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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Fesia A. Davenport

June 24, 2024

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ISSUES RAISED AT PUBLIC BUDGET HEARINGS
(ALL DISTRICTS AFFECTED - 3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

A report from the Chief Executive Officer summarizing issues raised at the Public Budget Hearings.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Receive and file the attached report containing issues raised at public budget hearings.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Your Board may wish to consider these issues raised at public budget hearings during Budget Deliberations. Since you will be addressing these items at that time, our office recommends that you receive and file all issues presented.

Attached is a compilation of issues raised at public budget hearings by oral (Attachment I) and written testimony (Attachment II), including individual Supervisor's and departmental requests for additional funding for various programs.

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Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

These actions support the County's Strategic Plan North Star Goal 3.G: Strengthen our internal controls and processes, while being cognizant of efficiency, to continue good stewardship of the public trust and fiscal responsibility.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

No fiscal impact.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Not applicable.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Not applicable.

Respectfully submitted,



FESIA A. DAVENPORT
Chief Executive Officer

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Attachments

c: Executive Office, Board of Supervisors
County Counsel

**PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING
MAY 15, 2024
ORAL TESTIMONY**

Attachment I

SPEAKER	DEPARTMENT/AFFILIATION	TOPIC
Fesia A. Davenport, Chief Executive Officer	Chief Executive Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presented a report on the Budget issues facing the County.
Supervisor Janice Hahn	Board of Supervisors, Fourth District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emphasized the impact of State revenue on the County. Highlighted the importance of investments in mental health programs.
Supervisor Kathryn Barger	Board of Supervisors, Fifth District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commented on the State's budget shortfall. Underscored the County's commitment to prioritizing mental health, homelessness, and community programs, and affirmed the Board's dedication to advocating for vulnerable populations.
Supervisor Hilda L. Solis	Board of Supervisors, First District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acknowledged the anticipated challenges from the State's budget shortfall and end of COVID-19 relief funds. Highlighted the County's efforts in supporting immigrant communities and advocated for continued funding for mental health services, youth employment programs, and elderly nutrition programs.
Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell	Board of Supervisors, Second District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highlighted challenges posed by the State budget cuts. Emphasized the need for understanding the sources of County funding, particularly the reliance on State allocations, and the impact of proposed cuts on essential services.
Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath, Chair	Board of Supervisors, Third District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highlighted several key areas of focus, including homelessness response, climate action, gender-based violence, and probation reform and closure of Men's Central Jail. Stressed the importance of prioritizing funding for critical services and programs.
Jeffrey Prang, Assessor	Assessor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shared property value growth forecast of 4.75%, exceeding \$2 trillion in assessed property value. Highlighted challenges in staffing and production capacity due to increased workload and attrition.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addressed health and safety concerns regarding historic documents damaged by flooding.
Lena Austin	Discovery World Early Education Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addressed the Board regarding the Small Business Legal Aid Program.
Jade Nguyen	Nature for All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Urged the Board to fully support the Parks budget.
Benjamin Oakes	Activism Through Policy, UCLA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocated for increased diversion programs funding.
Kristi Anderson		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Voiced support for the Parks and Recreation Sports Program funding.
Amanda Stemmen	Sierra Club Angeles Chapter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Urged the Board to fully support the Parks budget.
Gloria Cruz	Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocated for Immigrants Are Los Angeles proposal to advance access to language, justice, housing, and stronger social safety net programs.
Diana Molina	Trust Republic Plan PNA Plus Coalition Parks Equity Alliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Urged the Board to fully support funding for parks.
Gabriel Gutierrez	Arts for LA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Urged the Board to continue prioritizing funding for Arts and Culture.
Eric Preven		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raised concerns about the budget and asked for clarity on the calculation of claims related to MacLaren.
Eli Lipman	Move LA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Urged the Board to support the County's Vision Zero Action Plan.
Chris Miller	South Pas Active	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports funding for the Vision Zero Action Plan.
Anna Gonzalez		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Urged the Board to invest in the well-being of transgender, non-conforming, and intersex community.
Bambi Salcedo		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Urged the Board to invest in the Trans community and called for the establishment

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		of the Trans Wellness and Care Coordination Initiative.
Alberta Franklin	Trans Latina Coalition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocated for the TGI Wellness, Equity, and Care \$7 million funding.
B Coriel	Trans Latina Coalition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highlighted the ongoing inaccessibility of many publicly funded organizations and services to the transgender community.
Andrea Vokos	United Way of Greater Los Angeles Our Future LA Coalition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opposed the current budget, which prioritizes incarceration over youth justice, and urged the Board to adopt a care-first approach.
Billy Arriaga	Trans Latina Coalition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Urged the Board to approve the proposed \$7 million investment for TGI Wellness, Equity, and Care.
Byron Jose	Trans Latina Coalition Reimagine LA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Urged the Board to prioritize the needs of transgender, gender nonconforming, and intersex communities.
Brian Bonds		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Urged the Board to prioritize funding for arts programs and County parks.
Emma Morquecho	Trans Latina Coalition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocated for approval of the \$7 million budget for TGI social services programs.
Diamond Cruz	Trans Latina Coalition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocated for approval of the \$7 million budget for TGI Wellness, Equity, and Care.
Garrett Miller	Los Angeles County Public Defenders Union	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Urged the Board to fund the budget request for DPD IV positions.
Therese Sanago	Communities for a Better Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Urged the Board to fully support funding for parks.
Walter Cabrera		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Voiced support for LA County Small Business Legal Aid, Public Counsel.
Roy Humphries		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Criticized the use of funds for aiding illegal immigration, alleged mismanagement of funds for unemployment compensation during COVID-19, and blamed some County Supervisors for multiple fires.

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Shane York		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Voiced support of the County's Vision Zero Action Plan.
Ahmed Nourzeh	Afghan American Muslim Outreach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocated for inclusion of immigrants when addressing issues related to immigrant communities.
Jessica Estes		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expressed frustration with the budget and advocated for prioritizing crucial services like mental health and housing.
Anthony Arenas	Justice LA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Criticized the recent Sheriff's Department's response to protesters outside jails and advocated for a Care First budget.
Mario Amaro		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports funding for Public Counsel and advocates for expansion of the CalFresh program for childcare providers.
Karen Villanueva		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highlighted the benefits of sports programs for community children and expressed gratitude for the availability of such programs in County parks.
Cynthia Mesa	Youth Justice Coalition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Criticized the lack of care and accountability in the County's approach to youth justice and urged the Board to reconsider funding CDCR and Sheriff contracts.
Joala Wallace	Trans Latina Coalition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Urged the Board to allocate \$7 million in the budget for the Trans community.
Loretta Lorraine		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emphasized the need for funding organizations like Trans Latina and voiced support for the transgender community.
Yesenia Cush		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocated for inclusion of immigrants in budget consideration.
Teri J	Trans Latina Coalition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asked the Board to support the \$7 million funding for TGI Wellness, Equity, and Care.
Donald Harlan		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expressed concerns about the lack of funding for various departments and programs.
Maria Casillas	Pride and Truth Youth Justice Coalition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocated for alternatives to incarceration.

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	Reentry Health Advisory Collaborative Reimagine LA Coalition	
Luz Castro	Inclusive Action for the City Immigrants Are Los Angeles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocated for budget priorities in housing, language access, worker justice, and social safety net programs.
Erica Mosley	Trans Latina Coalition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Voiced support for the investment of \$7 million for TGI Wellness, Equity, and Care.
Kiana Tyson	Reimagined LA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Urged the Board to allocate \$900 million in the budget for CFCI.
Amanda Ramos	Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports continued funding for parks and recreation.
Angel Turner		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encouraged the proceedings to continue.
Suzie Calderon		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocated for safer road conditions on Highway 138, following recent fatal accidents.
Andrew Minnor	Asian Resources Inc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocated for increased language access and support for immigrants.
Richard Gomez	Rose Hills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expressed concern about budget cuts affecting a local park, highlighting the park's importance to the community.
Alexandria Lopez	Active San Gabriel Valley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Urged support for Vision Zero Action Plan.
Raven Crass		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Voiced support for Public Counsel for Legal Aid and discussed the challenges faced by childcare providers.
Brooke Langevin	Los Angeles County Public Defenders Union	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocated for additional funding to address the workload crisis in the Public Defender's Office.
Sonia Singhal		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Voiced support for measures aiding the Jesse Owens swimming pool, citing its importance for her brother.
Edith Carrillo		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports funding allocation for homelessness, citing personal experiences.

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Lucia Cowell		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emphasized the importance of activities at parks, especially the impact on children and youths.
Francisco Moreno	Council of Mexican Federations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocated for language access and equity in County services and programs.
Susan De La Rosa		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expressed support for stopping excessive spending and encouraged responsible budgeting.
Ricky Abeles	Arts for LA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocated for increased funding for arts and culture programs.
Ritu Mahajan	Public Counsel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requested continued funding for the LA Regional Small Business Legal Aid Program, highlighting its essential role in supporting low-income entrepreneurs.
Nadia Segura	Bet Tzedek Legal Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Urged the Board to continue funding the LA County Small Business Legal Aid Program, emphasizing the importance of legal representation for small businesses.
Matt Inuoye	Trans Latina Coalition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highlighted the need for increased support for the TGI community.
Janet Asante		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addressed recent events outside Men's Central Jail and advocated for funding diversion programs rather than incarceration.
Red Martinez		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocated for community investment rather than funding for the police.
Unidentified Speaker		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Called for divestment from the Sheriff's and Probation departments, while increasing funding for community organizations.
Lena Mallette	Children's Defense Fund Reimagine LA Coalition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Called for substantial investments in community care over incarceration.
Olivia Shields	Urban Peace Institute LA Uprising Coalition Reimagine LA Coalition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocated for redirecting funds from incarceration to community-based youth development alternatives.
Tyreek Shipp	Anti-Recidivism Coalition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emphasized the importance of investing in youth development programs to prevent future incarceration.

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Giovanni Hernandez	Anti-Recidivism Coalition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocated for investing in youth development rather than incarceration.
Saul Campos	Anti-Recidivism Coalition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emphasized the importance of investing in youth education and development.
Megan Castillo	LA Defensa Reimagine LA Coalition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expressed disappointment in the budget, urging meaningful improvements in housing, mental health services, and youth programs.
Melinda Cacani	Children's Defense Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Criticized the budget's lack of focus on community well-being.
Tauheedah Shakur	Youth Justice Coalition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Voiced opposition to the budget and urged the Board to fund Youth Justice Reimagined.
Laura Caholan	Reimagine LA Coalition LA Defensa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expressed concern over the budget allocation, urging a shift towards investing in Care First.

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Attachment II
MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

HILDA L. SOLIS

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June 5, 2024

TO: Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath, Chair
Supervisor Hilda L. Solis
Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell
Supervisor Janice Hahn
Supervisor Kathryn Barger

FROM: Edward Yen
Executive Officer 

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 BUDGET HEARING RECORD

The following statements and/or requests were received in my office by Friday, May 24, 2024. These documents will be included as part of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 Public Budget Hearings record and will be available for your consideration during Budget Deliberations.

1. Letter dated May 24, 2024, from Supervisor Hilda L. Solis, regarding various budget priorities for consideration during Budget Deliberations.
2. Letter dated May 24, 2024, from Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell, regarding various unmet needs and priorities for inclusion during Budget Deliberations.
3. Letter dated May 24, 2024, from Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath, regarding various budget priorities for consideration during Budget Deliberations.
4. Letter dated May 24, 2024, from Supervisor Janice Hahn, regarding various unmet needs requests for consideration during Budget Deliberations.
5. Letter dated May 24, 2024, from Supervisor Kathryn Barger, regarding various budget priorities for consideration during Budget Deliberations.

6. Memorandum dated April 22, 2024, from Marcia Mayeda, Director, Department of Animal Care and Control, regarding the FY 2024-25 final changes budget request, which consist of Managed Services Provider for Website Support, Supervising Registered Veterinary Technicians, Language Access Working Group Translations and Space for the Human Resources Division. The estimated fiscal impact of these final changes amounts to \$563,000 in appropriation, including a net increase of 2.0 full-time positions, which supplements the \$70.8 million in appropriation and 16.0 positions already included in the Department's Initial Budget Request 2024-2025.
7. Letter dated April 25, 2024, from Jeff Levinson, Interim Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors, requesting unmet needs priorities in the areas of Office of Child Protection, Civilian Oversight Commission, Executive Office, Pegasus Studios, and Chief Sustainability Office.
8. Letter dated May 15, 2024, from Corey Calaycay, Chair, Library Commission, requesting to fund library services throughout Los Angeles County communities and support ongoing commitment to lifelong learning initiatives and preserve operations across the County.
9. Letter dated May 15, 2024, from Leticia Buckley, President, Los Angeles County Arts Commission, regarding consideration of the proposed allocation of \$1.2 million increase to the Organizational Grant Program, which comes at a crucial time for arts organizations and will help to reduce further erosion to grant funds.
10. Memorandum dated May 15, 2024, from Michael Owh, Director, Internal Services Department, regarding critical unmet needs request totaling \$1,113,000 in appropriation, including Net County Cost funding to hire consultants to conduct the new Greenhouse Gas Emission inventory analysis and update the Municipal Climate Action Plan project, which also provides resources for the Department to support and oversee the projects.
11. Letter dated May 15, 2024, from Jenny Farrell, Executive Director, Mental Health Advocacy Services, Inc., regarding support of continuing the LA County Small Business Legal Aid Program and maintaining its funding in order for small business to access free legal representation.
12. Memorandum dated May 16, 2024, from Guillermo Viera Rosa, Chief Probation Officer, Department of Probation, requesting critical unmet needs, which consist of Data Repository, Case Management System, Enhance IT Security, Services and Supplies Alignment, In-Sourcing Clerical Support Functions, and Sworn Officers Classifications Consolidation.

13. Memorandum dated May 17, 2024, from Brandon T. Nichols, Director, Department of Children and Family Services, requesting 367 additional net full-time equivalent positions at a projected net County cost of \$48.8 million needed to address critical unmet needs in the areas of child safety, administrative and program support services. The Department's FY 2024-25 proposed services delivery enhancements are needed to stay in alignment with the five goals the Board of Supervisors outlined for the Department in the areas of Safety, Permanence, Well-Being, Performance Contracting, Family-Centered, and Neighborhood-Based Services.
14. Letter dated May 20, 2024, from Robert G. Luna, Sheriff, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, requesting critical unmet needs related to Multi-year Investments, Department Operations/Staff Hiring and Retention, Unfunded Overtime, Necessary Safety Equipment, Consent Decree Requests, AV DOJ Compliance, Future Planning/Upcoming Major Events, Information Technology Needs, Board Motions, and Helicopters, totaling \$221.9 million Departmental Priorities.
15. Letter dated May 21, 2024, from Ricardo D. García, Public Defender, Los Angeles County Public Defender, regarding unmet needs in support of various Board priorities, including Care First, Jails Last, Justice Reform, Anti-Racism, Homeless Initiative, and Alternatives to Incarceration. Also, ongoing funding for the following program areas: Felony Trial Attorneys, Legal Support Staff, Juvenile Mental Health Services, Data Analytics & Technology Support, Administrative Staff, and Post-Bar Law Clerks.
16. Letter dated May 22, 2024, from Elizabeth Buenrostro Ginsberg, Treasurer and Tax Collector, Department of Treasurer and Tax Collector, regarding critical unmet needs to continue providing services in the areas of Short-Term Rentals and Treasury Management Expense.
17. Memorandum dated May 23, 2024, from Rafael Carbajal, Department of Consumer and Business Affairs, requesting additional unmet needs, which consist of Rental Housing Habitability Program, Rental Escrow Account Program, American Rescue Plan Carryover, American Rescue Plan/Plan Z Carryover, and IT Position Swap, which cumulatively account for an additional Gross Appropriation of \$3.070 million and 4.0 budgeted positions. The Net County Cost impact is \$88,000.

18. Letter dated May 23, 2024, from Skye Patrick, Library Director, LA County Library, requesting \$7.6 million of unmet needs funds to maintain service hours across 86 libraries, serving a diverse population in unincorporated areas and incorporated cities within Los Angeles County.
19. Memorandum dated May 23, 2024, from Jim Zenner, Director, Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, regarding critical unmet needs request to support the County's Homeless Initiative, by augmenting resources, expending services to serve homeless and justice-involved veterans to provide supportive services and various touch points.
20. Memo dated May 24, 2024, from Dean C. Loan, Los Angeles County, Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, requesting unmet needs totaling \$566,000, for the Ballot Processing Center (New Facility) Utilities Budget, and Rent Increases due to Consumer Price Index.
21. Memorandum dated May 24, 2024, from Christina R. Ghaly, M.D., Director, Department of Health Services, requesting unmet needs funding in the areas of Integrated Correctional Health Services, Health Services-Community Programs. The estimated impact total is \$89.6 million in appropriation, including an increase of 129.0 positions.
22. Letter dated May 24, 2024, from Norma E. García-González, Director, Department of Parks and Recreation, requesting unmet needs to support various critical programs and services offered by the Department.
23. Letter dated May 24, 2024, from Kurt Cabrera-Miller, Chair, Parks and Recreation Commission, requesting the Board utilize ongoing revenue to support the Department of Parks and Recreation's highest priorities in the amount of \$4.489 million for various programs and services.
24. Letter dated May 24, 2024, from Marco A. Saenz, Program Director, Los Angeles County Independent Defense Counsel Office, requesting ongoing unmet needs funding for Care Court and Office Lease Request for office space to accommodate IDCO program staff and operation requirements.
25. Letter dated May 24, 2024, from Lisa H. Wong, Psy.D., Director, Department of Mental Health, regarding additional priorities for inclusion in the public record that consist of Children's Community Care Village (\$26.1 million), Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative (\$0.6 million), Position Related (\$5.0 million), and other County Departments (\$9.0 million).

26. Letter dated May 24, 2024, from Jeremy D. Cortez, Chief Deputy, Finance & Administration, Trial Court Operations, Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, regarding additional priorities for inclusion in the public record that consist of Indigent Defense Professional Appointee Claims, Public Defender Pilot Program, Rate Increase for Investigators and Attorney Appointed in: Mental Health, Probate, and Family Law.
27. Letter dated May 24, 2024, from David W. Slayton, Executive Officer/Clerk of Court, Civil Grand Jury, Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, regarding additional priorities for inclusion in the public record that consist of Indigent Defense Professional Appointee Claims, Public Defender Pilot Program, Rate Increase for Investigators and Attorney Appointed in: Mental Health, Probate, and Family Law.
28. Correspondence received May 1, 2024, and May 13, 2024, in support of TransLatin@Coalition regarding unmet needs for Trans Gender Expansive, and Intersex (TGI), including resources, wellness, equity, and care coordination programs and services, and further address the needs of the TGI community.
29. Correspondence dated May 13, 2024 through May 15, 2024, from various constituents in support of continuing the LA County Small Business Legal Aid Program and maintaining its funding in order for small businesses to access free legal representation.
30. Correspondence received May 15, 2024, from various constituents regarding public safety, homelessness, language access, worker justice, jail system, and social safety net programs for immigrants and affordable housing in Los Angeles County.
31. Correspondence received May 15, 2024 through May 22, 2024, from several constituents in support and the need to invest in Vision Zero.
32. Correspondence dated May 21, 2024 through May 23, 2024, from several constituents in support of funding \$900 million in community investment for Care First.

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In addition, the following unmet needs requests were received after the 5:00pm deadline on May 24, 2024:

1. Correspondence dated May 24, 2024 through May 30, 2024, from several constituents in support of funding \$900 million in community investment for Care First.

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HILDA L. SOLIS

SUPERVISOR, FIRST DISTRICT

May 24, 2024

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Dear Mr. Yen:

In accordance with Government Code Section 29064(b), I am submitting for the public record my budget priorities for the Fiscal Year 2024-25 public budget hearings.

Multiple challenges continue to weigh on the budget that will impact the County of Los Angeles (County) in the upcoming fiscal year: our unsheltered population continues to rise despite our intense efforts to expedite housing for thousands of Angelenos; consent decrees for noncompliance in our adult and juvenile systems threaten our rehabilitation and reintegration initiatives; and the staggering, unprecedented costs of Assembly Bill (AB) 218 litigation and settlements looms large. Adding to the budget pressure is the State's historic budget deficit, which jeopardizes various County programs and services and upon which our most-vulnerable communities rely on for a variety of basic necessities, such as CalWORKs.

The County has weathered economic crises before, and the Board of Supervisors has used these historic downturns to establish a solid foundation of fiscal policies to ensure we deliver services fairly and responsibly, particularly to assist those who are most vulnerable and in need. Despite the uncertain economic future ahead – especially with the State facing a historic budget deficit – now is not the time for timidity. There's too much at stake. We must be bolder and more vigilant than ever and commit to working with all our partners to leverage every resource and pursue every innovative idea and approach to maximize every dollar available to expand programs and services.

I respectfully request funding for the following:

Advancing Capital Projects

Provide adequate staffing and budget resources to expedite delivery of the following essential community infrastructure in the First District:



- General Hospital Adaptive Reuse – Reuse and rehabilitate the iconic historic building for housing, including affordable housing.
- Restorative Care Village at Los Angeles General Medical Center – Build sub-acute mental health beds and Residential Withdrawal Management beds on the health campus.
- Century Housing – Initiate the County NOFA to support critical funding for 300 units of housing, 100 percent affordable, on County property at the Los Angeles General Medical Center Campus.
- MacLaren Housing Development – Initiate the County NOFA to support critical funding for 200 housing units, 100 percent affordable, on County property at the MacLaren Hall. Repurpose the site for adaptive use to also include a community park, in-fill, and infrastructure upgrades.
- County Parking Lot 45/New High Village Development Project – Develop a mixed-use development in Chinatown that will transform the Lot 45 parking lot into 100-percent affordable housing for low-income households, and create a cultural and creative hub for the local community, commercial or economic opportunity spaces, green space, and adequate parking.
- Puente Hill Park Project – Establish a new 142-acre regional park converted from the now shuttered Puente Hills Landfill with an Environmental Justice learning center.
- Skid Row Action Plan – Pursuant to the Skid Row Action Plan, collaboration between County departments, health plans, federally qualified health clinics, and Skid Row residents has grown each year. As the center of the nation's homelessness, mental health, and substance use crises, we must continue to allocate funding to sustain these efforts, including supporting the Harm Reduction Health Hub.

Reducing Homelessness

- Resources for Families. Expand resources for families experiencing homelessness across the County, especially on Skid Row.
- Rental Assistance. A permanent rental assistance program is needed for households that encounter instances where they are unable to pay their rent and are at risk of becoming homeless.
- Renters' Counsel. Renters have rights but may not know how to adequately defend themselves against eviction. Funding should be provided to phase-in a right to counsel in the unincorporated areas and eventual universal access to counsel for renters Countywide.

Supporting New Immigrants

- Represent LA. Ensure the program has funding to provide legal services for immigrants living in the County past December 2024, and expand the program to support more robust removal defense.

- Language access. Invest additional resources to improve language access across all County Departments, including support for the Office of Immigrant Affairs (OIA) to oversee implementation of the County's new Language Access Policy.
- Staffing. As the lead agency for the County's Immigration Priority, OIA's responsibilities continue to mature and grow, including leading the response on a variety of Board-directed initiatives that have fundamental Countywide impact. It needs staffing suited to do the work.

Expanding Community and Municipal Services

- East Los Angeles Civic Center. Expedite improvements related to ADA compliance and re-establishing the playgrounds at the East LA Civic Center.
- Whittier Boulevard and South La Verne Parking Lot. Replace and activate the underutilized County-owned surface parking lot with a community-serving purpose on a pilot basis.
- Commercial Kitchen & Workforce Training Program at the Hilda L. Solis Care First Village. Build a commercial kitchen and operate a food preparation workforce training program for residents and other at-risk community members.
- Youth Programming. Support full sustainable funding for senior and youth programming at County parks.
- Employee Safety. To address park safety parks, ensure two staff close the park facilities.
- Street Safety. Expand the Department of Public Works' (DPW) Traffic Safety and Mobility program capacity to conduct transportation safety and mobility planning and transportation safety capital project delivery to reduce the frequency and severity of traffic collisions and increase safety for our most vulnerable travelers.
- Clean Neighborhoods. Fund DPW's efforts to respond to growing demands for people experiencing homelessness (PEH) sanitation services, and dumpster/recreational vehicle pilot program as part of the Homeless Initiative activities.

Strengthening Health and Mental Health Services

- Promotoras/Community Health Workers (CHW). The long-term viability of the promotoras and CHW programs are at risk in each department. In the Department of Public Health (DPH), federal funding utilized during the pandemic has been all but exhausted, forcing the programs to be scaled back drastically. At the Department of Mental Health (DMH), with Proposition 1 looming, the Mental Health Service Act dollars used to support promotoras are being transferred to State jurisdiction. Lastly, at the Department of Health Services (DHS), reimbursement rates from health plans are not sufficient to expand upon CHW initiatives. These programs should not only be preserved but expanded, and funding should be identified to support and grow these programs in each department moving forward.
- MacArthur Park Coordinated Efforts. After Skid Row, MacArthur Park is the area in my District most impacted by the intersection of homelessness, mental health, and substance use. Though each of the departments maintains a presence in the area and there are several

community-based organizations providing services, additional services and a coordinated outreach are clearly needed, similar to the Skid Row Action Plan. Allocate additional funding to sustain outreach, prevention, and treatment efforts in MacArthur Park and the surrounding communities.

- **Sidewalk Vending Economy.** With the passage of the County's ordinances to implement Senate Bill 972, there is now a legitimate pathway for sidewalk vendors to attain economic sustainability. However, given the complexity of the ordinances, we need continued outreach and community education to help vendors achieve compliance. Additionally, the associated fees with starting up a Compact Mobile Food Operation remain burdensome; additional funding must be available to reduce those costs.
- **Care with Pride.** Each June since 2021 in observance of Pride Month, the Board has approved my Care with Pride motions to ensure the County is providing gender affirming care to LGBTQ+, especially Transgender, Gender-nonconforming, and Intersex residents. I was pleased to see a full-time employee dedicated to this program, and as the program grows beyond DHS to other departments, support for this program must continue to ensure the County's most vulnerable LGBTQ+ residents can feel safe and welcome and have ready access to our safety net system.
- **P3/P4 Discharge.** There has been tremendous focus on those with mental health needs in the County jails, especially the P3 and P4 individuals – those with the most serious mental health needs who require more resources and support, an estimated 12% of the total jail population. Funding is needed to create an initial 500 secure mental health beds, as approved by the Board, to provide a better and more therapeutic setting for those with the most severe mental health needs, including LPS conserved/conservable, FIST, non-LPS conserved/conservable, and the non-traditionally divertible populations.
- **Mobile Response Teams.** DMH mobile Response Teams, including PMRTs and MCTOs, play a pivotal role in providing care directly to people in crisis while offering an alternative crisis response to law enforcement. Additionally, DHS mobile teams provide a suite of services and care to the County's most vulnerable residents, including primary care and additional preventive care. DPH's mobile teams provide critical wraparound services as well, including vaccinations protecting against communicable diseases and distributing overdose prevention resources. These modalities are critical for delivering care, and each department must be supported to expand these teams.
- **Domestic Violence (DV) Services.** Nationwide services for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking are facing significant challenges due to recent government funding cuts, particularly through the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA). These cuts and the growing State budget deficit have created an unprecedented challenge for victim service providers. The Board has directed DPH to expand efforts to prevent and mitigate the impact of domestic violence on survivors. Additional resources are needed to maintain DV services and provide support to non-CalWORKs eligible DV survivors, offer technical assistance and contract management support to DV agencies, conduct community needs assessments and enhance liaison work with DV survivors, provide interim shelter options for those fleeing domestic violence, and provide preventative education and training.
- **Home Visiting Programs.** Home Visiting programs provide parents with the essential tools, access to resources, and a nurturing professional to partner with them on their pregnancy and

parenting journey to help foster happy and healthy families. The goals of home visiting are optimal birth outcomes, strengthening parent/child relationships, reducing birth outcome inequality, and healthy infant/child development, particularly in communities facing economic hardship and/or social marginalization. Preserve and expand upon existing home visiting programs, such as nurse family partnerships, which residents in need rely on to receive necessary care.

