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			Christian Arana	
			James Klein	I strongly support funding for the LASD HOST Team and the approval of the RV Encampment Resolution protocol.
			Karina Rodriguez	
			Nakiesha T Scott	
			Paul Plew	
			Shakuntala Chugani	



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			Alicia M Seward	
			Brissa Sanchez	<p>Dear Supervisors:</p> <p>Market Match is a program you funded at \$2 million in the first ARPA spending plan. It provides bonus dollars to low income people using CalFresh for additional fruits and vegetables at participating farmers markets and grocery stores. At this time it's a real inflation fighter, and a hedge against the anticipated removal at some point soon of the federal increase to SNAP benefits.</p> <p>We were greatly concerned to see the County cut the funding for ARPA Market Match by half in the latest spending plan to only \$1 million, in spite of a \$6 million request from the community. This reduction would not only prevent further expansion of the program; it would actively impede on the infrastructure and incentives being distributed by the first tranche.</p> <p>If the second tranche of funding for ARPA Market Match is reduced to \$1M, we would have to reduce the amount families can receive, and halt expansion to new markets and grocery stores in needy areas. This program besides helping families supports local farmers and circulates money in the local economy. We urge you to restore the funding for ARPA Market Match closer to the original \$6 million proposed.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>



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Set Matter- 1		Oppose	Denise Gee	The BOS' support for the Market Match Program is deeply appreciated and needed. I urge you not reduce the investment and instead continue it with level or greater support of \$2M. So many families, individuals including dear Seniors, and hard working farmers and FM managers reap benefits beyond imaginable from this program. PLEASE SUPPORT @ \$2M+! Thank you!
			Diana Darwish	This is in regards to the Market Match program. This is a very vital program that provides bonus dollars for additional fruits and vegetables to low income people using CalFresh at farmers markets and grocery stores. It has made a huge difference in people's lives who are struggling with food insecurity, hunger and access to healthy food. The county funded this project in the amount of \$2 million dollars and is now proposing to reduce it to \$1 million. This would be devastating; it would drastically reduce access to this program to those in need, eliminate access to new participants and hurt local farmers who greatly benefit from this program as well. I strongly urge you to support funding the ARPA Market Match program closer to the \$6 million requested by the community. Thank you.
			Emily Acker	Dear Supervisors: Market Match is a program you funded at \$2 million in the first ARPA spending plan. It provides bonus dollars to low income people using CalFresh for additional fruits and vegetables at participating farmers markets and grocery stores. At this time it's a real inflation fighter, and a hedge against the anticipated removal at some point soon of the federal increase to SNAP benefits. We were greatly concerned to see the County cut the funding for ARPA Market Match by half in the latest spending plan to only \$1 million, in spite of a \$6 million request from the community. This reduction would not only prevent further expansion of the program; it would actively impede on the infrastructure and incentives being distributed by the first tranche. If the second tranche of funding for ARPA Market Match is reduced to \$1M, we would have to reduce the amount families can receive, and halt expansion to new markets and grocery stores in needy areas. This program besides helping families supports local farmers and circulates money in the local economy. We urge you to restore the funding for ARPA Market Match closer to the original \$6 million proposed. Thank you
			Erica Exberger	



