



## County-Sponsored Legislation

### **Tracking Unlawful Detainer Data to Improve Eviction Prevention Services**

– This proposal would direct trial courts to provide the Judicial Council of California with specified anonymous data on unlawful detainer cases. It would require total numbers for cases filed, as well as the following disaggregated data on case outcomes: 1) total number of cases that went to trial; 2) total number of dismissed cases; 3) breakdown of verdict types; 4) breakdown of bench trials versus jury trials; and 5) number of cases subject to a stipulated judgment. The proposal would also require the Judicial Council to make the information available to local governments. Currently, the sharing of detailed eviction-related data to the Judicial Council, or to local government entities that deliver housing or eviction prevention services, is not required. Without access to this data, policy makers and service providers cannot effectively design and budget for eviction prevention and defense programs.

### **Repealing Existing Law Pertaining to Los Angeles County Fiscal Control**

– This proposal would repeal Sections 30600 – 30608 of the California Government Code, which were enacted in 1996 during a time when the County was suffering from a severe fiscal emergency. Current law requires the County to comply with the Accounting Standards and Procedures for Counties as promulgated by the State Controller, and submit its proposed budget to the Governor, the Legislature, and the State Auditor, among other requirements. These sections of law are no longer needed as the County recovered from its fiscal emergency shortly thereafter and, has been given the highest and/or second highest credit rating by the three largest credit rating agencies as a result of its continuous strong financial status. The County fully complies with the Accounting Standards and Procedures for Counties, and posts its recommended, adopted, and final adopted budgets, as well as other key budget documents and factsheets, annually on the Chief Executive Office’s website where they are easily accessible by the public.

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COUNTY-SPONSORED PROPOSALS

## County-Sponsored Budget Proposals

**Creating Regional Mental Health Treatment Centers for Justice-Involved Individuals** – This proposal is a budget request to develop mental health facilities across the County that would house and treat mentally ill justice-involved individuals in lieu of jail, as well as ongoing funding to support operations. These local treatment facilities are intended to provide services across the health spectrum, including medical services, behavioral health treatment, and substance use disorder treatment. Facilities would also include a subset of locked beds to appropriately serve individuals with the most serious mental illnesses.

**Repurpose and Reimagine the Challenger Memorial Youth Center** – This proposal is to continue to advocate for \$25 million to repurpose and reimagine the Challenger Memorial Youth Center. The Challenger Project aims to help under-served and under-resourced youth transition safely and securely to an independent adulthood. The program will serve participants (ages 18-25 who were involved with the criminal justice or foster care systems, or who are homeless) who will live on the Challenger campus for 6-18 months while they are offered educational pathways and career training, as well as mental health services and robust life-skills instruction.

**Improving the Cannabis Industry through Equity Programming and Capacity Building** – This proposal is a budget request for \$20 million in one-time State General Fund (SGF) in Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 to augment the State’s Cannabis Equity Grants Program for Local Jurisdictions. This funding would help ensure access to critical financial assistance and technical support for equity applicants and licensees, as Los Angeles County establishes its Cannabis Equity Program. The proposal would also provide local jurisdictions additional flexibility in utilizing the grant funding to assist equity applicants and licensees by further supporting the equitable licensing of legal and safely operating cannabis businesses.

## County-Sponsored Budget Proposals

### **Building Up Crisis Stabilization Units (CSUs) to Support the County's Alternative Crisis Response (ACR) Efforts**

This proposal would seek additional funding to build-up Los Angeles County's Crisis Stabilization Units (CSUs). Although, the County anticipates expanding bed capacity for behavioral health services through its Restorative Care Village projects and the Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP) funding, there is an increased need for CSUs across Los Angeles County. While it is not quantifiable at this time, there will be a better projection of the additional need within the County's behavioral health system once those new beds come online.

Additional CSUs, including mental health urgent care centers (MHUCCs), would support patients in crisis. In July 2022, the Department of Mental Health contracted for the County's new 988 hotline, expanded the Psychiatric Mobile Response Teams (PMRT), and added contracted Mobile Crisis Outreach Teams (MCOT) so that County residents would have access to 24/7 mobile crisis outreach services. The addition of the 988 hotline and expansion of County mobile crisis teams will lead to increased utilization of psychiatric emergency rooms, MHUCCs and CSUs. The expansion of MHUCCs and CSUs are a critical component to meeting clients' needs at sites that would be an alternative to hospital emergency rooms.



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