



Board of Supervisors Economic Development Policy Committee Meeting

DATE: April 16, 2026

TIME: 2:30 pm

MEETING CHAIR: Annette Trejo, 1st Supervisorial District

DEO MEETING FACILITATOR: 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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Members of the Public may address the Economic Development Policy Committee on any agenda item during Public Comment. 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

- None

III. Presentation/Discussion Item(s)

- LA County Film Office Update
Gary Smith, Department of Economic Opportunity – LA County Film Office
- FilmLA Update
Denise Gutches and Philip Sokoloski, FilmLA

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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LOS ANGELES COUNTY FILM OFFICE UPDATE

Economic Development Policy Committee - April 16, 2026



Today

- Interagency coordination & FilmLA contract mgmt & oversight
- Industry liaison & constituent services
- Consultative services for workforce partnerships & pipeline development
- Concierge services for Production
- County Departmental Filming policies oversight

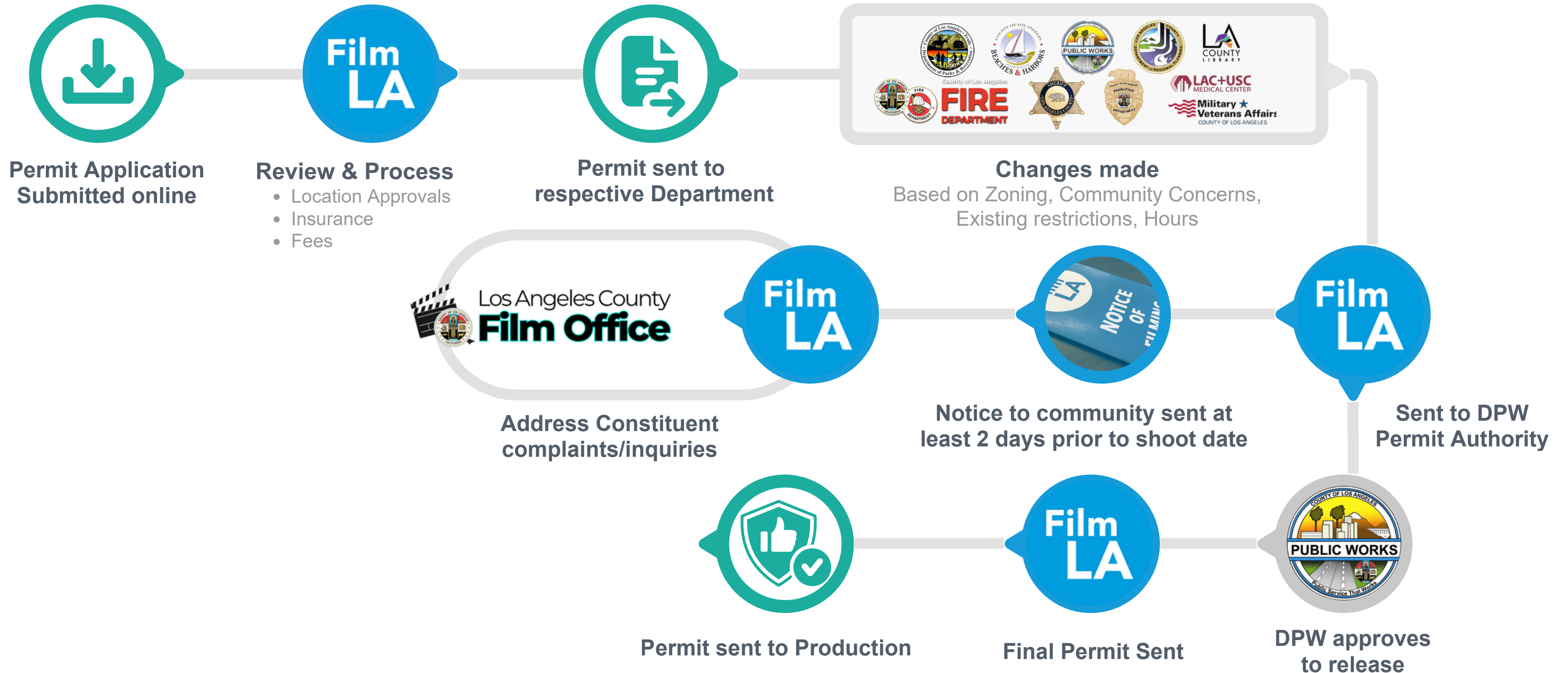
Near-Term

- Economic Impact Studies: Paramount/Warner Bros and Industry trend analysis
- Evergreen Fund
- Countywide Filming education campaign
- Submission of County Film Ordinance pending increased capacity
- Ongoing streamlining of County Departmental Filming policies.

