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14.		Favor	Christopher Negri	On behalf of the California Partnership to End Domestic Violence, the state domestic violence coalition, representing more than 100 agencies across the state and dozens of agencies in Los Angeles County serving thousands of survivors each year, I want to applaud the Board of Supervisors and appreciate, in particular, Supervisor Solis' leadership, in considering increased County support for Domestic Violence programs through this resolution. For decades, the Board has championed the cause of domestic violence services, under the leadership of former Supervisor Kuehl and under this Board. We are grateful that the County is taking the lead in making plans to mitigating funding instability that might compromise services for survivors and is considering increased County funding. It is critical, now more than ever.



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14.		Favor	Felicia Skaggs	<p>DVHSC Supports Agenda Item 14</p> <p>My name is Felicia Skaggs, and I'm writing as a member of the Domestic Violence Homeless Services Coalition (DVHSC), which includes over 800 individuals and 244 organizations working to ensure safe housing and support for survivors of domestic violence, human trafficking, and sexual assault. I am writing in support of Agenda Item 14, Proclaiming October 2025 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and Strengthening Countywide Strategies to Support Survivors. We are grateful to Supervisor Solis for bringing this motion to the Board.</p> <p>Domestic Violence and Intimate Partner Violence are cross-sectoral issues that cannot be distinguished from homelessness, public safety, the criminal justice system, women's rights, LGBTQ+ rights, and more. According to the 2025 Los Angeles Continuum of Care Point in Time Count, 42% of people experiencing homelessness reported a history of DV or IPV, and 10% became unhoused as a direct result of fleeing violence. For women, the impact is even more severe: 60%1 of unaccompanied women reported DV/IPV histories, and one in five identified violence as the immediate cause of their homelessness. The 2025 Count also reported 4,4202 unsheltered adults in need of DV-specific beds, while fewer than 1,000 interim housing beds are currently available countywide. The need for increased services for survivors of domestic and intimate partner violence is clear.</p> <p>Despite this urgent need, Victim Service Providers face severe funding instability. The Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) has seen significant funding reductions in recent years despite state advocacy to backfill the cuts. Other federal streams through the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), US Department of Health and Human Services (DHS), and the US Department of Justice (DOJ) remain uncertain, while local resources remain insufficient to meet the need.</p> <p>We need a county response that is survivor-centered, trauma-informed, and culturally responsive, and that means stable funding, cross-sector collaboration, and workforce pathways that create lasting independence. I urge your full support of this motion.</p> <p>Sincerely, Felicia Skaggs M.S. Program Director Domestic Violence Services Child & Family Center</p>

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14.		Favor	Pat Bell	My name is Pat Bell, CEO of House of Ruth, and I am writing today as a member of the Domestic Violence Homeless Services Coalition to support Supervisor Solis' Motion. Domestic Violence and Intimate Partner Violence are cross-sectoral issues that cannot be distinguished from Homelessness, public safety, the criminal justice system, women's rights, LGBTQ+ rights, and more. Survivors are our neighbors, coworkers, and family members, and their experiences often highlight the gaps in our systems: lack of safe housing, barriers to employment, and cycles of criminalization. The number are stark. 95% of incarcerated women report histories of physical and sexual abuse. In LA County, 42% of people experiencing homelessness report a history of domestic violence. For unaccompanied women, the rate is even higher at 60%. That is why we need a county response that is survivor-centered, trauma-informed, and culturally responsive and that means stable funding, cross-sector collaboration and workforce pathways that create lasting independence. I urge your full support of this motion. Sincerely, Pat Bell - CEO House of Ruth
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