



SEPTEMBER 2015

Fall Into Place

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

## September is National Preparedness Month

## Toy Exhibit

**DON'T WAIT. COMMUNICATE.  
MAKE YOUR EMERGENCY PLAN TODAY.**



SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH!



September is National Preparedness Month (NPM) in Los Angeles County and around the country. This year's theme is "Don't Wait. Communicate. Make Your Emergency Plan Today."

Each week in September, the Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Management has developed informational sessions that focuses on a specific hazard and threat. Those hazards and threats include flood,

wildfire, hurricane, and power outage. The remaining events and activities in Los Angeles County will be held on September 27 at the City of Arcadia Community Center for the 1st Emergency Preparedness Expo; September 29 at the Antelope Valley Senior Center for a Disaster Preparedness Workshop; and September 30 for America and L.A. County's PrepareAthon! Day.

For more information, please go to the Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Management website at <http://lacoa.org>. Also, please note that the schedule of events and activities may be subject to change.

The Department of Public Social Services Toy Loan Program presents a toy exhibit entitled "A Look Back – Toys from Yesteryear." The exhibit is being held at the Norwalk branch of the Los Angeles County Public Library at 12350 Imperial Highway and runs through the end of September. For more information, call (562) 868-0775 or check out [dpss.lacounty.gov/dpss/toyloan](http://dpss.lacounty.gov/dpss/toyloan).



## CTG Offers Free Theatre Crash Course for Students

Center Theatre Group (CTG) is hosting Theatre Crash Course, a free workshop series for high school students interested in learning more about directing, acting, scenic design, lighting design, or costume design. Students will collectively develop design concepts and investigate scenes from "Father Comes Home from the Wars (Parts 1, 2, & 3)," which will play at the Mark Taper Forum in April. Ideas will then be presented to friends and family at the final workshop.

The workshop series will take place on September 28 and October 5 from 6 to 9 p.m., and on October 12 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Music Center Annex located at 601 W. Temple St. in Downtown L.A. The workshops are open to all high school students and no prior theatre experience is necessary. Participants must be available on all three dates to take part in the series.

To participate, students can email [StudentBody@CenterTheatreGroup.org](mailto:StudentBody@CenterTheatreGroup.org) with the following details: the student's full name, school, grade, email address, phone number, their top two areas of interest and if parking reimbursement is needed.

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# Calendar of Events

## Los Angeles County Museum of Art

(323) 857-6010

[www.lacma.org](http://www.lacma.org)

Through January 10 – AKTION! Art and Revolution in Germany, 1918-19

Through February 7 – The Magic Medium

Through March 20 – Frank Gehry

## Center Theatre Group

(213) 628-2772

[www.centertheatregroup.org](http://www.centertheatregroup.org)

### Ahmanson Theatre

Through October 31 – The Sound of Music

November 6 through 8 – Hubbard Street + The Second City

### Kirk Douglas Theatre

Through October 4 – The Object Lesson

October 15 through November 8 – Kansas City Choir Boy

### Mark Taper Forum

Through November 1 – Appropriate

December 2 through January 10 – The Christians

## Dorothy Chandler Pavilion

Through October 3 – Gianni Schicchi and Pagliacci

October 8 through 11 – Cinderella

## Hollywood Bowl

[www.hollywoodbowl.com](http://www.hollywoodbowl.com)

(323) 850-2000

October 1 – Duran Duran

October 2 – Van Halen

October 3 – Idina Menzel

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<http://dhrdcap.co.la.ca.us/jic/digest/>

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## Working for You

### L.A. County Department of Public Health



Forecasters are warning that “El Nino” is expected to hit this storm season, causing a winter of heavy rains. If it hits, the heavy rainfall may cause flooding, mudslides, and severe damage. These types of events remind us that we need to get ready before disasters strike. The question is, are you prepared?

Data shows that most of us are not prepared with the survival tools, food and water supplies, and evacuation plans needed for individuals and communities to respond and recover from a disaster or emergency.

With extreme weather patterns, threats of violence, environmental hazards and outbreaks of disease, the need for families and communities to plan and work together has never been more important.

