



Catching up with LA County

August 21, 2026

WHAT'S NEW?

COUNTY ADVOCACY-RELATED ACTIONS

At the August 11th meeting, the Los Angeles County (LA County) Board of Supervisors (Board) took the following legislative-related action:

• **PROVIDING THE COUNTY WITH ADDITIONAL TOOLS TO RESPOND TO ENVIRONMENTAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH DISASTERS**

The Board voted to provide the Chief Executive Office-Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations Branch (CEO-LAIR) with authority to support legislation to strengthen the County's enforcement mechanisms to hold responsible parties accountable for public and environmental health emergencies, including but not limited to legislation that:

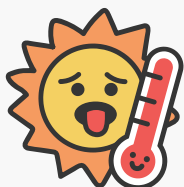
- Increases the penalties that the County may impose on large violators;
- Provides County departments with additional enforcement tools to rapidly address vectors, pests, and vermin in response to local emergencies; and/or
- Provides the County with additional measures to weigh in on permitting processes for large industrial facilities, including rebuilding after an environmental disaster.

Additional details on the motion can be found [here](#).



*The Board will be dark on
August 18th and August 25th.*

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



HEAT ADVISORY: HIGH TEMPERATURES EXPECTED ACROSS PARTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY

The [Los Angeles County Department of Public Health](#) urges residents to take steps to stay cool and hydrated as high daytime temperatures and unusually warm overnight conditions are forecast to impact the region. To find a cooling center and additional resources near you, click ready.lacounty.gov/heat.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The County is advocating on the following legislation and proposals:

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- **SUPPORT SENATE BILL (SB) 716 (DURAZO) - PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF LOCAL ORDINANCES: NONRESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES**

SB 716, would clarify that county boards of supervisors may impose fines, penalties, and forfeitures for violations of ordinances and fix the penalty by fine, imprisonment, or both, and establish enhanced penalties for violations of local ordinances that pertain to nonresidential structures with at least 20,000 square feet of area. This bill would enhance the County's ability to respond to the Lineage fire and future emergencies. Additional details on this position can be found [here](#).

- **CHANGE OF POSITION, FROM OPPOSE AND REQUEST AMENDMENTS TO NEUTRAL, FOR SB 934 (WIENER) - SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER IDENTITY CHANGE**

SB 934, previously would have extended the statute of limitations for an action arising from harm caused by the provision of sexual orientation or gender identity change efforts by a mental health professional, which would have exposed the County to liability for a wide range of therapeutic practices and conversations that would otherwise be lawful. The bill was amended on August 13, 2026, and the amendments eliminated all language related to civil penalties and liability, as well as all proposed amendments/additions to the Code of Civil Procedure and therefore would no longer expose the County to liability. Additional details on this position can be found [here](#).

- **CHANGE OF POSITION, FROM SUPPORT TO NEUTRAL, FOR ASSEMBLY BILL (AB) 1128 (MURATSUCHI AND QUIRK-SILVA) - MOBILEHOME PARKS: RENT CAPS**

AB 1128, previously would have expanded the provisions of the existing rent cap to all mobilehome parks statewide, and would have extended the sunset of the provisions to January 1, 2036. The bill was amended on August 17, 2026, to limit the scope of the bill to the City of Torrance, and no longer falls within the jurisdiction of the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs. Additional details on this position can be found [here](#).

- **SUPPORT AB 1448 (HART) - COASTAL RESOURCES: CALIFORNIA COASTAL SANCTUARY: TIDELANDS AND SUBMERGED LANDS: OIL AND GAS DEVELOPMENT**

AB 1448, would prohibit the State Lands Commission from entering into leases for the extraction of oil or gas in areas designated as California marine protected areas or national marine sanctuaries and tidelands and submerged lands within state waters. The bill would further protect the County's coast, the natural resources and recreational opportunities along the coast, and the County's Blue Economy. Additional details on this position can be found [here](#).



- **OPPOSE AB 1894 (RUBIO, B.) - FISH AND WILDLIFE: INVASIVE MUSSELS: IMPORTED WATER**

AB 1894, would require local jurisdictions to accept imported water deliveries for groundwater replenishment that comply with a Department of Fish and Wildlife approved invasive mussel control plan. This bill would create an unfunded mandate on the County, restrict local authority to prevent invasive mussel infestations, increase flooding risks, and restrict Los Angeles County Flood Control District operational decisions and its ability to meet federal obligations. Additional details on this position can be found [here](#).



LA HEALTH SERVICES HOSPITALS – PART OF THE COUNTY’S SAFETY NET – EARN U.S. NEWS HONORS



Three LA Health Services hospitals have earned national and regional recognition in U.S. News & World Report’s 2026–2027 Best Hospitals rankings, highlighting excellence in rehabilitation, and care. *High Performing* is the highest distinction a hospital can receive in U.S. News’ Procedures & Conditions ratings.

- Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center was named the #23 rehabilitation hospital in the country, the #2 rehabilitation hospital in the Los Angeles metropolitan area, and the #3 rehabilitation hospital in California.
- Los Angeles General Medical Center earned High Performing ratings in diabetes care, heart attack care, heart failure care, kidney failure care, cancer care, and stroke care.
- Harbor–UCLA Medical Center earned a High Performing rating for diabetes care.

The recognitions reflect the collective strength of LA Health Services and the extraordinary care delivered across the full continuum of the nation’s second-largest public healthcare system.



FINAL 120-DAY REPORT ON POTENTIAL ECONOMIC AND WORKFORCE IMPACTS OF PARAMOUNT SKYDANCE ACQUISITION OF WARNER BROS. DISCOVERY



The Los Angeles County Department of Economic Opportunity and the LA County Film Office released the final 120-day report evaluating the potential economic and workforce impacts of the proposed Paramount Skydance acquisition of Warner Bros. Discovery. The final report focuses on the merger’s production workforce implications and quantifies, in job years, the work capacity at risk if the consolidation occurs as anticipated. Additionally, the report includes the significant economic stakes for the region threatened by the merger.



PUBLIC HOUSING WAIT LISTS ARE OPEN

The Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) has opened the waiting lists at 16 affordable public housing sites. To apply please visit: www.lacda.org. The LACDA website also has detailed information on each housing site including bedroom sizes, and available amenities. Please note that the 16 waiting lists include 10 properties designated for older adults and 6 general-occupancy properties. Some waiting lists may close early once they receive 1,000 registrations. Registration is open through September 16 at 5:00 p.m. If you have questions, please contact the LACDA at: (626) 586-1522



NOW AVAILABLE - HELPING YOU STAY HOUSED: LA COUNTY RESOURCE PORTAL

Multiple agencies have collaborated to build a streamlined portal designed to prevent people from going without housing. Los Angeles County renters, homeowners, older adults, families, and fire survivors can access free homeless prevention programs and services including rental assistance, mortgage relief, utility assistance, legal aid, and housing navigation. Visit lacounty.gov/prevention to view available resources.



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 from now through August 24, 2026.

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



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.

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