



# Catching up with LA County

August 7, 2026

## WHAT'S NEW?

## COUNTY ADVOCACY-RELATED ACTIONS

At the August 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Los Angeles County (LA County) Board of Supervisors (Board) took the following legislative-related action:

### • **FOSTERING THE FUTURE FUNDS FOR LA COUNTY FOSTER YOUTH**

The Board directed the Chief Executive Office-Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations Branch (CEO-LAIR) to work with the Department of Children and Family Services and the California Welfare Directors Association of California, to advocate for the release of an All County Letter by the California Department of Social Services detailing when and how the *Fostering the Future Funds*, established by the federal government on June 11, 2026, will become available to counties. Additional details on the motion can be found [here](#).



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

*The Board meets August 11<sup>th</sup>, and will be dark on August 18<sup>th</sup> and August 25<sup>th</sup>.*

## **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

The County is advocating on the following legislation and proposals:

### **STATE**

### • **OPPOSE SENATE BILL (SB) 479 (ARREGUÍN) - HOMELESS ADULT AND FAMILY MULTIDISCIPLINARY PERSONNEL TEAMS**

SB 479, as amended on July 2, 2026, would make several changes to County-sponsored AB 210 (Chapter 544, Statutes of 2017), including expanding the types of jurisdictions authorized to establish a homeless adult and family multidisciplinary personnel team and introducing new privacy-related provisions. This bill would create significant legal ambiguity and impose new costs and administrative burdens on the County. Additional details on this position can be found [here](#).



- **OPPOSE SB 1157 (ARCHULETA) - JUVENILES: SECURE YOUTH TREATMENT FACILITIES: LESS RESTRICTIVE PROGRAMS**

SB 1157 would require the court, when determining whether to place a ward in a particular Less Restrictive Program (LRP) that includes congregate residential care, to consider certain information, including whether the LRP has required insurance, conducts staff background checks, follows youth case plans and accountability measures, and provides proof of notice to local governments. This bill could create barriers to youth placement, limit access to community-based programs, and contribute to increased time spent in custody. Additional details on this position can be found [here](#).

- **CHANGE OF POSITION AB 1579 (RAMOS) - CHILDREN'S CRISIS CONTINUUM PILOT PROGRAM**

AB 1579, previously related to the Children's Crisis Continuum Pilot Program (CCCPP), would have provided 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. This bill was gutted and amended on July 2, 2026, and no longer pertains to the CCCPP. Therefore, the County will remove its support and take a neutral position on AB 1579. Additional details on this position can be found [here](#).



The graphic is a promotional poster for 'YOUTH @WORK SUMMER HIRING' in LA County. It features a yellow background with a blue sidebar on the left. The main text 'YOUTH @WORK SUMMER HIRING' is in large, bold, yellow and blue letters. Below it, a pair of sunglasses is shown. A yellow box contains the text 'EARN \$18.47 PER HOUR' and 'GAIN 140+ HOURS OF PAID WORK EXPERIENCE'. Below this, a yellow box states 'Plus 20 hours of job readiness and connections to education, training, and quality jobs.' On the right, a blue box titled 'GET STARTED TODAY!' is divided into two sections: 'YOUTH' and 'EMPLOYERS'. The 'YOUTH' section says 'Complete an Interest form, contact your local America's Job Center of California (AJCC), or attend a recruitment event.' and provides the link 'bit.ly/YouthatWorkDEO'. The 'EMPLOYERS' section says 'Complete an employer Interest form or contact your local AJCC.' and provides the link 'bit.ly/YWEmployers'. At the bottom, a blue box says 'Learn more: bit.ly/DEOYouthAtWork'.

**PAID JOBS FOR YOUTH**  
**AND NO-COST TALENT**  
**FOR EMPLOYERS**  
**THROUGH**  
**YOUTH@WORK**

Young people across Los Angeles County can earn a paycheck while building real workplace skills through Youth@Work, a year-round program placing participants in paid roles with LA County Parks, Libraries, YMCA sites, and other local employers. Eligible youth ages 14 to 24 who live in the County can earn \$18.47 per hour across 140 or more hours of hands-on experience, plus 20 hours of job readiness training and wraparound support. Youth and employers can get started at [opportunity.lacounty.gov/youthatwork](https://opportunity.lacounty.gov/youthatwork).



