COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

EMPLOYEE POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

☑ *Original* ☐ *Amendment*

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from private sources for travel taken in connection with official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the annual *Financial Disclosure Statements* of those employees required to file them. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, **you must complete this form and *file it with the Clerk of the House by email at gifttravelreports@mail.house.gov*, within 15 days after travel is completed.** Please ***do not*** file this form with the Committee on Ethics.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

1. Name of Traveler: Allison Blankenship
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ ***OR*** ☒ None
   b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: February 20, 2024 Return: February 23, 2024
   b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ ***OR*** ☒ None
4. Departure City: Washington, DC Destination: Los Angeles, CA; Costa Mesa, CA Return City: Washington, DC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: National Association of Counties (NACo)
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: We visited county-funded projects and organizations to meet with officials who are addressing the issues such as mental health, homelessness, and juvenile justice. These meetings were helpful for us as staff to see the issues first-hand and learn ways that policy and funding can help solve these issues.
7. Attached to this form are ***each*** of the following, *signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box*:
   a. ☒ a completed *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form*;
   b. ☒ the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* completed by the trip sponsor ***prior*** to the trip, ***including all*** attachments ***and*** the *Additional Sponsor Form(s)*;
   c. ☒ page 2 of the completed *Traveler Form* submitted by the employee; ***and***
   d. ☒ the letter from the Committee on Ethics approving my participation on this trip.
8. a. ☒ I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the attached sponsor's agenda. *Signify statement is true by checking the box.*
   b. If not, explain: _____

I certify that the information contained on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Traveler: Allison W Blankenship **Date:** 3/4/2024

I authorized this travel in advance. I have determined that all of the expenses listed on the attached *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form* were necessary and that the travel was in connection with the employee's official duties and would not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Name of Supervising Member: Katherine M. Clark **Date:** 3/4/2024

Signature of Supervising Member: Katherine M. Clark

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COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

☒ *Original* ☐ *Amendment*

This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. **A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated in the trip *within 10 days of their return.*** You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House Rules and the Committee's Travel Regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

1. Sponsor(s) who paid or provided in-kind support for the trip: National Association of Counties (NACo)
2. Travel Destination(s): Los Angeles, Calif.; Costa Mesa, Calif.
3. Date of Departure: February 20, 2024 Date of Return: February 23, 2024
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Allison Blankenship, Chloe Brown, Justin Shockey, Stephanie Faith Williams

   Note: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if ***all*** information is ***identical*** for each person listed.
5. **Actual amount** of expenses paid on behalf of, or reimbursed to, each individual named in Question 4:

	Total **Transportation** Expenses	Total **Lodging** Expenses	Total **Meal** Expenses	Total **Other** Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	$650.08	$677.63	$552.81	$382.20
Accompanying Family Member	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

6. ☒ All expenses connected to the trip were for actual costs incurred and not a *per diem* or lump sum payment. *Signify statement is true by checking box.*

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Matthew D Chase **Date:** 3/1/2024

Name: Matthew D. Chase **Title:** CEO/Executive Director

Organization: National Association of Counties (NACo)

- ***I am an officer of the above-named organization. Signify statement is true by checking box.***

Address: 660 N. Capitol Street NW, Suite 400, Washington, DC 20001

Telephone: (202) 393-6226 **Email:** mchase@naco.org

Committee staff may contact the above-named individual if additional information is required.

If you have questions regarding your completion of this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103.

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COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

TRAVELER FORM

This form should be completed by House Members, officers, or employees seeking Committee approval of privately-sponsored travel or reimbursement for travel under House Rule 25, clause 5. The completed form should be submitted directly to the Committee by each invited House Member, officer, or employee, together with the completed and signed trip sponsor form(s) and any attachments. A copy of this form, minus this initial page, will be made available for public inspection.

This form and any attachments may be submitted at 1015 Longworth House Office Building or travel.requests@mail.house.gov.

