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5.		Favor	Chyenne Roan-Santini	A need for urgency in the implementation of Measure A funds
			Donyielle H City of Pomona	The City of Pomona is in support of item #5 with modifications to incorporate funding scenario #4 instead of scenario #6.
			Lizeth Hernandez	The People Concern supports the proposed FY 25-26 Homeless Initiative budget, local solutions formula, regional plan, and metrics to implement Measure A. We recognize the difficult budget tradeoffs given the scale of the needs in Los Angeles County; we believe this budget focuses correctly on the core priorities of scaling up permanent housing solutions, sustaining interim housing interventions, and protecting core multi-disciplinary outreach functions. We urge close collaboration with service providers and local jurisdictions to implement these funding priorities in ways that meet regional goals while also addressing unique local contexts, and with LACAHSA to align across the homelessness prevention and affordable housing continuum.
			Maria Alexander	Good morning, Chair and Board members. My name is Maria Alexander, the ED from Center for Living and Learning. I urge you to restore funding for LA:RISE. LA:RISE is an essential program that offers job training, placement, and support services to individuals facing significant barriers to employment, including homelessness. The program has already served nearly 10,000 individuals and stands as the only homeless workforce initiative in the county with a proven track record of helping people achieve long-term stability and success. Restoring this funding will ensure that these critical services continue to support some of LA's most vulnerable populations. Thank you for your time and consideration. Paid work experience saved me from homelessness and jails. It allows us to save 57 others a year from returning to homelessness and jails.



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5.		Favor	MARIA ELENA E MERAZ	<p>Hello, my name is Maria Elena Meraz, and I am a resident of LA County, a member of IRLA, and a community advocate from Whittier. I urge the Board of Supervisors to support immigrant renters by expanding the Flexible Housing Subsidy Pool (FHSP).</p> <p>As the CEO of Parent Engagement Academy, I work closely with families across LA County, empowering parents with the knowledge and tools they need to advocate for their children's education, economic stability, and overall well-being. Housing security is a critical factor in family success—when parents have stable homes, children can thrive in school, and communities become stronger. Yet, many immigrant families face growing challenges due to skyrocketing rents, ineligibility for federal assistance, and limited access to housing programs, putting them at risk of eviction, overcrowding, and homelessness.</p> <p>This urgent issue calls for stronger renter protections, increased affordable housing, and emergency rental assistance programs that include ALL Angelenos—regardless of immigration status.</p> <p>A \$20 million investment in the FHSP could help keep 6,000-8,000 immigrant families in their homes. This investment is essential to preventing homelessness and ensuring stability for our communities.</p> <p>Please support this effort to protect vulnerable renters.</p> <p>Thank you for your time!</p> <p>For written comment:</p> <p>Sincerely, Maria Elena Meraz, CEO Parent Engagement Academy mmeraz@academyforparents.org</p>
			Sheila D Richardson	New initiative to better the initiative with funding



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5.		Favor	Yolanda Arias	<p>To: Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Re: Agenda Item #5 – Fiscal Year 2025-26 Homeless Initiative Funding Recommendations – Guaranteed Income Housing Pilot Date: March 25, 2025</p> <p>LAFLA's Economic Stability Work Group staff have combined decades of experience working with government benefits recipients, including GR recipients, many of whom are homeless or housing insecure. The org is well-positioned to comment on the impact of this proposal. Providing a meaningful GBI benefits to some of the most vulnerable GR recipients will provide the necessary monetary support to enable recipients to obtain employment and housing, focus on mental health or other treatment instead of day-to-day survival, and achieve other positive outcomes will support not only the individual in question but the health of society at large.</p> <p>The GR program has a deep need for data driven reform and efforts by the County are currently underway. A GBI program is both a great model and an important data-gathering tool to lead those efforts. When DPSS and advocates worked together in the early 2000's to redesign GR, the GR Housing Subsidy and Case Management pilot was implemented and carefully studied. The research showed that providing housing stability through the rent subsidy did result in getting more people on SSI and into steady employment. The subsidy was supposed to be expanded but was not and the progress to move more people off of GR that was indicated by the study was stalled. LAFLA supports the effort to renew funding for housing stability through the guaranteed income housing pilot and rigorous study of the program to continue making headway against homelessness.</p> <p>GR currently provides only \$221 dollars a month to 120,000 recipients in deep poverty in LA County receiving no other cash benefit, and for non-disabled recipients for only 9 months out of the year. This is the same amount that has been provided since the 1990s and is insufficient to meet even a tiny fraction of need. Hence the high level of homelessness among the GR population. LAFLA has seen how programs like CAPI and SSI with higher monthly benefits can move individuals out of homeless into housing in line with Measure A's goals. Stable housing can also increase the likelihood that those on General Relief who start employment will remain employed. Increasing the earned income disregard can also help employed GR recipients maintain employment until the job situation is stable and they are ready to leave GR altogether. This proposal would help accomplish the same for the GR population unreached by these other benefits despite deep need. There is a wealth of data from other GBI pilots supporting positive outcomes. We look forward to implementation and urge adoption of the recommended budget item.</p> <p>Respectfully submitted Yolanda Arias Zachary Genduso Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles</p>



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5.		Oppose	Afton Branche-Wilson	I am Afton Branche-Wilson from Chrysalis, and I strongly urge you to restore funding for LA:RISE. LA:RISE is an essential program that offers job training, placement, and support services to individuals facing significant barriers to employment, including homelessness. The program has already served nearly 10,000 individuals and stands as the only homeless workforce initiative in the county with a proven track record of helping people achieve long-term stability and success. Restoring this funding will ensure that these critical services continue to support some of LA's most vulnerable populations. We use these funds to help clients earn income, find permanent employment, and maintain their housing. Thank you for your consideration.
			Ainsley Hurford	



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5.		Oppose	Ainsley Hurford	<p>Dear Board of Supervisors,</p> <p>The Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking (“Cast”) urges you to prioritize survivors of domestic violence in the Homeless Initiative budget. Cast is the nation’s oldest and largest comprehensive service provider for survivors of sex and labor trafficking, and we are also members of the Domestic Violence and Homeless Services Coalition (“DVHSC”). Since 2016, DVHSC has grown to include over 800 individuals representing 244 community-based organizations, government officials, philanthropic circles, and individuals with lived experience of homelessness and domestic violence.</p> <p>In 2024, 100% of new clients at Cast who disclosed their housing status reported being homeless at intake; we know the need for services, shelter, and housing for survivors is skyrocketing. In the Los Angeles Continuum of Care, 43% of the adult homeless population has experienced domestic violence, or intimate partner violence. Echoing the Point In Time Count, the 2022 Los Angeles County Women’s Needs Assessment found that 48.4% of women experiencing homelessness had experienced intimate partner violence in their lifetime, and within this group, nearly half cited this experience as a cause of their homelessness.</p> <p>We understand the challenges the Board faces during this difficult budget year. While the future of funding for survivors remains precarious at every level, with persistent cuts to the VOCA fund federally, we urge the Board of Supervisors to prioritize survivors in the Homeless Initiative budget. Under a Housing First model, we ask that Measure A funds continue supporting Rapid Re-Housing and Housing Navigation for survivors. Notably, Housing Navigation in these budget recommendations is facing a \$5 million cut. We strongly encourage the Board to continue funding the five Rapid Re-Housing programs and four Housing Navigation programs for survivors across the County that have been previously funded by Measure H. Ensuring this critical support remains available is vital for the safety and stability of survivors.</p> <p>We appreciate your continued dedication to ending homelessness in Los Angeles and hope to continue to collaborate in supporting survivors.</p> <p>Sincerely, Ainsley Hurford Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking</p>



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			Ayako Utsumi	Please revise budget to include 25% of all homeless funds set aside for the special needs of older adults. Specifically, please expand prevention of homelessness for older adults beyond the one \$5M rent subsidy for General Relief recipients who number maybe 1000 in the County. The budget does not address prevention and more housing and supports for the many thousands of other older adults that are at risk of or experiencing homelessness. Thank you.
			Brianna R Wilson	
			David Fredendall	We respectfully urge the Board of Supervisors to reconsider the current recommended Scenario #6 and instead adopt Scenario #4 as the allocation formula for the Local Solutions Fund. This would ensure a more equitable, stable, and accurate distribution of funds, better enabling Glendora and our neighboring communities to effectively respond to homelessness.



