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The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:				
91-C.		<b>Favor</b>	Ahmanise Sanati	
			Akio Katano	
			Angela Givant	
			Azuree Natice	
			Darren Jaspan	
			Deborah Pasachoff	Support
			Elizabeth Jaspan	
			Emily Skehan	
			Grey James	
			Hannah Mesches	
			Jane ONeill	
			Joann Lo	
			Katherine Gardner	Thank you!
			Kelly Stuart	
			Kimberly Gomez	
			Laura Tribble	
			Lewis N Morton	
			M E	
			Michael C Jacobs	
			Monica Campagna	



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91-C.		<b>Favor</b>	Robert Thomsen	Los Angeles has a housing crisis and it effects everyone I know. Few people have enough to afford housing in LA without spending more than 33% of their income and many spend closer to 50% on housing costs. These numbers are even worse for members of the transgender community including non-binary people. You should be working every day to solve the housing crisis that is wrining the economic life out of most working people in your district. Expanding interim housing for the transgender/nonbinary community would begin to solve address this massive problem by helping some of the most rent burdened and economically disadvantaged groups who are more prone to houselessness, criminalization, and health issues. Please work to address both the housing crisis and the homeless queer youth crisis by acquiring 12135 Victory Blvd and more properties to create both interim and permanent housing for LGBTQ+ people and for anyone struggling to find shelter and the dignity and stability that it provides. Housing is a human right and we are failing our most vulnerable people by denying them the ability to access safe affordable housing. You must act now.
			Sarah Mozal	
			Shant Jaltorossian	GALAS LGBTQ+ Armenian Society supports the expansion of interim housing for the transgender/non-binary community, and encourages further development of permanent housing. Non-binary and transgender persons are at heightened risk of housing insecurity, and increased services are needed in the San Fernando Valley.
			Vanessa Ynda	
		<b>Oppose</b>	Mariam Moore	
		<b>Other</b>		
		<b>Item Total</b>	<b>25</b>	



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Dear Supervisors,

We, the Board of Directors of GALAS LGBTQ+ Armenian Society, write today in support of agenda items 91-A, 91-B and 91-C for the November 7, 2023 Board of Supervisors meeting.

Since 1998, GALAS has been the leading voice in advancing equality for LGBTQ+ Armenians worldwide. The mission of GALAS is to (1) foster a safe and supportive network for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) people of Armenian descent; (2) promote their personal empowerment within their communities; and (3) build bridges between the LGBTQ+ and Armenian communities and among all allied and intersectional communities.

**Agenda Item 15: Los Angeles County Awareness Campaign and Volunteer Aid to the Displaced Refugees in Armenia Resulting from the Azerbaijan/Artsakh War**

We condemn the human rights violations, war crimes, and crimes against humanity carried out by the Republic of Azerbaijan against the Republic of Artsakh and its ethnic Armenian civilians.

We encourage the County of Los Angeles to send humanitarian aid to the refugees, and encourage further growth in Los Angeles-Armenia relations.

**Agenda Item 91-A: Declaring November 13 through 19, 2023, as “Transgender Awareness Week” and November 20, 2023, as “Transgender Day of Remembrance” in Los Angeles County**

We support the declaration of November 13 through 19, 2023, as “Transgender Awareness Week” and November 20, 2023, as “Transgender Day of Remembrance” in Los Angeles County.



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**Agenda Item 91-B: Response to Increase in Anti-LGBTQ+ Hate Incidents Across Los Angeles County**

We support a comprehensive response to the increase in anti-LGBTQ+ hate incidents across Los Angeles County.

GALAS calls attention to the collective safety of LGBTQ+ Armenians, who are especially vulnerable without support in either of their marginalized identities.

GALAS is honored to be acknowledged as a County partner, and looks forward to working with other stakeholders in combating hate.

**Agenda Item 91-C: Expanding Interim Housing for the Transgender/Nonbinary Community through the Potential Acquisition of 12135 Victory Boulevard in North Hollywood**

We support the expansion of interim housing for the transgender/non-binary community, and encourage further development of permanent housing. Non-binary and transgender persons are at heightened risk of housing insecurity, and increased services are needed in the San Fernando Valley.

We thank the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors for supporting a broad, multi-ethnic coalition in combating anti-LGBTQ+ hate.

Sincerely,

Board of Directors  
GALAS LGBTQ+ Armenian Society