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Agenda #	Relate To	Position	Name	Comments
Public Comment		Favor	Amanda Williams	Today, I am here to urge the Board to move forward with a supplemental budget request 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
			Chrysovalantis Stafylis	Hepatitis C is an important problem for many angelenos and it totally curable. We need the resources to address this problem. Please add a supplemental budget request 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.
			Preston Nguyen	Hello, my name is Preston Nguyen, and I'm a volunteer case worker with Project Hep C Connect. I'm here today to ask the Board to support a supplemental budget request to expand the LA County Department of Public Health's Hepatitis C budget by \$441,000. This would fund two full-time staff positions focused on connecting people to Hepatitis C treatment and care. Right now, two out of three LA County residents with active Hepatitis C remain untreated, even though a cure is available. That's nearly 17,000 people who are at risk of serious complications like liver disease and cancer. Hepatitis C is also a public health issue, since it can be passed on to others, including family members and emergency responders. Hiring two full-time staff would help improve outreach, strengthen partnerships with providers and pharmacies, and support people through the treatment process. It's a necessary step if the county wants to meet its Hepatitis C elimination goals. 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. We have the cure for HepC. Let's make sure we have the staff to deliver it. Thank you!
		Oppose	Steve Hill	
		Other	Alyssa Bien	



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Public Comment		Other	Cassidy Hernandez-Tamayo	Good morning, my name is Cassidy Hernandez-Tamayo and I am a volunteer with Project Hepatitis C Connect. I am here today to respectfully urge the Board to expand the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health's Hepatitis C budget by \$441,000 to fund two full-time County-funded staff positions focused on connecting people to cure. Today, more than two out of three Los Angeles County residents with active Hepatitis C remain untreated. That is nearly 17,000 people. Hepatitis C is curable, but if left untreated, it can lead to liver failure, liver cancer, or even death. Right now, our cure rate is only 32 percent, which falls well below the federal goal of 58 percent by 2025. This is not just a medical issue. It is a public health issue. People who are untreated can unknowingly transmit the virus to family members, first responders, and others. Counties are responsible for preventing disease transmission, and we must act now. Many of the people affected face serious barriers to care like unstable housing or substance use. Los Angeles County Department of Public Health's current Hepatitis C efforts rely heavily on CDC grants that are set to expire in 2026. Without County-funded staff, we will not be able to sustain or expand elimination efforts. We have the cure. Now we need the staff to deliver it. Thank you.
			Christopher T Campbell	Google My Name: Christopher Thomas Campbell To see the Treachery the World has Offered!! For Eye, Set your Third Eye Free ! This is A Racist Conspiracy of American Scandal against Christopher Thomas Campbell ???????? youtu.be/AFboKFzJza4?si=NGm53PicHB02uW7q ,



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Public Comment		Other	Daphnee N Rodriguez	<p>Hello, my name is Daphnee, and I am a USC Keck medical student and also a volunteer caseworker with Project HCV Connect.</p> <p>I'm writing to urge your continued support in addressing the public health crisis that is hepatitis C. Each year, tens of thousands of people in the U.S. die from hepatitis C—a disease that is fully curable when diagnosed and treated early. These deaths are not due to a lack of medical innovation, but rather to broken systems that fail to educate, link, and support individuals through treatment.</p> <p>As a Keck USC medical student, I volunteer my time to do this work through Project HCV Connect. Despite the dedication of our volunteer team, we are still trying to reach people who tested positive more than a year ago. We simply do not have the staffing or infrastructure to provide timely follow-up and connection to care. We need full-time, paid case managers and a system that can proactively track and support patients through treatment.</p> <p>One patient I spoke to had lived with hepatitis C for so long that by the time I reached him, he had told me he was diagnosed with stage IV liver cancer, which is terminal. This is completely preventable and we should be making a stronger effort to reach people.</p> <p>Today, I am here to urge the Board to move forward with a supplemental budget request 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. I also urge broader support for expanded treatment assistance and care resources for all residents living with hepatitis C in LA County.</p> <p>We have the tools to cure hepatitis C. Now we need the systems and staff to make that cure accessible to all.</p> <p>Thank you, Daphnee Rodriguez</p>



