



**PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS  
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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

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			Marina Mastros	I am writing to respectfully request that you approve Supervisor Horvath's resolution in support of SB 42, which will put the California Fair Elections Act of 2026 on the November 2026 ballot to provide voters the opportunity to remove the current prohibition of public financing of campaigns in California.
			Michael Feinstein	<p>The Green Party of Los Angeles County endorses Senate Bill (SB) 42 — The California Fair Elections Act — and encourages the Board of Supervisors to endorse it as well.</p> <p>Since its founding, the Green Party has enthusiastically supported public financing of elections. Greens believe it is contrary to the public interest for private money to control which candidates and messages can be heard in elections. That's why public financing of elections is so important for the health of our democracy.</p> <p>We applaud Supervisor Horvath in bringing this matter forward and hope some day that the County Supervisors and the new County Executive will be chosen by ranked-choice voting, with the aid of public financing schemes specifically designed for County elections.</p>
			Rob Quan	<p>I live in SD 1 and would like to thank Supervisor Horvath for introducing this motion in support of SB 42. Given the upcoming election of a countywide executive w/ new powers and authority, it is very important that LA County be able to, eventually, adopt a system for public financing of elections.</p> <p>-Rob Quan Unrig LA</p>



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16.		Favor	Ross L Weistroffer	<p>Thank you, Supervisor Horvath, for introducing this important motion. As a resident of SD 3, I urge the Board to endorse the California Fair Elections Act (SB 42) and give voters the chance to decide whether all Californians should be able to adopt the public financing systems that work best for their communities.</p> <p>Public campaign financing is a proven way to amplify the voices of everyday voters and combat the corrosive effects of big money in politics. In charter cities across California, these systems have lowered barriers to running for office, increased electoral competition, and produced governments that better reflect the diversity of their residents.</p> <p>In the City of Los Angeles, for instance, expanding eligibility for public matching funds and a higher matching rate have led to more non-incumbents and members of underrepresented communities winning office. As former LA City Councilmember Ed Reyes once said, "Without public financing, I knew that I wouldn't have been able to throw a stone like in the David and Goliath story...with public financing, I knew I had a shot."</p> <p>Some argue public financing entrenches monied interests. But evidence compiled by the Brennan Center for Justice shows the opposite: from Arizona, to Maine, to Connecticut, the implementation of public financing systems leads to increased voter turnout, a more diverse donor pool, and greater public involvement in politics.</p> <p>But whatever one's personal stance on public financing, Californians deserve the chance to weigh in. Please endorse SB 42, and show Los Angeles's support for giving the people the final say on how our democracy can and should work.</p> <p>- Ross Weistroffer</p>
			Torene Svitil	
			Yadi -	Support SB 42 let the voters decide.

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16.		<b>Oppose</b>	paul C burt	<p>- I strongly oppose the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors' endorsement of Senate Bill 42 (SB 42) which claims to address the influence of "Big Money" in politics by allowing public financing of campaigns. While the intent to reduce reliance on large donors is commendable, SB 42 fails altogether, to acknowledge the reality of political funding in California, where Democratic donors, including organized labor unions and corporate interests, dominate campaign contributions.</p> <p>In Los Angeles County, where 52.13 percent of the 5,802,795 registered voters are Democrats, (Per the October 2024 LA County Registrar-Recorder) the narrative that public financing will level the playing field ignores the deeply entrenched power of these well-funded groups.</p> <p>Public financing risks becoming a taxpayer-funded subsidy for already dominant political machines, potentially entrenching their influence further, rather than amplifying diverse voices. The 2019 California Clean Money Campaign poll cited by SB 42 supporters, claiming 79 percent of voters see excessive big money influence, conveniently overlooks who controls that money in our State! Moreover, diverting public funds to campaigns, when only 45.4 percent of LA County residents own their homes (per the 2023 American Community Survey) places an unfair burden on renters and working-class taxpayers.</p> <p>SB 42's promise of fairness is misleading and could deepen inequities in our electoral system rather than resolve them.</p>
		<b>Other</b>	Esroruleh Mohammad	<p>Campaign finance reform is only meaningful if the structural systems those campaigns influence are transparent and accountable. Public financing cannot become another closed loop where County insiders replicate harm. Tie reform to enforceable commitments for inclusive policymaking and meaningful public oversight.</p> <p>Submitted for the public record by Dr. Esroruleh Mohammad, originator of the BureauCare-to-Custody-Cemetery Pipeline™ and the B2C3A™ Model, as documented in County records. My remarks today are evidence-based and entered for historic accountability.</p>
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**Item #16 re: Resolution Supporting *California Fair Elections Act of 2026***

Dear Honorable Supervisors,

I am writing to respectfully request that you approve Supervisor Horvath's resolution in support of SB 42, which will put the California Fair Elections Act of 2026 on the November 2026 ballot to provide voters the opportunity to remove the current prohibition of public financing of campaigns in California.