Preparing with our family and neighbors increases our chances of survival in case of an emergency. The opportunity to help the people close to us, our family, neighbors, friends and our pets, is easier than we might think. There are simple things we can all do to be prepared including: knowing our neighbors, as they may be the first to help in an emergency; organizing a neighborhood meeting; creating a household plan with your family; practicing evacuation drills; and keeping emergency kits up-to-date.

If you are prepared and have supplies and a plan, congratulations! You are half way there! But remember, during an emergency or disaster, having “stuff” may not be enough. Being prepared starts with planning, practicing yearly, and updating emergency kits, evacuation plans, and contacts.

Here are a few resources to help you take the next step:

1. Emergency Preparedness and Response Program of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health—[publichealth.lacounty.gov](http://publichealth.lacounty.gov)
2. Los Angeles County Emergency Survival Guide—[lacoa.org/pdf/emergencysurvivalguide-lowres.pdf](http://lacoa.org/pdf/emergencysurvivalguide-lowres.pdf)
3. Be Ready LA—[bereadyla.org](http://bereadyla.org)
4. Tools for Strengthening Disaster Resilience in Your Community—[laresilience.org/documents/resilience-builder.pdf](http://laresilience.org/documents/resilience-builder.pdf)
5. Specific Needs Disaster Voluntary Registry—[snap.lacounty.gov](http://snap.lacounty.gov)
6. CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) class—[www.cert-la.com](http://www.cert-la.com)



Photo: Office of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas

## Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Hospital Grand Opening

On August 7, 2015, Los Angeles County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, hospital officials, community leaders, and County residents inaugurated and celebrated the grand opening of the new Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Hospital.

“A new era in health care delivery has begun in the heart of the Willowbrook community,” said Supervisor Ridley-Thomas. “It is indeed a new day at MLK.”

The new, privately-run MLK Community Hospital will provide inpatient care 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, with physicians in emergency medicine, an intensive care unit, labor and delivery, anesthesiology, and doctors called hospitalists, whose primary professional focus is the general medical care of hospitalized patients.

Built by Los Angeles County at a cost of \$284 million, MLK Community Hospital is a state-of-the-art facility where patients will receive compassionate, collaborative, quality care – regardless of citizenship or ability to pay. The hospital has 131 beds, including 29 in the Emergency Room and 20 in Intensive Care.

# SuperScoopers and Helitanker

## Battling Los Angeles County Brush Fires

The yellow Super Scoopers and the giant Helitanker (see photo) are back to help the Los Angeles County Fire Department quickly put out brush fires.

“We are experiencing an unprecedented drought,” said Fire Chief Daryl Osby. “The Super Scoopers and the Helitanker give our firefighters the added boost.”

This is the 22nd year the Fire Department has contracted with the Government of Quebec for two Bombardier CL-415s—commonly known as Super Scoopers. They are the only aircraft specifically designed for firefighting.

The Fire Department has also leased the Helitanker from Erickson Air-Crane for numerous years.

“(The Government of Quebec is) happy to be able to bring the Bombardier CL-415s,” said Melissa Isom, a representative

of Quebec’s government. “The Quebec government is really proud of their relationship with Los Angeles County.”

Each Super Scooper can fill its tanks with 1,620 gallons of water in about 12 seconds. The Helitanker takes just 60 seconds to fill its 2,650-gallon tank.

The three aircraft will augment the Fire Department’s existing fleet of nine helicopters for the next several months.



LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Women’s Leadership Conference

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[www.lacountywomensleadership.org](http://www.lacountywomensleadership.org)



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**Grand Park**

[www.grandparkla.org](http://www.grandparkla.org)

(213) 972-8080

Every Tuesday – Boot Camp

Every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday – Lunch A La Park

October 10 and 11 – Popol Vuh: Heart of Heaven

October 18 and 19 – The Big Draw along Ciclavia

**Walt Disney Concert Hall**

[www.hollywoodbowl.com](http://www.hollywoodbowl.com)

(323) 850-2000

Through October 13 – Immortal Beethoven

October 29 through November 1 – Mendelssohn & Strauss

**MLK**

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However, this is only Phase I of the project and another expansion is envisioned in the future. Phase II of the master plan will include a new medical office building for doctors to see their patients outside of the hospital setting. It will also include senior housing, a library, an autism center, a community garden, bike paths, and walking trails.

