



# Catching up with LA County

May 1, 2026



## COUNTY ADVOCACY-RELATED ACTIONS

### LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The County is advocating on the following legislation and proposals:

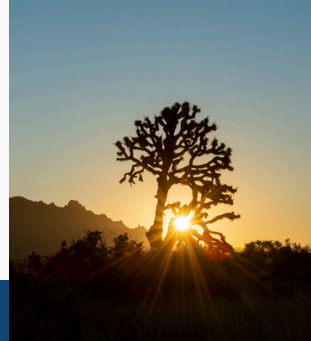
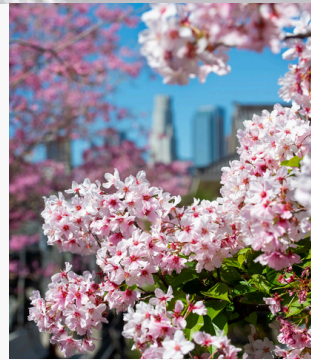
#### FEDERAL

- **SUPPORT HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BILL (H.R.) 5944 (FINSTAD): RESTORING INPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH ACCESS ACT OF 2025**

H.R. 5944 would amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to allow for federal financial participation for services furnished to patients in an institution for mental diseases (IMD) under the Medicaid program. This bill would improve the current restrictive nature of the IMD exclusion and increase bed capacity for individuals with serious behavioral health conditions. Additional details on this position can be found [here](#).

- **SUPPORT H.R. 6727 (RITCHIE TORRES): REPEALING THE IMD EXCLUSION ACT**

H.R. 6727 would remove the current age limitation in law and allow any institution to qualify as an IMD, regardless of the number of beds, if it primarily treats individuals with mental diseases and meets nationally recognized standards for mental health or substance use disorder programs. This bill would help improve quality of care that is offered in behavioral health facilities in the County. Additional details on this position can be found [here](#).



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

**STATE**

- **SUPPORT SENATE BILL (SB) 870 (CORTESE): FUEL BURNING PORTABLE DEVICES**  
SB 870 would add a new fire-safety provision to prohibit the sale, offer for sale, or distribution in California of a fuel-burning portable device that does not comply with ASTM F3363-25, the applicable safety standard for unvented liquid/gel fuel-burning portable devices, on and after January 1, 2027. This bill would help prevent and reduce burn injuries across the County. Additional details on this position can be found [here](#).
- **OPPOSE ASSEMBLY BILL (AB) 1576 (ORTEGA): WORKERS' COMPENSATION: SUBSEQUENT INJURIES PAYMENTS**  
AB 1576 would update the State's workers' compensation system by revising how benefits for workers with prior disabilities are calculated, tightening eligibility and evidence requirements, and shifting administration of the Subsequent Injuries Benefits Trust Fund (SIBTF). Unfortunately, the bill does not contain the comprehensive reforms necessary to address the issues with the SIBTF. Additional details on this position can be found [here](#).
- **SUPPORT AB 1755 (SHARP-COLLINS): CALIFORNIA WORK OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO KIDS (CALWORKS)**  
AB 1755 would remove the provision, for purposes of determining a child's deprivation of parental support or care, that requires a parent to work less than 100 hours in the preceding four weeks. This bill would remove barriers and increase access to financial assistance for low-income families. Additional details on this position can be found [here](#).
- **SUPPORT AB 1981 (AGUIAR-CURRY): SUBSIDIZED CHILDCARE REIMBURSEMENT RATES REPORTING**  
AB 1981 would delete the sunset date for the quarterly updates by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) on the implementation of the new subsidized childcare reimbursement rates set under the alternative methodology and require those updates to continue until the new reimbursement rates are fully implemented. This bill would help address childcare workforce shortages and the limited supply of programs available to meet childcare needs of working families. Additional details on this position can be found [here](#).
- **SUPPORT AB 2160 (RODRIGUEZ): MEDI-CAL LACTATION SERVICES**  
AB 2160 would require the State Department of Health Care Services to issue updated guidance on Medi-Cal coverage for lactation services, by July 1, 2027. This bill would help improve lactation services for underserved communities in the County. Additional details on this position can be found [here](#).
- **SUPPORT AB 2201 (BOERNER): MEDI-CAL ELIGIBILITY REDETERMINATION**  
AB 2201 would implement processes to facilitate redetermining an individual's Medi-Cal eligibility by streamlining required income and asset verification. This bill would remove administrative barriers and increase access to health care for low-income individuals and families. Additional details on this position can be found [here](#).

- **SUPPORT AB 2349 (SOLACHE): STATE AIR RESOURCES BOARD: REGIONAL AIR QUALITY INCIDENT RESPONSE PROGRAM**

AB 2349 would require CDSS to notify and provide multilingual training to licensed and licensed-exempt family daycare home providers on their constitutional Fourth Amendment rights. This bill would help provide family childcare providers with information about their constitutional rights in order to protect themselves, the children in their care, and the families they serve. Additional details on this position can be found [here](#).

