

Demonstrators and labor unions gather at Grand Park in downtown Los Angeles for a rally demanding the release of David Huerta, a prominent union leader, on Monday.

# 700 Marines deployed to LA after night of scattered protests

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Hundreds of Marines were expected to take up positions in Los Angeles on Tuesday, joining National Guard troops there and sharpening an extraordinary confrontation between the White House and California leaders over the response to protests against the Trump administration's immigration crackdown.

The 700 Marines were being sent to protect federal law enforcement officers and property in greater Los Angeles, the U.S. military's Northern Command said in a statement. Some of the protests in Los Angeles over the last four days, including a rally Monday afternoon, centered on a group of federal buildings downtown.

The use of military force on domestic soil is rare and is usually reserved for the most extreme situations. Gov. Gavin Newfornia, officials said federal agents used tear gas, pepper balls and rubber bullets against protesters who threw bottles and rocks.

**Union leader:** Demonstrations in several cities called attention to a prominent California labor leader, David Huerta, who was released Monday on a \$50,000 bond. He was arrested during a protest over an immigration raid last week.

**Trump rhetoric:** By calling the protesters "insurrectionists," Trump appeared to be adopting a rationale that could allow him to invoke the 1807 Insurrection Act and use active-duty military personnel to deal with violent protests.

**Disinformation swirls:** Misleading photographs and videos have spread widely on social media, rehashing old conspiracy theories and expressing support for Trump's actions. The flood of falsehoods online appeared intended to stoke outrage toward immigrants and political leaders, principally Democrats, and added to the confusion over what exactly was happening on the streets of Los Angeles.

## Kentuckians' SNAP benefits at risk under Trump's bill

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More than half a million Kentuckians — including roughly 225,000 children — face the loss of or a reduction in their federal food assistance benefits under a budget bill moving through Congress supported by President Donald Trump, advocates said Friday.

In addition to the proposal in Trump's "One Big Beautiful Bill Act" to slash Medicaid spending by billions, the budget reconciliation bill includes historic cuts to the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, which provides food assistance to low-income individuals and families.

Roughly 13% of Americans — more than 41 million people — receive SNAP benefits each month.

Trump's bill threatens to reduce the federal program by more than \$300 billion over the next decade, putting more responsibility on states to foot the bill instead.

Jessica Klein, policy associate at the Kentucky Center for Economic Policy, described it as the "largest cut, ever, to SNAP in the history of the program's existence" on a Friday press call.

Supporters of the bill, including most, but not all of, Kentucky's congressional delegation, laud it as a means of carrying out Trump's agenda to eliminate "waste, fraud and abuse" in federal resources.

Millions of SNAP recipients are expected to be cleaved from the program nationwide.

"SNAP is proven to reduce hunger, improve health, reduce health care costs and support local economies. As the top farming state in the nation, our farmers' markets, groceries and food retailers have come to rely on the almost \$1.3 billion spent on groceries with SNAP each year," Klein said.

One in eight Kentuckians benefits from SNAP, which translates to roughly 575,800 people.

The ripple effects of the bill, which is now in the Senate, extend well beyond the direct impact on families using SNAP dollars to buy groceries each month, Klein and other food assistance advocates said Friday.

In 2023, over 92.5% of Kentucky schools — about 625,000 kids — were eligible through the federal Community Eligibility Provision program. That

program allows low-income students to receive free breakfast and lunch. CEP eligibility is calculated — and districts are reimbursed with federal dollars - using a formula based on the percentage of students eligible for free or reduced meals using the Identified Student Percentage, or ISP. The ISP is based on their family's participation in federal food assistance programs, including SNAP and Temporary Assistance

TANF. A reduction in the overall number of families receiving SNAP benefits means school districts eligible for the CEP program, by extension, risk losing that funding, said Leah Fagin, the food service director at Mayfield Independent School District, where roughly 90% of the student population qualifies for free or reduced meals.

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Even in a relatively small district like Mayfield, CEP-eligible districts can receive federal reimbursements of tens of thousands of dollars. The SNAP cuts and ripple effect to CEP eligibility will mean the districts, then "have to absorb that cost," she said.

"When you're looking at a school district with 10

schools with several thousand dollars in meal charges, you're looking at cutting teachers, cutting other benefits the district is able to enjoy," Fagin said.

"I'm very concerned our legislators do not understand the critical link between SNAP and CEP eligibility," she said.

What's more, the loss of SNAP dollars uniquely threatens rural Kentucky where farming is a "vital part" of the local economy, said Emily Foster, a farmer in Wolfe County who manages the Red River Gorge Farmers Market.

