



# Catching up with LA County

April 17, 2026



## COUNTY ADVOCACY-RELATED ACTIONS

At the April 7<sup>th</sup> and April 14<sup>th</sup> meetings, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (Board) took the following legislative-related action:

- **COMBATING HOME HEALTH AND HOSPICE FRAUD IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY**

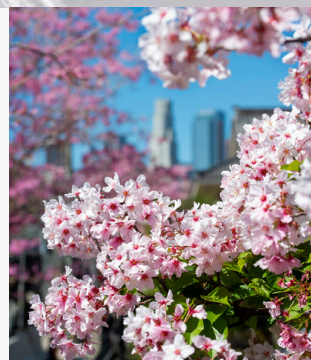
The Board directed the Chief Executive Office-Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations Branch (CEO-LAIR), to send a five-signature letter to the Director of the California Department of Public Health and the Administrator of the United States Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, urging greater coordination and investment in enforcement of home health and hospice providers and strengthened regulatory oversight for accrediting bodies in their role overseeing deemed hospice and home health entities. Additional details on the motion can be found [here](#).

- **SUPPORT ASSEMBLY BILL (AB) 1847 (HARABEDIAN): MORTGAGE FORBEARANCE: STATE OF EMERGENCY: WILDFIRE**

The Board directed the CEO-LAIR to support [AB 1847](#), which extends wildfire-related mortgage forbearance protections and builds upon [AB 238](#), which was signed into law in 2025. AB 1847 would expand the current mortgage forbearance period to 36 months and extend the deadline for a borrower's request for forbearance to January 7, 2029. Additional details on the motion can be found [here](#).

- **SUPPORT AB 1847 (HADWICK): COUNTY RECORDERS: FEES**

The Board directed the CEO-LAIR to support [AB 2224](#), which would ensure that essential recording services will remain at the levels necessary to meet the demands of Los Angeles County. This bill provides a much-needed adjustment to ensure the established fees properly fund recording services. Additional details on the motion can be found [here](#).





- **SUPPORT SENATE BILL (SB) 873 (REYES): COURTHOUSES: PRIVILEGE FROM CIVIL ARREST**

The Board directed the CEO-LAIR to support SB 873, which as amended on March 25, 2026, would prohibit a person from being subject to civil arrest when the person is within 1,000 feet of a courthouse for any lawful activity, or while traveling to, attending or leaving a courthouse for court proceedings there, except pursuant to a valid judicial warrant. Additional details on the motion can be found [here](#).

- **SUPPORT SB 978 (PEREZ) - ADDRESSING THE HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF DATA CENTERS**

The Board directed the CEO-LAIR to assess the status of statutory and regulatory activities at the State level to address and protect residents from higher electrical rates, health impacts, and other costs associated with the development of data centers, and advocate in support of SB 978, and similar legislation. Additional details on the motion can be found [here](#).

- **SUPPORT SB 1417 (PEREZ) AND SB 1291 (GONZALEZ) - TRANSPARENCY, OVERSIGHT, AND REGULATION OF PRIVATE MUTUAL WATER COMPANIES**

The Board directed the CEO-LAIR to support SB 1417, which would establish standardized advance notice requirements for assessments and charge increases, clarify that tenants cannot be held responsible for shareholder charges, and expand access to corporate records. It would also enhance public transparency and provide improved consumer protections in situations where mutual water companies consider significant financial changes. Additionally, the Board directed CEO-LAIR to support SB 1291, which would strengthen requirements for open meetings, including improved teleconferencing access, more consistent public notice, and mandatory electronic availability of governance documents at no cost to customers. Additional details on the motion can be found [here](#).

## **ARMENIAN HISTORY MONTH**

The Board declared April as Armenian History Month. April holds deep historical significance for Armenians, marking the anniversary of the Armenian Genocide, a tragedy that resulted in the loss of 1.5 million Armenian lives at the hands of the Ottoman Empire in 1915. Despite the attempt to eradicate them as a people, the Armenians have survived, thrived, and continued to enrich the lives of those around them. Los Angeles County is home to the largest Armenian diaspora outside of Armenia. To learn more about Armenia and Armenian traditions and culture, visit the LA County Library Armenian History Month resource page.



