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15.	64	<b>Favor</b>	Aimee Connelley	
			Alba Velasquez	
			Alicia Mardini	
			Amber Guerra	<p>Venice Family Clinic is in strong support of the motion by Supervisors Mitchell and Solis, "Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by H.R.1," to place a temporary half-cent sales tax on the June 2026 ballot to protect access to essential health services across Los Angeles County. Community health centers provide high-quality primary, behavioral health, and preventive care to millions of County residents—many of whom rely on Medi-Cal and the safety net to stay healthy and out of emergency rooms.</p> <p>Venice Family Clinic is a nonprofit community health center that serves 45,000 people across the Westside of Los Angeles, Inglewood, the South Bay and everywhere in between. Our patients include working families, seniors, children, and people experiencing homelessness: eighty-seven percent of them live at or below the federal poverty line. For many, Venice Family Clinic is their only access to affordable health care.</p> <p>Proposed federal cuts in H.R. 1 and recent state policy changes pose an existential threat to the health and stability of Venice Family Clinic, our patients and, by extension, the broader L.A. community. Nearly eighty percent of our patients rely on Medi-Cal. About half of the Clinic's budget depends on Medi-Cal reimbursements. Without action, we will see more patients losing coverage, delaying care, increased ER overcrowding, and community health centers may at some point have to make difficult decisions about programs that we believe are essential to our patients' health but will be unfunded.</p> <p>We urge the Board to move this measure forward and give voters the chance to protect the County's health care safety net and the communities who depend on it.</p>



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15.	64	Favor	Amy Trinh	<p>My name is Amy. I am a public health nurse and a proud SEIU 721 member.</p> <p>Nine public health clinics across Los Angeles County are closing, and nearly 40 public health employees are facing layoffs. These clinics provide essential services such as vaccinations, communicable disease testing, treatment, and preventive care, oftentimes at little to no cost, for some of the most vulnerable Angelenos.</p> <p>Public health clinics are often the first and only point of care for low-income families, seniors, and uninsured residents. When clinics close, people delay care, disease spreads more easily, and emergency rooms become more crowded and medical debt increases.</p> <p>Please vote yes on Agenda Item 15 and secure funding to preserve these critical county services cut by HR 1. Investing in public health saves lives, prevents outbreaks, and protects our communities.</p>
			Ana Hernandez	
			Ana-Alicia Carr	<p>Greetings honorable members of the board, Ana-Alicia Carr, Director of Policy and Coalitions with the Los Angeles Food Policy Council writing in support of item #15. In addition to the significant harms to medical services, H.R.1 also brought massive and detrimental changes to the Supplemental Assistance Program (SNAP) and the SNAP-Ed program. These changes will make it more difficult or even impossible for previously eligible people to keep or maintain food benefits through exclusions and demanding work requirements. Additionally, administrative and benefit cost share provisions will begin in 2026 and 2027 respectively. Finally, HR 1 ended the SNAP-Ed program nationwide when funding was stripped in the budget bill. We urge you to prioritize food and nutrition security as an area of focus should this sales tax be approved. Thank you.</p>
			Andrea Harlin	
			Andy Yam	



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15.	64	Favor	Angela Gardner	My name is Angela Gardner, I am a L.A. County resident, Medi-Cal recipient, disability rights and healthcare policy advocate with a focus to ensure all marginalized people have access to the health care they need. I am in strong favor of Supervisor Mitchell's proposal. I rely on Medi-Cal funded transportation to go to my appointments and I am worried that the cuts will seriously cut or eliminate that benefit which will make accessing healthcare more difficult for me and especially disabled, seniors, parents with infants or young children to go to the doctor or other healthcare services. Given the Governor has publically stated his refusal to raise taxes to fund health and other essential human services that will be cut due to H.R. 1. This proposal is a proactive step to fill in the gaps from they cuts and do the least harm for L.A. County residents 1 in 4 that rely on Medi-Cal and for those immigrants who lost their coverage due to the state budget.
			Angela Valdivia	
			Anthony J LoRe	LA County residents need this protection from these inhumane cuts!
			Atul N	
			Atul Nakhasi	We often talk about the closure of hospitals and clinics in the hypothetical these days. But we don't have to. We know what closure looks like for underserved and low-income communities. Closure is not just a hypothetical scenario for MLK hospital. It happened in 2007. Studies in the intervening years without a hospital showed that South LA residents experienced a higher chance of death for victims of gunshot wounds, longer delays in care, and more challenges seeing a specialist. Nearby hospitals saw more trauma admissions and uninsured patients. One nearby hospital had its uninsured population go from 13% to nearly 45% in the years after MLK hospital's closure. These are the devastating - and in certain cases deadly - side effects of cutting our safety-net.
			Audrey L Simons	As a Federally Qualified Health Center with 3 sites within SD3, the impact of the preservation of critical healthcare services to Los Angeles County will be very personal to the patients and their families that we have served for over 100 years.
			Ava A Moten	
			Bavani Sridhar	
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15.	64	Favor	Benyamin A Chao	<p>Dear LA County Board of Supervisors.</p> <p>The California Immigrant Policy Center (CIPC) broadly supports efforts by the Board to protect safety net access in LA County in light of the staggering cuts to federal safety net funding resulting from H.R. 1.</p> <p>In particular, H.R. 1 significantly restricts eligibility for lawfully present immigrants for federally funded programs like Medi-Cal and CalFresh. Swift action to provide relief to Angelenos is of utmost importance to prevent a significant hunger cliff resulting from changes to SNAP eligibility and SNAP work requirements, which are set to be implemented in California on April 1 and June 1, respectively. According to the California Department of Social Services, upwards of 74,000 humanitarian immigrants across California, including recently arrived refugees and individuals granted asylum, will lose access to CalFresh on April 1 due to H.R. 1's changes to non-citizen eligibility. We estimate that tens of thousands of these impacted individuals reside in Los Angeles County alone.</p> <p>In order to meet this increased need as a result of lost CalFresh benefits, we encourage the Board to include funding resulting from this measure to deliver food assistance directly to impacted families and support county workers in preventing disenrollment from CalFresh for households who remain eligible. Failing to do so will result in families forced to choose between food and healthcare, housing, or transportation. Los Angeles County can protect its residents from the immediate harms of H.R. 1 by acting quickly to replace lost food benefits and invest in additional services that deliver food to families in need.</p> <p>CIPC was founded in response to the 1996 passage of federal immigration and welfare laws that profoundly affected immigrants. Today, we advance inclusive policies that build a prosperous future for all Californians, using policy analysis, advocacy, strategic communications, and capacity building.</p>
			Bettina Lewis	



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15.	64	Favor	Brenda Barragan	<p>Hola, mi nombre es Brenda Barragan, y estoy con Inmigrantes Are Los Ángeles y soy residente del Condado de Los Ángeles.</p> <p>Estoy solicitando que el Condado tome medidas para mantener a las familias inmigrantes con vivienda.</p> <p>Muchas familias en mi comunidad están luchando por mantenerse seguras de ICE al conservar un techo sobre sus cabezas en este momento.</p> <p>Aprecio que la Junta esté prestando atención a lo que están pasando los inquilinos y tomando medidas para responder a esta crisis. Necesitamos un liderazgo valiente durante este tiempo y que la junta aproveche plenamente la declaración de emergencia para responder a la urgencia del momento.</p> <p>Nuestras comunidades están experimentando miedo y peligro diarios mientras son detenidas en las calles por agentes enmascarados. Están tomando riesgos todos los días para ir a trabajar, poner comida en la mesa y pagar la renta. Queremos que nuestro liderazgo actúe con el mismo valor.</p> <p>Las personas se están atrasando en el pago de la renta porque el trabajo se ha vuelto inestable y el miedo está manteniendo a la gente en casa. Nadie debería perder su vivienda por una deuda que simplemente no puede pagar durante una emergencia.</p> <p>Necesitan aumentar el umbral de desalojo por falta de pago de renta a por lo menos 3 meses del valor justo de mercado, y debe aplicarse en todo el Condado de Los Ángeles.</p> <p>Solo este tipo de acción audaz ayudará a las familias a conservar su vivienda y a prevenir la falta de hogar antes de que ocurra. Les pido que hagan más y que se aseguren de que estas protecciones lleguen a todas las comunidades.</p> <p>Gracias por su tiempo.</p> <p>Estimados miembros de la Junta de Supervisores   Atentamente, Brenda Barragan, <a href="mailto:brenda@cleancarwash.org">brenda@cleancarwash.org</a>, CLEAN Car Wash Worker Center</p>
			Brenda Catalan	



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15.	64	Favor	Bruce Shrugg	<p>Hello, my name is Bruce Shrugg, MD. I am a retired physician, a resident of LA County and a member of LA Voice, a multi-racial, multi-faith community organization. LA Voice's organizing presence is based throughout LA County, across 5 county supervisorial districts and 28 strategic cities. I am also a member of Leo Baeck Temple.</p> <p>During my 40 years of medical practice, I have seen the deterioration of healthcare quality, and I have witnessed what happens when people who have no coverage delay seeking care or are afraid to seek care at all. I have seen people die who might have been saved, had their illness or injury been treated earlier. I am fortunate to have Medicare and secondary insurance coverage, yet even so, I have waited dozens of hours in emergency rooms with family members, or spent time on the phone counseling members of my temple community who literally are unable to reach a healthcare provider. Also, when people lack access to healthcare, the cost burden is borne by the tax-payers. And again, when healthcare is delayed, people die! I refuse to accept a society in which citizens who can't afford healthcare must suffer or die needlessly.</p> <p>I am asking the County to take action to close gaps in healthcare caused by Federal government cuts by placing the Essential Healthcare Restoration Act before voters in this June's ballot.</p> <p>The president's health care cuts are projected to cost the county \$2.4 billion over the next three years; 3.3 million people in Los Angeles County could lose access to critical health care services. Clinics and hospitals face severe reductions or closure and thousands of health care workers could lose their jobs.</p> <p>This will devastate so many communities and families across LA County. And who suffers? We all do!</p> <p>We need bold leadership during this time and for the board to take full advantage of the emergency declaration to meet this urgent moment. Our communities are experiencing daily fear and danger as they are taken in the streets by masked agents. They are experiencing a hard time putting food on the table, paying rent, paying for childcare. Having to face the massive healthcare cuts before them will place immense pressure on them.</p> <p>We want our leadership to act with courage and place a ballot that will allow voters the choice of caring for each other through these hard times.</p> <p>From reproductive health care to school-based mental health services, the federal cuts eliminate critical programs that communities of color in particular have long depended on for survival and well-being.</p> <p>Only the bold action of measures like The Essential Healthcare Restoration Act will help families mitigate the significant impacts of healthcare cuts.</p> <p>Thank you for your time.</p> <p>Sincerely, Bruce Shrugg, MD</p>



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15.	64	Favor	Bryan Gutierrez	
			Bukola Olusanya	
			Byron Jose	
			Byron Jose	Leveraging our county budget and other local revenues for key DPH services and programs like CHE's TGIWE initiative.
			Cameron Lewis	
			Carlos Vaquerano	
			Carlos Vaquerano	<p>On behalf of Clínica Monseñor Óscar A. Romero, where I serve as President and CEO, an organization operating six clinic sites, serving more than 25,000 patients annually, and providing care across two Supervisorial Districts, I strongly support the motion by Supervisors Mitchell and Solis, "Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by H.R.1," to place a temporary half-cent sales tax on the June 2026 ballot to protect access to essential health services across Los Angeles County.</p> <p>Community health centers provide high-quality primary care, behavioral health, and preventive services to millions of County residents, many of whom rely on Medi-Cal and the safety net to stay healthy and out of emergency rooms. At Clínica Romero, we are already seeing the impact of instability on our patients, and patients have already dropped off their health insurance. Many are delaying care due to fear, financial strain, and changes in work stability. Our patients rely on us not only for medical care, but for behavioral health services, chronic disease management, and preventive care that keeps them healthy and able to support their families. We are more than clinics.</p> <p>Proposed federal cuts in H.R. 1 and recent state policy changes threaten to destabilize this system, putting coverage, clinics, and critical services at risk. Without action, we will see more patients delaying care, increased emergency room overcrowding, and fewer resources for underserved communities.</p> <p>We urge the Board to move this measure forward and give voters the chance to protect the County's health care safety net and the communities who depend on it.</p>
			Castulo de la Rocha	
			Catherine E Lozano	



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15.	64	Favor	Chad Vargas	This is an issue of public health. The ability for all people to access high quality healthcare services reduces reliance on emergency departments and hospitals. The services cut by H.R.1 does nothing more than make our country less healthy and transfers the cost of the care to the hospitals when those that do not have coverage go to the emergency department for care. The provision of coverage increases the use of lower cost care services and decreases the use of higher cost care services (i.e. Emergency Department care). The increase in sales tax is a small price to pay to weather this storm and reestablish coverage for the most vulnerable.
			Charisse Bremond Weaver	Letter of Support attached
			Charity Chandler Cole	
			Charity Chandler-Cole	



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15.	64	Favor	Charles C Lee-Johnson	<p>Good Morning Chair and Members of the Board,</p> <p>My name is Dr. Charles Lee-Johnson, and I serve as the Chief Executive Officer of The Children's Collective, Inc., where we work daily with children, families, and seniors across Los Angeles County. I am here today because I care deeply about the health and safety of our communities, and I strongly support Supervisor Mitchell and Supervisor Solis' motion to place a temporary 0.5% general sales tax measure on the June 2nd ballot.</p> <p>Voters deserve the opportunity to decide how we protect essential County services. H.R. 1 has already resulted in severe cuts to Medi-Cal funding, and we are seeing the ripple effects in real time. Without decisive local action, safety-net services that families rely on—preventive care, mental health services, maternal health, child wellness visits—are at risk of collapsing. At this moment, there are no timely or viable alternatives to restore these services other than generating local revenue.</p> <p>This measure is about stabilizing healthcare access for working families. No parent should have to choose between paying rent, putting food on the table, and taking their child to the doctor. When families delay care because they cannot afford it, minor health concerns turn into costly emergencies. Emergency room visits and hospitalizations increase. Public costs rise. Health outcomes worsen. Community-based care is not only more humane—it is far more cost-effective than crisis intervention.</p> <p>True affordability means being able to receive care close to home, in trusted community settings. Strong public health systems support local businesses, strengthen the workforce, and create stability for neighborhoods already navigating economic pressures. Protecting access to care is not just a healthcare issue—it is an economic and moral imperative.</p> <p>We have a responsibility to safeguard the health and safety of Los Angeles County. I respectfully urge you to support Supervisor Mitchell and Supervisor Solis' motion and allow the voters to decide how we sustain these critical services for our communities.</p>
			Charmaine E Dorsey	
			Christina M Ramirez	
			Christopher Ige	
			Claudia Powell	



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15.	64	Favor	Claudia Powell	<p>Good morning. My name is Claudia Powell, and I'm here today on behalf of the Planned Parenthood Advocacy Project of Los Angeles County because I deeply care about the health and safety of our communities.</p> <p>Planned Parenthood health centers are already feeling the impact of H.R. 1. Since September, we have been unable to bill Medi Cal for preventive services for our patients—services like cancer screenings, birth control, and STI testing. About 80 percent of the patients we serve across 23 health centers in Los Angeles County rely on Medi Cal.</p> <p>Placing this measure on the ballot gives voters the opportunity to protect essential health services. Community clinics, including Planned Parenthood health centers, together form the backbone of this County's health care system. We are often the first—and sometimes the only—place people can go for timely, affordable care. We have a shared responsibility to safeguard this system, so it remains strong, accessible, and responsive to community needs.</p> <p>Placing this measure on the ballot gives voters the opportunity to protect essential health services, stabilize our safety net providers, and ensure that Los Angeles County remains a place where people can get the care they need, when they need it.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and for your commitment to the health of our communities.</p>
			Colette Harley	
			Commander Madden	
			Corinne Sanchez	Please see attached letter of support
			Courtney Simpson	
			Cristina Guzman	



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15.	64	Favor	Cristina Perez	<p>Good morning Supervisors,</p> <p>My name is Cristina Perez, and I am writing in strong support of Item #15, authored by Supervisor Mitchell and coauthored by Supervisor Solis, to place a temporary 0.5% general retail sales tax measure on the June 2, 2026 ballot to preserve essential County services.</p> <p>H.R. 1 has already created devastating impacts across Los Angeles County. In the five months since the signing of H.R. 1, we saw over 135,000 Medi-Cal disenrollments and 80,000 CalFresh disenrollments. These cuts are not abstract, they are already harming real families, including children, seniors, mothers giving birth, and people living with disabilities.</p> <p>Los Angeles County's safety net is a lifeline for millions of residents. Nearly 1 in 3 County residents rely on Medi-Cal, and the County is now facing projected losses totaling \$2.4 billion over the next three years, with potential layoffs and facility closures already being discussed.</p> <p>This measure is about stabilizing access and protecting public health. Families should not be forced to choose between rent, food, and medical care. Preventing people from delaying care also prevents more expensive emergency-room visits and hospitalizations later, which ultimately drives up public costs.</p> <p>I urge the Board to support this motion and allow voters the opportunity to decide how we preserve essential County services and protect the health and safety of our communities.</p> <p>Respectfully,</p> <p>Cristina Perez</p>
			Crystal Ortiz	See attached letter



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15.	64	Favor	Crystal C Jones	<p>Good Morning, My name is Crystal Jones, and I am speaking today in support of Agenda Item 15 and its focus on strengthening services for families, children, and our communities.</p> <p>As someone working closely with at-risk under-served families, children, and youth, I see every day how critical it is to invest in programs that provide stability, education, and meaningful support. When families are supported, children are safer, healthier, and better prepared to succeed. Strong community partnerships and accessible resources are not optional — they are essential foundations for long-term community well-being.</p> <p>Agenda Item 15 represents an opportunity to prioritize equity, access, and collaboration. I encourage decision-makers to ensure that funding and services are implemented in ways that reach the families who need them most, with transparency and accountability. Community-based organizations and small local providers play a vital role in delivering culturally responsive, trusted support, and they should be included as active partners in this work.</p> <p>Investing in families and children is an investment in our shared future. When we strengthen the systems that support them, we reduce long-term social and economic challenges and build safer, more resilient communities for everyone.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and for your commitment to supporting families and children.</p>
			Daniel Gonzalez	
			Danielle Lowe	
			Danielle B Schnebly	<p>Dear Board of Supervisors,</p> <p>I am writing to you today to express my support for Supervisor Mitchell and Supervisor Solis' motion to place a temporary 0.5% general sales tax measure on the June 2nd ballot and implement the proposed ordinance, the "Essential Services Restoration Act."</p> <p>The federal budget bill, H.R.1, also known as the "One Big Beautiful Bill Act," enacts the largest health care cuts in US history, including about \$1 trillion in cuts from Medicaid. For Los Angeles County residents, the harm will be severe. The County has 3.3 million residents who rely on Medi-Cal. That is 1 in 3 County residents, including nearly one million children. Hundreds of thousands of them could face loss of coverage and reduced access to care. The implications of these cuts</p>

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are on track to result in overcrowding of emergency rooms when residents are unable to access health care until they are experiencing a life-threatening crisis. H.R.1 is already causing devastating impacts. The County has already implemented hiring freezes and is contemplating service consolidations, potential layoffs of 5,000 staff, and facility closures in the coming years. In the five months since the signing of H.R.1 – June to December 2025 – we have seen over 135,000 people across the County disenroll from Medi-Cal and 80,000 CalFresh disenrollments. Without local action, safety-net services across the County and cities are at risk of collapsing. The County will be forced to limit critical public health services and close hospitals and clinics in communities that depend on them, leaving neighborhoods without essential, life-saving care. Maternity wards will shut down. Children who have lost their Medi-Cal coverage will have nowhere to go when they are sick except overcrowded emergency rooms, driving up costs for everyone and leaving families with medical bills they cannot pay. Essential public safety protections that ensure mitigation of communicable diseases, clean water, and health services for the most vulnerable will be severely curtailed or eliminated, resulting in grave danger for all County residents. The measure proposed by Supervisors Mitchell and Solis would greatly assist in offsetting reductions in federal support imposed by H.R. 1. It would help stabilize health care access for families and keep the County's health care system positioned to meet the demand it currently faces and prevent the potential closure of our public hospitals. Affordable local care helps residents address health concerns early, reducing the need for high-cost emergency services and preventing minor conditions from escalating into serious medical crises. Access to nearby, community-based providers also strengthens public health by ensuring that families can receive timely preventive care, chronic-disease management, and essential services that support overall community well-being. I care deeply about the well-being of the citizens of Los Angeles County, and I believe that protecting the health and safety of our communities is a responsibility we all share. Supervisor Mitchell and Supervisor Solis' motion and proposed ordinance mark meaningful progress towards addressing the significant harms created by H.R. 1, and both have my full support.



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Darryn A Harris	<p>I am in favor of moving forward with the motion to secure funding to preserve critical County services because I have spent more than two decades watching how decisions made far from communities ultimately land on people's lives—and because I now work inside a community health system where those consequences show up every day.</p> <p>For much of my career, I worked at the federal and state level, helping shape and implement policy. Today, I work locally at a community health clinic serving patients who rely on Medi-Cal and the healthcare safety net. That vantage point has taught me something simple but critical: when access to healthcare becomes unstable, the harm is immediate, predictable, and far more expensive to fix later.</p> <p>Los Angeles families are already living with an unprecedented cost-of-living squeeze. Rent, groceries, gas, and childcare are consuming a growing share of household budgets. When healthcare becomes harder to access or afford, it is not a distant problem—it is a this-month problem. People don't stop getting sick because budgets tighten. Instead, they delay care, ration medications, and put off mental health support until conditions worsen.</p> <p>That delay has real consequences. Medical debt is one of the fastest ways a stable family becomes unstable. A missed preventive visit becomes an emergency. A delayed prescription refill turns into a hospitalization. These aren't abstract policy outcomes; they are the stories we see every day in clinics and emergency rooms across the County.</p> <p>When people cannot afford or access regular care, they wait. And waiting drives up costs for everyone. It leads to more emergency room visits, more avoidable hospitalizations, longer ER wait times, and higher public expenditures. The need for care doesn't disappear—it simply shows up later, in the most expensive and least effective setting. That is how healthcare systems become strained and how costs are shifted onto working families, employers, and taxpayers.</p> <p>Community health clinics are one of the most effective tools we have to prevent that outcome. Clinics deliver high-quality primary care, behavioral health care, and preventive services at a lower cost than emergency rooms. They keep people healthier over time and reduce unnecessary hospital use. This is not just compassionate policy—it is smart fiscal policy. Treating illness early costs less than treating it late.</p> <p>Affordability, however, is not only about copays or deductibles. It is also about time and access. It is whether someone can get an appointment close to home, without waiting weeks, without taking multiple days off work, and without navigating impossible transportation barriers. Stable funding allows clinics to keep their doors open, retain staff, reduce wait times, and actually meet people where they are.</p>
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Healthcare access is also a workforce and small business issue. When people lose access to care, they miss work. Productivity drops. Employers—especially small businesses—absorb the disruption. Families fall behind. Stabilizing access to care supports the local economy just as much as it supports public health.

I also believe it is important to be clear about what this action is and what it is not. This vote is not about imposing a tax today. It is about whether the County will act responsibly to place a time-limited option before voters so they can decide how to protect essential services in the face of significant federal cuts and policy changes. Doing nothing is not neutral—it is a choice that allows the safety net to weaken further, with consequences that are far more costly and far harder to reverse.

Concerns about affordability and fairness are real, and they deserve clear answers. That is why the structure of this proposal matters. It is temporary. It includes oversight and public audits. And it is designed so that groceries, prescription medicine, and purchases made through SNAP/CalFresh and WIC would not be taxed. Working families contribute to this County every day. They deserve a healthcare system that does not price them out and a safety net that is there when hard times hit.

Ultimately, I support moving this measure forward because I have seen what happens when we fail to act early. I have seen the human cost of delayed care and the financial cost of preventable emergencies. Giving voters the opportunity to protect the healthcare safety net is the responsible thing to do—for families, for workers, for small businesses, and for the long-term stability of Los Angeles County.

This is about preventing avoidable harm, protecting access to care, and making a smart, accountable investment in the health and stability of our communities.

David M Kadar

On behalf of ParkTree Community Health Center, which operates 3 sites, serves 13,000 patients, and provides care across one district, I strongly support the motion by Supervisors Mitchell and Solis, "Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by H.R.1," to place a temporary half-cent sales tax on the June 2026 ballot to protect access to essential health services across Los Angeles County. Community health centers provide high-quality primary, behavioral health, and preventive care to millions of County residents—many of whom rely on Medi-Cal and the safety net to stay healthy and out of emergency rooms.

The motion, Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by H.R.1, will ensure that ParkTree and similar clinics will be able to continue to provide necessary primary care services to the most vulnerable in our communities.

Proposed federal cuts in H.R. 1 and recent state policy changes threaten to destabilize this system, putting coverage, clinics, and critical services at risk.



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	<p>Without action, we will see more patients delaying care, increased ER overcrowding, and fewer resources for underserved communities. We urge the Board to move this measure forward and give voters the chance to protect the County's health care safety net and the communities who depend on it.</p>
David W Mora	
Deborah Lerner	See attached letter.
Deja Thomas	<p>Dear Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, My name is Deja Thomas, Manager of Strategic Partnerships at LA Food Policy Council, writing in support of item #15: Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by H.R.1. The Los Angeles Food Policy Council is a collective impact organization whose mission is to ensure food is healthy, affordable, accessible, sustainable and fair for all. Our vision for a just and resilient food system which enables our communities to thrive begins by centering the needs and experiences of those most negatively impacted by it.</p> <p>H.R.1 is bringing detrimental changes to our nation's largest and most effective food and nutrition security programs. HR 1 will force many of our most marginalized Angelenos into food insecurity as SNAP eligibility was narrowed and SNAP-Ed was eliminated all together. This has ripple effects to our healthy food retailers who depend on CalFresh transactions as a steady and reliable stream of income.</p> <p>Our county is home to nearly 1.5 million people or nearly 1 million households who rely on SNAP benefits to meet their food and nutrition needs. Recent data from USC continues to demonstrate 1 in 4 households struggles with food insecurity. We cannot afford significant disruptions to food and nutrition programs when one quarter of our county's residents are unable to consistently nourish themselves.</p> <p>This tax could mean local funds to support food and nutrition in Los Angeles. When Angelenos food and nutrition is prioritized through programs like Market Match we get healthier and stronger communities who can support healthy and strong food businesses, and farmers.</p> <p>We encourage your support of Tuesday's motion and urge you to prioritize food and nutrition security programs as beneficiaries should voters approve this tax.</p> <p>Sincerely, Deja Thomas</p>
Denisse Herrera	<p>Hola, mi nombre es Denisse Herrera, y estoy con Inmigrantes Are Los Ángeles y soy residente del Condado de Los Ángeles.</p> <p>Estoy solicitando que el Condado tome medidas para mantener a las familias inmigrantes con vivienda.</p>



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Muchas familias en mi comunidad están luchando por mantenerse seguras de ICE al conservar un techo sobre sus cabezas en este momento. Aprecio que la Junta esté prestando atención a lo que están pasando los inquilinos y tomando medidas para responder a esta crisis. Necesitamos un liderazgo valiente durante este tiempo y que la junta aproveche plenamente la declaración de emergencia para responder a la urgencia del momento. Nuestras comunidades están experimentando miedo y peligro diarios mientras son detenidas en las calles por agentes enmascarados. Están tomando riesgos todos los días para ir a trabajar, poner comida en la mesa y pagar la renta. Queremos que nuestro liderazgo actúe con el mismo valor. Las personas se están atrasando en el pago de la renta porque el trabajo se ha vuelto inestable y el miedo está manteniendo a la gente en casa. Nadie debería perder su vivienda por una deuda que simplemente no puede pagar durante una emergencia. Necesitan aumentar el umbral de desalojo por falta de pago de renta a por lo menos 3 meses del valor justo de mercado, y debe aplicarse en todo el Condado de Los Ángeles. Solo este tipo de acción audaz ayudará a las familias a conservar su vivienda y a prevenir la falta de hogar antes de que ocurra. Les pido que hagan más y que se aseguren de que estas protecciones lleguen a todas las comunidades. Gracias por su tiempo.

Estimados miembros de la Junta de Supervisores | Atentamente,  
Denisse Herrera, denisse@cleancarwash.org, CLEAN Car Wash Worker Center

Donna Charles	
Donna Wajid	
Dr Chinhnam Hathuc	
Dr Elisa Nicholas	
Dr Jack Barbour	
Elaine Batchlor	
Elaine Lasnik-Broida	
Elisa Nicholas	<p>On behalf of TCC Family Health, a community health center system serving 50,000 patients in districts 4 and 2 across 14 sites in Long Beach and Bellflower, I strongly support the motion by Supervisors Mitchell and Solis, "Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by HR 1", to place a temporary half-cent sales tax on the June 2026 ballot. This tax would protect access to essential, lifesaving health services across LA County.</p> <p>Community health centers provide high quality primary care and preventive care to millions of county residents, many of whom rely on Medi-Cal and the safety net like TCC Family Health to stay healthy and out of emergency departments. Cuts from HR 1 and other state changes are threatening to destabilize our funding and that of many other community health centers, county, and community services, not only in health care but also in public</p>



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health. TCC Family Health would not be able to care for the thousands of patients we currently serve. Combine that with the cuts to other safety nets and county systems, there would be tremendous destabilization of the safety net and even more overcrowding of the emergency departments in all our communities.

Please support moving this measure forward to the June 2, 2026 ballot and give the voters the chance to protect the county's safety net, including those who depend on it. This measure will go a long way to ensure the health and safety of all our communities.

**Elizabeth Rocha**

On behalf of Family Health Care Centers of Greater Los Angeles, which operates six clinic sites and serves 15,717 patients, I am writing in strong support of Supervisors Mitchell and Solis' motion, "Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by H.R.1." This proposal to place a temporary half-cent sales tax on the June 2026 ballot is essential to protecting access to vital health services for residents across Los Angeles County. Community health centers like ours provide high-quality primary care, behavioral health services, and preventive care to millions of County residents—including families, seniors, and individuals who rely on Medi-Cal and safety-net services to stay healthy and avoid emergency room visits. Impact on our patients and organization: Without funding protections, we risk reductions in clinical staff, resulting in longer wait times and limited appointment availability. Federal cuts could lead to the loss of behavioral health programs, impacting thousands who depend on consistent, community-based support. Our capacity to offer same-day care and preventive screenings—core to reducing ER overuse—would be severely diminished. The proposed federal cuts in H.R. 1, combined with recent state policy shifts, threaten to destabilize the County's safety-net system. Without action, we will see delayed care, emergency room overcrowding, and reduced resources for low-income and uninsured patients. We urge the Board to move this measure forward and allow voters the opportunity to protect Los Angeles County's health care safety net and the communities that rely on it.

