



**PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS
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The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:				
23.		Favor	Aradhana Tiwari	The Sunita Jain Anti-Trafficking Initiative (SJI) of Loyola Law School is committed to advocating for policies which prevent human trafficking. SJI supports this initiative as individuals from the TGI Community are often vulnerable to sex and/or labor trafficking due to compounding vulnerabilities. This initiative seeks to support TGI community members through investment in health, housing and human services that will support this community and thus lessen their risk for being subjected to commercial exploitation.
			Arburtha Franklin	<p>Hello, my name is Arburtha Franklin with the TransLatin@ Coalition. I am writing in support of TGI Wellness, Equity, and Care 2024, a \$7 million investment in Trans, Gender Expansive, and Intersex Communities. LA County must invest in the lives of TGI people in LA county by expanding health, mental health, anti violence, creative healing, social and economic development programs.</p> <p>TGI youth and aging populations are vulnerable to specific experiences of harassment and exclusion that vary from the other members of the LGBT+ community, leading to negative health outcomes and involvement in the juvenile justice system. The TGI community has long faced challenges and discrimination, and now, more than ever, it is essential that we raise awareness and stand in solidarity. At the local, state, and national levels, TGI individuals continue to experience discrimination, homelessness, violence, and a lack of access to essential services.</p> <p>Findings from the U.S. Transgender Survey (USTS) and the National Center for Transgender Equality (NCTE) reveal high rates of homelessness, housing discrimination, economic hardships, and negative health outcomes among TGI individuals. TGI youth, in particular, are vulnerable to harassment and exclusion, leading to negative health outcomes and involvement in the juvenile justice system.</p> <p>We hope you share the same wants for the betterment of TGI people in the county budgeting process and seek to break the cycle of erasure that TGI people have bravely torn down.</p> <p>Sincerely, Arburtha Franklin</p>
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23.		Favor	Byron Jose	We look forward to continue working with the Board of Supervisors towards an equitable investment in TGI communities. We appreciate Chair Horvath and leadership in the Board to advance this community-led initiative and budget request. TGI communities deserve to be prioritized and as communities contributing to our county's economy, we deserved to be prioritized in the CEO's allocation of Net County Cost funds.
			Christopher Bowen	Smart motion by Supervisor Horvath - we need to invest in our TGI community, especially as we see national rhetoric against them ramping up. Budgets are a reflection of our values, thank you!
			Dominic E Wing	
			Hector Ramirez	



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23.		Favor	Jeffrey DeGuia	<p>Hello, my name is Jeffrey DeGuia with Asian Americans Advancing Justice Southern California. I am writing in support of TGI Wellness, Equity, and Care 2024, a \$7 million investment in Trans, Gender Expansive, and Intersex Communities. LA County must invest in the lives of TGI people in LA county by expanding health, mental health, anti violence, creative healing, social and economic development programs.</p> <p>TGI youth and aging populations are vulnerable to specific experiences of harassment and exclusion that vary from the other members of the LGBT+ community, leading to negative health outcomes and involvement in the juvenile justice system. The TGI community has long faced challenges and discrimination, and now, more than ever, it is essential that we raise awareness and stand in solidarity. At the local, state, and national levels, TGI individuals continue to experience discrimination, homelessness, violence, and a lack of access to essential services.</p> <p>Findings from the U.S. Transgender Survey (USTS) and the National Center for Transgender Equality (NCTE) reveal high rates of homelessness, housing discrimination, economic hardships, and negative health outcomes among TGI individuals. TGI youth, in particular, are vulnerable to harassment and exclusion, leading to negative health outcomes and involvement in the juvenile justice system.</p> <p>We hope you share the same wants for the betterment of TGI people in the county budgeting process and seek to break the cycle of erasure that TGI people have bravely torn down.</p> <p>Sincerely, Jeffrey DeGuia</p>
			Kevin A Perez	
			Liza Caballos	<p>By investing in the TGI Wellness and Equity Initiative, we are not only supporting a marginalized community but also fostering a more inclusive and equitable society. This initiative will empower transgender, gender expansive, and intersex individuals to thrive, contributing to a stronger, more vibrant community for all. Additionally, by providing job opportunities and skill-building programs, we can help to uplift and empower countless individuals within the TGI community who may otherwise face significant barriers to employment</p>



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23.		Favor	Mel Escalante	<p>Dear Supervisors,</p> <p>My name is Mel, I am a district 3 constituent. I am writing to continue advocating for the TGI Wellness, Equity, and Care Coordination, a \$7 million investment in Trans, Gender Expansive, and Intersex Communities.</p> <p>I work as a researcher and training specialist for a trans-serving organization. Thanks to initiatives like this one, I have been able to help educate hundreds of healthcare workers on how to address and provide healthcare services to the TGI community and conduct and publish research on TGI-specific housing insecurity in LA.</p> <p>TGI youth and aging populations are vulnerable to specific experiences of harassment and exclusion that vary from the other members of the LGBT+ community, leading to negative health outcomes and involvement in the juvenile justice system. The TGI community has long faced criminalization and discrimination, and now, more than ever, it is essential that we raise awareness and stand in solidarity. At the local, state, and national levels, TGI individuals continue to experience homelessness, violence, and a lack of access to essential services.</p> <p>This \$7 million investment in TGI-led and TGI-serving community-based organizations is a crucial step to continue advancing equity and align with other Board initiatives towards a more inclusive County.</p> <p>We are thankful to those in the County who sincerely see and continue to support the fight for equity, racial justice, and LGBTQIA+ rights. We are all connected, and TGI people need the county to build capacity to address the issues impacting our communities accurately. We hope you are willing to continue to break the erasure cycle and improve TGI people's lives through the county budgeting process.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Mel Escalante</p>



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		Oppose	Ann Alvarez	

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23.		Oppose	Dakota Kelley	Instructing the Director of Public Health to establish an initiative for Trans, Gender Expansion and Intersex Equity Initiative with a \$7,000,000 investment over a 24-month period (\$3,500,000 per year) is a discriminatory practice. Los Angeles County has small businesses still closing or suffering from the forced 1,122 days shut down of the economy during COVID. This funding should be ear marked for small business owners to have start up or working capital. The LGBTQ community is receiving funding from Mental Health Sevice Act for wellness programs. This recommendation is selecting one group for preferential treatment over other groups. Please oppose this recommendation and consider small business funding instead for every one to apply.
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		Other	Rhonda Rangel	
		Item Total	16	
Grand Total			16	