- **SUPPORT AB 2379 (SOLACHE): FAMILY DAYCARE HOMES**

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- **SUPPORT AB 2567 (C. RODRIGUEZ): CALWORKS: IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE**

AB 2567 would require that counties authorize immediate assistance to eligible applicants without requiring the applicant to apply for unconditionally available income as a prerequisite for eligibility determination. This bill would remove barriers and increase access to immediate financial assistance for low-income families. Additional details on this position can be found [here](#).

- **SUPPORT WORKERS' COMPENSATION: SUBSEQUENT INJURIES BENEFITS TRUST FUND (SIBTF) BUDGET TRAILER BILL (BTB)**

The SIBTF BTB would streamline and reform how the SIBTF is administered by addressing application backlogs, clarifying eligibility, and improving payment processes for injured workers with pre-existing disabilities. This bill would address the fiscal crisis that the SIBTF currently faces and realign it with its original intent. 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:

- **AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) Rebate Funds for Disease Intervention Specialist (DIS) Workforce**
  - *Support* the County Health Executives Association of California's request of \$18.6 million in ADAP Rebate Funds in FY 2026-27 to support the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) DIS Workforce program for local health departments. This would help prevent the loss of critical communicable disease capacity and personnel.

**STATE - BUDGET (CONTINUED)**

- **ADAP Rebate Fund Trailer Bill Language (TBL) and Investments**
  - Support the End the Epidemics Coalition’s request for TBL, authorizing CDPH to continue using dollars from the ADAP Rebate Fund to replace delayed, reduced, or eliminated HIV-related federal funding for State and local agencies and community-based organizations. Additionally, support \$143 million in ADAP Rebate Fund and Opioid Settlement Fund investments in FY 2026-27, for eight initiatives. This would help prevent reductions in and cancelations of critical HIV/AIDS programming in the County.
  
- **Jails to Jobs (J2J) Pilot Program**
  - Support Assemblymember McKinnor’s request for \$40 million in State funds over three years to develop an employment training and case management pilot program - Jails to Jobs (J2J) - in Los Angeles County, and in the counties of San Bernardino, San Joaquin, and Santa Clara. The funding would support staffing and coordination across public defender offices, workforce agencies and boards, and community-based service providers to deliver case management, job training, and other supportive services.
  
- **Childcare Infrastructure for Communities Impacted by the Fires**
  - Support the Governor's January Proposed Budget proposal of \$11.5 million in one-time Proposition 64 funding for childcare infrastructure, specifically targeted for communities impacted by 2025 wildfires. This proposal would provide much needed resources for childcare facilities to reopen in the fire-impacted communities.
  
- **The California Nutrition Incentive Program (CNIP)**
  - Support the Ecology Center’s request for \$20 million for FY 2026-27, \$30 million for FY 2027-28, and \$50 million for FY 2028-29 and ongoing for CNIP. This proposal would improve food access and nutrition among CalFresh and Women, Infants and Children recipients in the County.
  
- **Funding to Stabilize Foster Family Agencies (FFAs)**
  - Support the State budget request submitted by Assemblymember Ramos and Senator Durazo for \$30 million in one-time State funding to continue stabilizing the more than 200 FFAs serving over 6,500 foster youth across California. This State budget proposal would provide the necessary short-term relief to FFAs to ensure placement stability for children and youth while the Legislature and Administration advance long-term solutions to the insurance crisis.

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





## LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH KICKS OFF 2026 TAKE ACTION FOR MENTAL HEALTH LA COUNTY CAMPAIGN

The Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH) officially launched its annual Take Action for Mental Health LA County campaign, kicking off a month-long effort to highlight May as Mental Health Awareness Month. Campaign details were presented to community-based partners at the Department’s headquarters.

This year, the Department is collaborating with 84 local community-based organizations to host 137 grant-funded mental health events – both in-person and online – throughout May, all designed to inspire and encourage people to Take Action for Mental Health – for themselves, their circle, and their communities. Additionally, LACDMH will host nine large-scale events, beginning with a kickoff event at Magic Johnson Park on Sunday, May 3rd, followed by eight events at community colleges across Los Angeles County (see image below). To learn more about the campaign, and for a complete list of events, visit [TakeActionLA.com](https://TakeActionLA.com).



## **FIRE SERVICE DAYS** Countywide Open House

**Saturday, May 2, 2026 | 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

**Drop by and visit your local LACoFD fire station!**

We’re rolling up the doors and opening ALL [#LACoFD](https://www.instagram.com/LACoFD) fire stations to YOU on Saturday, May 2, 2026. Come meet our team, tour the stations, check out our equipment, and learn more about the vital work we do to keep the community safe. Whether you’re a longtime supporter or a first-time visitor, we’d love to see you there! Bring the whole family for an exciting, fun-filled day.

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