Your completed request must be submitted to the Committee no less than 30 days before your proposed departure date. Absent exceptional circumstances, permission will not be granted for requests received less than 30 days before the trip commences. **You must receive explicit approval from the Committee before you depart on this trip.**

Name of Traveler: Allison Blankenship

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

I certify that the information contained on both pages of this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: AllisonBlankenship

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): _____

For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): Democratic Whip Katherine Clark

Office Address: H-148, The Capitol

Telephone Number: (202) 805-2922

Email Address of Contact Person: Allison.Blankenship@mail.house.gov

☐ Check this box if the sponsoring entity is a media outlet, the purpose of the trip is to make a media appearance sponsored by that entity, *and* these forms are being submitted to the Committee less than 30 days before the trip departure date.

NOTE: You must complete all of the contact information fields above, as Committee staff may need to contact you if additional information is required.

KEEP A COPY OF THIS FORM. Page 2 (but not this page) must be submitted to the Clerk as part of the post-travel disclosure required by House Rule 25. Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting paperwork for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

If there are any questions regarding this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103 or via email: *travel.requests@mail.house.gov*.

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Allison Blankenship

2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: National Association of Counties (NACo)

3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Los Angeles, CA ; Costa Mesa, CA

4. a. Date of Departure: Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2024 Date of Return: Friday Feb. 23, 2024

   b. Yes ☐ No ☒ Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?

   If yes, list dates at personal expense: _____

5. a. Yes ☐ No ☒ Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? **If yes:**

   (1) Name of Accompanying Family Member: _____

   (2) Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____

   (3) Yes ☐ No ☐ Accompanying Family Member is at least 18 years of age?

6. a. Yes ☐ No ☒ Did the trip sponsor answer "Yes" to Question 8(c) on the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* (i.e., travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or a foreign agent)?

   b. **If yes**, and you are requesting lodging for two nights, explain why the second night is warranted:

   _____

   _____

7. Yes ☒ No ☐ *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* is attached, including agenda, invitation, invitee list, and any other attachments and Additional Sponsor Forms.

   NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.

8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties. **Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.**

   As Floor Assistant, it is important for me to understand & see firsthand the issues facing all geographic regions of the country, as those issues affect legislation on the House floor. The meetings on this trip will provide insight into how we can deliver solutions for housing & criminal justice in urban areas of the country.

9. **Yes ☐ No ☒ Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip?**

10. For staff travelers, to be completed by your employing Member:

ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Signature of Employing Member: Katherine M. Clark **Date:** 12/20/2023

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a *Traveler Form* **at least 30 days before the start date of the trip**. The trip sponsor should *NOT* submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee's website (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form. The Committee will notify the House invitees directly of its decision and will not notify the trip sponsors.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips. Signatures must comply with section 104(bb) of the Travel Regulations.

1. Sponsor who will be paying for the trip:
   National Association of Counties (NACo)
2. ☒ I represent that the trip will not be financed, in whole or in part, by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent. *Signify that the statement is true by checking box.*
3. ***Check only one.*** I represent that:
   a. ☒ The primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source, funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip; **OR**
   b. ☐ The trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds; **OR**
   c. ☐ The primary trip sponsor has accepted funds, services, or in-kind assistance from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities.
   If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors: _____
4. Provide names and titles of **ALL** House Members *and* employees you are inviting. **For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited** (include additional pages if necessary): _____
   Please see attached
5. Yes ☐ No ☒ Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?
6. Date of Departure: Tuesday, February 20, 2024 Date of Return: Friday, February 23, 2024
7. a. City of departure: Washington, D.C.
   b. Destination(s): Los Angeles, Calif.; Costa Mesa, Calif.
   c. City of return: Washington, D.C.
8. ***Check only one.*** I represent that
   a. ☐ The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965; **OR**
   b. ☒ The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent; **OR**
   c. ☐ The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event *and* lobbyist / foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.

9. ***Check only one of the following.***
   a. ☒ I checked 8(a) or (b) above; **OR**
   b. ☐ I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging; **OR**
   c. ☐ I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night; **OR**
   d. ☐ I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights. If you checked this box, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted. _____

10. ☒ Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees). *Indicate agenda is attached by checking box.*

11. ***Check only one of the following.***
   a. ☒ I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip. *Signify the statement is true by clicking the box;* **OR**
   b. ☐ *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education.

12. For ***each*** sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip ***and*** its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:
   NACo is a 501(c)(4) nonprofit that is the only national organization that represents the nation's parishes and boroughs. NACo works to advance county priorities in federal policymaking and enrich the public's public's understanding of county government. NACo is responsible for recruiting, coordinating and executing this trip.