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Public Comment		Other	Faith Kim	<p>Hello, my name is Faith Kim and I am a volunteer case worker with Project Hep C Connect.</p> <p>Today, I am here to urge the Board to move forward with a supplemental budget request 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>Presently, 2 out of 3 LA County residents with active Hepatitis C remain untreated even though treatment to cure exists. If left untreated by medication, individuals may develop liver disease, cirrhosis, and even liver cancer. Hepatitis C is not only a personal health issue, but it is also a public health concern. People living with Hep C can unknowingly transmit the virus to others, including family members, partners, and emergency responders.</p> <p>Many individuals I have worked with have had no idea they were positive for Hepatitis C or for how long they have had it and are scared by the complications they may develop. Most are more than willing, proactive, and grateful for the linkage-to-cure assistance our program provides, but our volunteer program cannot do it alone.</p> <p>The Board must act immediately by requesting a supplemental budget to fund two full-time staff to focus on linkage to cure. Together, we can build community coalitions, save lives, and combat this pressing public health issue in our LA County.</p>



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Public Comment		Other	Heather Lopez	<p>Hello, my name is Heather Lopez and I am a volunteer case worker with Project Hep C Connect.</p> <p>Today, I am here to urge the Board to move forward with a supplemental budget request 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>Presently, 2 out of 3 LA County residents with active Hepatitis C remain untreated even though treatment to cure exists. If left untreated by medication, individuals may develop liver disease, cirrhosis, and even liver cancer. Hepatitis C is not only a personal health issue, but it is also a public health concern. People living with Hep C can unknowingly transmit the virus to others, including family members, partners, and emergency responders.</p> <p>Many individuals I have worked with have had no idea they were positive for Hepatitis C or for how long they have had it and are scared by the complications they may develop. Most are more than willing, proactive, and grateful for the linkage-to-cure assistance our program provides, but our volunteer program cannot do it alone.</p> <p>The Board must act immediately by requesting a supplemental budget to fund two full-time staff to focus on linkage to cure. Together, we can build community coalitions, save lives, and combat this pressing public health issue in our LA County.</p>



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Public Comment		Other	Jessica Lopez Flores	<p>Good morning. My name is Jessica Lopez Flores, and I'm a volunteer caseworker with Project HepC Connect.</p> <p>I'm here today to urge the Board to allocate an additional \$441,000 to the LA County Department of Public Health's Hepatitis C program.</p> <p>As you know, Hepatitis C is curable. Yet the vast majority of people with Hep C in LA County remain untreated. This is not just an individual issue — it's a serious public health risk, exposing families, first responders, and the broader community to potential infection.</p> <p>I've been volunteering for over a year, and while every case is different, the barriers to care are alarmingly consistent: lack of insurance, substance use, and housing instability. Many of the people my colleagues and I contact each week don't even know they have Hep C. Some were diagnosed over five years ago and are only now learning about it. Even those who are aware of their diagnosis often don't know about treatment options or can't afford care due to lack of insurance or underinsurance. While programs offering low-cost treatment exist, they are under-publicized and inaccessible to many of the people who need them most.</p> <p>That's why adding full-time staff is critical. Dedicated staff are essential to build trust, follow up consistently, and help people navigate the system to complete treatment. Without enough staff, people keep falling through the cracks — and Hep C continues to threaten the health of our communities.</p> <p>I applaud the Board's leadership in passing the June 2024 motion to expand Hep C staffing. Now, we need to follow through with the funding to make those plans a reality. We have the cure for Hepatitis C. But without enough staff to reach and support patients, that cure remains out of reach for far too many.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration.</p>



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			Jon-Marc Burgess
			Hi all, my name is Jon-Marc Burgess, and I'm a volunteer caseworker with Project HepC Connect. 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. 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. 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. We have the cure for HepC. Let's make sure we have the staff to deliver it. Thank you!
			Melvin S Hill
			Rachael M Kuhn

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Public Comment		Other	Sylvia Silver	<p>Good morning!</p> <p>My name is Sylvia Silver, and I'm a volunteer caseworker with Project HepC Connect.</p> <p>I'm here today to ask the Board to approve an additional \$441,000 in funding for the LA County Department of Public Health's Hepatitis C program. Hepatitis C is curable, but despite that, most people in LA County who have it still aren't getting treated. This isn't just about individual cases. It's a public health issue that puts families, first responders, and whole communities at risk.</p> <p>I've been volunteering for over a year, and even though every case is different, the challenges we hear are the same: no insurance, housing instability, substance use. Many people don't even realize they have Hep C until we call them, sometimes years after they were first diagnosed. And even when they do know, they often can't access care or don't know where to start. There are programs out there that offer affordable treatment, but they're hard to find, and people need help getting connected to them. That's why adding full-time staff is so important. It takes consistent, hands-on support to help someone start and finish treatment. Without that, people just keep slipping through the cracks, and Hep C keeps spreading.</p> <p>I really appreciate the Board for taking a big step by passing the June 2024 motion to expand staffing. Now we just need to fund it. We have a cure for Hepatitis C. But without enough staff, we're not reaching the people who need it most.</p> <p>Thank you for listening, and for your time.</p>
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