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COUNTY ADVOCACY-RELATED ACTIONS

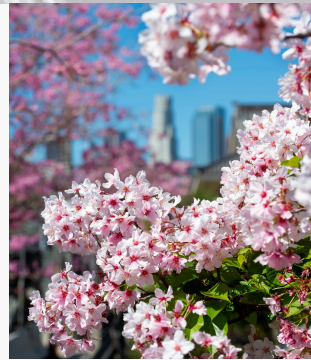
At the May 19th meeting, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (Board) took the following legislative-related action:

- **PROCLAIMING JUNE 2026 AS “SILICOSIS AWARENESS MONTH” THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY**

The Board directed the Chief Executive Office-Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations Branch (CEO-LAIR), in collaboration with the Department of Public Health and the Department of Health Services to continue to advocate in support of proposals at the State and federal levels that strengthen regulatory standards and enhance resources and education as it relates to silicosis that is aligned with adopted County Board policies. Additional details on the motion can be found [here](#).

- **CONTINUING TO STRENGTHEN COUNTYWIDE STRATEGIES TO SUPPORT SURVIVORS OF INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE**

The Board directed the CEO-LAIR to: 1) Prepare and send a 5-signature letter to the California Department of Justice urging compliance with State law requiring the destruction of expunged and vacated records that have already been ordered expunged or vacated by the Los Angeles County Superior Court; and 2) Work with the Offices of the Public Defender and Alternate Public Defender and the District Attorney’s Office to engage with the Presiding Judge of the Los Angeles County Superior Court to advocate for the development and implementation of a standardized adult vacatur filing form and process to promote equitable and consistent access to relief. Additional details on the motion can be found [here](#).



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

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The County is advocating on the following legislation and proposals:

FEDERAL

- **SUPPORT HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BILL (H.R.) 1956 (STRICKLAND): BASIC HOUSING ALLOWANCE (BAH) RESTORATION ACT**
H.R. 1956 would increase the monthly amount of the BAH for members of the uniformed services living within the United States by requiring the BAH to cover 100 percent of the monthly housing cost of adequate housing in the area. This bill would help ensure service members and their families can access and afford housing without facing additional economic burden. Additional details on this position can be found [here](#).
- **SUPPORT H.R. 2102 (BILIRAKIS): MAJOR RICHARD STAR ACT**
H.R. 2102 would specify that a combat-wounded veteran is entitled to concurrently receive both disability benefits and full retirement pay. This bill would ensure that veterans receive the full retirement pay and disability compensation to which they are entitled. Additional details on this position can be found [here](#).
- **SUPPORT H.R. 3117 (MENG) AND SENATE BILL (S.) 1540 (FETTERMAN): THE FAIRNESS FOR VICTIMS OF SNAP SKIMMING ACT OF 2025**
H.R. 3117 and S. 1540 would allow the replacement of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits stolen through skimming or other methods and would lift the cap on repayment to ensure replacement of the full amount stolen. The bills would reduce barriers and increase access to stolen food benefits for SNAP recipients. Additional details on this position can be found [here](#).
- **SUPPORT H.R. 5366 (STEUBE): DOUG LAMALFA FEDERAL DISASTER TAX RELIEF CERTAINTY ACT**
H.R. 5366 would codify and extend federal tax deductions for disaster-related personal casualty losses and compensation for losses or damages resulting from certain wildfires. It would provide critical tax relief for residents affected by major disasters, including the 2025 Los Angeles wildfires. Additional details on this position can be found [here](#).
- **SUPPORT H.R. 5718 (MOORE): SNAP BACK ACT OF 2025**
H.R. 5718 would reinstate exemptions to SNAP work requirements for veterans, youth aging out of foster care, and individuals experiencing homelessness. This bill would allow these vulnerable populations to access food assistance without the added pressure of fulfilling work requirements. Additional details on this position can be found [here](#).

- **SUPPORT H.R. 7437 (MCDONALD RIVET): BRIDGES AND SAFETY INFRASTRUCTURE FOR COMMUNITY SUCCESS ACT**

H.R. 7437 would increase access to federal formula funding, expand regional control over transportation funding, and improve coordination between regional partners. This bill would remove fiscal burdens for local governments and recalculate the distribution of federal funds. Additional details on this position can be found [here](#).

