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Public Comment		Favor	Alma Blount	I support fee deferment and eventual waiver for homeowners who lost their homes in the Eaton Fire and who are rebuilding.
			Brenda Villanueva	Good morning, my name is Brenda Villanueva, pronouns (she/her), and I'm a Policy Advocate at the Los Angeles LGBT Center and a member of the End The Epidemics. 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. We also want to express our gratitude and support to Supervisors Solis and Horvath for the Care For Pride recommendation to the Dpt. of Mental Health.



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Public Comment		Favor	Brenda E Mata	<p>Version 1: Direct and Practical Advocate</p> <p>Dear Esteemed Members of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors,</p> <p>I'm writing to you today, Brenda Mata, to strongly advocate for Item 51-B. This motion to defer plan check and permitting fees for Eaton Canyon fire survivors is crucial, and frankly, a necessary step.</p> <p>The Altadena community has been through a devastating loss. Our homes and memories are gone. Now, as we try to rebuild, the financial burden is immense. Many residents, myself included, are already struggling with underinsurance, new building codes, and today's high construction costs. Adding permitting fees on top of that makes getting back home even harder.</p> <p>The county has a real chance here to show it supports its residents. While deferring these fees offers some immediate relief, we need you to go further. Please don't just pass this motion; secure the funding to make it a full waiver. This isn't just about temporary help; it's about fairness and ensuring our community can truly recover and rebuild.</p> <p>Providing this support now will significantly ease the pressure on those of us directly affected. Your leadership on this will send a clear message: Los Angeles County stands with its residents.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration and for focusing on our community's recovery.</p> <p>Sincerely, Brenda Mata</p>
			Joe Tenario	Due to the low of funds provided by insurance and the high cost of rebuilding waiving any building and planning department fees would certainly help our family to get back in our home



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Public Comment		Favor	Preston Nguyen	<p>Hi all, my name is Preston Nguyen, and I'm a volunteer caseworker with Project HepC Connect.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Right now, more than 2 out of 3 people in LA County with HepC remain untreated, even though it's curable.</p> <p>We have the cure for HepC. Let's make sure we have the staff to deliver it. Thank you!</p>
			Troy Simpson	<p>Dear Esteemed Members of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors,</p> <p>I'm writing to you today to strongly advocate for Item 51-B. This motion to defer plan check and permitting fees for Eaton Canyon fire survivors is crucial, and frankly, a necessary step.</p> <p>The Altadena community has been through a devastating loss. Our homes and memories are gone. Now, as we try to rebuild, the financial burden is immense. Many residents, myself included, are already struggling with underinsurance, new building codes, and today's high construction costs. Adding permitting fees on top of that makes getting back home even harder.</p> <p>The county has a real chance here to show it supports its residents. While deferring these fees offers some immediate relief, we need you to go further. Please don't just pass this motion; secure the funding to make it a full waiver. This isn't just about temporary help; it's about fairness and ensuring our community can truly recover and rebuild.</p> <p>Providing this support now will significantly ease the pressure on those of us directly affected. Your leadership on this will send a clear message: Los Angeles County stands with its residents.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration and for focusing on our community's recovery.</p> <p>Sincerely, Troy Simpson</p>



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Public Comment		Oppose	Jennifer Lee	I'm submitting public comment to share how disappointed I am in Supervisor Barger and her comments on PBS Hourly News on 6/9/25. While all other Supervisors have expressed support and resources for LA's immigrant community, Supervisor Barger is stating she wants plans and communications for ICE and federal raids in Los Angeles. This County is carried by immigrants and their families, Supervisor Barger does not deserve to be the Chair of the BOS and she does not represent LA on this matter. I would like to thank Supervisor Solis, Hahn, Mitchell and Horvath for their unwavering support of immigrants and to ensure that ICE and other federal agencies leave LA County immediately.
		Other	Bianca R Stopani	<p>Good evening, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. My name is Bianca, and I'm here today to address the critical issue of police brutality by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department against peaceful protesters. These individuals are exercising their First Amendment right to freedom of speech, and it's unacceptable that they are met with aggression and violence.</p> <p>I witnessed firsthand an incident just two days ago near Union Station, before curfew. As I was heading to the station, I saw three LASD deputies taking pictures on their phones in an unmarked area. When we approached, a deputy appeared to be under the influence of a substance and aggressively confronted us, despite our simply asking for directions to Union Station. I have video evidence of this encounter.</p> <p>Furthermore, there are serious concerns about the misappropriation of funds within the LASD. Funds allocated for improving conditions in our jails are instead being used for better guns and vehicles, while inmates suffer from inadequate linen, hygiene, food, medical treatment, and mental health care. The food provided is often limited to bologna and peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, without juice or balanced nutrition. I urge the board to hold the LASD accountable for these abuses of power and to ensure that funds are used appropriately to support the well-being of those in our jails. Thank you.</p>