**Enrique Figueroa**

**Eric Aguiar**

**eric stockel**

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I urge the County to take action to close gaps in healthcare caused by Federal government cuts by placing the Essential Healthcare Restoration Act before voters on the June ballot. The president's health care cuts are projected to cost the County \$2.4 billion over the next three years, 3.3 million people in Los Angeles County could lose access to critical health care services, clinics and hospitals face severe reductions or closure and thousands of health care workers could lose their



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jobs.  
This will devastate so many communities and families across LA County. We need bold leadership during this time and for the Board to take full advantage of the emergency declaration to meet the urgent moment.  
Our communities are experiencing daily fear and danger as they are taken in the streets by masked agents. They are experiencing a hard time putting food on the table, paying rent, paying for childcare. Having to face these massive healthcare cuts on top of all this would be a crushing burden.  
We want you, our leaders, to act with courage and place a measure on the ballot that will give voters the choice of caring for each other through these hard times.  
From reproductive health care to school-based mental health services, the federal cuts eliminate critical programs that communities of color in particular have long depended on for survival and well-being.  
Only the bold action of measures like the Essential Healthcare Restoration Act will help families mitigate the significant impacts of healthcare cuts.  
Thank you for your time.  
Sincerely,  
Eric Stockel, 2449 Mandeville Canyon Road, Los Angeles, 90049,  
eric@stockel.us, Leo Baeck Temple, LA Voice

Erin Pak	I submit this comment in strong support of the Los Angeles County measure proposed in response to federal H.R.1. Federal cuts to the safety net directly affect patients who rely on community clinics for preventive and ongoing care. When access is reduced, patients delay treatment, skip medications, and forgo screenings, not because they choose to, but because the system no longer meets them where they are. This measure helps preserve access to essential services such as primary care, behavioral health, prescriptions, and patient navigation. These services allow problems to be identified early, treated effectively, and managed before they become emergencies. Preventive care is both humane and cost-effective. Do we want to go back to pre-ACA days when emergency rooms were the default source of care, driving up public costs and worsening outcomes for patients. Supporting this measure is an investment in prevention, fiscal responsibility, and community health. I respectfully urge your support.
Estefany Castaneda	
Eve Fouche	
Francisco Perez	we are facing unprecedented times in South LA DIS 2. We need to keep this services otherwise the city will be unsafe as residents are fed up with the system and will create more violence and higher level of poverty in a area plagued with issues.
Francisco Portillo	On behalf of Wesley Health Centers, which operates 42 sites, serving over 69,000 patients, and provides care across all five district(s) of Los Angeles County, we strongly support the motion by Supervisors Mitchell and Solis, "Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by H.R.1," to



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As a safety net provider, it is our mission to serve communities that historically have been underserved and even ignored. With all the changes at the federal and state level, health centers such as ours, need to be ever more present in these communities caring for them. These changes in governmental policy has created mass fear for many of our patients. From drops in clinic visits to less Medi-Cal insurance renewals, the dangerous effects of these changes are highly visible. We will remain committed to making high quality health care accessible to all residents of Los Angeles County. However, community health centers, already operate on thin margins, and we already maximize all the resources we have.

Proposed federal cuts in H.R. 1 and recent state policy changes threaten to destabilize this system, putting coverage, clinics, and critical services at risk. Without action, we will see more patients delaying care, increased ER overcrowding, and fewer resources for underserved communities. We urge the Board to move this measure forward and give voters the chance to protect the County's health care safety net and the communities who depend on it.

Thank you,  
Wesley Health Centers

Franklin Gonzalez

Gabriela Smythe

Gail Fornasiere

George Alexander

Grace Floutsis

On behalf of White Memorial Community Health Center, which operates 4 sites, serves 21,000 patients, and provides care in District 1, I strongly support the motion by Supervisors Mitchell and Solis, "Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by H.R.1," to place a temporary half-cent sales tax on the June 2026 ballot to protect access to essential health services across Los Angeles County. Community health centers provide high-quality primary, behavioral health, and preventive care to millions of County residents—many of whom rely on Medi-Cal and the safety net to stay healthy and out of emergency rooms.

White Memorial Community Health Center anticipates that due to federal and state cuts to Medi-Cal more than 15% of our patients are at risk of losing all health care coverage. This will lead to hardship and suffering for patients



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who are currently in treatment for multiple chronic conditions and rely on us for episodic care also when they are ill. Emergency Departments will be forced to provide urgent care and primary care when patients, too ill to remain at home, are forced to seek care in Emergency Departments throughout the county. We believe there is a strong case for the public health and for the continued functioning of our health care system to find a way to cover these individuals. More importantly is the strong moral imperative to treat all Los Angelenos equally and to provide high quality primary care that include preventative care and behavioral health to all Los Angelenos.

Proposed federal cuts in H.R. 1 and recent state policy changes threaten to destabilize this system, putting coverage, clinics, and critical services at risk. Without action, we will see more patients delaying care, increased ER overcrowding, and fewer resources for underserved communities. We urge the Board to move this measure forward and give voters the chance to protect the County's health care safety net and the communities who depend on it."

Guadalupe Davalos

Henry Perez

Hoang Nguyen

Voters deserve the opportunity to decide how to protect essential services.

H.R. 1 has already caused severe cuts to Medi-cal funding.

Without local action, safety-net services across the County and cities are at risk of collapsing.

There are no timely, viable alternatives to restore these services other than local revenue.

The measure would stabilize healthcare access for families.

Families should not have to choose between rent, food, and medical care.

- o Affordable local care prevents minor health issues from becoming costly emergencies.
- o When people delay care, ER visits and hospitalizations increase.
- o That drives up public costs and worsens health outcomes.
- o Community-based care is more cost-effective than emergency care.
- o True affordability means being able to get care close to home.
- o Strong public health systems support local businesses and the workforce.
- o We have a responsibility to protect the health and safety of our



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	<p>communities.</p> <p>o Please support Supervisor Mitchells and Solis' motion and sustain essential services.</p>
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Ingrid Palmer	<p>Good morning, Supervisors.</p> <p>My name is Ingrid Palmer, and I serve as Chair of the Executive Board of Saban Community Clinic.</p> <p>I'm here today to strongly support the motion titled "Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by H.R.1," coauthored by Supervisors Solis and Mitchell, and to underscore why placing this measure on the June ballot—rather than November—is essential.</p> <p>Saban Community Clinic operates five health centers and a mobile clinic, serving more than 25,000 patients across Los Angeles communities where access to care is often fragile even in the best of times. Our footprint touches communities within Supervisorial District 1 and District 3, among others—meaning this is not a localized issue; it is a countywide safety-net concern. And a substantial majority of our patients rely on Medi-Cal and other safety-net programs. That means when coverage or reimbursement is disrupted, it doesn't hit a spreadsheet first—it hits patients, families, and neighborhoods first.</p> <p>From a Board governance perspective, what H.R.1 has triggered is not a "tight-belt" moment. It's a system stability threat.</p> <p>When safety-net funding is weakened, community clinics can't simply "absorb" the impact. The predictable chain reaction is fewer appointments, reduced services, delayed care, and preventable conditions worsening until people end up in overcrowded emergency departments. That doesn't save money. It shifts costs in the most expensive direction, and it strains an already stressed system.</p> <p>This motion matters because it recognizes a hard truth: we cannot preserve critical county services on hope and improvisation. We need a durable funding path that keeps primary care, behavioral health supports, and essential county services intact—before deeper disruption takes hold.</p> <p>And that's why timing is everything. June placement increases the likelihood of success and reduces uncertainty for providers and patients. Waiting until November extends instability across another budget cycle and forces the very service reductions everyone here wants to avoid.</p> <p>We appreciate Supervisors Solis and Mitchell for advancing this motion, and</p>



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we urge the full Board to support placing this measure on the June ballot. This is about protecting access to care, preserving the County's safety net, and keeping essential services available for the residents who depend on them.

Thank you for your leadership and for your consideration.

Ingrid Rivera-Guzman	
Irene Kao	<p>Courage California supports Supervisor Mitchell's motion to place a temporary 0.5% sales tax on the ballot to fund critical healthcare services cut by H.R. 1. One in three county residents relies on Medi-Cal, and families are already making difficult choices about their healthcare and what they can and can't pay for because of healthcare cuts.</p> <p>Healthcare is a human right. Healthcare cuts will eliminate essential services, significantly impact the most vulnerable Los Angeles County residents, and imperil safety-net clinics and hospitals, especially in South Los Angeles.</p> <p>Courage California urges the members of the Los Angeles Board of Supervisors to support Supervisor Mitchell's motion and give voters the opportunity to stand up for equitable healthcare and a social safety net that works for all residents.</p>
Isabel Gomez	
J Lorraine Estradas	<p>"On behalf of Arroyo Vista Family Health Center, which operates 4 sites, I strongly support the motion by Supervisors Mitchell and Solis, "Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by H.R.1," to place a temporary half-cent sales tax on the June 2026 ballot to protect access to essential health services across Los Angeles County. Community health centers provide high-quality primary, behavioral health, and preventive care to millions of County residents—many of whom rely on Medi-Cal and the safety net to stay healthy and out of emergency rooms. Proposed federal cuts in H.R. 1 and recent state policy changes threaten to destabilize this system, putting coverage, clinics, and critical services at risk. Without action, we will see more patients delaying care, increased ER overcrowding, and fewer resources for underserved communities. We urge the Board to move this measure forward and give voters the chance to protect the County's health care safety net and the communities who depend on it.</p>
J Lorraine Estradas	<p>"On behalf of Arroyo Vista Family Health Center, which operates 4 sites, I strongly support the motion by Supervisors Mitchell and Solis, "Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by H.R.1," to place a temporary half-cent sales tax on the June 2026 ballot to protect access to essential health services across Los Angeles County. Community health centers provide high-quality primary, behavioral health, and preventive care to millions of County residents—many of whom rely on Medi-Cal and the safety net to stay healthy and out of emergency rooms. Proposed federal cuts in H.R. 1 and recent state policy changes threaten to destabilize this system, putting coverage, clinics, and critical services at risk. Without action, we will see more patients delaying care, increased ER overcrowding, and</p>



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		<p>fewer resources for underserved communities. We urge the Board to move this measure forward and give voters the chance to protect the County's health care safety net and the communities who depend on it.</p>
	Jack Barbour	<p>? SCHARP strongly supports Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell's motion to secure funding to preserve critical county health services. This proposal is a necessary response to unprecedented federal cuts that are already destabilizing Los Angeles County's healthcare safety net. ? Since the approval of H.R.1., the county is facing \$2.4 billion in projected losses over the next three years, with DHS alone losing more than \$700 million annually. In just four months, over 120,000 residents lost Medi-Cal coverage, including 27,000 children, and more than 70,000 people lost CalFresh benefits. ? As a behavioral health clinic, SCHARP sees the real-world consequences of these cuts every day. Community clinics serve over 2 million county residents, most of whom are low-income and rely on Medi-Cal. When funding is unstable, access to mental health and substance use care is delayed or lost altogether. ? Stable funding for community-based care prevents overcrowding in emergency rooms and protects lower-cost, preventive services. This temporary, accountable funding measure gives the county a critical bridge while federal solutions remain uncertain. ? SCHARP urges the Board to advance this motion and protect essential health and behavioral health services for our most vulnerable communities. Jack Barbour, MD CEO, Southern California Health and Rehabilitation Program (SCHARP)</p>
	Jack Cheng	<p>"On behalf of Chinatown Service Center, which operates 7 sites, serves 22,388 patients, and provides care across 4 districts, I strongly support the motion by Supervisors Mitchell and Solis, 'Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by H.R.1.' to place a temporary half-cent sales tax on the June 2026 ballot to protect access to essential health services across Los Angeles County. Community health centers provide high-quality primary, behavioral health, and preventive care to millions of County residents, many of whom rely on Medi-Cal and the safety net to stay healthy and out of emergency rooms."</p>
	Jack L Morris	
	Jackie Coto	<p>I support Supervisor Mitchell and Supervisor Solis' motion to place a temporary healthcare funding measure on the June ballot. H.R. 1 has already</p>



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	caused deep cuts, and without local action our healthcare safety net is at risk. Families shouldn't have to choose between basic needs and medical care. Community clinics provide affordable care that prevents emergencies. Please vote YES on Item #15 and give voters the chance to protect our healthcare system.
Jackie Coto	I support Supervisor Mitchell and Supervisor Solis' motion to place a temporary healthcare funding measure on the June ballot. H.R. 1 has already caused deep cuts, and without local action our healthcare safety net is at risk. Families shouldn't have to choose between basic needs and medical care. Community clinics provide affordable care that prevents emergencies. Please vote YES on Item #15 and give voters the chance to protect our healthcare system.
Jackie Provost	
James An	
Jazzmun Crayton	
Jeffrey Webb	
Jennifer Rozo	
Jenny OBrian	
Jerome Blake	The Board of Supervisors MUST STAND IN SUPPORT OF CRITICAL COUNTY SERVICES cut by HR1. Board Actions speak louder than Board words. You can't say you are for Health and Safety in LA County yet allow cuts to Public Health jobs and close health clinics. You can't preach the gospel of equity, yet cut jobs related to equity. Action speaks louder than words!
Jerry L Jackson	
Jessica R Parral	
Jim Mangia	
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Jina Kim	My name is Jina Kim. I am a health educator and enrollment specialist at Kheir Clinic. We are the only Federally Qualified Health Center in the nation with a majority Korean patient population. Kheir Clinic serves one of the most linguistically and culturally complex communities in Los Angeles County. Last year, our patients spoke 28 different languages. Many are uninsured or experience frequent coverage disruptions due to immigration status, employment instability, or federal policy changes. Over the past three years, our patients of Asian descent have been diagnosed with cancer at rates 16 to 17 times the national average, and our Hispanic patients at four times the national average. These outcomes reflect delayed screening and the lack of language-concordant preventive care. This County measure will save lives. It preserves access to primary care, cancer screening, behavioral health, medications, and patient



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navigation—allowing disease to be detected early, when treatment is effective and less costly.

Without this investment, patients delay care until emergencies occur. This leads to preventable harm, higher emergency room costs, and worse health outcomes.

For our patients, this vote is the difference between early care and preventable suffering.

We respectfully urge your support. Please vote YES.

Joanne Preece

Joey Espinoza

John Garside

Jonathan Weedman

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Jonathan C Weedman Jonathan Weedman, Chief External Relations Officer, Via Care Community Health  
Comments for Ballot Measure – February 10, 2026 LA County Board of Supervisors Meeting

My name is Jonathan Weedman, and I am Chief External Relations Officer for Via Care Community Health in Los Angeles, and a proud member of the Los Angeles County Commission on HIV appointed by Supervisor Barger. I strongly and unreservedly support the motion by Supervisors Holly Mitchell and Hilda Solis, "Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by H.R.1," to place a temporary half-cent sales tax on the June, 2026 ballot. The imperative to protect and ensure access to critical healthcare services for thousands of vulnerable Angelenos has never been more urgent and compelling. Estimates by healthcare professionals and policy experts have determined – conservatively - that the resultant impact of H.R.1 (and sooner than not for this population) will lead to greater untreated illness, already overly crowded emergency rooms, unnecessary suffering and needless deaths.

Absent providing the electorate this measure for their consideration on the June 2026 ballot, at present given the severe economic challenges facing our County and State, there are no alternatives at present to address this looming healthcare crisis.

For over 20 years I was Head of the Wells Fargo Foundation in Los Angeles and the Southwest, and had the great pleasure of working with each of you and many of your Staff back then on behalf of nonprofit organizations in the County.

Philanthropy has always been a reliable safety-net resource during challenging times as we saw during COVID and most recently, the Palisades and Southern California Edison fires – but it has never been under greater stress than it is today – with fewer dollars available, where 1 in 4 Americans are saying they will donate less to charity this year.



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The 75,000 nonprofits in Los Angeles County are each competing right now for a smaller pool of dollars, with the demand for the services they provide the greatest it has ever been. And this in particular, includes organizations that provide support for the myriad of issues impacting the public's health. The current challenges will only be magnified, unless tax dollars are approved and allocated to help close that gap. No one likes to increase taxes, but even less do people like having their access to responsive, accessible health diminished. And it will be. So, for this reason and many other reasons, Government needs to take the key leadership role in doing all it can so our most vulnerable have access to strong, dependable and reliable healthcare. The stakes are too high and the risks to so many, too severe. I urge a unanimous vote to put this measure on the June ballot, and show your constituents your unqualified support to ensure and preserve healthcare for all. Thank you.

Jonathan O Ousley	I wholeheartedly support this - it will ensure services are available to the community members who need it - and protect the existing safety net!
Julie Leyba	My name is Julie Leyba, and I am writing on behalf of Northeast Valley Health Corporation (NEVHC) regarding Agenda Item 15. We are a nonprofit community health center with 17 health center locations providing primary, dental, and behavioral health services to over 83,000 medically underserved populations throughout the San Fernando and Santa Clarita Valleys. As part of the healthcare safety net, NEVHC largely serves low-income and Medi-Cal patients. Community health centers (CHCs) are facing a critical inflection point in our ability to provide healthcare services for the community. H.R. 1 cuts to Medicaid and state budget limitations on Medi-Cal for those with an unsatisfactory immigration status (UIS) will place financial instability on CHCs. The loss of Medi-Cal coverage for UIS populations alone would result in millions of dollars in lost revenue for NEVHC, ultimately forcing reductions in clinic hours and available services. Additionally, patients who do lose coverage will forego care, which will result in increased emergency room visits and poorer overall health in the County. It is why NEVHC supports the Board motion to place a temporary 0.5% countywide sales tax on the June 2, 2026, ballot to help offset major federal health funding cuts.
Julio C Rodriguez	I support Supervisor Mitchell and Supervisor Solis' motion to place a temporary healthcare funding measure on the June ballot. Voters deserve the opportunity to protect essential services. H.R. 1 has already caused devastating cuts to healthcare funding. Without local action, our healthcare safety net will collapse. Families should not have to choose between rent, food, and medical care. Community clinics provide affordable care that prevents small health issues from becoming costly emergencies. Please vote YES on Item #15 and give voters the choice to protect our healthcare system.
Karina Quintero	
Kathline Moessner	



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Kathryn Icenhower	Please see the attached Word document for comments
Kavin Lee	<p>Our organization stand firmly and supportive supervisors, Mitchell and Solis's motion to place a general half percent retail sales tax on the June 2026 ballot. We believe this is critical step to protect. Safety net access in LA county and ensure the continuation of essential services. The potential impact of Medicaid on our community, especially for underserve residence, who rely on Medi-Cal, for their healthcare need is severe and deeply concerning the prospect of widespread disenrollment service consolidation, the potential layoff and facility closures pose a direct threat to the well-being of our most vulnerable population. We recognize the gravity of this situation and whole Hartley advocate for measures that will stabilize healthcare access and prevent families from having to make impossible choices between necessities like rent, food, and medical care. Empowering voters with the opportunity to decide on this critical funding measure is vital for the long-term health and stability of Los Angeles County. We fully back supervisor Holly Mitchell efforts to advance item number 15 on the upcoming ballot sincerely Kavin Lee</p>
Kazue Shibata	
Kazue Shibata	<p>On behalf of the Asian Pacific Health Care Venture, Inc. which operates 3 sites, serves 18,000 patients, and provides care across 1 and 3 districts I strongly support the motion by Supervisors Mitchell and Solis, "Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by H.R.1," to place a temporary half-cent sales tax on the June 2026 ballot to protect access to essential health services across Los Angeles County. Community health centers provide high-quality primary, behavioral health, and preventive care to millions of County residents—many of whom rely on Medi-Cal and the safety net to stay healthy and out of emergency rooms.</p> <p>The impact of HR 1 will include the reduction of funding and coverage for our patients and health centers. We are anticipating \$4-6 million a year in revenue loss from off-setting the gap for the uninsured patients' sliding fee scale, loss of patients, and loss of PPS reimbursement. About 30% of our Medi-Cal patients is projected to lose coverage. They will continue to come</p>
Kenneth Ordina	<p>Please put this measure on the ballot for our residents for the second district.</p> <p>Ken Orduna</p>
Kenya Lee	
Kenya Ruiz	<p>My name is Kenya Ruiz and I'm with The Wellness Center, Reaching for the Heights working with the communities of Boyle Heights and Lincoln Heights. I would like to speak in support of Item #15. Following passage of HR1, access to healthcare for 3.3 million County residents was immediately put at risk.</p> <p>Public hospitals and dozens of community clinics are also at risk of closure, and emergency rooms across the County will be overcrowded. As we do</p>



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	<p>outreach we hear about the concerns of our community and this is why this motion to allow voters to decide on preserving our healthcare safety net is so important. Our most vulnerable communities need access to these services, and County voters should be given a voice to save them. I ask that the Board to support this important motion, thank you!</p>
LaKisha G Camese	<p>I'm writing because I care deeply about the health and safety of LA County residents and urge the Board to support Supervisor Mitchell's motion to place a temporary 0.5% sales tax on the ballot. The federal cuts in H.R. 1 are devastating. Billions are being taken from Medicaid in California, and new rules and copays will make it harder for people to get care. In LA County, 1 in 3 residents relies on Medi-Cal—and nearly half of residents with disabilities depend on Medicaid. These aren't just numbers. These are our neighbors, our families, and our children. Access to healthcare is a fundamental human right. Cuts from H.R. 1 will eliminate essential services—from reproductive health care to school-based mental health to primary care. Without action, safety-net clinics and hospitals in South LA will face reduced services or closure. I urge you to support Supervisor Mitchell's motion and give voters the opportunity to stand up for health care and the future of LA County.</p>
LaKisha G Camese	<p>Black Women for Wellness Action Project strongly supports Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Agenda Item #15 to secure critical funding to preserve essential county health services in the face of devastating federal cuts under H.R. 1. Without this funding, Black communities, low-income residents, and gender-expansive people across Los Angeles County would face catastrophic consequences—including the closure of community-based and safety-net clinics, particularly in South Los Angeles, where access to care is already fragile.</p> <p>The proposed one-half percent general sales tax is a necessary and collective act of community mutual aid—one that helps ensure continued access to reproductive healthcare, mental health services, and primary care for our neighbors, families, friends, and children. With one in three county residents relying on Medi-Cal, and billions of dollars being stripped from California's Medi-Cal program by the federal government, this measure is critical to filling dangerous gaps and preventing irreversible harm.</p> <p>Access to healthcare is NOT a privilege - it is a FUNDAMENTAL human right. When healthcare systems collapse, communities suffer—not just economically, but physically and emotionally. This ballot measure is about protecting life, dignity, and wellbeing. It is about ensuring Black communities and those most impacted by systemic inequities are not abandoned. We urge decisive action to preserve these services and affirm that healthcare in Los Angeles County remains accessible, equitable, and rooted in care for all.</p>
Laurel Lucia	See attached comment letter



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		<p>Lauren Wolchok</p> <p>I am writing at the request of LA Voice as a physician at a Federally Qualified Health Center in Los Angeles County, a clinic that would be directly affected if these proposed budget cuts are allowed to move forward.</p> <p>In my daily work, I care for patients who already face enormous barriers to accessing care. Federal health care cuts are projected to cost Los Angeles County \$2.4 billion over the next three years, putting clinics, hospitals, and essential services at risk and threatening access to care for millions of county residents. At FQHCs like mine, these cuts would mean fewer appointments, reduced services, delayed care, and worsening health outcomes for our most vulnerable patients.</p> <p>At the same time, our communities are living with profound instability — fear of enforcement actions, rising costs of housing and food, and immense strain on families. Adding massive health care cuts to this reality would be devastating.</p> <p>I urge the Board to show bold leadership by using the emergency declaration to place the Essential Healthcare Restoration Act before voters this June. This measure would give the public the opportunity to protect critical services — from reproductive health care to mental health support — that communities of color and low-income families rely on to survive and thrive.</p> <p>Los Angeles County cannot afford inaction. Our patients, our health care workforce, and our communities are counting on courageous leadership in this moment.</p>
		<p>Laury Creyaufmiller</p> <p>Leena Mumtaz</p> <p>I am writing because I care deeply about the health and safety of Los Angeles County residents, and I urge the Board to support Supervisor Mitchell's motion to place a temporary 0.5% sales tax on the ballot.</p> <p>The federal cuts in H.R. 1 are devastating. Billions of dollars are being taken from Medicaid in California, and new rules and copays will make it harder for people to access care when they need it most.</p> <p>In Los Angeles County, 1 in 3 residents relies on Medi-Cal, and nearly half of residents with disabilities depend on Medicaid. These are not just statistics — they represent our neighbors, families, seniors, children, and people with disabilities who rely on these services to live healthy, stable lives.</p> <p>Access to health care is a fundamental human right. The cuts under H.R. 1 threaten essential services, including reproductive health care, school-based mental health services, and primary and preventive care. Without local action, safety-net clinics and hospitals — particularly in historically underserved communities like South Los Angeles — will be forced to reduce services or close altogether.</p> <p>I urge you to support Supervisor Mitchell's motion and give voters the opportunity to stand up for health care, protect vital services, and safeguard</p>



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	the future of Los Angeles County. Leena Mumtaz, 5624030488, South Asian Network
Leilani Reed	
Lena Silver	
Leyla McGuire	I support Supervisors Mitchell and Solis' motion to place the Essential Services Restoration Act on the ballot. This measure will help protect health care access, stabilize critical public services, and prevent hospital closures in Los Angeles County in the face of federal cuts under H.R.1.
Lilianna Oustinovskaya	
Lillian Cabral	
Lily Martinez	
Lindsey J Jackson	
Los Angeles Resident	
Louise McCarthy	
Lucia Corri Fields	
luis pardo	The health of LA County's low income workers is the backbone of our economy, we need a healthy workforce to have a strong community. We must preserve the Medi-Cal Safety Net and provide health care access and dental care to our workers and their families.
Lupita Martinez	My name is Lupita Martinez, and I'm calling on behalf of CHIRLA in support of Item 15. H.R. 1 would impose the largest health care cuts in U.S. history, including nearly one trillion dollars in reductions to Medicaid. In Los Angeles County, one in three residents relies on Medi-Cal, and one in four enrollees is a child. These cuts would hit our most vulnerable Angelinos the hardest. Health care is a basic human right, yet immigrant communities—who are essential to our County and too often excluded from care—would be disproportionately harmed by these devastating reductions. We also urge the Board to ensure that immigrant communities are represented on the nine-member Citizens' Oversight Committee. Including someone with an immigrant background is critical to ensuring immigrant Angelenos have a meaningful voice in decisions that directly impact their health and well-being. Thank Supervisor Mitchell and Supervisor Solis for your leadership in preserving critical County services threatened by H.R. 1.
Lusine Gegamyan	
Margarita Perea	
Marva Y Smith	I am an active, though disabled, senior, a small business owner, and a resident of Los Angeles County, and I strongly support Agenda Item 15 and the Board of Supervisors taking every step necessary to protect funding for critical County services. I support advancing this measure to the ballot so



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voters can decide how essential safety-net programs are preserved. Services like Medi-Cal, public health care, and food assistance are lifelines. Angelenos will be supportive in sharing the burden as we collectively fight our way out of this economic downturn. I urge the Board to move this measure forward and allow residents to vote on protecting the health and dignity of LA County communities.

Marvin Espinoza	
Marvin Espinoza	<p>I'm writing because I care deeply about the health and safety of LA County residents and urge the Board to support Supervisor Mitchell's motion to place a temporary 0.5% sales tax on the ballot. The federal cuts in H.R. 1 are devastating. Billions are being taken from Medicaid in California, and new rules and copays will make it harder for people to get care. In LA County, 1 in 3 residents relies on Medi-Cal—and nearly half of residents with disabilities depend on Medicaid.</p> <p>These aren't just numbers. These are our neighbors, our families, and our children.</p> <p>Dr. Marvin Espinoza</p>
Mary Murray	
Matthew Rogers	<p>I strongly support the motion by Supervisors Mitchell and Solis, "Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by H.R.1," to place a temporary half-cent sales tax on the June 2026 ballot to protect access to essential health services across Los Angeles County. Community health centers provide high-quality primary care, behavioral health services, and preventive care to millions of residents—many of whom rely on Medi-Cal and the health care safety net to stay healthy and avoid unnecessary emergency room visits.</p> <p>Proposed federal cuts in H.R.1 and recent state policy changes threaten to destabilize this system, putting coverage, clinics, and critical services at risk. Without action, more people will delay care, emergency rooms will become more overcrowded, and underserved communities will lose vital resources. I urge the Board to move this measure forward and give voters the opportunity to protect the County's health care safety net and the communities who depend on it.</p>
Megan M Meo	<p>I submit this written comment in strong support of Supervisor Mitchell and Supervisor Solis' motion to place a temporary 0.5% general sales tax measure on the June 2nd ballot. Recent federal actions, including the passage of H.R. 1, have already resulted in severe cuts to Medi-Cal funding, placing Los Angeles County's healthcare safety net at serious risk. Without local action, essential services across the County and its cities face destabilization or collapse, with no timely or viable alternatives to replace lost funding.</p>



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	<p>Sustaining affordable, community-based healthcare is critical to the health, safety, and economic stability of Los Angeles County. Families should not be forced to choose between housing, food, and medical care. When people delay care due to cost or access barriers, emergency room visits and hospitalizations increase—driving up public costs and worsening health outcomes. Preventive and local care is more effective and far more cost-efficient than emergency treatment. I urge the Board to support this motion and allow voters the chance to protect essential services that strengthen our communities, workforce, and local economy.</p>
Melissa Ordaz	
Meron Shita	<p>Good Morning Board of Supervisors.</p> <p>I'm writing today on behalf of Black Women for Wellness Action Project, a nonprofit organization with a mission is to build the electoral and political power of Black women and girls in California through civic engagement, advocacy, leadership development, and participation in the political process</p> <p>I am here today to urge you to support Supervisor Mitchell's motion to place a temporary 0.5% sales tax on the ballot.</p> <p>The federal cuts in H.R. 1 are devastating, especially for Black communities that already face deep health inequities. Billions of dollars are being stripped from Medicaid in California, and new barriers like increased copays and restrictive rules will make it even harder for people to access care. In Los Angeles County, one in three residents relies on Medi-Cal, and nearly half of residents with disabilities depend on Medicaid. For Black women and families, these programs are often the difference between receiving care and going without.</p> <p>This is not just about numbers or budgets. This is about our lives. It's about Black mothers trying to access prenatal and postpartum care. It's about young people needing mental health support at school. It's about families relying on safety-net clinics for primary and reproductive health care. Access to healthcare is a fundamental human right, and as such demands that everyone has the ability to survive, heal, and thrive.</p> <p>Without local action, cuts from H.R. 1 will eliminate essential services, from reproductive health care to school-based mental health services to primary care. Clinics and hospitals in South LA and other historically disinvested communities will be forced to reduce services or close altogether, worsening already unacceptable disparities.</p> <p>Supporting this motion is an act of care, equity, and responsibility. We urge you to stand with Black women, families, and communities by supporting Supervisor Mitchell's motion and giving voters the opportunity to protect health care and the future of Los Angeles County.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>



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Meron Shita	
MICHAEL K AGYIN	H.R.1 is already causing devastating impacts. In the five months since the signing of H.R.1 – June to December 2025 – we saw over 135,000 people across the County disenroll from Medi-Cal and 80,000 CalFresh disenrollments. The cuts will land on the communities with the least capacity to absorb them. This measure is about stabilizing access so families aren't forced to choose between rent, food, or a doctor.
Miguel Hugo	
Misty Epps	
Mitesh Popat	This will ensure essential access for our most underserved communities in Los Angeles County. At Venice Family Clinic we endorse and are in strong support.
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Muriel Nouwezem	
Natasha Wasim	<p>Dear Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors,</p> <p>My name is Natasha Wasim, and I am writing on behalf of the Los Angeles Food Policy Council in strong support of Item #15: Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by H.R.1. The Los Angeles Food Policy Council is a collective impact organization whose mission is to ensure food is healthy, affordable, accessible, sustainable, and fair for all. Our vision for a just and resilient food system begins by centering the needs and lived experiences of communities most harmed by inequitable food systems.</p> <p>In our work across Los Angeles County, food and nutrition security means that residents can consistently access culturally appropriate, nutritious food without having to choose between food and other basic needs such as housing, transportation, or healthcare. SNAP/EBT is a cornerstone of this security. It supports not only low-income families, seniors, and children, but also neighborhood grocery stores, farmers markets, and local producers who rely on SNAP dollars to stay afloat. If residents lose access to SNAP benefits, we anticipate immediate increases in hunger, financial strain on small retailers, reduced revenue for local food producers, and greater reliance on emergency food systems that are already stretched thin.</p> <p>Los Angeles County is home to nearly 1.5 million SNAP participants, representing close to one million households. At the same time, recent USC data show that one in four households in the county experiences food</p>



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insecurity. We cannot afford disruptions to food and nutrition programs when such a significant share of our residents struggle to consistently meet their basic nutritional needs. Cuts resulting from H.R.1 would deepen existing inequities and place additional strain on county systems and community-based organizations.

This proposed tax represents a critical opportunity to protect and strengthen local food and nutrition investments in Los Angeles County. Revenue could help sustain and expand programs such as Market Match, immigrant food justice initiatives, CalFresh Healthy Living, and other community-based efforts that improve access to healthy food while supporting local economies. These programs not only reduce hunger but also advance public health, economic resilience, and racial equity across the county.

We strongly encourage your support of Tuesday's motion and urge you to prioritize food and nutrition security programs as beneficiaries should voters approve this tax. Protecting access to food is foundational to the health and well-being of our communities and to the resilience of Los Angeles County as a whole.