- **SUPPORT H.R. 7522 (ADAMS): IMPROVING ACCESS TO NUTRITION ACT OF 2026**

H.R. 7522 would repeal the SNAP three-month time limit for certain able-bodied adults without dependents. This bill would increase access to food benefits for vulnerable individuals in need of nutrition during periods of instability. Additional details on this position can be found [here](#).

- **SUPPORT H.R. 8246 (WILLIAMS, N): OVERCOMING HIGHER EDUCATION HUNGER THROUGH SNAP ACT OF 2026**

H.R. 8246 would expand SNAP eligibility for certain college students. This bill would increase access to food benefits for low-income college students. Additional details on this position can be found [here](#).

- **SUPPORT H.R. 8498 (CHU): INCREASING ACCESS TO FOSTER CARE THROUGH AGE 21 ACT**

H.R. 8498 would provide an incentive for States to extend child welfare support and services for youth through 21 years of age, and to allow youth to re-enter foster care after attaining 18 years of age, both without regard to the Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) eligibility of their parents or legal guardians. By making it easier for states to extend care through age 21 and removing unnecessary eligibility hurdles, this bill would help more young people access the stability and support they need. Additional details on this position can be found [here](#).

- **SUPPORT H.R. 8566 (BACON): PROTECTING SIBLING RELATIONSHIPS IN FOSTER CARE ACT**

H.R. 8566 would encourage the development of specialized foster care programs designed specifically for large sibling groups, sibling groups with a wide age range, and sibling groups with complex needs. This bill would help address the unique challenges faced by families caring for sibling groups with large numbers, wide age ranges, and complex needs by supporting foster care models better equipped to serve sibling groups. Additional details on this position can be found [here](#).

STATE

- **SUPPORT SENATE BILL (SB) 557 (HURTADO): CHILD ABUSE: FAMILY RESOURCE CENTERS**

SB 557 would expand and refine the definition of “family resource center,” aligning it more closely with the federal definition. This would allow for the expansion of resources and services for families and children in the County. Additional details on this position can be found [here](#).

- **SUPPORT SB 1051 (MENJIVAR): FOSTER CARE: CHILDCARE**

SB 1051 would authorize a child care navigator to refer a foster child to a county welfare department for eligibility and approval under the Emergency Child Care Bridge Program for Foster Children (Bridge Program) and require a county welfare department to determine eligibility of a child referred from a child care navigator. This bill would have a positive impact on the Bridge Program as it would ensure that access to child care is readily available, would stabilize placements, all while utilizing State funding to its maximum allocation. Additional details on this position can be found [here](#).

- **SUPPORT ASSEMBLY BILL (AB) 2032 (RANSOM): FISH AND WILDLIFE: GOLDEN MUSSELS**

AB 2032 would require the Department of Fish and Wildlife’s Invasive Species Program to develop, by April 1, 2027, voluntary guidance for water supply agencies to develop effective invasive mussel control plans. This bill would help prevent, mitigate, and manage infestations of invasive mussels, which significantly damage water system infrastructure, water quality, and supply capacity. Additional details on this position can be found [here](#).

- **SUPPORT AB 2559 (WARD): SOLID WASTE: CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS: DIVERSION: DEPOSITS**

AB 2559 would require local agencies to return construction deposits within three years of the final inspection on the work or project if the applicant demonstrates compliance with the terms of the construction deposit. This bill would align with and codify the County’s construction deposit refund process. Additional details on this position can be found [here](#).

- **SUPPORT AB 2739 (SORIA): WATER: AFFORDABILITY AND SYSTEM STABILIZATION**

AB 2739 would create the Water Affordability and System Stabilization Trust to generate ongoing funding for the Community Water Affordability Program and the Water Rate Assistance Fund. This bill would increase funding resources dedicated to improving local water infrastructure. 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:

Health, Behavioral Health, and Public Health

- **Medi-Cal Program Changes** – The Governor's FY 2026-27 May Revision (May Revision) proposes to: transition individuals with unsatisfactory immigration Status (UIS) from Medi-Cal managed care plans to Medi-Cal fee-for-service delivery system, effective January 1, 2027; and increase monthly Medi-Cal premiums for adults with UIS, ages 19–59, from \$30 to \$50, effective July 1, 2027. These would create major fiscal and service delivery challenges for the County health systems and the residents. Therefore, unless otherwise directed by the Board, because these proposals are contrary to existing policy, the Sacramento Advocates will oppose the May Revision's proposals to transition individuals with UIS to Medi-Cal fee-for-service; and monthly Medi-Cal premium increase for adults with UIS.
- **County's Health Facilities Inspection Division (HFID) Contract Extension** – The May Revision proposes \$24.2 million to extend and augment the County Department of Public Health's HFID contract. This contract increase is critical to continue providing HFID services on behalf of the State for the health care facilities across the County. Therefore, unless otherwise directed by the Board, consistent with existing policy, the Sacramento Advocates will support the May Revision's proposal to extend and augment County's HFID contract.

