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11.		Favor	Andrea Marchetti	<p>Dear Madame Chair and Supervisors,</p> <p>My name is Andrea Marchetti and I am speaking on Item 11. I am the Executive Director of Jovenes, Inc. a non-profit organization that provides housing and supportive services for transitional age youth.</p> <p>While we appreciate the staff of the Department of Homeless Services and Housing for their efforts in narrowing the initial shortfall, we believe it is still essential for this Board to continue identifying necessary resources to minimize the impact of the budget shortfall for the most vulnerable individuals in our communities.</p> <p>We want to ensure that the efforts in building a stronger network of support for TAY across the County will not be weakened as we move into the new fiscal year, leaving many young adults without safe places to seek support. This is why Jovenes Inc. and the other providers stand united with the broader homeless sector in calling for a countywide solution to next year's revenue shortfall.</p> <p>Thank you Andrea Marchetti Executive Director Jovenes Inc.</p>
			Daniel Gonzalez	
			Terrence J Little	<p>Good Morning everyone my name is Terrence Jomar Little. I'm a person with lived experience here in South Central Los Angeles. I'm speaking on measure A. I come from Florida, the south where we have virtually nothing compared to the resources provided here in LA. I came here to seek a better life and to my surprise I found and made my community here in Los Angeles. The programs that measure A supports directly and inadvertently made me who I am today. All of my dreams of entertainment, education, health, and my well being I would not have reached had it not been for measure A and the superseding measures that came before. I came here to ask this board to reconsider their decisions and to watch with an open heart and mind, at what community supporting community can really do. Even I myself have been able to give back to my people and have seen the way opportunity shines like gold in their palms.</p>



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11.		Favor	Zeke Sandoval	On behalf of PATH, we thank all of you and the whole team at the Department of Homeless Services and Housing for your long nights and creative thinking to put together a spending plan that maintains many key programs like interim housing and case management in permanent housing. Let's say it plain: All of us are making the best of a bad situation. Every day, our social workers and case managers help Angelenos recover from terrible situations, and we appreciate you matching their commitment. To maintain some stability, we encourage a swift approval of this plan, and continued efforts to prevent and end homelessness for LA County residents in the overall County budget. In particular, we expect to need our County and cities to fill gaps in the families system left by the State and Federal government. We are in this together, and we're in it for the long haul. Thank you.
		Oppose	Good Citizen	You all have done a terrible job of using and overseeing this funding. Bring it back to the drawing board.
			Sarah Havon	My name is Sarah Havon, I'm the Regional Coordination Manager for Families and Youth in SPA 1. Thank you for your work on restoring funding to deeply needed homeless services and programs. I would urge the CEO to reconsider removing the Host Homes TAY IH from the budget completely. I work with Homeless TAY in SPA 1 where TAY IH beds are greatly limited and Host Homes has provided a creative solution for our SPA to offer housing to TAY males and TAY single parents, which no other TAY IH program provides in SPA 1. Though this program as a whole has been under utilized, I would urge you to look at the resources that are currently available for youth in each SPA and how this specific resource has been utilized in the past. In past years SPA 1 has been able to leverage this program to greatly support the youth in our area, as well as partner with caring members of the public who have opened their homes and taken a practical step in getting directly involved in the homeless crisis and make an impact. Please reconsider removing Host Homes from the upcoming budget. Thank you.
			Tia Booker	
	Other	Edward Ortiz	Honorable Chair and Members of the Board of Supervisors, I am writing to suggest a small but important set of guardrails the Board may wish to direct the Executive Office to apply as it finalizes and implements the FY 2026–27 Measure A Spending Plan. As drafted, the Spending Plan includes multiple service categories that are eligible, in whole or in part, for reimbursement through Medi-Cal, CalAIM Community Supports, Enhanced Care Management, or other state and federal entitlement programs. These include, but are not limited to, Recuperative Care, Medical Respite, Transitional Rent, Housing Navigation, Housing Tenancy and Sustaining Services, Enhanced Care Management, and Assisted Living–related services.	



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These services are appropriate and necessary. However, they are also precisely the categories where Measure A should operate as a payer of last resort.

A central concern is that the County is not consistently accessing available Federal Financial Participation or other entitlement funding before committing Measure A or other local dollars. This is not simply a technical issue. Over time, the County's limited ability to draw down federal reimbursement and to work effectively through administrative pathways with Managed Care Plans has contributed materially to the structural deficit now described in the Spending Plan.

