



# Catching up with LA County

April 3, 2026



## COUNTY ADVOCACY-RELATED ACTIONS

### LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The County is advocating on the following legislation and proposals:

### **FEDERAL - APPROPRIATIONS**

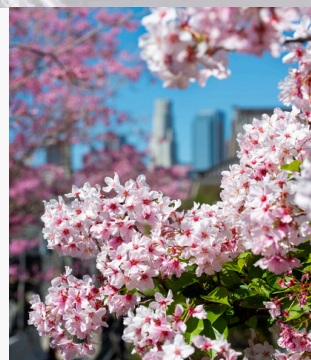
Members of Congress have solicited earmark project requests (Community Project Funding in the United States [U.S.] House of Representatives & Congressional Directed Spending in the U.S. Senate) to support specific local projects as part of the federal government's annual appropriations process for Federal Fiscal Year 2027. In total the County submitted 40 earmark projects, 16 programmatic funding, and 6 report and bill language requests to the County's congressional delegation members.

The Chief Executive Office – Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations Branch, in conjunction with County departments and Board offices, coordinated the review of projects to ensure that the submissions met Congressional criteria, are specific to Los Angeles County, have a direct funding impact to County programs, and are consistent with existing Board policy. For additional details regarding these submissions and to view the full list of projects and requests, click [here](#).

### **STATE**

- **SUPPORT SENATE BILL (SB) 970 (CERVANTES): MILITARY OR OVERSEAS VOTERS**

SB 970 would require the California Secretary of State to promulgate regulations to facilitate the secure return of ballots from military or overseas voters delivered through secure electronic transmission methods. This bill would allow the County to better serve residents who are military personnel or are overseas to exercise their right to vote, while increasing efficiency, security and quality control of the election process for military and overseas voters. Additional details on this position can be found [here](#).





- **SUPPORT SB 1004 (WIENER): LAW ENFORCEMENT MASKS**  
SB 1004 would expand the definition of law enforcement officers to explicitly include peace officers employed by State agencies to existing law on the use of face masks by law enforcement agencies. This bill is consistent with the July 2025 Board-adopted motion related to enhancing accountability during immigration enforcement and with existing policy to strengthen justice and public safety system transparency, reform policing standards, address police misconduct, or protect detainee rights and due process. Additional details on this position can be found here.
- **SUPPORT SB 1160 (DURAZO): JUDICIAL COUNCIL: EVICTION DATA REPORTING**  
SB 1160 would require the courts to provide the Judicial Council every month with certain information regarding unlawful detainer cases aggregated by ZIP Code and would require the Judicial Council to post the information on its website every four months. This bill would provide essential eviction-related data to help more effectively design and operate the County's eviction prevention program. Additional details on this position can be found here.
- **SUPPORT SB 1270 (RICHARDSON): WILDFIRE MITIGATION PROGRAM: FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO COUNTIES**  
SB 1270 would expand eligibility for the California Wildfire Mitigation Program to include Los Angeles County. This bill could provide County residents with State resources for wildfire mitigation projects. Additional details on this position can be found here.
- **SUPPORT SB 1422 (DURAZO): MEDICAL ELIGIBILITY: IMMIGRATION STATUS**  
SB 1422 would restore, effective January 1, 2027, Medi-Cal enrollment for individuals 19 years of age or older who do not have satisfactory immigration status. This bill would increase access to health care for low-income individuals. Additional details on this position can be found here.
- **SUPPORT ASSEMBLY BILL (AB) 685 (SOLACHE): SMALL BUSINESS RESILIENCY AND INNOVATION ACT**  
AB 685 would appropriate \$26 million from the State General Fund to a new Small Business Resiliency and Innovation Fund to provide assistance to small businesses. The bill would support small business stabilization and inclusive economic growth. Additional details on this position can be found here.
- **SUPPORT AB 2051 (WICKS): PUBLIC RESOURCES: COASTAL RESILIENCE PERMITTING WORKING GROUP**  
AB 2051 would direct the California Natural Resources Agency and California Environmental Protection Agency to convene an interagency Coastal Resilience Permitting Working Group to identify administrative actions and legislative recommendations to streamline and accelerate permitting for coastal resilience and sea level rise adaptation projects. This bill would produce administrative reforms and interagency coordination that accelerates coastal resilience project implementation. Additional details on this position can be found here.

