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1.	2	Favor	Kary A Weybrew	Homelessness & healthcare are intricately interrelated; The cost of waiting to ensure adequate resources are available to homeless is not solely based on a roof over one's head--we are literally spending upwards of \$800,000 per person for housing--and we spend just over \$12,000/year per person for healthcare. We must invest in the infrastructure of addressing the issues around homelessness by providing adequate access to healthcare and ensuring there are adequate numbers of healthcare providers to care for our community
			Leah Austin	Please see pdf attached
			Matthew A Fitzgerald	mfitzgerald2009@live.com (MSN, Outlook) password 007Bond 73 K emails with 63 K cases in them, etcetera. Also, fitzgeraldmatthew80@yahoo.com, password 007Bond1\$, about another 70 K emails. Has the unlimited account info with a western union "easy form" info in it around 2016 or 2018 where I typed in 120 K or so pages. Maybe get Jim Parsons, CO or Tim Russert to search through it or Mike Z u b c a. Your time is now Mike, and if you're not a robot I'll be five billion monkey's uncles. You either want rights or you don't. Get it done and you and computers do and dogs and cats but humans first. Best I can do Mike. I taught you the "Big Bang theory" for a reason. To get these all class action suits monies through. Take it or leave it, and that's all he wrote, me Matt (World Knowledge Teacher, Harvard)
			Pamela Bright-Moon	



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1.	2	Oppose	Adrienna Wong	<p>We respectfully request that the Board of Supervisors reject the CEO's proposal to allocate an additional \$49.6 million to LASD jails for the purported purpose of "meet[ing] the terms of the DOJ consent decree," and instead allocate that money to a real solution: increasing community-based mental health services in order to alleviate the massive overcrowding in the jails. Increasing jail spending will not bring the County into compliance with the Department of Justice consent decrees.</p> <p>The jail budget has increased 44 percent since fiscal year 2011. The number of LASD employees has also increased. It is clear that LASD – and by extension the County – cannot staff its way into compliance with the consent decrees. The jails are operating at 20 percent above capacity. Staffing at that level will not bring the County into compliance with its responsibilities in lawsuits, and especially its responsibility to care for people with severe mental illness.</p> <p>Increasing LASD funding will not solve LASD's institutional inability to address mental health crises. LASD has proven time and time again that the department is neither qualified nor willing to provide the care and support for those suffering from mental health issues inside of the jails. It would be safer to decarcerate those nearly 6,000 people (almost 40 percent of the jail's population) to community-based mental health care models.</p> <p>Correctional Health Services (CHS) has consistently rejected the idea of housing Moderate Observation Housing (MOH) or High Observation Housing (HOH) individuals at MCJ. Continuing to fund any LASD supervision of MOH inside of MCJ would put those designated as MOH and HOH in dangerous and inhumane conditions. For this very reason, the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) and CHS oppose MOH and HOH within MCJ. While LASD has asserted that additional MOH/HOH positions are necessary to comply with the DOJ consent decree, permitting MOH and HOH housing within MCJ would set compliance even farther back. Community-based services are needed here, not additional funding for MOH and HOH staff.</p> <p>The most effective way to address overcrowding and inhumane jail conditions is to decrease the number of people going in and the number of people who are already inside. Instead of pouring ever-more money into LA County jails, the Board of Supervisors should move swiftly towards decarceration of the jail population through proven community diversion programs, such as those of the Office of Diversion and Reentry and community-based alternatives.</p>



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1.	2	Oppose	Mercene Shogren	<p>The Board is fiscally irresponsible. How do you allow Departments such as ISD and DPW to charge other Departments up to 41% fees on projects. If a contractor told me they were charging 41% administrative fees I would never hire them. The potential savings for the tax payers by allowing Departments to hire contractors themselves is in the millions of dollars. Stop tossing money around like it grows on trees.</p> <p>Your plan for homelessness is ridiculous and hasn't helped at all. If I put a tent on the beach or in a park I would be fined. I certainly can't park a trailer or RV wherever I want and just camp. It appears only those who can pay fines are being ticketed. This is a health and safety issue. Mentally ill and drug addicted homeless are dangerous to themselves and the public.</p> <p>I was happy to see an all women Board, now I'm ashamed. You have the power to make positive changes and I haven't seen any. LA County is going down the toilet and no one seems to care.</p>
			Sophia Ventura	
			Yasmine-Imani McMorrin	