Protecting At-Risk Children, Seniors, and Families

- Senior Centers and Programming. As the County population ages, the demand for programming that is culturally and linguistically sensitive to the needs of the County's older adults continues to increase. We need additional staff to expand these services in high-need communities, especially unincorporated areas like Avocado Heights and East Los Angeles.
- Older Adult Homelessness. One of the fastest-growing populations of people experiencing homelessness is older adults. We need to strengthen partnerships between the Department of Aging and Disability (AD) and the Los Angeles Housing Services Authority, as well as other relevant departments to provide services for older adults either experiencing or at a high risk for homelessness.
- Disabilities Infrastructure. While AD is building an extensive network of services for older adults, additional infrastructure and support is needed within the department to bring Disabilities services and programming to the same level as those offered to older adults. Continue investment in AD's disabilities infrastructure to ensure residents with disabilities receive the needed support from the County.
- Increase Support to Serve Foster Children. Additional items, such as Children's Social Workers and associated support items, are needed to serve the Department of Children and Family Services' (DCFS) Emergency Response, Continuing Services, and Alternative Permanency caseloads, as well as administrative and program support staff to strengthen the infrastructure and support line operations.
- Parent Services. Funding is needed to increase support services to parents with children placed in foster care. While both AB 954 and the 2023 Board motion on Mitigating Financial Barriers to Family Reunification focused on extending services to parents, no accompanying funding was provided.
- Complex Care Youth. Funding is needed to provide extensive services for foster youth. While the Department has been successful in reducing the number of children in out-of-home care and stepping down services where appropriate, there remain a core component of youth who require extensive levels of service and support to maintain stability in their placement.
- Prevention Services. Funding is needed to sustain DCFS' longstanding Prevention & Aftercare contract for community pathway families (i.e. non-DCFS clients).

Enhancing Public Safety

- Medical Examiner Transportation & Storage Fees. The Department responds to unexpected, sudden, and oftentimes violent deaths, causing tremendous grief and trauma to family members, which is further exacerbated when the Department charges the families to transport

the deceased, as required by County ordinance. Repeal the ordinance that charges grieving families the transport and storage fees of their loved ones. This aligns with the Countywide Guiding Equity Principles to reduce racial disparities in life outcomes and public investments, since impacted families are disproportionately African American and Latino compared to County general deaths.

- Medical Examiner Administrative Support. Increase positions to help support the Department with performance management; to ensure compliance with training requirements for the County and with accreditation; and bridge the gap between the onboarding of multiple technological devices, including maintenance and support.
- Support for Crime Victims. Provide ongoing funding for the District Attorney's Victim Services Bureau to support crime victims, such as domestic violence and sexual assault survivors. Services are currently funded by State grants and funds 15 community-based organizations across the County.
- Forensic In-Patient (FIP) Units at Twin Towers Correctional Facility & Century Regional Detention Facility. Increase funding for the FIP step-down units that are used for high-observation individuals, creating modules where they are provided intensive services and support from Mental Health Assistants (MHAs). FIP Units play a pivotal role in allowing justice-involved individuals to stepdown and recover, freeing up resource-intensive acute services. Given the ever-increasing mental health population in the jails, more FIP step-down units are needed to help facilitate further rehabilitation and recovery, which requires more staffing to expand the units and supports for the MHAs.
- Public Defender Felony Trial Attorneys. Increase staffing to assist the increase in highly complex felony cases, including homicides.
- Juvenile Mental Health Services. Fund Psychiatric Social Workers positions to provide critical mental health care and support to youth clients.
- Post-Bar Law Clerks. Fund Senior Law Clerk positions to support the Post-Bar Clerk Program as a way to recruit diverse candidates and serve as a hiring pipeline for entry-level attorney positions.

Preserving Democracy and the Arts

- Voting Solutions for All People (VSAP). Increase staffing to support the Registrar Recorder/County Clerk's (RRCC) VSAP and provide additional funding for petition signature verification.
- RRCC's Cybersecurity and Government Compliance. Additional resources are needed to protect and prevent threats to the County's information assets to reduce the County's risk exposures.
- Department of Arts and Culture's (DAC) Organizational Grant Program. Double funding to provide stable and ongoing funding for arts organizations, sustain and strengthen their

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workforce, and help poise them to take advantage of the upcoming LA28 Games, as approved in the Cultural Policy Strategic Plan.

- Free Concerts. Reestablish free concerts in public sites, as approved in the DAC Cultural Policy Strategic Plan, to create jobs and community programming that would meaningfully contribute to the LA28 Games – Cultural Olympiad activities.
- Recognize American Indian/Alaska Native (AIAN) Communities. Funding honoraria for cultural services would dedicate resources to ensure that tribal artists and culture bearers are meaningfully engaged and included in the LA28 Games – Cultural Olympiad activities.

Thank you for your consideration. If you or your staff have questions or would like to discuss, please contact Tami Omoto-Frias of my staff at (213) 974-4111.

Sincerely,

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HILDA L. SOLIS

Supervisor, First District

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Dear Mr. Yen:

In accordance with Government Code Section 29064(b), I am writing to formally submit a list of unmet needs and priorities for inclusion in the public record during the Fiscal Year 2024-25 budget hearings.

I have consistently emphasized the need for us to utilize an equity lens in our budget process to determine the allocation of Los Angeles County's (County) resources. Pervasive institutional inequities have led to a lack of opportunities and negative outcomes for marginalized communities throughout the County. We must turn our attention to our hardy served residents countywide, with a focus on investments in the residents and communities who have been historically and disproportionately impacted by past inequitable policy decisions. The County must ensure equity in the distribution of benefits and programming, so they can be provided to the communities with the greatest needs.

As we learned from the Governor's 2024-25 May Budget Revision, there is cause for alarm as there are looming cutbacks for some incredibly impactful programs to solve the state's \$45 billion revenue shortfall. These proposed reductions include ongoing dollars and are slated to occur over multiple budget years. These cuts will drastically reduce our service capabilities for core safety net programs for the foreseeable future. Therefore, we must be creative in our approach to most efficiently use our available dollars to sustain our ability to serve those most in need in the County. As we have seen through projections, the likelihood of the County identifying additional revenue during the Final Changes phase is very low. This will limit our ability to fund items that were deferred to future phases of the budget.

Despite these challenges, we still need to continue our commitment to our residents. Therefore, I urge the County's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to consider addressing the targeted priorities I am highlighting in this letter with any available resources. Below are the unmet needs I would like to highlight as priorities for available funding in the upcoming phases of the 2024-25 budget process:

Vision Zero and Road Safety - DPW (\$7.5M, ongoing)

Traffic collisions are the number one cause of death for kids under 14 and is a leading cause of premature death for adults in County. In 2023, traffic deaths again rose to the highest amount seen in the last two decades. Traffic collisions disproportionately kill Black Angelenos and disproportionately impact people without access to a vehicle in high-need underserved communities. This devastating and continued increase in preventable deaths is a clear reminder of the urgency to provide adequate resources to the Vision Zero program. The time-tested and proven solutions to lower traffic collisions and save lives are better street design, including traffic signals, better crosswalks, and changes that slow down excessive speeding. Existing road funds within the County's Department of Public Works (DPW) are insufficient to address the critical safety improvements that Vision Zero requires. For each of the past two years, I have pushed for the full implementation of Vision Zero in my Unmet Needs Letter because it is a racial and public health equity investment that will save lives. I am hopeful this year will mark a solid investment in the safety and lives of our residents.

Stay Housed LA (\$2M, ongoing)

The Stay Housed LA program informs and supports people who are housed keep their housing. This is the County's strongest homelessness prevention program for people who do not have a housing subsidy. With over 75,000 Angelenos unhoused in 2023, preventing more individuals and families from falling into homelessness is a top priority for this. Increase the allocation to Stay Housed LA by \$2M to fully fund Stay Housed LA's \$23 million budget.

Pathway Home/HEARS Protocol

It is imperative that we support the \$120.7 million allocation for Pathway Home to continue bringing people into homes. In addition, it is important to increase the visibility of the County's work of improving communities for all residents by funding all the departments to ensure that the non-displacement resolutions in the Homelessness Encampment Automated Request Submission (HEARS) System take no more than 3 months from being submitted to conducting the clean-up.

Office of Oil and Gas Staffing – DPW (\$0.85M, ongoing)

The County's Board-approved plan to phase out oil and gas operations requires immediate and sustained investment to ensure a smooth and effective transition. Approval of DPW's request for \$850,000 in ongoing funding is critical to this effort. This funding will enable the Office of Oil and Gas to be fully staffed, allowing it to efficiently oversee and coordinate oil and gas operations while fostering transparent communication between the community, industry, and regulators. By supporting this request, we are not only committing to a sustainable future but also ensuring that we address current oil and gas issues proactively and systematically. Investing in this office now is an essential step towards realizing our long-term environmental goals and protecting the health and safety of our residents.

Case Workers and Staff to Increase Safety at Parks - DPR (\$0.5M and 6.0 positions)

In December 2023, I authored a motion directing Parks and relevant departments to provide the County's Board of Supervisors (Board) with recommendations to expand or pilot evidence-based violence prevention, intervention, and Care First programming. Research supports the effectiveness of Care First strategies as tools that promote a sense of safety

and increased park usage. These strategies include violence prevention and intervention programs, such as alternative crisis response models, mental health resources, including case workers and social workers at parks, and investments in staffing, activities, and maintenance. There are proven Care First models that can be extended to County parks to provide an alternative response to common incidents that may arise with people experiencing homelessness or a mental health crisis. Adding caseworkers within the County's Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) will allow us to continue our Care First vision. Furthermore, data shows investing in park programming and staff can lead to significant long-term savings. Parks often provide educational programs that can enhance learning and development for children. These programs can improve educational outcomes, leading to long-term economic benefits through a more educated workforce. It is a disservice to our communities when we provide them with new facilities that are not properly staffed and maintained. DPR needs \$230,000 for 3.0 positions for operation, programming, and maintenance for Earvin Magic Johnson Park and \$247,000 for 3.0 positions for the operation, programming, and maintenance of Wishing Tree Park. Both parks serve unincorporated areas and provide necessary programming and space for families and youth. Funding for additional recurrent staff at these parks is essential to maximize their potential and ensure community safety.

Youth Development Multi-Year Staffing Increase - DYD (18.0 positions)

The County's Department of Youth Development (DYD) needs 18.0 positions to continue building out the infrastructure of this new department and support its necessary programs. There is an immediate need for 7 positions to enhance administrative support and manage communications that should be prioritized. These positions would deliver decarceration services, reentry housing, and youth programming - and could be funded with existing funds that are currently in the DYD Obligated Fund Balance - which are all in line with our Care First vision. In the next year, the remaining 11 positions should be prioritized, which would enhance the administrative support in the areas of budget/fiscal, contracts, and human resources.

Small Business Outreach Street Team - DEO (\$2.1M, ongoing and 8.0 positions)

The pandemic made it abundantly clear that the County needed a centralized economic development department. In response, the Board created the County's Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) almost 2 years ago, with a vision to provide a no wrong door approach for serving businesses in Los Angeles County. To accomplish its mandate, there must be robust support and technical assistance for our small businesses in the form of a direct small business street outreach team to ensure resources and information reach our businesses where they are. In order to ensure the successful implementation of the Economic Mobility Initiative, Employee Ownership LA County, the new Fair Chance Hiring Ordinance, compliance with our new street vending regulations, and other policies aimed at helping our small businesses, it is imperative that DEO is appropriately resourced with a small business outreach team. To make small businesses aware of the full breadth of the County's economic recovery resources, we must allocate \$2.1 million to fund this technical assistance team of 8 positions.

Equity in County Contracting/Procurement - ISD (\$7.9M, ongoing)

My office has been addressing the issue of equitable and transparent contracting in collaboration with small businesses and nonprofit leaders since 2021. While we appreciate

the CEO's partial funding of the Office of Countywide Contracting in the County's Internal Services Department (ISD), we need to couple a fully staffed office with dedicated funding for end-to-end procurement transformation so that small, diverse employers can access a portion of the County's \$8 billion annual purchasing power. We are requesting the allocation of \$7.9 million to the ISD budget to fully fund the positions for the County's Equity in County Contracting Initiative and funding the eProcurement implementation so that vendors can more easily access County contracts, ensuring we can track progress toward meeting our County utilization goals.

TAY Center Building and Program funds (\$1.0M, one-time)

Roughly half of all teenagers are impacted by mental illness, yet nearly 80% do not access care. Research shows this group lacks a reliable system of prevention and early intervention. As a result, conditions can become more severe and costly to treat over time. South Los Angeles needs a center dedicated to providing prevention and early intervention services to transition age youth (TAY), 18 to 25 years old. \$9.3M in Federal Rescue Act Funds have already been allocated toward construction of this center. An additional \$1M more is needed in capital and \$3.2M in start-up and operating costs to ensure this important resource will soon be available for youth in need of mental health services.

Ensuring CalWORKS and CalFRESH Dollars Go to the Areas with the Highest Needs

Although we are presented with a challenging fiscal reality, it is important to ensure that the limited resources we have are distributed to meet the needs of the most vulnerable in our County. Our safety net programs have been impacted the most by this year's proposed State Budget reductions. The CalWORKS Single Allocation program is facing a \$272 million reduction. The Child Care Bridge program faces a reduction of \$34 million for two consecutive years, which totals a 40% cut. Foster youth in Supervised Independent Living Placements are in jeopardy of losing their monthly housing supplements when the reduction of up to \$25 million is implemented. Due to the decrease in available funds, we must make certain that any extra capital is targeted to these programs with high needs that provide impactful services to vulnerable families and young people.

Additional priorities that I would like to highlight include:

- Staffing for Nighttime Closure at Park Facilities (Department of Parks and Recreation) - \$2.4M funded from newly materialized revenues and 31.0 positions.
- Unincorporated Youth and Adaptive Sports, Cultural Events and Specialty Programming (Department of Parks and Recreation) - \$1.7M.
- Urban canopy enhancement (Department of Public Works) - \$6.4M.
- Quality of life shade structures (Department of Public Works) - \$1.7M.
- Licensed clinical social workers and attorneys (Public Defender).
- Independent Pretrial Positions (Justice, Care, and Opportunities Department).
- Housing Expansion (Department of Health Services - Office of Diversion and Reentry).
- Primary Medical Home positions (Department of Health Services - Correctional Health Services).
- Martin Luther King Jr. Community Hospital Sustainability.

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I look forward to continuing to work with the CEO and my colleagues on the Board to finalize our County budget for 2024-25 that advances the Board's priorities, meets the needs of our County residents, and moves us closer to ensuring equity for everyone in the County.

Please feel free to contact my Senior Budget Deputy, Koffi Kouassi, at KKouassi@bos.lacounty.gov or (213) 974-222 with any questions regarding these unmet needs.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Yen -

I am submitting my budget priorities to your office so that they may be entered into the public record, in accordance with Government Code Section 29064(b), which requires that matters considered during the budget deliberations be first raised during the public hearings process. While all the funding requests listed here are key priorities, due to the limited funding available to meet all of the County's needs, I have labeled projects and programs that are considered a "high priority need" for my district. I look forward to working with the CEO's Office, my colleagues, and stakeholders as we finalize the FY 2024-25 budget.

KEY PRIORITIES:

Homelessness Response and Prevention:

Additional funding is needed for the County's homelessness response and prevention, including actions related to the proclaimed local emergency. The need for housing and treatment beds is of particular importance, as well as funding and additional staff for mental health support teams. Funding is also needed to stem the flow of individuals into homelessness, including continued funding of rental assistance for those at risk of losing their homes and legal counsel for those facing eviction or other legal matters that may lead to homelessness. Some of the critical initiatives include:

- Mental Health, Substance Use Disorder, and Housing Beds – Additional funding is needed to address the County's shortage of mental health, substance use disorder, and housing beds. While there are beds under development within all treatment categories more are critically needed, additional funding should be added to address those needs as quickly as possible.

High Priority Need

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7555 Van Nuys Boulevard, Suite 1
Van Nuys, CA 91405

**WEST VALLEY/MOUNTAIN COMMUNITIES
DISTRICT OFFICE**

26600 Agoura Road, Suite 100
Calabasas, CA 91302

**METRO WEST LA
DISTRICT OFFICE**

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Los Angeles, CA 90028

- Renters' Counsel – Access to legal representation for renters who are facing eviction is an important step towards preventing additional homelessness. As COVID-19 era rental protections expire, and the rental housing market continues to remain competitive, more renters will face eviction from their homes. Many of these renters have rights but are unaware of the technical aspects of those rights, or the steps needed to adequately defend themselves in court. A right to counsel is a goal that the County should seek. This is a significant undertaking, and the County should begin to allocate funding to phase-in right to counsel in the unincorporated areas of the County and eventual universal access to counsel for renters Countywide. **High Priority Need**
- Mental Health Outreach Teams – As a part of the County's response to the local homelessness emergency more mental health outreach employees and teams are needed, including additional positions to partner with the Sheriff's Department to expand the Mental Health Evaluation Teams (MET) and expansion of the Psychiatric Mobile Response Teams (PMRT) to implement the new team model and provide 24/7 coverage. **High Priority Need**
- Rental Assistance – In addition to the one-time rental assistance dollars that have been provided by the Board of Supervisors, there is need for a permanent rental assistance program for households that encounter instances where they are unable to pay their rent and are at risk of becoming homeless. **High Priority Need**
- Older Adult Homelessness – One of the fastest growing populations of people experiencing homelessness is older adults. Partnerships between the Department of Aging and Disability and the Los Angeles Housing Services Authority, as well as other relevant departments are needed to provide services for older adults either experiencing or at high risk for homelessness, which includes additional funding. **High Priority Need**
- Public Works Homeless Assistance – The Department of Public Works needs \$8.5 million in ongoing funding for homeless initiative activities, including encampment resolutions and the RV pilot program.
- Affordable Housing – The County should continue to work towards the goal of providing \$100 million in annual on-going funding for affordable housing development. Currently, the County plans to allocate \$70 million in on-going permanent funding and \$30 million in one-time funding to affordable housing development this year, but the goal should be to make the \$100 million permanent.
- Rental Housing Habitability Ordinance – The Department of Public Health needs funding for a Rental Housing Habitability ordinance that establishes a centralized, routine, and proactive housing inspection program that ensures the health and safety of all rental units thereby improving the lives of renters, helping property owners maintain property values, and preserving the housing stock in the unincorporated areas. \$2,400,000 in funding is needed for the initial implementation of this new program that will be staffed with redirected existing positions and three additional new positions.

Sustainability and the Environment:

Climate change is an existential crisis we must address today to protect our residents and the built and natural environments. Impacts include extreme storms, rising temperatures, increased wildfires, coastal erosion, the loss of plant and animal life, and overall stress to the health of the planet and our way of life. Continued significant investments in various projects and programs are necessary to adapt to our rapidly changing climate and mitigate and respond to the impacts we experience today.

- Climate Budget – Several budget requests need to be funded to advance the County's Climate Budget including: **High Priority Needs**
 - \$250,000 in one time funding for the Internal Services Department to complete a greenhouse gas inventory.
 - \$600,000 in one time funding for the Internal Services Department to fund 1 FTE to complete the municipal climate action plan.
 - \$300,000 in ongoing funding for the Internal Services Department to fund 1 FTE to complete the greenhouse gas inventory and support the municipal climate action plan.
 - \$175,000 in one time funding for the Chief Sustainability Office to conduct a pilot climate budgeting process within a selected department.
- Renewable Energy Ordinance Studies – Regional Planning needs \$500,000 for a consultant to assist with analysis and CEQA for a renewable energy ordinance. **High Priority Need**
- Youth Climate Council – Funding for 1 FTE is needed in the Chief Sustainability Office to support the work of the Youth Climate Council. **High Priority Need**
- Goldspotted Oak Borer – Three positions are needed to address the anticipated infestation of the Goldspotted Oak Borer in Los Angeles County, these positions include one Deputy Forester and two Forestry Assistants, to be located within LA County Fire or Agricultural Commissioner/ Weights & Measures. These positions are critical to monitoring and communicating about the spread of the Goldspotted Oak Borer, which has the potential to kill many oak trees in the County, which would significantly increase wildfire risk and the impacts of climate change. **High Priority Need**
- LA County Heat Action Plan – Staffing and consulting services are needed to support the work of heat and climate resilience planning, including:
 - Funding for a Climate Resilience Officer at the Chief Sustainability Office to lead the Heat Action Plan and other climate adaptation initiatives.
 - An additional \$400,000 in funding for consultant services for the Chief Sustainability Office to create the LA County Heat Action Plan. The project was funded in the fiscal-year 2023-24 budget but bids for the work came in higher than expected, with a delta of \$400,000.

- Investments in Sustainable Infrastructure and Improvements – The County should continue to invest significantly in sustainable infrastructure and improvements, including electric vehicles and charging stations, the de-carbonization of buildings, renewable energy, and increases to green space.
- Storm Water Capture and Ground Water Recharge Infrastructure – The County should continue to make investments in stormwater infrastructure with a focus on storm water capture. As we continue to see the impacts of climate change the County will likely see more intense storms and the continued ricochet between wet and dry water years. With this in mind, it is more important than ever for the County to invest in stormwater capture and ground water recharge projects. The County should increase its investment in these projects and proactively seek additional State and Federal funding for them.
- Environmental Planning and Sustainability – The Department of Regional Planning needs an additional Senior Regional Planner at a cost of \$170,000 for Environmental Planning & Sustainability. The Planner would: 1) Support the implementation and maintenance of the Climate Action Plan and the OurCounty Sustainability Plan, which includes the preparation, presentation, and adoption of climate-related ordinances; 2) Develop a public tracking dashboard for greenhouse gas emissions reductions; 3) Track and report greenhouse gas emissions reductions for the County to inform the annual General Plan progress report; 4) Ensure consistency across County climate-related plans; and 5) Pursue grant funding opportunities.
- Tree Canopy Expansion – The Department of Public Works needs \$6.4 million in ongoing funding for urban canopy enhancement, specifically the expansion of the tree canopy in underserved communities, to help reduce the impacts of climate change.

Health and Wellbeing for All:

The County is the health and social safety net for more than 10 million people. Strengthening the wellbeing of County residents is important, and it is critical that we work to ensure that the needs of all our communities are met. This includes uplifting marginalized groups, including domestic violence survivors, the LGBTQIA+ community, the TGI community, and foster youth.

- Gender-Based Violence Prevention – The Department of Public Health needs \$5,122,205 in ongoing funding for the Office of Violence Prevention to implement its proposed plan in response to the Board motion – “Prioritizing Gender-Based Violence in Los Angeles County.” This funding would allow OVP to make a focused investment in gender-based violence (GBV) prevention programming, to coordinate GBV efforts in the County through cross-sector collaboration, policy work, research and evaluation, and community grant funding. The ongoing funding request includes \$430,139 in salaries/benefits for 2 positions in OVP, including, a Public Health Nurse and a Health Program Analyst II. In addition, \$4,775,000 is requested in ongoing funding to support services and supplies including contracts for the programs related to gender-based violence. **High Priority Need**

- Trauma Prevention Initiative and Crisis Response Violence Intervention Program Expansions
The Department of Public Health is in need of \$953,185 in ongoing funding to expand two existing Board-mandated programs, the Trauma Prevention Initiative, and the Crisis Response Violence Intervention Program, which support evidence-based prevention and intervention strategies such as community violence intervention, hospital violence intervention programs, and response to violent incidents to provide support, healing, and trauma informed services. The ongoing funding request includes \$623,185 in salaries/benefits for 5 positions within the Office of Violence Prevention. **High Priority Need**
- Improving and Expanding Services for DV Survivors – Public Health needs \$6.4 million in ongoing funding for services for domestic violence survivors. Although the Domestic Violence Shelter-Based Program and the Domestic Violence Supportive Services Program support CalWORKs eligible clients, there remains a large funding gap for services for domestic violence survivors who are not eligible for CalWORKs, which represents a large portion of the population. This includes providing case management and legal services to undocumented immigrants, older survivors, those without children or whose children do not live with them, or those with older children. The ongoing funding request includes \$5 million to support new provider contracts for services to those who are not CalWORKS eligible. There is also a critical need for strengthening the administrative support for the entire domestic violence unit, to manage the administration, contracting, and fiscal and programmatic monitoring of the program. **High Priority Need**
- TGI Community Services - Our trans, gender expansive, and intersex communities, known as TGI, are some of the most vulnerable in the County. They are consistently subjected to high levels of violence and discrimination, and experience homelessness and incarceration at a far higher rate than other communities. TGI communities face struggles on a daily basis that many of us cannot imagine, and it is our duty to support them with services and programs that uplift them and help address the challenges they are facing. Many of our allies in the TGI community have recently attended Board meetings requesting funding specifically dedicated to the needs of their community. We must assess, along with our community partners, where additional investments need to be made, including the potential for a \$7 million TGI Initiative Fund. **High Priority Need**
- Care with Pride – LGBTQ+ residents should be to feel safe and welcome accessing our safety net system. Each June since 2021 in observance of Pride Month, the Board has approved the Care with Pride motions to ensure the County was providing gender affirming care to LGBTQ+, especially Transgender, Gender-nonconforming, and Intersex residents. I was pleased to see a full-time employee dedicated to this program, and as the program grows beyond DHS to other departments, the program must continue to be supported to ensure the County's most vulnerable. **High Priority Need**
- Gun Locks Distribution to DHS Facilities – The Department of Public Health needs \$396,812 in one-time funding for the Office of Violence Prevention (OVP) to implement its plan proposed in response to the Board motion, "Providing Free Gun Locks at LA County Hospitals." For this proposed project, OVP will distribute free gun locks at 15 pediatric clinics, where gun safety screenings are taking place. Public Health has identified existing funds through June 2024 to purchase 50,000 gun safety locks and develop an education and awareness campaign. This additional recommended one-time funding request includes

\$328,291 in salaries/benefits for 2 staff to coordinate the gun locks distribution program. Ongoing costs will be assessed after the first phase of this DHS collaboration but are estimated to be \$600,000 annually.