The hospital is part of a \$650-million new medical campus that serves as a new model for healthcare delivery emphasizing preventive care and holistic health. Currently, the campus houses an Outpatient Center, Mental Health Urgent Care Center, and Center for Public Health. A Recuperative Care Center serving homeless patients is expected to open in Fall 2015.

## New Library Construction Starts in Quartz Hill and South Whittier

The County of Los Angeles Public Library continued apace with new construction this year, breaking ground on new libraries in both unincorporated Quartz Hill and unincorporated South Whittier.

Mayor Michael D. Antonovich joined County Librarian Margaret Donnellan Todd, Quartz Hill Chamber of Commerce President Chris Perosi, and a slew of Southwest Antelope Valley elected officials and local leaders to celebrate the start of construction on the new, \$10.5 million Quartz Hill Library. The 12,514-square-foot structure will be three times larger than the current facility which is situated just blocks away in a building the County has leased since 1959.

The new Quartz Hill Library will feature outdoor reading areas; a 100-seat community meeting room; a Children’s Area and Family Place with dedicated programming space; teen and adult reading areas; a homework center; two group study rooms; public access computers; express service checkout machines; full ADA compliance; drought-tolerant landscaping; and free Wi-Fi for anyone with a County Public Library card. It also includes photo-voltaic solar panels to reduce energy consumption and was designed to achieve at least a LEED Silver Rating from the U.S. Green Building Council.

In South Whittier, Supervisor Don Knabe and County Librarian Margaret Donnellan Todd joined children from Mayberry Park’s Day Camp to mark the beginning of new library construction there. The \$13.3 million, 14,411-square-foot South Whittier Library is situated on land owned by the County but originally assigned to the Sheriff’s Department. Last year, the County Public Library and the Sheriff executed an agreement for use of the land for the new library and related parking for up to 61 vehicles.

Upon completion, the South Whittier Library will include an outdoor reading patio; a Children’s Area and Family Place with designated programming space; separate teen and adult reading areas; a homework center; two group study rooms and a teen study room; a 100-seat community meeting room with an accompanying kitchenette; express-service checkout machines; information service pods; public access computers; and free Wi-Fi for anyone with a County Public Library card. The new structure also is expected to achieve a LEED Silver Rating by including features such as drought-tolerant landscaping, permeable pavement; a photo-voltaic system to conserve energy; and new bike racks.



# 55th Graduating Class of Specialized Investigators

The Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) is celebrating the graduation of its most recent class of specialized investigators, who were described by facilitators of the Specialized Investigations Basic Course as one of the best training classes ever to attend the Golden West Academy.

Held at Orange Coast College, graduation culminated the four-month training which included a series of written exams, firearm qualifying, arrest and control techniques, and conducting various law enforcement crime scene scenarios. The DPSS graduates are now certified State of California Peace Officers, and will contribute to the department's ongoing mission to maintain integrity of DPSS programs.

DPSS' Steven Navarrette was honored for earning the highest overall scores; Jose Hernandez-Perez was awarded for the Best Shooting Range score and Best Arrest and Control performances; Juan Baltazar was recognized for Best Report Writing Skills; and Young Chang received the Director's Award for Outstanding Character, nominated by his peers.



*From left to right (top): Sikander Chaudhry, Christopher Mundt, Thomas Hom, James Argueta, Silvia Rodriguez, Lorena Serrano, Grace Urzua, Lilia Topete, Eric Marcucci, Jose Diaz-Ortiz, Juan Baltazar, Vincent Malone, Jose Hernandez-Perez, Regina Sanchez, Wendy Reantoso-Solis, Faren Moreno-Garay, Young Chang, Steven Navarrette, Liana Musakhanyan, Desarae Robinson, Melody Collins, and Lea Bran.*

# PURR..fect Pets!



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Protect.  
Care.  
Adopt.