Sincerely,  
Natasha Wasim  
Los Angeles Food Policy Council

Nicolas Gardner  
UTLA is in strong support of Item 15 and we urge the board to place it on the June ballot.

We thank Supervisors Solis and Mitchell for introducing this crucial measure.

Nicolas Thompson-Lleras  
My name is Nicolas Thompson-Lleras, and I'm calling on behalf of CHIRLA in support of Item 15. H.R. 1 would impose the largest health care cuts in U.S. history, including nearly one trillion dollars in reductions to Medicaid. In Los Angeles County, one in three residents relies on Medi-Cal, and one in four enrollees is a child. These cuts would hit our most vulnerable Angelinos the hardest. Health care is a basic human right, yet people like my clients—who are essential to our County and too often excluded from care—would be disproportionately harmed by these devastating reductions. We also urge the Board to ensure that immigrant communities are represented on the nine-member Citizens' Oversight Committee. Including someone with an immigrant background is critical to ensuring immigrant Angelenos have a meaningful voice in decisions that directly impact their health and well-being. Thank Supervisor Mitchell and Supervisor Solis for your leadership in preserving critical County services threatened by H.R. 1

Nina Vaccaro  
I strongly support the motion by Supervisors Mitchell and Solis, "Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by H.R.1," to place a temporary half-cent sales tax on the June 2026 ballot to protect access to essential health services across Los Angeles County. Community health centers provide high-quality primary, behavioral health, and preventive care



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to millions of County residents—many of whom rely on Medi-Cal and the safety net to stay healthy and out of emergency rooms.

Proposed federal cuts in H.R. 1 and recent state policy changes threaten to destabilize this system, putting coverage, clinics, and critical services at risk. Without action, we will see more patients delaying care, increased ER overcrowding, and fewer resources for underserved communities. We urge the Board to move this measure forward and give voters the chance to protect the County's health care safety net and the communities who depend on it.

Noah Hass-Cohen	<p>Hello, my name is Noah Hass-Cohen, and I am with LA Voice and One LA and a resident of LA County. As a psychologist I am also concerned about the mental health ramifications. One LA and LA Voice are a multi-racial, multi-faith community organizations that awakens people to their own power, training them to speak, act, and work together to transform LA County into one that reflects the dignity of all people. LA Voice's organizing presence is based throughout LA County, across 5 county supervisorial districts and 28 strategic cities. LA Voice is a part of PICO California, a statewide network that represents over 500 congregations in 18 counties. I would like the board to also appeal to the governor to examine his budget and support people in the state by allocating additional funds for critical county service I am a member of IKAR and Temple Beit AM.</p>
Noreen Bor	
Norma Fajardo	<p>Hola, mi nombre es Norma Fajardo, y estoy con Inmigrantes Are Los Ángeles y soy residente del Condado de Los Angeles.</p> <p>Estoy solicitando que el Condado tome medidas para mantener a las familias inmigrantes con vivienda.</p> <p>Muchas familias en mi comunidad están luchando por mantenerse seguras de ICE al conservar un techo sobre sus cabezas en este momento.</p> <p>Aprecio que la Junta esté prestando atención a lo que están pasando los inquilinos y tomando medidas para responder a esta crisis. Necesitamos un liderazgo valiente durante este tiempo y que la junta aproveche plenamente la declaración de emergencia para responder a la urgencia del momento.</p> <p>Nuestras comunidades están experimentando miedo y peligro diarios mientras son detenidas en las calles por agentes enmascarados. Están tomando riesgos todos los días para ir a trabajar, poner comida en la mesa y pagar la renta. Queremos que nuestro liderazgo actúe con el mismo valor.</p> <p>Las personas se están atrasando en el pago de la renta porque el trabajo se ha vuelto inestable y el miedo está manteniendo a la gente en casa. Nadie debería perder su vivienda por una deuda que simplemente no puede pagar durante una emergencia.</p> <p>Necesitan aumentar el umbral de desalojo por falta de pago de renta a por lo menos 3 meses del valor justo de mercado, y debe aplicarse en todo el Condado de Los Angeles.</p> <p>Solo este tipo de acción audaz ayudará a las familias a conservar su vivienda y a prevenir la falta de hogar antes de que ocurra. Les pido que hagan más y que se aseguren de que estas protecciones lleguen a todas las comunidades.</p>



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	Gracias por su tiempo. Estimados miembros de la Junta de Supervisores   Atentamente, Norma Fajardo, norma@cleancarwash.org, CLEAN Carwash Worker Center
Olusheyi O Lawoyin	
Orencia Ramirez	
Paige Kaluderovic	I am writing to express my strong support for the motion to place a general tax measure before voters to address essential needs in our county system and to preserve critical services that are now at risk due to cuts driven by H.R.1. The need for this action is urgent because H.R.1 would slash funding for core County health services that our residents rely on every day. A strong public health system is both a daily safety net for people in crisis and a cornerstone of our regional resilience during disasters. This measure is both a moral responsibility and a fiscally responsible investment in the health and stability of Los Angeles County.
Pastor Robert Taylor	
Pastor Smart Smart	
Patrice Wagonhurst	<p>On behalf of Via Care Community Health Center (Via Care), which operates 17 clinic sites, serves more than 26,000 patients, and provides care across 4 districts, I strongly support the motion by Supervisors Mitchell and Solis, "Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by H.R.1," to place a temporary half-cent sales tax on the June 2026 ballot to protect access to essential health services across Los Angeles County. Community health centers provide high-quality primary, behavioral health, and preventive care to millions of County residents—many of whom rely on Medi-Cal and the safety net to stay healthy and out of emergency rooms.</p> <p>Via Care's patients are among the most vulnerable in L.A. County, experiencing a myriad of social risk factors like housing insecurity, food insecurity, and justice system involvement. Recent political shifts have undermined many of the supports that these individuals rely on. It is critical that organizations like Via Care are able to meet emerging gaps and respond to the rising needs of the individuals and families in our community.</p> <p>Proposed federal cuts in H.R. 1 and recent state policy changes threaten to destabilize this system, putting coverage, clinics, and critical services at risk. Without action, we will see more patients delaying care, increased ER overcrowding, and fewer resources for underserved communities. We urge the Board to move this measure forward and give voters the chance to protect the County's health care safety net and the communities who depend on it.</p>
Patti Gibbons	
Paula Kahn	Without local action, safety-net services across the County and cities are at risk of collapsing.



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Pedro Ramirez	
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Phil Ansell	As the former Director of the County's Homeless Initiative and Chief Deputy of the Department of Public Social Services, I know how critical health services are for poor and low-income families and individuals throughout the county. Given the enormous cuts to federal Medicaid and other related funding, the ballot measure proposed in this motion offers a unique and critical opportunity to sustain the health system in Los Angeles County. I strongly urge the Board of Supervisors to adopt this motion.
Phillip Nunn	
Queen Chela	
Randi S Tahara	Extraordinary times require extraordinary measures. We must not fail to provide needed medical, mental health, and public health services, especially preventative measures, to the approximately 3.3 million people in our County. Delayed or deferred care, especially in children and the elderly, has a cascading effect from which they may never recover. The proposed 0.5% general sales tax is palatable with a defined expiration date. The resolution should be adopted so that the County's voters can be given the opportunity to decide.
Raquel Ibarra	<p>I'm writing because I care deeply about the health and safety of LA County residents and urge the Board to support Supervisor Mitchell's motion to place a temporary 0.5% sales tax on the ballot. The federal cuts in H.R. 1 are devastating. Billions are being taken from Medicaid in California, and new rules and copays will make it harder for people to get care. In LA County, 1 in 3 residents relies on Medi-Cal—and nearly half of residents with disabilities depend on Medicaid. These aren't just numbers. These are our neighbors, our families, and our children. Access to healthcare is a fundamental human right. Cuts from H.R. 1 will eliminate essential services—from reproductive health care to school-based mental health to primary care. Without action, safety-net clinics and hospitals in South LA will face reduced services or closure.</p> <p>At the California Women's Law Center, our work centers the experiences of women, girls, and gender diverse folks—groups already impacted by systemic racism and sexism. Our county has a duty to protect constituents in the face of federally-sanctioned violence.</p> <p>I urge you to support Supervisor Mitchell's motion and give voters the opportunity to stand up for health care and the future of LA County.</p>
Rene Padilla	
Rex Richardson	



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Rheena Pineda	Save healthcare for Angelenos. As a psychologist, I see first hand how critical primary health care is for the community. Mental health is health. Without support, many will lose access to health care. Individuals, family and the community will suffer. Please support securing funding to preserve county services.
Robert Contreras	
Robert Saucedo	
Robyn S Samuels	<p>Hello, my name is Robyn Samuels and I am with LA Voice and a resident of LA County. LA Voice is a part of PICO California, a statewide network that represents over 500 congregations in 18 counties. I am a member of Leo Baeck Temple</p> <p>I am asking the County to take action to close gaps in healthcare caused by Federal government cuts by placing the Essential Healthcare Restoration Act before voters in this June ballot.</p> <p>As you know, the president's health care cuts are projected to cost the county \$2.4 billion over the next three years, 3.3 million people in Los Angeles County could lose access to critical health care services, clinics and hospitals face severe reductions or closure and thousands of health care workers could lose their jobs.</p> <p>This will devastate so many communities and families across LA County and this is not the LA County we take pride in for doing its best to take care of all our residents.</p> <p>Also, my family is insured, thanks to Medicare, Medigap insurance, and savings funds. But that cannot protect us from being increasingly exposed to serious illnesses in the community carried by people who do not have adequate access to care or spending long, and at times perilous amounts of time waiting for treatment when one of us has an emergency, something which has already happened to my 101-year old father-in law and my 78 year old sister-in-law within the last 3 months. Both of them have means, but waited up to 12 hours in emergency rooms to get necessary tests and treatment and in some cases were forced to return within days because they were sent home too early because of inconclusive test results or lack of beds. When more and more people are far from help or turn to emergency rooms for the care they need, it affects us all.</p> <p>We need bold leadership during this time and for the board to take full advantage of the emergency declaration to meet the urgent moment.</p> <p>Our communities are experiencing daily fear and danger as they are taken in the streets by masked agents. They are experiencing a hard time putting food on the table, paying rent, paying for childcare. Having to face the massive healthcare cuts before them will place immense pressure on them.</p> <p>We want our leadership to act with courage and place a ballot that will allow voters the choice of caring for each other through these hard times.</p> <p>From reproductive health care to school-based mental health services, the federal cuts eliminate critical programs that communities of color in particular have long depended on for survival and well-being.</p> <p>Only the bold action of measures like the Essential Healthcare Restoration Act will help families mitigate the significant impacts of healthcare cuts.</p> <p>Thank you for your time.</p>



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	Sincerely, Robyn Samuels, robyn7139@gmail.com, Leo Baeck Temple, LA Voice
Rosa Brown	
Sam Warford	I strongly support the motion by Supervisors Mitchell and Solis, "Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by H.R.1," to place a temporary half-cent sales tax on the June 2026 ballot to protect access to essential health services across Los Angeles County. I am a patient at a community health center, and I previously relied on Medi-Cal before transitioning to Covered California, and throughout that time I received high-quality primary care, preventive services, and support that made a real difference in my health and stability. These clinics are a lifeline for people and families who depend on the safety net to stay healthy and out of emergency rooms. Proposed federal cuts in H.R.1 and recent state policy changes threaten to destabilize this system, putting coverage and critical services at risk, and I don't want anyone in our community to lose access to the care that helped me. I urge the Board to move this measure forward and give voters the chance to protect the County's health care safety net and the communities who depend on it.
Sam L Han	
Samantha Lomeli	
Sejal K Patel	
Sheila A Smith Cook	
Sherry Ng	On behalf of Garfield Health Center, which operates 4 clinic sites and serving over 21,000 patients in the San Gabriel Valley. I strongly support the motion by Supervisors Mitchell and Solis, "Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by H.R.1," to place a temporary half-cent sales tax on the June 2026 ballot to protect access to essential health services across Los Angeles County. Community health centers provide high-quality primary, behavioral health, and preventive care to millions of County residents—many of whom rely on Medi-Cal and the safety net to stay healthy and out of emergency rooms. Many Medi-Cal patients have barriers that limits their access to medical care. Safety net clinics are able to help them and close those gaps.
SILVIA PERALTA	Hola, mi nombre es Silvia Peralta , y estoy con Inmigrantes Are Los Ángeles y soy residente del Condado de Los Ángeles.  Estoy solicitando que el Condado tome medidas para mantener a las familias inmigrantes con vivienda. Muchas familias en mi comunidad están luchando por mantenerse seguras de ICE al conservar un techo sobre sus cabezas en este momento. Aprecio que la Junta esté prestando atención a lo que están pasando los inquilinos y tomando medidas para responder a esta crisis. Necesitamos un liderazgo valiente durante este tiempo y que la junta aproveche plenamente la declaración de emergencia para responder a la urgencia del momento.



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Silvia Peralta, , Clean Carwash

Sompia Paigne	
Sonia Rosas	My mane is Sonia Rosa's I'm a patient navigator at St Johns Community Health. HR- 1 will put individuals with chronic health conditions at risk .It will hurt the community that can't afford essential medication that they depend on. Allocating & securing funding to preserve critical services should be our top priority . Sign the initiative ..
Sonja A Juniel	
Sophat Phea	
Stephanie Campbell	
Stephanie Mares	On behalf of Harbor Community Health Centers, serving patients in San Pedro and the greater Harbor area of Service Planning Area 8, I strongly support the motion by Supervisors Mitchell and Solis, "Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by H.R. 1." Our health center serves a community where nearly 90% of patients rely on Medi-Cal, and we are already experiencing the real consequences of coverage loss. Proposed federal cuts under H.R. 1, combined with recent state policy changes, threaten access to care for thousands of Los Angeles County residents who are no longer eligible for Medi-Cal. Without action, patients will delay seeking care, allowing manageable conditions to worsen into serious chronic illnesses. This leads to sicker communities and increased reliance on emergency rooms as the only point of care, further contributing to ER overcrowding. Preventive and primary care services are essential to stabilizing chronic diseases and avoiding costly emergency interventions. As coverage is lost, more individuals will be forced to seek care at community health centers on a cash-pay basis. While health centers will continue to serve patients to the



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best of our ability, cash-based visits do not provide access to needed specialty care, which is critical to truly managing chronic and complex health conditions. This creates a domino effect—health centers lose sustainable funding, threatening our ability to keep our doors open, while emergency rooms face growing pressure from patients who have nowhere else to go. This ultimately impacts all community members, including those with commercial insurance, who rely on emergency departments remaining accessible.

Additionally, new work requirements and biannual renewals will create further barriers to maintaining coverage. The burden of identifying, tracking, and assisting these populations places enormous strain on an already stretched health care workforce. Health centers and enrollment teams are already facing hiring challenges due to the complexity of this work. Current systems do not provide clear or accessible guidance on coverage benefits or renewal processes, and these challenges will only worsen as policies continue to change.

Placing a temporary half-cent sales tax on the June 2026 ballot is a necessary and proactive step to preserve critical county health services. We urge the Board to move this measure forward and give voters the opportunity to protect the health care safety net that keeps our communities healthier, reduces pressure on emergency rooms, and ensures Los Angeles County residents can access care when and where they need it.

Stephanie Valencia

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Tanya Rudolph

Terrill Boudreaux

With the ongoing impacts of H.R.71, Medi-Cal coverage losses, reduced federal funding, and mounting strain on our safety-net will translate directly into higher emergency department volume, longer waits, and more avoidable crises across the county.

That's why today's decisions matter so much.

Supervisors Mitchell and Solis, thank you for elevating the urgency of this moment and proposing bold solutions like the half-cent sales tax to stabilize access to care. The data strongly supports your direction.

Because ultimately, this isn't just about dollars.

It's about whether communities across Los Angeles County will continue to rely on overcrowded emergency rooms as their only dependable point of care—or whether we preserve a safety-net that keeps people healthy, stable, and connected.

From a public health perspective, the path is clear: We must protect and reinvest in the safety-net, because without it, preventable ED visits quickly become unmanageable surges.



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Thank you for your leadership, for centering equity and evidence, and for continuing to fight for the care our residents deserve. I stand ready to support the County in this work.

Tia Delaney-Stewart

Tia Delaney-Stewart

Tonatiuh Esparza

Tonya Javadi

Tonya McKenzie

Dear Chair and Members of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, I am writing in strong support of the motion authored by Supervisor Mitchell and coauthored by Supervisor Solis to secure funding to preserve critical County services in the wake of devastating federal cuts enacted through H.R. 1.

H.R. 1 represents the largest health care cuts in U.S. history, including nearly \$1 trillion in reductions to Medicaid. For Los Angeles County, the impact is not theoretical, it is already happening and it is severe.

One in three County residents depends on Medi-Cal for health care.

One in four Medi-Cal recipients Countywide is a child under the age of 18.

The County's most impacted departments are facing projected losses totaling \$2.4 billion over the next three years.

The County has already implemented hiring freezes and is now contemplating service consolidations, potential layoffs of up to 5,000 employees, and possible facility closures.

Since the signing of H.R. 1, the harm has accelerated. Between June and December 2025 alone, more than 135,000 County residents were disenrolled from Medi-Cal, along with over 80,000 CalFresh disenrollments. These are not abstract numbers. These are families losing access to care, food, and stability.

The communities hit hardest by these cuts are those with the least capacity to absorb them. Communities of color, children, seniors, people with disabilities, and working families are being asked to shoulder the consequences of decisions made far outside our County's control.

Placing a general one-half percent retail sales tax on the June 2026 ballot is a responsible and necessary step to protect the County's health and human services safety net. This measure is about stabilization. It is about preserving essential services. And it is about ensuring families are not forced into impossible choices between rent, food, or seeing a doctor.



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Los Angeles County cannot afford inaction. I urge the Board to advance this measure and give voters the opportunity to protect the services that millions of residents rely on to survive and thrive.

Thank you for your leadership and your commitment to safeguarding the well-being of our County.

Respectfully,

Tonya McKenzie  
Chair, LA County Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs

Tracy Donegan	
Tracy Luu	<p>Dear Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors,</p> <p>My name is Tracy Luu, Program Manager of the Los Angeles Food Policy Council, writing in support of item #15: Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by H.R.1. The Los Angeles Food Policy Council is a collective impact organization whose mission is to ensure food is healthy, affordable, accessible, sustainable and fair for all. Our vision for a just and resilient food system which enables our communities to thrive begins by centering the needs and experiences of those most negatively impacted by it. H.R.1 is bringing detrimental changes to our nation's largest and most effective food and nutrition security programs. Losing access to SNAP/EBT not only affects those who are the most vulnerable, but also the small businesses who feed our communities.</p> <p>Our county is home to nearly 1.5 million people or nearly 1 million households who rely on SNAP benefits to meet their food and nutrition needs. Recent data from USC continues to demonstrate 1 in 4 households struggles with food insecurity. We cannot afford significant disruptions to food and nutrition programs when one quarter of our county's residents are unable to consistently nourish themselves.</p> <p>This tax could mean local funds to support food and nutrition in Los Angeles and avoid future public health issues, which end up costing taxpayers more. We encourage your support of Tuesday's motion and urge you to prioritize food and nutrition security programs as beneficiaries should voters approve this tax.</p> <p>Sincerely, Tracy Luu</p>
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		<p>Valeria Y Vega</p> <p>I am writing to you today to express my support for Supervisor Mitchell and Supervisor Solis' motion to place a temporary 0.5% general sales tax measure on the June 2nd ballot and implement the proposed ordinance, the "Essential Services Restoration Act." The federal budget bill, H.R.1, also known as the "One Big Beautiful Bill Act," enacts the largest health care cuts in US history, including about \$1 trillion in cuts from Medicaid. For Los Angeles County residents, the harm will be severe. The County has 3.3 million residents who rely on Medi-Cal. That is 1 in 3 County residents, including nearly one million children. Hundreds of thousands of them could face loss of coverage and reduced access to care. The implications of these cuts are on track to result in overcrowding of emergency rooms when residents are unable to access health care until they are experiencing a life-threatening crisis. H.R.1 is already causing devastating impacts. The County has already implemented hiring freezes and is contemplating service consolidations, potential layoffs of 5,000 staff, and facility closures in the coming years. In the five months since the signing of H.R.1 – June to December 2025 – we have seen over 135,000 people across the County disenroll from Medi-Cal and 80,000 CalFresh disenrollments. Without local action, safety-net services across the County and cities are at risk of collapsing. The County will be forced to limit critical public health services and close hospitals and clinics in communities that depend on them, leaving neighborhoods without essential, life-saving care. Maternity wards will shut down. Children who have lost their Medi-Cal coverage will have nowhere to go when they are sick except overcrowded emergency rooms, driving up costs for everyone and leaving families with medical bills they cannot pay. Essential public safety protections that ensure mitigation of communicable diseases, clean water, and health services for the most vulnerable will be severely curtailed or eliminated, resulting in grave danger for all County residents. The measure proposed by Supervisors Mitchell and Solis would greatly assist in offsetting reductions in federal support imposed by H.R. 1. It would help stabilize health care access for families and keep the County's health care system positioned to meet the demand it currently faces and prevent the potential closure of our public hospitals. Affordable local care helps residents address health concerns early,</p>
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reducing the need for high-cost emergency services and preventing minor conditions from escalating into serious medical crises. Access to nearby, community-based providers also strengthens public health by ensuring that families can receive timely preventive care, chronic-disease management, and essential services that support overall community well-being.

I care deeply about the well-being of the citizens of Los Angeles County, and I believe that protecting the health and safety of our communities is a responsibility we all share.

Supervisor Mitchell and Supervisor Solis' motion and proposed ordinance mark meaningful progress towards addressing the significant harms created by H.R. 1, and both have my full support.

Victor Gordo	
Virginia Lome	
Xochitl Lopez-Ayala	ACCESS REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE fully supports this agenda item! We are a statewide organization and were founded in 1993 by clinic escorts who witnessed the many barriers pregnant people were facing. As California's statewide abortion fund, we fund abortions and build power to ensure that everyone living in California and the folks forced to travel here are fully able to access their right to abortion. We're building a world where BIPOC, LGBTQ+, low-income, and young folks across our communities trust themselves, are trusted, and have the social, political, and economic power to sustain their communities and to build the families they desire, chosen and biological. We work to remove barriers – whether they be stigma, financial, or political – and build power in California to achieve Reproductive Justice.
Yamanda Edwards	
Yasmine-Imani McMorrin	
Yasmini Iglesias	
Yolanda Arias	Indeed, cuts in federal Medicaid funding to California will have a devastating impact to the ability of low-income residents of California to access medical care. While supportive of a ½ cent increase in retail sales tax to preserve critical county health services, we are concerned about how the revenue would be distributed.
	We think the creation of a nine-member citizens oversight committee is a good step toward ensuring that there is accountability in the way the money from the sales tax is spent. We would like the committee to also ensure that the revenue is spent in critical areas of need. Giving this committee no authority to give input on spending priorities seems to limit the amount of public input and oversight as to what parts of the safety net should be preserved.



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We also have questions about the allocation of the funds as laid out in the proposed motion. The largest allocation of these funds is being given to non-county non-DHS facilities and entities. What kind of oversight will the County provide to ensure that these funds are being used to fill the gap left by the reduction of Medicaid federal funding?

It is our understanding that DHS is currently making reductions in services such as eliminating ENT services at MLK-OPC. Yet, it doesn't appear that this new funding is going to maintain services such as these at DHS facilities in the communities where they are needed. We believe that consideration in the use of these funds must be given to preserving services and expanding programs at DHS facilities such ATP and restoring My Health LA. Thank you.

Yvonne Wheeler

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Zhira Gonzalez

Hola, mi nombre es Zhirahua Gonzalez, y estoy con Inmigrantes Are Los Ángeles y soy residente del Condado de Los Angeles.

Estoy solicitando que el Condado tome medidas para mantener a las familias inmigrantes con vivienda.

Muchas familias en mi comunidad están luchando por mantenerse seguras de ICE al conservar un techo sobre sus cabezas en este momento.

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<b>Oppose</b>	Aidan Chao	
	Amanda Moreno	
	Armida Pineda	
	Bernadette Suarez	
City of Cerritos	City of Cerritos	Please see the attached letter from the City of Cerritos in opposition to the proposed sales tax measure.
	David Fredendall	
	Domenica Megerdichian	<p>Dear Chair and Members of the Board of Supervisors:</p> <p>On behalf of the City of Glendale, I am writing to express our strong opposition to Los Angeles County's proposed one-half cent (<math>\frac{1}{2}\%</math>) sales tax measure currently under consideration.</p> <p>The City of Glendale finds this proposal unacceptable because it fails to recognize the extremely limited revenue tools available to cities to fund essential municipal services. The County's action would consume the remaining local sales tax capacity that cities like Glendale rely upon to address their own fiscal challenges and meet the needs of their residents. This approach mirrors the growing pattern we have experienced from Sacramento—where state mandates dictate local priorities on housing, homelessness, transportation, and public safety without providing adequate funding or preserving local decision-making authority. Now, this same erosion of local control is occurring at the County level.</p> <p>Cities are closest to their communities. We understand our local needs best. Redirecting locally generated revenue away from cities undermines the very principle of effective and accountable local governance.</p> <p>Glendale has already experienced the consequences of this approach. Under Measure H, approximately \$10 million annually in sales tax revenue generated in Glendale was sent to Los Angeles County, while Glendale received only a fraction of that amount—roughly \$300,000 per year—to address homelessness locally. The vast majority of funds were spent elsewhere in the County, leaving Glendale with limited resources to confront challenges within its own community. Now we are experiencing the same with Measure A – but at doubled the rate.</p> <p>Again, we face the prospect of repeating this inequity with the County's proposed sales tax measure. Taking millions of dollars generated by Glendale's residents and businesses and redirecting them to address problems in other parts of the County—while Glendale itself is confronting a projected \$20–\$30 million budget shortfall—is deeply troubling and</p>



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fundamentally unfair.

The City of Glendale is not opposed to addressing regional challenges. We recognize the importance of healthcare, mental health services, and homelessness programs. However, solving these issues must not come at the expense of stripping cities of their remaining ability to fund core services such as police and fire protection, emergency response, wildfire preparedness, street maintenance, and public safety programs.

Glendale strongly urges the Board of Supervisors to reconsider this course of action and to explore alternatives that do not rely on diverting locally generated city revenues to fund countywide initiatives. The County should not lean on Glendale's strong local economy as a revenue source to solve problems elsewhere while leaving our community with fewer tools to address its own needs.

Local tax dollars should remain local. Cities must retain the authority to invest in the services and infrastructure that directly benefit their residents and businesses.

For these reasons, the City of Glendale respectfully but firmly requests that the Board of Supervisors rethink the proposed one-half cent sales tax measure and refrain from advancing a proposal that further diminishes local control and financial stability for cities across Los Angeles County.

We stand ready to work collaboratively with the County on solutions that respect local authority, recognize fiscal realities, and ensure fairness for all communities.

Sincerely,

Roubik Golanian, City Manager

Ara Najarian, Mayor

Ed Reece and Corey Calaycay	Letter of Opposition - Los Angeles County Motion to Increase Sales Tax
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Hector Sosa	
Jesus G Garcia	
Jesus G Garcia	<p>Dear Board of Supervisors,</p> <p>On behalf of the City of Pico Rivera, I want to thank you and your colleagues on the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for your leadership in confronting the serious and immediate challenges facing our region following the passage of H.R. 1. The federal government's withdrawal of critical funding for healthcare, social services, food security, and other essential safety-net programs has created a profound and deeply concerning gap of approximately \$2.4 billion over the next three years, one that is already being felt by our most vulnerable residents and represents the largest federal healthcare funding cut in U.S. history.</p> <p>After careful review, the City of Pico Rivera must respectfully express strong opposition to the Essential Services Restoration Act as currently proposed. While we recognize and share the County's urgent concern regarding the devastating service reductions resulting from the passage of H.R. 1, and we strongly support efforts to restore resources for Medi-Cal, mental health services, homelessness prevention, nutrition assistance, and other life-saving and essential programs, the City cannot support a measure that places additional financial strain on residents and local businesses without ensuring a balanced and collaborative approach to service delivery.</p> <p>Cities are the level of government closest to impacted residents and are often the first point of contact when families experience disruptions in healthcare access, food insecurity, housing instability, and related social and economic stressors. In Pico Rivera and throughout Los Angeles County, municipal governments are already absorbing increased service demands, lost federal and state revenues, and heightened community needs directly tied to the impacts of H.R. 1.</p> <p>These challenges are occurring at a time when many cities, including Pico Rivera, are operating near the statutory cap on combined local sales tax rates. Despite growing fiscal pressures and increased service needs, the Pico Rivera City Council has been clear with residents that it does not intend to pursue additional local sales tax increases, recognizing the ongoing affordability crisis facing working families and small businesses. Further shifting the financial burden created by federal disinvestment onto local taxpayers would disproportionately impact the very residents most harmed by the cuts in H.R. 1 and would risk deepening existing inequities.</p> <p>As drafted, the proposed measure is structured as a general sales tax, requiring only majority voter approval, with revenues estimated at approximately \$1 billion annually to be deposited into the County's General Fund and guided solely by non-binding intent language. The lack of enforceable safeguards or structure creates uncertainty regarding whether funds will be consistently directed toward the essential healthcare, nutrition,</p>



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and social service programs cited as justification for the measure. Equally concerning is the absence of direct funding support for local governments, which are experiencing rapidly growing service demands and are often the first responders to community needs. Without structural guarantees that ensure cities receive resources to address these shared impacts, the measure concentrates fiscal authority at the County level while leaving cities to manage escalating community needs without corresponding revenue support. For this reason, the City urges the County to consider revising the measure to include language establishing a defined and direct allocation of revenues to local cities to create a more equitable, collaborative, and effective framework for addressing this unprecedented funding loss resulting from H.R. 1.

Finally, we join the County in urging continued and coordinated advocacy at the federal level. California is a donor state, contributing far more in federal taxes than it receives in return, and yet our communities are now being asked to backfill massive federal funding withdrawals that undermine essential healthcare systems. While local and regional governments will always step up to protect residents, federal disinvestment that impacts millions of lives is neither sustainable nor appropriate and should not be normalized or tolerated. As budget negotiations continue and the stability of federal operations remains uncertain, it is critical that our federal representatives continue to fight for the restoration of these vital funds. Local governments cannot be expected to replace federal investments without placing unacceptable financial pressure on residents, businesses, and local economies

Sincerely,  
Gustavo V. Camacho  
Mayor, City of Pico Rivera

KEVIN LAINEZ	THE CITY OF COMMERCE RESPECTFULLY OPPOSES Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell's recent motion calling for a temporary ½ cent general sales tax measure to be included on the June primary ballot. The revenue generated from the tax measure would go towards health and safety net services that are at risk of disappearing due to H.R.1 funding cuts. Further, we welcome conversations about advancing a statewide tax measure that could go towards supporting county-level health and safety net services in Los Angeles and beyond, as we recognize that H.R 1 funding cuts are affecting local governments across California.
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Marcel Rodarte	
Mayor Claudia M Frometa	Please see the attached opposition letter from Mayor Claudia M. Frometa of Downey
Paolo Beltran	
Pat Kearney	
Ruby Picon	
Salpy Kabaklian-Slentz	
Steve Coumparoules	
Steve Tye	
Tim Hepburn	
Wangsu Lee	<p>Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,</p> <p>The City of Bellflower writes to respectfully express opposition to Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell's recent motion calling for a temporary ½ cent general sales tax measure to be included on the June primary ballot. The revenue generated from the tax measure would go towards health and safety net services that are at risk of disappearing due to H.R.1 funding cuts. Bellflower recognizes the severe fiscal impacts of H.R.1 on L.A. County Department of Health Services' (DHS) budget; however, we are concerned this measure would disproportionately burden the very residents the County seeks to protect, who are facing historic affordability pressures on housing, food, fuel, utilities, and childcare costs. This half-cent countywide sales tax increase would push the combined sales tax rates in some cities to over 11 percent, further straining household budgets. At the same time, cities are confronting their own structural budget challenges and are deeply worried about how to best address fiscal issues without compounding economic pressure on residents, who are least able to absorb it. This is particularly distressing in the context of LA County seeking a legislative exemption that would allow this sales tax measure to bypass the state cap on local sales taxes. If such legislation passed, struggling cities that are already at or near the cap would be left overlooked with limited future fiscal options to support much-needed local services in their communities. Bellflower also feels there are significant flaws in the sales tax measure's revenue model as outlined in the motion. First, the motion states that the funds generated by the measure would go into L.A. County's General Fund, which technically classifies the dollars as unrestricted operating funds in future years. Bellflower feels strongly that if a measure of this kind is established, it should be structured as a special tax to ensure there are guardrails on the revenue that is going towards protecting residents' health needs. Voters and taxpayers deserve complete transparency, not creative structuring, when asked to shoulder additional tax burdens. Second, we are concerned about the temporary nature of the measure. While the motion states the measure will only be effective from</p>



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October 1, 2026, to October 1, 2031, other temporary L.A. County measures have recently been extended (i.e. Measure H evolving into Measure A in 2024). Now residents reasonably question whether temporary taxes are, in practice, permanent. Further, if this general sales tax measure were to be extended, it would have serious, long-term implications on cities' ability to generate needed revenue. With these concerns in mind, Bellflower respectfully requests that the Board reconsiders this approach and enters an open dialogue with cities about how we can work together to address the fiscal challenges of today without overburdening one another. Solutions must be equitable, transparent, and mindful of the cumulative impact on residents already struggling with affordability.