13. ***Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary***:
   a. Mode of travel: Air ☒ Rail ☐ Bus ☒ Car ☐ Other ☐ (specify: Charter Bus)
   b. Class of travel: Coach ☒ Business ☐ First ☐ Charter ☐ Other ☐ (specify:)
   c. If travel will be first class, or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:

14. ☒ I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). *Signify that the statement is true by checking box.*

15. ***Check only one.*** I represent that either:
   a. ☐ The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees; **OR**
   b. ☒ The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation. If "b" is checked:
      1) Detail the cost *per day* of meals (approximate cost may be provided): Tuesday: $150; Wednesday: $215; Thursday: $215; Friday: $50
      2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: Los Angeles and Orange Counties were selected because both have unique responsibilities and services as urban governments in areas such as mental/behavioral health, homelessness, veterans' affairs, workforce development and emergency management.

16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
   Hotel Name: Loews Hollywood Hotel City: Los Angeles, Calif. Cost Per Night: $212.83
   Reason(s) for Selecting: Within close proximity to programming and offered rate below GSA per diem (pre-tax)
   Hotel Name: Avenue of the Arts Costa Mesa, a Tribute Portfolio Hotel City: Costa Mesa, Calif. Cost Per Night: $232.40
   Reason(s) for Selecting: Within close proximity to programming and offered rate close to GSA per diem (pre-tax)
   Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____
   Reason(s) for Selecting: _____

17. ☒ I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. *Signify that the statement is true by checking the box.*

18. **Total Expenses for each Participant:**

☐ Actual Amounts ☒ Good Faith Estimates	Total **Transportation** Expenses per Participant	Total **Lodging** Expenses per Participant	Total **Meal** Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	$675.40	$677.63	$630.00
For each Accompanying Family Member	N/A	N/A	N/A

	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	$430.75	Please see attached
For each Accompanying Family Member	N/A	N/A

19. ***Check only one:***
    a. ☒ I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below; **OR**
    b. ☐ *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education.

20. **I certify by my signature that**
    a. **I read and understand the Committee's Travel Regulations;**
    b. **I am not a registered federal lobbyist or registered foreign agent; and**
    c. **The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.**

Signature: Matthew D Chase Date: 12/20/2023

Name: Matthew D. Chase Title: CEO/Executive Director

Organization: National Association of Counties (NACo)

Address: 660 North Capitol St., NW, Suite 400, Washington, D.C. 20001

Email: mchase@naco.org Telephone: (202) 393-6226

If there are questions regarding this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103 or travel.requests@mail.house.gov.

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February 13, 2024

Ms. Allison Blankenship
Office of the Minority Whip
H-148, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. Blankenship:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Los Angeles and Costa Mesa, California, scheduled for February 20 to 23, 2024, sponsored by National Association of Counties.

You must complete an Employee Post-Travel Disclosure Form (which your employing Member must also sign) and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. If you are required to file an annual Financial Disclosure Statement, you must also report all travel expenses totaling more than $480 from a single source on the "Travel" schedule of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement covering this calendar year. Finally, Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting information provided to the Committee for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,

Michael Guest
Chairman

Susan Wild
Ranking Member

MG/SW:mc

National Association of Counties
2024 FEDERAL FELLOWSHIP INITIATIVE

LOS ANGELES AND ORANGE COUNTIES, CALIF. | FEBRUARY 20-23, 2024

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20 – ARRIVAL & LOS ANGELES COUNTY

8:00 AM ET – 11:32 AM PT — **FLIGHT FROM DCA TO LAX/LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL (AMERICAN AIRLINES, FLIGHT NO. 1986)**

11:32 AM — **ATTENDEES ARRIVE & ARE GREETED AT LAX**

1:00 PM – 1:15 PM — **WELCOME LUNCH & OVERVIEW OF OLIVE VIEW-UCLA MEDICAL CENTER**

- **Dr. Konita Wilks**, Chief Executive Officer, Olive View-UCLA Medical Center, Los Angeles County Department of Health Services

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM — **HOUSING FOR HEALTH – HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION**

