



**PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS  
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The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:				
Agenda #	Relate To	Position	Name	Comments
8.		<b>Favor</b>	Dakota Kelley	
		<b>Oppose</b>	Monisha Parker	<p>The "Celebration 2024: Honoring the Academic Achievements of Foster Youth" event in Los Angeles County offers fee waivers to foster youth, allowing them to participate in the ceremony and celebrate their accomplishments. Here are some ways to potentially reduce the cost of the event and minimize the need for fee waivers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Secure Sponsorships:  Partner with organizations, businesses, or individuals who value supporting foster youth and educational achievement. Sponsorships can help cover various event costs, reducing the need for participant fees.</li> <li>2. Explore Cost-Saving Measures:  Evaluate and optimize event expenses in areas like venue rental, catering, decorations, or entertainment. Consider alternative options that offer similar quality at a lower cost.  Seek volunteers to contribute to various aspects of the event, such as event setup, registration, or guest assistance. This can reduce reliance on paid staff and associated costs.</li> <li>3. Offer Different Participation Tiers:  While maintaining a core celebratory element, explore offering alternative participation tiers with varying costs. This could involve a basic option with the ceremony and light refreshments, and a premium tier with additional elements like a catered meal or guest speakers.</li> <li>4. Partner with Existing Resources:  Collaborate with local organizations that support foster youth, potentially leveraging their resources or expertise to reduce event costs. This could involve securing donations, discounted services, or volunteer assistance.</li> <li>5. Seek Public Funding:  Explore the possibility of applying for grants or public funding from agencies that support youth development or educational initiatives. This can help defray event costs and ensure broader accessibility for foster youth.</li> <li>6. Fundraising:</li> </ol>

				<p>Organize fundraising activities specifically aimed at supporting the event and reducing the reliance on fee waivers. This could involve community events, online campaigns, or soliciting donations from individuals or businesses.</p> <p>It's important to strike a balance between ensuring financial sustainability and maintaining the celebratory spirit of the event. By exploring these options and fostering collaboration with various stakeholders, the organizers can potentially reduce the need for fee waivers while ensuring the event remains accessible and meaningful for all participating foster youth.</p>
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