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Public Comment		Favor	Dena Bryn Burke	I am writing to you as a resident of Altadena who lost my home in the devasting Eaton Fire. As I plan to rebuild, I want to express my deep concern for my fellow neighbors and the community we cherish. In April, Mayor Karen Bass took a commendable step by issuing an emergency executive order to suspend rebuilding fees for Palisades residents affected by similar tragedies. Considering this, I, along with my neighbors, are formally requesting that the County extend this important relief to Altadena residents as well. Waiving these fees would make a significant difference for many of us, especially those who are underinsured or facing the staggering costs of rebuilding. For instance, I personally find myself in a challenging financial situation, as the expense associated with reconstruction far exceeds what my insurance covers. This burden makes it increasingly difficult to rebuild not just my home but also my life in this community. We are all committed to reviving Altadena and ensuring it thrives once again. However, we need our county officials to stand with us and show the same commitment to our recovery. Thank you for considering our request, and I look forward to your support in helping our community heal and rebuild. Sincerely, Dena "Bryn" Burke 1703 E Calaveras Street Altadena CA 91001
			Jonathan heidelberg	Please help. Us as we stand to restore our community, we are fighting in every way we know how to hold This community together, knowing that it's the people who created the spirit of what has shaped us and given value to what we are fighting to preserve please help us hold on to what we have given our lives to before this devasting fire moved in to scatter us and rob us of the nurturing atmosphere. Please wave the fees this will allow more of us consider remaining and be a part of this special moment that we have to show our appreciation to each other by staying and being a part of the restoration process we need your help to hold this community totogether. Thanks for hearing our heart



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Public Comment		Favor	Patricia A McAllister	Public Comment: Research by CalMatters "The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has not tracked and reported on the state's funding for homelessness programs, including Homekey, since its 2023 assessment covering fiscal years 2018-19 through 2020-21, according to the California State Auditor (.gov). While HCD has not tracked the program's effectiveness, there have been reports and legislation regarding the Homekey program's performance and audit. Audit: California risked millions in homelessness funds due to poor anti-fraud protections. California put hundreds of millions of homelessness dollars at risk because of its "disorganized" and "chaotic" anti-fraud policies, according to a critical federal audit. The audit analyzed California's Department of Housing and Community Development, which oversees the state's homelessness programs. It gave the California agency its lowest possible ranking, finding that it lacked adequate policies to prevent, detect and respond to fraud. As a result, the audit found, the state agency failed to properly protect \$319.5 million in federal homelessness funds, which were distributed during the COVID-19 pandemic, from the possibility of misuse. In a statement to CalMatters, the state housing agency said that work has already begun. "Since the audit, HCD has worked with HUD to address allaudit recommendations to ensure that the framework strengthens fraud risk detection and reflects leading industry standards and best practices," the agency said in an email. The audit found California failed to prioritize fraud prevention in its administration of homelessness funds. The state didn't perform regular fraud risk assessments, develop a plan to identify and swiftly address potential fraud, or have a process in place to evaluate the effectiveness of its anti-fraud policies, according to the audit. Those failures run counter to best practices the federal housing department expects all recipients of federal
				homelessness funds to follow." Normally, government audits are not performed when the politicians are receiving some parts of the stolen money!
			Susanna C Dadd	Los Angeles County MUST WAIVE PERMIT FEES for reconstruction in the fire zone. The City of LA has done that for the Palisades rebuild. Many in Altadena don't have the funds for the high permit fees or are underinsured. We want our community back. PLEASE HELP THE REBUILD IN ALTADENA.



