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The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:				
Agenda #	Relate To	Position	Name	Comments
25.		Favor	Lou Moore	The faith community leaders are looking forward to the establishment of an office to assist their efforts with all departments in the County.
		Oppose	Ana R Arias	
			Daria Brooks	This motion appears to violate the time-honored, Constitutionally guaranteed tenant of separation of church and state. Tax payer dollars should not be utilized for County officials to commune or consort with religious organizations of any kind.
		Other	LaKisha G Camese	
		Item Total	4	
Grand Total			4	



September 23, 2024

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

Subject: Agenda Item 25: Implementing a Community Engagement Office for Coordinated Faith Outreach in Los Angeles County

Dear Supervisors,

I am writing on behalf of FosterAll and its over 265 faith partners in Los Angeles County in support of Agenda Item 25: Implementing a Community Engagement Office for Coordinated Faith Outreach in Los Angeles County.

For over 39 years, FosterAll has recruited and supported foster parents and children with the help of its faith-based communities. FosterAll's years of experience with faith communities and their leaders is extensive. Faith partners have opened their doors for FosterAll to share about foster care and the need for more parents to foster and adopt. They have also provided activities for children, respite care for caregivers, support groups, donation of goods and so much more. The depth of the faith partners resources and commitment to people in their communities is boundless; however, working with LA County has been problematic. They are asked by a multiple number of County departments for donations, use of space, monthly meetings, etc., all of which are not coordinated and become overwhelming to the faith community.

A single office such as the proposed Community Engagement Office which would both explore the exchange of information and coordinate outreach efforts and initiatives to the faith community would be a blessing to faith communities. Faith leaders would be able to respond to one department, would not have to repeat information, and would receive timely feedback to their responses. In addition, the exploration of the feasibility of reimbursing faith-based organizations for their costs associated with County collaboration and support would be a positive step toward supporting faith-based organizations for the services they provide to the county.

Thus, I strongly urge you to vote to approve Agenda Item 25 Implementing a Community Engagement Office for Coordinated Faith Outreach in Los Angeles County.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lou Moore".

Lou Moore
Executive Director

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