- **SUPPORT AB 2600 (BONTA): IMMIGRATION: ACCESS TO LEGAL COUNSEL**

AB 2600 would, subject to the availability of funding, provide legal counsel to every covered individual subject to certain immigration proceedings if that individual is not otherwise being provided counsel. This bill would align with the County's efforts to expand legal representation capacity for individuals in federal custody for immigration proceedings. Additional details on this position can be found [here](#).

## **STATE - BUDGET**

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

- **Trauma Recovery Centers (TRC)**

- *Support* the National Alliance of Trauma Recovery Centers request of \$34 million ongoing for the provision of services for survivors of violence at the 20 existing TRCs in California. This would help provide services for survivors of violence who do not get proper attention through traditional victims services.

- **In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Community First Choice Option Penalties**

- *Support* the County Welfare Directors Association (CWDA) proposed trailer bill language for the 2026 State Budget Act that would preserve the current 50 percent State/50 percent county cost-sharing structure for Community First Choice Option reassessment penalties.

- **Auto-termination of IHSS When Medi-Cal is Discontinued**

- *Oppose* the proposal to automate the termination of IHSS to align with the discontinuance of Medi-Cal. This proposal would create lapses in essential care for individuals who cannot safely be left without assistance, increasing the likelihood of hospitalization or institutional placement.

- **Emergency Response (ER) Enhancement Services**

- *Support* the CWDA's State budget request for \$20 million to sustain ER stabilization efforts statewide and preserve front-end prevention capacity during implementation of H.R. 1.

- **Flexible Family Supports, Two Year Extension**

- *Support* the CWDA's request for a two-year extension of Flexible Family Supports funding beyond June 30, 2026, to maintain the current momentum of concrete supports to foster children, youth, and their caregivers, while the State and counties work to implement the Tiered Rate Structure, which will take effect on or after July 1, 2027.

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



## CHANGES TO CALFRESH



Starting April 1, 2026, certain non-citizens will no longer be eligible to receive CalFresh benefits due to federal policy updates outlined in H.R. 1. Applicants within these categories may still qualify for CalFresh if their immigration status changes to Lawful Permanent Resident and they meet all other program eligibility requirements. Non-citizens currently receiving CalFresh benefits will continue to receive assistance until their renewal period, provided they meet all other eligibility criteria at that time. Additional information can be found [here](#).



### Public Health Reports All Time High of Flea-Borne Typhus Cases



The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health is reporting a record number of flea-borne typhus cases in Los Angeles County, with 220 cases identified in 2025, the highest-ever recorded. Alarmingly, nearly nine out of ten people identified as infected with typhus required hospitalization, underscoring the seriousness of the disease and the urgent need for awareness and prevention.

People are often exposed in and around their homes, when infected fleas are carried indoors on pets or other animals. Fleas that spread typhus are commonly found on stray animals, rodents, and other wildlife such as opossums. Public Health urges people to take these key steps now:

- Protect your pets: Use flea control year-round.
- Avoid stray animals: Don't feed or handle them.
- Keep wildlife out: Secure trash and block entry and hiding points.



### EVERY BODY PLAYS - FREE YOUTH RECREATION PROGRAM GOING ON NOW THROUGH MAY 22, 2026

Every Body Plays is a free, after-school recreation program offered by the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation. Led by trained and caring staff, the program provides a safe and welcoming environment where youth can build friendships, explore creativity, stay active, and learn new skills through hands-on activities.

This is a non-custodial, drop-in program that runs Monday - Friday for youth ages 7 - 17. To find a park near you, click [here](#).



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