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City of Vernon Annexed into Local Mosquito Control District

The annexation will help fill service gaps and ensure that surrounding communities in the South East Los Angeles Region are protected from mosquito-borne illnesses

Los Angeles County (July 26, 2021) – Residents and commercial property owners in the City of Vernon will now have permanent access to mosquito control services provided by the [Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District](#) (District/GLACVCD) as the District and city complete the annexation process with [the Los Angeles County Local Agency Formation Commission \(LAFCO\)](#) on Monday, July 19, 2021.

The City of Vernon approached the District in 2016 to request joining the agency’s service jurisdiction to help ensure its constituents received comprehensive mosquito control and surveillance. LAFCO gave the green light for the District and the city to enter into an Out of Agency Service Agreement in July 2017 as the two entities began the process for annexation. With the agreement, the District began to provide comprehensive vector control, disease surveillance, and community outreach and education, and billed the city quarterly for services rendered.

“The annexation of Vernon into our District will help fill service gaps and ensure that the city and surrounding communities in the South East Los Angeles region are protected from mosquito-borne illnesses,” said Truc Dever, general manager for GLACVCD.

The 5.2 square mile city joins the District’s 35 member cities and unincorporated areas of the County, and will be granted an appointment to the board of trustees. The new representative will bring the total number of GLACVCD Trustees to 37. The District’s services will be funded by a property assessment and a small portion of ad valorem property taxes. A standard single-family home in Vernon should expect to pay \$14.67 this year, while a commercial property’s assessment rate will be determined on property size and use. A breakdown of the assessment rate formula can be found in the [District’s latest engineer’s report](#).

“Mosquito control is essential in reducing the spread of mosquito-borne diseases and ensuring the health and well-being of our residents, workers and neighbors,” said Freddie Agyin, Director of Health and Environmental Control from the City of Vernon. “We are delighted to join the Greater LA County Vector Control District, and we are excited to leverage their robust educational outreach programs to provide valuable tools and resources to our Vernon community.”

For more information on vector control services, residents can contact the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District at 562-944-9656, online at www.glacvcd.org, or on social media: [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#).

For questions related to the city, residents can contact the City of Vernon at 323-583-8811, or online at www.cityofvernon.org.

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About Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District

The Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District is a public health service agency formed under the authority of the California State Health & Safety Code. Our mission is to reduce populations of public health vectors below nuisance levels and prevent human infection associated with mosquito-transmitted diseases.

About Vernon

The City of Vernon was founded in 1905 to create jobs in California. Vernon's 1,800 businesses create more than 105,000 jobs in the Los Angeles area – including 55,000 jobs within the City's 5.2 mile boundary. The Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation designated Vernon as California's 'Most Business Friendly City.' Vernon generates more than \$330 million in state income and sales taxes, \$1.1 billion in taxable spending. Vernon's businesses provide more than 4.4 billion in salaries and wages annually for workers in Los Angeles County. For more information, go to www.cityofvernon.org. Follow and like the City of Vernon on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.