- Acute Behavioral Health Care Beds on the Olive View Medical Center Campus – Ensuring individuals have access and are placed in appropriate levels of care is critical. Backlogs in our behavioral health acute and subacute beds continue to hamper the ability to deliver care in the most appropriate settings. We must explore every opportunity to expand bed capacity, including leveraging our county hospital campus. Funding needs be identified to expand acute behavioral health care beds on the Olive View Medical Center campus.
- Sexually Transmitted Infections Crisis – The County has continued to see an increase in Sexually Transmitted Infections and needs to provide additional funds for treatment and prevention activities. Syphilis, congenital syphilis, gonorrhea, and chlamydia rates have continued to rise, and disproportionately impact sub-populations (across race/ethnicity, gender, and sexual orientation) and geographic areas. \$10 million in new funding was provided last year (to be spread over two years), but the Department of Public Health needs \$10 million per year for the next three years to support community-based STI services in underserved communities and to curb the troubling year-to-year increases in STD morbidity among our most vulnerable residents.
- Child Safety and Administrative and Support Services – The Department of Children and Family Services needs 367 additional net full-time equivalent positions at a projected net County cost of \$48.8 million to address unmet needs in the areas of child safety and administrative and program support services. The requested 367 additional net FTE positions are comprised of 199 Children's Social Workers with 91 associated support staff for the Department's Emergency Response, Continuing Services, and Alternative Permanency caseloads, as well as 77 administrative and program support staff to strengthen infrastructure and support operations. The total projected annual cost is \$65.9 million, which includes Kinship Support Services, Adoptions, and Administrative Support Services. Of this amount, our understanding is that \$17.1 million can be offset with Federal revenue bringing the County's portion to \$48.8 million.

Justice Reimagined:

Youth Justice Reimagined and Care First, Jails Last are our Board's mandates and vision for a more caring and just County. We must continue to fund various departments and staff positions required to realize this vision and transformation. Specifically:

- DYD Administrative Positions – It is critical that we provide the Department of Youth Development with the necessary resources to urgently expand the programming, resources, and opportunities provided to youth in custody without relying on Probation while we continue to take the steps necessary with our State partners to give DYD the authority to expand its purview in the future. **High Priority Need**

- Closure of Men's Central Jail – The County needs to continue to work to prioritize the closing of Men's Central Jail, including allocating appropriate resources in a timely and expedited manner. The County should continue to evaluate what investments will be necessary to quickly close Men's Central Jail and increase resources in future budget phases. **High Priority Need**
- Self Help Legal Access Centers – The Department of Consumer and Business Affairs is in need of \$3 million in funding for the self-help legal access centers. These legal services are critical to our neediest residents, including those that have received legal notices to remove them from their homes. At a minimum, one-time funding should be provided as a part of the Supplemental Budget. **High Priority Need**
- Public Defender and Alternate Public Defender Positions – Additional permanent positions are needed within the Public Defender and Alternate Public Defender to address increased cases, including additional complex cases. This includes attorney and paralegal positions.
- Continued Adequate Funding to Comply with Jail Consent Decrees – The County should continue to fund implementation of actions related to the jail consent decrees and settlement agreements, to ensure the necessary reforms and improvements are completed and resolution is achieved.
- Juvenile Mental Health Services – Additional funding is needed for Psychiatric Social Workers positions to provide critical mental health care and support to youth clients.
- Pre-Trial Programming and Services – Funding is needed for new and enhanced pre-trial programming and services, so that those who are awaiting trial can access services to address issues they may be facing and that may also be contributing factors to their arrest. Access to pre-trial services can speed rehabilitation and provide individuals with care that can help address the legal matters they face.

Community Services:

The community services the County provides are critically important and serve to support some of our most vulnerable communities, improve quality of life, and address key issues facing the County. The below unmet needs are particularly important.

- Represent LA – Previously, Represent LA received ARPA funding to provide its vital legal services to those in need in Los Angeles County. However, it is anticipated that this funding will run out by the end of the calendar year. These legal services are particularly important for those facing eviction from their homes and the threat of becoming homeless. It is requested that at a minimum the program continue to be funded with one-time funds in the up-coming fiscal year and planning should be conducted for future on-going funding. Specifically, Represent LA needs \$3 million for the second half of FY 2024-25 to continue providing immigrant legal services at its current level, and \$8 million to fund the program in its entirety in FY 2025-26. **High Priority Need**

- Parks and Recreation – The Department of Parks and Recreation has several unmet needs that require approval and funding, including: **High Priority Need**
 - Safety and Security, and Programming Funded with Parks Revenue – The Department of Parks and Recreation as identified several critical needs that can be funded with parks revenue and will not require NCC, they include: 1) Additional staffing (33 positions) for the nighttime closure process (\$2.5 million); 2) Case workers (4 positions) for homeless, mental health, and social services (\$409,000); and 3) Funding for unincorporated youth and adaptive sports, cultural events, and specialty programming (\$1.7 million). The items should be approved.
 - Pool Programs – The Department needs \$7,987,000 million to sustain the seasonal pools program. If the funding is not identified the program will shrink from 23 weeks to 8, which will be a major set-back for our communities since the warmest parts of the year extend for longer than 8 weeks.
 - Tree Maintenance – The Department needs \$1.5 million in one-time funding and \$3 million in ongoing funding to perform emergency tree removal and trimming. This is critical because there is the potential for significant liability if dangerous trees are not removed and if trees are not trimmed. It's also critical to maintain the trees in the County's parks to ensure they survive current climate impacts, particularly as climate change expands the need for more trees.
- Zoning Enforcement – Regional Planning needs an additional Principal Regional Planner at a cost of \$186,000 to work on zoning enforcement. This planner is needed to manage major enforcement and land use compliance programs including the Landfill Program (Sunshine Canyon and Chiquita Canyon Landfills), Oil Well Ordinance, Baldwin Hills CSD Amendment, and other major programs and special assignments from the Board offices.
High Priority Need
- Jewish Community Safety and Antisemitism Efforts – The Jewish community has faced an increased level of antisemitism within the last year; this is unacceptable. Additional funding is needed to provide safety and security to the Jewish community, including an awareness campaign that recognizes, and condemns antisemitism throughout LA County and increases knowledge of antisemitic hate crime reporting using 211. The information should include billboards, bus shelter signage, paid online advertisements, public service announcements, hashtags for social media, and printed resources distribution. **High Priority Need**
- Staffing for Animal Care Centers – The Department of Animal Care and Control needs sixteen positions for understaffed animal care centers. The recommended budget includes three positions, and while the three positions are appreciated, additional positions included within the original request are needed. These positions will enable staff to offer intervention services to pet owners in need of resources, reducing animal admissions and keeping more pets with their families. Additionally, these positions will help staff develop specific Pathway Plans for each animal to reduce animal length of stay and provide more positive outcomes.
High Priority Need

- Advanced Provider Response Units - There is a critical need within the Fire District to find ongoing funding for the Advanced Provider Response Units--a pilot program that launched in 2019 with APRA funds and is set to expire in 2025. This program assists the Department of Health Services in responding to calls related to health and mental health issues to transport patients to the right settings. Over the last year, there were 8,966 calls, of which 2,838 patients were successfully treated at home, and 379 patients were transported to psychiatric urgent care centers, instead of to our hospital emergency rooms. **High Priority Need**
- Free Concerts in Public Sites – The Department of Arts and Culture needs \$958,000 in funding to reinstate free concerts at public sites. This popular annual program previously provided up to 200 free public concerts and festivals produced by nonprofits, municipalities, and County agencies. It also offers professional development in concert and event production for County staff and employs artists, concert producers, and arts organizations.
- County Library Structural Deficit – The County Library needs \$5 million in funding to correct its ongoing structural deficit which is the result of property tax growth not sufficiently covering the Department's cost increases due to cost of living increases such as salary and benefit increases, as well as increases to other Department services.
- Funding for The Music Center – The Music Center's FY 2024-25 operating budget requests reflect their effort to ensure that The Music Center provides accessible, safe, and comfortable experiences for all visitors, participants, and workers while compensating staff fairly. The proposed budget, however, does not include their requested increase to security personnel. If this need is not met, The Music Center security team will remain understaffed and will be unable to utilize the County-funded magnetometers across all theater performances.
- EPIC-LA – Additional funding is needed to implement the Electronic Permitting and Inspections (EPIC-LA) service model. EPIC-LA will improve the efficiency and effectiveness of land development entitlement, permitting, and inspection services for residential, commercial, and small business applicants, which will bring increased property tax revenues. Funding is needed in various departments, including the Department of Regional Planning and the Fire District.
- Housing Policy Planner – Regional Planning needs \$186,000 in on-going funding for a Principal Regional Planner to focus on housing policy, including the most complex and demanding technical planning work to support housing and homelessness programs.
- Language Access – Additional funds are needed to improve language access across all County Departments, including support for the Office of Immigrant Affairs to oversee implementation of the County's new Language Access Policy.
- Rory M. Shaw Wetlands Park – \$202 million in additional funding is required to complete the Rory M. Shaw Wetlands Park Project. The project will convert an existing 46-acre inert debris landfill into a multi-benefit park including a detention pond, engineered wetland, soccer fields, tennis courts, basketball courts, exercise stations, an amphitheater, a tot lot, and open space.

- Business Interruption Fund – In response to natural and other disasters, the Department of Economic Opportunity is proposing a business interruption fund modeled in part on programs such as Metro’s \$10 million fund for public infrastructure project disruptions. An allocation of \$7.5 million is needed to provide financial relief to small businesses and microenterprises who have been adversely impact by events such as weather, labor outages, and major public works. This allocation would provide a \$1.5 million funding for each district to swiftly respond to immediate events.
- Vison Zero – Funding is needed for Vision Zero improvements. It’s important that the County continues to make investments in pedestrian safety improvements to decrease pedestrian deaths and injuries, this is particularly important in Malibu along the Pacific Coast Highway and on Mulholland Highway in the Santa Monica Mountains (specifically, the “snake”). These improvements also create more walkable communities, which enhance quality of life and decrease short car trips. Ongoing funding should be provided for these improvements, and at a minimum one-time funding should be provided in the Supplemental Budget.
- Arts and Culture Funding – Arts and Cultural programming is incredibly important to Los Angeles County residents, businesses, and the economy. The Department of Arts and Culture operates an Organizational Grants Program that provides \$4.5 million in grant funds annually to arts and culture nonprofit organizations. These grants provide critical support and stability to arts and culture nonprofit organizations. The Department has proposed to double the amount of grant funding over a 3-5 year period, and we are appreciative that funding has been included in this budget to begin those increases, but they must continue in the future. In addition, the Department needs additional funding, which could potentially be leveraged with funds from private parties and/or philanthropic organizations. The budget should include resources for the Department to explore working with the Center for Strategic Partnerships to leverage these types of funds.

Thank you for your consideration of these important projects and priorities.

Sincerely,



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FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 UNMET NEEDS REQUEST

Dear Mr. Yen:

To ensure that certain subjects can be discussed and maintained as three-vote items during the Board's budget deliberations, I am submitting the following list for the public record for Fiscal Year 2024-25:

AGING AND DISABILITIES:

- To continue building on the Disabilities branch of the Aging and Disabilities Department by expanding staffing and supports.
- To continue focusing on nutrition efforts for the Aging and Disabilities Department while focusing on new sustainable funding streams like, California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) for the Elder Nutrition Program, home delivered and center-based meals, and other efforts that provide food for older adults and those with disabilities.
- Consideration of funding for a Senior Safe Home to provide supportive services, wraparound services, short and long-term case management for older and dependent adults who are at risk of homelessness or are homeless within Adult Protective Services.

ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER:

- Funding for the addition of 3 DAPD IVs to help address the increase in homicide caseloads.
- Continued funding for the post-conviction unit.

ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL:

- Consideration of \$750,000 in ongoing funding for The Marine Mammal Care Center efforts on beach clean up assistance

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE:

- To continue having the Center for Strategic Partnerships elevate the efforts around funders that prioritize the Aging and Disabilities communities.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES:

- Continued support and expansion of connecting the County's California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) work with children, youth and families who are at-risk of, or who have entered the Department of Children and Family Services.
- Continue to strengthen and prioritize the Systems of Care Work in order to prioritize the County's Youth with Complex Care Needs, while increasing funding for the Placement Stabilization Teams Program in order to support youth in Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Programs.
- Expanding Parent Services in order to contract with community-based providers who can serve as leads to connect parents to service in their communities.
- To consider funding for transportation for DCFS-involved youth to their school of origin, especially for those who are in Family Maintenance or Family Reunification.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS:

- Consideration of funding for the Represent LA program, to continue providing immigrant legal services for immigrants living in Los Angeles County.
- Consideration of funding to improve the process for undocumented immigrant victims and survivors to request immigration visa certifications from County agencies.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY:

- Considering funding for the Victim Witness Assistance Program for \$2.25M, these funds will impact 19 Victim Services Representatives.
- Consideration of funding for \$2.3M for the XC Grant; \$196,906 for the Unserved/Underserved Victim Advocacy and Outreach; and, \$217,444 for the Elder Abuse Program (XE).

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

- To make businesses aware of the full breadth of the County's economic recovery resources, consider a \$2.1 million allocation to fund 8 positions for the small business outreach and technical assistance team.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE:

- Consider 3 positions for the Chief Sustainability Office (two support for the climate resilience work, and 1 dedicated staff to support the Youth Climate Commission).
- To continue supporting the efforts of the Office of Child Protection by strengthening and prioritizing Systems of Care, work with Complex Care Youth, the Youth Opioid Response, Education Coordinating Council, and efforts with the County's California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) work with children, youth and families.

FIRE:

- \$232,000 to fully cover the cost of the Junior Lifeguards Program, which is an integral work development program in recruiting and training youth to be future lifeguards.

HEALTH SERVICES:

- Additional staff to support the MIST diversion program expansion.
- Funding to enhance LEAD programming and training, including \$6 million for permanent supportive housing slots for LEAD participants.
- Funding required to implement the 1,000 bed expansion for ODR housing.
- Additional staff to support the Recuperative Care Centers.
- Staffing to support the Universal Screening, Treatment, and Vaccination Program
- Staffing to support Addiction Medicine Services (AMS) - Substance Treatment and Re-entry Transition (START) Telehealth

HOMELESSNESS:

- Funding for CEO HI to expand its role in addressing Homelessness specifically within the Unincorporated Areas.
- Funding for flexible housing subsidy pool to support more local vouchers for people experiencing homelessness
- Funding for the Interim Housing Capital Fund Pool to support the creation of more interim housing.
- Fully funding and scaling up of prevention unit under CEO HI to support preventative measures to stop people from entering into Homelessness.

INTERNAL SERVICES:

- Consideration of funding for electric vehicle infrastructure in public and private facilities.
- Consideration of funding for the Delete the Divide Initiative
- Consideration of funding for the Green Jobs Program

- Consideration of funding for a Countywide e-Procurement Solution system.

JUSTICE, CARE, AND OPPORTUNITIES:

- Ongoing and one-time funding for the DOORs center that includes the ability to expand to a new location in Long Beach.
- Addition of 14 high priority positions to staff the JCOD Justice Connect support Center on an ongoing basis.
- Addition of 10 high priority administrative positions to expedite crucial administrative processes like contracting, funding, accounts payable, and hiring.

LIBRARY:

- Identify ongoing funding to support the Library's newly adopted strategic plan and service goals.
- Identifying ongoing funding for books and materials.
- Consideration of funding for full budget restoration.
- Consideration of funding for security.
- Identify ongoing funding for the Summer Stars Tutoring Program.

MEDICAL EXAMINER:

- Funds to support the fee waiver pilot program.
- Funding to support the addition of a Sr Disaster Services Analyst, Public Information Specialist, and Staff Assistant to help with increased caseloads.

MENTAL HEALTH:

- Additional Psychiatric Mobile Response Team positions to expand the number of teams available to respond to individuals in mental health crisis across the County.

MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS:

- Consideration of funding for the addition of 1 Information Technology Supervisor to support the growth and expansion of programs and divisions.
- Consideration to increase the Services and Supplies (S&S) budget by \$285,000 to support the increase in DHR shared services cost.
- Consideration of funding for 1 Administrative Deputy to provide high-level leadership and oversight to their Administrative Services Branch.
- Consideration for the proposed advancement of Bob Hope Patriotic Hall's parking structure to include subsidized housing for homeless veterans, women veterans, and their dependents.

NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM:

- Consider funding for the Natural History Museum's mobile museum staffing and programming

PARKS AND RECREATION:

- Consideration of funding for full budget restoration.
- Consideration of additional funding for general maintenance projects throughout the Fourth Supervisorial District.
- Consideration of funding for senior programming at County parks
- Consideration of funding for ESTEAM Camps.
- Consideration of funding a permanent ground maintenance worker position at the newly opened Nogales Park.
- Consideration of funding for one-time and ongoing funding needed to operate the Walnut Nature Park.
- Consideration of funding for lifeguard position at the Greater Whittier Regional Aquatic Center.
- Consideration of funding for the Atlantic Avenue Park Property Acquisition (72nd Street Expansion) project.

PROBATION:

- Funding to replace Probation's old and outdated adult and juvenile case management systems.
- Consideration of funding to consolidate sworn position classifications to allow for more flexibility and career growth, both of which are needed in the Department.

PUBLIC DEFENDER:

- Funding for the addition of 10 DPD IVs to help address the increase in complex felony caseloads.
- Funding for the addition of 20 psychiatric social workers to provide mental health support and expand access to mental health diversion programs for juvenile and adult clients.

PUBLIC HEALTH:

- Consideration of funding for stabilizing and supporting programs for survivors of intimate partner violence/domestic violence, especially in anticipation of the cuts with the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), with other budget cuts, and the impact it will have on community-based providers.
- Consideration of ongoing and sustainable funding for Food Assistance Programs, including Market Match and how to best support elder nutrition efforts within the County.
- Consideration of ongoing and sustainable funding to support gender based violence prevention that would create a comprehensive approach to prevention and support services.
- Consideration of funding to enhance and expand the free gun lock program across more hospitals and clinics.

PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES:

- Consideration of increased funding for the Personal Assistance Services Council to help support their work and goals.

PUBLIC WORKS:

- Consider 2 new full-time staff (one Environmental Engineering Specialist, one Staff Assistant II) and a consultant contract for a total of \$850,000
- Consideration for increased funding for traffic study requests from constituents.
- Consideration for funding to improve safety of crosswalks to levels that are higher than minimum standards. This includes the addition of lights.
- Consideration for funding for additional crossing guard services.
- Consideration for funding to purchase electric shuttle buses in order to electrify County shuttles.
- Consideration for shovel ready projects.
- Consideration of funding for Fourth Supervisorial District unincorporated area stormwater capital projects.
- Consideration for additional funding to address quality of life concerns.
- Consideration for funding to address homelessness concerns on county roads and the flood control channel.

SHERIFF:

- Replacing and upgrading inmate transportation buses.
- Expand the Homeless Outreach Service Team (HOST).
- Expand the Mental Evaluation Team (MET) unit to become a full bureau.
- Consideration of funding to enhance the parking enforcement unit and keep the services within the Sheriff's Department.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT:

- Funding for 27 additional administrative positions to help continue to build the infrastructure of this new department and to expedite the contracting process to support the administration of services.
- Funding for 28 additional programmatic positions to help expand DYD programming in areas of youth decarceration, reentry, school supports, youth development network, and data collection

Sincerely,



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Dear Mr. Yen:

The County of Los Angeles budget, which this year exceeds \$45 billion, supports a vast range of vital commitments for the residents, businesses and organizations throughout the region. As the Supervisor for the Fifth District, it is my distinct honor to submit my budget priorities which balance essential community and social service needs, economic development, and infrastructure investments.

Below, I have outlined my budget priorities for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 in accordance with the Government Code so that these critical needs may be considered by the Board of Supervisors during budget deliberations. The programs and services listed below can serve as a financial blueprint for efficient and effective delivery of public services and economic development for the Fifth Supervisorial District and the County as a whole, improving our local communities and enhancing the quality of life for our residents.

Homelessness and Housing

There is no greater crisis facing Los Angeles County than homelessness, as evidenced by this Board's laser focus on this issue and our emergency proclamation to prioritize efforts to provide housing and services for the unhoused.

- Pathway Home
 - Funding to assist with Pathway Home encampment resolution operations in Lancaster, Palmdale, and the San Gabriel Valley to engage people experiencing homelessness; remove recreational vehicles (RV) in unincorporated areas; and utilize empty parking areas at the Antelope Valley Multi-Service Ambulatory Care (MACC) Center and Pomona Fairplex for RV storage.
- Bridge To Home Homeless Services
 - Funding to support the expansion of the Bridge to Home shelter and supportive services in the Santa Clarita Valley.

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- The MACC Winter Shelter in the Antelope Valley
 - Continued funding to support and expand the now year-round winter shelter in the Antelope Valley led by Volunteers of America.
- Single Adult Permanent Supportive Housing in the Santa Clarita Valley
 - Funding to provide capital expenditures and ongoing expenses for a permanent supportive housing site in the Santa Clarita Valley.
- Notice of Funding Availability Resources
 - Additional funding for the County's Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) to support additional affordable housing.
- Interim Housing and Interim Housing Pilot Programs
 - Funding for programs such as Life Ark modular homes to create rapid and interim housing with emphasis on the San Gabriel and Antelope Valleys.
- Fifth District Homeless Outreach Services
 - Additional funding to expand staffing and resources for both the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department Homeless Outreach Services Teams (HOST) and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority Homeless Engagement Teams (HET) throughout the district.
- Funding to Friends-in-Deed for Homeless Prevention
 - Funding to support the Pasadena based non-profit Friends-in-Deed for homeless outreach, services, and prevention programming.
- San Gabriel Valley Consortium on Homelessness
 - Funding for staff and educational programming designed to inform San Gabriel Valley cities and communities about interim and permanent housing opportunities and to help with coalition building and stakeholder engagement.
- Lancaster Development Project for Affordable Housing and Mixed Uses
 - Funding to bridge the gap between developer financing and the cost to deliver a proposed project on an 80-acre site in Lancaster to provide much needed affordable housing for a range of populations.
- Domestic Violence Support
 - Funding to sustain and expand domestic violence programs in Glendale and Pasadena, including Door of Hope, to help prevent homelessness among victims of domestic abuse.

Mental Health Support and Health Services

Mental health and health services are intrinsically connected to so many of the issues facing the County – homelessness, child welfare and public safety. For the County to truly address these issues, we must provide adequate funding and resources for high quality and highly accessible mental health and health services in the community.

- Mental Health Beds
 - Ongoing funding to establish and operate new Institution for Mental Disease (IMD) facilities.
- Expanding Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) Services
 - Additional resources for testing, messaging, and clinical care for STI services.

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- **Correctional Health Services**
 - Funding to support necessary staff for Correctional Health Services to support care for individuals in the justice system which is also required in our Department of Justice Consent Decree.
- **North Hollywood Integrated Care Clinic**
 - Funding for capital expenses, programs, and services to complete the North Hollywood Integrated Care Clinic.
- **Mental Health Evaluation Teams (MET)**
 - Funding to fully staff and expand MET teams throughout the Fifth District.
- **Joint Municipal Services Health and Housing Site in Pasadena**
 - Funding to support any necessary development and implementation costs for the pending site in Pasadena that will include a mental health and health services center and affordable housing.
- **Restorative Care Village (adjacent to the High Desert Medical Campus)**
 - Funding for capital expenses, housing, and ongoing programs and services.
- **Distinct Part Skilled Nursing Facilities**
 - Funding to develop and staff a Distinct Part Skilled Nursing Facility in the Fifth District.

Public Safety

Adequate resources and funding for public safety is essential to ensure our communities feel safe, businesses and organizations can grow, and system involved individuals have access to quality services.

- **Services to Support Unincorporated Communities**
 - Increase resources to support Sheriff's stations in unincorporated communities (including patrol deputies and community liaison deputies).
- **Protecting Against Illegal Cannabis Operations**
 - Funding to support additional illegal cannabis enforcement teams to mitigate and eradicate illegal grows and other infrastructure and staffing needs to prevent water theft and pollution.
- **Sheriff's Department Staffing Needs**
 - Continued funding to allow for additional expansion of Sheriff's Academy classes, as needed, to fill vacancies within the Sheriff's Department.
 - Funding to support retention of existing deputies within the Sheriff's Department, including consideration of selective bonuses especially in the North County.
 - Funding to restore budgeted items from both patrol and custody units that were previously cut due to COVID from the Sheriff's Department budget.
- **Supporting the Medical Examiner**
 - Additional funding to adequately staff and provide resources to the Medical Examiner to handle increased caseloads and decrease backlogs, and achieve "National Medical Association Examiners" accreditation.

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- Reconfiguration of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department Lancaster and Temple Stations
 - Funding to update the lobby counter and create a more secure environment for desk personnel and station volunteers.
- "Old" Santa Clarita Valley Sheriff's Station
 - Funding to provide necessary patrol services and a more central location to serve the west side of the Santa Clarita Valley and the surrounding unincorporated areas as a result of significant development in the region.

Children and Youth Services

Funding for social services is essential to support vulnerable populations. This is especially true for our young people who enter the child welfare system through no fault of their own; and our aging population who rely on County programs for food and wellbeing.

- Housing for Transitional Aged Foster Youth
 - Funding to provide housing and supportive services for Transitional Aged Youth involved in the child welfare system.
- Together California Village
 - Additional funding to support capital and program expenses to build and sustain a Together California Village in the Antelope Valley.
- Challenger Memorial Youth Camp
 - Funding to support capital and program expenses to build and sustain the re-imagined Challenger site which will provide housing, job training and supportive services to Los Angeles County youth.
- McCourtney Courthouse
 - Funding to improve and enhance Shelter Care at the McCourtney Courthouse to better serve the needs of foster youth in the Antelope Valley.
- Increase Support for Youth Development Efforts in the Antelope Valley
 - Funding to support an increased need for recreation and community centers for youth and more support for youth centered community-based organizations especially those that focus on life skills and the attainment of job and trade skills.
- Castaic Boys and Girls Club
 - Funding to support the development of a permanent site for the Boys and Girls Club to serve youth in the Santa Clarita Valley.
- Antelope Valley Senior Center
 - Funding for much needed repairs and enhancements to the Antelope Valley Senior Center, including Americans with Disability Act (ADA) accessible restrooms.
- Support Community Based Organizations in the Antelope Valley
 - Funding to support a development academy for community-based organizations to bolster capacity for sustained operations in the Antelope Valley to increase successful procurement of contracts and grants, and ultimately, create more local jobs, services, and investment for AV residents.

Community Development, Municipal Services and Transportation

Investing in our local communities and infrastructure enhances the quality of life for residents and contributes to the long-term sustainability and competitiveness of the county.