We appreciate your consideration of our position on the motion.

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Other	Ana Loretta Lorra	
	Benyamin Chao	<p>Dear LA County Board of Supervisors:</p> <p>The California Immigrant Policy Center (CIPC) broadly supports efforts by the Board to protect safety net access in LA County in light of the staggering cuts to federal safety net funding resulting from H.R. 1.</p> <p>In particular, H.R. 1 significantly restricts eligibility for lawfully present immigrants for federally funded programs like Medi-Cal and CalFresh. Swift action to provide relief to Angelenos is of utmost importance to prevent a significant hunger cliff resulting from changes to SNAP eligibility and SNAP work requirements, which are set to be implemented in California on April 1 and June 1, respectively. According to the California Department of Social Services, upwards of 74,000 humanitarian immigrants across California, including recently arrived refugees and individuals granted asylum, will lose access to CalFresh on April 1 due to H.R. 1's changes to non-citizen eligibility. We estimate that tens of thousands of these impacted individuals reside in Los Angeles County alone.</p> <p>In order to meet this increased need as a result of lost CalFresh benefits, we encourage the Board to include funding resulting from this measure to deliver food assistance directly to impacted families and support county workers in preventing disenrollment from CalFresh for households who remain eligible. Failing to do so will result in families forced to choose between food and healthcare, housing, or transportation. Los Angeles County can protect its residents from the immediate harms of H.R. 1 by acting quickly to replace lost food benefits and invest in additional services that deliver food to families in need.</p> <p>CIPC was founded in response to the 1996 passage of federal immigration and welfare laws that profoundly affected immigrants. Today, we advance</p>



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			inclusive policies that build a prosperous future for all Californians, using policy analysis, advocacy, strategic communications, and capacity building.
		John R Fanning	Our USC research team (public-exchange.org/usc/project/feeding-la/) regularly publishes data on food and nutrition insecurity in Los Angeles County. As County leaders are considering how, if passed, to allocate potential resources in the general sales tax ordinance outlined in Agenda Item 15 ("Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by H.R.1"), we wanted to share our most recent report for consideration, attached above. In particular, the report notes that in 2025, 24% of all County households experienced food insecurity (inadequate access to enough food), including 35% of low-income households, and 21% experienced nutrition insecurity (inadequate access to enough nutritious food). Additionally, the rates of food insecurity for low-income households improved from the previous year, from 41% in 2024 to 35% in 2025, as did nutrition insecurity overall, from 29% in 2024 to 21% in 2025, likely reflecting the impact of previous County investments. I am presenting this information in my capacity as a Project Manager at USC Dornsife Public Exchange, and not on behalf of the University of Southern California as a whole.
		Mary A Cummings	attached public Comment
		Sydney Zetune	FEAST supports the proposed temporary 0.5% sales tax as an emergency stabilizer to protect Los Angeles County's essential safety-net services at a moment when federal and state funding uncertainty threatens access to food, healthcare, and prevention for our most vulnerable communities. We urge policymakers to pair this measure with a clear, public service-protection plan that specifies which frontline services will be preserved, and to adopt a firm sunset with explicit renewal criteria tied to the restoration of federal funding and demonstrated stabilization of core systems. While this temporary measure is warranted to prevent immediate harm, it must be accompanied by longer-term structural reforms that ensure the sustainability of these critical services without over-reliance on regressive, stopgap revenue solutions.
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			Bryan Gutierrez
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			Byron Jose
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			Castulo de la Rocha



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			Estefany Castaneda	
			Franklin Gonzalez	
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			Pastor Robert Taylor	
			Pastor Smart Smart	
			Patti Gibbons	
			Pedro Ramirez	
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			Queen Chela	
			Rex Richardson	
			Robert Contreras	
			Robert Saucedo	
			Tanya Rudolph	
			Victor Gordo	
			Virginia Lome	
			Yasmini Iglesias	
			Yvonne Wheeler	
		<b>Oppose</b>	David Fredendall	
			Gisselle Delgado	
			Jesus G Garcia	
			Lina Hernandez	
			Ruby Picon	
		<b>Other</b>	Ana Loretta Lorra	
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Los Angeles, CA 90012  
via [publiccomment@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:publiccomment@bos.lacounty.gov)

**RE: OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED COUNTYWIDE SALES TAX INCREASE –  
HEALTHCARE FUNDING RESTORATION ACT**

Honorable Board of Supervisors,

The City of Azusa firmly opposes the Los Angeles County proposal to place an additional countywide sales tax on the June Primary Election ballot.

This measure would impose a new 0.5% general sales tax beginning October 1, 2026, for five years, purportedly to offset federal funding reductions affecting public health services. While the City recognizes the fiscal challenges facing the County, continually turning to countywide taxation—especially for broadly defined “general purposes”—is not a responsible or accountable solution.

Cities are already burdened with a growing patchwork of state and regional taxes, fees, and programs related to housing, homelessness, and human services. These systems are fragmented, administratively heavy, and increasingly restrictive. The County’s own Measure A is a clear example. Azusa taxpayers generate roughly \$5 million annually under that measure, yet the City is projected to receive less than six percent in return. Meanwhile, substantial funding is absorbed at the County level, even as cities shoulder the direct impacts of the homelessness crisis.

There are also serious fiscal policy concerns. Repeated state-authorized exceptions to local tax caps, layered on top of existing measures, restrict local flexibility and contribute to voter fatigue—especially when prior measures have not demonstrated meaningful improvements at the neighborhood level.

For these reasons, the City of Azusa does not support this proposal and will not participate in efforts to refine or implement it. Revenue generated within cities should remain primarily within those cities, under the direction of locally accountable leaders. This measure fails to reach that basic standard.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edward J. Alvarez".

Edward J. Alvarez  
Mayor – City of Azusa  
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cc: City Council, City of Azusa  
City Manager, City of Azusa



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February 4, 2026

Honorable Kathryn Barger  
Chair, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors  
500 W Temple Street, Room 381B  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**RE: Opposition to Proposed Countywide Sales Tax Increase – Healthcare Funding Restoration Act**

Dear Chair Barger and Members of the Board:

On behalf of the City of La Verne, I write to formally oppose the proposed countywide sales tax increase described as the Healthcare Funding Restoration Act.

The City acknowledges the fiscal challenges confronting healthcare and public health services across Los Angeles County. At the same time, cities have faced a steady erosion of local revenue authority alongside growing expectations to deliver services without adequate funding. These pressures reflect the combined impact of federal, state, and county actions that redirect local revenues and impose additional responsibilities on cities without providing sufficient financial support.

The imposition of a countywide sales tax compounds the cumulative tax burden on residents and constrains local fiscal flexibility. When additional County taxes are layered onto residents and local businesses, cities face greater difficulty securing voter support for locally controlled funding measures needed to plan for, fund, and sustain essential municipal services such as public safety, street and infrastructure maintenance, and community programs. This dynamic also has the potential to undermine other locally driven ballot measures, including current efforts by the Bonita Unified School District to seek voter approval for a school bond to modernize aging classrooms and facilities. Competing countywide measures risk diminishing voter support for critical local investments, weakening community priorities that directly benefit residents.

While La Verne residents and businesses would bear the financial burden of this countywide sales tax, the structure of the measure provides no mechanism to ensure that funds are returned to communities in proportion to their contribution. The measure's prescriptive, countywide allocation model prioritizes centralized programs and select service areas, limiting the likelihood that La Verne residents would experience meaningful or measurable local benefit. At the same time, the proposed sales tax increase would have direct economic consequences for La Verne's local economy. Higher sales taxes reduce the amount residents are able to spend on everyday purchases and place small, independently owned retailers and restaurants at a competitive disadvantage compared to neighboring jurisdictions,

undermining efforts to support local businesses and sustain economic vitality. Taken together, these impacts would result in La Verne residents and businesses bearing a disproportionate share of the tax burden without receiving corresponding, tangible benefits within the community.

The City is also concerned about the County's ability to effectively administer and implement additional revenues through centralized County programs. Recent challenges associated with the restructuring and transition of County homelessness programming, including the Department of Homeless Services and Housing, underscore the risks inherent in large-scale, county-administered funding models. These experiences raise serious questions regarding transparency, continuity of service delivery, and whether new revenues would result in timely, measurable outcomes for the communities generating the tax.

Funds raised within cities should primarily remain within those cities and be used to directly benefit the communities from which they are generated. The proposed measure does not meet that standard. For these reasons, the City of La Verne does not support the proposed countywide sales tax increase and urges the County to refrain from advancing this proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim Hepburn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Tim" on the top line and "Hepburn" on the bottom line.

Tim Hepburn  
Mayor

CC: La Verne City Council  
Honorable Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors  
Honorable Assemblymember John Harabedian  
Honorable Senator Susan Rubio

**Public Statement in Support of Agenda Item 15**  
**Submitted by Marva Smith**

My name is Marva Smith. I am an active, though disabled, senior, a small business owner, and a resident of Los Angeles County for over 50 years. I submit this statement in strong support of Agenda Item 15 and the Board of Supervisors taking every necessary step to protect funding for critical County services.

As someone who has lived, worked, voted, and paid taxes in this County for decades, I understand firsthand how essential safety-net services are to seniors, people with disabilities, families, and the small business community. I have never missed voting in any election since turning 18 because I believe deeply in civic responsibility and in the role government plays in protecting public well-being. Voting is not just a right to me. It is a duty.

The federal cuts now threatening healthcare and social service infrastructure place Los Angeles County residents at significant risk. In this current national climate, including policies advanced during the Trump Administration that have reduced support for vulnerable populations, it is imperative that local and state governments act as a stabilizing force to protect the people who call this County home.

I support the Board advancing this measure to the ballot so voters can decide how critical services are funded and preserved. Angelenos deserve the opportunity to weigh in directly on protecting healthcare access, food assistance, and community-based services that millions rely on every day. Allowing residents to vote on this measure honors the democratic process and reflects trust in the will of the people.

I also believe Angelenos will be supportive in sharing the burden as we collectively fight our way out of this economic downturn. Our communities understand that stabilizing essential services now prevents deeper human and fiscal costs later. When we invest in prevention, care, and access, we strengthen families, neighborhoods, and the broader economic health of Los Angeles County.

In times like these, I am especially grateful for the leadership, wisdom, and compassion of my elected representative, Holly J. Mitchell. Her tenacity gives me hope in what can otherwise feel like dreary and uncertain times. Steady leadership matters, and her advocacy for vulnerable communities does not go unnoticed.

Safety-net services are not abstract systems. They are doctor visits, prescriptions, food on the table, mental health support, and dignified aging. They are the difference between stability and crisis for thousands of residents.

I urge the Board to approve Agenda Item 15, advance this measure to the ballot, and continue prioritizing the health, dignity, and stability of all Los Angeles County residents.

Respectfully submitted,

**Marva Smith**

Los Angeles County Resident  
Small Business Owner  
Disabled Senior  
Lifelong Voter

February 6, 2026

Supervisor Hilda A. Solis, Chair  
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Los Angeles, CA 90012

Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell  
500 West Temple Street  
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Supervisor Kathryn Barger  
500 West Temple Street  
Room 869  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**RE: Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by H.R.1**

Dear Supervisors:

On behalf of the Community Clinic Association of Los Angeles County (CCALAC) and our 68 nonprofit community health center (CHC) member organizations, I write in strong support of the motion by Supervisors Mitchell and Solis, "[Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by H.R.1](#)" to place a temporary half-cent sales tax on the June 2026 ballot to preserve critical health services and protect access to care for our communities.

Health centers provide high-quality, mission-driven primary and preventive care to more than 2 million patients each year at over 450 sites across Los Angeles County. One in three County residents relies on Medi-Cal for their health coverage, and community health centers care for one in three of those Medi-Cal members. Health centers provide comprehensive primary care, behavioral health, dental services, behavioral health, and enabling services to some of the County's most medically underserved residents. For more than 30 years, health centers have partnered with the County to create a system of care for uninsured and under-resourced residents. From the Public-Private Partnership to Healthy Way LA, to My Health LA, health centers and the County have been closely allied in our commitment to ensuring access to care for all in LA County.

The proposed federal cuts in H.R. 1 and recent state policy changes threaten to severely undermine this system. Hundreds of thousands of LA County residents could lose health coverage, resulting in reduced access to primary care, increased reliance on emergency rooms, facility closures, and staff layoffs. These impacts will ripple across the entire health care system. If the safety net contacts, it affects everyone, not just those who are uninsured. When clinics close, patients do not disappear—they go to school and work sick, delay care, and are forced to rely on already overcrowded emergency rooms. This leads to longer wait times for everyone, and strains hospitals and emergency rooms. Without additional



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resources, the County's safety net will be decimated, putting essential health and public health services at risk for millions of residents.

We respectfully urge the Board of Supervisors to act now to protect Los Angeles County's health care safety net by passing the "Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by H.R.1" motion and allowing voters the opportunity to support a temporary half-cent sales tax dedicated to preserving critical services and maintaining access to care. This proactive step will help stabilize our health system, safeguard community clinics and health centers, and ensure that families across the County can continue to receive the care they need.

Thank you for your leadership and continued commitment to the health and well-being of Los Angeles County residents.

Sincerely,

Joanne Preece, MPH  
Director of Government and External Affairs



Jennifer Perez, Mayor  
Margarita L. Rios, Vice Mayor  
Tony Ayala, Councilmember  
Rick Ramirez, Councilmember  
Ana Valencia, Councilmember

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February 5, 2026

Hon. Janice Hahn, Supervisor Fourth District  
Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors  
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street, Room 822  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Via email: [FourthDistrict@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:FourthDistrict@bos.lacounty.gov)

**RE: Motion SD2: Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by H.R.1**  
**Notice of Opposition**

Dear Supervisor Hahn,

The City of Norwalk must share its strong opposition to motion SD2: Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by H.R.1, currently scheduled to be heard on February 10, 2026. The motion claims that an additional ½ cent general sales tax measure is necessary to address the cuts impacting LA County's Department of Health Services due to H.R.1's passage, that these cuts will result in hospital and clinic closures, and cause hundreds of thousands of LA County residents to lose their coverage and access to health care. The City of Norwalk agrees that the fallout from H.R.1 is dire and that LA County's residents' health access must be protected. However, a rushed general sales tax measure does nothing to guarantee said access.

The current motion, as drafted, is a special tax masquerading as a general tax. There is no dispute that the impending fallout from H.R.1 is going to be terrible. Health care services will be slashed, health care workers will lose their jobs, and LA County's residents will suffer. With the federal government refusing to provide the funding it once did, it is going to fall to the state, county and city governments to ensure that their populations remain healthy. This effort will require more funding than is currently available, but that funding should be dedicated and committed to its purpose. Just as the County had faith in its residents to see the necessity of Measure A, 2024's special tax to combat homelessness, so too should the County have faith that residents will agree with the necessity of a special tax for health care funding.

These dollars should not be poured into the general fund where they will be available for any use. It is all well and good for the motion to spell out the Board's intent, but history has shown that priorities can change, challenges can arise, and money that is available can and will be spent on the greatest current need. The motion as written implies a promise that these funds will be used for health care. The Board should stand



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behind that promise by making this  $\frac{1}{2}$  cent tax into a special tax, particularly if it is going to pursue legislation to exempt the tax from the sales tax caps.

To limit the damage a regressive sales tax can incur on those least able to afford it, the California Legislature placed a 2 percent cap on the total local transactions and use tax rate. Despite this cap, many areas in LA County have a sales tax above 9.75%. This proposed tax, especially if it is exempted from the sales tax cap, may drive the sales tax in some cities as high as 11.25%. Cities are struggling to afford their current services. Residents are struggling to afford their current expenses. If this motion passes and pushes the tax rate to such a high level, cities, especially those along the border of Orange County, can expect to see many people choose to spend their hard-earned dollars in cities with lower sales tax rates. This will negatively impact the cities in LA County and limit their ability to provide services that their residents expect and rely on. H.R.1 impacts all Californians. Instead of deepening Los Angeles County's affordability crisis, the Board of Supervisors should consider working with state legislators to implement a statewide tax to handle this statewide problem.

These days, every dollar counts, and affordability is a struggle for everyone. If the County is going to convince residents pay an exempted, additional  $\frac{1}{2}$  percent in sales tax with the promise that this burden will benefit their health, then residents deserve the assurance and guarantee that a special tax will give them. For these reasons and unless this sales tax is rewritten as special tax, with its exemption status clearly delineated, the City of Norwalk cannot support its inclusion on the ballot.

Sincerely,

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Mayor  
City of Norwalk

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February 6, 2026

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors  
500 West Temple Street  
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Via [publiccomment@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:publiccomment@bos.lacounty.gov)

Dear Chair Solis and Members of the Board of Supervisors,

On behalf of the City of Lakewood, I write to express our opposition to the proposed motion to place a temporary one-half cent (0.5%) countywide general sales tax – titled the “Essential Services Restoration Act for Los Angeles County” – on the June 2026 ballot.

We acknowledge the significant fiscal challenges facing Los Angeles County following the passage of the federal One Big Beautiful Bill, particularly the impacts to Medi-Cal and other health and safety net programs. However, Lakewood has serious concerns regarding the equity, structure, and long-term implications of this proposal. Sales taxes are inherently regressive, and an additional half-cent would further burden residents already facing significant cost-of-living pressures, particularly working families, seniors, and small businesses.

Lakewood is also concerned about the continued erosion of the state-imposed local sales tax cap. Following Measure A, this proposal again seeks state legislation to pierce the cap, effectively rendering it meaningless. For our community, this creates a competitive disadvantage relative to neighboring Orange County jurisdictions, risks consumer leakage, and could ultimately reduce Lakewood’s own local sales tax revenues – funds that are essential to maintaining core municipal services and fiscal stability.

Equally troubling is the proposal’s structure as a general tax rather than a special tax. Although intent language suggests the revenues would offset federal health care cuts, those provisions are non-binding, with all funds deposited into the County’s general fund and subject to future Board discretion. This creates uncertainty for voters and cities alike, particularly given that proposed allocations may extend beyond directly replacing lost federal funding.

In addition, it is our understanding that the State of California is actively working on potential solutions to address funding losses resulting from the One Big Beautiful Bill. Given this ongoing effort, we respectfully urge the Board of Supervisors to factor potential State actions into its deliberations before advancing a countywide tax measure that would significantly impact residents and permanently affect local sales tax capacity.

# Lakewood

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Finally, the proposal has emerged on an accelerated timeline with limited opportunity for meaningful engagement with cities that will be directly affected. A countywide half-cent sales tax would also consume remaining sales tax capacity, effectively foreclosing cities' ability to pursue locally controlled revenue solutions tailored to their communities.

For these reasons, the City of Lakewood respectfully urges the Board of Supervisors to reconsider advancing this proposal and instead engage collaboratively with cities on fiscally responsible, transparent, and equitable approaches to addressing the impacts of recent federal actions.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Cassandra Chase  
Mayor



# CALIFORNIA CONTRACT CITIES ASSOCIATION



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February 6, 2026

Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors  
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Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
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RE: Motion by Supervisor Mitchell - Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by H.R.1

Members of the Board of Supervisors,

California Contract Cities Association (CCCA) writes to respectfully express opposition to Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell's recent motion calling for a temporary  $\frac{1}{2}$  cent general sales tax measure to be included on the June primary ballot. The revenue generated from the tax measure would go towards health and safety net services that are at risk of disappearing due to H.R.1 funding cuts.

CCCA recognizes the severe fiscal impacts of H.R.1 on L.A. County Department of Health Services' (DHS) budget, and after hearing from county leaders at last week's Health and Mental Health Services Cluster Meeting, we share their concerns about a future, county-wide health services crisis caused by the bill's passage. Protecting the health, safety, and security of our member cities' residents is central to CCCA's mission and underpins our advocacy at the state and local levels. Therefore, we feel it is important to acknowledge the knock-on effect this measure would have on the significant financial challenges both residents and cities are already experiencing countywide.

We are concerned this measure would disproportionately burden the very residents the County seeks to protect, who are facing historic affordability pressures on housing, food, fuel, utilities, and childcare costs. This half-cent countywide sales tax increase would push the combined sales tax rates in some cities to over 11 percent, further straining household budgets. At the same time, cities are confronting their own structural budget challenges and are deeply worried about how to best address fiscal issues without compounding economic pressure on residents least able to absorb it. This is particularly distressing in the context of LA County seeking a legislative exemption that would allow this sales tax measure to bypass the state cap on local sales taxes. If such legislation passed, struggling cities that are already at or near the cap would be left overlooked with limited future fiscal options to support much-needed local services in their communities.

CCCA also feels there are significant flaws in the sales tax measure's revenue model as outlined in the motion. First, the motion states that the funds generated by the measure would go into L.A. County's General Fund, which technically classifies the dollars as unrestricted operating funds in future years. CCCA feels strongly that if a measure of this kind is established, it should be structured as a special tax to ensure there are guardrails on the revenue that is going towards protecting residents' health needs. Voters and taxpayers deserve complete transparency, not creative structuring, when asked to shoulder additional tax burdens. Second, we are concerned about the temporary nature of the measure. While the motion states the measure will only be effective from October 1, 2026, to October 1, 2031, other temporary L.A. County measures have recently been extended (i.e. Measure H evolving into Measure A in 2024). Now residents reasonably question whether temporary taxes are, in practice, permanent. Further, if this general sales tax measure were to be extended, it would have serious, long-term implications on cities' ability to generate needed revenue.

With these concerns in mind, CCCA respectfully requests that the Board reconsiders this approach and enters an open dialogue with cities about how we can work together to address the fiscal challenges of today without overburdening one another. Solutions must be equitable, transparent, and mindful of the cumulative impact on residents already struggling with affordability. Further, we welcome conversations about advancing a statewide tax measure that could go towards supporting county-level health and safety net services in Los Angeles and beyond, as we recognize that H.R 1 funding cuts are affecting local governments across California.

We appreciate your consideration of our position on the motion.

Yours in service,



Marcel Rodarte

Executive Director

California Contract Cities Association



“On behalf of All-Inclusive Community Health Center, which operates 3 sites, serves over 13,000 patients, and provides care across SPA 2, I strongly support the motion by Supervisors Mitchell and Solis, “Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by H.R.1,” to place a temporary half-cent sales tax on the June 2026 ballot to protect access to essential health services across Los Angeles County. Community health centers provide high-quality primary, behavioral health, and preventive care to millions of County residents—many of whom rely on Medi-Cal and the safety net to stay healthy and out of emergency rooms.

“Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by H.R.1” is crucial to maintaining access to care at All-Inclusive Community Health Center. Without this funding, reductions in Medicaid and county-supported services would lower reimbursements, increase uncompensated care, and strain AICHC’s ability to sustain staffing, clinic hours, and essential programs. For patients, these cuts would mean loss of coverage, delayed care, worsening chronic conditions, and increased reliance on emergency services. Preserving county funding allows AICHC to continue providing timely, preventive, and patient-centered comprehensive care to the surrounding low-income populations.

Proposed federal cuts in H.R. 1 and recent state policy changes threaten to destabilize this system, putting coverage, clinics, and critical services at risk. Without action, we will see more patients delaying care, increased ER overcrowding, and fewer resources for underserved communities. We urge the Board to move this measure forward and give voters the chance to protect the County’s health care safety net and the communities who depend on it.”



February 10, 2026

### Public Comment

#### **Agenda Item 15: “Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by H.R.1”**

Honorable Hilda Solis, Chair and Board of Supervisors Members:

On behalf of East Valley Community Health Center, which operates 8 clinic sites, serves 32,000 patients and annually provides over 150,000 medical, dental, vision and behavioral health visits across the First District, in the East San Gabriel and Pomona valleys, I strongly support the motion by Supervisors Mitchell and Solis, “Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by H.R.1,” to place a temporary half-cent sales tax on the June 2026 ballot to protect access to essential health services across Los Angeles County. Community health centers provide high-quality primary and preventive care to millions of County residents—many of whom rely on Medi-Cal and the safety net to stay healthy and out of emergency rooms.

Proposed federal cuts under H.R. 1, along with recent state policy changes, threaten to destabilize our health care safety net. These changes put coverage, community clinics, and critical services at serious risk.

At East Valley Community Health Center, we project that at least 32% of our Medi-Cal patients—about 9,000 people—will be impacted. The resulting financial consequences for our organization would be devastating and would force significant service reductions.

Without action, we will see more patients delaying needed care, increased overcrowding in emergency rooms, and fewer resources for underserved communities.

I urge the Board to move this measure forward and allow voters the opportunity to protect the County’s health care safety net and the communities that depend on it.

Respectfully,

Alicia Mardini  
Chief Executive Officer

#### OUR MISSION:

To provide access to excellent health care while engaging and empowering our patients, employees, and partners to improve their well-being and the health of our communities.



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**GUSTAVO V. CAMACHO**

*Mayor*

January 29, 2026

The Honorable Janice Hahn  
Supervisor, 4<sup>th</sup> District  
Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors  
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**RE: Opposition to the Essential Services Restoration Act as Proposed and Request for Consideration of Local City Allocations**

Dear Supervisor Hahn,

On behalf of the City of Pico Rivera, I want to thank you and your colleagues on the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for your leadership in confronting the serious and immediate challenges facing our region following the passage of H.R. 1. The federal government's withdrawal of critical funding for healthcare, social services, food security, and other essential safety-net programs has created a profound and deeply concerning gap of approximately \$2.4 billion over the next three years, one that is already being felt by our most vulnerable residents and represents the largest federal healthcare funding cut in U.S. history.

After careful review, the City of Pico Rivera must respectfully express strong opposition to the Essential Services Restoration Act as currently proposed. While we recognize and share the County's urgent concern regarding the devastating service reductions resulting from the passage of H.R. 1, and we strongly support efforts to restore resources for Medi-Cal, mental health services, homelessness prevention, nutrition assistance, and other life-saving and essential programs, the City cannot support a measure that places additional financial strain on residents and local businesses without ensuring a balanced and collaborative approach to service delivery.

Cities are the level of government closest to impacted residents and are often the first point of contact when families experience disruptions in healthcare access, food insecurity, housing instability, and related social and economic stressors. In Pico Rivera and throughout Los Angeles County, municipal governments are already absorbing increased service demands, lost federal and state revenues, and heightened community needs directly tied to the impacts of H.R. 1.

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These challenges are occurring at a time when many cities, including Pico Rivera, are operating near the statutory cap on combined local sales tax rates. Despite growing fiscal pressures and increased service needs, the Pico Rivera City Council has been clear with residents that it does not intend to pursue additional local sales tax increases, recognizing the ongoing affordability crisis facing working families and small businesses. Further shifting the financial burden created by federal disinvestment onto local taxpayers would disproportionately impact the very residents most harmed by the cuts in H.R. 1 and would risk deepening existing inequities.

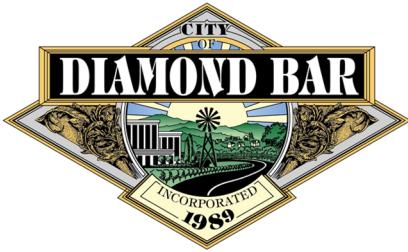
As drafted, the proposed measure is structured as a general sales tax, requiring only majority voter approval, with revenues estimated at approximately \$1 billion annually to be deposited into the County's General Fund and guided solely by non-binding intent language. The lack of enforceable safeguards or structure creates uncertainty regarding whether funds will be consistently directed toward the essential healthcare, nutrition, and social service programs cited as justification for the measure. Equally concerning is the absence of direct funding support for local governments, which are experiencing rapidly growing service demands and are often the first responders to community needs. Without structural guarantees that ensure cities receive resources to address these shared impacts, the measure concentrates fiscal authority at the County level while leaving cities to manage escalating community needs without corresponding revenue support. For this reason, the City urges the County to consider revising the measure to include language establishing a defined and direct allocation of revenues to local cities to create a more equitable, collaborative, and effective framework for addressing this unprecedented funding loss resulting from H.R. 1.

Finally, we join the County in urging continued and coordinated advocacy at the federal level. California is a donor state, contributing far more in federal taxes than it receives in return, and yet our communities are now being asked to backfill massive federal funding withdrawals that undermine essential healthcare systems. While local and regional governments will always step up to protect residents, federal disinvestment that impacts millions of lives is neither sustainable nor appropriate and should not be normalized or tolerated. As budget negotiations continue and the stability of federal operations remains uncertain, it is critical that our federal representatives continue to fight for the restoration of these vital funds. Local governments cannot be expected to replace federal investments without placing unacceptable financial pressure on residents, businesses, and local economies.

Sincerely,



Gustavo V. Camacho  
Mayor



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February 6, 2026

Board of Supervisors  
Los Angeles County  
500 W Temple St Ste 383  
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**RE: OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED COUNTYWIDE SALES TAX INCREASE –  
HEALTHCARE FUNDING RESTORATION ACT**

Honorable Board of Supervisors,

As Mayor for the City of Diamond Bar, I would like to express my strong opposition to the Los Angeles County proposal to place an additional ½ cent countywide sales tax on the June Primary Election ballot.

This measure would impose a new sales tax for five years, purportedly to offset federal funding reductions affecting public health services. Continually turning to countywide taxation, especially for broadly defined “general purposes”, is not a responsible or accountable solution.

Cities are already burdened with a growing patchwork of state and regional taxes, fees, and programs related to housing, homelessness, and human services. These systems are fragmented, administratively heavy, and increasingly restrictive. These actions have also forced cities to address increased service demands and absorb significant administrative obligations without commensurate funding. The County’s own Measure A is a clear example. Diamond Bar taxpayers generate roughly \$3 million annually under that measure, yet the City is projected to receive only approximately \$150K for services through the SGV Council of Governments. Meanwhile, substantial funding is absorbed at the County level, even as cities shoulder the direct impacts of the homelessness crisis.

There are also serious fiscal policy concerns. Repeated state-authorized exceptions to local tax caps, layered on top of existing measures, restrict local flexibility and contribute to voter fatigue, especially when prior measures have not demonstrated meaningful improvements at the neighborhood level. The

proposed countywide measure also risks undermining our city's own efforts to raise revenues to provide essential city services such as public safety, city programs, and adequate park, city facility and infrastructure maintenance for our own residents and businesses.

For these reasons, as Mayor, I must express my opposition to this proposal. Revenue generated within cities should remain primarily within those cities, under the direction of locally accountable leaders. This measure fails to reach that basic standard.

I respectfully ask that the County refrain from advancing this proposal.

Sincerely,



Steve Tye  
Mayor

cc: City Council  
City Manager  
League of CA Cities  
Contract Cities Association  
Congress Woman Linda Sanchez  
Senator Bob Archuleta  
Assembly Member Lisa Calderon

Good morning Supervisors,

My name is Cristina Perez, and I am writing in strong support of Item #15, authored by Supervisor Mitchell and coauthored by Supervisor Solis, to place a temporary 0.5% general retail sales tax measure on the June 2, 2026 ballot to preserve essential County services.

H.R. 1 has already created devastating impacts across Los Angeles County. In the five months since the signing of H.R. 1, we saw over 135,000 Medi-Cal disenrollments and 80,000 CalFresh disenrollments. These cuts are not abstract, they are already harming real families, including children, seniors, mothers giving birth, and people living with disabilities.

