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Catalog of U.S. Government Publications

The Federal government's own catalog to its publications both in print and online.

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GPO Bookstore

The Government Publishing Office has an online store where you can purchase many of its items.

Library of Congress

U.S. Government library of resources useful to the Congress and the American people

MetaLib

A service of the Catalog of U.S. Government Publications, the federated search engine searches seventy federal government databases to retrieve reports, articles, and citations.

NARA - U.S. National Archives and Records Administration

Archive of documents created by the U.S. Government important for legal or historical reasons to be kept forever.

Science.gov

This is Firstgov for science and is a gateway to science and technical topics.

Ben's Guide

The Federal Government's website to finding information for students and teachers from K-12.

USA.gov

The Federal Government's official portal to web sites.

Three Branches of the Federal Government

Congress.gov

Legislative information provided by the Library of Congress.

U.S. Courts

Supreme Court, Courts of Appeals, District Courts, Bankruptcy Courts information provided by the Office of the United States Courts.

White House

Executive branch information provided by the Executive Office of the President.

Selected Federal Websites by Topic

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City of Los Angeles Web Resources

- [Bureau of Engineering - Above the Flood, Elevating Your Floodprone House](#)
- [Bureau of Engineering - Answers to Questions About the NFIP \(2023\)](#)
- [Bureau of Engineering - Coastal Construction Manual, FEMA-P-55, \(2011\)](#)
- [Bureau of Engineering - Elevated Residential Structures](#)
- [Bureau of Engineering - FEMA Flood Protection Publications](#)
- [Bureau of Engineering - Mitigation of Flood and Erosion Damage to Residential Buildings in Coastal Area](#)
- [Bureau of Engineering - Protecting Building Utility Systems From Flood Damage, FEMA-P-348](#)
- [Bureau of Engineering - Protecting Floodplain Resources](#)
- [Bureau of Engineering - Protecting Manufactured Homes from Floods and Other Hazards, FEMA P-85 \(2009\)](#)
- [Bureau of Engineering - Reducing Damage from Localized Flooding, FEMA 511 \(2005\)](#)
- [City Council Directory \(City of Los Angeles\)](#)
- [City of Los Angeles Citywide Services Directory](#)
- [City of Los Angeles Home Page](#)
- [LA CityView 35](#)
On-demand access to Channel 35, providing access to City Council meetings and other city-produced programming highlighting City departments and all Council districts.
- [Councilman Curren D. Price, Jr. District 9](#)
The Ninth Council District is a community made up of diverse neighborhoods, rich with history and culture, and full of interesting and unique places to enjoy.
- [Empower LA \(Neighborhood Councils\)](#)
Department of Neighborhood Empowerment

- [Los Angeles City List of Active Businesses](#)
Searchable list of active businesses listed on file with the City Los Angeles Office of Finance.
 - [Los Angeles City Office of Historic Resources \(OHR\)](#)
Guide to preservation of Los Angeles' architectural and cultural heritage, under the Department of City Planning. Includes link to SurveyLA, a project to identify historic resources in Los Angeles.
 - [Los Angeles City Planning](#)
Population and housing statistics by City Council District and Community Plan area.
 - [Los Angeles City Tourism Department](#)
 - [Los Angeles Fire Department](#)
 - [Los Angeles Police Department](#)
Local statistics by area.
 - [Office of The City Clerk](#)
Contains links to City Council agendas, meetings, votes, and actions; Budget & Finance Committee; Ordinance Search; and City Archives and Records information.
 - [Vital City Documents](#)
Administrative Code; Municipal Code; Election Code; City Charter; and Council Rules.
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