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Set Matter- 1		Oppose	Evelin Tamayo	Dear Supervisors, with increased number of unemployment, COVID casualties, unhoused, poverty and food desserts it is important to focus attention on nutrition assistance programs that help aid those in need. There is sufficient food to go around the community but not enough fund to fulfill demand. We ask to aid Market Match program as the increased number of CalFresh recipients qualify for this incentive program. This program offers additional food resources across multigenerational households. Focus and shift attention to the right of every individual.
			Frank D Tamborello	<p>Market Match is a program you funded at \$2 million in the first ARPA spending plan. It provides bonus dollars to low income people using CalFresh for additional fruits and vegetables at participating farmers markets and grocery stores. At this time it's a real inflation fighter, and a possible hedge against the anticipated removal at some point soon of the federal increase to SNAP benefits. We were greatly concerned to see the County cut the funding for ARPA Market Match by half in the latest spending plan to only \$1 million, in spite of a \$6 million request from the community.. This reduction would not only prevent further expansion of the program; it would actively impede on the infrastructure and incentives being distributed by the first tranche.</p> <p>ARPA Market Match funding is key against the impact inflation has had on low income people in Los Angeles and their ability to maintain healthy diets. With the current County funding we can provide an additional match of \$15, and \$20 in the most high need areas, per market visit to customers for fruits and vegetables; if the second tranche of funding for ARPA Market Match is reduced to \$1M, we would have to reduce the daily limit back to \$10, even with matching funding from State sources.</p> <p>We urge you to restore the funding for ARPA Market Match closer to the original \$6 million proposed. Thank you</p>



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			Karen Giron	<p>Hello, the funding of 1 million dollars to the healthy eating incentive programs is insufficient to serve our large population of persons receiving food assistance. This reduction in funding will result in less people served, CA farmers income, reduced locations providing healthy food options during a health crisis in the LA County community. For full program participation, we ask for the \$6 million initially introduced to fund healthy food incentives and oppose the \$1 million that is underwhelming for these important programs.</p>
			kelli johnson	<p>I manage several markets in south Los Angeles and daily we see the desperate need for food assistance being used in the best possible way. The funding for produce helps the health and welfare of Cal Fresh recipients and it provides much needed support for the farmers. The food assistance programs HELP keep our small farmers in business. The pandemic proved how crucial a local economy and local food system is and will be to a healthy community. PLEASE continue to fund at higher levels not lower levels. The need grows daily which is tragic. Please help us feed people and keep farms growing.</p>



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		Other	Lisa C Cleri Reale	<p>I am extremely concerned to hear that the County has decided to reduce its commitment for Market Match to \$1 million. Market Match is a highly successful initiative that provides critical dollars to low-income residents so they can purchase more fruits and vegetables. It's an innovative solution and a powerful tool that addresses what we know is a key food security challenge -- access to nutritious foods. This cut will negatively impact the amount of dollars that will be distributed for fruits and vegetables. It will reduce farmer income and it will upend any plans to expand the program to new farmers markets and grocery stores in communities with high food insecurity rates. It is puzzling to me why this decision was made considering the fact that this program is low maintenance but yields very high results. Please consider reinstating the Market Match funding. The return on investment for LA County will be significant.</p>
			Roberto Guzman	<p>We at United Parents and Students do not support the de-funding of the Market Match program and urge the Board of Supervisors to allocate the full 6million dollars to help food necessities in LA County.</p>
		Item Total	29	



September 12, 2022

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: In Support of American Rescue Plan Local Fiscal Recovery Funds for Immigrants in Los Angeles County

Dear Supervisors:

On behalf of the Latino Community Foundation (LCF), California's sole philanthropic organization focused on unleashing the civic and economic power of Latinos in the state, I am writing in support of Item 29, the American Rescue Plan Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Spending Plan.

The COVID-19 pandemic devastated immigrant families even as they worked on the front lines of the battle against this disease. Yet these very people have been left out of federal, state, and local COVID relief because of immigration status, language barriers, and/or insufficient outreach initiatives.

That is why earlier this year, we partnered with the Immigrants Are Los Angeles Campaign, a diverse coalition of immigrant-serving organizations building a future for Los Angeles that fully includes immigrants. As a community foundation that believes in equity, we believe counties across the state and nation must use these historic one-time funds in support of immigrant communities.

We need greater, more targeted investments in immigrant communities and in the community-based organizations that provide them with crucial resources and services. **We urge the Board of Supervisors to ensure that the Phase II ARP spending plan:**

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With deep respect,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christian Arana".

Christian Arana
Vice President of Policy
Latino Community Foundation