



Catching up with LA County

February 13, 2026



COUNTY ADVOCACY-RELATED ACTIONS

At the February 3rd and February 10th meetings, the Board of Supervisors took the following legislative-related action:

- **ADOPTION AND EQUITABLE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY HEAT ACTION PLAN (CHAP)**

The Board directed the Chief Executive Office – Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations Branch (CEO-LAIR) to align the County’s local, State, and Federal legislative agenda with the Los Angeles CHAP priorities, including support for funding, regulatory protections, and policies that safeguard vulnerable communities from extreme heat. Additional details on the motion can be found [here](#).

- **OPPOSE NEW AND EXISTING OFFSHORE OIL DRILLING, GAS DRILLING, AND DEEP SEABED MINING**

The Board directed CEO-LAIR to join the Local Government Outer Continental Shelf Coordination Program on behalf of the County and to oppose any proposals that would increase or expand offshore oil and gas drilling and deep seabed mining. Additionally, CEO-LAIR was directed to urge Federal and State decision-makers to permanently prohibit offshore drilling and deep seabed mining in all United States waters, including the Pacific Ocean off the coast of California. Additional details on the motion can be found [here](#).

- **SECURING FUNDING TO PRESERVE CRITICAL COUNTY SERVICES CUT BY H.R.1**

The Board adopted a resolution ordering, calling, and giving notice of a special election to implement a Countywide general retail transactions and use sales tax measure (a 0.5% general sales tax until October 1, 2031) to be placed on the June 2, 2026, Statewide Direct Primary Election to be held in the County on June 2, 2026. The Board directed CEO-LAIR to support any legislative or administrative relief necessary to immediately implement the measure upon passage, including any needed exemptions from sales tax caps. Additional details on the *amended* motion can be found [here](#).





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

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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

FEDERAL

- **OPPOSE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BILL (H.R.) 7300 (STEIL): MAKE ELECTIONS GREAT AGAIN**

H.R. 7300 would place new requirements and restrictions on voter registration and state election administration, including requiring proof of citizenship to register to vote, requiring photo identification to vote, requiring mail-in ballots to be received by election day and prohibiting universal vote by mail. This bill would make it harder for eligible residents to register to vote and would disrupt local election administration, resulting in confusion, disenfranchisement, and resource strains. Additional details on this position can be found [here](#).

STATE

- **SUPPORT SENATE BILL (SB) 742 (PEREZ): ELECTRICITY: ELECTRICAL INFRASTRUCTURE: PERMANENTLY ABANDONED TRANSMISSION FACILITIES: EMERGENCY RESPONSE: LIAISONS**

SB 742 would require the California Public Utilities Commission to update a general order requiring each electrical corporation to remove all permanently abandoned transmission facilities. Further, it would require certain electrical corporations and local publicly owned utilities to establish procedures for coordinating efforts with local emergency response agencies. This bill could address wildfire risks from idle and abandoned transmission facilities and ensure increased communication between utilities and local agencies. Additional details on this position can be found [here](#).

- **SUPPORT ASSEMBLY BILL (AB) 1658 (KALRA): LOCAL AGENCY PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION ACT: CHANGE ORDERS: COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES: COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA**

AB 1658 would repeal the January 1, 2027, sunset date for the County's authority to expedite change orders for certain large-scale projects over \$25 million, remove the reporting requirement, and remove the limit on the number of project contracts for which the County can use this authority. This bill could help save administrative costs and prevent delays for large-scale County projects. Additional details on this position can be found [here](#).



LA County Administrative Offices will be closed on Monday, February 16, 2026, in observance of Presidents Day.

LET'S CELEBRATE!



Black History Month

The Board of Supervisors proclaimed February 2026 as “[Black History Month](#)” throughout Los Angeles County. This year marks a historic milestone: 100 years of Black history commemorations in the United States, beginning with Dr. Carter G. Woodson’s establishment of “Negro History Week” in 1926. We encourage all residents to celebrate the history, legacy, and contributions made by Black Americans, and to continue the pursuit of equality and justice for all. Information on programming and events can be found at:

[LA County Parks](#)

[LA County Library](#)

[Los Angeles Black History Month Festival - La Brea Tar Pits](#)



Lunar New Year

The Board of Supervisors proclaimed February 17, 2026, as the start of the “[Lunar New Year](#)” throughout Los Angeles County. The Lunar New Year is one of the most significant and widely celebrated cultural holidays among Asian countries and Asian diaspora communities. This year, 2026, is the year of the fire horse. Los Angeles County is home to one of the largest and most diverse Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) populations in the nation. As of the 2020 Census count, there are over 1.5 million AAPI residents in Los Angeles County, which combined makeup approximately 15 percent of the County’s total population of 10 million residents. Learn more about the Lunar New Year [here](#).



Bob Hope Patriotic Hall Centennial

Join the Los Angeles County Department of Military and Veterans Affairs for a free, family-friendly event celebrating [Bob Hope Patriotic Hall’s Centennial!](#) Experience the Hall’s living legacy through engaging programming for families, veterans, civic leaders, and community icons.

Saturday, February 21, 2026

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.





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Tuesday
OF THE MONTH



3:00 p.m.

SCAN TO REGISTER



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immigrants.lacounty.gov | (800) 593-8222



CALLING ALL YOUNG ARTISTS!

The Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors invites 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students who live in Los Angeles County to enter the Can the Trash! Clean Beach Poster Contest. Students are

encouraged to draw a picture with a message about keeping our beaches and oceans clean. Winning artwork will be featured on trash barrels across Los Angeles County beaches, sharing an important message with millions of beachgoers. Learn more about the contest and winner perks [here](#). The deadline for entries is **February 28, 2026**.

department of economic opportunity
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Shop Local Business Labs Series!



Learn from experts at Microsoft, Google, Square, Bet Tzedek, and more!

Register at: bit.ly/DEOBizLabs

The Los Angeles County Department of Economic Opportunity's [Shop Local Business Lab Series](#) is an interactive experience where small business owners and entrepreneurs can engage in workshops led by subject matter experts to develop

strategies and skills that advance their growth and competitiveness. Workshops will be led by public-and private-sector partners, including Microsoft, Grow with Google, Square, and Bet Tzedek, and sessions will cover: digital marketing; strategies to win government contracts; legal aid and compliance guidance; tech tools; and AI tools. The series runs through March 18th with events taking place across Los Angeles County! [Register today!](#)

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