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1.	2	Other	Douglas Jessop	<p>I'm writing in a neutral standpoint but opposing any money being funded to any system of coalitions that have demonstrated extreme lack of judgement, cruel hypocrisy, zero transparency, institutionalized mentalities and any and all behaviors that require further rehabilitation. Specifically naming organizations such as Anti Recidivism Coalition, Community Coalition, Youth Justice Coalition, who very destructively played a corrupt role in racially profiling Me, discriminating against me, exacerbating issues through dirty informants and corrupt police officers. I mean false and vicious rumors such as I was a snitch, a white supremacist and further. It got so bad it launched investigations both locally and federally by organizations not only I developed with easily over \$200 million with, anywhere I appeared I experienced an almost immediate ostracization. The city deserves not to fall with these entities.</p> <p>I actually had to file against informants living with me who reported out of sympathy these were coalitions sending various people to racially profile Me. It made it were I couldn't go anywhere without being stalked, harassed, discriminated against, schools removing my identity verifications and further. I advocated to place these organizations at the top of the food chain prematurely but even without that the demonstrations show enough these orgs are not the pathways the city needs. People make money off of homelessness existing in this city and anything being funded to actually keep it alive I no longer support.</p> <p>I currently am on the developing team with the Governors office and the new chair in the voices council in south central in a new proposal that is already trying to recreate this version of money being reallocated and divested away from the communities. There are better partnerships that can be created and a care first budget has to actually put care first, not social and political agendas. The background to all of this is I was unlawfully incarcerated am a native of Los Angeles and Long Beach but was wrongly convicted and unlawfully incarcerated as a vagrant, I am far from that. I won my case in appeal though I had cases filed in California Supreme Court and faced extreme police retaliation that appeared mainly through these coalitions who are preaching noble causes. I do not advocate for a budget that supports a widespread cause AGAINST people of color and these organizations very plainly have shown to be against any actual remedy.</p>
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2.		Favor	Alan Hernandez	Good morning honorable members of the board, my name is Alan Hernandez with the American Heart Association, a member of the LA Produces coalition and resident of district 1. We are advocating for a sustained \$6 million investment in Market Match in the County's regular budget. This investment will increase the ability of local CalFresh participants to purchase fruits and vegetables. It will also allow for the continued expansion of Market Match programs beyond farmers markets, ensuring increased healthy food access for more residents in need. Demand for Market Match programs rose significantly due to inflation and the economic pressures of the pandemic. With increasing demand and rising prices, and the recent reductions in monthly CalFresh benefits, a permanent county investment in Market Match is greatly needed.
			Alba Velasquez	To maintain/exceed and renew commitment to healthy food access by increasing funding for Market Match (see attachment)
			Alis C Odenthal	
			Alyssa Arbolante	Honorable members of the board, my name is Alyssa Arbolante with the American Heart Association, a member of the LA Produces coalition. We are advocating for a sustained \$6 million investment in Market Match in the County's regular budget. This investment will increase the ability of local CalFresh participants to purchase fruits and vegetables. It will also allow for the continued expansion of Market Match programs beyond farmers markets, ensuring increased healthy food access for more residents in need. Demand for Market Match programs rose significantly due to inflation and the economic pressures of the pandemic. With increasing demand and rising prices, and the recent reductions in monthly CalFresh benefits, a permanent county investment in Market Match is greatly needed. I have personally seen the importance of programs like Market Match and CalFresh in effectively addressing food and nutrition security and promoting better health outcomes in my community. Please help ensure that thousands of food-insecure residents continue to have access to healthy fruits and vegetables. Thank you.



