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Set Matter 1.		Favor	The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:	
			Althea Bravo	
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			Benicio Corona de Flores	
			Benjamin Cole	
			Catherine Rodriguez	
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			Cody Tabamo	
			Eesha Chakraborty	
			Emma Montoya	
			Hana Choe	
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			Hasan Jebory	
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			Lillian Cheung	
			Marissa Gold	
			Max Yao	
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			Jessica Lindenbaum	
			SHAHRIAR AFSHANI	
		<b>Other</b>	Monisha Parker	<p>Dear Board of Supervisors,</p> <p>I am writing to address a critical issue that is affecting the Black American community in Los Angeles County - homelessness. It is no secret that homelessness is a pressing issue that requires immediate attention and action. However, the disproportionate number of Black Americans experiencing homelessness is alarming and requires a targeted approach to address.</p> <p>According to recent studies, Black Americans make up a significantly higher percentage of the homeless population in Los Angeles County compared to their representation in the overall population. This disparity is a result of various systemic issues, including housing discrimination, lack of access to affordable housing, and racial disparities in employment and income.</p> <p>To effectively reduce Black American homelessness in Los Angeles County, it is imperative that we implement targeted strategies and initiatives that address the root causes of this issue. This may include increasing access to affordable housing, expanding job training and employment opportunities, providing mental health and substance abuse services, and addressing systemic racism within our housing and social service systems.</p> <p>I urge the Board of Supervisors to prioritize the needs of the Black American community in our efforts to combat homelessness in Los Angeles County. By taking a targeted and holistic approach, we can make significant strides in reducing the number of Black Americans experiencing homelessness and creating a more equitable and just society for all residents.</p> <p>Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Sincerely,  Monisha Parker</p>

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Set Matter 1.		Other	Oyin-Obi S Amoni- Stone	<p>I don't believe in this homelessness hoax, from my experience with the city, i see it as politicians are the one aiding and abetting the so called homelessness and having a run around on it just to act as if they are busy so also are the city staffs, there is no enough room here to expatiate, but if called upon or given a direct address to send my grievance to, I will gladly do that. With my little experience with the city of Los Angeles, they almost turned me homeless and am still indebted and on the verge of loosing my property because of one act or the other from the city, their agents and staffs not acting in a timely manner, and when some of them give you ears they act like "Tin gods", don't care what the other person is going through rather they will be sending you lengthy literatures, flyers and a barrage of one city edict or the other.</p> <p>The so called homelessness can be solved if there is sincerity of purpose, rather than making it a cash cow.</p> <p>The Homeless initiative need to be given a human face and not media hype, there are a lot of homes to house people but the city style does not encourage both the homeless and the property owner, the housing/rental price is going up daily because of the city's approach to existing home owners and future property owners. Am available to expatiate either by phone or email.</p> <p>Thanks.</p>
		<b>Item Total</b>	<b>31</b>	
<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>31</b>	

I write in strong support of Item 89-A to instruct the LA County Public Defender's office to direct resources to defend arrested UCLA students who were asserting their First Amendment rights to peaceful protest and assembly as part of the UCLA encampment protests. In the early morning hours of May 2nd, 2024, 132 students were arrested, 25 students were hospitalized, and over 100 injured (including five shot in the head with rubber bullets) by the California Highway Patrol and LA County Sheriff's Department. This was in severe violation of the student's First Amendment rights. Under existing University policy and the US Constitution, students have the right to engage in peaceful protest. When faced with the Palestine Solidarity encampment, UCLA administration unilaterally changed its policies without providing notice or bargaining. In so doing it violated its policy of content neutrality toward speech by favoring employees engaged in anti-Palestine speech over employees engaged in Pro-Palestine speech. It went further by unilaterally changing policies by prohibiting pro-Palestine speech at the school. UCLA used its powers to not only change policy but then, in an unprecedented act, used brute force and police intervention to prevent students and workers from exercising what have historically been rights at the University.

Los Angeles County should use its power to defend the rights of our young minds to speak out against injustice without fear of retaliation. This was a severe overreach by the LA County Sheriff's Department, who have a long history of repressive violence that the Board of Supervisors has been a champion of fighting against. Many students are on financial aid and do not have the financial backing to defend themselves in court. If charges are not dropped, the students will be on their own to defend their rights. We ask for your support in facing up against police violence and oppression so that the students exerting their fundamental rights can have the legal defense resources they need. Please support Item 89-A.