

JULY 11, 2025

## LATEST NEWS

## COUNTY ADVOCACY- RELATED ACTIONS

At the July 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> meetings, the Board of Supervisors took the following legislative-related actions:



- **SUPPORT FOR SENATE BILL (SB) 256 (PÉREZ): ENHANCING INFRASTRUCTURE FOR WILDFIRE MITIGATION**

The Board directed the Chief Executive Office – Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations (CEO-LAIR) branch to support [SB 256](#), legislation which strengthens California's electrical infrastructure by improving wildfire mitigation planning, enhancing emergency response, and increasing public safety through improved communication and undergrounding of power lines and requiring utilities to work more closely with emergency services and communities to prevent wildfires and manage power shutoffs safely and transparently. Additional details on the motion can be found [here](#).

- **SUPPORT SB 379 (JONES) AND SB 380 (JONES) - PROTECTING COMMUNITIES FROM SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATORS**

The Board directed the CEO-LAIR branch to support [SB 379](#), legislation which would expand placement requirements to include public safety considerations, and [SB 380](#), legislation which would require the Department of State Hospitals to conduct an analysis of the benefits and feasibility of establishing transitional housing facilities for the conditional release program. Additional details on the motion can be found [here](#).

- **IMPROVING COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE, RECOVERY, AND EMPOWERMENT (CARE) COURT IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY**

As part of a larger motion, the Board directed the CEO-LAIR branch to prepare a list of potential legislative changes that the County could advocate for to improve the CARE Court program. Additional details on the motion can be found [here](#).



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

## **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

The County is also advocating on the following legislation:

### **FEDERAL**

- **OPPOSE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BILL (H.R.) 22 (ROY) - SAFEGUARD AMERICAN VOTER ELIGIBILITY (SAVE) ACT**

H.R. 22 would amend the National Voter Registration Act to require individuals to provide documentary proof of U.S. citizenship when registering to vote and prohibit states from accepting an application to register or registering an individual to vote unless the applicant presents documentary proof of citizenship. This bill would disenfranchise thousands of citizens living in the County from voting, costs millions of dollars for compliance, and expose the County to additional liability. Additional details regarding this position are available [here](#).

- **OPPOSE H.R. 3132 (BERGMAN) - CHOICE FOR VETERANS ACT**

H.R. 3132 would provide a pathway for currently unaccredited veteran benefits claims agents to pursue a certification and would allow accredited representatives to charge veterans fees for assisting in filing disability benefits claims. This bill could allow vulnerable veterans to be exploited and charged significant fees by for-profit claims representatives for services that the County currently provides for free, while preempting state laws to more strictly regulate claims representatives. Additional details regarding this position are available [here](#).

- **SUPPORT H.R. 3614 (KAMLAGER-DOVE) - FIRE ACT**

H.R. 3614 would establish fair labor standards, safety protections, post-incarceration career opportunities for incarcerated individuals working as firefighters, allow formerly incarcerated firefighters to expunge their records after completing probation successfully, and could serve as a potential funding source to provide entry-level firefighting positions in Los Angeles County. Additional details regarding this position are available [here](#).

### **STATE**

- **OPPOSE ASSEMBLY BILL 46 (AB) (NGUYEN) - DIVERSION**

AB 46 would restrict the court's determination that a mental health disorder was a significant factor in the commission of an offense to require the diagnosis be within five years of the offense prior to arrest, require that a defendant will not endanger public safety if placed on diversion, and deem all diversion decisions are discretionary. This bill could reduce diversion opportunities for individuals with mental health disorders and therefore increase incarceration in a manner inconsistent with the Board's Care First, Jails Last vision. Additional details regarding this position are available [here](#).

- **SUPPORT AB 689 (RUBIO) - FOSTER YOUTH: DISASTER AID ASSISTANCE**

AB 689 would establish a statewide Child Welfare Disaster Response Fund and a Child Welfare Disaster Response Program to support the needs of children and youth in foster care, as well as their caregivers, during a disaster. Additional details regarding this position are available [here](#).

**STATE (CONTINUED)**

- **SUPPORT AB 992 (IRWIN) - PEACE OFFICERS**

AB 992 would, starting on January 1, 2031, require a peace officer to obtain either an associate's, bachelor's, or modern policing degree, or a professional policing certificate, within 36 months of receiving their basic certificate from the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training. Additional details regarding this position are available [here](#).

- **SUPPORT AB 1071 (KALRA) - CRIMINAL PROCEDURE: DISCRIMINATION**

AB 1071 would expand the Racial Justice Act (RJA) to allow defendants to petition for RJA relief post-conviction, clarify the requirement for the Court to issue a remedy for an RJA violation, and clarifies the available remedies based on case status. This bill could expand RJA petition relief access, remove instances of discriminatory legal determinations, and improve local public defense capacity to conduct RJA petitions. Additional details regarding this position are available [here](#).

- **CHANGE OF COUNTY POSITION, FROM SUPPORT TO NEUTRAL, FOR SB 27 (UMBERG) - CARE COURT PROGRAM**

SB 27, previously related to providing courts the discretion to reduce the timeframe for the CARE process by allowing a CARE Court to conduct two procedural hearings concurrently, was recently amended to implement several changes to the CARE Act including modifications to the timeliness of CARE Court determinations, referral processes, eligibility determination decisions, program completion decisions, and eligibility criteria. SB 27, as amended, could require additional staff and supportive resources to accommodate the increased scope of CARE Court, increased number of referrals and subsequent program participants, and the shift of new defendants to CARE Act programs. Therefore, the County will remove the County's support for SB 27 and take a neutral position. Additional details regarding this position are available [here](#).