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5.		Oppose	Elvia Aldaco Salazar	<p>Good Morning Board of Supervisors,</p> <p>My name is Elvia Aldaco Salazar and I am here today as a member of Valley Oasis in support of preventing and reducing homelessness in the Antelope Valley.</p> <p>While we understand the need for fiscal responsibility, these proposed cuts—particularly to Coordinated Entry System (CES), prevention services, transitional housing, regional coordination and employment services—would undermine critical local efforts.</p> <p>These reductions could jeopardize years of progress in preventing and reducing homelessness in our community and we ask that the Board of Supervisors prioritize these efforts:</p> <p>Maintain CES Regional Coordination: Preserve funding for local CES coordinators to ensure continued community-based partnerships.</p> <p>Protect Prevention, Campus Peer Navigation, Housing Navigation Funding: Reinvest in eviction prevention, campus peer navigation, and housing navigation to reduce new homelessness cases.</p> <p>Support Employment & Legal Services: Continue funding for job training and criminal record clearing to help individuals transition into stable housing.</p> <p>Prioritize Survivors: Ensure dedicated funding for services that support survivors of domestic violence, human trafficking, and other forms of trauma. This includes access to safe housing, mental health support, and legal advocacy to help survivors regain independence and stability.</p> <p>We urge the Board to prioritize local solutions over centralization to avoid disrupting the effective services that have been working for our community.</p> <p>We appreciate your leadership in ensuring Measure A funds are allocated in a way that strengthens, not weakens, homelessness services. Thank you for your time and consideration.</p>
			Fred Ali	Oppose defunding of homeless youth services



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5.		Oppose	Heather Carrigan	<p>Dear Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors,</p> <p>I am writing on behalf of Allies for Every Child, a Countywide organization dedicated to preventing and mitigating the impacts of childhood trauma. Allies was founded as a foster care agency in 1987, and today we exist to serve all children and youth who have experienced homelessness, poverty, abuse or neglect, foster care, or who have disabilities or mental health challenges. We are deeply concerned about the defunding and deprioritization of youth homeless services in the Homeless Initiative's Measure A recommendations. To solve LA's homelessness crisis, youth need support that is tailored to meet their unique needs and services that are provided in environments where they feel safe. We urge you to restore the funding that was cut from the youth services system and ensure that there is funding set aside for youth-specific services in Measure A strategies. Youth homelessness is currently decreasing (the most recent point in time homeless count reflected an over 16% decrease in youth homelessness) thanks to these youth-focused programs. We cannot afford to go backwards now. If youth programs are cut, and funding is not set aside specifically to serve young people, there is no guarantee that services will be available for them.</p> <p>When people first experience homelessness, there's a brief window of opportunity to prevent them from falling into chronic homelessness and the direst outcomes. Early adulthood is an especially high-risk life stage: "Youth who experienced homelessness in their 6 years preceding adulthood were more than 3 times as likely to be homeless as young adults than those who had not previously been homeless" (Economic Roundtable). And we know that young parents (many of whom were in foster care) are 3 times more likely to experience homelessness than their non-parenting peers (National Network for Youth). Targeting youth homelessness specifically is not only an investment in their wellbeing, but in the wellbeing of future generations of Angelenos, too.</p> <p>By ensuring that funding is restored for youth homeless services, you give young people the opportunity to thrive, and prevent them from experiencing homelessness as adults and parents. Preventing chronic homelessness is crucial to ending the homelessness crisis. I hope that you will stand in support of ensuring that youth are not overlooked in the implementation of Measure A.</p> <p>Sincerely, Heather Carrigan President & CEO, Allies for Every Child</p>



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5.		Oppose	Kori Joneson	<p>Dear Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors,</p> <p>I am writing to strongly oppose the proposed 78% cut to LA:RISE funding. While we recognize the difficult budget decisions before you, employment through LA:RISE is a proven pathway out of homelessness and must remain a priority.</p> <p>At the Downtown Women’s Center, LA:RISE powers our social enterprise, MADE by DWC, providing paid employment for women exiting homelessness - offering stability, confidence, and the opportunity to reclaim their futures. Without this investment, fewer women will have access to the economic opportunities they need to rebuild their lives. Housing alone is not enough - employment must be part of the solution.</p> <p>Cutting LA:RISE means fewer jobs, fewer pathways to long-term stability, and a weakened safety net for thousands of Angelenos working toward economic independence. Since its inception, LA:RISE has helped over 9,500 individuals gain the support they need to secure long-term employment. In 2024 alone, LA:RISE provided over 1,200 individuals with paid transitional jobs and career pathways. Cutting this funding would eliminate 600 job opportunities next year, severely limiting access to stable employment for those working to overcome homelessness.</p> <p>We urge the Board of Supervisors to fully fund LA:RISE and invest in economic opportunity and stability for all. Thank you for your time and consideration.</p> <p>Sincerely, Kori Joneson Social Enterprise Committee Member, Downtown Women’s Center</p>
			Mark Loranger	<p>My name is Mark Loranger, and I am the CEO of Chrysalis. I strongly urge you to restore funding for LA:RISE. LA:RISE is an essential program that offers job training, placement, and support services to individuals facing significant barriers to employment, including homelessness. The program has already served nearly 10,000 individuals and stands as the only homeless workforce initiative in the county with a proven track record of helping people achieve long-term stability and success. Restoring this funding will ensure that these critical services continue to support some of LA’s most vulnerable populations. Thank you for your consideration.</p>



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5.		Oppose	Melody Mohebi	<p>Dear Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors,</p> <p>I am writing to strongly oppose the proposed 78% cut to LA:RISE funding. While we recognize the difficult financial decisions before you, reducing investment in LA:RISE would be a devastating setback for Angelenos striving to exit homelessness.</p> <p>At the Downtown Women's Center, LA:RISE powers the social enterprise, MADE by DWC, providing paid employment for women exiting homelessness - offering stability, confidence, and the opportunity to reclaim their futures. Without this investment, fewer women will have access to the economic opportunities they need to rebuild their lives. Housing alone is not enough - employment must be part of the solution.</p> <p>Cutting LA:RISE means fewer jobs, fewer pathways to long-term stability, and a weakened safety net for thousands of Angelenos working toward economic independence. This funding reduction would eliminate 600 job opportunities next year, severely limiting access to stable employment for those working to overcome homelessness.</p> <p>We urge the Board of Supervisors to fully fund LA:RISE and invest in economic opportunity and stability for all. Thank you for your time and consideration.</p> <p>Sincerely, Melody Mohebi, PhD Social Enterprise Committee Member, Downtown Women's Center</p>
			Michael Graff-Weisner	<p>My name is Michael Graff-Weisner from Chrysalis, and I strongly urge you to restore funding for LA:RISE. LA:RISE is an essential program that offers job training, placement, and support services to individuals facing significant barriers to employment, including homelessness. The program has already served nearly 10,000 individuals and stands as the only homeless workforce initiative in the county with a proven track record of helping people achieve long-term stability and success. Restoring this funding will ensure that these critical services continue to support some of LA's most vulnerable populations. Thank you for your consideration.</p>
			S J	<p>To the Los Angeles City Council,</p> <p>I am submitting this comment to express my deep concerns about the treatment of unhoused individuals in city-funded shelters, particularly organizations like the Downtown Women's Center, Soul Housing, and Exodus. These organizations receive funding under the premise of helping the most vulnerable members of our society, yet in practice, they are failing to provide even the most basic levels of care, often inflicting more harm than the</p>



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streets themselves.

One of the most alarming issues is the inaccessibility of essential medication due to chronic understaffing. Many shelters have strict dispensing schedules, yet when nurses or staff fail to show up, residents are left without critical medication for days. This is not only dangerous but also exacerbates the distress and frustration of those already struggling with medical and mental health conditions. When residents attempt to advocate for themselves—understandably upset and desperate for the medication they need—they are often met with threats of expulsion rather than solutions. Shelters should be places of stability, yet they instead force residents into a vicious cycle where their suffering is ignored, their frustrations are criminalized, and they are left to navigate an untrained staff that lacks both compassion and crisis-management skills.

Beyond medication access, basic hygiene and sanitation are also neglected. In facilities like Soul Housing, residents have reported running out of toilet paper, only to be publicly shamed by staff who accuse them of hoarding. Rather than ensuring a consistent supply of necessities, these shelters punish people for needing them. Withholding toilet paper forces residents to resort to unsanitary alternatives, creating a serious public health risk. Worse, this practice fosters an environment where residents fear retaliation for making any request, knowing that speaking up could result in being targeted or even expelled back onto the streets.

Many of these facilities seem to be removing more people by the day rather than providing stable housing and care. The constant turnover—fueled by rigid and arbitrary rules, slow or nonexistent case management, and an overall disregard for human dignity—suggests that these organizations are more invested in maintaining a revolving door of funding than in actually solving homelessness. The 90-day shelter model is not a sustainable solution, especially when residents spend most of their time waiting for services that are inconsistently provided or outright denied.

