

**Angel Izard
Los Angeles City Councilmember Paul Koretz
District 5
September Update**

41.18 Homelessness Public Right of Way Motion:

Final ordinance:

https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2020/20-1376-S1_ord_187127_09-03-21.pdf

The new 41.18 ordinance will be coupled with a street engagement strategy that provides people experiencing homelessness with a suitable offer of shelter, interim, or permanent housing. Council is still working out these details and the new CLA's report on the proposed street engagement strategy/

Locations that take effect immediately:

- ADA access
- 10 feet of driveways, loading docks
- 5 feet of any operational or utilizable building entrance or exit
- 2 feet of any fire hydrant, fire plug, or other fire department connection;
- where the City has issued a permit.
- public right-of way open to use by motor vehicles, or any portion of a bike lane, bike path, or other public right-of-way open to use by bicycles-- the street, bike lanes, bike paths

Locations that will require a resolution and street engagement strategy:

- 500 feet of a property designated as a sensitive use; must be a School, Day Care Center, Public Park, or Public Library
- 500 feet of an overpass, underpass, freeway ramp, tunnel, bridge, pedestrian bridge, subway, wash, spreading ground, or active railway
- 1,000 feet of a designated facility, opened after January 1,2018, that provides shelter, safe sleeping, or safe parking to homeless persons, or that serves as a homeless navigation center
- location that poses a particular and ongoing threat to public health or safety. Such circumstances may include, but are not limited to:
 - (i) the death or serious bodily injury of any person at the location due to a hazardous condition;
 - (ii) repeated serious or violent crimes, including human trafficking, at the location; or
 - (iii) the occurrence of fires that resulted in a fire department response to the location.

SB 9 and SB 10:

The State Senate and Assembly voted to Pass both SB 9 and SB 10. Both bills passed despite efforts from the Los Angeles City Council that voted for Councilmember Koretz' resolution to officially OPPOSE both bills, along with a statewide coalition of local governments and community activists. In fact, they passed despite recent statewide polling showing that 71% of voters oppose SB 9 & 75% oppose SB10.

SB 9:

- SB 9 would require localities to provide for the ministerial, or “by right” approval of a housing development containing two residential units (a duplex), and would allow for dividing a lot into two equal parts (a lot split) for residential use.
- It would eliminate public hearings by the Planning Department, and public notice, as these projects would only require administrative review.
- SB 9 would also exempt these projects from environmental review as required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) by establishing a ministerial review process, without discretionary review or a public hearing, thus undermining community participation and vetting by local legislative bodies.

SB 10:

- SB 10 would authorize a local government to pass an ordinance to zone any parcel for up to 10 units of residential density if the parcel is located in a transit or jobs-rich area.
- This would undermine the accomplishments and potential benefits of the City's current policies, and could dramatically affect the City's single-family neighborhoods.
- It would incentivize the construction of market-rate housing and create millions of luxury units while requiring few, if any, affordable units.
- SB 10 projects have the potential to attract high-income residents, who don't necessarily use public transportation, into newer luxury buildings adjacent to transit, bringing in more cars while providing insufficient parking.
- And while these bills still need to go through the CA State Senate, the writing is on the wall that they will make their way to the Governor's desk to be signed fairly soon.

Our only hope now is to lobby the Governor to veto these two bills, so we are asking those who are interested to contact the governor's office by clicking [here](#).

Paid Time Off to Go Get Vaccinated:

The Delta variant is a serious concern to all of us — and because it is so important for people to get their COVID-19 vaccinations, Councilmember Koretz authored a motion that the Mayor signed into law ensuring that all working Angelenos are afforded paid time off to get their shots (even if their sick time is already used up.)

Both small companies and large corporations must provide up to 4-hours paid time off for individuals to get their COVID-19 vaccinations and up to 8-hours paid time off for any side-effect related symptoms that stop might stop someone from being able to safely work.

California Is In A Drought - Please Reduce Your Water Use:

The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) spoke out last week to heighten public awareness of the worsening water shortage affecting the state of California and calling on customers to double their efforts to further conserve water.