Housing for Health (HFH) was founded in 2012 as a division of the L.A. County Department of Health Services. HFH administers street-based engagement, interim housing, permanent housing, enriched residential care, access to sources of income, homelessness prevention and several other critical services. In addition, HFH provides clinical services in each of these service areas as well as several clinical programs that enhance the wellbeing of HFH participants. HFH work focuses on people experiencing homelessness who have complex physical and behavioral health conditions, are high utilizers of public services, and/or other vulnerable populations. Initially, HFH focused on the Department of Health Services' patients, however, our focus has expanded to all unhoused/precariously housed throughout LA County. HFH will speak about their its programs, including a pilot program that uses artificial intelligence to predict who's most at risk of becoming homeless, so the County can step in to offer appropriate services. Additionally, HFH will provide a tour of their Olive View Medical Center Recuperative Care Center, a 48-bed facility that provides medical oversight and case management services for highly vulnerable individuals who may be newly released from hospitals, other clinical settings, or directly from the street. Recuperative care has become a highly effective tool in addressing homelessness in Los Angeles County.

- **Libby Boyce**, L.C.S.W., Homeless Services Coordinator, Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office
- **Dana Vanderford**, Associate Director, Housing for Health, Los Angeles County Department of Health Services

3:00 PM – 4:30 PM — **TOUR OF RESTORATIVE CARE VILLAGE TO DISCUSS MENTAL HEALTH AND IMD WAIVER CHALLENGES**

The new 85,000-square-foot Restorative Care Village at Olive View-UCLA Medical Center is a prime example of Los Angeles County's investment in creating whole-person care solutions that support patients who may lack a place to live or need additional support after being discharged from a hospital

setting. This campus includes various buildings housing programs demonstrative of the mental health continuum of care, including an 80-bed behavioral health residential treatment program, a mental health urgent care center, and an outpatient wellness center.

- **Dr. Lisa Wong,** Director, Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LADMH)
- **Connie Draxler,** Acting Chief Deputy Director, LADMH
- **Dr. Amanda Ruiz,** Acting Senior Deputy Director, Intensive Care Division, LADMH
- **Dr. Lynetta Shonibare,** Director, Olive View Outpatient Program, LADMH
- **Jennifer Hallman,** Alternative Crisis Response Manager, LADMH

5:00 PM — **ARRIVE & CHECK IN TO HOTEL**

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM — **WELCOME DINNER AND TOUR OF THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL**

Since its opening in 1922, the Hollywood Bowl has been the premier destination for live music in Southern California, hosting everyone from Billie Holiday to The Beatles to Yo-Yo Ma under the iconic silhouette of its concentric-arched band shell. Participants will receive a tour of the Hollywood Bowl from the Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation Department and then have a sit-down dinner to network with their peers.

- **Hon. Kathryn Barger,** Supervisor, District 5, Los Angeles County
- **Norma Edith Garcia-Gonzalez,** Director, Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation
- **Mark Ladd,** Director of Operations & Superintendent, The Hollywood Bowl

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21 – LOS ANGELES COUNTY

8:00AM – 9:00AM — **BREAKFAST BRIEFING**

Loews Hollywood Hotel

9:30 AM – 11:00 AM — **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND COUNTY PERMITTING IN THE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY**

The Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) is Los Angeles County's central economic and workforce development hub helping residents connect to new career pathways, start and certify a business, and access life-changing opportunities. DEO will discuss its their workforce development efforts in various fields, including in the Artificial Intelligence and film industry fields. The Universal Studios Lot is a television and film studio and is part of the entire Universal Studios complex, which includes the adjacent Universal Studios Hollywood theme park.

