



**PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS
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| 23. | | Favor | Abigail Morgan | |
| | | | Alex Dopp | Transgender/non-binary and other gender-diverse patients remain marginalized and experience disparities across every conceivable health and social outcome. An LA County Gender Health Program will help to combat these disparities. It will also signal a commitment to supporting this community in a time where our national political and social climate is highly transphobic. |
| | | | Alexis Smith | |
| | | | Alice Stek | |
| | | | Andrea Birnbaum | I am a psychiatrist working at DMH in LA County. Many of my patients identify as LGBTQ+ and I see a great need for establishing a gender health program to meet their health needs. These patients are high risk for mental health difficulties to to the societal oppression that they face, and they deserve to be treated in an affirming environment with as much support as possible. Thank you. |
| | | | Angie Koo | |
| | | | Anna Schlobohm de Cruder | |
| | | | Anne Gardner | I am the grandmother of a transgender child and I support continuing the Care with Pride order that was approved in June, 2021. By enhancing the program, LA County will be a healthier and safer place for my grandchild and other LGBTQ+ children and adults. I am grateful for your past support and ask that you approve Supervisor Solis and Supervisor Kuehl's motion today - motion #23. Thank you for your consideration. |
| | | | Ayako M Ochoa | My role in studying health disparities among gender diverse populations underscores a great need for our systems of care to shift and bend to serve patients with greatest unmet need. I support this Board Motion for this reason. |
| | | | Beth Powers | I am so pleased that the BOS is considering creating a gender health program! I work in the County, and see how much gender expression and identification education, let alone LGBTQ+ education, is still needed for our mental and physical health care providers. We also need community and education support for all of LA County, but also for the police departments, LASD, schools, etc. The transgender and gender diverse community has the highest rates of depression and suicide, and lowest health care access. Sadly, I've personally seen higher rates of death and abuse than should be acceptable in any community. But we can make a positive difference here in LA! Thank you! |



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| | | | Bill Loitz | |
| | | | BLANCA VEGA | |
| | | | Caryn Roach | |
| | | | Charles L Hilliard | Gender affirming health care is essential to support the dignity of transgender/non-binary patients. Based on my experience, those who identify transgender/non-binary have far too often experienced stigma, discrimination and disrespectful practices from our health care systems that discourages health care seeking and demeans self-worth. This harms all of us--we are only as strong and healthy as our weakest members. |
| | | | Cheryl F Lev | |
| | | | Christina Dancz | Incredibly important aspect of health care for all! |
| | | | Cristina Magalhaes | Much needed services for an underserved population. |
| | | | Daniel Duncan | |
| | | | David A Sacks | |
| | | | Deborah C Glik | |
| | | | Debra J Kaufman | |
| | | | Dustin W Demoin | |
| | | | Elias Ressegatti | |
| | | | Elise B Morocco | |
| | | | Elizabeth C Ribet | |
| | | | Emily T Wood | As a psychiatrist working in the LAC juvenile halls, I fully support this measure in conjunction with fully funding the Department of Youth Development as laid out by Youth Justice Reimagined. |
| | | | Eric C Cota | |
| | | | Erick J Medal | |
| | | | Ester Song | |
| Eve R Rubell | Please support this important motion | | | |
| Evelyn N Mitchell | YES | | | |
| Francisco Duenas | | | | |
| Gabriel Edwards | | | | |



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| 23. | | Favor | Gidget Tay | |
| | | | Glenn Mitchell | These words are for my LGBTQ children and their children, that they may survive and thrive, believing and belonging. Live and love And fling our words Like dandelion seeds Against the castle walls, Weep and sleep And dream of wind Round tumbled stone Adorned with gold. |
| | | | Hilary Eggers | |
| | | | Homero E del Pino | |
| | | | Hudson Tibbetts | |
| | | | Janine Roach | Rejections by the healthcare system have been shown to increase the rate of suicide attempts in transgender individuals. At a time when our country is actively harming the trans community by trying to erase them, ban them from sports, and prevent them from accessing life-saving treatments, Los Angeles County must be a model and show the rest of the nation what healthcare looks like. This is why I fully support the creation of a well-rounded, multidisciplinary gender health program in our county. |
| | | | Jeannette Bronson | |
| | | | Jennifer Israel | |
| | | | Jessica Sarriot | |
| | | | Julea L McGhee | |
| | | | Karen Hentoff | |
| | | | Katherine Lee | |
| | | | KATHY CHANTRAPRABHAVE J | |
| Kaz Saito | | | | |
| Laurene Kwok | | | | |



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| 23. | | Favor | Loretta Worthington | It is well known that transgender and gender diverse people have higher rates of depression and suicide, as well as lower rates of healthcare access and utilization than the general population. Often, this is related to discrimination and bias within the healthcare system. It is imperative that Los Angeles County Health Services be a safety net for these people. DHS should have a robust gender health program that includes gender-affirming treatment, medications, surgeries, ongoing care, and referrals to important related resources (mental health, housing, etc.). I am so glad that our Board of Supervisors is considering this important motion to establish this gender health program within the county health system. Thank you! |
| | | | Machiko Yasuda | |
| | | | MARIA GALLERIU | A very important measure for progress |
| | | | Michael D Roach | Upgrading health services for the LGBTQ+ community improves the quality of life for all residents of Los Angeles County. I wholly support Motion 23. |
| | | | Michelle Decker | |
| | | | Myck LeMay | It is vital that transgender and gender-variant people have access to inclusive and high quality healthcare throughout their transition. They should also have unbiased and inclusive care ongoing through their life course to address all healthcare needs in a safe environment with high quality providers and staff. Thank you for considering this motion. |
| | | | Nicholas P Valvo | Trans- and non-binary-compassionate healthcare is clearly an urgent need. The City Council should take a long look at the practical proposals outlined in Supervisors Solis' and Kuehl's motion. |
| | | | Nina T Harawa | The gender diverse community and the families other loved ones of gender diverse people need this type of support to address the multiple challenges their communities face in the areas of housing, education, employment, physical and mental health, and access to quality gender-affirming health care. |
| | | | Oli Kooner | Please continue to support the LGBTQIA+ members of our community! |
| | | | Pamina Gorbach | Please support this to help DHS improve the delivery of gender affirming care in the county system |
| | | | Patrice Roach | |
| | | | Patricia Alderete | |
| | | | Patti Loitz | |
| | | | PHYLLIS M CHESTANG | |



