



**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
14.		Favor	Christina S Curtis	<p>Los Angeles Dependency Lawyers are in strong favor of Los Angeles County continuing to remove barriers of reunification for our most vulnerable families. With the passing of SB 954, we've seen the Department of Children and Family Services begin to provide financial assistance to indigent families who can't afford their court ordered case plans and we look forward to the county exploring new, creative ways to provide additional resources. We are also in strong support in researching how to provide better services to our incarcerated parents. Parents only get a set amount of time to complete their court ordered programs to reunify with their children. However, most, if not all, county jail facilities do not provide classes or the programs necessary to allow parents to begin making progress in their case plan. So, while our incarcerated parents wait to begin their classes, the time set for them to reunify ticks on. It's not a surprise that most of our incarcerated parents never reunify with their children.</p>
			Cynthia Wong	<p>My name is Cynthia Wong with the Anti-Recidivism Coalition. I thank Supervisor Solis for bringing forward Item #14, I am writing to express strong support for motion # 14, family reunification within the LA County Jail.</p> <p>Ensuring that incarcerated parents have the resources and support necessary to reconnect with their kids is not only a crucial step towards strengthening family bonds but also a critical factor in supporting the healthy development of children.</p> <p>Family reunification can significantly reduce the likelihood of recidivism and enhance public safety. By addressing systemic inequities faced by incarcerated parents, this motion ensures they have equal opportunities to reunite with their families, fostering a supportive system.</p> <p>At ARC, we recognize the importance of family connections in reentry. We actively help our members stay connected with their loved ones, which has proven essential for their successful reintegration into society. To further support family reunification efforts, we must identify and cultivate partnerships with community-based providers that offer services and resources. Additionally, identifying the number of parents unable to complete mandated Family Reunification (FR) programs due to service unavailability will help us effectively understand and address specific barriers.</p>
			Francisco M Villarruel	
			Hector Ramirez	
			Luis L Vargas	I am in full favor of this item.

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14.		Oppose	Kristen M Joseph	The Child Welfare absolutely does not have a funding issue, it has an oversight issue. Hundreds of kids are being KIDNAPPED from able, willing, fit parents due to social worker bias and ego's, lack of intelligence and personal vendetta not to mention incentives. The entire Board ignores pleas from THOUSANDS of parents and children like my own who has threatened suicide for years if he isn't allowed to go home with his mother yet there hasn't even been a grievance hearing. This isn't about our children and or their safety nor does this county care anything in regards to family preservation and reunification. Free Wrigley is an organization set up on behalf of my son kidnapped during the pandemic due to the county's own unconstitutional bans, orders, and lock downs that created havoc for my special needs child. A single mother with a beautiful career hired previously by the previous Long Beach Mayors team on several occasions provided a lovely 3 bedroom home only steps away from school for her blessing of a son. Through hard work and diligence life was amazing for the most part despite difficulties navigating IEP's and special needs until the pandemic and deprivation of federally promised services. Now, nearly 4 years later, my son is still in the system where I've been chastised, slandered, barred contact with my CHILD for over a yr despite inherent and unalienable parental and human rights against all basic human decency and my son has been forcibly vaccinated, medicated, abused, abused by social workers that was caught on video multiple times and he is not only still in the system, not a single entity has done anything. There is zero oversight, the oversight is the same court that rubber stamps perjured petitions. I am a mother, a fighter, a woman whom has never done drugs, I haven't had a drink of alcohol in over 5 years, I'm educated, I've never harmed my son in any way and there isn't a lick of evidence to suggest I have yet he's been thrown around 10+ foster homes, was in a SHORT term residential facility for 2.5 years, cut off from me completely and I have two people monitor my two hours of visits a week without reason. I've been patted down looking for recording devices and had my belongings stolen from social workers. This has nothing to do with a lack of funding for reunification it is a rico scheme, racketeering at it's finest and our children are the chattel. I do not support funding even a single penny more to this rouge agency unless it's to the oversight and overhaul completely.
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