



Catching up with LA County

October 17, 2025

LATEST NEWS

COUNTY ADVOCACY-RELATED ACTIONS

At the October 14th meeting, the Board of Supervisors took the following legislative-related actions:

- SUPPORT FOR HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BILL (H.R.) 5535 (TAKANO): VETERAN SERVICE RECOGNITION ACT**

The Board directed the Chief Executive Office – Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations (CEO-LAIR) branch to support H.R. 5535, the Veteran Service Recognition Act by Congressman Mark Takano, legislation that would allow noncitizen servicemembers to apply for naturalization during basic training, establish a review process for those who are in removal proceedings, and provide an opportunity for noncitizen veterans who have been removed or ordered removed, and who have not been convicted of a serious crime, to obtain legal permanent residence. Additional details on the motion can be found [here](#).



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

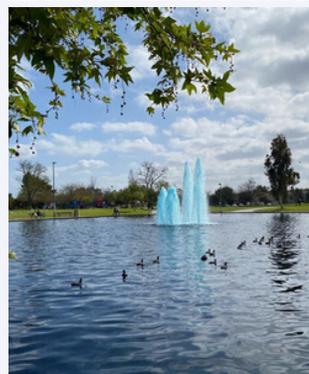
LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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

FEDERAL

- SUPPORT SENATE BILL (S.) 1892 (MURKOWSKI) AND H.R. 909 (WAGNER): CRIME VICTIMS FUND STABILIZATION ACT OF 2025**

S. 1892 and H.R. 909 would temporarily transfer residual funds collected through the False Claims Act, which are currently directed to the General Fund of the U.S. Treasury, to the Crime Victims Fund (CVF), established by the Victims of Crime Act, to bolster the fund. CVF funding is the most significant and consistent source of financial support for victim service providers, ensuring all crime victims across the State receive funding for essential services, such as each county's local assistance center, which acts as a major provider of comprehensive services. Additional details regarding this position are available [here](#).



- **SUPPORT H.R. 4797 (GOMEZ): ENHANCED ACCESS TO SNAP (EATS) ACT OF 2025**

H.R. 4797 would expand Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) eligibility to all college students attending two and four-year universities who meet traditional SNAP income and eligibility requirements. This bill would increase access to nutritious food for college students. Additional details regarding this position are available [here](#).

- **SUPPORT H.R. 4967 (TOKUDA): KEEP SENIORS FED ACT**

H.R. 4967 would enhance food security for older adults by amending the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to exclude certain funds from income calculations. This bill would expand access to vulnerable adults. Additional details regarding this position are available [here](#).

- **SUPPORT H.R. 5129 (ADAMS): CLOSING THE MEAL GAP**

H.R. 5129 would amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to require that SNAP benefits be calculated using the value of the low-cost food plan. This bill would expand access to nutrition assistance for vulnerable individuals experiencing food insecurity. Additional details regarding this position are available [here](#).

STATE

In the first year of the 2025-26 two-year cycle, the Governor signed six LA County-Sponsored bills into law. A big THANK YOU to the bill authors, their teams, and our partners in the LA County Delegation.



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- **AB 287 (Lackey) – Vote Centers Accessibility:** Clarifies accessibility requirements for public buildings serving as vote centers, including parking, curbside voting, and secure election material storage to improve equitable voting for individuals with disabilities.
- **AB 1037 (Elhawary) – Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Care Modernization:** Updates outdated State laws to align with modern evidence-based SUD treatment practices.
- **SB 303 (Smallwood-Cuevas) – Workplace Bias & Anti-Discrimination Protections:** Ensures government employers' bias mitigation and discrimination prevention training programs and results are not evidence of discrimination in lawsuits to encourage improved training and control liability exposure for public agencies.
- **SB 409 (Archuleta) – Force Account Limit Increase:** Permits a county with a population over nine million to undertake construction projects valued at or below \$125,000 using the county's internal labor force.
- **SB 413 (Allen) – Juvenile Justice Case File Access:** Clarifies that attorneys representing child welfare and probation departments, as well as legal counsel involved in government claims and civil litigation against child welfare and probation departments, are entitled to access to and as specified, use of juvenile case files.
- **SB 782 (Perez) – Disaster Financing District Amendments:** Expedites the process for establishing Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts and Climate Resilience Districts.

