



# Catching up with LA County

October 3, 2025

## LATEST NEWS

## COUNTY ADVOCACY-RELATED ACTIONS

At the September 30<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Board of Supervisors took the following legislative-related actions:

### • **SUPPORT FOR SENATE BILL (SB) 20 (MENJIVAR): SILICOSIS TRAINING, OUTREACH, AND PREVENTION ACT**

The Board directed the Chief Executive Office – Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations (CEO-LAIR) branch to support SB 20, legislation which would strengthen enforcement of occupational safety and health laws to better protect workers from exposure to respirable crystalline silica, and urge Governor Gavin Newsom to sign the bill. Additionally, direct CEO-LAIR, in collaboration with the Directors of Public Health and Health Services, to continue advocating at the State and Federal levels for proposals that strengthen legislative and regulatory standards and enhance resources and education related to silicosis prevention. Additional details on the motion can be found [here](#).

### • **PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 2025 AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH AND STRENGTHENING COUNTYWIDE STRATEGIES TO SUPPORT SURVIVORS**

In addition to proclaiming October 2025 as “Domestic Violence Awareness Month”, the Board directed CEO-LAIR to work with various County departments to explore, for the next State legislative cycle, potential legislation that would expand diversion, expungement, and vacatur opportunities to Domestic Violence Intimate Partner Violence survivors charged with a crime whose offenses are a result of the violence they have experienced. Additional details on the motion can be found [here](#).



Upcoming Board of Supervisors’ meeting dates and agendas can be found [here](#).



## **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

The County is also advocating on the following legislation and proposals:

### **FEDERAL**

#### **LEGISLATION**

- **SUPPORT SENATE BILL (S.) 1462 (CURTIS): FIX OUR FORESTS ACT**

S. 1462 would update federal forest management practices and adjust partnerships between federal agencies, states, tribes, and private stakeholders. This bill could enhance wildfire protections and mitigations for federal lands within or adjacent to County-managed lands, improve access to federal resources, and improve intergovernmental coordination efforts to mitigate and respond to wildfires. Additional details regarding this position are available [here](#).

- **SUPPORT S. 2120 (CASSIDY): THE OLDER AMERICANS ACT REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2025**

S. 2120 would reauthorize through Federal Fiscal Year 2030 the Older Americans Act, which authorizes grant programs that provide meals and social support for older adults and aims to protect them from abuse, neglect, and exploitation. This bill would increase funding for programs and services available in senior centers, in addition to improving access to nutrition services. Additional details regarding this position are available [here](#).

- **SUPPORT HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BILL (H.R.) 777 (HAYES): CLOSING THE COLLEGE HUNGER GAP ACT**

H.R. 777 would require the Department of Education to send information regarding potential eligibility for assistance under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) to certain college students. This bill would increase access to nutritious food for college students. Additional details regarding this position are available [here](#).

- **SUPPORT H.R. 1267 (GLUESENKAMP) IF AMENDED: WATER SYSTEMS PERFLUOROALKYL AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES (PFAS) LIABILITY PROTECTION ACT**

H.R. 1267 would exempt protected entities from liability for the release of PFAS under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA). This bill could extend CERCLA liability exemptions to the County and the County's waterworks districts, which would protect the County against PFAS costs while pursuing PFAS remediation, treatment, and disposal. However, the Los Angeles County Flood Control District would not be exempted. LA County will support H.R. 1267, and similar measures, if amended to extend liability protection to agencies that manage flood protection, stormwater capture, groundwater recharge, and groundwater aquifers. Additional details regarding this position are available [here](#).

- **SUPPORT H.R. 2512 (MENG): THE HOT FOODS ACT OF 2025**

H.R. 2512 would expand SNAP to permit the use of benefits to purchase hot foods or hot food products ready for immediate consumption. This bill would expand access to nutritious food for all individuals receiving SNAP benefits. Additional details regarding this position are available [here](#).

