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COUNTY ADVOCACY- RELATED ACTIONS

JUNE 27, 2025

At the June 10th and 17th meetings, the Board of Supervisors took the following legislative-related actions:

ADVOCATING FOR USING THE AIDS DRUG ASSISTANCE PROGRAM REBATE FUND TO SUSTAIN COUNTY HIV PROGRAMS



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The Board directed the Chief Executive Office – Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations (CEO-LAIR) branch, in partnership with the Director of Public Health, to send a five-signature letter to Governor Gavin Newsom, with a copy to the Director of the California Department of Finance and Los Angeles County State delegation members, the Senate Pro Tempore, the Assembly Speaker, and Chairs of the Senate and Assembly Committees on Budget and Health, to incorporate funding from the California AIDS Drug Assistance Program Rebate Fund in the State budget to sustain vital HIV prevention programs. Additional details on the motion can be found <u>here</u>.

SUPPORT FOR ASSEMBLY BILL (AB) 648 (ZBUR): TACKLING STUDENT HOUSING INSECURITY AT CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES

The Board directed the CEO-LAIR branch to support <u>AB 648</u>, legislation which would streamline the construction of student housing at California Community Colleges by exempting new student and staff housing projects from local zoning regulations if the project is constructed on property owned or leased by a California Community College District, and located within a half mile radius of a main campus or a satellite campus that existed before July 1, 2025. Additional details on the motion can be found <u>here</u>.

SUPPORT FOR AB 695 (FONG): CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES ACCESS AND CONTINUITY FOR DEPORTED STUDENTS ACT

The Board directed the CEO-LAIR branch to support <u>AB 695</u>, legislation which would exempt a community college student from paying nonresident tuition if the student has been involuntarily removed from the United States due to immigration enforcement actions, and send a five-signature letter in support of the bill to Assemblymember Mike Fong with a copy of the letter sent to the Los Angeles County Legislative Delegation. Additional details on the motion can be found <u>here</u>.

OPPOSE THE PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE INTAKE POLICY AT THE PINE GROVE YOUTH CONSERVATION CAMP

The Board directed the CEO-LAIR branch to send a five-signature letter to the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation opposing the proposed new policy to prohibit any youth with a history of childhood asthma from participating in the Pine Grove Youth Conservation Camp program. Additional details on the motion can be found <u>here</u>.

<u>RESPONDING TO WORKFORCE AND ECONOMIC IMPACT OF FEDERAL</u> <u>IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY</u>

As part of a larger motion involving various departments, the Board directed the CEO-LAIR branch to advocate in support of State-level measures for businesses and workers impacted as a result of Federal immigration enforcement in the County. Additional details on the motion can be found <u>here</u>.



Upcoming Board of Supervisors' meeting dates and agendas can be found <u>here</u>.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The County is also advocating on the following legislation:

FEDERAL

HOUSE APPROVED BUDGET RECONCILIATION

Pursuits of County Advocacy Position on Provisions in the House Approved Federal Budget Reconciliation Package include:

Health, Behavioral Health, and Public Health

- Oppose Medicaid Program Changes Provisions to:
 - Work requirements
 - Medicaid eligibility redeterminations
 - Retroactive coverage
 - Copays
 - Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP)
 - Provider taxes
 - State Directed Payments (SDPs)
- Support Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) Funding

Nutrition Programs

• Oppose the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Provisions

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• Oppose the Repeal of the 90/10 Rule

Immigration

Oppose New Immigration-related Fees



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Infrastructure and Environment

• Oppose the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Funding Recission

Special Events

• Support the Special Events Funding

Taxes

- Support Exemption for Municipal Bonds
- Support Extension of Increased Child Tax Credit (CTC) and Temporary Enhancements
- Support Increase Limitation of State and Local Taxes (SALT)

Additional details regarding the pursuits listed above are available here.

APPROPRIATIONS

CEO-LAIR, in coordination with Board Offices and County departments, identified key County projects to submit in response to Members of Congress (Members) solicitations of Congressionally Directed Spending requests (known as earmarks) to support specific local projects as part of the annual appropriations process for Federal Fiscal Year 2026.

The County's 32 Congressionally Directed Spending Projects and 16 Programmatic and Report Language Request submissions help supplement CEO-LAIR's ongoing advocacy for the highest funding levels for key programs of interest to the County and Countysupported programmatic and report language appropriations requests. The full list and additional details on the County's Congressionally Directed Spending Requests and Programmatic and Report Language Requests are available <u>here</u>.

BILLS

SUPPORT HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BILL (H.R.) 438 (LALOTA) - PFC JOSEPH P. DWYER PEER SUPPORT PROGRAM ACT

<u>H.R. 438</u> would require the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to establish a program to make grants of up to \$250,000 to eligible entities, including local veteran service agencies, for peer-to-peer mental health programs for veterans. This bill would expand funding opportunities for veteran peer support programs, such as the County's Veteran Peer Access Network. Additional details regarding this position are available <u>here</u>.

STATE

OPPOSE AB 118 (COMMITTEE ON BUDGET) UNLESS AMENDED - JUVENILE JUSTICE REALIGNMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

AB 118 includes provisions that would prohibit the use of Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant (JJRBG) funds for local juvenile detention facilities determined to be noncompliant with California Board of State and Community Corrections guidelines. This bill would prohibit the use of JJRBG funds for programming and supportive services for the youth housed at county facilities and potentially disrupt ongoing youth programming and supportive services designed to promote rehabilitation, including for facilities with Court- approved plans. The County will oppose this bill unless amended to remove the provisions that would prohibit the use of JJRBG funds for local juvenile detention facilities determined to be non-compliant.

