



# Catching up with LA County

October 31, 2025

## LATEST NEWS

## COUNTY ADVOCACY-RELATED ACTIONS

At the October 21st meeting, the Board of Supervisors took the following legislative-related actions:

### • **ACCESS TO MEDI-CAL AND CALFRESH AT RISK: PRESERVING BENEFICIARY ENROLLMENT**

The Board directed the Chief Executive Office – Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations (CEO-LAIR) branch, in collaboration with various departments, to:

- Engage with the State on establishing a flexible and minimally restrictive verification process that reduces the burden on CalFresh and Medi-Cal beneficiaries and meets the needs of the County residents and ensures compliance with Federal regulations to avoid jeopardizing Federal funding;
- Develop a strategy to advocate for technology that supports the submission of verification documents, helps residents maintain benefits, and strengthens program administration; and
- Ensure all tools and related policies comply with Federal law and meet new State requirements to protect eligibility and funding.

Additional details on the motion can be found [here](#).



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

*Please note: The Board meeting for November 12<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled.*



**Los Angeles County Administrative Offices will be closed on Tuesday, November 11, 2025, in observance of Veterans Day.**



The [Los Angeles County Department of Military and Veterans Affairs](#) has 18 locations throughout LA County that offer personalized assistance for Veterans, Service Members, and their Families. Find your nearest office [here](#) or by calling (877) 4LA-VETS.



## FEDERAL SHUTDOWN RESOURCES AND INFORMATION

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Fighting Hunger. Giving Hope.

More than 1.5 million children and adults will not receive their November CalFresh food benefits due to the ongoing federal government shutdown. [LA County and its partners](#) are mobilizing to meet residents' needs by surging food assistance resources throughout the County.

With the shutdown now stretching into its fourth week, residents who rely on EBT cards to buy groceries will miss benefits starting Saturday unless a resolution is reached. Even if a last-minute deal is struck, benefits will be delayed by the shutdown.

If you or your family need food assistance, find a local partner agency near you by visiting [LAFoodBank.org/findfood](https://LAFoodBank.org/findfood) or call [2-1-1](tel:2131). If you would like to volunteer at the LA Food Bank or host a food drive, information is available at [LAFoodBank.org](https://LAFoodBank.org).

For a comprehensive list of programs and resources from various LA County departments, click [here](#).



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## SPECIAL ELECTION: TUESDAY, NOV. 4TH EARLY VOTING CENTERS ARE OPEN

There are various ways to vote in Tuesday's Statewide Special Election. Click on the links below to find the option closest and/or most convenient for you:

- In-person at a **Vote Center**
- Via a **Ballot Drop Box**
- **By Mail** - No Postage is Necessary; Your ballot must be postmarked by Election Day and received by the Registrar-Recorder within 7 days.

**Track Your Ballot:** Receive personalized text messages, emails and/or automated voice messages on your Vote by Mail ballot by subscribing to **Where's My Ballot**. This is a free service available to all registered voters.

▶ **Election Information:**

- If you've been temporarily displaced by the recent wildfires and need help with election information, or general assistance, call the [L.A. County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk](https://www.lacounty.gov/registrars-recorder-clerk) at (800) 815-2666, option 2.

▶ **CalAssist Mortgage Fund Disaster Relief – Expanded Eligibility**

- Governor Newsom announced that the [CalAssist Mortgage Fund](https://www.calassist.org) will increase its income limits, allowing thousands more California homeowners impacted by recent disasters to qualify for mortgage relief. In Los Angeles County, survivors of the 2025 wildfires with household incomes up to \$211,050 may now be eligible — a \$70,000 increase from the previous threshold.
- The CalAssist Mortgage Fund is a state program that provides much-needed relief from mortgage payments for families whose homes are destroyed or severely damaged to the point they have been deemed uninhabitable as the result of a California disaster.

▶ **Survey: Recovery Construction Hours**

- As communities continue recovering from the Eaton and Palisades Fires, it's important that residents' voices shape the rebuilding process. You can help ensure those directly affected have a chance to be heard. LA County Public Health is exploring ways to adjust construction hours so rebuilding can move forward more quickly while minimizing disruption. Input from those directly affected will help identify opportunities to improve and accelerate the process.
- We are asking residents affected by the Eaton and Palisades Fires to complete [a short survey](#) to help guide the next steps in wildfire recovery. Please share your experience and recommendations through this short survey.

▶ **Upcoming Virtual Workshop: Using a Self-Certified Professional**

- *Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> 10am - Noon*
- This workshop will explain self-certification requirements, discuss examples of projects that qualify and demonstrate the benefits of self-certification while providing a venue to ask questions of LA County officials directly.

▶ **Rebuilding Resources**

- [Unincorporated LA County](#)
- [City of Malibu](#)
- [City of Los Angeles](#)
- [City of Pasadena](#)
- [City of Sierra Madre](#)

## LA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HOMELESS SERVICES AND HOUSING DRAFT FY 2026-27 MEASURE A SPENDING PLAN TOWN HALL

**Thursday, November 13, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.**

Join us for a detailed [virtual presentation](#) of the draft LA County Department of Homeless Services and Housing Fiscal Year 2026-27 Measure A Spending Plan. This presentation will share the details of proposed program categories and funding amounts and will be followed by a Q&A and discussion. This is the first in a year-round series of community engagement forums to ensure feedback and stakeholder input continuously guide the region's overall approach to homelessness.

*Measure A is half-cent sales tax countywide, approved by voters in November 2024, to provide services to people experiencing homelessness and make housing more affordable.*



### DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS 2025 OFRENDAS & CELEBRATIONS

Each year, [Gloria Molina Grand Park](#) becomes a vibrant gathering place for Los Angeles communities to honor Día de los Muertos. The park's free, week-long exhibition of community ofrendas invites reflection, connection, and celebration of loved ones who have passed. Rooted in Indigenous Mexican traditions, the program blends art, music, and ritual to create a space of healing and joy for all. Curated by renowned artist Consuelo G. Flores, this year's theme is 'Let Freedom Ring: Honoring Our Immigrant Ancestors.'



### LA COUNTY ARTS AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS: HOST A HIGH SCHOOL ARTS INTERN



The [Los Angeles County Department of Arts and Culture](#), in partnership with Bloomberg Philanthropies, is launching the Los Angeles County Bloomberg Arts Internship (BAI) program as part of its Creative Career Pathways for Youth initiative. The BAI program offers an eight-week paid summer internship for rising public high school seniors, along with professional development, college preparation support, dedicated mentorship, and educational and cultural field trips. Eligible organizations interested in hosting interns are invited to submit an application outlining their experience, proposed internship projects, work plan, and organizational budget.

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