



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

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		The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:	
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2.		Favor	Name
			Comments
			Adrienna Wong
			Thank you to Supervisors Solis and Mitchell for bringing forward this important and long overdue motion. We strongly urge the Board to pass this motion to help keep LA County families connected. Phone fees impose a tremendous financial burden on families trying to support and stay connected with their incarcerated loved ones. The current exploitative system takes away vital resources from communities of color for the sole benefit of an LASD fund that is not transparent or accountable. Other counties, cities, and even states have been providing fee-free phone calls for years. It's time to end jail phone fees once and for all, by no later than December 1, 2023. Additionally, we are encouraged to see that the motion states that the County's revised commissary contract will not allow for any mark-ups, and we look forward to seeing this revised contract language finally implemented so the County will have fully carried out its 2021 commitment to remove these financial burdens from families.
			Billy Taing
			Good morning, my name is Billy Taing and I'm with the Asian Pacific Islander Reentry and Inclusion through Support and Empowerment. API RISE. And also a member of the Anti-Recidivism Coalition Thank you Supervisor Solis for continuing to put forward motions that uplift the humanity and dignity of people who are incarcerated. I am in support of Item #2 to provide free phone calls in the County jails. As someone who have spent 18 months in LA county jail at the age 19, in a cell 24/7 without programs, I can attest how important phone calls was to me. Having the support of my family and friends was what got me through those times. But my family and friends had to pay huge monthly phone bills. They should not have to be forced to pay for communications with their love one. Too many families of color are financially burdened by having to pay phone calls. Providing free phone calls is care first—it's care first for people inside our jails and helping them prepare for reentry. We know how important communication is to reduce the risk of recidivism. This board should not delay this if this board is to be anti-racist and equitable. Thank you again, Supervisor Solis., for this motion, and I urge this Board to again support providing free phone calls in the jails.
			Deanna R Stanley
			Eric L Gray
			Overall, Motion 23-2656 (Mitchell) appears to be a thoughtful and important initiative aimed at improving the conditions and support system for individuals who are incarcerated. The two key aspects of the motion, free phone calls for incarcerated individuals and the development of diverse programming, address essential elements that can significantly impact an individual's successful reintegration into society post-incarceration.

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Free phone calls for incarcerated individuals: Providing free phone calls for people who are incarcerated is a crucial step towards maintaining open lines of communication between inmates and their support systems. Incarceration can be a highly isolating experience, and the ability to connect with family, friends, and support networks can positively impact an individual's mental health, emotional well-being, and chances of successful reentry into society. Furthermore, regular communication can also help reduce recidivism rates as individuals feel connected and supported during their time in jail.

Developing diverse and accessible programming: Introducing more diverse programming that is equitably accessible for those who are incarcerated can significantly contribute to their personal and skill development during their time in jail. Such programs can include educational opportunities, vocational training, counseling, substance abuse treatment, mental health support, and other forms of rehabilitation. These initiatives can aid in reducing the likelihood of reoffending and assist in breaking the cycle of homelessness that is often exacerbated by a lack of support and resources post-incarceration.

Emphasizing the loss of support system after incarceration: The recognition of the loss of support systems as a major factor leading to homelessness after experiencing incarceration is a crucial insight. Maintaining ties with family and friends while incarcerated can provide individuals with the stability and guidance necessary for a successful reintegration into society. By addressing this issue and offering free communication options, the motion demonstrates a proactive approach to tackling the underlying causes of recidivism and homelessness.

Considerations and timeline: As this motion addresses fundamental issues of support and rehabilitation, it's essential to ensure that the implementation plan considers the diverse needs of incarcerated individuals. The development of diverse programming should take into account various factors, such as the length of incarceration, the specific needs of different demographic groups, and resources available. Setting a deadline of December 1, 2023, for the provision of free phone calls indicates a sense of urgency, but it's important to allow enough time for proper planning and execution.

Collaboration with stakeholders: To successfully implement this motion, it is essential to involve relevant stakeholders, including the Sheriff's Department, incarcerated individuals, advocacy groups, social workers, and mental health professionals. Collaborative efforts will ensure that the proposed initiatives are well-designed, effectively implemented, and capable of addressing the multifaceted challenges faced by those transitioning from incarceration to reentry.

In summary, Motion 23-2656 (Mitchell) is a commendable effort to address the critical issues faced by individuals who are incarcerated and subsequently at risk of homelessness. By providing free phone calls and expanding diverse



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	<p>programming, the motion takes significant strides towards improving inmates' well-being and chances of successful reintegration into society. It is crucial to ensure thorough planning, collaboration with stakeholders, and sufficient time for execution to achieve the desired outcomes.</p>
Nick Galvin	<p>(Complete comments attached as PDF)</p> <p>My name is Nick Galvin, the Public Policy & Advocacy Manager at Ameelio, a non-profit provider of prison communication and education technology. I am writing on behalf of Ameelio to express our support for Agenda Item 2: Los Angeles County to Provide Free Phone Calls and Robust Programming in the County Jails.</p> <p>At Ameelio, we firmly believe the right to communication and education is fundamental to human dignity and successful rehabilitation. Unfortunately, incarcerated individuals often face significant barriers in accessing these essential services, limiting their ability to maintain connections with their loved ones and prepare for a better future upon reentry into society. In California state prisons, incarcerated people spend \$3 per 15 minutes of video calls and \$0.37 per 15 minutes of phone calls. And in Los Angeles County Jails, those rates are even higher.</p> <p>Thanks to decades of research on this subject, we know that increasing communication between incarcerated individuals and those on the outside reduces recidivism rates, improves mental well-being, and contributes to a smoother reintegration into society after release. Experiencing visitation can reduce recidivism rates up to 53% (Mitchell et al, 2016). By removing the financial burden associated with phone calls, you are not only promoting family cohesion but also positively impacting the overall well-being of those who are incarcerated. In Colorado's Denver Women's Correctional Facility (DWCF), where Ameelio currently provides free video calls, we saw a 178% increase in video calls scheduled and approximately \$850K saved by Colorado families since our launch in January 2022.</p> <p>Additionally, having created our own education platform and digital resource library, we applaud the proposal's emphasis on implementing robust programming. Approximately 41% of incarcerated individuals do not hold a high school diploma, and only 24% of incarcerated people in federal prisons have received a postsecondary education. Access to quality educational and rehabilitative programs is vital in promoting personal growth and providing opportunities for self-improvement during incarceration. Incarcerated individuals who participate in post-secondary education programs are 43% less likely to recidivate, and every dollar invested in post-secondary prison education saves the public \$4-5 in decarceration savings. By investing in educational resources, vocational training, and other enriching activities, you are empowering individuals to develop valuable skills, increasing their chances of finding employment upon release, and reducing the likelihood of recidivating.</p> <p>Ameelio has witnessed firsthand the transformative power of communication</p>



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		<p>and education technology within correctional facilities. Through our platform, we have provided over 10,000 incarcerated individuals across 16 state prisons and two county jail and juvenile facilities with free video calls, e-messaging, and educational content, enabling them to maintain their bonds with loved ones and pursue knowledge and self-empowerment while behind bars. The positive impact on the lives of these individuals, reflected in their stories and messages to our team, reinforces our belief in the importance of supporting initiatives like the one proposed by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. In a survey we conducted of our users, one spoke about the importance of having access to free communication, saying, "It gives me the strength to keep going and focus on getting back to my family."</p> <p>In conclusion, we commend your commitment to fostering a more humane and rehabilitative correctional system in Los Angeles County. Ameelio stands firmly in support of your proposal to provide free communication and robust programming in county jails. We stand ready to offer any assistance or information necessary to help ensure the successful implementation of this transformative initiative, based on our own experience providing free communication in Iowa, Colorado, and other states.</p> <p>Thank you for your dedication to creating positive change within the criminal justice system and for prioritizing the well-being and rehabilitation of incarcerated people. Please feel free to reach out to us if you require any additional information or support.</p>
	Oscar O Figueroa	In favor of Item # 2 making calls free for LA county Jail can definitely be a game changer in reintegrating back in to Society because it fosters family values and social values and when people are deprived of those two sources due to family financial burdens, it only promotes isolation and eventually destructiveness that leads to committing more violence inside all due to lack of having no emotional connection with loved ones. Thank you!
Oppose	Burton A Hunter	I am one who has received periodic phone call from an inmate in jail or prison initiating a scam. They call, listen for the voice tone to determine who what age & gender of person they are talking to, then say, "Hi grandpa. This is your grandson...." (or "grandma", or "nephew") then proceed to ask that money be sent to them. IF you allow inmates to make unlimited FREE calls from jail/prison, then they can keep up this scam ALL DAY, hoping to catch a vulnerable, elderly person who may willingly "give up" their money for a supposed "relative". Please consider you plan in light of the possibility that it may be "enabling" them to be crooks inside of prison.
	Citizen V Citez	What's the point? Create programs for senior citizens instead.
	Citizen V Citizen	Los Angeles is too soft.
	Paul Burt	This is yet another outrageous proposal brought forward by people who are clearly, economic illiterates! "Provide Free Phone Calls and Robust Programming in the County Jails" - "Free" for whom? Certainly not the taxpayers!!

				Agenda Item 2 SHOULD read: "Another Blithe Disbursement of Taxpayer Funds To Provide "FREE" Phone Calls and Robust Programming in the County Jails"
				Fraud, waste, and Abuse doesn't convey the HALF of it!
			Ray Joseph	
		Item Total	11	
Grand Total			11	

DATE: July 24, 2023

TO: Supervisor Janice Hahn, Chair
Supervisor Hilda L. Solis
Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell
Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath
Supervisor Kathryn Barger

FROM: Nick Galvin
Public Policy & Advocacy Manager, Ameelio

SUBJECT: Expressing Support for Agenda Item 2: *Los Angeles County to Provide Free Phone Calls and Robust Programming in the County Jails*

Dear Members of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors,

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At Ameelio, we firmly believe the right to communication and education is fundamental to human dignity and successful rehabilitation. Unfortunately, incarcerated individuals often face significant barriers in accessing these essential services, limiting their ability to maintain connections with their loved ones and prepare for a better future upon reentry into society. In California state prisons, incarcerated people spend \$3 per 15 minutes of video calls and \$0.37 per 15 minutes of phone calls. And in Los Angeles County Jails, those rates are even higher.

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Ameelio has witnessed firsthand the transformative power of communication and education technology within correctional facilities. Through our platform, we have provided over 10,000 incarcerated individuals across 16 state prisons and two county jail and juvenile facilities with free video calls, e-messaging, and educational content, enabling them to maintain their bonds with loved ones and pursue knowledge and self-empowerment while behind bars. The positive impact on the lives of these individuals, reflected in their stories and messages to our team, reinforces our belief in the importance of supporting initiatives like the one proposed by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. In a survey we conducted of our users, one spoke about the importance of having access to free communication, saying, "It gives me the strength to keep going and focus on getting back to my family."

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Thank you for your dedication to creating positive change within the criminal justice system and for prioritizing the well-being and rehabilitation of incarcerated people. Please feel free to reach out to us if you require any additional information or support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nick Galvin". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of "Nick" and "Galvin" being capitalized and prominent.

Nick Galvin
Public Policy & Advocacy Manager
Ameelio

From: [Margaret Starbuck](#)
To: [Holly J. Mitchell](#); [First District](#); [Supervisor Janice Hahn \(Fourth District\)](#); [Third District](#); [Barger, Kathryn](#); [Office of Countywide Communications](#)
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 11:00:02 AM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

My name is Margaret Starbuck and I am a resident of District 5 and would like to submit written public comment to the Board of Supervisors for the July 25, 2023 meeting.

2. Los Angeles County to Provide Free Phone Calls and Robust Programming in the County Jails **[IN FAVOR]**

LA County has been saying it will do this since 2021. Phone fees impose a tremendous financial burden on families and this exploitative system takes away vital resources from communities of color for the sole benefit of an LASD fund that is not transparent or accountable. Phone calls are so expensive that families are spending hundreds of dollars a month to connect with their loved ones. When people are locked away from society, maintaining access to their loved ones is critical, and losing access to them is isolating and detrimental to the well-being of both the incarcerated person and their loved ones. It is inhumane to charge incarcerated people for phone calls especially since they are also denied the ability to work for fair wages rather than pennies. While it is critical that we invest in the livelihood of those inside LA jails and their families, the BOS must not use "expanded programming" as a justification for the continued delay of the closure of MCJ.

20. Advocating for Greater Local Control in Meeting Justice Related Mandates **[IN FAVOR]**

Thank you Supervisor Horvath and Supervisor Solis for putting forth this important motion.

I believe state funding **MUST** go towards anything but Probation, such as affordable housing, supporting our schools, and community mental health and addiction services.

Too often are we told that the County is unable to move forward on a Care First agenda because of restrictive State legislation. This motion demonstrates a real attempt to coordinate across relevant County departments with the ability to push for legislative changes at the state level. One of the biggest roadblocks to establishing an independent pretrial services system is the amount of state funding that is designated for the probation department. We know that the probation department is ill suited to provide supportive pretrial services for those going through the criminal legal system. Other counties like San Francisco and Santa Clara have the ability to utilize state funds for pretrial services outside of the probation department. Advocating for this change for LA County must be a

Board priority until it becomes a reality. Also, I thank the Supervisors for recognizing the importance of expediting release for many inside of LA County jails. I encourage the Board to be more forceful in negotiations with LASD and push LASD to prioritize the release of LGBTQIA+ folks and cis-gender women.

Lastly, this motion acknowledges the need for data and information sharing across county departments. As this initiative is implemented, I encourage the Board to invest in and commit to a publicly available database to help community members track and understand the impacts of the criminal legal system on their communities.

**Sincerely,
Margaret Starbuck**

From: richard.gagliano@gmail.com
To: [Supervisor Janice Hahn \(Fourth District\)](#); [Holly J. Mitchell](#); [Third District](#); [First District](#); [Barger, Kathryn](#); [Office of Countywide Communications](#)
Subject: Written Public Comment for 7/25/23 Board of Supervisors Meeting
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 11:05:23 AM

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My name is Richard and I am a resident of supervisorial district 1 and would like to submit written public comment to the Board of Supervisors for the July 25, 2023 meeting.

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Thank you
Richard Gagliano

From: [Sibyl OMalley](#)
To: [Holly J. Mitchell](#); [First District](#); [Supervisor Janice Hahn \(Fourth District\)](#); [Third District](#); [Barger, Kathryn](#); [Office of Countywide Communications](#)
Subject: Written Public Comment for 7/25/23 Board of Supervisors Meeting
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 11:08:11 AM

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My name is Sibyl O'Malley and I am a resident of SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1 and would like to submit written public comment to the Board of Supervisors for the July 25, 2023 meeting.

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Thank you for your service!
Sibyl O'Malley

From: [Kelly Young](#)
To: [Holly J. Mitchell](#); [First District](#); [Supervisor Janice Hahn \(Fourth District\)](#); [Third District](#); [Barger, Kathryn](#); [Office of Countywide Communications](#)
Subject: Written Public Comment for 7/25/23 Board of Supervisors Meeting
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 11:12:13 AM

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My name is Kelly Young, I'm a resident of SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 3, and I would like to submit written public comment to the Board of Supervisors for the July 25, 2023 meeting.

[2. Los Angeles County to Provide Free Phone Calls and Robust Programming in the County Jails](#) **[IN**

FAVOR]

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For Youths: youth employment, education pathways, mental health, arts programming, and 24-hour hubs and access to afterschool & summer programs.

For Adults: diversion programs, such as ODR and additional harm reduction services, because these services offer effective and holistic strategies for those in need of long-term support.

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Thank you for your time,

Kelly

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Kelly Young
Owner/Designer of [Deconstructed Design](#)

From: [Katie Edgerton](#)
To: [Supervisor Janice Hahn \(Fourth District\)](#); [Holly J. Mitchell](#); [Barger, Kathryn](#); [Third District](#); [First District](#); [Office of Countywide Communications](#)
Subject: Written Public Comment for 7/25/23 Board of Supervisors Meeting
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Hi,

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Katie Edgerton (she/her)
(757) 374-2747

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To: [Holly J. Mitchell](#); [First District](#); [Supervisor Janice Hahn \(Fourth District\)](#); [Third District](#); [Barger, Kathryn](#); [Office of Countywide Communications](#)
Subject: Written Public Comment for 7/25/23 Board of Supervisors Meeting
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My name is **Jayme Kusyk**. I am a resident of **SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT #2** and would like to submit written public comment to the Board of Supervisors for the July 25, 2023 meeting.