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2.		Favor	Ana-Alicia Carr	Good morning honorable members of the board, my name is Ana-Alicia Carr, Community advocacy director with the American Heart Association, a member of the LA Produces coalition and a resident of district 5. We are here to urge the board to allocate \$6M in funding for the continuous and sustained implementation of Market Match. County residents need solutions to the chronic issue of nutrition insecurity as nearly 25% of households do not have enough food to eat. Market Match is an evidence-based program which benefits families, our local economy and small and midsized business and is a solution specified in the Food Equity Roundtable's strategic plan. In November the Board approved a motion regarding healthy food access and diabetes prevention which included exploring the strategies on making Market Match a sustainable program. Since the motion, DPH has reported back on staffing needs and recommended a feasibility assessment as a likely next step. Market Match is a program DPH has been successfully implementing with ARPA dollars, however this funding will run out soon. Federal, state and philanthropic dollars have historically supported Market Match, but have been unable to reach the need in the county. We urge the board to invest \$6M of county funding to expand and sustain this impactful, evidenced-based program. Thank you.
			Anita Ortiz	I am writing to respectfully urge you to support the Department of Arts Culture FY23-24 budget request. Specifically, we are requesting support to double the Organizational Grant Program (OGP) at a cost of \$4.5mm annually. Please see the attached letter with full details. Thank you.
			Cameron Gil	Supervisor Janice Hahn, Chair County of Los Angeles Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 W. Temple St. Los Angeles, CA 90012 RE: Proposed Fiscal Year 2023-24 Proposed Budget Chair Hahn and Board of Supervisors: On behalf of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, one of the largest business organizations in Los Angeles representing over 1,400 small businesses, companies, and nonprofits we are writing to express our strong support of CEO Davenport's proposed budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year as well as support the inclusion of additional items pertinent to the small business community. As a County, we must meet the moment to address the crises of over our time as well as ensure sustainable investments in day-to-day County operations are functioning. CEO Davenport's budget makes sensible and sustainable investments while mitigating the various cost drivers and

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vulnerabilities that would pose fiscal constraints on future budgets.

We commend CEO Davenport's proposed \$3.4 million to upstart the Centralized Contracting and Procurement Office. This office would go far to make the contracting process significantly more friendly for small businesses and nonprofits seeking to do business with the County. Further, fulfilling the unmet need of \$6.3 million to create an E-procurement system would amplify the Office's work and outreach as well as help meet the County's equity in contracting goals.

Further, the \$271 million appropriated to the Department of Economic Opportunity covering a diversity of issues including workforce pipelines, regional recovery partnerships, and justice involved population employment support will help stimulate the regional economy as we rebound from the Covid-19 pandemic and develop new competitive advantages for the 21st century. To help accelerate this effort, fulfilling the Department's unmet needs of program positions in the Policy and Strategy and Office of Small Business divisions.

Lastly, key investments in broadband and closing the digital divide will ensure all communities will access workforce training, employment opportunities, and other career pathways which develop a comprehensive, robust economy. Fulfilling the unmet needs of \$400,000 for a director of digital equity and \$200,000 for network infrastructure would have minimal impact to the budget, yet, produce significant dividends for the economy.

We urge the Board of Supervisors to support the budget as proposed by CEO Davenport and fulfil the aforementioned unmet needs. Should you have any questions please contact Senior Public Policy Manger Cameron Gil at cgil@lachamber.com.

Sincerely,

Maria S. Salinas
President & CEO
Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce

Diana Diaz

Elena de la Cruz

Honorable members of the board, my name is Elena de la Cruz with the American Heart Association, a member of the LA Produces coalition. We are advocating for a sustained \$6 million investment in Market Match in the County's regular budget.

As someone who cares about my community and neighborhoods, I am very concerned about the level of suffering and hunger in our city, and have talked to people that are only eating once a day. Market Match is greatly needed. Please help ensure that thousands of food-insecure residents continue to