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Public Comment		Oppose	Alice Hsu Andrea L Reilly	Complete opposition to proposed project Homekey project in Torrance feets away from our Civic center, public library, public pool and residential homes where thousands of children access and play. It is a matter of public safety and safety of our most vulnerable population, children! Unhoused individuals bring a myriad of challenges from mental illness to drugs. We can not spread our already thin resource even thinner. I am ALL for this project if LA COUNTY foots the bill for EVERY negative consequence of what they are FORCING upon the residents of Torrance. To these COUNTY folks, YOU'RE NOT THE ONES IMPACTED! WE ARE! I am all for helping the unhoused but NOT at the expense of our children! Find a different place. Torrance is big and we have many places where there is more commercial space and since this is mandate from the COUNTY, the COUNTY can fund the resources needed to build this place. In a predominantly commercial location where specialists, counselors, public services can be brought in. We need people at the county level who care and look after the well-being of OUR city and OUR people. These are OUR children that you so flippantly overlook. Unhoused people do not take precedence over our community of people and children. Request removal of Weingart Center Association application for 3525 Torrance Blvd., Torrance, CA 90503 Adaptive Re-Use (Motel Conversion)
				\$55,165,00 motion. I understand there were prior discussions between City representatives and the county regarding this property. Concerned regarding subsequent communication prior to 5/21/25. However, residents only became aware of this proposed motion Friday May 23, 2025 at 5 pm. After reading the Homekey + Program plan details (and lack of details) and what was stated by the County representative (5/23/35), I have several questions that must be addressed before a decision is made to move this application location forward. I plan to speak remote at the meeting due to surgery recovery.
			Charles Colton	I oppose the permanent supportive housing project at 3525 Torrance Boulevard, the site of the existing Extended Stay America Hotel. I live across the street at 3550 Torrance Blvd in the senior condos called the Gables. We have 60 units of senior citizens that are very concerned about the dangers of drugs and overdoses along with overwhelming our emergency services in Torrance due to the increase in calls that Project Homekey has shown to have at their different locations. Please do not allow Project Homekey to be placed directly across the street from our senior citizen build the Gables. Thank you Charles Colton



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Public Comment		Oppose	Daniel S Lee	I am a parent of 2 children who I home school and utilize the Torrance Katy Geissert daily. I found out a Homekey+ project is being planned blocks from where I live and this tremendously concerning. This library already has unstable, ill individuals who come up to the childrens area shouting and pacing around the library that causes me wonder what kind of violence may be acted out. I speak to the on site security gaurd who has to deal with homeless individuals who park large carts outside the library and he said the workers at this library unfortunately are acting as social workers dealing with individuals who inappropriately act out. 3-weeks ago, an individual tried to bring their large scooter indoors which is not allowed, makes a scene and then leaves through an emergency exit causing the alarm to sound. Another adult who seems to be in his 30s walked up to my 11yr old daughter asking if she had change for him to buy pizza. This proposed project would be situated a block from the library and civic center making my home and neighborhood unsafe for my family. My parents live a block away from the Los Angeles Mayfair hotel and every night people break into their garage breaking windows, scream and shout outside, and the neighborhood has young shirtless people walking around seemingly on drugs. There are people urinating on the street and making it visually unsafe to be out even during the day. I fear the worst for my Torrance community and losing access to the library as it becomes unsafe. Thank you for reading this comment and please reach out with any questions. -Daniel



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Agenda #	Relate To	Position	Name	Comments
Agenda # Public Comment	Relate 10	Oppose	Donald J Tippie	Dear Board of Supervisors, I am writing as a deeply concerned Torrance resident regarding the proposal to include the Extended Stay America Hotel located on Torrance Boulevard as one of the five properties being submitted for potential conversion under the State's Homekey+ Program. While I fully recognize the importance of addressing homelessness and providing interim and long-term housing solutions, placing such a facility in the heart of Torrance is entirely inappropriate and poses significant risks to the safety, character, and well-being of our community. This particular hotel is surrounded by residential neighborhoods and is in very close proximity to numerous schools, parks, and family-centered community spaces. Within just a short distance are schools such as Torrance High School, Torrance Elementary, and several childcare facilities — locations where the safety and security of our children must remain an unwavering priority. Converting this hotel into interim housing would fundamentally alter the character of this central part of our city. Torrance Boulevard is a heavily traveled corridor that serves as the gateway to our civic center, retail, and dining areas. Introducing a high-density interim housing facility into this setting risks increasing public safety concerns, impacting local businesses, and eroding the sense of security that families and residents have long enjoyed in this area. There are far more appropriate locations that should be prioritized for such uses, including properties closer to the freeway or in areas such as Harbor Gateway, where facilities are better suited to accommodate these types of services without placing a strain on school zones and densely populated residential neighborhoods. I respectfully urge the Board to remove the Extended Stay America on Torrance Boulevard from consideration for this program and to focus efforts on identifying sites that are better aligned with public safety, land-use
				compatibility, and community expectations. Thank you for your time.
			James E Kotecki	I oppose the recommendation by the Governor and LA Council to the County's proposed Homekey+ Project at 3525 Torrance Boulevard, Torrance, CA