- **Kelly LoBianco,** Director, Los Angeles County Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO)
- **Jessica Kim,** Chief Deputy, Los Angeles County DEO

- **Gary Smith**, Head, LA County Film Office, Los Angeles County DEO
- **Stephanie Holloway,** Head, Intergovernmental Relations and Development, Los Angeles County DEO
- **Alex Garcia,** Assistant Deputy Director, Land Use Regulation Division, Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning
- **Art Vander Vis,** Deputy Director, Municipal Services, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

LUNCH & VETERAN SERVICES AND MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

The Los Angeles County Department of Military & Veterans Affairs (MVA) counsels veterans, their dependents and survivors regarding federal and state benefits such as compensation, pension, education, medical treatment, home loans, burial benefits and license plate designation. Additionally, the first-ever community-driven support network serving veterans and their families in the U.S., the Veteran Peer Access Network (VPAN) - led by veterans – connects County departments, non-profits, the VA and L.A. City Programs. Tour. Bob Hope Patriotic Hall is a 10-story building that was dedicated as Patriotic Hall by the Los Angeles Board of Supervisors in 1925 and was built to serve veterans of Indian Wars, Spanish–American War, World War I and to support the Grand Army of the Republic. The Patriotic Hall was rededicated in honor of Bob Hope on November 12, 2004. In the early 2010s, it was historically refurbished according to the Secretary of the Interiors Guidelines to Historical Renovations.

- **Jim Zenner, L.C.S.W.**, Director, Los Angeles County Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

2:30 PM – 4:00 PM

AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS INITIATIVE

The Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) provides housing, community, and economic development programs to the residents of Los Angeles County. LACDA will speak to their affordable housing programs, which assist in the development, construction, or renovation of general affordable and permanent supportive housing. The County of Los Angeles Homeless Initiative, within the Chief Executive Office (CEO-HI), is the County's focal coordination agency guiding the County's efforts in homelessness prevention. CEO-HI will speak to their homeless prevention programs, including various housing programs that overlap with their LACDA partners. Gateway at Willowbrook is comprised of 105 units providing housing for residents 62 and over, including 22 units set aside for unhoused residents. The project was developed on property formerly owned by the County. A true public-private partnership, the developer incorporated a county workforce development center and the County's Willowbrook Library on the ground floor of the building. The Los Angeles County of Department Health Services provides Intensive Case Management Services to 50 formerly homeless households. The Drew Child Development Corporation serves as the onsite partner providing quality childcare for the community.

- **Emilio Salas,** Executive Director, Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA)

- **Cheri Todoroff,** Executive Director, Homelessness Initiative, Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office
- **Tracie Mann,** Chief of Programs, LACDA
- **Lynn Katano,** Director of Housing Investment and Finance, LACDA
- **Courtney DeBeikes,** Senior Program Manager, Gateway at Willowbrook – Thomas Safran & Associates
- **Suny Lay Chang,** President & COO, Springhaven Apartments – LINC Housing

4:00 PM **DEPART TO ORANGE COUNTY & HOTEL**

6:30 PM **OPTIONAL DINNER/RECEPTION**
Avenue of the Arts, a Tribute Portfolio Hotel

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22 – ORANGE COUNTY

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM **BREAKFAST BRIEFING**
Avenue of the Arts, a Tribute Portfolio Hotel

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM **TOUR OF ORANGE COUNTY SANTA ANA RIVER AND FLOOD PROJECT**
The Santa Ana River Mainstem Project is designed to provide flood protection to the growing urban communities in Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. The proposed improvements to the system cover 75 miles, from the headwater of Santa Ana River east of the city of San Bernardino to the mouth of the river at the Pacific Ocean between the cities of Newport Beach and Huntington Beach. The project will increase levels of flood protection to more than 3.35 million people within the three county areas. The project includes seven independent features: Seven Oaks Dam, Mill Creek Levee, San Timoteo Creek, Oak Street Drain, Prado Dam, Santiago Creek and Lower Santa Ana River.

- **Cpt. Sean Hutchison,** Project Engineer, Los Angeles District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- **Tim Nyugen,** Senior Civil Engineer, Flood Programs, Orange County Public Works

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM **LUNCH BRIEFING**

1:30 PM – 3:30 PM **TOUR OF THE YOUTH MULTIPURPOSE REHABILITATION CENTER**
Orange County has been on the forefront of developing a comprehensive, multi-agency juvenile justice plan to develop a continuum of responses for the prevention, intervention, supervision, treatment and incarceration of juvenile offenders. Opened in November 2022, the Multipurpose Rehabilitation Center (MRC) addresses the needs of the juvenile and transitional age youth (TAY) within the community corrections system of care. The MRC expands the programs and treatments provided by various County stakeholders and community partners and offers youth the opportunity to learn a variety of

educational, vocational and life skills. The facility consists of several classrooms for programming space, an auto shop, a gymnasium, a fitness center, a multipurpose room that can also be used for youth to visit with their families, an interview room, a childcare room, and a food preparation station.

