

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

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## Public Comment for Board Meeting - Item #12 Carlos Vaquerano, President & CEO, Clínica Monséñor Oscar A. Romero

Dear Board of Supervisors,

My name is Carlos Vaquerano, and I am the CEO of Clínica Monséñor Oscar A. Romero. I am here today to speak in support of Item #12.

I want to first express my sincere gratitude to Supervisor Hilda Solis for bringing this important motion forward to eliminate the Department of Medical Examiner's transportation and storage fee. This motion addresses a critical issue affecting so many in our community, especially among our low-income residents who already face significant financial hardship.

At Clínica Monséñor Oscar A. Romero, we understand deeply the essential services we provide to our community. We are on the frontlines, supporting families in their most vulnerable moments—whether it's through healthcare, counseling, or helping them navigate the emotional and financial burdens of loss. The cost of transporting and storing a loved one's remains should not add to the already overwhelming stress of grief.

By supporting this motion, the Board will ensure that families are not further burdened when mourning the loss of a loved one. This decision speaks directly to the values of dignity, respect, and compassion that we must uphold in our county. We believe that it is the responsibility of our county government to alleviate such financial burdens, particularly for those who need it most, so families can focus on healing and honoring their loved ones in peace.

I urge the Board to stand with our community and VOTE in favor of item #12. Thank you for your consideration.