



**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
17.		Favor	Ann Dorsey	
			Julie McCormick	
			Lauren D Robles	We urge the board to protect and affirm the necessity for gender-affirming care for all youth particularly system impacted and at risk youth throughout LA County. As the federal government attacks and demeans the Transgender community, now more than ever does the TGI community need protection and support to maintain their livelihood. We ask the Board to prioritize the TGI community at a time of heightened harm.
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Written Comment for Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Motion, Item No. 17, 1-6-26

Children's Law Center of California ("CLC") submits this comment in support of Item No. 17, "Protecting Access to the Gender-Affirming Care for Young People Throughout Los Angeles County". By way of background, CLC serves as court-appointed counsel for tens of thousands of children and youth in Los Angeles County who rely on the County for their safety, stability, and access to medically necessary services and health care.

Children's Law Center of California provides legal representation for children and youth impacted by abuse and neglect. We proudly advocate for our clients by supporting families; fighting for reunification, permanence, educational opportunity, health, and mental health wellness; and by empowering and strengthening children, families, and their communities. Through this informed approach, CLC serves as a powerful voice in local, statewide, and national child welfare system reform.

CLC thanks Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Horvath and Solis for their ongoing commitment to children and youth in foster care. We strongly support this motion to protect access to gender-affirming care for young people throughout Los Angeles County.

For the children and youth we represent, access to consistent, evidence-based health care is essential. Gender-affirming care is recognized by leading medical associations as medically necessary for some patients and is often critical to a young person's mental and physical health, stability, and overall well-being. Disrupting that care places vulnerable youth at significant risk of harm.

The Trump Administration's proposed rules would do exactly that. By cutting off Medicaid reimbursement and threatening hospitals that provide pediatric gender-affirming care, these actions would function as a nationwide ban—regardless of medical need, clinical judgment, or family consent. For low-income youth, including those under County supervision, this would effectively eliminate access to gender-affirming care altogether.

Los Angeles County has demonstrated leadership in this area through the Care with Pride motions and the creation of the Gender Health Program, grounding County policy in evidence-based medicine and a commitment to the dignity and safety of LGBTQ+ youth, particularly transgender and gender-nonconforming youth. The proposed federal actions directly undermine these efforts and jeopardize the health of young people in the County's care.

Children's Law Center urges the Board to continue standing with vulnerable youth by opposing these unlawful and harmful policies and by filing and/or supporting litigation to protect access to medically necessary care.

Our clients are counting on LA County to act. Thank you for your leadership and for advancing this critical motion.