## It's Annual Benefits Enrollment Time!

*October 1 through 31*

### Decide

October is the month to review your benefits and decide if you want to enroll or make changes for 2016. You should receive your Annual Benefits Enrollment packet by October 9, 2015. Details, benefits tools, and tutorials are available at [mylacountybenefits.com](http://mylacountybenefits.com).

During Annual Benefits Enrollment, you may:

- Enroll in or change medical and dental plans
- Waive or decline medical or dental coverage, if you qualify
- Enroll or re-enroll in the Health Care and/or Dependent Care Spending Accounts
- Select, change, or cancel any of your additional optional benefits, such as life insurance, Accidental Death & Dismemberment, and Medical Coverage Protection (Long-Term Disability Health Insurance)
- Buy Elective Annual Leave Days (*MegaFlex* participants only)
- Add or drop coverage for dependents

### Enroll

Between October 1 through October 31, go to [mylacountybenefits.com](http://mylacountybenefits.com) for the fastest and easiest way to enroll or make changes to your benefits. Log in using your employee number and Personal Identification Number (PIN) which will be reset on October 1 to your 2-digit month and 4-digit year of your birth (MMYYYY). If you prefer to enroll by phone, call (888) 822-0487 and follow the recorded instructions.

### Important Changes to Non-Elective Leave Days (*MegaFlex* participants only)

Beginning, July 1, 2015, *MegaFlex* participants began receiving their earned non-elective leave hours each pay period, up to 80 hours a year. And, on July 30<sup>th</sup>, all *MegaFlex* participants received a “catch up” allotment of non-elective annual leave hours they earned from January 1, 2015 to July 15, 2015. Because *MegaFlex* participants had access to their non-elective leave hours earlier than in the past, participants should review their non-elective leave hours and other leave balances to decide how many Elective Annual Leave days to purchase during this annual benefits enrollment for 2016.

Should you have questions, call the Benefits Hotline at (213) 388-9982 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Benefits Hotline hours are extended during annual benefits enrollment from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, October 31, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## LA Domestic Violence Council Honors Victim Advocates

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. It is estimated that one in four American women and one in seven American men will experience domestic violence in her or his lifetime. Based upon the number of people it affects and harms, domestic violence is a public health problem, as well as a criminal one.

October gives advocates in the County an opportunity to highlight both the problem of domestic violence and the work being done in the community to address it. On Tuesday, October 20, 2015, in Grand Park’s Olive Court from noon to 3 p.m., the Los Angeles County Domestic Violence (DV) Council will acknowledge and honor two long-time advocates working in the field. Terra Russell Slavin, Deputy Director Policy and Community Building Department at Los Angeles LGBT Center, will be presented with the Betty Fisher Award for her longstanding work, commitment, and dedication to the field of domestic violence prevention and intervention. LaDawn Best, Los Angeles Program Director at Peer Health Exchange, will receive a certificate of recognition for her efforts and contributions on behalf of victims. “Terra and LaDawn are the finest examples of people dedicated to ending the cycle of domestic violence in our communities,” said Olivia G. Rodriguez, executive director of the LA County DV Council. Michele L. Daniels, DV Council Chair and LA District Attorney’s Head Deputy of Family Violence, will preside over the awards.

The Council will also have a Resource Fair in Grand Park to provide information and resources to people seeking assistance or information on domestic violence and intimate partner violence. In addition, the Board of Supervisors will proclaim October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Members of the public are invited to participate in the event and the awards ceremony.

For more information on this event and how to support the mission of the Council, please contact Olivia G. Rodriguez at (213) 974-2799 or visit <http://dvcouncil.lacounty.gov/>.



## Share Your Heart Share Your Home

*Become a Foster/Adoptive Parent  
Department of Children and Family Services*

September is here and that means school has started for many kids. Parents are busy doing back to school shopping. Buying new shoes, new clothes, and maybe even a new backpack are all part of the back to school enthusiasm. The excitement of seeing who your new teacher will be and getting reacquainted with old friends is also all part of the fun. But for some kids in foster care, the start of school can provoke anxiety and fear. Many of our kids in foster care experience multiple changes in their foster care placements. With those replacements, their schools may change, too.