# LA County Recovers

## **RESOURCES:**

- **Rebuilding Together Virtual Workshop - Unified Permit Process**
  - Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.; Register [here](#).
- **Eaton and Palisades Fires Soil Testing Program Update**
  - The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health's soil testing program for the Eaton and Palisades ended on Friday, July 31, 2026. For free soil testing services, visit the [USC CLEAN Project](#). The USC CLEAN Project is a separate program and not part of Public Health's soil testing program.
- **LA County One-Stop Permit Centers**
  - Open in both the Palisades and Eaton fire burn areas, [these centers](#) are available to help guide residents through the rebuilding process, answer any questions they have and connect them with each of the building and planning departments.
- **Altadena Commercial Concierge Program is Taking Enrollments**
  - Small businesses and commercial property owners in Altadena can get hands-on help securing required permits and licenses, one-on-one technical assistance, and access to essential resources to expedite their recovery and growth, including a 25% faster permit application submission to approval timeline. Click [here](#) for more information.
- **Fire Recovery Thursdays - Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO)**
  - The DEO and its [America's Job Centers of California \(AJCC\)](#) are hosting weekly recruitment popups for workers and job seekers impacted by the January 2025 wildfires and windstorms, every Thursday [at a local AJCC](#), from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
- **Deadlines Extended for FEMA's Rental and Continued Temporary Housing Assistance**
  - The deadline for FEMA Rental Assistance and Continued Temporary Housing Assistance for LA County wildfire survivors [has been extended](#), providing additional resources to both owners and renters.
- **Cal Assist Mortgage Fund**
  - This program makes available up to a full year of mortgage assistance up to \$100,000 that does not need to be repaid. Eligible homeowners may receive 12 months of mortgage payments, paid directly to their mortgage servicers. Homeowners are encouraged to apply for free as soon as possible. Go to the [CalAssist website](#) or call 800-501-0019.



## **DRAFT 2026 OURCOUNTY ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT - PUBLIC COMMENT NOW OPEN**

The Chief Sustainability Office (CSO) invites your feedback on the [draft 2026 OurCounty Annual Progress Report](#), which summarizes how the County is implementing the OurCounty Sustainability Plan. The Annual Report describes both the progress made over the past year, and what parts of the Plan the County recommends prioritizing for the upcoming year. You can review the report on the CSO [website](#) and submit your comments to [sustainability@cso.lacounty.gov](mailto:sustainability@cso.lacounty.gov) from now through August 24, 2026.

### **SHARE YOUR VOICE ON THE FY 2027-28 HOMELESS SERVICES AND HOUSING (HSH) MEASURE A SPENDING PLAN**



LA COUNTY  
**Homeless  
Services  
& Housing**

The HSH [Measure A Spending Plan](#) guides how a large portion of voter-approved funding is invested each year to prevent and address homelessness across Los Angeles County. This year, HSH is making it easier than ever to share your ideas. Community members and partners can now weigh in and submit questions at any time through the new online public comment portal. [Your input will help HSH identify emerging needs](#), strengthen outreach, and shape the FY 2027-28 HSH Measure A Spending Plan.



**Medi-Cal**

### **MEDI-CAL DENTAL COVERAGE CHANGES DELAYED UNTIL JULY 2027**

Starting July 1, 2027, updated Medi-Cal dental policies will take effect for certain households. This change was originally scheduled for July 1, 2026, and was delayed under the 2026 State Budget Act. Some individuals aged 19 and older will lose dental coverage due to changes in eligibility based on immigration status. Adults aged 21 and older may receive one free dental check-up each year, in addition to other services. The change only affects immigrants whose status does not get federally qualified funding for their Medi-Cal.

For more information, visit [Immigration Status and Changes to Medi-Cal Eligibility](#). Do not wait, use your dental benefits now through June 30, 2027. Visit [Smile California | Medi-Cal Dental Program](#) to find a Medi-Cal dentist near you.



## **ATTENTION SMALL BUSINESSES: ENROLLMENT IS OPEN FOR MARKETING LAB DIGITAL MARKETING BOOTCAMP**

LA County is launching Marketing Lab, a free, 6-week digital marketing education and training program designed to help small businesses strengthen their online presence, reach more customers, and gain practical tools to grow their digital footprint. Marketing Lab offers entrepreneurs two distinct program tracks, each designed to match their business needs and stage of growth. Participants meet virtually for two hours each week, and both tracks are offered at no cost.

To learn more, complete the self-assessment, and enroll in the cohort that fits your business's stage and needs, visit: [shoplocal.la/marketing-lab](https://shoplocal.la/marketing-lab)



## **CLEAR THE SHELTERS 2026**



Now in its twelfth year, Clear the Shelters has helped more than 1.3 million animals find a second chance at a forever home since its inception in 2015. Shelters across all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and Guam participate in the annual campaign, raising awareness of pet adoption and highlighting the ongoing need to reduce shelter overcrowding.

Throughout the month of August, the Department of Animal Care and Control (DACC) will waive adoption fees at all seven of its animal care centers as part of this nationwide effort to help pets find loving, permanent homes. For more information on Clear the Shelters 2026 or to view adoptable animals, please visit DACC's website at <https://animalcare.lacounty.gov/>.



## **PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS LOCALIZED OUTBREAK OF FLEA-BORNE TYPHUS**



The LA County Department of Public Health is investigating a localized outbreak of flea-borne typhus in the Pico-Union neighborhood as cases continue to rise across LA County. Five symptomatic cases associated with this outbreak have been identified this year. All cases were hospitalized, and all have since recovered. Flea-borne typhus can be effectively treated with antibiotics when diagnosed early and it can be prevented with simple steps. To learn more about flea-borne typhus and prevention visit: [ph.lacounty.gov/Typhus](https://ph.lacounty.gov/Typhus).