Long-Term Vision

- Stronger industry & stakeholder collaboration
- Emerging technology production space development
- Industry retention & regional policy alignment
- Launch of Evergreen Fund
- Expansion of Industry related workforce programming
- Regional alignment of film related policies.

How a Permit Works



Upcoming Progress Towards Directives



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July 15, 2025

Barger/Horvath Advancing the Resiliency of the Film and Television Industry Motion

Interdepartmental Streamlining

Identifying true cost-recovery fees vs. red tape;
reducing jurisdictional complexity

Evergreen Fund

\$20M–\$100M fund for emerging media
technology companies in LA County

Promotional Campaign

Omnichannel campaign promoting LA as a film-friendly
destination and encouraging filming in high-propensity
unincorporated areas.

March 17, 2026

Paramount/Warner Brothers Merger & Screen Industry Report Motion

Analysis of the workforce and economic impacts of the WBD/Paramount merger on employment and small businesses
Report on the future and current state of the Screen Industry (formerly referred to as Film and Television Industry)

ONGOING

County City Joint Entertainment Partnership Committee

Quarterly convenings of Major Studios, Unions, Guilds, Associations, Location Managers, Advocates, County and City
Departments, Sheriff, LAPD, Fire, CA Film Commission, Board Deputies, FilmLA

The Path Forward



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01 Film Ordinance

A single, clear code governing filming in LA County — replacing the current patchwork of departmental policies with a coherent Title II framework.

02 Centralized Permit Authority

Move Permit Authority from DPW to the Film Office — DEO, a body with production expertise and a daily understanding of industry needs and community impacts.

03 LA County Filming Dashboard

Real-time data infrastructure synthesizing CFC tax credits, FilmLA shoot days, and County permits into actionable intelligence.

04 Film-Ready County

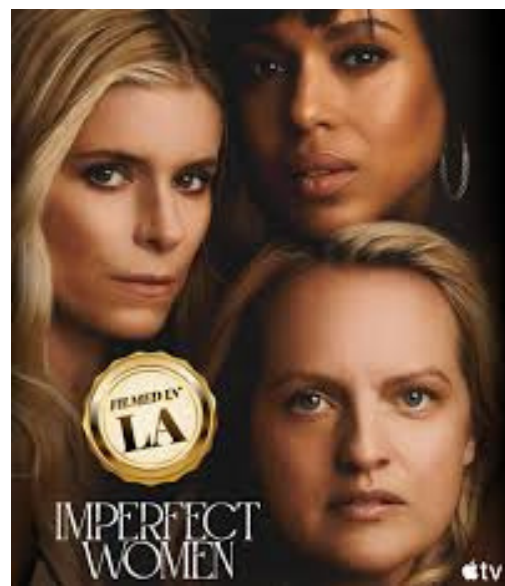
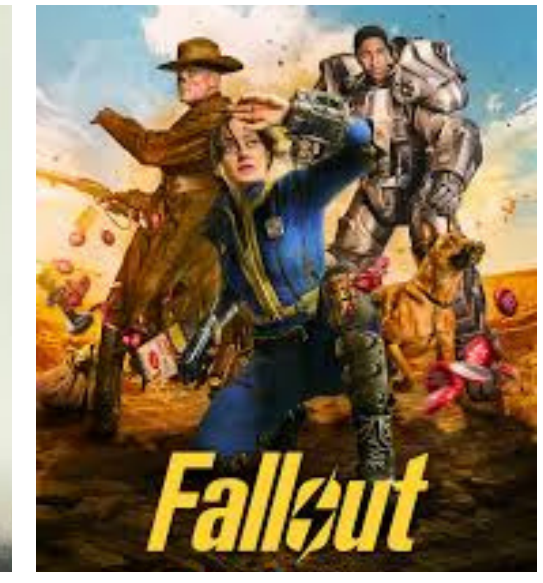
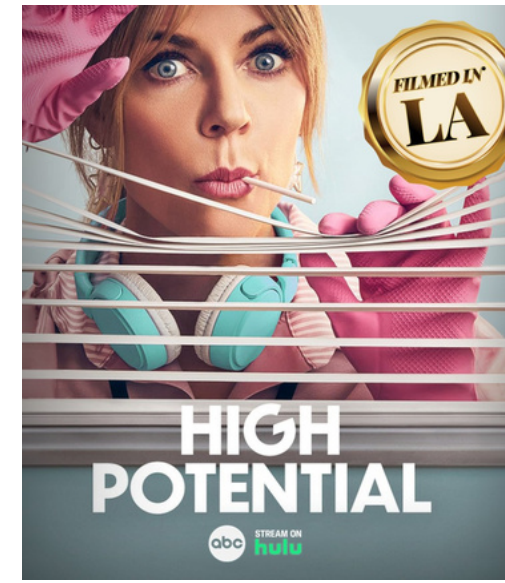
LA County Film campaign, the Evergreen Fund, streamlined fees, and stakeholder-built policy; all positioning LA County as the one of the most production-friendly jurisdictions in the nation.

