

Measure G & Cities in Eastern Los Angeles County

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Report of Preliminary Findings



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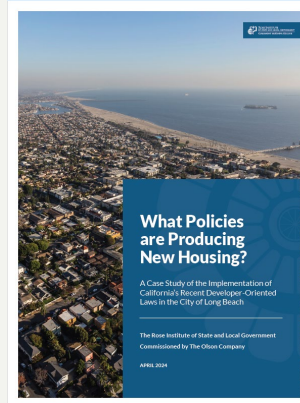
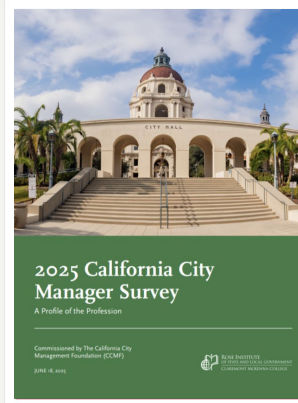
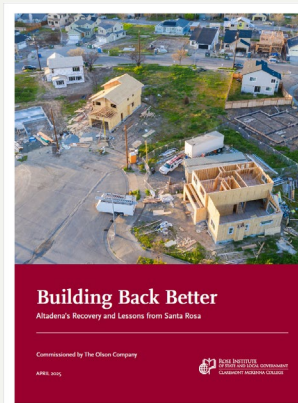


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Founded in 1973 at Claremont McKenna College

Produces non-partisan research on state and local governance and policy, with a focus on Southern CA

Has developed close relationships with cities and city managers in LA County



WHY MEASURE G MATTERS

Measure G: The *biggest shift* in Los Angeles County governance in more than a century

51.6%

A narrow mandate for
transformative change —
implementation matters as
much as the measure itself.

2026

New Ethics Commission

Carefully structured body with
investigative authority

2028

**First Elected
County Executive**

Budget authority, veto power,
administrative leadership

2032

**Expanded Board of
Supervisors: from 5 to 9**

Districts of ~1.1M residents
(down from ~2M)

Governance Reform Task Force

THE IMPLEMENTATION GROUP FOR THE COUNTY THAT HAS BECOME A RESOURCE AND PARTNER

Composition

13-member body appointed with the charge of guiding Measure G implementation

Advisory Mandate

Charged with conducting public outreach and making recommendations to the Board of Supervisors through December 2028

Leadership

Chaired by Nancy Yap, focusing on geographic and stakeholder diversity

The Rose Institute
is monitoring and
connecting with the
GRTF to inform
research and
connect cities.

Haynes-Funded Measure G Study

ELEVATING VOICES OF CITIES IN EASTERN LA COUNTY

Why Cities?

- Most important jurisdictions within the county
- Essential for successful implementation of Measure G