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Public Comment		Oppose	James E Kotecki	I oppose the recommendation by the Governor and LA Council to the County's proposed Homekey+ Project at 3525 Torrance Boulevard, Torrance, CA
			Jennifer Ji	
			I am writing to express strong opposition to the proposed conversion of the Extended Stay America at 3525 Torrance Blvd into a homeless rental facility. This location is entirely unsuitable for such a project. It is situated in the heart of Torrance—an area frequented by families, children, and seniors. Introducing a high-risk population into this setting poses serious safety concerns and threatens to increase crime in a community that prides itself on safety and stability. This plan, reportedly supported by Governor Newsom's administration, feels like a top-down decision that ignores the voices and well-being of the local community. Residents of Torrance overwhelmingly oppose this initiative, and it is deeply troubling that such a controversial plan is being considered without broad public support.	
				We urge you not to submit any application for state funding for this project. Instead, please consider alternative locations that are more appropriate and can offer wraparound services without compromising the safety and character of Torrance's core neighborhoods.
			Kyle Katarn	This decision is very unwise and completely unjust
			Laura Dhondrup Yogi	OPPOSE HOMEKEY+ PROPOSAL. As a 20 year homeowner who lives down Torrance Boulevard I am seriously concerned about building homeless supportive housing next to our city's pool and rec center, a church, and our children's schools. There is a severe threat to public safety to Del Amo Mall and everyone who lives in the residential neighborhoods surrounding the proposed site.
			Mary E Kotecki	I oppose the recommendation by the Governor and LA Council to the County's proposed Homekey+ Project at 3525 Torrance Boulevard, Torrance, CA



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Public Comment		Oppose	Mike Ford	I am writing with great concern about the plan to change Extended Stay America at 3525 Torrance Blvd into a housing place for homeless people. I believe this is not good idea and very bad location. This area is center of Torrance, with many families, children, and elderly people living nearby. It is not safe to bring high-risk population here, and many residents worry it will cause more crime and danger. Many people in Torrance do not agree with this project. We are peaceful community, and we feel this decision is made without asking local people. Governor Newsom's plan may look good on paper, but it does not fit our neighborhood. It will damage the safety and quiet life we have here. Please do not apply for funding from the state. We kindly ask to stop this plan and find better location where it can be safer and more helpful for everyone.
			Morgan F Kotecki	I oppose the recommendation by the Governor and LA Council to the County's proposed Homekey+ Project at 3525 Torrance Boulevard, Torrance, CA
			Nacy Green	I am writing to express my strong concern about the proposal to convert Extended Stay America at 3525 Torrance Blvd into housing for homeless individuals. This is a very bad idea for this location. It is in the heart of Torrance, an area with many families, children, and elderly residents. It is not safe to place such a facility here, and it could increase crime and make the area more dangerous.
				Many of us in Torrance do not support this plan. We are a peaceful and close-knit community, and we feel that this decision is being made without considering the opinions of the people who live here. This location is simply not appropriate for such a project, and it will negatively impact our neighborhood.
				I kindly ask that you do not apply for state funding for this project. Please reconsider and find a better location that will be safer and more suitable for everyone.
			Rajeswari Goundere	I am writing as a concerned resident and member of the Torrance community to express my opposition to the Los Angeles County's intent to submit a joint application to the state of California for Homekey+ Program funding for the proposed permanent supportive housing project at 3525 Torrance Boulevard, the site of the existing Extended Stay America hotel.



