

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

EXECUTIVE ORDER N-17-25

WHEREAS on January 7, 2025, I proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties due to fire and windstorm conditions that caused multiple fires, including the Palisades, Eaton, Hurst, Lidia, Sunset, Woodley, and Hughes Fires; and

WHEREAS since the fires began, I have issued several Executive Orders to bolster the emergency response to the rapid spread of these fires throughout Los Angeles and Ventura Counties, and to expedite recovery efforts in the impacted communities; and

WHEREAS these fires devastated communities across the Greater Los Angeles Area and have collectively burned over 47,900 acres, destroying or damaging more than 16,250 structures, including homes, small businesses, schools, child care facilities, and places of worship, with initial estimates placing this disaster among the most destructive in California history; and

WHEREAS these fires have destroyed entire neighborhoods and communities, leaving residents and other impacted individuals traumatized and uncertain about the status of their homes, property, businesses, places of worship, and other community locales; and

WHEREAS it is important that impacted individuals and families not be unfairly penalized for failing to meet program deadlines and/or fee requirements for participation in state social services programs; and

WHEREAS continued provision of social services by local agencies and contractors is especially important in the aftermath of this emergency and their important work should not be unduly burdened by regulatory requirements that they may be unable to meet because of the displacement and disruption caused by this emergency; and

WHEREAS local educational agencies are obligated to continue serving students who were enrolled, but lost their residence and may be temporarily living outside of district boundaries due to the fires throughout Greater Los Angeles Area pursuant to Education Code section 48852.7, but, given the extent of the impacts on schools, additional flexibility is needed to accommodate students who have been displaced and utilize temporary facilities to support continuity of education; and

WHEREAS protections against price gouging for rental housing safeguard against unjustified and opportunistic price surges in times of emergency, and for housing that has no pre-emergency baseline price because it was not recently rented California's price gouging law caps rental prices based on federal estimates of "fair market rent," but a careful balance is necessary to ensure these provisions accurately reflect the reasonable costs of housing in Los Angeles County and do not discourage available housing from coming on the market; and

WHEREAS under the provisions of Government Code section 8571, I find that strict compliance with various statutes and regulations specified in this Order would prevent, hinder, or delay the mitigation of the effects of these Los Angeles County fires and windstorm conditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM, Governor of the State of California, in accordance with the authority vested in me by the State Constitution and statutes, including the California Emergency Services Act, and in particular, Government Code sections 8567, 8571, and 8627, do hereby issue the following Order to become effective immediately.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The requirement imposed by section 8258 of the Education Code limiting administrative costs for state-funded preschool programs to fifteen percent of net reimbursable costs is suspended for contracting agencies directly impacted by this emergency in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties. The Department of Education may reimburse approvable administrative costs for such California State Preschool contractors in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties incurred prior to June 30, 2025, in excess of fifteen percent of net reimbursable costs.
2. The deadline for families in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties experiencing homelessness and enrolling in the California Department of Education (CDE) California State Preschool Program or California Department of Social Services (CDSS) Child Care and Development program to submit required documentation, as specified in Title 5, sections 17771 (e) and 18090(e) of the California Code of Regulations, and which would otherwise be due prior to January 1, 2026, is extended for an additional 60 days beyond the date such documentation would otherwise be due.
3. The requirement to conduct a program self-evaluation, as specified in Title 5, sections 17709 and 18279 of the California Code of Regulations, is suspended until June 30, 2025, for CDE California State Preschool Program contractors and CDSS Child Care and Development contractors impacted by this emergency in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties.
4. The requirement to conduct a parent survey, as specified in Title 5, sections 17710 and 18280 of the California Code of Regulations is suspended until June 30, 2025, for CDE California State Preschool Program contractors and CDSS Child Care and Development contractors impacted by this emergency in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties.
5. Paragraph 5 of Executive Order N-6-25 is withdrawn and replaced by the following:

Residency requirements are suspended for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year, including those set forth in Education Code sections 48200 and 48204, for students displaced by this emergency or attending schools in Los Angeles County that were damaged or destroyed by this emergency.
6. Any applicable deadline to complete a Desired Results Developmental Profile, as specified in Title 5, sections 17702 and 18272 of the California Code of Regulations, is extended until June 30, 2025, for CDSS Child Care and Development programs and CDE California State Preschool Program contractors impacted by the emergency in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties.