I understand that city programs rely on taxpayer dollars to operate, but I cannot, in good conscience, support continued funding to organizations that inflict harm under the guise of assistance. If the city is serious about addressing homelessness, it must demand accountability from these organizations, implement oversight measures to ensure humane treatment, and prioritize funding for programs that truly work toward long-term stability rather than temporary warehousing.

I urge the City Council to investigate these practices, to listen to the voices of those directly impacted, and to take immediate action to prevent further harm. The unhoused community deserves more than empty promises and neglect. They deserve real solutions, real compassion, and real change.

Sincerely,



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		Stephanie
	Vicky Arenas	
Other	Anh Nguyen	
	Dakota Snyder	
	Darren Dunaway	Prevention funds are critical. Specific allocations to the department of aging to prevent eviction way before it is a legal issue is critical.
	Elizabeth A Eastlund	<p>Dear Board of Supervisors,</p> <p>The Domestic Violence and Homeless Services Coalition (“DVHSC”) urges you to prioritize survivors of domestic violence in the Homeless Initiative budget. Since 2016, DVHSC has grown to include over 800 individuals representing 244 community-based organizations, government officials, philanthropic circles, and individuals with lived experience of homelessness and domestic violence. We have become the largest coalition of our kind across the nation creating a client-centered system that increases access to safe housing and supportive services for survivors of domestic violence and their families</p> <p>With the number of people experiencing homelessness due to fleeing domestic violence increasing 54% in the past year, we know the need for services, shelter, and housing for survivors is skyrocketing. In the Los Angeles Continuum of Care, 43% of the adult homeless population has experienced domestic violence, or intimate partner violence. Echoing the Point In Time Count, the 2022 Los Angeles County Women’s Needs Assessment found that 48.4% of women experiencing homelessness had experienced intimate partner violence in their lifetime, and within this group, nearly half cited this experience as a cause of their homelessness.</p> <p>We understand the challenges the Board faces during this difficult budget year. While the future of funding for survivors remains precarious at every level, with persistent cuts to the VOCA fund federally, we urge the Board of Supervisors to prioritize survivors in the Homeless Initiative budget. Under a Housing First model, we ask that Measure A funds continue supporting Rapid Re-Housing and Housing Navigation for survivors. Notably, Housing Navigation in these budget recommendations is facing a \$5 million cut. We strongly encourage the Board to continue funding the five Rapid Re-Housing programs and four Housing Navigation programs for survivors across the County that have been previously funded by Measure H. Ensuring this critical support remains available is vital for the safety and stability of survivors.</p> <p>We appreciate your continued dedication to ending homelessness in Los Angeles and hope to continue to collaborate in supporting survivors.</p> <p>Sincerely, Elizabeth Eastlund, Founding Member DVHSC</p>



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Lena Silver

I provided these comments in person but was asked to submit online by the Supervisor:

I'm Lena Silver, Director of Policy at NLSLA. Our organization represents GR recipients in legal matters and we partner with DPSS to ensure access to the program.

Preventing and ending homeless in Los Angeles demands bold actions of this board to reform GR, which serves 124k people a month, at only 221 a month for decades.

NLSLA Strongly supports the guaranteed income housing pilots for older adults and TAY youth on GR. We ask the board and HI to invest more deeply in them. Use them as a golden opportunity for research- to learn how guaranteed income can reduce GR homeless not only for TAY youth and older adults, but also for the majority GR population—those 26-49, most of whom are black and brown men. Keep the structure of the program flexible so researchers can respond to their findings in real time- adjusting for different amounts of aid by population to find that sweet spot in which people are transitioned into housing through their own means. Interim housing and homeless services are extremely costly, and the county must make courageous moves to invest in up stream infusions of households with cash so they avoid the homeless system completely. Endless data shows that once homeless, GI, for as little as \$700-800 a month can help a person identify their own housing.

May this pilot be the first step of many to end the GR homelessness trap through innovations that grant dignity and self-determination to GR recipients, and cuts costs in administration that don't deliver results. DPSS should not be in the business of guidance counseling and job searching, especially when data has not been shared to show results. DEO and specialized organizations should be providing those supports once people are financially stable, and not being expected to work on resumes from their tent and car.

In addition, PEHP legal services should not be moved to LACAHS- which means it may be defunded. PEHP performs 40% prevention work and 60% legal services for people who are already homeless, such as consumer debt, benefits and expungement advocacy. Legal services is a critical tool to help people experiencing homelessness regain stability.

Lupita Martinez

My name is Lupita Martinez, Regional Policy Advocate with CHIRLA (Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights). CHIRLA is a member-led organization, and our mission is to create a just society fully inclusive of immigrants. Immigrants make up 34% of the County of Los Angeles's overall population. We contribute 30.1 billion dollars in annual taxes and have a spending power of 79.7 billion dollars to the local economy, but we continue to be an afterthought when it comes to housing. CHIRLA, alongside our IRLA partners, asks that the funding used to expand housing and resources be accessible to immigrant Angelinos, specifically our undocumented



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Miguel A Santana	
Nicholas M Lampros	Bet Tzedek Legal Services submits the accompanying comment letter expressing its concern regarding the defunding and deprioritizing of youth homeless services in the Homeless Initiative's Measure A budgetary recommendations.
Peter Gee	Please see the attached letter with our concerns about the lack of prevention funds.
Sarah Rascon	
Sarah Siraj	In order to make impactful changes to homelessness, substantial GR reform is needed. The housing pilot should be expanded to a larger number of recipients, as well as include all age groups. The funds should have as few restrictions as possible. The amount of General Relief has not changed in decades, and the current GR housing subsidy is not enough to cover the cost of housing in Los Angeles County. At minimum, GR amounts should increase at the same rate as CalWORKs increases. Legal services assisting unhoused people need to continue.
Sarah Whitman	<p>Dear Board of Supervisors,</p> <p>The Domestic Violence and Homeless Services Coalition ("DVHSC") urges you to prioritize survivors of domestic violence in the Homeless Initiative budget. Since 2016, DVHSC has grown to include over 800 individuals representing 244 community-based organizations, government officials, philanthropic circles, and individuals with lived experience of homelessness and domestic violence. We have become the largest coalition of our kind across the nation creating a client-centered system that increases access to safe housing and supportive services for survivors of domestic violence and their families</p> <p>With the number of people experiencing homelessness due to fleeing domestic violence increasing 54% in the past year, we know the need for services, shelter, and housing for survivors is skyrocketing. In the Los Angeles Continuum of Care, 43% of the adult homeless population has experienced domestic violence, or intimate partner violence. Echoing the Point In Time Count, the 2022 Los Angeles County Women's Needs Assessment found that 48.4% of women experiencing homelessness had experienced intimate partner violence in their lifetime, and within this group, nearly half cited this experience as a cause of their homelessness.</p> <p>We understand the challenges the Board faces during this difficult budget year. While the future of funding for survivors remains precarious at every level, with persistent cuts to the VOCA fund federally, we urge the Board of Supervisors to prioritize survivors in the Homeless Initiative budget. Under a Housing First model, we ask that Measure A funds continue supporting Rapid Re-Housing and Housing Navigation for survivors. Notably, Housing Navigation in these budget recommendations is facing a \$5 million cut. We</p>



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Sean Silva	Please see attached letter.
Stephanie Whack	<p>Dear Board of Supervisors,</p> <p>The Domestic Violence and Homeless Services Coalition (“DVHSC”) urges you to prioritize survivors of domestic violence in the Homeless Initiative budget. Since 2016, DVHSC has grown to include over 800 individuals representing 244 community-based organizations, government officials, philanthropic circles, and individuals with lived experience of homelessness and domestic violence. We have become the largest coalition of our kind across the nation creating a client-centered system that increases access to safe housing and supportive services for survivors of domestic violence and their families</p> <p>With the number of people experiencing homelessness due to fleeing domestic violence increasing 54% in the past year, we know the need for services, shelter, and housing for survivors is skyrocketing. In the Los Angeles Continuum of Care, 43% of the adult homeless population has experienced domestic violence, or intimate partner violence. Echoing the Point In Time Count, the 2022 Los Angeles County Women’s Needs Assessment found that 48.4% of women experiencing homelessness had experienced intimate partner violence in their lifetime, and within this group, nearly half cited this experience as a cause of their homelessness.</p> <p>We understand the challenges the Board faces during this difficult budget year. While the future of funding for survivors remains precarious at every level, with persistent cuts to the VOCA fund federally, we urge the Board of Supervisors to prioritize survivors in the Homeless Initiative budget. Under a Housing First model, we ask that Measure A funds continue supporting Rapid Re-Housing and Housing Navigation for survivors. Notably, Housing Navigation in these budget recommendations is facing a \$5 million cut. We strongly encourage the Board to continue funding the five Rapid Re-Housing programs and four Housing Navigation programs for survivors across the County that have been previously funded by Measure H. Ensuring this critical support remains available is vital for the safety and stability of survivors.</p> <p>We appreciate your continued dedication to ending homelessness in Los Angeles and hope to continue to collaborate in supporting survivors.</p>



**PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS
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	Sincerely, Stephanie Whack
Vic Tim	<p>as you know homelessness is out of control and there will be a record number of 90,000 homeless this year</p> <p>theres a corrupt organization that doesn't allow poor people to file grievances; lahsa.org/support/contact-us?t=2-grievances</p> <p>their website hasn't worked in over 1 YEAR (see error below)</p> <p>they never pick up the phone so i cannot report it</p> <p>i email them and they lie and say its working. they are lying.</p> <p>they are sitting on alot of funding. they are stealing that money and just giving themselves raises. they do not distribute the money to the poor people to prevent them from becoming homeless</p> <p>having no common sense is why homelessness is going to reach a record number this year</p> <p>it is embarrassing living in the corrupt county of los angeles</p> <p>it is waste of time to write this as the los angeles govt profits off of homelessness increasing. los angeles govt knows how LAHSA operates and lets them do so.</p> <p>my name is 90,001</p>
Wendy Wang	Sycamores is registering its strong concerns about the Proposed Funding Recommendations for FY 2025-2026. Broadly speaking, while there is some investment in youth homelessness, they recommendations fail to prioritize and acknowledge the unique needs of Transition Age Youth (TAY). Please see our more details comments in the attached memo.
Yvonne Sun	<p>Good afternoon, my name is Yvonne Sun, and I am the director of Special Service for groups, SILVER division</p> <p>SILVER is a division of SSG that have been providing an array of programming meeting the needs of older adults across Los Angeles County for over 25 years.</p> <p>Along with a coalition of 21 aging service network providers, we submitted written comments yesterday to urge the board to prioritize funding in order to meet the unique needs of older adults facing homelessness.</p> <p>As with the youth population, older adults have unique vulnerabilities that need to be recognized and addressed. As it stands, the homeless services network is not equipped to meet the unique needs of older adults and if continue to be left unaddressed, we will see a continue increase in medical crisis and mortality rates amongst older adults experiencing homelessness.</p>

				<p>Older adults make up 25% of people experiencing homelessness. This is a very sad statistic.</p> <p>But, as a senior service provider, we know that this is a gross under-estimate of the true number of older adults experiencing housing insecurity as the current access points into homeless services pose significant challenges for older adults with various chronic disease and disabilities.</p> <p>We see in Measure A, an opportunity for us to re-examine how we meet the needs of older adults facing homelessness and hope that the board will allow for the review of how the system is meeting the needs of older adults as part of the budgetary process so that we can fund programs that can better meet the needs of this vulnerable population.</p>
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March 21, 2025

The Honorable Kathryn Barger
Chair, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Chair Barger,

Sycamores writes to convey its remaining concerns regarding the Homeless Initiative's Fiscal Year 2025- 2026 Proposed Funding Recommendations that will be considered by the Board of Supervisors (BOS) on March 25, 2025. We recognize the daunting decision facing the BOS about how to allocate limited Measure H dollars and the potential need to curtail as much as \$70 million in FY 25-26. After participating in HI stakeholder listening sessions; meeting with HI and other homeless service organizations; making public comment at prior Homeless Deputies meeting; and meeting with various BOS' deputies and homeless service providers, Sycamores is distressed by the final recommendations. While the proposal reflects some funding for youth homelessness, the overall package de-prioritizes youth homelessness. If there are no adjustments to the recommendations, Sycamores fears that the infrastructure of resources for Transition Age Youth and network of community-based providers that specialize in serving young people will be significantly eroded. The de-prioritization of youth homeless is deeply concerning given the Board of Supervisors' commitment to TAY and the expressed desire of LA County and different jurisdictions that want to stop the "in flow" of individuals entering the homeless response system. Even though LACAHSA will administer new prevention dollars under Measure A, the prevention framework is still being developed, and the solicitation process and release of prevention dollars do not align with the existing Homeless Initiative's funding process.

As a well-respected nonprofit organization in Los Angeles County, Sycamores provides a continuum of mental health treatment and child welfare programs to youth and their families, young adults and adults. Sycamores is the lead organization for the Youth Coordinated Entry System (YCES) in Service Planning Area (SPA) 3. In 2000, Sycamores established its Housing Program, through philanthropic funds, in response to youth served who "aged" out of the foster care system and were on the brink of homelessness with no safety net or enhanced social support. Today, Sycamores operates a 132-bed scatter-site transitional housing program funded by DCFS (53 beds) and LAHSA (79 beds). Furthermore, Sycamores provides a comprehensive range of TAY services across SPA 3 including Time-Limited Subsidies (TLS), Prevention, Housing Navigation, Problem-Solving, Regional Coordination and Matching, Campus Peer Navigation, and Connect LA Program. As proposed, the funding recommendations de-fund key roles that are vital to the success of the above programs: the Regional Coordinator, Matcher, DCFS/Probation Liaison, and Campus Peer Navigator. Sycamores also maintains a strong partnership with the Pasadena Continuum of Care (CoC), where HHAP funds support emergency hotel shelter beds. These beds offer immediate safety during severe weather is a bridge to more stable, long-term housing solutions.

As a nonprofit organization with decades of experience serving Transition Age Youth, Sycamores seen first-hand that young people do best when served by providers who specialize in serving this population. TAY needs are usually not fully met or prioritized when they are "defaulted" to adult focused services and programs. Young people need services and support tailored to their unique needs and life experiences. In Los Angeles County, 45% of adults who experience homelessness first experienced homelessness before the age of 25.¹ National data highlight how specific subgroups within TAY face greater challenges and are at elevated risk of being unhoused. LGBTQ youth were at 120% increased risk of homelessness compared to cisgender youth.

¹¹ U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Community Housing and Development. (2023). The 2023 Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR) to Congress by deSousa, Tanya et al.



Black youth also faced an 83% greater risk of reporting homelessness compared to their peers.² In 2015, LA County data revealed that 1 in 6 youths were unhoused after leaving the child welfare system and 25% of unhoused families were young parents.³ An investment in an appropriate level of housing and support for today's TAY who are unhoused or face housing instability will ensure that they do not become chronically homeless adults in one or two decades. The national and LA County data paints a sobering portrait about youth homelessness and presents us with a choice about what future we collectively want for our young people.

For these reasons, Sycamores strongly urges you to make the following adjustments into the final recommendations:

- Restore all regional coordinator positions in the Youth Coordinated Entry System across all Service Planning Areas. These regional coordinators are trusted partners and have relationships and connections in the local communities. This trust and depth of connections cannot be easily replicated by other entities or LAHSA.
- Restore full funding for Campus Peer Navigation (CPN) Program. This program allows Sycamores to dedicate staff who serve all college students in SPA 3 and oversee the partnerships with local colleges, notably Mt. SAC, Pasadena City College, Citrus College, and Cal Poly. According to internal data, from August 2022 through March 20, 2025, Sycamores received 792 referrals from SPA 3 colleges; these referred students were triaged and assessed for eligible housing resources. In that same period, CPN staff assisted 156 students to resolve their housing crises through the problem-solving intervention. Lastly, 84 students have received direct financial assistance through our CPN role; this translates into an average cost of approximately \$1,613 to resolve one student household's housing crisis. An additional 72 students received direct assistance that resolved their housing crisis using zero financial assistance.
- Restore funding for Connect LA because this program is the only strengths-based wraparound service in the homeless response system where providers can work with TAY's emotional barriers to overcome housing struggles. Connect LA strengthens flagging relationships to create options for long-term housing and future stability.

In closing, Sycamores appreciates the opportunity to share its concerns about the FY 25-26 Proposed Funding Recommendations. We implore you to amend the recommendations to ensure that the infrastructure of resources remains intact, so young people have stable affordable housing and receive support so they can move towards greater self-sufficiency.

Sincerely,

Wendy Wang, MPP
Chief Public Policy and Advocacy Officer

Cc: The Honorable Hilda Solis, First Supervisorial District
The Honorable Holly Mitchell, Second Supervisorial District
The Honorable Lindsey Horvath, Third Supervisorial District
The Honorable Janice Hahn, Fourth Supervisorial District

² Morton, M.H., Dworsky, A., & Samuels, G.M. (2017). Missed opportunities: Youth homelessness in America. National estimates. Chicago, IL: Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago.