- Implementation of the Epic-LA Expansion
 - Funding to implement the recommendations from the updated Gartner Study for County departments involved in the entitlement and permitting processes to expand and improve utilization of technological solutions to expand the reach and effectiveness of the County's online permitting systems. This includes appropriate staffing for each involved Department including Public Works, Regional Planning, Fire, and Public Health.
- Regional Planning Support for Subdivisions
 - Fund adequate staffing in the Department of Regional Planning to support the development of subdivisions and new housing in the Fifth District.
- New Housing Development
 - Additional biologist positions for the Department of Regional Planning to address the backlog of environmental reviews for large subdivisions, affordable housing projects, and economic development projects.
- Santa Clarita Valley One Stop
 - Funding for capital expenditures and tenant improvements to facilitate the renovation and completion of a one-stop location for development services in the Santa Clarita Valley.
- Addressing Environmental Justice Concerns in the North County
 - Funding for enforcement against and mitigation of illegal dumping of construction waste and green waste (i.e., mulch) dumping in the Antelope Valley. This includes necessary resources to support enforcement and litigation efforts by County Counsel, Public Health, Regional Planning, Public Works, Fire, Sheriff, and the District Attorney and others.
 - Funding for additional technology technological solutions such as cameras and license plate readers to facilitate tracking and investigations into coordinated, criminal, illegal dumping activities.
- Serving those impacted by the Chiquita Canyon Landfill
 - Supporting relocation and resiliency efforts for the residents of Val Verde and Castaic that are impacted by the ongoing incident at the Chiquita Canyon Landfill.
- Regional Planning Support for Subdivisions
 - Fund adequate staffing in the Department of Regional Planning to support the development of subdivisions and new housing in the Fifth District.
- Wireless and Broadband Access
 - Funding to expedite the review and approval of applications for new wireless facilities to help reduce the digital divide and expand access to high-speed broadband internet.
- Community Animal Control Services
 - Funding to support significant expansion of the Palmdale Animal Care Center, and opportunities to increase kenneling capacity.
 - Funding to support infrastructure improvements/expansion of the Lancaster Animal Shelter.

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- Santa Clarita Valley Multimodal and Resiliency Enhancement Project – The Old Road Corridor
 - Gap funding to support the traffic safety and multi-mobility enhancements of the corridor of The Old Road in the Santa Clarita Valley.
- Bus Stop Improvements
 - Funding to improve bus benches, shelters, and related infrastructure in unincorporated areas of the Fifth District in recognition of changes implemented by Metro's NextGen Bus Plan.
- Transit Services in Unincorporated Areas
 - Funding to support additional transit services in unincorporated areas, transit to trail connections, and on-demand mobility pilot program(s) especially in the Antelope Valley.
- At Grade Rail Crossing Upgrades
 - Funding in unincorporated communities, including Acton, that focus on improving the safety and mobility of people and goods, and reducing noise impacts.

Parks, Library, and the Arts

Funding to support parks, libraries and arts is important to enrich the County's cultural landscape while facilitating community engagement and recreational activities.

- Williams Ranch Park New Facilities Request
 - Funding to support the construction of a new public park with parking lot, restrooms, children's play areas, group picnic shelter, walking path, benches, open turf play area, landscaping, and signage. Additional funding will also be needed for safety and security services at this facility.
- Community Library Supports
 - Funding for a major refurbishment of the Lancaster Library which was originally built in 1996 with no major improvements made to the County facility since.
 - Funding to support the replacement of the current Charter Oak Library.
 - Funding to replace the Lake Los Angeles Library.
 - Funding to refresh and retrofit the La Verne Library which was built in 1985.
- Val Verde Park
 - Funding to support the reconstruction of the community pool and additional funding to modernize and enhance the existing building (pool house) and improve the parking lot.
- Santa Clarita Arts and Vets Center
 - Funding to support the development of the Santa Clarita Arts and Vets Center.
- Restoration of Library Hours of Operation
 - Funding to increase Library hours and service availability at libraries throughout the County.
- Mobile Museums
 - Funding to support mobile museums through the Los Angeles County Natural History Museum and the La Brea Tar Pits in the Fifth District.

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- Summer Concerts
 - Funding to support and expand free concerts at local parks during the summer months through the Departments of Arts and Culture and Parks and Recreation to provide access to the arts for the most in-need and remote communities who may not otherwise have access to performances close to home.
- Senior Programming Request
 - Senior Programming to provide critical older adult programming and access to safety net services in the unincorporated areas of San Gabriel, Antelope Valley, and Santa Clarita Valley. This funding will support staffing, supplies, an annual resource fair, and overseeing quality assurance.
- Eaton Canyon New Facilities Request
 - Funding to operate the new restroom building.

Veterans Services

Funding for veterans to provide access to housing, health, mental health, and social service programs is important in addressing their unique needs and honoring their service.

- Veterans Service Officers
 - Funding to increase the number of Veteran Service Officers.
- Veteran Suicide Review Team
 - Funding to support the work of the Veteran Suicide Review Team; including supporting additional resources and staffing within the Department of the Medical Examiner.
- Veterans Experiencing Homelessness
 - Funding to support increased access to services and benefits for veterans experiencing homelessness with state and federal partners (such as CalVet and the Veteran's Administration) to leverage state and federal funding and resources for veterans experiencing homelessness.

Economic and Workforce Development

For Los Angeles County to continue to grow and thrive, we have to make smart investments in our economic and workforce development. This will ensure we are able to promote prosperity and build resilient and sustainable communities.

- Strengthening the Workforce in the North County
 - Funding to support recruitment, retention and training for mental health, healthcare, and social workers in the Antelope Valley and funding to increase the workforce to provide much-needed services.
- Workforce Training
 - Funding for apprenticeship programs and workforce training programs for priority populations in the Fifth District.
 - Funding for specialized outreach to Transitional Aged Youth populations in the Antelope Valley who are foster and probation youth for County youth workforce programs.
- Auditing and Contracting
 - Provide funding for technological advancements and staff resources to streamline and facilitate auditing and contracting throughout the County.

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If you or your staff would like to discuss these requests, please contact Michelle Vega of my staff at (213) 974-5555.

Sincerely,

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KATHRYN BARGER
Supervisor, Fifth District

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c: Fesia Davenport, Chief Executive Officer



Marcia Mayeda, Director

April 22, 2024

TO: Jeff Levinson
Interim Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

FROM: Marcia Mayeda
Director *Marcia Mayeda*

**DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL
FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 FINAL CHANGES BUDGET REQUEST**

Thank you for your continued support and consideration of the Department of Animal Care and Control's (DACC's) Fiscal Year 2024-25 budget request. Below are the final changes to our budget proposal for your review:

- 1. Managed Services Provider (MSP) for Website Support:** We are requesting \$144,000 for website support as we transition to new web/e-commerce sites. While the CEO-hired contractor has built these sites over the past three years, our in-house IT staff lacks the comprehensive knowledge needed to support them effectively. To bridge this gap, we require expert consultant(s) well versed in Adobe Magento, Azure platform services, Microsoft Power Platform, and Application Programming Interface (API) capable of providing website support and training of our staff to facilitate the transition of ongoing support to our internal team.
- 2. Supervising Registered Veterinary Technicians:** We are seeking \$299,000 to fund two full-time Supervising Registered Veterinary Technicians (Item No. 2987A). This new classification will provide promotional opportunities for Registered Vet Technicians (RVT) and alleviate supervisory duties from veterinarians. The benefits provided by these positions are twofold: they facilitate mobility for RVTs, a classification that often experiences stagnation, while also alleviating veterinarians of supervisory duties, thereby enhancing the job's attractiveness to potential candidates. The request is to staff two full-time Supervising RVTs, one in the North County and one in the South County.
- 3. Language Access Working Group Translations:** We are requesting \$10,000 for language translation services to increase access to pet services. Our goal is to translate Title 10 and other outreach materials into Armenian and Tagalog in addition to existing translations in Spanish, Mandarin, Korean, and Vietnamese. This initiative aligns with the Board's directive to develop a Countywide Language Access and Equity Plan.

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- 4. Space for the Human Resources Division:** We are seeking \$110,000 in funding to lease additional space for the DACC Human Resources (HR) Division. Currently housed at our headquarters in Long Beach, the HR team lacks the confidential environment necessary for their work. This request will allow us to provide a discreet workspace for HR staff, while also freeing up space at our Long Beach location for other staff members or hoteling opportunities.

The estimated fiscal impact of these final changes amounts to \$563,000 in appropriation, including a net increase of 2.0 full-time positions (two Supervising RVTs). This request supplements the \$70.8 million in appropriation and 16.0 positions already included in DACC's Initial Budget Request 24-25.

We are grateful for the Board's continued support of DACC's initiatives. Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Whitney Duong, Administrative Deputy, at wduong@animalcare.lacounty.gov or (562) 728-4610.

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Marcia Mayeda, Director

FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 UNMET NEEDS REQUEST

Unavoidable Costs - Critical Need	\$	2,246,000
Repairs and Maintenance	\$	2,482,000
New Positions Request	\$	1,976,000
IT Projects	\$	274,000
Supportive Programs	\$	2,965,000
Total DACC Unmet Needs	\$	9,943,000

Unmet Needs - Unavoidable Costs - Highest Priority		
1	Higher Operating Costs	\$ 700,000
<p>The Department needs financial support to meet unavoidable costs stemming from higher operating costs. Persistent inflation and a sustained rise in animal admissions—highlighted by a notable 10% increase in cat and dog admissions in 2023 compared to 2022—have propelled the costs of all our services and supplies to unprecedented heights over the past three years, with no signs of abating. Costs for animal food, vaccines, medicines, laboratory services, cleaning supplies, etc. keep increasing and is critical we meet these costs.</p> <p>S&S Appropriation: \$700,000; Revenue: \$700,000; NCC: \$0</p>		
2	Higher Charges from Other Departments	\$ 1,546,000
<p>DACC faces increasing charges from other central departments for the services they provide. While these charges have been steadily rising, we have reached a critical juncture where direct action is needed to prevent a shortfall and ensure that our operating expenses are met. The main areas of increase are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Internal Services Department - Operating charges increased by \$885,000 from prior year - Office of the County Counsel - Legal services and litigation charges increased by \$532,000 from prior year - Other departments - HR Services, rent expenses, and others total charges increased by \$129,000 from prior year <p>S&S Appropriation: \$1,546,000; Revenue: \$1,546,000; NCC: \$0</p>		
Total Unmet Needs - Unavoidable Costs		\$ 2,246,000

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Unmet Needs - Repairs and Maintenance		
1	Admin Headquarters – Completion of Security Fence Project	\$ 847,000
<p>DACC needs \$847,000 to complete the Administrative Headquarters Security Fence project. The administrative HQ parking space has repeatedly been the site for homeless encampments and used as a parking lot for big rig trucks with trailers and motorhomes. Security fencing would prevent unauthorized entry and increase security for employees and constituents. The project cost was initially approved for \$605,000 but additional requirements like lighting poles, underground electrical wiring, and others had increased the cost to \$1,650,000. Therefore, our need is the variance \$847,000 that is urgently needed to avoid delays, reduce safety concerns, and cost increases.</p> <p>S&S Appropriation: \$847,000; NCC: \$847,000</p>		
2	Downey ACC - Completion of Kennel Repair Project	\$ 1,478,000
<p>DACC needs \$1,478,000 to complete the Kennel Repair project that was initially estimated at \$622,000. This project will refurbish the existing kennels 1 and 2 cage panels and doors located at the Department of Animal Care and Controls' (ACC) Downey site located at 11258 Garfield Ave, Downey, CA 90242. The existing kennel cages at the Downey site were originally installed around the 1950s and are in a state of disrepair. The refurbishment of these kennel cages and features are needed in order to provide a safer environment. The additional cost is due to ISD revised repairs and fees.</p> <p>S&S Appropriation: \$1,478,000; NCC: \$1,478,000</p>		
3	Admin Headquarters – Roof Repair & Coat	\$ 157,000
<p>DACC headquarters' roof requires repairs to prevent structural damage and secure the safety of staff. The building has already experienced costly water and mold damage due to heavy rains. The project is crucial as the frequency and potency of precipitation has increased in southern California.</p> <p>S&S Appropriation: \$157,000; NCC: \$157,000</p>		
Total Unmet Needs - Repairs and Maintenance		\$ 2,482,000

Unmet Needs - Positions Request		
1	11 Positions for Animal Housing	\$ 1,316,000
<p>The Department is requesting 11.0 new positions for Kennel and Housing Services at the Castaic, Agoura, Lancaster, and Palmdale ACCs. Animal admissions have been re-trending upward since the pandemic due to increased pet surrenders caused by inflation and rising pet costs. These positions are crucial to ensure animals at our care centers receive basic care, enrichment, and medical treatment if needed. These positions also allow our care centers to provide pet owners with counseling services and resources that are oftentimes the difference between a pet owner keeping or surrendering their pet.</p> <p>S&EB Appropriation: \$1,316,000; NCC: \$1,316,000</p>		
2	1 Position Requested for Field Services	\$ 126,000
<p>The Department is requesting 1.0 Animal Control Officer II position for Field Services at the Agoura ACC. This is to ensure DACC receives and responds to field calls in a timely manner. A delay in response can be detrimental to an animal or person's well-being, and the requested positions will improve our ability to respond to the over 200,000 calls that are received from residents in unincorporated Los Angeles County and our 45 contract cities.</p> <p>S&EB Appropriation: \$126,000; NCC: \$126,000</p>		

3	1 Position Requested for Human Resources Division	\$	235,000
<p>DACC needs one Administrative Services Manager II to supervise Human Resources (HR) managers, handle various HR functions, collaborate with CEO Classification Compensation on classification matters, oversee the performance management unit, assist with investigations and the discipline processes, manage labor relations, and serve as the mediator for conflict resolution within the department. The ASM II position will also explore innovative strategies for recruitment and retention, particularly in challenging areas like the Antelope Valley.</p> <p>S&EB Appropriation: \$235,000; NCC: \$235,000</p>			
4	2 Supervising Registered Veterinary Technicians	\$	299,000
<p>The Department is seeking \$299,000 to fund 2.0 full-time Supervising Registered Vet Technicians. This new classification will provide promotional opportunities for Registered Veterinary Technicians (RVT) and alleviate supervisory duties from veterinarians. The benefits provided by these positions are twofold: they facilitate mobility for Registered Veterinary Technicians (RVT), a classification that often experiences stagnation, while also alleviating veterinarians of supervisory duties, thereby enhancing the job's attractiveness to potential candidates. The request is to staff two full-time Supervising RVTs, one in the North County and one in the South County.</p> <p>S&EB Appropriation: \$299,000; Revenue: \$57,000; NCC: \$242,000</p>			
Total Unmet Needs - Positions Request		\$	1,976,000

Unmet Needs - IT Projects			
1	Managed Services Provider for Website Support - One time funding	\$	144,000
<p>As the Department transitions to new web/e-commerce sites, additional website support is necessary to maximize efficiency and prevent service interruptions. While the CEO-hired contractor has built these sites over the past three years, DACC's in-house IT staff lacks the comprehensive knowledge needed to support them effectively. To bridge this gap, DACC requires expert consultant(s) well-versed in Adobe Magento, Azure platform services, Microsoft Power Platform, and Application Programming Interface (API), capable of providing website support and training our staff to facilitate the transition of ongoing support to our internal team.</p> <p>S&S Appropriation: \$144,000; NCC: \$144,000</p>			
2	AI Data Analytics and Predictive Analytics - One time funding	\$	90,000
<p>Artificial intelligence (AI) Data Analytics and Predictive Analytics help organizations harness the power of data to make better decisions, reduce risk, improve efficiency, and ultimately achieve their goals more effectively. AI visuals create interactive and engaging reports, enhancing the user experience, and making it easier for non-technical users to access and interpret data. AI can make tasks easier by automating them and can also link Chameleon with other apps like eCAPS. AI visuals can improve how things look and help non-technical managers see data more easily. This will assist them in making faster and more comprehensive decisions.</p> <p>S&S Appropriation: \$90,000; NCC: \$90,000</p>			
3	Power BI Dashboard for Managers & Executive - One time funding	\$	40,000
<p>A single-page Power BI dashboard tailored for managers and executives offers a streamlined, user-friendly, and data-rich experience that aids in making timely, data-driven decisions and contributes to organizational success.</p> <p>S&S Appropriation: \$40,000; NCC: \$40,000</p>			
Total Unmet Needs - IT Projects		\$	274,000

Unmet Needs - Supportive Programs		
1	Expand Spay and Neuter Services	\$ 1,068,000
<p>The Department has two contracted vendors, Spay4LA (South County) and Simi Valley Non-Profit Spay and Neuter Clinic (North County), who provide 960 spay/neuter surgeries annually to residents in contracted cities and unincorporated Los Angeles areas. Both clinics have the capacity to substantially increase the number of surgeries provided, but are limited at 960 due to the Department's annual budget of \$150,000. The requested funding would allow the Department to significantly expand the number of clinics held each month, allowing for approximately 13,200 spay/neuters to be performed annually between the two vendors. Spay and neuter is the most effective means for limiting animal populations and reducing animal admissions.</p> <p>S&S Appropriation: \$1,068,000; NCC: \$1,068,000</p>		
2	Care Voucher Program	\$ 1,000,000
<p>The Care Voucher Program provides vouchers to pet owners, which can be used for temporary animal boarding, pet food and supplies, grooming, or up to \$500 in veterinary care. While this program has been funded entirely through grants and donations, its growth is straining its sustainability. We are seeking an annual budget of \$1,000,000 to sustain the program. These vouchers are essential in keeping pets and their families together, particularly as veterinary costs have risen. Since its launch in February 2021, the program has assisted over 3,500 pet owners, with approximately 1,500 helped in the calendar year 2023 alone. While we continue to seek grants, it has become increasingly challenging due to rising monthly expenses.</p> <p>S&S Appropriation: \$1,000,000; NCC: \$1,000,000</p>		
3	Adoption Promotion Events	\$ 100,000
<p>The Adoption Promotions & Events program enables the Department to reduce or waive adoption fees during promotional periods or events, making it easier for potential adopters to welcome pets into their homes. These promotions also play a crucial role in alleviating overcrowding at our care centers. The program relies entirely on grants and donations. We are seeking an annual budget of \$100,000 to support ongoing promotions and adoption events throughout the year.</p> <p>S&S Appropriation: \$100,000; NCC: \$100,000</p>		
4	Return to Owner (RTO) Program	\$ 96,000
<p>The Department seeks financial support for its Return-to-Owner (RTO) Assistance Program, designed to alleviate financial barriers that prevent pet owners from reclaiming their animals. The program aims to waive specific fees for owners facing economic challenges, making pet ownership for accessible and equitable to the communities we serve.</p> <p>S&S Appropriation: \$96,000; NCC: \$96,000</p>		
5	Pathway Planning Intervention Program - One time funding	\$ 500,000
<p>This initiative aims to expedite placement options for adoptable animals and facilitate faster euthanasia determinations for cases where it is the most humane outcome. The program also incorporates intervention services, providing pet owners with necessary resources to uphold pet ownership. The requested budget will enable the Department to secure an Animal Care Attendant II and Community Center Specialist II to support the program, and procure vital pet food, supplies, and services that address the most critical needs of pet owners. These approaches align with modern animal welfare practices, promoting positive outcomes for animals and reducing their length of stay. However, the Department currently lacks a dedicated budget to fund these vital services.</p> <p>S&S Appropriation: \$500,000; NCC: \$500,000</p>		
6	Rodent Abatement Program - One time funding	\$ 201,000
<p>The Department is requesting \$201,000 for the continuation of the Rodent Abatement Program as follows: Baldwin Park ACC - \$36,000; Castaic ACC - \$35,000; Carson ACC - \$37,000; Lancaster ACC - \$54,000; Palmdale ACC - \$39,000</p> <p>S&S Appropriation: \$201,000; NCC: \$201,000</p>		
Total Unmet Needs - Supportive Programs		\$ 2,965,000

EXECUTIVE OFFICE



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April 25, 2024

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 UNMET NEEDS REQUEST FOR THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE
OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

This letter outlines the priorities for the unmet needs of the Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors, as requested in the Department's Fiscal Year 2024-25 budget request.

OFFICE OF CHILD PROTECTION

The Executive Office (EO) is requesting to provide one-time funding to the Department of Public Health to support families with children or youth with special healthcare needs in accessing and utilizing prevention services through the continuation of its Help Me Grow LA program. This request results in a decrease of \$600,000 in Services and Supplies (S&S).

CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION

The EO is requesting one (1.0) Community Services Coordinator I position offset by the deletion of one (1.0) Senior Paralegal position for the Civilian Oversight Commission to support their operational needs which includes reviewing and responding to public records requests and to further the development of improvements and efficiencies within the Commission. The Salaries and Employee Benefits (S&EB) increase of \$14,000 will be offset by a corresponding reduction in S&S.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
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EXECUTIVE OFFICE

The EO is requesting NCC funding to cover vehicle-related expenses such as accident claims and incidents related to the Board Offices. This request will result in an increase of \$100,000 in NCC.

The EO is also requesting NCC funding to cover additional office space for the Hollywood/Sunset Field Office. This request will result in an increase of \$72,000 in NCC.

PEGASUS

The EO is requesting an increase in S&S for the Managed Services (MS) Solution contract with Pegasus Studios. This funding request will continue the application maintenance and support provided for the broadcasting and production services of the Board Meetings. This request will result in an increase of \$100,000 in S&S.

CHIEF SUSTAINABILITY OFFICE

The EO is requesting one-time funding to support consultant services for the Climate Budgeting Pilot program which will support the 2045 carbon neutrality goal and climate action plan through OurCounty Sustainability Plan. This request results in an increase of \$175,000 in S&S.

Thank you in advance for considering our Unmet Needs Request.

Sincerely,

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JEFF LEVINSON
Interim Executive Officer

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Attachment

c: Anthony Baker
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May 15, 2024

The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles
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Dear Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors:

LA COUNTY LIBRARY FY 2024-25 BUDGET REQUEST

On behalf of the LA County Library Commission, I am submitting this letter in support of the LA County Library's Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 Budget Request. I wish to express gratitude to the Board of Supervisors for their previous support in funding the Library's budget.

The Library Commission is requesting the Board to endorse the budget request to fund library services throughout Los Angeles County communities. The budget seeks to support ongoing commitment to lifelong learning initiatives and preserve operations across the County.

The proposed Library budget ensures consistent funding to maintain operational hours across 86 libraries, serving a diverse population in unincorporated areas and incorporated cities within Los Angeles County. It includes essential funding for library services, existing and developing partnerships, and initiatives aimed at improving access to information while delivering vital programs to communities with limited resources.

The budget for the current year seeks to secure ongoing funding to mitigate the Library's structural deficit and support its newly adopted strategic plan and service goals. The budget focuses on priorities such as ensuring a safe space for our neighbors and highlights the Library's principal attributes by employing knowledgeable staff ambassadors in social work, security, communication, and justice.

It is also important to acknowledge the LA County Library's distinction as a national model in library services, enhancing and advocating civic engagement, cultural awareness, and literacy. The Library's receipt of the 2023 National Medal for Museum and Library Services underscores its exceptional quality and merit, affirming its status as a national leader in the field. This prestigious recognition serves as another compelling reason why continued funding and support should be granted to sustain and advance the Library's outstanding contributions to the community.

Your attention to and understanding of this budget request are greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance for considering our request.

Sincerely,



Corey Calaycay
Library Commission Chair

c: Fesia A. Davenport, Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors



May 15, 2024

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LA County Arts and Culture

Dear Supervisors,

The Arts Commission would like to express our sincerest gratitude for the consideration of the proposed allocation of \$1.2 million increase to the Organizational Grant Program. We are immensely appreciative of your continued support and recognition of the invaluable role the arts play in our community.

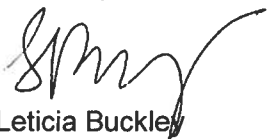
This allocation comes at a crucial time for arts organizations and will help to reduce further erosion to our grant funds as we strive to support arts organizations recovering from the pandemic, rising costs, and industry disruptions. We understand the budgetary constraints and acknowledge the careful consideration that went into supporting this priority for the arts. We know this will set us on the right path to continue to build our Organizational Grant Program funding towards parity with similar local government funding on the national stage.

The Countywide Cultural Policy Strategic Plan has laid out a comprehensive roadmap for current and future arts priorities for LA County. The plan's emphasis rooted in values from Cultural Equity and Inclusion Initiative, is inspiring as a community-led effort, and we believe the strategies outlined will have a significant impact to the arts. Support for strategies such as the Free Concerts in Public Sites program, support for School Districts to advance Equity in the Arts and recognizing the American Indian/Alaska Native communities are crucial toward fostering a more inclusive cultural landscape.

We strongly urge you to support the approval of the recommended budget and extend our heartfelt thanks for your investment in the arts and recognizing its importance in building a healthy, vibrant and inclusive community. As we move forward, the Arts Commission remains committed to elevating the arts and advancing equity serving as a vital resource to our community.

Thank you again for your steadfast support of the arts. We are honored to serve on the Arts Commission and will celebrate this critical milestone with you in June when the budget is adopted.

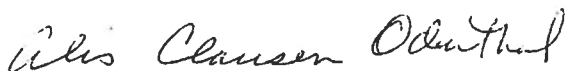
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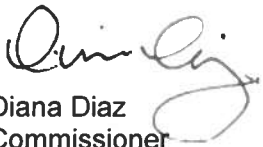
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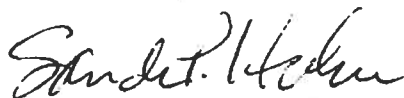
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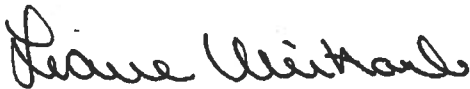
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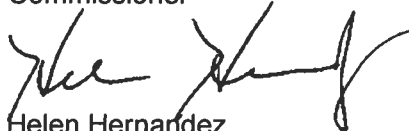
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To: Jeff Levinson
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From: Michael Owh 
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FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 INTERNAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S CRITICAL UNMET NEEDS REQUEST

Pursuant to State law under Government Code Section 29064, referenced below is a budget request that was not previously submitted as part of the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Recommended Budget:

- Request the appropriation of \$1,133,000 net County cost (NCC) funding to hire consultants to conduct the new Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions inventory analysis and update the Municipal Climate Action Plan (MCAP) project. The request also provides resources for ISD to support and oversee the projects.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (323) 267-2101, via email: MOwh@isd.lacounty.gov, or your staff may contact Andrea Little, Finance Manager at (323) 267-2111, via email: ALittle@isd.lacounty.gov.

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RE: Continuation of LA County Small Business Legal Aid Program

The profound impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on small businesses, particularly those owned by BIPOC individuals, has been nothing short of devastating. In Los Angeles County, where over 93% of businesses have 20 or fewer employees, the negative repercussions of COVID-19 have disproportionately impacted BIPOC-owned small businesses. Notably, Los Angeles County is home to the most substantial concentration of minority-owned businesses in the nation, with more than 55% of its 244,000 small businesses falling into this category.

The American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") has delivered \$350 billion to state, territorial, local, and Tribal governments across the country to support their response to and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. Funding the LA County Small Business Legal Aid Program aligns with ARPA's goals of building a strong, resilient, and equitable recovery by supporting long-term growth and opportunity in LA County.

In alignment with ARPA's priorities, the Small Business Legal Aid Program has assisted in creating long-term growth by expanding economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income small business owners, many of whom are women and people of color. In two years, the Program has assisted with more than 1,000 small business matters related to legal issues such as commercial leasing, contracts, permitting and licensing, business entity formation, intellectual property, employment law, and debt negotiation. The Program has also provided educational programming, specifically over 45 webinars, trainings, and legal academies, on relevant and timely small business legal issues. Vibrant small businesses are a cornerstone of healthy and prosperous communities. In addition to being economic generators, small businesses provide a source of financial self-sufficiency for business owners as well as those that they employ. While small businesses play a vital role in our community, they often do not have the means to pay for legal assistance. By providing much-needed legal services, Bet Tzedek Legal Services and Public Counsel have ensured community-serving small businesses are successful and sustainable so they can continue contributing to economic development and job growth in LA County.

