Cities Report
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LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Los Angeles County's planning director Thursday ordered an immediate prohibition on the development of large-scale data centers that power artificial intelligence in unincorporated areas of the county.

Department of Regional Planning Director Amy Bodek issued the directive in a memorandum Thursday, saying it is intended to serve as interim guidance for planning staff while the county moves toward codifying the prohibition in its zoning regulations.
Los Angeles County Board Chair and First District Supervisor Hilda Solis said she introduced a motion in April addressing public health and environmental concerns surrounding data centers. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board of Supervisors.

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Solis said she intends to bring additional actions before the Board of Supervisors to implement recommendations from the departments of Regional Planning and Public Health to amend the county's zoning code and prohibit data centers powering artificial intelligence in unincorporated areas.

In the meantime, the Department of Regional Planning's guidance will prohibit such facilities while the zoning amendment process moves forward, Solis said.
She thanked county departments, residents and other stakeholders who raised concerns about data centers and said she remains committed to ensuring technological growth does not come at the expense of public health, environmental protections or residents' quality of life.
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AZUSA

On Tuesday October 13, Los Angeles County and the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy broke ground on phase one of a new gateway park at the entrance to Azusa Canyon.

By next September, the park at 100 N. Old San Gabriel Canyon Road is expected to open. Features will include: a new gate, a roundabout, a camping area, road realignment, a new parking lot, native vegetation and bioswales, playgrounds, two river overlooks, picnic areas, restrooms, and an extension of the San Gabriel River Bike Trail. Later improvements will include a cafe and rental pavilion.
The location of the park may be the heart of Azusa itself. Nathan Nuñez, a descendant of the Xaapchavit clan of the Eastern San Gabriel mountains, explained the meaning of Azusa in the Serrano language.

The purple shaded area is where the park will be built. The San Gabriel River is directly adjacent to the North.

Nuñez said it comes from “Asuksa, or Asuksa Vitam, the people of Asuksa, or the place of their grandmother, or the place of the little bend.” He gestured toward the river bend just outside of the park site, and told of how his family’s presence in the area began at least eight generations ago in a nearby mountain village, prior to the annexation of California.

BALDWIN PARK

The Retirement Housing Foundation on Wednesday, Sept. 24, held a ceremonial ribbon cutting and open house for Central Metro Place, a new affordable senior housing community.

The community features 54 one-bedroom apartments, accessible units, community spaces and a resident courtyard and garden, officials said.

Official say the development rises as the county's population age 65 and older is projected to grow 61%, from 1.44 million in 2020 to more than 2.32 million by 2040.

As such, the $24.4 million community was built for residents to age in place, according to officials with the foundation.

That means half of the apartments are accessible for people with mobility impairments, with additional homes designed for residents with visual or hearing impairments. Its across the street from the Baldwin Park Metrolink station, giving residents convenient access to transit, shops, restaurants and services.

Financing for the development and construction of Central Metro Place came through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the city of Baldwin Park, RHF, Wells Fargo and Citi Community Capital. Walton Construction served as general contractor. Birbagroup Architects was the project architect.

CHINO HILLS

The City of Chino Hills will begin a pavement rehabilitation project on Peyton Drive starting Tuesday, September 8, to improve pavement conditions, roadway infrastructure, and bicycle lanes from State Route 71 to Grand Avenue. The estimated $2.75 million project is funded primarily through the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account, a dedicated state transportation fund supported by gasoline taxes and vehicle fees. These funds are separate from the City's General Fund and are designated for specific transportation and infrastructure purposes.

What to Expect:

The City's contractor, Vance Corporation, is scheduled to begin construction on September 8, with an estimated completion in early December, weather permitting.
The project will include multiple lane closures along Peyton Drive from State Route 71 to Grand Avenue from 7:00 am to 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding City holidays.
Peyton Drive will remain open to through traffic at all times.
Work will also include a temporary closure of Olympic View Drive between Peyton and Crescent Hill Drive during working hours in mid-September. View the detour map.
The Peyton Drive rehabilitation project was originally identified in 2024 as part of the City's Capital Improvement Program. The project was deferred as the City prioritized other critical roadway and infrastructure maintenance needs. The City appreciates the community's patience

during construction as these improvements help maintain reliable infrastructure and enhance roadway safety. For questions regarding the project, visit chinohills.org/MajorConstruction or contact the Engineering Division at (909) 364-2770.

