

LOS ANGELES REGIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

(formerly
Legislative Issues
Committee)

Thursday, September 19, 2019

**10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
1550 W. 8th Street, 3rd Floor
Los Angeles, CA**

Nancy Volpert, Co-Chair and
Minty Siu-Kootnikoff, Co-Chair

Introductions/Announcements

2019 Legislation

a. State

- a. See Bill Chart (if you need access to the bill chart, please contact dcohanghadosh@jfsla.org for access to the Google Doc)
- b. If the bill chart notates “enrolling” or “engrossing” the bill has been sent to the governor for review. The Governor has until October 13 to sign, veto, or to allow to become law without his signature.
- c. The following bills have been noted as engrossed or enrolled: AB12; AB 61, AB 164, AB 166, AB 171, AB 339, AB433, AB 624, AB 668, AB 800, AB 917, AB 960, AB 1129, SB36, SB 273, SB 375.
- d. If the bill chart notates “Secretary of State, Statutes of 2019,” the bill has been signed by the Governor. The following bills have been signed by the Governor, “ AB381, AB 925, SB18, SB316,
- e. The remaining are either dead or 2 year bills, (see bill chart for specifics)
- f. Overall theme for this year, more bills made it to the Governor’s desk than in previous years.

b. Federal

- a. No change in the status of VAWA, passed the House, not being taken up in the Senate; there was an action day last week, but as election approaches, there may be more pressure on Senate to act.
- b. Public comment being accepted through September 23, 2019 on proposed changes in SNAP categorical eligibility, which will require CalWorks and other public benefits recipients to file separate applications for CalFresh benefits and thus create more barriers to access.
- c. Public Charge regulation goes into effect on October 15, 2019. It will make it harder to be admissible into the US, but will not affect those who are already greencard holders. At least 6 lawsuits are pending to enjoin the regulation, three in NoCal, and 3 others around DC area, probably Virginia, hearings to be held around October 2 and 3rd. NILC and CLASP have good materials to review, goal of administrations is to sow confusion so that fewer people will access the benefits to which they are entitled, so educate yourselves and your clients. Nothing changes until October 15, and even so, all forms of humanitarian relief is exempt from public charge rules. For more information, check the protectingimmigrantfamilies.org website which contains multilingual factsheets.

c. Local

- a. No updates

Discussion of Potential 2020 Legislation Ideas

- a. Eve – following up on her prior conversations about add DV to WIC 300, with language to exclude DV victims from charges of failure to protect, this is not currently moving forward but will have further conversations in the coming months. If SB 144 passes as a 2-year bill, Eve proposed having the County backfill the potential \$800K loss to county funded services; a DCFS committee is being put together to review DCFS policies, “InvestLA” is trying to improve outcomes for vulnerable children
- b. Akiko – expressed policy concerns about how much discovery the DA is seeking out for release under Brady and its demands from discovery outside its control and possession; discussion that judges always err on side of disclosure
- c. Pallavi – discussion about amending penal code to be more aligned with prohibitions against Coercive Control, as in Scotland, Wales, UK, Ireland; proposes to bring language to next meeting; would appreciate descriptive examples
- d. Dennis – raised issue of trying to make the distinction between Anger Management and DV
- e. Carielle – the Los Angeles County Homeless Initiative is convening eight policy summits to gather input from subject matter experts and key community stakeholders. Our attendance can help assure a DV voice in the room as the policies are being set for the next three years. *A follow up email provided the details of the summit, all being held at the United Way at 1150 S Olive Street, LA 90015, and all but the last session being held from 9 to noon, the last session runs from 1 to 4 p.m., **Opening System Discussion**, September 26, 2019; **Prevention and Diversion**, October 3, 2019; **Outreach**, October 8, 2019; **Interim Housing**, October 15, 2019; **Permanent Housing**, October 24, 2019; **Employment**, October 30, 2019; **Partnerships with Cities**, November 7, 2019 and **Closing System Discussion**, November 21, 2019*
- f. Maleaha on behalf of Julia– proposed making 3044 applicable in dependency court; Dennis opposes
- g. Gail – was unable to attend and sent her proposals after the meeting electronically:
 - a. *Expand 3044 to include dependency court*
 - b. *Expand usage of dv expert testimony to civil court and administrative hearings for city and county and state employees (law enforcement, civil employees, state licensing boards) its 1107 evidence code*
 - c. *Expand right to a DV advocate to dependency court proceedings and juvenile delinquency courts, depositions, and mediation for dv divorce proceedings and hearings (not child visitation, as that right already exists).*
 - d. *Oppose legislation that takes money from dv shelters such as diverting the dv fines from shelters to batterer intervention programs.*
 - e. *5¢ a drink tax on alcoholic beverages to add funding to emergency shelters (defined narrowly), advocate emergency response teams, and specialized medical services to dv victims including strangulation, TBI from dv, and training and equipment for medical procedures due to domestic violence such as MRI's, special cameras that can photograph darker skin for injuries, training for ER doctors to detect strangulation, TBI due to domestic violence, documentation, and expert testimony in the medical field. Maybe include research*
 - f. *Include emergency medical services mandate for strangulation victims as police protocol.*

Public Comments

- a. Nancy – reminds people of the importance of the LA region standing up within CPEDV, there is a regional call tomorrow 9/20, (*next call 12/06/19*). The 2019 CPEDV budget ask did not protect existing shelter funding instead asking for different monies, so shelter funds were cut significantly by CalOES because CPEDV did not prioritize that need. .
- b. Note there was a trending article in the LA times today on DV homicides

Adjourn

Please note that notations in italics were not stated at the meeting, but added subsequently to the meeting to add information