



**PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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		The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:		
Agenda #	Relate To	Position	Name	Comments
Public Comment		Favor	antonio dominguez	Estimados miembros de la Junta de Supervisores: Mi nombre es [antonio] y soy [residente del Condado de Los Angeles/miembro de IRLA/defensor de la comunidad] de [Ciudad o Distrito]. Estoy aquí porque muchas familias en mi comunidad están luchando para mantenerse en sus hogares en este momento. Agradezco que la Junta esté poniendo atención a lo que están viviendo las familias y que esté tomando pasos para proteger a los inquilinos durante esta crisis. Pero lo que se está proponiendo ahora no es suficiente para la realidad que enfrentan muchas personas. Mucha gente se ha atrasado en la renta porque el trabajo se ha vuelto inestable y el miedo ha hecho que muchas personas no puedan salir a trabajar. Nadie debería perder su hogar por una deuda que no puede pagar durante una emergencia.
			Caitlin VanArsdale	I urge the supervisors to add an amendment to apply the motion to all of LA County, not just unincorporated Los Angeles. I also urge them to increase the rent threshold to 3 months fair market rent instead of only 2.
			Carlos Castillo	
			Damian Gonzalez	I Urge the supervisors to INTRODUCE AN AMENDMENT to apply the motion to all of LA County (not just unincorporated Los Angeles), and to increase the rent threshold to 3 months fair market rent (not 2).
			Hazel Henriquez	I Urge the supervisors to INTRODUCE AN AMENDMENT to apply the motion to all of LA County (not just unincorporated Los Angeles), and to increase the rent threshold to 3 months fair market rent (not 2).
			Jason Bautista	



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Public Comment		Favor	Paula Kahn	<p>I support the Second District's motion to reimagine the distribution of opioid settlement funds (OSF) in Los Angeles County, and thank Supervisor Mitchell for championing good stewardship. How we allocate these dollars truly matters.</p> <p>Los Angeles County has made measurable progress as a direct result of public-health-driven, evidence-based investments in prevention, harm reduction, and treatment. This motion builds on that progress.</p> <p>LA County had a 22% decrease in OD deaths in 2024 thanks to OSF funding for evidence based, community led harm reduction.</p> <p>I support the alignment with nationally recognized guidance from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health that emphasizes evidence-based decision making, investment in prevention, centering racial equity, and ensuring a fair and transparent process.</p> <p>We highly suggest working with the LA County Harm Reduction Steering Committee in the formation of a stakeholder body.</p> <p>I support the County transitioning to a collaborative, transparent and accountable process for the development of spending plans and convene stakeholders to inform funding priorities. Decisions about substance use funding should be driven by evidence and expertise, and this motion ensures that.</p> <p>Thank you for your support.</p>
			Perry Goldberg	My attached letter urges the County to re-evaluate the SEA policy in light of the housing emergency.
			Susan Eppard	<p>I support banning all forms of Kratom.</p> <p>My 22 year old son Matthew Eller died from whole leaf Kratom Powder (the least potent form of Kratom available in the United States). Kratom caused him to have a seizure, go into cardiac arrest and die. His toxicology showed he died from the "TOXIC effects of Mitragnine" an alkaloid found only in Kratom. He had no prescription drugs, no street drugs nor alcohol in his system when he died, and his autopsy showed he had no underlying health conditions. It's important to note my son didn't die from 7-OH/7-hydroxymitragnine.</p> <p>My son died in 2021, and 7oh didn't hit the market until 2023.</p>



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Public Comment		Other	<p>Ann Dorsey</p> <p>I urge you to create ICE free zones for schools, hospitals, places of worship and other sensitive locations. Also, prohibit immigration agents from entering homes without a warrant signed by a judge. Action must be taken to curtail immigration activities because they are devastating our communities and putting everyone at risk.</p> <p>I also urge you to do what you can otherwise to protect immigrants. Everyone deserves to be safe and have opportunities to thrive.</p> <p>Thank you for what you have done so far. Please continue to do more.</p>
			<p>Ethel Bonham</p> <p>RE: 70H: THERE ARE NO SCIENTIFIC STUDIES SHOWING EVIDENCE WHICH PROVES 7-HYDROXYMITRAGYNINE IS THE DIRECT CAUSE OF DEATHS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THEREFORE, THERE SHOULD BE NO PROHIBITION OR BANS ON KRATOM OR 7-OH, JUST AS THERE ARE NO BANS OR PROHIBITION OF ALCOHOL PRODUCTS WHICH DIRECTLY CAUSE 178,000 DEATHS ANNUALLY IN THE UNITED STATES AND/OR TOBACCO PRODUCTS WHICH DIRECTLY CAUSE 480,000 DEATHS ANNUALLY IN THE UNITED STATES (LATEST NUMBERS PER THE CDC).</p>



