



**PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS
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5.		Favor	Abigail Gonzalez	Cerebral Palsy is the most common reason for childhood physical disability. Raising public awareness will help not only the children and families who are in dire need of support and services, but the greater Los Angeles community in education, empathy, and action for their neighbors. Thanks you for considering this proclamation.
			Akiko Nishio	Hi my name is Akiko. I support this motion. This motion will create cerebral palsy awareness in Los Angeles, and it will also help to make CP resources more accessible to everyone, including who may have difficulty with English. It is currently a scary system to navigate when you are fighting for yourself or your loved one I. Let's make this system better.
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			Amy Campion	I support proclaiming March as cerebral palsy month!
			Andrew Mount	
			Chandler Evans	Thank you to Supervisor Mitchell for authorizing this important motion on cerebral palsy. My name is Chandler Evans and I support this motion. CP effects people near and dear to me and more attention and resources needs to given to one of the most common lifelong physical disabilities.
			Christina Ayres	I feel it is extremely important for those with cerebral palsy to be recognized and supported throughout their lifetimes. It is a very challenging diagnosis to live with, so support is very crucial to helping those with the diagnosis have a successful and happy life.
			Christina A Sandoval	
			Clinton H Buie	
			Dakota Kelley	
			Demetrius D Wilson	
			Diane Cunha	CP is the most common lifelong motor disability and the most common physical disability in childhood. Many with CP may not walk, talk, or live independently. Please help make March Cerebral Palsy Awareness month in Los Angeles!
			Drina L Semenjuk	I am writing to support proclaiming March as CP Awareness Month in LA County. Individuals with CP deserve to be recognized, supported and give every opportunity to thrive! Thank you.
			Edwin Kampwirth	This is a cause that can use more light. A dedicated month can help with that.



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5.		Favor	Elena Kokhanovski	Thank you to Supervisor Mitchell for authorizing this important motion on cerebral palsy. My name is Elena Kokhanovski and I support this motion. It is so important to have resources for families and children with disabilities be more prominent and accessible in our community.
			Erica Blyther	Agenda item #5 – Cerebral Palsy motion for Board meeting date March 6. Thank you to Supervisor Mitchell for authorizing this important motion on cerebral palsy. My name is Erica and I support this motion. This motion will create Cerebral Palsy Awareness Month in Los Angeles, and it will also help to make CP resources more accessible for everyone, including those who may have difficulty with English. It is currently a scary system to navigate when you're fighting for yourself or your loved one. Let's make this system better.
			Gloria Cannon	Proclaiming March as "Cerebral Palsy Awareness Month" in Los Angeles County and Bringing Resources to Families Who Have Loved Ones with Disabilities Why Support the Motion? Recommendation: Proclaim March as "Cerebral Palsy Awareness Month." Request County employees to wear green ribbons on March 6, 2024, to honor individuals with cerebral palsy and acknowledge advocates. Instruct the Director of Aging and Disabilities to collaborate with the Director of Health Services and the Commission on Disabilities. Report back to the Board within 120 days on: Available resources for people with cerebral palsy in the County, including different age groups. Opportunities for outreach and awareness of cerebral palsy by evaluating existing resources. Identifying demographic data and rates of incidence of cerebral palsy among County residents. Identifying data needed for a needs assessment to understand the demand for services. Creating a resource guide for residents in need of services and hosting biannual online meetings with community partners to share information and best practices.



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5.		Favor	<div><div>Jaime H Pacheco-Orozco</div><div>I would like to thank Supervisor Mitchell for placing Item 5 on today's agenda, and I call upon this Board to approve the motion to declare March as Cerebral Palsy Awareness month. I fully support the recommendations: 1. To undertake a needs assessment of both individuals with Cerebral Palsy and their caregivers to understand how the County can better serve them; 2. To identify County resources available both to individuals with Cerebral Palsy and to their caregivers; 3. To evaluate existing County programs for the purpose of improving outreach and awareness efforts; and, 4. To gather demographic data and rates of incidence among various categories of County residents for the purpose of developing a resource guide. As a Chicano raised by monolingual Mexican immigrant parents and as an individual with multiple disabilities myself, I fully understand and appreciate the need for equitable access to critical services that support people with disabilities and their families. And, as a father of two young adult sons with disabilities and chronic medical conditions, I have first-hand experience struggling to navigate multiple systems of care without the assistance of caring and informed individuals, particularly those in the public sector. As such, I firmly believe the County has a moral imperative and legal obligation to work proactively with key community-based, faith-based and other non-governmental organizations to assess and address challenging issues. Moreover, I would ask that the Board consider, at a later date, a more comprehensive motion (based on the findings of this preliminary report) that explores providing robust employment and training opportunities, affordable healthcare, long-term services and supports, and transition services for individuals with Cerebral Palsy and other neuromuscular diseases.</div></div>
			<div>Jeremy Lappitt</div>
			<div>Kenneth Ahn</div>



