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COUNTY ADVOCACY- RELATED ACTIONS

JUNE 6, 2025

At the June 3rd meeting, the Board of Supervisors took the following legislative-related actions:

• <u>SUPPORT FOR U.S. SENATE BILL (S.) 1323: THE</u> <u>FACILITATING INCREASED RESILIENCE, ENVIRONMENTAL</u> <u>WEATHERIZATION AND LOWERED LIABILITY (FIREWALL)</u> <u>ACT</u>



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The Board directed the Chief Executive Office – Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations (CEO-LAIR) branch to support <u>S. 1323</u>, the Facilitating Increased Resilience, Environmental Weatherization and Lowered Liability (FIREWALL) Act, legislation that would provide homeowners with tax credits for eligible home hardening upgrades that would make their properties more resilient to future disasters, such as wildfires and floods. Additional details on the motion can be found <u>here</u>.

• SUPPORT FOR HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BILL (H.R.) 1179 (WHITESIDES): THE CHIQUITA CANYON TAX RELIEF ACT

The Board directed the CEO-LAIR branch to support <u>H.R. 1179</u>, legislation which would amend the Internal Revenue Code to exclude from gross income, any payments received by individuals as compensation for losses, damages, expenses, relocation, suffering, loss in real property value, closing costs related to real property (including realtor commissions), or inconvenience resulting from the Chiquita Canyon Landfill Subsurface Elevated Temperature event on or after March 1, 2024. Additional details on the motion can be found <u>here</u>.

• <u>SUPPORT FOR ASSEMBLY BILL (AB) 1138 (ZBUR) AND STATE SENATE BILL (SB)</u> <u>630 (ALLEN): MODERNIZING THE CALIFORNIA FILM AND TV TAX CREDIT</u>

The Board directed the CEO-LAIR branch to take all appropriate legislative advocacy actions to support <u>AB 1138</u> and <u>SB 630</u>, legislation which would strengthen and modernize the Film and Television Tax Credit Program by increasing the base tax credit rate to be more competitive with other jurisdictions, expanding eligibility for a broader range of types of production, and adjusting qualified expenditures to account for full production costs more accurately. Additional details on the motion can be found <u>here</u>.

PROCLAIM JUNE 2025 AS "GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH"

As part of this proclamation, the Board directed the CEO-LAIR branch to continue to advocate and support State and federal legislation aligned with the Board's position on gun safety and violence. Additional details on the motion can be found <u>here</u>.

SUPPORT FOR SIGNING VETERAN DEATH CERTIFICATES WITHIN 72 HOURS

The Board directed the CEO-LAIR branch to support federal legislation that would ensure veteran death certificates are signed within 72 hours. 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>.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The County is also advocating on the following legislation:

STATE

<u>CHANGE OF COUNTY POSITION, FROM OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED TO</u> <u>SUPPORT, FOR AB 320 (BENNETT) - PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES: ELIGIBILITY:</u> <u>INCOME EXCLUSIONS</u>

<u>AB 320</u>, is related to exempting any compensation earned as a pupil member of a charter school governing board or board of education from being considered as income or assets when determining eligibility for scholarships for public colleges and any means-tested program. After further review of the bill, it has been determined that there are no concerns related to equity in the treatment of high school students who earn wages versus students who earn compensation. The County will remove its request for amendments and take a support position. Additional details regarding this position are available <u>here</u>.

<u>CHANGE OF COUNTY POSITION, FROM SUPPORT TO NEUTRAL, FOR AB 745</u> (IRWIN) - ELECTRICITY: CLIMATE CREDITS

<u>AB 745</u>, previously related to permitting the California Public Utilities Commission to issue bonds to investor-owned utilities to underground utility infrastructure, was recently amended and now is related to the California Climate Credit. Additional details regarding this position are available <u>here</u>.

• SUPPORT AB 1069 (BAINS) - OLDER ADULTS EMERGENCY SHELTERS

<u>AB 1069</u> would, as part of disaster planning and response, require that the lead State agency designated with sheltering support duties under the State Emergency Plan Emergency Support Functions coordinate a memorandum of understanding with area agencies on aging or an Aging and Disability Resource Connection program to allow them access to an emergency shelter established for evacuation purposes during disasters or emergencies. This bill would ensure that older adults and persons with disabilities receive continuous services and necessary support

during a disaster. Additional details regarding this position are available here.