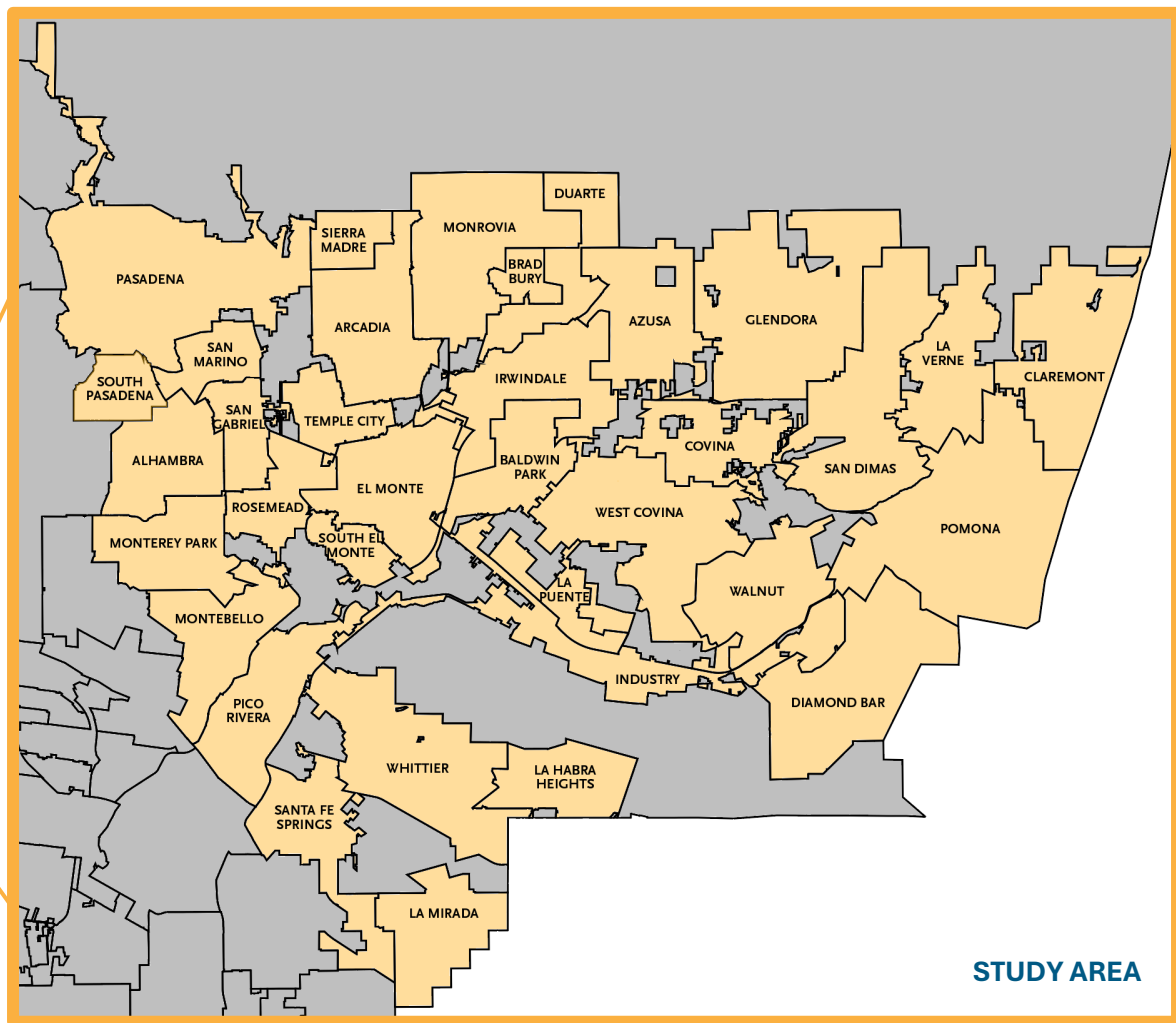
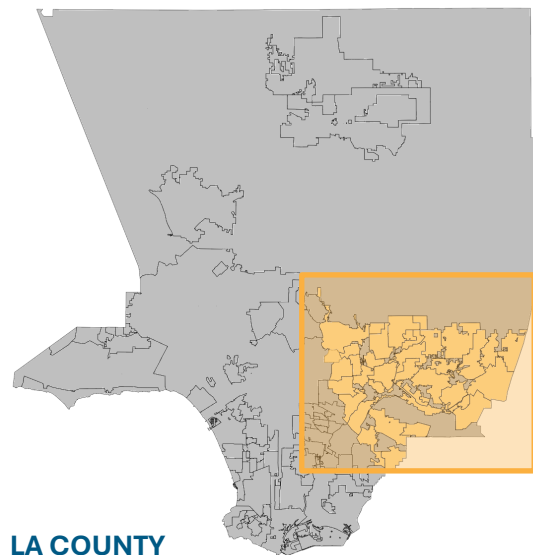
Why City Managers?

- Main point of contact between cities and the county
- Deep experience with governance issues, including executive vs. legislative powers

Why Eastern LA County?

- Limited geographic scope allows for deeper research
- Cities in Eastern LA County have unique concerns that deserve dedicated attention

Cities in the Study Area

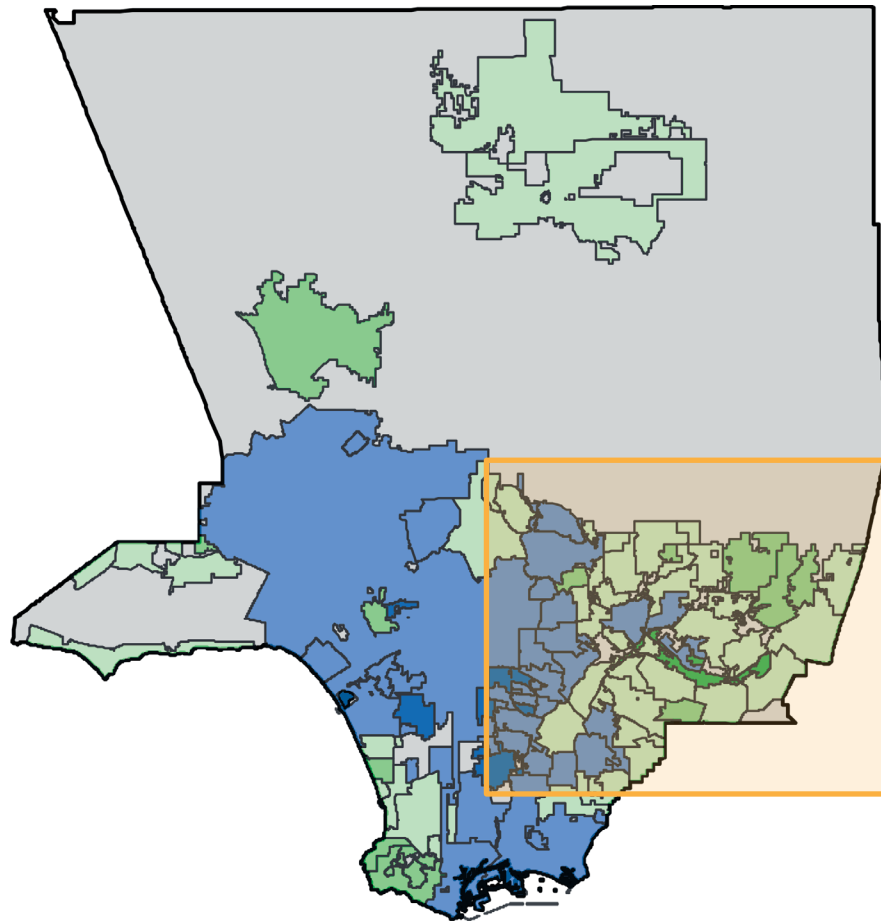
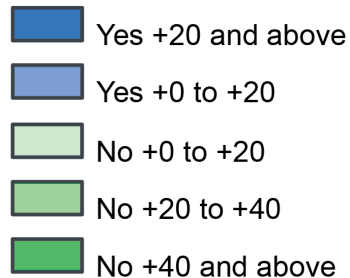