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 AND OPPOSE PROVISIONS IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BILL (H.R.) 6644 (HILL): 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY ROAD TO HOUSING ACT**

H.R. 6644, as amended by the Senate on March 12, 2026, seeks to promote housing production, modernize locally-administered housing programs, and streamline regulatory barriers to development. This bill would provide administrative and funding flexibility for public housing authorities and other local agencies. However, the bill also contains provisions that may jeopardize funding for the County. The County will support provisions in H.R. 6644 and similar measures that provide local flexibility and preserve federal resources for the County, while opposing proposals that would impose limits on the County and prevent the County from receiving a full allocation of formula funds under the Community Development Block Grant program. Additional details on this position can be found [here](#).

- **SUPPORT H.R. 7343 (MILLER): FOSTER YOUTH WORKFORCE OPPORTUNITY ACT**

H.R. 7343 would expand education and workforce training opportunities for youth who have experienced foster care. This bill would provide flexibility for youth to pursue alternative career pathways to obtain certifications needed for in-demand jobs. Additional details on this position can be found [here](#).

- **SUPPORT H.R. 7432 (LAHOOD): FOSTER YOUTH HOUSING OPPORTUNITY ACT**

H.R. 7432 would improve coordination with Federal housing assistance programs for youth who have experienced foster care. This bill would help youth transitioning out of foster care to find stable housing. Additional details on this position can be found [here](#).

- **SUPPORT H.R. 7463 (CHU): FOSTER YOUTH POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION ACCESS AND SUCCESS ACT**

H.R. 7463 would increase the maximum education and training voucher amount and provide greater support for foster youth pursuing postsecondary education. This bill would improve access to postsecondary education for older and transition-age foster youth. Additional details on this position can be found [here](#).



- **SUPPORT H.R. 7529 (YAKIM): FRESH STARTS FOR FOSTER YOUTH**

H.R. 7529 would require States to consider legal issues affecting youth as part of case planning and to provide States with the option to use funds from the John H. Chafee Foster Care Program for Successful Transition to Adulthood to support access to legal services and counseling. This bill would help foster youth transition to adulthood by resolving legal issues affecting housing, education, employment entry, and family conditions. Additional details on this position can be found [here](#).

- **SUPPORT H.R. 7655 (YAKIM): SUPPORT FOR EXPECTANT AND PARENTING FOSTER YOUTH ACT**

H.R. 7655 would improve support for expectant and parenting youth who have experienced foster care by strengthening coordination with the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program. This bill would help support foster youth with children of their own. Additional details on this position can be found [here](#).

- **SUPPORT H.R. 7995 (MOORE): CHAFEE OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEW NETWORKS AND EXISTING CONNECTION TRUST (CONNECT) ACT**

H.R. 7995 would update the purposes of the John H. Chafee Foster Care Program for Successful Transition to Adulthood to reflect research and the input of youth with lived experience about the importance of long-term relationships to future success. This bill would empower older foster youth with greater options and increased participation to develop and achieve their personal goals for family reunification, permanent placement, adult independence, or more as they transition into adulthood. Additional details on this position can be found [here](#).

- **SUPPORT H.R. 8095 (BILIRAKIS): ENSURING MEDICAID CONTINUITY FOR CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE ACT OF 2026**

H.R. 8095 would ensure that children in foster care who are placed in a qualified residential treatment program (QRTP) are eligible for Medicaid. This bill would provide a narrow exemption from the Medicaid Institution for Mental Diseases (IMD) exclusion to ensure children in foster care receiving care in QRTPs can continue to receive care provided in these settings without losing their federal Medicaid coverage. Additional details on this position can be found [here](#).

## STATE

- **SUPPORT SB 922 (LAIRD): VEHICLES: LOCAL AGENCY CHARGES: USE OF STREETS OR HIGHWAYS**

SB 922 would clarify existing law to mean that a fee, charge, or surcharge imposed by, or for, a local agency to recover the cost of street maintenance and repair and other costs associated with the use of its streets, roads, or highways to provide public services or public works is not a tax, permit fee, or other charge that is otherwise prohibited. This bill would ensure sustainable funding for roadway repairs and maintain the Board's authority to impose a roadway preservation fee. Additional details on this position can be found [here](#).