Mental Health Advocacy Services is writing in support of continuing the LA County Small Business Legal Aid Program and maintaining its funding in order for small businesses to access free legal representation. ARPA's priorities emphasize the need to support long-term growth in the communities benefited by ARPA. Assisting small business owners and entrepreneurs with their legal needs aligns with ARPA's mission as legal services help businesses start, scale, and stay open long-term. Further, the Program is critical to the success of countless other County initiatives, including economic mobility, worker ownership, community real estate ownership, street vending, and micro-enterprise home kitchen operations, which all necessitate legal assistance.

Bet Tzedek Legal Services and Public Counsel have both been providing free legal services to underserved communities in LA County for over 50 years. They are the only organizations in LA County that provide free legal services to small businesses. Their work advances racial and economic justice, and benefits business owners, their employees, and the community at large.

We request that the Program be maintained through ARPA funds. The Program has greatly benefited our community and will have a long-term impact in LA County. If the Program is discontinued, it will irreparably harm our small business ecosystem and the County's efforts to advance economic opportunity.

Sincerely,

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Jenny Farrell
Executive Director
Mental Health Advocacy Services



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Chief Probation Officer

May 16, 2024

TO: Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath, Chair
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Supervisor Kathryn Barger

FROM: Guillermo Viera Rosa *GW*
Chief Probation Officer

SUBJECT: **FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 CRITICAL UNMET NEEDS**

The Probation Department's (Probation or Department) Fiscal Year 2024-25 priority unmet needs is based on the guidance provided by the Chief Executive Officer's (CEO) budget team for a lean approach addressing only the highest priority needs. Given this context, we use this opportunity as a reminder of the Department's key operational unmet needs including:

- I. Create and design a data repository for informed decision-making, provide transparent measurements, and ensure consistent and timely data.
- II. Provide oversight for the replacement of Probation's 40+ year-old Adult Probation Systems (APS) and 15+ year-old juvenile Probation Case Management System (PCMS).
- III. Provide proactive information technology security needs rather than reactive based after-the-fact assessment of potential security anomalies.
- IV. Supplement Services and Supplies allocations to align with annual spending patterns as recommended within the Auditor-Controller's December 3, 2020, review of Probation's budget.
- V. Consistent with expectations of the Board of Supervisors, transition from outsourced clerical support.
- VI. Consolidate classifications for sworn officers with the intent to create greater flexibility among assignments and realign duties that do not require sworn status.

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Each Supervisor
May 16, 2024
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The attached provides additional information in support of this request, as well as a summary of the needed resources.

Probation will keep the Board of Supervisors informed about facilities, programming, and resource requirements as we model "care first" engagement with the clients and communities we proudly serve. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Robert Smythe, Administrative Deputy, at (562) 940-2517.

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Attachment

c: Fesia Davenport, Chief Executive Officer
Jeff Levinson, Interim Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Justice Deputies

PROGRAM	NCC	BUD. POS.
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<u>I. Data Repository</u>	<u>\$557,000</u>	<u>2.0</u>
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Reflects the request of 1.0 Data Scientist Supervisor and 1.0 Sr. Data Scientist to create and design a data repository. There is a substantial need for Probation to leverage data to inform decision-making, provide transparent measurements in the form of data dashboards, and to ensure consistent and timely data. Data is the foundation to assess service inputs, workload variables, and outcome measures. The Department is seeking to advance its capability to harness data to uplift client achievement and provide markers of course-correction when achievement drifts from expectations. This request is consistent with the "Information Management Maturity Assessment" conducted by the KH Consulting Group to review Probation's information technology needs.

<u>II. Case Management System</u>	<u>\$268,000</u>	<u>0.0</u>
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Reflects the request of 2.0 Information Technology Project Managers I to manage and provide oversight for the replacement of Probation's 40+ year old Adult Probation System (APS) and 15+ year old (juvenile) Probation Case Management System (PCMS). These replacements are part of the Chief Probation Officer's initiative to transform Probation's services and have one comprehensive case management system with mobile capabilities resulting in a one-stop service continuum of client compliance oversight and personalized service referral. The system will also provide management reporting capabilities to drive accountability, workload, and performance measurement including timely responsiveness to the California Department of Justice, Board of State and Community Corrections, the County's Probation Oversight Commission, and the Office of Inspector General. Partially offset with the deletion of 2.0 vacant positions.

<u>III. Enhance IT Security</u>	<u>\$236,000</u>	<u>0.0.</u>
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Reflects the request of 1.0 Information Technology Security Analyst to provide proactive information technology security needs rather than reactive based after-the-fact assessment of potential security anomalies. Probation's current security structure consists of preventive software tools established to detect and deflect potential breeches, and reactive assessment of potential breeches and unusual activity. The reactive assessments are a potential weakness in our security structure because by the time assessments are done the breach may have infiltrated the Department's technology environment. Additional security structures are needed to ensure more comprehensive and proactive security protection, and more timely and more thorough assessment and responsiveness to potential security incidents. The Auditor-Controller (A-C) published an August 31, 2023, review titled "Probation Department – Information Technology and Security Review." The request is consistent with the A-C's findings.

IV. Services and Supplies Alignment **\$21,632,000** **0.0**

Reflects historically unfunded increases in pricing for services passed through to Probation as the ultimate end-user such as County power plant electricity cost increases due to required conversion to costlier green energy, unavoidable increases in other departments' costs due to the County's interdepartmental billing strategy which creates monopolies over certain services, increased cost of purchased commodities consistent with general increases in the Consumer Price Index, and passed-through costs such as funding for various components of retiree entitlements. The A-C's December 3, 2020, Board-ordered report about Probation's budget noted the misalignment of budget line items. As noted in Probation's response to the A-C report, this misalignment is not unique to Probation, and is in-part the outgrowth of year-over-year unfunded and unavoidable cost inflation as described above, as well as circumstances where the ability to seek best value pricing is limited by policy.

V. In-Sourcing Clerical Support Functions **\$300,000** **6.0**

Reflects movement toward a commitment made by the Board to in-source where possible more services to avail economically challenged individuals and communities of the personal and family well-being and self-sufficiency that County employment provides. These six positions are a down-payment toward greater transition from utilization of contract clerical employees who are highly valued in support of Probation's juvenile halls. This request is partially offset by a reduction in Services, and Supplies appropriation that funds current contract costs.

VI. Sworn Officers Classifications Consolidation **\$10,043,000** **0.0**

As part of the Department's efforts to professionalize sworn staff, we are working with the CEO and our union partners to reclassify selected sworn positions into a standardized Deputy Probation Officer (DPO) series. This process will realign the Detention Service Officer position series to the DPO series and eliminate the distinction between Field and Residential Treatment DPO items. The result will be an interchangeable item classification that diversifies career growth opportunities both inbound and outward of assignments serving juvenile halls. Similar reclassification actions will also address niche items such as Transportation Deputies and Crew Instructors. The interchangeability creates greater flexibility of sworn staff assignments to enable quick pivots as service needs emerge. In addition, the number of sworn positions will be reduced as duties currently served by sworn classifications that do not require sworn status will be assigned to newly created civilian classifications. These civilian classifications will become specialists in their respective fields and offer another path of career advancement.



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May 17, 2024

To: Jeff Levinson
Interim Executive Officer of the Board

From: Brandon T. Nichols
Director

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES' CRITICAL UNMET NEEDS REQUEST

This memo is to underscore the Department of Children and Family Services' (Department) previously identified major unmet needs. As indicated in our Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 Official Budget, 367 additional net full-time equivalent (FTE) positions at a projected net County cost of \$48.8 million are needed to address critical unmet needs in the areas of child safety and administrative and program support services. The Department's FY 2024-25 proposed service delivery enhancements are needed in order to stay in alignment with the five goals the Board of Supervisors outlined for the Department in the areas of Safety, Permanence, Well-Being, Performance Contracting, Family-Centered, and Neighborhood-Based Services.

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The requested 367 additional net FTE positions is comprised of 199 Children's Social Workers (CSWs) with 91 associated support staff needed to support our Department's Emergency Response, Continuing Services and Alternative Permanency caseloads, as well as 77 administrative and program support staff to strengthen infrastructure and support line operations. The total projected annual cost is \$65.9 million, which includes Kinship Support Services, Adoptions, and Administrative Support Services. Of this amount, \$17.1 million can be offset with Federal revenue bringing the County's portion of the unmet need to \$48.8 million.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at (213) 371-6326 or your staff may contact Rogelio Tapia, Administrative Deputy, at (213) 371-6293.

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May 20, 2024

Mr. Jeff Levinson
Interim Executive Officer
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Dear Mr. Levinson:

**NOTICE OF CHANGES TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT'S FISCAL YEAR 2024-25
RECOMMENDED BUDGET REQUEST**

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 29064, this letter serves as the Los Angeles County (County) Sheriff's Department's (Department) written notice to your office that the Department has additional unmet needs which were not previously submitted as part of the Department's Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 Recommended Budget Request.

As part of the Recommended Budget, the Board of Supervisors (Board) approved some of the Department's most critical unmet needs, including, but not limited to: one-time funding to support the continuation of additional academy classes; one-time and ongoing funding to implement body-worn cameras within our custody facilities; and ongoing funding for 10 additional plumber positions and 14 additional custodian positions to support the needs of the Department's custody facilities. The Department greatly appreciates the support extended by both the Board and the Chief Executive Office (CEO) and is certain the financial and operational resources included in the FY 2024-25 Recommended Budget will assist the Department and the County in achieving the desired outcomes associated with the approved requests.

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The Department's Recommended Budget submission contained several critical unmet needs requests that were deferred by the CEO to Final Changes. Those requests, which remain a high priority, and which the Department requests the Board's consideration include, but are not limited to:

- Mobile Radio Replacement
- Department-wide Network Infrastructure
- Department Vehicles and Components
- Development of Employee Wellness Center
- Unavoidable Cost Increases
- Department Computer Replacement
- Additional Overtime related to the County of Los Angeles for Positions related to the Rosas and DOJ Settlement Agreements
- Overtime Behind Unfunded Positions Related to the Rosas and DOJ Settlement Agreements
- Concealed Carry Weapons Staffing Request

Additionally, in the timeframe following our initial submission, new priorities have emerged and have resulted in the revision of the priority order of the Department's critical unmet needs. Specifically:

- Patrol – Fire Equipment Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Packs Replacement
- CISCO Maintenance Cost Increase; and
- Reinvesting in County Facilities.

To obtain a more detailed explanation and understanding of the totality of the Department's prioritized critical unmet needs, including proposed staffing increases and cost, please see the Department's list of Budget Priorities for FY 2024-25 (Attachment I).

Finally, I wish to draw your special attention to the Department's Vehicle and Components, Development of Employee Wellness Center, and Unavoidable Cost Increases (Year 1 of 2-Year Plan) deferred requests. The Board's consideration and approval of each of these requests will provide immeasurable assistance and support to the Department's operations and will help ensure our unwavering commitment to protecting and preserving the health and well-being of all Department employees is achieved.

Mr. Levinson

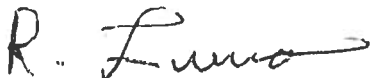
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The Department understands the host of financial burdens and uncertainties facing the County and sincerely appreciates the Board's consideration of our identified needs, as well as those that may emerge between now and the Department's submission of the Supplemental Budget Request. Given the extent of the County's unmet needs and our understanding that the amount of available resources to meet these needs may be woefully insufficient, we are committed to working with the Board and the CEO to help develop multi-year financing plans where necessary and identify one-time projects/funding needs that might be best-suited for the type of resources currently available to the County.

Should you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Assistant Sheriff, Chief Financial and Administrative Officer Jill Torres, at (213) 229-3066.

Sincerely,

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ROBERT G. LUNA
SHERIFF

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(Administrative Services Division-Financial Programs Bureau)

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**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
FY 2024-25 BUDGET PRIORITIES - FINAL CHANGES**

#	Title	Positions	NCC (Millions)
I	Multi-year Investments		
A	Mobile Radio Replacement (Phase 2 of 3-year Plan)	0.0	\$8.3
B	Custody CCTV System (Phase 2 of 3-Year Plan)	0.0	\$2.2
C	Custody Network Upgrade (Year 2 of 5-year plan)	0.0	\$1.9
D	Department-wide Network Infrastructure (Phase 2 of 5-Year Plan)	0.0	\$2.5
E	MCJ Boiler Replacement Project (Phase 2 of 2-year Plan)	0.0	\$3.8
	Multi-year Investments Total	0.0	\$18.7
II	Department Operations / Staff Hiring and Retention		
A	Department Vehicle and Components	0.0	\$35.0
B	Development of Employee Wellness Center	13.0	\$8.7
C	Unavoidable Cost Increases (Year 1 of 2-year Plan)	0.0	\$17.1
D	Department Computer Replacement	0.0	\$1.6
E	CISCO Maintenance Cost Increase	0.0	\$0.9
F	Reinvesting in County Facilities	0.0	\$0.6
	Department Operations / Staff Hiring and Retention Total	13.0	\$63.9
III	Unfunded Overtime		
A	Additional Overtime related to COLA for Positions Related to ROSAS and DOJ Settlement	0.0	\$6.7
B	Overtime Behind Unfunded Positions Related to ROSAS and DOJ Settlement	0.0	\$26.1
C	Concealed Carry Weapons Staffing Request	0.0	\$2.4
	Unfunded Overtime Total	0.0	\$35.2
IV	Necessary Safety Equipment		
A	Taser Program - Court Services	0.0	\$1.6
B	Taser Program - Specialized Division	0.0	\$1.3
C	Additional Police Training Ammunition & Weapons Budget	0.0	\$1.1
D	Portable Radio Battery Replacement	0.0	\$0.4
E	Patrol Fire Equipment SCBA Packs Replacement	0.0	\$0.8
	Necessary Safety Equipment Total	0.0	\$5.2
V	Consent Decree Requests		
A	Custody Professional Staff	77.0	\$10.9
B	Fire Equipment SCBA Packs Replacement	0.0	\$4.5
C	CSS Wristband Scanners, Privacy Curtains, Licenses, UPS Batteries, and Security Check	0.0	\$3.2
D	Additional Technology Staff to Support Custody Infrastructure Upgrades	13.0	\$3.8
	Consent Decree Requests Total	90.0	\$22.4
VI	AV DOJ Compliance		
A	AV DOJ Community Survey	0.0	\$0.6
B	Technology Assessment	0.0	\$0.3
C	Use of Force Team: Investigator	1.0	\$0.3
	AV DOJ Compliance Total	1.0	\$1.2

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
FY 2024-25 BUDGET PRIORITIES - FINAL CHANGES**

#	Title	Positions	NCC (Millions)
VII	Future Planning / Upcoming Major Events		
A	Organizational Assessment	0.0	\$0.5
	Future Planning / Upcoming Major Events Total	0.0	\$0.5
VIII	Information Technology Needs		
A	Custody Radio Maintenance	0.0	\$1.1
B	VMWARE Hardware Replacement	0.0	\$3.7
C	Veritas NetBackup Hardware Upgrade	0.0	\$0.5
D	Zetron Routers and Switches	0.0	\$0.5
E	Information Technology Staff to Maintain Operations	14.0	\$3.7
	Information Technology Needs Total	14.0	\$9.5
IX	Board Motions		
A	Additional Captain based on COC Recommendation	3.0	\$1.7
B	17 Body Scanner Replacement	0.0	\$4.8
C	Overtime Related to Additional Body Scanner Operators	0.0	\$11.4
D	Body Scanner Replacement at PDC South Facility - Visitor Area	0.0	\$0.1
E	Thermal Undergarment	0.0	\$1.5
F	Appropriation Backfill behind Telephone Revenue Loss	0.0	\$26.9
	Board Motions Total	3.0	\$46.4
X	Helicopters		
A	Aero Maintenance Needs	2.0	\$14.3
B	Six Patrol Helicopter Replacement	0.0	\$4.6
	Helicopters Total	2.0	\$18.9
	Department Priorities Total	123.0	\$221.9



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May 21, 2024

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
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Dear Supervisors:

PUBLIC DEFENDER FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 UNMET NEEDS

The Department's Fiscal Year 2024-25 budget request is in-line with Board priorities, including Care First, Jails Last, Justice Reform, Anti-Racism, Homeless Initiative, and Alternatives to Incarceration. The Department's budget request also supports the County's Department of Justice Compliance initiative.

In Los Angeles County, incarcerated indigent people facing criminal charges do not get out of custody without zealous advocacy by the Public Defender. This statement is echoed by a vast body of research, including a study recently conducted by the University of Illinois at Chicago (2021), which concluded "...that felony defendants in counties with higher public defender and support staff caseloads are more likely to be detained pretrial and that felony defendants in counties with smaller support staff caseloads receive shorter incarceration sentences." A properly resourced Public Defender Office will improve client outcomes in the local criminal legal system, reducing length of stay in jail with the goal of closing Men's Central Jail, and foster healthier and more resilient LA County communities.

The Department's unmet budget needs include ongoing funding for the following program areas:

- **Felony Trial Attorneys.** Deputy Public Defender IV positions to assist offset the increase in highly complex felony cases, including homicides.
- **Legal Support Staff.** Paralegal and legal office support positions to provide critical support for attorneys to improve attorney to legal support staff ratios, which assists offset attorney workloads and improves client outcomes.

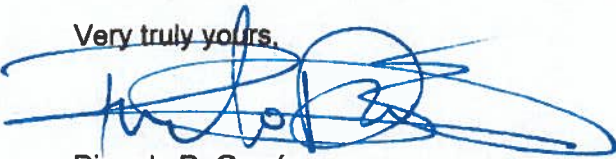
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- **Juvenile Mental Health Services.** Psychiatric Social Worker positions to provide critical mental health support and treatment plans to youth clients to foster a rehabilitative model of care and reduce the risk of future contact with the criminal legal system.
- **Data Analytics & Technology Support:** Data Analysis and IT positions to advance business process efficiencies, enhance data collection, analytics, and transparency initiatives, and provide adequate support to business systems, including the department's state-of-the-art Client Case Management System.
- **Administrative Staff.** Administrative positions to support the growing personnel needs of the organization, including to facilitate job exams to fill vacancies, provide support to employees with disabilities and meet legal requirements, perform classification and compensation studies, and assist with facility space planning and management.
- **Post-Bar Law Clerks:** Sr. Law Clerk positions to support the department's Post-Bar Law Clerk Program, which serves as an effective tool for recruiting diverse candidates and serves as a talent hiring pipeline for entry-level attorney positions.

We appreciate the Board's continued support, and time and consideration of this matter.

If you require additional information, please contact me, or your staff may contact Justine Esack, Chief Deputy at (213) 974-0318.

Very truly yours,



Ricardo D. García
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Dear Supervisors:

FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 BUDGET - UNMET NEEDS

In accordance with instructions from the Chief Executive Office, I am submitting the Department of Treasurer and Tax Collector's (TTC) Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 unmet needs.

The following are our two most critical and highest priorities to continue providing services:

SHORT-TERM RENTALS

Your Board approved the Short-Term Rentals ordinance for the County's Unincorporated areas on April 9, 2024. The TTC is tasked with administering this new program and has requested 6.0 new positions and related Services and Supplies in our Final Changes submission. There is no Net County Cost (NCC) associated with this request as funding for FY 2024-25 has been set aside in a Provisional Financing Uses and Consumer Protection Neighborhood Enforcement Team funding.

TREASURY MANAGEMENT EXPENSE

In FY 2023-24, the TTC implemented a new File Transfer System to support Treasury operations. Therefore, for FY 2024-25, the TTC is requesting an increase in appropriation for Services and Supplies of \$223,000, for the on-going costs of the new File Transfer System and an increase in revenue to fully offset the costs. This appropriation adjustment does not result in any NCC.

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Should you have any questions, please contact me directly or your staff may contact
Vibiana Navarro, Administrative Deputy, at (213) 974-2176 or vnavarro@ttc.lacounty.gov.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Elizabeth B. Ginsberg". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Elizabeth" and the last name "Ginsberg" clearly legible. The middle initial "B." is written in a smaller, more compact style.

ELIZABETH BUENROSTRO GINSBERG
Treasurer and Tax Collector

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c: Chief Executive Officer



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From: Rafael Carbajal
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**DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER & BUSINESS AFFAIRS FISCAL YEAR
2024-25 UNMET NEEDS REQUEST**

This memo outlines the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs' additional unmet needs that were not submitted as part of the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Recommended Budget Request.

Subsequent to submitting our Recommended Budget Request, the Department identified additional unmet needs that will continue to strengthen and enhance our ongoing commitment to carrying out activities in support of the Department's mission, strategic initiatives, and advancing Board priorities such as Homelessness.

These critical needs cumulatively account for an additional Gross Appropriation of \$3.070 million and 4.0 budgeted positions. The Net County Cost impact is \$88,000.

The additional unmet needs, as part of the FY 2024-25 Final Changes Budget Request process, are as follows:

- **Rental Housing Habitability Program (RHHP).** Increase of \$258,000 in Salary and Employee Benefits appropriation for 2.0 positions and \$333,000 in appropriation for Services and Supplies to support the Rental Housing Habitability Program (RHHP) and the Rent Stabilization and Tenant Protections Ordinance (RSTPO). The positions are offset with Intrafund Revenue from the Department of Public Health (DPH) and have no Net County Cost (NCC) impact.
- **Rental Escrow Account Program (REAP).** Increase of \$247,000 in appropriation for 2.0 positions and \$199,000 in appropriation for Services



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and Supplies to provide critical support for the Rent Escrow Account Program (REAP), including receiving and processing payments, preparing and reviewing escrow fund payment applications, compiling and reviewing accounting/financial reports, approving monthly invoices, reconciling payments, and other overhead costs related to the program. The positions are offset with revenue from the collected fees and have no Net County Cost (NCC) impact.

- **American Rescue Plan (ARP) Carryover** – Request to carry over \$1.945 million in American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds for Stay Housed LA, Healthy Food Kickstarter and Rent Relief programs, which will be used to support the ARP programs through Fiscal Year 2024-25.
- **American Rescue Plan (ARP)/Plan Z Carryover** – Request to carry over \$88,000 in American Rescue Plan (ARP) Plan Z funds for the Grants Financial Wellbeing and Wealth Building in Low Income and Immigrant Communities program.
- **IT Position Swap.** 1.0 Student Professional Worker, IT to address the need for IT support within the department, which also provides a career path for individuals who are interested in gaining experience in the IT field. This position is offset by a deletion of 1.0 Student Professional Worker I and Services & Supplies (S&S), which results in no net changes.

We appreciate the Board's continued support, time, and consideration of this matter.

Should you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Rafael Carbajal, Director, at (213) 974-0834.

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Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors
Edward Yen, Executive Officer
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street, Room 383
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Dear Edward:

LA COUNTY LIBRARY FY 2024-25 BUDGET REQUEST

On behalf of the LA County Library, I am submitting Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 Unmet Needs Request.

The Library's baseline operating budget reflects funding to maintain service hours across 86 libraries, serving a diverse population in unincorporated areas and incorporated cities within Los Angeles County. The Library's \$7.6 million unmet needs budget request funds mission critical library services, new and ongoing partnerships, and expanding initiatives aimed at enhancing information access and delivering vital programs to communities with limited resources.

The 2024-2025 Unmet Needs requests include the following:

1. Ongoing funding of \$5 million to address the Library's structural deficit and support its newly adopted strategic plan and service goals.
2. The evolution of a staffing model that reflects new positions having expertise in the areas of social work, security oversight, grants development, marketing and communications, administration, and program support geared towards at-risk youth.
3. Ongoing funding to address the budget reduction identified in the Governor's May Revised Budget that impact \$1.5 million funding for the Lunch at the Library and Library Services Act funding impacting current library programs for summer lunch program outreach and educationally based after-school tutoring assistance and online tutoring program.

4. Ongoing funding of \$0.5 million to sustain the My Brother's Keeper (MBK) program historically funded through collaborations with other county departments whose revenue sources have been reduced due to funding cuts.
5. Discretionary funding of \$0.6 million to support Claremont and Pico Rivera libraries that were redistricted from Supervisorial District 1.

In FY 2023-2024, the Library received and celebrated its acclaimed receipt of the 2023 National Medal of Honor for Museum and Library Services affirming its national leadership status in the development and implementation of effective and outcome-based programs that support our communities, and most importantly serving from an equity-based lens. In FY 2024-2025, our new five-year Strategic Plan places an increased focus on:

- (1) Expanding the library's eco-system through increased access to resources and renewed effort on literacy.
- (2) Increasing and advancing partnerships to broaden our network of resources.
- (3) Reimagining our workforce and professional development, and
- (4) Improving and increasing communication efforts to broaden customers' access to library resources.

We appreciate the Board's continued support to fund annual library services throughout Los Angeles County communities which aims to sustain the dedication to lifelong learning initiatives and maintain operations across LA County's 86 libraries.

Thank you in advance for considering our request.

Very best,



Skye Patrick
County Librarian

c: Fesia A. Davenport, Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors



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Jim Zenner
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May 23, 2024

TO: EDWARD YEN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

FROM: JIM ZENNER, DIRECTOR 
MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 CRITICAL UNMET NEEDS REQUEST

The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (Department) would like to present for consideration its critical unmet needs for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25. The critical needs identified in this memo supports the County's Homeless and Justice Reform initiatives and are essential to continue executing our mandate effectively and efficiently.

The Department serves over 230,000 veterans and their families in Los Angeles County and is working actively to augment resources and meet veterans where they are. Therefore, meaningfully expanding our services to serve homeless and justice-involved veterans to provide supportive services at various touch points, is an essential mission for our Department. Over the last ten months, the Department has increased its workforce capacity for direct services by 32 percent. To support this rapid growth and projected expansion of programs, it is critical that the Department also increases its administrative capacity to ensure business continuity and maintain the quality and efficiency of its service delivery. This administrative expansion support includes the following critical unmet needs:

- Bolster IT leadership by adding 1.0 Information Technology Supervisor to support the growth and expansion of programs and divisions, such as the new Homeless Services Division and Justice-Involved Veterans program, provide leadership and oversight of our IT Unit, and oversee the development of data sharing systems.
- Increase our Services and Supplies (S&S) budget by \$285,000 to support the increase in DHR shared services cost which has increased steadily over the last year. It is anticipated that this cost will surpass the \$350,000, while our current budget only supports \$65,000 annually.
- Add 1.0 Administrative Deputy to provide high-level leadership and oversight to the Administrative Services Branch. Effective leadership and oversight is crucial across pivotal administrative divisions like Human Resources, Finance, Information Technology, and Building.

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- The proposed advancement of Bob Hope Patriotic Hall's parking structure to include subsidized housing for homeless veterans, women veterans, and their dependents is a critical step in addressing service gaps. Homelessness among veterans is a pressing issue, and the provision of subsidized housing tailored specifically to their needs is an impactful solution.