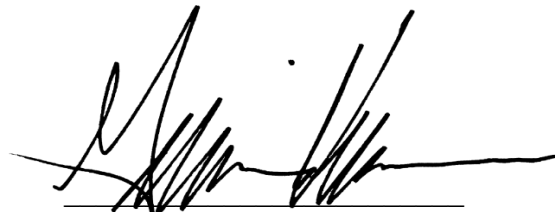
7. Any applicable deadline to complete an Environmental Rating Scale, as specified in Title 5, section 18281 of the California Code of Regulations, is extended until June 30, 2025, for CDSS Child Care and Development programs contractors impacted by the emergency in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties.
8. Notwithstanding Welfare & Institutions Code sections 14132.100, 14132.101, 14132.107, 14170, and 14087.325(e)(2), the deadlines for providers to submit, and for the Department of Health Care Services to review, a cost report, change in scope of service request, or reconciliation request are each extended 90 days beyond the date on which such would otherwise be due for providers impacted by this emergency in Los Angeles or Ventura Counties.
9. To ensure that individuals with developmental disabilities continue to receive the services and supports mandated by their individual program plans, the Director of the Department of Developmental Services may issue directives suspending any provision or requirement of the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act (Welf. & Inst. Code, §§ 4500 et seq.), the California Early Intervention Services Act (Gov't. Code, §§ 95000 et seq.), and any accompanying regulations of Title 17, Division 2 of the California Code of Regulations. A directive may delegate to the regional centers any authority granted to the Department by law where the Director believes such delegation is necessary to ensure continued services to individuals with developmental disabilities. The Director shall describe the need justifying the suspension granted in each directive, including why the suspension is necessary to protect public health or safety or to ensure that services to individuals with developmental disabilities are not disrupted. Any suspension granted pursuant to this Paragraph shall expire 30 days from the date of its issuance. The Director may grant one or more 30-day extensions if the suspension continues to be necessary to protect health or safety or to ensure delivery of services. The Director shall rescind a suspension once it is no longer necessary to protect public health or safety or ensure delivery of services. Any suspensions and extensions granted pursuant to this Paragraph shall be posted on the Department's website.
10. For families who were subject to an evacuation order or warning as a result of this emergency, any state laws or regulations requiring completion of a semiannual report or annual redetermination of eligibility for the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) program, including but not limited to sections 11265 and 11265.1 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, are suspended until April 30, 2025, and such families shall have their certification period extended for a period of six months, contingent on securing a federal waiver of the same requirements for the CalFresh program. Families who were subject to an evacuation order or warning as a result of this emergency, and would have otherwise been discontinued for failure to file a semiannual report or annual redetermination in January 2025, shall have their certification period extended until July 31, 2025.
11. Any deadline on or before April 1, 2025, for public officials in Los Angeles County to file the following reports or statements is extended by 60 days:

- a. A report of behested payments as required by section 84224 of the Government Code or associated regulations.
 - b. For officials assuming office, a statement of financial interests as required by section 87202 of the Government Code or associated regulations, or any similar statement required by a Conflict of Interest Code adopted by an agency pursuant to sections 87300 and 87302 of the Government Code or associated regulations.
 - c. For officials leaving office, a statement of financial interests as required by section 87204 of the Government Code or associated regulations.
12. Paragraph 3 of Executive Order N-3-25 is withdrawn.
13. For Small Cities Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) allocated pursuant to sections 50825 to 50834.5 of the Health and Safety Code, funds allocated to jurisdictions in Los Angeles County for fiscal year 2025 shall not be considered part of the total program funds allocated for that fiscal year for purposes of the requirement in subdivision (a) of section 50827 that thirty percent of the annual allocation of grant funds, less administrative expenses, be set aside for economic development projects and programs.
14. Any deadline provided by sections 6592 and 6593 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, or associated rules or regulations, for the filing of a statement under penalty of perjury setting forth the facts for a claim for relief as a result of a disaster, is extended for a period of three months after the due date of the return or payment.
15. In addition to the ZIP codes identified therein, Paragraph 1 of Executive Order N-7-25, which prohibits unsolicited offers to purchase real property for an amount less than the fair market value of the property, and Paragraph 1 of Executive Order N-10-25, which suspends until April 10, 2026 penalties, costs, or interest for the failure to pay property taxes, shall also apply in ZIP codes 91024, 91103, and 91367. All other provisions of those paragraphs remain unchanged.
16. Penal Code section 396, subdivisions (e) and (j)(11)(B), as applied to housing not rented and not offered for rent within one year prior to the proclamation of a state emergency, are suspended, until March 8, 2025, to the extent they restrict the rental price of single family homes of four bedrooms or more in the following U.S. Postal Service ZIP Codes, for which the Small Area Fiscal Year 2025 Fair Market Rent calculated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development is or exceeds \$5,500 for four-bedroom units: 90015, 90049, 90067, 90077, 90094, 90210, 90263, 90265, 90266, 90272, 90274, 90275, 90290, 90291, 90292, 90703, 91011, 91105, 91210, 91301, 91302, 91307, 91354, 91364, 91436, 91709, and 91789.
17. For purposes of the price gouging protections codified in section 396 of the Penal Code, the limitation of the definition of "housing" in Penal Code section 396, subdivision (j)(10), to rental housing "with an initial lease term of no longer than one year" is suspended, and the definition shall include any rental housing, regardless of the initial lease term.

I FURTHER DIRECT that as soon as hereafter possible, this Order be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State and that widespread publicity and notice be given of this Order.

This Order is not intended to, and does not, create any rights or benefits, substantive, or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity, against the State of California, its agencies, departments, entities, officers, employees, or any other person.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 4th day of February 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gavin Newsom', written over a horizontal line.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH. D
Secretary of State