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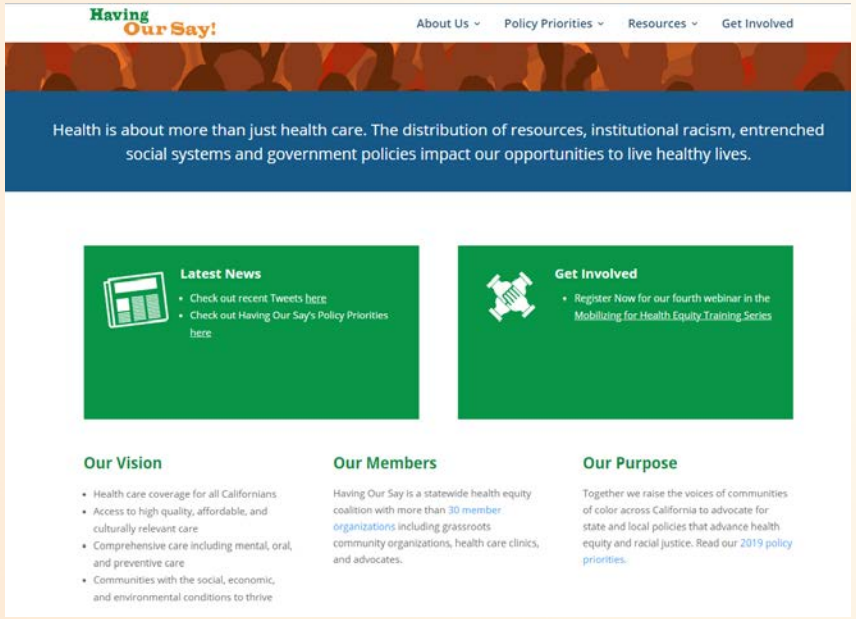
Welcome to the 7th Mobilizing for Health Equity Webinar!



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Eunisses Hernandez
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A native of Los Angeles and daughter of Mexican immigrants, Eunisses comes to this work with experience in advocacy, campaigns, and providing direct services to people impacted by mass incarceration and criminalization. Currently, Eunisses is the Los Angeles Campaign Coordinator for JustLeadershipUSA where she works as a Coordinator for JusticeLA, a coalition that stopped LA County's $3.5 billion dollar jail plan.

Prior to joining JLUSA, Eunisses was a policy coordinator with the Drug Policy Alliance where she worked on the passage and implementation of key California ballot measures, including the historic marijuana legalization initiative Proposition 64 and the felony reclassification initiative Proposition 47. Additionally, she has successfully advocated for civil asset forfeiture reform, and sentencing reform legislation, as well as legislation that has allocated millions for pre-booking diversion programs.

She has been an advocate for social justice and racial equity, and a champion for civic engagement. Eunisses lives and works in Los Angeles where she will continue to advance efforts around community reinvestment, alternatives to incarceration, bold pretrial reform, and decarceration.

JUSTICELA

RECLAIM. REIMAGINE. REINVEST.

Our Mission

The JusticeLA Coalition is a partnership of grassroots organizations, advocates, directly impacted communities, and stakeholders working to stop Los Angeles County's $3.5 billion jail expansion plan and reduce the footprint of incarceration in our county. We seek to reclaim, reimagine, and reinvest dollars away from jail construction and into alternatives to incarceration. JusticeLA prioritizes an intersectional approach to movement building that uplifts the communities most impacted by incarceration in Los Angeles County, including: immigrant and undocumented people; Black, Brown and indigenous peoples; people with mental health and substance use needs; young people, women and LGBTQ people. Building on nearly a decade of organizing against jail expansion, we are calling for a moratorium on jail construction and expansion, as well as an implementation of a robust decarceration plan, in order to fully realize the promise of diversion and re-entry through a justice reinvestment strategy for Los Angeles

Our Executive Team

Youth Justice Coalition LA

Youth Advocacy
State Policy
Probation Reform

CURB

Statewide Legislative &
Budget Advocacy
Coalition Building

Dignity & Power NOW

Grassroots Organizing
Healing Justice
Family Advocacy

Frontline Wellness Network

Policy Advocacy &
Healthcare Worker
Organizing

CRITICAL RESISTANCE

Statewide Jail Fight
Organizing Support and
Research

JLUSA
justleadershipusa.org

Formerly Incarcerated
Leadership Development
Policy Advocacy

MDH
MILLION DOLLAR HOODS

Data Analysis and
Research

WP4BL
WHITE PEOPLE 4 BLACK LIVES

Grassroots Mobilization
Base Building

Victories and Milestones

July 2018

JusticeLA mobilizes LA organizations against SB10 in Sacramento.