Housing and Homeless Services

- **Medi-Cal Enhanced Care Management and Community Support Services** – The May Revision proposes a reduction of \$41.4 million in FY 2026-27 and \$99.2 million for the Medi-Cal enhanced care management benefit and \$26.9 million in FY 2026-27, \$58.8 million in FY 2027-28 and \$51 million ongoing for select Medi-Cal community support services, as a result of reforms proposed by the California Department of Health Care Services. This proposal could severely impact the County's rehousing system by disrupting housing-related services that integrate CalAIM funding. Therefore, unless otherwise directed by the Board, because this proposal is contrary to existing policy, the Sacramento Advocates will oppose the May Revision's proposed funding reductions to Medi-Cal Enhanced Care Management and Community Support services.

- **Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention Program Round 7 Accountability Measures** – The May Revision proposes trailer bill language (TBL) related to the eligibility criteria for round 7 of the Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program. The draft TBL could negatively impact the County by imposing onerous requirements for HHAP grantees. Therefore, unless otherwise directed by the Board, because this proposal is contrary to existing policy, the Sacramento Advocates will engage with the Administration and Legislature on the County’s concerns with the TBL.

Justice and Public Safety

- **Support for the Next Generation (NG) 9-1-1 Transition** – The May Revision proposes \$141.9 million in one-time State Emergency Telephone Number Account to continue the NG 9-1-1 deployment and transition the architecture from a regional model to a unified Statewide system model. The one-time funding will, among other things, support the implementation of a modern, reliable system for the greater Los Angeles region prior to the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Therefore, unless otherwise directed by the Board, consistent with existing policy to support proposals that expand resources and services for local emergency/disaster preparation, management, and operations, and preemptive measures to protect the well-being of residents during emergencies, the Sacramento Advocates will support the May Revision's NG 9-1-1 Transition funding proposal.
- **Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Supplemental Funding** – The May Revision proposes a one-time \$25 million SGF allocation, a \$75 million reduction from FY 2025-26, to supplement decreasing federal funding for a range of services for victims of crime. Any reduction of VOCA funding could have a detrimental impact on the County’s provider network’s ability to provide domestic violence shelter and housing, legal, and other services for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking. Therefore, unless otherwise directed by the Board, consistent with the Board-adopted [motion](#) on November 21, 2023, and the [motion](#) on May 21, 2024, to support increased VOCA funding and existing policy, the Sacramento Advocates will oppose the May Revision's proposal to reduce VOCA Supplemental Funding by \$75 million.

Environment

- Exide Facility Cleanup – The Governor's FY 2026-27 January Proposed Budget (Proposed Budget) proposed \$70 million, of which \$50 million is from the Toxic Substances Control Account and \$20 million from the Lead-Acid Battery Cleanup Fund, for the ongoing testing, cleanup, and remediation near the former Exide lead-acid battery recycling facility in Vernon, California. The funds would help ensure the continuation of ongoing cleanup measures. Therefore, unless otherwise directed by the Board, consistent with existing policy, the Sacramento Advocates will support the proposed funding for the Exide Facility Cleanup.

Social Services

- Adult Protective Services Program (APS) Expansion – The May Revision proposes a \$70 million reduction in State General Funds (SGF) in FY 2026-27 and ongoing to revert the expansion of APS adopted in FY 2021-22, including changing the age of eligibility from 60 back to 65. This proposal would reduce funding and access to safety-net services for older adults in the County. Therefore, unless otherwise directed by the Board, the Sacramento Advocates will oppose the Governor's May Revision proposal to reduce \$70 million in FY 2026-27 and ongoing for the APS Program Expansion.

Immigration

- Immigrant Legal Services – The May Revision proposes \$20 million in one-time SGF to increase legal capacity to help residents facing immigration court proceedings, particularly for individuals in civil immigration detention. This State Budget proposal would provide additional resources to provide immigration-related services at a critical time of intensified federal immigration enforcement. Therefore, unless otherwise directed by the Board, consistent with existing policy, the Sacramento Advocates will support the May Revision's proposal to allocate additional funding for immigrant legal services.