The Department previously submitted this request through the Recommended Budget phase, but our request to increase our S&S to supplement DHR Shared Services cost has been denied, while the remainder of our request has been deferred.

The Department is committed to its mission and the Board's priorities and initiatives. We thank you in advance for your consideration of our Department's critical unmet needs request, which will be better equipped to fulfill its mandate and improve its service delivery.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (213) 765-9678 or your staff may contact Chief Deputy Director, Zuleyda Santana at (213) 574-8008 or via email at zsantana@mva.lacounty.gov.

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK

DEAN C. LOGAN
Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

May 24, 2024

TO: Edward Yen, Executive Officer
Board of Supervisors

FROM: Dean C. Logan *Dean*
Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 UNMET NEEDS

During the Final Changes Budget phase, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) directed the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk to defer \$88.075M of our unmet needs request to the Final Changes Budget phase. Our Fiscal Year 2024-25 includes \$566K of new Unmet Needs as follows:

• Ballot Processing Center (New Facility) Utilities Budget	\$ 432,000
• Rent Increases due to Consumer Price Index (CPI)	<u>134,000</u>
Total	\$ 566,000

If you have any questions, please contact me at (562) 462-2716 or email dlogan@rrcc.lacounty.gov. Your staff may also contact Diana Lam, Fiscal Operations Branch Manager, at (562) 462-2665 or email dlam@rrcc.lacounty.gov or Donna Pipkins, Budget Officer, at (562) 802-6143 or email dpipkins@rrcc.lacounty.gov.

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C: Anthony Baker, Budget Manager, CEO



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FROM: Christina R. Ghaly, M.D. 
Director

SUBJECT: **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES' UNMET
NEEDS REQUEST - FISCAL YEAR 2024-25**

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The Department of Health Services (DHS) requests your funding consideration of our Unmet Needs for Integrated Correctional Health Services (ICHS) and Health Services-Community Programs (HS-COMM PROGRAM) during the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Adopted Budget Deliberations, as summarized below in priority order. Please refer to Attachments A-1 and A-2 for the program description and cost estimate of each request.

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Priority No.	Programs	Number of Positions	Cost (\$ in Millions)
ICHS			
1	Addiction Medicine Services (AMS) - Substance Treatment and Re-Entry Transition (START) Telehealth	20.0	\$ -
2	Mobile Testing Lab Trailer at Inmate Reception Centers (IRC)	-	\$ 1.2
3	Pitches Detention Center (PDC) Mobile Lab	-	\$ 6.8
4	IRC Mobile Computed Tomography (CT) Scanner	-	\$ 2.0
5	Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) - Bed Realignment	16.0	\$ 3.7
6	Universal Screening, Treatment, and Vaccination	49.0	\$ 55.1
7	Pharmacy Services Expansion - Twin Towers Correctional Facility (TTCF)	21.0	\$ 4.9
8	AMS & Pharmacy - Methadone Services	19.0	\$ 3.6
Subtotal - ICHS		125.0	\$ 77.3
HS - COMM PROGRAM			
1	Misdemeanor Incompetent to Stand Trial (MIST)	2.0	\$ 0.5
2	Crisis Response Team (CRT)	-	\$ 1.5
3	ODR Harm Reduction Division, MacArthur Park Drop-In Center	-	\$ 0.4
4	Let Everyone Advance with Dignity / Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD)	-	\$ 8.5
5	Single Adult Model (SAM) Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)	-	\$ 0.6
6	1,000 Beds	-	\$ 0.5
7	Recuperative care centers (RCC) Staffing	2.0	\$ 0.3
Subtotal - HS-COMM PROGRAM		4.0	\$ 12.3
Total ICHS and HS-COMM PROGRAM		129.0	\$ 89.6

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The estimated fiscal impact of these unmet needs totals \$89.6 million in appropriation, including an increase of 129.0 positions.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

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Attachments

c: Chief Executive Office
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County of Los Angeles - Department of Health Services
Unmet Needs
FY 2024-25 Final Changes (FNC)
(\$ in millions)

Integrated Correctional Health Services (ICHS)						Cost		
Priority No.	Program	Description	FTEs	\$&EB	\$&S	Total		
1	Addiction Medicine Services (AMS) - Substance Treatment and Re-Entry Transition (START) Telehealth	To request 20.0 positions and realign AB 109 approved funding for the facility's AMS to expand START program to encompass telehealth in the correctional setting. Providing START Substance Use Disorder (SUD) treatment access and healthcare to all inmates across six (6) functioning facilities can be easily facilitated through telehealth services. SUD telehealth services will allow for in-custody population to have more timely access to treatment services and reentry linkage upon discharge.	20.0	\$ 3.0	\$ (3.0)	\$ -		
2	Mobile Testing Lab Trailer at Inmate Reception Centers (IRC)	The facility is requesting a mobile stat lab to provide diagnostic support for the new DOJ expansion at PDC. Currently, the inmate expansion does not have the lab support and all specimens are sent offsite to Quest with the fastest turnaround time being 8-10 hours. Having a mobile lab available for testing will expedite clinical treatment, including but not limited to, diagnostic testing and medical treatment of all inmates, including medical inmates transferred to PDC on July 31, 2023. This is also part of the agreement satisfies the conditions of the DOJ 69 Settlement Agreement to improve the condition in County jails related to care for of mentally ill inmates. This agreement will be limited to a two (2) year maximum term.	-	\$ -	\$ 1.2	\$ 1.2		
3	Pitches Detention Center (PDC) Mobile Lab	The facility is working to decrease costs associated with providing medical services to its patients by reducing the cost of support severances required to treat inmate patients. The PDC location is 44 miles from the downtown campus where lab testing can be performed, and ICHS' offsite vendor takes 3-7 business days to process lab samples. To reduce the cost associated with using an office vendor and expedite clinical care for the growing population at PDC, the facility is requesting funding to place a mobile lab onsite at PDC. The existing corrections healthcare model is not efficient and requires use of both ICHS and Sheriff's resources. This change will parallel more for traditional diagnostics services provided to patients by providing onsite internal testing that delivers scalability in a controlled environment, is something that benefits the County and population immensely.	-	\$ -	\$ 6.8	\$ 6.8		
4	IRC Mobile Computed Tomography (CT) Scanner	To request a mobile CT scanner to be placed outside of the IRC to accommodate the recent reduction of services previously provided by Los Angeles General Medical Center (LA GENERAL). Due to service reductions, LA GENERAL is no longer able to accommodate ICHS patients and other DHS facilities do not have the capacity to absorb ICHS' population. The physical plant of the jails is unable to accommodate adding a CT scanner within any of its buildings. Moreover, transporting inmates to private organizations or private hospitals is very expensive and requires a large coordination effort for security of custody environments.	-	\$ -	\$ 2.0	\$ 2.0		
5	Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) - Bed Realignment	To request 16.0 positions to increase number of LPS licensed beds in ICHS. The lack of sufficient appropriately licensed acute beds to treat the severely mentally ill in Los Angeles County Jails has been an ongoing struggle and has been mentioned in the civil lawsuit against Los Angeles County that is being monitored by the Department of Justice (DOJ).	16.0	\$ 3.6	\$ 0.1	\$ 3.7		
6	Universal Screening, Treatment, and Vaccination	To request 49.0 positions, including laboratory tests, pharmaceutical drugs, and computer equipment for the utility of universal opt out screening for Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs), viral Hepatitis, Tuberculosis (TB), Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), and vaccination. This can be an effective strategy to decrease morbidity amongst individuals who are incarcerated and to reduce transmission of communicable diseases in the larger communities after release. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released recommendations for correctional and detention settings for the testing, vaccination, and treatment for HIV, Viral Hepatitis, TB and STIs.	49.0	\$ 8.0	\$ 47.1	\$ 55.1		
7	Pharmacy Services Expansion - Twin Towers Correctional Facility (TTCF)	To request 21.0 positions for the facility's Pharmaceutical Services to expand its services to the TTCF to help with timely access to medication therapy. In addition, this is to establish a centralized automated dispensing cabinet to ease the nursing workload by localizing dispensing and distributing medication to all the units within the facilities. This request will assist with shortages that the facility is experiencing and allowing more time for nursing staff involved in patient care. The switch shall also improve accuracy, reduce in medication waste/loss, and reduction on potential medication errors. Additionally, the Pharmacy department is increasingly more involved in the clinical aspect of medication therapy via promoted collaborative practice agreements with physicians to initiate, adjust, modifying medication therapy to achieve optimizing medication efficacy, improve outcomes and minimize adverse drug effects. Centralizing the pharmacy and its operations shall allow for minimizing the time for patients to access the care and assisting physicians to see more patients in their practice and reducing waiting time for patients to be seen in the clinic. Overall, as it has shown for \$1 spent to expand pharmaceutical services, there will be a Return on Investment of \$4 on cost savings in addition to optimizing of care and optimizing patient safety, and improving compliance to meet regulatory agencies demands.	21.0	\$ 3.9	\$ 1.0	\$ 4.9		
8	AMS & Pharmacy - Methadone Services	To request 19.0 positions for the facility's AMS and Pharmacy to expand medication for Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) to include methadone which is one of three medications approved by the Food and Drug Administration for treatment of OUD. This request will provide the necessary resources to effectively serve our patient population and ensure regulatory compliance with the American Disability Acts.	19.0	\$ 2.8	\$ 0.8	\$ 3.6		
Subtotal - ICHS			125.0	\$ 21.3	\$ 56.0	\$ 77.3		

County of Los Angeles - Department of Health Services
Unmet Needs
FY 2024-25 Final Changes (FNC)
(\$ in millions)

Health Services-Community Programs (HS-COMM PROGRAM)						
Priority No.	Program	Description	Cost			
			FTEs	\$&EB	\$&S	Total
1	Misdemeanor Incompetent to Stand Trial (MIST)	The MIST program diverts individuals who are facing misdemeanor charges and are found incompetent to stand trial into community residential settings to restore them to competency. The community settings are tailored to meet the clinical and social needs of the individuals. The FY 2024-25 Recommended Budget includes \$10.9M on-going AB 109 funding to support 203 beds. The request of \$0.5M in Salary & Employee Benefits is for 1.0 FTE Health Program Analyst III and 1.0 FTE Health Program Analyst II. They will oversee the planning, implementation, and daily program operations, and will work with County departments and community organizations to gain and ensure cooperation in achieving program goals and objectives.	2.0	\$ 0.5	\$ -	\$ 0.5
2	Crisis Response Team (CRT)	This proposal is to establish a CRT team who will respond to community crisis with non-violent intervention and a hands-off policy to de-escalate disruptive behaviors and prevent further escalation. CRT focuses on the care, welfare, safety, and security of staff and the clients in their care with evidence-based de-escalation and crisis prevention approaches. The CRT will also consist of an in-house trainer who will provide training for the CRT staff, which is critical in serving ODR clients who are often suffering from serious mental illness. Total request is \$1.5M for contract staffing costs in the amount of \$1.4M and services and supplies in the amount of \$0.1M.	-	\$ -	\$ 1.5	\$ 1.5
3	ODR Harm Reduction Division, MacArthur Park Drop-In Center	The expansion of the MacArthur Park Harm Reduction Drop-In Center is to add a community respite area for people who experience homelessness, use drugs, engage in sex work and/or have justice system involvement to have a safe place to rest, relax and recuperate, engage in community activities and gain access to health, SUD treatment, mental health and other service linkages. Funds will be used to support the community contractor's staffing and operational costs. The request is for on-going funding.	-	\$ -	\$ 0.4	\$ 0.4
4	Let Everyone Advance with Dignity / Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD)	<p>To request \$0.2M on-going funding to cover the gap for training for the LEAD program. The training classes are available for each site contingent on needs + 10% admin. In FY 2023-24, the total expense for training is \$0.3M and the approved AB 109 funding is \$0.1M, resulting in a gap of \$0.2M.</p> <p>To request \$0.7M on-going funding for 100 ICMS slots previously funded by DOJ grants set to expire on September 30, 2024. ODR plans to request Care First Community Investment (CFCI) funding to cover the 100 slots. If the request for CFCI funding is approved by JCOD & CEO, ODR will not require additional AB 109 funding.</p> <p>To request \$1.1M on-going funding for referral coordinators for Intensive Case Management Services (ICMS) agencies. Referral Coordinators receive referrals from law enforcement and are essential for ICMS capacity to ramp up quickly. ODR will request CFCI funding to cover 3.0 Referral Coordinators totaling \$0.4M. If the request for CFCI funding is approved by JCOD & CEO, ODR will not require additional AB 109 funding.</p> <p>To request \$6.0M for 200 Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) slots to align with LEAD ICMS expansion plan as LEAD currently does not have enough PSH slots to fund ICMS slots.</p> <p>To request \$0.2M to hire 1.0 Health Program Analyst II through the Heluna work order to provide program management and case consultation, track PSH slots, and collect/report on program metrics.</p> <p>To request \$0.3M for 1.0 Deputy District Attorney III from the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office to coordinate with LEAD programs across the County and assist with legal navigation.</p>	-	\$ -	\$ 8.5	\$ 8.5
5	Single Adult Model (SAM) Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)	SAM is a permanent housing program for single adults in partnership with the Department of Public and Social Services, the Department of Mental Health (DMH), and HFH. Clients receive ICMS and rental subsidies through DHS, and mental health services through DMH. The current ongoing costs exceed funding by \$0.6M.	-	\$ -	\$ 0.6	\$ 0.6
6	1,000 Beds	On May 2, 2023, the Board of Supervisors instructed ODR to report back with a ramp up plan to increase the number of ODR slots by 1,000 in order to address the mental health needs of those in County jails. ODR plans to ramp up the 1,000 slots over 18 months starting in June 2025. The request of \$0.5M will support the costs of ICMS in the amount of \$0.1M, interim house in the amount of \$0.2M, and temporary contract staff costs in the amount of \$0.2M .	-	\$ -	\$ 0.5	\$ 0.5
7	Recuperative care centers (RCC) Staffing	RCC are located on DHS hospital campuses and other settings and provide short-term care for individuals recovering from an acute illness or injury or who have conditions that would be exacerbated if they are not in stable interim housing with medical and mental health oversight. HFH has funding in its budget to operate these facilities, but not to provide the required programmatic and facilities oversight. About 2.0 FTE are dedicated to these sites, including 1.0 Staff Analyst to oversee the program, 0.5 FTE Manager I, Facilities Operations and Crafts and 0.5 FTE Staff Assistant I to provide facilities management.	2.0	\$ 0.3	\$ -	\$ 0.3
Subtotal - HS-COMM PROGRAM			4.0	\$ 0.8	\$ 11.5	\$ 12.3
Total ICMS and HS-COMM PROGRAM			129.0	\$ 22.1	\$ 67.5	\$ 89.6



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

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Norma E. García-González, Director

Alina Bokde, Chief Deputy Director

May 24, 2024

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 UNMET NEEDS REQUEST

I am submitting the Department of Parks and Recreation's (DPR) FY 2024-25 Unmet Needs request for critical programs and services offered by the Department.


Operating Budget

1. Our SPOT (Social Places and Opportunities for Teens) and Everybody Plays: Increase appropriation and revenue by \$2,624,000, funded by the Probation Department, and a State grant, to further support positive youth development.
2. Environment, Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (ESTEAM) Camps: Increase appropriation and revenue by \$747,000, funded by various revenue, to provide eight-week ESTEAM camps at 23 parks, supporting the development of school-age BIPOC youth.
3. Senior and Older Adult Programs and Activities: Increase appropriation and revenue by \$1,599,000 to fund programs and activities for seniors in unincorporated LA County, contributing to their overall wellbeing.
4. Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Prevention and Early Intervention Services: Increase appropriation and Intrafund Transfers by \$5,000,000, funded by the Department of Mental Health, for DPR to administer and deliver MHSA Prevention and Early Intervention Services.
5. Funding for Board-Approved Reclassifications: Increase appropriation and revenue by \$182,000 to fund the upward reclassification for 1.0 Regional Park Superintendent I and 2.0 Administrative Services Manager I.
6. Judgments and Damages: Increase appropriation and Net County Cost from the Judgments and Damages budget by \$1,000,000 to fund a settlement agreement.

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If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (626) 588-5373 or your staff may contact Malou Rubio, Administrative Deputy, at (626) 588-5293.

Sincerely,


Norma E. García-González
Director

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Dear Supervisors:

FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 UNMET NEEDS REQUEST

The Parks and Recreation Commission continues to appreciate the Board of Supervisors' (Board) recognition of the endless positive impact that park facilities and programming have on the communities we all serve. The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) provides critical recreation programs for vulnerable and systems-involved youth and adults.

DPR's highest priorities in its Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 Budget Request supports critical needs in alignment with Board priorities to address park safety, connecting vulnerable populations with a care first approach to wrap-around services and unincorporated area programming as part of a first care approach serving children and families.

As the Board deliberates the FY 2024-25 Budget, we urge the Board to support DPR's request to utilize ongoing revenue to support DPR's highest priorities in the amount of \$4.489 million for the following:

1. Staffing for Nighttime Closures at Park Facilities - \$2.380 million ongoing (31.0 positions; 138 ordinances)
2. Case Workers for Homeless, Mental Health and Social Services - \$409,000 (4.0 positions)
3. Unincorporated Youth and Adaptive Sports, Cultural Events and Specialty Programming - \$1.7 million

We appreciate your time and consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



Kurt Cabrera-Miller
Parks and Recreation Commission Chair

TLB:cb

- c: Chief Executive Officer (F. Davenport)
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors (E. Yen)
Park Deputies (G. Duran-Medina, F. Lopez, M. Chong-Castillo, R. Fox,
D. Gonzalez, S. Nemer)



MARCO SAENZ
DIRECTOR

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May 24, 2024

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Los Angeles, CA. 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**PUBLIC DEFENDER - INDEPENDENT DEFENSE COUNSEL OFFICE
Fiscal Year 2024-2025 UNMET NEEDS**

The Public Defender - Independent Defense Counsel Office's (IDCO) Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget is aligned with Board priorities, including Alternatives to Incarceration, and providing legal representation to all justice-involved individuals who cannot be represented by the Public Defender and Alternate Public Defender due to conflicts of interest. Moreover, IDCO supports the County's Department of Justice Compliance initiative, and elevates the Board's commitment to implementing the Community Assistance, Recovery and Empowerment (CARE) Act by providing legal representation to all CARE Court respondents. IDCO's unmet budget needs include ongoing funding for the following program areas:

- **CARE Court.** Coordinating attorney and administrative positions to provide oversight and support for daily operations of the CARE Court panel of contracted attorneys.
- **Office Lease Request.** Ongoing funding for office space to accommodate IDCO program staff and operation requirements.

We appreciate the Board's continued support, time, and consideration of this matter. If you require additional information, please contact me at (213) 696-7493.

Very truly yours,

Marco A. Saenz

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IDCO Program Director

"Vigorously protect and defend the rights, liberties, and dignity of indigent clients."



DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

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LISA H. WONG, Psy.D.
Director

Curley L. Bonds, M.D.
Chief Medical Officer

Connie D. Draxler, M.P.A.
Acting Chief Deputy Director

May 24, 2024

Mr. Jeff Levinson, Interim Executive Officer
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Dear Mr. Levinson:

DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH ADDITIONAL PRIORITIES FOR BUDGET YEAR 2024-25

In accordance with Government Code Section 29064(b), I am writing to formally submit the following priorities for inclusion in the public record so these requests may be considered during the Budget Year (BY) 2024-25 deliberations:

Children's Community Care Village - \$26.1M

This project intends to test the efficacy of a continuum of mental health care model for children ages 5 to 12 and on-site interim housing for families of clients in one location, thereby allowing children to receive the appropriate level of care in the right setting at the right time without the barriers to housing and transportation that may contribute to missed appointments and/or the inability to seek care.

Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative - \$0.6M

Department of Mental Health (DMH) was awarded Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative Grant funding for the Dialectical Behavior Training program to establish a learning network in collaboration with the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and Probation. Grant funds will enable DMH to train on evidence-based practices, promising practices, community defined evidence practices, and changes to the prevention and early intervention programs.

Position Related - \$ 5.0M

- Contracts Monitoring and Management requests a position in response to workload increases.

- Housing Division Measure H requests positions to staff the Measure H Coordinate Pillar for the Coordinated Entry System. Incumbents will provide high-level administrative and clinical support to support case conferencing, data and reporting needs, and service coordination.
- Housing Division requests more appropriate positions to respond to analytical responsibilities related to housing programs.
- Health Access Integration requests positions for key personnel to support and coordinate mental health services with Managed Care Plans based on the Reporting Out Letter dated January 11, 2024, Mid-Year Budget Allocation.
- Harbor UCLA Outpatient Psychiatry requests more appropriate positions to competitively recruit students for the postdoctoral residency program. Training is offered in four emphasis areas that are each assigned to 1-2 DMH Supervising Psychologists or Clinical Psychologist II's as faculty members. The emphasis areas are Adult Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Behavioral Medicine, Child and Adolescent Psychology, and Community Treatment/Trauma.
- Psychiatric Mobile Response Team requests positions to provide follow-up and referral for all crisis calls.
- Childrens' Intensive Mental Health Program (SAMHSA AB 3015) requests a more appropriate position to respond to program needs.

Other County Departments - \$9.0M

- Public Defender will partner with DMH to create a dedicated team of community-based medical and social work professionals to expedite court-ordered mental health evaluations of diversion eligible pre-trial detainees. Goals and outcomes of this collaboration may include the reduction of a lengthy court processes, an increase in linkage to treatment in the community thus decreasing the jail mental health population and ensuring public safety.
- DCFS will partner with DMH to pilot the Child and Family Team program. This program will support youth and parent advocates promote placement stability; increase the number of children/youths staying with family members; promote family wellbeing; and decrease placement disruptions. Additionally, this pilot aims to enhance access to care across ethnically, racially, and otherwise diverse communities that have been historically underserved or unserved. The pilot will support the family/relative caregiver systems' ability to manage stress, self-regulate and support placement stabilization.

Mr. Jeff Levinson
May 24, 2024
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DMH is not requesting net County cost for these priorities. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request. I can be reached at (213) 947-6670, or your staff may contact Connie D. Draxler, Acting Chief Deputy Director, at (213) 738-4926, or by email at CDraxler@dmh.lacounty.gov, or Sara Lee Dato, Finance Manager, at (213) 947-6225, or by email at SLDato@dmh.lacounty.gov.

Sincerely,

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Lisa H. Wong, Psy.D.
Director

LHW:CDD:SLD:mp

c: Erika Bonilla
James Sokalski
Ani Sahakian



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111 NORTH HILL STREET
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Superior Court of California *County of Los Angeles*

May 23, 2024

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Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
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Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: TRIAL COURT OPERATIONS BUDGET ADDITIONAL PRIORITIES FOR BUDGET YEAR 2024 - 2025

Dear Mr. Yen:

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Upon review of the professional appointee compensation rates and to ensure a fair and equitable compensation structure and efficient fiscal planning, the Court intends to implement a 10% rate increase. The Consumer Price Index of All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) was used as a reasonable tool to gauge potential wage increases. Once approved the budget need will amount to \$1.7M.

If you require additional information regarding this request, please contact Christine Padilla, Finance Director at (213) 314-8709.

Sincerely,

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Jeremy D. Cortez
Chief Deputy, Finance & Administration

c: David Slayton, Executive Officer/Clerk of Court, Los Angeles Superior Court

May 23, 2024

Mr. Yen, Executive Officer

Additional Priorities for Budget Year 2024 - 2025

Christine Padilla, Finance Director, Los Angeles Superior Court



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David W. Slayton
Executive Officer / Clerk of Court

c: Jeremy D. Cortez, Chief Deputy Finance and Administration, Los Angeles Superior Court
Christine Padilla, Finance Director, Los Angeles Superior Court



Trans, Gender Expansive, and Intersex (TGI) Wellness, Equity, and Care Coordination Programs and Services

While the Board of Supervisors has directed through various motions and initiatives the inclusion of Trans, Gender Expansive, and Intersex (TGI) communities and county residents, it is imperative to further address the needs of TGI populations in resources, programs and funding allocation and implementation. LA County's Chief Executive Officer can align the Board of Supervisors's Recommended Budget to address the specific needs of TGI communities through a **\$7 million funding allocation** towards an *equitable investment in care not criminalization* throughout LA County and across all departments.

With an additional \$3 million funding allocation from the City of Los Angeles Council and Mayor's office, this **historic \$10 million investment** in TGI-led and TGI-serving community based organizations is a crucial step to continue advancing equity and align with other local initiatives towards a more inclusive County and City. These community-led budget advocacy priorities will fund the coordination and linkage to care of county services and build the capacity of TGI-led organizations and system-impacted communities.

Unmet Needs

In addition to working with the budget deputies and offices of the Supervisors, TGI communities continue meeting with various Department Directors to include this initiative as an unmet need with interdepartmental coordination and collaboration towards these programs and services. Some of the current partnering departments include, but are not limited to: DPH, ARDI, JCOD, DHS, DMH, DEO, DYD, and others to be added.

Over the last 5 years, TGI leaders and community-based organizations continue engaging in various initiatives towards a more inclusive and equitable LA County; ARDI, CFCI, PSRT, GRAC, JCIT, SOGIE, LGBTQ+ Commission, and 2022's TGI Needs Assessment motion. Yet community members and county residents continue to be overrepresented in carceral systems and institutions and face barriers and lack of coordination when attempting to access county housing, health, and human services.

Projected LA County Funding Sources

\$2.5 million - Public Safety Realignment Team (AB 109) Funds. Care, violence prevention, and community investment.



\$2.5 million - Pretrial Services, Mental Health Beds. Divert funds to provide care instead of incarceration to TGI deepopulate TGI individuals from K6G, CRDF, LASD, and Probation custody

\$2 million - Net County Cost or CFCI funds* (adding to the 10% allocation mandated by Measure J and CFCI Board motions.)

Program Sample

From CDPH's Trans, Gender Nonconforming, and Intersex (TGI) Health and Wellness Fund

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/OHE/Pages/TGIUnit.aspx>

1.2. GRANT OVERVIEW

CDPH allocated \$6.08 million to fund programs authorized under Health and Safety Code (HSC) §150900 for TGI-Serving organizations with budgets that do not average more than \$1,000,000 per year over the past three (3) fiscal years. The goal of this grant is to support the development and expansion of services that are responsive to the needs of TGI communities in California and to increase the capacity of TGI-Serving organizations capable of providing these services.

EXAMPLES OF ALLOWABLE ACTIVITIES:

(1) Therapeutic Arts Programs, including but not limited to:

- a. Dancing (e.g., ballroom), b. Painting, c. Writing, d. Performing arts, e. Visual art
- f. Film and media, g. Storytelling

(2) Spiritual/Faith Based Care

(3) Cultural Organizing and/or Programming (e.g., Fa'afafine dance, Two-Spirit drum circles)

(4) Support Groups

(5) Supportive Housing Programs (see Health and Safety Code (HSC) §150900)

h. Case management, including but not limited to:

- i. Job placement assistance
- ii. Needs assessments
- iii. Crisis interventions



- i. Financial assistance, including but not limited to (e.g., paying for rent, coordinating mutual aid support)
- j. Assistance in receiving and utilizing housing vouchers
- k. Navigation centers, emergency housing, transitional housing
- l. Other Social Service Programs that provide stabilizing factors for those facing housing insecurity, including but not limited to:
 - i. Transportation Assistance
 - ii. Programs that supply basic needs (e.g., paying for basic needs items, first aid supplies, wound care items, menstrual products, provision of gender affirming accessories)
 - iii. Workplace development program (e.g., TGI specific certification or credentialing program), leadership development, education, life skills workshops.
 - iv. Support for name changes and gender markers
 - v. Securing safety for TGI individuals/Care team pod-mapping/Creating safety plans
 - 1. Physical safety teams
 - 2. Digital safety infrastructure-wise
 - 3. Self-defense classes
 - vi. Sex worker support/safety
- m. Education & training for healthcare providers to increase TGI culturally responsive care

CDPH recognizes that some of the activity examples may use overlapping multi-strategy approaches.

