



Catching up with LA County

October 15, 2026

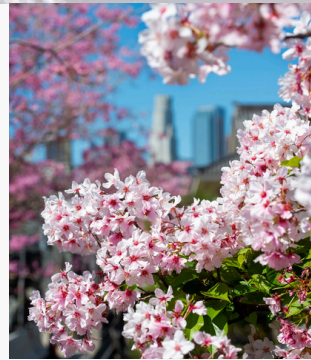
WHAT'S NEW?

COUNTY ADVOCACY-RELATED ACTIONS

At the October 6th meeting, the Los Angeles County (LA County) Board of Supervisors (Board) took the following legislative-related action:

- **OPPOSING THE CENSUS BUREAU'S PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE DECENNIAL CENSUS OF POPULATION**

The Board directed the Chief Executive Office-Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations Branch (CEO-LAIR), in consultation with the Executive Director of the Office of Immigrant Affairs (OIA) in the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs, to send a letter to the Director of the United States Census Bureau, with a copy to the Los Angeles County Congressional Delegation, to declare the Board's opposition to the proposed rule and to express the significant harm that it would cause to the County and its residents. Additionally, CEO-LAIR and the Executive Director of OIA were directed to submit comments to the proposed rule during the public comment period. Additional details on the motion can be found [here](#).



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



LA COUNTY RED FLAG WARNING!



The Los Angeles County Fire Department, Sheriff's Department and Office of Emergency Management are alerting the public to higher fire risk as the County prepares for strong Santa Ana winds and dangerous fire weather forecast for **Thursday, October 15, through Friday night, October 16**. Gusts of 50 to 70 miles per hour are forecast in mountain areas, with widespread gusty winds across many valleys and coastal communities. Critical conditions could linger into Saturday. Individuals should sign up for emergency alerts at alert.lacounty.gov, and can visit ready.lacounty.gov for preparedness tips and resources.



KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

RESOURCE HUB AND TOOLKIT

The Los Angeles County Office of Immigrant Affairs (OIA). Know Your Rights (KYR). Resource Hub is an access center for immigrant communities and providers to understand their rights and find local resources. Download the KYR Toolkit [here](#). In addition to the KYR hub, the OIA also offers [counseling services](#) and [asylee orientations](#). For more resources on food, health, transportation, and other support, visit oia.lacounty.gov or call 800-593-8222.



EBT SAFETY AND SECURITY MONTH

STOP BENEFIT SKIMMING AND SAFEGUARD FAMILY RESOURCES

In Los Angeles County alone, EBT card skimming accounted for over \$42.7 million in stolen card benefits in 2025. Since the launch of state security features through the ebtEDGE mobile application, California cardholders have utilized controls such as card freezing over 9.5 million times. When EBT benefits are stolen, families lose the resources they depend on for food and basic needs. Retailers also lose sales and customer trust, especially when a customer's card information is compromised through a tampered point-of-sale device.

Key recommendations for customers and businesses include:

- Keep your benefits safe by using tap-to-pay first, followed by the chip. Swiping the magnetic stripe should be a last resort and used only when absolutely necessary.
- Businesses are advised to check payment equipment regularly for physical tampering or skimming overlays, ensure checkout areas are monitored, and contact the California EBT Retailer Hotline at (866) 328-4212 for POS technical support.
- Customers are encouraged to download the free, official ebtEDGE mobile app by FIS, LLC from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store to lock or freeze their cards between purchases, change PINs regularly, and block out-of-state or online transactions.
- For questions and to report fraudulent activity, contact the EBT Customer Service Center at (877) 328-9677.