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Sincerely,

Jayme Kusyk

From: savage@savageblackout.com savage@savageblackout.com
To: [Holly J. Mitchell](#); [First District](#); [Supervisor Janice Hahn \(Fourth District\)](#); [Third District](#); [Barger, Kathryn](#); [Office of Countywide Communications](#)
Subject: Written Public Comment for 7/25/23 Board of Supervisors Meeting
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 11:17:44 AM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

My name is Bear Savage and I am a resident of SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1 and would like to submit written public comment to the Board of Supervisors for the July 25, 2023 meeting.

2. Los Angeles County to Provide Free Phone Calls and Robust Programming in the County Jails **[IN FAVOR]**

LA County has been saying it will do this since 2021. Phone fees impose a tremendous financial burden on families and this exploitative system takes away vital resources from communities of color for the sole benefit of an LASD fund that is not transparent or accountable. Phone calls are so expensive that families are spending hundreds of dollars a month to connect with their loved ones. When people are locked away from society, maintaining access to their loved ones is critical, and losing access to them is isolating and detrimental to the well-being of both the incarcerated person and their loved ones. It is inhumane to charge incarcerated people for phone calls especially since they are also denied the ability to work for fair wages rather than pennies. While it is critical that we invest in the livelihood of those inside LA jails and their families, the BOS must not use “expanded programming” as a justification for the continued delay of the closure of MCJ.

20. Advocating for Greater Local Control in Meeting Justice Related Mandates **[IN FAVOR]**

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Lastly, this motion acknowledges the need for data and information sharing across county departments. As this initiative is implemented, I encourage the Board to invest in and commit to a publicly available database to help community members track and understand the impacts of the criminal legal system on their communities.

From: [Kevin Kearney](#)
To: [Holly J. Mitchell](#); [First District](#); [Supervisor Janice Hahn \(Fourth District\)](#); [Third District](#); [Barger, Kathryn](#); [Office of Countywide Communications](#)
Subject: Written Public Comment for 7/25/23 Board of Supervisors Meeting
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 11:19:35 AM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

My name is Kevin Kearney and I am a resident of supervisorial district 3 and would like to submit written public comment to the Board of Supervisors for the July 25, 2023 meeting.

[2. Los Angeles County to Provide Free Phone Calls and Robust Programming in the County Jails \[IN FAVOR\]](#)

LA County has been saying it will do this since 2021. Phone fees impose a tremendous financial burden on families and this exploitative system takes away vital resources from communities of color for the sole benefit of an LASD fund that is not transparent or accountable. Phone calls are so expensive that families are spending hundreds of dollars a month to connect with their loved ones. When people are locked away from society, maintaining access to their loved ones is critical, and losing access to them is isolating and detrimental to the well-being of both the incarcerated person and their loved ones. It is inhumane to charge incarcerated people for phone calls especially since they are also denied the ability to work for fair wages rather than pennies. While it is critical that we invest in the livelihood of those inside LA jails and their families, the BOS must not use "expanded programming" as a justification for the continued delay of the closure of MCJ.

[20. Advocating for Greater Local Control in Meeting Justice Related Mandates \[IN FAVOR\]](#)

Thank you Supervisor Horvath and Supervisor Solis for putting forth this important motion.

We need to reallocate state funding away from probation. Too often are we told that the County is unable to move forward on a Care First agenda because of restrictive State legislation. This motion demonstrates a real attempt to coordinate across relevant County departments with the ability to push for legislative changes at the state level. One of the biggest roadblocks to establishing an independent pretrial services system is the amount of state funding that is designated for the probation department. We know that the probation department is ill suited to provide supportive pretrial services for those going through the criminal legal system. Other counties like San Francisco and Santa Clara have the ability to utilize state funds for pretrial services outside of the probation department. Advocating for this change for LA County must be a Board priority until it becomes a

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Lastly, this motion acknowledges the need for data and information sharing across county departments. As this initiative is implemented, I encourage the Board to invest in and commit to a publicly available database to help community members track and understand the impacts of the criminal legal system on their communities.

Thanks,

Kevin Kearney

From: [Grace Doyle](#)
To: [First District](#); [Supervisor Janice Hahn \(Fourth District\)](#); [Holly J. Mitchell](#); [Third District](#); [Barger, Kathryn](#); [Office of Countywide Communications](#)
Subject: Written Public Comment for 7/25/23 Board of Supervisors Meeting
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 11:21:41 AM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear BOS,

My name is Grace Doyle, District 1 and I have comments on items 2 and 20.

[2. Los Angeles County to Provide Free Phone Calls and Robust Programming in the County Jails](#) **[IN FAVOR]**

LA County has been saying it will do this since 2021. Phone fees impose a tremendous financial burden on families and this exploitative system takes away vital resources from communities of color for the sole benefit of an LASD fund that is not transparent or accountable. Phone calls are so expensive that families are spending hundreds of dollars a month to connect with their loved ones. When people are locked away from society, maintaining access to their loved ones is critical, and losing access to them is isolating and detrimental to the well-being of both the incarcerated person and their loved ones. It is inhumane to charge incarcerated people for phone calls especially since they are also denied the ability to work for fair wages rather than pennies. While it is critical that we invest in the livelihood of those inside LA jails and their families, the BOS must not use "expanded programming" as a justification for the continued delay of the closure of MCJ.

[20. Advocating for Greater Local Control in Meeting Justice Related Mandates](#) **[IN FAVOR]**

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Lastly, this motion acknowledges the need for data and information sharing across county

departments. As this initiative is implemented, I encourage the Board to invest in and commit to a publicly available database to help community members track and understand the impacts of the criminal legal system on their communities.

Grace Doyle

From: [Sydney O'Toole](#)
To: [Holly J. Mitchell](#); [First District](#); [Supervisor Janice Hahn \(Fourth District\)](#); [Third District](#); [Barger, Kathryn](#); [Office of Countywide Communications](#)
Subject: Written Public Comment for 7/25/23 Board of Supervisors Meeting
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 11:30:29 AM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Hello,

My name is Sydney O'Toole and I am a resident of supervisorial district #3. I would like to submit written public comment to the Board of Supervisors for the July 25, 2023 meeting.

2. Los Angeles County to Provide Free Phone Calls and Robust Programming in the County Jails **[IN**

FAVOR]

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20. Advocating for Greater Local Control in Meeting Justice Related Mandates **[IN FAVOR]**

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sydney o'toole

From: [Gillian Zwick](#)
To: [Holly J. Mitchell](#); [First District](#); [Supervisor Janice Hahn \(Fourth District\)](#); [Third District](#); [Barger, Kathryn](#); [Office of Countywide Communications](#)
Subject: Written Public Comment for 7/25/23 Board of Supervisors Meeting
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 11:34:10 AM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

My name is Gillian Zwick and I am a resident of district 1 (90065) and would like to submit written public comment to the Board of Supervisors for the July 25, 2023 meeting.

[2. Los Angeles County to Provide Free Phone Calls and Robust Programming in the County Jails](#) **[IN**

FAVOR]

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Sent from my iPhone

From: [Allison Riley](#)
To: [Holly J. Mitchell](#); [First District](#); [Supervisor Janice Hahn \(Fourth District\)](#); [Third District](#); [Barger, Kathryn](#); [Office of Countywide Communications](#)
Subject: Written Public Comment for 7/25/23 Board of Supervisors Meeting
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 11:35:52 AM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

My name is Allison Riley and I am a resident of SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2 and would like to submit written public comment to the Board of Supervisors for the July 25, 2023 meeting.

2. Los Angeles County to Provide Free Phone Calls and Robust Programming in the County Jails [IN FAVOR]

LA County has been saying it will do this since 2021. Phone fees impose a tremendous financial burden on families and this exploitative system takes away vital resources from communities of color for the sole benefit of an LASD fund that is not transparent or accountable. Phone calls are so expensive that families are spending hundreds of dollars a month to connect with their loved ones. When people are locked away from society, maintaining access to their loved ones is critical, and losing access to them is isolating and detrimental to the well-being of both the incarcerated person and their loved ones. It is inhumane to charge incarcerated people for phone calls especially since they are also denied the ability to work for fair wages rather than pennies. While it is critical that we invest in the livelihood of those inside LA jails and their families, the BOS must not use “expanded programming” as a justification for the continued delay of the closure of MCJ.

20. Advocating for Greater Local Control in Meeting Justice Related Mandates [IN FAVOR]

Thank you Supervisor Horvath and Supervisor Solis for putting forth this important motion.

I believe state funding MUST go towards anything but Probation, such as housing for diversion and reentry programs, mental health crisis support, job training and direct subsidies to families.

Too often are we told that the County is unable to move forward on a Care First agenda because of restrictive State legislation. This motion demonstrates a real attempt to coordinate across relevant County departments with the ability to push for legislative changes at the state level. One of the biggest roadblocks to establishing an independent pretrial services system is the amount of state funding that is designated for the probation department. We know that the probation department is ill suited to provide supportive pretrial services for those going through the criminal legal system. Other counties like San Francisco and Santa Clara have the ability to utilize state funds for pretrial services outside of the probation department. Advocating for this change for LA County must be a Board priority until it becomes a reality. Also, I thank the Supervisors for recognizing the importance of expediting release for many inside of LA County jails. I encourage the Board to be more forceful in negotiations with LASD and push LASD to prioritize the release of LGBTQIA+ folks and cis-gender women.

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From: [KR Rose](#)
To: [Supervisor Janice Hahn \(Fourth District\)](#); [Holly J. Mitchell](#); [Barger, Kathryn](#); [Third District](#); [First District](#); [Office of Countywide Communications](#)
Subject: Written Public Comment for 7/25/23 Board of Supervisors Meeting
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 11:30:49 AM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

My name is Kay Rose and I am a resident of City Terrace in **SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1** and would like to submit written public comment to the Board of Supervisors for the July 25, 2023 meeting.

[2. Los Angeles County to Provide Free Phone Calls and Robust Programming in the County Jails](#) **[IN FAVOR]**

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[20. Advocating for Greater Local Control in Meeting Justice Related Mandates](#) **[IN FAVOR]**

Thank you Supervisor Horvath and Supervisor Solis for putting forth this important motion.

I believe state funding **MUST** go towards anything but Probation. For too long we've been focusing on peoples' past mistakes instead of supporting their futures. Funding could go to Restorative/Transformative justice programs and other initiatives to help people reach their goals and be productive members of our communities.

Too often are we told that the County is unable to move forward on a Care First agenda because of restrictive State legislation. This motion demonstrates a real attempt to coordinate across relevant

County departments with the ability to push for legislative changes at the state level. One of the biggest roadblocks to establishing an independent pretrial services system is the amount of state funding that is designated for the probation department. We know that the probation department is ill suited to provide supportive pretrial services for those going through the criminal legal system. Other counties like San Francisco and Santa Clara have the ability to utilize state funds for pretrial services outside of the probation department. Advocating for this change for LA County must be a Board priority until it becomes a reality. Also, I thank the Supervisors for recognizing the importance of expediting release for many inside of LA County jails. I encourage the Board to be more forceful in negotiations with LASD and push LASD to prioritize the release of LGBTQIA+ folks and cis-gender women.

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Thank you for your time,
KR (they/them)

From: [Erica Hendry](#)
To: [Holly J. Mitchell](#); [First District](#); [Supervisor Janice Hahn \(Fourth District\)](#); [Third District](#); [Barger, Kathryn](#); [Office of Countywide Communications](#)
Subject: Written Public Comment for 7/25/23 Board of Supervisors Meeting
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 11:25:41 AM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

My name is Erica Hendry and I am a resident of Supervisorial District 3 and would like to submit written public comment to the Board of Supervisors for the July 25, 2023 meeting.

2. Los Angeles County to Provide Free Phone Calls and Robust Programming in the County Jails **[IN FAVOR]**

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of expediting release for many inside of LA County jails. I encourage the Board to be more forceful in negotiations with LASD and push LASD to prioritize the release of LGBTQIA+ folks and cis-gender women.

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Thank you,

Erica Hendry

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From: [Bri Price](#)
To: [Holly J. Mitchell](#); [First District](#); [Supervisor Janice Hahn \(Fourth District\)](#); [Third District](#); [Barger, Kathryn](#); [Office of Countywide Communications](#)
Subject: Written Public Comment for 7/25/23 Board of Supervisors Meeting
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 11:21:37 AM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

My name is Bri Price and I am a resident of supervisorial district #4 and would like to submit written public comment to the Board of Supervisors for the July 25, 2023 meeting.

2. Los Angeles County to Provide Free Phone Calls and Robust Programming in the County Jails [IN FAVOR]

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20. Advocating for Greater Local Control in Meeting Justice Related Mandates [IN FAVOR]

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From: [Urzulo Glaviano *they-them*](#)
To: [Holly J. Mitchell](#); [First District](#); [Supervisor Janice Hahn \(Fourth District\)](#); [Third District](#); [Barger, Kathryn](#); [Office of Countywide Communications](#)
Subject: Written Public Comment for 7/25/23 Board of Supervisors Meeting
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 11:15:20 AM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

My name is Urzulo and I am a resident of CD 1 and would like to submit written public comment to the Board of Supervisors for the July 25, 2023 meeting.

2. Los Angeles County to Provide Free Phone Calls and Robust Programming in the County Jails [IN FAVOR]

LA County has been saying it will do this since 2021. Phone fees impose a tremendous financial burden on families and this exploitative system takes away vital resources from communities of color for the sole benefit of an LASD fund that is not transparent or accountable. Phone calls are so expensive that families are spending hundreds of dollars a month to connect with their loved ones. When people are locked away from society, maintaining access to their loved ones is critical, and losing access to them is isolating and detrimental to the well-being of both the incarcerated person and their loved ones. It is inhumane to charge incarcerated people for phone calls especially since they are also denied the ability to work for fair wages rather than pennies. While it is critical that we invest in the livelihood of those inside LA jails and their families, the BOS must not use “expanded programming” as a justification for the continued delay of the closure of MCJ.

20. Advocating for Greater Local Control in Meeting Justice Related Mandates [IN FAVOR]

Thank you Supervisor Horvath and Supervisor Solis for putting forth this important motion.

I believe state funding MUST go towards anything but Probation, such as community based resources, mental health and addressing food insecurity.

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From: [Elizabeth PK](#)
To: [Holly J. Mitchell](#); [First District](#); [Supervisor Janice Hahn \(Fourth District\)](#); [Third District](#); [Barger, Kathryn](#); [Office of Countywide Communications](#)
Subject: Written Public Comment for 7/25/23 Board of Supervisors Meeting
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 11:46:54 AM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

My name is Elizabeth Parks Kibbey and I am a resident of Supervisorial district 4 and would like to submit written public comment to the Board of Supervisors for the July 25, 2023 meeting.

[2. Los Angeles County to Provide Free Phone Calls and Robust Programming in the County Jails](#) [IN FAVOR]

This is a simple way to improve human rights and access to just treatment in our local jails. I am strongly in favor.

LA County has been saying it will do this since 2021. Phone fees impose a tremendous financial burden on families and this exploitative system takes away vital resources from communities of color for the sole benefit of an LASD fund that is not transparent or accountable. Phone calls are so expensive that families are spending hundreds of dollars a month to connect with their loved ones. When people are locked away from society, maintaining access to their loved ones is critical, and losing access to them is isolating and detrimental to the well-being of both the incarcerated person and their loved ones. It is inhumane to charge incarcerated people for phone calls especially since they are also denied the ability to work for fair wages rather than pennies.

[20. Advocating for Greater Local Control in Meeting Justice Related Mandates](#) [IN FAVOR]

Thank you Supervisor Horvath and Supervisor Solis for putting forth this important motion.

I believe state funding MUST go towards anything but Probation, such as creating avenues for funding independent pretrial services outside of the probation department.

