



Mayor's Office of Community Engagement

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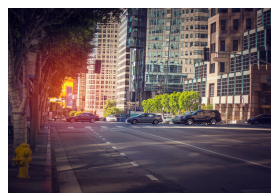
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March 2024 Area Report

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City of Los Angeles Storm Response: During the two weeks leading up to this storm, the City worked to repair more than 4,000 potholes, reinforce hills that are at risk of mudslides and prevent power outages by making repairs to underground equipment and vaults that flooded during the previous storm. Angelenos should register for NotifyLA for local alerts to stay informed of future storms and incidents. You can read more about the city's response [here](#).



Mayoral Delegation Announces Los Angeles Region to Receive More Than \$300 Million in Reimbursements: Mayor Karen Bass, Council President Paul Krekorian and members of the Sacramento Delegation announced that the Los Angeles region would be receiving more than \$300 million in emergency reimbursements. The City of Los Angeles will receive nearly \$60 million in reimbursements for COVID-19 expenses from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Learn more [here](#).

COVID Rent Debt / Renter Protections

- **Mayor Karen Bass announces resources ahead of February 1, 2024 rent deadline and RSO rent increase:** Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass released information to assist renter households impacted by the February 1 deadline to repay owed rent between October 1, 2021, and January 31, 2023, as well as the rent increase of 4%, and up to 6% if the property owner pays utilities, for housing units under the Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO).
- **Know your rights!** Reach out for help. If you're facing an eviction, look for assistance right away. Information for landlords and mom and pop property owners can be found [here](#).
- **Call the Los Angeles Housing Department Hotline at (866) 557-7368:** Call for assistance right away. Representatives can help determine what options are available to you.
- **Find resources and legal assistance:** Tenants cannot be evicted without a cause. Take any of the actions below to receive assistance.
 - **We Are LA** is a community-wide outreach effort aimed to connect Angelenos with the services needed to stay housed. Call the We Are LA hotline at (213) 584-1808. The Mayor's Fund for Los Angeles — an independent nonprofit that works across the private and philanthropic sectors to support Mayor Bass' vision for L.A. continues their focus on committing its resources to the critical work of homelessness prevention.
 - **Call Stay Housed LA** at (888) 694-0040 or visit the website [here](#).
 - **Call LAHD** at (866) 557-7368 or visit the Tenant Protections website [here](#).
 - **Call Eviction Defense Network** at (213) 385-8112 or visit their website [here](#).
- **Determine Type of Notice - When to Respond?** If you received a pay or quit notice, you are typically not required to file an answer but you should reach out to the Los Angeles Housing Department. For the eviction process to be initiated after a 3-day notice, you will still need to receive an Unlawful Detainer (UD) notice. Click [here](#) for help to submit your UD response.
- **Contact The City:** Reach out to your local Council Office or find out who your council member is at: neighborhoodinfo.lacity.gov. If you have questions, please reach out to my office's Help Desk by calling (213) 978-1028 or by visiting mayor.lacity.gov/Contact.

Housing / Homelessness Update

- **HUD Awards over \$188 Million to Address Homelessness in Los Angeles:** The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has awarded over \$188 million for FY 2023 renewal and new projects to the Los Angeles Continuum of Care (LA CoC). This amount represents an increase of \$24.56 million over HUD's allocation to the LA CoC in FY 2022. This increase includes an adjustment for Fair Market Rent for existing programs and new programs. Click here, then scroll to CA-600 - Los Angeles City & County CoC, for the list of awards. Learn more [here](#).
- **Request Outreach with LA-HOP:** LA-HOP is designed to assist people experiencing homelessness in Los Angeles County with outreach services. The information is used to dispatch a homeless services outreach team to the requested area. Click [here](#) to learn more and submit a request.

City/County / Federal Updates



- **President Biden thanks Mayor Bass for her partnership and friendship as he makes a major announcement regarding student loan debt:** Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass joined United States President Joe Biden as he announced that the Biden-Harris Administration will automatically discharge \$1.2 billion in loans for nearly 153,000 borrowers who are eligible. Learn more about the announcement [here](#).

