



Catching up with LA County

October 2, 2026



COUNTY ADVOCACY-RELATED ACTIONS

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The County advocated on the following legislation:

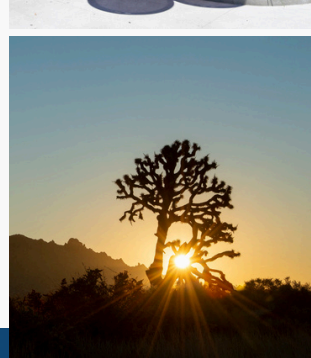
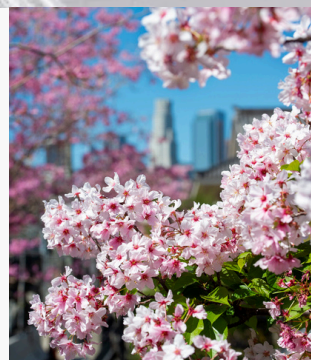
STATE

- **SUPPORT SENATE BILL (SB) 1361 (DURAZO) - TRANSIT-ORIENTED HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS: LOCAL GOVERNMENTS: TRANSIT AGENCIES AND PROJECTS**

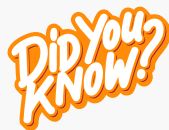
SB 1361, signed by the Governor on September 30, 2026, will prohibit a local government with an existing or planned transit-oriented housing development from taking action that would interfere with the project's approval to avoid application of SB 79 (Wiener, Chapter 512, Statutes of 2025) standards. This bill will facilitate more equitable housing development in Los Angeles County. Additional details on this position can be found [here](#).



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



LA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2026, IN OBSERVANCE OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY.



LA County Library - Huntington Park - is home to the American Indian Resource Center (AIRC). The AIRC was created to address informational needs for and about American Indians in Los Angeles County. The AIRC collection is the largest public library collection of its kind in the U.S. Although the AIRC collection is currently unavailable as Huntington Park Library undergoes renovations, their programs and services continue.



LOS ANGELES CITY/COUNTY NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN COMMISSION CELEBRATES 50TH ANNIVERSARY

The Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission (LANAIC) is the first commission of its kind in the United States. It was established through a joint effort by members of the Los Angeles American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) community, the County of Los Angeles and the City of Los Angeles. LANAIC was created to elevate the voices and needs of the growing AIAN community and advocate for resources, programs and policies that improve the lives of Native people throughout Los Angeles County. To learn more about LANAIC's work and advocacy, visit them at lanaic.lacounty.gov



NEW FEDERAL PUBLIC CHARGE RULE IS NOW IN EFFECT

The federal government's new public charge rule took effect on September 18, 2026. The rule changes how federal immigration officials evaluate whether certain non-citizens seeking immigration status are considered a "public charge." The rule does not apply to everyone. It applies only to certain immigrants applying in specific immigration pathways – primarily people applying for lawful permanent residence (a green card) through a family-based process.

The Los Angeles County Office of Immigrant Affairs encourages community members to learn how the rule may apply to their situation. For information about public charge, including how the use of certain public benefits may be considered, visit oia.lacounty.gov/publiccharge.



H.R. 1 Changes to Federally Funded Medi-Cal Eligibility Take Effect October 1, 2026

DPSS is reminding Medi-Cal customers who may be affected by the October 1, 2026, changes to carefully review notices they receive from DPSS and the California Department of Health Care Services, keep their contact information current, respond to requests for information and complete their Medi-Cal renewal on time. While the new federal requirements change eligibility for federal Medicaid funding for certain Qualified Non-Citizens, some populations will remain federally eligible, and others will continue to receive full-scope Medi-Cal through state funding. Medi-Cal customers, families, and community partners can visit the Keep Your Benefits website for the latest updates, resources and upcoming webinars.



LA COUNTY RELEASES 2028 OLYMPIC & PARALYMPIC GAMES ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS AND GOALS FRAMEWORK

The Los Angeles County Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) and the County's Chief Executive Office (CEO) have released the 2028 Olympic & Paralympic Games Economic Impact Analysis and Goals Framework. This document outlines the economic impact and opportunities associated with the 2028 Games, establishes County goals and commitments that support countywide inclusion and mitigate anticipated negative impacts, leverages best practices from peer jurisdictions like Paris, and catalyzes tangible benefit and legacy for local businesses, workers, and communities across all of Los Angeles County.



A L E R T S



HIGHEST NUMBER OF WEST NILE VIRUS CASES IN NEARLY A DECADE

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (DPH) is reporting 100 cases of West Nile virus infections so far this year, marking the highest number of cases seen this early in the mosquito season in nearly a decade. For more information and to learn how to reduce your risk, visit: <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd/vectorwestnile.htm>.

OUTBREAK OF FLEA-BORNE TYPHUS: PEOPLE URGED TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS TO PROTECT THEMSELVES AND THEIR PETS



The DPH is investigating a localized outbreak of flea-borne typhus in the Wilshire Center neighborhood of the City of Los Angeles, as cases continue to rise across the County. Seven symptomatic cases linked to this outbreak have been identified. Six of the seven people were hospitalized, and all have recovered. In Los Angeles County, infected fleas are commonly found on rats, free-roaming cats, and opossums. The best way to prevent illness is to reduce exposure to fleas and avoid contact with animals that may carry them. For additional information and resources, visit: ph.lacounty.gov/Typhus.



PUBLIC HEALTH WARNS OF RECORD RABID BAT DETECTIONS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Los Angeles County is experiencing its highest number of rabid bats ever recorded, prompting the DPH to urge local communities to take simple precautions that protect people and pets from rabies. Rabid bats have been found in every part of Los Angeles County, from suburban areas such as the San Fernando Valley to urban areas like downtown Los Angeles, in office buildings, parks, schools, businesses, and residential backyards. Of the 69 rabid bats detected so far this year, 68% were found in the Santa Clarita Valley, consistent with trends seen over the past decade. Learn more about What To Do If You Find A Bat,