# CATCHING UP WITH LA COUNTY

**MARCH 14, 2025** 

### LATEST NEWS

### **COUNTY ADVOCACY- RELATED ACTIONS**

At the March 4th and March 11th meetings, the Board of Supervisors took the following legislative-related actions:

## <u>Support for Assembly Bill (AB) 238 (Harabedian):</u> <u>Mortgage Forbearance: State of Emergency: Wildfire</u>



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The Board directed the Chief Executive Office – Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations (CEO-LAIR), to take all appropriate legislative advocacy actions to support <u>AB 238</u>, legislation which would allow borrowers who are experiencing financial hardship due to the January 2025 wildfire disaster to request an initial pause of their monthly mortgage payment for up to 360 days, in two increments of 180 days. Additional details on the motion can be found <u>here</u>.

#### <u>Support for Governor Newsom's Appropriations Request</u>

The Board directed CEO-LAIR to support Governor Gavin Newsom's February 21, 2025 letter to Congressional leadership to request \$39 billion in support of recovery efforts in response to the January 2025 firestorms in Los Angeles County; and send a five-signature letter to Congressional leadership with a copy to the Los Angeles County Congressional Delegation. Additional details on the motion can be found <u>here</u>.



Upcoming Board of Supervisors' meeting dates and agendas can be found <u>here</u>.

#### MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH



The Board of Supervisors proclaimed <u>March 2025 Women's</u> <u>History Month</u> in Los Angeles County. Each year the month of March is dedicated to acknowledging, celebrating, and encouraging women for their ongoing accomplishments, achievements and contributions to community, culture, society, and beyond.

<u>LA County Library</u> is highlighting incredible women in history. Visit your local library to browse programs for all ages, check out books from a specially curated booklist, and discover 4 changemakers highlighted by our Cultural Resource Centers.

#### LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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

#### STATE

# <u>SUPPORT AB 259 (RUBIO) - OPEN MEETINGS: LOCAL AGENCIES:</u> <u>TELECONFERENCES</u>

<u>AB 259</u> would eliminate the sunset date in <u>AB 2449 (Rubio, Chapter 285,</u> <u>Statutes of 2022)</u>, which allows the legislative body of a local agency, until December 31, 2025, to use teleconferencing without complying with the traditional Brown Act teleconferencing rules if it complies with certain requirements and uses the alternative teleconference procedures in certain circumstances. This bill would support the County's efforts to seek legislative opportunities that further amend the Brown Act, including explicitly allowing members of the public to comment remotely at public meetings beyond a designated state of emergency. Additional details regarding this position are available <u>here</u>.

#### SUPPORT SENATE BILL (SB) 52 (PEREZ) - HOUSING RENTAL RATES AND OCCUPANCY LEVELS: ALGORITHMIC DEVICES

<u>SB 52</u> would make it unlawful for any person to sell, license, or otherwise provide to a landlord an algorithmic device that advises on residential rental rates or occupancy levels, and make it unlawful for a landlord to use an algorithmic device to set rental rates or occupancy levels for residential units. SB 52 would protect County residents from unfairly inflated rental housing prices that can result from the use of algorithmic devices to set rental rates or occupancy levels. Additional details regarding this position are available <u>here</u>.

#### SUPPORT SB 239 (ARREGUIN) - OPEN MEETINGS: TELECONFERENCING: SUBSIDIARY BODY

<u>SB 239</u> would allow a subsidiary body of a local agency to use teleconferencing without complying with the traditional Brown Act teleconferencing rules if it complies with certain requirements and uses the alternative teleconference procedures in certain circumstances. This bill would support the County's efforts to seek legislative opportunities that allow non-decision-making legislative bodies currently governed by the Brown Act, such as advisory bodies and commissions, to participate in two-way virtual teleconferencing without posting their physical location. Additional details regarding this position are available <u>here.</u>



#### CÉSAR CHÁVEZ DAY

LA County Administrative Office will be closed on Monday, March 31, 2025 in observance of César Chávez Day.

LA County Library has specially curated booklists for all ages that aim to expand everyone's understanding of César Chávez' life and legacy as a civil rights advocate and farm labor leader.

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#### **DISASTER RESPONSE AND RECOVERY RESOURCES**

#### **Disaster Recovery Centers** - Open Monday to Saturday from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

- Altadena Disaster Recovery Center 540 W Woodbury Rd., Altadena, 91001
- UCLA Research Park West, 10850 West Pico Blvd., Los Angeles, 90064

#### **One Stop Permit Centers: Streamlining the Rebuilding Process**

- <u>Palisades Fire</u> LA County Regional Planning Calabasas District Office 26600 Agoura Road, #110, Calabasas, 91302
  - Monday/Wednesday 7:30am-10:30am; Saturday 8am-Noon
- <u>Eaton Fire</u> 464 W. Woodbury Road, Suite 210, Altadena, 91001
  Monday to Friday 9:30am-6pm; Saturday 8am-1pm
- <u>City of Los Angeles</u> -1828 Sawtelle Blvd., Los Angeles, 90025
  Monday Friday, 10 AM 8 PM; Saturday & Sunday, 10 AM 4 PM.
- <u>City of Malibu</u> 23805 Stuart Ranch Road, Suite 240, Malibu, 90265
  - Monday Friday: 8 a.m. 4 p.m.
- <u>City of Pasadena</u> 100 N. Garfield Ave, Suite N106, Pasadena, 91101
  Monday, Tuesday & Thursday: 8 a.m. 5 p.m.; Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. 5 p.m.; Alternate Fridays: 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

#### Upcoming Deadlines:

- March 31, 2025 FEMA Financial Assistance
- March 31, 2025 <u>Right of Entry Opt-In/Out</u>
- March 31, 2025 <u>SBA Loans for Physical Damage</u>

#### **Department of Insurance Workshops**

• Saturday, March 15, 2025, 10 AM to 6 PM - John Muir High School: 1905 Lincoln Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91103. For appointments call call (800) 927-4357

#### Loma Alta Park in Altadena to Reopen in May 2025 - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation (LA County Parks), with the generous support of various partners, announced plans to reopen Loma Alta Park in May after it was damaged from the Eaton Fire. This reopening will go beyond just rebuilding what was lost, but also enhance and expand current facilities, and add new resources.



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The community can play a pivotal role in reopening Loma Alta with volunteer days every Saturday in April to replant, clean and repaint the park. With the help of partners at Tree People and Los Angeles Conservation Corps, April will be "Earth Month" to focus on the rejuvenation of Loma Alta Park, and rebuilding of the Altadena Community Garden. Sign up to volunteer at this <u>link.</u>

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🧭 2025-26 Federal Legislative Platform

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Additional Disaster Recovery Resources:

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