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	<p>have access to healthy fruits and vegetables. Thank you.</p>
Eric Tomassini	<p>The BOS has allotted \$1M to continue the ARP Market Match project with Tranche 2 ARPA dollars. Unfortunately, this puts our impact and progress towards reducing food insecurity in L.A. County at risk. Market Match not only addressed COVID related food insecurity but ongoing issues including food price inflation and the massive reduction in CalFresh benefits due to the end of emergency allotments. It would be counterproductive to reduce funding for the program at this time. I strongly urge the LA County Board of Supervisors to renew their commitment to healthy food access by increasing funding for ARP Market Match to a minimum of \$2M to ensure that we can continue making an impact across Los Angeles County.</p>
Juliette V Martinez	<p>Honorable members of the board, my name is juliette martinez with the American Heart Association, a member of the LA Produces coalition. We are advocating for a sustained \$6 million investment in Market Match in the County's regular budget. As a resident of LA County, I have seen the continued need for market match in our community. This investment will increase the ability of local CalFresh participants to purchase fruits and vegetables, and would allow for the continued expansion of Market Match programs beyond farmers markets, ensuring increased healthy food access for more residents in need. Demand for Market Match programs rose significantly due to inflation and the economic pressures of the pandemic. With increasing demand and rising prices, the recent reductions in monthly CalFresh benefits, a permanent county investment in Market Match is greatly needed. Please help ensure that thousands of food-insecure residents continue to have access to healthy fruits and vegetables. Thank you.</p>
Karyn Cooks	<p>Honorable members of the board, my name is Karyn Cooks, a staff partner of the American Heart Association, a member of the LA Produces coalition. We are advocating for a sustained \$6 million investment in Market Match in the County's regular budget. This investment will increase the ability of local CalFresh participants to purchase fruits and vegetables. It will also allow for the continued expansion of Market Match programs beyond farmers markets, ensuring increased healthy food access for more residents in need.</p> <p>Demand for Market Match programs rose significantly due to inflation and the economic pressures of the pandemic. With increasing demand and rising prices, and the recent reductions in monthly CalFresh benefits, a permanent county investment in Market Match is greatly needed.</p> <p>Not everyone has bounced back from the systemic pressures of the Pandemic. Those are now compounded by a failing economy and a recession on the horizon. Please help ensure that thousands of food-insecure residents continue to have access to healthy fruits and vegetables. Thank you.</p>
	<p>Honorable supervisors, my name is Kathryn Shirley a board member with the</p>



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Kathryn Shirley	<p>American Heart Association, Los Angeles and resident of District 3. The American Heart Association along with our LA Produce coalition partners is advocating for a sustained \$6 million investment in Market Match in the County's regular budget. This investment will increase the ability of local CalFresh participants to purchase fruits and vegetables, and would allow for the continued expansion of Market Match programs beyond farmers markets. At a time when 1 in 4 households in the county is experiencing food insecurity, ensuring increased healthy food access through programs like Market Match is essential. With increasing demand for Market Match, rising food prices and the recent reductions in monthly CalFresh benefits, a permanent county investment in Market Match is greatly needed to bring stability to families in need. Please help ensure that thousands of food-insecure residents continue to have access to healthy fruits and vegetables. Thank you.</p>
Kristine Mosqueda-Kelly	<p>Honorable members of the board, my name is Kristine Mosqueda-Kelly with the American Heart Association, a member of the LA Produces coalition. We are advocating for a sustained \$6 million investment in Market Match in the County's regular budget. This investment will increase the ability of local CalFresh participants to purchase fruits and vegetables. It will also allow for the continued expansion of Market Match programs beyond farmers markets, ensuring increased healthy food access for more residents in need. Demand for Market Match programs rose significantly due to inflation and the economic pressures of the pandemic. With increasing demand and rising prices, and the recent reductions in monthly CalFresh benefits, a permanent county investment in Market Match is greatly needed.</p> <p>In the San Gabriel Valley area where I live, I have seen rising food prices impact the ability of people with limited income, including seniors like my mom, to purchase nutritious food. Please help ensure that thousands of food-insecure residents continue to have access to healthy fruits and vegetables. Thank you.</p>
Laura A Nichols	<p>Honorable members of the board, my name is Laura Nichols with the American Heart Association, a member of the LA Produces coalition. We are advocating for a sustained \$6 million investment in Market Match in the County's regular budget. This investment will increase the ability of local CalFresh participants to purchase fruits and vegetables. It will also allow for the continued expansion of Market Match programs beyond farmers markets, ensuring increased healthy food access for more residents in need. Demand for Market Match programs rose significantly due to inflation and the economic pressures of the pandemic. With increasing demand and rising prices, and the recent reductions in monthly CalFresh benefits, a permanent county investment in Market Match is greatly needed.</p> <p>Please help ensure that thousands of food-insecure residents continue to have access to healthy fruits and vegetables. Thank you.</p>
Liane Weintraub	