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5.		Favor	Laura Forman	
			Lylah Jarvis	
			Miquilae Young	
			Nayla Santo	Thank you to Supervisor Mitchell for authorizing this important motion on cerebral palsy. My name is Nayla Santo and I support this motion. Through very dear friends who have an amazing son diagnosed with CP, I have come to realize the support needed for families raising children living with CP.
			Negeen Farmand	
			Phillippos Haile	This issue is so common but needs more recognition. I think we need to support those dealing with this issues more. And awareness is an important part. Please, let's bring more attention to those facing this and help them more. Thank you.
			Ricky Johnson	CP is the most common motor disability and it's the most common physical disability in childhood. Bringing resources to impacted families would help to normalize the social contract that we as adults have with our youth.
			Robert Easton	We take so much for granted, even the ability to have our bodies do what we want them to do, as basic as picking up an object like a pencil. So many of those affected by cerebral palsy have little to no control over their movements. They are full of life and deserve to be seen and dignified with the same opportunities as anyone. Cerebral palsy is the most common lifelong motor disability, and it is the most common physical disability in childhood. Those with CP and their loved ones are forever affected by this disability. I live this because our bright little 3 year old is diagnosed with spastic quadriplegic cerebral palsy, which is one of the most severe types. More awareness needs to be brought to this disability that affects a huge part of the LA population, and resources need to be much easier to access for everyone, including those who struggle with English. Please strongly consider to proclaim March as Cerebral Palsy Awareness Month and help uplift the lives of those with cerebral palsy and their loved ones.
			Robin Scott-Hutchens	Thank you to Supervisor Mitchell for authorizing this important motion on cerebral palsy. My name is Robin Scott-Hutchens and I support this motion. The support of Los Angeles – that's what people need who find themselves working through the challenges of a loved one with cerebral palsy, and it will only make all of us better. One parent has worked tirelessly to advocate for her child and wants to share her knowledge through Inclusive Sol. Help her and others like her in their endeavors to educate and inform those who are desperately in need.
			Virginia Marrin	Please make this also a month of awareness



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		Other	Marcia Cohen Zakai	<p>Supervisor Mitchell clearly cares about people with cerebral palsy and their caregivers. Why though does she and the rest of the Board continue to ignore the ongoing preventable harms from Covid-19 to county residents? Does the Board know how many county children and adults have long Covid? How many are disabled and need services? Does the Board understand how risky it is to seek healthcare in facilities where masks are not required?</p> <p>SARS2 wastewater levels remain high and the constantly evolving variants continue to be highly transmissible. Acute and long Covid illness, hospitalization, new and worsening disability and death continue to affect our residents, young and old. How can our Board of Supervisors ignore these acquired and preventable harms and still claim to be proponents of health equity and justice? Do our Supervisors agree with the Dept. of Public Health that these harms should now be normalized, including Covid deaths and disability? That the county should have no plan to reduce transmission and the ensuing harms? History will, I believe, look unkindly on the Board agendas that meeting after meeting fail to even discuss these ongoing pandemic harms in year 5, let alone take action to mitigate them.</p>
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Dear Committee:

I am requesting that we proclaim March as "Cerebral Palsy Awareness Month." CP is the most common lifelong motor disability, and it is the most common physical disability in childhood. Many with CP may not be able to walk, talk, or live independently. Helping with this will not just help create Cerebral Palsy Awareness Month in Los Angeles, but it will help to make CP resources more accessible for everyone, including those who may have difficulty with English. Raising awareness and support, will increase inclusivity for all. Thank you for your time and consideration.

All my best,

Christina Sandoval, MA, CCC

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Counseling Faculty at Santa Monica College

Statement of Support

March 6, 2024

Agenda Item #5 – Proclaiming March as “Cerebral Palsy Awareness Month”

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