

LA County Department of Economic Opportunity

**WIOA Local Plan
2025-28
Public Engagement Forum**

Today's Agenda



Who We Are

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Background**

**WIOA Local Plan:
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with DEO!**

Who We Are

DEO was established in 2022 to lead and align the County's and region's economic development efforts.

Mission

We create quality jobs, help small business and high-road employers start and grow, and build vibrant local communities and spaces.

Vision

An equitable economy with thriving local communities, inclusive and sustainable growth, and opportunity and mobility for all.

Work, Live and **Do Business** in LA County



Regional Economic Approach



Certifications and Contracting



Jobs and Training



Industry Cluster Development



Entrepreneurship Development



Business Attraction and Access to Capital



Small Business Services & Capital Access



Real Estate and Capital Development

Unlocking LA County's Economic Potential

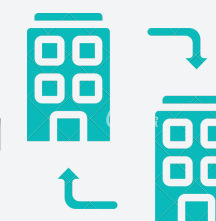
ASSETS

- » Highest GDP of any county in the nation
- » Diverse industries and businesses
- » Massive infrastructure (including Ports)
- » Small business power (300K+ small businesses in LA County)
- » World Class educational institutions
- » Diverse industries and businesses



OPPORTUNITIES

- ↳ Disparate impacts of COVID-19
- ↳ Underinvested communities not yet realizing full potential, high housing costs, higher unemployment and poverty rates, and fewer college degrees/credentials
- ↳ Importance of social supports for disadvantaged workers (child-care, digital divide, etc.)
- ↳ Increased awareness of certification and contracting opportunities through expanded outreach



DEO in the Field

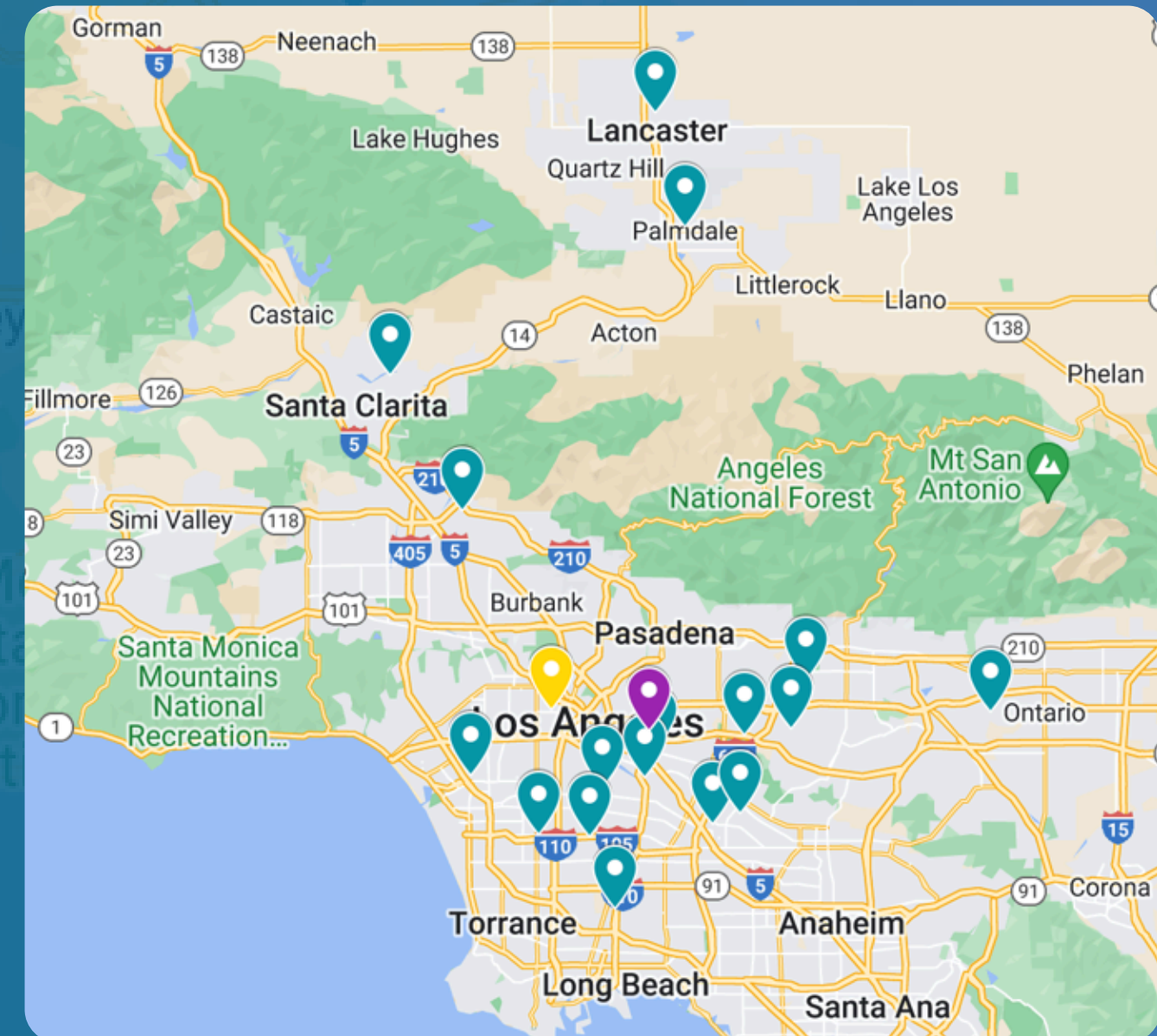
18 America's Job Centers of California throughout LA County

