



Mayor's Area Monthly Report October 2023

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(Most Important Updates of the Month)

- **A New Way to Keep Up with Mayor Karen Bass!:** Stay up to date with Mayor Bass' latest work and get notified about other City resources, events, and news. Click [here](#) to sign-up and opt in for text messages for real time updates!
- **Nearly 2,000 Angelenos Join Telephone Town Hall hosted by Mayor Karen Bass:** Mayor Bass hosted her first telephone town hall as Mayor to provide resources, updates on her work to bring unhoused Angelenos inside, make our city safe, support businesses and create a greener Los Angeles. If you missed it you can listen to the telephone town hall in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).
- **More than 7,000 units of Affordable Housing will be accelerated as a result of Mayor Bass' Executive Directive 1:** Mayor Bass announced today that more than 7,000 units of affordable housing are in the City of Los Angeles' development pipeline under Executive Directive 1. Signed by Mayor Bass in December, Executive Directive 1 has a proven track record of accelerating and lowering the cost of affordable housing projects being built in Los Angeles. Click [here](#) to learn more.

City/County/ Federal Updates

- **Mayor's Helpdesk: The Mayor's website has been updated!** You are now able to contact the Mayor's Help Desk and receive assistance with a city related matter or leave a general comment for Mayor Bass. Click [here](#) to begin.
- **Upcoming City event with the Department of Cultural Affairs:** Click [here](#) to view an extensive list of upcoming events throughout the City of Los Angeles celebrating its rich and diverse cultures.

Business News & Updates

- **Mayor Bass' Office presents, Los Angeles Business & Financial Empowerment Summit:** Mayor Karen Bass is thrilled to invite all Angelenos to the Los Angeles Business and Financial Empowerment Summit! This Summit will promote economic growth within the City by equipping businesses with valuable information, resources, insights into government contracting, and tools to enhance their financial health. Click [here](#) to RSVP.
- **Mayor Bass continues progress for LA businesses:** The Mayor released a report outlining immediate solutions and actions already under way to foster and support small businesses in Los Angeles. The comprehensive report, set in motion by the Mayor's fourth executive directive, summarizes initial findings and preliminary actions needed to address two priority areas: 1) opening and expanding a business; and 2) improving the experience of doing business with the City. Click [here](#) to learn more.

Public Safety Updates

- **Great Shakeout! On October 19, 2023 at 10:19 AM:** when millions of people worldwide will participate in earthquake drills at work, school, or

Housing/Homelessness Update

- **United to House Los Angeles Emergency Renters Assistance Program (ULA ERAP): Application is Closed.** The ULA ERAP was created to assist low-income residential renters who are at risk of homelessness due to unpaid rent as a result of COVID-19 or other financial hardship. Click [here](#) to check eligibility or the status of your application.
- **City of Los Angeles awarded \$156.9 million for sustainable affordable housing development:** The State of California Strategic Growth Council (SGC) has awarded \$156.9 million to the City of Los Angeles under the Round 7 Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Program. This marks the seventh consecutive year that LAHD proposals have been awarded AHSC funding. Click [here](#) to learn more.
- **Landlord/Homeowner Resources:** The County Department of Consumer and Business Affairs' Foreclosure Prevention unit provides free services for homeowners and landlords with 15 or fewer units in Los Angeles County. Click [here](#) for more information. You can view state resources at [CA Mortgage Relief Program](#) and Federal protections at the [Consumer Financial Protection Bureau](#).
- **COVID Rent Debt/Renter Protections**
 - **Tenants must pay back unpaid COVID-19 debt from rent owed from March 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021, by August 1, 2023.**
 - **Mayor's Fund:** Independent nonprofit the Mayor inherits. Mayor Karen Bass will be utilizing the Mayor's fund to promote the "We Are LA" program, working with various community organizations to help spread tenant protection information and help connect them with legal services. The Mayor's Fund will also

home! Click [here](#) for more information and how to practice earthquake safety.