In practice, when Measure A is used to fund services that could otherwise be reimbursed through Medi-Cal or MCP contracts, local dollars are substituting for federal funds rather than being preserved for gaps that truly lack an external payer. That dynamic is not sustainable and risks eroding Measure A faster than anticipated.

To strengthen fiscal discipline and better align implementation with the intent of the ordinance, I respectfully recommend that the Board direct the Executive Office to take the following actions:

First, require a payer-of-last-resort review.

Confirm that all recommended awards have been reviewed to ensure they do not include services or supports that could reasonably be paid for by Medi-Cal, CalAIM Community Supports, Enhanced Care Management, HUD, or other state or federal entitlement programs.

Second, require a "tried and failed" attestation from awardees.

Require Measure A awardees to attest, or otherwise demonstrate, that they attempted to access available state or federal funding sources and were unable to do so before Measure A funds are awarded or used for the same services or supports.

Third, establish a mid-year redeployment and harvesting window.

Direct the Executive Office to conduct a formal review approximately four to six months into each fiscal year to identify underspending, duplicative funding, or services that later became eligible for external reimbursement, and to redeploy or harvest those funds accordingly.

Some providers have cited difficulty working with Managed Care Plans as a reason for relying on Measure A funds.

While operational friction is real, difficulty engaging MCPs should not be treated as an acceptable justification for foregoing Federal Financial Participation. MCP-funded services are ongoing, sustainable, and have already been deemed cost-effective by the State. Measure A should not become a substitute for federal reimbursement where that reimbursement is available.

These guardrails would strengthen accountability, slow the growth of the Measure A deficit, and ensure that local funds are preserved for needs that genuinely lack another payer.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. I appreciate the Board's



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	<p>consideration and would be glad to provide additional detail if helpful.</p> <p>Respectfully,</p> <p>Ed Ortiz</p>
Hannah Farley Rudnick	<p>Hello, my name is Hannah Rudnick and I am here representing the Hollywood Homeless Youth Partnership. I want to start by expressing my appreciation for the work the staff of HSH has done to lessen the budget shortfall within Measure A. Even with their diligence, vital programs will still be eliminated without further funding from other county sources.</p> <p>While we understand the County faces difficult budget decisions, maintaining homeless investments must remain a priority. The consequences of cuts will be severe, especially for transitional age youth, or TAY.</p> <p>We are grateful that TAY beds have been preserved, and we also know that TAY beds alone don't make a functional system.</p> <p>Without the comprehensive programs now facing elimination, our agencies face incredible hurdles connecting young people to those beds. The housing we provide is temporary—wraparound services prevent our young adults from falling into chronic homelessness.</p> <p>If we fail these young people now, the crisis transfers to more expensive systems. Youth who fall through the cracks often cycle through emergency rooms, psychiatric facilities, and correctional institutions—costing taxpayers exponentially more than preventive services.</p> <p>In addition to the advocacy we are engaging in with the State to restore HHAP funding, we continue to urge the county to identify alternative funding so that Measure A is fully funded and the will of voters who passed it is honored.</p> <p>We look forward to partnering with you. Thank you for your time.</p>
Jessica R Parral	
Joanne Russell	<p>Supervisors have an opportunity to spare our unhoused neighbors from greater harm. As you've already done this year with shared reductions across the 26 departments to pay for other revenue gaps like the AB 218 settlement and recent labor agreements, we urge you to fix the homeless revenue gap as part of a countywide budget strategy.</p> <p>The proposed Measure A spending plan would eliminate roughly a quarter of currently funded programs. These cuts are happening just over a year after millions of LA County voters approved Measure A by a 16% margin of victory. Instead of increased investment, the County is poised to slash programs,</p>



