



Mayor's Office Updates April 28th Board Meeting

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Good evening folks,

I will not be able to attend your rescheduled board meeting this month because of a prior commitment. However, I did want to provide a written report that you can add to your supplemental materials.

Here are my updates for your upcoming NC Board meeting:

- The City of LA's Small Business Rental Assistance Program is now open. The program will provide \$12 million in grants to eligible businesses located in the City that need financial assistance to aid in their recovery from COVID-19. Grants will be of up to \$15,000 or six months of back rent, whichever is less.
 - **The application period ends on May 6th.**
 - Additional details, along with a link to the application portal will be available at <https://bit.ly/lasmallbizgrant>.
- Beautify LA Grant is accepting applications. It's a competitive matching grant (up to \$2500) that will be awarded to community groups in Los Angeles to fund exceptional neighborhood beautification projects. As a matching grant, each awarded project is required to match a minimum of 25% of the grant amount or more through contributions.
 - **Applications Close May 4th**
 - <http://LAocb.org/beautify-la-grant>
 - questions: BPW.BeautifyLAGrant@lacity.org
- The Mayor gave his State of the City Address on April 14th.
 - The recording of the address is available on our Facebook and Twitter feeds (@MayorofLA) and our [website](#). A transcript is also available [here](#).
- The Mayor proposed his 2022-2023 budget.
 - The spending plan includes over \$1 billion to address the homelessness crisis, the City's largest-ever investment at \$1.164 billion, which is more than 20 times the homelessness budget when Mayor Garcetti took office in 2013.
 - The budget also shows a 6.6% increase in projected revenue from last year, an indication that the City is undergoing one of the strongest economic recoveries from the pandemic in the nation.
 - The proposed budget calls for new public safety resources, including the hiring of 780 police officers and 260 firefighters. The spending plan would increase current spending on public safety alternatives by over 30%, with \$8 million for CIRCLE, a program to divert nonviolent 9-1-1 calls related to homelessness to trained professionals; \$2 million for the Therapeutic Transportation Van Pilot program; \$37 million for the City's Gang Reduction and Youth Development program; and \$6.4 million for Saturday Night Lights, a program to reduce crime and violence during the summer months by offering free food, activities, and resources at City parks.
 - *Other key components of Mayor Garcetti's budget include:*
 - \$15 million for waste diversion and water resiliency improvements;
 - \$12.4 million for electric vehicle purchases and leases, electric vehicle infrastructure, and charging infrastructure across the City;
 - \$10.5 million for the establishment of the two-part Climate Equity Fund to provide mitigation actions for low-income communities that disproportionately suffer from climate impacts
 - \$9.7 million for street safety improvements;
 - \$4 million in cool pavement, doubling the City's current investment;
 - \$3.8 million to expand the City's Clean and Green program;
 - \$3 million for Summer Play LA, which will provide low-cost summer camp programs at recreation centers;
 - Nearly 800 additional sanitation workers, including more than 200 youth positions for the CleanLA program;
 - \$2 million for tree planting in low-canopy neighborhoods.
 - You can provide feedback on the budget by submitting comments to [Council File 22-0600](#)

I'd appreciate it if you could direct the board and the members of the public to my written report during my turn on the agenda. Please feel free to email me at vishesh.anand@lacity.org if you have any comments, questions, or concerns.

Best regards,

The logo for Eric Garcetti, Mayor of Los Angeles, is a blue square containing the text "Eric Garcetti" in white, with "@MayorOfLA" in a smaller font below it.

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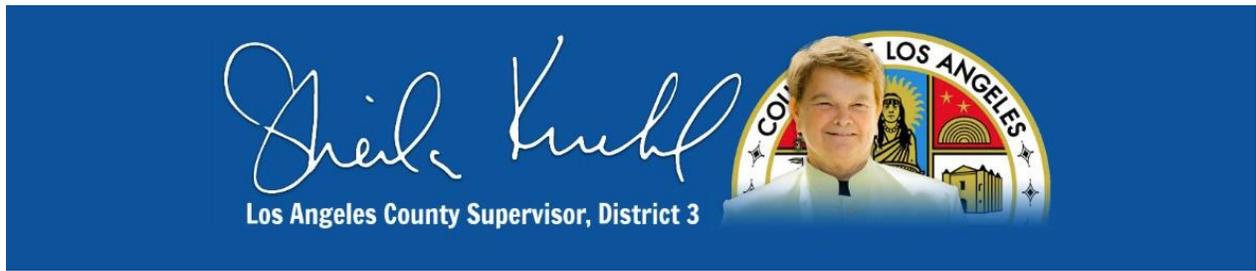
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Update from the Office of Supervisor Kuehl

Supporting Affirming Care and Inclusion for LGBTQ+ Youth and Their Families

This week, the Board passed a motion co-authored by Supervisor Kuehl and Supervisor Hilda Solis implementing a travel ban on all travel to the States of Texas and Florida for County business until the suspension of their discriminatory and shameful laws.