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Sincerely,

Elizabeth Parks Kibbey
243 Euclid Avenue
Long Beach, CA 90803

From: [Ashley Locke](#)
To: [Holly J. Mitchell](#); [First District](#); [Supervisor Janice Hahn \(Fourth District\)](#); [Third District](#); [Barger, Kathryn](#); [Office of Countywide Communications](#)
Subject: Written Public Comment for 7/25/23 Board of Supervisors Meeting
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 11:47:07 AM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

My name is Ashley Locke and I am a resident of Supervisorial District 4. I would like to submit written public comment to the Board of Supervisors for the July 25, 2023 meeting.

2. Los Angeles County to Provide Free Phone Calls and Robust Programming in the County Jails **[IN FAVOR]**

LA County has been saying it will do this since 2021. Phone fees impose a tremendous financial burden on families and this exploitative system takes away vital resources from communities of color for the sole benefit of an LASD fund that is not transparent or accountable. Phone calls are so expensive that families are spending hundreds of dollars a month to connect with their loved ones. When people are locked away from society, maintaining access to their loved ones is critical, and losing access to them is isolating and detrimental to the well-being of both the incarcerated person and their loved ones. It is inhumane to charge incarcerated people for phone calls especially since they are also denied the ability to work for fair wages rather than pennies. While it is critical that we invest in the livelihood of those inside LA jails and their families, the BOS must not use "expanded programming" as a justification for the continued delay of the closure of MCJ.

20. Advocating for Greater Local Control in Meeting Justice Related Mandates **[IN FAVOR]**

Thank you Supervisor Horvath and Supervisor Solis for putting forth this important motion.

Too often are we told that the County is unable to move forward on a Care First agenda because of restrictive State legislation. This motion demonstrates a real attempt to coordinate across relevant County departments with the ability to push for legislative changes at the state level. One of the biggest roadblocks to establishing an independent pretrial services system is the amount of state funding that is designated for the probation department. We know that the probation department is ill suited to provide supportive pretrial services for those going through the criminal legal system. Other counties like San Francisco and Santa Clara have the ability to utilize state funds for pretrial services outside of the probation department. Advocating for this change for LA County must be a Board priority until it becomes a reality. Also, I thank the Supervisors for recognizing the importance

of expediting release for many inside of LA County jails. I encourage the Board to be more forceful in negotiations with LASD and push LASD to prioritize the release of LGBTQIA+ folks and cis-gender women.

Lastly, this motion acknowledges the need for data and information sharing across county departments. As this initiative is implemented, I encourage the Board to invest in and commit to a publicly available database to help community members track and understand the impacts of the criminal legal system on their communities.

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Ashley Locke
Pronouns: She/her
562 - 508 - 1828

From: [Frankie Fleming](#)
Subject: Written Public Comment for 7/25/23 Board of Supervisors Meeting
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 11:59:33 AM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

My name is Frances Fleming and I am a resident of Kathryn Barger's District. I would like to submit written public comment to the Board of Supervisors for the July 25, 2023 meeting.

2. Los Angeles County to Provide Free Phone Calls and Robust Programming in the County Jails [IN FAVOR]

LA County has been saying it will do this since 2021 and we are way past due the time to act. It is deeply unfair to impose this financial burden on families who are already experiencing such strain, and who often already face the brunt of poverty. This exploitative system takes away vital resources from communities of color for the sole benefit of an LASD fund that is not transparent or accountable. Phone calls are so expensive that families are spending hundreds of dollars a month to connect with their loved ones. When people are locked away from society, maintaining access to their loved ones is critical, and losing access to them is isolating and detrimental to the well-being of both the incarcerated person and their loved ones. It is inhumane to charge incarcerated people for phone calls especially since they are also denied the ability to work for fair wages rather than pennies. While it is critical that we invest in the livelihood of those inside LA jails and their families, the BOS must not use "expanded programming" as a justification for the continued delay of the closure of MCJ.

20. Advocating for Greater Local Control in Meeting Justice Related Mandates [IN FAVOR]

Thank you Supervisor Horvath and Supervisor Solis for putting forth this important motion.

I believe state funding *MUST* go towards *anything but* Probation. We could be funding schools, after school programs, mental health resources, addiction resources. These types of services actually address harm and have shown that they prevent crime, unlike funding systems of punishment that lead to recidivism and do not help people who have caused harm to actually grow.

Too often are we told that the County is unable to move forward on a Care First agenda because of restrictive State legislation. This motion demonstrates a real attempt to coordinate across relevant County departments with the ability to push for legislative changes at the state level. One of the biggest roadblocks to establishing an independent pretrial services system is the amount of state funding that is designated for the probation department. We know that the probation department is ill suited to provide supportive pretrial services for those going through the criminal legal system. Other counties, like San Francisco and Santa Clara, have the ability to utilize state funds for pretrial services outside of the probation department. Advocating for this change for LA County must be a Board priority until it becomes a reality. Also, I thank the Supervisors for recognizing the importance of expediting release for many inside of LA County jails. I encourage the Board to be more forceful in negotiations with LASD and push LASD to prioritize the release of LGBTQIA+ folks and cis-gender women.

Lastly, this motion acknowledges the need for data and information sharing across county departments. As this initiative is implemented, I encourage the Board to invest in and commit to a publicly available database to help community members track and understand the impacts

of the criminal legal system on their communities.

Thank you,
Frances Fleming

From: [Ben Carroll](#)
To: [Holly J. Mitchell](#); [First District](#); [Supervisor Janice Hahn \(Fourth District\)](#); [Third District](#); [Barger, Kathryn](#); [Office of Countywide Communications](#)
Subject: Written Public Comment for 7/25/23 Board of Supervisors Meeting
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 12:06:46 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

My name is Ben Carroll and I am a resident of 2nd SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT and would like to submit written public comment to the Board of Supervisors for the July 25, 2023 meeting.

2. Los Angeles County to Provide Free Phone Calls and Robust Programming in the County Jails [IN FAVOR]

LA County has been saying it will do this since 2021. Phone fees impose a tremendous financial burden on families and this exploitative system takes away vital resources from communities of color for the sole benefit of an LASD fund that is not transparent or accountable. Phone calls are so expensive that families are spending hundreds of dollars a month to connect with their loved ones. When people are locked away from society, maintaining access to their loved ones is critical, and losing access to them is isolating and detrimental to the well-being of both the incarcerated person and their loved ones. It is inhumane to charge incarcerated people for phone calls—especially since they are also denied the ability to work for fair wages rather than pennies. While it is critical that we invest in the livelihood of those inside LA jails and their families, the BOS must not use “expanded programming” as a justification for the continued delay of the closure of MCJ.

20. Advocating for Greater Local Control in Meeting Justice-related Mandates [IN FAVOR]

Thank you Supervisor Horvath and Supervisor Solis for putting forth this important motion. I believe state funding MUST go towards anything but Probation, such as green jobs training and placement, after-school programs, skilled 311 staffing for intervention in the case of mental health emergencies and/or unhoused emergencies instead of police involvement, arts funding, or any other community-serving measures.

Too often are we told that the County is unable to move forward on a Care First agenda because of restrictive State legislation. This motion demonstrates a real attempt to coordinate across relevant County departments with the ability to push for legislative changes at the state level. One of the biggest roadblocks to establishing an independent pretrial services system is the amount of state funding that is designated for the probation department. We know that the probation department is ill-suited to provide supportive pretrial services for those going through the criminal legal system. Other counties like San Francisco and Santa Clara have the ability to utilize state funds for pretrial services outside of the probation department. Advocating for this change for LA County must be a Board priority until it becomes a reality. Also, I thank the Supervisors for recognizing the importance of expediting release for many inside of LA County jails. I encourage the Board to be more forceful in negotiations with LASD and push LASD to prioritize the release of LGBTQIA+ folks, and of cis-gender women.

Lastly, this motion acknowledges the need for data- and information-sharing across county departments. As this initiative is implemented, I encourage the Board to invest in and commit

to a publicly available database to help community members track and understand the impacts of the criminal legal system on their communities.

Sincerely,

Ben Carroll
Los Angeles, CA

From: [River Rafferty](#)
To: [Holly J. Mitchell](#); [First District](#); [Supervisor Janice Hahn \(Fourth District\)](#); [Third District](#); [Barger, Kathryn](#); [Office of Countywide Communications](#)
Subject: Written Public Comment for 7/25/23 Board of Supervisors Meeting
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 12:22:37 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

My name is River Rafferty and I am a resident of supervisorial district 5 and would like to submit written public comment to the Board of Supervisors for the July 25, 2023 meeting.

2. Los Angeles County to Provide Free Phone Calls and Robust Programming in the County Jails **[IN FAVOR]**

LA County has been saying it will do this since 2021. Phone fees impose a tremendous financial burden on families and this exploitative system takes away vital resources from communities of color for the sole benefit of an LASD fund that is not transparent or accountable. Phone calls are so expensive that families are spending hundreds of dollars a month to connect with their loved ones. When people are locked away from society, maintaining access to their loved ones is critical, and losing access to them is isolating and detrimental to the well-being of both the incarcerated person and their loved ones. It is inhumane to charge incarcerated people for phone calls especially since they are also denied the ability to work for fair wages rather than pennies. While it is critical that we invest in the livelihood of those inside LA jails and their families, the BOS must not use "expanded programming" as a justification for the continued delay of the closure of MCJ.

20. Advocating for Greater Local Control in Meeting Justice Related Mandates **[IN FAVOR]**

Thank you Supervisor Horvath and Supervisor Solis for putting forth this important motion.

Too often are we told that the County is unable to move forward on a Care First agenda because of restrictive State legislation. This motion demonstrates a real attempt to coordinate across relevant County departments with the ability to push for legislative changes at the state level. One of the biggest roadblocks to establishing an independent pretrial services system is the amount of state funding that is designated for the probation department. We know that the probation department is ill suited to provide supportive pretrial services for those going through the criminal legal system. Other counties like San Francisco and Santa Clara have the ability to utilize state funds for pretrial services outside of the probation department. Advocating for this change for LA County must be a Board priority until it becomes a reality. Also, I thank the Supervisors for recognizing the importance

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Lastly, this motion acknowledges the need for data and information sharing across county departments. As this initiative is implemented, I encourage the Board to invest in and commit to a publicly available database to help community members track and understand the impacts of the criminal legal system on their communities.

From: [Jessica Craven](#)
To: [Holly J. Mitchell](#); [First District](#); [Supervisor Janice Hahn \(Fourth District\)](#); [Third District](#); [Barger, Kathryn](#); [Office of Countywide Communications](#)
Subject: Written Public Comment for 7/25/23 Board of Supervisors Meeting
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 11:38:32 AM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

To the LA Board of Supervisors,

My name is Jessica Craven and I am a resident of District 1—I'm also an elected member of the LACDP in AD 52. I would like to submit written public comment for the July 25, 2023 meeting. I'll submit comments on two agenda items.

Agenda Item 2. Los Angeles County to Provide Free Phone Calls and Robust Programming in the County Jails [IN FAVOR]

LA County has been saying it will do this since 2021. Phone fees impose a tremendous financial burden on families and this exploitative system takes away vital resources from communities of color for the sole benefit of an LASD fund that is not transparent or accountable. Phone calls are so expensive that families are spending hundreds of dollars a month to connect with their loved ones. When people are locked away from society, maintaining access to their loved ones is critical, and losing access to them is isolating and detrimental to the well-being of both the incarcerated person and their loved ones. It is inhumane to charge incarcerated people for phone calls especially since they are also denied the ability to work for fair wages rather than pennies. While it is critical that we invest in the livelihood of those inside LA jails and their families, the BOS must not use "expanded programming" as a justification for the continued delay of the closure of MCJ.

20. Advocating for Greater Local Control in Meeting Justice Related Mandates [IN FAVOR]

Too often are we told that the County is unable to move forward on a Care First agenda because of restrictive State legislation. This motion demonstrates a real attempt to coordinate across relevant County departments with the ability to push for legislative changes at the state level. One of the biggest roadblocks to establishing an independent pretrial services system is the amount of state funding that is designated for the probation department. We know that the probation department is ill suited to provide supportive pretrial services for those going through the criminal legal system. Other counties like San Francisco and Santa Clara have the ability to utilize state funds for pretrial services outside of the probation department. Advocating for this change for LA County must be a Board priority until it becomes a reality. Also, I thank the Supervisors for recognizing the importance of expediting release for many inside of LA County jails. I encourage the Board to be more forceful in negotiations with LASD and push LASD to prioritize the release of LGBTQIA+ folks and cis-gender women.

Lastly, this motion acknowledges the need for data and information sharing across county departments. As this initiative is implemented, I encourage the Board to invest in and commit to a publicly available database to help community members track and understand the impacts of the criminal legal system on their communities.

Thank you!

Jessica Craven
4673 Cleland Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90065

From: [Cordelia Arterian](#)
To: [Holly J. Mitchell](#); [First District](#); [Supervisor Janice Hahn \(Fourth District\)](#); [Third District](#); [Barger, Kathryn](#); [Office of Countywide Communications](#)
Subject: Written Public Comment for 7/25/23 Board of Supervisors Meeting
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 11:48:20 AM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

My name is Corey and I am a resident of District 1 under Supervisor Solis and would like to submit written public comment to the Board of Supervisors for the July 25, 2023 meeting.

2. [Los Angeles County to Provide Free Phone Calls and Robust Programming in the County Jails](#) [IN FAVOR]

LA County has been saying it will do this since 2021. Phone fees impose a tremendous financial burden on families and this exploitative system takes away vital resources from communities of color for the sole benefit of an LASD fund that is not transparent or accountable. Phone calls are so expensive that families are spending hundreds of dollars a month to connect with their loved ones. When people are locked away from society, maintaining access to their loved ones is critical, and losing access to them is isolating and detrimental to the well-being of both the incarcerated person and their loved ones. It is inhumane to charge incarcerated people for phone calls especially since they are also denied the ability to work for fair wages rather than pennies. While it is critical that we invest in the livelihood of those inside LA jails and their families, the BOS must not use “expanded programming” as a justification for the continued delay of the closure of MCJ.

20. [Advocating for Greater Local Control in Meeting Justice Related Mandates](#) [IN FAVOR]

Thank you Supervisor Horvath and Supervisor Solis for putting forth this important motion.

Too often are we told that the County is unable to move forward on a Care First agenda because of restrictive State legislation. This motion demonstrates a real attempt to coordinate across relevant County departments with the ability to push for legislative changes at the state level. One of the biggest roadblocks to establishing an independent pretrial services system is the amount of state funding that is designated for the probation department. We know that the probation department is ill suited to provide supportive pretrial services for those going through the criminal legal system. Other counties like San Francisco and Santa Clara have the ability to utilize state funds for pretrial services outside of the probation department.

Advocating for this change for LA County must be a Board priority until it becomes a reality. Also, I thank the Supervisors for recognizing the importance of expediting release for many inside of LA County jails. I encourage the Board to be more forceful in negotiations with LASD and push LASD to prioritize the release of LGBTQIA+ folks and cis-gender women.

Lastly, this motion acknowledges the need for data and information sharing across county departments. As this initiative is implemented, I encourage the Board to invest in and commit to a publicly available database to help community members track and understand the impacts of the criminal legal system on their communities.

Thank you,
Corey A.
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From: [Tracy Spuehler](#)
To: [Holly J. Mitchell](#); [First District](#); [Supervisor Janice Hahn \(Fourth District\)](#); [Third District](#); [Barger, Kathryn](#); [Office of Countywide Communications](#)
Subject: Written Public Comment for 7/25/23 Board of Supervisors Meeting
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 12:04:42 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

My name is Tracy Dickerson and I am an LA County resident of the 3rd Supervisorial District represented by Supervisor Horvath. I would like to submit written public comment to the Board of Supervisors for the July 25, 2023 meeting.

[2. Los Angeles County to Provide Free Phone Calls and Robust Programming in the County Jails](#) **[IN**

FAVOR]

LA County has been saying it will do this since 2021. Phone fees impose a tremendous financial burden on families and this exploitative system takes away vital resources from communities of color for the sole benefit of an LASD fund that is not transparent or accountable. Phone calls are so expensive that families are spending hundreds of dollars a month to connect with their loved ones. When people are locked away from society, maintaining access to their loved ones is critical, and losing access to them is isolating and detrimental to the well-being of both the incarcerated person and their loved ones. It is inhumane to charge incarcerated people for phone calls especially since they are also denied the ability to work for fair wages rather than pennies. While it is critical that we invest in the livelihood of those inside LA jails and their families, the BOS must not use "expanded programming" as a justification for the continued delay of the closure of MCJ.