³ Johnson, R. (2013). Working together to end youth homelessness. Los Angeles Services Authority Greater LA Homeless County. Retrieved: <http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/cms/docs/WorkingTogetherHomeless.pdf>

Dear Supervisors,

On Tuesday, you have an opportunity to continue your bold and decisive leadership in addressing one of Los Angeles County's most urgent challenges: ensuring that our most vulnerable residents have a place to call home.

When the Board created the Executive Committee for Regional Homeless Alignment (ECRHA) and the Leadership Table for Regional Homeless Alignment (LTRHA), which I co-chair, you for the first time built a unified, accountable governance structure to tackle the homelessness and housing crisis. This structure was affirmed by 58% of voters through the passage of Measure A last year, which mandates approval of regional goals by April 1. Adopting the baseline targets and metrics recommended by these bodies is the necessary next step to turning this vision into measurable progress.

After months of extensive community input, the proposed goals are clear, ambitious, and necessary:

- Increase annual housing placements from 19,127 to 30,000—a 57% increase in helping people secure stable housing.
- Reduce the number of people entering homelessness by 20%—preventing more than 15,000 residents from losing their homes.
- Ensure at least 20,000 individuals stay housed for two years or longer—about double the current number, reinforcing long-term stability.
- Achieve a 30% reduction in homelessness by 2030—by housing more than 15,000 residents and expanding permanent housing and supportive services.

This 30% reduction in homelessness builds upon the progress our region is making. Preliminary data from the 2025 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count indicates a 5-10% decrease in unsheltered homelessness within the Los Angeles Continuum of Care. If confirmed, this would mark the second consecutive year of decline, a first since the passage of Measure H.

The recommendations also include specific goals to address gender, racial and ethnic inequities that drive homelessness. These equity goals, prepared by Dr. D'Artagnan Scorza, are another example of how the board's foresight in creating the Anti-Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion Initiative leads us to better public policy.

These targets were unanimously approved by ECRHA, LTRHA, and the Los Angeles County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency (LACAHS), where I serve as Vice Chair.

Los Angeles County is a region of 88 independent cities, but homelessness is a challenge that transcends city boundaries. By adopting these targets, the Board will, for the first time, align the entire County behind a shared set of goals—allowing us to move forward with clarity, coordination, and purpose.

While uncertainty around key federal funding threatens to impact aspects of the County's homelessness response, now is not the time to hesitate. Setting goals does not bind us to a single strategy; rather, it provides a North Star—guiding our actions and ensuring we stay focused, even as circumstances evolve. But failing to set forceful goals out of fear of uncertainty would only guarantee that the status quo remains unchanged.

The inclusive, collaborative process you set in motion—engaging community members, housing experts, service providers, public and private sector leaders, and elected officials—has worked. This is the direction you envisioned. Now, it is time to cement our shared commitment by adopting these goals, and I stand ready to support you in making them a reality.

Sincerely,



Miguel A. Santana

President and CEO, California Community Foundation

Co-Chair, Leadership Table for Regional Homeless Alignment

Vice Chair, Los Angeles County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency



March 21, 2025

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Heather Carrigan

Dear Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing on behalf of Allies for Every Child, a Countywide organization dedicated to preventing and mitigating the impacts of childhood trauma. Allies was founded as a foster care agency in 1987, and today we exist to serve all children and youth who have experienced homelessness, poverty, abuse or neglect, foster care, or who have disabilities or mental health challenges. We are deeply concerned about the defunding and deprioritization of youth homeless services in the Homeless Initiative's Measure A recommendations. To solve LA's homelessness crisis, youth need support that is tailored to meet their unique needs and services that are provided in environments where they feel safe. **We urge you to restore the funding that was cut from the youth services system and ensure that there is funding set aside for youth-specific services in Measure A strategies.** Youth homelessness is currently decreasing (the most recent point in time homeless count reflected an over 16% decrease in youth homelessness) thanks to these youth-focused programs. We cannot afford to go backwards now. If youth programs are cut, and funding is not set aside specifically to serve young people, there is no guarantee that services will be available for them.

When people first experience homelessness, there's a brief window of opportunity to prevent them from falling into chronic homelessness and the direst outcomes. Early adulthood is an especially high-risk life stage: "Youth who experienced homelessness in their 6 years preceding adulthood were more than 3 times as likely to be homeless as young adults than those who had not previously been homeless" (Economic Roundtable). And we know that young parents (many of whom were in foster care) are 3 times more likely to experience homelessness than their non-parenting peers (National Network for Youth). Targeting youth homelessness specifically is not only an investment in their wellbeing, but in the wellbeing of future generations of Angelenos, too.

By ensuring that funding is restored for youth homeless services, you give young people the opportunity to thrive, and prevent them from experiencing homelessness as adults and parents. Preventing chronic homelessness is crucial to ending the homelessness crisis. I hope that you will stand in support of ensuring that youth are not overlooked in the implementation of Measure A.

Sincerely,

Heather Carrigan
President & CEO, Allies for Every Child

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I am writing to urge you to protect the funding for youth homeless services in the Homeless Initiative's Measure A. As someone who has experienced homelessness as a young person in Los Angeles, I know firsthand how critical these services are in helping youth find stability and a path forward.

When I was homeless, I faced overwhelming uncertainty and barriers that felt impossible to overcome alone. It was organizations funded by county programs that helped me access resources, find stability, and rebuild my future. Without these support systems, I might not be where I am today, housed, employed, and committed to helping others navigate the same struggles I once faced.

Los Angeles already has one of the largest populations of unhoused youth in the nation. Reducing funding for the very programs designed to prevent and end youth homelessness would only make this crisis worse. Young people without support are at a greater risk of long-term homelessness, exploitation, and trauma. Protecting these funds is not just a matter of policy, it is a matter of survival.

I urge you to fully fund youth homeless services and ensure that young people in Los Angeles continue to have access to the resources they need. Investing in youth now prevents chronic homelessness in the future, ultimately saving the county resources and, more importantly, lives.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I hope you will prioritize the needs of unhoused youth and take action to protect these critical services.

- Dakota Snyder



March 24, 2025

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street, Room 383
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Re: SUPPORT - Protect LA:RISE Funding in the FY26 Budget
Item #5**

To the Honorable Board of County Supervisors:

Established in 1924, Central City Association (CCA) is committed to advancing policies and projects that enhance Downtown Los Angeles' (DTLA) vibrancy and increase opportunity in the region. We represent over 300 members, including businesses, nonprofits and trade associations that have played a leading role in transforming DTLA into a hub of employment and mixed-income housing. ***We are writing to urge you to restore LA:RISE funding to the original FY24-25 level of \$8 million.***

As longstanding Downtown civic advocates, we understand firsthand the systemic challenges in addressing homelessness and the need for comprehensive solutions. Homelessness is a complex issue that requires a multifaceted approach with an emphasis on pathways to economic independence.

The Los Angeles Regional Initiative for Social Enterprise (LA:RISE) is a proven program that serves as a lifeline for individuals facing significant barriers to employment, including those experiencing homelessness, justice system involvement, and other systemic challenges. To date, LA:RISE has helped over 9,500 Angelenos secure jobs and skills leading to greater stability and self-sufficiency and has demonstrated a strong return on investment, delivering \$2.23 in social benefits for every dollar spent.

The current budget proposal results in a 78% budget cut to LA:RISE. Facing an approximate \$6.6 million funding cut for the program, 600 jobs may be at-risk for individuals experiencing or at risk of homelessness. This jeopardizes ongoing workforce development efforts that help vulnerable communities overcome employment barriers.

To support Angelenos experiencing homelessness and to advance long-term solutions in Los Angeles County, ***we urge you to continue investing in LA:RISE***, a program with a demonstrated track record of success.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Nella McOsker
President & CEO



March 24, 2025



Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
500 W. Temple St., Room 381B
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Public Comment Opposing the Defunding of Youth Homeless Services

For the Board's March 25, 2025 Meeting, Agenda Item No. 5

Distinguished Members of the Board of Supervisors:

I am writing on behalf of Bet Tzedek Legal Services to express our deep concerns about the defunding and deprioritizing of youth homeless services in the Homeless Initiative's Measure A budgetary recommendations.

Bet Tzedek Legal Services is a non-profit legal aid organization that provides free legal services to low-income residents of Los Angeles. In this capacity, Bet Tzedek is keenly aware of the higher risks and vulnerabilities faced by youth when it comes to housing, and actively engaged in combatting some of these problems. Bet Tzedek's Preventing and Ending Homelessness Project provides advocacy and support to individuals at risk of becoming unhoused, and via this program partners with youth homeless services provider Safe Place for Youth. In addition, our Eviction Defense Project serves and represents tenants in unlawful detainer proceedings throughout Los Angeles, including youths and families with children. We are proud to represent members of our community without regard to immigration status.

