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Public Comment		Favor	Irina Voloshina	<p>Public Comment in Support of Item 3: Bolstering Arts Education During Arts Education Week and Beyond</p> <p>Dear Board of Supervisors,</p> <p>My name is Irina Voloshina, and I am the founder of Melodia Mariposa, a nonprofit that creates intimate classical music events, engaging diverse communities and fostering appreciation and education across all ages. I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for Item 3 of Supervisor Kathryn Barger's motion, which directs the Department of Arts and Culture to lead conversations about Proposition 28 and explore additional opportunities to support school districts with this critical funding.</p> <p>Proposition 28 represents a historic investment in arts education, allocating nearly \$1 billion annually to enhance and expand arts programs in California's public schools. This funding strengthens music education and performance opportunities for students, which are crucial for their academic and personal development. Music education nurtures creativity, critical thinking, discipline, and cultural understanding—skills essential for success both in and out of the classroom.</p> <p>At Melodia Mariposa, we are committed to advancing music education through our performances. By providing opportunities for young artists and communities to engage with classical music, we help foster a lifelong appreciation for the arts and support their growth and well-being. Through our outreach concerts, we have witnessed firsthand the transformative power of music. Young artists not only participate in our concerts as performers but also as audience members and participants in our educational programs. These experiences allow them to develop their artistic skills, gain confidence, and find a sense of belonging, and help them grow both personally and artistically.</p> <p>The Department of Arts and Culture's role in leading discussions about Prop 28 and exploring ways to support districts with this funding is crucial. By facilitating these conversations and providing resources, the Department will help ensure schools can effectively utilize the funds to expand their arts programs and hire qualified arts educators. This will maximize the impact of Prop 28 and contribute to a robust arts education ecosystem across Los Angeles County.</p> <p>Melodia Mariposa fully supports the initiative to enhance arts education through Prop 28 and urges the Board to continue advocating for and supporting these efforts. We strongly encourage the Board to support Supervisor Barger's motion and direct the Department of Arts and Culture to continue leading these critical efforts. Investing in arts education not only enriches the lives of students but also strengthens our communities by fostering creativity and cultural engagement.</p> <p>Thank you for your attention to this important matter and for your continued commitment to advancing arts education in our county.</p> <p>Sincerely, Irina Voloshina Founder, Melodia Mariposa melodiamariposa.org/</p>



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		Other	Daniela Bailes	
			Marianne Jones	With downtown and civic center in such disarray, I hope the board of supervisors will take a leadership role in finding a way to create a safe, walkable area that provides services and a gathering space for the community ahead of all the upcoming events that will have worldwide appeal. We must prepare NOW prepare for those events. Instead of a piece-meal approach to purchasing and retrofitting buildings and jails, can we have a bigger discussion about the role government and its presence in downtown and civic centers have in creating a community renaissance? With the foresight and investment, let's thinking about how millions of dollars can be spent to uplift all. Sincerely yours, Marianne Jones
			Pat Tu	Have \$50 a month Uber La county voucher transportation and or \$50 with New Freedom we choose for disabled times where took two hours be picked up late at night busy help need get to Er doctor appointment issue getting through insurance 800 number movies ect.
			Zoe Muntaner	This morning I emailed Supervisor Horvath Legislative Affairs Deputy Mike Aguilera-Gaudette and included a copy to her Chief of Staff, Estevan Montemayor about an issue with the LA County RR/CC evaluation of nomination petition signatures for the SMC Board of Trustees election. The office of Supervisor Horwath, BOS Executive Office and Board Operations told me to reach out to you regarding item not on the posted agenda, to be presented and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the Board, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take immediate action came to the attention of the Board subsequent to the posting of the agenda. I am a resident of Santa Monica running for Santa Monica College Board of Trustees on November 5, 2024 election. On August 14 I filed my nomination papers with the Santa Monica City Clerk. They were verified by the Santa Monica City Clerk on August 9th (pink post note with the items that needed attention), and the Assistant City Clerk on August 12th and 13th. Both times I was told they looked good and ready to submit after they examined the signatures and the Declaration of Circulator and affidavit of Nominee and Oath of Affirmation of Allegiance. In California, political campaign laws are governed by a variety of statutes, including the California Political Reform Act. When it comes to the application of the Doctrine of Detrimental Reliance



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Because the upcoming election is less than two months away, I need the BOS to be aware of this issue, intervene in order to avoid unnecessary exposure to litigation. The election department should be better trained to avoid this type of situation. It is imperative to use Agenda Item 122 to discuss this issue.

