



**PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS
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			The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:	
Agenda #	Relate To	Position	Name	Comments
29.	28	Other	Jaime S	This must include work exchange. There is so much garbage on our streets that needs to be picked up. Please have people receiving services do community service to pick up the trash. It's shameful.
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Januray 29, 2026

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

RE: Measure A Spending Plan

Dear Chair and Members of the Board of Supervisors,

On behalf of Sanctuary of Hope, we want to acknowledge the difficult task before you in balancing priorities during a challenging fiscal period. We recognize the care and effort that went into the final proposed FY 2026–27 Measure A Spending Plan and appreciate the Board's continued commitment to addressing housing instability and homelessness across Los Angeles County.

At the same time, we are deeply concerned about proposed reductions to youth prevention, intervention, education, and safety-oriented services. These are the very programs that reach young people and families at the earliest point of crisis and prevent them from entering the homelessness system.

It is particularly troubling to see cuts to youth homelessness prevention, housing navigation, and problem-solving services. Young leaders played a meaningful role in championing Measure A alongside community members across the County. Reducing investments in services that directly support youth risks undermining that trust and discouraging future civic engagement by young people who believed their voices mattered.

For many youth, housing navigation and problem solving are what determine whether a crisis is resolved quickly or escalates into homelessness. These services help young people and families address immediate housing conflicts, identify safe alternatives, navigate documentation and eligibility barriers, and access support when returning home is not safe. When these interventions are reduced, situations worsen rather than stabilize, leading to greater system involvement and higher long-term costs.

We are especially concerned by the elimination of Measure A support for Education Coordinators. Treating this work as solely the responsibility of the education system does not reflect the realities families and youth face when housing instability disrupts schooling. Schools are already strained by unstable McKinney-Vento funding, under-identification of homeless students, and policy shifts that have weakened protections.

As a result, many students lose access to transportation, school supplies, enrollment support, and consistent schooling at the very moment they need stability most. Education Coordinators co-located in community-based settings like Sanctuary of Hope help fill these gaps. They provide direct and timely support, including access to school and immunization records, enrollment and re-enrollment assistance, coordination with teachers and districts for credit recovery, attendance stabilization, and advocacy to ensure students are properly identified and supported.

This work is not duplicative or administrative. It is crisis response that helps families remain connected to school and community during housing disruption. Eliminating this capacity at a time when federal protections are already strained places additional burden on families and increases the likelihood that youth disengage from school altogether.

We are also concerned by how Youth Family Reconnection and similar prevention efforts are framed as primarily mental-health-based. These programs focus on outreach, mediation, and youth development. They help resolve family conflict early, prevent unnecessary separation, and keep young people connected to safe supports before homelessness occurs.

The loss of other low-barrier safety and stabilization services further compounds these concerns. Programs such as safe parking and legal assistance provide immediate protection for youth and families who are couch surfing, living in vehicles, fleeing domestic violence, or facing housing-related legal challenges. Without these options, families are more likely to enter shelters or become unsheltered rather than resolve crises upstream.

Assumptions that youth prevention and stabilization needs can be absorbed into broader LACAHSa or regional jurisdictional funding streams do not reflect how those systems function in practice. Youth-serving programs are rarely prioritized within adult-centered funding structures, and community-based providers face significant barriers accessing those dollars. Without intentional designation, youth prevention, education, and safety supports are effectively displaced.

Los Angeles County has long committed to achieving functional zero. Reductions across prevention, education, housing navigation, and safety-oriented services move the County further from that goal, particularly at a time when access points for youth are narrowing and the homelessness response system is under strain.

These impacts are especially pronounced in Service Planning Areas 1, 6, and 8, where housing supply is limited, prevention resources are scarce, and communities rely heavily on early intervention to keep youth and families stable.

We respectfully urge the Board to revisit these allocations and restore or braid funding for youth prevention, housing navigation, education coordination, legal assistance, and safety-oriented services. Doing so will help ensure that Measure A investments align with the measure's intent and with the realities facing young people and families across Los Angeles County.

Thank you for your leadership and for the opportunity to share these concerns. Sanctuary of Hope remains committed to partnering with the County to ensure that no young person is left behind.

Respectfully submitted,



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