



# Catching up with LA County

March 20, 2026



## COUNTY ADVOCACY-RELATED ACTIONS

At the March 17<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Board of Supervisors took the following legislative-related action:

- **REFORMING AND INTEGRATING MENTAL HEALTHCARE WITHIN THE COUNTY'S HOMELESS SERVICES SYSTEM**

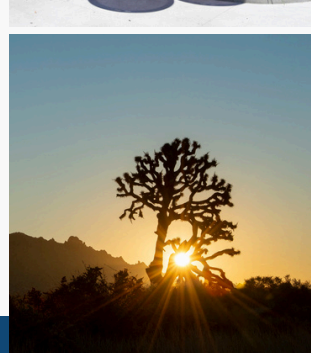
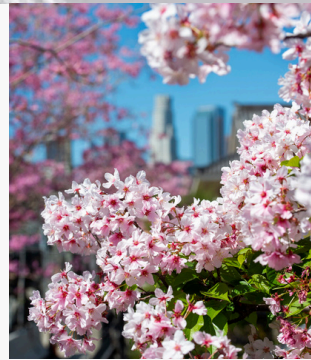
The Board directed the Chief Executive Office – Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations Branch (CEO-LAIR), to identify opportunities for State and Federal advocacy to improve data sharing practices. Additional details on the motion can be found [here](#).

- **SUPPORT FOR ASSEMBLY BILL (AB) 1740 (ZBUR): URBAN MULTIMODAL COMMUNITIES**

The Board directed the CEO-LAIR to support [AB 1740](#), which would modernize California's coastal permitting process by reducing unnecessary approval delays for limited activities in urban, transit-rich communities. Additional details on the motion can be found [here](#).

- **PROTECTING SMALL BUSINESSES AND STRENGTHENING ECONOMIC RESILIENCY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY**

The Board directed the CEO-LAIR, in collaboration with the Department of Economic Opportunity and the Office of Immigrant Affairs, to build on education and outreach activities, and establish a standing community convening that will meet virtually on a regular frequency to build relationships with small businesses and business serving organizations countywide. Additional details on the motion can be found [here](#).



- **PREPARING FOR POTENTIAL DISRUPTIONS IN UPCOMING LOCAL ELECTIONS**

The Board directed the CEO-LAIR to send letters to the California State Attorney General Rob Bonta and Secretary of State Shirley N. Weber, conveying support for continued Statewide coordination to safeguard the administration, integrity, and security of the June 2, 2026, Statewide Direct Primary Election and November 3, 2026, General Election, and expressing Los Angeles County's commitment to collaborate with State partners and request ongoing coordination, information-sharing, and support. Additional details on the 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**

- **SUPPORT SENATE BILL (S.) 351 (CAPITO): STRATEGIES TO ELIMINATE WASTE AND ACCELERATE RECYCLING DEVELOPMENT (STEWART) ACT OF 2025**

[S. 351](#) would establish the Recycling Infrastructure and Accessibility Program which would provide grants to expand access to curbside recycling and construct transfer stations in underserved and rural communities. This bill could support the expansion of recycling and composting in the County's rural and underserved areas that face barriers to access recycling facilities. Additional details on this position can be found [here](#).

- **SUPPORT HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BILL (H.R.) 338 (COSTA): EVERY DROP COUNTS ACT**

[H.R. 338](#) would modify the U.S. Department of the Interior's Bureau of Reclamation's Small Storage Program to expand project eligibility for Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act funds. This bill would expand the scope of County projects eligible for additional federal funding and contribute to achieving the goals of the County Water Plan. Additional details on this position can be found [here](#).

- **SUPPORT H.R. 4503 (JOHNSON, D): EPERMIT ACT**

[H.R. 4503](#) would require federal agencies to modernize environmental review and permitting processes by adopting digital, cloud-based platforms. This bill would reduce barriers for the County to work with federal agencies and improve overall workflow between governments through modern and streamlined federal agency processes. Additional details on this position can be found [here](#).

**STATE**

- **SUPPORT AB 643 (WILSON): CLIMATE CHANGE: SHORT-LIVED CLIMATE POLLUTANTS: ORGANIC WASTE REDUCTION**

AB 643 would authorize local jurisdictions to count towards their recovered organic waste procurement target certain organic material that was used as beneficial agricultural amendment. This bill would enhance local flexibility to meet State-mandated organic waste procurement targets and provide cost savings to local agricultural producers. Additional details on this position can be found [here](#).