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Public Comment		Other	Flor Melendrez	<p>Hello, my name is Flor Melendrez, and I am a resident of LA County, a member of IRLA, and a community advocate. I also serve as the Executive Director of the CLEAN Carwash Worker Center. CLEAN is a non-profit organization. The mission of the CLEAN Carwash Worker Center is to support and empower car wash workers as they improve and create long-lasting change in their workplaces, lives, and communities.</p> <p>We are here today to ask the County to take action to keep immigrant families housed. We are here because many families in our communities are struggling to keep a roof over their heads right now. We appreciate that the Board is paying attention to what renters are going through and taking steps to respond to this crisis. But what's being proposed right now isn't enough for the reality families are facing.</p> <p>People are falling behind on rent because work has become unstable and fear is keeping people home. No one should lose their housing over debt they just can't catch up on during an emergency.</p> <p>Raising the eviction threshold helps, but it needs to go further. During this emergency, the limit should be raised to at least 3 months worth of fair market rent, and it should apply everywhere in Los Angeles County.</p> <p>These changes would help families stay housed and prevent homelessness before it happens. I'm asking you to do more and make sure these protections reach every community.</p> <p>Thank you for your time.</p> <p>Sincerely, Flor Melendrez Executive Director flor@cleancarwash.org CLEAN Carwash Worker Center</p>



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Public Comment		Other	Lauren E Eccker	<p>My name is Lauren Eccker, and I'm a resident of Los Angeles County, a social worker and small business owner.</p> <p>Our immigrant families and neighbors are in crisis as a direct result of ICE raids. Incomes have been eviscerated. A proposal that applies only to unincorporated Los Angeles County fails to meet the reality of this crisis. ICE is occupying communities across ALL of 88 cities in LA County where you declared a state of emergency. Any protections must consider the entire county.</p> <p>A recent survey shows impacted tenants are already an average of 4 months behind on rent, with some carrying as much as \$13,000 in rent debt. A vast majority of those harmed live within the City of Los Angeles and Southeast LA cities like Norwalk and Downey.</p> <p>This emergency has been ongoing for nearly 8 months. During that time, immigrant tenants have lived in constant fear, seen loved ones detained or deported, and lost an average of 60% of their household income. These are conditions that push immigrants toward displacement, self-deportation, and homelessness.</p> <p>We urge you to act with the urgency this moment demands. Amend this motion to apply county-wide and raise the threshold to at least three months of Fair Market Rent. Use your emergency powers to protect immigrant tenants now.</p>
			Melody Woolf	<p>I have had a 12 year long very positive experience with plain leaf Kratom. Kratom has returned me to participation with my family. My only regret is that I did not find it sooner.</p> <p>I am asking that you protect plain leaf Kratom for those who use it responsibly to mitigate chronic pain, with common sense regulations such as an age gate, and truthful packaging including serving sizes, while prohibiting products containing over 2% of the metabolite 7-OH (7-hydroxymitragynine)</p>
			Michelle Alexander	<p>I'm 49yrs old disabled with a Trach, MS, MCTD & several spinal issues. I use Kratom Powder daily to help me with my pain. It's dramatically improved my quality of life! I'm able to be present with my family now.</p>
			Terasa Hild	<p>LA County needs to look into setting a cap on lawsuit and litigation pay outs. Other states and counties do it. It's killing our budget and services to the public are being affected.</p>
			William FloresLemus	<p>Date February 2, 2026</p> <p>Dear Board of Supervisors Executive Office.</p>

As of: 2/3/2026 3:00:15 PM



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Compliant Towards
Los Angeles County Public Defender's Office.

Ricardo Daniel Garcia #178111
Justine Marie Esack #183784
Haydeh Behbehani Takasugi #173084
Monnica Thelen
#180661

Follow Up Executive Office Human Resources Department Complaint
Towards.
The Board of Supervisor's Office
Chief of Staff Sonia Lopez.

Refer to emails sent to Sonia Lopez and The Public Defender's Office sent in
order by dates.

