



REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS (RFSQ)
LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND CULTURE
SEEKS ART CONSERVATORS FOR A PREQUALIFIED LIST

RFSQ Issue Date: February 28, 2022

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OVERVIEW

The Los Angeles County Department of Arts and Culture (Arts and Culture)'s Civic Art Division seeks professional conservators, independent or collaborative, and firms for a Prequalified Art Conservator Resource List (Resource List) to provide maintenance and conservation services for artworks in the Los Angeles County Civic Art Collection.

This Request for Qualifications will establish a Resource List that will be used to invite selected art conservators to bid on specific conservation projects on an as-needed basis.

The Resource List will remain active for three (3) years with an option to renew for another three (3) years. Annual evaluation will be held to add additional vendors to the list. Applicants may submit their qualifications at any time before the first consideration deadline to be considered for inclusion in this publication of the Prequalified List. Submissions received after the first consideration deadline will be considered for inclusion in subsequent annual reviews.

This RFSQ cancels the 2020 RFSQ and Prequalified Resource List. Conservators who were accepted to the 2020 Prequalified Resource List do not have to re-apply but are required to select their areas of specialization and acknowledge the Standard County Provisions. Conservators on the 2020 Prequalified Resource list who submit necessary requirements by March 25, 2022 will be added to the 2022 Prequalified Resource List.

BACKGROUND

The mission of the Los Angeles County Department of Arts and Culture is to advance arts, culture, and creativity throughout Los Angeles County. It provides leadership, services, and support in areas including grants and technical assistance for nonprofit organizations, countywide arts education initiatives, commissioning and care for civic art collections, research and evaluation, access to creative pathways, professional development, free community programs, and cross-sector creative strategies that address civic issues. For more information, visit lacountyarts.org.

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors adopted the County's first Civic Art Policy in 2004, allocating one percent (1%) of design and construction costs of new County capital projects for the creation of civic artworks. The Civic Art Division of the Department of Arts and

Culture works with established and emerging artists to commission new artworks, community engagement activities, temporary art installations and event-based programming for new and renovated County facilities. Completed projects are accessioned into the Civic Art Collection.

The Civic Art Collection is currently comprised of over 500 historic and contemporary artworks located across County-owned property, which were acquired through art purchases, donations, and new Civic Art commissions. The Civic Art Division is proud to be charged with the responsibility of carefully documenting, preserving, and conserving these artworks in order to help sustain the region's rich heritage for future generations to enjoy.

1. ART CONSERVATION SERVICES

The Resource List will consist of art conservators exhibiting a diverse range of experience within their trade and conservators who are able to manage projects within a large range of budgets, project types, and constituencies.

Services may include conservation management of permanent or temporary artworks, project or artist management and consultation services. Tasks will depend on a project basis and may include, but are not limited to:

- Examination and documentation of artworks;
- Development of maintenance and preservation plans for artworks;
- Preparation of treatment proposals and cost estimates for conservation treatment;
- Perform basic maintenance for artworks;
- Perform conservation treatment for artworks;
- Perform emergency stabilization or repair to ensure safety until full conservation assessment and treatment may be performed;
- Disaster response when an artwork is threatened by a natural or man-made disaster;
- Consultation or oversight of fabrication material selection and fabrication plan of newly commissioned artworks;
- Consultation or oversight of installation material selection and installation plan of newly commissioned artworks, loans, gifts and donations including but not limited to site research, coordination of site preparation, storage, installation, and site clean-up;
- Review of construction documents and specifications for conservation projects and artist commissions;
- Facilitation of necessary permits, approvals, and insurance compliance for conservation projects;
- Development and oversight of all components of the contract budget;
- Facilitation of communication between all project partners;
- Maintenance of accurate schedules and awareness of forecastable changes;
- Supervision of sub-vendors including but not limited to art transport, art handlers, and mount makers;
- Development of conservation education programming and lectures;
- Oversight of and compliance with state and county compliance codes.

2. ARTWORK MEDIUMS

Artwork mediums may include, but are not limited to:

- Metal
- Wood
- Plant Material
- Tile/Ceramic
- Concrete/Masonry
- Stone
- Glass
- Paper/Photography
- Paint
- Textile/Fiber art
- Plastic/Fiberglass
- Digital Media

3. ELIGIBILITY

This RFSQ is open to applicants residing in Southern California, including the counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, Ventura and Santa Barbara.