Los Angeles County's safety net is a lifeline for millions of residents. Nearly 1 in 3 County residents rely on Medi-Cal, and the County is now facing projected losses totaling \$2.4 billion over the next three years, with potential layoffs and facility closures already being discussed.

This measure is about stabilizing access and protecting public health. Families should not be forced to choose between rent, food, and medical care. Preventing people from delaying care also prevents more expensive emergency-room visits and hospitalizations later, which ultimately drives up public costs.

I urge the Board to support this motion and allow voters the opportunity to decide how we preserve essential County services and protect the health and safety of our communities.

Respectfully,

Cristina Perez

Dear Board of Supervisors,

This is my first attempt at connecting with my city or county government. I'm moved by the unfathomable cruelty of the current administration in Washington that has chosen to legislate healthcare out of reach for potentially 3.3 million Angelenos. As a county, we cannot stand idly by while 1out of 3 of us faces the dire consequences lack of accessible healthcare will visit on them.

Please vote to include the Essential Healthcare Restoration Act on the upcoming June ballot and allow your constituents to rise to the occasion as a community to fill the terrible gaps Trump's policies are leaving in our humane social safety net.

Thank you for your careful consideration.

Sincerely,

Mary (Molly) Murray

Lily Martinez, MPH, MCHES, IBCLC, DrPH(c)  
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02/10/2026

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors  
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
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Dear Members of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors,

My name is Lily Martinez, speaking on behalf of TCC Family Health, a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) serving over 50,000 patients in Los Angeles County, primarily in Districts 2 and 4, across 14 clinic sites. We support placing the temporary half-cent healthcare funding sales tax measure on the June 2026 ballot.

This community-led proposal is critical to preventing clinic closures, overcrowded emergency rooms, and the loss of essential public health services across our communities. For over 30 years, Los Angeles County and community health centers have worked together to protect access to care for uninsured and working families. This measure helps preserve that system.

Without local investment, we risk losing the safety net we built together. Health care providers will be forced to reduce services, thousands of jobs will disappear, thousands of community members could lose access to care, and emergency rooms across the county may become overwhelmed.

This measure to secure funding to preserve critical county services includes strong oversight and accountability mechanisms to ensure funds are protected and used responsibly for their intended public purpose. In addition to medical and behavioral health care, community clinics provide concrete supports and access to healthy food, public benefits enrollment assistance, free legal aid, housing navigation, transportation, health education, and chronic condition management. By increasing access and addressing the many factors that affect all the domains of wellness, community clinics prevent and improve health in under-resourced communities.

As a resident and constituent of the 4th District, I assure local city officials that opposed the measure due to loss of revenue, that I and my neighbors value preserving our safety net and the jobs of thousands of healthcare, behavioral health, and public health workers who support our communities. We're very unlikely to travel long distances outside of LA County due to time constraints, competing responsibilities, and transportation costs to save only 50 cents per every \$100 spent on routine purchases that exclude daily essentials.

Sincerely,



Lily Martinez  
Director of Health Education & Outreach  
TCC Family Health



## **Public Statement – Bartz-Altadonna Community Health Center (BACHC)**

On behalf of Bartz-Altadonna Community Health Center (BACHC), a Federally Qualified Health Center operating multiple clinic sites and mobile units across Los Angeles County and the Antelope Valley, serving more than 22000 unique patients annually and providing care across several County districts, we strongly support the motion by Supervisors Mitchell and Solis, *“Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by H.R. 1,”* to place a temporary half-cent sales tax on the June 2026 ballot to protect access to essential health services across Los Angeles County.

Community health centers like BACHC provide high-quality primary care, behavioral health, preventive services, and care coordination to thousands of County residents—many of whom rely on Medi-Cal and the health care safety net to stay healthy and out of emergency rooms. Our patients include working families, seniors, veterans, children, and individuals experiencing homelessness who depend on accessible, community-based care close to home.

At BACHC, we see firsthand the impact of funding instability on the communities we serve. Rising demand for services, workforce shortages, and increased costs are already straining clinics across the region. Any reduction in federal or state support would directly affect our ability to expand access, retain providers, and continue delivering essential services such as behavioral health, chronic disease management, maternal health care, and outreach to underserved populations.

Proposed federal cuts in H.R. 1 and recent state policy changes threaten to destabilize this system, putting coverage, clinics, and critical services at risk. Without action, we will see more patients delaying care, increased emergency room overcrowding, and fewer resources for underserved communities.

We urge the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to move this measure forward and give voters the opportunity to protect the County’s health care safety net, preserve access to essential services, and support community clinics that millions of residents depend on for care.

Respectfully,

Mary Cummings, CEO



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Dear LA County Board of Supervisors,

As residents of Avalon and Los Angeles County, we are deeply concerned about reductions to essential services and the growing impacts of H.R.1 on vulnerable communities. We respectfully urge your approval of agenda item 15 – the proposed half-cent general sales tax ordinance, subject to voter approval, effective through October 1, 2031. This measure provides a thoughtful and fiscally responsible approach to preserving critical countywide services that are at immediate risk.

Preserving access to local healthcare is not only a public health priority but also an economic and emergency preparedness necessity. As the island's only medical facility, Catalina Island Health (CIH) supports residents, workforce stability, tourism safety, and coordinated emergency response in our geographically isolated community. Catalina Island's predominantly Latino and senior populations rely heavily on Medi-Cal and Medicare, making them particularly vulnerable to service reductions. Without sustained investment, access to care will continue to weaken, placing our 4,000 residents and more than 1 million annual visitors at risk. Approximately 380,000 of those visitors are Los Angeles County residents.

If healthcare services on Catalina Island are reduced, the consequences extend beyond our local community. Increased medical transports to mainland hospitals, delayed emergency response times, and additional strain on Los Angeles County healthcare and emergency systems are real and urgent concerns. Maintaining strong local healthcare infrastructure helps protect both patient outcomes and countywide system capacity.

We strongly encourage approval of this ordinance imposing a 0.5% general sales tax to help preserve healthcare services and other essential county programs. We also strongly support the inclusion of a nine-member citizens' oversight committee to ensure transparency and fiscal accountability. By helping sustain critical County services impacted by H.R.1, this investment will protect healthcare access, strengthen economic stability, and safeguard essential services that Catalina Island and communities across Los Angeles County depend on every day.

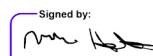
Thank you for your leadership and thoughtful consideration of this urgent and important measure.

Sincerely,

AMDC Board:

Signed by:  


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February 9, 2026

**Public Comment**

**RE: Support for Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by H.R.1**

On behalf of Saban Community Clinic, which operates five (5) sites and a mobile clinic, serves over 25,000 patients and provides care across Districts 2 & 3, I strongly support the motion by Supervisors Mitchell and Solis, “Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by H.R.1,” to place a temporary half-cent sales tax on the June 2026 ballot to protect access to essential health services across Los Angeles County. Community health centers provide high-quality primary, behavioral health, and preventive care to millions of County residents—many of whom rely on Medi-Cal and the safety net to stay healthy and out of emergency rooms.

Since the passage of H.R.1, we have already seen an increase in uninsured patients. For our organization, every 1% shift from insured to uninsured patients results in approximately \$276,000 in lost annual revenue. Just last month, our health plans confirmed that 14% to 38% of our currently enrolled Medi-Cal patients have unsatisfactory immigration status and will lose dental coverage as early as July 1, 2026. At the same time, primary care reimbursement rates for these patients will be cut to one-third of current levels. Taken together, we project these changes will reduce our revenue by more than \$5 million next fiscal year alone, with even greater impacts in 2027 when Medicaid work requirements and more frequent eligibility renewals take effect. Clinics like ours are already operating on razor-thin margins. The LA County health care safety net cannot withstand this level of uncompensated care.

Without action, health centers will be forced to reduce services, lay off staff, or close sites altogether. That loss of access does not disappear—it pushes patients into overcrowded emergency rooms and worsens health outcomes across our communities.

For more than three decades, community health centers have partnered with Los Angeles County to ensure access to care for our most vulnerable residents. Supporting Supervisor Mitchell’s motion to place a temporary half-cent sales tax on the June 2026 ballot is a critical step to protecting essential services, and maintaining access to care. I urge the Board to act now to protect LA County’s health care safety net and the patients who depend on it.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Jackie Provost  
Chief Strategy Officer



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*Myran Cotton*

**RE: Agenda Item 15: "Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by H.R.1"**

February 9, 2026

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors  
500 West Temple Street  
Room 383  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Board of Supervisors,

On behalf of **SEIU Local 721**, representing more than 95,000 public service workers across Southern California, including tens of thousands who work for the County of Los Angeles, we strongly support the motion by Supervisors Mitchell and Solis, "Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by H.R.1," to place a temporary half-cent sales tax on the June 2026 ballot to protect access to essential health services across Los Angeles County.

SEIU Local 721 members are an integral part of delivering lifesaving services to the most vulnerable in our communities. Proposed federal cuts in H.R. 1 and recent state policy changes threaten to destabilize this system, putting coverage, healthcare systems, and critical services at risk.

The projected attacks on our social safety net are astounding; H.R. 1 cuts to Medicaid could take away healthcare from 2 million Californians. Furthermore, with the expiration of ACA subsidies, another 660,000 Californians may lose healthcare. Nearly 5 million Californians enrolled in CalFresh could have their benefits reduced.

Without urgent action aimed at safeguarding our communities from these direct attacks, we will see more patients delaying care and increased ER overcrowding. Our members care deeply about the communities that they serve and urge the Board to move this measure forward and give voters the chance to protect the County's health care safety net and the communities who depend on it.

Sincerely,

SEIU Local 721

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February 9, 2026

The Honorable Hilda L. Solis  
Supervisor, First District  
Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors  
856 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 W. Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisor Solis,

The City of Rosemead (City) is committed to the principles of sound governance, fiscal responsibility, and policies that protect the affordability and economic vitality of our communities. It is in this spirit that we express our opposition to the proposed ballot measure, SD 2: "Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by H.R.1," which would impose a countywide  $\frac{1}{2}$  cent general sales tax increase.

Los Angeles County residents already face extraordinary cost-of-living pressures, including high housing costs, rising utility rates, and increasing prices for everyday goods and services. This  $\frac{1}{2}$  cent countywide sales tax increase would push the combined sales tax rates in some cities to over 11 percent, disproportionately impacting working families, seniors on fixed incomes, and small businesses.

While the County has identified a severe funding gap associated with federal reductions to programs such as Medi-Cal and CalFresh, the structure of SD 2 does not provide the level of fiscal specificity, accountability, or transparency that such a request warrants. The motion states that the funds generated by the measure would go into L.A. County's General Fund, which technically classifies the dollars as unrestricted operating funds in future years. The City feels strongly that if a measure of this kind is established, it should be structured as a special tax to ensure there are guardrails on the revenue that is going towards protecting residents' health needs.

The City is also concerned about the temporary nature of the measure. While the motion states the measure will only be effective from October 1, 2026, to October 1, 2031, other temporary L.A. County measures have recently been extended (i.e. Measure H evolving into Measure A in 2024). Now residents reasonably question whether temporary taxes are, in practice, permanent.

With these concerns in mind, the City supports policies that strengthen local decision-making, promote efficient and transparent public administration, and ensure that funding structures are appropriately aligned with the services they are intended to provide. We also strongly support efforts to reduce the cost of doing business and the cost of living for our residents. These objectives are fundamental to maintaining a healthy local economy and a sustainable quality of life.

For these reasons, the City of Rosemead cannot support the proposed SD 2 measure. We urge the County to consider alternative approaches that prioritize fiscal discipline, targeted solutions, and greater transparency before asking residents to bear additional tax burdens.

Respectfully,

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Sandra Armenta  
Mayor  
City of Rosemead

Re: Support for Motion to Secure Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by H.R. 1



Dear Chair and Members of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors,

My name is John Garside, and I serve as Policy Director for Crop Swap LA, a South Los Angeles-based nonprofit working at the intersection of public health, food access, and community resilience. I write in **strong support** of Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell's and Supervisor Hilda L. Solis' motion to place a temporary 0.5 percent general sales tax measure on the June 2, 2026 ballot to preserve critical County services in response to the severe federal cuts enacted under H.R. 1.

This motion recognizes an urgent reality: without local action, essential safety-net services across Los Angeles County are at serious risk of collapse. H.R. 1 has already caused substantial losses in Medi-Cal and CalFresh enrollment, stripping healthcare and food assistance from tens of thousands of residents, many of them children. These cuts are not abstract, and are already increasing system strain, delaying care, and pushing families into crisis.

Families should never have to choose between rent, food, and medical care. Yet that is exactly what happens when healthcare access and nutrition assistance are cut at the same time. When people delay preventive care due to cost or lack of access, minor health issues become costly emergencies, emergency room utilization rises, and public costs increase. Community-based, preventive services are far more cost-effective and produce better health outcomes for residents and the County alike.

For this reason, before voting to advance this measure, I respectfully urge the Board to explicitly identify food and nutrition security as an objective of the proposal. The motion appropriately acknowledges the loss of SNAP/CalFresh benefits and their destabilizing effects. Naming food and nutrition security alongside healthcare stabilization more accurately reflects the lived experience of County residents and reinforces a commitment to upstream solutions that reduce long-term healthcare costs.

I commend Supervisors Mitchell and Solis for their leadership at a moment of unprecedented federal disinvestment. This temporary, accountable measure is a responsible and necessary response to an urgent crisis. I urge the Board to support this motion and to continue protecting essential services that safeguard the health and dignity of all Los Angeles County residents.

With gratitude,

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February 9, 2026

**Written Public Comment - Agenda Item 15**  
**"Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by H.R.1"**

County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors,

On behalf of **Los Angeles Christian Health Centers**, which operates 5 clinic sites, serves nearly 9,000 patients, and provides critical direct health care across District 14, I strongly support the motion by Supervisors Mitchell and Solis, "Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by H.R.1," to place a temporary half-cent sales tax on the June 2026 ballot to protect access to essential health services across Los Angeles County. Community health centers provide high-quality primary, behavioral health, and preventive care to millions of County residents—many of whom overwhelmingly rely on Medi-Cal and the safety net to stay healthy and out of emergency rooms.

Proposed federal cuts under H.R.1, combined with recent state policy changes, pose a serious threat to the stability of our health center and approximately 90% of all our patients who rely on Medi-Cal. Our patients include individuals and families in Skid Row and East Los Angeles experiencing homelessness, seniors, essential workers, and people with chronic conditions who depend on consistent, community-based care to stay healthy and out of emergency rooms.

Without proactive action, clinics like ours will face increasing financial strain, reduced service capacity, and difficult decisions that directly impact patient access to care. These cuts would lead to delayed treatment, worsening health outcomes, and increased emergency room utilization—particularly in communities already experiencing significant health inequities.

We urge the Board to move this measure forward and give voters the chance to protect the County's health care safety net and the communities that depend on it. Thank you for your leadership and commitment to preserving access to essential health services for our communities.

Sincerely,

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Bettina Lewis  
President and CEO  
Los Angeles Christian Health Centers



February 9, 2026

The Honorable Supervisor Solis  
Chair, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors  
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Los Angeles, CA 90012  
Via Email: [publiccomment@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:publiccomment@bos.lacounty.gov)

RE: Agenda Item No. 15 – Opposition to Proposed Countywide Sales Tax Increase – Essential Services Restoration Act

Dear Chair Solis and Members of the Board:

On behalf of the City of Vernon, I write to express our opposition to the proposed countywide sales tax increase described as the Essential Services Restoration Act. The City of Vernon firmly opposes the Los Angeles County proposal to place an additional one-half cent countywide sales tax on the June 2026 Primary Election ballot.

This measure would impose a new 0.5% general sales tax beginning October 1, 2026, for five years, intended to offset federal funding reductions affecting public health services. The City recognizes the fiscal challenges facing the County with respects to healthcare and public health services yet, turning to countywide taxation is not a responsible and equitable solution as the funds generated will not be specifically allocated to benefit the communities from which they are generated.

Cities have faced a steady erosion of local revenue authority alongside growing expectations to deliver services without adequate funding. We are already burdened with a growing patchwork of state and regional taxes, fees, and programs related to housing, homelessness, and human services. These pressures reflect the combined impact of federal, state, and county actions that redirect local revenues and impose additional responsibilities on cities without providing sufficient financial support.

Moreover, the proposed County measure raises concerns about the continued erosion of the state-imposed local sales tax cap. Following Measure A, this proposal again seeks state legislation to pierce the cap, effectively rendering it meaningless. Repeated state-authorized exceptions to local tax caps, layered on top of existing measures, restrict local flexibility and

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contribute to voter fatigue – especially when prior measures have not demonstrated meaningful improvements at the neighborhood level.

We strongly believe that funds raised within cities should primarily remain within those cities and be used to directly benefit the communities from which they are generated. The proposed measure does not meet that standard. For these reasons, the City of Vernon does not support this proposal and urges the Board of Supervisors to reconsider options to address the impacts of recent federal actions and refrain from advancing this proposal.

Sincerely,



Brian Saeki  
City Administrator  
City of Vernon

Cc: Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell, Second District  
Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath, Third District  
Supervisor Janice Hahn, Fourth District  
Supervisor Kathryn Barger, Fifth District

On behalf of Wilmington Community Clinic (WCC), serving 7,000 patients across two sites in Los Angeles County Supervisorial District 4, I strongly support the motion by Supervisors Mitchell and Solis, “Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by H.R.1,” to place a temporary half-cent sales tax on the June 2026 ballot to protect access to essential health services across Los Angeles County.

WCC has provided care to the Wilmington community since 1977. Our services include primary medical care across the lifespan, prenatal and family planning services, comprehensive dental care, behavioral health services including Medically Assisted Treatment for patients with alcohol and drug addiction diagnoses, and podiatry. In a county where patients routinely travel many miles to receive medical care, our patients are hyper-local, with over 50% of our patients living in the same zip code where our clinic sites are located. This localized patient distribution has enabled the vast majority our patients to continue to receive critical services from us in person even as the surrounding environment has become more treacherous for them due to concerns related to immigration policy and enforcement.

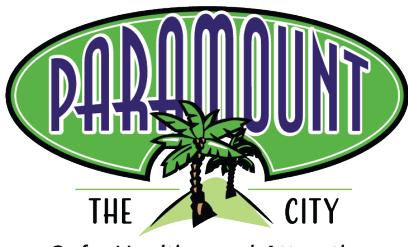
Currently, over 10% of our patients are uninsured. We estimate that unless something changes, starting in July, our reimbursement for at least another 35% of our patients will drop to close to nothing. The financial losses we will suffer due to the impending funding cuts set to take place on July 1<sup>st</sup> will affect our ability to provide care for **all** our patients, not just those whose personal coverage status will change.

The cuts resulting from H.R. 1 and recent state policy changes threaten to destabilize not only our clinic, but the entire system of care that the County of Los Angeles and community clinics have invested in over the past 30 years, putting clinics, critical services, and communities at risk. Without action, we will see more patients delaying care, increased ER overcrowding, and heightened risk of public health emergencies. We urge the Board to move this measure forward and give voters the chance to protect the County’s healthcare safety net and the communities who depend on it.

Sincerely,



Deborah Lerner  
Chief Executive Officer



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February 9, 2026

Honorable Members of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors  
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street, Room 383  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**RE: Concerns Regarding Proposed Countywide Sales Tax Measure**

Members of the Board:

Thank you for your continued leadership and for your efforts to address the significant fiscal challenges created by H.R. 1. The City of Paramount recognizes the serious impacts described in the County's motion — including reductions in federal Medicaid funding, increased uncompensated care, and the resulting strain on the Department of Health Services and Department of Public Health. These challenges warrant thoughtful, long-term solutions.

However, we must respectfully express concerns with the proposed ½ cent countywide general sales tax measure. While well intentioned, the measure would have substantial and lasting consequences for smaller, lower revenue cities like Paramount and for the residents we collectively serve.

We are also concerned about the impact on residents already facing historic affordability pressures. A countywide sales tax increase would push combined rates in some communities above 11%, further straining households. The County's request for State legislation to exceed the local sales tax cap compounds these concerns and would leave cities with limited future fiscal options.

Additionally, the measure's structure raises issues of transparency and long-term accountability. As drafted, revenue would flow into the County's General Fund as unrestricted dollars. If a tax of this magnitude is pursued, it should be structured as a special tax with clear guardrails. And while described as temporary, recent extensions of other County taxes have created understandable skepticism among residents.

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Finally, revenue generated from Paramount residents and businesses would be distributed countywide with no guarantee of proportional benefit to our community. We witnessed this inequitable distribution of tax revenue when the County proposed and successfully passed Measure H in March of 2017 with little to no benefit to taxpayers in the City of Paramount.

We respectfully request that the Board reconsider its approach and engage cities in an open dialogue about equitable, transparent solutions that address the healthcare funding crisis without eliminating the last remaining revenue tool available to cities. Paramount stands ready to work collaboratively with the County on alternative or statewide strategies.

Thank you for your consideration and continued partnership.

CITY OF PARAMOUNT



Peggy Lemons  
Mayor



# Community Medical Wellness Centers USA®

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February 09, 2026

On behalf of Community Medical Wellness Centers USA, which operates 5 sites, serves 11,000 patients, I strongly support the motion by Supervisors Mitchell and Solis, "Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by H.R.1," to place a temporary half-cent sales tax on the June 2026 ballot to protect access to essential health services across Los Angeles County. Community health centers provide high-quality primary, behavioral health, and preventive care to millions of County residents—many of whom rely on Medi-Cal and the safety net to stay healthy and out of emergency rooms.

Community Medical Wellness Centers USA (CMWC) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) providing high quality health care services including primary care to more than 11,000 patients in southern Los Angeles County, specifically in the city of Long Beach and the surrounding areas. Our core value is to specialize in providing culturally and linguistically diverse services to under-served and under-represented population in our community regardless of their ability to pay and immigration status. CMWC is comprised of five sites: CMWC-Long Beach, CMWC-Annex, CMWC-Palo Verde, CMWC-Sylmar, CMWC-Rio Hondo and two medical mobile units.

Proposed federal cuts in H.R. 1 and recent state policy changes threaten to destabilize this system, putting coverage, clinics, and critical services at risk. Without action, we will see more patients delaying care, increased ER overcrowding, and fewer resources for underserved communities. We urge the Board to move this measure forward and give voters the chance to protect the County's health care safety net and the communities who depend on it.



Sompia Paine, PhD, LCSW  
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February 9, 2026

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors

**RE: Supervisor Mitchell and Supervisor Solis' Motion and Proposed Ordinance, the "Essential Services Restoration Act"**

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to you today, on behalf of the management and staff of SHIELDS for Families, to express support for Supervisor Mitchell and Supervisor Solis' motion to place a temporary 0.5% general sales tax measure on the June 2nd ballot and implement the proposed ordinance, the "Essential Services Restoration Act."

The federal budget bill, H.R.1, also known as the "One Big Beautiful Bill Act," enacts the largest health care cuts in US history, including about \$1 trillion in cuts from Medicaid. For Los Angeles County residents, the harm will be severe. The County has 3.3 million residents who rely on Medi-Cal. That is 1 in 3 County residents, including nearly one million children. Hundreds of thousands of them could face loss of coverage and reduced access to care. The implications of these cuts are on track to result in overcrowding of emergency rooms when residents are unable to access health care until they are experiencing a life-threatening crisis.

H.R.1 is already causing devastating impacts. The County has already implemented hiring freezes and is contemplating service consolidations, potential layoffs of 5,000 staff, and facility closures in the coming years. In the five months since the signing of H.R.1 – June to December 2025 – we have seen over 135,000 people across the County disenroll from Medi-Cal and 80,000 CalFresh disenrollments.

Without local action, safety-net services across the County and cities are at risk of collapsing. The County will be forced to limit critical public health services and close hospitals and clinics in communities that depend on them, leaving neighborhoods without essential, life-saving care. Maternity wards will shut down. Children who have lost their Medi-Cal coverage will have nowhere to go when they are sick except overcrowded emergency rooms, driving up costs for everyone and leaving families with medical bills they cannot pay. Essential public safety protections that ensure mitigation of communicable diseases, clean water, and health services for the most vulnerable will be severely curtailed or eliminated, resulting in grave danger for all County residents.

The measure proposed by Supervisors Mitchell and Solis would greatly assist in offsetting reductions in federal support imposed by H.R. 1. It would help stabilize health care access for families and keep the County's health care system positioned to meet the demand it currently faces and prevent the potential closure of our public hospitals. Affordable local care helps residents address health concerns early, reducing the need for high-cost emergency services and preventing minor conditions from escalating into serious medical crises. Access to nearby, community-based providers also strengthens public health by ensuring that families can receive timely preventive care, chronic-disease management, and essential services that support overall community well-being. SHIELDS for Families cares deeply about the well-being of the citizens of Los Angeles County, and we believe that protecting the health and safety of our communities is a responsibility we all share. Supervisor Mitchell and Supervisor Solis' motion and proposed ordinance mark meaningful progress towards addressing the significant harms created by H.R. 1, and both have our full support.

If you have any questions, please contact me at the email or phone number below.

Sincerely,

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Kathryn Icenhower, Ph.D., Chief Executive Officer, SHIELDS For Families

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February 9, 2026

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Re: Letter of Support for Motion to Secure Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by H.R. 1

Dear Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors:

On behalf of Bet Tzedek Legal Services, I write to express our strong support for the motion to place a temporary half-cent retail sales tax on the June 2026 ballot to preserve essential County services threatened by devastating federal cuts under H.R. 1. For over fifty years, Bet Tzedek has provided free legal services to low-income and vulnerable residents throughout Los Angeles County, and we have witnessed firsthand how access to healthcare and public benefits is inextricably linked to our clients' ability to achieve stability, dignity, and justice. We urge the Board to approve this motion and give voters the opportunity to protect the safety net that so many in our community depend upon.

#### **The Federal Cuts Under H.R. 1 Directly Threaten Bet Tzedek's Clients**

Bet Tzedek serves thousands of Los Angeles County residents each year, including seniors, people with disabilities, immigrants, workers facing exploitation, and families struggling to remain housed. The vast majority of our clients are low-income individuals who rely on Medi-Cal and other public benefits to meet their basic needs. H.R. 1's cuts to Medicaid funding, combined with new eligibility requirements and copays, will create devastating barriers for the very populations we serve.

One in three County residents depends on Medi-Cal for healthcare, and nearly half of LA County residents with disabilities rely on Medicaid. These are our clients—older adults navigating the complexities of Medicare and Medi-Cal, families seeking access to mental health services, and individuals with disabilities fighting to maintain their independence. When our clients lose access to healthcare, they face cascading crises: untreated medical conditions lead to job loss, housing instability, and deeper poverty. The legal problems that bring clients to Bet Tzedek's doors are often symptoms of a fraying safety net, and the cuts under H.R. 1 will only accelerate that unraveling.

#### **Protecting County Services Advances Bet Tzedek's Mission of Justice and Equity**

Bet Tzedek's mission is to provide free legal assistance to ensure that poverty is not an impediment to justice. This mission cannot be fulfilled in isolation from the broader systems that support our clients' well-being. When County health services are cut, when clinics close, and when emergency rooms become overcrowded, our clients suffer consequences that extend far beyond healthcare. They lose the



stability necessary to pursue legal remedies for wage theft, housing violations, and benefits denials. They face impossible choices between paying for medications and paying rent. The projected loss of \$2.4 billion in County funding over three years, along with potential layoffs of 5,000 staff and facility closures, would be catastrophic for the communities we serve.

The proposed sales tax measure represents a critical local investment in preserving access to care and essential services. It embodies the same values that guide Bet Tzedek's work: that every person deserves access to the resources necessary for a dignified life, and that we have a collective responsibility to protect the most vulnerable among us. The measure's strong oversight and accountability provisions further ensure that these funds will be directed where they are needed most.

### **Conclusion**

Bet Tzedek Legal Services respectfully urges the Board to approve this motion and place the temporary half-cent sales tax before voters in June 2026. Our clients—seniors, people with disabilities, working families, and immigrants—cannot afford to lose the healthcare and public services that sustain them. This measure offers Los Angeles County residents the chance to stand together in defense of their neighbors, their families, and their community's future. We are proud to add our voice in support. Thank you for your leadership on this critical issue and for your continued commitment to the health and well-being of all Los Angeles County residents.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jeffrey F. Webb

Directing Attorney for Impact Advocacy  
Bet Tzedek Legal Services



**Councilmember Zein Obagi Jr**  
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**VIA EMAIL ONLY**

February 9, 2026

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**Re: Support for Sup. Mitchell, Solis Motion on Agenda Item 15**  
**Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by H.R.1**

Dear Board of Supervisors,

As a Redondo Beach City Council member, I strongly support Supervisors Mitchell and Solis's motion to place a temporary 0.5% sales tax on the June 2, 2026 ballot to preserve critical county health services slashed by H.R.1.

My constituents, especially renters, are struggling with soaring living costs, including food and healthcare. While governments focus on housing, this motion addresses healthcare gaps head-on.

I commend Supervisor Mitchell's proactive leadership in safeguarding our Public Health Department and Medi-Cal recipients from federal cuts. Timing is urgent: Recent measles cases in LA County cost \$200,000–\$400,000 each to contain. We cannot let federal reductions gut chronic disease prevention, tracking, and services at public hospitals and clinics—like the Venice Family Clinic on Artesia Blvd. in my district.

Although I approach new taxes with great caution, this motion presents an essential investment in our community's health. Without it, we'll face clinic closures, ER overcrowding, and lost access for vulnerable families—including 120,000 recent Medi-Cal drop-offs, with 27,000 children affected. Please join our Supervisor Mitchell in protecting our safety net.

Sincerely yours,

  
Zein Obagi Jr  
Council Member, District 4  
Redondo Beach

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to you today to express my support for Supervisor Mitchell and Supervisor Solis' motion to place a temporary 0.5% general sales tax measure on the June 2nd ballot and implement the proposed ordinance, the "Essential Services Restoration Act."

The federal budget bill, H.R.1, also known as the "One Big Beautiful Bill Act," enacts the largest health care cuts in US history, including about \$1 trillion in cuts from Medicaid. For Los Angeles County residents, the harm will be severe. The County has 3.3 million residents who rely on Medi-Cal. That is 1 in 3 County residents, including nearly one million children. Hundreds of thousands of them could face loss of coverage and reduced access to care. The implications of these cuts are on track to result in overcrowding of emergency rooms when residents are unable to access health care until they are experiencing a life-threatening crisis.

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February 9, 2026

Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
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500 West Temple Street, Room 383  
Los Angeles, California 90012

RE: Motion Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by H.R.1

Dear Supervisors,

I am submitting this letter to share UC Berkeley Labor Center research on the economic harms associated with H.R. 1 because it underscores the need for funding to backfill the federal Medi-Cal cuts. Without funding solutions like the motion the Board is considering on Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by H.R. 1, not only will hundreds of thousands of Los Angeles County residents lose Medi-Cal coverage, but many jobs within the county will be lost and local tax revenue will be reduced.

Health care makes up a large portion of Los Angeles County's economy, with approximately 16 percent of jobs being in health care.<sup>1</sup> Federal Medi-Cal spending is critical to the health care system in Los Angeles County given that four out of ten county residents are enrolled and \$54 billion in Medi-Cal spending flowed into the county in 2024.<sup>2</sup>

In a UC Berkeley Labor Center report published in April 2025, I estimated that up to 217,000 jobs will be lost in California under the large federal Medicaid cuts that ultimately were enacted under H.R. 1,<sup>3</sup> including up to 63,800 jobs in Los Angeles County. Approximately two-thirds of the projected job loss will be in health care and the remaining job loss will occur at businesses that supply the health care industry, such as food, laundry, and building services, medical supply companies, employment agencies, and accounting firms, and at local businesses at which health care workers spend their income, such as restaurants and retail stores. This analysis accounts for the fact that federal Medi-Cal dollars circulate through the California economy multiple times until the dollars eventually leave the state when consumers purchase goods or services that are produced elsewhere.

Fewer Medi-Cal dollars circulating through the economy will also result in up to an estimated \$1.7 billion in lost state and local tax revenue in California,<sup>4</sup> including approximately \$500 million in state and local tax revenue from Los Angeles County.

