



**PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS
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The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:			
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11.			Audrey L Simons As CEO of a Federally Qualified Health Center serving essential workers in the NE San Fernando Valley, I support the use of ADAP funds to continue the HIV treatment programs in L.A. County. San Fernando Community Health Center has an HIV Prevention and Education program, but because of the complexity of treating, the cases we identify are referred out for treatment. Many of those treatment programs have recently been defunded. L.A. County cannot allow lack of funding to jeopardize the progress that has been made against this disease.
			Barbara Kappos My name is Barbara Kappos, Executive Director with the East Los Angeles Women's Center I would like to support Item # 11. I support a 5-signature letter to the Governor and the State legislature to incorporate funding from the California AIDS Drug Assistance Program Rebate Fund in the State budget to sustain vital County HIV prevention programs. The East Los Angeles Women's Center is facing drastic cuts to our HIV program servicing women. We have provided services to women impacted by trauma and living with HIV for over 30 years. These funds present a critical opportunity for the State to support community-based organizations that provide cost- and life-saving HIV prevention programs and services that are at risk of being eliminated by the federal government. I want to thank Supervisor Solis and Supervisor Horvath for their motion and request the Board to support this important motion. Thank you. Barbara Kappos, LCSW East Los Angeles women's Center
			Brenda Villanueva Good morning, 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 Board of Supervisors and the Commission on HIV 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 to maintain existing infrastructure and protect our communities. We support using the AIDS Drug Assistance Program Rebate Fund to Sustain County HIV Programs.
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11.		Favor	Joanne Preece	<p>The Community Clinic Association of Los Angeles County (CCALAC), representing 66 nonprofit community health center organizations, strongly supports Supervisor Solis' motion urging the State to allocate resources from the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) Rebate Fund to sustain HIV prevention programs.</p> <p>The uncertainty surrounding federal HIV prevention funding has already led Los Angeles County to cancel funding for 39 HIV and STD prevention contracts, effective May 31, 2025—including 16 contracts held by community health centers. These contracts fund critical services such as HIV/STI testing, PrEP and PEP access, harm reduction, and outreach to high-risk populations. Many of these services are not reimbursable through Medi-Cal, and community health centers do not have the resources to absorb this gap in funding.</p> <p>If left unaddressed, the loss of these programs will have dire public health consequences. The County estimates 1,400 new HIV infections annually; without sustained prevention efforts, this number could grow to over 2,000 new infections per year, reversing decades of progress. The impact will fall hardest on communities already facing health inequities, including Black and Latino gay and bisexual men, transgender women of color, and people who inject drugs.</p> <p>The ADAP Rebate Fund was established to support the state's HIV response, and state law allows its use in moments of demonstrated need. That moment is now. We applaud the motion's call for advocacy to use the Rebate Fund to stabilize HIV prevention services, and we urge the Board to adopt the motion and take action to protect the health and well-being of our communities.</p> <p>Thank you for your leadership and concern with this important issue.</p>

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11.		Favor	Julie Leyba	<p>On behalf of Northeast Valley Health Corporation (NEVHC), a nonprofit network of 18 community health centers serving over 99,000 medically underserved residents across the San Fernando and Santa Clarita Valleys, we support the motion to advocate for using the AIDS Drug Assistance Program Rebate fund to sustain County HIV Programs.</p> <p>NEVHC has been a leader in HIV early intervention since the early 1990s. Today, we operate one of the largest HIV prevention and primary care programs in Los Angeles County, providing life-saving services such as low-cost access to PrEP and PEP, as well as HIV and STI testing—thanks to support from the CDC and state programs.</p> <p>However, these essential prevention services are not reimbursable through Medi-Cal. With looming federal cuts to Medicaid and state-level threats to coverage for undocumented patients, community health centers like NEVHC are facing a crisis. We simply cannot absorb the costs of HIV prevention services without access to the ADAP Rebate Fund.</p> <p>Without that support, we risk reversing decades of progress in the fight against HIV in LA County. This is not just a funding issue—it is a public health emergency.</p> <p>We thank you for bringing this motion forward and strongly urge the Board to adopt it and advocate to the Governor to protect and restore HIV prevention funding. Our communities are counting on your leadership.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
			Rose Veniegas	I support the motion to incorporate funding from the California AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) Rebate Fund in the State budget to sustain vital HIV prevention programs in Los Angeles County. HIV treatment and access to medications that prevent HIV acquisition are HIV prevention. Given the political and public attacks on our communities most impacted by HIV/AIDS and the reduction of funding for HIV/AIDS programs globally, nationally, and locally it is essential that California maintain HIV prevention assets. The successful mitigation of mpox in LA County was due to best practices led by local HIV/AIDS services organizations. Maintaining a robust HIV prevention ecosystem is sound public health.
			Tamra King	Please continue to advocate to the state for the use of AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) Rebate Fund resources to sustain county HIV programs
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Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
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Re: Support for June 10 BOS Motion – Advocating for using ADAP Rebate Funds to Sustain HIV Programs in LA County

Dear Honorable Members of the Board,

As an HIV Prevention Specialist at Harbor Community Health Centers in San Pedro, I am writing to express my full support for the June 10 motion calling on the Board of Supervisors to advocate for the State of California to use AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) Rebate Fund resources to sustain HIV programs across Los Angeles County.

At Harbor Community Health Centers, we serve some of the most underserved populations in the South Bay region, many of whom face persistent barriers to accessing comprehensive and culturally competent HIV prevention and care. Our clinic provides a wide range of services, including HIV testing, PrEP/PEP navigation, linkage to care, and support services that are vital to the health and wellbeing of our patients. These services are often made possible through county-funded programs that rely on state-level support.

The potential loss of funding due to recent state-level budget decisions puts at risk the essential infrastructure we have built over years to combat the HIV epidemic. ADAP Rebate Funds are a flexible, life-saving resource that has historically supported critical HIV programs. Utilizing them is a fiscally responsible and morally necessary step toward maintaining the health and wellbeing of our communities. Without timely action, we risk a devastating rollback in progress, particularly in communities already facing significant disparities in health outcomes.

I urge you to approve and advance this motion. It is imperative that Los Angeles County stand strong in advocating for equitable, continued investment in HIV prevention and



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care. These programs are not optional; they are lifesaving and oftentimes the only avenue for accessing care for many of our patients. Taking away these programs can lead to detrimental health outcomes.

Thank you for your leadership and continued commitment to the health of all Angelenos.

Sincerely,

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Thank you.
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LAC Commission on HIV Comment

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