



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

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Correspondence Received

The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:				
Agenda #	Relate To	Position	Name	Comments
27.		Favor	Hilary Norton A Norton	Submitted letter of support on behalf of FASTLinkDTLA and DTLA Mobility for All for Hahn Barger amended motion
			Melody Taylor Stark	
		Item Total	2	
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April 1, 2025

The Honorable Chairwoman Kathryn Barger and LA County Board of Supervisors
(testimony sent electronically to the Board of Supervisors meeting)

RE: Support for Item 27 on April 1, 2025 Board Agenda -- Reviewing Best Practices and Exploring the Creation of a Comprehensive Emergency Registry System for Older Adults and Persons with Disabilities in Los Angeles County

Dear LA County Board of Supervisors:

On behalf of DTLA Mobility for All, a project of FASTLinkDTLA, which has built a robust and dedicated coalition of advocacy organizations for seniors and people with disabilities to urge additional funding for improvements to transportation, infrastructure, safety and mobility services in Los Angeles County, we write to strongly support the updated motion by Supervisor Barger and Hahn to instruct the Los Angeles County Department of Aging and Disability to explore the creation of an emergency registry for seniors and people with disabilities, and report back in 120 days.

As Los Angeles County's population of senior citizens will increase to 26% of all LA County residents or nearly 2.5 million people by 2030, and Los Angeles County is home to over 1 million people with disabilities, it is important to create new emergency protocols which include public, non-profit and private entities who can assist in the creation of emergency evacuation plans. We at DTLA Mobility for All and all of our coalition members are eager to support Los Angeles County in this effort, to help prevent future loss of life in emergency situation, as occurred in the 2025 Eaton Fire.

We also recommend that in addition to the agencies listed in the motion for consultation, we urge that LA Tourism and LA28 Olympic and Paralympic Committees be consulted, as Los Angeles County will host multiple global events in the next five years which will draw international visitors, many of whom will be senior citizens and people with disabilities. As emergencies and natural disasters can happen without warning, it will be important to have protocols and a registry for people who will need additional evacuation assistance from our visitor and event centers in case of crisis situations.

Please feel free to contact me at hilary@fastlinkdtla.org or (213) 448-2900. Thank you so much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Hilary Norton
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California Transportation Commission Chair and Commissioner (2019 to 2024)