Additional details regarding this position are available here.

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SUPPORT AB 542 (C. RODRIGUEZ) - CONTINUATION SCHOOLS AND CLASSES: YOUTH WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

<u>AB 542</u> would authorize the governing board of a school district that maintains a continuation high school or continuation

education classes to offer youth workforce development programs to pupils on one or two weekdays per school week if it ensures those pupils are otherwise enrolled in at least 15 hours of class attendance per school week. This bill would help create opportunities for partnership through the County's youth workforce development programs. Additional details regarding this position are available <u>here</u>.

OPPOSE AB 690 (SCHULTZ) UNLESS AMENDED - CRIMINAL PROCEDURE: INDIGENT DEFENSE COMPENSATION

<u>AB 690</u> would prohibit flat-fee compensation contracts for independent indigent defense counsel and require compliance with the Office of the State Public Defender's California Standards for Contract and Panel Defense Systems. This bill could reduce the independence of the County's contracted defense counsel system, reduce County oversight of the system, and impose State overreach into the local independent defense counsel structure. The County will oppose this bill unless amended to exempt counties where the defense counsel panel system is administered by a county agency. Additional details regarding this position are available <u>here</u>.

SUPPORT AB 1007 (RUBIO), IF AMENDED - LAND USE: DEVELOPMENT PROJECT REVIEW

<u>AB 1007</u> would reduce the time limit for a responsible agency's determination for a housing development project from 90 days to 45 days. The County will support AB 1007 if amended to establish consistent review time limits for similar housing projects and require developers to concurrently submit project entitlements to both the responsible and lead agencies. Additional details regarding this position are available <u>here</u>.

SUPPORT SENATE BILL (SB) 346 (DURAZO) - SHORT-TERM RENTAL FACILITATOR ACT OF 2025

<u>SB 346</u> would enact the Short-Term Rental Facilitator Act of 2025, which would permit local agencies to enact ordinances to require short-term rental facilitators to provide specified information on their platform's rentals to the local agency. The Act would ensure that the Transient Occupancy Tax is applied, collected, and remitted accurately. Additional details regarding this position are available <u>here</u>.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY, JULY 4TH, IN OBSERVANCE OF INDEPENDENCE DAY

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DISASTER RESPONSE & LA County Recovers **RECOVERY RESOURCES**



Update on Monitoring by South Coast Air Quality Management District

To assess the potential air quality impacts of ongoing debris removal efforts near the Palisades and Eaton Fire areas, the South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) conducted initial mobile monitoring surveys to detect airborne pollutants, including toxic metals and volatile organic compounds (VOCs). These surveys provided a brief snapshot of air quality conditions at the time and helped identify pollutants of concern and locations where temporary stationary monitoring would be most effective.

- AQMD Wildfire Response
- Public Health: Post-Fire Air, Soil, and Water Assessment Plan

LA County Department of Arts and Culture - Free Temporary Storage for **Artworks – Deadline Extended**

- The LA County Department of Arts and Culture is still offering free temporary storage for artworks to artists and community-based organizations who have lost access to home storage, studio space, commercial storage, or other areas for storing artwork due to the 2025 Los Angeles wildfires.
- The application deadline has been extended to Friday, July 20, 2025, at 5 p.m.

Upcoming Deadlines:

- June 30th Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) Altadena Disaster Relief Small Business Loan Program
- July 7th Foreclosure Relief for Wildfire-Affected Homeowners

One Stop Permit Centers: • LA County - Eaton/Palisades

- City of Malibu

- City of Los Angeles
 - City of Pasadena

Attention all Eaton Fire Impacted Youth! YOUTH@WOR Learn more: bit.ly/DEOYouthAtWork

LA County youth ages 14-24 can explore new career pathways and earn \$17.87/hr through Youth@Work (Y@W). The Department of Economic Opportunity's Youth@Work program provides the County's future workforce with first-time, paid work experiences with high-growth and high-road sectors, building skills and experiences that meet the region's talent needs now and in the future.

In response to the January 2025 Windstorms and Wildfires, DEO is providing 500 Youth@Work job opportunities for youth and young adults ages 14-24 who were impacted by the Eaton Fire.

Youth who lived or are currently living in the fire zone, evacuation order zone, or evacuation warning zone during the Eaton Fire emergency are eligible to apply.

If you are a *local employer* that would like to partner with Los Angeles County to provide temporary paid work experiences and career exposure opportunities, please complete the interest form here.

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ANNOUNCEMENT FROM:



We are aware of reports that the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) or the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services may have shared personal data, including immigration status, of Medi-Cal members with the Department of Homeland Security. The State of California has been attempting to verify if this occurred but has been unable to do so at this point.

DPSS is proud to administer the Medi-Cal program, which provides health care access to over 3.4 million of our neighbors and friends across Los Angeles County. Please note: Eligibility rules for Medi-Cal and other DPSS-administered programs have <u>not</u> changed. If any changes do occur, you will be notified.

If you need help, our services can be accessed remotely by calling our Customer Service Center at 866-613-3777 or by visiting <u>BenefitsCal.com</u>.

WELL FED, WELL READ @ COUNTY



This summer, kids and teens 18 and under can enjoy <u>FREE lunch</u> at participating LA County Library locations. Meals are available on a first come, first served basis now through August 8 during the hours of 12 – 1 pm, either Mon – Fri or Tue – Fri, depending on the location (<u>see schedule</u>). There are no restrictions on family income to receive a free lunch.

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Please note that meals are for kids and teens only and must be eaten at the library during Lunch at the Library hours. There are no restrictions on family income to receive a free lunch. Menus vary daily; please contact your local participating location for menu information.

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