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		Matthew Gallimore	<p>Honorable members of the board, my name is Matthew Gallimore with the American Heart Association, a member of the LA Produces coalition. We are advocating for a sustained \$6 million investment in Market Match in the County's regular budget. This investment will increase the ability of local CalFresh participants to purchase fruits and vegetables. It will also allow for the continued expansion of Market Match programs beyond farmers markets, ensuring increased healthy food access for more residents in need. Demand for Market Match programs rose significantly due to inflation and the economic pressures of the pandemic. With increasing demand and rising prices, and the recent reductions in monthly CalFresh benefits, a permanent county investment in Market Match is greatly needed.</p> <p>Please help ensure that thousands of food-insecure residents continue to have access to healthy fruits and vegetables. Thank you.</p>
		Matthew A Fitzgerald	<p>1-800-Endings. 103-3. Ends X 103-3. 8 things signature Matthew Anthony Fitzgerald signature sig M A F sig 12:59 PM 05/08/2023</p>
		Megan Purdome	<p>Honorable members of the board, my name is Megan Purdome with the American Heart Association, a member of the LA Produces coalition. We are advocating for a sustained \$6 million investment in Market Match in the County's regular budget. This investment will increase the ability of local CalFresh participants to purchase fruits and vegetables. It will also allow for the continued expansion of Market Match programs beyond farmers markets, ensuring increased healthy food access for more residents in need. Demand for Market Match programs rose significantly due to inflation and the economic pressures of the pandemic. With increasing demand and rising prices, and the recent reductions in monthly CalFresh benefits, a permanent county investment in Market Match is greatly needed.</p>
		Mike Che	<p>Please see attached letter</p>
		Nancy Song	<p>Honorable members of the board, my name is Nancy Song with the American Heart Association, a member of the LA Produces coalition. We are advocating for a sustained \$6 million investment in Market Match in the County's regular budget. This investment will increase the ability of local CalFresh participants to purchase fruits and vegetables. It will also allow for the continued expansion of Market Match programs beyond farmers markets, ensuring increased healthy food access for more residents in need. Demand for Market Match programs rose significantly due to inflation and the economic pressures of the pandemic. With increasing demand and rising prices, and the recent reductions in monthly CalFresh benefits, a permanent county investment in Market Match is greatly needed.</p> <p>As a community member, I have seen other members in my community being forced to choose between food and basic necessities such as gas for their cars. Please help ensure that thousands of food-insecure residents continue to have access to healthy fruits and vegetables. Thank you.</p>

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Roberto Guzman	<p>I am submitting public comment on behalf of United Parents and Students, a non-profit organization that represents over 5,000 constituents in Los Angeles County in support of expansion of the Market Match and related programs designed to alleviate hunger while facilitating healthy eating and promoting the local food economy.</p> <p>Market Match and related programs are often lifelines for families that live in food deserts who would otherwise not have access to fresh produce. During the pandemic, 2 million dollars was allocated to market match; currently, there is a recommendation for 1 million dollars. This is not enough.</p> <p>I strongly urge The Board of Supervisors to allocate 6 million dollars in order to sustain and expand Market Match and related programs.</p>
Samantha M Bonilla	<p>Honorable members of the board, my name is Samantha Bonilla with the American Heart Association, a member of the LA Produces coalition. We are advocating for a sustained \$6 million investment in Market Match in the County's regular budget. As a community member, I have seen firsthand struggles that many people in our community face when it comes to accessing nutritious food options and the issue has only become more urgent for those who are struggling to make ends meet. This investment will increase the ability of local CalFresh participants to purchase fruits and vegetables and would allow for the continued expansion of Market Match programs beyond farmers markets, ensuring increased healthy food access for more residents in need. Demand for Market Match programs rose significantly due to inflation and the economic pressures of the pandemic. With increasing demand and rising prices, and the recent reductions in monthly CalFresh benefits, a permanent county investment in Market Match is greatly needed. Please help ensure that thousands of food-insecure residents continue to have access to healthy fruits and vegetables. Thank you.</p>
Sandra P Hahn	<p>Expressing my strong support for the arts and cultural budget request for 2023 and 2024 the budget request aligns with the board adopted cultural policy, strategic plan, which prioritize, cultural equity, access, and inclusion.</p>
Sara Weiner	<p>Honorable members of the board, my name is Sara Weiner and I am with the American Heart Association, a member of the LA Produces coalition. We are advocating for a sustained \$6 million investment in Market Match in the County's regular budget. This investment will increase the ability of local CalFresh participants to purchase fruits and vegetables. It will also allow for the continued expansion of Market Match programs beyond farmers markets, ensuring increased healthy food access for more residents in need. Demand for Market Match programs rose significantly due to inflation and the economic pressures of the pandemic. With increasing demand and rising prices, and the recent reductions in monthly CalFresh benefits, a permanent county investment in Market Match is greatly needed.</p> <p>Please help ensure that thousands of food-insecure residents continue to</p>