The exact number of lost jobs and lost state and local tax revenue will depend on factors such as yet-to-be-finalized details in federal H.R. 1 regulations, adjustments to certain Medicaid financing policies under H.R. 1, and how the state and counties implement H.R. 1. Regardless of these factors, economic harms of a large magnitude are likely to occur unless solutions are adopted to fill the gaps, such as the motion you are considering.

The economic harm from the H.R. 1 Medi-Cal cuts will be felt throughout Los Angeles County.

- Every Assembly district in Los Angeles County has at least one out of every six residents enrolled in Medi-Cal, although some parts of the county have much higher Medi-Cal enrollment (up to seven out of ten residents enrolled) than other parts.<sup>5</sup>
- The health care delivery system in Los Angeles County, nearly all of which relies on Medi-Cal funding to some extent, is dispersed throughout the county. At least 55 cities in Los Angeles (not including unincorporated areas) have at least one community clinic or hospital within city limits.<sup>6</sup>
- Workers in health care and other industries at risk of job loss live throughout the county.

Certain health care providers will be more affected by the federal Medi-Cal cuts than others given that they disproportionately rely on Medi-Cal, including safety net providers such as public hospitals and public and non-profit community clinics. For example, Medi-Cal makes up approximately two out of every ten health care dollars in the state,<sup>7</sup> but nearly seven out of ten (68%) net patient revenue dollars, on average, for community clinics and county- and city-owned hospitals.<sup>8</sup>

The proposed motion would not only improve access to health care for Los Angeles County residents affected by H.R. 1, but it would also mitigate the harm to the economy and workforce.

Sincerely,



Laurel Lucia  
Deputy Executive Director of Programs

<sup>1</sup> <https://laborcenter.berkeley.edu/california-health-care-employment-by-district-and-county-2023/>

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<sup>7</sup> <https://www.cms.gov/data-research/statistics-trends-and-reports/national-health-expenditure-data/state-residence>

<sup>8</sup> <https://www.chcf.org/publication/health-care-safety-net-almanac/>

My name is Jenny O'Brian and I have worked at Venice Family Clinic, a nonprofit community health center, for 18 years. I'm commenting today because without the proposed L.A. County Emergency and Essential Healthcare Restoration Measure, the very existence of a health care safety net for people across Los Angeles County is at stake.

In the years since the passage of the Affordable Care Act, community health centers across the County have crafted a stronger health care safety net for the community by building upon the cornerstone of primary care to add specialty care, vision and dental services, behavioral health care, free food markets, and more. We have built partnerships with other nonprofits and programs that get people off the street and into housing. We have created a system that helps improve many aspects of our patients' lives to get them well and keep them well. When our budgets are slashed from HR 1, it will be difficult to keep all of these important programs alive.

The proposed L.A. County Emergency and Essential Healthcare Restoration Measure, with its halfcent sales tax replacing funding lost through recent federal actions, would help not just Venice Family Clinic and other clinics that are the first line of defense in keeping our emergency departments from being overrun. It will also be key to securing the existence of public health services, hospital care, and more. I urge you to pass the motion that will put this item on the ballot in June.

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*Sheila A. Smith Cook*  
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February 3, 2026

Honorable Kathryn Barger  
Chair, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors  
500 w. Temple St., Room 381B  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**SUBJECT: OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED COUNTYWIDE SALES TAX INCREASE –  
HEALTHCARE FUNDING RESTORATION ACT**

Dear Chair Barger and Members of the Board,

The City of Glendora submits this letter to formally and unequivocally oppose the proposed Healthcare Funding Restoration Act, which would impose a 0.50 percent countywide transactions and use tax.

While the City recognizes the financial pressures facing healthcare and public health systems in Los Angeles County, this proposal must be evaluated within the broader context of intergovernmental fiscal decisions that have, over time, shifted resources away from local governments while increasing expectations for local service delivery. Cities in Los Angeles County have been significantly and cumulatively impacted by federal, state, and county actions that have reduced local revenue authority, redirected locally generated funds, and imposed significant administrative and programmatic obligations without commensurate funding.

At the state level, the dissolution of redevelopment agencies serves as a clear and instructive example. That action provided short-term benefit to the State's budget, but it simultaneously eliminated a critical local financing tool for affordable housing and community investment. The result was the loss of tens of thousands of affordable housing units statewide and a diminished local capacity to address housing needs proactively. In the years since, cities have been required to navigate an increasingly complex array of state and regional taxes, fees, and programs intended to address housing and homelessness—often characterized by fragmented funding streams, restrictive eligibility criteria, and significant administrative burden. Cities continue to work through the long-term consequences of those decisions, while concurrently fighting the continued loss of local control.

This same pattern is evident at the county level. The City's experience with the recently adopted Measure A underscores these concerns. Although residents in Glendora will contribute approximately \$5 million annually, the City has received less than \$175,000 per year in direct funding to the community where the revenue was generated. Instead, funds have largely flowed through county systems, supplementing County operations, with limited transparency and limited ability for cities to ensure that revenues translate into direct, measurable benefits for local residents who carry the financial burden.





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These experiences explain why cities throughout Los Angeles County and the State of California have increasingly been forced to consider local funding measures. Local measures ensure that funds raised within a city remain primarily within that city, are directed to locally identified priorities, and are overseen by elected officials who are directly accountable to the residents paying the tax. This accountability is fundamental. When revenues stay local, residents can clearly see how funds are used, leaders can be held responsible for outcomes, and services can be tailored to the specific needs of the community.

By contrast, countywide sales tax measures dilute local benefits, reduce transparency, and weaken accountability. While the proposed measure includes a prescriptive allocation framework, it relies heavily on county departments and intermediary entities, increasing the risk that additional revenue will expand administrative structures rather than deliver timely, direct services to communities.

There are also serious governance and fiscal policy concerns. The continued layering of countywide taxes through state-authorized exceptions further constrains local fiscal flexibility and contributes to voter fatigue with repeated tax measures that do not demonstrably improve outcomes at the community level.

For these reasons, the City of Glendora does not support this proposal and is not prepared to engage in further discussions regarding its refinement or implementation. Funds raised within cities should primarily remain within those cities and be used to directly benefit the communities from which they are generated. The proposed measure does not meet that standard.

Accordingly, the City of Glendora respectfully urges the County to refrain from advancing this proposal.

Sincerely,

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David Fredendall  
Mayor

CC: Glendora City Council, Assemblymember Blanca E. Rubio, Senator Sasha Renee Perez, Senator Maria Elena Durazo, Assemblyman Isaac Bryan





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February 6, 2026

Honorable Holly J. Mitchell  
Supervisor, Second District  
Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors  
500 W. Temple St.  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisor Mitchell,

Thank you for your February 5, 2026 letter and for taking the time to respond to the City of Glendora's concerns regarding the proposed countywide sales tax measure. We appreciate your engagement on this issue and your recognition of the fiscal pressures facing Los Angeles County.

After reviewing your correspondence, the City's concerns are not alleviated. Your letter, in several respects, reinforces why Glendora and an increasing number of cities throughout Los Angeles County remain opposed to this proposal.

As you note, the proposed measure is a General Tax, not a special tax. As such, the County cannot legally guarantee how the revenue will ultimately be used. While the stated intent is to stabilize healthcare and public health services, the absence of binding, enforceable allocations means there is no assurance that revenues generated by Glendora residents will directly or proportionately benefit Glendora. This lack of certainty remains a fundamental concern.

The City's experience with Measure A is instructive. Glendora residents contribute approximately \$5 million annually, yet the City receives less than \$175,000 per year in direct funding. The vast majority of those dollars are absorbed into County systems or County-controlled entities, effectively supplementing County operations rather than producing clear, measurable benefits in the communities generating the revenue. Your letter does not explain how this proposal would avoid a similar outcome.

We respectfully ask the County to explain how this fiscal imbalance serves Glendora or the many cities countywide facing the same disparity. Cities continue to shoulder increasing service demands while locally generated revenues are redirected away from their communities. This proposal does not address that structural problem.

Although your letter suggests limited applicability, in practice this tax would apply to most consumer purchases. The cited exemptions, including groceries, prescription medications, and limited medical items, are narrow, well understood by cities, and do little to mitigate the daily impact on residents.





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With respect to healthcare, it is important to acknowledge that most hospitals operate as non-profit entities, and County materials indicate that more than 45 percent of revenues would be directed to such organizations. Hospital financial challenges are widely understood to stem largely from federal policy decisions, including Medi-Cal eligibility and reimbursement changes. Using broad-based taxpayer funding to offset these impacts, through a general tax with no guaranteed allocations, raises serious concerns regarding fairness, accountability, and fiscal responsibility.

The City also notes that many of the financial challenges cited by the County reflect long-standing structural and budgetary issues at higher levels of government. This proposal appears less like a targeted solution and more like a mechanism to backfill ongoing County operational shortfalls, placing a disproportionate burden on residents while offering limited transparency and accountability.

Finally, the City emphasizes that most cities we have spoken with oppose this measure. Glendora intends to work collaboratively with other cities, councils of governments, regional associations, and partner organizations to oppose this effort. A critical question remains unanswered: will the County reconsider if the clear majority of its cities formally oppose this proposal?

Glendora supports improving health outcomes for residents, but any funding approach must be equitable, transparent, and demonstrably beneficial to the communities paying the tax. This proposal does not meet that standard.

Thank you again for your response and engagement on this issue. We urge the County to reconsider advancing this measure.

Sincerely,

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David Fredendall

Mayor, City of Glendora





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**VIA EMAIL ONLY**

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**Re: Support for Sup. Mitchell, Solis Motion on Agenda Item 15**  
**Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by H.R.1**

Dear Board of Supervisors,

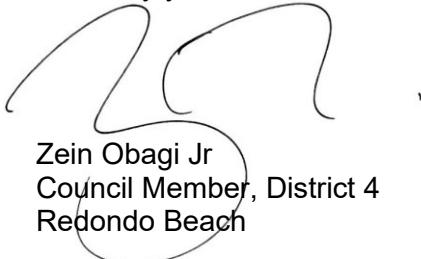
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Sincerely yours,



Zein Obagi Jr  
Council Member, District 4  
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February 9, 2026

TO: Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors

FROM: San Fernando Community Health Center

On behalf of San Fernando Community Health Center which operates 3 sites, serves close to 9000 unduplicated patients annually, and provides care across several communities that are part of SD3, I strongly support the motion by Supervisors Mitchell and Solis, "Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by H.R.1," to place a temporary half-cent sales tax on the June 2026 ballot to protect access to essential health services across Los Angeles County. Community health centers provide high-quality primary, behavioral health and preventative care to millions of County residents—many of whom rely on Medi-Cal and the safety net to stay healthy and out of emergency rooms.

At San Fernando Community Health Center more than 85% of the patients we serve depend on Medi-Cal currently. The impact of the cuts to both federal and state budgets will impact the majority of our patients. We are already seeing a reluctance for patients to seek normal preventative care and as the cuts become more impactful, that trend will extend to chronic disease care, resulting in persons seeking last-ditch care at area emergency rooms which will impact the entire healthcare system in Los Angeles County. In the City of San Fernando, which houses our largest clinic, 30% of the residents depend on Medi-Cal for healthcare coverage.

Proposed federal cuts in H.R. 1 and recent state policy changes threaten to destabilize the entire safety net system, putting coverage, clinics, and critical services at risk. Without action, we will see more patients delaying care, increased ER overcrowding, and fewer resources for underserved communities. We urge the Board to move this measure forward and give voters the chance to protect the County's health care safety net and the communities who depend on it.

Thank you for allowing San Fernando Community Health Center to express their concerns on this matter.

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Audrey L. Simons". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Audrey" on the top line and "L. Simons" on the bottom line.

Audrey L. Simons, MSHA  
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Re: **OPPOSE** - Motion by Supervisor Mitchell – Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by H.R.1

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I write to you today to respectfully express **opposition** to Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell's recent motion calling for a temporary ½ cent general sales tax measure to be included on the June primary ballot. The revenue generated from the tax measure would go towards health and safety net services that are at risk of disappearing due to H.R.1 funding cuts.

I recognize the severe fiscal impacts of H.R.1 on L.A. County Department of Health Services' (DHS) budget, and after hearing from county leaders at last week's Health and Mental Health Services Cluster Meeting, I share their concerns about a future, county-wide health services crisis caused by the bill's passage. Protecting the health, safety, and security of our communities and residents is of paramount importance to me. Therefore, I feel it is important to acknowledge the knock-on effect this measure would have on the significant financial challenges both residents and cities are already experiencing countywide.

I am concerned this measure would disproportionately burden the very residents the County seeks to protect, who are facing historic affordability pressures on housing, food, fuel, utilities, and childcare costs. This half-cent countywide sales tax increase would push the combined sales tax rates in some cities to over 11 percent, further straining household budgets. At the same time, cities are confronting their own structural budget challenges and are deeply worried about how to best address fiscal issues without compounding economic pressure on residents, which are least able to absorb it. This is particularly distressing in the context of LA County seeking a legislative exemption that would allow this sales tax measure to bypass the state cap on local sales taxes. If such legislation passed, struggling cities that are already at or near the cap would be left overlooked with limited future fiscal options to support much-needed local services in their communities.

I also feel there are significant flaws in the sales tax measure's revenue model as outlined in the motion. First, the motion states that the funds generated by the measure would go into L.A. County's General Fund, which technically classifies the dollars as unrestricted operating funds in future years. I feel strongly that if a measure of this kind is established, it should be structured as

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a special tax to ensure there are guardrails on the revenue that is going towards protecting residents' health needs. Voters and taxpayers deserve complete transparency, not creative structuring, when asked to shoulder additional tax burdens. Second, I am concerned about the temporary nature of the measure. While the motion states the measure will only be effective from October 1, 2026, to October 1, 2031, other temporary L.A. County measures have recently been extended (i.e. Measure H evolving into Measure A in 2024). Now residents reasonably question whether temporary taxes are, in practice, permanent. Further, if this general sales tax measure were to be extended, it would have serious, long-term implications on cities' ability to generate needed revenue.

With these concerns in mind, I respectfully request that the Board reconsiders this approach and enters an open dialogue with cities about how we can work together to address the fiscal challenges of today without overburdening one another. Solutions must be equitable, transparent, and mindful of the cumulative impact on residents already struggling with affordability. Further, I welcome conversations about advancing a statewide tax measure that could go towards supporting county-level health and safety net services in Los Angeles and beyond, as we recognize that H.R.1 funding cuts are affecting local governments across California.

I appreciate your consideration of my position on the motion.

Respectfully,



Pat Kearney  
City Councilmember  
City of Lawndale

The contents of this letter do not necessarily reflect the position of the Lawndale City Council



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I am concerned this measure would disproportionately burden the very residents the County seeks to protect, who are facing historic affordability pressures on housing, food, fuel, utilities, and childcare costs. This half-cent countywide sales tax increase would push the combined sales tax rates in some cities to over 11 percent, further straining household budgets. At the same time, cities are confronting their own structural budget challenges and are deeply worried about how to best address fiscal issues without compounding economic pressure on residents, which are least able to absorb it. This is particularly distressing in the context of LA County seeking a legislative exemption that would allow this sales tax measure to bypass the state cap on local sales taxes. If such legislation passed, struggling cities that are already at or near the cap would be left overlooked with limited future fiscal options to support much-needed local services in their communities.

I also feel there are significant flaws in the sales tax measure's revenue model as outlined in the motion. First, the motion states that the funds generated by the measure would go into L.A. County's General Fund, which technically classifies the dollars as unrestricted operating funds in future years. I feel strongly that if a measure of this kind is established, it should be structured as

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a special tax to ensure there are guardrails on the revenue that is going towards protecting residents' health needs. Voters and taxpayers deserve complete transparency, not creative structuring, when asked to shoulder additional tax burdens. Second, I am concerned about the temporary nature of the measure. While the motion states the measure will only be effective from October 1, 2026, to October 1, 2031, other temporary L.A. County measures have recently been extended (i.e. Measure H evolving into Measure A in 2024). Now residents reasonably question whether temporary taxes are, in practice, permanent. Further, if this general sales tax measure were to be extended, it would have serious, long-term implications on cities' ability to generate needed revenue.

With these concerns in mind, I respectfully request that the Board reconsiders this approach and enters an open dialogue with cities about how we can work together to address the fiscal challenges of today without overburdening one another. Solutions must be equitable, transparent, and mindful of the cumulative impact on residents already struggling with affordability. Further, I welcome conversations about advancing a statewide tax measure that could go towards supporting county-level health and safety net services in Los Angeles and beyond, as we recognize that H.R.1 funding cuts are affecting local governments across California.

I appreciate your consideration of my position on the motion.

Respectfully,

  
Bernadette Suarez  
City Councilmember  
City of Lawndale

The contents of this letter do not necessarily reflect the position of the Lawndale City Council

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to you today to express my support for Supervisor Mitchell and Supervisor Solis' motion to place a temporary 0.5% general sales tax measure on the June 2nd ballot and implement the proposed ordinance, the "Essential Services Restoration Act."

The federal budget bill, H.R.1, also known as the "One Big Beautiful Bill Act," enacts the largest health care cuts in US history, including about \$1 trillion in cuts from Medicaid. For Los Angeles County residents, the harm will be severe. The County has 3.3 million residents who rely on Medi-Cal. That is 1 in 3 County residents, including nearly one million children. Hundreds of thousands of them could face loss of coverage and reduced access to care. The implications of these cuts are on track to result in overcrowding of emergency rooms when residents are unable to access health care until they are experiencing a life-threatening crisis.

H.R.1 is already causing devastating impacts. The County has already implemented hiring freezes and is contemplating service consolidations, potential layoffs of 5,000 staff, and facility closures in the coming years. In the five months since the signing of H.R.1 – June to December 2025 – we have seen over 135,000 people across the County disenroll from Medi-Cal and 80,000 CalFresh disenrollments.

Without local action, safety-net services across the County and cities are at risk of collapsing. The County will be forced to limit critical public health services and close hospitals and clinics in communities that depend on them, leaving neighborhoods without essential, life-saving care. Maternity wards will shut down. Children who have lost their Medi-Cal coverage will have nowhere to go when they are sick except overcrowded emergency rooms, driving up costs for everyone and leaving families with medical bills they cannot pay. Essential public safety protections that ensure mitigation of communicable diseases, clean water, and health services for the most vulnerable will be severely curtailed or eliminated, resulting in grave danger for all County residents.

The measure proposed by Supervisors Mitchell and Solis would greatly assist in offsetting reductions in federal support imposed by H.R. 1. It would help stabilize health care access for families and keep the County's health care system positioned to meet the demand it currently faces and prevent the potential closure of our public hospitals. Affordable local care helps residents address health concerns early, reducing the need for high-cost emergency services and preventing minor conditions from escalating into serious medical crises. Access to nearby, community-based providers also strengthens public health by ensuring that families can receive timely preventive care, chronic-disease management, and essential services that support overall community well-being.

I care deeply about the well-being of the citizens of Los Angeles County, and I believe that protecting the health and safety of our communities is a responsibility we all share. Supervisor Mitchell and Supervisor Solis' motion and proposed ordinance mark meaningful progress towards addressing the significant harms created by H.R. 1, and both have my full support.

Sincerely,

February 10, 2026

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors  
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 W. Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**RE: SUPPORT — “Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by H.R.1” (February 10, 2026 Board Meeting)**

Dear Chair and Members of the Board:

On behalf of St. John's Community Health, which provides care through nearly 30 clinic and service sites and serves **130,000** patients annually across Southern California, I strongly support the motion by Supervisors Holly J. Mitchell and Hilda L. Solis, **“Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by H.R.1,”** to place a temporary half-cent sales tax on the **June 2026** ballot to protect access to essential health services across Los Angeles County. Community health centers provide high-quality primary, behavioral health, and preventive care to millions of County residents—many of whom rely on Medi-Cal and the safety net to stay healthy and out of emergency rooms.

At St. John's, we are already seeing the consequences of instability in the safety net. When coverage is lost or care becomes harder to access, patients delay routine and preventive visits, fall behind on chronic disease management, and wait until health issues become emergencies. That increases avoidable ER use and hospital strain—and it makes healthcare more expensive and less accessible for everyone, including working families who are doing everything they can to stay afloat.

Proposed federal cuts in H.R. 1 and recent state policy changes threaten to destabilize this system, putting coverage, clinics, and critical services at risk. Without action, we will see more patients delaying care, increased ER overcrowding, and fewer resources for underserved communities. We urge the Board to move this measure forward and give voters the chance to protect the County's health care safety net and the communities who depend on it.

We also recognize the real concern about affordability, particularly for low-income residents. That is why it matters that the proposal is **temporary**, includes **independent audits and civilian oversight**, and is designed to focus on **non-essential goods**, while **groceries, prescription medicine, and items purchased through SNAP/CalFresh and WIC would not be taxed**. Doing nothing is not “free”—it shifts costs onto families and the healthcare system in the form of avoidable illness, higher premiums, longer ER waits, and reduced access to timely care.

Los Angeles County cannot afford to let the healthcare safety net unravel. St. John's Community Health respectfully urges your **YES** vote to advance this motion and allow voters the opportunity to protect essential services and stabilize access to care across our County.

Sincerely,



**Jim Mangia**  
President & CEO  
St. John's Community Health

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Sincerely,

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Board of Supervisors Los Angeles County  
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RE: Support for Agenda Item 15 Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by  
H.R. 1

Dear Honorable Board Members,

The Union of American Physicians and Dentists who represents Physicians, Pharmacists, Veterinarians and Dentists are in support of Agenda Item 15 Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by H.R.1. The County will lose billions of dollars due to federal cuts in healthcare causing a crisis in the hospitals, clinics, and departments that protect the public from infectious diseases. Something has to be done to protect the health of the most vulnerable and maintain the public's right to healthcare.

The funding shortfall must be resolved at the local level. Social economics should not play a role in who has access to healthcare, especially when it involves families, children and seniors. Doctors and healthcare providers don't look at their patient's legal status but rather at how they can save lives, stop the spread of infectious diseases, and do no harm. The public safety net of Los Angeles County Health System needs to be funded to accomplish that mission. We ask that the Board of Supervisors pass this motion and fully fund the County Departments that provide healthcare.

Sincerely,

Christopher Ige  
Regional Administrator



Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to express my strong support for Supervisor Mitchell and Supervisor Solis' motion to place a temporary 0.5% general sales tax measure on the June 2nd ballot and to implement the proposed ordinance, the "Essential Services Restoration Act."

The federal budget bill, H.R.1—also known as the "One Big Beautiful Bill Act"—represents the largest health care cuts in U.S. history, including nearly \$1 trillion in reductions to Medicaid. The consequences for Los Angeles County are severe. Approximately 3.3 million residents—one in three people, including nearly one million children—rely on Medi-Cal. Many now face the loss of coverage and reduced access to care, which will lead to delayed treatment and increased reliance on overcrowded emergency rooms.

H.R.1 is already having devastating effects. The County has implemented hiring freezes and is considering service consolidations, potential layoffs of 5,000 staff, and facility closures in the coming years. Between June and December 2025 alone, more than 135,000 residents disenrolled from Medi-Cal and 80,000 lost CalFresh benefits. Without swift local action, the safety-net services that families depend on are at serious risk.

As a single parent, I experience the impact of these cuts personally. I work every day to ensure my son can access the health and supportive services he needs through community-based providers that rely on Medi-Cal funding. Any disruption to these services places families like mine at risk of delayed care, worsening health outcomes, and unnecessary medical crises.

I also write from my perspective as an employee of SHIELDS for Families, a community-based organization that serves children and families across Los Angeles County. SHIELDS relies heavily on Medi-Cal and public funding to provide integrated, culturally responsive health, behavioral health, and family support services. Cuts of this magnitude threaten the stability of organizations like SHIELDS, potentially forcing program reductions or closures that would leave thousands of families without preventive care and trusted support.

Without intervention, hospitals and clinics in underserved communities may close, maternity wards may shut down, and children who lose Medi-Cal coverage will have nowhere to turn when they are sick except overcrowded emergency rooms. Public health protections that safeguard communicable disease prevention, access to clean

water, and care for our most vulnerable residents will be severely curtailed, putting all County residents at risk.

The measure proposed by Supervisors Mitchell and Solis would help offset federal cuts imposed by H.R.1 and stabilize essential services. It would protect access to care for families, support community-based providers like SHIELDS for Families, and help ensure that parents and frontline service providers can continue supporting the health and well-being of our communities.

I care deeply about the health and safety of Los Angeles County residents—both as a parent and as someone who works daily to support families in need. Supervisor Mitchell and Supervisor Solis' motion represents a meaningful step toward mitigating the harms of H.R.1, and it has my full support.

Sincerely,  
Leyla McGuire

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## Los Angeles Food Policy Council

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February 6, 2026

Dear Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors,

My name is Alba Velasquez, Executive Director of the Los Angeles Food Policy Council. writing in support of item #15: Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by H.R.1. The Los Angeles Food Policy Council is a collective impact organization whose mission is to ensure food is healthy, affordable, accessible, sustainable and fair for all. Our vision for a just and resilient food system which enables our communities to thrive begins by centering the needs and experiences of those most negatively impacted by it. We want to recognize the board for considering a motion to create opportunities to generate much needed revenue to mitigate the harms of H.R.1. Additionally, we want to draw attention to food and nutrition specific cuts outlined in the bill and urge the board to prioritize food and nutrition as a priority area which these funds could serve.

In July 2026, H.R.1 was signed into law bringing sweeping and detrimental changes to our nation's largest and most effective food and nutrition security programs. Fundamental changes to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) known in California as Calfresh will soon be going into effect. Under SNAP policy changes outlined in H.R. 1, starting in April 2026, humanitarian immigrants who are refugees and asylees will now be excluded from SNAP eligibility impacting tens of thousands of individuals. Beginning in June 2026, harsh work and volunteer requirements will be imposed on adults up to age 64 (previously age 54), people with dependents ages 14-17 years old, and those who identify as veterans, those experiencing homelessness and former foster youth all three of whom were previously exempt. As a result hundreds of thousands of Angelenos will now have to work or volunteer 20 hours per week in order to receive SNAP.

Additionally changes to SNAP funding structures now make states and localities responsible for covering additional costs to administer and distribute



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benefits. Increases to the administrative cost sharing component of the program requires states and local entities to pay more with less investment from the federal government. The greatest fundamental change to the program and possibly the most detrimental is set to begin in October 2027 when state benefit cost share will begin based on SNAP payment error rates. For the first time in the program's history SNAP benefits will need to be partially covered by an entity outside of the federal government.

Lastly, as a result of H.R. 1 the SNAP-Ed program has been completely de-funded as of September 2025 ending decades of evidenced-based nutrition education and promotion.

Our county is home to nearly 1.5 million people or nearly 1 million households who rely on SNAP benefits to meet their food and nutrition needs. Recent data from USC continues to demonstrate 1 in 4 households struggles with food insecurity. We cannot afford significant disruptions to food and nutrition programs when one quarter of our county's residents are unable to consistently nourish themselves.

We encourage your support of Tuesday's motion and urge you to prioritize food and nutrition security programs as beneficiaries should voters approve this tax.

Sincerely,

Alba Velasquez  
Executive Director  
Los Angeles Food Policy Council



February 10, 2026

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors  
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**RE: SUPPORT — “Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by H.R.1”**

Dear Chair and Members of the Board:

Thank you for your leadership and for the seriousness you bring to decisions that affect millions of Los Angeles County residents. My name is Darryn Harris, Chief of Government Affairs & Community Relations Officer at St. John's Community Health, and I write in strong support of the motion by Supervisors Mitchell and Solis, “Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by H.R.1,” to place a temporary half-cent sales tax on the June 2026 ballot to protect access to essential health services across Los Angeles County.

I offer this support with a particular perspective. I spent more than two decades working on policy and budgets at the federal and state levels. I now do this work locally—inside a community health clinic system—where the consequences of those decisions show up in real time. I've learned that when funding and policy decisions weaken access to care, people don't stop getting sick. They simply lose the ability to manage illness early, and the entire system pays more for worse outcomes.

The urgency is real because families are already living on the edge. In Los Angeles, households are squeezed by rent, groceries, gas, and childcare. When healthcare becomes less accessible, it's not a “someday” problem—it's a this-month problem. People delay checkups, stretch prescriptions, and put off behavioral health care until they reach a breaking point. That's not just a health issue; it's a financial one. Medical debt is one of the fastest ways a stable family becomes unstable, and affordable, local care is one of the strongest protections against that downward spiral.

When regular care becomes harder to reach, the predictable result is that patients wait—and delaying care raises costs for everyone. More avoidable ER visits. More hospitalizations that could have been prevented. Longer emergency room wait times. Higher public costs. Worse outcomes. The need doesn't disappear; it shifts into crisis settings that are more expensive and less effective.

Community clinics are the County's best tool to prevent that outcome. Clinics deliver high-quality primary care, preventive care, and behavioral health care at a lower cost than emergency rooms, and they keep people healthier over time. This is a practical, cost-effective strategy: treat illness early instead of paying more later. And affordability isn't only about copays—it's also about whether you can get an appointment, close to home, without waiting weeks. Stable funding helps clinics keep doors open, retain staff, and reduce wait times so care is actually accessible when it matters.

This also has a direct impact on the local economy. When people lose access to timely care, they miss work, businesses lose productivity, and families fall behind. Keeping healthcare accessible supports workers, small businesses, and the stability of communities across the County.

I also want to acknowledge the concerns about affordability and fairness that residents will raise. Those concerns deserve respect and clear answers. That is why the design and guardrails matter: the measure is temporary, includes oversight and audits, and is structured so that groceries, prescription medicine, and purchases made through SNAP/CalFresh and WIC would not be taxed. Working families contribute to this County every day; they deserve a healthcare system that doesn't price them out—and a safety net that is there when hard times hit.

Thank you again for your leadership. For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Board to vote YES and move this item forward so voters have the opportunity to protect the County's healthcare safety net and the communities that depend on it.

Sincerely,

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Darryn Harris  
Chief of Government Affairs & Community Relations Officer  
St. John's Community Health



# El Proyecto del Barrio, Inc.

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Submitted via Public Comment – Board of Supervisors portal

February 9, 2026

Honorable Hilda Solis  
Honorable Holly Mitchell  
Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors  
500 West Temple Street  
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Dear Supervisors Solis and Mitchell:

On behalf of El Proyecto del Barrio, Inc., which operates seven sites, serves over 50,000 patients, and provides care across Supervisorial District One and Supervisorial District Three, I strongly support the motion by Supervisors Mitchell and Solis, "Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by H.R. 1," to place a temporary half-cent sales tax on the June 2026 ballot to protect access to essential health services across Los Angeles County. Community health centers provide high-quality primary, behavioral health, and preventive care to millions of County residents—many of whom rely on Medi-Cal and the safety net to stay healthy and out of emergency rooms.

El Proyecto anticipates a severe reduction in patients receiving health services due to patient work requirements, eligibility of UIS (Unsatisfactory Immigration Status), ICE raids, and federal funding reductions. El Proyecto projects a 35 percent to 40 percent revenue reduction that potentially could result in layoffs and clinic closures.

The proposed federal cuts in H.R. 1 and recent state policy changes threaten to destabilize this system, putting coverage, clinics, and critical services at risk. Without action, we will see more patients delaying care, increased ER overcrowding, and fewer resources for underserved communities. We urge the Board to move this measure forward and give voters the chance to protect the County's health care safety net and the communities who depend on it.

If you would like further information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Corinne Sánchez, Esq.

President/CEO



**Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors**

**02/09/2026**

500 W. Temple Street  
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**Re: Opposition to Item 15, Proposed Countywide 0.5% General Sales Tax**

Honorable Members of the Board:

We write to express our concerns regarding Item 15 on February 10th's agenda, the proposal to place a countywide 0.5 percent general sales and use tax before voters in the June 2026 primary election. Although we recognize the fiscal challenges facing Los Angeles County and share a commitment to ensuring access to essential public services, we cannot support a measure that raises taxes without clear safeguards, oversight, or assurances of how the revenue will be used.

According to the text of the proposed ordinance, all revenue generated by this tax would be deposited into the County general fund, where it may be used for any county purpose. This stands in contrast to public descriptions of the measure that frame it as a way to support healthcare services, emergency response capacity, and safety net programs. If the County intends to dedicate new revenue to specific services, those commitments must be clearly defined, legally binding, and supported by transparent oversight.

