



KAREN BASS  
MAYOR

Dear Honorable President and Members of the City Council:

I am pleased to present for your consideration a balanced budget proposal for the 2026-2027 fiscal year that starts on July 1, 2026.

Strong revenue growth undergirds this budget and reflects better confidence in our city and our collective work to bolster our local economy.

This budget is focused around our continuing work that is changing L.A. and reversing longstanding trends by reducing homelessness, building more housing, hiring more officers and investing in basic city services. Key budget investments include:

- Maintaining Inside Safe, all interim housing beds and street level services to continue our work that has brought street homeless down by nearly 18 percent.
- Increasing funding to address RV encampments.
- Increasing funding for oversight, transparency, and accountability.
- Increasing police hiring to meet attrition and bring in 510 new officers. This represents a target of 8,555 officers this year and the maintaining of our long-term goal of 9,500 officers.
- Training in use-of-force, de-escalation, new mental health intervention and combating copper wire theft.
- Sustaining CIRCLE, UMCR, and GRYD services and citywide coverage for civilian crisis response, maintaining deployment of 500 Crossing Guards and expanding the Safe Passage program to help children get to and from school safely and protect them from gang violence.
- Maintaining funding for LAFD ahead of the Sales Tax Measure, investing in equipment, including a helicopter and vehicles.
- Increasing funding for street and sidewalk repair, curb ramp installation, street sweeping, bulky item pickup, and dedicated illegal dumping enforcement throughout the city.
- Increasing funding to achieve 700 lane miles of street will be repaired through improvements such as resurfacing, slurry, or large asphalt repairs.

Building the kind of city government that Angelenos deserve involves investing in what works, fixing what doesn't, and making smarter decisions with every dollar so that results are felt in every neighborhood. Because our work isn't finished. We are moving with purpose, delivering real results, and building a city that is safer, more affordable, and more resilient for decades to come.

I look forward to your consideration of this budget proposal and continued collaboration as we work to deliver for the people of the City of Los Angeles.

In partnership,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen Bass". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Karen" and the last name "Bass" clearly legible.

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Mayor