11/6/2025, 11/10/2025, 11/12/2025, 11/13/2025, 11/26/2025 (From Haydah
Takasugi) 11/28/2025, 12/2/2025, 12/3/2025, 12/8/ 2025, 12/ 11/2025,
12/12/2025, 12/ 17, 2025, 1/6/2026, 1/9/2026

January 26, 2026
Communication with Haydah Takasugi in denial seeking counsel to make
informed choices with.
Ricardo Daniel Garcia #178111
Justine Marie Sack #183784.

(I) I William Flores-Lemus am submitting this declaration to be truthful. To the
best of my knowledge in events. In a complaint towards the mentioned.

I claim The Los Angeles Public Defender's Office. Is fully aware of my
complaint and legal requests.

In addition, not representing me to my best interests. As I exhausted all
means requesting written accountability directly from them.



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In good faith I completed my part in providing documentation for a Certificate of Rehabilitation/Pardon.

As I properly notified
The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisor Hollie J. Mitchell's Office.

In claims of complaints and legal requests. That have not been contested and repeatedly denied by The Los Angeles Public Defender's Office.

I assert The Public Defender's Office has purposely delayed and obstructed. The process for the petition to continue under California State Law.

In denying me due process in The Public Defender's Office. Through their actions do not want. The petition of a Certificate of Rehabilitation/ Pardon to be successful.

To deprive me full State and Federal rights as a resident of California. I intend to address this. To the proper OCR State and Federal agencies for an official review.

I assert that The Public Defender's Office are acting as rouge
Los Angeles County Department.

Using their institutional legal knowledge and expertise.

To not account for their mistakes in not wanting. A official Human Resource Department compliant filed against individuals in their office.

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I assert that Sonia Lopez's actions created a bias in The Public Defender's Office. In them denying the process of the petition of Certificate of Rehabilitation/ Pardon.

Refer to sections (VII) & (VIII).

In her email sent on Jan 6, 2025 accusations towards me. Using her political position of privileged power. In retaliation several hours after I emailed her addressing her lack of concern of my claims as a constituent.

Forwarding the email to The Public Defender's Office. Which created harm in portraying me in a negative manner to them.

(II) On May 13, 2025 I submitted a letter Referenced Additional Letters of Character. That mentioned _____and spouse, _____,Mr_____.



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Refer to email sent by
Haydah Takasugi on
December 12, 2025

The purpose in submitting a petition of The Certificate of
Rehabilitation/Pardon. Is to restore all my State and Federal rights as a
resident of California.

I stated to the paralegal Valera Baker in several communications with her.
After submitting a second expanded letter of character from _____.

I explained my intent was not to create an adversarial environment with The
Public Defender's Office or The District Attorney.

I claim that Valera Baker asked me if I was a _____ Veteran to use in court.
My response was that was not relevant.

I explained to her that my past two honorable military service was used
against me in court by The District Attorney.

Requesting to submit additional relevant documents. To strengthen my
petition in a Certificate of Rehabilitation/ Pardon. That request was denied
directly by The Public Defender.

I claim after Valera Baker asked me in reference to _____ letter. If I could
ask his spouse to write an additional letter. To substitute Mr. _____ letter
that was rejected by The Pubic Defenders Office.

I responded to her that I did not want to impose towards him or his wife.

After I directly handed the letter to the paralegal Valera Baker. As she opened
the letter and read it in front of me in May 2025.

I claim that Haydah Takasugi or Ria Snoek did not professionally account for
that letter. In a proper chain of custody.

I claim The Public Defender's Office
took out or lost the letter and refuses to take responsibility for their mistakes.

(III) On November 6, 2025 I was informed prior to court by The Public
Defender. That the letters of character were not verified.

I claim The District Attorney used Political Bias Non Legal Language.
In the term "_____".

The court CASE _____ reflects the record that two _____ were
registered with The State of California.



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In addition, The Record reflects those items on that the list The District Attorney verbally stated.

Where not on the warrant issued those items were illegally taken never returned. By Law Enforcement and used in court against me by The District Attorney.

I claim the intent by The District Attorney was to purposely bias the judge.

The public defender on November 6, 2025 during court. Did not contest that Political Bias Non Legal Language.

In addition, he knew that there was no investigation to verify the authenticity of the letters of character.

I claim that the language used by The District Attorney created an immediate bias in judge in her physical facial reaction.

As she immediately denied my request to submit documents strengthening the petition of Certificate of Rehabilitation/Pardon.

I went to The Public Defender's office and spoke to Sean K. McDonald. Briefly speaking with him by his reaction to my questions. I believed he knew no investigation was conducted to contact _____ and _____.

I stated to him my objection that the exact same in tone and words. By The District Attorney was used ten years prior in court.