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	<p>close beds, and return people to the streets. Remember Elders and children a now the fastest growing homeless groups. Without funds to prevent them from fall is cruel and inhumane. Thank you.</p>
Joanne R Russell	<p>Thank you for the hard work of your staff at the Department of Homeless Services and Housing who have worked hard to reduce the original \$303 deficit. We appreciate DSHS staff for standing up for those who are most vulnerable.</p> <p>However, we need the Supervisors to continue these funding restorations as the spending plan is finalized. Our organizations are also urging Sacramento to do the same thing and restore cuts to HHAP in the state budget.</p> <p>We need the Board of Supervisors to include homelessness in a countywide fiscal plan that solves this budget shortfall. We look forward to working with you to fulfill the promise that voters made when they approved Measure A last year to invest in homeless solutions.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
Kris Nameth	
Marisol Alfaro	
Marisol Alfaro	<p>We continue to be reactionary vs preventative.</p> <p>Prevention housing funds are a matter of social justice for older adults living on fixed incomes. After a lifetime of work, caregiving, and contributing to our communities, no one should be pushed into homelessness because rent rose faster than Social Security or a medical bill wiped out their savings. Older adults are especially vulnerable—once they lose housing, it is far harder for them to recover, and the health and human costs are enormous. Investing in prevention keeps people stably housed, protects dignity, and costs far less than responding to homelessness after it happens. Housing stability for older adults isn't charity, it's respect.</p>
Martha Alvarez	<p>Dear Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors,</p> <p>On behalf of the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD), I respectfully submit this public comment regarding the FY 2026–27 Measure A Spending Plan. The version of the spending plan presented for your consideration eliminates approximately \$1.1 million in funding allocations that were provided in prior years for the Coordinated Entry System (CES) Education Coordinator Program.</p> <p>CES Education Coordinators serve as the sole dedicated educational support system for children and youth ages 0–17 experiencing homelessness. They play a critical role in connecting children and youth served through the CES to school enrollment and educational services; training CES agencies on the educational rights of homeless students; guiding agencies as they support students through the education system; and strengthening referral pathways between the education and housing sectors. Their work builds capacity within</p>



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	<p>CES agencies by deepening staff understanding of best practices, available resources, academic considerations, and postsecondary pathways, including college and vocational programs.</p> <p>Currently:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LAUSD receives Measure A funding via the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) for 2.5 full-time equivalent (FTE) Education Coordinator positions, totaling approximately \$439,267.50. Measure A funding for three additional FTE positions are allocated to LACOE. Separately, and outside of Measure A funding, LAUSD funds an additional 2.5 FTE positions to serve our schools at an approximate cost of \$439,267.50. • LACOE and LAUSD Education Coordinators are co-located at select CES sites to identify and re-engage families and youth, connecting them to appropriate educational pathways and additional housing support services across Los Angeles County. <p>During the 2024–25 school year, as the number of LAUSD students experiencing homelessness increased by seven percent—from 17,200 to more than 18,400—CES Education Coordinators made over 4,900 direct contacts with families and youth across the County. These are families and young people who are often disconnected from education, employment, housing, and health services. Research consistently shows that youth who experience homelessness face a significantly higher risk of experiencing homelessness again in adulthood. Timely interventions such as those provided by CES Education Coordinators are not only beneficial—they are transformative. This modest County investment plays a meaningful role in breaking cycles of poverty and preventing future homelessness.</p> <p>While LAUSD recognizes the significant fiscal challenges and funding reductions currently affecting all levels of government, it is vital that these essential services remain in place for our County’s most vulnerable students. We respectfully urge your support in ensuring the continuation of funding for CES Education Coordinator services, either through Measure A or other County funding sources.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration.</p>
Reyna Montoya	Share thoughts.
Steven Shum	During this incredibly difficult budget season, I wanted to commend the Board of Supervisors and the new Dept of Homeless Services and Supportive Housing for their ongoing efforts to mitigate the potential harm from the projected \$303 million deficit to the County's Comprehensive Homelessness Services funded by local Measure A, state, and federal sources. I'm hopeful that the Board and the new Dept will continue to work with community partners to protect programs that serve the most vulnerable, especially with additional one-time funding and programmatic efficiencies. I'm particularly



