



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

Correspondence Received

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

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			The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:	
Agenda #	Relate To	Position	Name	Comments
19.	44	Favor	Antione Norman	
			Chief Marcella fain-sims	
			Claudia Vila	
			Danica Hamilton	
			Neal Forman	
			Russell Maycumber	
			zoe priore	
		Item Total	7	
44.		Oppose	Chief Marcella fain-sims	
		Other	Russell Maycumber	
		Item Total	2	
Grand Total			9	

Board Members,

My name is Claudia Vila and I am currently employed by the Bureau of Victim Services with the District Attorney's Office. I have been employed as a Victim Services Representative for 10 years. I ask that you vote in favor of item #9 regarding staffing contract amendments so that new contracts can be negotiated on behalf of my colleagues and myself.

Victim advocacy is not only essential in the criminal justice process, but the role of advocates for these victims of crime is imperative in seeking justice. Victim advocates, like me, recognize that the services provided to victims of crime and their families are crucial and essential. We are heavily understaffed and overworked. Victim Services is spread thin throughout the county, and we urge the Board Members to approve contract negotiations in order to avoid a strike.

Those employed with the Bureau of Victim Services are essential not only to the victims and their families that are served and assisted, but to Los Angeles County as a whole. The inability to enter into and amend contracts for staffing would be a complete disservice to everyone. We want to continue fighting the good fight and providing the impactful work that we provide to our communities, but we would be unable to do so without the necessary contract negotiations and a living wage. The approval of Item #9 is vital not only to us victim advocates personally and to our livelihood, but to every victim of crime who is forced into the criminal justice system throughout the county.