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Updates from Supervisorial District 3 Lindsey Horvath

Metro:

Given the safety and security issues currently being experienced on our metro system, on Wednesday, May 15th at the Metro Finance, Budget, and Audit Committee, Supervisor Horvath introduced a motion titled: **Enhancing Metro's Multi-layered Public Safety Presence and Response** with two provisions that will be heard at the May 23 meeting.

- The first brings all law enforcement agencies Metro contracts with to the Metro Board to discuss public safety and hear directly from officers and deputies what they are experiencing out in the field.
- The second provision asks for a cost analysis of all of Metro's public safety personnel, including law enforcement, transit security officers, ambassadors, and private security, including an assessment of the number of security personnel, coverage levels, and the visible presence needed to achieve optimal coverage and address ongoing safety concerns.

The Metro Board will also be having their annual budget hearing on May 23, for more info mybudget.metro.net.

LA County Budget:

The Supervisor shared that she plans to prioritize additional funding for homelessness prevention, the foundation of permanent climate budget, gender-based violence services, and improvements to justice facilities in the final budget.

- **Homelessness Prevention:** The Supervisor shared support for \$728 million currently included in the Recommended Budget for the County's homelessness response, which includes additional mental health worker positions. However, part of the solution is to help those on the verge of homelessness remain housed. The Supervisor is pushing for an additional \$3 million to be included in the Final Budget to fully fund self-help legal access centers across Los Angeles.
- **Climate Budget:** In December 2023, the Supervisor directed the CEO to create a climate budget. She is requesting an additional \$1.2 million to be included in the Final Budget to fund the foundation of a climate budget this year. The infrastructure for a climate budget would include a greenhouse gas inventory, a municipal climate action plan, and pilot budgeting processes for County departments.
- **Addressing Gender-Based Violence:** In December 2023, the Supervisor directed the CEO to prioritize the County's response to gender-based violence. The Supervisor is advocating for an additional \$6.4 million to fund the expansion of domestic violence services, \$5.1 million for prevention, policy work, research, and community-based grants, and for prioritized support for services for the TGI community, who is disproportionately impacted by gender-based violence.

- **Justice Reform:** While it is important to maintain suitability for our youth and adult justice facilities, the Supervisor is also requesting that funding be allocated towards continuing improvements of programming and operations of these facilities. In addition, the Supervisor is advocating for prioritized spending for the closure of Men’s Central Jail.

ADDITIONAL Updates for May.

- May is Mental Health Awareness Month, The LA County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH) kicked-off its *Take Action for Mental Health L.A. County* campaign. To learn more about the campaign, visit [TakeActionLA.com](https://www.takeactionla.com).
- **May is CalFresh Awareness Month.** CalFresh Awareness Month educates the public about food benefits, the CalFresh application process, and dispels myths about eligibility requirements.

SUPERVISOR HORVATH’S TOP PRIORITIES AS CHAIR.

- As Chair, Supervisor Horvath will prioritize the **homelessness crisis, climate change and the environment, and gender-based and intimate partner violence**, while also bringing younger and marginalized voices into the work of the County.

CHAIR HORVATH DIRECTS CHANGES TO IMPROVE HOMELESS SERVICES FUNDING MODEL

LOS ANGELES, CA — At today’s meeting, Chair Lindsey P. Horvath’s motion calling for a discussion of the financial health of the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) was heard by the Board. The discussion addressed challenges with how LAHSA reimburses service providers that are the backbone of our regional homeless services system. Too often, nonprofits provide interim housing, street outreach, and case management without timely payment for services rendered, slowing our homelessness emergency response.

“Los Angeles County’s state of emergency on homelessness requires transparency and accountability to fix every problem that stands in the way of results. It’s clear the payment system we have today is broken,” **said Board Chair Horvath.** “It’s time to end the practice of overburdening our service providers by building a new funding model that matches the scale of the humanitarian crisis we are committed to ending. I am grateful for all of our partners’ dedication to delivering the results our unhoused neighbors deserve.”

Supervisor Kathryn Barger co-authored the motion to bring forward the discussion and, with Board Chair Horvath, is on the LAHSA Commission.

“At its heart, this motion is about helping our County create a better system to effectively and urgently house people experiencing homelessness,” **said Supervisor Kathryn Barger.** “Hearing directly from LAHSA, County leaders, and service providers today keeps a focus on both accountability and transparency. We must continue having constructive conversations so that we can continue finding ways to make positive changes to the financial and contracting systems that deliver help to those who need it the most.”

The discussion included Cheri Todoroff of the County’s Homeless Initiative, LAHSA CEO Dr. Va Lecia Adams Kellum, and representatives from five of Los Angeles County’s largest nonprofit service providers: The People Concern, People Assisting the Homeless (PATH), LA Family Housing, HOPICS, and SSG.

The County’s Auditor-Controller Oscar Valdez also participated to follow up on the department’s financial audit of LAHSA, an effort directed by Chair Horvath in [February](#). The audit is underway, and the Board

directed that a member of the Auditor-Controller's Office join LAHSA at their headquarters to expedite the audit process.

In closing, Chair Horvath read in a motion directing the Homeless Initiative to report back with potential alternative models to fund the homeless service providers that would replace the existing reimbursement model and prevent providers from having to perform contracted services until those services are funded.

The presentation of options will be part of the June 18 homeless emergency update.

More Information

[Motion from Sups. Horvath and Barger >](#)

[Chair Horvath opening remarks >](#)

LA COUNTY CREATES NEW REPORT ON THE STATE OF AANHPI COMMUNITIES

LOS ANGELES, CA — The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors took a major step forward on disaggregating County data on the current needs and disparities among Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) communities. Board Chair Lindsey P. Horvath's motion to create a "State of AANHPI in Los Angeles County" report fills an essential gap in LA County's efforts to advance equitable policies, outreach, and services, and ultimately improve outcomes for AANHPI communities across LA.

"Historically, AANHPI communities have been viewed as a monolith, which leads to erasure and misrepresentation of their unique experiences and needs," **said Board Chair Horvath**. "The State of AANHPI Los Angeles County report will incorporate the diverse perspectives of AANHPI Angelenos and provide a space for community leaders to set a strategic vision for where we as the County should be focusing our efforts and resources. This disaggregated data will be critical to move away from harmful stereotypes and ensure we are improving life outcomes for all AANHPI communities.

The motion creates a biennial report on analyzing data on AANHPI communities in LA County for a wide range of focus areas, including health, employment, housing, safety and justice, and civic participation. The report also analyzes current utilization of LA County programs and services, including an assessment of the County's language access and cultural competency practices.

"The First District is home to numerous AANHPI diasporas including Thai Town, Chinatown, Historic Filipinotown, Little Tokyo, and of course the many Asian American enclaves across the San Gabriel Valley," **said Supervisor Hilda L. Solis**. "As the Supervisor with the largest concentration of AANHPI residents, it is a diverse community with varied needs and that is why the report requested in this motion is so necessary. This report will help us to identify additional needs for the AANHPI community to ensure that we are driving equity in our policy decisions and improving outcomes for AANHPI Angelenos."

The motion also instructs the LA County Chief Executive Officer, Executive Director of Racial Equity, and Director of Public Health to report back within six months on a new policy that standardizes racial, ethnic, cultural, and sociolinguistic data collection, disaggregation, and reporting practices.

For more information, read the [full motion](#).

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