



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

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Agenda #	Relate To	Position	Name	Comments
The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:				
21.		Favor	Erikson Albrecht	
		Oppose	Dakota Kelly	<p>Los Angeles County celebrated this special group with a County recognition several times in 2024.</p> <p>The LGBTQ community can celebrate and recognize Transgenders as often as they want BUT it is inappropriate for the County Board of Supervisors to officially recognize this group over American groups like our Veterans.</p> <p>This is an unfair practice initiated by public servants of all County residents.</p> <p>The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors should never play favoritism over one group.</p> <p>The Transgender community has already been acknowledged by the LAC Board numerous times in 2024.</p> <p>It is time to give our Veterans or the Founders of California their recognition.</p>
			Thomas Woolsey	
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November 1, 2024

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors

500 West Temple Street
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Motion by Supervisors Horvath and Solis (Item# 21): Proclaim November 13 through 19, 2024 as “Transgender Awareness Week” and November 20, 2024 as “Transgender Day of Remembrance” throughout Los Angeles County.

Dear Honorable Members of the Board,

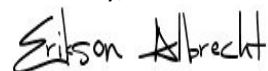
Bet Tzedek Legal Services wholeheartedly supports the proposed motion to establish countywide observation of “Transgender Awareness Week” and “Transgender Day of Remembrance”. Our agency has a long-standing and unwavering commitment to advocating for vulnerable populations and we see this motion as meaningful acknowledgement of our transgender community and a recognition of both their contributions and vulnerability.

For fifty years, the mission of Bet Tzedek (Hebrew for “House of Justice”) has been to act upon a central tenant of Jewish law and tradition: “Tzedek, Tzedek, tirdof – justice, justice, you shall pursue.” The doctrine establishes an obligation to advocate for the just causes of the most vulnerable members of society. Consistent with this mandate, Bet Tzedek provides free legal assistance to all eligible low-income residents, regardless of their racial, religious, or ethnic background. Bet Tzedek attorneys, advocates, and support staff, along with our vast network of volunteer and pro bono attorneys, are dedicated to using law and public policy to protect and promote equality and justice for all individuals. Among other things, Bet Tzedek seeks to support the health and wellbeing of low-income transgender and gender nonconforming individuals in Los Angeles County and beyond through its Transgender Rights Project – assisting with name and gender marker change petitions and addressing systemic inequalities including gender-affirming healthcare denials.

As such, we see tremendous value in observing Transgender Awareness Week and Transgender Day of Remembrance. Transgender Awareness week allows us all to acknowledge and celebrate transgender and gender non-conforming lives, the contributions and richness of transgender individuals and the community as a whole. On Transgender Day of Remembrance, we honor the lives lost due to anti-transgender violence and hate; it serves as a grave and grounding reminder of the import of the work to fight harassment and discrimination.

The motion by Supervisors Horvath and Solis to establish Los Angeles County “Transgender Awareness Week” and “Transgender Day of Remembrance” is a vital step towards advancing the equality of transgender people. Bet Tzedek accordingly strongly supports this motion.

Sincerely,



Erikson Albrecht
Directing Attorney