- **Daniel Hernandez,** Chief Probation Officer, Orange County
- **Priscilla Suzuki,** Director, Orange County Juvenile Hall

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

TOUR OF ORANGE COUNTY INTELLIGENCE ASSESSMENT CENTER

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20 – ARRIVAL & LOS ANGELES COUNTY

8:00 AM ET – 11:32 AM PT — **FLIGHT FROM DCA TO LAX/LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL (AMERICAN AIRLINES, FLIGHT NO. 1986)**

11:32 AM — **ATTENDEES ARRIVE & ARE GREETED AT LAX**

1:00 PM – 1:15 PM — **WELCOME LUNCH & OVERVIEW OF OLIVE VIEW-UCLA MEDICAL CENTER**

- **Dr. Konita Wilks**, Chief Executive Officer, Olive View-UCLA Medical Center, Los Angeles County Department of Health Services

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM — **HOUSING FOR HEALTH – HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION**

Housing for Health (HFH) was founded in 2012 as a division of the L.A. County Department of Health Services. HFH administers street-based engagement, interim housing, permanent housing, enriched residential care, access to sources of income, homelessness prevention and several other critical services. In addition, HFH provides clinical services in each of these service areas as well as several clinical programs that enhance the wellbeing of HFH participants. HFH work focuses on people experiencing homelessness who have complex physical and behavioral health conditions, are high utilizers of public services, and/or other vulnerable populations. Initially, HFH focused on the Department of Health Services' patients, however, our focus has expanded to all unhoused/precariously housed throughout LA County. HFH will speak about their its programs, including a pilot program that uses artificial intelligence to predict who's most at risk of becoming homeless, so the County can step in to offer appropriate services. They will also discuss the critical role that our federal partners in Congress and across federal agencies play in helping achieve this work, including the provision of federal Housing Choice Vouchers (HCVs) and Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHVs). Additionally, HFH will provide a tour of their Olive View Medical Center Recuperative Care Center, a 48-bed facility that provides medical oversight and case management services for highly vulnerable individuals who may be newly released from hospitals, other clinical settings, or directly from the street. Recuperative care has become a highly effective tool in addressing homelessness in Los Angeles County.

- **Libby Boyce**, L.C.S.W., Homeless Services Coordinator, Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office
- **Leepi Shimkhada,** Deputy Director, Los Angeles County Department of Health Services
- **Dana Vanderford**, Associate Director, Housing for Health, Los Angeles County Department of Health Services

3:00 PM – 4:30 PM **TOUR OF RESTORATIVE CARE VILLAGE TO DISCUSS MENTAL HEALTH AND IMD WAIVER CHALLENGES**

The new 85,000-square-foot Restorative Care Village at Olive View-UCLA Medical Center is a prime example of Los Angeles County's investment in creating whole-person care solutions that support patients who may lack a place to live or need additional support after being discharged from a hospital setting. This campus includes various buildings housing programs demonstrative of the mental health continuum of care, including an 80-bed behavioral health residential treatment program, a mental health urgent care center, and an outpatient wellness center. During this briefing and tour, representatives from the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health will showcase the county's work to establish a mental health continuum of care and discuss how reforms to existing federal regulations, such as the Medicaid Institution for Mental Diseases (IMD) Exclusion, would benefit these efforts.

- **Dr. Lisa Wong,** Director, Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LADMH)
- **Connie Draxler,** Acting Chief Deputy Director, LADMH
- **Dr. Amanda Ruiz,** Acting Senior Deputy Director, Intensive Care Division, LADMH
- **Dr. Lynetta Shonibare,** Director, Olive View Outpatient Program, LADMH
- **Jennifer Hallman,** Alternative Crisis Response Manager, LADMH

5:00 PM **ARRIVE & CHECK IN TO HOTEL**

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM **WELCOME DINNER AND TOUR OF THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL**

Since its opening in 1922, the Hollywood Bowl has been the premier destination for live music in Southern California, hosting everyone from Billie Holiday to The Beatles to Yo-Yo Ma under the iconic silhouette of its concentric-arched band shell. As one of the 181 parks owned and operated by Los Angeles County, this iconic landmark highlights the role that counties across the country play in conserving nature while providing recreational access for our residents. To do so, counties rely on the support of our federal partners and funding through programs such as the Land and Water Conservation Fund. Participants will receive a tour of the Hollywood Bowl from the Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation Department and then have a sit-down dinner to network with their peers.