- **Mayor Karen Bass, LAPD, and regional law enforcement leaders announce a new task force on organized retail theft:** If you have information regarding these types of crimes, you should contact 1-877-LAPD-24-7 (1-877-527-3247), 24 hours. Anyone wishing to remain anonymous should call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (800-222-8477). Tipsters may also go to www.lapdonline.org and click on "Anonymous Web Tips." Click [here](#) to learn more.

Environment Updates

- **Mayor Bass announces progress towards a greener Los Angeles:** The Mayor highlighted efforts taken since she was sworn in to further electrify our transportation system, decarbonize power generation, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions from commercial and residential buildings. Click [here](#) to learn more about the progress being made.

Public Health Updates

- **Vaccines 101, Get the Facts about vaccines for a healthy Fall and Winter season:** The best way to ensure a safe and healthy fall and winter is by getting vaccinations for both you and your children. Vaccines are really important in stopping infectious diseases from spreading, and they help our community stay healthy and strong. Click [here](#) to learn more about how vaccines work and why we need them.

Immigration Updates

- **Mayor Bass issues statement regarding latest arrival of buses from Texas:** Click [here](#) to read the Mayor's statement. To date 16 buses have arrived in Los Angeles from Texas.
- **U.S Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), Fiscal Year 2023 Citizenship and Integration Grant Program:** On September 28, 2023, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services awarded over \$22 million in grants to 65 organizations in 29 states to help prepare lawful permanent residents (LPRs) for naturalization. Through this program, USCIS seeks to expand availability of high-quality citizenship and integration services throughout the country. Click [here](#) to learn more.

Event Updates

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- Find job opportunities [here](#).
- Find other community or resource flyers [here](#)

be used to hire more Attorneys to provide legal assistance to Angelenos. Find more information about the Mayor's Fund [here](#).

- **Stay Housed L.A.** is a partnership between Los Angeles County, the City of Los Angeles and local community and legal service providers. If you have received an eviction notice please contact **Stay Housed LA (888)694-0040 (stayhousedla.org)**.
- **Rent owed from October 1, 2021 to January 31, 2023, tenants must pay by February 1, 2024.**
- **LA City Tenant Protections:** Earlier this year the city passed new tenant protections that include: You can view a more detailed version [here](#).
 - Landlords **MUST** provide LA City tenants with a legal reason in order to evict them;
 - Eviction protections for unauthorized pets and additional tenants due to COVID-19 continue through January 31, 2024;
 - **Effective March 27, 2023** landlords are prohibited from evicting tenants who fall behind on rent unless the tenant owes an amount higher than the Fair Market Rent (see [here](#) for Fair Market Rent information);
 - **Effective March 27, 2023** tenants who receive a rent increase of more than 10% within 12 months and are unable to afford the rent increase have the option to receive relocation assistance to move out of their rental unit instead of paying the increased rent;
 - **Landlords are required to file all termination notices with the Housing Department within 3 days of providing them to tenants;** and (5) landlords must also provide this [Notice of Renters' Protections](#) (available in [multiple languages](#)) to new and renewing tenants and post the notice.
- **Unlawful Detainers -- Must respond within 5 business days:** If you receive a 3-Day Notice to OPay or Quit and do not have the money to pay your rent you may receive an eviction notice. **DO NOT** ignore an eviction notice, you **MUST** respond within 5 days. Contact **StayHousedLA (888)694-0040 (stayhousedla.org)**.
- **Annual rent increases for Rental Stabilization Ordinance units are still NOT allowed until February 1, 2024.**
- **Starting February 1, 2023** landlords may give tenants an eviction notice in order to move in a live-in manager. This notice must be given within a minimum of 30 days, or 60 days if the tenant has lived in the unit for at least a year.
- **Starting February 1, 2023** landlords may give tenants an eviction notice when the landlord or their family member wants to occupy the rental unit. This notice must be given within a minimum of 30 days, or 60 days if the tenant has lived in the unit for at least a year.