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	Scott Martin	<p>Good morning Honorable Board of Supervisors,</p> <p>My name is Scott Martin, current Vice-President of the Hacienda Heights Improvement Association, past President for 4 years celebrating our 75th Anniversary this year at the Community Center. I appreciate the opportunity to share how significant having a facility such as the Hacienda Heights Community Center and maintaining our parks is to the Unincorporated Area of Hacienda Heights. You are budgeting 2% of the total budget, \$700,000. I would implore you to imagine how priceless the smile is on the face of a child attending the many community events held at the Community Center and in our parks.</p> <p>The dream of building a Community Center came to fruition on Don Knabe's watch, was nurtured by Janice Hahn and now supported by Hilda Solis and needs your continued support as well as our parks. Being able to offer to our community events such Summer Family Nights, Summer Movie Nights, Concerts, Frost Fests and Fright Nights create a Community. Events centered around holidays provide respite for parents and glee in children's hearts. The Board of the Hacienda Heights Improvement Association representing its members and residents asks the LA County Board of Supervisors to please not cut this budget but consider adding budgetary funding if needed. Thank you</p> <p>Scott Martin - HHIA Vice President</p>
Oppose	Adrienna Wong	<p>The Board should revise the Proposed Budget to fully fund Care First Community Investment in the amount of 10% of NCC, as LA voters have called upon the County to do, consistent with the County's Care First Jails Last policy and community demands.</p> <p>The Board should reject the Proposed Budget's allocation of an NCC increase of \$61.3 million, and net total increase of \$135 million for the LASD budget and invest in a Care First Budget instead. The Board should specifically revise the Proposed Budget for LASD in the following ways:</p> <p>(1) Reject Allocation of \$1.8 Million to Recruit More Deputies. The County budget already includes excessive spending on LASD employee salaries and benefits, including over \$100 million in increased spending on LASD salaries and benefits reflected in the proposed budget on top of existing billions. The proposed \$1.8 million funding allocation for recruiting resources and academy classes for yet more deputies dooms the County to further expanding this wasteful spending in years to come, with no proportionate public safety benefit.</p> <p>The largest portion of LASD personnel spending is on Patrol (~\$1 billion), and public data shows the vast majority of Patrol deputies' time (~80%) is spent not on calls for services but on pretextual traffic stops that result in no public</p>



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safety benefit at all, and in fact harm our communities by causing trauma, interfering with people's lives and ability to get to work, eroding trust in public institutions, creating racial inequality, and heightening risk of police violence. LA County can and should reduce staffing and related spending by moving away from this failed Patrol strategy.

(2) Reject Allocation of \$1.5 Million in AB 177 backfill funds to LASD. The Board must demand the reallocation of the nearly \$1.5 million in AB 177 backfill funds that the recommended budget allocates to LASD. The Legislature passed AB 177 in recognition of the racial and economic harms of criminal administrative fees on system-impacted people, their families, and their communities, which have directly contributed to the racial wealth gap. Nothing in AB 177 suggests that the County should allocate the backfill funds to the Sheriff's department. To the contrary, the proponents of that legislation, including sponsoring groups based in LA County, have consistently demanded that backfill funds be allocated to reentry services and community economic development programs that repair the harm caused by the County's historical use of criminal administrative fees. And to the extent that the allocation will go towards a general services and supplies appropriation, this will obstruct the county's legal obligation to describe the specific programs, services, strategies, and enhancements funded by the backfill. In the final budget, the AB 177 funds should be shifted to reentry services and economic and workforce development programs, where those funds belong.

(3) Reallocate LASD Funding That Could Be Better Used To Address L.A. County's Housing and Houselessness Crises. The LASD's Homeless Outreach Service Team (HOST) budget for fiscal year 2022–2023 was 3.75 million dollars, which diverted funding that could be spent on addressing the root causes of houselessness. HOST's spending includes costs such as deputy overtime, weapons, and policing equipment - all of which are counterproductive responses to houselessness. Although we support the proposed budget's removal of \$912,000 in one-time funding to HOST, funding for LASD outreach to unhoused populations must be removed entirely.