Productions Assisted



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Past Productions:

Mandalorian, Nope, Ford vs Ferrari, American Sniper, A Star Is Born, The Old Man, Rebel Moon



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Los Angeles County Film Office Webpage:

opportunity.lacounty.gov/lacountyfilmoffice

Questions? Thank you!

Visit the DEO webpage
and learn more:

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The Official Film Office
of Greater Los Angeles



CORE

SERVICES





WHAT WE DO

Film
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CORE SERVICE: Provide coordination of on-location filming permits in Greater Los Angeles County.

OUR MISSION: FilmLA streamlines and enhances the on-location filmmaking process for communities and content creators, to ensure the Greater Los Angeles economy continues to thrive.

SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICES:

- Production Planning
- Neighborhood Notification
- Outreach & Education
- On-location Monitoring
- Economic Research



WHO WE ARE

FILML.A., INC.® is a 501(c)(4) not-for-profit organization and the official film office for the City and County of Los Angeles, among a growing number of local municipalities.



The FilmLA Foundation is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization established in 2025 to support a thriving film economy in California.



FILMLA FOUNDATION PROGRAMS

RESEARCH *(Now Part of FilmLA Foundation)*

Produces and shares data on the U.S. film economy and global production trends, highlighting Greater Los Angeles.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Creates limited-duration, high-visibility, pro-filming campaigns to inspire positive change.

FILMMAKER SUPPORT

Celebrates the contributions of emerging and underrepresented filmmakers and working professionals.



PRODUCTION PLANNING

Guides Filmmakers Through the Permit Process

Explains Requirements & Unique Needs of Communities



Answers over 24,000 calls/emails per year



Consults on complex filming requests



Advises on drone use, special FX and stunts



Analyzes budgets for location costs



Identifies options for base camps and parking



Reserves government properties for filming

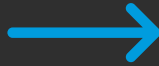


Maintains LocoScout location database



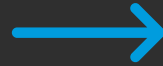
PERMIT COORDINATION

FILMMAKER



Apply via

MYFILMLA



Project Assigned to

FILMLA PRODUCTION COORDINATOR

Processes over 15,000 **LOCATIONS** per year

Reviews **COMMUNITY SURVEY** results to identify & **MITIGATE CONCERNS**

Coordinates **STREET CLOSURES & POSTED PARKING**
(with LADOT & Board of Public Works, per guidelines)

Organizes walk-throughs with **PUBLIC SAFETY** personnel

Verifies & processes required **INSURANCE COVERAGE**

Facilitates LA County Fire **PERSONNEL HIRES**

Ensures required **BASE CAMP / CREW PARKING**

Coordinates **HIGH IMPACT ACTIVITY**
(gunfire, EFX, stunt driving, etc.)

Facilitates required **APPROVALS** & jurisdictional **FEES**

Coordinates **AERIAL ACTIVITY**
(drone, helicopter, etc.)





