

FEBRUARY 21, 2025

LATEST NEWS

COUNTY ADVOCACY- RELATED ACTIONS

At the February 11th and February 18th meetings, the Board of Supervisors took the following legislative-related actions:



- **Support for Support for Assembly Bill (AB) 299 (Gabriel/Rivas): Motels, Hotels, and Short-Term Lodging: Los Angeles County: Wildfires**

The Board directed the Chief Executive Office – Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations (CEO-LAIR), to take all appropriate legislative advocacy actions to support AB 299, including, but not limited to, sending a five-signature letter in support of the bill to Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel and Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas. Under AB 299, continued occupancy of a guest of a motel, hotel, or short-term lodging, as defined, would not constitute a new tenancy if the guest is living in the motel, hotel, or short-term lodging as a result of losing their residence in a wildfire in the County of Los Angeles. Additional details on the motion can be found [here](#).

- **Support for AB 311 (McKinnor/Rivas): Dwelling Units: Persons at Risk of Homelessness**

The Board directed CEO-LAIR, to support AB 311, legislation which would allow a tenant and landlord to temporarily house a person, family, and/or pet displaced by a declared state of emergency without granting that person full tenancy status or amending the lease including. Advocacy includes, but is not limited to, sending a five-signature letter in support of the bill to Assemblymember Tina McKinnor and Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas. Additional details on the motion can be found [here](#).

- **Support for AB 380 (Gonzalez): Price Gouging**

The Board directed CEO-LAIR, to take all appropriate legislative advocacy actions to support AB 380, including, but not limited to, sending a five-signature letter in support of the bill to the author, Assemblymember Mark González. AB 380 would extend price gouging protections on hotels, food, and other essential goods and services for the full duration of an emergency declaration to safeguard Angelenos from predatory price gouging during times of crisis. Additional details on the motion can be found [here](#).

• **Los Angeles County Early Care and Education Child Care Windstorm and Wildfire Recovery Efforts**

The Board directed CEO-LAIR, to support State budget proposals, legislation and other administrative efforts to meet the needs of childcare providers affected by the wildfires including, but not limited to, health and safety assessments and remediation for childcare facilities. Additional details on the motion can be found [here](#).



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



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DISASTER RESPONSE AND RECOVERY RESOURCES

- ▶ **Disaster Recovery Centers** are open to the public from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Residents and businesses can access local, state, federal and non-profit recovery resources in one location.
 - Altadena Disaster Recovery Center - 540 W Woodbury Rd., Altadena, 91001
 - UCLA Research Park West, 10850 West Pico Blvd., Los Angeles, 90064

- ▶ **LA County Household Relief Grant**
Beginning February 26, eligible households will be able to apply for grants ranging from \$6,000 to \$18,000, depending on household size and composition. Funds can be used for essential expenses such as: housing and living costs; funeral expenses; and repairs not covered by other forms of assistance. The fund will distribute \$32.2 million in relief through the [grant program](#) which will be administered by the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs in partnership with The Center by Lendistry.

Additional Resources:

- ▶ [Incident Response](#)
- ▶ [LA County Recovers](#)
- ▶ [Department of Economic Opportunity Funds: Small Business/Nonprofits and Workers](#)
- ▶ [U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Interactive Phase 2 Debris Removal Viewer](#)

Through the Department of Economic Opportunities new Business to Business Space Share program, powered by the County's Internal Services Department, businesses impacted by the recent windstorms and wildfires can connect to temporary workspaces generously donated by other businesses in LA County.

Both those offering space and those seeking space must register on the new platform to create listings or access available options. Registration is quick and simple. To get started, visit b2bspaceshare.lacounty.gov today.

Got extra space? Help a displaced business!

B2B SPACE SHARE

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KNOW YOUR RIGHTS!

Everyone has rights no matter their immigration status. Join our workshops to learn how you can protect yourself, your family, and your community.

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- Public Charge
- Worker Rights
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- Family Plans for Deportation or Detention
- Legal Services
- Mental Services



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DCBA's Office of Immigrant Affairs offers direct services and assistance, guidance on how to get help from other County departments, and provide introductions to local service providers to meet the needs of you and your family. All services are free and respectful of the immigrant community experience.

Speak with an expert counselor at (800) 593-8222 or join an upcoming virtual workshop at your convenience.

Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) cardholders will get a new, more secure EBT card in the mail in 2025. Please use your new EBT card right away to activate it. Help protect your benefits by using the chip and tap feature on your new card. More information will be provided once the state begins mailing out the new cards.

If you have questions, please contact the EBT Customer Service Helpline at (877) 328-9677.



NEW EBT CHIP TAP CARDS ARE COMING IN 2025!

The New EBT Chip Tap card is coming to your mailbox soon!

With added security features, the new EBT Chip Tap card protects your benefits when you "TAP" to pay.

Get ready for your new EBT Chip Tap card by:

- Making sure your address is correct on BenefitsCal.com.
- Activating your new EBT Chip Tap card right away. Your old EBT card will stop working 180 days after the new card is issued.
- Downloading the ebtEDGE Mobile App to manage EBT card access.
- Remembering to TAP your card instead of swiping or inserting it into the payment device to pay

Learn how you can get ready for your NEW EBT Chip Tap card today at:

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