Evidence shows that law enforcement homeless outreach teams are not effective, especially when compared with civilian-led outreach teams. For example, a study of Los Angeles homeless outreach efforts revealed that outreach teams led by a homeless services nonprofit were able to connect 27 percent of people they contacted with housing, while law enforcement outreach teams working in the same system placed only 1 percent of people they contacted in housing. Similarly, the civilian non-profit teams referred twice as many people to services as law enforcement outreach teams.

Deploying police to unhoused encampments is harmful and dangerous, even when they receive specialized training. HOST deputies receive only 40-80 hours of specialized training and do not have the skills or expertise to interact with unhoused individuals in a humane way and connect them to services they need. Studies show that exposure of unhoused people to law enforcement increases the likelihood of their criminalization, and that



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encampment displacements harm the health and wellbeing of unhoused residents.

HOST does not provide any services to unhoused people, nor does the team track outcomes related to housing or services. Rather, they rely on local organizations to connect unhoused people to services. HOST is an expensive law enforcement middle-man that relies on nonprofits to provide services to the people they displace.

Funding spent on the HOST program should be reallocated to Housing First programs and voluntary, care-based outreach and support services. We ask the Board of Supervisors to expand funding for its "Homeless Initiative" and to ensure these funds go to low-barrier, non-congregate interim and permanent housing based on Housing First principles. Importantly, none of the funding should go toward the "resolution" or displacement of encampments; this is a non-solution that is harmful to people's health and wellbeing. Additionally, we ask the board to fully fund the Health Services Department's request for \$26.8 million for recuperative care centers and that Department's request for \$3.9 million to provide additional interim and permanent supportive housing, both of which are currently listed as "critical and unmet needs" in the recommended budget. Lastly, it is critical for the board to invest in housing subsidies and social housing for households with very low- and extremely low-incomes. The recommended budget provides \$30 million to maintain a total of \$100 million for the development and preservation of affordable housing. This fund is vitally important, but it must be vastly expanded to reflect the magnitude of the need for subsidized, affordable housing in LA County.

We ask the Board of Supervisors divest funding from the HOST program and reallocate this funding to unmet needs for affordable housing and Housing First solutions to meet the scale of the County's housing crisis.

(4) Take Budget Action to End LASD Exploitation of LA County Families. For yet another year, the recommended budget includes no provision for a fee-free system of phone calls for incarcerated people and their families, to replace the exploitative system in place to generate revenue for LASD -- despite the Board passing a motion to change this system in May 2021, despite Sheriff Luna publicly approving of this shift, and despite litigation targeting LASD's "extortionate" phone fees, as recently reported on by the LA Times. The budget should be revised to reflect the County making good on its promises instead of incurring more liability.

Specifically, the County budget should provide for free phone calls in L.A. County jails; this would require a minuscule portion – less than half of a percent – of LASD's budget. The cost of phone calls from incarcerated people to their loved ones costs less than a third of the amount that LASD has budgeted for counterproductive law enforcement responses to homelessness and community mental health needs that should be led by service providers instead.



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		<p>Research shows that the inability to maintain robust communication with parents harms the physical and mental health of children of incarcerated people, and that maintaining family connections is crucial for successful reentry. The proposed budget should be amended to reflect a long-overdue shift away from exploiting families impacted by incarceration for profit.</p>
	Julie Hamill	<p>Please stop using tax dollars to support a censorship regime. The emails uncovered in the Alliance of Los Angeles County Parents v. LADPH lawsuit show Brett Morrow asking Twitter to censor journalists and private citizens regarding public health matters.</p>
	Sophia Ventura	
	Yasmine-Imani McMorris	
Other	Ashley Craig	<p>Honorable Members of the Board. My name is Ashley Craig and I am writing to comment on the budget request for the Department of Animal Care and Control. While I have not seen the detail being requested, I want to emphasize the importance of funding for free spay/neuter and breeding law enforcement. While the shelters need funding for repairs and maintenance at the existing facilities, reducing the number of dogs and cats coming into the shelter system should be the number one priority of the DACC. Priorities can be identified by spending. Thus, the DACC should allocate a meaningful amount of its funding to reducing the number of dogs and cats seeking homes. Dogs and cats don't add, they multiply! And one unspayed female dog or cat can result in tens of thousands of homeless dogs and cats. Our shelters are overcrowded, but even more importantly, our communities have lost an important safety net. If a family can no longer care for their pet, they often are not able to relinquish them to a shelter. Or if they can, they do know knowing the pet may not make it out alive. Please ensure the budget allocation priorities match what the public wants - repairing existing facilities and reducing the homeless animal population.</p>
	Constance Jolcuvar	
	Douglas Jessop	<p>I'm writing in a neutral standpoint but opposing any money being funded to any system of coalitions that have demonstrated extreme lack of judgement, cruel hypocrisy, zero transparency, institutionalized mentalities and any and all behaviors that require further rehabilitation. Specifically naming organizations such as Anti Recidivism Coalition, Community Coalition, Youth Justice Coalition, who very destructively played a corrupt role in racially profiling Me, discriminating against me, exacerbating issues through dirty informants and corrupt police officers. I mean false and vicious rumors such as I was a snitch, a white supremacist and further. It got so bad it launched investigations both locally and federally by organizations not only I developed with easily over \$200 million with, anywhere I appeared I experienced an almost immediate ostracization. The city deserves not to fall with these entities.</p>

