



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

FROM THE OFFICE OF
ASSEMBLYMEMBER

Isaac G. Bryan



Isaac G. Bryan
sworn in to serve the
55th Assembly District
on
December 5, 2022



Dear Friends & Neighbors,

Every 10 years the State of California reevaluates the electoral boundaries to decide which Californians are represented by each electoral district. The 2022 redistricting changes have now taken effect which may mean your electoral districts have changed. You can verify your State Senate and Assembly representatives by entering your address at [Find Your California Representative](#).

The boundaries for the newly formed 55th district can be found on our updated [District site](#).

To learn more about the redistricting process worked, visit [WeDrawtheLines.org](#).

I am honored by this opportunity to continue serving the people of this district. Our community continually proves what can be accomplished when we act with intention and unity. We lift from the bottom and together we rise.

With love and gratitude,
Assemblymember Isaac G. Bryan



Upcoming Events

- 12/7 LADWP Free Webinar *How to Keep Your Trees & Landscape Thriving During the Drought* ([RSVP](#))
- Culver City Career Center Virtual Orientation ([Register](#))
- 12/10 FREE Laptop Giveaway for new Affordable Connectivity Program Enrollees ([More Info](#))
- Free Culver City Symphony Orchestra Holiday Concert *Celebration of Dance* ([Details](#))
- Snowless Snow Party at the Culver City Library – ages 5-12 ([Details](#))
- 12/12 Holiday Craft: Stamped Tea Towel at West Hollywood Library – seniors ([Register](#))
- 12/18 Assemblymember Bryan's 2022 Christmas in the Park (see flyer above)**
- Snow Day in Reynier Park ([Details](#))
- 12/19-26 Hanukkah
- 12/26-1/1 Kwanzaa
- 12/25 Christmas Day
- 12/26 LA County Holiday – Christmas observed
- 12/31 New Year's Eve

Los Angeles County COVID-19 UPDATE



Get Protected Against Both Flu and COVID-19

With seasonal flu activity increasing LA County is showing possible signs of a winter COVID-19 surge. Flu and COVID-19 are not the same virus, but both can cause severe illness and both have life-saving vaccines.

CDC recommends flu shots for ages 6 months and older. Updated "bivalent" boosters are approved for children 5 years and older. Go to vaccinatelacounty.com or call 833-540-0473 between 8:00 am and 8:30 pm 7 days a week for assistance with appointments.

COVID-19 MEDICINE AVAILABLE NOW

PREVENTION MEDICINES

If you have a significantly weakened immune system, or you can't get a COVID-19 vaccine for medical reasons, there is a new medicine to help prevent infection.

DON'T DELAY:

Ask your doctor about medicines to prevent and treat people who are at risk for developing severe COVID-19.

**If you need assistance, call 1-833-540-0473
7 days a week, 8:00 am – 8:30 pm.**

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PROTECTS
YOUR RIGHT
TO CHOOSE**

Abortion Services Information



In California and here in LA County, abortion remains safe and legal. For more information see publichealth.lacounty.gov

PUBLIC HEALTH FENTANYL WARNING

Even a small amount of colorless, odorless fentanyl can be lethal. Naloxone (Narcan) reverses the effects of opioid overdose, and you can buy it without a prescription by requesting it from your

You'll never know by looking!

Illegally manufactured fentanyl is being mixed with other drugs and pressed into pills to look like medication.



PROTECT YOURSELF.
Never Use Drugs Alone.
Have Naloxone on hand.

For more information, visit RecoverLA.org.



In the District

The New LA Yard

Get up to \$25,000 rebate when you replace your grass with California Friendly® and native plants.



Take advantage of LADWP's most popular water conservation program. Transform your lawn and create a sustainable landscape that includes:

- California Friendly® plants, including native species, appropriate for the Los Angeles climate
- Mulch and other groundcover to help retain moisture in the soil
- A rain capturing feature like a rain garden, rain barrel, cistern, infiltration trench, or vegetated swale
- Drip irrigation (as needed)

A sustainable landscape will not only help you save on your water bill by reducing your water use. You will also help recharge the groundwater, reduce urban runoff and enhance wildlife habitat—overall benefiting yourself and the Los Angeles watershed. Learn more and apply for the program: [Turf Replacement Program \(ladwp.com\)](https://ladwp.com/turf-replacement-program)