- **Residents** connect to job preparation, training, and new career pathways with family sustaining wages
- **Small businesses and high growth sector employers** connect to a diverse talent pipeline that supports sustainable and inclusive growth

East L.A. Entrepreneur Center

- LA County small business owners access 1:1 counseling, certification and contracting support, capital and more to start and grow

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Public Workforce Modernization

Seven Key Modernization Strategies

- 01 Empower and include Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) as part of Equity in County Contracting
- 02 Establish Population and Industry-Specific Centers of Excellence
- 03 Incentivize Quality Outcomes and Impact
- 04 Grow Place-Based and Virtual Service Delivery
- 05 Increase Community Outreach Engagement
- 06 Prioritize High Road Pathways
- 07 Invest in Effectively Staffed AJCCs that Serve as High Road Employers












SECTOR-BASED CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE

Each AJCC will lead a sector-based COE for the Los Angeles County region:

-  Aerospace and Defense
-  Bio Tech and Life Sciences
-  Construction and Infrastructure with an emphasis on green jobs
-  Creative Sector, including Film and Digital Media
-  Early Care and Education
-  Healthcare
-  Hospitality and Tourism
-  Information Technology
-  Trade, Transportation and Logistics

POPULATION-BASED CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE

Each AJCC will lead a population-based COE for the Los Angeles County region:

-  English Language Learners
-  Foster and Opportunity Youth
-  Individuals Experiencing or at Risk of Experiencing Homelessness
-  Immigrants and Refugees
-  Justice System Involved Individuals
-  LGBTQIA+ Individuals
-  Persons with Disabilities
-  Older Workers
-  Veterans

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Local Plan Background

Under the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), local workforce development boards must develop and submit to the Governor a comprehensive 4-year plan. Los Angeles County WDB's current Local Plan identifies and describes partnerships, services, and workforce development activities carried out in the County.



KEY FEATURES

Local Needs Analysis

Identifying workforce gaps and opportunities for Industries, employers, and job seekers

Service Delivery Strategy

Meeting the needs of job seekers and employers through job training, career counseling, and job placement

Coordination with Partners

Collaborating with community colleges, non-profits, government agencies and other partners

Resource Allocation

Allocating WIOA funds and leveraging additional funding sources

Alignment with Regional and State Plans

Creating consistency with the overall vision and goals of the Regional Plan and the State Plan

Public Participation

Ensuring transparency and community involvement.