Public financing of campaigns increases the power of small donors and ordinary voters to participate in campaigns and have their voices heard. In addition, by reducing the barriers to entry for running for office the candidate pool is diversified allowing better representation of our communities.

The City of Los Angeles recently overhauled its matching funds program, and it has fostered a more competitive electoral environment and had an enormous impact. The representation of women on the council has skyrocketed from just 2/15 to 8/15. A younger and more diverse council has been elected, despite many of them facing opponents with far more money. All three of Los Angeles' citywide officials were elected to office in 2022 with the help of matching funds, despite being *significantly* outspent.

For that reason, I urge you to support Supervisor Horvath's resolution in support of SB 42.

Best regards,  
Torene Svitil  
Supervisorial District 5



August 12, 2025

**RE: Item #16 re: Resolution Supporting *California Fair Elections Act of 2026***

Dear Honorable Supervisors,

We, the undersigned, are writing to respectfully request that you approve Supervisor Horvath's resolution in support of SB 42, which will put the California Fair Elections Act of 2026 on the November 2026 ballot to provide voters the opportunity to remove the current prohibition of public financing of campaigns in California.

Voters are increasingly concerned about the problem of money in politics. In a poll conducted by the California Clean Money Campaign, 81% of likely California voters said Big Money campaign contributors have too much influence over elected officials in California, and 63% said that ordinary voters have too little influence.<sup>1</sup>

Public financing of campaigns addresses these concerns by increasing the power of small donors and ordinary voters to participate in campaigns and have their voices heard. Furthermore, it reduces the barriers to entry for running for office which diversifies the candidate pool by helping qualified candidates from all walks of life represent their communities.

This is, in part, why in 2023 the LA County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a motion from Supervisors Mitchell and Horvath seeking to explore a number of reforms, including establishing fully publicly financed elections.<sup>2</sup> That effort is of heightened importance given the passage of Measure G, and the upcoming 2028 election of our first County Executive.

<sup>1</sup> California Clean Money Campaign poll of 1,027 likely November 2024 California voters from March 1-18, 2024.

<sup>2</sup> 2/28/2023 Motion as introduced:

<https://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/supdocs/177711.pdf>

2/28/2023 Amendments to Motion:

<https://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/supdocs/178392.pdf>

Unfortunately, such programs are prohibited in California jurisdictions other than charter cities by the Political Reform Act of 1974 under a provision enacted by Proposition 73 in 1988 that had virtually all of its other provisions invalidated by the courts. This provision must be repealed by the voters to allow counties, districts, general law cities, and the state to enact public financing laws if they choose to do so.

Five charter cities (Berkeley, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Oakland, and San Francisco) have public financing systems to amplify the voices of everyday voters and provide candidates with a viable alternative fundraising method not reliant on wealthy donors or special interests.

The City of Los Angeles recently overhauled its matching funds program, and it has fostered a more competitive electoral environment and had an enormous impact. The representation of women on the council has skyrocketed from just 2/15 to 8/15. A younger and more diverse council has been elected, despite many of them facing opponents with far more money. All three of Los Angeles' citywide officials were elected to office in 2022 with the help of matching funds, despite being *significantly* outspent.

SB 42 will allow voters to ratify the will of the legislature and restore control to local governments and the state by placing the *California Fair Elections Act* on the November 2026 ballot to repeal the ban while requiring that no public moneys earmarked for education, transportation, or public safety be eligible to fund public financing. The measure will also specify basic requirements that public financing systems and candidates using public funding must follow, such as:

- Requiring that voluntarily participating public funding candidates must abide by expenditure limits and meet strict criteria to qualify, such as requiring that candidates must receive small-dollar contributions or vouchers from a specified number of adult residents.
- Barring the use of public funds to pay for legal defense, fines, or repayments of personal loans to candidates' campaigns.
- Specifying that public funding systems shall not discriminate based on party affiliation or whether a candidate is a challenger or an incumbent.

*SB 42 would not create public financing of campaigns or require any government to offer public financing.* It would simply repeal the ban. Every California jurisdiction deserves the same opportunity that charter cities have to enact systems of public financing of campaigns that work for them.