June 2019

ATI interim report presentation.
Mandate to identify funds for ATI.

February 2019

Successfully cancelled proposed women’s jail.
ATI workgroup established.

August 2019

Successfully cancelled proposed Mental Health Hospital, killing the $3.5 jail plan.

Vision for the Future

Women’s Jail

Expand the purpose of the $100 million AB 900 capital project funds.

Pretrial Reform

Implement our “Preserving the Presumption of Innocence” pretrial model, and decarcerate the LA County pretrial population.

Alternatives to Incarceration

Ensure implementation and funding of alternatives to incarceration through the ATI Work Group.

Sentencing Reform

Sentence enhancement repeal, sentence reform implementation, DA Accountability, Judicial Advocacy.

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Elizabeth Ayala
Program Manager, Women's Foundation of California

- **Elizabeth** is passionate about developing authentic & powerful leaders. In her current role as a Program Manager at the Women's Foundation of California, she is the lead facilitator for the Women's Policy Institute-Local fellowship. She is also a graduate of the inaugural WPI-Local (then known as WPI-County) class. Previously, she worked as a community organizer, a health education coordinator, a nonprofit consultant, and research assistant. Through all of her roles, she has conducted over a hundred leadership & advocacy trainings in both English & Spanish. She is a first generation college graduate with a Bachelor of Arts from Stanford University.

COUNTY GOVERNMENT

A Quick Overview

from Elizabeth Ayala

Program Manager, The Women's Foundation of California

Del Norte
Siskiyou
Modoc
Humboldt
Trinity
Shasta
Lassen
Tehama
Plumas
Mendocino
Glenn
Butte
Sierra
Nevada
Colusa
Yuba
Placer
Lake
Sutter
El Dorado
Yolo
Sonoma
Napa
Sacto
Amador
Alpine
Solano
Calaveras
Marin
San Joaquin
Tuolumne
Mono
Contra Costa
San Francisco
Alameda
Stanislaus
Mariposa
San Mateo
Santa Clara
Merced
Madera
Santa Cruz
San Benito
Fresno
Inyo
Monterey
Kings
Tulare
San Luis Obispo
Kern
San Bernardino
Santa Barbara
Ventura
Los Angeles
Orange
Riverside
San Diego
Imperial