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WIOA Core and Required Partner Coordination

PARTNERS

- WIOA Title II - Adult Education and Literacy
- WIOA Title III - Wagner-Peyser
- WIOA Title IV - Vocational Rehabilitation
- Carl Perkins Career Technical Education
- Title V Older Americans Act
- Job Corps
- Native American Programs (WIOA Section 166)
- Migrant Seasonal Farmworkers (WIOA Section 167)
- Veterans
- Youth Build
- Trade Adjustment Assistance Act
- Community Services Block Grant
- Housing and Urban Development
- Unemployment Compensation
- Second Chance
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families/CalWORKs

CONSIDERATIONS

1. **How can we enhance collaboration between WIOA core and required partners to better serve our community?**
2. **What strategies can be implemented to ensure seamless co-enrollment and common case management among partners?**
3. **How can we improve access to services provided through the one-stop delivery system, especially in remote areas?**
4. **What measures can be taken to ensure physical and programmatic accessibility of facilities, programs, and services for individuals with disabilities?**
5. **How can we better coordinate workforce and education activities with supportive services to address the holistic needs of participants?**

State Strategic Partner Coordination

Considerations

1. How can we strengthen coordination with County Health and Human Services Agencies to better serve individuals accessing CalFresh Employment and Training services?
2. What are the best practices for collaborating with Local Child Support Agencies to support non-custodial parents?
3. How can we enhance partnerships with organizations serving individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities?
4. What strategies can be adopted to improve coordination with community-based organizations serving English language learners, foreign-born individuals, and refugees?
5. How can we align our efforts with state zero emissions goals and support a climate-neutral economy through workforce development?



WIOA Title I Coordination

CONSIDERATIONS

1. What training and professional development opportunities can be provided to frontline staff to enhance digital fluency and distance learning capabilities?
2. How can we ensure cultural competencies and understanding of trauma-exposed populations among frontline staff?
3. What strategies can be implemented to coordinate workforce investment activities with statewide rapid response efforts?
4. How can we prioritize adult career and training services for recipients of public assistance, low-income individuals, and those who are basic skills deficient?
5. What approaches can be taken to increase digital literacy and fluency among youth participants, including those with disabilities?



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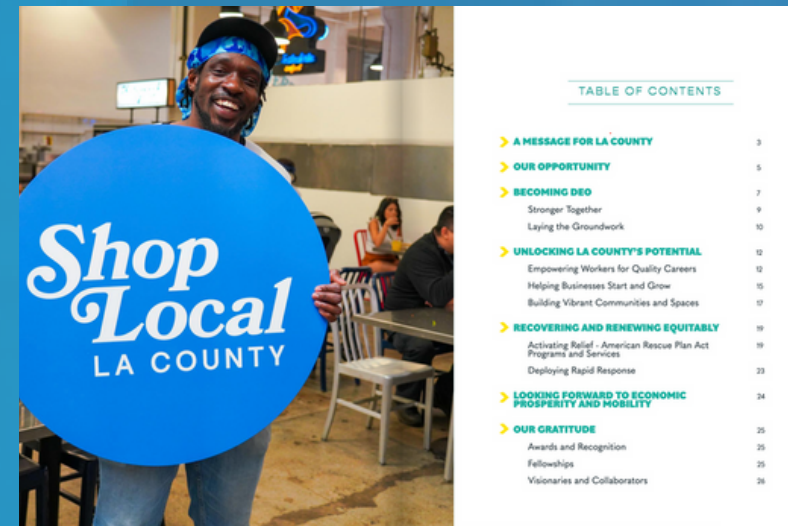
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DEO'S WEBSITE

