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SUBJECT: PUBLIC INPUT RECEIVED FROM THE COMMUNITY NEEDS SURVEY

In accordance with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) citizen participation requirements for the Annual Action Plan (Action Plan), the Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) held a community meeting and administered a community needs survey throughout Los Angeles County (County). The community meeting and survey are designed to collect input from the public about their needs and priorities. Their feedback helps ensure that funding decisions made by the LACDA and the Supervisorial Districts reflect the community's most pressing concerns and opportunities for development.

Background

The LACDA develops the Action Plan as a participant in HUD's Urban County Program and as a condition of receiving Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) funding. This upcoming 2026-2027 Action Plan covers the fourth of the five (5) program years of the *2023-2028 Consolidated Plan for the Los Angeles Urban County* (Consolidated Plan).

The Consolidated Plan contains objectives that address a broad range of priority needs related to affordable housing, public housing, homelessness, and non-housing community development. The Action Plan specifically describes the proposed projects that the LACDA and other agencies, supported by the County, intend to undertake in the upcoming fiscal year (FY) 2026-2027 to achieve the long-term objectives in the Consolidated Plan.

Purpose

During the month of February, prior to developing the Action Plan, the LACDA works with each of the Supervisorial Districts through the Community Resource Investment Strategy (CRIS) to strategize how best to allocate CDBG funding for the upcoming fiscal year. To help prioritize funding, LACDA annually administers a survey so that community members can rate the importance of various eligible activities allowed under the CDBG, HOME, and ESG Programs.

Survey Results

The results of the survey are intended to assist you in prioritizing CDBG funding in your District for FY 2026-2027. The following table reflects the five (5) community priorities that are most important to the community, with the highest percentage in **blue**:

Community's Priorities	%
Business and Job Opportunities (training for people who need jobs, small business loans, coaching for small business owners)	9.82%
Community Services (access to health and mental health care, homeless services, services for children, services for the elderly, crime prevention programs, substance abuse programs)	23.64%
Housing (new affordable rental units, home repair, down payment assistance, prevention of discrimination, eviction prevention)	37.45%
Public Facilities (libraries, parks, senior centers, youth centers)	7.64%
Public Improvements (street and sidewalk repairs, water and sewer improvements, trash removal, graffiti removal)	21.45%

The LACDA received a total of 1,533 surveys; 275 were from the 4th District.

You will find the complete results of the survey in the following two (2) attachments:

- Attachment I includes the results for the 4th District; and
- Attachment II includes overall Countywide survey results.

Outreach

A total of 4,288 mailings were sent to 4th District residents in the targeted areas and LACDA-owned public housing units. Each mailing included a survey, a flyer promoting both the community meeting and the survey, and a prepaid return envelope for the survey.

Fourth District outreach focused on the following areas:

- Unincorporated Cerritos
- Unincorporated East La Mirada
- Unincorporated La Habra Heights
- Unincorporated Lynwood
- Unincorporated Walnut Park

Mailings were also distributed to the following LACDA-owned public housing locations:

- Carmelitos (family), 1000 Via Wanda, Long Beach, 90805
- Carmelitos (senior), 801 Via Carmelitos, Long Beach, 90805
- Harbor Hills (family/senior), 26607 S. Western Ave., Lomita, 90717
- Sundance Vista (family), 10850 Laurel Ave., Whittier, 90605
- Whittier Manor (senior), 11527 Slauson Ave., Whittier, 90606

Community Meeting

The LACDA held a hybrid (in-person and online) community meeting on Saturday, November 1, 2025 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. It was also livestreamed at the Nueva Maravilla public housing site as a pilot for future community meetings.

The community meeting was designed to engage the public in planning the allocation of resources for the CDBG, HOME, and ESG Programs. It featured a presentation outlining current eligible activities, explaining the planning process, and detailing how community members can provide input on the use of the three (3) funding sources within their community. Next, the LACDA went over the community needs survey and encouraged attendees to complete it in person, online via Survey Monkey, or download it from the yourvoicecounts.lacda.org website at their convenience and mail it in. We encouraged the public to view the survey results and the draft 2026-2027 Action Plan on the website, where a recording of the event is also posted.

During the community meeting, the LACDA highlighted content available on yourvoicecounts.lacda.org, including:

- Interactive data maps to explore data for the local communities;
- Frequently Asked Questions; and
- A “Resources” link, so County residents can locate their supervisorial district, as well as a listing of the following agencies and information regarding available services.

County Resources
Department of Consumer and Business Affairs
Department of Public Health
Department of Public Works
Department of Economic Opportunity
Department of Regional Planning
Housing Resource Center

Please review the survey results to assist you in making CDBG decisions in your District for FY 2026-2027.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (626) 586-1765.