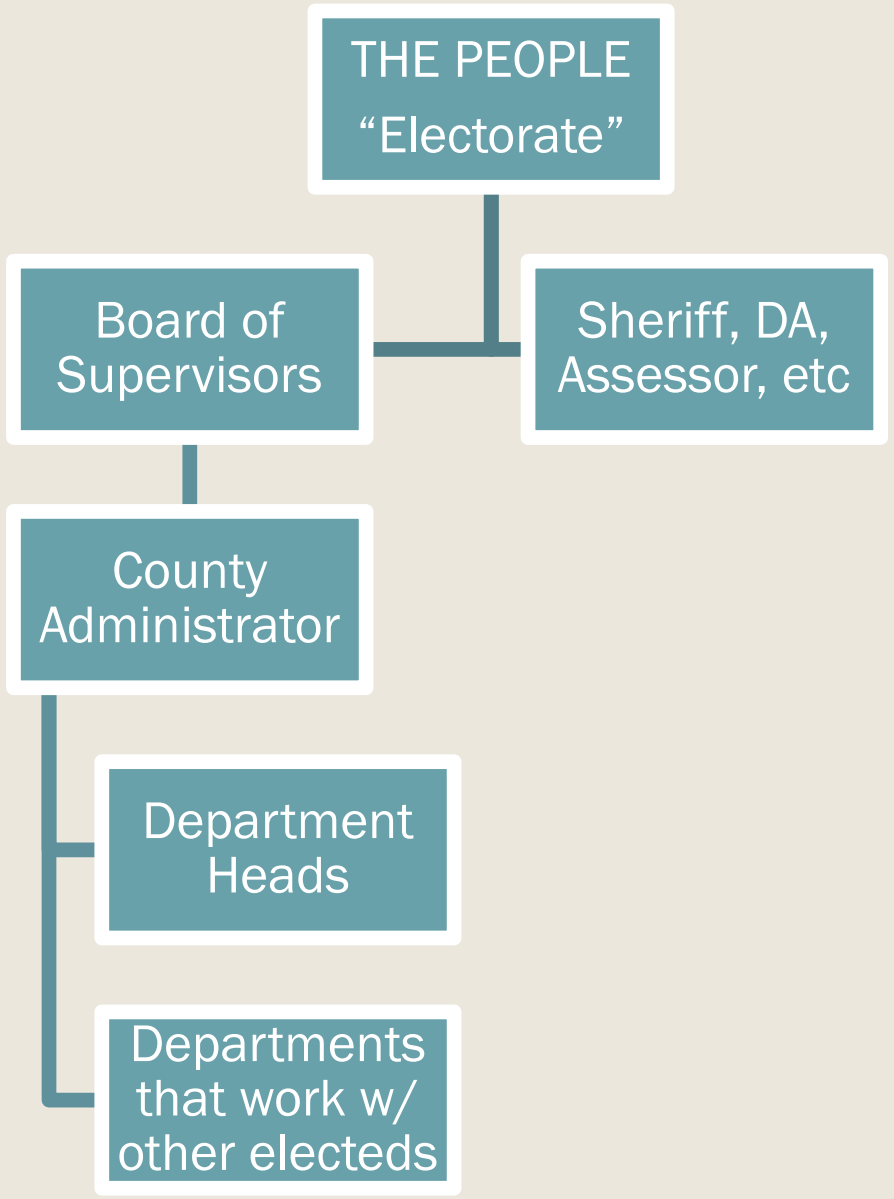
County Government

- There are 58 counties across California
- Except for one, every county has 5 supervisors.
  - *Which one is the exception?*

County Leadership

- Governed by 5-Member Board
  - *San Francisco is the only city-county & it has 11 supervisors*
- Other elected officials:
  - *Mandatory election: Sheriff, District Attorney, Assessor,*
  - Sometimes elected: Treasurer, Tax Collector, Auditor, Clerk, Recorder, Surveyor, Coroner
- Chief Executive Officer/Chief Executive Administrator carries out the business of the county under board of supervisors

County Organizational Structures



County Departments & Services

County Wide Responsibilities

- The county handles these services everywhere in the county
  - *Elections, corrections, social services, behavioral health, public health, child support, jails, probation, district attorney, public defender, recorder, animal control, agriculture, environmental health*