The idea of “starting over” again is difficult for any child, but for the kids in foster care it is another blow to their already fragile stability. This is no exception for these four handsome brothers. They are currently placed in three separate homes and have experienced their fair share of replacements and school changes. Little Jacob said it best when he stated “I don’t want to keep starting school over again and again. I just want a family who can stay in the same house with me and my brothers. Then I can keep the same teacher.”

Richard, age 12, is the oldest of the group and is mature, intelligent, and wise beyond his years. His brothers look up to him as a role model and enjoy spending time with him when they can. Richard is extremely athletic and he reports he can run faster than anyone on his competitive soccer team. He dreams of playing professional soccer someday and his favorite team is Team Brazil. Richard often carries the responsibilities of the world on his shoulders and worries about his brothers and his future. With a stable family, maybe he can have some of that worry removed from his shoulders so he can go about the business of being a kid.

Jessie, age 11, is the tackle football player of the group. He loves football and is playing in a local league for the second year now. His favorite team is the Pittsburgh Steelers. He dreams of playing for the NFL. He loves to push himself physically and feels like football helps him forget about all of his “problems.” He also strives to be a good big brother and role model and is often seen encouraging his younger brothers to act responsibly and make good choices. Although he is stable in his foster home, he really wants to be reunited with his brothers. His ideal home would have lots of space to run and play and a family dog.

Ryan, age 10, is funny, active, and very athletic like his brothers. Ryan has an infectious laugh and a genuine smile. He can

engage with others easily and is well liked by his peers. He also loves to play soccer and hopes to someday be as good as big brother Richard. He lights up when he sees his brothers for visits and loves to engage them in play, be it tag, wrestling, or climbing a tree. Ryan is always on the go and ready for a new adventure.

Jacob is the youngest and the many changes, losses, and disruptions in his life have affected him the most. He can have challenging behaviors and requires extra attention and structure. Most of his behaviors stem from him wanting attention and his anxiety over moving placements. He is learning how to deal with this in more positive ways and is receiving supportive therapeutic services in his foster home to help him with these issues. Despite his challenges, Jacob has a huge heart for helping others. He is a giving and loving little boy who loves hugs and praise. During the photo shoot, Jacob noticed that there were lots of homeless people in the area. Without thinking twice, he began to hand out the snacks we had brought for him and his brothers to the homeless people nearby. Kindness and compassion come easily to this little boy. Once he feels grounded and safe, imagine the ways he can make a difference in this world.

Let’s work on bringing these four brothers back together. These boys would love to have parents in their lives. Could you be the one to reunite these brothers?



Photo: Jean Kim



## Cyber Security is Our Shared Responsibility

*from the Countywide Information Security Program*

### October is National Cyber Security Awareness Month

Every year, October is designated by the President of the United States as National Cyber Security Awareness Month (NCSAM). In support of this message, the Board of Supervisors will proclaim October 2015 as NCSAM for the County of Los Angeles. The goal of NCSAM is to raise awareness about cyber security and empower the American public, our employees, our neighbors, and colleagues to be safer and more secure online.

NCSAM encourages all County residents and employees to visit the following websites to learn about cyber security and put the knowledge into practice in their homes, schools, workplaces, and businesses.

National Cyber Security Alliance: [www.staysafeonline.org](http://www.staysafeonline.org)

Stop|Think|Connect: [www.stopthinkconnect.org](http://www.stopthinkconnect.org)

U.S. Department of Homeland Security: [www.dhs.gov/cyber](http://www.dhs.gov/cyber)

To celebrate NCSAM, the County's Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) has been an active supporter at numerous cyber security awareness events throughout the County to help increase employees' awareness of online safety, including how to become better stewards of confidential and sensitive information.

One of the events, themed "Our Shared Responsibility," will be held at the Hall of Administration on October 14, 2015 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Guest speakers will be the County's CISO and members from the Department of Homeland Security and Federal Bureau of Investigation. For other awareness events, please contact your Departmental Information Security Officer (DISO) or you may visit the Countywide Information Security website at [mylacounty.gov](http://mylacounty.gov), select at the top "Our County," and proceed to Links and look for Countywide Information Security.

Stay safe and secure!

