



Los Angeles County Supervisor

HILDA L. SOLIS

First District



April 15, 2022

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A Letter from Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda L. Solis

Dear Friends,

Earlier this week, the LA County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved my motion to support efforts to bolster Medi-Cal enrollment for newly eligible residents age 50 and older, regardless of immigration status.

On July 27, 2021, Governor Gavin Newsom signed AB 133, making California the first state in the nation to expand full-scope Medi-Cal to income-eligible adults 50 years of age or older, regardless of immigration status. Beginning May 1, 2022, approximately 240,000 Californians will become newly eligible for full-scope Medi-Cal, which provides comprehensive healthcare coverage.

For eligible individuals already enrolled in restricted-scope Medi-Cal (also known as Emergency Medi-Cal), the California Department of Health Care Services has indicated that their existing Medi-Cal cases will be automatically converted to full-scope Medi-Cal. Those individuals, as well as eligible individuals who are not enrolled in restricted-scope Medi-Cal, will still need assistance and guidance to enroll with a managed care plan to fully utilize the health coverage now available to them and to ensure continuity of care if they currently have a primary care provider. LA County has approximately 126,000 people who are already enrolled in restricted-scope Medi-Cal and will benefit from this Medi-Cal eligibility expansion.

Healthcare is a human right, and it should not matter your income, race, ethnicity, or immigration status. The expansion of full-scope Medi-Cal eligibility to low-income adults 50 years of age or older, regardless of immigration status, will truly save lives. Thousands of frontline essential workers across our state, who contribute greatly to our economy, have not had access to critical health care services. And when they have, fears around immigration enforcement or the public charge rule change led many to be reluctant to obtain care. To Medi-Cal recipients in the County, I want you to know that this motion is a step toward making your families and our communities more healthy, including those receiving services through the My Health LA program.

The motion approved this week directs several County agencies to work in collaboration with the Community Clinic Association of LA County, and community stakeholders, to develop and implement a plan to enroll eligible clients in full-scope Medi-Cal without healthcare service disruption, through special enrollment events and other assistance; conduct outreach and education to immigrants and their families regarding the new full-scope Medi-Cal eligibility and address their concerns about the Public Charge Rule; and report back on next steps to reach those who have not to enroll. Additionally, the motion directs the County's Chief Executive Office's Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs Branch, in collaboration with the Office of Immigrant Affairs and the Department of Public Social Services to support and advocate for state legislation to expand full-scope Medi-Cal and healthcare subsidies to all County residents, regardless of age or immigration status.

As always, please feel free to reach out to one of my offices if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Hilda L. Solis
Supervisor, First District

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Celebrating Federal Earmark Funding for MacLaren Park and SGV Aquatic Center



Joined Congresswoman Grace F. Napolitano this morning to accept two federal grant checks on behalf of the LA County for two community projects in the SGV — \$1.5 million for the MacLaren Community Park Project in the City of El Monte and \$1.5 million for the San Gabriel Valley Aquatic Center in unincorporated La Puente.

Since taking office, I have worked tirelessly to jump-start these projects – including securing over \$40 million in funding with resources from the County. However, this financial support will finally help us close the funding gaps. Thank you, Congresswoman!

Regional Connector Transit Project Reaches Major Construction Milestone



As Chair of Metro, I was so proud to mark the construction completion of the Grand Ave Arts/Bunker Hill Station for the [Regional Connector Transit Project](#) this past Monday, paving the way for train and systems testing!

With the Regional Connector project completed, Angelenos will be able to travel from Azusa to Long Beach or East LA to Santa Monica without ever switching trains or utilizing a car.

That is the definition of true mobility.

Know Your COVID-19 Testing Options

HOW TO GET A COVID-19 TEST IN LA COUNTY

- ▶ Get a home test kit for free from your health plan
- ▶ Sign up for free test kits from the Federal Government at covidtest.gov
- ▶ Call your doctor
- ▶ Go through your school or employer
- ▶ Visit an LA County testing site
- ▶ Use the County Home Test Collection Program. Sign up at covid19.lacounty.gov/testing/home-test-collection-program
- ▶ Purchase a test kit (from a pharmacy or store)

Uninsured?

No problem. COVID-19 testing is free at all LA County operated sites, regardless of immigration status or insurance. If you do have health insurance, have your insurance information ready.



For more information and to find a testing site, visit Covid19.LACounty.gov/Testing
To report a fraudulent site, call 800-593-8222.



Were you recently at a large family event, gathering, or in crowds? If you have symptoms like fever, headache, body ache, etc., call your healthcare provider and get a COVID-19 test. Not insured? No problem. You can still get a free test.

