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



COUNTY ADVOCACY ACTIONS

At the February 27th meeting, the Board of Supervisors took the following actions:

- **SUPPORT FOR SENATE BILL (SB) 1050 (BRADFORD): COMBATING RACIALLY MOTIVATED EMINENT DOMAIN**



The Board directed the Chief Executive Office – Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations (CEO-LAIR) to express support for SB 1050, legislation which would establish a process for the State of California to review and investigate public complaints from individuals who claim their property was taken without just compensation as a result of racially motivated eminent domain and establishes a process for providing compensation to the rightful owner. Additional details on the motion can be found [here](#).

- **ADDRESSING FIRE INSURANCE CHALLENGES IMPACTING HOMEOWNERS**



The Board directed CEO-LAIR, to support legislation that will further stabilize California's fire insurance market and enhance protections for homeowners. Additionally, the Board directed the Interim Executive Officer to send five-signature letters to: the California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection requesting they consider input from local fire agencies when determining their implementation plan for Assembly Bill 3074; and State Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara, requesting he investigate the compliance measures insurance companies are requiring from homeowners to keep their coverage. Additional details on the motion can be found [here](#).

- **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE: PROCLAIMING MARCH 2024 AS VETERAN WOMEN'S MONTH AND IMPROVING SUPPORT FOR VETERAN WOMEN**



The Board proclaimed March 2024 as "Veteran Women's Month" and in addition to other actions, directed CEO-LAIR to identify possible legislative asks and actions to promote funding, support, and opportunities for gender-specific resources, services, and legislative advocacy for veteran women for the Board to consider supporting. Additional details on the motion can be found [here](#).



Information regarding the Board of Supervisors' meeting dates and agendas can be found [here](#).

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The County is also advocating on the following legislation and proposals:

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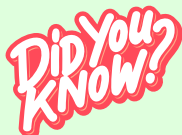
- **OPPOSE SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 57 (S. J. RES) (SCHMITT) - A JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL UNDER CHAPTER 8 OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, OF THE RULE SUBMITTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY RELATING TO "CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS" AND SIMILAR MEASURES**

S. J. Res 57 would disapprove the interim final rule issued on November 20, 2023, by the U.S. Treasury Department to amend the definition of "obligation" with respect to the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) established under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, which would put portions of the SLFRF funding received by the County at risk of being potentially subject to claw back. Additional details regarding this pursuit are available [here](#).

STATE

- **SUPPORT IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES (IHSS) ADMINISTRATIVE BRIDGE FUNDING**

The County is advocating in support of the IHSS Administrative Bridge Funding in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 State budget proposal. This proposal, sponsored by the County Welfare Directors Association of California (CWDA), requests \$51 million in one-time State General Fund to address underfunding of social worker and related staffing costs in the IHSS program. The proposal also requests budget trailer bill language requiring the California Department of Social Services to work with CWDA and counties to update the existing IHSS administration budget methodology to take effect in FY 2025-26. Additional details regarding this pursuit are available [here](#).



LA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS (MVA) LAUNCHES HOMELESS SERVICES DIVISION TO REDUCE VETERAN HOMELESSNESS



Allocating funds made available through Measure H, the Board approved \$1.9 million for MVA to launch its new Homeless Services Division (HSD). Measure H was passed in March 2017 to create a revenue stream dedicated to addressing and preventing homelessness.

In calendar year 2023, thanks in large part to the VA-led One Team, 1,790 veterans were placed into permanent housing, a 38 percent increase over the previous year. The introduction of HSD builds upon that growth while laying the groundwork for even larger gains in the year ahead. HSD will consist of four primary functions: Master leasing/housing, targeted benefits establishment (including a legal clinic), matching services, and resource centers.



FEDERAL FELLOWSHIP INITIATIVE TOUR OF LA COUNTY

On February 20-21, the County welcomed over 20 White House, Congressional, and federal agency staffers as part of the National Association of Counties Federal Fellowship Initiative. The Initiative aims to educate members of Congress, Congressional staff, and federal policy officials about the roles and responsibilities of counties. Participants learned about the County's priorities on health, mental health, housing, homelessness, veteran's services, economic development, and recreation. The Los Angeles County NACo Co-Chairs Supervisors Kathryn Barger and Hilda Solis, Chief Executive Officer Fesia Davenport and other County officials discussed the various ways in which Congress and the Administration can help the County achieve its goals to better serve its most vulnerable residents.



LA COUNTY BREAKS GROUND ON \$1.7 BILLION HARBOR-UCLA MEDICAL CENTER REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

LA County leaders, community members, and health care workers marked the start of construction of a new nine-story hospital building on the campus of Harbor-UCLA Medical Center.

The Harbor-UCLA Replacement Program is a \$1.7 billion investment that will improve access and equity to underserved communities and expand healthcare capabilities to the only Level I Trauma Center in south LA County. The project is the largest capital improvement program delivered by the County, consisting of six new buildings, including the replacement of the existing hospital building made famous in the popular 1970's television series, *Emergency!* The medical center will remain open during construction, which is expected to be completed in 2027.



U.S. Small Business Administration Economic Injury Disaster Loans and Assistance Available to Small Businesses Economically Impacted by the Interstate 10 Fire

Business owners in Los Angeles County who suffered economic impacts as a result of the Interstate 10 Freeway (I-10 or 10 Freeway) fire on November 11, 2023, and road closures through November 19, 2023, can now apply for low-interest federal disaster loans for working capital from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

All impacted businesses are encouraged to: visit the Los Angeles County Business Recovery Center located at 725 Crocker Street, Los Angeles, CA 90021, email FOCWAssistance@sba.gov, or call (916) 735-1501 for assistance. Impacted businesses are also encouraged to connect with The Department of Economic Opportunity's (DEO's) Office of Small Business to connect to free legal services, access to capital, contracting opportunities, talent development, entrepreneurship resources, and much more. For assistance in English and Spanish, call DEO's Office of Small Business at (844)-432-4900 or email at osb@opportunity.lacounty.gov.

SIDEWALK VENDING IN LA COUNTY IS HERE. WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW!



The LA County Board of Supervisors introduced the County's first ever Sidewalk Vending Ordinance which will create a clear pathway for sidewalk vendors in unincorporated LA County to support their businesses as part of the local open air economy.

Click [here](#) to access resources, support, and technical assistance to help your sidewalk vending business thrive.



The March 5th,
2024 Presidential
Primary Election
is almost here!

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Did your food benefits get
electronically stolen between

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11/30/2023?**

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Find out if you qualify by calling us as soon as possible,
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