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STATE (CONTINUED)

FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2025-26 STATE BUDGET PROPOSALS

SUPPORT:

- <u>MyCAvax System Funding</u> Proposes \$31.45 million in new funding to sustain the MyCAvax system.
- CALIFORNIA
- <u>California Department of Social Services (CDSS) Homeless Programs</u> The California Welfare Directors Association is requesting \$296.3 million, ongoing State General Fund to continue funding for the four CDSS housing and homeless services programs: Bringing families Home, Home Safe, CalWORKs Housing Support Program, and the Housing and Disability Advocacy Program.
- <u>Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program</u> The California State Association of Counties, the Big City Mayors Coalition, the League of California Cities, and the Bring California Home Coalition are requesting at least \$1.0 billion in ongoing State funding to extend the HHAP program at current funding levels.
- <u>Foster Family Agencies (FFAs)</u> Assemblymember Ramos and Senator Durazo have submitted a \$42.2 million State budget request, sponsored by the California Alliance of Child and Family Services, to help stabilize FFAs and preserve the placements for the foster youth they serve.
- <u>Encampment Resolution Fund (ERF) Expenditure Timeline Trailer Budget</u> <u>Language (TBL)</u> – The Administration has proposed Budget TBL related to the ERF program that would base the deadline for expending and obligating grant awards on the date of award, rather than the date of appropriation as currently required.
- <u>Exide Facility Cleanup Funding</u> Proposes to repurpose \$35 million from unused funds to the Lead-Acid Battery Cleanup Fund for the cleanup of residential properties with lead contamination near the former Exide lead-acid battery recycling facility in the City of Vernon.
- <u>Funding for the LA28 Olympics</u> Proposes \$17.6 million in one-time funding from the State Highway Account to support transportation project planning associated with the 2028 Olympic Games, including work on the Games Route Network project.

OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED:

 <u>Suitability of Facilities for the Confinement of Juveniles TBL</u> – Proposes TBL related to the Board of State and Community Corrections' (BSCC) oversight of and determinations of suitability for juvenile detention facilities.

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OPPOSE:

- Medi-Cal Program Changes Proposes:
 - Freezing new enrollment in full-scope State-only Medi-Cal coverage for individuals, regardless of immigration status, aged 19 and over;
 - Implementing a \$100 monthly premium for individuals with unsatisfactory immigration status, aged 19 and older; and
 - Reinstating the Medi-Cal asset limit for seniors and disabled adults of \$2,000 for an individual or \$3,000 for a couple.
- Incompetent to Stand Trial (IST) Infrastructure Grant Program Reduction Proposes a one-time \$232.5 million reduction from unspent grant funds for counties to increase residential treatment housing capacity for individuals designated IST.
- Reduction in Proposition 47 Savings Identifies \$91.5 million in eligible savings for FY 2025-26 for the Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Fund.
- Cuts to Pretrial Release Program Proposes a reversion of \$20 million from FY 2024-25 associated with savings related to the Judicial Branch's pretrial services and a reduction of \$20 million ongoing beginning in FY 2025-26.

DISASTER RESPONSE & RECOVERY RESOURCES

Disaster Recovery Centers Are Now Closed

County services will continue to be available to those impacted by the Palisades and Eaton fires at the County's One-Stop Permit Centers. Centers are open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and closed on weekends.

- One-Stop Rebuilding Center 1828 Sawtelle Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90025
- Altadena Community Center 730 E. Altadena Drive, Altadena, CA 91001

Free Fire Recovery Conservation Clinic for Artworks and Other Belongings

- Saturday, June 14th, 11 AM 3 PM at Getty Center, 1200 Getty Center Dr., Los Angeles, CA
- Art Recovery LA, Los Angeles County Department of Arts and Culture, and Getty are offering FREE services to those affected by the fires.

Upcoming Deadlines:

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- June 10th <u>Disaster Unemployment Assistance</u>
- June 30th Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) Altadena Disaster Relief Small Business Loan Program
- July 7th Foreclosure Relief for Wildfire-Affected Homeowners

Additional Resources: • LA County Recovers • Department of Mental Health

- Resilient Rebuild Resource Guide Now Available
 - One Stop Permit Centers: LA County Eaton/Palisades

 - <u>City of Malibu</u> <u>City of Pasadena</u>

LA County Recovers

<u>City of Los Angeles</u>

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NOW RECRUITING!

Earn money this summer while working with credentialed educators to provide reading and math tutoring to school-age students. Los Angeles County residents ages 14 to 24 who are legally authorized to work in the United States are eligible to apply. Click <u>here</u> to fill out an interest form.

DEO's <u>Youth@Work</u> program provides LA County youth ages 14 to 24 with 160 hours of hands-on paid work experience, training opportunities, and career development support including tailored plans to map out your career path through our America's Job Centers of California (AJCCs).

FREE TUTORING

<u>Summer Stars</u> is a small group inperson tutoring program held at select LA County Library locations, designed to help students improve their reading and math skills. Tutoring services are open to students who have completed any grade from 1-6 during the 2024-25 school year. All tutoring will take place at the participating library locations and all materials will be provided.



Reading Session: June 17-July 10 (June 10-July 3 at La Puente Library only)* Math Session: July 15-August 7 (July 8-July 31 at La Puente Library only)*



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LA County Administrative Offices will be closed on Thursday, June 19th, in observance of Juneteenth.

If you would like to learn more about Juneteenth, LA County Library will honor the holiday with programming and resources throughout June. Check out curated booklists, find Juneteenth-themed movies and music as well as ther digital resources, and register for events <u>here</u>.

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