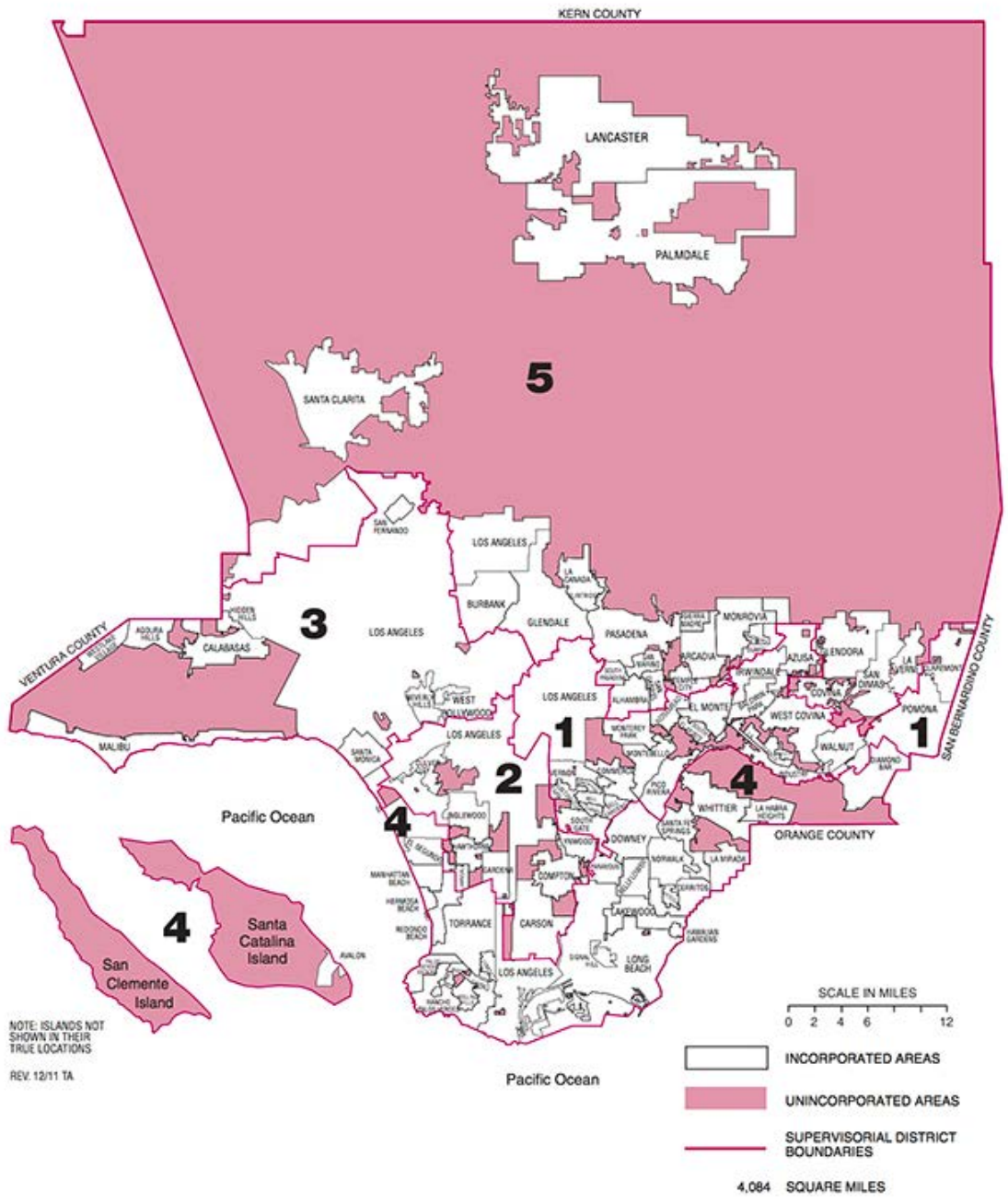
Municipal Responsibilities

- The county also handles some services in “unincorporated” areas
  - *Code enforcement, policing, roads, parks & recreation, libraries*

