



**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
6.		Favor	Jacob Toups	<p>My name is Jacob and I'm with Rainbow Labs. I would like to speak in support of Item #06</p> <p>I want to thank Supervisors Solis and Horvath for their Care with Pride motion to strengthen the safety net for LGBTQ+ residents and system-involved youth. LGBTQ+ residents and system-involved youth have compounding vulnerabilities that require targeted support. In particular, LGBTQ+ youth experience significantly higher rates of arrest, detention, and incarceration compared to their cisgender and heterosexual peers.</p> <p>To address these disparities, we must ensure that our systems are equipped to meet the unique needs of system-involved LGBTQ+ youth with affirming, trauma-informed, and culturally responsive approaches. We have seen this through our work at Rainbow Labs where we provided LGBTQ+ youth (12-18) youth development programs that support their physical and mental well being. I request the Board to support this important motion</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>I urge the Board to vote yes on Item 06.</p>
			Nicholas Lampros	Bet Tzedek Legal Services urges the Board to vote in favor of this Motion for the reasons set forth in the accompanying support letter.
			Shannon Larsuel	
		Item Total	3	
Grand Total			3	

June 16, 2025



Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
500 W. Temple St., Room 381B
Los Angeles, CA 90012

***Re: Public Comment in SUPPORT of Agenda Item No. 6
Care With Pride: Strengthening the Safety Net for LGBTQ+ Residents and
System-Involved Youth***

For the Board's June 17, 2025 Meeting

To the Distinguished Members of the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County:

On behalf of Bet Tzedek Legal Services, we write in support of Agenda Item No. 6, the fifth *Care With Pride* motion to Strengthen the Safety Net for LGBTQ+ Residents and System-Involved Youth. We thank Supervisor Hilda Solis and Supervisor Lindsey Horvath for putting forward this important Motion.

Bet Tzedek is a non-profit legal aid organization that has provided free legal services to low-income residents of Los Angeles for more than fifty years. This work includes our Transgender Justice project, which is dedicated to assisting transgender, non-binary, and gender non-conforming individuals in obtaining access to medical care and coverage, living free from employment discrimination and retaliation, updating legal names and gender markers on identification documents to align with gender identity, fighting discrimination at school, and preserving housing. We are proud to represent members of our community without regard to immigration status.

We support the proposed *Care with Pride* Motion as an important step in the continued strengthening of resources for transgender individuals in Los Angeles County. Los Angeles can and must continue to lead on the local level in supporting and protecting the rights of LGBTQ+ and gender nonconforming residents and system-involved youth.

The importance of measures like this one has been heightened given the current federal political landscape. In this moment, we note the need for culturally responsive community-based services, including housing, mental health, substance use, medical, mentorship, educational, and employment support. We also note that it will be important to include **legal services** as a key component of the social safety net. For years, we have been privileged to serve the County's LGBTQ+ and gender non-conforming community in addressing legal needs through our Transgender Justice project as well as our Preventing and Ending Homelessness Project's

dedicated housing work in Service Planning Area 5. We look forward to continued collaboration with the County in serving our community and protecting all of its members. The proposed Motion represents a meaningful step forward on that path, which is why we urge the Board to vote "AYE" in favor of Agenda Item No. 6.

Sincerely,

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