We request your urgent attention to revising the proposed budgetary allocations and preserving funding for vital services that will prevent and end homelessness for thousands of Angelenos. A recent study by the University of Southern California and Corporation for Supportive Housing found that over 50 percent of individuals experiencing chronic homelessness had their first episode of homelessness as a youth. Youth need to be able to access services in environments where they feel safe, and with providers who can deliver youth-specific interventions. These resources are a lifeline and mean the difference between a future in which youth are empowered to thrive, and a lifetime of homelessness. Funding services to address youth homelessness not only benefits young people, it is also a strategic investment in chronic homelessness prevention, and clear action that the Board can take to meaningfully reduce homelessness in LA County.

Put simply, youth need supports that are tailored to meet their unique needs and services that are provided in environments where they feel safe. That is why we urge you to restore the funding that was cut from the youth services system and ensure that there is funding set aside for youth-specific services in Measure A strategies. It is because of youth-focused programs that youth homelessness is decreasing, and we cannot afford to go backwards now. If youth programs are cut, and funding is not set aside specifically to serve young people, there is no guarantee that services will be available that meet their unique needs. Once gone, the infrastructure which young people rely on to access services, shelter, and housing cannot be easily rebuilt. For that reason, we urge the Board to preserve the regional coordination strategy that has already proven to be successful in addressing youth homelessness.

By ensuring that funding is restored for youth homeless services, you are giving young people the opportunity to thrive, and preventing them from experiencing homelessness as adults and families. Prevention of chronic homelessness is crucial to ending the homelessness crisis. I hope that you will stand in support of ensuring that youth are not overlooked in the implementation of Measure A.

Sincerely,

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March 24, 2025

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Re: Measure A FY 2025-26 Funding Recommendations – Prevention, Housing Retention, and Rehousing for Older Adults

Dear Members of the LA County Board of Supervisors,

We write as providers who serve older adults across Los Angeles County. In our February 18, 2025 letter, we urged the County to designate 25% of Measure A funds for older adults and align funding with the aging services infrastructure. While we appreciate the efforts to align the FY 2025–26 Measure A funding recommendations with the County’s broader homelessness goals, we are deeply concerned that the current budget fails to uphold one of Measure A’s core mandates: preventing people from falling into homelessness.

Prevention funding is being eliminated, and the Los Angeles County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency (LACAHSAs) has stated that it will not assume responsibility for prevention interventions beyond legal assistance. This directly contradicts Goal #4 of the Measure A framework, which calls for a 20% reduction in new inflow into the homeless services system by 2030. Our Coalition has requested to meet with LACAHSAs several times since our February 2025 letter and the LACAHSAs staff have never responded.

We ask the Board: If the County has committed to reducing the number of newly unhoused residents, how can that goal be achieved with zero investment in targeted prevention? What is the County’s plan to deliver on this promise?

Older adults are the fastest-growing segment of LA’s unhoused population. While overall homelessness dropped by 5.1% in the most recent count, homelessness among adults 65+ rose by 3.5%. Without targeted prevention, this trend will worsen. The sunseting of the **Home Safe** program—despite its demonstrated success in preventing homelessness among high-risk older adults—leaves a critical gap that the County is currently choosing not to fill.

We urge the County to use Measure A dollars to support a locally funded continuation of the Home Safe model, which combines eviction prevention with housing navigation, case management, and flexible financial assistance. These are the types of targeted supports the Measure A goal-setting documents explicitly recommend but the current funding plan fails to include.

In addition to prevention, we call attention to two other critical areas of need:

1. Housing Retention and Stabilization

Older adults need permanent supportive housing (PSH) that is thoughtfully designed with aging in mind. This includes accessible buildings located in communities where seniors feel safe and connected, supported by housing and Integrated Care Management Systems (ICMS) staff trained in aging-specific needs. Yet current program models often lack these essential features, and older adults are left mismanaged. Partnerships with senior-serving providers—offering meals, transportation, and in-home support—must be required and funded as part of comprehensive housing stabilization efforts. Social determinants of health, such as access to nutrition, mobility support, and wellness services, are critical to long-term housing retention. Within our coalition, organizations providing these wraparound services consistently report that such supports enable older adults to age in place and remain stably housed.

2. Rehousing Access

The process to access rehousing is not designed with older adults in mind. Many seniors face physical and cognitive barriers that make it impossible to navigate in-person access centers or lengthy assessments. The current and incoming screening tools (such as the LA HAT) do not account for the unique vulnerabilities of older adults. Furthermore, aging service providers lack a direct referral pathway into homeless services unless their clients qualify for Adult Protective Services (APS) or Department of Mental Health (DMH) programs. Once rehoused, seniors often face environments that are unsafe or inaccessible or are placed in unfamiliar communities away from their support systems.

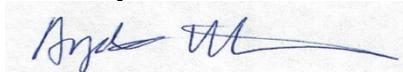
With older adults now making up 25% of the homeless population, the system must adapt. Prevention, retention, and rehousing efforts need to reflect the unique needs of older adults—who often become homeless for the first time later in life and who face disproportionate health risks and mortality on the streets.

We urge the Board to revise the FY 2025–26 Measure A funding recommendations to:

- Restore and expand Measure A funding for targeted prevention programming for older adults, including a continuation of Home Safe;
- Require aging-specific training and partnerships with existing LA County Aging and Disabilities Department-funded organizations (and new groups that could serve underrepresented older adults) in PSH and interim housing;
- Create equitable, accessible pathways into the rehousing system for older adults.

Failing to invest in prevention will only increase the number of unhoused older adults and strain the system further. The time to act is now—before more of our seniors lose their homes.

Sincerely,



Principal
Valon Consulting
Affordable Homes Development



March 24, 2025

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Re: FY 2025-26 Measure A Funding – Prioritize Older Adult Prevention, Housing Retention, and Rehousing

Dear Members of the LA County Board of Supervisors,

As a provider serving older adults in Los Angeles County, we urge the Board to revise the FY 2025–26 Measure A funding recommendations to better meet the needs of our aging population. Despite growing numbers of unhoused older adults, the proposed budget eliminates key prevention programs and fails to account for aging-specific needs in housing and rehousing.

Little Tokyo Service Center (“LTSC”) is a nonprofit organization founded in 1979 dedicated to promoting social and economic well-being for the Little Tokyo community and beyond, with a focus on providing culturally and linguistically competent services to underserved populations. LTSC supports hundreds of older adults annually through case management, service coordination at senior housing, housing navigation, eviction prevention, benefits assistance, caregiver support, and culturally responsive mental health and wellness programs. We serve monolingual Asian American and Spanish-speaking older adults and their families across Los Angeles County.

We are especially concerned about the lack of investment in targeted prevention—despite the voter-approved goal to reduce homelessness inflow by 20% by 2030. With no funding for prevention in the budget and the sunseting of the successful programs like Home Safe, a critical gap remains unfilled.

We urge the Board to revise the FY 2025–26 Measure A funding recommendations to:

- Restore and expand funding for targeted prevention programming to voter approved 35.6%, including a continuation of Home Safe;
- Require aging-specific training and partnerships with existing LA County Aging and Disabilities Department-funded organizations (and new groups that could serve underrepresented older adults) in PSH and interim housing;
- Create equitable, accessible pathways into the rehousing system for older adults.

Older adults now make up 25% of the homeless population. We must act with urgency and intention. Prevention works—and it is more humane and cost-effective than allowing more seniors to fall into homelessness.

Thank you for your leadership! Please contact me at pgee@ltsc.org or 213-473-1638 if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Gee". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter "P" being particularly large and stylized.

Peter Gee, RN
Director of Service Programs



March 24, 2025

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Prevention funding is being eliminated, and the Los Angeles County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency (LACAHS) has stated that it will not assume responsibility for prevention interventions beyond legal assistance. This directly contradicts Goal #4 of the Measure A framework, which calls for a 20% reduction in new inflow into the homeless services system by 2030. Our Coalition has requested to meet with LACAHS several times since our February 2025 letter and the LACAHS staff have never responded.

We ask the Board: If the County has committed to reducing the number of newly unhoused residents, how can that goal be achieved with zero investment in targeted prevention? What is the County’s plan to deliver on this promise?

Older adults are the fastest-growing segment of LA’s unhoused population. While overall homelessness dropped by 5.1% in the most recent count, homelessness among adults 65+ rose by 3.5%. Without targeted prevention, this trend will worsen. The sunset of the **Home Safe** program—despite its demonstrated success in preventing homelessness among high-risk older adults—leaves a critical gap that the County is currently choosing not to fill.

We urge the County to use Measure A dollars to support a locally funded continuation of the Home Safe model, which combines eviction prevention with housing navigation, case management, and flexible financial assistance. These are the types of targeted supports the Measure A goal-setting documents explicitly recommend but the current funding plan fails to include.

