



**PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS
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			The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:	
21.	5	Favor	Alvaro P Ballesteros	Wesley Health Centers, JWCH Institute - supports this motion.
			Annie Tran	There needs to be more accountability and less red tape. Pass throughs require additional administrative fees, that is money that should be going out to our homeless residents not to additional administrative overhead. I am in strong support of this motion and will look forward to reading the report back in the future.
			Anthony Allman	
			Caroline Menjivar	<p>Senator Menjivar, through various positions, has had the opportunity to work alongside LAHSA and has witnessed firsthand our homeless operations in the county. She strongly supports a system that overhauls the status quo as we've seen from reports is not working. This department aims to streamline efforts, cut through red tape, and dismantle bureaucratic inefficiencies that often hinder timely and effective action on this critical issue.</p> <p>Too often, taxpayer dollars meant for urgent services are tied up in administrative processes or allocated inefficiently, failing to make the intended impact on the ground. The Senator believes that creating a centralized department will foster greater transparency, ensure that resources are used effectively, and improve outcomes for unhoused individuals.</p> <p>By streamlining services, the county can better allocate its significant resources to directly address the root causes of homelessness—such as housing insecurity, mental health, and substance use—while providing targeted solutions.</p>
			Elizabeth Kelly	<p>I strongly support creating this agency as a step toward serving unhoused people on Los Angeles. The current system has become so politicized that it has forgotten the people on the street.</p> <p>Homelessness is one of the most urgent challenges facing our County, and this motion is an important step toward addressing it with the focus and accountability it requires.</p>
			Hector Ramirez	
			Hernan G Molina	The City of West Hollywood supports Chair Horvath/Supervisor Barger's motion
			John Erickson	
			John R Oppenheim	I am totally in favor and have attached a short reason why.
			Mark Casanova	



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21.	5	Favor	Maura Johnson	
			Nikki Perez	My name is Nikki Perez and I am the Vice Mayor for the City of Burbank, however today I am writing in my capacity as a Social Worker and experienced Homeless Service Provider. Two years ago, The Blue Ribbon Commission on Homelessness gave its final report urging the county to establish an entity that would streamline services and eliminate silos while allowing LAHSA to pinpoint its focus on its true role as the lead in the Continuum of Care. With our county voter's most recent investment in measure A, now is the perfect time to streamline and centralize homeless services and ensure truly effective solutions for our communities. I know firsthand what reducing barriers, red tape, and inefficiencies in the system can do for clients and that's why I am in support of Supervisor Horvath & Supervisor Barger's and motion to create a new LA County Department focused on solutions to homelessness. Please take this bold step to improve the lives of our unhoused neighbors, dedicated homeless services workers, and all Angelenos today. Thank you and have a great day!
			Rebecca Clark	
			Sean Starkey	
		Other	Alexander Visotzky	



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21.	5	Other	Amara Ononiwu	<p>This matter ought to be an exploration of not just feasibility but efficacy of these recommendations. How will the establishment of a county entity impact those we serve and those on the front lines? How will it maintain the alignment that is already happening as a result of the Executive Committee and Leadership Table? How is will this entity be better for solving homelessness? Will it have the flexibility to fund small or faith based programs that are truly making a difference all across the county in ways that support main service providers and represent small cities and unincorporated areas? Or will a burdensome county contact system lock our those small agencies and house of worship who can help make those person by person one to one connections every day that build the trust to move into services?</p> <p>These are vital transparencies that we owe the public to understand the specific gaps that are being addressed and what they can anticipate from a future entity, if a motion for such passes. The county has a bit of history creating new entities to address one issue without full knowledge and perspective of what other current entities are doing to address the same issue, even within its own structure. It is my hope that if a new county entity is the result of this report back, that entity would continue to rely on a collaborative alignment model that perpetuates all voices being at the table instead of recreating what has been established. This push pull stop start severely hinders our greater ability to address homelessness with the momentum and consistency required. Further more, a side by side comparison with what improvements can be made to the current structure would, again, lend the type of transparency that supports and honors public and service provider needs. How could the Housing for Health model become the gold standard? What would that shift?</p> <p>Lastly, there must be an awareness of and thorough investigation of small city solutions that work. Faith community programs and partnership as one example of that. Not all houses of worship freeze when addressing homelessness - and where we find that to be the case, support and expand the efforts that are educating faith communities. The fact that LAHSA has supported a Faith Based Regional Coordinator program with each service provide as something that should lifted up and if migrated to the county, how can we capitalize of the work that has been done rather than begin it again as I fear the County would do because of the quality of communication within its own major structure and the lack of awareness.</p> <p>Examination of this potential department is a good thing for all the reasons Supervisor Horvath outlined AND its important that you bring the public along with a grounded understanding of the consequences of both creating a new entity and improving the current structure. We need overarching systemic transparency which this could afford us but we also must take the responsibility of looking ahead to the possible impacts --consequences both intended and unintended.</p>



