



**PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS
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The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:				
Agenda #	Relate To	Position	Name	Comments
37.		Oppose	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>**Addressing Immediate Concerns:**</p> <p>* **Transparency and Communication:** 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>* **Financial Support:** 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>* **Dispute Resolution:** Establish a clear and fair dispute resolution process for CBOs who disagree with the amendments or face significant financial hardship.</p> <p>**Building a Sustainable Future:**</p> <p>* **Review and Revise Contracting Practices:** Analyze existing practices to identify areas for improvement, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">* **Competitive bidding opportunities:** Increase use of competitive bidding processes, especially for new contracts, while preserving existing partnerships with high-performing CBOs.* **Clearer communication:** Provide detailed information about upcoming solicitations, eligibility criteria, and selection processes.* **Reduced Administrative Burden:** Streamline application and reporting requirements to minimize administrative burdens on CBOs.* **Increase Collaboration and Trust:** Foster stronger collaboration and trust through:<ul style="list-style-type: none">* **Regular communication channels:** Establish regular meetings, workshops, and feedback mechanisms for information sharing and joint problem-solving.* **Shared data:** Provide CBOs with relevant data on community needs and program performance to inform service delivery and advocacy efforts.* **Joint planning and evaluation:** Include CBOs in planning future programs and services, and develop evaluation metrics that reflect their unique contributions. <p>* **Funding Stability:** Explore alternative funding models, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">* **Multi-year contracts:** Offer multi-year contracts to provide CBOs with

			<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>**Additional Considerations:**</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>**Remember:** 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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