



**PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS
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		The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:		
Agenda #	Relate To	Position	Name	Comments
Public Comment		Other	Andrea Nunez	There are 33 county buildings that need earthquake safety improvements. They include libraries, health centers, and detention centers. Are you going to invest money in these buildings that actually provide important services or will you buy a high-rise for your own offices?
			Daniel White	Can you post the RFP for your real estate requirement?
			Mary Morales	Instead of buying Gas Company Tower, can the County build more public housing with that money? We need to address crime and homelessness.
			Pezerra Mikkob	The site www.LaTaxWaste.blogspot.com has complaints and suggestions for improving the County's use of labor and resources. Some of these are easy changes, such as making it formal policy that all employees report on and for management to track any complaints made about efficiency and waste. We the public should then be allowed to see the log along with any follow-up (with personal info redacted). Examples are given, such as expensive experts spending lots of time doing entry-level work. [Note: The editor alters URL's]
			Rachel Jones	I just read about the impending move of the County's headquarters to Gas Company Tower in the Los Angeles Times. This was the first I had heard about it, and was grateful for the link to the agenda - which invites public comment. It was interesting to hear about some members of the public voice support for demolishing the Kenneth Hall of Administration to expand the neighboring park. While I think that's a great idea, I think soliciting more input from the neighborhood would be well received. What if we could create more housing for the homeless? Is that something we can explore? Saving tens of millions of dollars versus millions of dollars sounds like an invitation to examine more programs or housing that could be offered. I hope you will create a Taskforce to examine all of the amazing opportunities ahead. Revitalizing our civic center and downtown are worthwhile - and I hope we can figure something out as a community.

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Public Comment		Other	Reggie Renee	My friends forwarded me the Los Angeles' Times article on the future of the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration and the County's purchase of Gas Company Tower. I think this is a very interesting moment in our county's future. Instead of piece-mealing what could become of our downtown and civic center - I hope we can create a bigger, better plan as a community. A community park, housing for the unhoused, and future gathering places as we get ready to host the 2028 olympics should all be on the table. Involving the public in creating the future of our civic center and downtown is much overdue. We can make our city the safe, exciting place it always has ben known for. Please don't rush through what this all can mean for our community - this is a big opportunity that deserves all of our attention. We can do with a LOT with 215 million dollars!
			Sujit Gupta	I work full-time and cannot call in to Board of Supervisor meetings but I hope my submitted comments will be read by Supervisors. Can you share more information about the \$215 million proposal to buy Gas Company Tower, a high-rise in downtown Los Angeles? I assume this is just the minimum cost. What would the cost be to renovate the space to accommodate hearing rooms and county offices? Will there be any other retrofit costs that will be required? If this amount is more than retrofitting existing county buildings (your staff is quoted saying such retrofits only cost "tens of millions") can we look at putting the cost savings into healthcare, mental health, and education programs? I hope you will weigh what other valuable programs could benefit from this money, instead of on office space.
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