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The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:				
14.		<b>Favor</b>	Cjarles Vignola	We at the The Los Angeles Regional Reentry Partnership (LARRP) support this motion. Parity in the price of items for sale in our county jails helps ensure the incarcerated population has access to items without needing to spend significant amounts of money. This helps keep some semblance of normalcy and dignity for this population while keeping the law enforcement staff honest and accountable.
			helen eigenberg	yes please !
			Karen A Eyres	
			Shona Ganguly	
			steph shaw	



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14.		<b>Oppose</b>	Monisha Parker	<p>Dear Board of Supervisors,</p> <p>I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the exorbitant prices charged for commissary items in the Los Angeles County Jail system. The current pricing structure imposes an undue hardship on inmates and their families.</p> <p>Access to affordable commissary items is essential for the health and well-being of inmates. These items supplement the inadequate food provided by the jail, allowing inmates to meet their nutritional needs. Additionally, commissary items provide a sense of comfort and connection to the outside world.</p> <p>However, the current pricing is simply unaffordable. Basic items, such as ramen noodles, toothpaste, and deodorant, cost multiple times their retail value. This forces inmates to make difficult choices between basic necessities and hygiene. The high prices also place a significant burden on families who struggle to afford commissary deposits.</p> <p>This situation is unjust and counterproductive. High commissary prices contribute to the cycle of poverty and recidivism by creating barriers to rehabilitation. Inmates who are unable to access affordable hygiene products may suffer from health issues that make it more difficult for them to reintegrate into society.</p> <p>I urge you to take immediate action to address this issue. I propose the following measures to make commissary prices affordable for inmates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conduct a thorough review of the current pricing structure and compare it to market prices.</li> <li>Negotiate with vendors to reduce prices for essential items.</li> <li>Implement a tiered pricing system that offers discounts for low-income inmates.</li> <li>Allow inmates to earn commissary credits through work or educational programs.</li> </ul> <p>By making commissary prices affordable, we can improve the health and well-being of inmates, reduce recidivism, and demonstrate our commitment to justice and equity.</p> <p>Thank you for your attention to this important matter.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Monisha Parker</p>
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14.		<b>Oppose</b>	Paul Charles C Burt	What ARE you people thinking? The Sheriffs Department is down about 800 deputies and you want to require such frivolous and wasteful reporting by that department? Borders on fraud, waste, and abuse pf public funds!
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