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| | | | Alana Shine | <p>I fully support establishing a LA County veteran suicide review team. Critical in the program's success is keeping it entirely separate from LAPD, the Sheriff's Department, or any other law enforcement agency. Instead, the county must invest in other, community- and health-based methods to address suicide prevention.</p> <p>Additionally, data-sharing among county health providers should not reach law enforcement databases. Such steps will lead to police surveillance of vulnerable veterans seeking care, who may already distrust mental health providers and social workers due to prior experiences.</p> |



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| | | | Alexander C Braithwaite | <p>The bureaucrats appointed by DC to operate GLAVA currently, as it as been historically the case, are hurtful to veterans to further their own agenda to serve as patsies to US Senate Majority. VA systems are running and yet they are obsolete, in violation of health code, and out of line with CEQA requirements intended to support not only veterans but native populations across the board. For whatever reason federal funds are placed in line with the VA mission here in Los Angeles, let the service serve whom? President Trump rises to office because the country is sick of its economic progress void of environment restriction. Streets need to be cleaned, the entire campus needs to be swept before any of these campus buildings can be considered for redevelopment.</p> |



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| | | | Alice Wetterlund | <p>I commend Supervisors Kuehl and Barger for taking steps to address the disproportionate rate of veteran suicide. The county should not include LAPD, the Sheriff's Department, or any other law enforcement agency in the program. Instead, the county must invest in other methods to address suicide prevention, perhaps by fully funding the alternatives to incarceration budget. As we already know, Data-sharing with cops only leads to police surveillance, as well as the near certainty that armed police would trigger, rather than calm, veterans in mental health crises who experience hypervigilance, flashbacks, or other trauma from military service.</p> |



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| | | | Anthony Allman | <p>Veterans in Los Angeles County are 2-4X more likely to die by suicide than civilians.</p> <p>I support this motion to study the various factors that contribute to veteran suicide which will hopefully lead to enhanced preventative strategies.</p> |



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| | | | Anthony Ball | Government at Federal, State, and local have so many connections to Suicide issues; best to also be a part of the solution. |



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| 22. | | Favor | Ari Johnson | <p>Thank you Supervisor Hahn for taking the first critical step to establish pathways for non-law enforcement emergency response. As mental health becomes a growing issue due to the stressors of the pandemic, it is essential that emergency calls are routed to mental health professionals, rather than law enforcement. But we will need significantly more funding to meet the level of need and make it an efficient system. What LA County needs is a fully funded alternative to 911. Our community members, particularly immigrant people, houseless people, women and people of color, will often refuse to call 911 during moments of crisis for fear of police violence. Black people in Los Angeles have historically represented over 40% of the county jail mental health population and have seen the least number of releases from the jail over the last several months. As the county considers increasing funding for targeted diversion efforts it must establish systems that prevent people in medical and mental health crises from being arrested and booked into the county jail. These systems should be established with clear benchmarks to reduce the number Black people booked into a jail system where they will be least likely to receive diversion. An alternative to 911 that does not trigger law enforcement contact, and instead dispatches experts in mental health, domestic violence, de-escalation and peacekeeping will provide critical care and support to our most vulnerable community members.</p> <p>The time for a fully funded alternative to 911 is now. The Board has an opportunity to listen to community calls for divestment from law enforcement and investment programs that truly put Care First, assuring that all members of the community are getting the help and support that they need.</p> |



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| | | | Calloway Warnick | <p>Thank you to Supervisors Kuehl and Barger - I believe that after serving our country, veterans deserve both care and compassion. I do not believe that this care, especially in the case of suicidality, should involve law enforcement.</p> |



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| | | | Canterbury Carolyn | <p>Thank you to Supervisors Kuehl and Barger for making this important stride in addressing the disproportionate rate of veteran suicide in Los Angeles. However, this is an empty gesture if the county includes LAPD, LASD or any other law enforcement agency in the program. As you may have heard in my comments for item 18, law enforcement has no place in crisis management. It stands to only make the situation worse, and with veterans that can be drastic since many suffer from PTSD. The county should instead include community health based & methods for suicide prevention and organizations already working with marginalized populations.</p> |



