Greetings,

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

On July 26, 2022, the Board of Supervisors took action on the following measures:

- **CONFRONTING THE DRUG OVERDOSE EPIDEMIC**
  Advocate for additional federal and State resources to combat substance use and the overdose epidemic, including increasing federal and state-level recruitment, retention, training and educational resources and requirements for substance use disorder (SUD) counselors, the primary workforce delivering specialty SUD prevention, harm reduction and treatment services across the County. More details regarding this motion are available [here](#).

- **COMMITMENT TO HISTORIC GENERAL HOSPITAL**
  Communicate and leverage the County’s financial commitment to the General Hospital and West Campus project with State and federal officials to support additional grant and appropriations requests. More details regarding this motion are available [here](#).

As of July 16, people nationwide experiencing a mental health crisis and in need of immediate help are able to dial or text 988 to receive assistance through the new Suicide and Crisis Lifeline number.

As the lead agency in developing a seamless roll out of 988, the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health prepared for this launch for more than a year to ensure operational logistics and response teams were in place to enable County community members to call 988 and receive immediate help during a mental health crisis.
• **FEDERAL ASSISTANCE FOR MONKEYPOX RESPONSE**
  Send a five-signature letter to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Director Rochelle Walensky, requesting additional supplies of the JYNNEOS vaccine be sent to the County, and take whatever measures are possible, including working with President Biden, to invoke the Defense Production Act to increase the supply and manufacturing of the JYNNEOS vaccine, that standard billing codes and sustainable reimbursement levels be established for monkeypox testing, vaccine administration and treatment, and that a funding source be secured to reimburse monkeypox testing, vaccine administration and treatment services provided by clinics, hospitals and other healthcare providers caring for uninsured residents. More details regarding this motion are available [here](#).

• **SUPPORT H.R. 1603 (LOFGREN) - FARM WORKFORCE MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2021**
  Send a five-signature letter to President Biden and U.S. Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, urging the Senate to take up and pass H.R. 1603 (Lofgren) - Farm Workforce Modernization Act of 2021, legislation which would provide undocumented farmworkers and their family members with a path to legal status and citizenship; and asking President Biden to sign the legislation into law when it reaches his desk. More details regarding this motion are available [here](#).

• **SUPPORT OF S. 4308 (PETERS) - VETERANS MARRIAGE RECOGNITION ACT OF 2022**
  Support S. 4308 (Peters), the Veterans Marriage Recognition Act of 2022, legislation which would amend the existing statutes and define a spouse as “who was lawfully married to a veteran, including a marriage between two persons of the same sex” and strike the requirement “of the opposite sex,” or similar legislation; and send a five-signature letter in support of the bill to Senator Gary Peters and co-sponsors Senators Susan Collins, Lisa Murkowski and Margaret Wood Hassan, with a copy to the Los Angeles County Congressional Delegation. More details regarding this motion are available [here](#).

• **SUPPORT H.R. 40 (JACKSON LEE) - COMMISSION TO STUDY AND DEVELOP REPARATION PROPOSALS FOR AFRICAN AMERICANS ACT**
  Send a five-signature letter to Representative Sheila Jackson Lee, with a copy to the Los Angeles County Congressional Delegation and U.S. Senators Dianne Feinstein and Alex Padilla, in support of H.R. 40 (Jackson Lee), legislation which seeks to advance racial equity through measurable outcomes; and send a five-signature letter to President Joseph R. Biden urging him to sign an executive order establishing a commission to examine and address the continuing impacts of slavery, including systemic racism, by supporting a study of reparations. More details regarding this motion are available [here](#).
STATE ADVOCACY

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

- **SUPPORT AB 1797 (WEBER) - IMMUNIZATION REGISTRY**
  
  This bill would require, rather than permit, health care providers, schools, child care facilities, county welfare departments, foster care agencies, health care plans and other select service providers that have access to immunization information to disclose certain information from a patient medical record to the California Department of Public Health and local health department. More details available [here](#).

- **SUPPORT SB 866 (WIENER) - VACCINE CONSENT**
  
  This bill would authorize a minor 15 years of age or older to consent to vaccines that meet specified federal agency criteria. More details available [here](#).

- **SUPPORT SB 918 (PORTANTINO) - CONCEALED FIREARM**
  
  This bill would correct cross-references to the Dealers’ Record of Sale fund regarding purchase fees for ammunition and precursor parts, and require concealed carry weapons to be owned by the license holder. More details available [here](#).

PROVIDING JUSTICE INVOLVED INDIVIDUALS A SECOND CHANCE

The County is a proud co-sponsor of **SB 1178 (Bradford)**, with Californians for Safety and Justice, which would amend the resentencing provisions of Proposition 47, to eliminate the time limitation in which a person convicted of a qualifying felony may file a petition to the court to have the sentence reduced to a misdemeanor, without any further statutory deadlines. The deadline to file a petition for relief to the Court is November 4, 2022, or at a later date upon a showing of good cause. The Public Defender reports that a significant number of cases remain eligible for relief under Proposition 47 in Los Angeles County.

By eliminating the November 2022 sunset date, SB 1178 would ensure that all Californians with eligible low level, non-violent felonies on their record could move past the thousands of permanent restrictions placed on the lives of people living with an old felony conviction. The ability to clear up old conviction records opens many doors that otherwise would remain closed: doors to jobs, housing, educational and other opportunities that offer otherwise qualified individuals and their families’ stability, economic security, and self-sufficiency. If the sunset expires, otherwise eligible individuals would continue to have redress for record changes but only upon a showing of good cause – a process that would result in additional court workload and additional state costs as compared to the petition process currently in place.
LA County's Youth@Work Elevate program aims to connect LA County young adult job seekers, ages 17-24, who are justice-impacted, LGBTQ+, foster youth, and unhoused with local employers open to mentoring, training, and ultimately hiring candidates after the completion of the 360 hour career readiness program.

Employer perks of joining the Youth@Work Elevate program:

- Reduced payroll costs because we pay for 100% of the program participant’s wages, up to 360 hours.
- Improved productivity as you grow your team leveraging our program candidates.
- Elevating your local community by offering quality career opportunities to young adults.

Interested businesses located in LA County can sign up today!

Youth@Work Elevate Employer Application

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.