



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

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			The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:	
Agenda #	Relate To	Position	Name	Comments
Public Comment		<b>Favor</b>	Ann Dorsey	<p>Measure J was a promise to invest in care, not punishment. It's time for LA County to make good on that promise. These funds were meant to support mental health services, workforce development, and violence prevention—but millions remain unspent while our communities struggle with housing insecurity, lack of jobs, and criminalization. I urge you to please:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Expedite the distribution of unspent CFCI dollars.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Cut the red tape: Though the CFCI body is prepared and ready to distribute CFCI funds to eligible organizations, the county's bureaucracy and barriers has prevented CFCI funds from being distributed. Simplify the reporting process.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Increase the overall investment of Measure J and CFCI funds. 10% is the minimum!</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Budget Transparency: The county distribution process and TPA have worked in the shadows and the process has been unclear even to those who serve on the CFCI Advisory.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Community Participation: Those most impacted by systems of harm should have a seat at the table and be able to provide their insight to the TPA and BOS.</p>
			GILBERT Barraza	<p>Thank you, Supervisor Solis, for championing this much-needed facility that the community has long advocated for. Your recognition of the need to bring this special facility to serve many unincorporated communities with limited access to aquatic facilities in the San Gabriel Valley, such as Valinda, Bassett, Avocado Heights, and San Jose Hills, is greatly appreciated. This center is crucial as it will provide a safe, accessible, year-round space acting as a cooling center, offering free or low-cost recreation services and relief from extreme heat events in the San Gabriel Valley. Given your roots in La Puente, your attendance at Temple Elementary School where the new aquatic center will be located, and your long trajectory of representing San Gabriel Valley residents at various levels of elected office, we fully support renaming this new aquatic center to the Hilda L. Solis Aquatic Center.</p>
		<b>Other</b>	Asael Roblero	<p>My name is Asael Roblero and I am a resident of District 2, I would like to speak on General Public Comment.</p> <p>I would like the county to invest in community services instead of continuing to fund the Men's Central Jail.</p> <p>I would like the country to invest in mental health services like Full service programs, job training programs, affordable housing and substance abuse programs.</p> <p>In 2025, there have been 15 deaths inside of LA county jails. These are all</p>



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preventable deaths that could have been prevented if the county were to invest in community services first.

We cannot push aside the reality that incarceration in Los Angeles is a literal life or death issue. Making in-custody deaths a priority issue for this Board is important to me and my community.

There is a crisis in LA County jails and this Board continues to stay silent. 12 lives have been lost this year, second highest rate after 2021 in the last 20 years. I am here to uplift the families and communities who have lost loved ones.

This Board has heard from community advocates for over a decade about the crisis in LA County jails- yet we are nowhere closer to closing Men's Central Jail, and this year is the highest rate of in-custody deaths in the last 20 years, only after 2021.

The Sheriff's Department has never been made to answer for its responsibility over the jails- over those who have lost their lives. In fact, this Board, year after year, approves BILLIONS to go to a dysfunctional department that is responsible for the deaths of those who they are supposed to oversee.

Where is Sheriff Luna? Why is he not called to answer for each death in his custody?

The Board knows the community's demands: close Men's Central Jail without a replacement jail or carceral mental health facility, expedite the creation of mental health beds and services, and hold the Sheriff's Department accountable for the jail crisis.

Once again the County is having departments report back on their plans to help close Men's Central Jail- in the last 5 years the Board has received upwards of 11 different reports with pathways to close MCJ yet the Board believes more report backs will help solve this crisis. We need action, no more reports!

The County has evidence that diversion works. The Office of Diversion and Reentry has demonstrated that many individuals charged with serious felonies can and should be released into ODR beds yet the tone from the presentations today it appears that those responsible for moving along jail closure do not see the possibility of diversion for most of the jail population. I am concerned that the Jail Closure Implementation team does not believe in its own mandate.

Jail closure is also about accountability. It is important for individual County departments to hold themselves accountable to a concrete timeline for jail closure and commit to measured benchmarks for funding, for resource allocation, for reduction in arrests, and other important factors that will help facilitate jail closure.

As Judge Pregerson stated in the Rutherford hearings, LA County rebuilt the 101 freeway in three months following the 1994 Northridge Earthquake. We call on the County to act with the same urgency when it comes to jail closure. Coordination of County departments is not a novel concept and in the 2021 Men's Central Jail Closure Report this was named as a priority. Why has coordination actually decreased and become less effective in the years following the Closure Report? Mass incarceration and deaths in custody is an intersectional issue and therefore all relevant county departments must be

			brought into the conversation.
		Carey Grier	
		Dennis Feitosa	
		Montana Evans	
		Noah Mateo	<p>- [ ] My name is Noah Mateo, and I am a resident of Holly Michele's second district. I would like to speak on General Public Comment.</p> <p>* There is a crisis in LA County jails, and this Board continues to stay silent on this pressing issue.</p> <p>* In 2025 alone, there have been 12 in-custody deaths inside LA county jails.</p> <p>* I am the health and wellness organizer at Dignity and Power Now. I am seeing first hand the ways in which these deaths are impacting LA county residents.</p> <p>* That is the second-highest rate of deaths in the last 20 years.</p> <p>* La county jails are deadly. We are watching the number of deaths continue to rise. We are watching the impact of your continued negligence and we will not stay silent. There is blood on your hands.</p> <p>* This Board has heard from community advocates for over a decade about the crisis in LA County jails- yet we are nowhere closer to closing Men's Central Jail.</p> <p>* Making in-custody deaths a priority issue for this Board is important to me because these deaths are preventable.</p> <p>* The Board knows the community's demands: close Men's Central Jail without a replacement jail or carceral mental health facility, expedite the creation of mental health beds and services.</p> <p>* in the last 5 years the Board has received upwards of 11 different reports with pathways to close MCJ yet the Board believes more report backs will help solve this crisis. We need action, no more reports!</p> <p>* The County has evidence that diversion works. The Office of Diversion and Reentry has demonstrated that many individuals charged with serious felonies can and should be released into ODR bed.</p>
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