I stated to The Public Defender that if I confirmed to Valera Baker. I was _____ Veteran and the Political Bias None Legal Language. In the term " _____ " would be on the permanent transcript record.

In that transcript would be presented to The Governor in creating a potential bias towards my petition.

(IV) On Nov 6 2025 6:21 PM

I emailed Haydah Takasugi and requested of a new investigator be appointed. To contact me prior and coordinate.

With the authors of the letters of characters. To inform them to expect a call. In avoiding any future problems of communication.

I requested that the previous investigator respond and provide the times and dates. That the authors of the letter of character were contacted. That request has been denied by The Public Defender's Office.

I claim Haydah Takasugi and The Public Defender's Office having full

			<p>knowledge did not call or . From May 2025 to November 26, 2025. To verify the authenticity of the letters of character.</p> <p>Upon request text messages will be provided that two authors of the letter of character were not contact.</p> <p>Refer to emails dated. On November 10, 2025 6:07 PM November 12, 2025 1:39 PM November 13, 2025 6:44 PM November 28, 2025 11:06 AM</p> <p>I notified The Board of Supervisor's Office and Haydah Takasugi of my requests and compliant.</p> <p>(V) Prior to meeting with Haydah Takasugi I sent a email on November 12, 2025. Requesting a in person meeting with her and to have Kyle Lee. From The Board of Supervisor Holly J.</p>
		Xochitl Morales	<p>My name is Xochitl - I am representing CA Latinas for Reproductive Justice. Our immigrant families and neighbors are in crisis as a direct result of ICE raids. Incomes have been eviscerated. A proposal that applies only to unincorporated Los Angeles County fails to meet the reality of this crisis. ICE is occupying communities across ALL of 88 cities in LA County where you declared a state of emergency. Any protections must consider the entire county. Three months of protection is only the beginning of what we need to keep Angelenos housed. ICE has occupied LA for nearly 250 days — 8 months — with no end in sight. They have abducted thousands of Angelenos, ripping them from their families and communities. Rental relief must be paired with strong eviction protections in order to keep tenants housed. The rent relief program is grossly inadequate to meet this crisis. Only landlords can apply, while prominent landlord attorneys openly advise them not to accept any form of government subsidy so they can retain their right to evict tenants.</p>
		Item Total	18
Grand Total			18

Subject: Prioritizing Housing Delivery: Addressing the Impact of Significant Ecological Area (SEA) Designations in the Antelope Valley

Dear Members of the Board:

I am writing to address the critical conflict between the County's declared housing emergency and the current scope of Significant Ecological Area (SEA) designations in the Antelope Valley. While environmental stewardship is a shared value, the existing SEA framework has become a primary obstacle to housing production, effectively stalling development in the very regions best suited to alleviate our housing crisis.

The Housing Crisis vs. De Facto Down-Zoning

The Antelope Valley represents one of the few remaining areas in Los Angeles County capable of accommodating residential growth at scale. However, sweeping SEA overlays now function as de facto down-zonings. By imposing prohibitive restrictions on land otherwise zoned for residential or mixed-use development, these designations have materially constrained the delivery of new homes, exacerbating scarcity and driving up costs for all residents.

Infrastructure Inefficiency and Fairness

The current scale of these designations—covering a massive percentage of unincorporated land—places an inequitable burden on a limited group of property owners to provide regional ecological benefits at the expense of local housing needs.

Of particular concern is the inclusion of parcels with direct access to paved public roads. These sites are uniquely positioned for cost-effective housing delivery because they:

- Leverage existing public infrastructure.
- Minimize new environmental disturbance.
- Support the County's goals for rapid housing deployment.

Including infrastructure-ready parcels within SEA boundaries is a direct contradiction of the County's stated housing objectives and represents a missed opportunity for sensible growth.

Proposed Reforms to Support Housing Production

To ensure that environmental policies do not continue to undermine our urgent need for shelter, I respectfully urge the Board to implement the following reforms:

- **Prioritize Housing-Ready Land:** Exclude parcels with existing direct access to paved public roads from SEA designations to facilitate immediate and efficient housing development.
- **Establish a Proportional Cap:** Limit SEA designations in the Antelope Valley to no more than five percent (5%) of unincorporated land, focusing strictly on site-specific critical resources rather than broad landscape overlays that block residential growth.
- **Emergency Suspension:** At a minimum, substantially downsize or suspend SEA restrictions for the duration of the County's declared housing emergency to remove regulatory barriers to home construction.

Thank you for your leadership and consideration of these vital changes.

Respectfully,
Perry Goldberg (District 5)