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



JUNE 2ND STATEWIDE PRIMARY ELECTION



ELECTION INFORMATION:

- **Make a Plan to Vote** - Prepare for the upcoming election by making a plan to vote today! This easy-to-use tool will guide you through the ways you can securely cast your ballot.
- **For Voters Displaced by Wildfires** - If you are not submitting a Vote by Mail ballot, you can still vote in-person at any Vote Center in Los Angeles County, with the last day being next Tuesday, June 2.
- **Find a Ballot Drop Box** - There are 400+ convenient and secure Ballot Drop Box locations open and available to voters throughout their communities.
- **Find a Vote Center** - Safe and accessible in-person voting is available.
 - Early Voting - Now until June 1st: 10 AM - 7 PM
 - Election Day, June 2nd: 7 AM - 8 PM
- **“Where’s My Ballot?”** - Tracking your ballot - when it is mailed, received, and counted - has never been easier.
- **State of California - Official Voter Information Guide**



PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE: **EAST LA OIL SPILL CONTAINED**

The Department of Public Health has reported that the ruptured crude oil pipeline near Cesar Chavez and Eastern Avenue in East Los Angeles has been shut down, and repairs are ongoing. The leak has been controlled and is no longer releasing crude oil in the streets. A small amount of seepage may occur at the source pipe break area. Cleanup, containment, and air monitoring efforts remain ongoing under Unified Command. Nuisance odors may still be noticeable near affected areas, as cleanup continues. Air monitoring conducted by Los Angeles County Fire Health Hazmat and the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) did not identify elevated levels of pollutants. Out of an abundance of caution, air monitoring remains ongoing.

Community Resources:

- Report odor complaints and air quality concerns to South Coast AQMD (800) 288-7664.
- Community members impacted by the incident can file a claim by contacting (877) 817-5465.
- Public Health – Community Health Complaint Line (626) 430-9821.



LA COUNTY RECOVERS: UPDATES AND RESOURCES

Voters Displaced by Wildfires Can Vote

- Displaced by the Eaton or Palisades wildfires? The Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk is ready to help. You have options for the upcoming Statewide Primary Election. Your ballot can reach you wherever you're staying, and you can still vote in your home district.

Open House at Altadena Community Center - Saturday, June 6th from 12pm to 4 p.m.

- Join the Los Angeles County Department of Consumer & Business Affairs for an open house at the Altadena Community Center - 730 E Altadena Dr., Altadena, CA 91001

Unified Permit Process - Virtual Workshop Friday, June 12, 2026, from 12:30pm - 2pm

- Builders and homeowners impacted by the Eaton and Palisades wildfires are invited to [learn more about the Unified Permit Process](#) and how to apply for a County Disaster Recovery Permit for their rebuild project.

U.S. Small Business Administration - Disaster Loan Outreach Centers

- The application filing deadline for this disaster has passed. These centers are focused on assisting survivors who have already applied and require additional guidance to complete or move their application forward. On a case-by-case basis, new applications may be accepted due to extraordinary circumstances.
 - The Pali Hub - 15239 La Cruz Dr., Pacific Palisades, CA 90272
 - Eaton Fire Collaborative - 540 W. Woodbury Rd., Altadena, CA 91001



NEW LOS ANGELES COUNTY WEB HUB HELPS RESIDENTS NAVIGATE CHANGES TO HEALTH AND SOCIAL SAFETY NET PROGRAMS

Los Angeles County has launched a new online resource hub (lacounty.gov/impacts) to help residents stay informed about changes affecting health care, food assistance, and other public support programs across County departments. The new hub serves as a central place for residents to find reliable, up-to-date information about federal and state policy changes, budget impacts, and emergencies that may affect services and benefits. Learn more about the hub [here](#).



NEW WORK REQUIREMENTS START JUNE 1



Beginning June 1st federal work [requirements for CalFresh](#) will expand to include certain individuals between the ages of 18 and 64, unless they qualify for an exemption. These changes are expected to affect nearly 260,000 CalFresh customers in Los Angeles County, this is approximately 18 percent of individuals currently receiving CalFresh benefits. For a detailed list of new work requirements and information on exemptions, customers may visit the [Keep Your Benefits](#) webpage, call the Customer Service Center at (866) 613-3777 (866-613-DPSS), or visit a local [DPSS office](#) for assistance.

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