



**PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS
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The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:				
Agenda #	Relate To	Position	Name	Comments
Set Matter-1.		Favor	Alemnesh Tasfayee	Good bless you
			John Sharpe	Please protect and expand safe parking efforts in LA County. We need to offer a safe, secure alternative to parking on public streets that allows social workers to reach the homeless with other services that will hopefully help get them eventually rehoused.
		Oppose	Cherie McDermott	Oppose the gutting of funds for Safe Parking programs that serve the unhoused population. These programs are critical to serving an invisible slice of the unhoused population.
		Other	Hillary Benefiel	Please protect safe parking by continuing to fund it. It's not that much money in the grand scheme of things but it can mean everything to citizens of Los Angeles who need it. We can't clutch our pearls about people living on the street and then eliminate ways to prevent them from being on the street/sleeping outside. Don't take funding away from safe parking.
			Lizeth Hernandez	The People Concern is grateful for the county's efforts in protecting permanent housing in the Measure A spending plan. These are unprecedented times, and we acknowledge the hard work being put in by the county to mitigate harm. As one of Los Angeles County's largest housing and social services agencies and present in every Service Planning Area (SPA), The People Concern is an expert in connecting with people on the streets, bringing them inside and keeping them inside. While we appreciate the work done to preserve critical services, the Measure A spending plan still reflects a 25% reduction to the homelessness response system. For an agency providing outreach, CES, ICMS, housing navigation, and operating the Westside's only access center, these curtailments will further stretch us to our limits. The result will be fewer staff and longer wait times for our most vulnerable neighbors. We strongly encourage the Board to preserve these core programs and to fix the homeless system revenue gap as part of a countywide budget strategy. We look forward to continued partnership with the Board to protect these essential services, ensuring the preservation of Measure A's promises and preventing backward movement on homelessness across our communities.

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Set Matter-1.		Other	Maria Barahona	In 2024 alone, more than 60,000 people turned to homelessness services for the first time. While the county is prioritizing the construction of new affordable housing, housing and shelter on their own are not enough. Prevention is essential if we want to stop creating or perpetuating cycles of generational poverty that rely on homeless services for survival. To truly address homelessness, we must empower our communities through prevention initiatives such as equitable access to living-wage employment, quality education, and timely emergency financial support. Time-Limited Subsidies (TLS) are among the most effective tools we have. Studies show that in Los Angeles, TLS programs reduce future homelessness by 25%. Yet this year, providers report they have been forced to turn away more than 750 families due to cuts to TLS. These reductions will inevitably increase encampments—an area that is also slated for budget cuts. The proposed cuts across the board are irresponsible and diminish the public's trust in its leaders to do the right thing, especially amid significant federal reductions to homeless services. The county must identify funding beyond Measure A and re-evaluate the \$52.5 billion countywide budget to address this crisis responsibly and effectively. Strategic investments in prevention will reduce short-term, long-term, and chronic homelessness, ensuring that individuals and families remain stable—and that future generations are not forced into the same crisis.
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