



**PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS
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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

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The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:				
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42.		Favor	V V Citizen	This is good, however, many native English speakers are put out of work and are not hired to assist as speakers of other languages are comfortable working with their own. Also there have been disparities where Native English speakers have been kicked off or not included in many programs they are eligible for.
		Oppose	Monisha Parker	<p>Dear Christina R. Ghaly, M.D.,</p> <p>I am writing to you today to express my concern about the high cost of the Health Care Language Interpreters Services Agreement in Los Angeles County.</p> <p>As you know, the county currently spends over \$100 million per year on these services. This is a significant expense, and it is one that is growing every year.</p> <p>I believe that there are a number of ways to reduce the cost of these services without sacrificing quality. One way would be to increase the use of technology. For example, videoconferencing could be used to connect patients with interpreters who are located in other parts of the county or even the world. This would eliminate the need for interpreters to travel to patients' homes or offices, which would save the county money on transportation costs.</p> <p>Another way to reduce the cost of these services would be to train more medical professionals to provide interpretation services. This would help to reduce the county's reliance on outside interpreters, which would save money.</p> <p>I urge you to take steps to reduce the cost of the Health Care Language Interpreters Services Agreement in Los Angeles County. This is a significant expense that is growing every year, and it is one that the county can no longer afford.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Monisha Parker</p>
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