



**PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

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			The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:	
Agenda #	Relate To	Position	Name	Comments
24.		Favor	B Citizen	Seniors should have 1st priority with housing and section 8.
			Councilwoman Mary Zendejas	Letter of Support from Long Beach Councilwoman Mary Zendejas is attached
			cynde soto	I am in support of this item.
			Cynthia Haro	
			David Estrada	I support the proposal to creating a Senior Safe Home Pilot.
			Jerry Gaines	I believe this pilot study is essential to address the need to provide a safe alternative to seniors facing abuse. This is a well thought proposal that deserves county support.
			John Kotick	I strongly support this motion for the benefit of Older Adults in Los Angeles County.
			Karen Eyres	
			Karen Reside	The Long Beach Gray Panthers support the implementation of a Senior Safe Home. There is no structure to support older adults who have been victims of elder abuse that support their recovery.
			Myron Wollin	
			Ted J Smith	As a Commissioner of the 5th District in this great County of Los Ageless, I fully support this proposal unanimously. I look forward working with you in this program for senior citizens of all race, creed, and color. I wish to gather as much information and support to see this process succeed. I desire to reach out to all senior to have a dialogue in this process. Thank you, Ted Smith
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I am Myron Wollin, a leader in the area for CARA the California Alliance for Retired Americans. CARA is a statewide California organization of almost a million California members who are senior union retirees and members of community senior organizations.

We worry about the health and safety of elder domestic abuse or known as EDA victims. These victims need to be protected and nurtured. CARA supports the establishment of a Senior Safe Home in LA county.

According to research in the American Journal of Public Health, one in ten adults aged 60 years or older will have experienced some form of elder abuse within the past year.

Los Angeles County had the highest number of cases in the state, exceeding eight thousand confirmed cases of EDA according to Adult Protective Services.

Adult Protective Services of Los Angeles County reported that in January 2022, not one of the 98 elder abuse cases in which relocation was recommended was accepted. Zero.

These victims will seek a safe harbor to avoid the abuse and often become homeless as a result.

We need to end this vicious cycle of abuse and homelessness.

But there are victims that choose to remain in their abusive situation, living with their abuser probably because they don't want to become homeless.

The establishment of the Senior Safe Home is intended to address this need. It will be the first of its kind in Southern California, available to all L.A. County residents. A confidential, private room, senior-centric safe home can be created to offer emergency shelter and trauma-informed services in order to provide a gateway to better outcomes for EDA victims.

Please support establishing a Senior Safe Home in LA County.

Thank you

March 19, 2024

To The Board of County Supervisors,

It is my pleasure to write in support of Item 24, Supervisor Hahn's recommendation to develop a roadmap and establish a countywide strategy for a Senior Safe Home Pilot Program for victims of elder abuse who are 55 and older.

The National Center on Elder Abuse found five million cases of elder domestic abuse (EDA) nationwide, with LA County leading in the state. About thirty percent of Long Beach's homeless are aged 55 and above. Elder abuse can quickly lead to homelessness by destabilizing financial security. Adult Protective Services (APS) states about ten percent of elder abuse cases risk housing loss. With the only senior safe on the west of the Mississippi, it is clear that there is a need to protect such a vulnerable group.

In February 2023, I was proud to introduce an item to explore the feasibility of providing a senior safe home for victims of elder abuse who are at greater risk of falling into homelessness in Long Beach. However, based on a recent memorandum issued by the Long Beach City Manager, many obstacles remain, including some seniors not meeting eligibility criteria and a general lack of funding and resources to construct a senior safe home. Although some seniors are served through Long Beach's continuum of care, a strong partnership with the County is needed for any successful senior safe home project.

I ask that you support her motion in 180 days to develop a roadmap and establish a Countywide strategy for a Senior Safe Home Pilot Program for victims of elder abuse who are 55 and older, to ensure that the needs are met for such a vulnerable population throughout the County.

Kindest Regards,



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March 19, 2024

RE: Item 24: LA County Senior Safe Home Motion

Dear Supervisor Hahn,

On behalf of Long Beach City Council District One, I am writing to share my strong support for the LA County Senior Safe Home Motion (Item 24), which will establish a county wide strategy for a Senior Safe Home Pilot Program for victims of elder abuse who are over the age of 55.

Studies have shown that victims of elder abuse are at greater risk of falling into homelessness in the City of Long Beach and Los Angeles County. Elder abuse can destabilize an older adult's financial security which can lead to homelessness and cause early death. The 2023 Continuum of Care Homeless Count estimated that over 25% of people experiencing homelessness are over the age of 55. The Aging & Disabilities Adult Protective Services (APS) is the county program responsible for servicing older adults in these challenging conditions. It is crucial for local jurisdictions like ours to partner with the county in addressing this issue.

Long Beach is committed to supporting upstream homelessness prevention strategies and creating a safe and healthy community for all to live, work, and play. As such, in February of 2023, I, along with our Vice Mayor Cindy Allen, brought forward a [council item #13](#) requesting a feasibility study for providing a Senior Safe Home in Long Beach. In December of 2023, a [Memo](#) from the City Manager highlighted the need for a strong partnership with the County as a requisite for any City project to serve this population. It also found that a senior safe home within the model contemplated by the Senior Safe Home Coalition does not currently exist within the United States, although the most analogous facilities are operated in partnership with their respective County. This motion will help advance the vision and intent of council item #13.

By 2030 older adults will make up one quarter of California's population, therefore, it is critically important that resources and programs are made available to support the needs of this growing population. This motion will directly protect at-risk older adults and contribute to the county's regionwide homelessness prevention efforts. For all these reasons, I respectfully request an "aye" vote on Item 24.

Sincerely,



Councilwoman Mary Zendejas
Council District One, Long Beach City