In June, Councilmember Koretz introduced a [motion](#) requesting a report about the pending update to the Colorado River Compact to meet the worsening drought conditions, including the implementation of water conservation elements, water recycling, and watershed management approaches like storm water capture and reuse, groundwater remediation, the use of native plants for landscaping, and turf removal programs.

Emergency Renters Assistance Program:

Starting September 1, 2021, Angelenos can apply for rental assistance.

Los Angeles renters and landlords will now be able to apply for assistance through the State program starting at 7:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 1st via [HousingIsKey.com](https://housinglskey.com).

Residents can also call the appointment call center at 833-687-0967 if they need help filling out an application. Renters who have already applied to the City's program will be provided with detailed instructions on next steps. More information is available at hcidla.lacity.org.

California Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant Program:

The Office of the Small Business Advocate announced new funding rounds for the California Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant Program. The additional \$1.5 billion expansion makes California's small business relief program the largest in the country. The funding will support small businesses and nonprofits that struggled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. New applications will be accepted starting September 9th.

Round 9: New applicants and waitlisted applicants from certain previous rounds.

Application window: September 9th through September 30th.

Eligible applicants: Current waitlisted and new applicants who meet eligibility criteria.

Eligible grant award: \$5,000 – \$25,000

Details: Applicants not selected to move forward in the review process in Rounds 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, or 7 do not need to re-apply and will be automatically moved into Round 9. New applicants can apply below.

Apply Here:

<https://carelifgrant.com/>

Coming Soon - Assistance for Small Businesses:

To support struggling for-profit small businesses, the Mayor and City Council, through the 2021-2022 budget process, allocated fifty million dollars (\$50 million) in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to implement a series of programs that promote a strong and equitable economic recovery in the City, consistent with ARPA regulations.

Background information:

In the upcoming weeks, the first round of programs will be announced (tentatively scheduled for late September). A total of \$37 million of "Come Back Checks" will be available for the City's small businesses.

\$25M - Restaurant and Small Business Recovery Program

Deployment of \$5,000 grants to 5,000 small businesses impacted by COVID-19 including restaurants and other vulnerable industries needing assistance in their economic recovery efforts

\$12M - Small Business Rental Assistance Program

Grants of up to \$15,000 (or six months' rent, whichever is less) to support rental/lease costs for about 800 small businesses in qualifying industries for both current and in arrears rent payments, and to eligible new businesses that need assistance with first and last month rent.

To get started, please start gathering the required Active Business Registration Tax Certificate (BRTC) and Recent tax returns (2019-2020).

For more information, please visit the Economic & Workforce Development Department website at bit.ly/LABusinessSource

L.A. Al Fresco Program Extended to Year's End:

- To provide ongoing assistance to businesses as the COVID-19 pandemic continues, the City of Los Angeles has extended L.A. Al Fresco through December 31st.
- L. A. Al Fresco is an outdoor dining program that provides healthy spaces for local eateries to serve customers by expanding dining areas into parking lanes, driving lanes, and adjacent private lots. LADOT assists in the administration of Al Fresco by managing the reapportionment of transportation spaces into

open-air dining areas, and by providing street barriers to protect restaurant customers and delineate dining zones. Before the program's extension, Al Fresco was set to expire at the end of August 2021.

- For details about L.A. Al Fresco, including how to file a program application, please [click here](#). To facilitate the process of Al Fresco's extension, program participants are requested to update their use authority certificates via the program application [portal](#). Those with additional needs for assistance are requested to please contact alfresco@lacity.org.

Third Doses Now Available for Moderately or Severely Immunocompromised:

- The City of Los Angeles began administering third dose Pfizer and Moderna vaccines to people who are moderately or severely immunocompromised. Those who qualify should check with their healthcare provider to make sure that receiving a third dose is the best option for them. Moderna or Pfizer third doses will be administered at least 28 days after second doses. Additional doses are currently not recommended for those who received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine.
- In addition, as LAUSD reopened its doors to in-person classroom instruction last week, we must continue to do everything we can to protect ourselves and our kids. We must continue to encourage Angelenos 12 years and older to roll up their sleeves for their first and second doses.
- To find a vaccination site nearest you, please visit www.coronavirus.LACity.org/GetVaccinated