[20. Advocating for Greater Local Control in Meeting Justice Related Mandates](#) **[IN FAVOR]**

Thank you Supervisor Horvath and Supervisor Solis for putting forth this important motion.

I believe state funding **MUST** go towards anything but Probation, such as preventative measures that reduce crime like social supports and services that will strengthen communities.

Too often are we told that the County is unable to move forward on a Care First agenda because of restrictive State legislation. This motion demonstrates a real attempt to coordinate across relevant County departments with the ability to push for legislative changes at the state level. One of the biggest roadblocks to establishing an independent pretrial services system is the amount of state funding that is designated for the probation department. We know that the probation department is ill suited to provide supportive pretrial services for those going through the criminal legal system.

Other counties like San Francisco and Santa Clara have the ability to utilize state funds for pretrial services outside of the probation department. Advocating for this change for LA County must be a Board priority until it becomes a reality. Also, I thank the Supervisors for recognizing the importance of expediting release for many inside of LA County jails. I encourage the Board to be more forceful in negotiations with LASD and push LASD to prioritize the release of LGBTQIA+ folks and cis-gender women.

Lastly, this motion acknowledges the need for data and information sharing across county departments. As this initiative is implemented, I encourage the Board to invest in and commit to a publicly available database to help community members track and understand the impacts of the criminal legal system on their communities.

Thank you,

Tracy

From: [Jacclyn Combs](#)
To: [Supervisor Janice Hahn \(Fourth District\)](#); [Holly J. Mitchell](#); [Third District](#); [First District](#); [Barger, Kathryn](#); [Office of Countywide Communications](#)
Subject: Written Public Comment for 7/25/23 Board of Supervisors Meeting
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 12:16:13 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

My name is Jacqueline Combs and I am a resident of **Third District** and would like to submit written public comment to the Board of Supervisors for the July 25, 2023 meeting.

[2. Los Angeles County to Provide Free Phone Calls and Robust Programming in the County Jails](#) **[IN**

FAVOR]

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Jaclynn C Lauwerys Create yourself a happy New Year!

From: [Vicki F](#)
To: [Holly J. Mitchell](#); [First District](#); [Supervisor Janice Hahn \(Fourth District\)](#); [Third District](#); [Barger, Kathryn](#); [Office of Countywide Communications](#)
Subject: Written Public Comment for 7/25/23 Board of Supervisors Meeting
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 12:39:08 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Hello,

My name is Victoria Friesen and I am a resident of Supervisorial District 5 and would like to submit written public comment to the Board of Supervisors for the July 25, 2023 meeting.

[2. Los Angeles County to Provide Free Phone Calls and Robust Programming in the County Jails](#) **IN**

FAVOR

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[20. Advocating for Greater Local Control in Meeting Justice Related Mandates](#) **IN FAVOR**

Thank you Supervisor Horvath and Supervisor Solis for putting forth this important motion.

Too often are we told that the County is unable to move forward on a Care First agenda because of restrictive State legislation. This motion demonstrates a real attempt to coordinate across relevant County departments with the ability to push for legislative changes at the state level. One of the biggest roadblocks to establishing an independent pretrial services system is the amount of state funding that is designated for the probation department. We know that the probation department is ill suited to provide supportive pretrial services for those going through the criminal legal system. Other counties like San Francisco and Santa Clara have the ability to utilize state funds for pretrial services outside of the probation department. Advocating for this change for LA County must be a Board priority until it becomes a reality. Also, I thank the Supervisors for recognizing the importance

of expediting release for many inside of LA County jails. I encourage the Board to be more forceful in negotiations with LASD and push LASD to prioritize the release of LGBTQIA+ folks and women.

Lastly, this motion acknowledges the need for data and information sharing across county departments. As this initiative is implemented, I encourage the Board to invest in and commit to a publicly available database to help community members track and understand the impacts of the criminal legal system on their communities.

Respectfully,
Victoria Friesen

From: [Hillary Matthews](#)
To: [Holly J. Mitchell](#); [First District](#); [Supervisor Janice Hahn \(Fourth District\)](#); [Third District](#); [Barger, Kathryn](#); [Office of Countywide Communications](#)
Subject: Written Public Comment for 7/25/23 Board of Supervisors Meeting
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 12:49:44 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

My name is **Hillary Matthews** and I am a resident of **SD-1** SD-1 and would like to submit written public comment to the Board of Supervisors for the July 25, 2023 meeting.

[2. Los Angeles County to Provide Free Phone Calls and Robust Programming in the County Jails](#) **[IN FAVOR]**

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[20. Advocating for Greater Local Control in Meeting Justice Related Mandates](#) **[IN FAVOR]**

Thank you Supervisor Horvath and Supervisor Solis for putting forth this important motion.

I believe state funding MUST go towards anything but Probation, such as mental health services! Mental health services for currently incarcerated! Continuing education classes for currently incarcerated! Mental health resources and re-entry resources for those recently released from incarceration!

Too often are we told that the County is unable to move forward on a Care First agenda because of restrictive State legislation. This motion demonstrates a real attempt to coordinate across relevant County departments with the ability to push for legislative changes at the state level. One of the biggest roadblocks to establishing an independent pretrial services system is the amount of state funding that is designated for the probation department. We know that the probation department is ill

suited to provide supportive pretrial services for those going through the criminal legal system. Other counties like San Francisco and Santa Clara have the ability to utilize state funds for pretrial services outside of the probation department. Advocating for this change for LA County must be a Board priority until it becomes a reality. Also, I thank the Supervisors for recognizing the importance of expediting release for many inside of LA County jails. I encourage the Board to be more forceful in negotiations with LASD and push LASD to prioritize the release of LGBTQIA+ folks and cis-gender women.

Lastly, this motion acknowledges the need for data and information sharing across county departments. As this initiative is implemented, I encourage the Board to invest in and commit to a publicly available database to help community members track and understand the impacts of the criminal legal system on their communities.

From: [Anne Madariaga](#)
To: [Holly J. Mitchell](#); [First District](#); [Supervisor Janice Hahn \(Fourth District\)](#); [Third District](#); [Barger, Kathryn](#); [Office of Countywide Communications](#)
Subject: Written Public Comment for 7/25/23 Board of Supervisors Meeting
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 1:56:43 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

My name is Anne Madariaga and I am a resident of SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1 and would like to submit written public comment to the Board of Supervisors for the July 25, 2023 meeting.

2. Los Angeles County to Provide Free Phone Calls and Robust Programming in the County Jails **[IN**

FAVOR]

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20. Advocating for Greater Local Control in Meeting Justice Related Mandates **[IN FAVOR]**

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Lastly, this motion acknowledges the need for data and information sharing across county departments. As this initiative is implemented, I encourage the Board to invest in and commit to a publicly available database to help community members track and understand the impacts of the criminal legal system on their communities.

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Anne Madariaga - 310 721 9148

From: [Geoffrey Golden](#)
To: [Holly J. Mitchell](#); [First District](#); [Supervisor Janice Hahn \(Fourth District\)](#); [Third District](#); [Barger, Kathryn](#); [Office of Countywide Communications](#)
Subject: Written Public Comment for 7/25/23 Board of Supervisors Meeting
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 2:42:14 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Hello,

My name is Geoffrey Golden and I am a resident of supervisorial district #2. I would like to submit written public comment to the Board of Supervisors for the July 25, 2023 meeting.

2. Los Angeles County to Provide Free Phone Calls and Robust Programming in the County Jails [IN FAVOR]

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20. Advocating for Greater Local Control in Meeting Justice Related Mandates [IN FAVOR]

Thank you Supervisor Horvath and Supervisor Solis for putting forth this important motion.

I believe state funding MUST go towards anything but Probation, such as public housing, job placement, education, drug rehabilitation – aspects of the Care First agenda that are proven to uplift our community.

Too often are we told that the County is unable to move forward on a Care First agenda because of restrictive State legislation. This motion demonstrates a real attempt to coordinate across relevant County departments with the ability to push for legislative changes at the state level. One of the biggest roadblocks to establishing an independent pretrial services system is the amount of state funding that is designated for the probation department. We know that the probation department is ill suited to provide supportive pretrial services for those going through the criminal legal system. Other counties like San Francisco and Santa Clara have the ability to utilize state funds for pretrial services outside of the probation department.

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Lastly, this motion acknowledges the need for data and information sharing across county departments. As this initiative is implemented, I encourage the Board to invest in and commit

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Talk soon,

Geoffrey

From: [Colin Doty](#)
To: [Holly J. Mitchell](#); [First District](#); [Supervisor Janice Hahn \(Fourth District\)](#); [Third District](#); [Barger, Kathryn](#); [Office of Countywide Communications](#)
Subject: Written Public Comment for 7/25/23 Board of Supervisors Meeting
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 2:55:09 PM

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I am a resident of Supervisor Hahn's district and would like to submit written public comment to the Board of Supervisors for the July 25, 2023 meeting.

[2. Los Angeles County to Provide Free Phone Calls and Robust Programming in the County Jails](#) **[IN**

FAVOR]

LA County has been saying it will do this since 2021. Phone fees impose a tremendous financial burden on families and this exploitative system takes away vital resources from communities of color for the sole benefit of an LASD fund that is not transparent or accountable. Phone calls are so expensive that families are spending hundreds of dollars a month to connect with their loved ones. When people are locked away from society, maintaining access to their loved ones is critical, and losing access to them is isolating and detrimental to the well-being of both the incarcerated person and their loved ones. It is inhumane to charge incarcerated people for phone calls especially since they are also denied the ability to work for fair wages rather than pennies. While it is critical that we invest in the livelihood of those inside LA jails and their families, the BOS must not use "expanded programming" as a justification for the continued delay of the closure of MCJ.

[20. Advocating for Greater Local Control in Meeting Justice Related Mandates](#) **[IN FAVOR]**

Thank you Supervisor Horvath and Supervisor Solis for putting forth this important motion.

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Thank you!

Colin Doty

Burbank, CA

From: [Jack MacCarthy](#)
To: [Holly J. Mitchell](#); [First District](#); [Supervisor Janice Hahn \(Fourth District\)](#); [Third District](#); [Barger, Kathryn](#); [Office of Countywide Communications](#)
Subject: Written Public Comment for 7/25/23 Board of Supervisors Meeting
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 12:27:44 PM

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My name is Jack MacCarthy and I am a resident of District 2. I would like to submit written public comment to the Board of Supervisors for the July 25, 2023 meeting.

2. Los Angeles County to Provide Free Phone Calls and Robust Programming in the County Jails **[IN FAVOR]**

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20. Advocating for Greater Local Control in Meeting Justice Related Mandates **[IN FAVOR]**

Thank you Supervisor Horvath and Supervisor Solis for putting forth this important motion.

I believe state funding **MUST** go towards anything but Probation, such as mental health services, employment assistance, housing assistance, youth programming, and other community resources.

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**Thank you,
Jack MacCarthy**

From: [Ashley Laidlaw](#)
To: [Holly J. Mitchell](#); [First District](#); [Supervisor Janice Hahn \(Fourth District\)](#); [Third District](#); [Barger, Kathryn](#); [Office of Countywide Communications](#)
Subject: Written Public Comment for 7/25/23 Board of Supervisors Meeting
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 1:49:56 PM

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Hello,

My name is Ashley Laidlaw and I am a resident of SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5 and would like to submit written public comment to the Board of Supervisors for the July 25, 2023 meeting.

[2. Los Angeles County to Provide Free Phone Calls and Robust Programming in the County Jails](#) **[IN FAVOR]**

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Thank you.

From: [Melissa Butts](#)
To: [Holly J. Mitchell](#); [First District](#); [Supervisor Janice Hahn \(Fourth District\)](#); [Third District](#); [Barger, Kathryn](#); [Office of Countywide Communications](#)
Subject: Written Public Comment for 7/25/23 Board of Supervisors Meeting
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 2:28:24 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Supervisors-

I am a resident of Supervisorial District 3 and would like to submit written public comment to you for the July 25, 2023 meeting. Please see my comments below.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Melissa Butts
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2. Los Angeles County to Provide Free Phone Calls and Robust Programming in the County Jails **[IN**

FAVOR]

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From: [Reid Uhrich](#)
To: [Holly J. Mitchell](#); [Barger, Kathryn](#); [Supervisor Janice Hahn \(Fourth District\)](#); [Third District](#); [First District](#); [Office of Countywide Communications](#)
Subject: Written Public Comment for 7/25/23 Board of Supervisors Meeting
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 2:50:01 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

My name is Reid and I am a resident of supervisorial district 5 and would like to submit written public comment to the Board of Supervisors for the July 25, 2023 meeting.

2. Los Angeles County to Provide Free Phone Calls and Robust Programming in the County Jails **IN FAVOR**

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20. Advocating for Greater Local Control in Meeting Justice Related Mandates **IN FAVOR**

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Thank you,

Reid Uhrich

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From: [SHERRY VARON](#)
To: [Holly J. Mitchell](#); [First District](#); [Supervisor Janice Hahn \(Fourth District\)](#); [Third District](#); [Barger, Kathryn](#); [Office of Countywide Communications](#)
Subject: Written Public Comment for 7/25/23 Board of Supervisors Meeting
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 3:11:09 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

My name is **Sherry** and I am a resident of **DISTRICT 3** and would like to submit written public comment to the Board of Supervisors for the July 25, 2023 meeting.

[2. Los Angeles County to Provide Free Phone Calls and Robust Programming in the County Jails](#) **[IN FAVOR]**

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From: [Deb DePuy](#)
To: [Holly J. Mitchell](#); [First District](#); [Supervisor Janice Hahn \(Fourth District\)](#); [Third District](#); [Barger, Kathryn](#); [Office of Countywide Communications](#)
Subject: Written Public Comment for 7/25/23 Board of Supervisors Meeting
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 5:55:08 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

My name is Deb DePuy and I am a resident of District 1 and would like to submit written public comment to the Board of Supervisors for the July 25, 2023 meeting. Thank you for your leadership and the the hard work you do. I appreciate your efforts to take care of all of LA.

2. Los Angeles County to Provide Free Phone Calls and Robust Programming in the County Jails **[IN**

FAVOR]

Keeping connection to family and friends is critical as we work towards a Care First LA. LA County has been saying it will do this since 2021. Phone fees impose a tremendous financial burden on families and this exploitative system takes away vital resources from communities of color for the sole benefit of an LASD fund that is not transparent or accountable. Phone calls are so expensive that families are spending hundreds of dollars a month to connect with their loved ones. When people are locked away from society, maintaining access to their loved ones is critical, and losing access to them is isolating and detrimental to the well-being of both the incarcerated person and their loved ones. It is inhumane to charge incarcerated people for phone calls especially since they are also denied the ability to work for fair wages rather than pennies.

20. Advocating for Greater Local Control in Meeting Justice Related Mandates **[IN FAVOR]**

Thank you Supervisor Horvath and Supervisor Solis for putting forth this important motion.

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Again, I greatly appreciate how hard you work. Our county is counting on your leadership! Good Luck.

Deb DePuy

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From: [Julia Koerber](#)
To: [Holly J. Mitchell](#); [First District](#); [Supervisor Janice Hahn \(Fourth District\)](#); [Third District](#); [Barger, Kathryn](#); [Office of Countywide Communications](#)
Subject: Written Public Comment for 7/25/23 Board of Supervisors Meeting
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 5:45:55 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

To whom it may concern,

My name is Julia Koerber, and I am a resident of LA's third supervisorial district. I would like to submit the following public comments for the Board of Supervisors meeting on Tuesday, July 25th, 2023.

2. Los Angeles County to Provide Free Phone Calls and Robust Programming in the County Jails [IN FAVOR]

I am in favor of removing phone fees because of the unfair financial, social, emotional stress that they cause people living in LA County jails, as well as their families and loved ones. These fees disproportionately burden people of color, and it is long overdue for LA County to follow through on the commitment to remove these fees.

20. Advocating for Greater Local Control in Meeting Justice Related Mandates [IN FAVOR]

Thank you Supervisor Horvath and Supervisor Solis for putting this motion forward.

