



# LACountyBusinessConnect

Helping Business Thrive in LA County

## Meet Key Los Angeles County Departments— Getting Your Project Approved

Experiencing challenges getting the approvals your business needs from key L.A. County Departments? LAEDC's Business Assistance Team is here to assist by walking you through the approval processes, and serving as your strategic business advisor. As a Business Assistance Team, we are often called on to resolve or clarify regulations, assist with permitting, and attend plan checks at review time to ensure a successful project approval process.

**We help businesses navigate through various County departments to get projects approved quicker.**

We will assist your business by gathering information, requirements, and timeframes needed by the key L.A. County departments. We will introduce you to the right people in each department from the start to alleviate bottlenecks and make the approval process flow smoother.

**Let us be your liaison.** With a combined 121 years of experience, our team can make a huge difference on your project's completion timeframe. Best of all, our services are offered at NO-COST to you. Call the LAEDC at **888-4-LAEDC-1** and let our team help you today.

**Remember: Each incorporated city has its own code requirements in addition to the County's requirements.** City-specific permits and processes are handled at the respective city level. LAEDC encourages businesses to check with their city planning or community development department first for specific rules. For unincorporated cities, check with L.A. County.

### Links to key County websites:

- ✓ [Los Angeles County Fire Department](#) is responsible for approving all building fire codes.
- ✓ [Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning](#) performs all land use planning functions for the unincorporated areas of L.A. County. [Design guidelines for commercial and industrial projects.](#)
- ✓ [The Los Angeles County Department of Public Works](#) is responsible for the construction and operation of Los Angeles County's roads, building safety, sewage, and flood control.
  - [Los Angeles County Department of Building and Safety](#) enforces building codes and standards to ensure safe building design and construction.
- ✓ [County of Los Angeles Public Health](#) serves Los Angeles County residents and visitors, the food industry, housing and institutions operators, along with water, sewage and solid waste industries.
  - [County of Los Angeles Environmental Health](#) assesses environmental conditions and reduces exposure to health risk. [Services and Contact Numbers](#)
  - Environmental Health, Plan Check Requirements—Construction requirements for [WHOLESALE FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS: FOOD PROCESSING, WHOLESALE FOOD MARKETS AND FOOD WAREHOUSES](#). For [COMMERCIAL/RETAIL FOOD](#).
- ✓ [Los Angeles County Department of Consumer and Business Affairs](#)
  - [The Small Business Concierge](#) is a free consulting service offered by L.A. County that helps prospective business owners who are interested in opening small businesses in the unincorporated areas of the County. [Events Calendar including Help and Consumer Links](#)

Check with the appropriate **L.A. County department** website or office for individual checklist requirements for permits, plan check approvals and other proper documentation.

**Looking for real specifics?**

**FIRE CODE-Title 32?**

**Dimensions for creating parking stalls?**

**Or to know the kind of electrical work requiring a permit?**

Search and navigate all codes, individual ordinances and documents at:



## El Tepeyac Café— LAEDC Success Story

**El Tepeyac Café** is a family owned restaurant in the City of Industry with a long culinary tradition that started in the East Los Angeles Area.



**The Challenge.** Along with growing pains of any business, company has been operating for over 4 years at this site. When LAEDC met with this company to provide a business needs analysis, the company was dealing with legal issues which depleted its financial resources and curtailed its ability to borrow additional funds to settle some legal issues.

**58 Jobs Saved  
in the  
City of Industry**

**After several business consultations with LAEDC, the LAEDC representative proposed that the company seek procurement contracts with Los Angeles County as a way to increase revenue. Location was key.**

It was pivotal that El Tepeyac's location is near the L.A. County Department of Public Social Services Administrative Services office which houses more than 300 employees. El Tepeyac's owners, with the assistance of LAEDC, were able to become a vendor with L.A. County and pursue catering contracts as a local institutional merchant. The strategy was significant in retaining the business and its 58 jobs in the City of Industry.

### Need to do Tenant Improvements/TIs?

These are projects that require demolition such as digging and pouring concrete for foundation, support for industrial equipment, racking, storing or building areas for food production. The LAEDC can help steer the way.



### The LAEDC Business Assistance Program (BAP) Team is here to assist you.

The award-winning LAEDC Business Assistance Team's goal is to provide excellent customer service and assemble the right parties to review the project and identify timelines and steps so it can get approved.

**The approval clock starts once all required documents are submitted.** Call us, we can help get the process started!



### The LA COUNTY Workforce Development Board (WDB) and the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC)

*Partnering for business.*

Welcome to our twenty-first issue of *LA County Business Connect*. Our newsletter is a service offered by the LA County WDB and the LAEDC to provide valuable tools to support and grow your business. One call, one click, can put you in touch with people who know where and how to get things done.

Just a few ways we can help:

- Resources for hiring and training employees.
- Identify incentives and resources that can save you money.
- Assist with access to financing.
- Provide existing workers with new skills to help you compete.
- Best of all, LAEDC services are **FREE!**

**Call the LAEDC today, and let us connect you to resources to help your business thrive!**

Visit [www.laedc.org/our-services/business-assistance-layoff-aversion/](http://www.laedc.org/our-services/business-assistance-layoff-aversion/) or call **888-4-LAEDC-1**

## CONNECT WITH US!

Put the LA County WDB and the LAEDC to work for you!

Call **888-4-LAEDC-1** Or visit [LAEDC.org/business-assistance](http://LAEDC.org/business-assistance)



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