

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

Correspondence Received

			The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:	
Agenda #	Relate To	Position	Name	Comments
2-D.		Oppose	Monisha Parker	Dear Board of Supervisors,
				I am writing to express my opposition to item 2-D concerning the Employee Health Plans for The Los Angeles County Development Authority for the calendar year 2025. Given the current high cost of living in Los Angeles County, I believe the proposed health plan is not reasonable for employees who are already facing financial pressures in their daily lives.
				As we look toward 2026, it is crucial to implement a more reasonable and sustainable employee health plan that ensures accessibility and affordability for all. I would like to propose a multi-faceted strategy for your consideration that addresses necessary reforms in employee health plans while maximizing the well-being and engagement of our workforce.
				Explore Alternative Funding Models: Transitioning to a self-insured model could provide significant cost savings. Additionally, offering Health Reimbursement Arrangements (HRAs) would allow employees to manage their out-of-pocket expenses with pre-tax dollars.
				2. Encourage Preventive Care: Comprehensive wellness programs and incentives for participating in preventive screenings can foster a culture of health within our workforce, ultimately reducing long-term healthcare costs.
				3. Utilize Technology: Expanding access to telehealth services can provide convenience and lower costs for employees. Health-tracking apps can also promote healthier lifestyles and reduce reliance on expensive medical care.
				4. Optimize Plan Design: Introducing tiered networks that reward the use of high-quality, cost-effective providers and shifting to value-based care models can also help contain costs while ensuring better care outcomes.
				5. Negotiate with Providers: Establishing direct contracts with healthcare providers or engaging in collaborative purchasing with other employers can reduce expenditures and improve service quality.
				6. Educate Employees: Providing health literacy programs will enable employees to make more informed healthcare choices, thus ensuring they select plans that best fit their needs and budgets.
				7. Implement Flexible Benefits: Flexible spending accounts (FSAs) and health savings accounts (HSAs) can empower employees to manage their healthcare expenses more effectively.
				8. Government Programs and Subsidies: Engaging with available state and

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	Other	LaKisha G Camese	
			Sincerely, Monisha Parker
			Thank you for your attention to this critical matter. I hope you will consider these points seriously as you deliberate on item 2-D.
			By implementing these strategies, we can work together to create an employee health plan that is not only affordable but also prioritizes the health and well-being of our workforce in Los Angeles County.
			10. Promote a Healthy Workplace Culture: Prioritizing mental health and promoting flexible work arrangements can lead to higher employee satisfaction, reduced absenteeism, and subsequently lower healthcare costs.
			9. Continuous Evaluation and Feedback: Regularly assessing health plans for effectiveness and cost, alongside employee feedback, will drive improvements and better align offerings with employee needs.
			federal programs designed to assist with healthcare affordability could lower the burdens on employees and employers alike.