



**PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS
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			The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:	
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8.		Other	Christopher Baca	<p>Meals on Wheels programs throughout the County of Los Angeles act as a rent subsidy to the clients we serve. Meals On Wheels West is a part of the solution to homelessness and helps prevent homelessness.</p> <p>91% of MOW West clients report “the meals & volunteer visits help them to remain living in their home.” Our home delivered meal programs are homeless prevention programs. People do not have to choose between paying rent, purchasing vital medicine or going hungry. Video testimonial: vimeo.com/1005945227</p> <p>100% of our clients receive subsidized meals or meals at no cost, acting as a rent subsidy.</p> <p>25% of MOW West’s clients are formerly unhoused people. While many nonprofit and governmental agencies are addressing housing, Meals on Wheels West is Delivering More Than a Meal. Our programs are filling a significant gap in human services by providing home delivered nutrition, socialization and resources that help formerly unhoused people stabilize and reintegrate into society.</p> <p>Please allocate some of the Measure A and other homelessness funding to Meals on Wheels and other home delivered meals programs. The County of LA Department of Aging and Disabilities is in business with the Meals on Wheels agencies. Alternatively the funding can be awarded directly through LAHSA or a new CLA department. MOWs employ a proven cost effective model with easily documented outputs ie: number of meals delivered. The outcome of housing stabilization is measured by documenting program participants remaining in their homes via Get Care software that LA County currently utilizes.</p>

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8.		Other	Eli Veitzer	<p>December 2, 2024</p> <p>On behalf of Jewish Family Service LA, I am writing to urge the County allocate a portion of Proposition A to reinstate Home Safe Funding. More than 85,000 Californians over the age of 50 are homeless on any given night. Nearly half of single homeless adults are aged 50 or older, and that percentage is increasing, with seniors now the fastest-growing segment of the homeless population.</p> <p>An analysis of older adult homelessness just published by the UCSF Benioff Homelessness and Housing Initiative reveals that over 40% of homeless seniors first became homeless after the age of 50. For most of these individuals, the pathway to homelessness was very different than for those who first experienced homelessness at a younger age.</p> <p>Many times, there was a catastrophic precipitating event, such as illness, disability, or death of a family member with whom they shared housing. The resulting loss or reduction of income left them unable to pay rent. With very limited incomes and a woefully insufficient supply of low-income senior housing, they found themselves among the thousands of Los Angeles' vulnerable elders struggling to stay housed.</p> <p>At Jewish Family Service LA (JFSLA), with an array of services touching thousands of seniors across Los Angeles, we hear these heartbreaking stories every day. Thankfully, Home Safe has been helping to prevent many seniors and dependent adults in similar situations from becoming homeless. Home Safe, funded by the State and administered by Los Angeles County in partnership with community nonprofits like JFSLA, has literally saved thousands of lives over the past five years.</p> <p>Additional funding for the Home Safe Program was not included in the state budget.</p> <p>Without future funding, the program will sunset over the next 12 months, leaving thousands of older and dependent adults without this lifeline. The Home Safe Program is saving lives every day. we urge the County allocate a portion of Proposition A to reinstate Home Safe Funding. All of our elders deserve to live in dignity and safety. We can, and must, do better.</p> <p>Eli Veitzer CEO</p>
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