- **SUPPORT SB 963 (LAIRD): CALIFORNIA COASTAL ACT OF 1976: COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMITS: APPEAL: DE NOVO REVIEW**

SB 963 would establish a standardized process for appealing the decision of a local government if that decision concerns a coastal development permit. This bill would establish a uniform and streamlined process for permit appeals. Additional details on this position can be found [here](#).

- **SUPPORT AB 1579 (RAMOS): CHILDREN’S CRISIS CONTINUUM PILOT PROGRAM**

AB 1579 would provide counties with critical flexibility in the development and implementation of crisis care systems for youth with complex behavioral health by allowing alternative, clinically appropriate models, such as psychiatric residential treatment facilities and crisis stabilization units. This bill would help ensure that counties can design systems that are both effective and feasible by providing them with the flexibility to use state funding to provide services that are tailored to meet the unique needs of children and youth to reduce unnecessary hospitalizations, minimize placement disruptions, and keep youth closer to their communities and support network. Additional details on this position can be found [here](#).

- **SUPPORT AB 1786 (HARABEDIAN): PUBLIC CONTRACTS: BEST VALUE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTING FOR COUNTIES, CITIES, AND THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

AB 1786 would extend the sunset date for the existing best value contracting authority from January 1, 2030, to January 1, 2040, and lower the contract value threshold from \$1 million to \$500,000. This bill would contribute to greater construction project efficiencies and improved outcomes. Additional details on this position can be found [here](#).

- **SPONSOR AB 1908 (MCKINNOR): CIVIL ACTIONS: VICTIMS’ COMPENSATION FUNDING**

AB 1908 would give public entities an avenue to set up and finance victims’ compensation processes outside of the courts by using obligation bonds. Additional details on this position can be found [here](#).



## **METRO GOPASS FOR K-12 AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS**

Students at participating K–12 schools, adult schools, and community colleges can travel anywhere, anytime for free on Metro buses and trains. Check to see if your school has GoPass [here](#).





## **THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS CELEBRATES 50 YEARS!**

Fifty years ago, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors recognized the need for a department dedicated to protecting the rights of consumers in Los Angeles County, an effort championed by Supervisor Ed Edelman. On April 15, 1976, the County of Los Angeles Department of Consumer Affairs opened its doors with a simple but powerful mission: to protect and advocate for the people of Los Angeles County. Today, now known as the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs (DCBA), what began as a traditional consumer protection agency has evolved into a broader platform for advancing fairness, accountability, and economic justice, particularly for communities disproportionately impacted by economic instability and exploitation.

Learn more about the DCBA online at [dcbalacounty.gov](http://dcbalacounty.gov). To [watch our new video](#) and get the latest information, follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Bluesky](#), and [YouTube](#).



## **LA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND CULTURE HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS**

### *For High School Students:*

In collaboration with Bloomberg Philanthropies, the Department of Arts and Culture announced a transformative new collaboration to bring the [Bloomberg Arts Internship \(BAI\)](#) program to Los Angeles County. This summer, 48 rising public high school seniors will receive paid summer internships at 22 local arts and cultural institutions, gaining hands-on work-based learning and professional experience, as well as college preparation training.

### *For College Students:*

In partnership with the Getty Foundation, the Department of Arts and Culture is providing [internships](#) at 128 organizations focused on the performing arts, literary arts, and arts-focused social services and social justice. Interns will be able to work from June 1, 2026 - March 1, 2027, depending on the needs of the organization.



## **FREE EXPUNGEMENT CLINICS APRIL 21 AND JUNE 25**

Have a criminal record? The expungement process can help reduce or eliminate certain past convictions so you can keep moving forward. Join the Department of Public Social Services at the upcoming expungement workshop on Tuesday, April 21, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The event will be held at the West County GAIN Region I office, located at 5200 W. Century Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90045. Please be on time and bring a California ID or Driver's License. No children allowed. For more information contact (424) 414-5223.

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