## DHR's Wellness Corner

*Bringing you inspiration from around the County*

### Run For Your Life!

By Summer Oliney (Department of Human Resources)

I was always an active person with a love for track and field. In high school, sprint relays and hurdles were my fields of expertise. I have a very competitive spirit and have always been drawn to organized sports. Then I became a grown up, gave birth to a handsome son, and all of that changed.

I struggled to find ways to fill that athletic void. I no longer had events to train for. I no longer worked out whenever I pleased. And I no longer recognized this post pregnancy body I now had. I quickly realized that I needed to find a new outlet to become whole again. I remembered that in my off season my coach forced me to run cross country to keep my stamina high, and my body in shape. That way,

I would be in peak form once the season started. So I began to build my stamina so that I would have more strength and endurance for future running events. I thought to myself, what if I started with a 5K? This would give me a goal for training and something to look forward to accomplishing.



My running buddy and I instituted a standing 10 a.m. running date every Saturday at Ballona Creek. After we ran our first 5K, we thought, "Hey, let's do a mud run!" Once the thrill of one race was over, we quickly found other themed courses all over Los Angeles County to keep us motivated until eventually we made our way up to running ½ marathons. It goes to show that with a little dedication and creative thinking, you can will your body into doing whatever you set your mind to. Whether you have health problems, kids, or a full time job, you need to find some way to be a better you!



# COUNTYWIDE FITNESS CHALLENGE 2015



# TAKE A HIKE!

Join us for a day of family fun featuring  
nature hikes and bird walks.

- 5-MILE CHALLENGE HIKES
- BIRD AND NATURE WALKS
- REPTILE AND ANIMAL ENCOUNTER
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# Retirees

*Congratulations to the following employees who are joining the ranks of the retired after their many years of service to the County of Los Angeles:*

45+ Years

**CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES:** Stephen R. Sanders  
**HEALTH SERVICES:** Lincoln Alvarez, Gloria E. Soto

40+ Years

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE:** Robert A. Powell, Olga Sahagun  
**CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES:** Peter C. Daley, Michael L. Davis, Ronald F. Rios  
**HEALTH SERVICES:** Lidia G. Anaya, Jerry J. Anaya, Asake N. Brown, Aileen Eto, Linda J. Hartdige, Joseph Lim, Ricardo M. Munoz, Maria D. Olson, Maria E. Valdez  
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**PARKS & RECREATION:** Olivia Alexander-Wh, Jose I. Del Castillo, Joaquin Sepulveda  
**PROBATION:** Kindra S. Elliott, Regina Salas, Yvonne Wilbert  
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**PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES:** Acela Carlos, Donald L. Cole, Marva J. Curry, Dolores Thompson Smi, Vaioafao Tuitele, Lynn A. Vodden  
**PUBLIC WORKS:** William Gilbert, Saul P. Hernandez  
**SUPERIOR COURT:** Connie Rodriguez

35+ Years

**ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL:** Cynthia A. Hernandez  
**CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES:** Paula Lewis  
**DISTRICT ATTORNEY:** Wendy J. Moss  
**HEALTH SERVICES:** Larry E. Carter, Leena V. Dandekar, Priscilla Deavila, Violeta Gomez, Maria R. Hernandez, Surekha D. Mishal, Jeine Neria, Gail H. Oshiro Estrada, Veronica Lyn Perea, Thuy M. Phan, Necitas B. Villahermosa, Mantana Wisuskeow, Stamatis Xintarianos, Joe Zuniga  
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**MEDICAL EXAMINER-CORONER:** Diane Franklin  
**MENTAL HEALTH:** Mary S. Sutton  
**PUBLIC HEALTH:** Susan D. Montenegro  
**PROBATION:** Lupe Fernandez, Constance Leathers  
**PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES:** Nettie McDaniel  
**REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK:** Alesia Berry