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| 23. | | Favor | Rebecca Woods | |
| | | | Ricky Bluthenthal | |
| | | | Robert Israel | Must be passed! |
| | | | Robert Meier | |
| | | | Robert G Smith | Healthcare is a human right that everyone should have. LA County can lead the way in this endeavor to serve all genders and non-binary population. I strongly support this agenda item and vote Yes emphatically thank you |
| | | | Rolf Gail | |
| | | | Ruth Beaglehole | |
| | | | S J | This is so important. I wish this were being discussed when I was growing up in the LA area. I no longer live in LA but I am the GSA advisor at the high school where I work in the Bay Area, and I will keep advocating for queer youth where I live now and where I grew up. I really hope that today's LA queer kids get the support that they need, that my former classmates should have gotten too. |
| | | | Sam Miyamoto | Dear Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, Thank you for the opportunity to comment. I am commenting to show support Care With Pride. The LGBTQIA+ community deserves inclusive, high-quality healthcare services; Care With Pride will help make LA County healthier, stronger, more diverse, and more resilient. Wishing you well, Sam Miyamoto, MPH |
| | | | Savannah Kimball | |
| | | | shelly d hock | |
| | | | Star Irvine | Please , I support!! |
| Steve Shoptaw | This is important and needs to be done now. | | | |



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| 23. | | Favor | Sveta Rao | <p>I am a current Marriage and Family Therapy Student and I worked in law for 7 years before this.</p> <p>I support the motion that would ensure gender affirming medical services for transgender and non-binary populations. Within my work with queer populations and my own community, I would lead workshops for LGBTQ+ identifying people to discuss how our struggles as adults were shaped by our childhood and specific to the traumas, stigma, discrimination and harassment we faced as queer people. These stressors cause the queer population to be at high risk for behavioral health and substance abuse issues that would ultimately impact academic success, financial stability, and housing security. It is for this reason that it is imperative that LA County provides gender affirming healthcare to transgender and non-binary adults and children. This type of care would be a direct intervention could have assisted my peers in having better mental health outcomes and overall better livelihoods as adults.</p> <p>The gender-neutral term for a sibling's child is a "nibling." I am so proud of my nibling for asking questions about their gender and having the language and the tools to discuss and express their gender in a way that gives them happiness and confidence. Every child and person deserves that. Dr. Jason Rafferty, who graduated from Harvard Medical School and completed his residency at Brown University, published an article called "Ensuring Comprehensive Care and Support for Transgender and Gender-Diverse Children and Adolescents" where in multiple studies have been synthesized and show that supporting and affirming gender for all children, especially transgender and non-binary children, has lead to the most successful mental health outcomes throughout the teenage years and adulthood. This motion will change the livelihood of queer youth and LGBTQ+ identifying adults for better. I thank you for your time and consideration. Happy Pride!!</p> |
| | | | Swati Rao | Transgender and gender expansive people are currently underserved in Los Angeles and experience severe health inequities. Establishing a gender health program at DHS will be crucial to establishing trust with the trans* population and improving access to all their healthcare needs. |
| | | | Tiamoyo Gilchrist | Lead LA with Pride, support improved health care for our transgender and non-binary community! |
| | | | Tim Feeney | |
| | | | Tom Gardner | I applaud and fully support establishing a Gender Health Program in Los Angeles county. As a grandparent of a transgender grandchild I thank you for voting for establishing this much needed program |

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| 23. | | Favor | tracey samko | LGBTQIA+ people remain among Los Angeles County's most vulnerable, experiencing disproportionately high rates of incarceration, foster care involvement and homelessness. Among LGBTQIA+ people, transgender and gender diverse folk are at particular risk. Despite advances in social understanding, they continue to experience discrimination in healthcare (and beyond) which ultimately leads to high rates of depression and suicidality. We also know that when laws legislating against a transgender/gender diverse person's right to exist are proposed and passed (as is happening across the country), mental health among this population worsens. Given the politic climate nationally, it is more important than ever that Los Angeles County takes a stand to support the humanity and health of the LGBTQIA+ community. DHS MUST create a robust and rigorous Gender Health Program that provides the full spectrum of medical services including medically necessary gender affirming hormones therapy, surgical care, mental health care and provides for the treatment of ALL equitably. I want to thank the Board for their commitment to care for this population. |
| | | | Tsafreer Lev | As a rabbi and as a parent parent of a trans teen, I have witness the life saving and life affirming care of trans and non-binary teens. Their volnerbility requires of us greater attention and care. |
| | | | Wendy Richman | |
| | | Oppose | Rachelle Paniccia | Vote No. Stop wasting County money. |
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| Grand Total | | | 84 | |