



Board of Supervisors Economic Development Policy Committee Meeting

DATE: September 18, 2025

TIME: 9:00AM – 10:30AM

MEETING CHAIR: Monica Banken, 5th Supervisorial District

DEO MEETING FACILITATOR: Kevin Anderson and Heidi Schultheis

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I. Call to Order

II. Board Motions

- SD1 – Establishing Green Economy Workforce Development at the Environmental Justice Center on the Site of the Former Puente Hills Landfill

III. Presentation/Discussion Items

- DEO FY 25-26 Supplemental Changes Budget (10 minutes)
Michael Martinez and Oliver Del Rosario, Chief Executive Office
- Altadena Disaster Recovery District (10 minutes)
Bob Moran, Chief Executive Office
- Poverty Alleviation Initiative Annual Report (10 minutes)
Kristina Meza, Chief Executive Office

IV. Standing Items

- DEO Program Updates

V. Public Comment

VI. 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.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO EMAIL A COMMENT ON AN ITEM ON THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POLICY COMMITTEE AGENDA, PLEASE USE THE FOLLOWING EMAIL AND INCLUDE THE AGENDA NUMBER YOU ARE COMMENTING ON:

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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR HILDA L. SOLIS

September 30, 2025

Establishing Green Economy Workforce Development at the Environmental Justice Center on the Site of the Former Puente Hills Landfill

The Environmental Justice Center (EJC) is currently under construction on property that was previously the site of largest operating landfill in the nation, rising 500 feet high and covering 700 acres. From 1957 to 2013, over 150 million tons of garbage were compacted to form what is seen as a large hillside in the San Gabriel Valley. Over the years, the facility has employed numerous innovative, environmental approaches including generating electricity from landfill gas, managing materials recovery and recycling programs, dedicating the landfill property to a regional park after closure, and acquiring and maintaining local native habitat as open space. In addition, the state-of-the-art facility included extensive practices to manage odors, dust, birds, and provide landscaping to blend with the local native habitat.

However, during its decades of operation, the surrounding immigrant and working-class families living in the vicinity of the Puente Hills Landfill dealt with the consequences of the landfill’s operations. Residents for decades lived with a smell

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emanating from a high-volume of garbage trucks heading to the landfill. A Los Angeles Times article from 1993 highlights the strong opposition by community to an application for landfill expansion. At the time the community expressed concerns about more loss to natural habitat and local ecosystem, impact on property values, and impact on the quality of life of residents in the surrounding neighborhoods.

Having grown up in a community near the landfill, First District Supervisor Hilda L. Solis has first-hand knowledge of the impact the landfill had on the wellness of residents in the surrounding area. In 1994, then Assemblymember Hilda L. Solis authored California state bill AB 2632 that led to the closure of the Puente Hills Landfill and the eventual conversion into a park. Supervisor Solis spent over 30 years advocating and identifying funds to ensure the community could one day acquire the green space they deserve. That one day has arrived with the 1,300+ acre Puente Hills Landfill site being converted into the first County regional park in more than 35 years.

In 2016, a master plan converting the landfill into a park was approved by the Board of Supervisors due to the leadership of Supervisor Solis and the partnership with Los Angeles County Sanitation District and Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation. The Park is currently underway to transform a formerly degraded landscape into a vibrant public green space, restoring critical habitats and creating a vital gateway to nature with panoramic views of the Los Angeles County basin. At full completion, the Park will develop 142 acres of recreation and open space, and include a children's

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nature play area, community amphitheater, arts plaza, dog park, picnic area, a ceremonial space which can be used to acknowledge the history and culture of the San Gabriel Valley, interpretive gardens, open space grasslands designated for community gathering spaces, recreational trails and walking paths, parking, and restrooms.

The EJC is part of the master plan transforming the former Puente Hills Landfill into a regional park. Having already won a prestigious California Green Building Award for its Net Zero operational design, the EJC is a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified building that will be the first County facility of its kind. From its building design to its landscaping and the programming it will provide, every aspect of this center is focused on fostering opportunity and empowering advocacy for equity, sustainability, and climate resilience. The EJC will serve as a museum honoring local environmental justice accomplishments; a learning center inspiring people of all ages to protect our planet in their own way; and a gateway to career development in the green economy.

With over 30 years in the making, from advocacy to construction, the EJC will serve as a guiding light offering insight into the beauty of our natural landscape and empowering visitors from the surrounding San Gabriel Valley communities, and beyond, to protect our planet. Several classrooms, a lecture hall, a maker's space and birds of prey exhibit area, will provide communal gathering spaces and engaging, interactive experiences to jumpstart a career in the green economy and inspire patrons of all ages

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to be good stewards of the environment.

The EJC provides the opportunity for a hub focused on science-based learning experiences for young children, and career exposure experiences and workforce development opportunities for youth, Transitional Aged Youth (TAY), and anyone who is interested in securing a good paying job that simultaneously helps improve the health of our environment. Weather whiplash and more frequent severe natural disasters are examples of the increasing threats to public health from climate change. Capitalizing on an environmental hub to enhance access to jobs in the green economy will help grow a critical workforce that can help our County and regional infrastructure and policies adapt to the dynamic impacts of climate change.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Los Angeles County Department of Economic Opportunity and Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation to establish a working group that at minimum includes the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office, Los Angeles County Office of Education, and Los Angeles County Internal Services Department to report back in writing within 120 days with an economic opportunity plan for the EJC that catalogues existing environmental justice-related programming within the County and providing recommendations for place-based delivery of green economy programming, including career exposure, paid work experiences, and apprenticeship and career pathways to

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County and cross-sector jobs in clean energy, environmental justice, water conservation, public health, and arts and culture. The report should also include at least the following:

1. Plans to access funding opportunities that are available and funds that can also be accessible, such as Measure W, and
2. Opportunity analysis that will evaluate County opportunities and opportunities with external partners.

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Family and Social Services
ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY ADMINISTRATION
 Supplemental Changes
 Fiscal Year 2025-26

Changes From 2025-26 Adopted Budget

	Gross Appropriation (\$)	Intrafund Transfer (\$)	Revenue (\$)	Net County Cost (\$)	Budg Pos
2025-26 Adopted Budget	57,430,000	4,093,000	29,632,000	23,705,000	206.0
1. CURTAILMENTS: Reflects a decrease in services and supplies as part of the Department's proportional share of countywide curtailments. (3-VOTES)	(1,326,000)	-	-	(1,326,000)	-
2. General Hospital Stabilization Project: Reflects one-time funding to address immediate structural and safety concerns at the historic Los Angeles General Hospital and portions of the West Campus, fully offset with California State Department of Housing and Community Development Grant. (4-VOTES)	29,575,000	-	29,575,000	-	-
3. American Rescue Plan (ARP) Positions Deletion: Reflects the deletion of 21.0 vacant positions and services and supplies formerly funded with federal ARP grant money that has ended. (3-VOTES)	(4,016,000)	-	(4,016,000)	-	(21.0)
4. Information Technology Division: Reflects the addition of 1.0 Senior Data Scientist, offset by the deletion of 1.0 vacant position and a reduction in Services and Supplies to provide administrative and technical support conducting data science projects and other advanced research. (3-VOTES)	-	-	-	-	-
5. Carryover: Reflects the addition of one-time Department savings to fund the Information Technology initiative related to Opportunity Link and the Contract Bonding and Assistance Program. (4-VOTES)	5,127,000	-	-	5,127,000	-
6. State and Federal Grants: Reflects the addition of appropriation and revenue for State revenue for Additional Assistance, Economic & Small Business Initiatives TA to Businesses in East Los Angeles & City Terrace, ELA Entrepreneur Center - Technical Assistance to Businesses, CDBG funding for asset operations and maintenance of County owned assets, Prison to Employment, and Tree Grants. (4-VOTES)	2,023,000	-	2,023,000	-	-

