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			The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:	
Agenda #	Relate To	Position	Name	Comments
11.		Favor	GENEVIEVE M Clavreul	
		Oppose	Monisha Parker	<p>The Reaching the 95% (R95) Initiative, launched by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health's Bureau of Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (SAPC), aims to significantly increase access to treatment for individuals struggling with Substance Use Disorders (SUDs). Achieving this ambitious goal involves multiple strategies:</p> <p>Focus Areas:</p> <p>Expanding Access to Care (R95): This focuses on increasing the capacity and reach of SUD treatment services within the county.:Key aspects include:</p> <p>Payment reform: Implementing alternative payment models that incentivize providers to accept a wider range of insurance and funding sources, including Medi-Cal.</p> <p>Identifying high-impact strategies: Assessing and implementing strategies proven to be most effective in engaging individuals with SUDs, such as outreach programs, medication-assisted treatment (MAT), and peer support services.</p> <p>Workforce development: Supporting the development and training of a qualified workforce to meet the growing demand for SUD treatment services.</p> <p>Shifting Societal Perception: This aims to address the stigma surrounding SUDs and promote understanding and support for individuals seeking treatment. This includes:</p> <p>Public awareness campaigns: Educating the public about SUDs as treatable medical conditions and encouraging individuals to seek help without shame or fear.</p> <p>Reducing stigma: Partnering with community organizations, healthcare providers, and the media to combat negative stereotypes and promote a more supportive environment for individuals with SUDs.</p> <p>Individual Contribution:</p> <p>While the R95 Initiative primarily focuses on systemic changes, individuals can also contribute to its success through various means:</p> <p>Raising awareness: Talk openly about SUDs, challenge negative stereotypes,</p>

			<p>and share resources with friends, family, and communities.</p> <p>Supporting individuals: Encourage and support loved ones struggling with SUDs to seek help.</p> <p>Advocacy: Advocate for policies that increase access to treatment and support for individuals with SUDs.</p> <p>Volunteering: Volunteer with organizations providing SUD treatment, prevention, or recovery services.</p> <p>Through a combination of systemic changes and individual efforts, the R95 Initiative strives to ensure that 95% of individuals with SUDs in Los Angeles County have access to the treatment and support they need.</p>
		Other	<p>Dawn Elliott N/A</p> <p>Dawn Elliott N/A</p>
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