Recent countywide tax measures, such as Measure A in 2024 and Measure M in 2016 demonstrated the need for stronger accountability mechanisms to ensure that new revenue is spent as promised. Placing an additional half percent general tax on the ballot without a detailed spending plan, independent audits, or performance reporting makes it difficult for residents to have confidence that these funds will be managed responsibly.

We are also concerned about the timing of this proposal. A June primary election, which typically has low turnout, does not provide adequate opportunity for public engagement or meaningful debate about a billion dollar revenue measure. In addition, several cities across Los Angeles County are evaluating their own local fiscal strategies for the November ballot. Introducing a countywide tax in June risks crowding out local measures and limiting municipalities' ability to address their own budget needs.

Finally, it is important to recognize the burden that repeated sales tax increases place on working families and small businesses. Los Angeles County already has one of the highest combined sales tax rates in the nation. Any proposal to increase this rate further must include strong fiscal controls, clear objectives, and transparent oversight that allow voters to make an informed decision.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge the Board of Supervisors not to place the current 0.5 percent general sales tax proposal on the June ballot. If the County determines that additional revenue for healthcare or other essential services is necessary, we encourage the development of a dedicated special tax with defined purposes, enforceable spending protections, and comprehensive accountability measures.

We remain willing to collaborate on solutions that strengthen essential services while maintaining public trust and ensuring responsible stewardship of taxpayer funds.

**Sincerely,**

Aidan Chao Chairman, LA County Taxpayers Association	Steve Tye Mayor, Diamond Bar	Becky A. Shevlin Mayor, Monrovia
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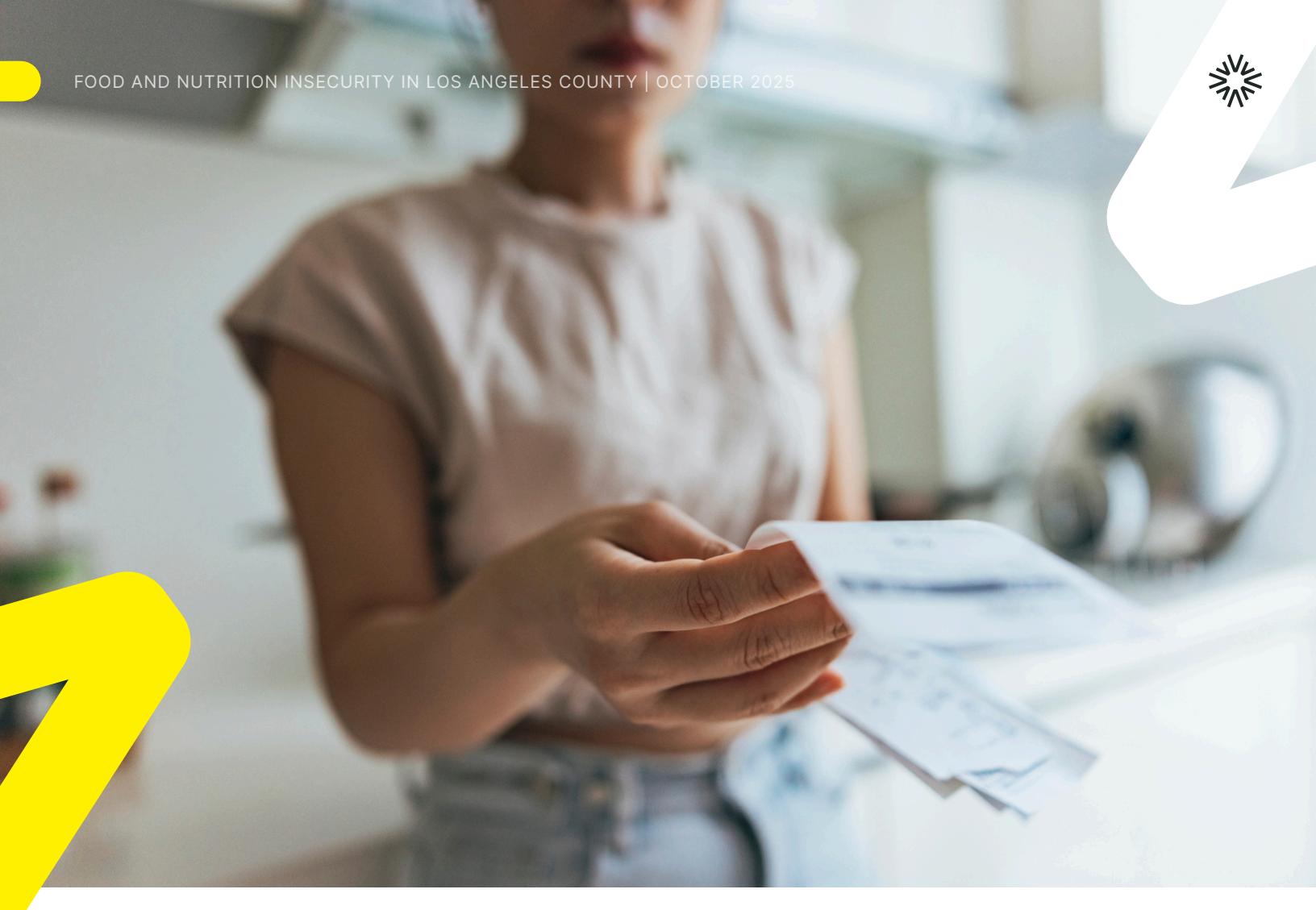
# Introduction

Food insecurity occurs when people lack access to enough food—an experience that harms people's physical and mental health, disrupts children's development, strains families, and makes it harder for individuals and communities to thrive. Data collected in October 2025 from surveys with Los Angeles (L.A.) County residents participating in the University of Southern California's Understanding America Study show that **1 in 4 (24%) of all county households experienced food insecurity in the past year**. Among households with low incomes (<300% of the federal poverty line), **1 in 3 (35%) experienced food insecurity**, down from 41% in 2024. Nutrition insecurity also dropped from 29% in 2024 to 21% in 2025. These improvements likely reflect substantial countywide investments and collaboration to strengthen the food system, even as significant challenges remain.

2025 has been a difficult and volatile year for many Angelenos. High living costs—especially rent, inflation, and food prices—have continued to strain

household budgets. In January, unprecedented wildfires burned 57,500 acres and destroyed more than 18,000 structures, displacing families and damaging homes, businesses, and community centers. Immigrant communities have also faced heightened challenges as federal agents conducted highly visible immigration operations and raids across the city. Fear of deportation has kept many families from public spaces, making it harder to buy groceries or access food assistance. These enforcement actions have also disrupted the agricultural workforce, which plays a vital role in our regional food system, further affecting the food supply.

This brief report summarizes several key insights on the state of food and nutrition insecurity in L.A. County as of October 2025.



## About 1 in 4 L.A. County households remain food insecure

Data from the Understanding America Study collected in October 2025 show that about 1 in 4 (24%) households experienced food insecurity in the past year. This is statistically similar to the rate of food insecurity recorded in our 2024 report: 25% (de la Haye et al., 2024).

Data collected from this study over the past five years show that the proportion of L.A. County households who reported experiencing food insecurity in the past 12 months was:

- 17% in December 2021 (approximately 553,000 households)
- 24% in July 2022 (approximately 802,000 households)
- 30% in July 2023 (approximately 986,000 households)
- 25% in October 2024 (approximately 852,000 households)
- 24% in October 2025 (approximately 814,000 households)

Countywide food insecurity has remained relatively steady at 24–25% since 2022, except for a spike to 30% in 2023. Our prior report indicates this spike was likely caused by the end of the pandemic-era boost to CalFresh benefits, which reduced the amount of money recipients had available for groceries (de la Haye et al., 2023).

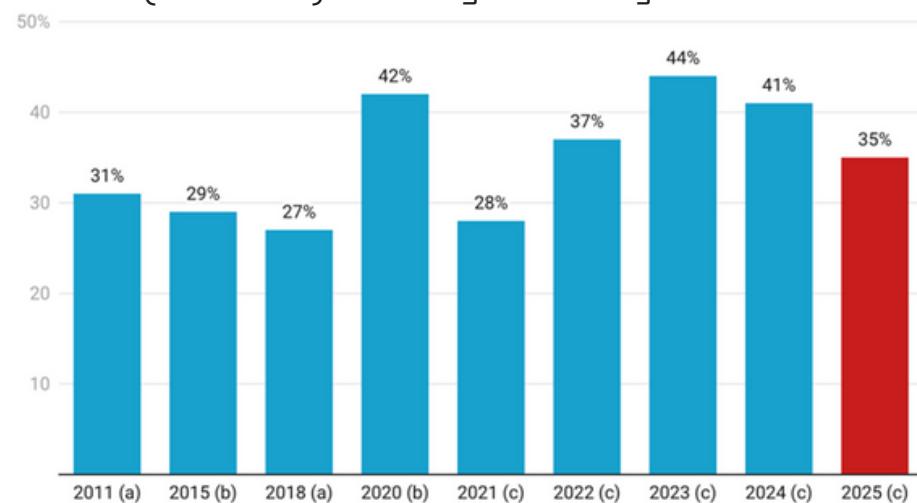


## The rate of food insecurity among low-income households improved from 2023 to 2025, but remains unacceptably high

Lack of financial resources is the main cause of food insecurity. Individuals with lower incomes (household incomes below 300% of the federal poverty level; FPL) face a higher rate of food insecurity compared to the general population. The rate of food insecurity among low-income households in L.A. County has been volatile since the COVID-19 pandemic, but has significantly improved in the past two years (**Figure 1**):

- **Before the pandemic**, rates of food insecurity among low-income households had been improving, from 31% in 2011 to 27% in 2018.
- **When the pandemic hit in 2020**, our research documented a large spike in food insecurity among low-income households: 42% experienced food insecurity that year, compared to 27% in 2018.
- **In 2021**, food insecurity returned to pre-pandemic levels, 28%, following significant local, state, and federal investments.
- **After 2021**, amid inflation and expiration of pandemic-era benefits, food insecurity among low-income residents rose rapidly to 37% in 2022, higher than pre-pandemic levels. By July of 2023, shortly after many COVID-era benefits expired, rates had increased to 44%, similar to the highest levels of food insecurity (42%) seen at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **In 2024**, food insecurity among low-income residents decreased modestly to 41%, but remained markedly higher than pre-pandemic levels.
- **In 2025**, food insecurity among low-income residents decreased to 35%; an improvement but a rate that is still unacceptably high, and higher than pre-pandemic levels.

**Figure 1.** Food insecurity trends among low-income households (<300% FPL) in Los Angeles County over time



Source of data: <sup>a</sup>Los Angeles County Health Survey, USDA Short Form Household Food Security Module (LAC DPH, 2021); <sup>b</sup>USC Understanding America Study, Food Insecurity Experience Scale; <sup>c</sup>USC Understanding America Study, USDA Short Form Household Food Security Module.

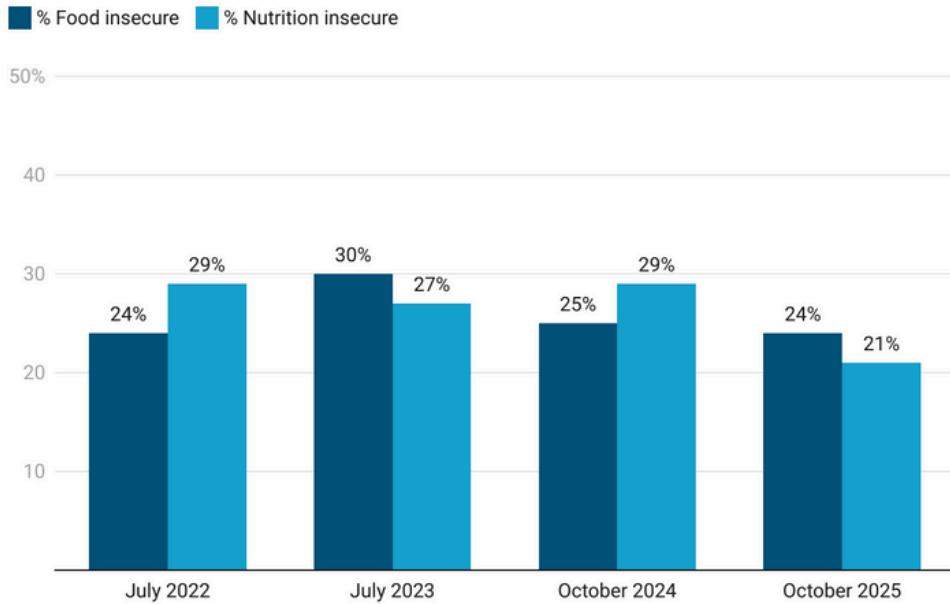


## Nutrition insecurity improved in 2025

Nutrition security focuses on ensuring access to nutritious food, not just enough calories. A household that is nutrition secure has consistent access to healthy, safe, affordable foods that will support good health and well-being.

In L.A. County, the rate of nutrition insecurity declined from 29% in October 2024 to 21% in October 2025, even though the overall rate of food insecurity remained fairly stable.

**Figure 2.** Food insecurity and nutrition insecurity trends among adults in Los Angeles County from 2022 to 2025



Source of data: Understanding America Study, University of Southern California. Food insecurity was measured by the USDA Short Form Household Food Security Module; nutrition insecurity was measured by the Center for Nutrition and Health Impact's Brief Nutrition Security Screener.





## The majority of Angelenos facing food and nutrition insecurity in 2025 were low-income, female, Hispanic/Latino, and younger adults

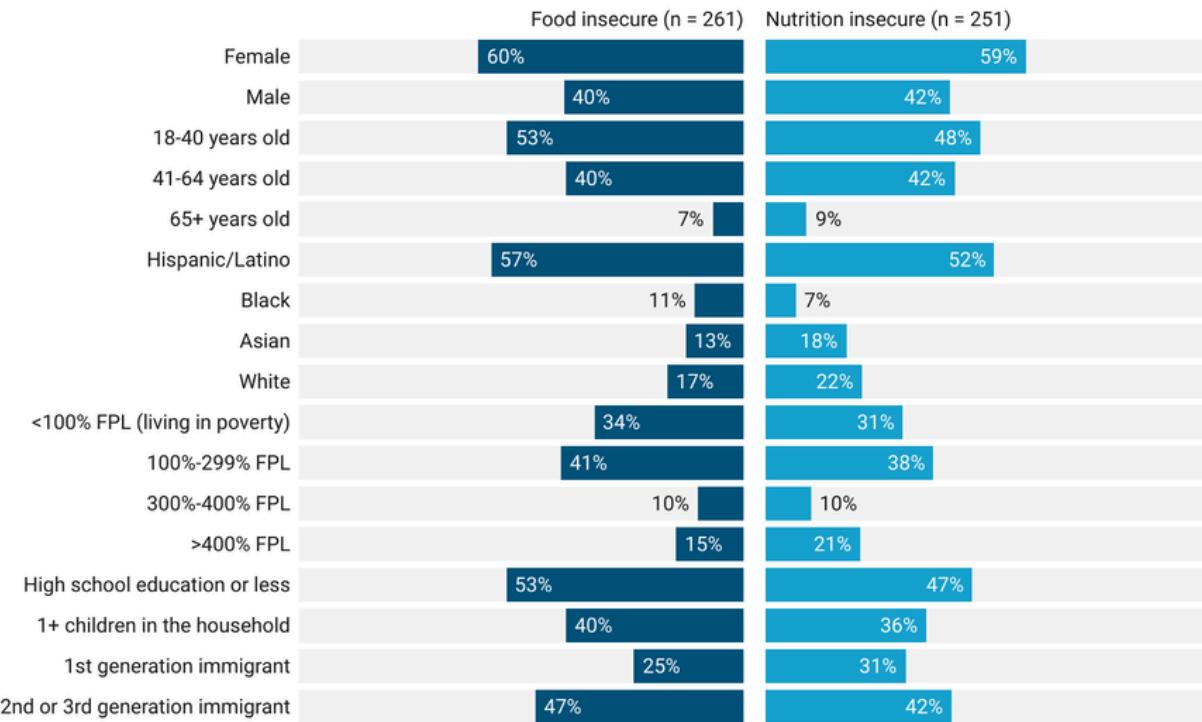
The majority of residents experiencing food insecurity and nutrition insecurity in October 2025 were:

- **Low-income (<300% FPL):** 75% of those with food insecurity, and 69% of those with nutrition insecurity
- **Female:** 60% of those with food insecurity, and 59% of those with nutrition insecurity
- **Hispanic/Latino:** 57% of those with food insecurity, and 52% of those with nutrition insecurity
- **Younger adults (18-40 year olds):** 53% of those with food insecurity, and 48% of those with nutrition insecurity

Households with children also represent a substantial share of those affected, accounting for 40% of all food-insecure households and 36% of those experiencing nutrition insecurity.

The profiles of residents who experienced food and nutrition insecurity in the past year (**Figure 3**) illustrate additional characteristics of these groups.

**Figure 3.** Profiles of Los Angeles County adults who experienced food and nutrition insecurity, October 2025

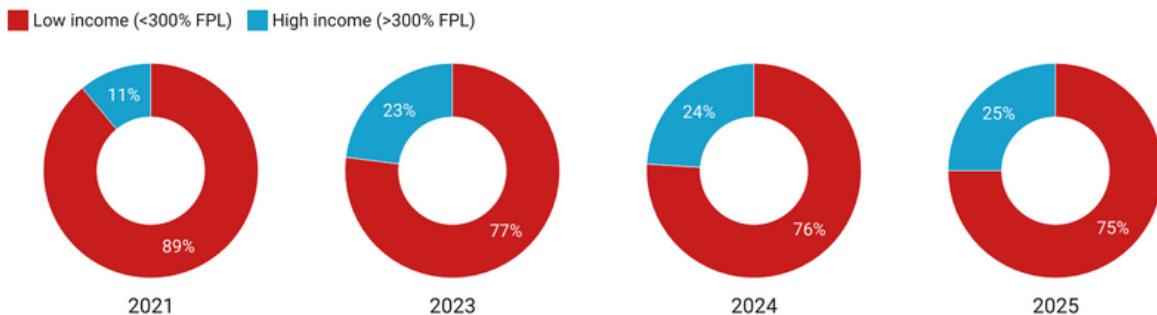


Source of data: Understanding America Study, University of Southern California



While most residents experiencing food or nutrition insecurity are living in poverty or have low incomes (<300% FPL), a substantial share—25% of those with food insecurity and 31% of those with nutrition insecurity—have incomes above 300% FPL. Historical data show that this group has grown over time and now consistently represents a significant portion of food-insecure households in L.A. County (**Figure 4**). Although food insecurity declined among low-income households from 41% in 2024 to 35% in 2025 (**Figure 1**), the rate among all county households remained essentially unchanged (25% in 2024 and 24% in 2025). This indicates that food insecurity has not improved for higher-income residents.

**Figure 4.** Among residents with food insecurity, the % who live with low incomes (<300% FPL) or high incomes (>300% FPL)



Source of data: Understanding America Study, University of Southern California

For context, federal poverty levels (FPL) are updated yearly by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (U.S. DHHS, 2025), and apply to 48 states (Alaska and Hawaii set their own thresholds). In 2025, a household was considered “high-income” (i.e., >300% FPL) if they earned \$46,950/year or more with 1 household member, or \$96,450/year or more with 4 household members, as shown in **Table 1**.

However, the cost of living in L.A. is about 50% more than the national average (CC&ER, 2025), and the estimated required annual income to meet basic needs (food, housing, transportation, medical, etc.) is \$57,841 for 1 adult, and \$135,996 for a household with 2 working adults and 2 children (Glasmeier, 2025). It is likely challenging for many Angelenos in the “high income” >300% FPL bracket to cover their expenses and afford the food they need. Additionally, these high-income households do not qualify for safety net programs such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

**Table 1.** Household income in US Dollars per year for different federal poverty level (FPL) thresholds and household sizes

Household size	100% FPL	200% FPL	300% FPL	400% FPL
1 person	15,650	31,300	46,950	62,600
4 people	32,150	64,300	96,450	128,600
8 people	54,150	108,300	162,450	216,600



## Following the January 2025 wildfires, residents that appeared to be especially vulnerable to food insecurity were those living in poverty, residents with less education, and 1st generation immigrants

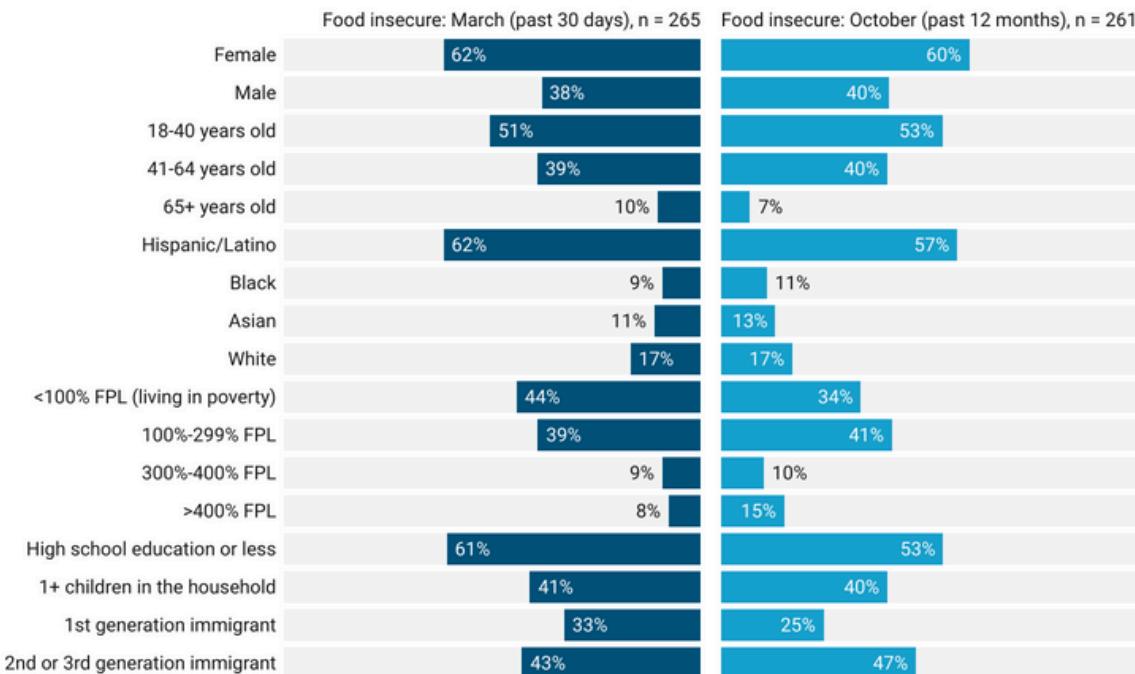
Following the devastating January 2025 wildfires, the Understanding America Study's LABarometer conducted surveys with L.A. County residents from February to March 2025. The surveys asked about many ways in which residents were impacted by the fires, including their experience of food insecurity *in the past 30 days*.

The profiles of residents who experienced food insecurity in March 2025 were similar to the profiles of those experiencing food insecurity throughout the year, from October 2024 - October 2025 (Figure 5). In both cases, the majority of those experiencing food insecurity were low-income (<300% FPL), female, younger adults (18-40 year olds), and Hispanic/Latino.

However, **notable differences were that households living in poverty, those with less education, and 1st generation immigrants appeared to have been especially vulnerable to food insecurity following the wildfires.** Specifically, among those who experienced food insecurity in March 2025:

- 44% were living in poverty (<100% FPL), compared to 34% with this characteristic among residents who experienced food insecurity throughout 2025.
- 61% had a high school education or less, compared to 53% with this characteristic among residents who experienced food insecurity throughout 2025.
- 33% were 1st generation immigrants, compared to 25% with this characteristic among residents who experienced food insecurity throughout 2025.

**Figure 5.** Profiles of Los Angeles County adults who experienced past-month food insecurity in March 2025, compared to those who had experienced food insecurity in the year preceding October 2025



Source of data: Understanding America Study, University of Southern California

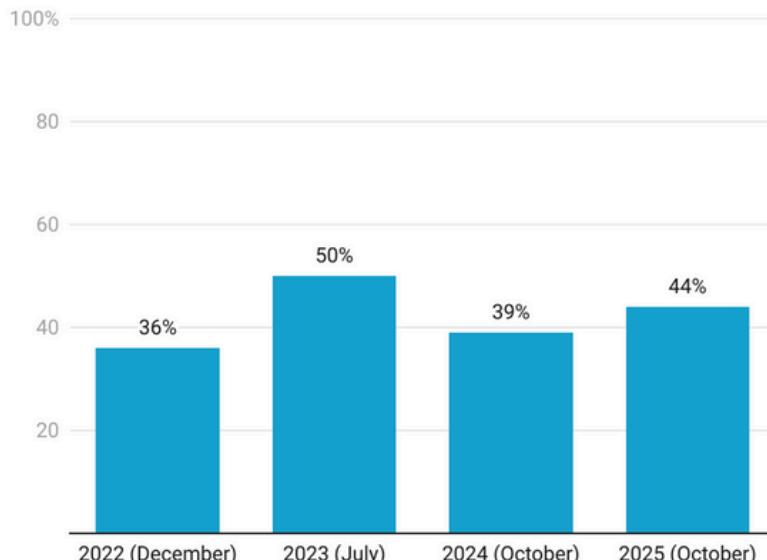


## More than 2 in 5 CalFresh recipients experienced food insecurity; a rate that is likely to rise after October 2025

CalFresh, known nationally as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), is the country's largest anti-hunger program, serving 41.7 million people nationwide (Pew Research Center, 2025) and 1.5 million people in L.A. County (LAC DPSS, 2025a). Decades of evidence show that the program helps to alleviate food insecurity for households who are enrolled and receive monthly benefits to spend on groceries.

However, many enrolled households still struggle to meet their food needs. In October 2025, 44% of CalFresh recipients in L.A. County remained food insecure, indicating that current benefit levels, combined with household food budgets, are often not enough. Food insecurity among program recipients has fluctuated over time (**Figure 6**), with a notable spike in July 2023 after the end of the pandemic-era boost to SNAP benefits. It is likely that rates of food insecurity among program recipients will rise again due to the lapse in benefits that occurred during the October-November 2025 government shutdown, and as new federal eligibility restrictions and benefit reductions, under H.R. 1, the "One Big Beautiful Bill Act," take effect in 2026 and beyond.

**Figure 6.** Percent of CalFresh recipients in Los Angeles County who experienced food insecurity from 2022 to 2025



Source of data: Understanding America Study, University of Southern California

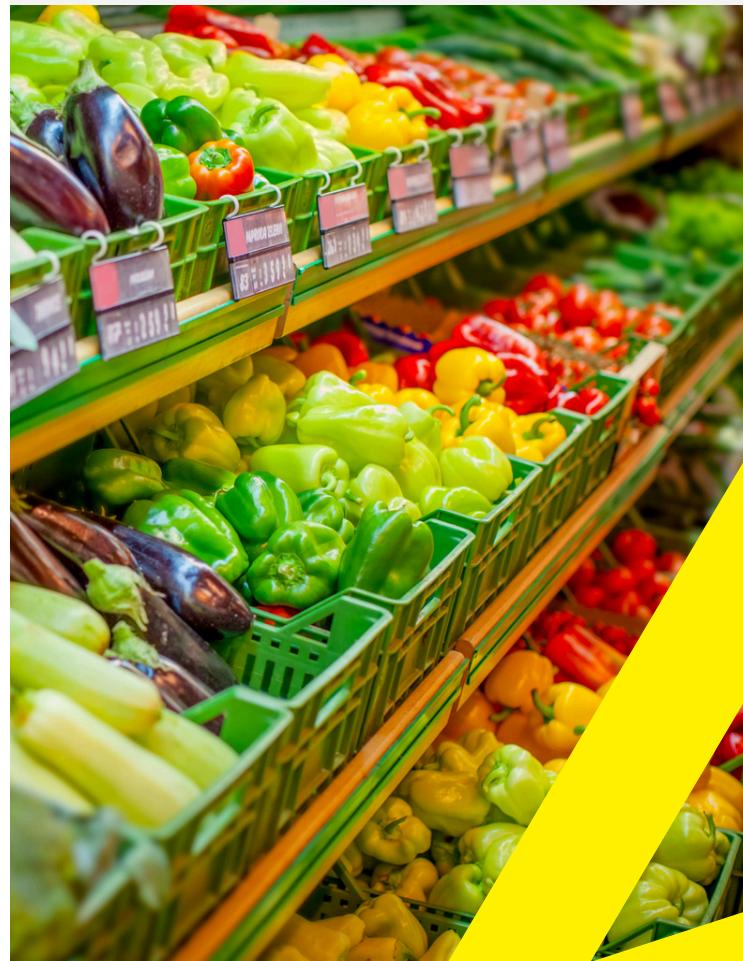


# Key Insights

In the face of a challenging year, it is important to celebrate progress: food insecurity declined among low-income residents, and nutrition insecurity declined county-wide. These positive shifts potentially reflect the major investments in the food system being made by stakeholders across L.A. County to improve residents' food access, in the face of inflation, high cost of living, and high food prices. For example:

- Since 2023, the county invested over \$20 million from a Food Equity Fund, allocated as grants to more than 80 organizations working on food issues across the region (County of Los Angeles, 2025). In the past two years this has enabled grantees to invest in food production and distribution infrastructure, community gardens and kitchens, nutrition education and outreach, and more.
- The L.A. County Office of Food Systems was established in January 2025 at the directive of the L.A. County Board of Supervisors, and is dedicated to cultivating a fair, resilient, and healthy food system for all county residents. They collaborate with a broad network of stakeholders to address food system challenges across the county, and improve residents' food and nutrition security.

Continued investment across this breadth of the food system is warranted, given food and nutrition insecurity rates remain unacceptably high in L.A. County. Food insecurity also appears to be *increasingly impacting middle-class Angelenos*, who don't qualify for safety net programs and are struggling with the affordability of basic needs like food.



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# Recommendations

We recommend pursuing and coordinating actions across local, state, and federal levels, including initiatives that address the following:

## 1. **Advance policies that lower the cost of healthy, culturally relevant foods and increase access across neighborhoods.**

Continued investment is needed to make nutritious, culturally relevant foods more affordable and widely available. This includes supporting culturally diverse farmers and food businesses, strengthening distribution infrastructure that connects these producers to local retailers and food assistance programs, and expanding incentive programs like Market Match so more Angelenos can afford fresh, healthy foods. Partnerships with culturally tailored retailers can help ensure these programs meet community preferences.

## 2. **Build on recent progress by expanding outreach, enrollment, and retention in CalFresh, and identify strategies for state and local benefit protections.**

Given that nearly half of CalFresh recipients remained food insecure in 2025 and that federal cuts to SNAP eligibility and benefits are imminent, under recently enacted federal legislation, L.A. County should invest in targeted outreach and application assistance for CalFresh to ensure eligible families are able to enroll and stay enrolled. A recently launched example of this is L.A. County DPSS's [Keep Your Benefits campaign](#) (LAC DPSS, 2025b). We also encourage workforce agencies, regional employers, and community-based organizations to support new initiatives being developed and implemented by L.A. County to help CalFresh/SNAP households maintain benefits as expanded work requirements take effect. In addition, it will be important to identify state and local strategies to protect benefits, expand access where possible, and support community-based and charitable food assistance organizations that will face increasing demand as federal benefits decline.



# Recommendations

- 3. Invest in nutrition education.** With the recent loss of federal SNAP-Ed funding—which previously supported evidence-based nutrition education and cooking, budgeting, and food-resource management skills for CalFresh/SNAP participants—there is an urgent need for state, county, and local investment to fill this gap. Strengthening community-based nutrition education will help residents make informed, healthy choices and build the skills needed to acquire and prepare nutritious meals, complementing broader policy and structural efforts to improve food access and affordability across L.A. County.
- 4. Advance policies that increase household financial stability and ensure wages reflect the true cost of living in L.A. County.** Food insecurity remains unacceptably high in part because wages and federal poverty thresholds, which determine eligibility to social assistance programs, fail to match local living costs. Policymakers should support efforts that ensure more Angelenos earn a living wage and explore adjustments to federal poverty level thresholds—or alternative local safety net eligibility criteria—so more residents can qualify for programs like CalFresh.





