

Los Angeles County Division Legislative Platform

Purpose Statement

The Los Angeles County Division (Division) recognizes the need for an active and timely county, state, and federal advocacy program to protect the interest of cities throughout Los Angeles County. As a sub-unit of the League of California Cities (Cal Cities), the Division relies on Cal Cities' [Summary of Existing Policy and Guiding Principles](#) as the primary tool for a focused advocacy strategy for the Division's Board of Directors and staff.

The Division's Legislative Platform is intended to help direct staff, in consultation with the Division President and Vice President, to act on a time-sensitive issue when the Division's Executive board is unable to meet. The Legislative Platform is not exhaustive of all issue areas of relevance to the Division and is not intended to supplant the deliberative role and actions of the Division's Legislative Committee.

1. Local Decision Making/Local Control

- Support legislation that preserves and enhances local decision making and local control.
- Oppose preemption of local authority whether by county, state, or federal legislation or by ballot measure.

2. Municipal Finance

- Support legislation that protects local government revenues from being withheld, diverted, or otherwise used to fund state government responsibilities.
- Oppose state mandates that do not guarantee adequate state funding for, or local reimbursement of, the costs related to such mandates.
- Oppose attempts to preempt or reduce voter-approved local revenue measures.
- Oppose legislation that withholds or diminishes reasonable compensation for the use of local public rights of way.

3. Housing

- Support funding and additional resources that increase the supply of affordable housing.
- Support and protect local decision-making over land use and zoning.

4. Public Safety

- Support funding and legislation to address existing public safety challenges, including those relating to the impacts of criminal justice reform efforts.

5. Regional Governance

- Support measures to achieve fair and proportionate local government representation on countywide and regional boards.

6. Contracting

- Oppose attempts to limit or preempt the ability of cities to contract for municipal services.

7. Time to Respond

- The Los Angeles County Division (Division) recognizes the need for an active and timely county, state, and federal advocacy program to protect the interest of cities throughout Los Angeles County. To accomplish the Division's protective advocacy mission, it is imperative that the Division has sufficient time to respond intelligently and effectively to proposed county, state, and federal laws, rules and regulations that affect the interests of Los Angeles County cities. Consequently, prior to any final ruling or any implementation of such proposals, the Division may request the additional time and information that is needed for it to respond intelligently and effectively to proposed county, state, and federal laws, rules and regulations that affect the interests of LA County cities.

8. Immigration¹

- Support legislation that creates safe pathways for immigrants to engage with essential city programs and restores trust in government institutions.

Los Angeles County Division Legislative Platform **2024 Public Safety Policy Principles**

The Division's Board of Directors, building on the Division's 2024 Strategic Priority to "Support legislation, policies, funding and other resources that would improve public safety and address law enforcement challenges," adopted policy principles related to organized retail theft.

These principles will enable the Division to respond to the flood of bills from the Legislature and Governor on organized retail theft and other public safety matters.

- [Retail theft](#)
- [Fentanyl](#)
- [Reforms related to conditions that negatively impact community safety and law enforcement public safety efforts](#)

¹ Adopted by the Division Board on AUG 27, 2025