

MARCH 28, 2025

LATEST NEWS

COUNTY ADVOCACY- RELATED ACTIONS

SACRAMENTO ADVOCACY VISIT

On Wednesday, March 19, 2025, members of the Board of Supervisors met with the Governor, State agency representatives, and members of the Legislature in Sacramento to discuss Wildfire Disaster Recovery and Budget Stabilization Funds for LA County. Additionally, a Disaster Roundtable was held with 14 members of the LA County Delegation and select members of the Administration to discuss, in more depth, supporting disaster recovery efforts and funding for the communities impacted by the January 2025 wildfires.



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:

STATE

- **SUPPORT AB 246 (BRYAN) - RESIDENTIAL RENT: COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**
AB 246, related to prohibiting, until March 1, 2026, an owner of a residential property in Los Angeles County that had a tenant in lawful possession of the unit on or before January 7, 2025 from charging rent for the unit in excess of the rent amount charged on January 7, 2025 was recently amended to include the County's requested amendment to expressly allow county counsel to enforce the provisions of the bill. Additional details regarding this position are available [here](#).

- **SUPPORT AB 301 (SCHIAVO) - PLANNING AND ZONING: HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS: POSTENTITLEMENT PHASE PERMITS: STATE DEPARTMENTS**

AB 301 would extend to State agencies involved in housing development reviews or approvals, the same timelines and provisions for post entitlement phase permits that apply to local governments and establish timelines for State agency permit reviews. This bill would streamline post entitlement phase permits from the State to the County for housing developments. Additional details regarding this position are available [here](#).

- **OPPOSE AB 339 (ORTEGA) - LOCAL PUBLIC EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS: NOTICE REQUIREMENTS**

AB 339 would require the governing body of a public agency, board, and commission to give a recognized employee organization (REO) written notice regarding contracts to perform services that are within the scope of work of job classifications represented by the REO. This bill would be extremely onerous to implement, could delay the provision of County programs and services, and may disincentivize REO's from reaching final agreement in local labor negotiations. Additional details regarding this position are available [here](#).

- **SUPPORT AB 661 (LEE) - THE CALIFORNIA GUARANTEED INCOME STATEWIDE FEASIBILITY STUDY ACT**

AB 661 would require the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to contract with one or more entities to develop and provide comprehensive recommendations on how to design, fund, and implement a permanent, statewide Guaranteed Income (GI) Program. This bill would expand on the current GI infrastructure and progress made in current GI programs that provide critical support and help disrupt cycles of poverty. Additional details regarding this position are available [here](#).

- **SUPPORT AB 779 (LACKEY) - CHILD WELFARE SERVICES: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CONSULTANT PILOT PROGRAM**

AB 779 would authorize Los Angeles County to implement a five-year pilot program in which the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) would partner with a domestic violence consultant from a community-based organization to offer support and guidance to County social workers to enhance their ability to help families who are potentially experiencing domestic violence and/or child maltreatment through tailored engagement and intervention strategies. This bill would help DCFS address systemic gaps, improve outcomes for families, and enhance its capacity to respond to domestic violence effectively. Additional details regarding this position are available [here](#).

- **SUPPORT AB 794 (GABRIEL) - CALIFORNIA SAFE DRINKING WATER ACT: EMERGENCY REGULATIONS**

AB 794 would provide the State Water Resources Control Board the authority to adopt an emergency regulation that is substantively similar to existing federal maximum containment levels for six per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).

This bill would ensure continuity of existing PFAS standards which ensure drinking water quality and beneficial health outcomes. Additional details regarding this position are available [here](#).

- **SUPPORT SENATE BILL (SB) 33 (CORTESE) - HOMELESS PUPILS: CALIFORNIA SUCCESS, OPPORTUNITY, AND ACADEMIC RESILIENCE (SOAR) GUARANTEED INCOME (GI) PROGRAM**

SB 33 would, upon appropriation, require the CDSS to establish the California SOAR GI Program, which would award public school pupils who are in grade 12 and are homeless children or youths, a guaranteed income of \$1,000 each month for 4 months from May 1, 2026, to August 1, 2026. This bill would alleviate the financial burden for homeless youth while securing stable housing, postsecondary education, and employment. Additional details regarding this position are available [here](#).