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Attachments

c: German Castilla, Field Deputy, 4th District



FOURTH DISTRICT **SURVEY RESULTS**

Total Responses Received: 275

Outreach Areas:

- Unincorporated Cerritos
- Unincorporated East La Mirada
- Unincorporated La Habra Heights
- Unincorporated Lynwood
- Unincorporated Walnut Park

TOP FIVE (5) NEEDS IDENTIFIED:

- Increase Affordable Rental Housing for Families
- Senior Services (meal services, homecare assistance, nursing home services, recreational or social opportunities)
- Improving Water, Sewer, and Drainage Infrastructure
- Senior Centers
- Job Readiness and Retention (training and referral programs, English as a Second Language/ESL classes, adult literacy, high school equivalency and college preparation, adult/juvenile detention discharge counseling)

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The items in **blue** had the highest percentage(s) of responses for that particular question.

1. Which one of the housing issues below do you think needs the most attention in your LA County community?

Responses	%
Increase Affordable Rental Housing for Families	19.22
Increase Affordable Rental Housing for Seniors	16.08
Increase Affordable Housing with Supportive Services for People with Disabilities	8.24
Increase Affordable Housing with Supportive Services for Homeless Individuals and Families	9.80
Eviction Prevention and Renters' Rights Assistance	2.75
Assistance to Repair and Modernize Public and Affordable Rental Housing	7.06
Assistance for Qualifying Homeowners to Repair Issues with Homes	9.41
Code Enforcement to Improve the Health and Safety of Housing	4.71
Affordable First-Time Homebuyer Assistance: Counseling, Down Payments, Closing Costs	7.06
Increase Available Housing for People Using Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers	2.75
Increase Available Housing for People with Low Credit Scores or a Previous Eviction	2.35
Assistance for Energy Efficiency Upgrades to Reduce Utility Bills	7.06
Short-Term Assistance with Rent/Mortgage/Utility Payments	3.53

2. Which one of the following community services below do you think needs the most attention in your community?

Responses	%
Healthcare Services (preventative/primary care, prescription drug services, dental and vision care, HIV/AIDS services)	9.20
Children's/Youth Services (childcare, after school activities, tutoring, mentoring, early childhood education)	13.20
Senior Services (meal services, homecare assistance, nursing home services, recreational or social opportunities)	20.80
Mental Health Services (counseling and evaluation, psychiatric care, in-patient programs, support groups)	7.20
Substance Abuse Services (prevention and education, treatment, recovery programs)	3.20

Homeless Services (transitional shelters, permanent supportive housing placement, meals, clothing resources)	14.80
Services for Victims of Domestic Violence and Neglect (family shelters, counseling)	4.00
Crime Prevention and Awareness Programs	9.20
Services for Disabled People (vocational/self-sufficiency programs, rehabilitation, adult day care, transportation)	4.00
Financial Crisis Services (emergency assistance with bills, access to food pantries, homelessness prevention)	10.40
Services for Immigrants, Refugees, and/or Non-English Speakers	4.00

3. Which one of the public improvements below do you think needs the most attention in your community?

Responses	%
Improving Water, Sewer, and Drainage Infrastructure	18.62
Improving Streets/Alleys	17.81
Cleanup of Trash and Illegal Dumping	18.22
Graffiti Removal	5.26
Tree Planting	8.91
Improving Street Lighting	7.29
Improving Sidewalks, including Access for Disabled People	15.79
Improving Public Transportation	8.10

4. What is one public facility investment that you feel should be a priority in your community?

Responses	%
Parks, Playgrounds, and Recreational Areas	19.11
Libraries	6.91
Senior Centers	27.24
Youth/Childcare Centers	16.26
Public Schools	13.82
Healthcare Centers	16.67

5. Which one of the business and job opportunity issues below do you think needs the most attention in your community?

Responses	%
Job Readiness and Retention (training and referral programs, English as a Second Language/ESL classes, adult literacy, high school equivalency and college preparation, adult/juvenile detention discharge counseling)	43.90
Coaching and Technical Advice for Small Businesses (business plans, marketing, bookkeeping, tax planning)	7.72
Increase Access to Small Business Grants or Loans	6.91
Support for Businesses that Serve Community Needs (access to fresh groceries, medical services, pharmacy)	29.67
Commercial Building Rehabilitation (repair or improve the exterior of businesses, including signage and awnings)	11.79

6. Which option best applies to you?

Responses	%
Resident (I live in LA County)	96.36
Student (I go to school in LA County)	1.09
Employee (I work in LA County)	1.82
Business Owner (I own a business in LA County)	0.73

7. What best represents your housing situation in the past 30 days?

Responses	%
Renting a house	16.67
Renting an apartment	40.65
Homeowner	32.52
Staying in the house/apartment of a friend or family member	6.50
Staying in a homeless shelter	1.22
Homeless/Unhoused	2.44
Other (ex: living in a motel, your car, an RV, a tent)	0.41

8. In general, does your household spend more than 30 of its monthly income on housing expenses, such as rent/mortgage + water, electricity, gas, trash?