COVINA

The City of Covina has announced the Glendora Avenue Resurfacing Project- Project NO. P2708

Where: Glendora Avenue, From Puente Street to Ruddock Street

The City of Covina is improving Glendora Avenue! Construction will include:

2,500 tons of new asphalt pavement
Miscellaneous concrete improvements
Refurbishment of roadway appurtenances
What To Expect

Temporary lane closures
Traffic delays
Temporary parking restrictions
Construction equipment and crews in the roadway
Temporary impacts to driveway access may occur
Please allow extra travel time, use alternate routes when possible, and use caution when traveling through the construction zone.
Construction schedules are subject to change due to weather and unforeseen conditions.

Questions?

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GLENDORA

Glendora's approach to homelessness rests on several connected elements. No single program or department can address homelessness on its own; the progress we have seen comes from maintaining a full-time outreach presence and coordinating that work across City departments, health and mental-health partners, law enforcement, and community organizations.

The City's contract with L.A. CADA provides a consistent outreach presence in the community (two outreach workers, available Monday through Friday). Outreach workers build relationships with individuals who may initially decline assistance and help them obtain identification, benefits, health care, substance-use treatment, interim shelter, and permanent housing. The work is coordinated with Human Services staff, the Glendora Police Department's Community Impact Team, and a Department of Mental Health clinician assigned to the Mental Evaluation

Team. These partners meet monthly through the City's Homeless Task Force to review cases, identify emerging concerns, and determine where resources should be directed.

Encampment response is an equally important part of the program. When an encampment is identified, the City begins with engagement. Outreach staff contact the individuals present, offer available services, and work toward connections to health care, treatment, shelter, and ultimately housing. Once the necessary outreach has occurred, the City coordinates removal of trash, debris, and biohazardous materials and addresses potential fire risks. Service delivery and cleanup are complementary responsibilities that allow the City to assist individuals while protecting public health and keeping parks, trails, streets, and other shared spaces safe and accessible.

Outreach data and community referrals help the City focus its efforts where homelessness is most concentrated. This includes weekly outreach near Lone Hill Avenue, the 210 Freeway, the Park & Ride, and locations that may be difficult to reach from normal public access points. Since September 2025, the City has partnered with East Valley Community Health Center to bring medical and behavioral health services into the field twice each month. Addressing health conditions in the field can remove a barrier that otherwise prevents someone from moving toward shelter or housing.

Community partnerships further extend the reach of the program. They make showers and hygiene services, food, and clothing available, while City-coordinated resource events bring together health care providers, employment services, Homeless Court, social service agencies, and local faith-based organizations. These settings create additional opportunities to engage people who may not be ready to accept formal services during an initial contact.

For more information visit: https://www.cityofglendora.gov/News-Articles/Glendoras-Response-to-Homelessness-Sept.-2026-Update

The building is 89% leased to eight local tenants, predominantly restaurants, education, personal service and experiential uses.

ONTARIO

The Ontario Police Department announced today that it has received a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) to support its ongoing enforcement and education programs to help reduce the number of serious injuries and deaths on our roads.

The grant funding is essential to strengthening our traffic safety efforts and supporting the program's goal of reducing serious injuries and fatalities through education, enforcement, and proactive community engagement.

The grant will provide additional programs and resources, including:

- DUI checkpoints and patrols focused on stopping suspected impaired drivers.
- High-visibility distracted driving enforcement operations targeting drivers in violation of California's hands-free cell phone law.
- Enforcement operations focused on the most dangerous driver behaviors that put the safety of people biking or walking at risk.
- Enforcement operations focused on top driving violations that cause crashes: speeding, failure to yield, stop sign and/or red-light running, and improper turning or lane changes.
- Community presentations on traffic safety issues such as distracted driving, impaired driving, speeding and bicycle and pedestrian safety.
- Collaborative enforcement efforts with neighboring agencies.
- Officer training and/or recertification to detect and evaluate impairment levels in suspected impaired drivers: Standard Field Sobriety Test (SFST), Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) and Drug Recognition Expert (DRE).

The grant program runs through September 2027. Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

POMONA

On Monday, September 21st at the City Council Meeting, the City Council appointed Karla Shipman as the City Clerk. Karla has been a dedicated member of our City team since 2016, and has been serving as the Acting City Clerk since May 2026. She received her CMC in October 2021, and holds a Professional Certificate for CA Professional Municipal Clerks from UC Riverside.

The CMC is awarded from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC), which grants the CMC designation only to those Municipal Clerks who complete demanding education requirements and who have a record of significant contributions to their local government, their community and state.

The City Clerk is the City's elections official, and compliance officer for the Brown Act and the Public Records Act. The City Clerk's Office prepares City Council Agendas and records Council proceedings, manages the city's records and public records requests, and runs the Boards and Commissions appointment process.