A Master's degree from a recognized training program in conservation or equivalent experience is required.

4. COMPENSATION

Compensation will vary based on the overall project budget and scope of work for each opportunity.

5. SCHEDULE

- **RFSQ Issue Date:** February 28, 2022
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- **Next Annual Evaluation:** Spring 2023

6. APPLICATION PROCESS

Complete applications shall be submitted via email by March 25, 2022, 5pm (PST). Submissions preferably include the following items as a single PDF document (otherwise individual PDFs). Send materials to lvellanoweth@arts.lacounty.gov. Incomplete applications will not be considered and applications submitted after the deadline will be considered in the 2023 evaluations.

Submission Materials:

- i. **Cover Page with Table of Contents:** Please also include the contact information for the application including full name of applying Conservator or Principal Conservator and firm name (if applicable), physical address, telephone number, and email address. Teams and firms must list all members/staff.
- ii. **Letter of interest** indicating your interest in working for LA County and the Civic Art Collection, experience and area(s) of specialization. Please describe related experiences outlined in Section 3 (Art Conservation Services) (1000 words maximum).
- iii. **Resume, CV or written summary of qualifications** for all team members and/or staff if applying as a team or firm. List and provide brief descriptions of pertinent experience, education, training and professional conservation organization affiliations, etc.
- iv. **Work Samples** for conservation projects within the last five years. Include basic information of the artwork (artist, date of fabrication, dimensions, material), brief treatment summary, and overall budget. Submit three work samples if you would like to be considered for one area of specialization. Submit two work samples for each of the areas of specialization if you would like to be considered for more than one specialty.
- v. **Images:** Provide up to ten “before and after” images of each past work samples. All image files should be titled and labeled with artwork title and year of conservation.
- vi. **Sample Conservation Report:** Provide one sample of a conservation treatment report. The report should include the treatment proposal with estimated cost and final treatment plan with final budget and select images representing before and after treatment. If you would like to be considered for more than one specialty for conservation management and treatments, provide one conservation treatment report for each specialty.
- vii. **Areas of Specialization (Attachment A):** Select each conservation specialty you would like to be considered for conservation management and treatments.
Specialties include:
 - Paintings
 - Murals
 - Works on Paper (books, art on paper, photographs)
 - Three-dimensional Sculpture and Decorative Arts (inorganic and organic media)
 - Textile and Fiber Arts
 - Architectural Elements, Immovable Structures and Sites
- viii. **Rate Sheet:** A sample rate sheet that shows the different types of conservation services including hourly rate, or flat rates for each service and for Conservator and team members/staff (if applicable).

- ix. **County Provisions.** Acknowledgement of the following Standard County Provisions by signing and returning Attachments B, C and D:
 - Attachment B: No Conflict of Interest (Board Policies 5.090)
 - Attachment C: Consideration of GAIN/GROW Participants for Employment (Board Policy 5.050)
 - Attachment D: Fair Chance Employment Hiring Practices (Board Policy 5.250)
- **Submission Deadline:** Submission must be received at or before 5pm, Pacific Standard Time (PST) on **March 25, 2022**. Any materials received after the dates and times specified above may be considered in subsequent annual evaluations.

7. SELECTION CRITERIA AND PROCESS

- **Selection Criteria.** Submissions will be reviewed by Arts and Culture staff and subject matter experts as applicable and will be scored using the following criteria commensurable with experience (up to 100 points):
 - i. Letter of Interest (up to 15 points, 15%)
 - ii. Demonstrated experience in the outlined conservation services (up to 30 points or 30%)
 - iii. Past work examples and Conservation Report (up to 50 points or 50%)
 - iv. Professionalism and thoroughness of application materials (up to 5 points or 5%)
- **Selection Process.** Conservators who meet both the eligibility as specified in Section 5 (Minimum Qualifications) and score higher than 85 points as specified in Section 9 (Selection Criteria and Process) will be added to the 2022 Prequalified Resource List for Art Conservation Services.
- **Work Order Process.** Arts and Culture will solicit Work Orders to the 2022 Prequalified Resource List for each new conservation project. Work Order submissions will be evaluated based on experience, approach, project alignment, timeline, and cost. Contracts will be awarded to the applicant who best meets the needs of the solicited project.
- **Preference Program Participation.** In reviewing Work Order Bids, the County will give preference during the solicitation process to businesses that meet the definition of a Preference Program Participant (Local Small Business Enterprise L.A.C.C. Chapter 2.204; Social Enterprise L.A.C.C. § L.A.C.C. Chapter 2.205; Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise L.A.C.C. Chapter 2.211.) Learn more about these programs here.
 - To apply for certification for a Preference Program, contact the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs at <http://dcba.lacounty.gov>.
 - Respondents may request credit for a Preference Program in each of their Work Order responses. Respondents must complete and submit the Request for Preference Program Consideration with each Work Order response and submit a letter of certification from the DCBA with their bid.

8. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- For questions about this RFSQ, please contact Laleña Vellanoweth, Civic Art Conservation and Collections Manager at 213-315-9971 or lvellanoweth@arts.lacounty.gov.
 - For additional information about the Civic Art Division and Collection, please visit online at www.lacountyarts.org/civicart.htm
 - The Department of Arts and Culture is committed to diversity, equity, inclusion and access. Any conservator that includes access and mentorship for underrepresented conservator and emerging conservators in their work plan are welcome.
 - If applicants are applying as a team or firm, the team members or firm staff must be declared at the time of application in the letter of interest.
 - Conservators are expected to have standard equipment, materials and supplies necessary to perform work at their disposal. Special equipment or materials required for the performance of the contract must be handled by the Conservator.
 - Placement on the Prequalified List does not constitute an offer to contract or promise for remuneration or recognition and does not guarantee any minimum amount of business.
 - Arts and Culture reserves the right to accept or reject any and all responses received, or initiate contracts through another process.
 - All individuals or organizations that submit materials for review will receive confirmation of receipt.
 - The information contained and/or any program or event described herein may be changed, amended, modified, canceled, revoked, or abandoned without notice at any time and for any reason in the sole discretion of Arts and Culture or the County of Los Angeles. The County reserves the right to waive inconsequential disparities in a submitted application.
 - Selected applicant to enter into a contract with the County of Los Angeles will be required to obtain a county vendor number and must accept the following County's Standard Terms and Conditions:
 - [Sample Consultant Services Agreement and Scope of Work](#)
 - [County of Los Angeles Standard Terms and Conditions](#)
- County reserves the right to revise the Standard Terms and Conditions and contracted organizations must accept the then-current version of said terms at the time in which it enters into contract with Arts and Culture.
- The Los Angeles County Department of Arts and Culture is committed to fostering a diverse and inclusive workforce. Diverse applicants are encouraged to apply.

9. STANDARD COUNTY PROVISIONS

- **Covid-19 Vaccinations of County Contractor Personnel:** Proposer is advised that they must comply with Chapter 2.212 (COVID-19 Vaccinations of County Contactor Personnel) of County Code Title 2 - Administration, Division 4 as a condition of performing work under any awarded contract resulting from this solicitation. Proposers are advised to review the requirements of Chapter 2.212 (COVID-19 Vaccinations of County Contactor Personnel) and the sample contract requirements prior to submitting a proposal to this solicitation.
- **Insurance Requirements:** Selected applicants will be required to have commercial general liability insurance, automobile insurance (if applicable) and be registered vendor with the County of Los Angeles.
- **Public Records Act:** Responses to this RFSQ shall become property of the County. When Arts and Culture makes the final selection, all submissions in response to this RFSQ become a matter of public record, with the exception of those parts of each submission which are justifiably defined and identified by the applicant as business or trade secrets, and plainly marked as "Trade Secret," "Confidential," or "Proprietary." The County shall not, in any way, be liable or responsible for the disclosure of any such record or any parts thereof, if disclosure is required or permitted under the California Public Records Act or otherwise by law. A blanket statement of confidentiality or the marking of each page of the submission as confidential shall not be deemed sufficient notice of exception. The applicant must specifically label only those provisions of their respective submission which are "Trade Secrets," "Confidential," or "Proprietary" in nature.
- **Conflict of Interest (Board Policies 5.090):** No County employee whose position in the County enables him/her to influence the selection of an applicant for this RFSQ, nor any spouse or economic dependent of such employee, shall be employed in any capacity by applicant or have any other direct or indirect financial interest in the selection of an applicant. Applicant shall certify that he/she is aware of and has read Section 2.180.010 of the Los Angeles County Code. An applicant, or its subsidiary or Subcontractor is prohibited from submitting a proposal in a County solicitation if the applicant has provided advice or consultation for the solicitation. An applicant is also prohibited from submitting a bid or proposal in a County solicitation if the applicant has developed or prepared any of the solicitation materials on behalf of the County. A violation of this provision shall result in the disqualification of the applicant from participation in the County solicitation or the termination or cancellation of any resultant County contract.
- **Consideration of GAIN/GROW Participants for Employment (Board Policy 5.050):** As a threshold requirement for consideration of a County Contract, applicants shall demonstrate a proven record of hiring participants in the County's Department of Public Social Services Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) or General Relief Opportunity for Work (GROW) Programs or shall attest to a willingness to consider GAIN/GROW participants for any future employment openings if they meet the minimum qualifications for that opening. Applicants shall attest to a willingness to provide employed

