



**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
14.		Favor	Francisco Portillo	<p>My name is Francisco Portillo and I'm with Wesley Health Centers.</p> <p>I'm writing to urge you to vote YES on motion 14: "Supporting Los Angeles County's Public Health System".</p> <p>Hostile and relentless attacks on public health from the federal administration threaten funding for HIV and STI prevention programs in LA County. The Board of Supervisors must take immediate action to prevent a public health crisis and protect public safety.</p> <p>After a decade of rising infection rates, LA County is finally seeing rates decline. Turning away now would endanger the communities hit hardest by HIV and STIs and reverse years of public health gains. STIs disproportionately impact Black and Latino community members, preventing healthy lives and healthy pregnancies. They also disproportionately affect young people, as well as people experiencing homelessness or substance use disorders—groups that often face significant barriers to accessing testing and treatment.</p> <p>These funds present a critical opportunity to continue support for 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.</p> <p>I strongly urge you to vote in favor of the motion to ensure that LA County protects public health and safety.</p> <p>Thank you for your support and consideration.</p>
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