



**PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS  
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The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:				
Agenda #	Relate To	Position	Name	Comments
37.		<b>Oppose</b>	Monisha Parker	<p>Strengthening the retroactive sole-source contract amendments for Community Based Organizations (CBOs) providing services for youth in probation, foster care, and community settings in Los Angeles County requires addressing immediate concerns and proactively building a more equitable and sustainable future for these partnerships. Here are some suggestions:</p> <p><b>**Addressing Immediate Concerns:**</b></p> <p><b>* **Transparency and Communication:**</b> Ensure clear and open communication between the County and CBOs regarding the rationale behind the retroactive amendments, including the extent of financial impact, timelines for adjustments, and potential solutions.</p> <p><b>* **Financial Support:**</b> Explore options for mitigating the financial impact on CBOs, such as one-time grants, temporary extensions, or adjustments to contract terms. Prioritize support for organizations demonstrating strong past performance and serving critical needs.</p> <p><b>* **Dispute Resolution:**</b> Establish a clear and fair dispute resolution process for CBOs who disagree with the amendments or face significant financial hardship.</p> <p><b>**Building a Sustainable Future:**</b></p> <p><b>* **Review and Revise Contracting Practices:**</b> Analyze existing practices to identify areas for improvement, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>* **Competitive bidding opportunities:**</b> Increase use of competitive bidding processes, especially for new contracts, while preserving existing partnerships with high-performing CBOs.</li> <li><b>* **Clearer communication:**</b> Provide detailed information about upcoming solicitations, eligibility criteria, and selection processes.</li> <li><b>* **Reduced Administrative Burden:**</b> Streamline application and reporting requirements to minimize administrative burdens on CBOs.</li> <li><b>* **Increase Collaboration and Trust:**</b> Foster stronger collaboration and trust through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>* **Regular communication channels:**</b> Establish regular meetings, workshops, and feedback mechanisms for information sharing and joint problem-solving.</li> <li><b>* **Shared data:**</b> Provide CBOs with relevant data on community needs and program performance to inform service delivery and advocacy efforts.</li> <li><b>* **Joint planning and evaluation:**</b> Include CBOs in planning future programs and services, and develop evaluation metrics that reflect their unique contributions.</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>* **Funding Stability:**</b> Explore alternative funding models, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>* **Multi-year contracts:**</b> Offer multi-year contracts to provide CBOs with</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

			<p>greater financial stability and predictability.</p> <p>***Performance-based funding:** Implement performance-based funding frameworks that reward CBOs for achieving positive outcomes.</p> <p>***Public-private partnerships:** Explore partnerships with private foundations or corporations to supplement public funding.</p> <p>***Capacity Building:** Offer programs and resources to help CBOs strengthen their organizational capacity, including:</p> <p>***Financial management training:** Assist CBOs with budgeting, accounting, and grant writing skills.</p> <p>***Data collection and analysis training:** Equip CBOs with tools and skills to collect and analyze data effectively.</p> <p>***Leadership development:** Support leadership development opportunities for CBO staff.</p> <p>***Advocate for Policy Changes:** Advocate for state and federal policies that:</p> <p>***Provide consistent funding streams:** Lobby for stable funding sources for youth services to reduce reliance on retroactive amendments.</p> <p>***Limit sole-source contracting:** Encourage policies that promote competitive bidding while recognizing the value of existing partnerships with high-performing CBOs.</p> <p><b>**Additional Considerations:**</b></p> <p>***Equity and Inclusion:** Ensure CBOs from diverse communities and serving diverse youth populations have equal access to contracts, resources, and opportunities to participate in planning and decision-making.</p> <p>***Community Engagement:** Involve youth, families, and communities in program development and evaluation to ensure services are meeting their needs and priorities.</p> <p>***Data-Driven Decision Making:** Base decisions on clear data analysis showing the impact of CBO services on youth outcomes, community needs, and service quality.</p> <p><b>**Remember:**</b> Strengthening these partnerships requires ongoing commitment, collaboration, and a focus on both immediate concerns and long-term sustainability. By working together, Los Angeles County and CBOs can ensure that youth in probation, foster care, and community settings receive the support and services they need to thrive.</p>
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