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| | | | Gavi Klein | <p>Thank you, Supervisors Kuehl and Barger, for taking these commendable steps to address the disproportionate rate of suicide among veterans in Los Angeles. However, it is known and indisputable that veterans – particularly Black, brown and houseless veterans – are targeted by law enforcement for criminalization and violence. We cannot reexpose veterans, particularly those at risk because of mental illness, to those same institutions that are likely to do them more harm.</p> <p>The LAPD, Sheriff's Department, Probation, and any other law enforcement agency should therefore be excluded from the County's program. Sharing data from county health providers with law enforcement would also be a serious harm, creating more police surveillance over vulnerable veterans who are seeking care and further breaking down their trust in the healthcare system. Armed police are more likely to trigger as than calm veterans in mental health crises who experience hypervigilance, flashbacks, or other trauma symptoms from military service. Finally, the integration of crisis response and law enforcement creates a coercive rather than choice-based care response where veterans are forced to choose between jail or involuntary hospitalization. Even if they avoid jail this can increase the association between the two and create more trauma and anxiety around seeking necessary care in the future. It is vital that we give this supportive care for veterans without law enforcement involvement, to reduce rates of suicide, increase housing stability, and decrease incarceration.</p> |
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| | | | Gregory J Alaimo | This is a fantastic idea which if implemented could save many lives. |



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| | | | Joe O'Neill | <p>Veterans are heralded as heroes until they come home and many are forgotten, suffering from PTSD, addiction, mental health, and other service related issues. The VA suicide report in 2012 said that 22 veterans committed suicide EVERY DAY. The numbers have not changed much since then.</p> <p>We need a veteran suicide review team made up of mental health professionals that DOES NOT include LAPD or LASD. Law enforcement is not trained to be health care workers and should not be doing this type of work. It is not their job.</p> |



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| | | | Karl Risinger | I support this motion! |



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| | | | kenneth james | <p>As a Marine - i have been through trauma that i - for decades - did not know how to navigate - primarily - did not know what it was that was happening with me.</p> <p>i know this subject intimately well - i understand it much better with well over 10 years of good therapy - first decade of treatment ... not helpful at all. Didn't discover any of the problematic elements of what i was suffering</p> <p>i know various brothers and sisters who did not make it out of the cave of trauma. we need intervention that is based on understanding the depression caused by trauma — PTSD and how to approach it - of course it is a practice and everybody is different - there is likely some things that should never be done though - and i know i have experienced some practitioners who practice bad method - whenever i was able - i shared the better or civilized approach.</p> |
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| | | | Lucia Bernardo | <p>I believe it is incredibly important that we establish a Veteran Suicide Review Team, as veterans - particularly Black, brown, and houseless veterans - are more likely to commit suicide than those who have not served in the military. Also, the county should NOT include LAPD, the Sheriff's Dept, or any other law enforcement agency in the program, as these agencies have historically criminalized veterans and those struggling with mental health crises. Instead, we must invest in community based, health-based methods to address the needs of our veterans and to address suicide prevention within our most vulnerable communities.</p> |



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| | | | Maagic Collins | <p>Suicide will remain one of the prominent challenges of our time especially with so much change. No group should be overlooked especially our veterans who often have mental health challenges that need monitoring as they move on past active duty.</p> |



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| | | | Melissa Cordon | <p>This crisis responses without law enforcement involvement is vital to support veterans avoid incarceration.</p> |



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| | | | Michael Gregory | <p>Veterans in Los Angeles are more than 2x likely to die of suicide than civilians. I support this motion to study the various factors that contribute to veteran suicide which will hopefully lead to enhanced preventative strategies.</p> |



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| | | | Michael Hjelmstad | <p>As a State Vice Commander of The American Legion representing much of this area, I am in strong support of creating this team. Veteran Suicide is close to my heart personally and an important issue to the large veteran community in Los Angeles. Please make every effort to establish and support this team.</p> |



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| | | | Nicole Battaglia | <p>It is imperative that the Veteran Suicide Review team, which is critically needed, not collaborate with LAPD or LASD. The Veteran Suicide Review will be encountering a population that is disproportionately racialized, traumatized, and unhoused. The police have no place in a team dedicated to those needs.</p> |



