



Catching up with LA County

December 5, 2025

LATEST NEWS

COUNTY ADVOCACY-RELATED ACTIONS

At the November 18th and December 2nd meetings, the Board of Supervisors took the following legislative-related actions:

• **CREATING FRAMEWORK TO END VETERAN HOMELESSNESS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY**

The Board directed the Director of Military and Veterans Affairs, in partnership with the Chief Executive Office and County Counsel, to develop and recommend County-sponsored legislative or regulatory changes to remove systemic barriers and enhance service access for veterans experiencing homelessness. Additionally, advocacy should include pursuing equitable allocation of Proposition 1 funds, informed by the housing needs and resources available for this population, and ensure targeted investments in housing, behavioral health, and employment support for veterans. Additional details on the motion can be found [here](#).

• **ANNUAL REORGANIZATION**

The Board held its annual reorganization meeting. Supervisor Hilda Solis will serve as Chair of the Board and Supervisor Mitchell will serve as Chair Pro Tem, until December 1, 2026.

• **SUPPORT SENATE BILL (S.) 2744 (SCOTT): FEDERAL DISASTER TAX RELIEF ACT OF 2025, AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BILL (H.R.) 5225 (LAMALFA): PROTECT INNOCENT VICTIMS OF TAXATION AFTER FIRE EXTENSION ACT, TO PROVIDE TAX RELIEF FOR WILDFIRE SURVIVORS**

The Board directed the Chief Executive Office – Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations (CEO-LAIR) branch to support [S. 2744](#), which clarifies that gross income shall not include any amount received by an individual as a qualified wildfire relief payment if those payments were received after December 31, 2025 and before January 1, 2031, and [H.R. 5225](#), similar legislation, which extends the provisions above through December 31, 2032. Additional details on the motion can be found [here](#).



- **SUPPORT S. 2651 (SCOTT): RENEWING OPPORTUNITY IN THE AMERICAN DREAM (ROAD) TO HOUSING ACT OF 2025, TO STREAMLINE DISASTER FEDERAL RELIEF AND RECOVERY EFFORTS**

The Board directed CEO-LAIR to support [S. 2651](#), the Renewing Opportunity in the American Dream (ROAD) to Housing Act of 2025, which is a large bipartisan package designed to increase affordable housing supply, reduce barriers to housing development, and improve federal program efficiencies within the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026. Additional details on the motion can be found [here](#).

- **OPPOSING THE PROPOSED PUBLIC CHARGE RULE**

The Board directed CEO-LAIR to send a five-signature letter to the Los Angeles County Congressional Delegation to declare the Board's opposition to the proposed change of the public charge rule and to express the significant harm that it would cause to the County and its residents. 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 S. 2110 (MERKLEY): REUSE ACT**

[S. 2110](#) would direct the United States Environmental Protection Agency to conduct a feasibility study on reuse and refill systems in various economic sectors. This bill could identify additional resources and strategies to support local agencies implementing reuse and refill systems and to meet State-mandated plastic waste reduction targets. Additional details regarding this position are available [here](#).

WINTER SHELTER NOW OPEN

The [Winter Shelter Program](#) is held annually to protect people experiencing homelessness during Los Angeles's colder months. Winter Shelters are located all across the County and will be operating 24 hours a day. Click on the links to access the Information flyers in [English](#) and [Spanish](#). The Winter Shelter is open now through March 31, 2026.





MEDI-CAL AND CALFRESH PROGRAM RULES ARE CHANGING



New State and Federal policies will impact eligibility, reporting, and renewal requirements. Staying informed and acting early can help you keep your benefits.

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11a.m. - 12p.m. KOREAN	11a.m. - 12p.m. SPANISH	11a.m. - 12p.m. ENGLISH	11a.m. - 12p.m. ARMENIAN
5p.m. - 6p.m. ARMENIAN	5p.m. - 6p.m. CANTONESE	5p.m. - 6p.m. SPANISH	5p.m. - 6p.m. KOREAN



EMERGENCY RENT RELIEF PROGRAM FOR RESIDENTS IMPACTED BY 2025 WILDFIRES AND FINANCIAL HARDSHIP

The Los Angeles County Department of Consumer and Business Affairs has announced that applications for the [Emergency Rent Relief Program](#) will open on Wednesday, December 17, 2025. This new program will distribute more than \$23 million in rental and mortgage relief to eligible landlords and homeowners affected by the Palisades, Eaton, and other wildfires, as well as households facing new financial pressures tied to federal actions. For more information, visit: www.lacountyrentrelief.com/.



PET OWNERS URGED TO KEEP PETS WARM DURING COLD WEATHER

As temperatures drop and winter weather sets in, the [Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control \(DACC\)](#) reminds pet owners of the importance of keeping furry companions warm and safe. During freezing conditions, it is crucial to keep pets indoors to prevent hypothermia and frostbite, which can affect even the most resilient animals. DACC also recommends monitoring outdoor time and watching for signs of cold stress. Additional resources and information can be found at: animalcare.lacounty.gov/.

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