



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

FROM THE OFFICE OF
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IN THE CAPITOL BRYAN'S BILLS

The 2024 Legislative Session has begun. In the next few weeks we will be announcing our bill package. This year I am serving on the following committees:

Natural Resources (Chair)
Appropriations
Governmental Organization
Judiciary
Privacy & Consumer Protection

Watch committee hearings live [here](#).

IN THE DISTRICT WHAT WE DID

Christmas in the Park 2023

In December we held our largest [Christmas in the Park](#) event yet, giving away over 3,000 toys and providing groceries, clothes, child care necessities, and more to those who need it most in our community. It was a wonderful day filled with [family](#), [community](#), and [joy](#).



Upcoming Events

- 1/15 *Martin Luther King Jr. Day*
39th Annual Kingdom Day Parade ([more info](#))
MLK Volunteer Festival 2024 with L.A. Works ([sign up](#) for individuals, families, & teams)
- 1/16 Workshop: Library Apps on Your Device @ View Park Library ([register](#))
- 1/17 WLAC Medical Assistant Program - Virtual Info Session ([more info](#))
Homelessness Virtual Seminar & Volunteer Training for 14+ ([sign up](#))
- 1/19 WLAC Registration Event Day - Tours, Enrollment Help, and more! ([register](#))
- 1/20 MLK Day of Service Event: Care Package Assembly @ Veterans Memorial Park ([register](#))
- 1/21 MLK Day of Service Event: Fox Hills Park Community Clean-up ([more info](#))
- 1/25 How Property Transfers After Death & How to Prepare--Free Online Webinar ([register](#))
- 1/27 Free Candle Making Workshop @ William Grant Still Arts Center ([register](#))
- 1/28 Leimert Park Art Walk ([more info](#))

Streets Are For Everyone (SAFE) is seeking MLK Day parade volunteers. Click [HERE](#) to learn more.

Important Notices



Changes to Your EDD Debit Card Starting in 2024

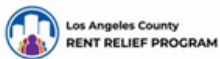
Beginning February 15th, anyone receiving EDD benefits by debit card will start receiving payments to their new **Money Network prepaid debit card.**

Check the mail for a new Money Network Card

It will arrive in a plain, white, letter-sized envelope from the Employment Development Department with an Omaha, NE return address.



Look for updates starting January 4 at edd.ca.gov/DebitCard.



**Applications accepted through
Jan. 12, 2024**

RENT RELIEF FOR LA COUNTY LANDLORDS APPLICATION OPEN NOW!

MORE INFO: [LACOUNTYRENTRELIEF.COM](https://lacountyrentrelief.com)

Grants of up to \$30,000 per unit to qualified Rental Property Owners for expenses dating from April 1, 2022, to the present.

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- Hospitalization
- Prescriptions
- Preventive Care

Also, if you are at risk of out-of-home placement and have full-scope Medi-Cal, you may qualify for in-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) to remain safely in your home.



Apply for Medi-Cal now at BenefitsCal.com

dpss.lacounty.gov



In the District



LA County residents can take the [#ShopLocalLA](#) pledge to be automatically entered for \$500 gift card to spend at a local business of your choice. That's right! You get to decide how to best invest back in your local community!

Here's how it works:

- 🖥️ Visit [ShopLocal.LA](#), take the Shop Local Pledge and automatically enter to win.
- 🗣️ Share the campaign with friends and family! Post on social media to encourage others to take the Shop Local Pledge.
- 📸 Take photos and leave reviews at your favorite local shops and restaurants. The more we amplify these neighborhood gems, the more our community prospers! Drawings will be held every week through the new year. Each week one \$500 winner, two \$100 winner, and five swag bag winners will be selected. Some restrictions apply! Please visit [our website](#) for full sweepstakes rules. Happy shopping LA County!



[Click here](#) to complete LACDA's Community Survey online or download a copy and mail it in by Wednesday, January 31, 2024. Don't miss your opportunity to let us know how you would better your neighborhood.



City of Los Angeles Older Adult (55+) Employment Survey

The City of Los Angeles is in the process of creating a plan and programs to support the hiring, retention, and advancement of older workers (aged 55+) across the City/County. If you are an older adult (55+), please take the "Older Adult Employment Survey" to ensure the strategy is grounded in the experiences, needs and desires of older workers.

