Greetings,

Below is an update on Federal and State legislative items of interest to the County of Los Angeles.

COUNTY ADVOCACY POSITIONS

On August 9, 2022, the Board of Supervisors took action on the following measures:

- **SUPPORT AB 2790 (WICKS) - REPORTING OF CRIMES: MANDATED REPORTERS**
  
  This measure would eliminate the mandated reporting duty of a health care practitioner to report assaultive or abusive conduct to law enforcement, and instead would require the provider to refer the patient to supportive services. More details regarding this motion are available [here](#).

- **SUPPORT AB 662 (RODRIGUEZ) - STATE FIRE MARSHALL: PEER-TO-PEER SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING**
  
  This measure would require the California State Fire Marshall to establish additional training standards on peer-to-peer suicide prevention. More details regarding this motion are available [here](#).

DID YOU KNOW?

LA County includes nearly 10 million residents and covers over 4,000 square miles?

For more information on the services the County provides, to apply for services online, and to keep up with the latest County news, visit [lacounty.gov](http://lacounty.gov).
FEDERAL AND STATE ADVOCACY

In addition, the County is advocating on the following proposals:

- **SUPPORT H.R. 8539 (PANETTA) – THE HOUSING ACCESS IMPROVEMENT ACT**
  
  This measure would increase the percentage cap on federal voucher resources that a public housing authority may use for project-based assistance from 20 to 50 percent. Additional details available [here](#).

- **SUPPORT FEDERAL AND STATE MONKEYPOX PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY RESPONSE**
  
  Support federal and state proposals related to the monkeypox public health emergency response, including, but not limited to, supplemental funding and resources for vaccinations, testing, surveillance and outreach. Additional details available [here](#).

- **OPPOSE AB 1951 (GRAYSON) - SALES AND USE TAX: EXEMPTIONS: MANUFACTURING**
  
  This measure would extend the existing manufacturing equipment sales and use tax exemption to include the local share of the sales and use tax, impacting 1991 and 2011 Realignments, Proposition 172 public safety sales tax, as well as local voter-approved taxes, such as the County’s Measure H, from January 1, 2023 through January 1, 2028. Additional details available [here](#).

- **SUPPORT AB 2147 (TING) - RELATED TO PEDESTRIANS**
  
  This measure would prohibit a peace officer from stopping a pedestrian for specified traffic infractions generally related to “jaywalking,” unless a reasonably careful person would realize there is an immediate danger of collision with a moving vehicle or other device moving exclusively by human power. Additional details available [here](#).

- **SUPPORT AB 2773 (HOLDEN) - NOTIFICATION BY PEACE OFFICERS**
  
  This measure would require a peace officer making a traffic or pedestrian stop to state the reason for the stop before asking investigatory questions, unless the officer reasonably believes that withholding the reason is necessary to protect life or property from imminent threat. Additional details available [here](#).

- **SUPPORT ZERO-WASTE EQUITY GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING BUDGET APPROPRIATION**
  
  This proposal would provide $30 million for the Zero-Waste Equity Grant Program designed specifically to assist frontline communities to benefit from the state’s investments in zero-waste policies. Additional details available [here](#).
THE COUNTY’S PROPOSITION 47 EFFORTS

Currently, the County of Los Angeles has approximately 1,700 cases in which a former defendant has already requested relief under Proposition 47 but has not yet been processed. Unfortunately, due to the sheer number of eligible cases in Los Angeles, the COVID pandemic, and courtroom shortages, the processing of these cases has been unavoidably delayed. Without an extension of the Proposition 47 sunset, eligible and deserving individuals may lose their opportunity to seek a reduction. County Co-sponsored SB 1178 (Bradford), if enacted, would eliminate the November 4, 2022 sunset date.

Additionally, County data indicates that despite community outreach by the County’s Public Defender, there are still thousands of individuals in L.A. County who are potentially eligible for Proposition 47 relief but have not yet applied, either because of a lack of awareness of their eligibility, or because of similar delays. We believe this shortfall, which would be exacerbated without an extension, raises equity concerns for the thousands of unhoused and other individuals who lack the resources to bring their petitions before the courts. Read a related L.A. Times article here.

SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER: REGISTERED COUNSELOR STANDARDS

The County is proud to sponsor AB 2473 (Nazarian) which would increase the minimum standards for registering as a Substance Use Disorder (SUD) counselor in the State of California. The current statewide minimum standard for providing SUD treatment services within the specialized SUD field as a counselor is insufficient.

SUDs are complex, life-threatening chronic health conditions that require appropriately trained professionals who have specialized knowledge of addiction and other critical skills necessary for today’s health care field. By increasing the minimum standards, this bill would better prepare SUD counselors to provide SUD treatment services. Additionally, it would ensure that SUD counselors entering the SUD field would have a stronger foundation to support the behavioral health needs of patients, families, their loved ones, and communities across California. For more information, see the fact sheet.
MONKEYPOX INFORMATION

To view the most up-to-date information on the number of confirmed cases, and weekly vaccine summary and demographics, visit the:

MONKEYPOX DASHBOARD

LEGISLATIVE RESOURCES

Information regarding the County's legislative policies and priorities can be found at: Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations.

Information on federal and state legislation of interest to the County can be found here.

Please contact us at legislativeaffairs@ceo.lacounty.gov with any questions.

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