

Updates from Supervisor Horvath's Office
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ON Homelessness and Housing:

Recently, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors has officially approved Supervisor Horvath's motion to consolidate homeless services into one unified County department.

Why was this motion proposed? This motion acts of the recommendations from the Blue Ribbon Commission on Homelessness and addresses the need for reform that was made apparent after the recent audits of LAHSA. In November of 2024, Supervisors Horvath and Barger introduced a motion for a plan to form this new department, and in February the CEO's office submitted a report back with actionable steps.

The new department will consolidate the current departments on the County side of homelessness services management (there were 14!) into one central department, as well as key LAHSA functions, using the County's Housing for Health program- the most effective model systemwide. Last year, Housing for Health brought 7,000 people into interim housing, with 37% of those continuing on to permanent housing placements.

Key milestones in the transition:

April 1, 2025: Board approves motion to establish the new department. The work starts now!

July 1, 2025: Deadline for consolidated Department to be stood up.

July 1, 2026: LAHSA funding and staff begin transition to the new department, while LAHSA will continue leading the Greater Los Angeles Continuum of Care.

Phase 3: Departments such as Mental Health, Public Health, and Public Social Services will be integrated following a report from the CEO due this month.

Accountability: Per the passage of Measure G, all County department budget hearings are now public, meaning the public will have access to the budget of this new County department and will be able to see where monies are being allocated.

Please let me know if you have any questions about this new department, or if you're interested in having someone from our Homelessness and Housing Team at a future meeting to share more.

ON Measure G Implementation:

Measure G Implementation is underway! Supervisor Horvath recently appointed the 3rd District's representative, Sara Sadhwani, Assistant Professor of Politics at Pomona College. Thank you to everyone who applied, we hope you continue to be engaged in the process!

Learn more about the Task Force and the timeline for implementation for all the provisions of the measure here: <https://measureg.lacounty.gov/>

ON Gender Equality:

On March 27, the Metro Board of Directors approved Supervisor Horvath's motion to break down barriers and build a more inclusive pipeline for women entering and thriving in the trades.

Supervisor Horvath's action builds on Metro's updated Construction Workforce Disparity Study, which revealed key barriers for women in construction, including lack of childcare, limited access to training, and unsupportive work environments. The motion strengthens Metro's procurement standards to include childcare, transportation support, and inclusive workplace culture requirements.

Supervisor Horvath's motion was co-authored by Supervisors Janice Hahn and Hilda Solis, Los Angeles City Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky, and Whittier Councilmember Fernando Dutra, and reflects her ongoing commitment to closing gender gaps across Los Angeles County.

Some other key points for this motions:

- *Establishes a Regional Roundtable with contractors, unions, public agencies, and workforce development leaders.

- *Launches a "Built By Her" campaign to connect with women and girls through social media, mentorship, and partners in sports and the arts.

- *Creates a Women in the Trades Summit and Construction Female Advisory Group to share best practices and support mentorship.

ON Climate Action:

Supervisor Horvath launched a bold new effort to rebuild communities in an era of climate-driven disasters: The Blue Ribbon Commission on Climate Action and Fire Safe Recovery. Formed in partnership with the UCLA, the County's recovery efforts will be designed to withstand the realities of a changing climate—where wildfires, extreme heat, drought, and flooding are becoming more frequent and severe. Learn more here:

<https://lindseyhorvath.lacounty.gov/blue-ribbon-commission/>

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