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Public Comment		Other	Elizabeth C Zuniga	<p>Hi, my name is Elizabeth Zuniga, and I am a volunteer caseworker for Project HepC Connect.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Right now, more than two-thirds of people in LA County with active Hepatitis C, which is about 17,000 people, aren't receiving treatment, even though this disease is curable. That's a huge number, and it represents a major gap in care.</p> <p>Without treatment, people are at serious risk of liver failure, cancer, and other life-threatening complications. But beyond that, untreated Hep C also puts others at risk, especially family members and first responders who may not even know they're being exposed. This is clearly a public health issue, not just a personal one.</p> <p>The County's current cure rate is only 32%, which is well below the national target of 58% by 2025. And most of the work being done now depends on federal grants that are set to expire in 2026. Without dedicated County funding, we're at risk of losing momentum and the infrastructure we need to actually eliminate Hep C in LA County.</p> <p>The additional staff would focus on reaching out to people who haven't been treated, helping them navigate care, and working with clinics, providers, and pharmacies to strengthen the system overall. Cities like Norwalk, Pico Rivera, Paramount, Beverly Hills, and West Hollywood have already shown their support.</p> <p>This is a smart, targeted investment in public health and one that could truly save lives.</p> <p>Thank you for your time.</p>



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Public Comment		Other	Jon-Marc Burgess	<p>Hi all, my name is Jon-Marc Burgess, and I'm a volunteer caseworker with Project HepC Connect.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Right now, more than 2 out of 3 people in LA County with HepC remain untreated, even though it's curable. 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>We have the cure for HepC. Let's make sure we have the staff to deliver it. Thank you!</p>
			mona bahgat	<p>Coyotes have overtaken our neighborhoods. Everybody knows how bad it is, every day animals are killed, humans are chased, and our officials do nothing. They kick the can. The city, county, and state are fully aware and hence NEGLIGENT of this public safety issue. We do not want to hear that it's not your department. We have organized and will not stop until we see change. Our goal is to highlight key concerns and prompt the city to adopt effective measures to control the coyote population. We are advocating for the protection of our citizens and the restoration of safety within our community. We want to take action before anyone loses a loved one to these predators.</p> <p>The following points outline our key concerns and arguments: Rise in Coyote Population: Over the past decade, the coyote population has been rapidly increasing in the city of Los Angeles, leading to a growing concern for the safety of the community.</p> <p>Threat to Pets and Children: The increase in coyote population and their growing boldness has led to numerous incidents of pets and even children being attacked, some of which have been documented in the news and by local animal shelters. (Protect your pets! coyotevest.com)</p> <p>Lack of Natural Predators: Unlike other wild environments, urban areas like Los Angeles lack natural predators such as mountain lions, wolves, and bears to control the coyote population.</p>



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Attractants: The growth of the homeless population and improper disposal of food and waste has attracted coyotes and contributed to their proliferation in urban areas.

City's Responsibility: Citizens pay taxes for the city to maintain safety and order, and it should be the city's responsibility to manage the costs and logistics of mitigating the coyote issue, as other cities like Torrance have successfully done.

Lack of Action by City Agencies: There seems to be a lack of clear responsibility and action by the city's Animal Services and California Fish and Wildlife in managing and controlling the coyote population.

Legal Limitations on Protective Measures: The current laws limit the height of fences to 6 feet, a height easily cleared by coyotes, thus compromising the safety of homes and properties.