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| | | | Olivia Talbott | |
| | | | Patricia Jackson-Kelley | It is essential that we do a better job of addressing this issue of suicide. This is a final act that has not been addressed properly |
| | | | Patti A Ryan | I know 3 Veterans who have taken their lives & many that battle with suicide constantly. We desperately need a Veteran review team. The Vets deserve it. Thank you. |



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| | | | Philip Solomon | |
| | | | PHYLLIS M Chestang | <p>I am in favor of exploring the feasibility of establishing a Los Angeles County Veteran Suicide Review Team, item #22.</p> <p>I am not an expert in mental health. I have do many family members who are veterans that served with honor in the US military. There appears to have been a spike in demand for telemedicine and emergency services during COVID19. The data below supports my statements and the current realities of this pandemic that has now claimed over 200,000 deaths in the US.</p> <p>Connolly, S. L., Stolzmann, K. L., Heyworth, L., Weaver, K. R., Bauer, M. S., & Miller, C. J. (2020). Rapid Increase in Telemental Health Within the Department of Veterans Affairs During the COVID-19 Pandemic. Telemedicine and e-Health.</p> <p>Sher, L. (2020). The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on suicide rates. QJM: An International Journal of Medicine.</p> |



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| 22. | | Favor | Sarah Bowers | <p>Thank you, Supervisors Barger and Kuehl to thinking about how we can address the high rate of veteran suicide in the county. I'm definitely all for that.</p> <p>However, I want to also say that the county should not include LAPD, the Sheriff's Department, or any other law enforcement agency in any program geared towards Veteran Suicide Review. Instead, the county must invest in other, community- and health-based methods to address suicide prevention. Armed police may trigger, rather than calm, veterans in mental health crises who experience hyper-vigilance, flashbacks, or other trauma from military service. The integration of crisis response and law enforcement creates a coercive rather than choice-based care response. Veterans are given a choice between jail (during a pandemic) or entering a mental healthcare setting before they are ready for treatment. Alternative crisis response without law enforcement involvement is vital to support veterans avoid incarceration and stabilize housing.</p> <p>Additionally, data-sharing among county health providers should not reach law enforcement databases. Such steps will lead to police surveillance of vulnerable veterans seeking care, who may already distrust mental health providers and social workers due to prior experiences.</p> |



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| 22. | | Favor | Zoe Stricker | <p>I commend Supervisors Kuehl and Barger for taking steps to address the disproportionate rate of veteran suicide in Los Angeles. However, it is an undisputed fact that veterans – particularly Black, brown and houseless veterans – are targets of criminalization and law enforcement violence. As survivors of multiple intersecting harms, it is critical that veterans, particularly those with mental health needs, are not exposed to the same institutions that inflict those harms.</p> <p>In the same vein as what I said above, I think law enforcement often escalates a situation more quickly than it ameliorates it. We need people who know how to better support people in distraught situations to handle those situations!</p> <p>The county should not include LAPD, the Sheriff's Department, or any other law enforcement agency in the program. Instead, the county must invest in other, community- and health-based methods to address suicide prevention. Additionally, data-sharing among county health providers should not reach law enforcement databases. Such steps will lead to police surveillance of vulnerable veterans seeking care, who may already distrust mental health providers and social workers due to prior experiences. Armed police may trigger, rather than calm, veterans in mental health crises who experience hypervigilance, flashbacks, or other trauma from military service. METS and SMART teams overreach – veterans deserve responses without law enforcement presence. Finally, entwining crisis response and law enforcement creates coercion for veterans in crisis rather than choice-based care responses. They face the choice between jail (during a pandemic) or entering a mental health setting before they are ready for care and treatment. Finally, the integration of crisis response and law enforcement creates a coercive rather than choice-based care response. Veterans are given a choice between jail (during a pandemic) or entering a mental healthcare setting before they are ready for treatment. Alternative crisis response without law enforcement involvement is vital to support veterans avoid incarceration and stabilize housing.</p> |



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