In addition to prevention, we call attention to two other critical areas of need:

1. Housing Retention and Stabilization

Older adults need permanent supportive housing (PSH) that is thoughtfully designed with aging in mind. This includes accessible buildings located in communities where seniors feel safe and connected, supported by housing and Integrated Care Management Systems (ICMS) staff trained in aging-specific needs. Yet current program models often lack these essential features, and older adults are left mismanaged. Partnerships with senior-serving providers—offering meals, transportation, and in-home support—must be required and funded as part of comprehensive housing stabilization efforts. Social determinants of health, such as access to nutrition, mobility support, and wellness services, are critical to long-term housing retention. Within our coalition, organizations providing these wraparound services consistently report that such supports enable older adults to age in place and remain stably housed.

2. Rehousing Access

The process to access rehousing is not designed with older adults in mind. Many seniors face physical and cognitive barriers that make it impossible to navigate in-person access centers or lengthy assessments. The current and incoming screening tools (such as the LA HAT) do not account for the unique vulnerabilities of older adults. Furthermore, aging service providers lack a direct referral pathway into homeless services unless their clients qualify for Adult Protective Services (APS) or Department of Mental Health (DMH) programs. Once rehoused, seniors often face environments that are unsafe or inaccessible or are placed in unfamiliar communities away from their support systems.

With older adults now making up 25% of the homeless population, the system must adapt. Prevention, retention, and rehousing efforts need to reflect the unique needs of older adults—who often become homeless for the first time later in life and who face disproportionate health risks and mortality on the streets.

We urge the Board to revise the FY 2025–26 Measure A funding recommendations to:

- Restore and expand Measure A funding for targeted prevention programming for older adults, including a continuation of Home Safe;
- Require aging-specific training and partnerships with existing LA County Aging and Disabilities Department-funded organizations (and new groups that could serve underrepresented older adults) in PSH and interim housing;
- Create equitable, accessible pathways into the rehousing system for older adults.

Failing to invest in prevention will only increase the number of unhoused older adults and strain the system further. The time to act is now—before more of our seniors lose their homes.

Sincerely,

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Los Angeles County Aging and Disability Service Providers
Los Angeles City Department of Aging Service Providers



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2. Bet Tzedek Legal Services
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4. Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH)
5. Home Match, A Front Porch Community Service
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7. Jewish Family Service LA (JFSLA)
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9. Los Angeles LGBT Center
10. Meals on Wheels West (MOWW)
11. ONEGeneration
12. Partners in Care Foundation (PICF)
13. Santa Clarita Senior Center, Santa Clarita Valley Committee on Aging (SCVCOA)
14. SSG Silver - Special Service for Groups Inc. (SSG)
15. St. Barnabas Social Services (SBSS)
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19. Volunteers of America Los Angeles (VOALA)
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21. Wise and Health Aging



March 18, 2025

Dear Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing on behalf of Covenant House California, a non-profit organization that provides housing and supportive services for youth overcoming homelessness, ages 18-24. CHC believes that no young person deserves to be homeless; that every young person in California deserves housing, food, clothing, education, and most importantly, to be loved. And we believe that it is our responsibility, as a community, to ensure that young people are given the opportunities that they deserve to achieve their dreams. Over the past 35 years, we have served LA County young people with a full continuum of services to meet their physical, emotional, educational and vocation needs. Our programs are driven by youth voice, serving more than 900 young people every year.

We are deeply concerned about the de-funding and de-prioritization of youth homeless services in the Homeless Initiative's Measure A recommendations. Young people need services that are uniquely tailored to meet their needs and are provided in environments where they feel safe to pursue their goals. We urge you to restore the funding that was cut from the youth services system and ensure that there is funding set aside for youth-specific services in Measure A strategies. It is because of youth-focused programs that youth homelessness is decreasing, and we cannot afford to go backwards now.

Stopping homelessness when it is early, making the experience brief and one-time has a profound impact on the issue of chronic homelessness; Research by the National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH) suggests that 50% of young people experiencing homelessness in the U.S. will become chronically homeless if they don't receive early intervention or supportive housing. Additionally, 1 in 5 young people (ages 18–24) who experience homelessness will transition to chronic homelessness. This demographic is at a higher risk due to factors such as lack of family support, limited job opportunities, and mental health or substance use challenges. (National Study on Youth Homelessness 2018).

By ensuring that funding is restored for youth homeless services, you are giving young people the opportunity to thrive, and preventing them from experiencing homelessness as adults and families. Prevention of chronic homelessness is crucial to ending the homelessness crisis. I hope that you will stand in support of ensuring that youth are not overlooked in the implementation of Measure A.

Sincerely,

Fred Ali
Chief Executive Officer
Covenant House California

cc: Honorable Members, Senate Health Committee



Commitment to
our youth and
their journey



Commitment to the
values that unite
our community



Commitment to
making an impact
and inspiring change

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March 25, 2025

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 W. Temple Street, Room 383
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Fiscal Year 2025-26 Homeless Initiative Funding Recommendations

Dear Chair Barger and Honorable Members of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors:

On behalf of the City of Los Angeles, we strongly support the adoption of the Measure A Multi-Year Average Point-in-Time (PIT) Count Local Solutions Fund formula (Option 1) for Fiscal Year 2025-26. Since the start of Mayor Bass' Administration, and in conjunction with Los Angeles City Council, the City and County have worked together to address homelessness, resulting in the first decrease, in 2023, in the homeless count in six years. Based on LAHSA's preliminary results for 2024, unsheltered homelessness is down for the second consecutive year.

Even with this progress, the City of Los Angeles remains the epicenter of the homelessness crisis and still has over 60% of the County's unhoused population. In order to continue this progress, it is critical for the County to maximize the funding allocated to the City to allow the City to continue to invest in homelessness initiatives. The City of Los Angeles urges the County to prioritize an allocation formula that reflects the sustained and disproportionate need in our city. The Option 1 formula ensures that cities with persistently high levels of homelessness receive the resources needed to address this ongoing crisis while maintaining equity across the County.

The City has made significant investments to expand interim housing, build permanent supportive housing, and scale up critical homelessness prevention programs. However, the scale of need continues to be unprecedented, and sustained funding through an

accurate, multi-year PIT-based formula is essential to maintaining progress and preventing backsliding.

To strengthen a coordinated, data-driven regional response, we also urge the Board to ensure that future funding decisions align with established goals and incorporate stakeholder input. At the Executive Committee for Regional Homelessness Alignment (ECHRA) meeting on March 14th, 2025, the committee recommended postponing the vote on the Measure A budget until information was provided to the public as to how the Homeless Initiative's funding recommendations for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 align with goals and metrics. If the Board proceeds with approving the current recommendations, we strongly recommend amendments requiring future Measure A budgets to include input from ECRHA and other relevant stakeholders and ensuring all homelessness funding adheres to standards of care, data sharing, and coordination recommendations from ECRHA's Ad Hoc Committee.

This along with the Option 1 formula maximizes funding for high-need jurisdictions, like the City of Los Angeles, reflects the realities on the ground and advances regional equity by directing resources where they are needed most. This is why the City Council is expected to unanimously approve a resolution in support of Option 1 this Wednesday, March 26. As a regional anchor, the progress made by the City of Los Angeles will have ripple effects across the County.

In the spirit of our continued collaboration, we urge the County to adopt the Option 1 formula, which would align funding with need, ensuring that together we can achieve our shared mission of preventing and ending homelessness across Los Angeles County.

Thank you for your continued partnership and leadership on this critical issue.

Sincerely,



KAREN BASS
Mayor



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Chair, Housing and Homelessness Committee

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March 25, 2025

The Honorable Kathryn Berger
Los Angeles County Supervisor, Fifth District
Chair, Executive Committee on Regional Homeless Alignment (ECRHA)
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Re: Letter of Support for Local Solutions Fund (LSF) with Modifications to Funding Scenarios – City of Pomona

Dear Chair Berger:

On behalf of the City of Pomona, I am writing to express our comments regarding the County's proposed Measure A Local Solutions Fund (LSF). Although the City of Pomona has chosen to receive a direct allocation from the LSF, we still support the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments' (SGVCOG) request to adopt funding Scenario 4 instead of Scenario 6. Scenario 4 uses a formula that provides a long-term assessment, reflecting both the City's Point-In-Time (PIT) Count data of unhoused individuals and the more stable American Community Survey (ACS) census data. In contrast, Scenario 6 places cities at a disadvantage, particularly those that are gradually working toward their Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) goals over the eight-year cycle.