Incorporated vs Unincorporated

The white area are “incorporated cities”

The pink area is “unincorporated.”



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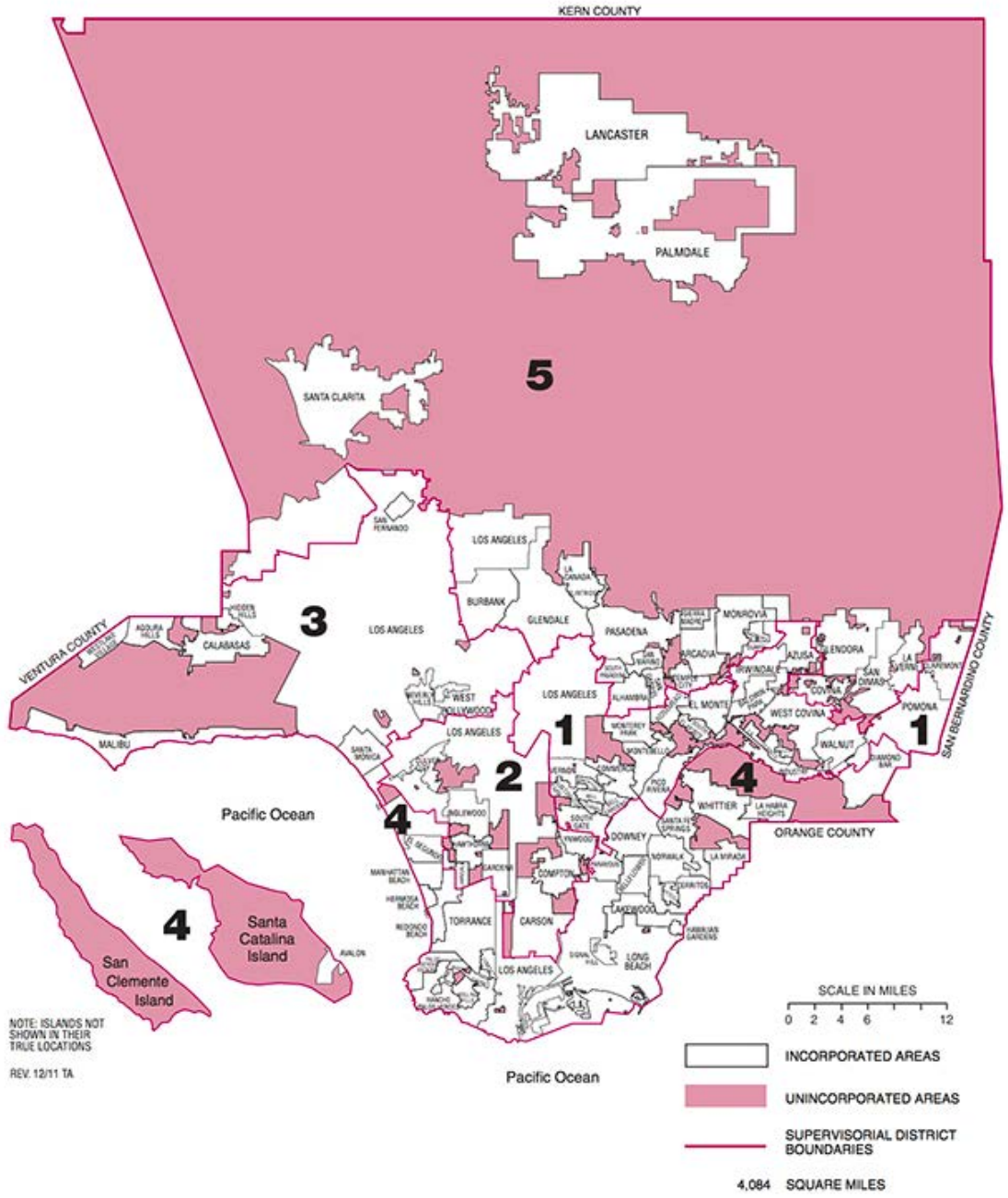
County vs City