LADWP PRESENTS

How to Keep Your Trees & Landscape Thriving During the Drought



Wednesday

07

December

6 pm - 7 pm

Free Webinar

RSVP:

tinyurl.com/ThrivingDuringTheDrought

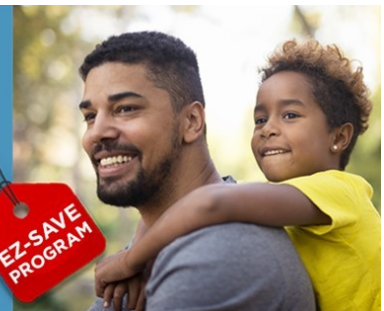
Keeping our trees healthy during the drought helps save energy and lives during extreme heat.

Learn how to properly care for young & mature trees & grow and maintain California Friendly, water efficient landscapes during the drought. Learn about the types of trees and plants that are appropriate for the Los Angeles climate and how to sustain them with LADWP's water conservation programs and rebates.



Need help paying your utility bills?

We can help.



LOW-INCOME EZ SAVE PROGRAM

LADWP customers can learn more about bill discounts, payment assistance, or new programs like EZ Save online at [Help Is On the Way 2022 \(ladwp.com\)](https://ladwp.com/help-is-on-the-way-2022) or call 1-800-DIAL-DWP for more information.


www.deletethedivide.org

FREE Laptop Giveaway

ARE YOU A LA COUNTY RESIDENT AND ELIGIBLE FOR THE AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM (ACP)?

The County of Los Angeles is hosting special events and laptop giveaways for new ACP enrollments. The ACP is a federally funded program offering up to \$30 off your monthly internet bill.

For a chance to receive a free laptop, visit one of the special event locations.

1. Bring proof that you already enrolled in ACP on or after November 15, 2022. Acceptable proof is a photo or copy of your confirmation email from National Verifier, [OR](#)
2. Enroll in the ACP at the special event (follow steps 1-2-3 below).



Saturday, December 10, 2022

11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Special Event Locations:

- **East Los Angeles Library** (4837 E 3rd St, Los Angeles 90022)
- **San Fernando Library** (217 N Maclay Ave, San Fernando 91340)
- **Gardena Mayme Dear Library** (1731 W Gardena Blvd, Gardena 90247)
- **San Gabriel Library** (500 S Del Mar Ave, San Gabriel 91776)
- **Willowbrook Library** (11737 Wilmington Ave, Los Angeles 90059)
- **Huntington Park Library** (6518 Miles Ave, Huntington Park 90255)
- **West Hollywood Library** (625 N San Vicente Blvd, West Hollywood 90069)



100 laptops will be given away at each library

To sign up for ACP at a special event location, you must bring the following items:

1 Identity document (one of the following):

- U.S. Driver's License
- Government ID: State ID, U.S. Military ID
- Passport (current from any country)
- Individual Taxpayer ID Number (ITIN)
- Matricula or Visa Consular Card
- Birth Certificate (any country) for the minor that is the Benefit Qualifying Person (BQP)

2 Eligibility document (one of the following):

- Monthly statement from Medi-Cal, CalFresh, WIC
- Proof of participation in National School Lunch Program (NSLP) at CEP designated school
- Pell Grant Award Letter

3 A valid email address to check on status of ACP application.

A representative will help you set up an email address if needed.





Nominations for EQUITY AND HUMAN RELATIONS AWARD

The Culver City Equity and Human Relations Advisory Committee has created a Community Contributions Award to honor four outstanding individuals for their contributions to equity and human relations in Culver City.

The four recipients will be individuals who have embodied inclusiveness, altruism, and giving through volunteerism and public service to make Culver City a better place for all people to live.

Four award categories: One award will be given to each of the following:

- An Individual - A Culver City resident or a person employed in Culver City
- A Student - Resident of Culver City or attending a Culver City Elementary, Middle School or High School, or West LA College
- A Culver City business owner
- An executive director of a non-profit organization serving the Culver City area

Who may nominate: Any Culver City resident, business owner, student, or person employed in the city may nominate an individual who embodies these attributes.

When: The deadline for submissions will be January 31, 2023.

[Submit the online award nomination form](#), or [download and fill out the nomination form](#).

Printed applications can be mailed to:

City of Culver City
Human Resources Division
9770 Culver Blvd
Culver City, CA 90232

For more information about the Equity and Human Relations Award, [please visit the webpage](#).

