



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

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18.		Favor	Terry Kim	For more than five decades, AADAP has empowered individuals and families to achieve recovery, opportunity, and justice by addressing substance use and strengthening community conditions that promote well-being. We strongly support item #18 to reimagine the distribution of opioid settlement funds. Los Angeles County has made real and measurable progress that prioritizes dignity, safety, and community trust. Sustained investment of opioid settlement funds—particularly for overdose prevention and harm reduction services—is essential. These services are a proven pathway to life-saving interventions and a critical bridge to treatment, recovery, and long-term stability. We urge the County to support this motion ensuring an evidenced-based and community-informed process for substance use funding.
			Wesley Saver	
		Other	Jaime S	Please consider funding existing programs as opposed to creating new ones. Your DHS county healthcare safety net is in dire need of support.
		Item Total	7	
Grand Total			7	

February 2, 2026

The Honorable Kathryn Barger
Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
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Get Better. Do Better. Be Better.

Submitted via Public Comment Portal

Re: Reimagining the Distribution of Opioid Settlement Funds in Los Angeles County – SUPPORT

Dear Chair and Members of the Board of Supervisors,

On behalf of HealthRIGHT 360, I write in strong support of Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell’s motion, *Reimagining the Distribution of Opioid Settlement Funds in Los Angeles County*. This proposal aligns with the intent of the opioid settlement agreements and reflects best practices for transparent, evidence-driven, and equitable stewardship of these funds.

HealthRIGHT 360 is a statewide provider of substance use disorder treatment, mental health care, primary medical and dental services, and reentry supports. Across Los Angeles County and California, we serve individuals and families disproportionately impacted by substance use, poverty, homelessness, and involvement with the criminal legal system. Our clinical and operational experience consistently demonstrates that outcomes improve when funding decisions are guided by public health expertise and informed by the people most affected by the overdose crisis.

Supervisor Mitchell’s motion appropriately recognizes opioid settlement funds as a consequential opportunity to strengthen Los Angeles County’s prevention and treatment continuum for people who use drugs. Its emphasis on clear accounting of unallocated funds, realistic forecasting, and regular interdepartmental coordination establishes a necessary foundation for responsible planning. Just as important, the motion centers the Department of Public Health as the lead convener of a structured, stakeholder-informed process, while ensuring collaboration with other relevant departments. This governance framework is consistent with public health best practices and supports accountability, clinical integrity, and continuity of care.

The public health case for this approach is well established. Investments in harm reduction, evidence-based treatment, and community-based prevention contributed to a 26.2 percent national decline in overdose deaths between 2023 and 2024.¹ Los Angeles County has similarly seen historic reductions in drug-related overdose deaths following the expansion of naloxone distribution, harm reduction services, and treatment access; yet, without intentional, equity-centered decision-making, these gains risk being unevenly realized, and disparities in overdose mortality may persist.

The motion directly addresses these risks by requiring structured engagement with community stakeholders, including individuals with lived experience and subject matter experts in addiction and substance use. This participatory, transparent approach ensures interventions are responsive to

¹ Garnett MF, Miniño AM. Drug overdose deaths in the United States, 2023–2024. NCHS Data Brief. 2026 Jan;(549):1–13. DOI: <https://dx.doi.org/10.15620/cdc/174639>

communities that have been historically underserved or inappropriately served, accessible to those at greatest risk, and capable of producing measurable public health outcomes. It also safeguards services by directing the Department of Public Health and the Chief Executive Officer to ensure a smooth transition to a collaborative spending-plan process, preventing disruptions at a time when proposed federal funding reductions threaten access to prevention and treatment.

National guidance on best practices reinforces this framework. Leading public health institutions and coalitions of addiction medicine, treatment, and harm reduction experts emphasize that settlement funds should prioritize saving lives, be guided by evidence, focus on racial equity, and be allocated through transparent processes that elevate impacted communities.² Supervisor Mitchell's proposal operationalizes these principles in a manner tailored to the scale, diversity, and complexity of Los Angeles County, while establishing clear accountability through a 90-day progress report and a one-year evaluation of the stakeholder process and its impact on funding decisions. These measures enable ongoing course correction, strengthen community trust, and keep opioid settlement funds focused on their intended impact at a time when overdose remains a leading cause of preventable death and safety-net systems are increasingly strained.

HealthRIGHT 360 urges the Board to adopt this motion and reaffirm Los Angeles County's commitment to investing opioid settlement funds in evidence-based, equitable, and transparent ways that build and sustain proven public health capacity.

Thank you for your leadership and consideration. For further information about HealthRIGHT 360's position, please contact me at wsaver@healthright360.org.

Sincerely,



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² "A National Roadmap for Spending Opioid Settlement Funds in 2026: Supporting Communities & Ending the Overdose Crisis," Popular Democracy in Action, January 14, 2026.
<https://populardemocracyinaction.org/publication/roadmap-opioid-settlement-funds/>



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March 20, 2025

Re: Air Filtration for Participants

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We would like to register concern that item 18, championed by Supervisor Mitchell was not held in session today, and ask that you take this item seriously, as lives depend on this item.

Here is a link to the Opiate Settlement National Roadmap that offers an understanding of the purpose, scope and best practices for counties to implement opiate settlement

planning:

<https://populardemocracyinaction.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/EMBARGOED-Final.-Design-National-Roadmap-for-Spending-Opioid-2026.pdf>

Thank you for supporting.

Respectfully,

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