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From: [Chelsea Boyle](#)
To: [Holly J. Mitchell](#); [First District](#); [Supervisor Janice Hahn \(Fourth District\)](#); [Third District](#); [Barger, Kathryn](#); [Office of Countywide Communications](#)
Subject: 7/25/23 Board of Supervisors meeting public comment
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 5:43:44 PM

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Hello,

My name is Chelsea Boyle and below is my comment for the 7/25/23 meeting.

[2. Los Angeles County to Provide Free Phone Calls and Robust Programming in the County Jails](#) **[IN**

FAVOR]

LA County has been saying it will do this since 2021. Phone fees impose a tremendous financial burden on families and this exploitative system takes away vital resources from communities of color for the sole benefit of an LASD fund that is not transparent or accountable. Phone calls are so expensive that families are spending hundreds of dollars a month to connect with their loved ones. When people are locked away from society, maintaining access to their loved ones is critical, and losing access to them is isolating and detrimental to the well-being of both the incarcerated person and their loved ones. It is inhumane to charge incarcerated people for phone calls especially since they are also denied the ability to work for fair wages rather than pennies. While it is critical that we invest in the livelihood of those inside LA jails and their families, the BOS must not use "expanded programming" as a justification for the continued delay of the closure of MCJ.

[20. Advocating for Greater Local Control in Meeting Justice Related Mandates](#) **[IN FAVOR]**

Thank you Supervisor Horvath and Supervisor Solis for putting forth this important motion.

I believe state funding MUST go towards anything but Probation, such as youth arts programs.

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Chelsea Boyle (they/them)
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Marin Plut](#)
Subject: Written Public Comment for 7/25/23 Board of Supervisors Meeting
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 5:36:58 PM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

My name is Marin Plut and I am a resident of supervisorial district 5 and would like to submit written public comment to the Board of Supervisors for the July 25, 2023 meeting. Please see below the agenda items I would like to comment on:

2. Los Angeles County to Provide Free Phone Calls and Robust Programming in the County Jails IN FAVOR

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Thank you for your time,
Marin Plut

345 E 9th st #1086, Claremont, CA

From: [Danielle Carne](#)
To: [Holly J. Mitchell](#); [First District](#); [Supervisor Janice Hahn \(Fourth District\)](#); [Third District](#); [Barger, Kathryn](#); [Office of Countywide Communications](#)
Subject: Written Public Comment for 7/25/23 Board of Supervisors Meeting
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 5:36:03 PM

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Hi!

I am a resident of District 1 and would like to submit written public comment to the Board of Supervisors for the July 25, 2023 meeting.

[2. Los Angeles County to Provide Free Phone Calls and Robust Programming in the County Jails](#) **[IN FAVOR]**

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Thank you!

From: [Kathleen Hernandez](#)
To: [Holly J. Mitchell](#); [First District](#); [Supervisor Janice Hahn \(Fourth District\)](#); [Third District](#); [Barger, Kathryn](#); [Office of Countywide Communications](#)
Subject: Written Public Comment for 7/25/23 Board of Supervisors Meeting
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 4:26:40 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

My name is Kathleen and I am a resident of **SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT** Lindsay Horvath and would like to submit written public comment to the Board of Supervisors for the July 25, 2023 meeting.

[I am demanding and writing about how Los Angeles County to Provide Free Phone Calls and Robust Programming in the County Jails](#) **IN FAVOR**

As a mother of a son that was in and out of jail for many years it was a hardship and a ripoff to pay for a jail phone card. It was unnecessary to create so many roadblocks for being able to let your family member know you care, and support them in county jail. I can't believe you have not changed this yet. It has been a huge detriment for those of us with low income. LA County has been saying it will do this since 2021. Phone fees impose a tremendous financial burden on families and this exploitative system takes away vital resources from communities of color for the sole benefit of an LASD fund that is not transparent or accountable. Phone calls are so expensive that families are spending hundreds of dollars a month to connect with their loved ones. When people are locked away from society, maintaining access to their loved ones is critical, and losing access to them is isolating and detrimental to the well-being of both the incarcerated person and their loved ones. It is inhumane to charge incarcerated people for phone calls especially since they are also denied the ability to work for fair wages rather than pennies. While it is critical that we invest in the livelihood of those inside LA jails and their families, the BOS must not use "expanded programming" as a justification for the continued delay of the closure of MCJ.

Kathleen Hernandez
Veterans For Peace
United Teachers LA
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310-339-1770

From: [Cody Sloan](#)
Subject: Written Public Comment for 7/25/23 Board of Supervisors Meeting
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 5:46:59 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Hello,

My name is Cody Sloan and I am a resident of Zip Code 90065, and would like to submit written public comment to the Board of Supervisors for the July 25, 2023 meeting.

2. Los Angeles County to Provide Free Phone Calls and Robust Programming in the County Jails **IN**

FAVOR]

LA County has been saying it will do this since 2021. Phone fees impose a tremendous financial burden on families and this exploitative system takes away vital resources from communities of color for the sole benefit of an LASD fund that is not transparent or accountable. Phone calls are so expensive that families are spending hundreds of dollars a month to connect with their loved ones. When people are locked away from society, maintaining access to their loved ones is critical, and losing access to them is isolating and detrimental to the well-being of both the incarcerated person and their loved ones. It is inhumane to charge incarcerated people for phone calls especially since they are also denied the ability to work for fair wages rather than pennies. While it is critical that we invest in the livelihood of those inside LA jails and their families, the BOS must not use "expanded programming" as a justification for the continued delay of the closure of MCJ.

20. Advocating for Greater Local Control in Meeting Justice Related Mandates **IN FAVOR]**

Thank you Supervisor Horvath and Supervisor Solis for putting forth this important motion.

Too often are we told that the County is unable to move forward on a Care First agenda because of restrictive State legislation. This motion demonstrates a real attempt to coordinate across relevant County departments with the ability to push for legislative changes at the state level. One of the biggest roadblocks to establishing an independent pretrial services system is the amount of state funding that is designated for the probation department. We know that the probation department is ill suited to provide supportive pretrial services for those going through the criminal legal system. Other counties like San Francisco and Santa Clara have the ability to utilize state funds for pretrial services outside of the probation department. Advocating for this change for LA County must be a

Board priority until it becomes a reality. Also, I thank the Supervisors for recognizing the importance of expediting release for many inside of LA County jails. I encourage the Board to be more forceful in negotiations with LASD and push LASD to prioritize the release of LGBTQIA+ folks and cis-gender women.

Lastly, this motion acknowledges the need for data and information sharing across county departments. As this initiative is implemented, I encourage the Board to invest in and commit to a publicly available database to help community members track and understand the impacts of the criminal legal system on their communities.

Thank you,
Cody

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Cody Sloan
Pronouns: he/him/his ([what's this?](#))
(603) 667-1222

From: [Theo Zucker](#)
To: [Holly J. Mitchell](#); [First District](#); [Supervisor Janice Hahn \(Fourth District\)](#); [Third District](#); [Barger, Kathryn](#); [Office of Countywide Communications](#)
Subject: Written Public Comment for 7/25/23 Board of Supervisors Meeting
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 5:45:20 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Hello,

My name is Theo Zucker, and I am a resident of Supervisorial District 5. I'm writing to submit written public comment to the Board of Supervisors for the July 25, 2023 meeting.

2. [Los Angeles County to Provide Free Phone Calls and Robust Programming in the County Jails](#) **[IN FAVOR]**

LA County has been saying it will do this since 2021. Phone fees impose a tremendous financial burden on families and this exploitative system takes away vital resources from communities of color for the sole benefit of an LASD fund that is not transparent or accountable. Phone calls are so expensive that families are spending hundreds of dollars a month to connect with their loved ones. When people are locked away from society, maintaining access to their loved ones is critical, and losing access to them is isolating and detrimental to the well-being of both the incarcerated person and their loved ones. It is inhumane to charge incarcerated people for phone calls, especially since they are also denied the ability to work for fair wages rather than pennies.

While it is critical that we invest in the livelihood of those inside LA jails and their families, the BOS must not use “expanded programming” as a justification for the continued delay of the closure of MCJ.

20. [Advocating for Greater Local Control in Meeting Justice Related Mandates](#) **[IN FAVOR]**

Thank you Supervisor Horvath and Supervisor Solis for putting forth this important motion.

I believe state funding MUST go towards anything but Probation. This could include funding for shelters and/or cooling centers for the unhoused community, or even after-school engagement programs for kids.

Too often are we told that the County is unable to move forward on a Care First agenda because of restrictive State legislation. This motion demonstrates a real attempt to coordinate across relevant County departments with the ability to push for legislative changes at the state level. One of the biggest roadblocks to establishing an independent pretrial services system is the amount of state funding that is designated for the probation department. We know that the probation department is ill-suited to provide supportive pretrial services for those going through the criminal legal system. Other counties like San Francisco and Santa Clara have the ability to utilize state funds for pretrial services outside of the probation department. Advocating for this change for LA County must be a Board priority until it becomes a reality.

Also, I thank the Supervisors for recognizing the importance of expediting release for many inside LA County jails. I encourage the Board to be more forceful in negotiations with LASD.

Lastly, this motion acknowledges the need for data and information sharing across county departments. As this initiative is implemented, I encourage the Board to invest in and commit

to a publicly available database to help community members track and understand the impacts of the criminal legal system on their communities.

Thank you,
Theo Zucker

From: [Jessi Jones](#)
To: [Holly J. Mitchell](#); [First District](#); [Supervisor Janice Hahn \(Fourth District\)](#); [Third District](#); [Barger, Kathryn](#); [Office of Countywide Communications](#)
Subject: Written Public Comment for 7/25/23 Board of Supervisors Meeting
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 5:38:32 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

My name is Jessi Jones and I am a resident of Supervisorial District 2 and would like to submit written public comment to the Board of Supervisors for the July 25, 2023 meeting.

2. [Los Angeles County to Provide Free Phone Calls and Robust Programming in the County Jails](#) [IN FAVOR]

LA County has been saying it will do this since 2021. Phone fees impose a tremendous financial burden on families and this exploitative system takes away vital resources from communities of color for the sole benefit of an LASD fund that is not transparent or accountable. Phone calls are so expensive that families are spending hundreds of dollars a month to connect with their loved ones. When people are locked away from society, maintaining access to their loved ones is critical, and losing access to them is isolating and detrimental to the well-being of both the incarcerated person and their loved ones. It is inhumane to charge incarcerated people for phone calls especially since they are also denied the ability to work for fair wages rather than pennies. While it is critical that we invest in the livelihood of those inside LA jails and their families, the BOS must not use “expanded programming” as a justification for the continued delay of the closure of MCJ.

20. [Advocating for Greater Local Control in Meeting Justice Related Mandates](#) [IN FAVOR]

Thank you Supervisor Horvath and Supervisor Solis for putting forth this important motion.

Too often are we told that the County is unable to move forward on a Care First agenda because of restrictive State legislation. This motion demonstrates a real attempt to coordinate across relevant County departments with the ability to push for legislative changes at the state level. One of the biggest roadblocks to establishing an independent pretrial services system is the amount of state funding that is designated for the probation department. We know that the probation department is ill suited to provide supportive pretrial services for those going through the criminal legal system. Other counties like San Francisco and Santa Clara have the ability to utilize state funds for pretrial services outside of the probation department.

Advocating for this change for LA County must be a Board priority until it becomes a reality. Also, I thank the Supervisors for recognizing the importance of expediting release for many inside of LA County jails. I encourage the Board to be more forceful in negotiations with LASD and push LASD to prioritize the release of LGBTQIA+ folks and cis-gender women.

Lastly, this motion acknowledges the need for data and information sharing across county departments. As this initiative is implemented, I encourage the Board to invest in and commit to a publicly available database to help community members track and understand the impacts of the criminal legal system on their communities.

Sincerely,
Jessi Jones
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From: [Tobin](#)
To: [Holly J. Mitchell](#); [First District](#); [Supervisor Janice Hahn \(Fourth District\)](#); [Third District](#); [Barger, Kathryn](#); [Office of Countywide Communications](#)
Subject: Written Public Comment for 7/25/23 Board of Supervisors Meeting
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 5:36:36 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

My Name is Tobin and I am a resident of the 4th district and would like to submit written public comment to the board of supervisors for the July 25, 2023 meeting.

[2. Los Angeles County to Provide Free Phone Calls and Robust Programming in the County Jails](#) **[IN**

FAVOR]

LA County has been saying it will do this since 2021. Phone fees impose a tremendous financial burden on families and this exploitative system takes away vital resources from communities of color for the sole benefit of an LASD fund that is not transparent or accountable. Phone calls are so expensive that families are spending hundreds of dollars a month to connect with their loved ones. When people are locked away from society, maintaining access to their loved ones is critical, and losing access to them is isolating and detrimental to the well-being of both the incarcerated person and their loved ones. It is inhumane to charge incarcerated people for phone calls especially since they are also denied the ability to work for fair wages rather than pennies. While it is critical that we invest in the livelihood of those inside LA jails and their families, the BOS must not use "expanded programming" as a justification for the continued delay of the closure of MCJ.

[20. Advocating for Greater Local Control in Meeting Justice Related Mandates](#) **[IN FAVOR]**

Thank you Supervisor Horvath and Supervisor Solis for putting forth this important motion. Too often are we told that the County is unable to move forward on a Care First agenda because of restrictive State legislation. This motion demonstrates a real attempt to coordinate across relevant County departments with the ability to push for legislative changes at the state level. One of the

biggest roadblocks to establishing an independent pretrial services system is the amount of state funding that is designated for the probation department. We know that the probation department is ill suited to provide supportive pretrial services for those going through the criminal legal system. Other counties like San Francisco and Santa Clara have the ability to utilize state funds for pretrial services outside of the probation department. Advocating for this change for LA County must be a Board priority until it becomes a reality. Also, I thank the Supervisors for recognizing the importance of expediting release for many inside of LA County jails. I encourage the Board to be more forceful in negotiations with LASD and push LASD to prioritize the release of LGBTQIA+ folks and cis-gender women.

Lastly, this motion acknowledges the need for data and information sharing across county departments. As this initiative is implemented, I encourage the Board to invest in and commit to a publicly available database to help community members track and understand the impacts of the criminal legal system on their communities.

From: [Joan Harper](#)
To: [Holly J. Mitchell](#); [First District](#); [Supervisor Janice Hahn \(Fourth District\)](#); [Third District](#); [Barger, Kathryn](#); [Office of Countywide Communications](#)
Subject: Written Public Comment for 7/25/23 Board of Supervisors Meeting
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 3:30:32 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

My name is Joan Harper and I am a resident of SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5 and would like to submit written public comment to the Board of Supervisors for the July 25, 2023 meeting.

[2. Los Angeles County to Provide Free Phone Calls and Robust Programming in the County Jails](#) **[IN FAVOR]**

LA County has been saying it will do this since 2021. Phone fees impose a tremendous financial burden on families and this exploitative system takes away vital resources from communities of color for the sole benefit of an LASD fund that is not transparent or accountable. Phone calls are so expensive that families are spending hundreds of dollars a month to connect with their loved ones. When people are locked away from society, maintaining access to their loved ones is critical, and losing access to them is isolating and detrimental to the well-being of both the incarcerated person and their loved ones. It is inhumane to charge incarcerated people for phone calls especially since they are also denied the ability to work for fair wages rather than pennies. While it is critical that we invest in the livelihood of those inside LA jails and their families, the BOS must not use "expanded programming" as a justification for the continued delay of the closure of MCJ.

[20. Advocating for Greater Local Control in Meeting Justice Related Mandates](#) **[IN FAVOR]**

Thank you Supervisor Horvath and Supervisor Solis for putting forth this important motion.

I believe state funding **MUST** go towards anything but Probation, such as health care, housing, counseling, children's services, etc.

Too often are we told that the County is unable to move forward on a Care First agenda because of restrictive State legislation. This motion demonstrates a real attempt to coordinate across relevant County departments with the ability to push for legislative changes at the state level. One of the biggest roadblocks to establishing an independent pretrial services system is the amount of state funding that is designated for the probation department. We know that the probation department is ill suited to provide supportive pretrial services for those going through the criminal legal system.