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21.	5	Other	Becky Dennison	<p>I am writing to express preliminary support for the motion introduced by Chair Lindsey P. Horvath and Supervisor Kathryn Barger to create a new Los Angeles County Department dedicated to homelessness solutions. While more exploration is needed and called for in the motion, this motion represents a potential step forward in addressing the homelessness crisis through enhanced accountability, streamlined services, and collaboration. Homelessness is a challenge that touches every community in Los Angeles County, and it demands a coordinated response that transcends jurisdictional boundaries. By exploring the creation of a centralized department, this motion creates an opportunity to unify service delivery, improve transparency, and ensure public funds are utilized effectively.</p> <p>Venice Community Housing understands the importance of collaboration with the County to address homelessness comprehensively. We are committed to continuing our partnership with Los Angeles County to create meaningful solutions that uplift our most vulnerable residents, and we hope that County officials will engage with organizations like ours during the 60-day period to inform its report from the perspective of grantees and implementing organizations.</p> <p>Thank you for your dedication to this critical issue and for your leadership in addressing homelessness. Please do not hesitate to reach out to Erika Lee or Becky Dennison at elee@vchcorp.org or bdennison@vchcorp.org should you have any questions or to solicit input on the motion and report back.</p>
			Sharon S Rapport	<p>Please see attached comments.</p> <p>We completely understand the goals of the motion and agree with the concerns the motion is attempting to address. For many years, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) has struggled with payment processing, given their joint power authority structure. However, we have concerns with the speed at which this motion is being heard and decided, and with whether the proposed remedies will solve the problems that have long plagued LAHSA. As these problems have existed for so long, we recommend taking the time to identify remedies other jurisdictions have implemented, with the goal of finding workable solutions, either through LAHSA or a County structure. Absorbing the challenges of LAHSA through a county entity may not result in the goals you are attempting to achieve, while potentially leading to loss of technical expertise, leadership, staff capacity, and coordination with the City of Los Angeles.</p> <p>For these reasons, we advise postponing action until the County has devoted time and resources to find the best solutions to the problems LAHSA currently faces.</p>



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			colin campbell	

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			Sonali Saluja	I am writing to express my strong support for centralizing homeless support services in Los Angeles County and optimizing them to include street medicine. As the Vice President of Population Health at Healthcare in Action (HIA)—a leading street medicine organization—and as a Primary Care Physician dedicated to caring for unhoused individuals, I firmly believe that access to comprehensive healthcare, delivered directly to individuals where they live, is essential to effectively addressing homelessness in our county.
			steven martinez	through out my 32 yrs in my social career & activism. I've witnessed the nightmare of these services. specifically, by Profit Greed not Volunteer dedication. Example LAFH in the Valley rampant drug use-No call of LAPD policy endangering community & homeless. 2. You have plenty of para professionals who provide these services for free, they could use 500- 800 per bed & prov ide everything else with results than 240,000 a yr salary for one person At LAFH. ignorance and racist elements of LAHSA against grass roots & spiritual leaders is unacceptable!! specifically with such huge unspent funds without honest results. Share w folks who would provide services free if their were none!!!! thankn you
		Oppose	Ann Alvarez	
		Other	Amara Ononiwu	
			Darren Dunaway	Please consider allocating dollars to the Department of Aging, or develop an aging section in the new department to allocate dollars specifically for the aging population. Goal 4 prevention of homelessness particularly is relevant to the work agencies do via care management and meals on wheels preventing homelessness for the aging population.
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