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Fesia A. Davenport

August 6, 2024

To: All Department Heads

From: Fesia A. Davenport 
Chief Executive Officer

FEDERAL AND STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDAS UPDATE

This memorandum is to request your department's review and recommended changes to the County's Federal and State Legislative Agendas (Agendas) in preparation for the 119th U.S. Congress and the 2025-26 State Legislative Session.

In order to address the dynamic trends of the Federal and State legislative processes, as well as the County's priorities and emerging issues, the Agendas serve as the cornerstone of the legislative program. The Agendas contain the principles and policies that serve as the basis for advocacy positions on legislative, administrative, and budget issues in Washington, D.C., and Sacramento. By establishing Board-adopted policies, the County's Washington, D.C., and Sacramento advocates strategically and effectively advocate on proposals to support the County's program, service, and budget priorities.

In 2024, the Agendas underwent a strategic restructuring aimed to advance the Board and the County's legislative and policy priorities in light of the dynamic legislative environment. The Chief Executive Office – Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations (CEO-LAIR) branch coordinated with Board offices and County departments to develop comprehensive policy statements that serve as guiding principles and a clear roadmap for effective advocacy-related activities at the State and federal levels. The restructured approach to the Agendas has helped to enable a more targeted and coordinated advocacy program, ultimately leading to more impactful outcomes in the State and federal legislative process. The restructured Agendas have also allowed CEO-LAIR to have greater flexibility to engage on issues with expediency that impact the County's budget and operations.



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A copy of the current Legislative Agendas can be found at:

[Federal Legislative Agenda](#)

[State Legislative Agenda](#)

Department Recommendations for Changes to the Federal and State Legislative Agendas

As part of this process, County departments are being asked to review the current Agendas and submit recommendations for changes to existing policies, and/or deletion of obsolete policies. Departments are encouraged to thoroughly review all sections of the documents that may impact their operations and services.

Instructions for submitting recommended changes for the Federal Legislative Agenda can be found in Attachment I and the State Legislative Agenda in Attachment II. These attachments must be signed by the Department Head and be included in the department's submission of recommended changes.

Due Dates

Recommendations for the 2025-26 Federal and State Legislative Agendas must be submitted to the legislative analyst assigned to your department (Attachment IV) by August 28, 2024.

CEO-LAIR will meet with departments to review recommended changes, identify additional information needed to justify the recommendations, and refine policy statements to ensure they will enable the County to weigh in on legislation or funding proposals in an effective manner.

This timeline will ensure that the CEO-LAIR has sufficient time to discuss the recommended changes with all impacted departments and finalize the recommended changes for consideration by the Board. **Therefore, late submissions may not be considered.**

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Amanda Meere at (213) 262-8031 or ameere@ceo.lacounty.gov. You may also contact the legislative analyst assigned to your department.

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Attachments



**County of Los Angeles Chief Executive Office – Legislative Affairs
and Intergovernmental Relations**

**RECOMMENDED CHANGES – FEDERAL
LEGISLATIVE AGENDA**

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| Department: | |
| Division (if applicable): | |
| Contact Person's Name: | |
| Phone Number: | |
| Email: | |
| Department Head Approval: | (Name and Title) |
| | (Signature) |

INSTRUCTIONS

Recommended changes to the Federal Legislative Agenda should represent the department's highest priorities and should be consistent with existing operational goals and plans.

- Policy statements should represent emerging programs and issues for which your department is seeking the Board's concurrence to guide future advocacy efforts in Washington, D.C.
- In cases where an existing policy is obsolete or no longer relevant, the department may recommend deletion of that policy.
- Departments should consider consolidating similar policies in the document or streamlining policies that are lengthy or overly detailed to the point of limiting their applicability.
- Each recommendation should be accompanied by a justification.
- If the recommendation would impact another County department's operations or programs, concurrence by that department should be secured prior to submission.

Examples of recommended new policies, revisions to policies, and justifications can be found on Attachment III.

Recommended changes must be submitted to the legislative analyst assigned to your department (Attachment IV) by August 28, 2024.

The Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations Division will review departments' submissions and schedule follow-up meetings to discuss the recommendations submitted.

Please contact your Legislative Analyst with any questions.



