



RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The governmental powers of the County of Los Angeles (County) are exercised through a Board of Supervisors (Board), as well as agents and officers acting under authority of the Board or by authority conferred by law.

The County Charter provides for a five-member Board, each of whom must be a constituent of the district represented, must reside therein during incumbency, must have been such a constituent for at least one year immediately preceding election and be elected by the district.

The Board fulfills three major powers in County government: executive, legislative and quasi-judicial.

In an executive capacity, The Board is the chief executive authority of the County and administers local government functions, similar to a mayor of an incorporated city.

In its legislative role, the Board may enact County ordinances and has broad authority under its police power to protect public health, safety, and welfare. In addition, in emergency situations, the Board may dispense with certain requirements including, but not limited to, contracting and competitive bid requirements.

In a quasi-judicial capacity, the Board is the decision maker responsible for final determinations in administrative hearings and public hearings in areas such as conditional use permits, variances, subdivision maps, among others.

The Board is responsible for the adoption of an annual budget outlining the expenditures of all branches of the County on a fiscal-year basis. It also serves as the governing body of many special districts including, but not limited to, the Flood Control District and the Los Angeles County Development Authority. The Board supervises the activities of the Chief Executive Officer and all County departments, determines County and special district policies, and sets salaries of County personnel. The Supervisors also nominate people to serve on various County commissions.

In addition to the powers and duties specifically granted to the Board of Supervisors by law, each Board office acts as a liaison between the public and County agencies and officials.