At some point, City of Los Angeles had X minimum wage which was

DIFFERENT from the County of Los Angeles's minimum wage



County Responsibilities

Mandated

- Jail/Corrections, Property Assessment, CalWORKS, Child Protective Services, Public Defender, Communicable Disease Control, Elections, Surveyor, Weights & Measurers, Adult Prosecution, Sheriff Patrol, County General Plan, Probation, Behavioral Health Services

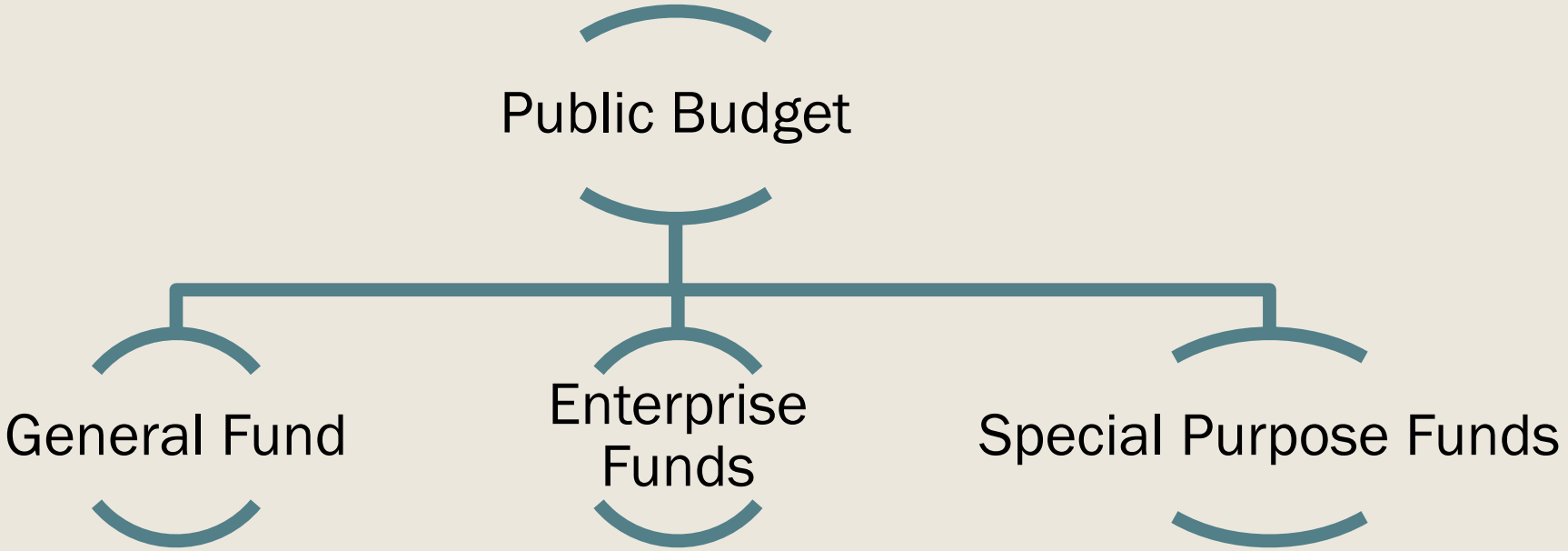
Discretionary

- Senior Nutrition, Fire Protection, Child Abuse Prosecution, Homeless Shelters, Veterans Services, Disaster Planning, Facilities Management, Road Maintenance

County Government Funding

- In 2013-14, across California, 48% of county government revenue was from state & federal pass through funds
- While a county budget may be $3 billion, huge portion is mandated by state & federal regulation.