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Public Comment		Oppose	Ravi A	I'm concerned that the County's selection of 3525 Torrance Blvd for a 120-unit supportive-housing conversion was made without the basic safeguards our community deserves. Despite the project's size and proximity to Del Amo Fashion Center and adjacent clinics, there was no documented Torrance-specific outreach or neighborhood workshop before the Board vote—undermining public confidence and missing local insights that could have identified critical concerns. Key technical studies also seem to have been omitted: such as traffic-impact, parking analysis, and capacity of bus routes, and if stops can accommodate the additional daily transit. Beyond process, the site itself is too cramped to meet buffering and design best practices. At just over half an acre, this former motel sits only two blocks from the mall and lacks any formal buffer from sensitive uses like nearby schools or parks. Have any studies been done in this regard. The Board materials included no details on site-security or operations plan—no staffing ratios, security protocols, nor tenant-selection policy—raising serious questions about long-term management and safety. Converting a small retail property into a large congregate shelter without these fundamental studies and community inputs feels rushed, and it risks creating unittended impacts on both neighboring homes and the businesses we all rely on.
			Selva Gounder	Opposition to the County's Proposed Homekey+ Project at 3525 Torrance Boulevard, Torrance, CA



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Public Comment		Other	Anita Diaz	Good afternoon, there needs to be a public finance office for homeonwers, perhaps for renters. A public office would outreach homeowners who are having trouble paying their property taxes. Currently, we are living in a challenging economy. Many of us are working multiple jobs t make ends meet. This "public office" would work closely with homeowners, similar to the functions of a social worker and set up a special payment plan or some other arrangement. Homeowners want to stay in their homes and continue to be residents of Los Angeles County. Property owners are asking for patience and understanding. Thank you for your attention.
			Brenda Villanueva	Good afternoon, my name is Brenda Villanueva, pronouns (she/her), and I'm a Policy Advocate at the Los Angeles LGBT Center. First of all, I want to thank the Commission and the Board of Supervisors for actively working towards solutions so that we can continue to maintain and provide prevention programs within the county and progress in our fight against HIV and STDs in Los Angeles. The absence of prevention infrastructure could lead to an estimated 9,000 new HIV infections over the next five years in Los Angeles County alone. It's imperative that funding continues for these programs that serve those impacted by HIV & STDs disproportionately, so that we can combat rising cases. We remain committed to collaborating with the county in maintaining existing infrastructure to protect our communities.



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Public Comment		Other	Dannielle E Smith	Addressing the situation with a lot of these instructors in these community colleges are practicing discriminative ways and it's just being swept under the rug no one is doing anything about it not even when it's being complained about. And it's truly getting out of hand I feel victim to such a situation last fall semester you know with instructor at my school on my final semester of a 2-year degree that I was going for he totally ruined my future and all of my plans over him being discriminative of I'm sure my sexual preference these things need to be addressed because I followed all the steps as far as complaining from the top down and I was shut down and my complaints were dismissed and it was to say the least not a thorough investigation at all the way my school did me after being there for 2 years and what they allowed this instructor to do to me on my final semester where I was supposed to graduate. I was also receiving scholarship funds from the board of supervisors for my anti recidivism and turning my life around trying to build a new life in a career for me after a career of running in and out of I institutions my whole life and this man ruined all of that. This matter really needs to be discussed because I am in utter amazement at how I was swept under the rug by human rights entity that I complained and spoke out to about this the whole entire laccd covered for this man and ultimately ruined my future and in in my Five-Year plan that I had built with my counselor in the fall of 2022 when I started and no one is doing anything about it hough in which I was given legal advice you know on what I should how I should pursue it but still to no avail I believe this needs to be addressed in a community meeting definitely because these are the same schools this particular one especially just got a new president and announced how you know their main objective is to give opportunity to those of us who you know have had a hard time being able to have opportunity because of our environmental upbringing and it to
			Mike Schmidt	supervised. Please forgive the errors in spelling as I am on my phone and not a desktop computer. More importantly, please take heed to the extremely serious nature of my concern. Thank you.