Health Concerns: Coyotes carry a range of diseases and parasites, creating an additional health hazard for the city's residents.

Financial Consequences: Coyote attacks can cause serious injuries to pets, resulting in costly veterinary bills, and the city has so far not provided financial assistance for these damages.

Coyotes in Urban Spaces: Coyotes are frequently sighted in urban spaces, including parks, where children and pets are commonly present.

Lack of Monitoring: There's a lack of adequate monitoring and reporting of coyote attacks by city authorities.

Pearl A Marshall

As a taxpayer and lifelong Angelino, I am appalled by the lack of transparency coming from the Board of Supervisors, their staff, and the Chief Executive Office. The lack of Fiscal Responsibility should warrant an Audit by the Attorney General's office. The County of Los Angeles is self-insured and has coverage under California Joint Powers Insurance Authority (CJPIA). You have indemnity insurance for Sexual Misconduct Liability. That should help with what is owed to the victims of the Probation and Foster Care system for the County of Los Angeles part in being Grossly Negligent in the protection of their wards. Where is the money that the county should have set aside, as they knew, this Probation issue would eventually need to be settled financially. The County of Los Angeles has established specific self-insurance programs and procedures to manage their financial responsibility. They have a whole Department dedicated to this job called Risk Management. Maclaren Hall, the location where most of the sexual assaults allegedly occurred, in in the city of El Monte, which would have been required to be covered under CJPIA. This lawsuit didn't just happen, are you telling us that no one foresaw or projected Financial Responsibility? If that is true, then people need to be fired and audit into the taxpayer's money should be performed.



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	<p>All of you on MAPP get annual raised based on performance yet you pay a large group of our county workforce poverty level wages. Stop telling everyone that there is no money to pay livable wages and increase the lower paid employee's decent wages.</p> <p>You allow the county buildings that you oversee to become run down. You are basically slum lords. Go to your county buildings and see the conditions you make the employee's work in. Broken air condition, broken heating system, leaky roofs, broken or leaky pipes creating mold, broken workstations, filthy carpets, broken tiles, broken computer servers, broken chairs, monitors, lack of custodial services, just to name a few. The county infrastructure is truly in poor condition for being one of the largest counties that has the financial backing of the taxpayers. Maybe DOGE needs to come in to get rid of the waste and fraud. If you are not here to serve the people and the employees maybe it is time you leave. We need leaders that are not sheep and who know what is means to be Fiscally responsible, to be able to project the needs of not just the county but it's workforce, the infrastructure, and a proper Risk Management Department. This is why your executives, and the CEO get paid the big bucks.</p> <p>Stop making the county workforce work in squalor conditions and give the workers a fair raise. Maybe those in MAPP and executives can all give up their raises for the next 3 years. It wouldn't change their lives at all, but it would for the regular workforce</p>
Rocio Alvarado	<p>The peaceful protest on Saturday June 14 were brought to violent ends as the LAPD began firing on the public at approximately 4pm. Curfew did not begin until 8pm and yet there are countless viral videos documenting officers firing point blank onto our citizens, charging people to the ground from horseback, firing flash bangs into peaceful crowds including children. The LAPD has violated and continues to violate the people and must be stopped, the people should not have to fund and enable the violence the LAPD reins down on us. Defund the LAPD and make these individuals pay for their own lawsuits out of their grossly inflated pensions and paychecks.</p>
Sudeep Sudeep	<p>Hi all, my name is Nathan Sudeep, and I'm a volunteer caseworker with Project HepC Connect.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 thought her clinic would have called her. She was shocked, but relieved to hear that</p>

				<p>treatment was possible. Moments like that show how many people fall through the cracks when we don't have enough staff to follow up.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>We have the cure for HepC. Let's make sure we have the staff to deliver it. Thank you!</p>
			Will Wright	AIA LA & ASLA So Cal Recommendations to Improve Guidelines Related to Defensible Space Zone Zero -- SEE ATTACHED LETTER
		Item Total	15	
Grand Total			15	

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 untreated

→ That's nearly **17,000** untreated people in LA County!

→ Hepatitis C is curable, 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 public health issue: 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 CDC grants expiring in mid-2026
- 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

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