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		The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:		
Agenda #	Relate To	Position	Name	Comments
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		Oppose	Monisha Parker	<p>Here are several ways to strengthen the expansion of services to immigrant populations in Los Angeles County through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU):</p> <p>1. Define Shared Goals and Clear Responsibilities:</p> <p>Clarity: The MOU should clearly outline the goals for expanding services and detail how they align with existing policies and initiatives in the county.</p> <p>Roles: Identify the specific roles and responsibilities of each agency or organization involved in providing services.</p> <p>Accountability: Include performance metrics and reporting requirements to track progress and maintain accountability throughout the process.</p> <p>2. Prioritize Collaboration and Coordination:</p> <p>Community Organizations: Partner with immigrant-serving organizations and community leaders to better understand their needs and leverage their expertise.</p> <p>Cross-Sector Collaboration: Foster partnerships between government agencies, service providers, legal aid organizations, and other relevant stakeholders.</p> <p>Information Sharing: Establish clear channels for communication and information exchange to avoid service duplication and ensure effective coordination.</p> <p>3. Emphasize Accessibility and Culturally Sensitive Outreach:</p> <p>Language Accessibility: Provide materials and communication in multiple languages to reach diverse immigrant populations.</p> <p>Culturally Sensitive Services: Ensure that services are delivered in a way that is sensitive to the cultural backgrounds and experiences of immigrants.</p> <p>Trusted Messengers: Engage trusted community members to spread awareness of the expanded services within immigrant communities.</p> <p>4. Focus on Key Service Areas:</p>

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			<p>Legal Assistance: Expand pro-bono legal aid, 'Know Your Rights' workshops, and legal resources for immigrants navigating complex immigration processes.</p> <p>Healthcare: Address disparities in healthcare access for immigrants, including translation services and connections to affordable health insurance options.</p> <p>Social Services: Increase support for immigrant families, including access to housing assistance, food programs, and other social safety net programs.</p> <p>Educational Support: Provide English language classes, educational resources for immigrant children, and support for parents navigating the school system.</p> <p>5. Address Barriers to Access:</p> <p>Fear and Mistrust: Conduct outreach to address fears associated with accessing government services due to immigration status. Clarify confidentiality policies and promote a safe environment.</p> <p>Transportation: Consider providing transportation assistance or partnering with organizations that offer subsidized transportation to services.</p> <p>Documentation Requirements: Minimize bureaucratic hurdles and explore alternatives for those who may lack traditional documentation.</p> <p>6. Secure sustainable funding:</p> <p>Diverse Funding Streams: Explore a combination of public funds, grants, private donations, and in-kind contributions to ensure the sustainability of services.</p> <p>Long-term Planning: Develop a budget plan that incorporates the potential for expanding services and addresses long-term funding needs.</p> <p>By implementing these strategies, the Memorandum of Understanding can become a powerful tool for ensuring that immigrant populations in Los Angeles County have equitable access to the essential services they need to thrive.</p>
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