



**Update from the Office of
Supervisor Kuehl**

Support for Intimate Partner/Domestic Violence Survivors

The Board passed a motion our office has long worked to bring to the Board's agenda, co-authored by Supervisor Janice Hahn, asking our CEO to designate \$3.1 million in ongoing funding for the County's critical DV Shelter Based Programs. The motion also asks for a report back on the budget and staffing needed for the Office of Women's Health and the Domestic Violence Council for prevention and support services.

The decision to leave an abusive relationship is an incredibly challenging one, even if it can save the person's life. When people are ready to make that choice, the County wants to ensure that our 29 shelters are prepared and well-staffed to welcome them and their children to recover, gain strength and move safely on.

Over the past several years, however, State and Federal funding has greatly diminished and it has become even more important to help these vital services to continue. Stay tuned.

Veteran Suicide Review Team

Veterans have served our country with courage, but the scars they carry aren't always visible. It is a terrible tragedy that veteran suicides continue to rise, and we must do more to understand this phenomenon and to better meet the needs of veterans who have mental health issues in order to prevent these tragic deaths.

The Board passed a motion Supervisor Kuehl co-authored with Supervisor Kathryn Barger formally commencing the Veteran Suicide Review Team, a one-year pilot program that is the first of its kind in California. The team will be comprised of the Department of Mental Health, Office of Violence Prevention, Veteran's Administration, and the Medical Examiner/Coroner. They will review cases of veteran suicide to better inform our prevention policies.

Department of Youth Development

In a major step forward in our Youth Justice Reimagined initiative, the Board passed a motion Supervisor Kuehl co-authored with Holly Mitchell amending and formally establishing the purpose statement of the newly developed Department of Youth Development.

Brought about in a motion earlier this year, the DYD will coordinate investments across our budget in youth development and direct the planning, development, and implementation of strong alternatives to youth arrest and incarceration designed to support the well-being of young people in LA County. In addition, the department will prioritize diversion, youth development, and health-focused prevention and intervention models for young people and their families.

We have a unique opportunity to end a cycle of incarceration of young people before it even begins, forever changing the trajectory of lives for the better. By investing in this department and the youth it will serve, we can greatly impact individual lives and our society as a whole.

Codifying Reproductive Rights in the California Constitution

Supervisor Kueh is proud that the Board passed a motion she teamed up with Supervisor Hilda Solis on to formalize County support for a state constitutional amendment that would enshrine the rights of Californians to access abortion, contraception, and protect same-sex marriage.

Twenty years ago, as a State Senator, Supervisor Kuehl authored and got signed into law SB 1301, which codified the rights contained in Roe v Wade in California statute. However, we have seen that the radical anti-choice movement is undeterred by long-term precedent, so we would be wise to support additional action to cement these critical rights further. This motion sends the message that LA County and California will not go back, and we will fight to maintain the freedoms that protect women and LGBTQ+ people.

Efforts to Address Social Determinants of Health

More and more, we are realizing that social determinants such as where you live and work, your socioeconomic status and your poverty level are more impactful on your overall health than even genetics. So at this week's Board meeting, a motion from Supervisor Solis was passed to advance healthy equity by gathering more research on social determinants of health and using the findings as a starting point for potential policy and programmatic changes.

The motion calls for a landscape analysis and gap analysis, so we can understand how these underlying determinants are currently affecting the health of our residents and where help is needed most. It also asks the Department of Public Health and several other County departments whose work involves those determinants to submit recommendations to the Board in six months.

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.

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**June 7, 2022
Statewide Direct
Primary Election**



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Scan the QR Code to register to vote or
to check your registration information.

**VOTING IN
LOS ANGELES COUNTY**

- Every registered voter is mailed a Vote by Mail ballot. Mailing starts on May 5th
 - Early in-person voting begins May 28th through Election Day, June 7th
 - Voters can visit any Vote Center to cast their ballot
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- The Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk is the trusted source for all election information and resources.



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