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

 **COUNTY ADVOCACY-RELATED ACTIONS**
At the April 23rd meeting, the Board of Supervisors took the following action:

• **SUPPORT SENATE BILL (SB) 1020 (BRADFORD) - RACE-NEUTRAL SHOOTING TARGETS**



The Board directed the Chief Executive Office – Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations (CEO-LAIR) to support SB 1020, legislation which would ensure that all shooting targets used for training by law enforcement entities and other agencies be race-neutral, specifically by prohibiting the use of ethnic shooting targets by local agencies. Additional details on the motion can be found [here](#).

• **SUPPORT ASSEMBLY BILL (AB) 2342 (LOWENTHAL) - MEDI-CAL: CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITALS: ISLANDS**



The Board directed CEO-LAIR to support AB 2342, legislation which would result in an annual supplemental payment for services covered under Medi-Cal for a Critical Access Hospital that operates on an island located 10 miles offshore of the mainland coast of California, but still within the jurisdiction of the State. Additional details on the motion can be found [here](#).

• **OPPOSE AB 2986 (CARRILLO) - LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY (LAFCO) OF LOS ANGELES: EAST LOS ANGELES TASK FORCE**



The Board directed CEO-LAIR to oppose AB 2986, legislation which would require the LAFCO to establish an 11-member task force, which would hold quarterly community meetings to discuss the impacts of city incorporation for unincorporated East Los Angeles (East LA), and send a five-signature letter to Assemblywoman Wendy Carrillo, with a copy to Governor Gavin Newsom, Legislative leadership, Los Angeles County Legislative Delegation Chair, Assemblywoman Tina McKinnor, and the Los Angeles County Congressional Delegation, expressing the County's position and concerns about AB 2986. Additional details on the motion can be found [here](#).

- **LETTER TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE IN OPPOSITION TO CATALINA ISLAND CONSERVANCY'S PERMIT APPLICATION FOR ERADICATION OF THE ISLAND'S MULE DEER POPULATION**



The Board directed CEO-LAIR to send a five-signature letter to California Department of Fish and Wildlife Director Charlton Bonham, expressing the County's opposition to the Catalina Island Conservancy's Scientific Collection Permit Application based on the proposed methodology of eradicating mule deer through aerial shooting. Additional details on the motion can be found [here](#).



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

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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

FEDERAL

- **SUPPORT SENATE BILL (S.) 3830 (PADILLA) - LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLD WATER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ESTABLISHMENT ACT**



[S. 3830](#) would make permanent the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program, which awards grants to eligible operators of public water or wastewater treatment systems to assist low-income households pay arrearages and other rates charged for drinking water or wastewater services. Additional details regarding this pursuit is available [here](#).

- **SUPPORT HOUSE BILL (H.R.) 7065 (NAPOLITANO) - WATER CONSERVATION PRIORITIZATION**



[H.R. 7065](#) would include water supply and water conservation as a primary mission of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and would help meet regional water supply, conservation, and resiliency goals. Additional details regarding this bill are available [here](#).

STATE

- **SUPPORT STATE SENATE BILL (SB) 960 (WIENER) - TRANSPORTATION: PLANNING: TRANSIT PRIORITY PROJECTS: MULTIMODAL**



[SB 960](#) would mandate that the California Department of Transportation and the California Transportation Commission include complete street elements in the statewide asset management plan. This bill would complement the objectives of the County's Vision Zero Plan and support County goals for sustainable, safe, and equitable transportation. Additional details regarding this bill are available [here](#).

- **OPPOSE SB 1205 (LAIRD) - WORKERS' COMPENSATION: MEDICAL BENEFITS**



SB 1205 would entitle specified injured employees, who are still able to work, to receive temporary disability indemnity payment for wages lost as a result of medical treatment and all reasonable expenses of transportation, meals, and lodging associated with that treatment. Compliance with this bill would: increase the County's worker's compensation costs; incentivize unwarranted medical treatment use and costs; and expand litigating expenses by increasing discriminatory claims. Additional details regarding this bill are available [here](#).

- **SUPPORT SB 1209 (CORTESE) - LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSIONS: INDEMNIFICATION**



SB 1209 would authorize a local agency formation commission (LAFCO) to require an applicant to indemnify the LAFCO, its agents, officers, and employees from and against any claim, action, or proceeding that may stem from a LAFCO decision. Additional details regarding this bill are available [here](#).

- **SUPPORT SB 1243 (DODD) - CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS: AGENCY OFFICERS**



SB 1243 would amend the Levine Act to increase the threshold for which its provisions would apply, change the prohibition period on contributions before and after a proceeding, extend the period during which an officer may cure a violation, and exempt housing development projects that conform with the State's Housing Element law. This bill would reduce the implementation challenges presented by the Levine Act that divert resources from other County operations. Additional details regarding this bill are available [here](#).

- **SUPPORT SB 1336 (ARCHULETA) - METROPOLITAN STATE HOSPITAL**



SB 1336 would authorize the State to lease buildings located at Metropolitan State Hospital in the City of Norwalk to a nonprofit corporation or local government for up to 55 years. Additional details regarding this bill are available [here](#).

- **OPPOSE SB 1346 (DURAZO) - WORKERS' COMPENSATION: AGGREGATE DISABILITY PAYMENTS**



SB 1346 would extend the potential duration of temporary disability (TD) payments if an injured employee prevails at an independent medical review (IMR). Compliance with this bill would require costly system upgrades to the County's workers' compensation system and would not address the root cause for the delays in TD payments, which is the overuse of the IMR process and not problems related to the utilization review process. Additional details regarding this bill are available [here](#).

