



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

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The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:				
Agenda #	Relate To	Position	Name	Comments
17.		Favor	Bertha S Hayden	
			Hector Ramirez	
			Jodi C Chen	Please collaborate with local community organizations to identify and reach out to marginalized communities facing language barriers that hinder their access to essential County services and opportunities. By offering translation services, you are not only helping to alleviate the burdens on their children but also fostering a more inclusive and supportive community. Your efforts will significantly contribute to the well-being and empowerment of these communities. The LA County Asian American Employees Association (LACAAEA) would be happy to help in this effort.
		Oppose	paul burt	Reword to encompass ALL of LA County taxpayers, who are scammed by County services, payroll(s), and benefits each and every year! For example, Brandon Nichols - Director, Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services - blasts taxpayers for \$603,000 in total compensation annually! And I'm sure Ms. Horvath has no idea, that not a DIME of Nichols' compensation package, makes its way into the lives of children of divorce or impoverished kids.
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July 22, 2024

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

Re: Item 17 -Safeguarding Older Adults from Scamming Practices and Financial Abuse

Dear Honorable Board of Supervisors:

We write with respect to Agenda Item No. 17 to urge the Board of Supervisors to fully adopt this recommendation for the empowerment and protection of the older adults, dependent adults, and their caregivers. For the past 50 years, Bet Tzedek has been at the frontlines of serving the legal needs of senior and dependent adults. When Bet Tzedek established the Elder Justice Unit in 2017 to combat the increasing prevalence of elder abuse it did so with a dedicated team member to elder abuse outreach and education. We did so because we understand that combatting the stark increase in elder abuse requires bringing visibility to nature and patterns of this insidious type of abuse. The power of education and community outreach should not be underestimated. Education programs take away the power from abusers by providing community members trustworthy information. Additionally, education programs go beyond providing information and connect community members with legal tools that will better insulate them for abuse. For example, through our elder abuse education programming “Safe and Savvy Seniors” Bet Tzedek has been able to connect seniors with estate planning tools that serve to better safeguard an individual’s assets. Our recently launched Caregivers Empowerment campaign connects with support groups to dispel myths around Medi-Cal which bad actors use to prey upon the worries of older/dependent adults and their caregivers.

By adopting item 17, the county’s education campaign will create an additional safety net for older/dependent adults and caregivers. We stand ready to offer technical assistance to support the objectives of this recommendation and applaud the county for their vision and proactive steps to combat elder abuse.

Respectfully,

Bertha S. Hayden, Esq.

Directing Attorney

Seniors, Dependent Adults, & Caregiver Direct Services