[TAKE THE SURVEY HERE](#)

In the District Cont'd

The logo for Culver CityBus, featuring the word "Culver" in a green script font and "CITYBUS" in a green sans-serif font, set against a dark grey background with a green ribbon-like shape on the left.

The Culver City Circulator now \$1



Beginning **Monday, January 8, 2024**, Culver CityBus is making minor service improvements to better meet customer demand and improve service reliability. Included in the changes is a new \$1 fare for the Culver City Circulator (Line 1C1).



Ride the Culver City Circulator and reach destinations like Veterans Memorial Complex, the Senior Center, and the E-Line (Expo). It is now even easier to go Downtown for lunch or to the Arts District! No Sitting in Traffic, no parking to find and frequent service - all for \$1. For trip

For detailed updates, please use the [NextCCBus](#) app, visit the [Culver CityBus website](#), or call customer service at 310-253-6500.

Resources

Culver CITYBUS



Culver CityBus is recruiting, hiring, and training bus operators. Start 2024 off by steering your career in a new direction! Driving for Culver CityBus can be your ticket to a long-lasting career with excellent benefits. We are looking for customer service and safety-minded Bus Operators. We offer on the job paid training, uniform allowance, and health benefits. **Culver City Bus is offering a one-time \$2,500 sign-on bonus!** (Terms and conditions apply.)

[Start your journey by applying online.](#)

LA County youth can get up to **400 hours** of **PAID work experience** and explore new career pathways through Youth at Work Elevate.

Youth participants aged 17-24 will be placed in high-growth business sectors or with employers offering high-road jobs, including arts and entertainment, healthcare, hospitality, e-commerce, transportation and more!

The program requires 30 to 35 hours per week commitment.

Current or former foster, justice-impaired, currently or previously experienced housing instability or homelessness, and LGBTQ+ youth are encouraged to apply!

Youth can visit bit.ly/YouthElevate to register for our upcoming cohort.

EMPLOYMENT

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

Find your path. 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.

bit.ly/YouthElevate



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APPLY NOW





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ARE YOU BETWEEN 14-24 YEARS OLD AND LOOKING FOR A JOB?

YOU CAN EARN \$\$ WHILE LEARNING VALUABLE LIFE & WORK SKILLS

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS*:

- L.A. County Resident
- 14-24 years of age
- Have the right to work in the U.S.
- Selective service registration may be required if male over 18 years of age

***Other eligibility requirements apply**

PROGRAM ELEMENTS:

- Receive 160 hours of paid training and work experience while earning \$16.90 per hour
- Opportunities to work for a variety of employers in public, private, or non-profit sectors
- Potential long-term employment options

TO APPLY ONLINE, GO TO: <https://bit.ly/LACYAW>



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LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER/PROGRAM. AUXILIARY AIDS AND SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST TO INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES. YOUTH@WORK IS PARTIALLY FUNDED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR.

GOOD NEWS

for CalWORKs Families

If you owe back rent and/or utilities, the DPSS

Emergency Assistance to Prevent Eviction

(EAPE) Program may be able to help.

First-time EAPE applicants may receive up to \$5,000 to pay back rent and/or utilities.

To submit an application, access the form by visiting <https://bit.ly/34EvYJt> and contact the Customer Service Center for further assistance <https://dpss.lacounty.gov/en/customer-service.html>.

dpss.lacounty.gov



EMERGENCY RENT ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FOR CALWORKS FAMILIES

CalWORKs customers, who are behind on rent, may visit their [local DPSS office](#) to request Emergency Assistance to Prevent Eviction (EAPE). [Download the EAPE fact sheet](#) to learn more. Submit an [application](#) to your CalWORKs Eligibility Worker.



LOS ANGELES COUNTY
CONSUMER &
BUSINESS AFFAIRS

Los Angeles County Rent Relief Program - Landlords

Los Angeles County will be providing \$68,666,000 in grants to qualified landlords located within LA County through the Los Angeles County Rent Relief Program.

This program will provide direct financial assistance to landlords to help them mitigate the detrimental economic impacts caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and resulted in tenants' inability to stay current on their rent.

Grant awards may be used to cover eligible expenses incurred from April 1, 2022 to date on a rolling basis such as unpaid rental debt and any other substantiated related expenses.