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			<p>RR?CC to learn about the codes for the examination of the signatures evaluation. There is also no accommodations for candidates with visible or invisible disabilities, which is an important element in the fairness of elections. Since Item 13 of today's agenda includes a motion from Supervisor Mitchell for "Proclamation of the week of September 9 through 13, 2024, as "Disability Voting Rights Week" in Los Angeles County; and instruct the Director of Aging and Disabilities to partner with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk on outreach efforts to bring awareness to voting accessibility including, but not limited to, Text Typer TDD for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Audio Sample Ballot CD's, and New Accessible Voting Experience Vote Centers, The Voting Solutions For All People model, and Voter Accessibility Resources." I trained as a Poll worker years ago learning about invisible disabilities, which are not included in this motion and not included in accommodations for candidates seeking office. This also exposes LA County to significant litigation by way of exclusion of a disability category.</p> <p>Please review attachments and get back to me as soon as you can. This is about Equity. I found numerous inconsistencies in the nomination papers of other candidates when I decided to examine their nomination papers. Some lied under penalty of perjury, and asked the LA County RR/CC for an investigation. The President of Emerge California, shared that three of their alumni were facing challenges with their nomination papers as well. I am not the only woman of color facing this issue. We want to live in a world that allows us to succeed and recognizes the humanity of every one of us. This desire and need fuels our mission to build reflective leadership by training women, especially women representing the New American Majority. Currently in California, one of the most solidly Democratic states in the country, women still make up less than 42% of the state legislature. The percentage of New American Majority women who hold elected office is even smaller. When critical decisions – from public health mandates to allocating city budgets to environmental policy – are made by elected leaders who don't reflect the diversity of our state, the outcomes of those decisions are often not equitable either. It will be ironic that the first all female BOS in LA County ignores this.</p> <p>Kindly reply; thank you.</p> <p>Zo? Muntaner</p>
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Good morning, my name is Daniela Bailes. I am a small business owner in El Sereno struggling to survive not only the aftermath of the pandemic, but also, the double Entertainment industry strikes.

I address the entire Board of Supervisors, particularly Supervisor Solis. While countless small businesses like mine teeter on the brink, the County's economic relief efforts have been grossly inadequate and inequitable. The \$2,500 Phase 1 Economic Opportunity grant was insufficient, and the eligibility criteria for the phase two round of funding blatantly excluded El Sereno residents. Meanwhile, businesses in other cities within Los Angeles county had the opportunity to apply for and receive grants five times larger. I ask the board - how is that equitable or fair?

The SBA loans have plunged me into crippling debt, which should be no shock to the board if you've been keeping up with the fact that 37% of business owners have already defaulted on them, which is shockingly high. I myself have had to apply for a reduced payment 4 times. This option runs out in October. The Entertainment Business Interruption Fund, while a step in the right direction, was grossly underfunded, and left many struggling applicants such as myself without funding. I understand there is an upcoming vote to allocate more funding for this program, and I highly encourage each of the supervisors to vote to do so.

Also, I implore this board to address the dire situation facing small businesses within all industries in Los Angeles city limits. Supervisor Solis, your constituents desperately need your advocacy. I've been forced to take a minimum wage job to survive, serving customers who increasingly rely on food stamps. This is in a state that has the fifth highest GDP in the world. This is unacceptable.

It's time for tangible, equitable support for the backbone of our economy – small businesses. Your constituents are suffering, and we demand swift action less we join the many already living in the tent cities that line the Los Angeles county streets. If no support arrives soon from this board, get ready for those to grow. Thank you for your time and addressing our concerns.



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Tue, Sep 10, 2024 at 10:35 AM

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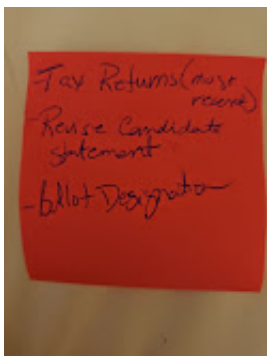
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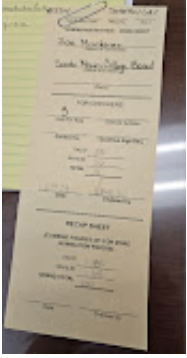
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