	Gross Appropriation (\$)	Intrafund Transfer (\$)	Revenue (\$)	Net County Cost (\$)	Budg Pos
7. Charges to Other County Departments: Reflects one-time funding for GAIN/CalWORKs Transitional Subsidized Employment through DPSS and the approved carryover of unspent funds through JCOD in support of the RENEW program to provide job training to youth that are detained in Secured Youth Treatment Facilities. (4-VOTES)	763,000	763,000	-	-	-
8. Carryover of American Rescue Plan (ARP)-Enabled Funding: Reflects the carryover of one-time ARP-enabled funding that was budgeted in FY 2024-25 to support various Board-approved programs. (4-VOTES)	1,626,000	-	-	1,626,000	-
9. AB-109 Funding: Reflects the carryover of Century Regional Detention Facility Jail-Based-Jobs pilot funding and one-time funding for the MacArthur Park Street Cleaning and Litter Abatement Workforce Development Services, the Skid Row Action Plan – Economic Mobility Program for Entrepreneurs and Job Seekers, and the Second District Community Beautification Workforce Development Programs. (4-VOTES)	667,000	-	667,000	-	-
10. Measure U - Utility User Tax: Reflects the reappropriation of prior-year unspent Measure U - Utility User Tax funding for programs within the unincorporated areas. (4-VOTES)	74,000	-	-	74,000	-
11. Enterprise Systems Maintenance: Reflects the Department's proportional share of enterprise systems maintenance costs (formerly eCAPS maintenance). (4-VOTES)	2,000	-	-	2,000	-
12. Cyber Security: Reflects an increase in one-time and ongoing funding to centrally protect and prevent threats to the County's information security assets by adopting and maintaining existing security solutions to reduce the County's cyber exposure risk while also reducing the County's overall cyber security expenditures. (4-VOTES)	17,000	-	-	17,000	-
13. Salaries and Employee Benefits: Primarily reflects Board-approved increases in salaries and health insurance subsidies. (4-VOTES)	7,000	-	-	7,000	-
14. Ministerial Changes: Reflects the transfers of appropriation from Services and Supplies to Other Charges and Capital Assets to support other County department costs. (3-VOTES)	-	-	-	-	-
Total Changes	34,539,000	763,000	28,249,000	5,527,000	(21.0)
2025-26 Final Adopted	91,969,000	4,856,000	57,881,000	29,232,000	185.0

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Supplemental Changes
Fiscal Year 2025-26

Changes From 2025-26 Adopted Budget

	Gross Appropriation (\$)	Intrafund Transfer (\$)	Revenue (\$)	Net County Cost (\$)	Budg Pos
2025-26 Adopted Budget	105,785,000	16,718,000	65,888,000	23,179,000	0.0
1. CURTAILMENTS: Reflects a decrease for the Y@W program as part of the Department's proportional share of countywide curtailments. (3-VOTES)	(432,000)	-	-	(432,000)	-
2. American Rescue Plan (ARP) Revenue Deletion: Reflects the deletion of services and supplies formerly funded with federal ARP grant money that has ended. (3-VOTES)	(19,123,000)	-	(19,123,000)	-	-
3. Charges to Other County Departments: Reflects one-time funding for GAIN/CalWORKs Transitional Subsidized Employment through DPSS, Youth Employment Programs with DCFS, and the approved carryover of unspent funds through JCOD in support of the RENEW program to provide job training to youth that are detained in Secured Youth Treatment Facilities. (4-VOTES)	9,043,000	9,043,000	-	-	-
4. Federal and State Grants: Reflects the addition of appropriation and revenue for Federal Additional Assistance Grant in support of workers who have lost income due to the January 2025 Wildfires, funding from United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service for the costs associated with the Tree Grant, and state funding for Prison to Employment program to increase employment opportunities for formerly incarcerated and justice-involved individuals. (4-VOTES)	10,426,000	-	10,426,000	-	-
5. AB-109 Funding: Reflects one-time funding for the MacArthur Park Street Cleaning and Litter Abatement Workforce Development Services, the Skid Row Action Plan – Economic Mobility Program for Entrepreneurs and Job Seekers, and the Second District Community Beautification Workforce Development Programs. (4-VOTES)	1,645,000	-	1,645,000	-	-
6. Carryover of American Rescue Plan (ARP)-Enabled Funding: Reflects the carryover of one-time ARP-enabled funding that was budgeted in FY 2024-25 to support various Board-approved programs. (4-VOTES)	1,514,000	-	-	1,514,000	-
Total Changes	3,073,000	9,043,000	(7,052,000)	1,082,000	0.0
2025-26 Final Adopted	108,858,000	25,761,000	58,836,000	24,261,000	0.0

Family and Social Services
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
 Supplemental Changes
 Fiscal Year 2025-26

Changes From 2025-26 Adopted Budget

	Gross Appropriation (\$)	Intrafund Transfer (\$)	Revenue (\$)	Net County Cost (\$)	Budg Pos
2025-26 Adopted Budget	16,209,000	0	12,553,000	3,656,000	0.0
1. CURTAILMENTS: Reflects a decrease in services and supplies as part of the Department's proportional share of countywide curtailments. (3-VOTES)	(491,000)	-	-	(491,000)	-
2. Carryover: Reflects one-time carryover to fund the continuation of the RENOVATE, Catalytic Development, Bioscience, Manufacturing, Film Ordinance, and other Economic Development projects. (4-VOTES)	12,242,000	-	-	12,242,000	-
3. Measure U - Utility User Tax: Reflects the reappropriation of prior-year unspent Measure U - Utility User Tax funding for programs within the unincorporated areas. (4-VOTES)	600,000	-	-	600,000	
Total Changes	12,351,000	-	-	12,351,000	-
2025-26 Final Adopted	28,560,000	0	12,553,000	16,007,000	0.0

Altadena Wildfire Infrastructure Recovery District

September 18, 2025



Senate Bill 782 (Perez)

- Expedited formation of Climate Resilience District (form of EIFD) for disaster recovery where Governor state of emergency declared:
 - Repair damaged or destroyed structures and improvements, support economic recovery, mitigate the risk of future disaster
 - Fix time and place for meetings
- Passed legislature Sept. 4
- Urgency clause – legislation takes effect immediately
- Sponsored by County of Los Angeles



Altadena District Goals

- Repair County and public infrastructure to support community rebuilding
- Promote economic recovery
- Invest in public infrastructure to promote fire hardening and resiliency