**SHERIFF:** Stanley D. Garcia, Lane D. Greenberg  
**SUPERIOR COURT:** Deborah K. Mc Gill

30+ Years

**ASSESSOR:** Dalilah G. Castillo  
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**COMMUNITY & SENIOR SERVICES:** Jackie Lynn Sakane  
**FIRE:** Scott W. Hagin, Scott Q. Mahan, Robert R. Pegler  
**HEALTH SERVICES:** Robert Arie, Maria N. Calderon, Rowela B. Llanillo-Matos, Javier Preciado, Dale Rice  
**INTERNAL SERVICES:** Irene V. Ablang, Uong C. Nguyen  
**MENTAL HEALTH:** Artrey D. Johnson  
**PARKS & RECREATION:** Ray Munguia  
**PROBATION:** Willette Stewart  
**PUBLIC HEALTH:** Maria E. Villasenor  
**PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES:** Cynthia Ross, Merida Waters, Tha C. Yin  
**PUBLIC WORKS:** Sunny L. Chow  
**SHERIFF:** Robert C. Eason, Brett H. Lisle, Kevin P. Olive, Melvin G. Penny, Jay L. Rodriguez, Billy L. Saavedra  
**SUPERIOR COURT:** Lori L. Shields, Susana Telles  
**TREASURER & TAX COLLECTOR:** Mary Garcia

25+ Years

**ASSESSOR:** Haydee M. Galicia  
**AUDITOR-CONTROLLER:** Sandy M. Yoshima  
**CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES:** Thomas A. Bright, Jerry L. Clyde, Gladys W. McCampbell  
**CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES:** Irene Leedy  
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**HEALTH SERVICES:** Vera Hernandez, Oscar Perez, Sonia N. Reyes, Mary L. Sampson, Cristeta L. Santos, Robert M. Tevis  
**MENTAL HEALTH:** Voris L. Forte, Kuo-Chien Sun  
**PROBATION:** Cynthia A. Catron  
**PUBLIC DEFENDER:** John L. Gonzales  
**PUBLIC HEALTH:** Alicia Clabaugh, Peggy L. Green  
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## Beware of Government Look-Alike Scams

When you get your mail or answer your phone, nothing gets your attention more quickly than something that really looks or sounds official. Some items, especially letters that look like government notices, bills, or time-sensitive warnings, can startle even savvy consumers.

Sometimes those official-looking documents and official-sounding phone calls can be traps to get you to buy phony services or give up your personal information. Government look-alikes are popular ways for dishonest companies to profit at your expense. Here are a couple of common government look-alike scams we've been monitoring at the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs (DCBA).

### The swindle: "Affordable Housing Programs"

**The pitch: "Need low-income housing? We got you covered. Just fill in your personal information and we'll move you up the waiting list."**

This scam can become quite elaborate, with look-alike websites and even telephone call centers. These sites promise low-income families looking for affordable housing they can get on a Section 8 wait list. The websites look like ones from legitimate housing authorities, but they request more from consumers, including Social Security numbers and upfront application fees to get priority.

### The facts:

- If you're in Los Angeles County and are looking for affordable housing, go directly to the Housing Authority of the County. Do not follow links in an unexpected email or go to any other websites listed in a letter or phone call.
- Legitimate housing services will not unexpectedly ask for your personal information or upfront fees.
- Report any suspected fraud to the DCBA.

### The swindle: "CalFresh Impostor Scams"

**The scam: Caller ID shows the real benefits hotline. They "need to verify your personal information" to receive benefits.**

Consumers who receive CalFresh benefits are receiving unexpected phone calls that appear to be from legitimate government sources seeking personal information. In some cases, a consumer's caller ID will show a phone call as coming from the real U.S. SNAP program hotline. The caller then asks for personal financial information.

### The facts:

- This is a high-tech government look-alike scam. Scammers use devices that "spoof" caller ID programs into showing what appears to be a legitimate SNAP program telephone number.
- Do not provide personal information or credit card numbers over the telephone to unsolicited callers.
- If you believe you have been a victim of this scam, call DCBA at (800) 593-8222.



## All For The Love of Kids

Please join Mayor Michael D. Antonovich and the Department of Children and Family Services for the 20th annual "All For The Love of Kids" fundraiser for foster youth honoring Los Angeles Lakers Head Coach Byron Scott on Friday, October 23, at the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration. For more information, please contact Candice Brown at (213) 926-9219 or Keesee Gregory at (213) 281-7037.

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