PERMIT APPROVAL PROCESS

Los Angeles County



Multiple layers of government approval are required for permit processing. FilmLA has no authority to approve or deny film permits. Permits are released after final approval by designated County authority.



LA County Department of Public Works:

Road Department
Flood Control



Department of Animal Care and Control



Department of Beaches and Harbors



Department of Parks and Recreation



Department of Public Health



LA County Airports



LA County Courthouses



LA County Fairplex



LA County Fire Department



LA County Hall of Administration



LA County Medical Examiner



LA County Public Libraries



LA County Sheriff's Department

LA COUNTY

- LA County Department of Public Works: Road Department & Flood Control
- Department of Animal Care and Control
- Department of Beaches and Harbors
- Department of Parks and Recreation
- Department of Public Health
- LA County Airports
- LA County Courthouses
- LA County Hall of Administration
- LA County Fire Department
- LA County Medical Examiner
- LA County Medical Examiner
- LA County Public Libraries
- LA County Sheriff's Department

CITY OF MONTEREY PARK

- City Managers Office
- Police Department
- Fire Department
- Public Works
- Recreation & Community Services
- Human Resources & Risk Management

LA CITY

- Los Angeles Police Department
- Building and Safety
- Cultural Affairs
- Department of Animal Services
- Department of Public Works
- Department of Sanitation
- Department of Street Services
- Department of Transportation
- Department of Water and Power
- General Services Department
- LAPD Security Services
- Los Angeles Fire Department
- Los Angeles Metro
- Los Angeles Public Libraries
- Los Angeles World Airports
- Los Angeles Zoo
- Port of Los Angeles
- Recreation and Parks

OTHER AREAS

Up to 5 locations across 15 jurisdictions, including all relevant departments and organizations.



The Permit Process Across

MULTIPLE JURISDICTIONS

(an example)



FIELD SERVICES

NOTIFICATION PROGRAM



FilmLA provides advance Notice of Filming through in-person delivery of flyers to homes and businesses.

FilmLA distributes notices 7 days/week from 6 AM to 7 PM.



FIELD SERVICES

MONITORING PROGRAM



Monitors work to make sure filmmakers work within the terms of their city or county approved permit.



24/7

Monitors provide 24-hour support to community members and film production companies.



At County Officials' request, FilmLA Monitors can be assigned to high impact and sensitive filming locations.



Monitors work in shifts. Typically, day shifts run from 5 AM to 11 PM and night shifts from 5 PM to 6 AM.



FIELD SERVICES



IDENTIFY OUR TEAM



HAT

Logo Branded, Gray

SHIRT

Logo Branded, Gray

PANTS

Or Shorts, Black

NOTICES

Blue & White

Notifiers carry stacks of notices.



PHOTO ID

With Holographic Logo

FilmLA ID card has a photo and a holographic logo.



LANYARD

Reflective

Photo ID card is on a reflective lanyard with a black FilmLA logo.

VEHICLE



LADOT Placard

Personal vehicles display official LADOT Contractor Parking Placards on the dashboard.



OUTREACH & EDUCATION



EDUCATING community members, film industry, film hosts and community groups (Chambers, Town Councils, BIDs, HOAs) on our processes, procedures, and city regulations for filming.



DEVELOPING proactive guidelines and implementing mitigation plans for on-location filming.



COLLABORATING with the community, government clients, permit authorities, and the film industry.



RESEARCHING and distributing location intelligence.



RESOLVING film complaints at a high-level.





FINANCE & ACCOUNTING



Consolidated Payment Convenience for the Film Industry
Billing and Collections Support for Local Government



Process 20,000 + customer invoices / year.



Maintain municipal fees in FilmLA systems.



Reconcile final billing for 21 client jurisdictions.



Assist independent auditors with records access.

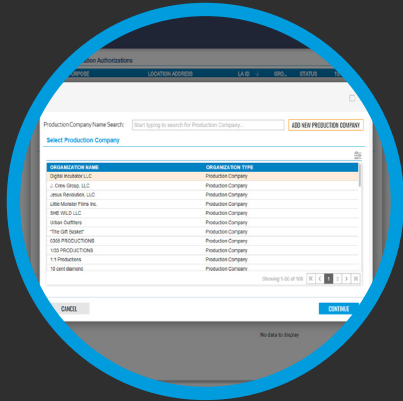


Assist 1,600 refund eligible customers / year.



