



**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
Set Matter 1.		Favor	V Citizen	
		Other	Dakota Kelly	<p>The Los Angeles County, Dept. Of Mental Health Bed Report represents a disconnect between the needs of the families and patients suffering from mental illness and the "vision" of the County leadership. Acute Inpatient Beds are reported at 901; only 32 beds expansion is scheduled by 2025. Crisis Residential Treatment beds are reported at 264; and 0 is scheduled for development.</p> <p>Supervisor Janice Hahn is quoted as praising 452 new positions are being proposed for the Dept. of Mental Health in the 2024-2025 budget proposal "the single biggest investment in our mental health care system since I joined the board eight years ago." (Downey Patriot. April, 2024) .</p> <p>However, it is time to reinvest in the areas that requires services the most. Areas that have already proven their effectiveness.. that area is LPS.</p> <p>Our LPS patients and families are waiting days in the ER for care. One family member stated her mother waited 9 days for a bed to open in a LPS designated facility, only to be released before she was stabilized on her antipsychotic medication. She was released within 2 days of being administered a long-acting injection. The medication did not even kick in and she was returned to her apartment where she started threatening her neighbors and now Mother is at risk for losing her apartment.</p> <p>Los Angeles County is looking at a \$43 billion budget for 2023-204 and \$45 billion for 2024-2025. Please do not use lack of funding as a barrier.</p> <p>Please think of your LPS patients, their families, and the community by redirecting funds for at least 500 more IMD beds developed by 2024 ; and another 500 beds for LPS inpatient hospitalization to touch on the mission of "appropriate and effective care."</p>
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