



**PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS
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| The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item: | | | | |
| 6. | | Favor | Ana R Arias | |
| | | | Barrett Sherwood | The notion that families and children could be denied services simply because of INSURANCE company profits is NOT how we do it in CA. Foster Family Agencies(FFAs) are a critical component of the continuum of care for systems-involved youth. FFAs support the work of the Department of Children and Family Services to keep children safe, ameliorate the effects of system involvement, and facilitate reunification and permanency through a spectrum of services and supports available to families 24/7. This is a model of care that the current system cannot replicate. I am deeply troubled by the FFA insurance crisis that could negatively impact the nearly 1,900 children served by FFAs in L.A. County today. The loss of high-quality, experienced FFAs throughout the County could result in disruption and trauma for thousands of children and families. If the underlying insurability problems are unaddressed, I further worry that non-profit human services organizations will not be able to continue to step up to serve communities. I ask that you act now to expediently identify and implement short- and long-term solutions to the FFA insurance crisis that will prevent the placement disruption and irrevocable loss of services for thousands of children. |
| | | | colin campbell | Could we use the federal funds for Kamalacare/Universal Healthcare/Oracle federal AI of 238.5 billion to be spent in 2024 to help protect foster children? I announced the budget on 9/10/2024 and Kamala Harris proposed winning out quantum computing race on 9/10/2024 making an upgrade to obamacare. |
| | | | LaKisha G Cameese | |
| | | | Melody Taylor Stark | Please pass. Children in Foster Care are too often treated as "throw-aways" not deserving of the same support given to those who are with their bio/chosen families. |
| | | | Ryan Shiao | |

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| 6. | | Favor | Stacey Roth | My name is Stacey Roth and I am the CEO of HillSides, a private nonprofit organization. We have providing foster care and adoptions through Bienvenidos for 40 years. I strongly supervisors Barger and Horvath's motion calling for county solutions and state level advocacy related to the FFA insurance crisis. There are over 1900 children being served in LA County in foster care. The loss of foster care insurance for providers like HillSides is devastating and would mean that we would have to close reducing many homes for these children in need. We have resource families that have been with us for 30 years and they are reporting that they will not be resource parents with any other organization. The loss of these services for one of our most vulnerable populations could result in more trauma, loss and homelessness for children that have already experienced a lot of trauma and loss. It doesn't seem right. I am appealing to you to explore all solutions including amending county contract language to help to support the procurement and affordability of insurance policies. I ask that you use whatever resources possible to identify long and short-term solutions to secure housing and treatment for our most vulnerable population in LA County, our foster care children. |
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