



**PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

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Agenda #	Relate To	Position	Name	Comments
The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:				
21.		Favor	Ashley Blake	
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			Lyndsi Austin	
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			Wesley T Chuang	
		Oppose	GABRIELA CRUZ	
		Other	Toni Mankowitz	<p>I would like to urge the board to ensure that the proposed pilot program supplying free hygiene products is eco-friendly, sustainable, and aligned with the goal of reducing single use plastics.</p> <p>Both tampons and pads are made with plastic, specifically low-density polyethylene, which is quite energy intensive to produce. These products are ending up in our landfills, or even our oceans, and their production is emitting damaging amounts of greenhouse gases. These plastic-based products are typically used for a mere four to eight hours but will take at least 500 years to decompose.</p> <p>A range of more sustainable menstrual products already exist such as reusable pads and period underwear which typically last two to five years, and menstrual cups which can last up to ten years, making these not only eco-friendly but also cost-effective options. Even disposable tampons and pads can be more sustainable when made from biodegradable materials.</p> <p>Low-income women and other menstruators should not be burdened with the cost of hygiene products every month, but that is no excuse for us to perpetuate environmentally harmful practices. We can and we must ensure that our social justice efforts remain sustainable. Thank you.</p>
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