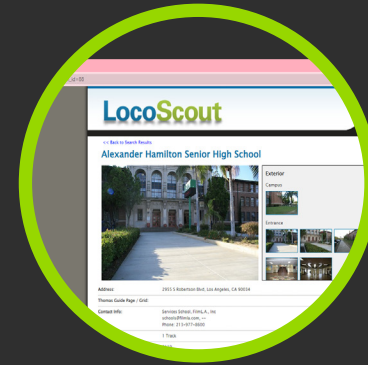
Manage all tax, license & regulatory filings.

TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION



MYFILMLA

Our fully online permit system MyFilmLA offers complete film permit management - handling every step of the permit process, from application intake to government approval and release.



LOCO SCOUT

A location library that is public property exclusive and a snap to search. LocoScout helps filmmakers find some future favorites.

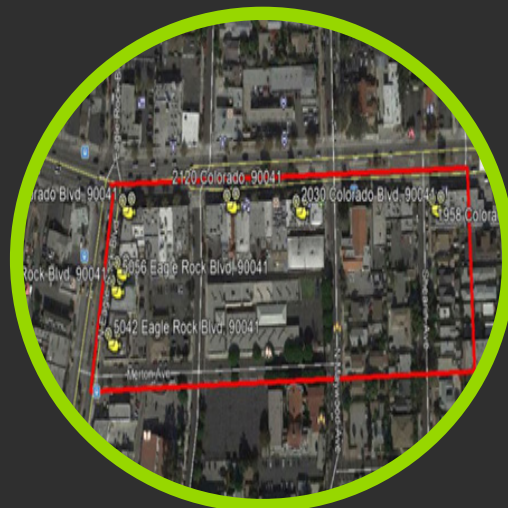


KNOWLEDGE BASE

The FilmLA Knowledge Base, located at info.filmla.com, is a searchable hub to find information on filming requirements, general policies and more.

GIS LOCATION INTELLIGENCE

This feature enables FilmLA staff to provide better customer service and film production location mapping for improved conflict avoidance.



RESERVATIONS

This online system makes it easy for filmmakers to identify and reserve Los Angeles County parks and beaches for filming activity.



RESEARCH UPDATE

LOS ANGELES SHOOT DAYS 2025

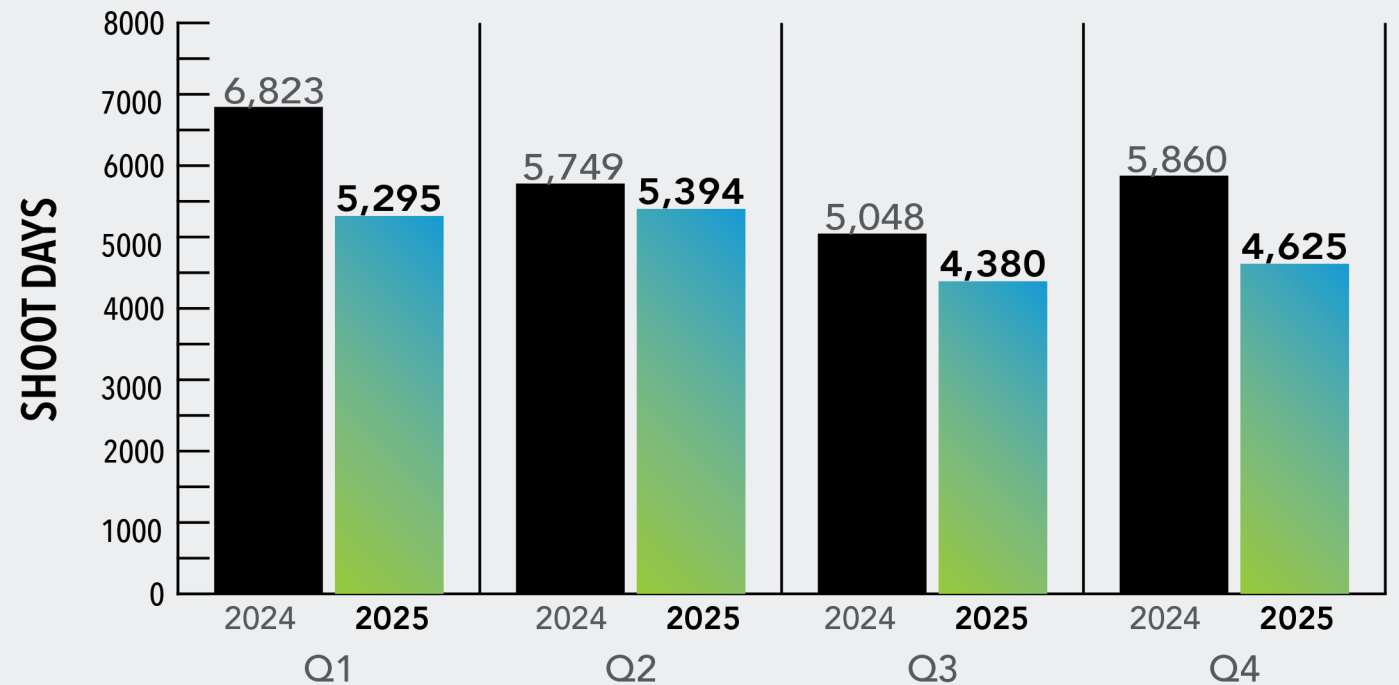
For Q1 2026, FilmLA
anticipates a 10% increase in
shoot days over Q4 2025.