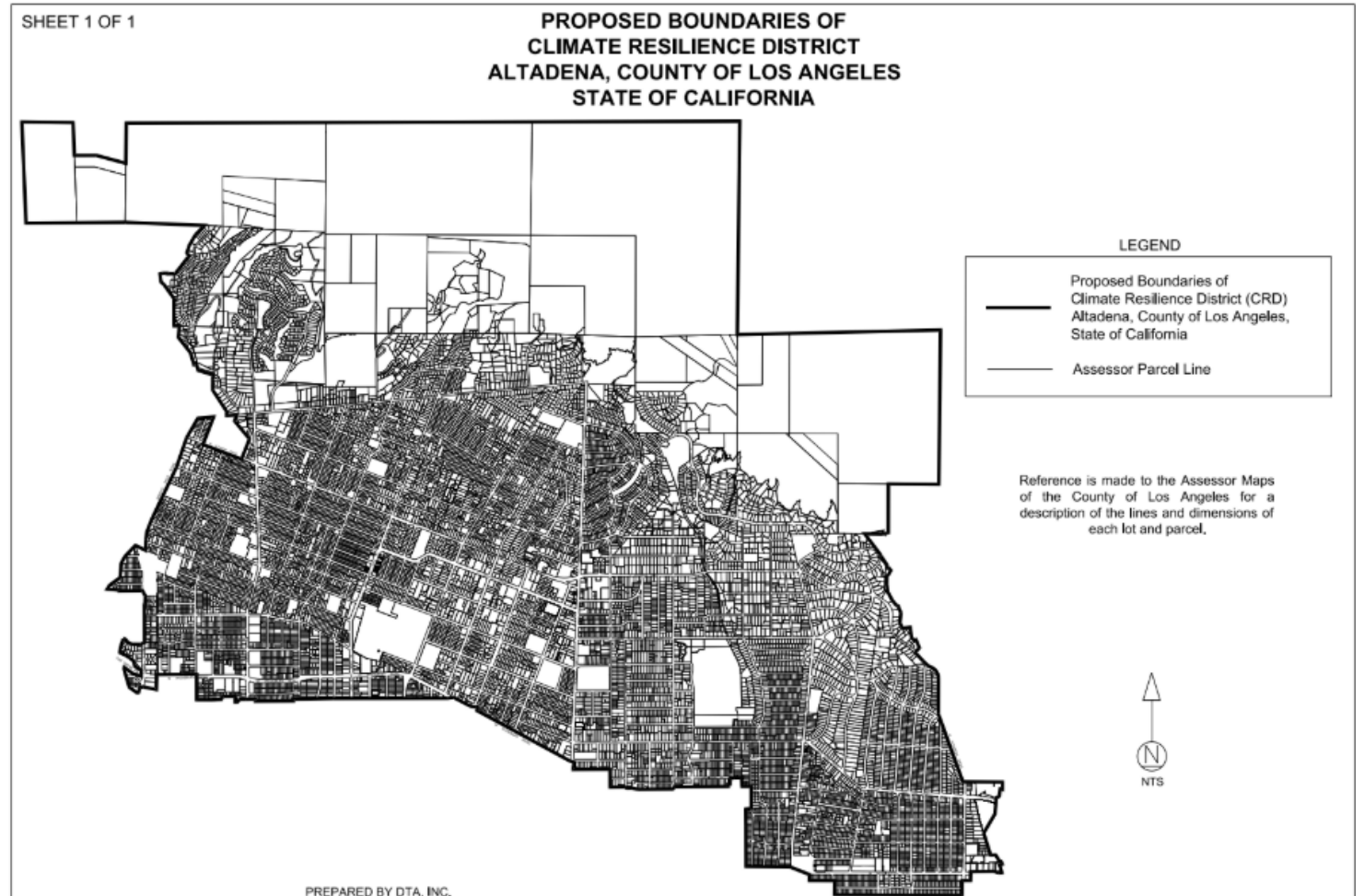


Proposed District Boundaries

- 6,683 acres – 0.21% of County unincorporated area
- \$7,40 billion 2025-26 Assessed Value – 0.34% of County unincorporated area AV
- 14,306 total parcels

Fire Impact:

- \$9.10 billion pre-fire Assessed Value – \$1,7 billion AV reduction
- 7,329 parcels damage / destroyed



Proposed District Improvements



- Initial estimate of \$500 million tax increment revenues over 50 years (\$2025) – conservative assumption of rebuilding back to 2024 pre-fire assessed valuation
- Funded improvements:
 - County facilities – library, senior center, parks
 - Long Term Recovery Master Plan – roads, water/wastewater, sewer
 - Coordinate with other funding sources – FEMA, grants, Prop 4, etc

County Board Policy on Tax Increment Financing Districts

- 1) “The County must not be required to contribute 100% of its property tax increment”
 - Recommending 90% property tax increment contribution based on West Carson EIFD
- 2) “The Fiscal Analysis conducted by the CEO must demonstrate a positive net impact to the County General Fund as a result of the tax revenue generated from the Project Area.”
 - Fiscal impact analysis to be conducted with Infrastructure Financing Plan
- 3) “In addition to supporting economic development, the proposed EIFD Project must align with established Board priorities in one or more of the following areas: 1) affordable housing; 2) homeless prevention; 3) workforce development; or 4) sustainability.”
 - CRD goals include sustainability / resiliency and economic recovery with dedicated affordable housing funds
- 4) “Any rental housing proposed for the EIFD must allocate a minimum of 20% of all units for affordable housing.”
 - In progress; new multi-family housing subject to County Inclusionary Housing Ordinance

Next Steps



- Oct. 14 – BOS notice and meeting to adopt Resolution:
 - Form District and Public Financing Authority
 - Direct CEO to prepare Infrastructure Financing Plan
 - Allocate County property tax revenue – to begin in 2026 – 27 upon final approval
- Infrastructure Financing Plan – available to the public for 30-day review
- Public Financing Authority meeting to adopt IFP – targeting December 10, 2025



Thank you

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Fesia A. Davenport

October 14, 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:

ADOPT A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVING THE COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE ALTADENA WILDFIRE INFRASTRUCTURE RECOVERY DISTRICT (FIFTH DISTRICT) (3-VOTES)

SUBJECT

Approve a resolution authorizing the Los Angeles County's (County) participation in the Altadena Wildfire Infrastructure Recovery District (District).

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the enclosed Resolution is not subject to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the reasons stated in this letter;
2. Adopt the enclosed Resolution to authorize the County to participate in the District; and
3. Authorize the establishment of the governing board (Public Financing Authority) for the District. The PFA's membership will consist of the Supervisor from the Fifth Supervisorial District, two other Supervisors, and two members of the public.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the District is to fund public infrastructure projects and other programs to assist in the rebuilding of the Altadena unincorporated area following the devastating Eaton Fire in January 2025. The devastation included 19 deaths, and the destruction of 9,400



structures including homes, businesses, schools, and government facilities. Infrastructure projects to be funded by the District include the rebuilding and replacement of destroyed County facilities, roads, water, sewer, storm drains, utility undergrounding projects, and other allowable projects.

According to recent legislation (SB 782), the District can use its revenue for: the purpose of acquiring, demolishing, removing, relocating, repairing, restoring, rehabilitating, or replacing buildings, low- and moderate-income housing, facilities, structures, or other improvements, in accordance with applicable laws, which are within the district, and which have been damaged or destroyed by the disaster, which are unsafe to occupy, or which are required to be acquired, demolished, altered, or removed because of the disaster.

Other purposes may include: mitigating the risk of a future disaster, including water and energy resource access and availability during emergencies and natural disasters; undergrounding and hardening of electrical lines and other utilities; and supporting economic recovery from a disaster (residential and commercial reconstruction, affordable housing development, prevention of displacement, low-interest construction loans, capital access programs for small businesses, and workforce development and job training programs).