Office of Majority Leader Bryan Report for South Robertson NC – 10.19.23

- The deadline has passed for the Governor to sign or veto bills. 7 bills authored by the Majority Leader were signed by the Governor, including establishing California's first ALS registry, removing incumbency from consideration in redistricting processes, and prohibiting a parent's inability to pay for a court ordered program completion certificate from preventing reunification with their child. You can see all of the bills Mr. Bryan [authored here](#). Next session begins in mid-January.
- On November 4, our office is co-hosting a pet wellness day with the Michelson Foundation. I sent that flyer to Michael. The Majority Leader's town hall is expected to be held in early December.
- The war in Israel is deeply felt in our district as many of our constituents have family and friends in Israel (including myself) and the Majority Leader has spent time in Israel, notably on the kibbutz. The Majority Leader attended the vigil on October 8th, and while he was unable to attend the march on the 15th, our Chief of Staff attended on his behalf while I was at Camp Bob Waldorf, the camp owned by Jewish Big Brothers Big Sisters. The Majority Leader has also been in contact with a number of synagogues within District 55.
- As always, please reach out for anything our office can assist you with.



CONGRESSWOMAN SYDNEY KAMLAGER-DOVE'S

Monthly Field Report: October 2023

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Covers regions of University Park, Exposition Park, Manchester Square, Historic South Central, South Park, parts of DTLA & Pico Union

Highlights

- **Government Shutdown:** This past weekend, the Congresswoman joined her Democratic colleagues in passing a continuing resolution to fund federal agencies for another 45 days.. This keeps the government open until Nov. 17. View the Congresswoman's statements on MSNBC [here](#).
- **Motion to Vacate the Chair Vote:** On October 3, the Congresswoman **voted 'yes'** to vacate the Chair and remove Kevin McCarthy from his role as Speaker. She joined every House Democrat in her vote. View her statement [here](#).
- **Military Service Academy:** Open enrollment for military service academy nominations has begun. Please fill out an application on [our website](#). Join the Congresswoman for her virtual info session on October 25 at 6pm PT. To register, email CA37.Nominations@mail.house.gov or visit the registration link [here](#). **Deadline to apply is November 11.**
- **Passing of Senator Dianne Feinstein:** Californians are mourning the passing of Senator Dianne Feinstein. Her legacy extends from championing justice, equality, and human rights, both in California politics and as the longest-serving female Senator.
- **Appointment of Laphonza Butler to California Senate Seat:** The Congresswoman joined in congratulating Laphonza Butler on her appointment to the U.S. Senate. As a former President of the California SEIU State Council and the President of EMILY's List, she is a terrific choice for California.
- **Writer's Guild of America Tentative Deal to End Strike:** Congratulations to the more than 11,000 members of the WGA on their hard-fought agreement between WGA and Hollywood Studios. These wins include better pay and benefits, higher residual payments, transparency around streaming projections, and protection from artificial intelligence infringing on writer's intellectual property rights.
- **Taxes:** Taxpayers should file and pay taxes as soon as possible. Residents within the designated counties of federally-declared disasters have until October 16, 2023, to file and pay.

Casework Corner

- Our office is able to help with a variety of federal agencies, such as the State Department (passport agency), United States Postal Service (USPS), United States Customs and Immigration Services (USCIS), IRS, Social Security Administration, Veterans Affairs, and more. Please visit kamlager-dove.house.gov/ to fill out a privacy release form under **Services > Help with a Federal Agency** or call us at (323) 965-1422.

Federal Agency Updates

- **Department of Education:** Student loan repayment began on October 1. Visit <https://studentaid.gov/> for more information.
- **USPS:** The Julian Dixon Post Office has been closed for emergency repairs. During this closure, customer mail will be available and retail services offered at the Western Post Office. Customers are reminded to bring proper photo identification for mail and package pickups.
- **USCIS:** Due to the ongoing conditions, Temporary Protected Status (TPS) designations from El Salvador, Honduras, Nepal, and Nicaragua have been extended for 18 months.
- **Medi-Cal expansion** for 26-59 year old undocumented folks goes live on January 1, 2024. Start getting your paperwork ready!
- **Dept of State:** Applicants for U.S. passports can now self-select the gender X marker on their U.S. passport books and cards to signify a gender identity other than (M) male or (F) female. Visit travel.state.gov for more information.
- **Dept of State:** Beginning October 2, 2023, passport processing times will be 8-11 weeks for routine service and 5-7 weeks for expedited service. These new processing times only apply to applications received on or after October 2. Processing times begin the day the agency receives an application and do not include mailing time.