- **Hon. Kathryn Barger,** Supervisor, District 5, Los Angeles County
- **Norma Edith Garcia-Gonzalez,** Director, Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation
- **Mark Ladd,** Director of Operations & Superintendent, The Hollywood Bowl

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21 – LOS ANGELES COUNTY

7:30AM – 8:30AM **BREAKFAST BRIEFING**

During breakfast, attendees will hear about Los Angeles County's newest affordable housing project, Care First Village. Originally designated as a jail, the County's Board of Supervisors voted to change the use from a former jail sit to homelessness services. Designed as two 3-story buildings with a total of 132 units of interim housing for homelessness. Each unit is 160 square feet with a full bathroom, millwork and HVAC. This groundbreaking project was created to support the County's most vulnerable population during the COVID-19 pandemic and is part of a homelessness services campus.

- **Hon. Hilda Solis,** Supervisor, District 1, Los Angeles County, Calif.

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND COUNTY PERMITTING IN THE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY**

The Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) is Los Angeles County's central economic and workforce development hub helping residents connect to new career pathways, start and certify a business, and access life-changing opportunities. DEO will discuss its their workforce development efforts in various fields, including in the Artificial Intelligence and film industry fields. They will also discuss the importance of federal legislation for local workforce development agencies, namely the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). As a major employer and economic partner within the county, participants will visit the Universal Studios Lot, which is a television and film studio and is part of the entire Universal Studios complex, which includes the adjacent Universal Studios Hollywood theme park. Given its location within the unincorporated area of the county, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works and Regional Planning teams will discuss the role counties play to ensure that necessary services and zoning precautions are made available.

- **Kelly LoBianco,** Director, Los Angeles County Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO)
- **Jessica Kim,** Chief Deputy, Los Angeles County DEO
- **Gary Smith**, Head, LA County Film Office, Los Angeles County DEO
- **Stephanie Holloway,** Head, Intergovernmental Relations and Development, Los Angeles County DEO
- **Alex Garcia,** Assistant Deputy Director, Land Use Regulation Division, Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning
- **Art Vander Vis,** Deputy Director, Municipal Services, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM **LUNCH & VETERAN SERVICES AND MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES**

The Los Angeles County Department of Military & Veterans Affairs (MVA) counsels veterans, their dependents and survivors regarding federal and state benefits such as compensation, pension, education, medical treatment, home loans, burial benefits and license plate designation. Additionally, the first-ever community-driven support network serving veterans and their families in the

U.S., the Veteran Peer Access Network (VPAN) - led by veterans – connects County departments, non-profits, the VA and L.A. City Programs. As the county veterans' service office, MVA relies on its partners in the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' and related federal funding to help veterans and military families in Los Angeles County access essential programs and services. During this lunch and briefing, participants will hear from Los Angeles County MVA officials about this work and its federal nexus. They will also tour the county's Bob Hope Patriotic Hall, a 10-story building that was dedicated as Patriotic Hall by the Los Angeles Board of Supervisors in 1925 and was built to serve veterans of Indian Wars, Spanish–American War, World War I and to support the Grand Army of the Republic. The Patriotic Hall was rededicated in honor of Bob Hope on November 12, 2004. In the early 2010s, it was historically refurbished according to the Secretary of the Interiors Guidelines to Historical Renovations.