2024 - 2025 LOS ANGELES SHOOT DAYS

Q4 TOTAL

Vs. Q4 2024: **-21.1%**

Vs. YTD 5 Year Average*: **-36.6%**



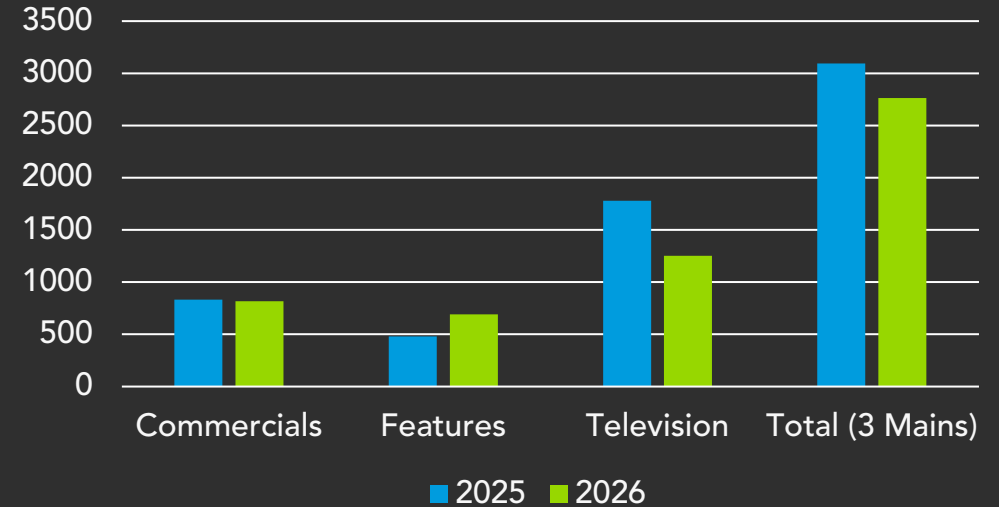
RESEARCH UPDATE

YEAR TO DATE COMPARISONS¹

2026 vs. 2025

Production Type	2025 Permits	2026 Permits	2025 Locations	2026 Locations	2025 Shoot days	2026 Shoot Days	Permits: Cumulative Difference	Shoot Days: Cumulative Difference
Commercials	540	543	961	969	833	818	0.56%	-1.80%
Features	176	237	304	402	481	692	34.66%	43.87%
Television	648	477	1152	924	1779	1252	-26.39%	-29.62%
Total (3 Mains)	1364	1257	2417	2295	3093	2762	-7.84%	-10.70%

SHOOT DAYS: WEEK 14



¹ NOTE: Data is through Week 14 (ending 4/5/26) and excludes the "other" category

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