2024 Measure G Votes by City

**SUPPORT FOR MEASURE G WAS LOWER
IN OUR STUDY AREA**

Sources: LA Registrar of Voters and Timothy B. Krebs, PhD UNM
Map by Quinten Carney, Rose Institute

Margin of Victory



Project Structure

DIRECT ENGAGEMENT WITH CITY LEADERS



Background Research

Study governance in LA and other counties



Individual City Manager Interviews

Completed 28 in-depth city manager interviews



Follow-up Group Discussions

Formed working group of city managers to explore recommendations



Final Report & Future Research

Publish findings, inform the Task Force, and identify areas for further research

Comparison: Large Counties with Elected Executives

Jurisdiction	Major City	Population (2025)	Leg Size	Leg Approves Budget	Leg Override & Exec Veto
Allegheny, PA	Pittsburgh	1.2 million	13	Yes	Yes
Cook County, IL	Chicago	5.1 million	17	Yes	Yes
Cuyahoga County, OH	Cleveland	1.2 million	11	Yes	Yes
King County, WA	Seattle	2.3 million	9	Yes	Yes
Miami-Dade County, FL	Miami	2.8 million	13	Yes	Yes
Salt Lake County, UT	Salt Lake City	1.2 million	9	Yes	Yes
LA County (Post-Measure G)	LA	9.6 million	9	Yes	Yes
LA County (Pre-Measure G)	LA	9.7 million (2024)	5	Yes	No

Comparison: Large Counties with Elected Executives

Jurisdiction	Exec Controls Admin	Exec Appoints Dept. Heads	Dept. Head Approval	Exec Preps Budget
Allegheny, PA	Jointly with County Manager	Partial	Majority Legislature Approval	County Manager
Cook County, IL	Yes	Full	N/A	Director of Budget
Cuyahoga County, OH	Yes	Partial	Majority Legislature Approval	Yes
King County, WA	Yes	Partial	Majority Legislature Approval	Yes
Miami-Dade County, FL	Yes	Partial	2/3rds of Legislature Approval	Yes
Salt Lake County, UT	Yes	Partial	Majority Legislature Approval	Yes
LA County (Post-Measure G)	Yes	Partial	Majority Legislature Approval	Yes
LA County (Pre-Measure G)	No	No	N/A	Yes

City Managers' Perspectives

CURRENT RELATIONSHIP WITH COUNTY

All cities have extensive interaction with the County, especially if they contract for many services.

Cities generally are satisfied with County Fire and Sheriff services.

Most cities have developed strong relationships with their supervisor's office.

City managers express frustration with some other county services.

City managers work with supervisor offices and county departments, almost never interact with the County CEO.

A major concern is lack of local control over funds for some county-run programs.

City Managers' Perspectives

VIEWS ON MEASURE G TRANSITION

City managers have uneven awareness of Measure G.

They are uncertain how the new governance model will work.

Board expansion is generally accepted.

The Elected County Executive raises substantive concerns.

New communication structure is the top operational concern: *Who do I call?*

Contract city arrangements need special attention.

Official Communication Channels with Cities

Alleghany, PA

- Deputy Chief of Staff in charge of intergovernmental affairs
- Deputy Chief of Staff in charge of community and strategic initiatives

King County, WA

- Office of Intergovernmental Relations
- Regional Committees

Cook County, IL

- Legislation & Intergovernmental Affairs Committee
- Bureau of Administration
- Regional Committees

Miami-Dade County, FL

- Office of Governmental Affairs
- Local Affairs Coordinator
- Communications Department

Preliminary Recommendations

CONSIDERATIONS FOR DESIGN OF NEW COUNTY GOVERNANCE STRUCTURES

1

Ensure the Elected County Executive's office has personnel responsible for communicating and collaborating with cities.

2

County leaders should actively seek input from cities, during and after the transition period.

3

Cities should strengthen their collective capacity to work with the county on issues of common interest.

4

Residents would benefit from additional tools to understand the complex web of intergovernmental relationships and service delivery.

What We're Hearing: *Task Force*

THE TASK FORCE WANTS US TO PRESENT CITIES' VIEWS ON MEASURE G.

“[The Rose Institute will be conducting] community engagement with the city managers in the east side of Los Angeles to make sure that their concerns are heard on the county level because it's constantly not being heard... *So we are going to make sure we're actively engaging with them.*”

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Questions and Comments