- **SUPPORT SB 74 (SEYARTO) - OFFICE OF LAND USE AND CLIMATE INNOVATION: INFRASTRUCTURE GAP-FUND PROGRAM**

SB 74 would establish, starting January 1, 2030, the Infrastructure Gap-Fund Program to provide grants to local governments for the development and construction of infrastructure projects facing unforeseen costs after starting construction. This bill could provide new ways to support the implementation of local infrastructure projects that face unforeseen costs where supplemental local funding is insufficient. Additional details regarding this position are available [here](#).

- **SUPPORT SB 577 (LAIRD) IF AMENDED - STATE GOVERNMENT**

SB 577 would make a series of changes to relevant law to mitigate the fiscal impact of childhood sexual assault claims against public entities, including: limitations on refiling actions and shortening relevant statutes of limitations, reforms to the remittitur process, recovery of defense costs, and flexibility in paying judgments and issuing financing bonds. The County is seeking amendments to create fairer rules related to lawsuits filed against counties related to decades-old child sexual assault claims, while striking the right balance between financial solvency and protecting victims' rights. Additional details regarding this position are available [here](#).



**STATE (CONTINUED)**

- **CHANGE OF COUNTY POSITION, FROM SUPPORT TO NEUTRAL, ON SB 630 (ALLEN) - STATE PARKS: REAL PROPERTY: ACQUISITION AND LEASES**

SB 630, previously related to the California Film and Television Tax Credit, was recently gutted and amended and now relates to the State acquisition or hiring of real property and appraisals conducted by the California Department of Parks and Recreation. The scope of the bill no longer aligns with the June 3, 2025, Board-adopted motion. Additional details regarding this position are available here.

- **SUPPORT SB 655 (STERN) - DWELLING UNITS: INDOOR TEMPERATURE**

SB 655 would require State agencies to consider the State goal of attaining a safe maximum indoor temperature for dwelling units when revising, adopting, or establishing policies, programs, regulations, and criteria, including grant criteria. This bill could increase State-level support for indoor heat mitigation policies and projects that support the County Heat Action Plan. Additional details regarding this position are available here.

- **SUPPORT SB 769 (CABALLERO) - THE GOLDEN STATE INFRASTRUCTURE CORPORATION ACT**

SB 769 would establish the Golden State Infrastructure Corporation for the purpose of financing infrastructure projects sponsored by government entities, infrastructure companies, or a combination thereof. This bill could provide new ways to support large scale local infrastructure projects with long-term, low-cost financing. Additional details regarding this position are available here.

- **CHANGE OF COUNTY POSITION, FROM OPPOSE TO NEUTRAL, FOR SB 777 (RICHARDSON) - ABANDONED ENDOWMENT CARE CEMETERIES**

SB 777, related to requiring a local agency formation commission (LAFCO) to identify a local agency to take over operations and maintenance of an abandoned endowment care cemetery, was recently amended to remove this requirement. This bill would now require a city, county, or city and county, within 120 days, to adopt and submit a resolution of application to the LAFCO in the applicable county for a change of organization to form a new public cemetery district or reorganize an existing public cemetery district for the purpose of maintaining the abandoned endowment care cemetery. Additional details regarding this position are available here.



## **STATE OF BLACK LOS ANGELES COUNTY - UPDATE**

For the past three years, Chief Executive Office Anti-Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion (CEO-ARDI) and its research partners have worked diligently to create the inaugural and second annual report on the State of Black Los Angeles County. Since the release of the second report, ARDI has worked to assess the County's progress on implementing the report's recommendations. In this brief progress update, ARDI provides the results of that assessment, which includes an analysis of trends, efforts to implement the recommendations, and a summary of a new chapter on Black aging and caregiving.

# DISASTER RESPONSE & RECOVERY RESOURCES

*Official recovery information and resources are always available at:  
[recovery.lacounty.gov](https://recovery.lacounty.gov)*

- **Housing Price Gouging Protections Extended through July 31st**
  - These protections limit rent and hotel rate increases during a declared emergency and prohibit evictions followed by relisting at higher prices.
- **Department of Consumer and Business Affairs' (DCBA) Foreclosure Prevention Services**
  - If you are having trouble paying your mortgage or facing foreclosure, DCBA's foreclosure prevention experts can provide free, one-on-one counseling by phone or in person (by appointment).
- **Emergency Short-Term Housing Protections Extended in Los Angeles**
  - Governor Gavin Newsom issued an executive order to continue his emergency order, to October 1, 2025, boosting the availability of short-term housing by making it easier for survivors of the LA area firestorm to stay in hotels and other short-term rentals for more than 30 days.
- **Free Post-Fire Blood Lead Testing Available Through December 2025**
  - Residents who were near wildfires or burn areas are still able to receive free blood lead testing through December 2025.
  - The County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health has screened more than 1,500 adults and children at community events. Results can be found here.



## LA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HOMELESS SERVICES AND HOUSING

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved the appointment of Sarah Mahin as the first Director of the new Department of Homeless Services and Housing (DHS), the

County's consolidated department focused on homelessness solutions. The driving force behind the new department is increasing accountability, improving care for people experiencing homelessness, and reducing the burden on the providers who serve them every day. DHS will be officially established by January 1, 2026.

If you are a homeless service provider or a local leader in Los Angeles County, or would like to receive ongoing communications about this transition, please fill out this form. The public may submit questions or comments about the new department here.

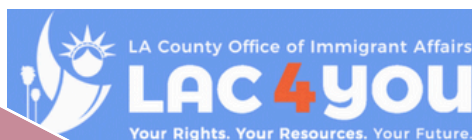
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