For these reasons, the organizations and individuals below STRONGLY SUPPORT SB 42 and respectfully request your AYE vote on this resolution

Sincerely,

**California Clean Money Campaign**

Trent Lange - Executive Director

**California Common Cause**

Sean McMorris - Transparency, Ethics & Accountability Program Manager

**California Ranked Choice Voting Institute**

Marcela Miranda Caballero - Executive Director

**Fair Rep LA**

Rob Quan - Coalition Coordinator

**Green Party of Los Angeles County**

Mike Feinstein - Secretary

**Los Angeles for Democracy Vouchers**

Michael Draskovic - Co-lead

**MOVI, Money Out Voters In**

Michele Sutter - President

**Star Voting Los Angeles**

Arend Peter Castelein - Los Angeles Chapter Chair for STAR Voting

**Unrig LA**

Rob Quan - Lead Organizer

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**Attachments:** BCCP\_Public\_Record\_Notice\_Mohammad.pdf

Supervisors and Executive Office,

Please find below my prepared public comments for the August 12, 2025 Board of Supervisors meeting, submitted for formal entry into the public record. These remarks are evidence-based, grounded in documented County records, and offered to support both present decision-making and historic accountability.

**Set Matter-1: Report on the County's Budget**

Supervisors, today's budget narrative attributes large-scale consolidations and cuts solely to federal reductions. That is incomplete. The County's own BureauCare culture, administrative inefficiencies, and billion-dollar settlements are primary harm drivers. Without acknowledging these internal causes, the proposed solutions risk repeating harm cycles the BCCP™ framework was designed to prevent. Fiscal optics cannot replace service redesign rooted in equity and accountability. Submitted for the public record by Dr. Esroruleh Mohammad, originator of the BureauCare-to-Custody-Cemetery Pipeline™ and the B2C3A™ Model, as documented in County records. My remarks today are evidence-based and entered for historic accountability.

**Item 13: Honoring the 55th Anniversary of the Chicano Moratorium**

The Chicano Moratorium stood against systemic injustice. That struggle continues today—through displacement, gentrification, racialized policing, and the criminalization of poverty. Honoring the anniversary should mean confronting these injustices in present policy, not just commemorating the past. Submitted for the public record by Dr. Esroruleh Mohammad, originator of the BureauCare-to-Custody-Cemetery Pipeline™ and the B2C3A™ Model, as documented in County records. My remarks today are evidence-based and entered for historic accountability.

**Item 14: Maintaining Transparency in Board Policymaking through the Cluster Review Process**

Clusters have become key decision-making hubs, yet public participation is inconsistently applied and sometimes obstructed, as in the August 6 HMH Cluster meeting where comment was denied on agenda items tied directly to my submitted frameworks. Extending the Cluster Review Process without enforcing equitable public access risks deepening the exclusion of lived-experience voices. Transparency must



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The Civil Grand Jury process is meant to hold the County accountable, yet the pattern of responding without naming root causes or acknowledging systemic harm undermines the utility of the exercise. Evidence from my BCCP™ and B2C3A™ models — already in your public record — shows that without naming structural drivers, responses become performative compliance, not solutions. The Grand Jury's value depends on full, transparent integration of systemic reform evidence. Submitted for the public record by Dr. Esroruleh Mohammad, originator of the BureauCare-to-Custody-Cemetery Pipeline™ and the B2C3A™ Model, as documented in County records. My remarks today are evidence-based and entered for historic accountability.

#### **Item 26: Mental Health Services Act Master Agreement Work Order Contract Amendment**

MHSA dollars were intended for transformative mental health care, yet contract amendments continue to feed a fragmented, bureaucratic delivery model that mirrors the harm cycles outlined in BCCP™. Without addressing administrative trauma, barriers to access, and trust erosion — especially among historically marginalized communities — MHSA-funded services will remain functionally inaccessible to those most in need. Submitted for the public record by Dr. Esroruleh Mohammad, originator of the BureauCare-to-Custody-Cemetery Pipeline™ and the B2C3A™ Model, as documented in County records. My remarks today are evidence-based and entered for historic accountability.

#### **General Public Comment**

We have ongoing displacement, poverty, fires, hunger, and generational trauma from slavery, colonization, genocide and decades of institutional abuse — including sexual abuse settlements and systemic neglect of Black, Brown, Indigenous, immigrant, White and unhoused communities.

Safety, justice, and access should be free of bias — whether racial, economic, or political — they must be transparent, measurable, and rooted in equity, not optics. Transparency means acknowledging the full truth, not just the parts that fit an agenda.

These crises are not isolated — they are connected through the County's own governance and operational culture. The record we create today will be measured against your decisions tomorrow. This record — and the history it will become — demands structural accountability that prevents the harm cycles already diagnosed in the BureauCare-to-Custody-Cemetery Pipeline™ and B2C3A™ models.

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Dr. Esroruleh Mohammad

Author, BureauCare-to-Custody-Cemetery Pipeline™ (BCCP™) and B2C3A™ Models

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