



**PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS
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			The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:	
Agenda #	Relate To	Position	Name	Comments
4.		Favor	Ana R Arias	
			Dorothy Wong	
			Hector Ramirez	
			LaKisha G Cameese	
			Michael Che	
		Oppose	Monisha Parker	<p>Dear Supervisor Solis,</p> <p>I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to address the pressing issue of extreme heat and its impact on pedestrians, cyclists, and transit users in Los Angeles County. Given our region's unique climate, it is essential that we take a comprehensive approach to mitigate the effects of high temperatures on our communities. Below, I outline several strategies that can be implemented to enhance urban design, improve infrastructure, engage the community, ensure effective planning, and leverage technology for a more resilient environment.</p> <p>Urban Design and Infrastructure</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop Shade Structures: Installing shade structures, such as awnings, pergolas, and strategically placed shade trees, along pathways, transit stops, and bike lanes can provide essential relief from direct sunlight. 2. Green Infrastructure: Incorporating green roofs, vertical gardens, and green walls in urban areas can significantly reduce heat absorption and improve local microclimates, benefiting both residents and the environment. 3. Cool Paving Materials: Utilizing cool pavements and permeable surfaces in high-traffic pedestrian and cycling zones can reduce heat absorption, making these pathways more comfortable. 4. Cooling Centers: Establishing accessible cooling centers during extreme heat events will allow pedestrians and transit users to find necessary refuge. These facilities can provide water, shade, and air conditioning. <p>Transportation Improvements</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Enhanced Transit Services: Increasing the frequency of transit services during extreme heat events will reduce wait times, encouraging public transportation usage and easing the burden on vulnerable populations. 6. Safe Routes for Cyclists: It is crucial that bikeways are safe and well-marked. Adding water refill stations along popular cycling routes would



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promote hydration and safety for cyclists.

7. Emergency Notifications: Implementing technology solutions to alert transit users and cyclists of heat advisories will ensure that they receive real-time information on cooling centers and safety measures.

Community Engagement

8. Public Awareness Campaigns: Launching educational initiatives about the dangers of extreme heat, as well as promoting safety measures like proper hydration and clothing, will empower community members to protect themselves.

9. Neighborhood Engagement: Encouraging local communities to participate in urban planning processes ensures that the needs of pedestrians and cyclists are integral to new developments.

10. Volunteer Programs: Establishing volunteer programs can enable community members to check on vulnerable populations during heat waves, offering assistance when needed.

Policy and Planning

11. Heat Action Plans: Developing comprehensive local and regional heat action plans that include preparedness and response strategies will enhance public health measures, particularly for those most at risk.

12. Integrate Heat Safety in Planning: It is crucial that city planners and public health officials incorporate heat safety considerations into transportation planning, zoning laws, and community development strategies.

13. Partnerships: Collaborating with health organizations, environmental agencies, and community-based organizations will yield multifaceted programs and services aimed at addressing extreme heat challenges.

Technology and Data

14. Heat Mapping: Utilizing heat mapping technologies will allow us to identify the hottest areas in the county and prioritize interventions in those locations.

15. Mobile Apps and Alerts: Developing a mobile application to provide real-time information on heat conditions and the availability of nearby cooling centers, along with hydration reminders, will enhance public safety.

By implementing these strategies, Los Angeles County can create a more resilient community that prioritizes the safety and well-being of all residents—especially pedestrians, cyclists, and transit users—during extreme heat events.

				Thank you for your attention to this vital matter. I look forward to your leadership in promoting these initiatives and improving our community's response to climate challenges. Sincerely, Monisha Parker
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