Other counties like San Francisco and Santa Clara have the ability to utilize state funds for pretrial services outside of the probation department. Advocating for this change for LA County must be a Board priority until it becomes a reality. Also, I thank the Supervisors for recognizing the importance of expediting release for many inside of LA County jails. I encourage the Board to be more forceful in negotiations with LASD and push LASD to prioritize the release of LGBTQIA+ folks and cis-gender women.

Lastly, this motion acknowledges the need for data and information sharing across county departments. As this initiative is implemented, I encourage the Board to invest in and commit to a publicly available database to help community members track and understand the impacts of the criminal legal system on their communities.

Thank you,

Joan Harper



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From: [Autumn Kessler](#)
To: [Holly J. Mitchell](#); [First District](#); [Supervisor Janice Hahn \(Fourth District\)](#); [Third District](#); [Barger, Kathryn](#); [Office of Countywide Communications](#)
Subject: Written Public Comment for 7/25/23 Board of Supervisors Meeting
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 6:08:25 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

My name is Autumn Kessler and I am a resident of SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5 and would like to submit written public comment to the Board of Supervisors for the July 25, 2023 meeting.

2. Los Angeles County to Provide Free Phone Calls and Robust Programming in the County Jails [IN FAVOR]

LA County has been saying it will do this since 2021. Phone fees impose a tremendous financial burden on families and this exploitative system takes away vital resources from communities of color for the sole benefit of an LASD fund that is not transparent or accountable. Phone calls are so expensive that families are spending hundreds of dollars a month to connect with their loved ones. When people are locked away from society, maintaining access to their loved ones is critical, and losing access to them is isolating and detrimental to the well-being of both the incarcerated person and their loved ones. It is inhumane to charge incarcerated people for phone calls especially since they are also denied the ability to work for fair wages rather than pennies. While it is critical that we invest in the livelihood of those inside LA jails and their families, the BOS must not use “expanded programming” as a justification for the continued delay of the closure of MCJ.

20. Advocating for Greater Local Control in Meeting Justice Related Mandates [IN FAVOR]

Thank you Supervisor Horvath and Supervisor Solis for putting forth this important motion.

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Lastly, this motion acknowledges the need for data and information sharing across county departments. As this initiative is implemented, I encourage the Board to invest in and commit to a publicly available database to help community members track and understand the impacts of the criminal legal system on their communities.

Sincerely,

Autumn Kessler

From: [Ashley Glacel](#)
To: [Holly J. Mitchell](#); [First District](#); [Supervisor Janice Hahn \(Fourth District\)](#); [Third District](#); [Barger, Kathryn](#); [Office of Countywide Communications](#)
Subject: Written Public Comment for 7/25/23 Board of Supervisors Meeting
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 6:14:07 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

My name is Ashley Glacel and I am a resident of Holly Mitchell's district and would like to submit written public comment to the Board of Supervisors for the July 25, 2023 meeting.

2. Los Angeles County to Provide Free Phone Calls and Robust Programming in the County Jails **[IN**

FAVOR]

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20. Advocating for Greater Local Control in Meeting Justice Related Mandates **[IN FAVOR]**

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of expediting release for many inside of LA County jails. I encourage the Board to be more forceful in negotiations with LASD and push LASD to prioritize the release of LGBTQIA+ folks and cis-gender women.

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Thank you,
Ashley

From: [Catherine Safley](#)
To: [Holly J. Mitchell](#); [First District](#); [Supervisor Janice Hahn \(Fourth District\)](#); [Third District](#); [Barger, Kathryn](#); [Office of Countywide Communications](#)
Subject: Written Public Comment for 7/25/23 Board of Supervisors Meeting
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 6:23:32 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

My name is Catherine Safley and I am a resident of District 3. I am submitting written public comment to the Board of Supervisors for the July 25, 2023 meeting.

2. Los Angeles County to Provide Free Phone Calls and Robust Programming in the County Jails [IN FAVOR]

LA County has been saying it will do this since 2021. Phone fees impose a tremendous financial burden on families and this exploitative system takes away vital resources from communities of color for the sole benefit of an LASD fund that is not transparent or accountable. Phone calls are so expensive that families are spending hundreds of dollars a month to connect with their loved ones. When people are locked away from society, maintaining access to their loved ones is critical, and losing access to them is isolating and detrimental to the well-being of both the incarcerated person and their loved ones. It is inhumane to charge incarcerated people for phone calls especially since they are also denied the ability to work for fair wages rather than pennies. While it is critical that we invest in the livelihood of those inside LA jails and their families, the BOS must not use "expanded programming" as a justification for the continued delay of the closure of MCJ.

20. Advocating for Greater Local Control in Meeting Justice Related Mandates [IN FAVOR]

Thank you Supervisor Horvath and Supervisor Solis for putting forth this important motion.

I believe state funding MUST go towards anything but Probation, such as free permanent housing for unhoused Angelenos, job training resources, mental health and addiction treatment services, and youth development.

Too often are we told that the County is unable to move forward on a Care First agenda because of restrictive State legislation. This motion demonstrates a real attempt to coordinate across relevant County departments with the ability to push for legislative changes at the state level. One of the biggest roadblocks to establishing an independent pretrial services system is the amount of state funding that is designated for the probation department. We know that the probation department is ill suited to provide supportive pretrial services for those going through the criminal legal system. Other counties like San Francisco and Santa Clara have the ability to utilize state funds for pretrial services outside of the probation department. Advocating for this change for LA County must be a Board priority until it becomes a reality. Also, I thank the Supervisors for recognizing the importance of expediting release for many inside of LA County jails. I encourage the Board to be more forceful in negotiations with LASD and push LASD to prioritize the release of LGBTQIA+ folks and cisgender women.

Lastly, this motion acknowledges the need for data and information sharing across county departments. As this initiative is implemented, I encourage the Board to invest in and commit to a publicly available database to help community members track and understand the impacts of the criminal legal system on their communities.



From: [Tara Gardner](#)
To: [Holly J. Mitchell](#); [First District](#); [Supervisor Janice Hahn \(Fourth District\)](#); [Third District](#); [Barger, Kathryn](#); [Office of Countywide Communications](#)
Subject: Written Public Comment for 7/25/23 Board of Supervisors Meeting
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 7:21:14 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

My name is **Tara** and I am a resident of SD3 and would like to submit written public comment to the Board of Supervisors for the July 25, 2023 meeting.

2. Los Angeles County to Provide Free Phone Calls and Robust Programming in the County Jails **[IN FAVOR]**

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departments. As this initiative is implemented, I encourage the Board to invest in and commit to a publicly available database to help community members track and understand the impacts of the criminal legal system on their communities.

- Tara Gardner via

From: [Selina Ho](#)
To: [Holly J. Mitchell](#); [First District](#); [Supervisor Janice Hahn \(Fourth District\)](#); [Third District](#); [Barger, Kathryn](#); [Office of Countywide Communications](#)
Subject: Written Public Comment for 7/25/23 Board of Supervisors Meeting
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 8:26:43 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

My name is Selina Ho and I am a resident of SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5 and would like to submit written public comment to the Board of Supervisors for the July 25, 2023 meeting.

2. Los Angeles County to Provide Free Phone Calls and Robust Programming in the County Jails [IN FAVOR]

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I believe state funding MUST go towards anything but Probation, such as community based mental health care, housing, parks, arts, public transportation.

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From: [Kylie Sparks](#)
To: [Supervisor Janice Hahn \(Fourth District\)](#); [Third District](#); [Holly J. Mitchell](#); [Barger, Kathryn](#); [First District](#); [Office of Countywide Communications](#)
Subject: Written Public Comment for 7/25/23 Board of Supervisors Meeting
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 6:07:58 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

My name is Kylie Sparks and I am a resident of BOS seat 5 and would like to submit written public comment to the Board of Supervisors for the July 25, 2023 meeting.

2. Los Angeles County to Provide Free Phone Calls and Robust Programming in the County Jails **IN FAVOR**

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Kylie Sparks
They/Them
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From: [Melissa Manousos](#)
To: [Holly J. Mitchell](#); [First District](#); [Supervisor Janice Hahn \(Fourth District\)](#); [Third District](#); [Barger, Kathryn](#); [Office of Countywide Communications](#)
Subject: Written Public Comment for 7/25/23 Board of Supervisors Meeting
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 6:18:40 PM

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Hello,

My name is Melissa Manousos. I am a resident of Supervisorial District #1 and would like to submit written public comment to the Board of Supervisors for the July 25, 2023 meeting.

2. Los Angeles County to Provide Free Phone Calls and Robust Programming in the County Jails **[IN**

FAVOR]

LA County has been saying it will do this since 2021. Phone fees impose a tremendous financial burden on families and this exploitative system takes away vital resources from communities of color for the sole benefit of an LASD fund that is not transparent or accountable. Phone calls are so expensive that families are spending hundreds of dollars a month to connect with their loved ones. When people are locked away from society, maintaining access to their loved ones is critical, and losing access to them is isolating and detrimental to the well-being of both the incarcerated person and their loved ones. It is inhumane to charge incarcerated people for phone calls especially since they are also denied the ability to work for fair wages rather than pennies. While it is critical that we invest in the livelihood of those inside LA jails and their families, the BOS must not use "expanded programming" as a justification for the continued delay of the closure of MCJ.

20. Advocating for Greater Local Control in Meeting Justice Related Mandates **[IN FAVOR]**

Thank you Supervisor Horvath and Supervisor Solis for putting forth this important motion.

I believe state funding **MUST** go towards anything but Probation, such as supportive care, mental health services, or legal services for those unable to afford legal representation.

Too often are we told that the County is unable to move forward on a Care First agenda because of restrictive State legislation. This motion demonstrates a real attempt to coordinate across relevant County departments with the ability to push for legislative changes at the state level. One of the biggest roadblocks to establishing an independent pretrial services system is the amount of state funding that is designated for the probation department. We know that the probation department is ill-suited to provide supportive pretrial services for those going through the criminal legal system.

Other counties like San Francisco and Santa Clara have the ability to utilize state funds for pretrial services outside of the probation department. Advocating for this change for LA County must be a Board priority until it becomes a reality. Also, I thank the Supervisors for recognizing the importance of expediting release for many inside of LA County jails. I encourage the Board to be more forceful in negotiations with LASD and push LASD to prioritize the release of LGBTQIA+ folks and cis-gender women.

Lastly, this motion acknowledges the need for data and information sharing across county departments. As this initiative is implemented, I encourage the Board to invest in and commit to a publicly available database to help community members track and understand the impacts of the criminal legal system on their communities.

From: [Chris Riddle](#)
To: [Holly J. Mitchell](#); [First District](#); [Supervisor Janice Hahn \(Fourth District\)](#); [Third District](#); [Barger, Kathryn](#); [Office of Countywide Communications](#)
Subject: Written Public Comment for 7/25/23 Board of Supervisors Meeting
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 6:30:52 PM

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My name is Chris Riddle and I am a resident of district 2 and would like to submit written public comment to the Board of Supervisors for the July 25, 2023 meeting.

2. Los Angeles County to Provide Free Phone Calls and Robust Programming in the County Jails **[IN FAVOR]**

LA County has been saying it will do this since 2021. Phone fees impose a tremendous financial burden on families and this exploitative system takes away vital resources from communities of color for the sole benefit of an LASD fund that is not transparent or accountable. Phone calls are so expensive that families are spending hundreds of dollars a month to connect with their loved ones. When people are locked away from society, maintaining access to their loved ones is critical, and losing access to them is isolating and detrimental to the well-being of both the incarcerated person and their loved ones. It is inhumane to charge incarcerated people for phone calls especially since they are also denied the ability to work for fair wages rather than pennies. While it is critical that we invest in the livelihood of those inside LA jails and their families, the BOS must not use "expanded programming" as a justification for the continued delay of the closure of MCJ.

20. Advocating for Greater Local Control in Meeting Justice Related Mandates **[IN FAVOR]**

Thank you Supervisor Horvath and Supervisor Solis for putting forth this important motion. State funding **MUST** go towards anything but probation, such as community resource centers, diversion programs, youth programs, creating affordable housing and providing assistance for food and medicine. We know that the safest communities are the ones with the most resources, not the most cops.

Too often are we told that the County is unable to move forward on a Care First agenda because of restrictive State legislation. This motion demonstrates a real attempt to coordinate across relevant County departments with the ability to push for legislative changes at the state level. One of the biggest roadblocks to establishing an independent pretrial services system is the amount of state

funding that is designated for the probation department. We know that the probation department is ill suited to provide supportive pretrial services for those going through the criminal legal system.

Other counties like San Francisco and Santa Clara have the ability to utilize state funds for pretrial services outside of the probation department. Advocating for this change for LA County must be a Board priority until it becomes a reality. Also, I thank the Supervisors for recognizing the importance of expediting release for many inside of LA County jails. I encourage the Board to be more forceful in negotiations with LASD and push LASD to prioritize the release of LGBTQIA+ folks and cis-gender women.

Lastly, this motion acknowledges the need for data and information sharing across county departments. As this initiative is implemented, I encourage the Board to invest in and commit to a publicly available database to help community members track and understand the impacts of the criminal legal system on their communities.

Thank you for your time. Please do the right things here, I'm really tired of having to email you all the time!

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From: [HB Klein](#)
To: [Holly J. Mitchell](#); [First District](#); [Supervisor Janice Hahn \(Fourth District\)](#); [Third District](#); [Barger, Kathryn](#); [Office of Countywide Communications](#)
Subject: Written Public Comment for 7/25/23 Board of Supervisors Meeting
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 7:42:43 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

My name is Gavi Klein, I am a resident of District 3 and am writing to submit public comment to the Board of Supervisors for the July 25, 2023 meeting.

2. Los Angeles County to Provide Free Phone Calls and Robust Programming in the County Jails [IN FAVOR]

LA County has been promising to do this since 2021. Phone fees are a transparent bid to impose tremendous financial burden on families of people who are incarcerated. They particularly exploit resources away from communities of color, and into the already gorged LASD fund. Once this money disappears there is a complete lack of accountability as to how it is used.

Families have to spend hundreds of dollars a month just to connect with their loved ones. These phone calls are vital too both the incarcerated people and their loved ones. It is isolating and harmful for both parties to lose access to them. It is inhumane to charge incarcerated people for phone calls --- especially since they are also denied the ability to work for fair wages rather than pennies. While it is critical that we invest in the livelihood of those inside LA jails and their families, the BOS must not use “expanded programming” as a justification for the continued delay of the closure of MCJ.

20. Advocating for Greater Local Control in Meeting Justice Related Mandates [IN FAVOR]

Thank you Supervisor Horvath and Supervisor Solis for putting forth this important motion.

I believe state funding MUST go towards anything but Probation, including in-community care resources such as supportive housing, mental health care, and healthcare resources.

Too often are we told that the County is unable to move forward on a Care First agenda because of restrictive State legislation. This motion demonstrates a real attempt to coordinate across relevant County departments with the ability to push for legislative changes at the state level. One of the biggest roadblocks to establishing an independent pretrial services system is the amount of state funding that is designated for the probation department. We know that the probation department is ill suited to provide supportive pretrial services for those going through the criminal legal system. Other counties like San Francisco and Santa Clara have the ability to utilize state funds for pretrial services outside of the probation department. Advocating for this change for LA County must be a Board priority until it becomes a reality. Also, I thank the Supervisors for recognizing the importance of expediting release for many inside of LA County jails. I encourage the Board to be more forceful in negotiations with LASD and push LASD to prioritize the release of LGBTQIA+ folks and cis-gender women.

Lastly, this motion acknowledges the need for data and information sharing across county departments. As this initiative is implemented, I encourage the Board to invest in and commit to a publicly available database to help community members track and understand the impacts of the criminal legal system on their communities.

From: [Lizabeth Belli](#)
To: [Holly J. Mitchell](#); [First District](#); [Supervisor Janice Hahn \(Fourth District\)](#); [Third District](#); [Barger, Kathryn](#); [Office of Countywide Communications](#)
Subject: Written Public Comment for 7/25/23 Board of Supervisors Meeting
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 8:28:03 PM

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My name is Lizabeth Belli and I am a resident of Supervisorial District #2 and would like to submit written public comment to the Board of Supervisors for the July 25, 2023 meeting.

