

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
LOS ANGELES REGIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, October 21, 2021  
10:00 am to 11:30 am**

Introductions/Announcements – Nancy Volpert, Co-Chair and Minty Siu-Kootnikoff, Co-Chair; Nancy’s new Zoom background is JFS’ new senior meal site

The award-winning Sandra C reads the determination in accordance with AB 361 section 3(e)(3) that, while the state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic, as originally proclaimed by the Governor on March 4, 2020, remains active and/or state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, this legislative body has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and that the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person and/or state or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing to allow us to continue to meet virtually. County side is already covered for all meeting. For now, City side is so moving for each meeting. The motion to meet virtually is seconded and passed on consent.

Additional announcements:

That Los Angeles Regional Policy Committee congratulates the other award winners from last Tuesday’s wonderful DVA/DVC DVAM event.

Eve announces her retirement at the end of the year and there will be a retirement event that she is not planning. Nikki is still outsourced, but Eve is being assisted by Isabel Checa ([icheca@ph.lacounty.gov](mailto:icheca@ph.lacounty.gov)) whose tenure will extend past Eve’s retirement date.

## 2021 Legislation & Policies

### a. State

This is the end of the first year of a two year legislative cycle, so some bills that did not pass have a chance of coming back next year. For our final 2021 bill chart, check the Google Doc that contains the bill chart, there will be no more edits to the chart this year. If you need access, contact Nancy or Minty. Note that if the bill chart says “chaptered,” that means the bill as become law. For example, note that AB 812 (marital rape bill) was pulled by author, but was reborn as AB1171 and “chaptered.” This year there were approximately 780 new bills passed in CA, with all bills to take effect on 1/1/22, unless written otherwise. No bills take effect immediately unless there is a specific urgency clause written into it.

Next steps? Well, the legislature is in recess until 12/1/21, when there will be a pro forma session without any really substantive work, just ceremonial. The new legislative year starts in January, so now is a good

time to educate legislators/staff. Good time to present policy solutions, so email Nancy and Minty with your ideas.

b. Federal

Action alerts now being circulated for the reauthorization of VAWA and for FVPSA; the federal budget has been temporarily extended until December

c. Local

Nothing new on the city or county fronts

### Emerging Issues

a. Paraprofessional Legal Services

Lively discussion held about the problematic process; Julia advises she and Betty are working on a letter to State Bar, will keep everyone apprised of when this may become a legislative issue

b. Emergency CalFresh Benefits

Reminder that emergency/expedited CalFresh benefits are available to persons who have less than \$150/mon income; less than \$100 cash at hand, and those benefits should be available within 3 days with minimal documentation upfront.

### Matters not on the posted agenda (to be presented and placed on a future agenda)

a. Efiling of ROs

b. Eve retirement recognition

c. Legislation about litigation abuse

Please send any other additional topics by November 8

### Public Comments not to exceed two minutes per person and must be on items of interest which are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Council

a. Sandra thinks City Hall may get lit up tonight in purple for DVAM

b. Eve says the \$8M the BOS allotted for DV is still there and they are still figuring out how to distribute it

c. Roman reminds us it is important to consider the voice of survivors and wants to pass legislation on litigation abuse. TN adopted some statutes developed with the assistance of Joan Meier.

Final thoughts: The legislation we have is far from perfect, but it is much better than it would be if we didn't participate.

Next meeting is scheduled for **November 18, 2021.**