- **SUPPORT AB 2199 (BERMAN) - CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) EXEMPTION: RESIDENTIAL OR MIXED-USE HOUSING PROJECTS**



AB 2199 would extend the January 1, 2025, sunset date for AB 1804 (Berman, 2018), which exempts from CEQA qualifying infill residential, or mixed-use housing projects located in unincorporated areas of a county, to January 1, 2035. AB 2199 would reduce barriers to the development of residential and mixed-use housing in the unincorporated areas of the County. Additional details regarding this bill are available [here](#).

- **SUPPORT AB 2263 (FRIEDMAN) - THE CALIFORNIA GUARANTEED INCOME STUDY AND FUNDING ACT**



AB 2263 would establish the Guaranteed Income (GI) Study and Funding Act Coordinating Council to examine the feasibility, benefits, and challenges of expanding permanent guaranteed income programs in the State. This bill would expand on the current GI infrastructure and progress made in current GI pilot programs. Additional details regarding this bill are available [here](#).

- **OPPOSE AB 2265 (MCCARTY) - ANIMALS: SPAYING, NEUTERING, AND EUTHANASIA**



AB 2265 would state that it is the policy of the State that no animal should be euthanized if it can be adopted, and that no animal be euthanized by a public animal control agency or shelter, with specified exceptions. This bill would result in significant costs to the County and negatively impact the ability to provide adequate medical treatment to animals in its care, enforce animal-fighting laws, prevent the release of dangerous animals into the community, and house adoptable animals. Additional details regarding this bill are available [here](#).

- **SUPPORT AB 2911 (MCKINNOR) - CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS: AGENCY OFFICERS**



AB 2911 would raise the threshold for contributions regulated by the provisions of the Levine Act to \$1,500. This bill would reduce the implementation challenges presented by the Levine Act that divert resources from other County operations. Additional details regarding this bill are available [here](#).

- **SUPPORT AB 3042 (NGUYEN): DNA CRIME LAB FUNDING**



AB 3042 would remove the sunset date on the DNA Fingerprint, Unsolved Crime and Innocence Protection Act which would maintain funding for Sheriff's Department staff who perform and support DNA testing. Additional details regarding this bill are available [here](#).

- **SUPPORT AB 3043 (L. RIVAS): SILICOSIS PREVENTION**



AB 3043 would establish a framework for licensing of engineered stone fabrication businesses; implement industry requirements contained in the State's Emergency Temporary Standard; adopt a training curriculum; impose prevailing minimum wage requirements for workers; and prioritize enforcement in geographic areas with the highest numbers of violations (such as the San Fernando Valley). Additional details regarding this bill are available [here](#).

- **SUPPORT HOMELESS HOUSING, ASSISTANCE AND PREVENTION (HHAP) PROGRAM**



This proposal, sponsored by the California State Association of Counties, the Big City Mayors Coalition, the League of California Cities and the Bring California Home Coalition, requests at least \$1 billion in ongoing State funding to continue funding for the HHAP Program. This funding is needed to provide local governments with a stable, ongoing source of funding to address and reduce homelessness. Additional details regarding this bill are available [here](#).



SPOTLIGHT ON COUNTY SPONSORED BILLS



SB 987 (Menjivar): Establishing an Independent Pre-Trial Release Department in Los Angeles County - This proposal is specific to Los Angeles County only and would expand the definition of "criminal justice agencies" to include pretrial release departments, allowing an independent agency like the County's Justice, Care and Opportunities Department (JCOD) to establish an independent pretrial division capable of offering a wide array of client services along with the traditional aspects of a pretrial operation. The proposal would also protect discussions between clients and service providers from use by law enforcement in any subsequent court action. Additionally, it would allow JCOD to access criminal history. **Status: Senate Appropriations - Set for hearing April 29**

AB 1948 (Rendon): Increasing Access to Homeless Prevention Services - This proposal would delete the January 1, 2025, sunset date for AB 728 (Chapter 337, Statutes of 2019), which authorizes the implementation of Homeless Multidisciplinary Personnel Teams for purposes of serving individuals at high-risk of homelessness, while preserving client privacy and confidentiality protections, through January 1, 2025. **Status: Senate Rules**

LOS ANGELES REGION SMALL BUSINESS SUMMIT

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department of economic opportunity

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Join the County of Los Angeles, City of Los Angeles, and the Los Angeles Mayor's Office for this year's Small Business Summit. This free in-person series of events is a County-City partnership that seeks to help small businesses recover, grow, and thrive by bringing together the Region's top free business resources, services, and programs - all in one place! This event will include panel discussions, a resource expo that convenes all major public and private providers of free business support, on-site free services, and much more!



- April 29: Los Angeles Coliseum
- May 9: Mission College
- May 15: Cal State Los Angeles



The Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health's Take Action movement promotes wellness and well-being while sharing the vast array of resources and services provided by the nation's largest behavioral health department.

We're bringing communities together in wellness by encouraging everyone to pay attention to their own needs and those around them. Click on the links to learn more about upcoming community events and available resources.



Photo Finale

Among other priorities, the Board of Supervisors have been busy advocating for key County programs and priorities in Sacramento and Washington, D.C. Mental Health, Affordable Housing, Addressing Homelessness, and Environmental Sustainability were among the key topics discussed in meetings with White House officials, The Governor's Administration, Legislators, Committee staff and Agency representatives.



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