RANCHO CUCAMONGA

The City of Rancho Cucamonga is proud to have recently received the 2026 Helen Putnam Award for Excellence for Randall Lewis Second Story and Beyond®! Presented through League of California Cities, the Helen Putnam Award Program celebrates innovative programs and solutions making a difference in communities across California.

More than 17 years in the making, Randall Lewis Second Story and Beyond® became a reality in May 2024. Today, it is the first children's museum owned and operated by a municipal library in the United States, creating a one-of-a-kind space where children and families can discover, play and learn together.

This recognition belongs to the many City council members, City staff, donors, partners and community supporters who helped turn an ambitious idea into a destination for children and families throughout our region. As the crowned jewel of the Inland Empire, Rancho Cucamonga is honored to receive this

statewide recognition and proud to see the impact Randall Lewis Second Story and Beyond® makes in our community.

SAN DIIMAS

SRS Real Estate Partners has arranged the $41 million sale of San Dimas Commerce Center, a 19-building light industrial park located at 410-490 West Arrow Highway in San Dimas, California.

Dave Faris, Vice President, and Richard Schwartz, Executive Vice President and Senior Managing Principal, represented the seller, San Dimas BP LLC. The transaction brought together SRS' Industrial and Capital Markets teams, combining specialized industrial market knowledge with investment sales expertise. The buyer is an institutional investor with a national presence.

Situated on 10.54 acres, San Dimas Commerce Center totals approximately 179,345 square feet and was 90% occupied at the time of sale. The property comprises 19 individually parceled buildings, most containing less than 10,000 square feet. It is leased to more than 70 local and regional businesses, including several long-term occupants.

The competitive marketing process attracted significant interest from institutional investors, underscoring demand for well-located, small-bay industrial properties with a diversified tenant base.

WEST COVINA

The West Covina City Council on Tuesday, Sept. 15, unanimously approved a resolution to oppose large-scale data centers and battery energy storage system facilities from being built in the city.

Data center bans have been the talk of the San Gabriel Valley, since a proposed data center project in Monterey Park faced strong resident pushback last year.

After months of community organizing, Monterey Park residents overwhelmingly voted for Measure NDC in July, which banned data center development in their city. The measure's passage marked the first data center ban in California.

A few weeks later and a city over, the Alhambra City Council followed Monterey Park's footsteps by placing a similar data center ban measure on the November ballot.

Now, the West Covina City Council has directed staffers to find regulations which can be implemented against large-scale data centers and BESS facilities from being built in the city. Advocates opposing data centers say industrial battery facilities are infrastructure necessary to power large-scale data centers.

However, West Covina's resolution states that it does not constitute any form of final determination against future developments.

Councilmember Ollie Cantos said in an interview before the meeting that many West Covina residents have voiced concerns about the environmental impacts from large-scale data centers, a sentiment echoed in communities across the country.

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As a fellow for the nonprofit group Water Education for Latino Leaders, Cantos said he understands the adverse impacts data centers would have on West Covina's water supply.

Cantos also said that BESS facilities have the potential to cause fires, and with the five recent fires in West Covina, these industrial batteries could be dangerous for West Covina residents.

As Cantos was getting out of an Uber while talking about the resolution, the driver said: "I support no data centers."

Councilmember Tony Wu also supported the resolution, stating in an email that both large-scale data centers and BESS facilities have spurred public safety as well as cost concerns.

On BESS facilities, Cantos said the potential fire risks that come with these facilities are especially concerning to West Covina as the city experienced five fires in the past five months.

The council briefly deliberated on the resolution during the meeting. After city staff briefed the council on the resolution, Cantos asked the city staffer to issue a letter to the City of Industry, opposing the proposed data center at Puente Hills Mall, which he requested originally.

Data centers have become a flashpoint in local and national politics. Even as local residents decry their potential impact on utility, water and environmental costs, President Donald Trump said this week that data centers make people and states wealthy. He called them "the oil of the next 20, 25 years," as they power a boom in artificial intelligence.

But in West Covina, the resolution against them passed unanimously without further discussion from other council members.

Cantos said a resolution's unanimous passage is "not common" in West Covina because of the sharp divide between councilmembers. On one side, Cantos said is Wu, Mayor Letty Lopez-Viado and Councilwoman Rosario Diaz, and on the other side is Councilmember Brian Gutierrez and Cantos.

As a lifelong resident of West Covina, Garcia said it has been difficult watching the city council because of the fractured relationships between council members.