The City believes that Scenario 4 will not only assist Pomona in implementing local programs to address the needs of unhoused populations but also support those who are unstably housed and at risk of homelessness. We can attest to our high level of effectiveness in collaborating with the Pomona Housing Authority, local homeless service providers, and regional organizations, as well as County departments. Together, we aim to leverage available resources, increase self-sufficiency, and achieve long-term stability for households experiencing homelessness and housing instability.

Thank you for considering our proposed modifications to this motion.

Sincerely,

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COALITION TO
ABOLISH SLAVERY
& TRAFFICKING

March 25th, 2025

Re: Fiscal Year 2025-26 Homeless Initiative Funding Recommendations

Dear Board of Supervisors,

The Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking (“Cast”) urges you to prioritize survivors of domestic violence in the Homeless Initiative budget. Cast is the nation's oldest and largest comprehensive service provider for survivors of sex and labor trafficking, and we are also members of the Domestic Violence and Homeless Services Coalition (“DVHSC”). Since 2016, DVHSC has grown to include over 800 individuals representing 244 community-based organizations, government officials, philanthropic circles, and individuals with lived experience of homelessness and domestic violence. We have become the largest coalition of our kind across the nation, creating a client-centered system that increases access to safe housing and supportive services for survivors of domestic violence and their families.

In 2024, 100% of new clients at Cast who disclosed their housing status reported being homeless at intake; we know the need for services, shelter, and housing for survivors is skyrocketing. In the Los Angeles Continuum of Care, 43% of the adult homeless population has experienced domestic violence, or intimate partner violence. Echoing the Point In Time Count, the 2022 Los Angeles County Women’s Needs Assessment found that 48.4% of women experiencing homelessness had experienced intimate partner violence in their lifetime, and within this group, nearly half cited this experience as a cause of their homelessness.

We understand the challenges the Board faces during this difficult budget year. While the future of funding for survivors remains precarious at every level, with persistent cuts to the VOCA fund federally, we urge the Board of Supervisors to prioritize survivors in the Homeless Initiative budget. Under a Housing First model, we ask that Measure A funds continue supporting Rapid Re-Housing and Housing Navigation for survivors. Notably, Housing Navigation in these budget recommendations is facing a \$5 million cut. We strongly encourage the Board to continue funding the five Rapid Re-Housing programs and four Housing Navigation programs for survivors across the County that have been previously funded by Measure H. Ensuring this critical support remains

available is vital for the safety and stability of survivors.

We appreciate your continued dedication to ending homelessness in Los Angeles and hope to continue to collaborate in supporting survivors.

Sincerely,

Ainsley Hurford

Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking



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March 25, 2025

The Honorable Kathryn Barger
Los Angeles County Supervisor, Fifth District
Chair, Executive Committee on Regional Homeless Alignment (ECRHA)
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Measure A Funding Recommendations and Local Solutions Fund Allocation

Dear Chair Barger:

On behalf of the City of Glendora, I am writing to express significant concerns regarding the County of Los Angeles Homeless Initiative (CEO-HI) draft spending plan for Fiscal Year 2025-26, specifically pertaining to the Measure A Local Solutions Fund (LSF) allocations.

The proposed County budget allocates \$637.3 million towards comprehensive homelessness services, with a requirement that at least 15% (\$96.3 million) of these funds are distributed directly to cities, Councils of Governments, and unincorporated areas. Under the current proposal, however, the entire San Gabriel Valley region, encompassing 31 cities including Glendora, is expected to receive under \$8 million collectively, with Glendora's anticipated share amounting to only around \$161,047. This allocation significantly underrepresents the contributions made by Glendora taxpayers toward Measure A, which is more than \$6 million annually.

The City of Glendora, like many neighboring cities, has proactively invested considerable resources into addressing homelessness, including dedicated outreach programs, interim housing, and supportive services. The cost to maintain and expand these critical local programs that costs more than \$2.5 million annually far exceeds the proposed allocation, making it challenging to sustain effective homeless interventions.





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Furthermore, the funding formula currently recommended by the County (Scenario #6) relies heavily on Point-in-Time (PIT) count data, which has proven to be unreliable and volatile, leading to unpredictable and inequitable funding fluctuations; both the County of Los Angeles and LAHSA have publicly stated the PIT counts are not accurate on a per city level. Additionally, the incorporation of Homeless Student Enrollment Data and RHNA data may further complicate and skew allocations due to operational challenges and misalignment of school district boundaries with city jurisdictions.

The San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG), of which Glendora is a member, has expressed support for Scenario #4, which allocates funding based on 90% PIT count data and 10% American Community Survey (ACS) data representing deeply impoverished families. Scenario #4 provides greater stability and more accurately reflects hidden homelessness, thereby enabling cities to plan and implement programs more effectively.

We respectfully urge the Board of Supervisors to reconsider the current recommended Scenario #6 and instead adopt Scenario #4 as the allocation formula for the Local Solutions Fund. This would ensure a more equitable, stable, and accurate distribution of funds, better enabling Glendora and our neighboring communities to effectively respond to homelessness.

Thank you for your consideration. Should you require any additional information, please contact me directly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Fredendall".

David Fredendall

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cc: Glendora City Council

Adam Raymond, City Manager





To: Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors

Re: Agenda Item #5 – Fiscal Year 2025-26 Homeless Initiative Funding Recommendations – Guaranteed Income Housing Pilot

Date: March 25, 2025

LAFLA's Economic Stability Work Group staff have combined decades of experience working with government benefits recipients, including GR recipients, many of whom are homeless or housing insecure. The org is well-positioned to comment on the impact of this proposal. Providing a meaningful GBI benefits to some of the most vulnerable GR recipients will provide the necessary monetary support to enable recipients to obtain employment and housing, focus on mental health or other treatment instead of day-to-day survival, and achieve other positive outcomes will support not only the individual in question but the health of society at large.

The GR program has a deep need for data driven reform and efforts by the County are currently underway. A GBI program is both a great model and an important data-gathering tool to lead those efforts. When DPSS and advocates worked together in the early 2000's to redesign GR, the GR Housing Subsidy and Case Management pilot was implemented and carefully studied. The research showed that providing housing stability through the rent subsidy did result in getting more people on SSI and into steady employment. The subsidy was supposed to be expanded but was not and the progress to move more people off of GR that was indicated by the study was stalled. LAFLA supports the effort to renew funding for housing stability through the guaranteed income housing pilot and rigorous study of the program to continue making headway against homelessness.

GR currently provides only \$221 dollars a month to 120,000 recipients in deep poverty in LA County receiving no other cash benefit, and for non-disabled recipients for only 9 months out of the year. This is the same amount that has been provided since the 1990s and is insufficient to meet even a tiny fraction of need. Hence the high level of homelessness among the GR population.

LAFLA has seen how programs like CAPI and SSI with higher monthly benefits can move individuals out of homeless into housing in line with Measure A's goals. Stable housing can also increase the likelihood that those on General Relief who start employment will remain

employed. Increasing the earned income disregard can also help employed GR recipients maintain employment until the job situation is stable and they are ready to leave GR altogether. This proposal would help accomplish the same for the GR population unreached by these other benefits despite deep need. There is a wealth of data from other GBI pilots supporting positive outcomes. We look forward to implementation and urge adoption of the recommended budget item.

Respectfully submitted

Yolanda Arias

Zachary Genduso

Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles



TRACI PARK

LOS ANGELES COUNCILWOMAN ★ 11TH DISTRICT

March 25, 2025

County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Honorable Members of the Board,

On behalf of the Eleventh Council District of the City of Los Angeles, I am writing to express my support for restoring the Measure A funding for youth homeless services that was recommended for reduction.

Youth experiencing homelessness represent one of the most vulnerable and often overlooked populations in our broader homelessness response. Their needs are distinct from those of adults, families, or seniors — and our strategies must reflect that. Early intervention and targeted support during this critical stage of life can make the difference between temporary instability and a lifelong struggle with chronic homelessness.

Far too many individuals who fall into long-term homelessness first experience housing insecurity as a young person. The trajectory can be hard to reverse when we fail to act early. Even when resources are available, navigating services can be especially challenging for youth, who often require environments where they feel safe, supported, and seen. Sustained efforts that address their unique needs must remain a central component of our regional approach.

As we continue making progress here on the Westside and across Los Angeles County, we must not allow youth-specific strategies to fall by the wayside. The infrastructure we have built to serve homeless youth is working. Dismantling it now would be short-sighted and counterproductive.

I urge the Board to prioritize this vulnerable population as you deliberate on this critical matter. Ensuring continuity in youth services is not only compassionate — it is a strategic investment in breaking the cycle of homelessness for future generations.

Very truly yours,

TRACI PARK
Councilwoman, 11th District
City of Los Angeles

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