Her farmers market, like others across Kentucky, accepts SNAP benefits.

"SNAP doesn't just help families put food on the table, it also strengthens our entire local food economy," Foster said. "Accepting SNAP expands our customer base, allowing more people to shop at the market, people who otherwise might not be able to afford fresh food."

Foster added, "when families spend SNAP benefits at the market, that money goes directly to our local farmers, who in turn spend it at local businesses, creating a ripple effect that benefits everyone. In Eastern Kentucky, where economic opportunities can be limited, this cycle is especially important."

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20th victim from deadly storm was critically hurt by falling tree

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A 70-year-old man from McCracken County is the 20th victim attributed to the May 16 storms that hit Kentucky.

Richard Bates Anderson was in Ballard County when the wind knocked a tree down onto his vehicle, according to McCracken County Coroner Amanda Melton and Rob Estes, the county emergency manager. Anderson was flown to a hospital in Nashville, but died there May 30, officials said.

Gov. Andy Beshear announced the death on social media June 5, but he did not immediately identify the person. It took Melton some

time to track down details of the death because Anderson was injured in another county and died out of state.

Melton confirmed Monday that Anderson was the 20th death from the violent weather that swept through the commonwealth the afternoon and late evening of May 16. Most of the deaths occurred in Laurel County when a tornado with wind speeds of up to 170 mph hit residential areas of London, killing nine people in one subdivision.

One person each died in Russell and Pulaski counties.

A tornado also caused considerable damage in a commercial section of Somerset, damaging or destroying more than 20 with at least some damage from the storm could exceed 5,000, with 1,500 destroyed or heavily damaged.

Anderson is survived by his wife of 47 years, Kathy; a son and daughter; a granddaughter; and other relatives, according to his obituary.

Anderson worked more than 40 years at Atmos Energy.

He enjoyed spending time at Land Between the Lakes "where he loved hiking, fishing, and spending time with those he loved the most," his obituary said.

som of California called the use of active-duty Marines illegal and said he would sue to prevent their deployment. The state has already sued to block the use of National Guard troops.

The Trump administration has doubled its deployment of National Guard troops in the Los Angeles area to around 4,000. So far, the troops appear to have largely stayed out of confrontations between protesters and local police, who broke up protests downtown late Monday night.

Here's what else to know:

More arrests: On Monday, police officers arrested some protesters in downtown Los Angeles and dispersed others who remained in the Little Tokyo neighborhood with tear gas and flash-bang grenades. But there generally seemed to be fewer clashes between protesters and police officers than on Sunday, when demonstrators briefly shut down U.S. Route 101. At least 150 people have been arrested in Los Angeles since Fridav.

Other cities: Protests have spread to other cities including San Francisco, where Mayor Daniel Lurie said a protest Monday involving thousands of people was larger and "significantly calmer" than the demonstrations a day earlier where violent clashes took place. In the city of Santa Ana, Cali-

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## PUBLIC NOTICE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

The University of Pikeville (UPIKE) is seeking proposals for new construction of the UPIKE Ag-Tech Innovation Center of Excellence REI Project. Sealed bids will be accepted for the construction of an approximately 11,000 SF facility located at 1367 South Mayo Trail, Pikeville, Kentucky as described in the RFP packet. An on-site, pre-bid meeting will be held on 6/30/2025 at 10:00 a.m. for interested contractors.

All interested persons and firms should call Tiffany Thacker at (606) 218-5953 or email at tbaker@upike.edu to obtain the complete Request for Proposals packet. **Sealed bids must be received at the University of Pikeville, 147 Sycamore Street, Pikeville, KY 41501 by July 11, 2025 no later than 4:00 PM in the Business Office, on the ground level of the Administration Building.** Sealed bids with a proposed lump sum should be mailed or hand-delivered to: UPIKE-Business Office, 147 Sycamore Street, Pikeville, KY 41501. Please clearly mark submissions "UPIKE Ag-Tech Innovation Center of Excellence REI Project--Construction" on the exterior.

Submissions will be opened at Health Professions Education Building (HPEB) – 604 Conference Room on 7/11/2025 at 4:05 p.m. by University officials and reviewed for completeness following the opening. UPIKE reserves the right to reject any and all bids not meeting the requirements of this Request for Proposals for construction services. UPIKE will enter into an agreement with the lowest bidding, responsive and responsible firm. Once a firm has been selected, all unsuccessful firms will be promptly notified.

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Attention of respondents to this RFP is particularly called to the meeting the federal requirements and terms and conditions as laid forth in the RFP packet all of which may be incorporated into any contract issued pursuant to this solicitation. Local, minority and female-owned firms are encouraged to respond.

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