

Updates from LA County Supervisor Horvath's Office
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BOARD APPROVES RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING a DISASTER RECOVERY FINANCING DISTRICT FOR UNINCORPORATED SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS

ON Tuesday, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved a resolution establishing the Unincorporated Santa Monica Mountains Wildfire Disaster Recovery Financing District, marking an important milestone in the region's long-term recovery from the devastating Palisades Fire. The action reflects Los Angeles County's commitment to a full, locally driven recovery at a time when significant federal disaster assistance has not materialized.

"Following the debris removal phase, the federal government has not delivered the support our communities deserve, and we cannot afford to wait," said Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath. "We need every resource available to rebuild now. By investing locally generated revenue in the unincorporated Santa Monica Mountains, we're unlocking a valuable resource to ensure our public infrastructure matches our 21st century climate reality. Each dollar we invest is a commitment to helping families return home and restoring the infrastructure they rely on every day."

By creating this District under the authority of Senate Bill 782, the County can now dedicate a portion of its future property tax increment from the Unincorporated Santa Monica Mountains back into the community without raising taxes. This reinvestment is expected to support critical infrastructure projects, fire safety improvements, water and road system repairs, and long-term climate resilience—key needs identified after the January 2025 disaster. The establishment of this District stands as a significant milestone in reclaiming local resilience and ensuring the Santa Monica Mountains recover fully and sustainably in the years ahead.

BOARD APPROVES HORVATH MOTION TO HOLD TELECOMMUNICATION COMPANIES ACCOUNTABLE ON UNDERGROUNDING DELAYS

ON Tuesday, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath's motion to initiate proceedings with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to advance critical utility undergrounding in the unincorporated Santa Monica Mountains. The motion responds to long-standing delays from telecommunications companies whose failure to participate in undergrounding projects has slowed community recovery and left residents vulnerable to ongoing wildfire risks.

Southern California Edison (SCE) has made significant progress on its undergrounding commitments, completing major work in Las Flores/Rambla Pacifico and advancing additional projects along Topanga Canyon Boulevard and Pacific Coast Highway. However, telecommunications companies that share these poles have refused to underground their equipment, leaving hazardous poles standing even after SCE has removed its lines. Leaving overhead electrical and telecommunications infrastructure can fuel fires, block evacuation routes, and intensify emergencies – especially in areas where residents depend on only one or two evacuation routes.

With the Board's approval, the County will move forward with formal CPUC proceedings to address this issue in the unincorporated Santa Monica Mountains communities like Topanga, Las Flores, and others. The motion directs the Department of Public Works, in consultation with County Counsel, to initiate proceedings — including filing a formal complaint — seeking to require telecommunications companies to underground their infrastructure in coordination with SCE's ongoing efforts, particularly in and around the Palisades Fire burn scar area.

ALSO ON TUESDAY: IN RESPONSE TO THE RISING NEED AND FEDERAL UNCERTAINTY, SUPERVISOR HORVATH AND SUPERVISOR HAHN ADVANCED A MOTION TO STRENGTHEN THE OFFICE OF FOOD SYSTEMS:

The motion formally establishes collaboration between OFS and all County departments, with each designating a Food Systems Liaison. OFS is now positioned to coordinate County food responses, drive long-term planning, and expand equitable food access.

In addition to the loss of benefits from the federal government shutdown, nearly one million households across our region could also be affected by new federal rules tied to work requirements, especially older adults, veterans, people experiencing homelessness, and others facing real barriers to access.

Supervisor Horvath and Supervisor Solis co-authored a motion directing departments to take bold, immediate action to minimize benefit disruptions and protect residents. The motion calls for a simplified verification process and expanded access to volunteer opportunities to meet new federal work requirements.

TODAY, SUPERVISOR HORVATH ANNOUNCES \$201,500 IN FOOD SECURITY INVESTMENTS AS FAMILIES CONTINUE TO FACE SNAP-RELATED INSTABILITY

Los Angeles County Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath announced \$201,500 in Third District investments this month to expand access to nutritious food and support community organizations responding to unprecedented levels of need. Despite the federal authorization of SNAP benefits last week, many households are still confronting the fallout of political delays that forced families to ration food, skip meals, or choose between groceries and rent.

"No one in Los Angeles County should have to navigate hunger because federal help came too late. The fear and uncertainty families have carried these past weeks matter, and our response in LA County is meeting that reality with nourishment," said Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath. "This significant investment in food security is one step — and we will continue strengthening this support so every person has the dignity of reliable care."

The Third District is also supporting additional food distributions hosted by community-based organizations across the region. These efforts reflect a broader County focus on strengthening the food safety net so families have reliable access to nutritious food during a season centered on gathering and gratitude.

PUBLIC EVENTS SUPPORTED WITH THIRD DISTRICT FUNDS

•**Tuesday, November 25, 2025** | 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Valley Community Healthcare – “Valley Gives Thanks – Presented by Los Angeles County Supervisor Lindsey Horvath, 3rd District

North Hollywood Clinic | [6801 Coldwater Canyon Ave](#), North Hollywood, CA 91605

•**Tuesday, November 25, 2025** | 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Open Arms Food Pantry – Thanksgiving Distribution

Fairfax Senior Center | [7929 Melrose Ave](#), Los Angeles, CA 90046

•**Thursday, November 27, 2025**

Westside Thanksgiving Community Dinner & Celebration

West LA Civic Center | [1645 Corinth Ave](#), Los Angeles, CA 90025

In partnership with the **LA Regional Food Bank** and the **Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office**, the **Third District** is supporting two large-scale holiday food distributions, on **November 20 at The Church On The Way**, and **November 26 at the San Fernando Swap Meet**.

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