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3.		Favor	Alec Mesropian	<p>On behalf of the Los Angeles County Business Federation, representing over 420,000 employers and 5 million workers across the region:</p> <p>We are here to strongly support this motion, which introduces much-needed reforms to make the legislative process more transparent, inclusive, and effective. Under the current system, motions are placed on public agendas just three business days before a Board meeting. This short timeframe leaves the public—and key stakeholders like businesses—unable to fully analyze proposals, provide thoughtful feedback, or participate in meaningful dialogue before decisions are made.</p> <p>This motion addresses those challenges head-on by requiring motions to be reviewed in policy clusters before they advance to a full Board vote. Clusters, as you know, are structured discussions with subject matter experts, County departments, and Board deputies, and they are open to the public. They offer a valuable forum for deliberation and collaboration that strengthens policymaking.</p> <p>For businesses, this change is critical. It gives us—and other stakeholders—an opportunity to provide informed feedback and ensure that the policies you craft reflect the realities on the ground. Businesses are not opposed to regulation; we are opposed to poorly crafted regulation. Allowing us to engage earlier in the process will help avoid unintended consequences and create policies that achieve your goals while supporting economic growth and job creation.</p> <p>What's particularly commendable about this motion is that it doesn't create unnecessary delays or administrative burdens. Scenario 1 is a smart solution—it maintains the existing Wednesday motion filing deadline but simply shifts the timeline to allow one week for cluster review. This ensures efficiency while enabling a more deliberative and inclusive process.</p> <p>This proposal also reflects the values of co-governance. It allows community members, business leaders, and stakeholders to engage in the policymaking process in a way that feels authentic and impactful. Transparency builds trust. When people feel heard, they are more likely to support and engage with the policies that emerge from this Board.</p> <p>Finally, this is about creating stronger, more effective governance. A more transparent process ensures better decisions and helps the County achieve its goals while reflecting the needs of businesses, workers, and communities. It's time for Los Angeles County to lead by example and demonstrate that policymaking can be both efficient and inclusive.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration. We urge you to adopt this motion and take a vital step toward making Los Angeles County government more transparent, community-oriented, and accountable to all.</p>
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			Lisa P Cleri Reale	<p>I am writing to support the Motion by Supervisors Mitchell and Hahn dated December 17, 2024, focused on Adopting A Deliberative Policymaking Structure: Implementing A Process to Review Legislation at Cluster Meetings.</p> <p>Reading the summary of the Motion, I wondered "why aren't we already doing this?" It's sensible; it's inclusive; it's transparent and it represents good government. Community leaders and stakeholders who are on the frontlines should know what motions are being developed, participate in discussions, and provide their valuable and experienced feedback before the motions are approved in a vacuum.</p> <p>We are long overdue on this but have time to correct it. Kudos to the two Supervisors for shining a spotlight on the issue.</p> <p>Signed</p> <p>Lisa Cleri Reale December 16, 2024</p>
		Shannon Camacho		
		Item Total	5	
Grand Total			5	

Good afternoon Members of the Board!

My name is Shannon Camacho, and I represent Inclusive Action for the City. I am writing to support item #3. We believe that the adoption of Scenario 1 to amend the motion introduction process will enhance transparency, accountability, and collaboration between the County and community stakeholders. This motion amends the cluster meeting structure in regards to motion introduction in order to allow more opportunities for community members to review motions before they are formally introduced during Board meetings.

For far too long, low-income residents and immigrants have been excluded from policy-making due to the complex processes that exist within our government systems. Currently, policies are introduced with only three days' notice before a Board meeting, leaving little time for review or public participation. Scenario 1 seeks to open up the ability to amend and review motions before they are introduced.

While this is an important step, we also recognize that having more opportunities to engage in the policymaking process does not guarantee that organizations and residents will have capacity to do so, so we urge the County to work closely with community based organizations to co-design effective outreach methods to reach and support participation by communities who lack the capacity and resources to engage in these types of discussions.

We urge the County to adopt this motion to establish accountability and community input systems that take community members' input into account regarding policymaking at the County level. We look forward to seeing more community input in the motion deliberation process.

Thank you.

December 16, 2024

LA County Supervisor Kathryn Barger
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500 West Temple Street, Room 869
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Re: ITEM 3 – Policymaking Process within LA County Clusters – (SUPPORT)

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GLAR will continue to advocate for increasing homeownership opportunities for all, increasing workforce housing production, protecting property rights and supporting small businesses. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Government Affairs Director at (323) 919-9424 or jerard@glarealtors.com.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our concerns with this proposal.

Sincerely,

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