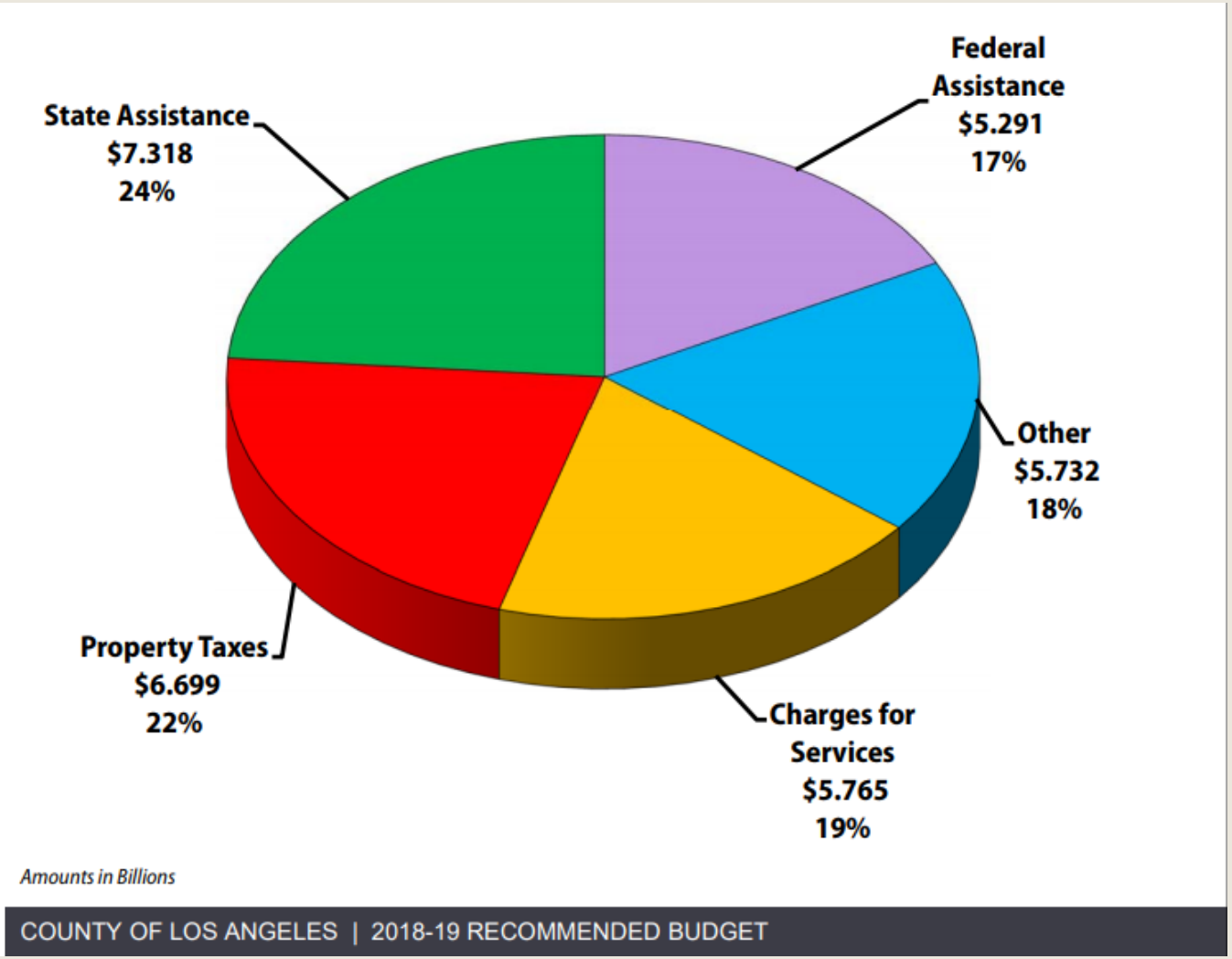
Fundamental Budget Components



Typical Budget Sources

All FY19 Los Angeles County Revenues by Source

Total = $30.8 Billion



Expenditures

All FY19 LA County Spending by Category

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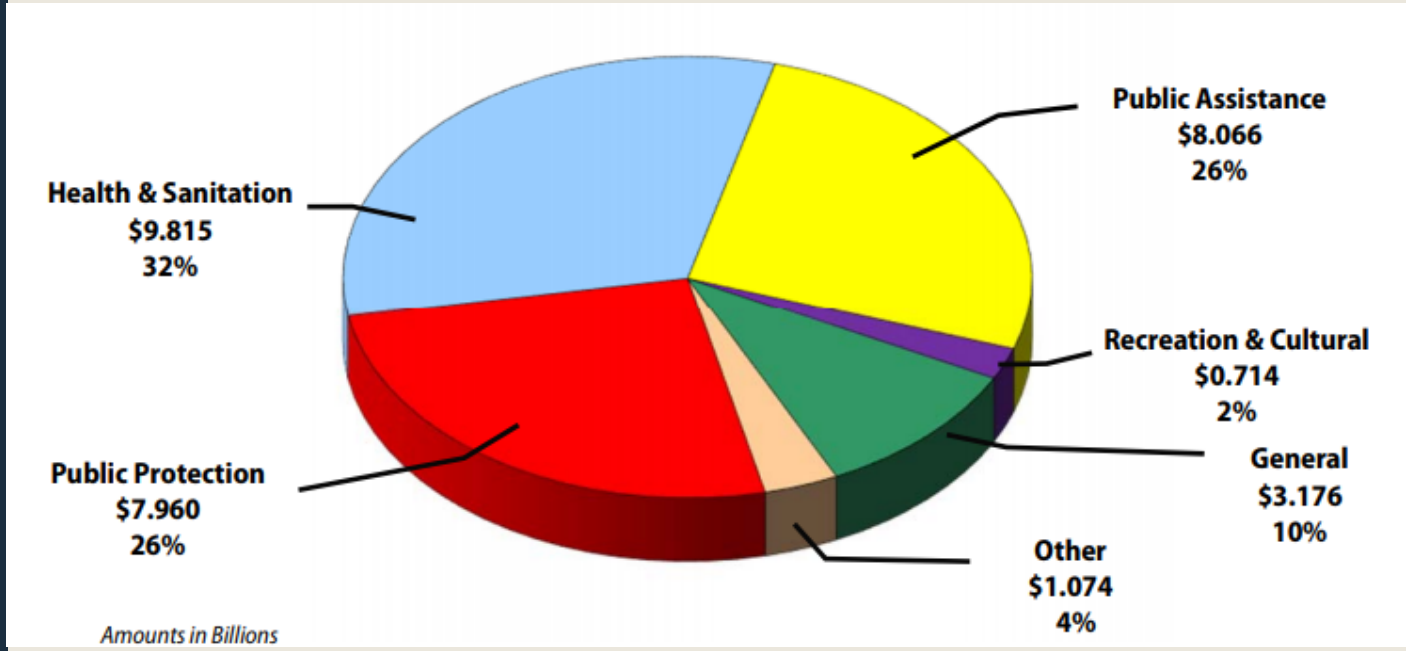
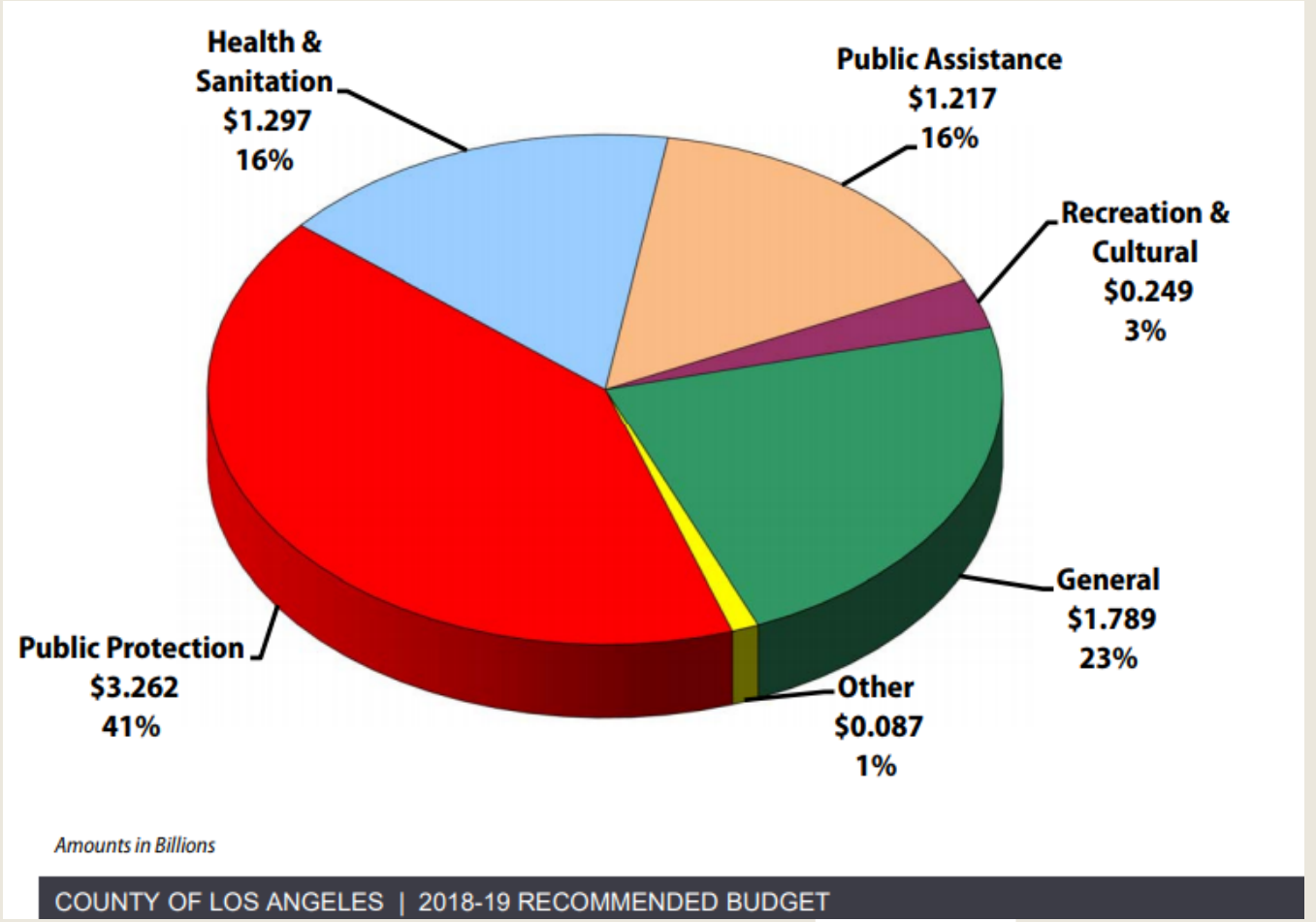


Expenditures

FY18 LA “Net County Cost”

This is how locally generated revenue is spent

Total = $7.9 Billion



Budget Process

*** * Fiscal Year is July 1 – June 30 * ***

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By September 30	Supplemental Budget

Advocacy Opportunities

- **Budget research** to analyze proposals and develop asks
- **Meet** with Supervisors, CEO, and Departments to share community priorities
- **Participate** in public hearings
- **Mobilize, Communicate, and Organize**

Advocacy calendar

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By September 30	Supplemental Budget Second chance

Some advice on advocacy

- Every county is different
  - *Leaders want to know about existing programs or pilots*
  - *But listen for which counties the leaders think are “models to follow”*

- Implementation of state bills VS local innovation
  - *Are you asking the county to follow a state mandate or try something new?*
  - *Implementation – some state mandates are funded, some are not*
  - *Local innovation – local governments are more likely to innovate using grants*

THANK YOU!

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