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Agenda #	Relate To	Position	Name	Comments
16.		Favor	Alysin R Cooper	
			Audrey Garcia	
			Brandon Noosbond	
			Briana I Gonzales	
			Cassie Kozak	
			Danica Hamilton	
			Darian Perry	
			Enrique Morales	
			Jennifer A Dawson	
			Julia K Somberg	
			Neal Forman	
			Rasheeda Gaines	
			Robert S Hassebrock	
			Roberto Flores	
			Rodolfo R Barrientez	
			Russell Maycumber	
			Taylor K Pacheco	



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16.		Favor	Teya Hisel	<p>On behalf of the Downtown Women's Center, I am writing to thank Supervisors Barger and Mitchell for their motion, which avoids further cuts to LA:RISE in this budget. 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>The 78% cut to LA:RISE already passed 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>LA:RISE is so much more than transitional employment. 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, find housing, and access the services they need. Housing alone is not enough - employment must be part of the solution.</p> <p>We urge the Board of Supervisors to find a way to restore funding for LA:RISE and invest in economic opportunity and stability for all. Thank you for your time and consideration.</p>
			zoe priore	
		Oppose	Chief Marcella fain-sims	
		Other	Derek Steele	
			Gianna N Luna-Hernandez	Gianna Luna-Hernandez with CRCD in SPA 6. It is crucial to keep the budget for TAY funding at \$7.1 million. We believe the \$5.6 million that is being proposed is not a true reflection of the funding that is required to provide services for TAY. For CRCD, we exhausted our problem solving and prevention funds in January. Please continue to fund TAY programs for the amount of \$7.1 million. Thank you.
			Soma Snakeoil	

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16.		Other	Sonya A Guerra	Hello. Sonya Guerra. Dir of ops for the sidewalk project. Instead of prioritizing the wellbeing of its unhoused residents, departments choose to ignore the families with young children living on the streets of skid row. Our team does not. Our Community ambassador team is in the street daily offering support and services to these families. This can include anything from safe passage to opening our drop in center for children's mental health events. This is the same team that helped push a non operational rv with their bare hands when someone called to have it towed because the sight of an unhoused family was inconvenient for their business. It's very clear that our federal government does not care about its people. Now more than ever we need the \$325 million care first dollars to be released and protected for our communities to survive this era.
		Item Total	24	
Grand Total			24	



April 14, 2025

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

Re: Urgent Call to Preserve LA:RISE – A Proven Pathway Out of Homelessness

Dear Honorable Members of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors,

As a coalition of community-based organizations, workforce development partners, social enterprises, and homeless service providers, we write to express our strong opposition to the proposed county funding elimination of the LA:RISE program. While we strongly support the restoration of the youth homeless funding, this should not come at the expense of further cuts to LA:RISE.

This nationally recognized initiative has provided critical employment pathways for thousands of Angelenos facing some of the most significant barriers to work and housing. **Nearly 22 percent of LA:RISE participants are under the age of 25**, and many are formerly homeless or at the highest risk of homelessness. We respectfully urge the Board of Supervisors to preserve this essential program and defer any further cuts to LA:RISE—or to any other youth homelessness service programs

LA:RISE is more than a job program—it is a trauma-informed, person-centered approach that provides transitional employment, mental health support, case management, job readiness training, and long-term

employment assistance through a robust public-private partnership. Since its launch in 2015, LA:RISE has helped over 10,000 individuals to build a foundation of stability through meaningful work.

As you know, the County has already slashed its funding contribution to LA:RISE by 78%, **and further cuts are being considered that would eliminate the program for Los Angeles County service areas**—leaving over 800 people without a clear path to stable housing, work, income, and dignity.

This decision comes at a time when we should be strengthening—not weakening—our collective response to homelessness. The recent passage of Measure A reflects a clear public mandate to expand solutions, not reduce them. We must honor that commitment by supporting effective programs like LA:RISE.

Ending homelessness requires a comprehensive and coordinated system of care, encompassing housing, health, behavioral health, and supportive services. Workforce development—including transitional employment programs like LA:RISE—is a critical component of that continuum.

It is only through close collaboration among all service providers—those serving youth, adults, families, and seniors—that we can truly meet the complex needs of our communities. LA:RISE complements and enhances these efforts by ensuring that employment is part of the broader solution.

We respectfully urge the Board to reject further cuts and to fully restore funding for LA:RISE and youth Homeless funding. The lives and futures of those we serve, and the integrity of Los Angeles County's values, depend on your leadership.

Thank you for your continued commitment to equity, dignity, and opportunity for all Angelenos.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Maria Kim', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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REDF

Maria “Alex” Alexander
Executive Director
Center for Living and Learning

Drew Furedi
President & CEO
Para Los Niños

Wendy Butts
CEO
Los Angeles Conservation Corps

Michelle Fluke
CEO
Antelope Valley Health Partners

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