GAIN/GROW participants access to the Applicant's employee mentoring program, if available, to assist these individuals in obtaining permanent employment and/or promotional opportunities. Applicants who are unable to meet this requirement shall not be considered for a County Contract. Applicants shall complete and return the form, Attestation of Willingness to Consider GAIN/GROW Participants.

- **Acknowledgement of County's Commitment to Fair Chance Employment Hiring Practices (Board Policy 5.250):** On May 29, 2018, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved a Fair Chance Employment Policy in an effort to remove job barriers for individuals with criminal records. The policy requires businesses that contract with the County to comply with fair chance employment hiring practices set forth in California Government Code Section 12952, Employment Discrimination: Conviction History (Section 12952). Applicants are required to complete Attachment C ("Compliance with Fair Chance Employment Hiring Practices Certification"), certifying that they are in full compliance with Section 12952 for the term of any contract awarded pursuant to this solicitation.
- **Safely Surrendered Baby Law (Board Policy 5.135):** The applicant shall notify and provide to its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify and provide to its employees, information regarding the Safely Surrendered Baby Law, its implementation in Los Angeles County, and where and how to safely surrender a baby. The information is set forth in Attachment D (Safely Surrendered Baby Law) of this solicitation document. Additional information is available at www.babysafela.org.
- **Protest Policy (Board Policy No. 5.055):** Any prospective Vendor may request a review of the requirements under a solicitation for a services contract. Additionally, any actual Vendor may request a review of a disqualification under such a solicitation, as described in the Sections below. Throughout the review process, the County has no obligation to delay or otherwise postpone an award of contract based on a Vendor protest. In all cases, the County reserves the right to make an award when it is determined to be in the best interest of the County of Los Angeles to do so.
 - Grounds for Review. Unless state or federal statutes or regulations otherwise provide, the grounds for review of any Departmental determination or action should be limited to the following:
 - Review of Solicitation Requirements Review. The solicitation's requirements and evaluation criteria unfairly disadvantage the protestor, or the solicitation's instructions were unclear and may result in the County no receiving the best possible responses from proposers.
 - Review of a Disqualified Application. The protestor's application was incorrectly reviewed and disqualified based on the solicitation's evaluation criteria.
 - Protest Process. Requests for review must be submitted in writing within the time specified by the Department. The request must identify the person or entity submitting the protest. The request must itemize in appropriate detail, each matter contested and factual reasons for the requested review.

12. ATTACHMENTS

Required attachments:

- 1. ATTACHMENT A.** AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION
- 2. ATTACHMENT B.** CERTIFICATION OF NO CONFLICT OF INTEREST
- 3. ATTACHMENT C.** ATTESTATION OF WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER GAIN/GROW PARTICIPANTS
- 4. ATTACHMENT D.** COMPLIANCE WITH FAIR CHANCE EMPLOYMENT HIRING PRACTICES CERTIFICATION

Informational Attachments:

ATTACHMENT E. (Safe Baby Surrender Information)



**REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS (RFSQ)
LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND CULTURE**

**REQUIRED FORMS - ATTACHMENT A
AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION**

Arts and Culture will solicit Work Orders to the 2022 Prequalified Resource List for each new conservation project. Work Orders will be released to eligible conservators in the conservation specialty of the artwork in need of conservation services. The specialty you select should be represented in the work samples and sample conservation report in your application. If you select more than one specialty, please submit one conservation treatment report for each specialty in your application.