1.4. GRANT PRIORITY POPULATIONS

GHES is committed to prioritizing the needs of intersectional identities and recognizes the unique challenges individuals face at the crossroads of multiple marginalized identities. Applications that demonstrate a strong understanding and intentional approach toward addressing intersectionality among the priority populations will be given increased weight during the assessment process. All applications must address at least one (1) of the following TGI Fund priority populations:

- (1) Black, Indigenous, and other People of Color (BIPOC) TGI Californians
- (2) TGI Californian children and youth
- (3) TGI Californians with disabilities



- (4) Geographically isolated TGI Californians
 - a. Including those physically separated or with limited access to resources, services, and opportunities due to remote location or lack of transportation options
- (5) Economically vulnerable TGI Californians
 - a. Including unhoused people and individuals engaged in survival economies
- (6) Legally vulnerable TGI Californians
 - a. Including immigrants, undocumented individuals, unhoused people, currently and formerly incarcerated people, youth engaged in and recently transitioned from the foster care systems, and sex workers

All program grant applicants are required to center TGI populations within proposed projects on the cited priority populations. CDPH encourages programs to address specific sub-populations, acknowledging that some population definitions, such as Asian and Pacific Islander (API), are too broad to effectively address shared experiences.



**PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD
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HOLLY J. MITCHELL
LINDSEY P. HORVATH
JANICE HAHN
KATHRYN BARGER

Correspondence Received

The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:			
Agenda #	Relate To	Position	Name Comments
BUDM-2.		Favor	Byron Jose In addition to engaging Trans, Gender Expansive, and Intersex residents and constituents towards an equitable \$7 million community investment, the TransLatin@ Coalition is a steering member of Re-Imagine LA Coalition and co-chair of Immigrants Are LA Coalition. This political education, coalition-building, and community engagement work is aligned towards a Care First Budget and immigrant-inclusive programs and services.



May 13, 2024

**Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office
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RE: Continuation of LA County Small Business Legal Aid Program

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Inclusive Action for the City is writing in strong support of continuing the LA County Small Business Legal Aid Program and maintaining its funding in order for small businesses to access free legal representation.



ARPA's priorities emphasize the need to support long-term growth in the communities benefited by ARPA. Assisting small business owners and entrepreneurs with their legal needs aligns with ARPA's mission as legal services help businesses start, scale, and stay open long-term. Further, the Program is critical to the success of countless other County initiatives, including economic mobility, worker ownership, community real estate ownership, street vending, and micro-enterprise home kitchen operations, which all necessitate legal assistance.

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We request that the Program be maintained through ARPA funds. The Program has greatly benefited our community and will have a long-term impact in LA County. If the Program is discontinued, it will irreparably harm our small business ecosystem and the County's efforts to advance economic opportunity.

Sincerely,

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Doug Smith
Senior Director, Policy and Legal Strategy



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Jennifer Cowan
Executive Director



LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF
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Pablo Ramirez, Esq.

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CEO



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SCORE Chapter Chair

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Senior Lead Community Organizer

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Pacific Asian Consortium in Employment (PACE) is writing in support of continuing the LA County Small Business Legal Aid Program and maintaining its funding in order for small businesses to access free legal representation. ARPA’s priorities emphasize the need to support long-term growth in the communities benefited by ARPA. Assisting small business owners and entrepreneurs with their legal needs aligns with ARPA’s mission as legal services help businesses start, scale, and stay open long-term. Further, the Program is critical to the success of countless other County initiatives, including economic mobility, worker ownership, community real estate ownership, street



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Sincerely,

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Executive Director



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Sincerely,

Randi Sunshine

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Natalie Miles Mullaney, Mullaey Family Child Care

Maria Amaro, Amaro Family Child Care
Oak Day Tree School
Angelica Rojas, Rojas Family Child Care
Marcel Douglas, Island Spice-Ting
Jennifer Laurent, LA Legal Assistant
Lidia Garcia Robles, Leo's Bakery
Carolyn Jerry, Jerry Family Child Care Facility Inc.
Jennifer Jackson, Dolled Up LLC
Infamous Incorporated, Angela Monique Frias
Milagros Serrano Ortiz, Benny's General Building Inc.
Rene Castaneda, Tacos los de le Esquina
Kathering Gantino, SOAPIFY LLC
Jair Davalos, Green Ocean Builders
Brenda Burgos, Burgos Family Child Care
Dulce Maria Martinez
Linda Makarians, Hang Loose Shaved Ice
Raven Kras, Kras Family Child Care LLC
Roxanne Hawkins, Simply Media Now
Rita Ortiz, Ortiz Consulting LLC
Cesar A. Benitez, Oasis Gourmet Aguas Frescas
Luis A. Hernandez, Trend Spot Gadgets LLC
Sandra R. Leonor, Tender Hearts Family Child Care, LLC
Nancy M. Baker, Auntie's Place Child Care
Mayra Rodriguez, Grooming Gentleman LLC
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Liana Austin, Discovery World Schools
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Kellie Knight
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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,
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Sincerely,

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Realty GIG Group
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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

Lilian Alger

Glowin' Up Personal & Business Advancement Agency
91504

May 14, 2024

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Sincerely,

Donovan Grant

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The legal assistance afforded to small businesses from LA County Small Business Legal Aid Program is vital in maintaining affordable early education and childcare for families. Affordability in early education and childcare is a contemporary crisis. Legal fees incurred by early education and childcare operators present a barrier to maintaining affordability, and we are incredibly appreciative to be able to access these services through public counsel. Importantly, funding for Public Counsel enables this critical sector to operate on a more level playing field, which is otherwise challenging in a low-margin industry. When there are health and safety concerns, leveling the playing field enables early education and childcare organizations to enforce their rights for the benefit of the children under its care, especially when larger entities with higher margins, such as landlords, are ignoring their duty.

At Public Counsel, the early education and childcare team have been impressively attentive to reviewing pressing landlord-tenant concerns and to ensuring compliance with new employment laws. Additionally, they have helped us understand local resources and discuss strategies that may avoid or reduce costly litigation. Their impact on our business has been greatly effective, and their time spent on each small business matter appears notably efficient.

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have been a constant source of support. Without their assistance, we could be forced to 1) significantly increase tuition, impacting affordability of childcare in the area, 2) close the center, which would negatively impact my employees, the children we care for, and all the working families that depend on our services, or 3) operate a deficient facility without means to enforce my leasehold rights, which would significantly affect health, safety, and quality over time. These adverse outcomes would have significant impacts on the community, especially and disproportionately those families with disadvantaged socioeconomic status. We are writing in support of continuing the Program and maintaining its funding in order for small businesses to access free legal representation. Bet Tzedek Legal Services and Public Counsel have both been providing free legal services to underserved communities in LA County for over 50 years. They are the only organizations in LA County that provide free legal services to small businesses. In fact, Public Counsel has specialized in providing free legal aid to child care providers since 1986. Their work advances racial and economic justice, and benefits business owners, their employees, and the community at large.

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Sincerely,

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Liana Austin
Discovery World Schools
90274

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Without the LA County Small Business Legal Aid Program, small businesses like ours would not have been able to obtain legal assistance. From legal services ranging from commercial leasing, contracts, permitting and licensing, business entity formation, intellectual property, employment law, and debt negotiation, many businesses have benefited from the services provided by Bet Tzedek Legal Services and Public Counsel.

We, as small businesses served by Bet Tzedek Legal Services and Public Counsel through the LA County Small Business Legal Aid Program, are writing in support of continuing the Program and maintaining its funding in order for small businesses to access free legal representation. Assisting small business owners and entrepreneurs with their legal needs helps businesses start, scale, and stay open long-term. Bet Tzedek Legal Services and Public Counsel have both been providing free legal services to underserved communities in LA County for over 50 years. They are the only organizations in LA County that provide free legal services to small businesses. Their work advances racial and economic justice, and benefits business owners, their employees, and the community at large.

We request that the Program be maintained. The Program has greatly benefited our community and will have a long-term impact in LA County. If the Program is discontinued, it will irreparably harm our small businesses and the County's efforts to advance economic opportunity.

Sincerely,

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The American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”) has delivered \$350 billion to state, territorial, local, and Tribal governments across the country to support their response to and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. Funding the LA County Small Business Legal Aid Program aligns with ARPA’s goals of building a strong, resilient, and equitable recovery by supporting long-term growth and opportunity in LA County.

In alignment with ARPA’s priorities, the Small Business Legal Aid Program has assisted in creating long-term growth by expanding economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income small business owners, many of whom are women and people of color. In two years, the Program has assisted with more than 1,000 small business matters related to legal issues such as commercial leasing, contracts, permitting and licensing, business entity formation, intellectual property, employment law, and debt negotiation. The Program has also provided educational programming, specifically over 45 webinars, trainings, and legal academies, on relevant and timely small business legal issues. Vibrant small businesses are a cornerstone of healthy and prosperous communities. In addition to being economic generators, small businesses provide a source of financial self-sufficiency for business owners as well as those that they employ. While small businesses play a vital role in our community, they often do not have the means to pay for legal assistance. By providing much-needed legal services, Bet Tzedek Legal Services and Public Counsel have ensured community-serving small businesses are successful and sustainable so they can continue contributing to economic development and job growth in LA County.

Bet Tzedek Legal Services is writing in support of continuing the LA County Small Business Legal Aid Program and maintaining its funding in order for small businesses to access free legal representation. ARPA’s priorities emphasize the need to support long-term growth in the communities benefited by ARPA. Assisting small business owners and entrepreneurs with their legal needs aligns with ARPA’s mission as legal services help



businesses start, scale, and stay open long-term. Further, the Program is critical to the success of countless other County initiatives, including economic mobility, worker ownership, community real estate ownership, street vending, and micro-enterprise home kitchen operations, which all necessitate legal assistance.

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We request that the Program be maintained through ARPA funds. The Program has greatly benefited our community and will have a long-term impact in LA County. If the Program is discontinued, it will irreparably harm our small business ecosystem and the County's efforts to advance economic opportunity.

Sincerely,
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Sincerely,
Julian Castillo
Maria Veronica Cerezo

Abe's Mini Market LLC
90262

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Sincerely,

Walter Cabrera

Walter Cabrera
The Optical Shop

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Sincerely,

Nadine Lee

Nadine Lee
Pas Boutique
91106

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Sincerely,

Kellie Knight

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Mighty Queendom Consulting, LLC
90220

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Sincerely,

Raven Kras

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Kras Family Child Care LLC
90405



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Re:: Request to Continue Funding for the LA Regional Small Business Legal Aid Program (Agenda Item #2 of May 15, 2024 Public Hearing on 2024-25 Recommended Budget and Revisions).

Dear Honorable Supervisors: We are requesting that the Board identify funding to continue the LA Regional Small Business Legal Aid Program, which offers free legal assistance and trainings to low-income entrepreneurs and small business owners, many of whom are women and people of color. Over the last two years, Public Counsel and Bet Tzedek Legal Services, in partnership with the County's Department of Economic Opportunity, have undertaken extensive outreach efforts to raise awareness of this program among historically underserved low-income small business owners. As a result of these efforts, the program is now providing essential legal services to hundreds of low-income small business owners each year. These business owners have historically had no access to legal assistance. **Unless funding is identified, the LA Regional Small Business Legal Aid Program will end** – leaving even fewer resources for struggling low-income business owners.

Founded in 1970, Public Counsel is a nonprofit public interest law firm dedicated to advancing civil rights and racial and economic justice, as well as to amplifying the power of our clients through comprehensive legal advocacy. Public Counsel's Community Development Project (CDP) strives to build healthy, inclusive, economically stable communities through the delivery of pro bono legal services to community-based coalitions, nonprofits, and small businesses in Los Angeles County. CDP also supports community led advocacy groups and community based organizations in their efforts to advance housing, racial, and economic justice and build power in low-income communities and communities of color.

Public Counsel advances economic opportunity by providing one-on-one legal support to low-income business owners, supporting inclusive entrepreneurship, and combating the criminalization of poverty. We assist low-income small business owners and entrepreneurs with the formation of legal entities; the drafting and evaluation of leases and contracts; employment law advice; negotiating debt, including commercial rent debt; business tax issues; and the filing of trademarks, copyrights, and patents. We are also the only legal services provider in Los Angeles County with a focus on providing free legal support to child care providers. In addition to providing legal representation to clients, we regularly provide trainings and publications on issues relevant to small business owners such as contracts, choosing a business entity, compliance with employment law, and intellectual property.

Public Counsel's small business clients are all low-income and most serve and employ individuals from underserved communities in Los Angeles. More than half are owned by people of color. Moreover, the child care businesses we serve are predominantly owned and operated by women of color who do not speak English as their first language. These populations have always needed legal help to form and run their businesses, without the means to afford it, but the pandemic has exacerbated this need.

As stated above, we are requesting that the County identify funding to continue the LA Regional Small Business Legal Aid Program. Through this program and in partnership with the County, Public Counsel and Bet Tzedek Legal Services have assisted with over 1,000 small business matters since 2022 as well as numerous legal trainings and clinics. Our services have helped entrepreneurs start and grow their small businesses. We have helped small businesses remain in their commercial spaces, negotiate debt, limit liability and exposure to risk, understand their rights and responsibilities, and protect their assets and ideas. This program helps entrepreneurs overcome the many challenges involved in opening and operating small businesses and is critical for supporting our County's small business infrastructure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ritu Mahajan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ritu" and last name "Mahajan" clearly distinguishable.

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BUDM-2.		Other	Monisha Parker	<p>Dear Fesia Davenport,</p> <p>I hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. I am writing to you today to discuss my recommended budget and revisions for Los Angeles County, with a focus on public safety, ending the homeless industrial complex, and making affordable housing more accessible.</p> <p>Firstly, I believe that the current budget for public safety needs to be increased. This is crucial to ensure the safety and well-being of our citizens. I recommend allocating additional funds to hire more police officers, firefighters, and emergency medical personnel. This will not only improve response times but also help to prevent crime and reduce the number of emergency situations.</p> <p>Secondly, I am deeply concerned about the homeless industrial complex in Los Angeles County. The current budget does not adequately address this issue, and I believe that more needs to be done to end this complex. I recommend reallocating funds from non-essential departments to invest in programs that provide housing, job training, and mental health services for the homeless population. By doing so, we can help these individuals get back on their feet and become productive members of society.</p> <p>Lastly, I feel that the budget for affordable housing in Los Angeles County needs to be significantly increased. The current budget does not provide enough resources to build and maintain affordable housing units, which is essential for low-income families and individuals. I recommend allocating more funds to this area, as well as investing in cost-saving initiatives such as energy-efficient building materials and sustainable design practices.</p> <p>Regarding the hiring freeze, I understand the need to cut costs, but I believe that the county budget was not reduced enough. I recommend reevaluating the budget to identify areas where further cuts can be made without compromising essential services. Additionally, I believe that the budget should be strengthened to invest in cost-saving initiatives, such as telecommuting and remote work options for county employees.</p> <p>In conclusion, I strongly believe that the budget revisions I have proposed will help to improve public safety, end the homeless industrial complex, and make affordable housing more accessible in Los Angeles County. I urge you to consider these recommendations and work towards implementing them in the upcoming budget.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.</p> <p>Sincerely, Monisha Parker</p>
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May 15, 2024

Hello, my name is Xochitl Cobarruvias with Labor Council for Latin American Advancement (LCLAA LA) District 1 and 2. I am writing in support of the Immigrants Are Los Angeles Coalition.

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Sincerely,
Xochitl Cobarruvias

LCLAA LA - 2130 W. James M. Wood Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90006

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Sincerely,
Andrea Noriega
(562) 777-5271

Hello, my name is Jessica Martinez with COFEM in Los Angeles, District 1. I am writing in support of the Immigrants Are Los Angeles Coalition.

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Sincerely,
Jessica Martinez

Hello, my name is Leticia Gomez with COFEM Consejo De Federaciones Mexicanas. I am writing in support of the Immigrants Are Los Angeles Coalition.

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Leticia Gomez.

Hello, my name is Rafael Fabian, with COFEM, Los Angeles city 90012]. I am writing in support of the Immigrants Are Los Angeles Coalition.

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Board of Supervisors,

Subject: Advocacy for Permanent Funding of Natural Area Programs

I am writing to you as a dedicated Los Angeles County Volunteer Docent Naturalist and as the Secretary for the San Dimas Canyon Nature Center. My role allows me to interact closely with our community and the natural spaces we are privileged to enjoy. It is from this vantage point that I wish to highlight the indispensable value of our county's natural area programs and advocate for their sustained support through permanent funding.

Personal Significance of Natural Area Programs

For me personally, the opportunity to work within these programs has been profoundly transformative. Engaging with nature and educating others about its importance not only deepens my connection to the environment but also reinforces my commitment to community service and environmental stewardship. This work is not just a duty; it is a passion that fulfills and inspires me daily. Participation in the program has helped me improve my mental health while dealing with a recently diagnosed chronic health condition. Being a leader in this community helped me to heal and find confidence in myself during this time of transition.

Impact of Natural Area Programs on Community and Environment

Our natural area programs play a crucial role in conserving biodiversity, educating the public about environmental preservation, and providing recreational opportunities that are accessible to all. These programs foster a sense of community and connectivity, bridging diverse groups through a shared commitment to safeguarding our environment.

Surge in Park Visitors Post-COVID-19

Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have witnessed a significant increase in the number of visitors to our parks. This surge underscores the community's growing appreciation of and reliance on these vital spaces for recreation, solace, and rejuvenation. It is a clear indicator of the public's need for continued and enhanced free access to well-maintained natural areas.

Mental Health and Wellness Benefits

The benefits of natural area programs extend beyond environmental education and conservation. Regular access to natural spaces has been shown to greatly improve mental health and wellness. In a world where mental health issues are increasingly prevalent, these programs offer a crucial, accessible solution that helps to alleviate stress, enhance mood, and improve overall physical health.

Call for Permanent Funding

Given the undeniable benefits these programs provide to both individuals and the community at large, I urge the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to ensure the future of these programs through permanent funding. Stable funding would not only secure the longevity of these programs but also allow for the expansion and enhancement of services that meet the growing public interest and need. In a time of financial challenges, I urge you to continue to fund opportunities to provide free access to these areas and programs.

I am grateful for your consideration of this vital issue and for your ongoing commitment to the health and well-being of our communities and natural environments. I am hopeful that together, we can continue to support and expand these invaluable resources which play such a pivotal role in the life of our community.

Thank you for your attention and support.

Sincerely,

Amanda Ramos

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Executive Summary

LA County's Men's Central Jail (MCJ) incarcerates far more people than it can handle. It has become known for its overcrowding, crumbling infrastructure, and inhumane living conditions. Mandates from the Department of Justice (DOJ) and input from community stakeholders have attempted to improve conditions, leading to the formation of a Jail Closure Implementation Team in 2020. Still, no significant action has been taken by the county. We recommend a large investment in rehabilitative and mental health services with a focus on decreasing recidivism. Furthermore, an emphasis on diversion from Men's Central Jail to handle the mental health needs of the incarcerated population would ease the burden of overpopulation in the jail. While these steps are being taken, we strongly recommend increased investment in basic necessities and improved hygienic living conditions.

Background

22-year-old John Horton, after spending a month at the MCJ for a drug possession charge, was found hanging from a noose in his cell on March 30, 2009. A fellow detainee reported that Horton was held in solitary confinement in a "dimly lit, windowless, solid-front cell the size of a closet."¹ The individuals at MCJ have been experiencing these conditions for decades, and yet, closure or reform of the jail has not occurred. Not only has MCJ failed to provide close to adequate conditions, but it has also greatly lacked resources for incarcerated individuals to increase their well-being before and after their release, including mental healthcare and rehabilitation.

According to Reverend Gary Williams, who had been to MCJ many times in the 2000s, "There's no such thing as rehabilitation in Men's Central Jail, [...] It cannot be rebuilt. It cannot be changed. It needs to be torn down."² Men's Central Jail, initially built in 1963, has long been Los Angeles's biggest jail facility. Inadequate conditions within have been reported for many decades now. The number of individuals with mental illness in the jail system has largely increased in the past decade, according to Los Angeles Sheriff's Department data; as of January 16th, 2024, 53.3% of MCJ's population suffers from mental illness. According to The Appeal, mentally ill incarcerated individuals housed in High Observance Housing (HOH) are chained to tables during the few hours that they are given out of their cell and made to wear tear-resistant "suicide gowns." There is also poor plumbing, excess garbage, and poorly lit cells. MCJ is over capacity and has "structural designs that complicate the ability of correctional staff to provide a safe and secure environment, interfere with the staffs' ability to monitor the status of the patient-inmate population clinically and create barriers that complicate the ability to meet the health care service needs of the individuals housed in these facilities."³

¹ ACLU of Southern California. "ACLU Releases Expert's Report on Nightmarish Conditions at Men's Central Jail in Los Angeles." *American Civil Liberties Union*, 13 Apr. 2009, www.aclu.org/press-releases/aclu-releases-experts-report-nightmarish-conditions-mens-central-jail-los-angeles.

² McCann, Sam. "'The County Jail Has Always Been a Murder Ground': Stories from Men's..." Vera Institute of Justice, www.vera.org/news/stories-from-mens-central-jail.

³ O'Connor, Meg, et al. "In La Jails, Mentally Ill People Are Chained to Tables and Rarely Get Psychiatric Care." *The Appeal*

MCJ is not designed to house people long-term. Despite this, some individuals have been living in MCJ for several decades. According to the Department of Health Services, five people with mental illness have been incarcerated there since 2000, and another 126 people with mental illness have been incarcerated for 5 to 10 years. Furthermore, the people experiencing mental health symptoms do not have access to mental health care and are not even living in the correct quarters. One in three incarcerated individuals in MCJ is on psychotropic medication (medication that treats mental illness) but still housed with the rest of the incarcerated population.⁴ This demonstrates the lack of adequate care, particularly for individuals with mental illnesses. Incarcerated individuals suffering from mental health issues are not provided the resources they need for their basic well-being.

However, it is not only those with mental illnesses suffering from the inhumane conditions at MCJ. Overcrowding has led to a myriad of issues that all incarcerated individuals at MCJ have been subject to. These include, but are not limited to, restricted access to basic necessities (food, water, blankets, mattresses, etc.), poor mental health care (due to a lack of funding), poor sanitary conditions (plumbing and hygiene issues), and insufficient rehabilitation services (limited access to soft skills training and educational opportunities)⁵. In addition, marginalized groups, including people of color and low-income individuals, have historically been incarcerated at disproportionate rates. Notably, they are often wrongfully imprisoned. According to the Prison Policy Initiative, Black individuals are 6 times more likely than white individuals to be incarcerated. Consequently, the negative effects of incarceration are disproportionately felt in these communities.

Issue Analysis:

The LA jail system was put under a legal settlement by the Department of Justice to address the inadequate mental health care being administered (2015). The county was required to provide people in high-observation housing (people considered severely mentally ill; have to be checked on every 15 minutes) with 10 hours of out-of-cell time per week and 10 hours of therapeutic programming per week. The DOJ monitor reported in September 2022 that “the county was not providing meaningful group therapy and inmates were not getting required out-of-cell time.”⁶ The county asked to push deadlines for meeting these requirements to 2026.

Since 2020, the Jail Closure Implementation Team has worked on reducing the jail population by 4,000. Other initiatives include: issuing citations instead of detention for misdemeanor, non-violent, and non-serious charges; aggressive pretrial release of individuals primarily charged with non-violent felonies; and increased access to diversion programs.

The Los Angeles County Justice Care and Opportunities Department released a jail closure update on January 30th, 2024. As part of their five-year jail closure plan, they are reducing the jail to 7,169 inhabitants. This depopulation would involve building 1,200 community beds per year by L.A. county, specifically for holding individuals as an alternative to

⁴ Ibid.

⁵ ACLU of Southern California. “ACLU Releases Expert’s Report”

⁶ O’Connor, Meg, et al. “In La Jails”

custody. The maximum time an individual would stay in these beds as a custody alternative would be one year; if their stay exceeds one year, they will be placed in programming not dedicated to custody alternatives. This would prove beneficial, as data has shown that individuals put in community beds decrease their annual recidivism rate from 40% to 10%. Other interventions, such as quicker pretrial releases and faster care processing could accelerate jail releases by 50%. Judges have found it safe to release an additional 7,000 people annually. Other factors that should be considered in implementing a safe and effective jail closure would be preventing increases in crime, bookings to the jail, and legislative changes that create lengthier punishments. Furthermore, relocating all specialized populations within MCJ to other current jail facilities, such as the Medical Observation Specialty Housing and single cells used for classification and discipline is key to the closure. There must also be a guarantee that custody space adjacent to the Inmate Reception Center will be found to comply with DOJ Settlement Agreements.

As reported in the annual Los Angeles County budget, despite having a \$43.4 billion budget, only \$1 million is allocated to diversion programs. In contrast, the Sheriff's department receives \$4 billion, and an additional \$1 billion is given to the probation department. Investing in diversion programs has the potential to significantly reduce the incarcerated population, providing mental health services that more efficiently treat affected individuals and reduce recidivism.

Policy Solutions

Rehabilitative Services and Mental Healthcare

"Men's Central Jail is so grossly overcrowded, dangerous, and dungeon-like that it puts intolerable stress on the jailed as well as the jailers," said Margaret Winter, Associate Director of the ACLU National Prison Project. "The county must do whatever it takes to stop subjecting people to the nightmarish conditions in this jail, and stop denying basic mental health treatment to those who need it."

There is ample research demonstrating the benefits of rehabilitative incarceration. Using Norway's prison system as a case study, The National Bureau of Economic Research found that shorter sentences and an emphasis on rehabilitation over punishment decrease recidivism. In Norway, the average sentence is six months, whereas the average sentence in the United States is about three years. Findings have shown that this increased time of incarceration has no effect on recidivism at best. At worst, it contributes to higher rates. Furthermore, Norwegian prisons do not experience overcrowding or significant underfunding, contributing to reduced recidivism rates. Norwegian prisons also prioritize job training to ensure a smooth integration process for inmates released back into society. To even further the credibility of this case study, the Norwegian prison system adds to employment rates and reduces crime, benefiting both incarcerated individuals and their fellow citizens. Thus, the Norwegian prison system proves that

more time spent focusing on rehabilitation and reintegration upon release yields positive outcomes for the individual offender and society.

