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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 March 6th meeting, the Board of Supervisors took the following action:

- **SUPPORT FOR H.R. 7038 (R. GARCIA): GUARANTEED INCOME FOR FOSTER YOUTH ACT**



The Board directed the Chief Executive Office – Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations (CEO-LAIR) to support H.R. 7038, legislation that would create a new Federal program to provide \$1,000 a month for five years to young adults exiting foster care. Additional details on the motion can be found here.

## **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

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

### **FEDERAL**

- **SUPPORT H.R. 7010 (CHU): INCREASING ACCESS TO FOSTER CARE THROUGH AGE 21 ACT**



H.R. 7010 would provide an incentive for states to extend child welfare support and services for youth through 21 years of age, and allow youth to re-enter foster care after attaining 18 years of age, both without regard to the Aid to Families with Dependent Children eligibility of their parents or legal guardians. Additional details regarding this bill are available here.

- **SUPPORT H.R. 7024 (SMITH): TAX RELIEF FOR AMERICAN FAMILIES AND WORKERS ACT OF 2024**



H.R. 7024 contains provisions to increase and modify the child tax credit and enhance the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit. Additional details regarding this bill are available here.

- **SUPPORT H.R. 7070 (STANTON): WILDFIRE RESPONSE IMPROVEMENT ACT**



H.R. 7070 would direct and require that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) make several changes to guidance and project prioritization for wildfire response, mitigation, and remediation projects. Additional details regarding this bill are available [here](#).

## STATE

- **SUPPORT ASSEMBLY BILL (AB) 1957 (WILSON): BEST VALUE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTING FOR COUNTIES**



AB 1957 would extend the Best Value Construction Contracting for Counties (BVCC) Pilot Program to all counties and remove the January 1, 2025, sunset date. Additional details regarding this bill are available [here](#).

- **SUPPORT AB 2285 (RENDON): ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION: 30X30 GOAL: URBAN NATURE-BASED INVESTMENTS: PARITY**



AB 2285 would encourage the Governor's office, State agencies, and the Legislature, when distributing resources towards conservation and restoration goals during future budgetary deliberations, to ensure parity in allocations toward urban nature-based investments. Additional details regarding this bill are available [here](#).

- **SUPPORT AB 2346 (LEE): PROCUREMENT OF RECOVERED ORGANIC WASTE PRODUCTS**



AB 2346 would increase the use of organic waste by providing organic waste reduction flexibilities including credits to local jurisdictions for the procurement of recovered organic waste products through an agreement with a direct service provider, adding three categories of qualified compost, and extending credit for organic waste reduction investments to 2030. Additional details regarding this bill are available [here](#).

- **SUPPORT SENATE BILL (SB) 1143 (ALLEN): HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE: PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY**



SB 1143 would direct and require CalRecycle to develop a comprehensive extended producer responsibility program for common household hazardous waste. Additional details regarding this bill are available [here](#).



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



**LA County Administrative Offices will be closed on Monday, March 25, 2024, in observance of César Chávez Day.**

*Celebrate César Chávez' life and legacy with resources and programming available at your local [LA County Library](#).*



## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### GREENLINE HOME PROGRAM: GRANTS FOR FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYERS

The Department of Consumer and Business Affairs and the LA County Center for Financial Empowerment have launched the County of Los Angeles Greenline Home Program which aims to tackle the legacy of redlining. The goal is to empower and uplift economically marginalized communities. \$35,000 grants will be available for first-time homebuyers with low to moderate income and living in high-need to highest-need areas of Los Angeles County. To learn more about eligibility requirements visit:

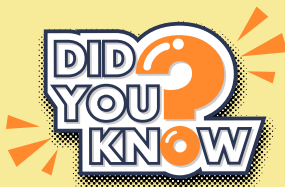
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### ***Free Tax Prep LA: A trustworthy and stress-free way to file your taxes!***



Free Tax Prep Los Angeles (FTPLA) or Volunteer Tax Assistance (VITA) Program, has been available to residents and families for over a decade and has offered free tax help to people who need assistance in preparing their tax returns. IRS-certified volunteers provide free basic income tax return preparation with electronic filing to qualified individuals.

FTPLA is unique to LA County residents and is highly supported as well by LA County Consumer & Business Affairs, and community and non-profit groups K.Y.C.C and United Way of Greater L.A. To see if you qualify for FTPLA, or to find free help near you, click [here](#) or call 1-800-906-9887.



- If you make less than \$64,000 annually, you may qualify for cash back through the Federal EITC.
- If you make less than \$30,950 annually, you may qualify for even more money on your refund through the Cal EITC.
- You must file to claim these credits!

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