District Highlights

- The Office of Rep. Kamlager-Dove will host monthly **Community Office Hours** in different locations throughout the District beginning this month.
- If you are interested in having the Congresswoman share a community update in an upcoming **House Floor speech**, please email your field representative. Content that is appropriate includes: birthdays, grand openings, death memorials, special congratulations, etc.

Event Updates/Resources

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- **The Postal Service is accepting applications for positions** at mail processing facilities and Post Offices across the greater Los Angeles area. Open positions include clerks,

Legislative Updates

- **H.Res.1384:** The Congresswoman introduced a resolution to recognize September as National Kinship Care Month. This resolution encourages the implementation of policies that support kinship care in the foster system to reaffirm the importance of improving outcomes for vulnerable children and honor the commitment and dedication of kinship caregivers and advocates.
- **H.R.4916:** The Congresswoman introduced the CLEAN Energy NOW Acts, which would end the mandate that the Department of the Interior (DOI) hold an onshore oil and gas lease sale in the 120 days before a solar or wind right of way is issued, severing the tie between onshore renewable energy development and onshore oil and gas leasing.
- **TPS (Temporary Protected Status):** The Congresswoman signed onto several letters asking the Biden Administration to designate TPS for the Democratic Republic of Congo, redesignate TPS for Nicaraguans, and extend TPS re-registration deadlines for El Salvador, Honduras, Nepal, and Nicaragua.
- **Creation of the Office of Gun Violence Prevention:** The Congresswoman praises President Biden and Vice President Harris for creating the historic new Office of Gun Violence Prevention to implement and build on the Administration's work to save lives.

Regional Updates

- The Office of Rep. Kamlager-Dove is currently working with the **Julian Dixon United States Postal Services Office** on accessibility solutions submitted by the community.
- The **intersection between La Brea Ave and Wilshire Blvd** was the week of September 29 and will continue to be closed for six weekends to allow for Metro Purple Line Extension construction.
- With COVID-19 rates also expected to rise this winter, it is especially important for people in groups that have experienced more illness severity to take advantage of the easy access to the **updated COVID-19 vaccines**. A full list of vaccine sites can be found at ph.lacounty.gov/vaccines by clicking the links under the 'Get Vaccinated' section of the site.
- LA Metro will begin hosting feedback and community meetings regarding the I-405 Sepulveda Pass ExpressLanes project. The first will occur **October 24** at Westwood United Methodist Church from 5:30 - 8:00 PM and online on **October 30**, 12:00 - 1:00 PM at tinyurl.com/405EXP.
- **Greater Los Angeles VA** is hosting their largest annual event serving unhoused and at-risk Veterans and their families on **Wednesday, October 25, 2023 from 9 A.M. - 2 P.M.** at the West Los Angeles VA Medical Center. Services include: housing assistance, health screenings, free clothing, pet services, VA benefits/claims and more!
- Our Casework Team will be tabling at the **18th Annual Taste of Soul** is being hosted on **October 21 from 10AM - 7PM**. For more information regarding the largest 'free' one-day street festival can be found here: <https://www.tasteofsoulla.com/>.

mail handlers, carriers and more. Approximately 250 positions are needed just for the holiday season. An additional 300 positions are more indefinite and could even lead to permanent placement within the organization. The hourly wages range from \$18.22 to \$21.17 with varying shifts and days off. Apply at www.usps.com/careers

Grants & Federal Funding Opportunities

- The U.S. Dept. of Transportation (USDOT) launched the [DOT Discretionary Grants Dashboard](#), a great tool for identifying opportunities, along with the updated [DOT Navigator](#). Lastly, we have included DOT's [technical assistance resources](#) database which includes toolkits, resource centers, direct assistance, etc.
- Should you be interested in being added to our grants mailing list, please contact Naomi Riley at naomi.riley@mail.house.gov.

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