Select each conservation specialty you would like to be considered for conservation management and treatment:

Paintings

Murals

Works on Paper (books, art on paper, photographs)

Three-dimensional Sculpture and Decorative Arts (inorganic and organic media)

Textile and Fiber Arts

Architectural Elements, Immovable Structures and Sites

REQUIRED FORMS – ATTACHMENT B

CERTIFICATION OF NO CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The Los Angeles County Code, Section 2.180.010, provides as follows:

CONTRACTS PROHIBITED

Notwithstanding any other section of this Code, the County shall not contract with, and shall reject any SOQs submitted by, the persons or entities specified below, unless the Board of Supervisors finds that special circumstances exist which justify the approval of such contract:

1. Employees of the County or of public agencies for which the Board of Supervisors is the governing body;
2. Profit-making firms or businesses in which employees described in number 1 serve as officers, principals, partners, or major shareholders;
3. Persons who, within the immediately preceding 12 months, came within the provisions of number 1, and who:
 - a. Were employed in positions of substantial responsibility in the area of service to be performed by the contract; or
 - b. Participated in any way in developing the contract or its service specifications; and
4. Profit-making firms or businesses in which the former employees, described in number 3, serve as officers, principals, partners, or major shareholders.

Contracts submitted to the Board of Supervisors for approval or ratification shall be accompanied by an assurance by the submitting department, district or agency that the provisions of this section have not been violated.

Contractor Name

Contractor Official Title

Official's Signature

REQUIRED FORMS – ATTACHMENT C

ATTESTATION OF WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER GAIN/GROW PARTICIPANTS

As a threshold requirement for consideration for contract award, Contractor shall demonstrate a proven record for hiring GAIN/GROW participants or shall attest to a willingness to consider GAIN/GROW participants for any future employment opening if they meet the minimum qualifications for that opening. Additionally, Contractor shall attest to a willingness to provide employed GAIN/GROW participants access to the Contractor’s employee mentoring program, if available, to assist these individuals in obtaining permanent employment and/or promotional opportunities.

To report all job openings with job requirements to obtain qualified GAIN/GROW participants as potential employment candidates, Contractor shall email: GAINGROW@DPSS.LACOUNTY.GOV and BSERVICES@WDACS.LACOUNTY.GOV.

Contractors unable to meet this requirement shall not be considered for contract award.

Contractor shall complete all of the following information, sign where indicated below, and return this form with any resumes and/or fixed price bid being submitted:

A. Contractor has a proven record of hiring GAIN/GROW participants.

_____ YES (subject to verification by County) _____ NO

B. Contractor is willing to provide DPSS with all job openings and job requirements to consider GAIN/GROW participants for any future employment openings if the GAIN/GROW participant meets the minimum qualifications for the opening. “Consider” means that Contractor is willing to interview qualified GAIN/GROW participants.

_____ YES _____ NO

C. Contractor is willing to provide employed GAIN/GROW participants access to its employee-mentoring program, if available.

_____ YES _____ NO _____ N/A (Program not available)

Contractor Organization: _____

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Title: _____ Date: _____

REQUIRED FORMS - ATTACHMENT D

**COMPLIANCE WITH FAIR CHANCE EMPLOYMENT HIRING PRACTICES
CERTIFICATION**

Company Name:		
Company Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Telephone Number:	Email address:	
Solicitation/Contract for _____ Services		

PROPOSER/CONTRACTOR CERTIFICATION

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved a Fair Chance Employment Policy in an effort to remove job barriers for individuals with criminal records. The policy requires businesses that contract with the County to comply with fair chance employment hiring practices set forth in California Government Code Section 12952, Employment Discrimination: Conviction History (California Government Code Section 12952), effective January 1, 2018.

Proposer/Contractor acknowledges and certifies compliance with fair chance employment hiring practices set forth in California Government Code Section 12952 and agrees that proposer/contractor and staff performing work under the Contract will be in compliance. Proposer/Contractor further acknowledges that noncompliance with fair chance employment practices set forth in California Government Code Section 12952 may result in rejection of any proposal, or termination of any resultant Contract, at the sole judgment of the County.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information herein is true and correct and that I am authorized to represent this company.

Print Name:	Title:
Signature:	Date:

INFORMATIONAL FORMS - ATTACHMENT E

BABY SAFE SURRENDER INFORMATION

Safely Surrendered

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Safely Surrendered Baby Law

What is the Safely Surrendered Baby Law?

California's Safely Surrendered Baby Law allows parents or other persons, with lawful custody, which means anyone to whom the parent has given permission to confidentially surrender a baby. As long as the baby is three days (72 hours) of age or younger and has not been abused or neglected, the baby may be surrendered without fear of arrest or prosecution.