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

According to existing law, it typically requires one to two years to adopt an Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District (EIFD) or Climate Resilience District (CRD). Recognizing that the rebuilding of Altadena will be dependent on the repair and replacement of critical infrastructure, SB 782 authorized an expedited adoption process for Disaster Recovery Districts. The use of the current Assessor's role as the base year of the project will maximize the property tax received by the District as the Assessor has completed many fire-related reassessments.

Upon completion of the Infrastructure Financing Plan, the CEO will provide your Board with a report consistent with the requirements of the Board Policy for evaluating EIFDs. That report will confirm that the District's Plan is consistent with current law, including: the County's contribution of its share of future property tax increment within the project area will be 90%; the funding of infrastructure projects will stimulate development consistent with County regulations; and there will be a time limit and a dollar cap on the amount of tax increment received by the District.

Another requirement of the Board Policy is that any rental housing proposed for the project area allocate a minimum of 20% of all units for affordable housing. Typical EIFDs construct new units on underdeveloped sites. The Policy did not anticipate disaster

recovery projects that are focused on infrastructure projects that will assist in rebuilding residential and commercial structures that were destroyed in the disaster. At your Board's direction, my office can clarify the Board Policy on EIFDs to modify requirements that match the needs of disaster recovery projects.

Once the infrastructure projects are complete, funds will revert to the County General Fund. Initial analysis was presented to the County's Economic Development Policy Committee on September 18, 2025.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS/NEXT STEPS

The law authorizing creation of EIFDs, California Government Code section 53398.50, *et seq* (EIFD law), took effect in 2015. EIFDs include: 1) a 45-year time limit after the first bond issuance; 2) the voluntary contribution of property tax increment and/or property tax in lieu of Vehicle License Fees by the County General Fund for tax increment financing; 3) a cap on the County's contribution; and 4) governance of the EIFD by a separate Public Financing Authority with members appointed by the County.

Climate Resilience Districts (CRDs), a type of EIFD, were established in 2022. SB 782, signed into law by the Governor on September __, 2025 allow for a new type of tax increment financing district: Disaster Recovery District. The Altadena District will be consistent with the requirements of SB 782, which allows for an expedited adoption process and some flexibility regarding the types of projects that qualify for funding. The expedited adoption is necessary for the District to establish the base year prior to rebuilding.

Because the project area is in a County unincorporated area, the County will be the sole participant in the District. If approved, the County will begin participating in the District and contribute 90 percent of its share of future property tax increment generated in the District project area. In accordance with the law, the County resolution will establish the District's Public Financing Authority, which includes three designated representatives of your Board and two members of the public appointed by your Board. The County will also have the right to review the District's financial records and calculations to ensure the County does not contribute property tax increment more than the amount required to fund the infrastructure projects.

The Infrastructure Financing Plan ("IFP") will be presented to the Public Financing Authority at a later date and will include the provisions necessary for the County to begin participating in the District.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The recommended actions are not a project pursuant to CEQA, because they are an activity that is excluded from the definition of a project by Section 15378(b) of the State CEQA Guidelines. This proposed action is the creation of a government funding mechanism, a fiscal activity which does not involve any commitment to any specific project, which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The infrastructure projects will include the rebuilding of County facilities damaged or destroyed in the Eaton Fire, critical infrastructure projects (roads, water, sewer, storm drains, and utility undergrounding) by the Department of Public Works, and other projects authorized by the law (supporting economic recovery, affordable housing development, prevention of displacement, low-interest construction loans, etc.).

CEO staff is working with a consultant and various County departments to ensure that the District is consistent with State Law and the County Board Policy on Tax Increment Financing Districts. Initial analysis was presented to the Economic Development Policy Committee on September 18, 2025, and CEO will provide a written report to your Board prior to adoption of the District by its Public Financing Authority. Therefore, the CEO recommends the Board approve the resolution for the County's participation in the Altadena Wildfire Infrastructure Recovery District.

CONCLUSION

Upon Board approval, please return two signed copies of the Resolution and two stamped copies of the adopted Board letter to the CEO.

Respectfully submitted,

FESIA A. DAVENPORT
Chief Executive Officer

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Enclosure

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County Counsel
Auditor-Controller

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF
LOS ANGELES TO ESTABLISH THE PROPOSED ALTADENA WILDFIRE
INFRASTRUCTURE RECOVERY DISTRICT AND PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 2.99 of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5 of the California Government Code (commencing with Section 53398.50) (the "EIFD Law") the County of Los Angeles ("County") is authorized to establish an Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District ("EIFD"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Division 6 of the California Government Code (commencing with Section 62300) (the "CRD Law"), the County is authorized to establish a Climate Resilience District ("CRD"); and

WHEREAS, recognizing the benefits of expeditiously adopting a type of CRD focused on assisting in rebuilding critical infrastructure after a disaster, such as the devastating wildfires in the County of Los Angeles in January 2025, the State Legislature passed Senate Bill 782 (Perez) ("SB 782"), which was signed into law by the Governor as an urgency statute taking immediate effect on September __, 2025; and

WHEREAS, in the event of a disaster for which the Governor has declared a statute of emergency, SB 782 allows the County to form and dedicate revenue to a special form of CRD to finance disaster recovery efforts, including repairing or replacing buildings, low- and moderate-income housing, facilities, structures, or other improvements within the CRD that have been damaged or destroyed by the disaster, mitigating the risk of a future disaster, or supporting economic recovery from a disaster;

WHEREAS, the Governor of California declared a state of emergency in response to the January 2025 wildfires in the Altadena area known as the "Eaton Wildfire" on January 8, 2025;

WHEREAS, this resolution, consistent with the EIFD Law and CRD Law, as amended by SB 782, creates the Altadena Wildfire Infrastructure Recovery District ("Altadena District"); and

WHEREAS, the proposed boundaries of the Altadena District are in an unincorporated County area identified on a map entitled "Proposed Boundaries of the Altadena District," a copy of which is attached to this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Altadena District will be used to finance the repair and replacement of certain needed public facilities and other projects related to the rebuild within the proposed boundaries of the Altadena District that were damaged or destroyed in the wild fires and will promote economic development both within and outside the Altadena District project area, thereby promoting public safety, commerce, revenues and public health, safety and welfare of the County; and

WHEREAS, also establish a Public Financing Authority ("PFA") to serve as the governing body of the proposed District and which will also be responsible for implementing the Infrastructure Financing Plan ("IFP") required under District Law; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Altadena Public Financing Authority shall be a legal, public entity separate from the County of Los Angeles, and shall establish bylaws and rules of procedure to govern its meetings; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code section 53398.51.1, the County of Los Angeles participating as the lone taxing entity, the membership of the PFA shall consist of three members of the Board of Supervisors and two members of the public chosen by the Board of Supervisors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles that:

1. The Board finds that the Eaton Fire disaster caused damage to the area within the boundaries of the Altadena District (unincorporated Altadena) so prevalent and so substantial that the physical and economic burden created by the Eaton Fire cannot reasonably be expected to be reversed or alleviated by private enterprise or government action, or both without the establishment of the District to assist redevelopment and recovery. The Governor declared a State of Emergency on January 7, 2025, and a mandatory evacuation order for all of Altadena was in place from January 8th to January 31st. The Eaton Fire profoundly disrupted life in the community including: 19 deaths, destroyed 9,400 structures, including homes, businesses, schools, government facilities, and places of worship. Families who lost their homes continue to be displaced, and critical infrastructure (roads, water, sewer, storm drains, utilities, etc.) needs to be repaired or replaced to allow for the rebuild of homes and businesses.
2. Further, the Board finds:
 - (A) The Altadena District is proposed to be established under the terms of Division 6 of Title 6 of the California Government Code, as amended by SB 782, and the proposed District map of unincorporated Altadena is attached.
 - (B) Public facilities and projects included in the District may include: acquiring, demolishing, removing, relocating, repairing, restoring, rehabilitating, or replacing buildings, low- and moderate-income housing, facilities, structures, or other improvements, in accordance with applicable laws, which are within the district, and which have been damaged or destroyed by the disaster, which are unsafe to occupy, or which are required to be acquired, demolished, altered, or removed because of the disaster. In addition, projects may include those that mitigate the risk of future disaster (water and energy resource access during emergencies, and undergrounding of utilities), and projects that support economic recovery from a disaster, as described in Section 62313 (f)(3) of the California Government Code.
 - (C) Given the level of destruction created by the Eaton Fire, the need for the District is overwhelming, and the primary goal of the District is to fund infrastructure projects that will allow for the rebuilding of the community.
 - (D) Pursuant to Section 53398.68 of the California Government Code, incremental property tax revenue from the County of Los Angeles may be used to finance the activities described in this resolution.
 - (E) The County does not intend to include tax revenues derived from local sales and use taxes in its contribution to the District. Any consideration of the use of Bradley-Burns or other sales and use taxes would require future Board of Supervisors and PFA approval.
 - (F) This resolution shall be considered on the Board agenda of October 14, 2025.
3. The Board intends that the County of Los Angeles shall be the sole taxing entity to participate in the Altadena District;

4. Pursuant to Government Code section 53398.51.1, as the participating taxing entity in the proposed Altadena District, the County of Los Angeles will have membership in the governing body of the Altadena District as follows:
 - a. The member of the Board of Supervisors elected by the Supervisorial District containing the majority of the District territory, shall be one member of the PFA,
 - b. Two other Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, as determined by the Board of Supervisors, and
 - c. two members of the public appointed by the Board of Supervisors;
5. The CEO, in consultation with a consultant retained by the CEO, will prepare the IFP in accordance with District Law;
6. The IFP will be presented to the governing body of the Altadena District at a future date for approval, and will be consistent with Section 53398.63 which requires a map and legal description of the area, a description of the public infrastructure projects to be financed, and a financing section describing the amount and division of future property tax increment, project time and dollar limits;
7. By approving this resolution, consistent with District Law, the Board of Supervisors provides its approval for the future contribution of County General Fund share of property tax increment and motor vehicle license fees to the Altadena District, consistent with the IFP approved by the governing body of the Altadena District;
8. The governing body of the Altadena District shall post notice of its meeting at least 10-days prior to the meeting, and make available the IFP 30-days prior to its meeting;
9. The governing body of the Altadena District will hold a public hearing for the establishment of the proposed Altadena District and approval of the IFP;
10. This resolution obligates the County of Los Angeles to use incremental tax revenue to finance public facilities in the proposed Altadena District consistent with the IFP to be approved by the governing body of the Altadena District;
11. This Resolution provides the Board of Supervisor's approval to establish the proposed Altadena District. The establishment of the proposed Altadena District and approval of the IFP is contingent upon the approval by the governing body of the Altadena District by resolution and ordinance following a public hearing;
12. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its approval by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles; and
13. The County CEO, Auditor-Controller, or their designees may access and review the Altadena District's records upon request for any purpose.

The foregoing resolution was on the ____day of _____ 2025, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles.

EDWARD YEN
Executive Officer
Board of Supervisors of

the County of Los Angeles

By _____
Deputy

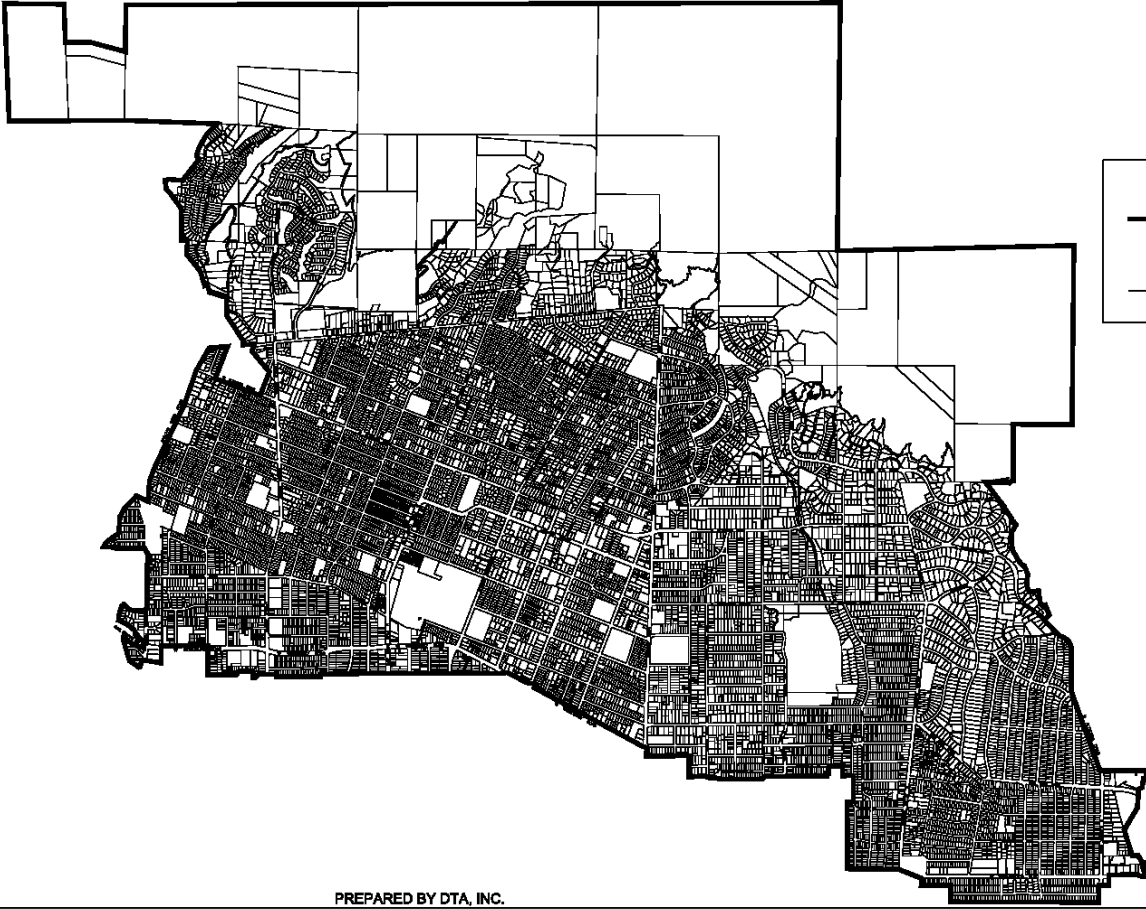
APPROVED AS TO FORM

DAWYN R. HARRISON
County Counsel

By _____
Deputy County Counsel

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**PROPOSED BOUNDARIES OF
CLIMATE RESILIENCE DISTRICT
ALTADENA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



LEGEND

- Proposed Boundaries of Climate Resilience District (CRD) Altadena, County of Los Angeles, State of California
- Assessor Parcel Line

Reference is made to the Assessor Maps of the County of Los Angeles for a description of the lines and dimensions of each lot and parcel.