**STATE - BUDGET**

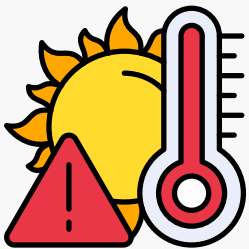
The County is taking the following positions related to Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27 State Budget proposals:

- **Los Angeles County Disaster Recovery Rebuild Authority (Rebuild Authority)**
  - *Support* the Los Angeles County Delegation's State budget request for \$10 million for the creation of the Rebuild Authority.
- **Restrictions on Immigrant Eligibility for Full-Scope Medi-Cal**
  - *Oppose* transitioning individuals impacted by the federal eligibility change for qualified non-citizens from full-scope Medi-Cal to restricted-scope Medi-Cal, effective October 1, 2026, as proposed in the Governor's Proposed January Budget.
- **Work and Community Engagement Requirement Implementation**
  - *Advocate for* streamlining the work and community engagement requirement exemption, to avoid overly burdensome processes that may lead to inappropriate disenrollment of County residents from Medi-Cal.
- **Community-Based Mobile Crisis Intervention Services**
  - *Oppose* the Community-Based Mobile Crisis Intervention Services proposal. The Proposed Budget proposes to shift the Medi-Cal Community-Based Mobile Crisis Intervention Services benefit from a statewide mandatory Medi-Cal benefit to a county-optional benefit.
- **Investment for California's Public Hospital Systems (CAPH)**
  - *Support* the CAPH proposal for \$500 million annual funding for California's public hospital systems.
- **Public Health Information Technology (IT) Systems**
  - *Support* the County Health Executives Association of California's request for \$97.6 million in one-time funding for Public Health IT systems.
- **Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program**
  - *Support* the State budget request to increase HHAP 7 to prior funding levels of \$1 billion and to secure an ongoing State appropriation of \$1 billion for the program.

## STATE - BUDGET (CONTINUED)

- **Cuts to the Pretrial Release Program**
  - Support proposals that restore full funding for the Pretrial Release Program.
- **In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Growth Cost Shift to Counties**
  - Oppose proposed funding reduction for the IHSS growth cost shift to counties. The Proposed Budget proposes a reduction of \$233.6 million by removing the State's share of cost associated with the growth in IHSS hours per case and shifting those costs to counties beginning in FY 2027-28.
- **Elimination of the IHSS Back-Up Provider System (BUPS)**
  - Oppose the proposed funding elimination for the BUPS. The Proposed Budget proposes to reduce \$3.5 million in FY 2026-27 and ongoing, eliminating the IHSS BUPS.
- **Child Support Local Assistance**
  - Support the \$16.6 million increase in FY 2026-27 in the Proposed Budget.
- **Bringing Families Home (BFH) Program**
  - Support the proposals that provide funding for the BFH program beyond FY 2025-26. The Proposed Budget does not provide funding beyond FY 2025-26 for this program.

Additional details regarding the budget positions listed above are available [here](#).



## LA COUNTY - HEAT WARNING

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health urges residents to take precautions to avoid heat-related illness - such as heat exhaustion, heat stroke, and heat cramps - as high temperatures are forecast to impact the region. To find a cooling center near you, click [here](#).

Public Health recommends the following tips to keep yourself and others safe during excessive heat:

- Drink plenty of water and keep hydrated throughout the day.
- If you must go out, plan your day to avoid going out during the hottest hours, and wear sunscreen (SPF 15).
- Wear lightweight, light-colored clothes, and wear a hat or use an umbrella.
- Cars get very hot inside, even if the windows are 'cracked' or open. Never leave children or pets alone in cars. Call 911 if you see a child or pet in a car alone.
- Check on those at risk for heat-related illness, like those who are sick or have chronic conditions, older adults, pregnant women, children, those who live alone, pets, and outdoor workers and athletes.



## LA COUNTY AWARDS MORE THAN \$5.1 MILLION TO OVER 1,200 SMALL BUSINESSES THROUGH THE SMALL BUSINESS RESILIENCY FUND

The Los Angeles County Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) and Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors announced 872 small businesses have been awarded more than \$3.6 million in the second round of funding from the Small Business Resiliency Fund.

The Fund provides capital to businesses located within the curfew zone or countywide that experienced workforce loss, property damage, or significant declines in customers or revenue as a result of immigration enforcement actions. Eligible applicants include brick-and-mortar storefronts, independent contractors, sidewalk vendors, and certain consumer-facing home-based businesses such as licensed childcare providers.

## RESOURCES FOR COMMUNITIES IMPACTED BY PUBLIC HEALTH CLINIC CLOSURES



Public Health has recently had to consolidate and/or reduce services at several Public Health Clinics in Los Angeles County. If a Public Health Clinic near you has been impacted, click here to find resources (in various languages) and information on the closest Public Health Clinic, or available services at nearby clinics.



## MEASURE E - SPECIAL PARCEL TAX LOW-INCOME SENIOR-OWNED PARCEL TAX EXEMPTION

Emergency Response and Infrastructure Special Parcel Tax Initiative Ordinance (Measure E), was passed by the voters on November 5, 2024. Beginning with Tax Year (TY) 2025-26, the special tax shall be levied at the rate of six cents (\$0.06) per square foot of structural improvements, excluding the square footage of improvements used for parking, on all taxable improved parcels.

For each TY after TY 2025-26, the rate shall be adjusted by two percent (2%) annually or the California Consumer Price Index as published by the California State Board of Equalization for the local assessment roll, whichever is less. Measure E is included in the direct assessment section of your Property Tax Bill.

**An exemption is available to low-income seniors who are 62 years of age or older, meet the established low-income threshold, and own and reside at their residence.** Eligible property owners may apply for the Measure E Low-Income Senior-Owned Parcel Tax Exemption.

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