- **SUPPORT SB 326 (BECKER) - WILDFIRE SAFETY: THE CALIFORNIA WILDFIRE MITIGATION STRATEGIC PLANNING ACT**

SB 326 would require the Office of the State Fire Marshal to prepare a Wildfire Risk Mitigation Planning Framework, a Wildfire Risk Baseline and Forecast, and a Wildfire Mitigation Scenarios Report to coordinate and target wildfire mitigation investments statewide. This bill would support the County's wildfire prevention activities by maximizing the efficacy of statewide investments in wildfire planning. Additional details regarding this position are available [here](#).

- **SUPPORT SB 581 (MCGUIRE) - DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION: SEASONAL FIREFIGHTERS**

SB 581 would require the State to transition seasonal firefighters employed by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to a permanent firefighter employment classification. This bill could reduce some of the strain on local resources relating to incident response through mutual aid agreements. Additional details regarding this position are available [here](#).

- **OPPOSE SB 632 (HART) - WORKERS' COMPENSATION: HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES**

SB 632 would create a workers' compensation rebuttable presumption for hospital employees who provide direct patient care in an acute care hospital for injuries such as infectious diseases, cancer, musculoskeletal injuries, post-traumatic stress disorder, and respiratory diseases. This bill would significantly increase costs and unfunded liabilities of the County's workers compensation program. Additional details regarding this position are available [here](#).



SO LONG, FOR NOW

After 6 years as Assistant Chief Executive Officer of Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations, Samara Ashley is moving on from her County career. A fierce advocate for the County's interests in Sacramento and D.C., Samara has fostered long-standing relationships with elected officials, government agencies and organizations. Thank you for your leadership and best of luck on your future adventures, Samara!



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DISASTER RESPONSE AND RECOVERY RESOURCES

▶ **Free Blood Lead Testing**

- The Department of Public Health is offering free blood lead testing for those concerned about exposure to lead from the recent wildfires. Residents can visit their medical provider, dial 1-800-524-5323 to request a free appointment through Quest Labs or visit one of the [community events](#) where Public Health is offering free blood lead testing.

▶ **Temporary Eviction Protections in Effect for Fire-Impacted Renters**

- Qualified Los Angeles County tenants facing evictions for non-payment of rent between February 1 and July 31, 2025, due to fire-related impacts are protected by a countywide emergency eviction protection resolution enacted by the Board of Supervisors. For more information, including what tenants are qualified and how to properly notify a landlord, visit rent.lacounty.gov.

▶ **FEMA Assistance for Survivors with Insurance**

- Underinsured residents affected by the wildfires may be eligible for FEMA disaster assistance if their insurance claim was denied, delayed, or did not cover your losses. FEMA will need proof of all insurance coverage and any other critical documents from their insurance company when they apply. Click [here](#) to learn more.

▶ **Updated Health Officer Order Requires Dust Control Measures for Fire Debris Removal**

- The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health has issued an updated [Health Officer Order](#) requiring property owners within the Palisades and Eaton burn areas who plan to remove fire debris from their property but are not eligible for the government-run debris removal program (Phase 1 or Phase 2) to use best management practices for dust control during fire debris removal, transport, and disposal.

- ▶ **Upcoming Deadlines: MARCH 31, 2025**
- [FEMA Financial Assistance](#)
 - [Right of Entry Opt-In/Out](#)
 - [SBA Loans for Physical Damage](#)

Additional Resources:

- ▶ [LA County Recovers](#) ▶ [Department of Mental Health](#)

- ▶ One Stop Permit Centers:
- [LA County - Eaton/Palisades](#)
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