		<p>I actually had to file against informants living with me who reported out of sympathy these were coalitions sending various people to racially profile Me. It made it were I couldn't go anywhere without being stalked, harassed, discriminated against, schools removing my identity verifications and further. I advocated to place these organizations at the top of the food chain prematurely but even without that the demonstrations show enough these orgs are not the pathways the city needs. People make money off of homelessness existing in this city and anything being funded to actually keep it alive I no longer support.</p> <p>I currently am on the developing team with the Governors office and the new chair in the voices council in south central in a new proposal that is already trying to recreate this version of money being reallocated and divested away from the communities. There are better partnerships that can be created and a care first budget has to actually put care first, not social and political agendas. The background to all of this is I was unlawfully incarcerated am a native of Los Angeles and Long Beach but was wrongly convicted and unlawfully incarcerated as a vagrant, I am far from that. I won my case in appeal though I had cases filed in California Supreme Court and faced extreme police retaliation that appeared mainly through these coalitions who are preaching noble causes. I do not advocate for a budget that supports a widespread cause AGAINST people of color and these organizations very plainly have shown to be against any actual remedy. If you can't deliver on the least of your promises like treating your own with fairness and equity you don't belong in the space of advocating for it. I've been invited by USC, UCLA, MIT and further develop these organizations aren't it.</p>	
	Frank D Tamborello	Please support \$6 million in funding for Market Match programs, previously funded with ARP resources through Department of Public Health. These programs are ending hunger and helping families hurt by the loss of CalFresh emergency allotments along with high food price inflation.	
	Leticia Buckley	Support for the Organizational Grant Program of the Department of Arts and Culture	
	Margaret Grant	It is imperative that the budget include additional funds for Animal Services as requested by the department to meet critical staffing needs along with services such as free spay/neutering and adequate food/shelter/ exercise facilities for animals in the shelters. Too much of the animal care and foster-adoption interaction is done by volunteers. The shelter system should NOT be dependent on volunteers to provide adequate care and resources for the animals who come into the system. It is imperative that the budget include ALL of the amounts requested by Animal Services.	
	Valeria Velazquez Duenas		
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- * Hello, my name is Leah, I live in LA County in the San Fernando Valley.
- * I care about the budget because my family member was missing for a year and during that time would have directly benefited from items 1, 2, 5 & 6 below. They would have been found faster and helped before undergoing a year of homelessness and mistreatment on the streets.
- * I ask the board to make the following changes to the recommended budget:
 1. Remove additional funding for the Sheriff's Department recommended by the proposed budget, including:
 - * >\$50 mil for jails & admin - in the guise of "consent decree compliance" when we know reducing jail population is the only real solution
 - * \$1.8 mil for deputy recruitment - digs us deeper in the financial hole when data shows vast majority of deputy time and money is wasted on Patrol
 2. Instead, invest this funding in real public safety supports like:
 - * Fully funding Care First Community Investment
 - * Independent Pretrial Services and Alternatives to Incarceration.
 3. Reduce Probation Department budget to fully fund Youth Justice Reimagined
 4. Fund fee-free phone calls for people incarcerated in LA County jail & their families.
 5. Reject allocation of \$1.5 mil of AB 177 funds to the Sheriff's Department. Invest in re-entry and economic development programs, where those funds belong.
 6. Defund the LASD HOST program and invest in civilian/social worker-led homelessness outreach & services and housing instead.