2. Los Angeles County to Provide Free Phone Calls and Robust Programming in the County Jails **IN**

FAVOR]

LA County has been saying it will do this since 2021. Phone fees impose a tremendous financial burden on families and this exploitative system takes away vital resources from communities of color for the sole benefit of an LASD fund that is not transparent or accountable. Phone calls are so expensive that families are spending hundreds of dollars a month to connect with their loved ones. When people are locked away from society, maintaining access to their loved ones is critical, and losing access to them is isolating and detrimental to the well-being of both the incarcerated person and their loved ones. It is inhumane to charge incarcerated people for phone calls especially since they are also denied the ability to work for fair wages rather than pennies. While it is critical that we invest in the livelihood of those inside LA jails and their families, the BOS must not use "expanded programming" as a justification for the continued delay of the closure of MCJ.

20. Advocating for Greater Local Control in Meeting Justice Related Mandates **IN FAVOR]**

Thank you Supervisor Horvath and Supervisor Solis for putting forth this important motion.

I believe state funding **MUST** go towards anything but Probation, such as mental health services, low income housing, vocational skills, and after school programs.

Too often are we told that the County is unable to move forward on a Care First agenda because of restrictive State legislation. This motion demonstrates a real attempt to coordinate across relevant County departments with the ability to push for legislative changes at the state level. One of the biggest roadblocks to establishing an independent pretrial services system is the amount of state funding that is designated for the probation department. We know that the probation department is ill suited to provide supportive pretrial services for those going through the criminal legal system.

Other counties like San Francisco and Santa Clara have the ability to utilize state funds for pretrial services outside of the probation department. Advocating for this change for LA County must be a Board priority until it becomes a reality. Also, I thank the Supervisors for recognizing the importance of expediting release for many inside of LA County jails. I encourage the Board to be more forceful in negotiations with LASD and push LASD to prioritize the release of LGBTQIA+ folks and cis-gender women.

Lastly, this motion acknowledges the need for data and information sharing across county departments. As this initiative is implemented, I encourage the Board to invest in and commit to a publicly available database to help community members track and understand the impacts of the criminal legal system on their communities.

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From: [Maria Ahverdyan](#)
To: [Holly J. Mitchell](#); [First District](#); [Supervisor Janice Hahn \(Fourth District\)](#); [Third District](#); [Barger, Kathryn](#); [Office of Countywide Communications](#)
Subject: Written Public Comment for 7/25/23 Board of Supervisors Meeting
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 9:34:39 PM

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Dear Supervisors,

I'm Maria Ahverdyan and I'm a resident of DTLA. I am writing to submit written public comment to the Board of Supervisors for the meeting taking place on July 25, 2023.

2. Los Angeles County to Provide Free Phone Calls and Robust Programming in the County Jails **[IN FAVOR]**

LA County has been saying it will do this since 2021. Phone fees impose a tremendous financial burden on families and this exploitative system takes away vital resources from communities of color for the sole benefit of an LASD fund that is not transparent or accountable. Phone calls are so expensive that families are spending hundreds of dollars a month to connect with their loved ones. When people are locked away from society, maintaining access to their loved ones is critical, and losing access to them is isolating and detrimental to the well-being of both the incarcerated person and their loved ones. It is inhumane to charge incarcerated people for phone calls especially since they are also denied the ability to work for fair wages rather than pennies. While it is critical that we invest in the livelihood of those inside LA jails and their families, the BOS must not use "expanded programming" as a justification for the continued delay of the closure of MCJ.

20. Advocating for Greater Local Control in Meeting Justice Related Mandates **[IN FAVOR]**

Thank you Supervisor Horvath and Supervisor Solis for putting forth this important motion.

I believe state funding should go towards mental health services, art and craft programs (especially since those can produce viable businesses), nutrition education, medical aid, and housing services.

Too often are we told that the County is unable to move forward on a Care First agenda because of restrictive State legislation. This motion demonstrates a real attempt to coordinate across relevant County departments with the ability to push for legislative changes at the state level. One of the biggest roadblocks to establishing an independent pretrial services system is the amount of state funding that is designated for the probation department. We know that the probation department is ill suited to provide supportive pretrial services for those going through the criminal legal system. Other counties like San Francisco and Santa Clara have the ability to utilize state funds for pretrial services outside of the probation department. Advocating for this change for LA County must be a

Board priority until it becomes a reality. Also, I thank the Supervisors for recognizing the importance of expediting release for many inside of LA County jails. I encourage the Board to be more forceful in negotiations with LASD and push LASD to prioritize the release of LGBTQIA+ folks and cis-gender women.

Lastly, this motion acknowledges the need for data and information sharing across county departments. As this initiative is implemented, I encourage the Board to invest in and commit to a publicly available database to help community members track and understand the impacts of the criminal legal system on their communities.

**Sincerely,
Maria Ahverdyan**

From: [Sarah Bowers](#)
To: [Holly J. Mitchell](#); [First District](#); [Supervisor Janice Hahn \(Fourth District\)](#); [Third District](#); [Barger, Kathryn](#); [Office of Countywide Communications](#)
Subject: BOS Public Comment: 7/25/2023 Meeting
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 9:47:05 PM

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Dear LA County Supervisors,

My name is Sarah Bowers and I'm a resident of supervisorial District 2. I'm writing to submit public comment to the Board of Supervisors 7/25/2023 meeting.

2. Los Angeles County to Provide Free Phone Calls and Robust Programming in the County Jails: In Favor

I'm not really sure why this hasn't been done yet since the county has been saying it would do this for years now. The phone fees are insane and are causing family members to pay hundreds of dollars for them each month just to keep in contact with their family member. This is disgusting and ridiculous and long overdue.

20. Advocating for Greater Local Control in Meeting Justice Related Mandates: In Favor

Yes please! Thank you for putting this item on the agenda, Supervisor Horvath and Solis. The County needs greater flexibility to move forward on a Care First agenda. If this agenda passes, you *must* divest from the Probations department. Divest from the Probations department and place more funding in ODR and Youth Services. In practically anything besides incarceration, LASD, and probation: mental health, housing, rental assistance, education, and health care. Lastly, this motion acknowledges the need for data and information sharing across county departments. As this initiative is implemented, I encourage the Board to invest in and commit to a publicly available database to help community members track and understand the impacts of the criminal legal system on their communities.

Sincerely,
Sarah Bowers

From: [Julie Alley](#)
To: [Holly J. Mitchell](#); [First District](#); [Supervisor Janice Hahn \(Fourth District\)](#); [Third District](#); [Barger, Kathryn](#); [Office of Countywide Communications](#)
Subject: Written Public Comment for 7/25/23 Board of Supervisors Meeting
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 10:40:16 PM

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My name is Julie Alley and I am a resident of the Third SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT and would like to submit written public comment to the Board of Supervisors for the July 25, 2023 meeting.

2. Los Angeles County to Provide Free Phone Calls and Robust Programming in the County Jails **[IN FAVOR]**

LA County has been saying it will do this since 2021. Phone fees impose a tremendous financial burden on families and this exploitative system takes away vital resources from communities of color for the sole benefit of an LASD fund that is not transparent or accountable. Phone calls are so expensive that families are spending hundreds of dollars a month to connect with their loved ones. When people are locked away from society, maintaining access to their loved ones is critical, and losing access to them is isolating and detrimental to the well-being of both the incarcerated person and their loved ones. It is inhumane to charge incarcerated people for phone calls especially since they are also denied the ability to work for fair wages rather than pennies. While it is critical that we invest in the livelihood of those inside LA jails and their families, the BOS must not use “expanded programming” as a justification for the continued delay of the closure of MCJ.

20. Advocating for Greater Local Control in Meeting Justice Related Mandates **[IN FAVOR]**

Thank you Supervisor Horvath and Supervisor Solis for putting forth this important motion.

I believe state funding **MUST** go towards anything but **Probation**, such as really moving towards actual Care First funding, which is long overdue.

Too often are we told that the County is unable to move forward on a Care First agenda because of restrictive State legislation. This motion demonstrates a real attempt to coordinate across relevant County departments with the ability to push for legislative changes at the state level. One of the biggest roadblocks to establishing an independent pretrial services system is the amount of state funding that is designated for the probation department. We know that the probation department is ill suited to provide supportive pretrial services for those going through the criminal legal system. Other counties like San Francisco and Santa Clara have the ability to utilize state funds for pretrial services outside of the probation department. Advocating for this change for LA County must be a Board priority until it becomes a reality. Also, I thank the Supervisors for recognizing the importance of expediting release for many inside of LA County jails. I encourage the Board to be more forceful in negotiations with LASD and push LASD to prioritize the release of LGBTQIA+ folks and cis-gender women.

Lastly, this motion acknowledges the need for data and information sharing across county departments. As this initiative is implemented, I encourage the Board to invest in and commit to a publicly available database to help community members track and understand the impacts of the criminal legal system on their communities.

From: [Michelle King](#)
To: [Holly J. Mitchell](#); [First District](#); [Supervisor Janice Hahn \(Fourth District\)](#); [Third District](#); [Barger, Kathryn](#); [Office of Countywide Communications](#)
Subject: Written Public Comment for 7/25/23 Board of Supervisors Meeting
Date: Tuesday, July 25, 2023 6:33:06 AM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Good morning,

District 1 resident submitting written public comment to the Board of Supervisors for today's meeting.

item 2. Los Angeles County to Provide Free Phone Calls and Robust Programming in the County Jails [IN FAVOR]

LA County has been saying it will do this since 2021. Phone fees impose a tremendous financial burden on families and this exploitative system takes away vital resources from communities of color for the sole benefit of an LASD fund that is not transparent or accountable. Phone calls are so expensive that families are spending hundreds of dollars a month to connect with their loved ones. When people are locked away from society, maintaining access to their loved ones is critical, and losing access to them is isolating and detrimental to the well-being of both the incarcerated person and their loved ones. It is inhumane to charge incarcerated people for phone calls especially since they are also denied the ability to work for fair wages rather than pennies. While it is critical that we invest in the livelihood of those inside LA jails and their families, the BOS must not use “expanded programming” as a justification for the continued delay of the closure of MCJ.

item 20. Advocating for Greater Local Control in Meeting Justice Related Mandates [IN FAVOR]

Thank you Supervisor Horvath and Supervisor Solis for putting forth this important motion. Too often are we told that the County is unable to move forward on a Care First agenda because of restrictive State legislation. This motion demonstrates a real attempt to coordinate across relevant County departments with the ability to push for legislative changes at the state level. One of the biggest roadblocks to establishing an independent pretrial services system is the amount of state funding that is designated for the probation department. We know that the probation department is ill suited to provide supportive pretrial services for those going through the criminal legal system. Other counties like San Francisco and Santa Clara have the ability to utilize state funds for pretrial services outside of the probation department. Advocating for this change for LA County must be a Board priority until it becomes a reality. Also, I thank the Supervisors for recognizing the importance of expediting release for many inside of LA County jails. I encourage the Board to be more forceful in negotiations with LASD and push LASD to prioritize the release of LGBTQIA+ folks and cis-gender women.

Lastly, this motion acknowledges the need for data and information sharing across county departments. As this initiative is implemented, I encourage the Board to invest in and commit to a publicly available database to help community members track and understand the impacts of the criminal legal system on their communities.

From: [Hillary Carter Liggett](#)
To: [Holly J. Mitchell](#); [First District](#); [Supervisor Janice Hahn \(Fourth District\)](#); [Third District](#); [Barger, Kathryn](#); [Office of Countywide Communications](#)
Subject: Written Public Comment for 7/25/23 Board of Supervisors Meeting
Date: Tuesday, July 25, 2023 7:52:09 AM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

My name is Hillary Carter-Liggett and I am a resident of the 5th District and would like to submit written public comment to the Board of Supervisors for the July 25, 2023 meeting.

2. Los Angeles County to Provide Free Phone Calls and Robust Programming in the County Jail — IN FAVOR

LA County has been saying it will do this since 2021. Phone fees impose a tremendous financial burden on families and this exploitative system takes away vital resources from communities of color for the sole benefit of an LASD fund that is not transparent or accountable. Phone calls are so expensive that families are spending hundreds of dollars a month to connect with their loved ones. When people are locked away from society, maintaining access to their loved ones is critical, and losing access to them is isolating and detrimental to the well-being of both the incarcerated person and their loved ones. It is inhumane to charge incarcerated people for phone calls especially since they are also denied the ability to work for fair wages rather than pennies. While it is critical that we invest in the livelihood of those inside LA jails and their families, the BOS must not use “expanded programming” as a justification for the continued delay of the closure of MCJ.

20. Advocating for Greater Local Control in Meeting Justice Related Mandates – IN FAVOR

Thank you Supervisor Horvath and Supervisor Solis for putting forth this important motion.

State funding MUST go towards anything but Probation. Some other great options would be funding for mental health resources and the arts in education.

Too often are we told that the County is unable to move forward on a Care First agenda because of restrictive State legislation. This motion demonstrates a real attempt to coordinate across relevant County departments with the ability to push for legislative changes at the state level. One of the biggest roadblocks to establishing an independent pretrial services system is the amount of state funding that is designated for the probation department. We know that the probation department is ill suited to provide supportive pretrial services for those going through the criminal legal system. Other counties like San Francisco and Santa Clara have the ability to utilize state funds for pretrial services outside of the probation department. Advocating for this change for LA County must be a Board priority until it becomes a reality. Also, I thank the Supervisors for recognizing the importance of expediting release for many inside of LA County jails. I encourage the Board to be more forceful in negotiations with LASD and push LASD to prioritize the release of LGBTQIA+ folks and cis-gender

women.

Lastly, this motion acknowledges the need for data and information sharing across county departments. As this initiative is implemented, I encourage the Board to invest in and commit to a publicly available database to help community members track and understand the impacts of the criminal legal system on their communities.

From: [Rachel Rosenbloom](#)
To: [Supervisor Janice Hahn \(Fourth District\)](#); [Holly J. Mitchell](#); [Barger, Kathryn](#); [Third District](#); [First District](#); [Office of Countywide Communications](#)
Subject: Written Public Comment for 7/25/23 Board of Supervisors Meeting
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 9:06:58 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

My name is Rachel Rosenbloom and I am a resident of supervisorial district 5 and would like to submit written public comment to the Board of Supervisors for the July 25, 2023 meeting.

2. Los Angeles County to Provide Free Phone Calls and Robust Programming in the County Jails **[IN FAVOR]**

LA County has been saying it will do this since 2021. Phone fees impose a tremendous financial burden on families and this exploitative system takes away vital resources from communities of color for the sole benefit of an LASD fund that is not transparent or accountable. Phone calls are so expensive that families are spending hundreds of dollars a month to connect with their loved ones. When people are locked away from society, maintaining access to their loved ones is critical, and losing access to them is isolating and detrimental to the well-being of both the incarcerated person and their loved ones. It is inhumane to charge incarcerated people for phone calls especially since they are also denied the ability to work for fair wages rather than pennies. While it is critical that we invest in the livelihood of those inside LA jails and their families, the BOS must not use "expanded programming" as a justification for the continued delay of the closure of MCJ.

20. Advocating for Greater Local Control in Meeting Justice Related Mandates **[IN FAVOR]**

Thank you Supervisor Horvath and Supervisor Solis for putting forth this important motion.

I believe state funding must go towards anything but probation, such as true restorative justice - housing, health care, job training, mental health care...

Too often are we told that the County is unable to move forward on a Care First agenda because of restrictive State legislation. This motion demonstrates a real attempt to coordinate across relevant County departments with the ability to push for legislative changes at the state level. One of the biggest roadblocks to establishing an independent pretrial services system is the amount of state funding that is designated for the probation department. We know that the probation department is ill suited to provide supportive pretrial services for those going through the criminal legal system. Other counties like San Francisco and Santa Clara have the ability to utilize state funds for pretrial services outside of the probation department. Advocating for this change for LA County must be a Board priority until it becomes a reality. Also, I thank the Supervisors for recognizing the importance of expediting release for many inside of LA County jails. I encourage the Board to be more forceful in negotiations with LASD and push LASD to prioritize the release of LGBTQIA+ folks and cis-gender

women.

Lastly, this motion acknowledges the need for data and information sharing across county departments. As this initiative is implemented, I encourage the Board to invest in and commit to a publicly available database to help community members track and understand the impacts of the criminal legal system on their communities.

