massive amounts of post-fire health hazards in the form of burned hazardous materials and hazardous ash, soot and fire debris remaining in the burn and surrounding areas. These catastrophic fire events have caused the loss of life, displacement of thousands of residents, widespread damage and destruction to residential structures, businesses, and infrastructure. These conditions are beyond the control of the resources of the County and have continued to require the combined forces of federal, State and other political subdivisions to combat. To mitigate the risks to health created by the fires, post-fire health hazards must be removed from properties in accordance with federal and State standards for safe removal of hazardous materials and waste.

Given the current and ongoing risks posed by post-fire health hazards, Public Health recommends that the Board find that the local health emergency be continued.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

These recommendations support the County Strategic Plan: North Star 2 – Foster Vibrant and Resilient Communities, Focus Area A – Public Health, Strategy i - Population Based Health.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There is no fiscal impact related to the continuance of this local health emergency, but the proclamation of local health emergency could allow the County to seek recovery of eligible costs from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and State of California. The County will incur costs associated with the response to and recovery from the local health emergency.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

California Health and Safety Code Section 101080 and Chapter 2.68 of the Los Angeles County Code requires the Board to review the need for a proclaimed local health emergency to remain in effect at least once every 30 days, until it is terminated. California Health and Safety Code Section 101080 requires the Board to terminate a proclaimed local health emergency at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

This action is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is excluded from the definition of project under section 15378(b)(5) of the State CEQA Guidelines.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

There is no impact on current services.

### **CONCLUSION**

Upon approval by the Board, the Public Health requests that an executed, stamped copy of the attached Resolution be returned to Public Health.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director

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Enclosure

c: Chief Executive Officer  
County Counsel  
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors  
Public Works  
CEO Office of Emergency Management

**RESOLUTION BY THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO  
CONTINUE THE LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY FOR THE JANUARY 2025  
CRITICAL FIRE EVENTS**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 101080 of the California Health and Safety Code, the existence of a local health emergency was declared by the County Health Officer on January 10, 2025, and ratified by the Board of Supervisors (Board) on January 14, 2025, due to conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property arising from the January 2025 Windstorm and Critical Fire Events, beginning on January 7, 2025, affecting areas throughout the County of Los Angeles (County); and

**WHEREAS**, the January 2025 Critical Fire Events, beginning on January 7, 2025, are an ongoing local health emergency in the County, whose conditions have included an ongoing response to a number of destructive and wind-driven fires, which include, among others, the Palisades Fire, Eaton Fire, Hurst Fire, Creek Fire, Lidia Fire, and the Kenneth Fire, and post-fire hazards in the form of burned common household hazardous materials and contaminated ash, soot and fire debris remaining in the burn zones and surrounding areas. These conditions are or will likely be beyond the control of the resources of the County and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions and the ongoing need for federal and/or State financial assistance. To the extent which departments continue to engage in essential emergency-related activities that are dependent on the local health emergency remaining in effect; and

**WHEREAS**, there continues to be conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property arising from the January 2025 Critical Fire Events in the County, and to mitigate the risks to health created by the fires and post-fire health hazards, which include the presence of extensive amounts of common household items burned in the wildfires that created contaminated ash and fire debris, must be removed, transported, and disposed of from properties in accordance with federal and State standards, which is an on-going effort; and

**WHEREAS**, Health and Safety Code Section 101080 and Chapter 2.68 of the Los Angeles County Code requires the Board to review the need for a declared local health emergency to remain in effect at least once every 30 days, until it is terminated by the Board at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has reviewed the need to continue the local emergency for the January 2025 Critical Fire Events, which was already ratified on January 14, 2025, and continued thereafter; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board determines that there continues to exist conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the health and safety of people arising from the local health emergency for the January 2025 Critical Fire Events such that continuation of this local health emergency is warranted.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles that the local health emergency due to the January 2025 Critical Fire Events in the County continues to exist and is hereby extended for thirty (30) additional days, unless sooner terminated by the Board.

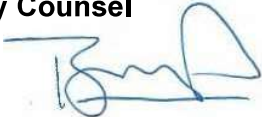
The foregoing resolution was on the *29th* day of *July 2025*, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts.

**EDWARD YEN**  
**Executive Officer**  
**Board of Supervisors**

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

**DAWYN R. HARRISON**  
**County Counsel**

By  \_\_\_\_\_  
**BLAINE D. McPHILLIPS**  
**Senior Deputy County Counsel**  
**Health Services Division**