Responses	%
Yes	51.52
No	22.08
I don't know	24.68
Not applicable/I am a student	1.73

9. Which best describes your household right now?

Responses	%
Single Adult (just myself)	35.89
Single Parent (myself) with One or More Children	12.50
Two or More Adults with No Children	28.23
Two Adults with One or More Children	15.73
Multiple Generations of One Family	6.05
Multiple Unrelated Families	1.61

10. How many people in total live in your household?

Responses	%
1	34.13
2	28.97
3	16.67
4	9.92
5 or more	10.32

11. How old are you?

Responses	%
17 or younger	1.17
18 to 24	1.17
25 to 34	8.20
35 to 44	10.16
45 to 54	13.67
55 to 64	16.02
65 to 74	29.30
75 or older	20.31

12. What gender do you identify as?

Responses	%
Male	31.62
Female	66.01
LGBTQIA+	1.19
Non-Binary	0.79
Another gender identity not listed	0.40

13. What is your race and/or ethnicity? (Check all that apply)

Responses	%
American Indian or Alaska Native	2.00
Asian	12.00
Black or African American	20.80
Hispanic or Latino	52.00
Middle Eastern or North African	0.40
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1.20
White	14.80
Another race and/or ethnicity not listed	2.00

14. What level of education have you completed?

Responses	%
Did not complete High School	22.00
High School Diploma/Equivalent	31.20
College/Vocational	18.00
Bachelor's Degree	15.60
Some Graduate School	4.40
Advanced/Professional Degree	8.80

15. What is your employment status?

Responses	%
Full-Time Employee	21.20
Part-Time Employee	7.20
Self-Employed	4.40
Full-Time Student	0.80
Unemployed and Seeking Work	7.20
Unemployed and Not Seeking Work	2.40
Unemployed/Unable to Work	11.20
Stay-at-Home Parent	5.20
Retired	40.40

16. Do any of the following describe you and/or a member of your household? (Check all that apply)

Responses	%
Disabled Person	35.34
Military Veteran	6.47
Aged 65+	41.81
LGBTQIA+ Person	3.45
Homeless/Unhoused or Formerly Unhoused Person	5.60
First-Generation Immigrant or Refugee	7.33
Formerly Incarcerated Person	1.72
Low- or Moderate-Income Person	36.64
Single Parent or Grandparent Raising Grandchildren	9.91



COUNTYWIDE SURVEY RESULTS

Total Responses Received: 1,533

TOP FIVE (5) NEEDS IDENTIFIED:

- Increase Affordable Rental Housing for Seniors
- Senior Services (meal services, homecare assistance, nursing home services, recreational or social opportunities)
- Cleanup of Trash and Illegal Dumping
- Parks, Playgrounds, and Recreational Areas
- Support for Businesses that Serve Community Needs (access to fresh groceries, medical services, pharmacy)

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1. Which one of the housing issues below do you think needs the most attention in your LA County community?

Responses	%
Increase Affordable Rental Housing for Families	13.61
Increase Affordable Rental Housing for Seniors	17.53
Increase Affordable Housing with Supportive Services for People with Disabilities	3.92
Increase Affordable Housing with Supportive Services for Homeless Individuals and Families	11.34
Eviction Prevention and Renters' Rights Assistance	1.58
Assistance to Repair and Modernize Public and Affordable Rental Housing	4.26
Assistance for Qualifying Homeowners to Repair Issues with Homes	10.65
Code Enforcement to Improve the Health and Safety of Housing	9.21
Affordable First-Time Homebuyer Assistance: Counseling, Down Payments, Closing Costs	7.49
Increase Available Housing for People Using Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers	3.23
Increase Available Housing for People with Low Credit Scores or a Previous Eviction	1.51
Assistance for Energy Efficiency Upgrades to Reduce Utility Bills	12.23
Short-Term Assistance with Rent/Mortgage/Utility Payments	3.44

2. Which one of the following community services below do you think needs the most attention in your community?

Responses	%
Healthcare Services (preventative/primary care, prescription drug services, dental and vision care, HIV/AIDS services)	12.05
Children's/Youth Services (childcare, after school activities, tutoring, mentoring, early childhood education)	7.94
Senior Services (meal services, homecare assistance, nursing home services, recreational or social opportunities)	23.68
Mental Health Services (counseling and evaluation, psychiatric care, in-patient programs, support groups)	8.62
Substance Abuse Services (prevention and education, treatment, recovery programs)	2.94
Homeless Services (transitional shelters, permanent supportive housing placement, meals, clothing resources)	15.33