Thank you,

Rachel

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Best,
Rachel

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Emma Soren](#)
To: [Holly J. Mitchell](#); [First District](#); [Supervisor Janice Hahn \(Fourth District\)](#); [Third District](#); [Barger, Kathryn](#); [Office of Countywide Communications](#)
Subject: Written Public Comment for 7/25/23 Board of Supervisors Meeting
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 10:02:57 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

My name is Emma Soren and I am a resident of district 3 and would like to submit written public comment to the Board of Supervisors for the July 25, 2023 meeting.

2. Los Angeles County to Provide Free Phone Calls and Robust Programming in the County Jails **IN**

FAVOR]

LA County has been saying it will do this since 2021. Phone fees impose a tremendous financial burden on families and this exploitative system takes away vital resources from communities of color for the sole benefit of an LASD fund that is not transparent or accountable. It is inhumane to charge incarcerated people for phone calls especially since they are also denied the ability to work for fair wages rather than pennies. While it is critical that we invest in the livelihood of those inside LA jails and their families, the BOS must not use “expanded programming” as a justification for the continued delay of the closure of MCJ.

20. Advocating for Greater Local Control in Meeting Justice Related Mandates **IN FAVOR]**

Thank you Supervisor Horvath and Supervisor Solis for putting forth this important motion. I encourage the Board to be more forceful in negotiations with LASD and push LASD to prioritize the release of LGBTQIA+ folks and cis-gender women.

Lastly, this motion acknowledges the need for data and information sharing across county departments. As this initiative is implemented, I encourage the Board to invest in and commit to a publicly available database to help community members track and understand the impacts of the criminal legal system on their communities.

From: [B Zedan](#)
To: [Holly J. Mitchell](#); [First District](#); [Supervisor Janice Hahn \(Fourth District\)](#); [Third District](#); [Barger, Kathryn](#); [Office of Countywide Communications](#)
Subject: Written Public Comment for 7/25/23 Board of Supervisors Meeting
Date: Tuesday, July 25, 2023 12:15:47 AM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

My name is B. Zedan and I am a resident of SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5 and would like to submit written public comment to the Board of Supervisors for the July 25, 2023 meeting.

2. Los Angeles County to Provide Free Phone Calls and Robust Programming in the County Jails **[IN FAVOR]**

LA County has been saying it will do this since 2021! Phone fees impose a **tremendous** financial burden on families and this exploitative system takes away vital resources from communities of color for the sole benefit of an LASD fund that is not transparent or accountable. Phone calls are so expensive that families are spending hundreds of dollars a month to connect with their loved ones.

When people are locked away from society, maintaining access to their loved ones is critical, and losing access to them is isolating and detrimental to the well-being of both the incarcerated person and their loved ones. It is inhumane to charge incarcerated people for phone calls especially since they are also denied the ability to work for fair wages rather than pennies. While it is critical that we invest in the livelihood of those inside LA jails and their families, the BOS must not use "expanded programming" as a justification for the continued delay of the closure of MCJ.

20. Advocating for Greater Local Control in Meeting Justice Related Mandates **[IN FAVOR]**

Thank you Supervisor Horvath and Supervisor Solis for putting forth this important motion.

I believe state funding **MUST** go towards anything but Probation, such as more robust pretrial support, or in building a better data sharing system across county departments that can help people understand the system and how it impacts their communities.

Too often are we told that the County is unable to move forward on a Care First agenda because of restrictive State legislation. This motion demonstrates a real attempt to coordinate across relevant County departments with the ability to push for legislative changes at the state level. One of the biggest roadblocks to establishing an independent pretrial services system is the amount of state funding that is designated for the probation department. We know that the probation department is ill suited to provide supportive pretrial services for those going through the criminal legal system. Other counties like San Francisco and Santa Clara have the ability to utilize state funds for pretrial services outside of the probation department. Advocating for this change for LA County must be a Board priority until it becomes a reality. Also, I thank the Supervisors for recognizing the importance of expediting release for many inside of LA County jails. I encourage the Board to be more forceful in negotiations with LASD and push LASD to prioritize the release of LGBTQIA+ folks and cis-gender women.

Lastly, this motion acknowledges the need for data and information sharing across county departments. As this initiative is implemented, I encourage the Board to invest in and commit to a publicly available database to help community members track and understand the impacts of the criminal legal system on

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From: [Caroline Lacy](#)
To: [Supervisor Janice Hahn \(Fourth District\)](#); [Holly J. Mitchell](#); [Third District](#); [First District](#); [Barger, Kathryn](#); [Office of Countywide Communications](#)
Subject: Written Public Comment for 7/25/23 Board of Supervisors Meeting
Date: Tuesday, July 25, 2023 7:11:38 AM

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My name is Caroline Lacy and I am a resident of Supervisorial District 2 and would like to submit written public comment to the Board of Supervisors for the July 25, 2023 meeting.

[2. Los Angeles County to Provide Free Phone Calls and Robust Programming in the County Jails](#) **IN**

FAVOR]

LA County has been saying it will do this since 2021. Phone fees impose a tremendous financial burden on families and this exploitative system takes away vital resources from communities of color for the sole benefit of an LASD fund that is not transparent or accountable. Phone calls are so expensive that families are spending hundreds of dollars a month to connect with their loved ones. When people are locked away from society, maintaining access to their loved ones is critical, and losing access to them is isolating and detrimental to the well-being of both the incarcerated person and their loved ones. It is inhumane to charge incarcerated people for phone calls especially since they are also denied the ability to work for fair wages rather than pennies. While it is critical that we invest in the livelihood of those inside LA jails and their families, the BOS must not use "expanded programming" as a justification for the continued delay of the closure of MCJ.

[20. Advocating for Greater Local Control in Meeting Justice Related Mandates](#) **IN FAVOR]**

Thank you Supervisor Horvath and Supervisor Solis for putting forth this important motion.

I believe state funding **MUST** go towards anything but Probation, such as pretrial services so that people have a fair chance during their actual trial, especially if these people are innocent! There is nothing in place to help these people that are "presumed innocent until proven guilty". We treat people like they are guilty immediately, which means people sit in jail for YEARS waiting for trial when they may be an innocent person.

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Best,
Caroline Lacy (she/her)
Student
Yoga Instructor, 500 RYT
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From: [JAMES ANDERSON](#)
To: [Holly J. Mitchell](#); [First District](#); [Supervisor Janice Hahn \(Fourth District\)](#); [Third District](#); [Barger, Kathryn](#); [Office of Countywide Communications](#)
Subject: Written Public Comment for 7/25/23 Board of Supervisors Meeting
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My name is **Susan Anderson** and I am a resident of **SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1** and would like to submit written public comment to the Board of Supervisors for the July 25, 2023 meeting.

2. Los Angeles County to Provide Free Phone Calls and Robust Programming in the County Jails **[IN FAVOR]**

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From: [J.Stephen Brantley](#)
To: [Holly J. Mitchell](#); [First District](#); [Supervisor Janice Hahn \(Fourth District\)](#); [Third District](#); [Barger, Kathryn](#); [Office of Countywide Communications](#)
Subject: Written Public Comment for 7/25/23 Board of Supervisors Meeting
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 10:57:39 AM

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My name is J.Stephen Brantley and I am a resident of **SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5**. would like to submit written public comment to the Board of Supervisors for the July 25, 2023 meeting.

2. Los Angeles County to Provide Free Phone Calls and Robust Programming in the County Jails [IN FAVOR]

As someone who has spent time in jails and locked hospital facilities, I know how important it is to maintain community ties while incarcerated. Being able to connect with folks on the outside positively contributes to one's rehabilitation. It also prevents self-harm and conflict with others on the inside. Given that LA COunty jails are rife with violence, self-harm, abuse and overcrowding, making sure that incarcerated people can communicate with folks on the outside might be an important step toward improvement not just for detainees, but also for staff and other county employees.

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Sincerely,

J.Stephen Brantley

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From: [Lila Murphy](#)
To: [First District](#); [Supervisor Janice Hahn \(Fourth District\)](#); [Holly J. Mitchell](#); [Third District](#); [Barger, Kathryn](#); [Office of Countywide Communications](#)
Subject: Written Public Comment for 7/25/23 Board of Supervisors Meeting
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 11:14:11 AM

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My name is Lila and I am a resident of District 5 and would like to submit written public comment to the Board of Supervisors for the July 25, 2023 meeting.

[2. Los Angeles County to Provide Free Phone Calls and Robust Programming in the County Jails](#) **[IN FAVOR]**

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From: [Herley Jim Bowling](#)
To: [Holly J. Mitchell](#); [First District](#); [Supervisor Janice Hahn \(Fourth District\)](#); [Third District](#); [Barger, Kathryn](#); [Office of Countywide Communications](#)
Subject: Written Public Comment for 7/25/23 Board of Supervisors Meeting
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 11:02:50 AM

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My name is **Herley Jim Bowling** and I am a resident of **SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT #3** and would like to submit written public comment to the Board of Supervisors for the July 25, 2023 meeting.

[2. Los Angeles County to Provide Free Phone Calls and Robust Programming in the County Jails](#) **[IN FAVOR]**

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Just Us 4 Youth is an agency that believes in working besides the 'at promise' community to become better people, scholars and leaders. We respectfully support Supervisor Solis' motion to provide free phone calls to those incarcerated. Having anything less is an example of the 'haves and have nots' and setting up the have nots to fail. Everyone knows that one of the keys to rehabilitation is communication. Accessing loved ones who could provide emotional support and encouragement should not be limited to those with money or should not come as a cost to the family. Particularly when the County has access to funding resources.

We hope the Los Angeles Board of Supervisors will direct staff to implement the recommendations in the Supervisor' motion to help prove Los Angeles County is better than its current practice.

Deanna R. Stanley on behalf of
Eric Vasquez, Chief Executive Officer/Founder
Just Us 4 Youth

From: [Sarah Eggers](#)
To: [Supervisor Janice Hahn \(Fourth District\)](#); [Holly J. Mitchell](#); [Barger, Kathryn](#); [Third District](#); [First District](#); [Office of Countywide Communications](#)
Subject: Written Public Comment for 7/25/23 Board of Supervisors Meeting
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District 5

2. Los Angeles County to Provide Free Phone Calls and Robust Programming in the County Jails **[IN FAVOR]**

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20. Advocating for Greater Local Control in Meeting Justice Related Mandates **[IN FAVOR]**

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From: [Joe Parker](#)
To: [Holly J. Mitchell](#); [First District](#); [Supervisor Janice Hahn \(Fourth District\)](#); [Third District](#); [Barger, Kathryn](#); [Office of Countywide Communications](#)
Cc: [Joe Parker](#)
Subject: Written Public Comment for 7/25/23 Board of Supervisors Meeting
Date: Tuesday, July 25, 2023 8:49:16 AM

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Dear LA County Board of Supervisors,

My name is Joe Parker and I am a resident of Supervisor District 5, Kathryn Barger's district, and would like to submit written public comment to the Board of Supervisors for the July 25, 2023 meeting.

I would like to submit comments in favor of Agenda Item # 2,

Los Angeles County to Provide Free Phone Calls and Robust Programming in the County Jails

My comments:

LA County has been saying it will do this since 2021. Phone fees impose a tremendous financial burden on families and this exploitative system takes away vital resources from communities of color for the sole benefit of an LASD fund that is not transparent or accountable. Phone calls are so expensive that families are spending hundreds of dollars a month to connect with their loved ones. When people are locked away from society, maintaining access to their loved ones is critical, and losing access to them is isolating and detrimental to the well-being of both the incarcerated person and their loved ones. It is inhumane to charge incarcerated people for phone calls especially since they are also denied the ability to work for fair wages rather than pennies. While it is critical that we invest in the livelihood of those inside LA jails and their families, the BOS must not use "expanded programming" as a justification for the continued delay of the closure of MCJ.

I would also like to submit comments in favor of agenda item # 20:

Advocating for Greater Local Control in Meeting Justice Related Mandates

My comments:

Thank you Supervisor Horvath and Supervisor Solis for putting forth this important motion.

I believe state funding MUST go towards budget priorities that put care of the state population first, above Probation and other mechanisms for punishing state citizens, such as mental health services, housing for the unhoused, food for the hungry, services for those who have survived domestic battery and abuse, and other Care First priorities.

Too often are we told that the County is unable to move forward on a Care First agenda because of restrictive State legislation. This motion demonstrates a real attempt to coordinate across relevant County departments with the ability to push for legislative changes at the state level. One of the biggest roadblocks to establishing an independent pretrial services system is the amount of state funding that is designated for the probation department. We know that the probation department is ill suited to provide supportive pretrial services for those going through the criminal legal system. Other counties like San Francisco and Santa Clara have the ability to utilize state funds for pretrial services outside of the probation department. Advocating for this change for LA County must be a Board priority until it becomes a reality. Also, I thank the Supervisors for recognizing the importance

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Thank you for considering my comments.

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Thanks are due to the Tongva for caring for the land where I live and work over many years past, in the present, and in years to come.

From: [Kevin King](#)
To: [First District](#); [Third District](#); [Barger, Kathryn](#); [Supervisor Janice Hahn \(Fourth District\)](#); [Office of Countywide Communications](#); [Holly J. Mitchell](#)
Subject: Written Public Comment for 7/25/23 Board of Supervisors Meeting
Date: Tuesday, July 25, 2023 8:26:07 AM

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Good morning,

District 1 resident submitting written public comment to the Board of Supervisors for today's meeting.

item 2. Los Angeles County to Provide Free Phone Calls and Robust Programming in the County Jails [IN FAVOR]

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item 20. Advocating for Greater Local Control in Meeting Justice Related Mandates [IN FAVOR]

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Thank you from a concerned citizen

Kevin King

From: [Nayyirah AbdulSalam](#)
To: [Office of Countywide Communications](#); [Barger, Kathryn](#); [Third District](#); [Supervisor Janice Hahn \(Fourth District\)](#); [First District](#); [Holly J. Mitchell](#)
Subject: Re: Written Public Comment for 7/25/23 Board of Supervisors Meeting
Date: Tuesday, July 25, 2023 8:19:07 AM

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Hello there, my name is Nayyirah AbdulSalam and I am a citizen of the United States. Although I do not reside in LA, I have been closely following the situation there. It's disheartening to learn that LA has the world's largest County Jail system, with overcrowded jails that fall well below the national average. As a show of solidarity, I stand for decarceration efforts everywhere. In light of this, I would like to submit a written public comment to the Board of Supervisors for their meeting on July 25, 2023.

I AM IN FAVOR: *Los Angeles County to provide free phone calls and Robust Programming in the County Jail System.*

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Yes, it is critical that we invest in the livelihood of those inside LA jails and their families, the BOS must not use "expanded programming" as a justification for the continued delay of the closure of MCJ.

I AM IN FAVOR: For Advocating for Greater Local Control in Meeting Just Mandates. I would like to Thank both, Supervisor Horvath and Supervisor Solis for putting this motion.

It is imperative that state funding places a greater emphasis on alternative sentencing

options, such as...

Implementing Mandated Community Services, Work Programs, Drug Treatment Programs, Family Counseling, and Mental Health Programs, so that individuals are provided with the necessary resources to become more involved and productive in their communities improving their overall mental and physical health. These programs serve as an opportunity for individuals to make positive changes and choices for their well-being.

It is often stated that the County is unable to prioritize a Care First agenda due to strict State laws. This motion is intended to coordinate various County departments and forcefully push for legislative changes at the State level. An independent pretrial services system faces a significant challenge due to the insufficient State funding allocated to the probation department. However, it is known that the probation department is not equipped to provide the necessary assistance to those navigating the criminal legal system before their trial. In contrast, counties like San Francisco and Santa Clara have successfully utilized State funding for pretrial services outside of the probation department. Therefore, it is crucial for the Board to assertively prioritize advocacy for this change in LA County.

While most can appreciate the Supervisors' recognition of the importance of expediting release for individuals in LA County jails, I also urge the Board to be more forceful in negotiations with LASD and prioritize the release for All equally no matter race, ethnic background, or gender.

Finally, this proposal recognizes the importance of sharing data and information among county departments. As we move forward with this effort, I urge the Board to support and prioritize the creation of a publicly accessible database. This resource will enable community members to monitor and comprehend the effects of the criminal justice system on their neighborhoods across the board.

Thank you

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