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SACRAMENTO UPDATE – SUMMARY OF 2022 COUNTY ADVOCACY EFFORTS

Executive Summary

On September 30, 2022, Governor Gavin Newsom completed action on legislative measures for the second year of the 2021-22 Legislative Session. This year, in consultation with the Board of Supervisors (Board) and in collaboration with County departments, the Chief Executive Office's Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations (LAIR) Branch advocated on 185 State bill and budget proposals aimed at protecting, supporting, and/or enhancing County operations, programs, and the well-being of constituents. Of these proposals, 117 were acted on, in support or opposition, consistent with the County's advocacy position. The County's advocacy work in 2022 included coordination of key meetings between the Board, the Administration, and State Legislative members. This report summarizes these strategic advocacy efforts and the Attachment highlights some of the County's major advocacy wins.

County-Sponsored Proposals

In 2022, the County's calculated advocacy efforts led to the enactment of 10 County-sponsored and co-sponsored measures. This includes bills that will: establish and help fund the 988 Suicide and Prevention Crisis Hotline; support mobile stroke units in order to better save lives and increase health equity; help cultivate a well-prepared and enhanced substance use disorder counselor



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workforce; allow the County to take direct action against water theft and water pollution; create pipelines to quality jobs and income security for those exiting incarceration, among others. In addition, the County was successful in obtaining \$450 million for programs that will: maintain and enhance important child welfare programs; create critical infrastructure to support mentally ill justice-involved individuals; and assist with the regional response to homelessness, affordable housing, and wellness.

One County co-sponsored proposal related to Proposition 47 criminal resentencing did not pass the legislative process; the County's sponsored budget proposal to fund the Los Angeles Training Center Reentry Program did not move forward; and the County will continue to advocate on the Challenger Memorial Youth Center budget proposal in the upcoming legislative year.

County-Advocacy on State Budget Proposals

The County advocated in support of 68 State Budget proposals, of which 53 proposals were enacted in the 2022 State Budget Act. This includes proposals that provide critical funding to: help address homelessness; increase CalWORKs grants for vulnerable families; expand Medi-Cal coverage; bolster public health infrastructure; advance the LAC + USC Restorative Care Village and General Hospital projects; help complete the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System (LA-RICS) Land Mobile Radio system; supports renovation and expansion of the La Brea Tar Pits, among others. For additional details, please refer to the [Sacramento Update – Enactment of the 2022 State Budget Act](#).

County-Advocacy Legislation

LAIR worked closely with Board offices and impacted departments to review legislative proposals and identify legislation that had the potential to impact County operations and programs. Accordingly, the County actively advocated in support or in opposition of 104 County-related bills, with 54 acted on consistent with the County's advocacy position.

Notable bills that the County advocated in support of included legislation that: advances the region's affordable housing goals; bans jaywalking violations (and the related inequities), unless there is imminent danger; provides identification cards to all residents regardless of their immigration status; clarifies that a parent's economic disadvantage does not trigger general neglect reporting requirements; help government support underserved communities disproportionately impacted by extreme heat events, among other. The County successfully opposed several bills that would have had detrimental operational and fiscal impacts, including legislation that would have resulted in statewide local revenue losses of \$533 million annually;

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and dictated personnel and compensation matters, upending years of labor agreements negotiated in good faith.

A summary of bills which the County actively advocated on and bills that the County closely monitored in 2022 can be found at: [County of Los Angeles Bills of Interest](#). In addition, details for individual bills can be found on the County's tracking system at: [County of Los Angeles Legislative Tracking System](#).

Other Legislative Efforts

Throughout the course of the Legislative Session, LAIR coordinated more than 2,800 meetings in support of the County's programs and funding priorities, including: over 2,000 advocacy meetings that the Sacramento Advocates led and/or participated in to advance the County's legislative priorities; 12 meetings between members of the Board and the Governor, high-ranking Administration officials, and State legislative members in support of the County's highest legislative priorities; 50 legislative briefings and/or presentations led by the Sacramento Advocates and Los Angeles-based Legislative Analysts; and monitored and/or attended over 630 legislative hearings in support of the County's advocacy efforts. LAIR staff also partnered with various organizations like the California State Association of Counties, County Behavioral Health Directors Association of California, labor, and community partners on legislative and budget proposals to support County service-related programs and resources. Finally, LAIR's Government Relations staff continued to coordinate individual meetings between elected officials and County Department Heads, as well as held virtual and in-person legislative briefings attended by legislators, legislative staff and agency leaders, in an ongoing effort to enhance State and local collaborations.

The first year of the 2023-24 Legislative Session began on December 5, 2022. LAIR will continue to work with Board offices and departments to advance the County's priorities.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me or Samara Ashley, Assistant Chief Executive Officer, at (213) 974-1464 or sashley@ceo.lacounty.gov.

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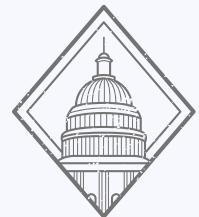
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COUNTY-SPONSORED PROPOSALS

**Successfully lead efforts to enact
10 County-sponsored proposals.**



Department of Children and Family Services Programs – This proposal, co-sponsored by SEIU California, provides \$200 million in 2022-23 and \$100 million in Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 for Los Angeles County Child Welfare Stabilization, which will allow the County to maintain and enhance services under the Extended Foster Care (EFC) Program and other important child welfare programs.



