



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

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			The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:	
Agenda #	Relate To	Position	Name	Comments
CS-2.		Oppose	Daniel White	While the Board of Supervisors and their staff should have the opportunity to negotiate prices and terms in a private setting, the bigger discussion of WHY the county is moving their offices should be done in a public hearing. \$215 million is not chump change, no matter how much of a discount you're getting. Understanding the county's vision and its opportunity to take a leadership position on redefining the safety and vibrance of civic center / downtown is the least we deserve as members of the public. Who is moving here? Why? What is happening with the current spaces that will be vacated? When would this happen? Where is the ongoing money to maintain a high-rise going to come from?
			Maria Conejo	Shouldn't the 5 supervisors first vote to authorize staff to negotiate pricing and terms? Negotiating to spend hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars without direct approval is something the board should address.
			Maria Conejo	I have many concerns with this. 1) I understand the need to negotiate sensitive financial terms behind closed doors, but to solicit the public's input and the Board's approval on a proposal that significantly reshapes the perception and location of local government AFTER terms and conditions are cooked shows a disdain for the elected board, the public and taxpayer dollars. 2) The cost of this highrise is discounted, yes, but \$215 million is a LOT of money. And from what I've read, this is just the starting point given all of the costs that would be required to upgrade and maintain this property. 3) What will happen to the buildings that you will abandon to move into this LUXURY highrise? Will this create more blight? Are you selling to developers? Is this board going to exert its influence to help reshape a civic center that truly serves the community and civic demands? 4) If this highrise is taken off the property tax roll because of the county's purchase, how much will this affect our county's budget? 5) There are many downtown buildings that are vacant. Why did the county choose this one? What other options were on the table?

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CS-2.		Oppose	Mario Garfo	On July 12, 2022, the County's Department of Public Works asked for the Board's approval to seismically retrofit the Hahn Hall of Administration. In the county's approved budget for this fiscal year, \$62M is budgeted to seismically retrofit the HOA building and \$4.46M is set aside for assessing county buildings for earthquake readiness. Are existing contracts with firms going to be broken to abandon the HOA and buy a highrise? What is the cost to that? Where is the \$215M coming to purchase the gas company tower and 350 S. Figueroa Street? This last address is a mystery. What exactly is World Trade Center? A google search shows it was slated to be apartment buildings?
			Steve Smith	Was an RFP ever posted for this real estate requirement? If so, it is impossible to find and I have been asking for months. Can a supervisor publicly share where this can be found?
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