While any eligible landlord can apply, those who meet certain criteria will be given priority.

To learn more and complete an application, [Click Here](#).

Climate Resources for Californians

Go Green.
Save Money.



Federal tax credits

Your benefit

You can get a tax credit of up to 30% of the price of many home energy upgrades. You'll get this money when you file your taxes.

How to claim your credits

1. Find out what credits you can claim at [Rewiring America](#).
2. Claim the credit when you prepare your federal taxes.
 - If you use a tax preparation service (like TurboTax or TaxSlayer), look for the residential energy credits in the credits section.
 - If someone prepares your taxes for you, tell them you made home energy upgrades.
 - If you do your own taxes, file [Form 5695](#) with your federal tax return.



Local programs

Your benefit

Your area may have more programs to make your home energy efficient. Programs are available for both renters and homeowners.

How to find programs

[Enter your zip code](#) at The Switch Is On to find programs in your area.



Disadvantaged Communities – Green Tariff program



Your benefit

Low-income Californians living in certain tribal or pollution-affected communities who can't install rooftop solar (like renters) can get a 20% discount on clean energy.

How to get your discount

Go to [Disadvantaged Communities Green Tariff](#) for a list of local utilities with programs. You can also contact your utility to find out if they have a program or how to enroll.

Disadvantaged Communities – Single-family Solar Homes program



Your benefit

Low-income Californians living in certain tribal or pollution-affected communities can get no-cost rooftop solar installations on their homes.

How to get solar on your home

Go to [Energy for All](#) to find out if you qualify. Consider applying to your Energy Savings Assistance program too. These programs work well together.

Energy Savings Assistance



Your benefit

Low-income Californians can get free home upgrades to make them more energy efficient. Upgrades are available for both renters and homeowners.

You don't have to find a contractor to do the upgrades. Once you're approved, your local utility will find a qualified contractor for you and schedule an in-home review.

How to get your upgrades

Go to [Energy Savings Assistance](#) to see if your local utility has a program. Scroll down to find the list in the *Utility ESA Website* table. Your utility may offer other bill discount programs.

enroll today!

THE LAST DAY TO ENROLL
FOR HEALTH COVERAGE IS
JANUARY 31.

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EL ÚLTIMO DÍA PARA INSCRIBIRTE
EN UN SEGURO MÉDICO ES EL
31 DE ENERO.



Covered California's open enrollment is now in full swing and will run until January 31. During this time, you have the opportunity to secure quality health insurance through Covered California.

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Order Online From Farmers Markets & Pay With EBT



ORDER FRESH GROCERIES WITH EBT BENEFITS

SEE-LA's new platform eat!, allows DPSS customers to order fresh produce from farmers' markets and pay with their EBT benefits. To get started, follow the first three instructions in the graphic. Customers may pick up their groceries from the eat! booth and use their EBT card as payment. For a list of participating farmers' markets, visit [Home | eat!](https://eat!).

**Need help from
CSSD? Walk-ins
welcome at any
office! No
appointment
necessary.**



GET HELP WITH CHILD SUPPORT THROUGH THE "NO WRONG DOOR" POLICY

Do you need help with a child support case? The Los Angeles County Department of Child Support Services (CSSD) has a "no wrong door" policy, where customers can visit any CSSD office for in-person services from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Customers who are not able to visit one of the nearest [office locations](#), may get help online at cssd.lacounty.gov through the "Live Chat" feature, or schedule a virtual appointment with a CSSD Specialist. Customers can also check the status of their child support case via Customer Connect at [Customer Connect \(ca.gov\)](https://Customer.Connect.ca.gov).

\$50,000 STEM COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS



**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
EDISON®**

Edison Scholars recognizes students that want to be makers of tomorrow – the dreamers, inventors, guardians and pioneers – those that dare to be great.

Each year, SCE awards \$50,000 scholarships to 30 high school seniors who want to make a difference in the world by studying science, technology, engineering or math (STEM) in college. From preventing greenhouse gas emissions to increasing access to clean energy in underserved communities, real issues need bright ideas to create change. This is a chance for students to stand up, advance their education, and be part of the solution.

Applications Due Jan. 23, 2024 -- Learn more and Apply [HERE](#).