Poverty Alleviation Initiative (PAI)

Annual Report Updates & State of Poverty Dashboard Release

September 18, 2025

Kristina Meza
Executive Director



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Stepping Up Together: Co-Creating Paths to a Brighter Future

Year Three Update

Executive Summary

Key PAI Accomplishments This Year

The Poverty Alleviation Program is aligned with PAI's strategy to work in collaboration with the following agencies: (DCFS); Consumer and Business Services (DPSS); Office of Child Welfare Services (HC); Economic Opportunity Commission (EOPC); Change (SBCC); Los Angeles County (CICD); Koreatown Youth and Community Center (KCCC); Immigrants Are Los Angeles (IALA).

- ❖ Completed the Program to provide per month or 5
- ❖ Secured \$25 housing-based capacity for the
- ❖ Secured \$1.8 million Access and Equity
- ❖ Launched the County (County
- ❖ Released the evaluation philanthropy for Counties Chief University of C

Key Partner-

- ❖ In response to impacted businesses, immediate relief economic recovery
 - DCBA to house million
- ❖ First 5 LA launch childcare providers
- ❖ Food Equity Movement organizations
- ❖ DEO's Economic businesses, no

Progress Made This Year

Progress continues to be made across all five of the current PAI priorities that align with the PAI strategic framework, *Stepping Up Together*, and all 20 of the additional priorities led by other partners.

PAI Strategic Framework Priorities

1) Supporting Grassroots Community-Led Projects

PAI, in partnership with DCFS and Thriving Families, Safer Children (TFSC), released grants to 20 neighborhoods across the County in July 2023. The grants were used toward two-year projects that uplift resident identified priorities and addresses either a root cause or effect of poverty.

- ❖ Twenty (20) rent-led projects received grants of \$135,000 to engage their communities in participatory budgeting, project design, and implementation of their ideas for addressing root causes and effects of poverty within their communities.
- ❖ As projects close-out in July 2025, an evaluation report conducted by UCLA will be shared with stakeholders and participating organizations and partners. The evaluation will highlight successes and lessons learned to help inform continued investment in community-led initiatives. In the interim, Case Families along with grantees have produced a [Blueprint for sustaining innovative partnerships with communities and lived experience experts](#).
- ❖ Completed projects to date include:
 - Launching neighborhood safety courses ranging from active shooter awareness, self-defense, and CPR/First Aid certifications for more than 215 community member attendees.
 - Strengthening engagement for non-native English-speaking youth in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) through English as a Second Language-centered robotics competitions, specialized tutoring, and linkages to on-campus STEM clubs and extracurricular activities.
 - Distributed more than 1,600 neighborhood-developed food vouchers to families in partnership with local grocery stores, who received the grant funds and honored vouchers for healthy and nutrient rich food options.

2) Maximizing Guaranteed Income Resources Available

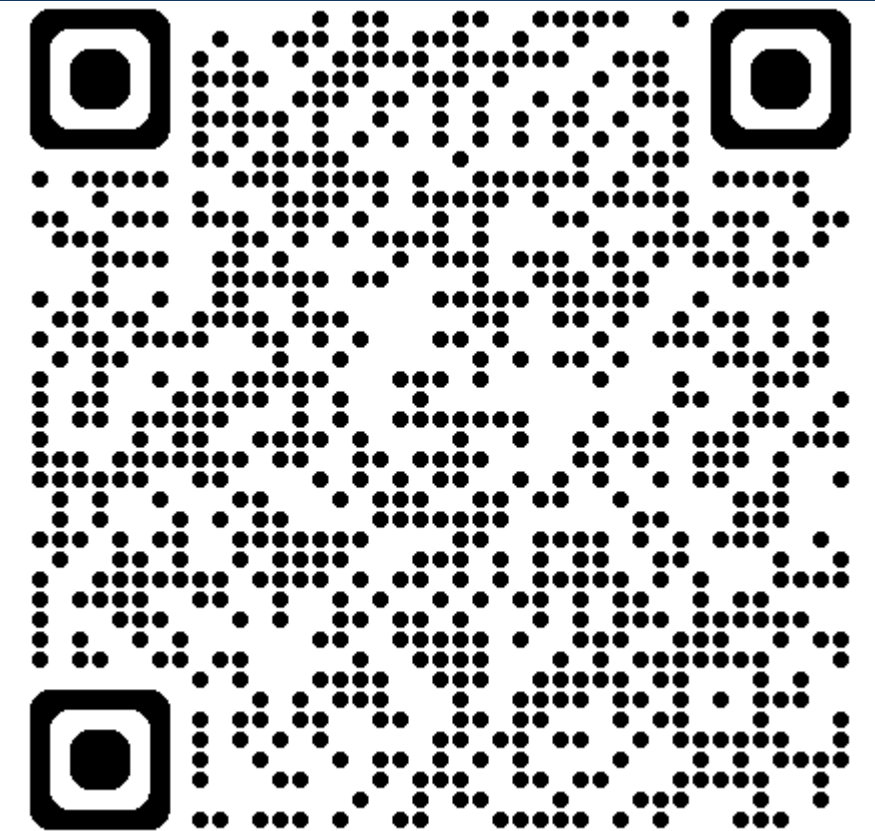
Guaranteed income is an effective strategy towards alleviating poverty while also improving health and well-being outcomes. Guaranteed income programs provide cash grants without the paternalistic requirements traditionally accompanied by government-funded benefit programs, like work requirements. Research and evidence are now demonstrating that a guaranteed income program provides households with financial stability, improved employment and economic mobility outcomes, increased engagement in post-secondary education, reduced stress, reduced medical and doctor visits, and increased sense of hope and well-being.

While the County, City, and many partners behind the 15 guaranteed income projects that have launched throughout the County build additional evidence to further demonstrate the positive impact and efficacy of guaranteed income, we are all also contributing to national and statewide narrative change work. Narrative change uplifts the resounding evidence that

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PAI Priority Actions

PAI Five Starting Priorities:

- Supporting grassroots community-led projects (ending 2025)
- **Maximizing guaranteed income resources available**
- Increasing tax credit filings
- Increasing benefit access by mitigating benefit cliffs
- Reforming General Relief (GR)

NEW! For 2026 – Beyond Abundant Birth



LA County's Guaranteed Income Programs

Breathe Expansion – LA County DCFS Foster Youth

- Expanded Breathe with 2,100 LA County foster youth in October 2024
- Youth are receiving \$500/monthly or \$1,500/quarterly depending on age for up to 18-months

DPSS TAYportunity

- Provides \$1,000 to 300 youth enrolled in the General Relief program for 3 years
- Offers voluntary financial and employment coaching through their TAYportunity program

DPH Abundant Birth – Los Angeles

- Provides \$807 monthly stipends for 18 months to 410 pregnant people in LA County at risk of experiencing the most adverse birth outcomes

DPH FLEX Card Program

- Provided \$400 monthly in prepaid gift cards to 1,250 people living with HIV for 6 months.