- **Mayor Bass and Mayor Butts Celebrate Announcement of FIFA World Cup 26 US Opening Match and 7 Additional Matches in Los Angeles Region:** Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass joined Inglewood Mayor James T. Butts, Los Angeles Sports & Entertainment Commission President & CEO Kathryn Schloessman, and the Los Angeles Host Committee in celebrating the announcement that FIFA has selected SoFi Stadium in Inglewood to host the U.S. Men's National Team's opening match for the FIFA World Cup 26 on June 12, 2026. Learn more [here](#).
- **Office of Mayor Karen Bass Launches Spanish social media channels!** The Mayor's Office invites and encourages Angelenos to follow and engage with these channels to stay informed and participate in discussions pertinent to their neighborhoods and the broader Los Angeles community. Facebook: [@AlcaldesaDeLA](#) X (formerly Twitter): [@AlcaldesaDeLA](#) Instagram: [@AlcaldesaDeLA](#)

Business News & Updates

- **Nominate your favorite LA Business:** The Mayor's Office of Business and Economic Development is thrilled to learn about your favorite local businesses in the neighborhoods where you live, work, and have fun. Please submit your small business recommendations and provide as much information as possible. You are more than welcome to nominate multiple businesses and to share this survey with your friends and family. Enter your submissions [here](#).
- **City of LA Legacy Business Program:** The City of Los Angeles is proud to launch the Legacy Business Program, an ongoing initiative to celebrate and support the visibility and sustainability of long-standing Legacy Businesses with tangible benefits, including technical assistance, promotional support, and access to grants and loans.
- **Mayor Karen Bass launches financial assistance program to help small business owners transition to the city's permanent AI Fresco Program, application is now open:** Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass announced that restaurant owners can now [apply](#) for the permanent AI Fresco outdoor dining program. The outdoor dining program originally was created in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and remains popular. The Mayor also launched financial relief for businesses owners to help them continue participating in the permanent program.

Environment Updates

- **Earth Day LA: SAVE THE DATE!** Earth Day LA is returning on Saturday, April 20, 2024 in North Hollywood. Details and registration are coming soon! Learn more about the big day [here](#).
- **LASAN requires mandatory recycling for multifamily buildings and businesses:** To meet the state's goal of reducing organic waste by 75%, the city has implemented recycling programs. Click [here](#) to learn more.
- **LASAN provides free composting workshops and kitchen pails to ensure safe recycling is a goal everyone can meet:** All residential households must include food scraps in their green bins. Click [here](#) to learn more.

Public Safety Updates

- **Dominic Choi Appointed to Serve as Interim Chief of the Los Angeles Police Department:** Assistant Chief Dominic H. Choi was unanimously appointed today by the Los Angeles Board of Police Commissioners as the Interim Chief of the Los Angeles Police Department. The son of Korean immigrants, Interim Chief Choi was raised locally and began his career with the Los Angeles Police Department in 1995 after earning his Bachelor's degree from the University of Southern California. Learn more [here](#).
- **The UCLA Bunche Center will hold a listening session with the office of Mayor Karen Bass:** The UCLA Bunche Center for African American Studies will hold a community safety session for the North Central Area of Los Angeles. Click [here](#) to learn more.

Immigration Updates

- **Eligible Ukrainians can now apply for Re-Parole:** Ukrainian citizens and their immediate family members physically present in the United States can reapply for temporary stay in the U.S. and work authorizations. Click [here](#) to learn more.
- **USCIS updates new payment processes for paying fees in-person:** Applicants now have the option to pay their fees remotely or by mail. Click [here](#) to learn more.
- **An unprecedented 10 million immigration cases does not stop the USCIS from reducing its backlog:** Despite the number of immigration cases growing in the U.S., the USCIS and Department of State celebrate an unprecedented reduction of their backlog for the first time in over a decade. Click [here](#) to learn more.

Event Updates

Please note these are not City-sponsored events & thus not overseen by the City.

Find other community or resource flyers [HERE](#).