Resources

BECOME A SPONSOR FOR THE ANNUAL ADOPT-A-FAMILY PROGRAM

The holiday season is upon us and the DPSS Adopt-A-Family Program urges you to become a sponsor for a family in need of holiday cheer. The deadline to submit an application to adopt a family is December 9th. To learn more about how you can participate as a sponsor, visit [Volunteer Services \(lacounty.gov\)](https://dpss.lacounty.gov/volunteer-services)

A festive poster for the Adopt-A-Family Program. The top features a green pine branch with purple and gold ornaments. In the center is a yellow gift box with a bow and hands holding it. Below this, the text reads "ADOPT-A-FAMILY PROGRAM" and "SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER 2022". The main headline is "Adopt a Family for the Holiday Season!" in a large, bold, yellow font. Below the headline, a paragraph describes the program: "Adopt-A-Family is a unique program that allows individuals or groups the opportunity to sponsor a family in need. Each year, an increasing number of donors have taken part in this worthy DPSS tradition and have helped create a memorable holiday season for families in Los Angeles County." The bottom of the poster shows a row of colorful gift boxes, a teddy bear, and a reindeer. At the very bottom, the website "dpss.lacounty.gov" and the DPSS logo are displayed on a green background.

ADOPT-A-FAMILY PROGRAM
SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER 2022

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EBT SCAM ALERT

Protect your benefits from scams. Check the ATM card skimmer every time, check your profile information and balances regularly, and change your password often to stay a step ahead of thieves. View this video to learn more [Watch Out for EBT Scams! - YouTube](#).

A blue poster with the text "SCAM ALERT!" in large white letters at the top. Below this, the text "EBT Cardholders Beware!" is written in yellow and white. The central graphic shows a smartphone with a speech bubble coming from it, containing a hooded figure with a laptop. Various icons representing scams (like a laptop, a credit card, a key, and a lock) are connected by lines to the central figure. At the bottom, the website "dpss.lacounty.gov" and the DPSS logo are displayed on a yellow background.

SCAM ALERT!

EBT
Cardholders
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KNOW YOUR RIGHTS TO CANCER TREATMENT UNDER MEDI-CAL

Early detection saves lives and Medi-Cal covers cancer screenings, including mammograms, radiation, and chemotherapy. Know your rights to cancer treatment under Medi-Cal and schedule your mammogram screening today. Call the Healthcare Consumer Alliance at 888-804-3536 to speak with a health consumer advocate.



Your Rights to Cancer Treatment Under Medi-Cal

HCA Statewide Toll Free: 1.888.804.3536 [HealthConsumer.org](https://www.healthconsumer.org)

Did you know that Medi-Cal covers cancer screening and treatment?

- This includes pap smears, mammograms, radiation, and chemotherapy.
- Medi-Cal insurance offers comprehensive coverage for cancer screening and treatment benefits that is comparable to most private insurance.
- It even covers experimental treatment and clinical trials.
- Medi-Cal also covers SECOND OPINIONS.

What should you do if you do not believe you are getting what you need under Medi-Cal for cancer prevention or treatment?

The Health Consumer Alliance (HCA) can help. Call us at 1.888.804.3536 to talk to a local health consumer advocate!

HCA can help you if:

- You do not think you are getting the right services
- You are experiencing delays in getting appointments
- You want to file a grievance against your plan

The state Department of Managed Health Care also offers **INDEPENDENT MEDICAL REVIEW*** — this means you can get independent doctors to review your treatment plan. Call 1.888.466.2219. (HCA also can help you make this request.)

*Independent Medical Review is not available for Medi-Cal enrollees in County Organized Health Systems

You have options if you want to file a grievance on your own

1. Call "Member Services" for your health plan
2. Call the "Department of Managed Health Care" 1.888.466.2219 (if you have cancer, you can get expedited service and you do NOT need to call your plan first)
3. Call the Medi-Cal Managed Care Ombudsman if you are in Partnership, CalOptima, Gold Coast, Central California Alliance, or ConCal Health Plan: 1.888.452.8609

Cancer Navigation Program

In May of 2022, DHS launched an enterprise-wide Cancer Navigation program to improve access, equity, and standardization of cancer care services. The new program strengthens cancer-care coordination to assure that patients' needs are met in a timely manner. The program consists of medical specialists, medical caseworkers, social workers, and administrators to provide highly skilled and experienced navigation teams, standardized clinical roadmaps, and effective treatments for all types of cancers.



