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WASHINGTON, D.C. UPDATE – SUMMARY OF 2024 COUNTY ADVOCACY EFFORTS

Executive Summary

Throughout second session of the 118th Congress (January 3, 2023 to January 3, 2025), the Chief Executive Office's Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations (CEO-LAIR) Branch, in consultation with the Board of Supervisors (Board) and in collaboration with County departments, advocated on over 100 Federal legislative, budget, and administrative proposals aimed at protecting, supporting, and/or enhancing County operations, programs, and the well-being of residents. The County's 2024 advocacy work included coordination of key meetings between the Board, the Administration, and Congressional members aimed at advancing the County's priorities. This report summarizes these strategic advocacy efforts and the Attachment highlights some of the County's notable advocacy activities.

County Advocacy Highlights

In 2024, the County's advocacy efforts led to the successful protection of current federal funding levels for County programs, including the U.S. Department of Treasury Interim Final Rule regarding the spending of COVID-19 relief funds, which allowed the Board-adopted \$1.9 billion expenditure plan to proceed. In addition, Congress passed a Continuing Resolution (H.R. 10545) with language delaying the effective date of Medicaid Disproportionate Share Hospital allotment reductions to safety-net hospitals from January 1, 2025, to April 1, 2025.



Other successful advocacy efforts included, but are not limited to:

- The County received \$40.9 million in Federal Fiscal Year 2024 appropriations for specific capital projects;
- The U.S. Department of Transportation awarded the County \$29.8 million for the Safer Steps for L.A. County Pedestrians project, which augments the County's Vision Zero Action Plan to implement pedestrian safety improvements;
- The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development awarded \$17 million in grants that will fund energy efficiency retrofits at two senior housing sites;
- The Department of Interior awarded \$15 million to the County for the Puente Hills Landfill Park; and
- The Federal Communications Commission issued a final rule to implement geo-routing for 988 calls from mobile phones based on legislation (H.R. 4974/S. 3444) developed by the County; among others.

County-Advocacy Legislation

CEO-LAIR worked closely with Board offices and impacted departments to review legislative proposals and identify provisions that had the potential to impact County operations and programs. A summary of Federal bills which the County actively advocated on and bills that the County closely monitored in 2024 can be found at [County of Los Angeles Bills of Interest](#). Additional details on other bills of interest to the County can be found at [County of Los Angeles Legislative Tracking System](#).

Other Legislative Efforts

Throughout the course of the legislative session, CEO-LAIR participated in over 530 meetings in support of the County's federal programs and funding priorities, including: over 30 meetings that members of the Board and Department Heads participated in with the Administration and Members of Congress, to discuss the County's program and funding priorities; approximately 30 advocacy meetings that the Washington, D.C. advocates led and/or participated in to advance the County's legislative priorities; and monitored and/or attended over 96 Congressional hearings in support of the County's legislative priorities. CEO-LAIR staff also partnered with various organizations, including the National Association of Counties on legislative and budget proposals to support county service-related programs and resources.

The first session of the 119th Congress began on January 3, 2025. CEO-LAIR will continue to work with the Board of Supervisors and their staff, County departments and other key stakeholders to advance the County's priorities throughout 2025 with the Congress, the Administration, and regulatory agencies.

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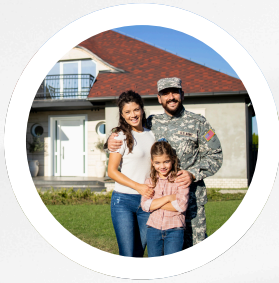
Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me or Samara Ashley, Assistant Chief Executive Officer, at (213) 974-1464 or sashley@ceo.lacounty.gov.

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Attachment

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Veterans' Housing

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development implemented policy changes that the County strongly advocated for to ensure that veterans experiencing homelessness are not disqualified from eligibility for project-based rental assistance based on their service-connected disability benefits.

Puente Hills Landfill Park

The County was awarded \$15 million from the Department of Interior's Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program for the Puente Hills Landfill Park. This is the maximum single award amount available under this program.

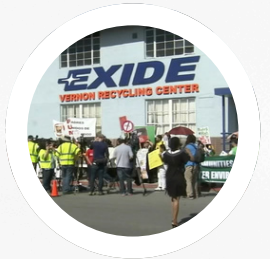


Sustainability Funding for Senior Housing

The County advocated for and received \$17.4 million in grants from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Green and Resilient Retrofit Program that will fund energy efficiency retrofits at two senior housing sites.

Superfund National Priorities List

The County engaged with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and associated decision makers for several years to push for additional resources for the former Exide site in Vernon. In September 2024, the EPA proposed adding the former Exide site to the National Priorities List (NPL). If successful, an NPL inclusion will authorize additional resources for the County to remediate toxic contamination at, and around, this site.



Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)



The County engaged with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and associated decision makers to advance legally enforceable maximum containment levels (MCLs) for PFAS in drinking water. The EPA finalized regulations establishing the MCLs in April 2024. The new MCLs will help reduce and prevent PFAS exposure in County drinking water and prevent PFAS-related illnesses and deaths.