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**From:** James Lopez <civicinput@newmode.io>  
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**To:** ExecutiveOffice <ExecutiveOffice@bos.lacounty.gov>  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Set Matter 1: Report on the County's Budget

Dear LA County Executive Office,

I am resident in Los Angeles County and I am with the Re-Imagine LA Coalition. Los Angeles County residents are living through a terrifying moment as federal agents and local law enforcement descend on our neighborhoods with militarized force, detaining our undocumented neighbors, brutalizing protestors, and operating with impunity. Footage and eyewitness reports show LASD collaborating with ICE, using taxpayer-funded resources to tear apart families, fire tear gas at peaceful demonstrations, and further traumatize our communities. These actions not only betray our values, they invite costly legal consequences for which LA County residents will again be forced to pay. While communities are struggling without housing, mental health care, or safety, the County continues to divert hundreds of millions into bloated law enforcement budgets and unfilled LASD positions that only fund more harm.

If the Board truly believes in a Care First vision, it must act with urgency. We demand the rescission of at least 10% of LASD's 3,000 vacant positions, reallocating those funds to legal and deportation defense, housing, and care. Probation's unspent millions should be redirected immediately into community-based youth services and a Migrant Resilience Fund. Cuts to our Public Defender and Alternate Public Defender Offices must be restored, not only for fairness but to uphold due process and prevent deportations. We urge you to accelerate and expand CFCI funds for services that protect migrant, unhoused, and TGI communities. Most importantly, we call on you to publicly reject any repeal of Measure J. Voters were clear in 2020: we want investments in care, not cages. The repeal proposed through Measure G violates that mandate and must be stopped.

You were elected to represent the people of Los Angeles County, and the people have spoken, time and time again, in support of alternatives to incarceration. Now is the time to honor that vision with concrete

budget action. The world is watching. Will you side with community care, or continue funding the systems that terrorize us?

On behalf of the Re-Imagine LA Coalition,

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