



**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
2.		Favor	DeLlora Ellis-Gant	The Los Angeles County African American Employees Association (LACAAEA) respectfully submits a comment in favor of the proposed recommendation to support Blind Removals Moving Forward: Color Consciousness and Safeguarding Against Racial Bias.
			Julie McCormick	<p>Children’s Law Center of California (“CLC”) submits this comment in support of Item No. 2, “Blind Removals Moving Forward: Color Consciousness and Safeguarding Against Racial Bias.” By way of background, CLC serves as court-appointed counsel for the nearly 20,000 children and youth under the jurisdiction of the juvenile dependency court system in Los Angeles County, as well as approximately 2,000 young people in Placer and Sacramento Counties.</p> <p>CLC thanks Supervisors Mitchell and Horvath for their ongoing commitment to children and youth in foster care, and their continued focus on addressing the long existing harms and inequities within the child welfare system, specifically among Black and Latino families. The disparate representation of Black, Native American, and Latinx families in California’s child welfare system reflects a history, and current reality, of the increased surveillance and criminalization that faces communities of color.</p> <p>We applaud Los Angeles County for taking concrete steps to promote racial equity and advance practices of equity and inclusion in the child welfare system. In particular, we support the County’s implementation of UCLA’s Pritzker Center’s report recommendations which call for the implementation of upstream enhancements, targeting the root cause of disproportionalities among Black families and children in the child welfare system.</p> <p>ERDD roundtables and debrief session discussions led by trained/skilled facilitators and/or coaches being held at all DCFS offices have been shown to produce more equitable outcomes and practices. We fully support the expansion of this model to all DCFS regional offices.</p> <p>Through our direct legal representation and our legislative advocacy work, which includes sponsoring a Blind Removal Pilot bill and AB 2085 a bill addressing issues with mandatory reporting, CLC has been committed to addressing the inequities at all stages of the child welfare system. We welcome the opportunity to work with the Office of Child Protection and others in the development and evaluation of DCFS’ Office of Equity.</p>

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		Item Total	3	
Grand Total			3	



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Written Comment for Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Motion, Item No. 2

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