Services for Victims of Domestic Violence and Neglect (family shelters, counseling)	2.05
Crime Prevention and Awareness Programs	14.03
Services for Disabled People (vocational/self-sufficiency programs, rehabilitation, adult day care, transportation)	2.74
Financial Crisis Services (emergency assistance with bills, access to food pantries, homelessness prevention)	7.67
Services for Immigrants, Refugees, and/or Non-English Speakers	2.94

3. Which one of the public improvements below do you think needs the most attention in your community?

Responses	%
Improving Water, Sewer, and Drainage Infrastructure	13.70
Improving Streets/Alleys	17.44
Cleanup of Trash and Illegal Dumping	26.44
Graffiti Removal	3.94
Tree Planting	7.89
Improving Street Lighting	7.06
Improving Sidewalks, including Access for Disabled People	12.04
Improving Public Transportation	11.49

4. What is one public facility investment that you feel should be a priority in your community?

Responses	%
Parks, Playgrounds, and Recreational Areas	24.86
Libraries	6.81
Senior Centers	24.03
Youth/Childcare Centers	9.79
Public Schools	14.58
Healthcare Centers	19.93

5. Which one of the business and job opportunity issues below do you think needs the most attention in your community?

Responses	%
Job Readiness and Retention (training and referral programs, English as a Second Language/ESL classes, adult literacy, high school equivalency and college preparation, adult/juvenile detention discharge counseling)	34.37
Coaching and Technical Advice for Small Businesses (business plans, marketing, bookkeeping, tax planning)	6.51
Increase Access to Small Business Grants or Loans	10.82
Support for Businesses that Serve Community Needs (access to fresh groceries, medical services, pharmacy)	34.51
Commercial Building Rehabilitation (repair or improve the exterior of businesses, including signage and awnings)	13.79

6. Which option best applies to you?

Responses	%
Resident (I live in LA County)	97.26
Student (I go to school in LA County)	0.59
Employee (I work in LA County)	1.57
Business Owner (I own a business in LA County)	0.59

7. What best represents your housing situation in the past 30 days?

Responses	%
Renting a house	8.97
Renting an apartment	29.21
Homeowner	53.96
Staying in the house/apartment of a friend or family member	5.42
Staying in a homeless shelter	0.63
Homeless/Unhoused	1.18
Other (ex: living in a motel, your car, an RV, a tent)	0.63

8. In general, does your household spend more than 30% of its monthly income on housing expenses, such as rent/mortgage + water, electricity, gas, trash?

Responses	%
Yes	47.67
No	31.12
I don't know	20.10
Not applicable/I am a student	1.11

9. Which best describes your household right now?

Responses	%
Single Adult (just myself)	37.41
Single Parent (myself) with One or More Children	5.08
Two or More Adults with No Children	35.33
Two Adults with One or More Children	13.56
Multiple Generations of One Family	8.07
Multiple Unrelated Families	0.56

10. How many people in total live in your household?

Responses	%
1	36.36
2	32.27
3	13.78
4	10.04
5 or more	7.55

11. How old are you?

Responses	%
17 or younger	0.41
18 to 24	1.16
25 to 34	6.35
35 to 44	8.13
45 to 54	12.02
55 to 64	17.62
65 to 74	30.53
75 or older	23.77

12. What gender do you identify as?

Responses	%
Male	45.66
Female	52.62
LGBTQIA+	1.17
Non-Binary	0.41
Another gender identity not listed	0.14

13. What is your race and/or ethnicity? (Check all that apply)

Responses	%
American Indian or Alaska Native	2.37
Asian	19.74
Black or African American	16.18
Hispanic or Latino	23.92
Middle Eastern or North African	0.70
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1.05
White	38.49
Another race and/or ethnicity not listed	2.72

14. What level of education have you completed?

Responses	%
Did not complete High School	9.27
High School Diploma/Equivalent	21.63
College/Vocational	22.68
Bachelor's Degree	23.60
Some Graduate School	7.23
Advanced/Professional Degree	15.59

15. What is your employment status?

Responses	%
Full-Time Employee	25.24
Part-Time Employee	5.15
Self-Employed	7.72
Full-Time Student	0.70
Unemployed and Seeking Work	5.15
Unemployed and Not Seeking Work	1.53
Unemployed/Unable to Work	6.47
Stay-at-Home Parent	2.36
Retired	45.69

16. Do any of the following describe you and/or a member of your household? (Check all that apply)

Responses	%
Disabled Person	26.35
Military Veteran	8.99
Aged 65+	51.84
LGBTQIA+ Person	9.15
Homeless/Unhoused or Formerly Unhoused Person	3.44
First-Generation Immigrant or Refugee	10.09
Formerly Incarcerated Person	1.64
Low- or Moderate-Income Person	35.50
Single Parent or Grandparent Raising Grandchildren	5.24