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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:		
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8.		Favor	GENEVIEVE M Clavreul		
			Hector Ramirez	Good morning board of Supervisors.	
				My name is Hector Ramirez, I am a person with a disability and live in Chatsworth.	
				Californians are getting older. By 2040, 25 percent of the state's population will be aged 65 and older, up from 16.6 percent today.	
				What will this mean for LA County? It will affect nearly all areas of government, including housing, healthcare, and our economy.	
				And often, these issues will be disproportionately felt by older people of color: By 2040, nearly one third of Californians aged 65 or older will be Latino, up from just over 20 percent today.	
				To touch on just one issue impacting older adults, aging and disabled residents in Los Angeles County, consider healthcare. Older adults have different health care needs. Challenges with mobility are the most common form of disability among the elderly.	
				Los Angeles County's rich diversity provides examples of how to value elders and people with disabilities. Many of LA County residents come from countries or communities with a long history of caring for older people, even when resources are scarce.	
				As an LA County Resident with a disability who is benefiting from the Costa–Hawkins Rental Housing (Costa-Hawkins) Act. I want to thank Supervisor Horbat and Supervisor Mitchell for this motion.	

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8.		Oppose	Monisha Parker	How to Increase Housing Accessibility by Providing Protections for Tenants with Permanent Disabilities?	
				1. Implementing anti-discrimination laws: Enforce laws that prohibit landlords from discriminating against tenants with disabilities. This could include penalties for landlords who refuse to rent to individuals with disabilities or provide reasonable accommodations.	
				2. Mandating accessible housing standards: Require landlords to ensure their properties meet accessibility standards, such as having ramps, wider doorways, and accessible bathrooms. This can help make it easier for tenants with disabilities to navigate and live in their homes.	
				3. Providing financial assistance: Offer financial incentives or subsidies to landlords who make their properties accessible to tenants with disabilities. This can help offset the costs of making necessary modifications and renovations.	
				4. Establishing a rental assistance program for tenants with disabilities: Create a program that provides financial assistance to tenants with disabilities who struggle to afford housing. This can help ensure they have access to safe and affordable housing options.	
				5. Educating landlords and property owners: Offer training and resources to landlords and property owners on fair housing laws and best practices for accommodating tenants with disabilities. This can help increase awareness and understanding of the needs of individuals with disabilities.	
				6. Establishing a dispute resolution process: Set up a process for tenants with disabilities to file complaints or seek recourse if they experience discrimination or are denied accommodations by their landlords. This can help ensure their rights are protected and upheld.	
				7. Collaborating with disability advocacy organizations: Partner with organizations that advocate for individuals with disabilities to develop and implement policies and programs that increase housing accessibility. This can help ensure that the needs of individuals with disabilities are represented and prioritized in housing policies and initiatives.	
		Other	KRISTEN MICELLE L JOSEPH		
		Item Total	4		
Grand Total			4		