- **SUPPORT H.R. 3927 (ROUZER): NATIONWIDE PERMITTING IMPROVEMENT ACT**

H.R. 3927 would extend the maximum duration of Federal Water Pollution Control Act general permits for the discharge of dredged or fill material from five years to ten years and limit the use of environmental reviews during permit application reviews. This bill's provisions related to general permit duration could reduce the frequency of renewals needed for maintenance work and allow greater certainty for projects within the jurisdiction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Additional details regarding this position are available [here](#).

- **SUPPORT H.R. 5462 (GOLDMAN): MICHELLE ALYSSA GO ACT**

H.R. 5462 would amend Title XIX of the Social Security Act to revise the definition of institution for mental diseases (IMD) under the Medicaid program to exclude institutions having 36 beds or less, if such institutions meet certain standards. This bill would improve the current restrictive nature of the IMD exclusion and increase bed capacity for individuals with serious behavioral health conditions. Additional details regarding this position are available [here](#).

## **APPROPRIATIONS**

Below are Pursuits of County Advocacy Positions on Appropriations Bill Language and Programmatic Requests for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2026.

**U.S. Census Bureau** - Oppose the policy riders in the FFY 2026 House Commerce, Justice and Science (CJS) Appropriations bill to prohibit the use of funds to include undocumented residents in apportionment determinations or to inquire more than twice for voluntary compliance with a census survey.

- The House CJS FFY 2026 Appropriations bill includes policy riders that would prohibit the U.S. Census Bureau from including aliens who are unlawfully present in the United States in rendering apportionment determinations in subsequent decennial census, and from inquiring more than twice for voluntary compliance with any survey conducted by the Census Bureau. These prohibitions would harm the fair amount of federal funding and political representation that the County and its residents are entitled to and would have a negative impact on achieving a complete and accurate census count in the County.

- **Workforce Development** - Support the FFY 2025 enacted levels or an increase in funding for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Adult and Youth formula grants.
  - The proposed FFY 2026 Senate and House Labor, Health and Human Services bill proposes reducing funding for WIOA grants that provide job readiness preparation, training programs for in-demand, living wages jobs, supportive services (including cash aid and transportation assistance for job seekers and wage subsidies), and training funds to reduce hiring and training costs for employers. Any funding decrease for WIOA Adult grants will impact the administration and case management services provided at County America's Job Center of California locations. If the Youth Grant funds are eliminated, the County would not be able to continue support for this program.

Additional details regarding these Appropriations Bill Language and Programmatic Requests can be found [here](#).



## DISASTER RESPONSE & RECOVERY RESOURCES

[recovery.lacounty.gov](https://recovery.lacounty.gov)

### ▶ **Spotlight on Recovery: New Wildfire Study Highlights Economic Toll and Early Recovery Trends**

- DEO and the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation's Institute of Applied Economics launched a year-long economic impact study with quarterly public webinars spotlighting the economic impacts of the wildfires and recovery trends.
- The first public webinar, held on September 15, highlighted impacts on businesses, workers, and communities. A recording and presentation materials from the first session are [available here](#).

### ▶ **McChrystal Group After-Action Review of Alert Notification Systems and Evacuation Policies for the Eaton and Palisades Fires**

- An independent after-action review of alerts and evacuations has been completed by McChrystal Group, providing a comprehensive picture of actions taken during the catastrophic January wildfires along with recommendations to help guide future Los Angeles County responses. To review the report and supporting documents, click [here](#).

### ▶ **Additional Resources:**

- **NEW:** [Better Angels LA Fire Recovery Grant](#)
- **Deadline: October 8th** [SBA - Disaster Loans](#)
- [Free Blood Lead Testing](#)
- [Eaton Fire Soil Testing Program](#)
- [CalAssist Mortgage Fund](#)
- [SCE: Wildfire Recovery Compensation Program](#)
- [Public Health: Post-Fire Air, Soil, and Water Assessment Dashboard](#)
- [LA County Forward: Blueprint for Rebuilding\\_\(PDF\)](#)
- [Disaster Case Management Program](#)
- [Emergency Tenancy and Occupancy Protections Extended Until October 1, 2025.](#)



## INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 13<sup>TH</sup>, IN OBSERVANCE OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY.**



The LA County Library Huntington Park location is home to the American Indian Resource Center (AIRC).