▶ **Upcoming Changes:**

- The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) will end in-person presence at assistance centers at 5 p.m. on Friday, October 17, 2025.
- The Small Business Administration (SBA) will continue to provide support and remain available at the Altadena Community Center (730 E. Altadena Dr., Altadena 91001) and the LA City One Stop Rebuilding Center (1828 Sawtelle Blvd, LA 90025).

▶ **Addressing Funding Gaps for Rebuilds: Virtual Workshop - October 25th at 10 a.m.**

- A key part of every rebuild is understanding the total cost and securing any additional financing needed. Join LA County Recovers, LA County Development Authority (LACDA), Altadena Builds Back Foundation and Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS) for this virtual workshop all about funding your rebuild project.

▶ **Mental Health Resources for those Impacted by Wildfire**

- The Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH) is continuing its Eaton Fire recovery efforts by offering free psychological first aid classes at Loma Alta Park on Tuesdays (5pm), Thursdays (Noon), and Saturdays (Noon) until November 29.
- The "Dealing with Disaster" program supports community members in managing psychologically after a disaster and covers mindfulness exercises, informational instruction, and discussion. Classes are open to everyone on a first-come, first-served basis.

▶ **Ensuring Habitable Rental Housing in Unincorporated Areas**

- The Rental Housing Habitability Program (RHHP) aims to ensure rental units meet habitability standards, support property values, and provide safe living conditions. To meet state housing health and safety standards, landlords and/or rental property owners are required to maintain rental housing units in a safe and habitable condition. The likelihood of smoke damage from the Eaton Fire, including fire-related ash and soot in and around a rental housing property and/or a lingering smell of smoke, may present a health and safety risk to tenants and requires professional evaluation. For more information, visit the RHHP website.

▶ **Rebuilding Resources**

- Unincorporated LA County
- City of Pasadena
- City of Malibu
- City of Sierra Madre
- City of Los Angeles

▶ **Additional Resources:**

- One-Stop Permit Centers
- CalAssist Mortgage Fund
- Rebuild Fee Waiver: Malibu
- Public Health: Fire Safety and Health Information
- LA County Forward: Blueprint for Rebuilding (PDF).
- California Department of Social Services - Disaster Case Management Program
- SCE: Wildfire Recovery Compensation Program
- Better Angels LA Fire Recovery Grant
- Rebuild Fee Waiver: Unincorporated LA County



TEEN MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS

If you are a young adult experiencing anxiety, depression, or hopelessness - you are not alone. The Department of Public Health is here to help. Discover their free guide to the most common teen mental health challenges, and local mental health resources.

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NEW CHANGES TO MEDI-CAL STARTING JANUARY 1, 2026

Effective January 1, 2026, Medi-Cal asset and property requirements are changing. DPSS is here to help guide customers through these changes with FREE webinars in October. Learn more and sign up today at [Register Program - Webex](#).

WHEN

MON 10/20	TUE 10/21	WED 10/22	THU 10/23
11am - 12pm SPANISH 5pm - 6pm ENGLISH	11am - 12pm ARMENIAN 5pm - 6pm KOREAN	11am - 12pm ENGLISH 5pm - 6pm MANDARIN	11am - 12pm CANTONESE 5pm - 6pm SPANISH

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TO REGISTER



NEW EBT CHIP TAP CARDS HAVE BEEN MAILED

Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) cardholders now have access to new and more secure EBT cards. When cardholders activate the new EBT card, the old EBT card will stop working. Help protect your benefits by using the chip/tap feature, as well as downloading the ebtEDGE Mobile App. **The California Department of Social Services, which issues the EBT cards in Los Angeles County, will never charge cardholders a fee to use the official ebtEDGE app.** For questions, please contact the EBT Customer Service Helpline at (877) 328-9677.



LA COUNTY COASTAL RESILIENCE PLANNING WORKSHOP

Learn about LA County's Regional Coastal Strategic Adaptation Plan - designed to manage sediment, protect beaches, improve access, and support long-term sustainability. This event will be held In-Person and Virtually. [RSVP HERE](#)

Monday, October 20, 2025 1pm-3pm

In-Person: Environmental Learning Center (ELC) at Hyperion 11900 Vista Del Mar Playa del Rey 90293 *RSVP + ID Required to Enter Venue; Space is limited.*

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