Guaranteed Income: Permanency and Expansion

Areas of Focus:

- **Maximize Local Funding**
 - Emphasis on BHSA, TANF, and Housing/Homelessness Resources to support Guaranteed Income
- **Benefit Protections**
 - To date, the County has preserved more than \$9M in public benefits
- **Policy Advocacy**
 - In coordination with LAIR, supported bills and narrative change to advance pro-GI policy
- **Reform Across Existing Benefit Programs**
 - Modifying existing programs with cash components to model learnings from Guaranteed Income
- **Report Back on findings from Breathe in 2027**
 - Led by UPenn Center for Guaranteed Income Research



Key Updates from Partners Across Strategies

Invest in Our Communities

- DEO's Economic Opportunity Grant released \$56M to 5,293 grantees to help small businesses, non-profits, and microbusinesses recover and grow post-pandemic
- DEO and DCBA released more than \$50M in grants to workers, businesses, and households impacted by wildfires

Strengthen Pathways to Opportunities

- First 5 LA launched a Guaranteed Income Program for Family, Friend, and Neighbor (FFN) child care providers in April 2025, expanding FFN network
- Office of the Advancement for Early Care and Education (OAECE) Processed \$1,852,550 in financial stipends for 1,134 early educators who improved their qualifications

Expand Access to Basic Supports

- Increase claiming of all available tax credits (DCBA, DPSS, DEO, A&D)
- Completed the second expansion of Breathe: LA County's Guaranteed Income to more than 2,100 foster youth (DCFS)
- DCBA Generated \$137M in trust-protected assets through a one-time grant investment of \$1.7 million

Improve Our Service Delivery System

- Launched the State of Poverty Dashboard (CIO, ISD)
- Launched the General Relief Reform Working Group across community, County, and lived-experience stakeholders. (DPSS)
- Food Equity Roundtable released \$20M in grants to 75 organizations resulting in increased food security for more than 60,000 residents

Moving Forward



Trend Analysis:
2018-2023



Conceptual
model



Qualitative
review

PAI is conducting a five-year meta-analysis across all of **PAI**'s anti-poverty work with:

- UCLA
- Stanford
- ISD
- CIO

Funding for the evaluation provided by the Hilton Foundation for the first 2-years of the project.

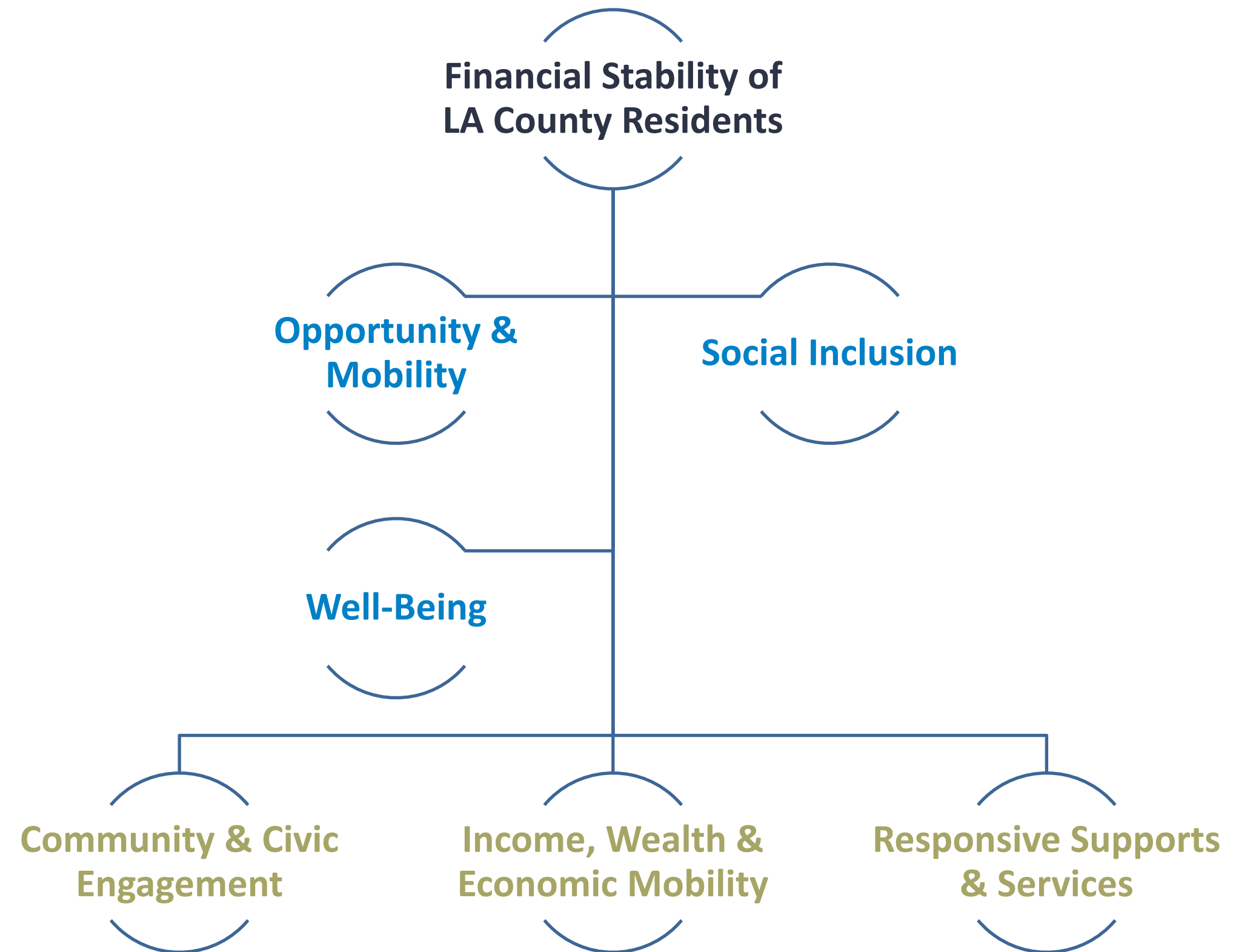
The evaluation will include a **Trend Analysis**, **Conceptual Model Index**, and **Qualitative Review**



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PAI released an earlier version of the Conceptual Model in the PAI Strategic Framework.

This diagram represents an updated version of that Model.