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Public Comment		Other	Mike Schmidt	You inspect what you expect and you monitor what is important to you. I am wlaware that the probation department leadership is not ensuring that adults on pronation are not being adequately serviced. It is my understanding that probationers with crimes as severe as sex and violent offenses are virtually left to their own devices because the officers who they are assigned to are virtually never at the office due to being shifted other facilities for juveniles. The probationers see someone different evwry month, aren't given the proper guidance on what is needed to be compliant nor checked on to see if they are fulfilling their obligations as a probationer. No one is truly inspecting or monitoring their movements or behaviors so the signal sent to the probationer and community is that compliance isn't a priority at all. Left to their own devices with no level of scrutiny means they, in many cases, are unleashed on the community placing all in danger. I pay taxes in Los Angeles County and want to know that probation is holding criminals accountable to their responsibilities as a deterrent to further criminal activities in our communities. This only happens through leadership which appears to be non-existent in its current state. Your actions or inactions where this is concerned has created an unsafe environment for everyone man, woman, and child in Los Angeles County. You, the Board of Supervisors are directly responsible for decisions made by the leadership of the pribation department up to and includong the Chief. I implore you to put the proper employees back into the offices that are responsible for supervising adult offenders. Give our communities a chance at safety. As it stanfs, you are negligently not inspecting or montioring what probationers sre doing so they are not accountable. I hope the lack of inpection and monitoring are not an indicators of your expectation or how important you feel this issue is NOT.



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Public Comment		Other	Nathan Sudeep	 Hi all, my name is Nathan Sudeep, and I'm a volunteer caseworker with Project HepC Connect. Today, I am here to ask the Board to expand the LA County Department of Public Health's Hepatitis C budget by \$441,000 to fund 2 full-time staff positions focused on linkage-to-cure. Right now, more than 2 out of 3 people in LA County with HepC remain untreated, even though it's curable. I work closely with many of them, including people who are unhoused or struggling with substance use. One woman I spoke with didn't even know she tested positive – she though ther clinic would have called her. She was shocked, but relieved to hear that treatment was possible. Moments like that show how many people fall through the cracks when we don't have enough staff to follow up. This isn't just a medical issue; it's a public health issue. People with untreated HepC can unknowingly transmit the virus to others, including family, partners, and emergency responders. That is why I support the motion passed back in June 2024, which directed the Department of Public Health and the Chief Executive Office to expand staffing for HepC. But to move forward, we need dedicated County funding now. We have the cure for HepC. Let's make sure we have the staff to deliver it. Thank you!
			Susan Rocha	I have a noise problem with Divine Saviour catholic church and their noisy amplified sound system. They blast tape recordings 10 times a day everyday through 4 Loud speakers. The recordings are on automatical computer dial. Divine Saviour catholic church 90065 has taken me to court twice to shut me up. They lost twice. This last time they falsely accused me of a crime. I went to jury trial and found not guilty. Please help me with the noise problem. LAPD and the Los Angeles city attorney has refused any help

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			Todd Bayer	I am writing to urge the supervisors to waive planning and building fees for those rebuilding after the Eaton Fire. I understand this has been done for those rebuilding after the Palisades Fire, and believe it should be done for Altadena as well. I further believe that the fees can be recovered from the lawsuit the County is pursuing against Edison, so it should not impact the county budget long term. Thank you for your consideration.
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Grand Total			31	

Don't Let Progress Stall: Fund Hepatitis C Care in LA County Support 2 Full-Time Department of Public Health Positions