- **Jim Zenner, L.C.S.W.**, Director, Los Angeles County Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

2:30 PM – 4:00 PM **AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS INITIATIVE**

The Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) provides housing, community, and economic development programs to the residents of Los Angeles County. LACDA will speak to their affordable housing programs, which assist in the development, construction, or renovation of general affordable and permanent supportive housing. The County of Los Angeles Homeless Initiative, within the Chief Executive Office (CEO-HI), is the County's focal coordination agency guiding the County's efforts in homelessness prevention. CEO-HI will speak to their homeless prevention programs, including various housing programs that overlap with their LACDA partners. They will also provide an overview of how counties can improve our intergovernmental partnership with state and local officials to increase affordable housing and homelessness prevention efforts. As part of this visit, participants will tour Gateway at Willowbrook, which is comprised of 105 units providing housing for residents 62 and over, including 22 units set aside for unhoused residents. The project was developed on property formerly owned by the County. A true public-private partnership, the developer incorporated a county workforce development center and the County's Willowbrook Library on the ground floor of the building. The Los Angeles County of Department Health Services provides Intensive Case Management Services to 50 formerly homeless households. The Drew Child Development Corporation serves as the onsite partner providing quality childcare for the community.

- **Emilio Salas,** Executive Director, Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA)
- **Cheri Todoroff,** Executive Director, Homelessness Initiative, Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office
- **Tracie Mann,** Chief of Programs, LACDA
- **Lynn Katano,** Director of Housing Investment and Finance, LACDA
- **Courtney DeBeikes,** Senior Program Manager, Gateway at Willowbrook – Thomas Safran & Associates

- **Suny Lay Chang,** President & COO, Springhaven Apartments – LINC Housing

4:00 PM **DEPART TO ORANGE COUNTY & HOTEL**

6:30 PM **OPTIONAL DINNER/RECEPTION**
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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22 – ORANGE COUNTY

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM **BREAKFAST BRIEFING**
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10:00 AM – 12:00 PM **TOUR OF ORANGE COUNTY SANTA ANA RIVER MAINSTEM PROJECT**
Since authorized by Congress in 1988, the Santa Ana River Mainstem Project was designed to provide flood protection to the growing urban communities in Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. The proposed improvements to the system cover 75 miles, from the headwater of Santa Ana River east of the city of San Bernardino to the mouth of the river at the Pacific Ocean between the cities of Newport Beach and Huntington Beach. The project will increase levels of flood protection to more than 3.35 million people within the three county areas. The project includes seven independent features: Seven Oaks Dam, Mill Creek Levee, San Timoteo Creek, Oak Street Drain, Prado Dam, Santiago Creek and Lower Santa Ana River. Participants will be provided a briefing and tour of these projects by representatives from Orange County Public Works and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, who will demonstrate how federal and county officials maintained a strong intergovernmental partnership to ensure its success over the past five decades.

- **Derek Walker,** Project Manager, Santa Ana River Mainstem Project, Los Angeles District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- **Cpt. Sean Hutchison,** Project Engineer, Los Angeles District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- **James Tyler,** Public Works Manager, Orange County Public Works
- **Nardy Khan,** Orange County Public Works
- **Tim Nyugen,** Senior Civil Engineer, Flood Programs, Orange County Public Works

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM **LUNCH BRIEFING**
During this lunch briefing, participants will continue the conversation around the future of the Orange County Santa Ana River Mainstem Project. Federal and local representatives from this project will also demonstrate the importance of federal and local cooperation and how these funding sources ensure that counties can build resiliency and enhance preparedness efforts as disaster events continue to increase across the nation.

1:30 PM – 3:30 PM **TOUR OF THE YOUTH MULTIPURPOSE REHABILITATION CENTER**

Orange County has been on the forefront of developing a comprehensive, multi-agency juvenile justice plan to develop a continuum of responses for the prevention, intervention, supervision, treatment and incarceration of juvenile offenders. Opened in November 2022, the Multipurpose Rehabilitation Center (MRC) addresses the needs of the juvenile and transitional age youth (TAY) within the community corrections system of care. The MRC expands the programs and treatments provided by various County stakeholders and community partners and offers youth the opportunity to learn a variety of educational, vocational and life skills. Participants will tour this facility, which consists of several classrooms for programming space, an auto shop, a gymnasium, a fitness center, a multipurpose room that can also be used for youth to visit with their families, an interview room, a childcare room, and a food preparation station. During this tour, county officials and staff will showcase the current intergovernmental partnerships when it comes to support juveniles in the criminal justice system and how federal, state and local partners can continue developing its community corrections continuum of care.

- **Daniel Hernandez,** Chief Probation Officer, Orange County
- **Priscilla Suzuki,** Director, Orange County Juvenile Hall

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