FREE TESTING

California Tenant Protections Update

**AB 2179 EXTENDS STATE
PROTECTIONS THROUGH
JUNE 30 ONLY FOR PEOPLE
WHO HAVE APPLIED FOR
EMERGENCY RENTAL
ASSISTANCE**

If you're a tenant in LA County*
you must pay rent or risk being
evicted beginning April 1.



*SOME CITIES STILL HAVE NON-PAYMENT OF RENT PROTECTIONS

**LEARN MORE:
DCBA.LACOUNTY.GOV/NOEVICTIONS**

State law extends eviction protections until June 30, 2022 for qualifying emergency rental assistance applications received by March 31. But eviction protections did not extend for non-payment of rent after March 31. That means tenants must pay rent and utility bills beginning April 1.

LEARN MORE

Don't Wait! Let DCBA Call You!

YOUR TIME IS MONEY!



Skip the telephone
wait times!
**MAKE AN
APPOINTMENT**
**for one-on-one,
free service by
telephone with a
DCBA counselor.**

You can now make a phone appointment with the LA County Department of Consumer and Business Affairs (DCBA) to get free assistance in services such as mediation, foreclosure prevention, immigrant services, workers' protection, and more. A DCBA counselor will call you at your preferred time from Monday through Friday between 8:30am and 4:30pm.

If you are near downtown LA, you can also make an appointment for in-person services [here](#).

SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT NOW

Community Resources & Events



Care First and Community Investment Listening Session

Long-term community economic disinvestment has disproportionately impacted communities of color in LA County for far too long. The Care First and Community Investment Committee wants to transform the County and achieve equity for all residents. Become a partner in this effort and attend this upcoming listening session, on how an additional \$100 million for Year 2 is spent.

Date: Tuesday, April 26th

Time: 6pm

Click here to [register!](#)

Translation services will be available.



**FAMILY WELCOME
WALK-INS ACCEPTED**

For Ages 5+

Barfield Elementary

2181 N San Antonio Ave
Pomona, 91767

Wednesday, April 27th
Wednesday, May 18th
1:30pm- 4:30pm

Moderna & Pfizer(Ages 5+)
Moderna & Pfizer Boosters

SCAN HERE TO
REGISTER IN
ADVANCE!



For more information, or to register in advance,
please visit: [Vaccines.LACounty.gov](#)



Vaccine Clinic in Pomona

Looking for a place in the East San Gabriel Valley to get your COVID-19 shot or booster? Look no further! There will be a vaccine mobile clinic at Barfield Elementary School. Walk-ins are welcome.

Date: Wednesday, April 27th

Time: 1:30pm - 4:30pm

Location: Barfield Elementary School, 2118 N San Antonio Ave. Pomona, CA 91767



Become a Park Aide!

Looking for a fun job opportunity? LA County Parks wants you! Assist with activities such as arts and crafts, dance, music, and theater arts for senior citizens, youth, and more!

No experience is necessary.

Scan the QR code or click [here](#) to apply today!



East LA Resource Fair for Crime Survivors

The LA County Board of Supervisors proclaimed the week of April 24 through April 30 as National Crime Victim's Right. Come join us at a resource fair for survivors of crimes. We will provide food boxes, PPE, resources, and more!

Date: Saturday, April 23rd

Time: 9am - 12pm

Location: East LA Civic Center, 4801 E. Third St. Los Angeles, CA 90022



Caltrans Dump Day in Pomona

Caltrans is inviting all Pomona residents to bring their household waste such as clean dirt, glass, paper, cardboard, household solid waste, and mattresses at no charge.

Date: Saturday, April 23rd

Time: 9am - 2pm

Location: Caltrans Maintenance Station, 2650 S. Garey Ave. Pomona 91766



Free webinar
**Student loan
borrower updates
and more!**

April 26, 2022
12:00pm PST

Join this free webinar to get the latest updates about the recent student loan repayment extension, learn more about the California Student Borrower Bill of Rights, get an overview of the Public Service Loan Forgiveness process, and review a new repayment tool from the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB).

This webinar is free and open to all to join, so please share this great opportunity!

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In partnership with  

The State Department of Financial Protection and Innovation will be hosting an informational webinar on the latest updates around the recent student loan repayment extension, the California Student Borrower Bill of Rights, the Public Service Loan Forgiveness process, and a new repayment tool from the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB).

Date: Tuesday, April 26th

Time: 12pm

Scan the QR code or click [here](#) to register today!

GIVE US A CALL

- Downtown Los Angeles Office: 213-974-4111
- East Los Angeles Office: 323-881-4601
- San Gabriel Valley Office: 626-350-4500
- East San Gabriel Valley Office: 909-593-3661