Why Hepatitis C Is a Public Health Issue

- → 2 out of 3 LA County residents with active hepatitis C remain <u>untreated</u>
 - → That's nearly **17,000** untreated people in LA County!
- → <u>Hepatitis C is curable</u>, but if untreated, it can lead to liver failure, liver cancer, or death
- → LA County's current cure rate is only 32%, well below the federal 2025 goal of 58%
- → Untreated people can transmit HepC to others, including family & emergency responders
 → That's why it's a <u>public health issue</u>: counties may not provide direct medical care,
 - but they are responsible for preventing disease transmission

Why County Funding Is Critical

- Many affected people face serious barriers to care: unstable housing or substance use
- LA County's current hepatitis C response relies on <u>CDC grants expiring in mid-2026</u>
- Without County-funded staff, Hepatitis C elimination will not be possible!

Our Ask to the Board:

We respectfully request that the Board of Supervisors expand the LA County Department of Public Health budget by **\$441,000** to fund **2 full-time, County-funded staff** dedicated to:

- Proactive outreach to untreated individuals
- > Building partnerships with providers, clinics, and pharmacies
- Coordinating care for vulnerable populations
- > Ensuring long-term sustainability for hepatitis C elimination efforts

Local Momentum Is Growing – Now is the Time to Act!

Mayors from the following cities have submitted letters of support to the Board, including:

- 1. Norwalk (1/30/2025)
- 2. Pico Rivera (1/30/2025)
- 3. Paramount (2/3/2025)
- 4. Beverly Hills (2/14/2025)
- 5. West Hollywood (2/14/2025)



Presented by the LA County Residents for Better Hepatitis C Linkage and Care

Contacts: Dr. Jeffrey Klausner (DrKlausner@hotmail.com) & Nathan Sudeep (nathansudeep98@gmail.com)

May 22, 2025

To Supervisor Kathryn Barger & Anish Saraiya, Director of Altadena Recovery

Request for Suspension of Building Fees for Altadena Residents

Dear Supervisor Barger,

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Thank you for considering our request, and I look forward to your support in helping our community heal and rebuild.

Sincerely,

Dena "Bryn" Burke 1703 E Calaveras Street Altadena CA 91001

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https://parks.lacounty.gov/santa-fe-dam-recreational-area/

Dear Members of the Board,

I am writing as a concerned resident and member of the Torrance community to express my opposition to the Los Angeles County's intent to submit a joint application to the state of California for Homekey+ Program funding for the proposed permanent supportive housing project at 3525 Torrance Boulevard, the site of the existing Extended Stay America hotel. This location is situated in the heart of our city's business district, and I believe such a change would significantly impact the surrounding businesses, residents, and overall community environment.

While I understand and support efforts to assist those experiencing homelessness, the process surrounding this proposal has been deeply troubling. It appears to be moving forward without sufficient transparency or consultation with local residents or the City of Torrance's elected representatives. Major decisions that affect the community at this scale deserve open dialogue and the involvement of all stakeholders.

Locating a homeless shelter in this busy commercial area raises serious concerns about safety, economic impact on local businesses, and the long-term character of our neighborhood. Torrance has always prided itself on being a welcoming yet well-organized community. Implementing such a project without due process and local support undermines trust in our institutions.

I respectfully urge you to reconsider this plan and to engage with city officials and residents in a transparent and inclusive manner. Solutions to homelessness are most effective when developed collaboratively and with respect to the character and needs of each community.

Thank you.

LAC Commission on HIV Comment

Good afternoon, my name is Brenda Villanueva, pronouns (she/her), and I'm a Policy Advocate at the Los Angeles LGBT Center. First of all, I want to thank the Commission and the Board of Supervisors for actively working towards solutions so that we can continue to maintain and provide prevention programs within the county and progress in our fight against HIV and STDs in Los Angeles. The absence of prevention infrastructure could lead to an estimated 9,000 new HIV infections over the next five years in Los Angeles County alone. It's imperative that funding continues for these programs that serve those impacted by HIV & STDs disproportionately, so that we can combat rising cases. We remain committed to collaborating with the county in maintaining existing infrastructure to protect our communities.