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	<p>thankful that the Board and the new Dept have been able to preserve much of the funding for Permanent Housing and benefits advocacy efforts by the CBEST program.</p>
<p>Taylor Bollhagen</p>	
<p>Vicky Arenas</p>	<p>Dear Board of Supervisors,</p> <p>On behalf of the Downtown Women's Center, Los Angeles' longest-standing organization dedicated to ending homelessness for women and survivors of violence, we want to express our deep appreciation to your offices and to the Department of Homeless Services and Housing for their leadership and collaboration in reducing the original \$303 million deficit in the Measure A spending plan.</p> <p>We recognize the complexity of this task and the commitment it has required to protect services for our most vulnerable neighbors. Your efforts to prioritize life-saving programs across the system are deeply appreciated.</p> <p>As you continue refining the Measure A spending plan, we urge you to fully restore funding. These programs are not optional; they underpin the fragile progress Los Angeles has made and ensure that both immediate support and long-term housing stability are possible for the thousands of people who seek support from our system daily.</p> <p>When these programs are cut, the County does not save money; costs simply shift to emergency rooms, jails, crisis response systems, and ultimately back to the streets, while residents lose access to the support that keeps them housed.</p> <p>ICMS is facing millions in cuts, yet it is the cornerstone of the Housing for Health model and one of the most effective tools we have. It supports more than 20,000 participants each year and achieves a 95% housing retention rate. For older adults— the fastest-growing population experiencing homelessness — continuity in these case management relationships is vital. ICMS helps individuals heal from trauma, rebuild stability, and maintain their housing.</p> <p>The proposed \$5.3 million cut to Master Leasing could push people back into unsafe situations. Many residents in these master-leased units are high-acuity tenants who would face significant risk of displacement without alternative funding sources. Master Leasing works because it offers the speed, control, and flexibility needed to fill units within days rather than months, at a time when affordable housing options are already scarce. Reductions would lead to lost housing and could also erode trust among property owners who make these programs possible — especially at a moment when looming federal changes could further limit options.</p> <p>We are grateful that survivor-specific programs were protected in this budget, yet we know survivors rely on the strength of the entire care system. Cuts to</p>

			<p>ICMS, Master Leasing, and other programs will still have real impacts on the people we serve. Importantly, the dedicated staff who sustain this critical work will also be affected across the sector.</p> <p>These are difficult decisions, but thanks to your leadership, Los Angeles has shown what can be achieved through coordination and shared commitment.</p> <p>We remain steadfast partners in this effort. DWC is committed to working with the County, other service providers, and our elected offices in Sacramento and D.C. to secure funding, including advocating for the restoration of HHAP funding.</p> <p>Measure A represents a promise to invest in lasting, compassionate solutions. Protecting these core programs and restoring the full budget will help keep that promise and demonstrate that Los Angeles can lead the state in ensuring that everyone has a safe and stable place to call home.</p> <p>Thank you for your dedication and continued partnership.</p> <p>With appreciation, Vicky Arenas Chief External Affairs Officer, Downtown Women's Center</p>
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To: Los Angeles County Department of Homeless Services and Housing

Re: Measure A Spending Plan — Maintaining Funding for the Campus Peer Navigator Program

To Whom it May Concern:

The Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) writes to express strong support for maintaining funding for the Campus Peer Navigator Program amid the proposed \$303 million reductions in Measure A homeless services funding. While we recognize the County faces difficult budget decisions, eliminating programs that prevent homelessness, particularly among students, would undermine equity goals and result in higher long-term system costs.

Programs that serve high-risk populations are essential to preventing future homelessness, especially among young people of color, women, LGBTQ+ students, and first-generation college students who are disproportionately impacted. The Campus Peer Navigator Program is a low-cost, high-impact intervention that connects at-risk students to housing, benefits, and stabilization resources *before* they enter the crisis-response system. Preserving this program helps reduce long-term homelessness, lowers demand on crisis services, and supports educational and economic stability.

Community priorities consistently emphasize the importance of preventing homelessness among young people and students. Residents, service providers, and educators view the Campus Peer Navigator Program as a vital bridge for vulnerable students who might otherwise fall through the cracks. Cutting this program risks widening racial and gender disparities and increasing long-term costs—outcomes that run counter to the County’s goals and the public’s expectations.

We urge HSH to consider the long-term consequences of cutting prevention programs that have demonstrated, measurable impact. The Campus Peer Navigator Program represents a small investment with a significant return: it prevents homelessness, reduces pressure on the crisis-response system, and advances opportunity for some of the County’s most vulnerable students. Protecting this program is both fiscally responsible and aligned with community values.

Thank you for your consideration and continued commitment to serving Los Angeles County’s most vulnerable residents.

Sincerely,

Dr. Alberto J. Román, DPA
Chancellor
Los Angeles Community College District

