



**PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

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			The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:	
Agenda #	Relate To	Position	Name	Comments
10.		Favor	Holly Fishbein	
		Oppose	paul burt	I strongly oppose Supervisors Hahn and Horvath's recommendation for a costly "Press 3" pilot on the 988 lifeline tailored to LGBTQ+ youth.... This diverts scarce resources from broader mental health needs amid LA County's \$52.5B 2025-26 budget crisis, including \$1B+ in unaccounted AB 218 claims and \$50M+ in homelessness program failures.....LGBTQ+ adults alone, comprise just 9% of LA County's adult population (665,000 people, per Williams Institute 2024 LACHS survey) and 9.5% statewide (2.8 million adults, per PPIC 2024 Household Pulse analysis)—a small fraction unlikely to justify specialized infrastructure like procurement, budgeting, and timelines for a niche phone tree.... Nationally, the federal "Press 3" subnetwork cost \$33M annually before its 2025 shutdown, handling ~10% of 988 contacts (1.5M total since 2022, per SAMHSA)—yet even that was deemed unsustainable amid rising demand (10.8M total 988 contacts in first two years, up 80% since launch, per KFF 2025)....California already funds 988 via AB 988 (Miles Hall Lifeline Act, 2022), with \$8M state earmark in FY23 (\$0.20 per capita) and a 2025 five-year blueprint emphasizing equity across all crises—not siloed pilots. Existing options like The Trevor Project (866-488-7386) and Trans Lifeline (877-565-8860) provide targeted support without taxpayer-funded duplication. Prioritize universal access over niche pilots: reject this wasteful overreach.
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