



**PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

Correspondence Received

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			The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:	
Agenda #	Relate To	Position	Name	Comments
10.		Favor	Daria Brooks	Funding must be provided to assist ALL young people with notions of suicide via 988 to thwart the federal government's attempts to defund the service and harm our children. Please vote in support of preserving Suicide Prevention Services in L.A. County.
			Trevor Nelson	
		Item Total	2	
Grand Total			2	



July 11, 2025

Members of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Supervisor Hahn's Motion Preserving Suicide Prevention Support for LGBTQ+ Residents in Los Angeles County - SUPPORT

Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors:

On behalf of the California Alliance of Child and Family Services (CA Alliance), we write in strong support of Supervisor Janice Hahn's motion to preserve suicide prevention support for LGBTQ+ residents in Los Angeles County amid the federal directive to eliminate funding for the specialized press 3 option of 988 for LGBTQ+ youth callers.

As community organizations dedicated to the mental health, healing, and well-being of youth who have experienced trauma, we are deeply dismayed by the Trump Administration's abrupt shut-down of the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline's LGBTQ+ Youth Specialized Services program operated by The Trevor Project. Ensuring LGBTQ+ youth feel seen, accepted, and valued is essential to saving young lives.

Many LGBTQ+ youth lack access to affirming spaces and deal with parental rejection, which increase chances of them experiencing depression and attempting suicide. While more must be done to ensure LGBTQ+ youth experience various protective factors, like enhancing affirming spaces in schools, respecting pronouns, and providing gender-affirming care, having a Lifeline specifically for LGBTQ+ youth in crisis is essential. Having a specific option for LGBTQ+ youth in crisis to receive specialized services through 988 is not only the right thing to do, but it is also essential for preserving the lives of Los Angeles' LGBTQ+ youth.

For these reasons, the California Alliance of Child and Family Services are in support of Supervisor Hahn's motion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adrienne Shilton", is written over a white rectangular background.

Adrienne Shilton
Vice President of Public Policy and Strategy