Grant Funding for Capital Facilities for Alternatives to Incarceration – Provides \$100 million for the County to provide treatment, including behavioral health and other rehabilitative services to justice-involved populations, in lieu of detention



LAC + USC Restorative Care Village and General Hospital – Provides \$50 million for the adaptive reuse of the General Hospital building in FY 2022-23 to support a full continuum of care services, including to help provide a regional response to homelessness, job creation, affordable housing, health and wellness.



Hire UP: From Corrections to Careers Pilot Program – Budget trailer bill language that establishes the Hire UP pilot program to provide stipends for formerly incarcerated individuals enrolled in an educational or professional training program within the Rising Scholars Network of California Community Colleges (CCC). Will create pipelines to quality jobs, upward mobility, and income security for those exiting incarceration.



AB 988 (Bauer-Kahan) Miles Hall Lifeline Act – Establishes the 988 Suicide and Prevention Crisis Hotline Center as an alternative to 911 to connect callers with trained counselors and dispatch mobile crisis support teams; and sets a 988 surcharge to help related operations.



AB 2117 (Gibson) Mobile Stroke Unit – Defines a Mobile Stroke Unit (MSU) as a hybrid emergency response ambulance under the direction of a local emergency services agency and as an emergency treatment, imaging and transportation unit for stroke patients. Provides a means of support for MSUs in order to better save lives and increase health equity.



AB 2473 (Nazarian) Increasing cultivate a well-prepared and enhanced SUD counselor workforce. (SUD) Registered Counselor Standards – Raises the minimum training standards, from 9.5 hours of training/orientation up to 80 hours of training/orientation, for individuals interested in becoming registered SUD Counselors in California. Will help cultivate a well-prepared and enhanced SUD counselor workforce.



AB 2766 (Maienschein) Administrative Subpoena Authority to Investigate Unfair Competition Law Cases – Provides subpoena authority to county counsels in Los Angeles, Santa Clara and San Diego Counties, and four city attorneys to investigate Unfair Competition Law cases, and help sue to stop unfair, fraudulent, or unlawful business practices.



ACR 177 (Bloom) Renaming the Christopher Columbus Transcontinental Highway – This proposal would remove and replace the I-10 freeway's designation as the Christopher Columbus Transcontinental Highway, a critical step to uplifting the region's true histories.



Enhance Enforcement Against Water Theft and Illegal Cannabis Grows – Budget trailer bill language authorizes county counsels and city attorneys to civilly prosecute and enjoin water theft; and to civilly prosecute and enjoin water pollution. Will enable local governments to take direct action against water theft and water pollution harming our local communities.





COUNTY ADVOCACY MEASURES

Successfully advocated in support of over 100 legislative and budget proposals of significant impact to the County, including:



Regional Homelessness Response – \$1 billion in additional funding for the Homeless Housing and Prevention Program, extending local funding through FY 2023-2024; and \$700 million in grants to support regional efforts to address encampments and homelessness.



SB 679 (Kamlager) - Los Angeles County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency – Establishes a regional housing agency in Los Angeles County with the authority to use local financing tools to fund affordable housing creation and preservation, and renter protections.



Medi-Cal Coverage for All Low-Income Undocumented Adults – Expands full-scope Medi-Cal eligibility to all income-eligible adults aged 26 through 49 regardless of immigration status.



AB 2147 (Ting) - Pedestrians – Prohibits peace officers from stopping pedestrians for a violation of an illegal street crossing, unless a reasonably careful person would realize there is an immediate danger of a collision with a moving vehicle.



CalWORKs Grant Increases – \$296.2 million in ongoing Maximum Aid Payment (MAP) increase of 11 percent, and \$816 million in additional temporary 10 percent MAP increase; bringing the non-exempt MAP level from \$925 to \$1,130 per month for a three family members residing in a high-cost county.



AB 1766 (Stone): Drivers' Licenses and Identification Cards – Requires the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to issue restricted identification cards to eligible applicants who are unable to verify that their presence in the United States is authorized under federal law.



Public Health Infrastructure – \$300 million in ongoing funding, including \$200 million for local health jurisdictions, to address critical public health infrastructure needs.



AB 2085 (Holden): Mandated Reporters – Redefines "general neglect" in child welfare to clarify that a parent's economic disadvantage does not trigger general neglect reporting requirements.



La Brea Tar Pits - \$5 million for the Natural History Museums of Los Angeles County for the renovation and expansion of the La Brea Tar Pits and Museum site.



SB 731 (Durazo) - Criminal Records Relief – Requires the California Department of Justice to review records in the statewide criminal justice databases and identify persons eligible for arrest record relief, based on specific criteria.



AB 2238 (L. Rivas) - Statewide Extreme Heat Ranking System – Requires the California Environmental Protection Agency to develop a statewide extreme heat ranking system.



Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System (LA-RICS) – \$18.6 million in one-time funding to complete the LA-RICS Land Mobile Radio system.



AB 1703 (Ramos) California Indian Education: Task Forces – Encourages local educational agencies and charter schools to form California Indian Education Task Forces to develop curricular materials on the history, culture, and government of local tribes.