The AIRC was established in 1979 to address informational needs for and about American Indians in Los Angeles County. It is the largest public library collection of its kind in the U.S. AIRC is also an information center with announcements of events, classes, and conferences pertaining to American Indians – local, regional, and national – on topics ranging from health issues, education, legal issues, economic issues, politics, and culture.



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Diversity,  
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## THE STATE OF BLACK LOS ANGELES SOLIDARITY IN ACTION: BLACK AND BROWN L.A.

**Thursday, October 16, 2025**

University of Southern California (USC) Town and Gown Ballroom

Registration & Breakfast: 8:00 a.m.; Event: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

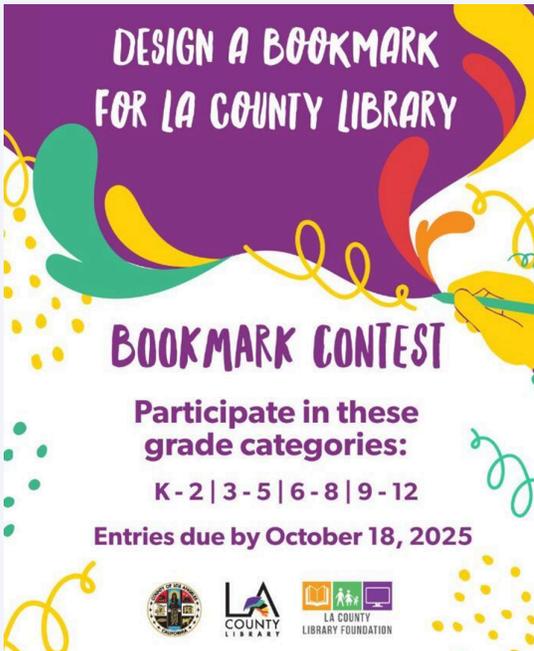
Join ARDI and their partners at the Los Angeles Urban League for a pivotal one-day symposium at USC. The convening will feature informative data presentations, a racial equity progress report, and three dynamic panel discussions focused on economic stability, health, and immigration. Register HERE.



## READ TO ROVER AT LA COUNTY ANIMAL CARE CENTERS

Looking for a fun and meaningful way to boost reading skills and make a difference? Come read to a shelter dog! A study from UC Davis found that children who read just 15 to 20 minutes per week to rescued dogs saw a 30% improvement in reading fluency. That's the power of connection! Visit one of our seven Animal Care Centers, bring your favorite book, and spend a little time reading to a shelter pet. It's a calming, positive experience for our animals—and it helps build confidence and joy in readers of all ages.

*Bonus:* Spend time reading to one of our pets and you'll receive a waived adoption fee, which includes spay/neuter and microchipping!



**LA COUNTY LIBRARY:**  
**BOOKMARK CONTEST**

Calling all creative kids and teens! It's time to let your imagination shine in the Los Angeles County Library's 46th Annual Bookmark Contest!

Design a one-of-a-kind bookmark that celebrates reading, books, or anything your imagination can dream up. The contest is open to students in grades K-12.

Submit your entry by Saturday, October 18 for a chance to have your artwork featured and celebrated. We can't wait to see your artistic flair!



**OFFICE OF IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS:**  
**KNOW YOUR RIGHTS TOOLKIT**

The Los Angeles County Office of Immigrant Affairs has created a comprehensive Immigrant Resources Toolkit, to help support immigrants and their families during these challenging times. Residents are encouraged to share this kit among families, service providers, employees and employers to connect people with reliable guidance, assistance programs, and organizations that can help in times of need.



**CAREER & RESOURCE FAIR**

Join DPSS GAIN Regions III and VI and a host of county and private employers at the South El Monte Community Center for the Fall Career & Resource Fair on Wednesday, October 8, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Job seekers can meet potential employers, discover community resources and services, and explore full-time and part-time job opportunities. Register online at Fall Career & Resource Fair.