To improve the quality of rehabilitative services and mental healthcare in the Men's Central Jail, funds for the Forensic In-Patient (FIP) Step Down program should be increased. FIP Step Down provides inmates with a supportive and less restrictive environment to help improve mental and behavioral health. The program increases unrestrained out-of-cell time to promote and incentivize prosocial behavior. Increasing funding for the program is crucial in improving mental healthcare for inmates in the Men's Central Jail. The funds should increase the number of FIP pods in the jail, creating a therapeutic environment for inmates to participate in activities such as painting.

By increasing funding for the program, more inmates can access FIP step-down and rehabilitative services. Furthermore, funding should also go towards compensating the Mental Health Assistants (MHA), who are incarcerated and help care for and mentor other patients. MHAs in FIP Step Down are currently not compensated, reducing incentives for individuals to be involved in the program. FIP step-down is a crucial program to help facilitate and support the mental wellness of the incarcerated in MCJ, which would help lower recidivism rates.

Diversion

Currently, Men's Central Jail (MCJ) cannot support the number of people living there. One solution is to increase investment into the Office of Diversion and Reentry (ODR), an office within the LA County Department of Health Services working to create and implement programs to divert people with serious mental, physical, and behavioral health needs out of LA County Jails and into community-based care. People could therefore be transferred from MCJ to other non-carceral facilities better equipped to handle the mental health needs of this population.

Not only could ODR help combat the overcrowding problem in MCJ, but it also works to prevent people from getting arrested and provide alternatives to incarceration for people who have already been arrested. Since the program started in 2015, ODR has successfully removed over 10,000 people from LA county jails and placed them in community-based care facilities and housing.

Ultimately, what makes ODR programming unique is the number of people involved in care at each step of a person's journey through the program. Each client is paired with an ODR provider case manager who ensures that the person can obtain general relief benefits, a valid government ID, and social security benefits. The ODR provider case manager also ensures the client can pursue opportunities such as getting into school and/or employment. Finally, the ODR provider case manager ensures the client can get to their appointments with the medical/mental health clinicians, and arrive on time. The ODR housing team works with individuals daily, observing their progress and ensuring their safety. The ODR clinicians are a separate team of individuals focused on the physical and mental health of ODR clients. Finally, probation officers trained in working with individuals suffering from mental health issues, judges, and their defense

lawyers are all involved in the ODR client's care and recovery. Each of these different "teams" plays an essential role in the success of ODR programming.

"Effective therapy cannot happen in jail, because jail is a traumatic experience inherently," ... "Any sort of support groups they might be doing, it's not helping. It's a Band-Aid on a bullet wound. It's not possible to do anything there." Liz Sutton, a licensed clinical social worker who runs a program that helps get incarcerated people with mental health needs released into outpatient care says. Not only can diversion help combat the overcrowding problem in MCJ by reducing the amount of incarcerated people.

Provision of Basic Necessities + Improved Hygiene Conditions

"The conditions [at MCJ] are squalid, unsafe, and inhumane," said Corene Kendrick, the deputy director of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) National Prison Project. Also, a 2022 inspection by the Sybil Brand Commission for Institutional Inspections (SBCII) revealed that conditions at MCJ were "unsatisfactory" or "needed corrective action" in every applicable category; the four rating options are satisfactory, unsatisfactory, corrective action needed, or not relevant. These ratings were regarding access to toiletries and appropriate combs/brushes. This can be attributed to the fact that during their stay at MCJ, incarcerated individuals are not guaranteed access to basic necessities, such as soap, toothpaste, a toothbrush, and a razor. These items can be distributed in "fish kits," and it must be the standard for incarcerated individuals to receive the kits. Money should be invested in expanding access to these kits to promote the well-being of incarcerated people while they are at MCJ.

The aforementioned SBCII report expanded on the issue of cleanliness. Showers, (including water temperature, rust, mold, etc.) needed "corrective action." A subsequent comment added that there were "Rat traps and rat poop in both showers and some cells." In addition to a lack of basic hygienic necessities, MCJ has several infrastructural issues that are worsening inhumane and unclean conditions. For instance, toilets cannot be fixed because of these issues, leading to overflowing pipes and other hygienic problems. Individuals within the jail need to be provided with clean living conditions, which can be accomplished with regular cell cleaning.

Recommendation: Budget Reallocation

Diversion programs for Los Angeles County are receiving roughly \$1 million in annual funding. On a \$43.4 billion yearly county budget - \$4 billion set aside for the Sheriff's Department and another \$1 billion for the Probation Department - the Office of Diversion and Reentry is significantly underfunded. Reallocation of funds from inmate welfare and narcotics enforcement towards the expansion of diversion programs will provide alternatives to incarceration for those who have been arrested and significantly reduce overcrowding in MCJ. The lost funding from inmate welfare and narcotics enforcement will be offset by the reduced need for these programs with more inmates relocated.

Even within its current budget, the ODR has relocated 10,000 people from MCJ to community-based care programs. The efficacy of diversion is apparent, and it is currently significantly underfunded across the county. Los Angeles County has continuously increased its funds allocated towards its troubled Sheriff Department - without meaningfully addressing the problems of Sheriff violence and deputy gang membership - rather than programs that address the crisis currently afflicting its jail systems. Reallocation of funds towards diversion programs would represent a step away from this regressive school of thought and towards substantive and proven improvements to the Los Angeles prison system.

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The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:			
Agenda #	Relate To	Position	Name Comments
1.		Favor	Michael A Keshish Please
		Oppose	Janet Asante
			Megan Castillo
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			Olivia Shields
			Rachel L Meisner
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1.	Other	Alexandra J Lopez	<p>I urge the Board to support the County Vision Zero Action Plan with ongoing investments in executing the plan. Just in the Second District unincorporated communities of about 200,000 people, there are about 40 traffic deaths each year. That's the highest in the County and countless studies have shown that those crashes disproportionately kill Black and Brown Angelenos. The County has a Vision Zero Action Plan and 15 of the 20 corridors for pedestrian injury and fatalities are in the Second District.</p> <p>The seven and a half million dollars DPW is requesting is the bare minimum for what is required to address. The traffic violence crisis will take much more. Yet, the Recommended Budget as zero dollars dedicated to Vision Zero. If the County wants to eliminate pedestrian deaths and fatalities by 2035 then the Department of Public Works needs a full team dedicated to that work and a budget to match. We need to invest a lot more into Vision Zero and programs like it so our kids, families and communities can enjoy our sidewalks and streets with comfort and safety.</p>
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2.	1	Oppose	BRANDON CURRAN If the County wants to eliminate pedestrian deaths and fatalities by 2035 then the Department of Public Works needs a full team dedicated to that work and a budget to match. We need to invest into Vision Zero and programs like it so our kids, families and communities can enjoy our sidewalks and streets with comfort and safety.
			Brandon Flores Vision Zero is critical to keep in the budget and expand in order to improve the livability of everyone in the county. People should not feel the need to drive a car to get around safely, and the more people out on the streets on foot or bikes/scooters/etc the better it is in numerous ways, including land use, infrastructure, the environment, public health and safety, and cost.
			Brett W Hollenbeck I urge the Board to support the County Vision Zero Action Plan with ongoing investments in executing the plan. The seven and a half million dollars DPW is requesting is the bare minimum for what is required to address the traffic violence crisis.
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			David L Tran As a resident of the San Fernando Valley, I am deeply concerned about the LA County CEO's Budget Proposal excluding the \$7.5M required to fund LA County's Vision Zero Plan. Furthermore, Measure HLA was approved with a resounding majority, demonstrating that the majority in LA want safer streets in the form of dedicated bus lanes, Class IV bike lanes, and improved pedestrian protections from cars and separated pedestrian walkways, among other things. Please provide this bare minimum funding to the Department of Public Works (DPW) to jumpstart the implementation of the Vision Zero Action Plan. Traffic violence cannot continue any longer, and we must prepare for the 2028 Olympics. Do we want to show the world that we are still a car-infested city or a world-class city making significant strides toward improving its multimodality and transportation equity for all its citizens (like Paris, which is set to host the 2024 Olympics)? We owe it to those lost in traffic violence, regardless if the city is undergoing a difficult process balancing a tight budget. Funding must be found for this program's implementation; I plead to the LA County BOS to consider the significance in the thousands of lives it will save and the positive optics it will provide for any BOS member's reelection campaign.



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			Edith L Carrillo
			Erin Hoops
			Esteban J Gast
			Ian Lundy
			Jacob Chuslo

The removal of the Vision Zero budget is very concerning at a time when traffic violence is increasing! I want to be able to walk outside with my children and not have to fear for our lives. Please consider the health and safety of your constituency before passing the 24-25 budget.

I'm here to support my local pool, Jesse Owens swimming, because after the pandemic kids are struggling a lot and swimming keeps them out of the streets and gives them opportunity to have more chances to get into a good education, in the future, thank you.

I urge the Board to support the County Vision Zero Action Plan with ongoing investments in executing the plan. The seven and a half million dollars DPW is requesting is the bare minimum for what is required to address the traffic violence crisis.

The city of LA just passed HLA and the rest of the county agrees. WE ARE TIRED OF PEOPLE DYING ON OUR STREETS! Vision Zero won't happen without real work and work won't happen with out real funding.

I urge the Board to support the County Vision Zero Action Plan with ongoing investments in executing the plan. The seven and a half million dollars DPW is requesting is the bare minimum for what is required to address the traffic violence crisis.

If the County wants to eliminate pedestrian deaths and fatalities by 2035 then the Department of Public Works needs a full team dedicated to that work and a budget to match. We need to invest into Vision Zero and programs like it so our kids, families and communities can enjoy our sidewalks and streets with comfort and safety.

It is critical that the budget take steps to fund vision zero improvements that save lives, improve general health, and mitigate climate. Please fund vision zero, honor your commitments.

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			<div>Janet Asante</div>
			<div>Jonah Kanner</div> <p>I am writing to request that LA county fund the Vision Zero action plan.</p> <p>Traffic violence is a serious problem in LA county. If we want to eliminate deaths of pedestrians and cyclists, then we need a commitment with real funding to make our streets safer. I have been deeply disappointed by the failure of LA county to implement the bicycle master plan, which would have prevented many, many collisions. Now, it seems the county is choosing to let more people die, but defunding the vision zero plan, as well. These choices cause injuries and deaths.</p> <p>Please fund the Vision Zero plan, and confront the serious problem of injuries and deaths due to traffic violence in LA County.</p>
			<div>kaly trezos</div> <p>- As a resident of the unincorporated county area of San Gabriel, I urge the Board to support the County Vision Zero Action Plan with all necessary investments in executing a successful plan. The seven and a half million dollars DPW is requesting is the bare minimum for what is required to address the traffic violence crisis.</p> <p>- If the County wants to eliminate pedestrian deaths and fatalities by 2035 then the Department of Public Works needs a full team dedicated to that work and a budget to match. We need to invest in Vision Zero and programs like it so our kids, families and communities can enjoy our sidewalks and streets with comfort and safety.</p> <p>-Let the County show the way to make our streets safe and our communities welcoming to pedestrians and businesses.</p> <p>Kaly Trezos</p>



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			<div>Kyeong Hoon Jung</div> <div>I urge the Board to support the County Vision Zero Action Plan with ongoing investments in executing the plan. The seven and a half million dollars DPW is requesting is the bare minimum for what is required to address the traffic violence crisis. According to our Office of Health Assessment and Epidemiology, in the Patterns in Mortality Among Los Angeles County Residents from January 1 – June 30 of 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022 report, one of the consistent leading causes of death for our residents ages 0-29 is by moving vehicle crashes. We should be working towards protecting the young and vulnerable from easily preventable deaths.</div>
			<div>Matthew Finlayson</div> <div>We need to invest in safe streets for pedestrians. Not doing so is a death sentence to pedestrians and means worse quality of life for all LA residents. I urge the Board to support the County Vision Zero Action Plan with ongoing investments in executing the plan</div>
			<div>Megan Castillo</div> <div></div>
			<div>Mike Pace</div> <div>Current budget does not support County Vision Zero Action Plan</div>
			<div>Mili Kakani</div> <div></div>
			<div>Nicholas Thell</div> <div>The Board must continue to be dedicated to investing in Vision Zero and reducing auto and pedestrian deaths. This is truly a public health crisis in the city, and the city can put a relatively small part of its budget towards the issue to make a large change. We must have safe infrastructure for people of all ages so Los Angeles continues to be a safe place to get around by any mode.</div>
			<div>Nick Cron-DeVico</div> <div>I urge the Board to support the County Vision Zero Action Plan with ongoing investments necessary for its execution. The seven and a half million dollars requested by the Department of Public Works (DPW) is the minimum required to address the pressing traffic violence crisis.</div>
			<div></div> <div>As a parent, this issue feels deeply personal. The safety of our children is paramount, and I want to ensure they can walk and play in our neighborhoods without fear. If the County aims to eliminate pedestrian deaths and fatalities by 2035, the DPW needs a fully dedicated team and a corresponding budget. Investing in Vision Zero and similar programs is essential for ensuring that our children, families, and communities can enjoy our sidewalks and streets in comfort and safety.</div>
			<div>Olivia Shields</div> <div></div>
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			<div></div> <div>My family loves Los Angeles but for us to stay we need to feel that this is a livable community where we are supported in getting around safely.</div>
			<div>Tauheedah Shakur</div> <div></div>
			<div>Wesley Reutimann</div> <div>As a parent of two young children who love to walk, bike and ride public transit in LA County, I urge the Board to support the County Vision Zero Action Plan with ongoing investments in executing the plan.</div>
			<div></div> <div>A County the size of Los Angeles should be spending hundreds of millions of dollars a year improving the safety of its streets. Cities around the world, including New York, devote these level of resources to this issue, which is a leading cause of premature death and severe injury in the County of Los Angeles. \$7.5 million is a paltry level of support, but better than nothing.</div>
			<div></div> <div>If the County is serious about addressing preventable pedestrian deaths by 2035 then it is essential that the County have a team focused on the issue and a budget to implement improvements. LA County families and communities deserve safe streets.</div>



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			Do we not matter as human beings? Because we all live in an urban city. - I urge the Board to support the County Vision Zero Action Plan with ongoing investments in executing the plan. The seven and a half million dollars DPW is requesting is the bare minimum for what is required to address the traffic violence crisis. - If the County wants to eliminate pedestrian deaths and fatalities by 2035 then the Department of Public Works needs a full team dedicated to that work and a budget to match. We need to invest into Vision Zero and programs like it so our kids, families and communities can enjoy our sidewalks and streets with comfort and safety. What can be a bigger priority than this?
			As I understand it, the DPW budget request is too low to support An adequate team of qualified workers to improve multimodal transportation and safety and achieve Vision Zero. I am 81 and ride a Bicycle, take public transportation, and I am a frequent pedestrian without mobility issues. However, I can barely get across most streets in the time allowed by the green man signal. The team, addressing this issue should have regular experience using our roads as a pedestrian, cyclist, and public transit. And should be observing how others are affected by the Dominant car culture. They should experience what it's like to try to cross the street where there are several blocks between signal lights. So an increased DPW budget Should be tied to hiring people with the above experience. Thank you for your consideration.
			Charles J Capp



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<p>I am writing to express my strong support for the County Vision Zero Action Plan and to urge the Board to ensure ongoing investments in executing this crucial initiative. The seven and a half million dollars requested by the Department of Public Works is not just an expenditure; it is the bare minimum required to address the pressing traffic violence crisis that affects our communities daily.</p> <p>If Los Angeles County is committed to the goal of eliminating pedestrian deaths and fatalities by 2035, it is imperative that the Department of Public Works be equipped with a fully dedicated team and a budget that reflects the magnitude of this challenge. A robust investment in Vision Zero and similar programs is essential. This will not only enhance safety but also foster an environment where our children, families, and communities can enjoy our sidewalks and streets with the confidence and security they deserve.</p> <p>Increased funding and resources for the Vision Zero Action Plan will pave the way for safer infrastructure, better traffic management, and comprehensive community engagement. By prioritizing these investments, we can create a safer, more livable county for everyone.</p> <p>Thank you for your attention to this critical matter. I look forward to seeing the Board take decisive action to support Vision Zero and ensure the safety and well-being of all residents.</p>			
Connor Webb			
<p>The 2024-2025 recommended budget includes 7.5 million dollars of critical and unmet needs related to Vision Zero Initiatives. I urge the board to remedy this and support the Vision Zero Action Plan by not only fulfilling those unmet budget needs, but also expanding the program with additional resources. Frankly, 7.5 million dollars is not enough if the County wishes to achieve Vision Zero by 2035. Public Works needs additional dedicated funding and a full team working on Vision Zero. Equally as important, the County needs to send a message that the status quo of traffic violence on our streets is not acceptable, and move the many unincorporated LA County communities towards a safer, more sustainable, and more livable future. Adequate funding of Vision Zero is a crucial piece of that message.</p>			



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			<div>Isaac Ramirez</div> <p>I am writing to say that I'm urging the board to support the County vision zero action plan with ongoing investments on making it happen. The seven and Half million dollars the DPW is requesting is needed in order to put end to traffic violence that has gone on for too long.</p> <p>If there's going to be an end of car traffic fatalities and pedestrian deaths by 2030 then there needs to be a full team dedicated to that work and a budget to match by the Department of Public Works, this is important of you are going to reach Vision Zero and protect families, children, and communities who need these protections for going outside on the streets and sidewalks with confidence and comfort.</p>



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			<div>Jessica N Martinez</div> <div></div>
			<div>Kent Strumpell</div> <div>Dear Board Members, Please preserve the funding for the Vision Zero Action Plan. This program is critical to protecting the people of our county who rely on our roads every day. We cannot accept the norm of deadly traffic collisions occurring with increasing frequency, we CAN do something about this tragedy. The techniques and practices of creating safer streets is well known, but it takes investment. The \$7.5 million needed to continue this valuable program is an excellent return on investment for the lives it will save and the vitality it will bring to communities. Thank you</div>
			<div>Lena Mallett</div> <div></div>
			<div>Lila Byock</div> <div>I am writing to plead with the Board to show your support for the County Vision Zero Action Plan by giving it the budget it needs to succeed. DPW is requesting \$7.5 million, which is the bare minimum for what is required at a moment when we're facing a traffic violence emergency. If the County wants to eliminate pedestrian deaths and fatalities by 2035 then the Department of Public Works needs a full team dedicated to that work and a budget to match. We need to invest into Vision Zero and programs like it so our kids, families and communities can enjoy our sidewalks and streets with comfort and safety. Please give this plan the budget it needs to succeed. This should be a top priority for all of us.</div>



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Agenda #	Relate To	Position	<div>Name</div> <div>Comments</div>
2.	1	Other	<div>Lisa Smith</div> <div>I strongly encourage the Board to back the County Vision Zero Action Plan by continuing to invest in its implementation. The \$7.5 million requested by DPW is the bare minimum needed to tackle the ongoing traffic violence crisis. To eliminate pedestrian deaths by 2035, the County must ensure the Department of Public Works has a dedicated team and a budget that supports this mission. We need to invest in Vision Zero and similar programs so our children, families, and communities can safely enjoy our sidewalks and streets.</div>
			<div>Loren J Johnson</div> <div>I have been a direct victim of traffic violence in the city in the last couple of months. People driving wildly and erratic at all times of the day in all kinds of traffic. Please support the bare minimum budget for the Vision Zero Action Plan. As a pedestrian, bicyclist and driver on the streets of Los Angeles, I see the vehicular violence and nuisances caused by drivers who speed, run lights and ignore traffic laws. Speeds need to be lowered and roads and streets need to follow Vision Zero revisions to slow traffic and make the streets safe for people.</div>
			<div>Matt Stauffer</div> <div>Please fully fund Vision Zero. I have been car-free since 2017 and primarily travel by walking, biking, or public transit. I have had more close calls and near misses with drivers and their cars than I can count. People will not get out of their cars if they do not feel safe, and they need infrastructure to feel safe. Statistics show that cars are getting safer, but only for the people inside them. Pedestrian and cyclist fatalities have been increasing in recent years thanks to larger and taller cars, and more distracted drivers, but this is a U.S.-only phenomenon. We need our leaders to prioritize street safety for all users, not just those inside a vehicle.</div>
			<div>Michael Dow</div> <div>I urge the Board to support the County Vision Zero Action Plan with ongoing investments in executing the plan. The seven and a half million dollars DPW is requesting is the bare minimum for what is required to address the traffic violence crisis.</div>
			<div>michael siegel</div> <div>If the county is serious about reducing death on our streets, you must invest in those programs working toward it. County Vision Zero Action Plan requires funding. We have a long way to go to just reduce death from traffic violence, let alone get it to zero. Priorities of this region must be on multimodal transport and street improvements, which require funding.</div>



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2.	1	Other	<div><div>Rafael Fabian</div><div>Hello, my name is [Rafael Fabian] with [COFEM, Los Angeles City 90012]. I am writing in support of the Immigrants Are Los Angeles Coalition. Immigrants are an indelible, prominent part of this county, one that cannot be overlooked when it comes to the problems our community faces or the solutions we can all put in place. County supervisors must respond to and include immigrants because we are a significant part of their constituency. We contribute much to this community, whether through tax revenues and economic activity, or through policy ideas that can help this county solve the truly big problems it faces. Our response to the recommended budget is based on our understanding that despite our priorities being mostly left out of it, we must continue to engage in the legislative advocacy, organizing and communications areas until the county budget reflects the values and priorities of immigrants. We reiterate our main areas of focus in our county budget priorities: language access, housing, worker justice, and stronger social safety net programs for immigrants. The La county Board of Supervisors must ensure that the programs that serve immigrants receive adequate funding in the 2024-25 county budget. We will continue to work with supervisors to find avenues to incorporate immigrant priorities in the budget as it exists now. Sincerely, Rafael Fabian]</div></div>
			<div>Redd Martinez</div>
			<div>Ritu Mahajan</div>
			<div>Saul Campos</div>
			<div>Severin Martinez</div>
			<div>Please don't cut funding for Vision Zero. \$7.5M is already peanuts and hardly enough, to cut the funding altogether reflects a serious lack of commitment to eliminating traffic deaths. As a parent to a newborn child I challenge anyone to take a walk with me and my baby and say the streets are safe. Despite \$7.5M not being enough there are few things that have better return on investment than building safe streets. Please fund Vision Zero!</div>

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			<p>Taylor D Paez</p> <p>Thanos Trezos</p> <p>Tom Rodriguez</p> <p>Tyrique Shipp</p> <p>Vlad Carrasco</p>
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County Vision Zero Action Plan

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Garibay, Francisco

From: ExecutiveOffice
Sent: Thursday, May 23, 2024 7:34 AM
To: PublicComments
Subject: FW: Vision Zero Funding Public Comment

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From: J C <jecowan2010@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 4:39 PM
To: ExecutiveOffice <ExecutiveOffice@bos.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Vision Zero Funding Public Comment

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Greetings,

I am writing to advocate my support for the lack of funding for Vision Zero in the budget. While I am a bicyclist and I support dedicated bike lanes and trails/paths I fiercely oppose the installation of traffic calming devices including speed bumps/humps, roundabouts, reduction in travel lanes for automobiles, lower speed limits, and automated (I.e. photo) traffic enforcement. For these reasons I oppose those who are collectively trying to force people out of their automobiles to adapt a lifestyle that is of their desire and not in the best interests of the whole. I support the lack of funding for Vision Zero for the specific project types previously listed.

Respectfully,
JE Cowan

Garibay, Francisco

From: ExecutiveOffice
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 7:20 AM
To: PublicComments
Subject: FW: BUDGET HEARING

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From: Jessica McNeil <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2024 6:22 PM
To: ExecutiveOffice <ExecutiveOffice@bos.lacounty.gov>
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Sincerely,
Jessica McNeil
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United States

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Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 10:46 AM
To: PublicComments
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Sincerely,
Jennifer Collins
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United States

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Sincerely,
Courtney Nunes
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United States

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From: Grace Doyle <civinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 10:26 AM
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Sincerely,
Nick Scottrussell
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United States

Garibay, Francisco

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Subject: FW: BUDGET HEARING

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Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 10:33 AM
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Sincerely,
Urzulo Glaviano
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United States

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Mary Fitzgerald
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United States

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Phillip Kim
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Sincerely,
Rachel Arena
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Sincerely,
Samantha Spaccasi
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Sincerely,
Mya Hendrix
hendrixm38@gmail.com

United States

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Melissa Finell
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Sincerely,
Megha Kohli
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United States

Garibay, Francisco

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Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 11:21 AM
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From: Madeline Chin <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 11:10 AM
To: ExecutiveOffice <ExecutiveOffice@bos.lacounty.gov>
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Madeline Chin
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United States

Garibay, Francisco

From: ExecutiveOffice
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 12:40 PM
To: PublicComments
Subject: FW: Budget Hearing feedback

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From: Brenda Wiewel <civiciinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 11:46 AM
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Sincerely,
Meghan Tracy
meghantracy@ymail.com

United States

Garibay, Francisco

From: ExecutiveOffice
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 12:40 PM
To: PublicComments
Subject: FW: Budget Hearing feedback

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From: Meghan Tracy <civinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 11:54 AM
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Sincerely,
Julie Alley
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United States

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Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 1:42 PM
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Sincerely,
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United States

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riiverrafferty@gmail.com

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From: ExecutiveOffice
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 3:30 PM
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Subject: FW: FY24-25 Budget

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From: Stephanie Alcantar <civicinput@newmode.org>
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From: ExecutiveOffice
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 3:35 PM
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From: Wendy Miranda <civicinput@newmode.org>
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Wendy Miranda
wendym@esperanzacommunityhousing.org

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Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 3:36 PM
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From: "Elizabeth Howell-Egan" <civicinput@newmode.org>
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ehowellegan@gmail.com

United States

Garibay, Francisco

From: ExecutiveOffice
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 3:37 PM
To: PublicComments
Subject: FW: FY24-25 Budget

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From: Deborah Markus <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 3:04 PM
To: ExecutiveOffice <ExecutiveOffice@bos.lacounty.gov>
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From: Kristen Studard <civiciput@newmode.org>
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Sincerely,
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hello_kristen@hotmail.com

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Sent: Thursday, May 23, 2024 7:33 AM
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Sent: Thursday, May 23, 2024 7:39 AM
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From: "Dahlia Alé-Ferlito" <civinput@newmode.org>
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Sent: Thursday, May 23, 2024 7:41 AM
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From: Ann Dorsey <civicinput@newmode.org>
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From: "ROSEMARY Graham-Gardner" <civinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 10:38 PM
To: ExecutiveOffice <ExecutiveOffice@bos.lacounty.gov>
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Sent: Thursday, May 23, 2024 12:42 PM
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From: Natasha Colin <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Thursday, May 23, 2024 12:12 PM
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Sent: Thursday, May 23, 2024 1:58 PM
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From: Megan Castillo <civiciinput@newmode.org>
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Sent: Thursday, May 23, 2024 2:52 PM
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From: Malcolm Oehler <civicinput@newmode.org>
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From: Drew Cox <civicinput@newmode.org>
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From: Jennifer Sherer <civicinput@newmode.org>
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From: Erika Feresten <civicinput@newmode.org>
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To: ExecutiveOffice <ExecutiveOffice@bos.lacounty.gov>
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From: Emily Caesar <civicinput@newmode.org>
Sent: Sunday, May 26, 2024 11:12 AM
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