Health Services
LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Cancer Navigation Program



213-587-0313



bbasseri@dhs.lacounty.gov



www.dhs.lacounty.gov

Los Angeles Parks and Recreation Launches Lifeguard Ready Training Program

The Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) is launching an expanded youth Lifeguard Ready Training (LRT) program and keeping nine seasonal pools open exclusively from October 2022 to June 2023 to serve as youth lifeguard training facilities.

For more information, please feel free to contact Kevin Regan at KRegan@parks.lacounty.gov.



Attention Senior Homeowners! New Grant Program for Repairs

The LACDA is excited to launch the Senior Grant Program which provides grants up to \$15,000 for mobility and habitability repairs to eligible low-income seniors in LA County. Seniors interested in applying for the Program must be homeowners over 62 years old, low-income, and must own their own home.

The Senior Grant Program will replace our Single-Family Home Improvement Loan Program to serve the growing senior population without the burden of requiring a property lien as a requirement for the assistance. The funds are made available through the Federal Community Development Block Grant Program.

For more information, please check our Program webpage [here](https://lacda.org).

SENIOR GRANT PROGRAM
LACDA

ARE YOU A SENIOR IN NEED OF REPAIRS TO IMPROVE MOBILITY IN YOUR HOME?

GRANT UP TO \$15,000 AVAILABLE TO QUALIFIED HOMEOWNERS
NO COST TO YOU

Partial list of potential improvements:

- Comfort height toilet
- Doorway widening
- Electrical repairs
- Handrails and grab bars
- Ramps
- Slip-resistant flooring
- Plumbing repairs
- Smoke detectors
- Water Heaters
- Windows

Requirements

- Age 62 or older
- Low-income household
- Single-family residence

Eligible Areas

- Unincorporated only

CALL OR EMAIL TODAY

Maria Ortiz
1st and 4th Supervisorial District
(626) 586-1814

Cindy Tei
2nd and 5th Supervisorial District
(626) 586-1828

TDD: (626) 942-3898
SeniorGrant@lacda.org

lacda.org

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FUNDAMENTALS *of* FATHERHOOD PROGRAM

ALL SERVICES ARE FREE!

10-week parenting class held via Zoom or in-person

- Fatherhood parenting class* (Nurturing Fathers curriculum). Certificate of completion provided.
- Employment Services
- Case Management

Incentives provided!

6335 Myrtle Ave., Long Beach, CA 90805
CALL US! (562) 570-3285
and ask about our Fatherhood Program

**court approved parenting class*



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Find Your Next Career Opportunity

Small businesses and job seekers can connect to immediate post-pandemic support including work readiness training, transitional employment opportunities, streamlined hiring and reduced payroll costs through the **Pandemic Relief Rapid Reemployment program!**

Potential participants will be connected to a Career Pathways Advisor who will provide specialized help every step of the way! Applications are now live and can be accessed via the following links. If you are a jobseeker, [visit here](#). If you are a business, [visit here](#).

Let's get back to work!

3 reasons to sign up for Pandemic Recovery Rapid Reemployment

- 1** Workforce readiness services
- 2** On the job training
- 3** Access to career advisors

Pandemic Recovery Rapid Reemployment is helping LA County job seekers get back to work now with training, support, and connections to quality jobs in growing industries.

Learn more:
bit.ly/GetCareerReady

department of economic opportunity
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Elevate Your Career

LA County youth ages 17-24 can explore new diverse career pathways, partner with mentors, and earn paid work experience and training through Youth at Work Elevate!

Eligible youth participants will earn \$16 per hour and will be matched with high-growth, in-demand businesses with potential future job placement. 100% of the youths wages will be covered for up to 400 hours.

Interested youth job seekers can [visit here](#) to get started.

Developer. Analyst. Cook. Nurse. Marketer. Sales Rep.

Find your path. Elevate your career.

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Student Homelessness Hotline

Please call our hotline if you, or someone you know is living in a shelter, motel, automobile, garage, trailer, park, abandoned building, substandard housing, transitional housing, or with friends/relatives.

IS MY FAMILY EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS?

STUDENT AND FAMILY WELLNESS HOTLINE:
213-241-3840
(MONDAY- FRIDAY, 8:00 AM- 4:30 PM)

HOMELESS EDUCATION OFFICE
Access for All
Student Support Programs

STUDENT SUPPORT PROGRAMS