Every baby deserves a chance for a healthy life. If someone you know is considering abandoning a baby, let her know there are other options. For three days (72 hours) after birth, a baby can be surrendered to staff at any hospital or fire station in Los Angeles County.

How does it work?

A distressed parent who is unable or unwilling to care for a baby can legally, confidentially, and safely surrender a baby within three days (72 hours) of birth. The baby must be handed to an employee at a hospital or fire station in Los Angeles County. As long as the baby shows no sign of abuse or neglect, no name or other information is required. In case the parent changes his or her mind at a later date and wants the baby back, staff will use bracelets to help connect them to each other. One bracelet will be placed on the baby, and a matching bracelet will be given to the parent or other surrendering adult.

What if a parent wants the baby back?

Parents who change their minds can begin the process of reclaiming their baby within 14 days. These parents should call the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services at 1-800-540-4000.

Can only a parent bring in the baby?

No. While in most cases a parent will bring in the baby, the Law allows other people to bring in the baby if they have lawful custody.

Does the parent or surrendering adult have to call before bringing in the baby?

No. A parent or surrendering adult can bring in a baby anytime, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, as long as the parent or surrendering adult surrenders the baby to someone who works at the hospital or fire station.

Does the parent or surrendering adult have to tell anything to the people taking the baby?

No. However, hospital or fire station personnel will ask the surrendering party to fill out a questionnaire designed to gather important medical history information, which is very useful in caring for the baby. The questionnaire includes a stamped return envelope and can be sent in at a later time.

What happens to the baby?

The baby will be examined and given medical treatment. Upon release from the hospital, social workers immediately place the baby in a safe and loving home and begin the adoption process.

What happens to the parent or surrendering adult?

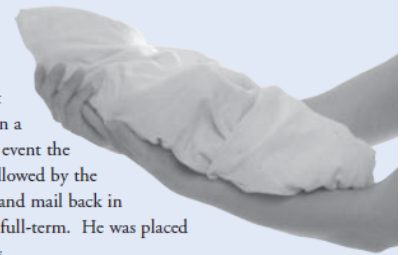
Once the parent or surrendering adult surrenders the baby to hospital or fire station personnel, they may leave at any time.

Why is California doing this?

The purpose of the Safely Surrendered Baby Law is to protect babies from being abandoned, hurt or killed by their parents. You may have heard tragic stories of babies left in dumpsters or public bathrooms. Their parents may have been under severe emotional distress. The mothers may have hidden their pregnancies, fearful of what would happen if their families found out. Because they were afraid and had no one or nowhere to turn for help, they abandoned their babies. Abandoning a baby is illegal and places the baby in extreme danger. Too often, it results in the baby's death. The Safely Surrendered Baby Law prevents this tragedy from ever happening again in California.

A baby's story

Early in the morning on April 9, 2005, a healthy baby boy was safely surrendered to nurses at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center. The woman who brought the baby to the hospital identified herself as the baby's aunt and stated the baby's mother had asked her to bring the baby to the hospital on her behalf. The aunt was given a bracelet with a number matching the anklet placed on the baby; this would provide some identification in the event the mother changed her mind about surrendering the baby and wished to reclaim the baby in the 14-day period allowed by the Law. The aunt was also provided with a medical questionnaire and said she would have the mother complete and mail back in the stamped return envelope provided. The baby was examined by medical staff and pronounced healthy and full-term. He was placed with a loving family that had been approved to adopt him by the Department of Children and Family Services.



Ley de Entrega de Bebés Sin Peligro



Los recién nacidos pueden ser entregados en forma segura al personal de cualquier hospital o cuartel de bomberos del Condado de Los Ángeles

Sin pena. Sin culpa. Sin nombres.

En el Condado de Los Ángeles: 1-877-BABY SAFE • 1-877-222-9723

www.babysafela.org



Ley de Entrega de Bebés Sin Peligro

¿Qué es la Ley de Entrega de Bebés sin Peligro?

La Ley de Entrega de Bebés sin Peligro de California permite la entrega confidencial de un recién nacido por parte de sus padres u otras personas con custodia legal, es decir cualquier persona a quien los padres le hayan dado permiso. Siempre que el bebé tenga tres días (72 horas) de vida o menos, y no haya sufrido abuso ni negligencia, pueden entregar al recién nacido sin temor de ser arrestados o procesados.

Cada recién nacido se merece la oportunidad de tener una vida saludable. Si alguien que usted conoce está pensando en abandonar a un recién nacido, infórmele que tiene otras opciones. Hasta tres días (72 horas) después del nacimiento, se puede entregar un recién nacido al personal de cualquier hospital o cuartel de bomberos del condado de Los Angeles.