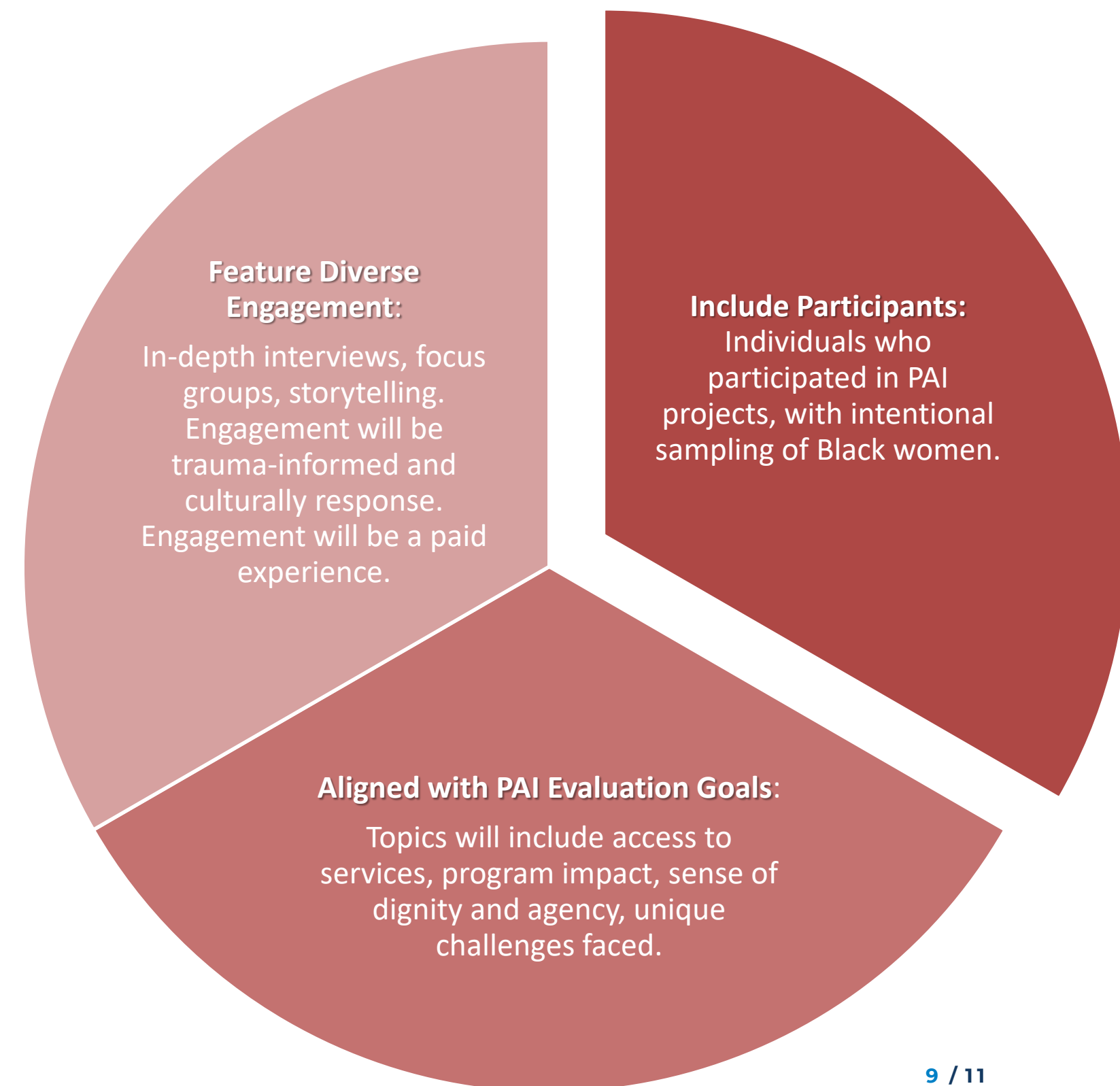
CEO. Measuring Success: Qualitative Review

The evaluation will include a qualitative study that leverages Janelle Jones' **Black Women Best (BWB) Framework**.

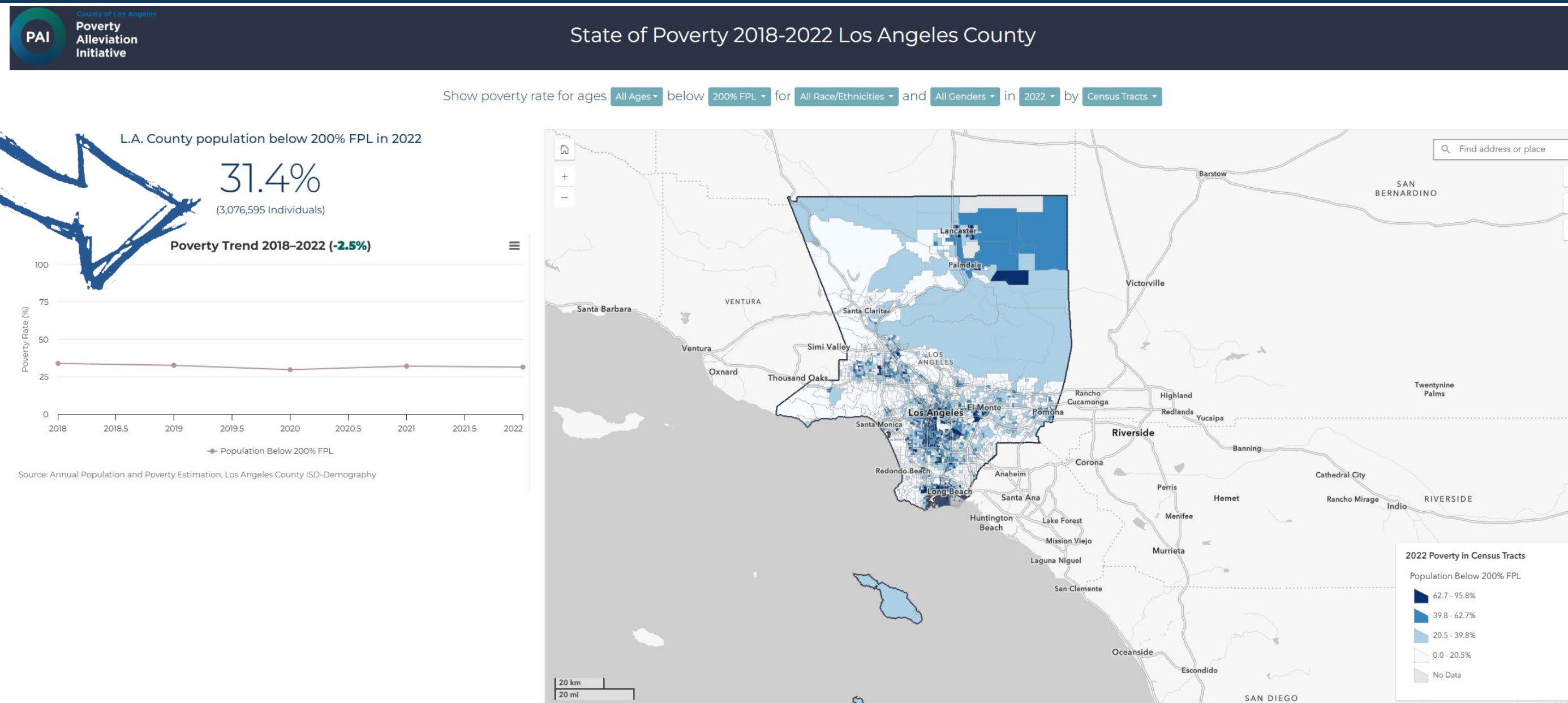
Premise: If Black women – who face compounding economic and social barriers – are thriving, then **everyone** benefits.

Aligns with LA County's **equity** and **racial justice** goals while uncovering structural barriers and opportunities for tailored intervention.

Informs **transformative**, not just transactional, **change** in how the County prevents and mitigates poverty.



INTRODUCING: PAI's State of Poverty Dashboard



URL:

<https://apps.gis.lacounty.gov/static/CEO/PAI/>





Next Steps

Between Now and June 2026:

- **Update PAI State of Poverty Dashboard** to include 2025 data and develop LA County Poverty Index
- **Launch** CalWORKs Benefit Cliff Mitigation Pilot
- **Launch** New Housing Guaranteed Income Program for General Relief Recipients
- **Develop initial recommendations** with DPSS for General Relief Reform
- **Close Breathe** and finalize recommendations for GI permanency in LA County
- **Report to the Board** on progress made



Thank you.