

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR LINDSEY P. HORVATH

September 30, 2025

Supporting Martin Luther King Community Healthcare

On July 15, 2025, the Board approved the allocation of \$20 million, consisting of unproposed, unallocated, one-time, available Measure B funding, evenly between the five Supervisorial Districts to maintain emergency room operations and availability, trauma, emergencies, bioterrorism response needs, and for specific, qualified Measure B purposes as allowable, and in consultation with County Counsel. During the Board meeting, Supervisor Horvath committed \$4 million of Measure B funding to Martin Luther King Community Healthcare (MLKCH).

MLKCH is projecting to have insufficient cash on hand by the end of this calendar year that could lead to service reductions and or emergency department closure if not resolved. MLKCH serves a low-income community with the lowest number of hospital beds per 100,000 people of any area in LA County. The hospital has 29 treatment Bays in the Emergency Department that can treat a volume of 25,000 visits/year, but the actual volume is 125,000 visits/year. This is significantly high volume for the number of bays available. Protecting emergency healthcare is critical.

As directed by the Board, the Department of Health Services (DHS) is working with Board offices and County Counsel to allocate the one-time \$20 million in Measure B

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Funding as designated and will be releasing a Board memo soon. DHS is also working specifically with MLKCH to ensure that they receive their Measure B allocation as designated by the Board. Given the time sensitivity and critical need of maintaining the MLKCH Emergency Department open, it is imperative that MLKCH receive the committed Measure B funding before the end of this calendar year.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors suspend Section 22.1 of the Rules of the Board for the limited purpose of considering this motion.

I, FURTHER, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Department of Health Services (DHS) to urgently execute necessary agreements with MLKCH to release \$4 million from the one-time Measure B Special Revenue Fund Account, that was committed by Supervisor Horvath and approved by the Board at the July 15, 2025, Board meeting, before December 31, 2025.

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