¿Cómo funciona?

El padre/madre con dificultades que no pueda o no quiera cuidar de su recién nacido puede entregarlo en forma legal, confidencial y segura dentro de los tres días (72 horas) del nacimiento. El bebé debe ser entregado a un empleado de cualquier hospital o cuartel de bomberos del Condado de Los Ángeles. Siempre que el bebé no presente signos de abuso o negligencia, no será necesario suministrar nombres ni información alguna. Si el padre/madre cambia de opinión posteriormente y desea recuperar a su bebé, los trabajadores utilizarán brazaletes para poder vincularlos. El bebé llevará un brazaletes y el padre/madre o el adulto que lo entregue recibirá un brazaletes igual.

¿Qué pasa si el padre/madre desea recuperar a su bebé?

Los padres que cambien de opinión pueden comenzar el proceso de reclamar a su recién nacido dentro de los 14 días. Estos padres deberán llamar al Departamento de Servicios para Niños y Familias (Department of Children and Family Services) del Condado de Los Ángeles al 1-800-540-4000.

¿Sólo los padres podrán llevar al recién nacido?

No. Si bien en la mayoría de los casos son los padres los que llevan al bebé, la ley permite que otras personas lo hagan si tienen custodia legal.

¿Los padres o el adulto que entrega al bebé deben llamar antes de llevar al bebé?

No. El padre/madre o adulto puede llevar al bebé en cualquier momento, las 24 horas del día, los 7 días de la semana, siempre y cuando entreguen a su bebé a un empleado del hospital o cuartel de bomberos.

¿Es necesario que el padre/madre o adulto diga algo a las personas que reciben al bebé?

No. Sin embargo, el personal del hospital o cuartel de bomberos le pedirá a la persona que entregue al bebé que llene un cuestionario con la finalidad de recabar antecedentes médicos importantes, que resultan de gran utilidad para cuidar bien del bebé. El cuestionario incluye un sobre con el sello postal pagado para enviarlo en otro momento.

¿Qué pasará con el bebé?

El bebé será examinado y le brindarán atención médica. Cuando le den el alta del hospital, los trabajadores sociales inmediatamente ubicarán al bebé en un hogar seguro donde estará bien atendido, y se comenzará el proceso de adopción.

¿Qué pasará con el padre/madre o adulto que entregue al bebé?

Una vez que los padres o adulto hayan entregado al bebé al personal del hospital o cuartel de bomberos, pueden irse en cualquier momento.

¿Por qué se está haciendo esto en California? ?

La finalidad de la Ley de Entrega de Bebés sin Peligro es proteger a los bebés para que no sean abandonados, lastimados o muertos por sus padres. Usted probablemente haya escuchado historias trágicas sobre bebés abandonados en basureros o en baños públicos. Los padres de esos bebés probablemente hayan estado pasando por dificultades emocionales graves. Las madres pueden haber ocultado su embarazo, por temor a lo que pasaría si sus familias se enteraran. Abandonaron a sus bebés porque tenían miedo y no tenían nadie a quien pedir ayuda. El abandono de un recién nacido es ilegal y pone al bebé en una situación de peligro extremo. Muy a menudo el abandono provoca la muerte del bebé. La Ley de Entrega de Bebés sin Peligro impide que vuelva a suceder esta tragedia en California.

Historia de un bebé

A la mañana temprano del día 9 de abril de 2005, se entregó un recién nacido saludable a las enfermeras del Harbor-UCLA Medical Center. La mujer que llevó el recién nacido al hospital se dio a conocer como la tía del bebé, y dijo que la madre le había pedido que llevara al bebé al hospital en su nombre. Le entregaron a la tía un brazaletes con un número que coincidía con la pulsera del bebé; esto serviría como identificación en caso de que la madre cambiara de opinión con respecto a la entrega del bebé y decidiera recuperarlo dentro del período de 14 días que permite esta ley. También le dieron a la tía un cuestionario médico, y ella dijo que la madre lo llenaría y lo enviaría de vuelta dentro del sobre con franqueo pagado que le habían dado. El personal médico examinó al bebé y se determinó que estaba saludable y a término. El bebé fue ubicado con una buena familia que ya había sido aprobada para adoptarlo por el Departamento de Servicios para Niños y Familias.

