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17.		<b>Favor</b>	Angela D Gibson Shaw	We are supportive of a process that provides an opportunity to properly review and provide comments, analysis and feedback on proposed policies. With the right process in place, more engagement will result in policies that benefit everyone, especially those that will be impacted by them. This will give you the opportunity to hear from "both sides".
			Blake Perez	
			Carlos M Montes	I support a more accessible method for the public to give feedback on LA County policymaking.



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17.		<b>Favor</b>	Derek Steele	<p>Dear Board of Supervisors,</p> <p>The Social Justice Learning Institute is writing in support of Item 17 because the County's policymaking process needs to be more transparent and accountable.</p> <p>Decision-making within Los Angeles County can be complex, yet it often moves quickly and without ample time for the public and key stakeholders to review and provide thoughtful feedback on important legislative proposals.</p> <p>Today, motions are placed on a public agenda only three business days before a Tuesday Board meeting, and the public is often not aware of the proposal until it has already become law. The Board's current process disenfranchises individuals who do not have the time or agency to analyze Board agendas in less than three business days and prepare written or verbal public comments. Moreover, the truncated policymaking process also does not provide meaningful time for Board members and their staff time to have robust discussion about proposals with the public and affected County departments. Establishing a structure within the County to vet policy proposals before they reach the Board for a vote is not just beneficial but crucial for effective governance and for sharing power with the community.</p> <p>This motion would allow Supervisors and staff to leverage expertise from departments, collect stakeholder feedback, weigh perspective from the public, and ensure that all policy proposals are scrutinized for feasibility, impact, and alignment with County priorities, by leveraging existing cluster meeting structure. We know when policy includes more thoughtful deliberation and time for stakeholder feedback, it is more responsive in addressing community needs.</p> <p>We believe this is an important step forward to making our County government more accountable and transparent to all Angelenos. This along with the study effort for additional governance reforms are exactly what we need to do. Having ways to get community involvement and engagement should always be strategy utilized.</p> <p>For these reasons, the Social Justice Learning Institute respectfully asks for your "Aye" vote.</p>
			Don C Moss	Please include wording to allow digital meeting platforms (Zoom, MS Teams, etc.) to be an established part of the regular Community-Driven meetings processes.
			Fred Sutton	Please see attached letter in support of this item.

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17.		<b>Favor</b>	James Finney-Conlon	The Los Angeles Area Chamber proudly supports this measure to increase public participation in County legislative discussions. This item is beneficial to business advocates seeking meaningful ways to stay civically engaged with the county.
			Janet Zaldua	
			Jerard D Wright	We support the Mitchell-Barger motion.
			John Kirby	
			Kristian M Huling	See Attached Letter
			Nella McOsker	
			Nicholas M Lampros	Bet Tzedek Legal Services supports this Motion for the reasons set forth in the attached support letter.
			Victor Sanchez	The LA Alliance for a New Economy (LAANE) wishes to express our support for the motion to support greater transparency and public participation in the policy process. Ensuring that there is adequate time and equitable processes to engage community voices in the County's decision-making is critical. People need to understand the essential role government plays in their lives, and how to have a voice in that government.
		<b>Item Total</b>	<b>14</b>	
<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>14</b>	



**California Apartment Association**  
Los Angeles County

October 21, 2024

Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
VIA EMAIL

**Item 17: Support - *Encouraging Public Participation and Deliberation***

Dear Honorable Board of Supervisors,

On behalf of the California Apartment Association, I am writing to express our strong support for the motion introduced by Supervisors Mitchell and Barger, which requires board motions to first be introduced in a policy cluster before being placed on the full board agenda. As a trade organization representing housing providers and related stakeholders, we believe this motion is a vital step toward promoting greater transparency, inclusivity, and accountability in Los Angeles County's governance.

The current process, where motions can be introduced with limited time for public scrutiny or feedback, restricts the ability of those most impacted by policy decisions to participate meaningfully. By vetting motions through policy clusters, this proposal creates a more structured and deliberate approach that ensures all voices can be heard and contribute to the development of effective policies.

Furthermore, engaging the public early in the process will improve the quality of the Board's decisions. It will allow for thoughtful discussions and solutions, preventing rushed enactment of policies that may overlook critical concerns or miss opportunities for improvement. A thorough review process, involving input from experts, stakeholders, and community members, will ensure that policy decisions are well-informed and more responsive to the diverse needs of the County.

We commend the Board's commitment to fostering a governance model that empowers citizens to be informed and participate. This motion's emphasis on early engagement, transparency, and community-driven solutions will lead to better, more equitable outcomes for all residents of Los Angeles County.

We urge your support.

Sincerely,

Fred Sutton  
California Apartment Association