Greetings,

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

On August 2, 2022, the Board of Supervisors took action on the following measures:

- **SUPPORT ASSEMBLY BILL 256 (KALRA) - THE CALIFORNIA RACIAL JUSTICE ACT FOR ALL**
  Support AB 256, which would make the protections of AB 2542 - which prohibits the state from seeking or obtaining a conviction or sentence on the basis of race, ethnicity, or national origin - apply retroactively. More details regarding this motion are available here.

- **LOS ANGELES COUNTY’S COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATION’S LA VS. HATE PROGRAM**
  Support State and Federal legislation that advances funding, support, and advocacy for victims and survivors of hate incidents. **LA vs Hate**, led by the County’s Human Relations Commission, with community partners from all five County districts, representing a diverse coalition of voices committed to ending hate. More details regarding this motion are available here.

On August 1, 2022, Chair Holly J. Mitchell issued a Proclamation of a Local Emergency for Monkeypox to bolster the County’s response to this outbreak. The Board of Supervisors ratified the proclamation on August 2, 2022.

To view the most up-to-date information on the number of confirmed cases, weekly vaccine summary, demographics and information by Service Planning Area (SPA), visit the:

**MONKEYPOX DASHBOARD**

Additional Resources and Flyers in multiple languages can be accessed here.
• **DECriminalizing Mobility Through Implementation of the Vision Zero Action Plan**  
The County’s affected departments will work to identify and explore legislative options that would limit searches associated with minor traffic or pedestrian infractions for which there is not a strong causal connection to a collision. These minor infractions might include, but would not be limited to, technical violations, equipment violations, proper lighting, jaywalking, and broken taillights. More details regarding this motion are available [here](#).

• **Responding to Los Angeles County’s Sexually Transmitted Disease Crisis**  
Appeal to the federal Department of Health and Human Services and to Congress to increase the federal investment for sexually transmitted disease (STD) Control efforts. Identify, with relevant stakeholder community-based advocacy organizations, additional opportunities to jointly advocate for more local, state, and federal funding, including STD policy proposals that prioritize communities or demographics that are disproportionately impacted by the STD epidemic. More details regarding this motion are available [here](#).

• **Resources to Combat the Sexually Transmitted Infections Epidemic**  
Send a five-signature letter to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra, Governor Gavin Newsom, California Health and Human Services Secretary Mark Ghaly, and State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond, requesting additional resources and support on various federal and state programs. Additionally, and in collaboration and consultation with the Department of Health Services Housing for Health, advocate to the state and federal government to increase funding for street medicine interventions to ensure that people experiencing homelessness receive care for STIs. More details regarding this motion are available [here](#).

**Federal and State Advocacy**

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

• **Support Substitute Amendment: The Inflation Reduction Act to H.R. 5376 (Yarmuth)**  
Support the Three-Year Extension of Federal Subsidies for Affordable Care Act (ACA) Premiums in H.R. 5376 (Yarmuth). The substitute amendment, known as the Inflation Reduction Act, to H.R. 5376 includes a provision that extends enhanced federal subsidies for ACA premiums, enacted by the American Rescue Plan in 2021, for three years. Additional details available [here](#).

• **Support H.R. 6461 (Peters) - National Climate Adaptation and Resilience Strategy**  
This measure would require the development of a National Climate Adaptation and Resilience Strategy; authorize a Chief Resilience Officer to direct national resilience efforts and lead the development of the U.S. Resilience Strategy; and authorize an interagency resilience working group and a non-federal Partners Council with representatives from frontline communities to strengthen strategic development and facilitate communication between federal agencies and state, local, tribal, and territorial governments. Additional details available [here](#).
• SUPPORT H.R. 7949 (WATSON-COLEMAN) - HEAT EMERGENCIES
This measure would, among other provisions, create a national ranking system for extreme heat to communicate to the public the severity and risk; direct the National Weather Service to study the impact of naming heat waves for public preparedness and response; create grants for Community Resilience Centers and cooling centers in overburdened communities to provide safe, air-conditioned environments during extreme heat events; and direct the study of the impact of heat conditions on morbidity and develop recommendations to better collect information on deaths related to environmental factors. Additional details available [here](#).

• SUPPORT AB 1947 (TING) - HATE CRIMES: LAW ENFORCEMENT POLICIES
This bill would require local law enforcement agencies to adopt a hate crimes policy, require the California Department of Justice to monitor compliance with this mandate, and require the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training to develop a model hate crime policy. Additional details available [here](#).

• SUPPORT AB 2076 (L. RIVAS) - EXTREME HEAT COMMUNITY RESILIENCE PROGRAM AND HEALTH REPORTING SYSTEM
This measure would establish the Extreme Heat and Health Reporting System at the California Department of Public Health to receive notice and data from local health departments, clinics, emergency rooms, hospitals, and other sources, within a manner that is as timely and actionable as feasible, on illnesses, including emergency room visits, and deaths resulting from exposure to extreme heat. It would also establish the Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Program to coordinate state efforts and support local and regional efforts to prevent or mitigate the impacts of and reduce the public health risks of heat. Additional details available [here](#).

• SUPPORT AB 2238 (L. RIVAS) - EXTREME HEAT RANKING SYSTEM
This measure would require the California Environmental Protection Agency, in coordination with the Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program, the State Department of Public Health, and the California Department of Insurance, to develop a statewide extreme heat ranking system. Additional details available [here](#).

• SUPPORT SB 1085 (KAMLAGER) - JURISDICTION OF THE JUVENILE DEPENDENCY COURT
This measure would add homelessness, indigence, or other conditions of financial difficulty to the list of factors that would not solely qualify a child to be found to be within the jurisdiction of the juvenile court. Additional details available [here](#).
The County is a proud co-sponsor of AB 988 (Bauer-Kahan), which establishes the Miles Hall Lifeline Act and implements a comprehensive “988” system for suicide prevention and mental health crisis response, funded by a surcharge imposed on each telephone line in an amount sufficient to pay the costs of the 988 system.

Los Angeles County has been a leader in implementing psychiatric mobile crisis response teams and providing suicide lifeline services. While implementing AB 988 will complement the services the County is offering, the funding necessary to keep it operating is absolutely imperative to keep residents safe and ensure the program's success.

AB 988 has received bipartisan, unanimous support in the Senate.

For more information, see fact sheet.

RESOURCES

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

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