The State of Texas recently passed a law saying that gender-affirming care for transgender youth will be prosecuted as child abuse and encouraging family members and neighbors to report such actions to the police. This is a backward and patently cruel action designed to deny transgender youth the care they need and causing tremendous fear among parents and caregivers who are just trying to support their children. Transgender and queer youth are greatly overrepresented in the foster care system due to family rejection and are much more likely to attempt suicide than teens in the general population. The absolute last thing these families need is bigoted legislation threatening their ability to allow their children to receive the care they need.

Florida's "Don't Say Gay" bill is an equally abhorrent concept, a law banning not only "instruction" around gender identity and sexual orientation but also any "classroom discussion" of these topics. This law will perpetuate a culture of bullying, secrecy, shame, and fear for LGBTQ+ students, something I spent a great deal of time trying to prevent during throughout my years in the California legislature.

These bills send a purposefully false message to LGBTQ+ children that something is wrong with them, rather than admitting something is very wrong with the Florida legislature. LA County condemns these appalling attempts to persecute and erase LGBTQ+ youth and their allies, and we have no interest in spending taxpayer money traveling to national conferences and meetings in states perpetuating discrimination.

Establishing a Rental Housing Habitability and Rent Escrow Account Program

In a continuing attempt to protect our vulnerable tenants, the Board passed a motion co-authored by Supervisor Kuehl and Supervisor Holly Mitchell to proactively monitor and cite unsafe or substandard living conditions in rental units within the unincorporated areas of LA County.

Our current enforcement structure needs more cohesiveness and efficiency, and the motion develops a new case management framework under which the Department of Public Health oversees inspections, both complaint-based inspections and regular compliance inspections of each unit every four years. In addition, the Department will work closely with the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs to resolve complaints and protect the safety and welfare of tenants in the unincorporated areas.

Phasing out Plastics in LA County

We are so happy that the Board took the first steps to approve an ordinance to phase out the distribution of disposable food service ware that is not compostable or recyclable. The regulation applies to the County's unincorporated areas, home to one million County residents. In its scale, the County's ordinance is among the country's most ambitious efforts to reduce the use of plastics that poison marine ecosystems, damage human health, and contribute to global warming and environmental pollution.

The ordinance will require that full-service restaurants use reusable food service ware for dine-in customers, require that single-use items be compostable or recyclable, and phase out the sale or rental of expanded polystyrene products such as single-use food service ware, coolers, packaging and peanuts, and pool toys.

The Board also approved a motion by Supervisors Janice Hahn and Hilda Solis that ensure our local businesses are well-supported in making this transition by providing educational outreach and financial assistance where needed.

Hygiene Products at County Facilities

Across the nation, there is a growing recognition of the high cost of sanitary products and the inconvenience and financial burden this places on women. That's why we are pleased that the Board passed a motion co-authored by Supervisor Kuehl and Supervisor Hilda Solis initiating a one-year pilot program that would provide free feminine hygiene products, diapers, and other personal care items at certain County facilities.

By providing these products cost-free at venues where many parents, women, and children visit, we can eliminate a common worry and alleviate some of the disparate impact "period poverty" has on our low-income residents.

Advancing Equity in Grant Funding for Cultural Organizations

LA County is committed to prioritizing equity in our support for the arts and our beloved cultural institutions, so this week, the Board passed a motion Supervisor Kuehl co-authored with Supervisor Holly Mitchell to double available funding through our Organizational Grant Program over the next few years.

April is Arts Month, making this the perfect time to recognize LA County's arts organizations and take this action to help them amplify their impact across our region.

Additional Resources

StayHousedLA.org -

Stay Housed LA is a partnership between the County of Los Angeles and local community and legal services providers. The site provides Los Angeles County residents with information and resources to keep people in their homes. At the Stay Housed LA website, you can find out more about your rights by participating in a virtual tenant workshop, get the legal assistance you need, and sign up for updates to stay keyed into LA County's evolving housing climate.

VaccinateLACounty.com -

Vaccinate LA County is your one stop shop for vaccine information. You can find a site nearby, learn about the vaccines, data, and find information on mobile and homebound vaccinations. Please reach out if you have specific questions - our office is here to help.

ReopeningLACounty.com -

For best practices for businesses, information regarding COVID-19, the current Health Officer Order, and more – ReopeningLACounty.com has information to help you stay healthy, safe and informed.

Test to Treat COVID-19 Program

If you have been exposed to COVID-19 and are at elevated risk for severe illness, you can now get free same-day testing and free antiviral medication.

Available now at sites across LA County. Find current "Test to Treat" locations in LA County at: ph.lacounty.gov/covidmedicines.

Don't Delay! Treatment should start as soon as possible.