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**RECOMMENDED CHANGES - STATE LEGISLATIVE
AGENDA**

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| Department: | |
| Division (if applicable): | |
| Contact Person's Name: | |
| Phone Number: | |
| Email: | |
| Department Head Approval: | (Name and Title) |
| | (Signature) |

INSTRUCTIONS

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EXAMPLES OF SUBMISSIONS OF PROPOSED CHANGES

1. [Support proposals to enhance the confidentiality of investigators' and social workers' personal information in the Department of Motor Vehicles' records including, but not limited to, Adult Protective Services investigators and social workers.](#)

Justification: New policy. The Workforce Development, Aging, and Community Services Department (WDACS) reports that the County Welfare Directors Association of California introduced legislation last year, SB 1093, that would have protected the home addresses of adult abuse investigators or social workers working in protective services. WDACS indicates that Adult Protective Services (APS) staff often face personal attacks and intimidation during the course of their work. The APS program is staffed by social workers who respond 24 hours a day, seven days a week to reports of abuse and neglect. The program also has investigators that conduct investigations of alleged abuse and neglect in coordination with local law enforcement agencies. APS social workers often face the same dangers in the field as their child protective services counterparts, who are afforded this protection of the suppression of personal records by the Department of Motor Vehicles. This policy would allow the County to support similar measures to SB 1093 that would protect the safety and security of APS staff. **(Recommended by the Workforce Development, Aging, and Community Services Department; concurred by the Department of Children and Family Services)**

2. Support proposals to equitably allocate Federal Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funding based on [data derived from the 2010 most recently completed](#) Census, or a need- based formula, and oppose the use of CSBG grant funds to supplant existing funding of local programs.

Technical Change: Revised policy. The proposed revision to this existing policy is intended to update it to reference all forthcoming censuses. **(Recommended by the Chief Executive Office - Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations)**

3. [Support](#) the sale of ~~the Sylmar Armory surplus or otherwise unneeded State property~~ to the County of Los Angeles or the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority to provide ~~bridge~~ housing for ~~women~~ [persons or families](#) experiencing homelessness.

Justification: Revised policy. This existing policy, which was added to the State Legislative Agenda pursuant to a Board-approved motion (Kuehl and Barger) on October 3, 2017, is being revised because legislation authorizing the sale of the Sylmar Armory (AB 3251) was signed by the Governor on September 23, 2018. The revisions will allow the County to support future legislation that would make other State property available for purchase by the County or the Los Angeles Housing Services Authority for housing purposes. **(Recommended by the Chief Executive Office - Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations)**



Legislative Affairs & Intergovernmental Relations

Legislative Analysts

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| Alternate Public Defender | Cameron Gil |
| Animal Care & Control | Jonathan Kraus |
| Arts and Culture | Griselda Núñez Herrera |
| Assessor | Jose Chew |
| Auditor-Controller | Jose Chew |
| Beaches & Harbors | Cameron Gil |
| Child Support Services | Jose Chew |
| Children & Family Services | Jose Chew |
| Consumer & Business Affairs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office of Cannabis Management • Office of Immigrant Affairs | Jonathan Kraus |
| County Counsel | Jonathan Kraus |
| District Attorney | Cameron Gil |
| Economic Opportunity | Traci Kawaguchi |

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| Executive Office, Board of Supervisors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Sustainability Office • Food Equity Roundtable | Jose Chew <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cameron Gil • Griselda Núñez Herrera |
| Fire | Traci Kawaguchi |
| Health Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office of Diversion and Reentry | Sarkis Semerdjyan |
| Human Resources | Jose Chew |
| Internal Services | Amanda Meere |
| Justice, Care, and Opportunities | Cameron Gil |
| LA County Library | Jonathan Kraus |
| Medical Examiner-Coroner | Sarkis Semerdjyan |
| Mental Health | Sarkis Semerdjyan |
| Military & Veterans Affairs | Jonathan Kraus |
| Museum of Art | Jonathan Kraus |
| Natural History Museum | Jonathan Kraus |
| Parks and Recreation | Cameron Gil |
| Probation | Cameron Gil |
| Public Defender | Cameron Gil |
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| Public Works | Cameron Gil |
| Regional Planning | Traci Kawaguchi |
| Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk | Jonathan Kraus |

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| Treasurer and Tax Collector | Jose Chew |
| Youth Development | Cameron Gil |

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| Census / Redistricting | Jonathan Kraus |
| Chief Information Office | Amanda Meere |
| Compensation, Benefits, and Pensions | Jose Chew |
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| Office of Emergency Management | Traci Kawaguchi |
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| Employee Retirement Association | Jose Chew |
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| Office of Child Protection | Jose Chew |

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| Office of the Inspector General | Cameron Gil |
| Superior Court | Cameron Gil |

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| Arts Commission | Griselda Núñez Herrera |
| Children and Families | Jose Chew |
| Countywide Criminal Justice Coordination Committee (CCJCC) | Cameron Gil |
| Disabilities | Griselda Núñez Herrera |
| Domestic Violence Council | Sarkis Semerdjyan |
| HIV | Sarkis Semerdjyan |
| Insurance | Jonathan Kraus |
| Local Governmental Services | Jonathan Kraus |
| Mental Health | Sarkis Semerdjyan |
| Native American Indian | Griselda Núñez Herrera |
| Public Health Commission | Sarkis Semerdjyan |
| Small Business | Traci Kawaguchi |