# Recommendations

- 5. Strengthen the capacity of food banks, food pantries, and emergency food providers to respond to disasters and widening benefit gaps.** Food banks and pantries played a critical role following the January wildfires, immigration enforcement actions, and the November SNAP delays that occurred with the federal government shutdown, and will continue to be essential as SNAP cuts from H.R. 1 take effect. Investments are needed to help these organizations expand food distribution (including mobile pantries), reach communities facing displacement or fear of public spaces, and provide support for residents newly excluded from CalFresh, including some immigrant, refugee, and unemployed groups. In particular, continued investments in state-funded food assistance programs—including CalFood, which provides funding to food banks to purchase and distribute California-grown and produced foods—would both strengthen California’s charitable food system and help mitigate the impacts of H.R. 1.
- 6. Invest in local data collection and coordinated action to monitor and strengthen the food system and respond to changing needs.** With national food insecurity monitoring recently discontinued, L.A. County must continue to invest in timely, local survey data and interviews to track the impact of federal policy changes and identify emerging food needs. This data should be triangulated with community and stakeholder knowledge and expertise, to inform countywide action that is essential to support both low- and middle-income households struggling with food and nutrition insecurity. This includes investments across the food system—from food production and distribution (e.g., urban agriculture, community gardens, food hubs) to food retail (e.g., healthy food procurement and sales in corner stores and grocery stores in high-need areas) to consumer education that increases access to and demand for nutritious foods.



# Research Methods

This report is based on data from the [Understanding America Study](#) (UAS), administered by the USC Dornsife Center for Economic and Social Research (CESR). UAS respondents are members of a probability-based internet panel who participated in tracking surveys conducted at two time points: 1) between February 2025 and March 2025 2) between August 2025 and October 2025. All respondents are 18 years or older, and sampling is representative of all households in L.A. County. The survey is conducted in English and Spanish. All results are weighted to CPS benchmarks, accounting for sample design and non-response. The weighted sample size for this report ranges from 1357 (March 2025) to 1248 (October 2025). Participants were recruited for the UAS internet panel using an address-based sampling (ABS) method; methodological details for the UAS panel are available at <https://uasdata.usc.edu>. The UAS has been funded in part by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the National Institute on Aging, the Social Security Administration, the National Science Foundation, the University of Southern California, and many others who have contributed questions to individual waves or sets of waves.

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Good morning, Supervisors.

I am writing in support of Item #15. I am a registered dietitian and a proud member of SEIU Local 721.

Federal cuts under H.R. 1 have created a public health emergency by slashing Medi-Cal and SNAP and eliminating SNAP-Ed (also known as CalFresh Healthy Living) altogether. As a dietitian serving Angelenos, I witness daily how these programs protect health and prevent hunger. As a union member of SEIU Local 721, I also know these cuts will have a devastating impact on our workforce, eliminating jobs, reducing services, and undermining the very safety net that many working families depend on.

The proposed sales tax presents an opportunity to preserve core nutrition and health programs that would otherwise disappear in the wake of these federal cuts.

The language of the measure states that it is intended to mitigate funding losses from H.R. 1, and few programs were more severely impacted than nutrition programs, especially SNAP-Ed, which was defunded entirely. I urge you to clearly prioritize SNAP-Ed and other food and nutrition security programs in the tax spending plan so they are not overlooked.

The elimination of SNAP-Ed stripped nearly \$15 million annually from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, dismantling one of the county's most cost-effective preventive health programs, despite it accounting for less than half of one percent of the SNAP budget and delivering an estimated \$10 in healthcare savings for every dollar invested. SNAP-Ed supported 18 trusted community-based organizations and, in 2025 alone, reached over 367,000 residents through over 2.1 million of pounds of fresh produce and over 2,700 nutrition and physical activity classes with proven health outcomes. Its elimination under H.R. 1 will disproportionately harm communities already facing food insecurity and diet-related disease while increasing long-term healthcare costs countywide.

I urge you to support the proposed sales tax to address H.R. 1 cuts and to clearly prioritize food and nutrition programs by naming programs like SNAP-Ed in the spending plan to ensure they are guaranteed sustained funding each year. This will ensure these vital programs can continue their important work for our residents. This is a rare opportunity to help mitigate the impacts of H.R. 1 on SNAP and to restore SNAP-Ed in Los Angeles County.

I have included links to articles on both the impact of SNAP-Ed in Los Angeles County and a recent article on the consequences of its elimination in Southern California:

- Article on SNAP-Ed's impact in Los Angeles County:  
[knock-la.com/republicans-want-crucial-food-education-program-dead/](http://knock-la.com/republicans-want-crucial-food-education-program-dead/)
- Recent article on SNAP-Ed cuts in Southern California:  
[sbsun.com/2026/02/06/nutrition-education-programs-ending-across-inland-empire/](http://sbsun.com/2026/02/06/nutrition-education-programs-ending-across-inland-empire/)

Thank you for your consideration

February 9, 2026

Dear Members of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors,

On behalf of MLK Community Healthcare, I'm writing in strong support of **Supervisors Mitchell's and Solis's motion**, "Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by H.R.1."

MLK Community Hospital serves as a critical safety-net hospital for LA County and has been financially distressed for multiple years. We serve a community that has been historically disadvantaged and systematically deprived of medical resources. Service Planning Area 6 (SPA 6) in South Los Angeles has the **fewest emergency department beds per 100,000 residents** among any SPA. The zip codes most frequently served by the hospital have an average **Healthy Places Index score of just 2.5%** — meaning that 97.5% of communities in California are healthier than those we serve. We see the **highest volume of Medicaid ED visits statewide**, the highest overall volume of emergency department (ED) visits among non-County hospitals in Los Angeles County, and carry the highest ED bed burden of any emergency department in the County.

Additionally, the consequences of hospital closure are not theoretical for South Los Angeles. We know because the prior County-run MLK Hospital closed in 2007. Studies in the intervening years without a hospital showed that residents experienced longer delays in care and greater difficulty accessing specialty services. The chance of death from a gunshot wound increased significantly. Nearby hospitals absorbed significant increases in their share of uninsured patients and trauma admissions. At one hospital, the share of uninsured patients more than tripled from 12.9% to 44.6%. **The community lived these impacts up close and personal—delayed care, strained neighboring hospitals, and lives lost that might otherwise have been saved.**

Preserving and stabilizing safety-net health care capacity is essential to protecting the health and safety of our most vulnerable residents and to maintaining system-wide resilience across Los Angeles County. Supervisors Mitchell's and Solis's proposal provides a responsible, time-limited mechanism to **safeguard critical services at a moment of extraordinary fiscal pressure from federal cuts**. For the patients and communities we serve in South Los Angeles—and for the integrity of the County's entire health care ecosystem—I respectfully urge your support of this motion.

Sincerely,



Elaine Batchlor, MD, MPH  
Chief Executive Officer  
MLK Community Healthcare  
MLK Community Hospital



February 10, 2026

The Honorable Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors  
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 W. Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: SUPPORT - "Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by H.R.1"  
(Board Meeting: February 10, 2026)

Dear Honorable Supervisors:

On behalf of Brotherhood Crusade, I write in strong support of the item titled "Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by H.R.1" on your February 10, 2026 agenda, including the proposed steps to place a temporary countywide 0.5% general sales tax before voters.

Brotherhood Crusade is a 57-year-old grassroots organization rooted in South Los Angeles, committed to improving quality of life and meeting the unmet needs of low-income, underserved, under-represented, and disenfranchised residents. Our vision is a South Los Angeles devoid of health disparities, disenfranchisement, and poverty-associated adverse public health conditions. We were proud to be among the earliest organizations to join the coalition supporting this effort-because we see, every day, what happens when families lose access to basic care and the safety net frays.

The federal cuts and new restrictions described in this item are not abstract to our community. They translate into delayed care, unmanaged chronic conditions, overcrowded emergency rooms, and families forced to choose between rent, food, and medical bills. When coverage is stripped away and preventive care becomes harder to reach, the costs do not disappear-they shift onto working families, local providers, and the entire County health system. And in South LA, where inequities have been baked in for generations, these shocks land hardest and fastest.

We appreciate the leadership of Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell and Board Chair Hilda L. Solis in advancing an emergency, time-limited solution that can be implemented quickly enough to prevent real harm-hospital service reductions, clinic closures, and longer waits for urgent and specialty care. The proposal's built-in guardrails also matter: a clear end date, independent audits, and a citizens' oversight committee to provide transparency and accountability.

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We also recognize that affordability is a legitimate concern-especially for low-income households already stretched thin. That is precisely why it is so important to be clear about what families will actually experience. In California, most groceries and prescription medicines are generally not subject to sales tax, and purchases made with SNAP and WIC benefits are not taxed. Put differently: the items that working families rely on most are not the primary drivers of sales tax burden. Meanwhile, the cost of doing nothing is unaffordable-measured in avoidable illness, preventable deaths, financial crisis, and a health system pushed past the breaking point.

Brotherhood Crusade urges the Board to adopt this item and move this measure forward to voters. Our community needs decisive action to preserve critical County health services and prevent the deepening of inequities that already shorten lives in South Los Angeles. We stand ready to work alongside the County and coalition partners to educate residents, elevate impacted voices, and ensure accountability and equity remain at the center of implementation.

Thank you for your leadership and for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Charisse Bremond Weaver  
President & CEO  
Brotherhood Crusade

February 9, 2026



Dear Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors,

On behalf of AltaMed Health Services, which operates more than 70 sites in Southern California, serves 600,000 patients annually, and provides care across four Supervisorial Districts, I strongly support the motion by Supervisors Mitchell and Solis, “Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by H.R.1,” to place a temporary half-cent sales tax on the June 2026 ballot to protect access to essential health services across Los Angeles County. Community health centers provide high-quality primary, behavioral health, and preventive care to millions of County residents - many of whom rely on Medi-Cal and the safety net to stay healthy and out of emergency rooms.

AltaMed is the nation's largest federally qualified health center nonprofit (FQHC), providing high-quality, comprehensive, and affordable primary and preventive care across Southern California. Each year, we serve more than 600,000 individuals with integrated medical, dental, behavioral health, pharmacy, vision, and other essential services including one in five Medi-Cal patients across LA County. For many hardworking individuals and families, we are the only accessible source of care, making us a vital part of California's healthcare delivery system.

Proposed federal cuts in H.R. 1 and recent state policy changes threaten to destabilize this system, putting coverage, clinics, and critical services at risk. Without action, we will see more patients delaying care, increased ER overcrowding, and fewer resources for underserved communities. We urge the Board to move this measure forward and give voters the chance to protect the County's health care safety net and the communities who depend on it.

Sincerely,

Cástulo de la Rocha  
President & CEO



Neighborhood Legal Services  
of Los Angeles County

February 9, 2026

*Honorable Supervisor Holly Mitchell  
County of Los Angeles  
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple St., Rm. 383  
Los Angeles, California 90012*

**Re: Motion by Supervisor Holly Mitchell- Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by H.R. 1**

Dear Supervisor Mitchell,

I am writing on behalf of Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County (NLSLA) to express our support for this motion, which provides the only plan to date to curtail a catastrophic, human-made health emergency. Failing to raise the money now to plug the gaping financial holes ripped into the health system by H.R. 1 and the resulting state-law changes will only cost the County more dollars down the line.

NLSLA provides free legal aid to low-income individuals and families in Los Angeles County in the areas of healthcare, public benefits, family law, immigration, education, and housing, among others. We run the county's Health Consumer Center, and are the lead and founder of the Medical Legal Community Partnerships, and the lead and founder of the Benefits Access for Immigrants Los Angeles (BAILA) Network. We know firsthand what it looks like for uninsured people not to have access to preventative care—it's our client Martha, a survivor of domestic violence, whom we are assisting to prepare a U-Visa, living in her car with her kids, and ending up in the emergency room for several days with uncontrolled diabetes. That was in 2024—before the California Medi-Cal expansion for adults regardless of immigration status had taken effect. If someone like Martha goes to apply for Medi-Cal today, she will be turned away due to the 2025 state budget changes to Medi-Cal eligibility for immigrants. Without this motion—especially considering the sunsetting of MyHealthLA—people like Martha will end up at a preventable emergency room visit again. Worse, they'll get no healthcare at all.

Not only will H.R. 1 lead to the loss of Medi-Cal for over 1.5 million Californians due to work requirements and increased frequency of renewals, but loss of Medi-Cal will be compounded by the

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state-level Medi-Cal enrollment freeze of the expansion population as of January 1, 2026, end of dental coverage for many immigrants on July 1, 2026, and introduction of \$30 premiums for most immigrants in July, 2027. Further, the Governor's 2026-2027 budget proposes ending full-scope Medi-Cal eligibility for the immigrant populations that lose federal funding under H.R. 1 in October 2026. This will lead to a loss of Medi-Cal for an additional 200,000 people statewide. More damaging, pending federal changes to the public charge rule, and federal efforts to obtain Medi-Cal applicant and recipient data for the purpose of immigration enforcement, both are already suppressing enrollment for eligible immigrant populations, and could deeply impact citizen children's enrollment in the months to come.

H.R. 1 similarly impacts CalFresh access, which must be considered in the context of a health system at its breaking point. On April 1, 2026, around 30,000 vulnerable immigrants with lawful humanitarian statuses will lose their benefits. Then, on June 1, 2026, work requirements will begin, leading to the loss of benefits for a projected 200,000-300,000 Angelenos. Further, DPSS will lose administrative funding that will make it harder to process applications and review cases carefully for work requirement exemptions. Food is medicine—with a loss of food assistance, people will choose between filling a prescription and buying food for dinner. Worse, they will simply go hungry and have no medicine.

Few options remain—the County must act to save lives and protect our collective public health. We are grateful that this solution has emerged during a time of unprecedented hardship.

If there is any further information we can provide, do not hesitate to reach out to me at 834-7547 or [lenasilver@nsla.org](mailto:lenasilver@nsla.org).

Sincerely,

/s/ Lena Silver  
Director of Policy and Administrative Advocacy

## **Public Comment – On Behalf of Saban Community Clinic**

Good morning, Supervisors.

My name is Ingrid Palmer, and I serve as Chair of the Executive Board of Saban Community Clinic.

I'm here today to strongly support the motion titled "**Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by H.R.1**," coauthored by Supervisors Solis and Mitchell, and to underscore why **placing this measure on the June ballot—rather than November—is essential**.

Saban Community Clinic operates **five health centers and a mobile clinic**, serving **more than 25,000 patients** across Los Angeles communities where access to care is often fragile even in the best of times. Our footprint touches communities within **Supervisorial District 1 and District 3**, among others—meaning this is not a localized issue; it is a countywide safety-net concern. And a substantial majority of our patients rely on **Medi-Cal** and other safety-net programs. That means when coverage or reimbursement is disrupted, it doesn't hit a spreadsheet first—it hits patients, families, and neighborhoods first.

From a Board governance perspective, what H.R.1 has triggered is not a "tight-belt" moment. It's a **system stability threat**.

When safety-net funding is weakened, community clinics can't simply "absorb" the impact. The predictable chain reaction is fewer appointments, reduced services, delayed care, and preventable conditions worsening until people end up in overcrowded emergency departments. That doesn't save money. It shifts costs in the most expensive direction, and it strains an already stressed system.

This motion matters because it recognizes a hard truth: **we cannot preserve critical county services on hope and improvisation**. We need a durable funding path that keeps primary care, behavioral health supports, and essential county services intact—before deeper disruption takes hold.

And that's why timing is everything. **June placement increases the likelihood of success and reduces uncertainty** for providers and patients. Waiting until November extends instability across another budget cycle and forces the very service reductions everyone here wants to avoid.

We appreciate Supervisors Solis and Mitchell for advancing this motion, and we urge the full Board to support placing this measure on the **June** ballot. This is about protecting access to care, preserving the County's safety net, and keeping essential services available for the residents who depend on them.

Thank you for your leadership and for your consideration.



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### RE: SUPPORT — “Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by H.R.1” (Feb. 10, 2026)

Hello, my name is **Dr. Charity Chandler-Cole** and I am the Executive Director of LA Voice and a resident of LA County. LA Voice is a multi-racial, multi-faith community organization that awakens people to their own power, training them to speak, act, and work together to transform LA County into one that reflects the dignity of all people. LA Voice's organizing presence is based throughout LA County, across 5 county supervisorial districts and 28 strategic cities. LA Voice is a part of PICO California, a statewide network that represents over 500 congregations in 18 counties.

We strongly support the motion by Supervisors Mitchell and Solis, **“Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by H.R.1”**, to place a temporary half-cent sales tax on the **June 2026** ballot to protect access to essential health services across Los Angeles County. Community health centers provide high-quality primary, behavioral health, and preventive care to millions of County residents—many of whom rely on Medi-Cal and the safety net to stay healthy and out of emergency rooms.

I am asking the County to take action to close gaps in healthcare caused by Federal government cuts by placing the Essential Healthcare Restoration Act before voters in this June ballot. Our communities are experiencing daily fear and danger as they are taken in the streets by masked agents. They are experiencing a hard time putting food on the table, paying rent, paying for childcare. Having to face the massive healthcare cuts before them will place immense pressure on them.

We want our leadership to act with courage and place a ballot that will allow voters the choice of caring for each other through these hard times.

From reproductive health care to school-based mental health services, the federal cuts eliminate critical programs that communities of color in particular have long depended on for survival and well-being.

Only the bold action of measures like the Essential Healthcare Restoration Act will help families mitigate the significant impacts of healthcare cuts.

Thank you for your time.

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Dr. Charity Chandler-Cole  
Executive Director



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**RE: Proposed Countywide Health and Safety Net Services Sales Tax Measure**

Members of the Board of Supervisors,

Thank you for your continued leadership and your dedication to navigating the health services challenges following the passage of H.R. 1. I recognize the significant fiscal challenges this has placed on services and share the same commitment of protecting the health and safety of the residents we serve.

However, I write to respectfully express my opposition to Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell's recent motion calling for a temporary ½ cent general sales tax measure to be included on the June primary ballot.

As an elected official, I am concerned that this measure may place an undue burden on our residents who are already facing significant financial hardship. The current economy has led to added affordability concerns on some of the most basic needs such as housing and food. This proposed sales tax increase will only further strain household budgets for some of our most vulnerable working families.

This is not the time to consider such measure and I respectfully request that the Board reconsider its approach. I am committed to working collaboratively to identify solutions that address the healthcare funding crisis without financially impacting residents.

Sincerely,



**Hector Sosa**  
City Council Member,  
City of Downey

CC: The Honorable Bob Archuleta, California State Senate, 30th District  
The Honorable Blanca Pacheco, California State Assembly, 64th District  
Nicholas Cabeza, League of California Cities, Regional Public Affairs Manager  
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On behalf of TCC Family Health, a community health center system serving 50,000 patients in districts 4 and 2 across 14 sites in Long Beach and Bellflower, I strongly support the motion by Supervisors Mitchell and Solis, "Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by HR 1", to place a temporary half-cent sales tax on the June 2026 ballot. This tax would protect access to essential, lifesaving health services across LA County.

Community health centers provide high quality primary care and preventive care to millions of county residents, many of whom rely on Medi-Cal and the safety net like TCC Family Health to stay healthy and out of emergency departments. Cuts from HR 1 and other state changes are threatening to destabilize our funding and that of many other community health centers, county, and community services, not only in health care but also in public health. TCC Family Health would not be able to care for the thousands of patients we currently serve. Combine that with the cuts to other safety nets and county systems, there would be tremendous destabilization of the safety net and even more overcrowding of the emergency departments in all our communities.

Please support moving this measure forward to the June 2, 2026 ballot and give the voters the chance to protect the county's safety net, including those who depend on it. This measure will go a long way to ensure the health and safety of all our communities.



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Re: Agenda Item #15 (February 10, 2026) — “Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by H.R.1”

Dear Chair and Members of the Board,

On behalf of Rising Communities, I write in strong support of Item #15, authored by Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell and coauthored by Supervisor Hilda L. Solis, to secure urgent funding to preserve critical County services threatened by H.R.1.

Rising Communities proudly works alongside residents and community partners who rely on Los Angeles County’s safety-net systems—especially Medi-Cal, public health clinics, and other essential services that keep families stable and alive. H.R.1’s federal cuts are already destabilizing access and will deepen health and economic hardship for communities with the least ability to absorb it. In Los Angeles County, 3.3 million residents rely on Medi-Cal—about 1 in 3 County residents, including nearly one million children.

We support the County’s proposal to place a temporary 0.5% countywide sales tax measure on the June 2, 2026 ballot to prevent catastrophic service reductions, including the potential closure of clinics and hospitals, and the loss of thousands of County jobs. We also appreciate the motion’s commitment to taxpayer oversight and accountability, including an independent audit and a citizens’ oversight committee to review revenue and expenditures and report publicly.

The County’s residents are already feeling the impacts: in the months after H.R.1 was signed, Los Angeles County experienced mass Medi-Cal and CalFresh disenrollments, pushing families closer to impossible choices between rent, food, and health care. If we do not act now, the predictable result will be delayed care, overcrowded emergency rooms, preventable illness, and widening inequities.

For these reasons, Rising Communities urges the Board to vote YES on Item #15 and move swiftly to protect the health, safety, and stability of Los Angeles County residents.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Michelle Burton, PhD  
CEO  
Rising Communities

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***Re: Item #15 Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut By H.R.1***

The Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles (“LAFLA”) welcomes the opportunity to provide public comment and information regarding the impact and need of the proposed motion “Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut By H.R.1.”

**I. About the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles**

LAFLA is a nonprofit law firm that protects and advances the rights of the most underserved, leveling the playing field and ensuring that everyone can have access to the justice system. LAFLA has five brick-and-mortar offices across Los Angeles County, primarily serving low-income and marginalized populations in the area. Every year, LAFLA’s free, high-quality legal services impact more than 100,000 people living in poverty across Greater Los Angeles.

**II. Chilling Effects of Medicaid Cuts on Provider Stability and Access to Care**

Recent legislation cutting funds to Medicaid are already influencing healthcare systems and safety-net planning. These federal reductions will require California counties to absorb new costs associated with indigent health care, workforce requirements, and other service obligations, with total annual county costs projected to range from approximately \$6 billion to \$9.5 billion for indigent care, hospital impacts, and eligibility implementation costs.<sup>1</sup>

Even before all formal cuts occur, providers are responding to this fiscal uncertainty with anticipatory retrenchment—that is taking preemptive steps such as hiring freezes, reduced clinic hours, deferred infrastructure investment, and the scaling back of specialty and preventive services. As a long-standing legal aid provider, we have observed that when safety-net providers face fiscal duress, access to care is often lost first by the most vulnerable populations, including low-income residents, immigrants, people with disabilities, seniors, minors, unhoused and transgender individuals. Reductions in timely and preventative care can have serious consequences, including avoidable deterioration of health and, in

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Given these anticipated disruptions, LAFLA generally supports the County's proposal to implement a temporary 0.5% countywide sales tax as a necessary local response to stabilize the healthcare safety net. Through LAFLA's Medical-Legal Partnership with the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services ("DHS"), we have seen firsthand the strain on an already overburdened system, working directly alongside County clinics and providers. Demand for care and related legal services is at an all-time high. Immigrant communities face increasing barriers to healthcare coverage and access, while providers simultaneously confront growing fiscal uncertainty and capacity constraints. We have observed a notable decline in attendance at our clinical partnership sites, with health providers confirming that patients are seeking care less frequently. This reduction in preventative care ultimately contributes to higher rates of emergency room visits and hospitalizations, further straining the system in both cost and capacity.

The magnitude and immediacy of the projected federal funding losses leave counties with few viable options to prevent deep and immediate reductions in Medi-Cal services, public hospital capacity, and community-based care. While local revenue measures are never undertaken lightly, inaction in the face of federal disinvestment would result in far greater harm, especially for low-income residents who rely on County-administered health services as their primary source of care. This measure represents a focused, time-limited approach to maintaining the County's capacity to deliver essential care to those most in need.

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While the need for additional funding to stabilize County health services is clear, important considerations should be addressed to ensure that the proposed sales tax is implemented equitably and transparently. The creation of the oversight committee is an important step towards accountability; however, because the committee is limited to advisory input without decision-making authority, the scope of public oversight is constrained. We recommend that appointments to the committee be made by unbiased organizations or affiliates with no direct stake in funding decisions to maximize impartiality and public confidence.

Under the current motion, up to 47% of revenue generated would be directed to DHS to fund a program in which a limited network of non-profit partner providers, including certain pharmacies, specialists, or ancillary service providers as needed, would offer no-cost or reduced-cost services to low-income, uninsured County residents. While this allocation is a critical step towards preserving access, the network is limited. Residents who rely on other community clinics or County facilities outside the network may face gaps in care. Similarly, if the network's geographic distribution is

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For the foregoing reasons, LAFLA supports the motion *Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut By H.R.1* and urges its approval.

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RE: Motion by Supervisor Mitchell - Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by H.R.1

Members of the Board of Supervisors,

The City of Palmdale writes to respectfully express opposition to Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell's recent motion calling for a temporary ½ cent general sales tax measure to be included on the June primary ballot. The revenue generated from the tax measure would go towards health and safety net services that are at risk of disappearing due to H.R.1 funding cuts.

The City recognizes the severe fiscal impacts of H.R.1 on L.A. County Department of Health Services' (DHS) budget. We understand and share the Health and Mental Health Services Cluster leaders' concerns about a future county-wide health services crisis resulting from the bill's passage. Protecting the health, safety, and security of our residents is central to Palmdale's mission and underpins our advocacy at the state and local levels. Therefore, we feel it is important to acknowledge the knock-on effect this measure would have on the significant financial challenges both residents and cities are already experiencing countywide.

We are concerned this measure would disproportionately burden the very residents the County seeks to protect, who are facing historic affordability pressures on housing, food, fuel, utilities, and childcare costs. This half-cent countywide sales tax increase would push the combined sales tax rates in some cities to the highest in the nation, further straining household budgets. At the same time, cities are confronting their own structural budget challenges and are deeply worried about how to best address fiscal issues without compounding economic pressure on residents least able to absorb it. This is particularly distressing in the context of LA County seeking a legislative exemption that would allow this sales tax measure to bypass the state cap

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on local sales taxes. If such legislation were passed, struggling cities that are already at or near the cap would be left overlooked with limited future fiscal options to support much-needed local services in their communities.

Palmdale also feels there are significant flaws in the sales tax measure's revenue model as outlined in the motion. First, the motion states that the funds generated by the measure would go into L.A. County's General Fund, which technically classifies the dollars as unrestricted operating funds in future years. Palmdale strongly believes that if a measure of this kind is established, it should be structured as a special tax to ensure guardrails on the revenue dedicated to protecting residents' health needs. Voters and taxpayers deserve complete transparency, not creative structuring, when asked to shoulder additional tax burdens. Second, we are concerned about the measure's temporary nature. While the motion states the measure will only be effective from October 1, 2026, to October 1, 2031, other temporary L.A. County measures have recently been extended (i.e., Measure H evolving into Measure A in 2024). Now residents reasonably question whether temporary taxes are, in practice, permanent. Further, if this general sales tax measure were to be extended, it would have serious, long-term implications for cities' ability to generate needed revenue.

With these concerns in mind, the City of Palmdale respectfully requests that the Board reconsider this approach and enter into an open dialogue with cities on how we can work together to address today's fiscal challenges without overburdening one another. Solutions must be equitable, transparent, and mindful of the cumulative impact on residents already struggling with affordability. Further, we welcome conversations about advancing a statewide tax measure that could go towards supporting county-level health and safety net services in Los Angeles and beyond, as we recognize that H.R. 1 funding cuts are affecting local governments across California.

We appreciate your consideration of our position on the motion.

Respectfully,



Eric Ohlsen  
Mayor



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RE: Motion by Supervisor Mitchell - Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by H.R.1

Members of the Board of Supervisors,

The City of Palmdale writes to respectfully express opposition to Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell's recent motion calling for a temporary ½ cent general sales tax measure to be included on the June primary ballot. The revenue generated from the tax measure would go towards health and safety net services that are at risk of disappearing due to H.R.1 funding cuts.

The City recognizes the severe fiscal impacts of H.R.1 on L.A. County Department of Health Services' (DHS) budget. We understand and share the Health and Mental Health Services Cluster leaders' concerns about a future county-wide health services crisis resulting from the bill's passage. Protecting the health, safety, and security of our residents is central to Palmdale's mission and underpins our advocacy at the state and local levels. Therefore, we feel it is important to acknowledge the knock-on effect this measure would have on the significant financial challenges both residents and cities are already experiencing countywide.

We are concerned this measure would disproportionately burden the very residents the County seeks to protect, who are facing historic affordability pressures on housing, food, fuel, utilities, and childcare costs. This half-cent countywide sales tax increase would push the combined sales tax rates in some cities to the highest in the nation, further straining household budgets. At the same time, cities are confronting their own structural budget challenges and are deeply worried about how to best address fiscal issues without compounding economic pressure on residents least able to absorb it. This is particularly distressing in the context of LA County seeking a legislative exemption that would allow this sales tax measure to bypass the state cap

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on local sales taxes. If such legislation were passed, struggling cities that are already at or near the cap would be left overlooked with limited future fiscal options to support much-needed local services in their communities.

Palmdale also feels there are significant flaws in the sales tax measure's revenue model as outlined in the motion. First, the motion states that the funds generated by the measure would go into L.A. County's General Fund, which technically classifies the dollars as unrestricted operating funds in future years. Palmdale strongly believes that if a measure of this kind is established, it should be structured as a special tax to ensure guardrails on the revenue dedicated to protecting residents' health needs. Voters and taxpayers deserve complete transparency, not creative structuring, when asked to shoulder additional tax burdens. Second, we are concerned about the measure's temporary nature. While the motion states the measure will only be effective from October 1, 2026, to October 1, 2031, other temporary L.A. County measures have recently been extended (i.e., Measure H evolving into Measure A in 2024). Now residents reasonably question whether temporary taxes are, in practice, permanent. Further, if this general sales tax measure were to be extended, it would have serious, long-term implications for cities' ability to generate needed revenue.

With these concerns in mind, the City of Palmdale respectfully requests that the Board reconsider this approach and enter into an open dialogue with cities on how we can work together to address today's fiscal challenges without overburdening one another. Solutions must be equitable, transparent, and mindful of the cumulative impact on residents already struggling with affordability. Further, we welcome conversations about advancing a statewide tax measure that could go towards supporting county-level health and safety net services in Los Angeles and beyond, as we recognize that H.R. 1 funding cuts are affecting local governments across California.

We appreciate your consideration of our position on the motion.

Respectfully,



Eric Ohlsen  
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Tuesday, February 10, 2026

I write to respectfully express my opposition to the recent motion calling for a temporary ½ cent general sales tax measure to be included on the June primary ballot. While I recognize the critical need to address funding gaps created by H.R.1, I believe this specific measure carries unintended consequences that outweigh its proposed benefits.

As an election official, I share the Department of Health Services' (DHS) concerns regarding the severe fiscal impacts of H.R.1. Protecting the health and security of our residents is a priority we all share. However, we must acknowledge the "knock-on" effect this measure would have on the significant financial challenges already facing our residents and municipalities. More specifically:

- Disproportionate Burden on Residents:** Our communities are facing historic affordability pressures on housing, food, fuel, and childcare. A half-cent increase would push combined sales tax rates in some cities over 11%, further straining those least able to absorb the cost.
- Erosion of Local Fiscal Autonomy:** The County is seeking a legislative exemption to bypass the state cap on local sales taxes. If passed, this would leave struggling cities—already at or near their tax caps—with limited future options to fund their own essential local services.
- General vs. Special Tax:** The motion classifies these funds as "unrestricted" for the General Fund. I believe such measures must be structured as a special tax to ensure legally binding guardrails.
- The "Temporary" Paradox:** Residents are increasingly skeptical of "temporary" measures, including this motion that states the measure will only be effective from October 1, 2026, to October 1, 2031. Recent history (e.g., the evolution of Measure H into Measure A) suggests

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that these taxes often become permanent, creating long-term implications for city-level revenue generation.

Voters deserve complete transparency, not creative structuring, when asked to shoulder additional tax burdens. I respectfully request that the Board reconsider this approach and enter an open dialogue with cities to find an equitable path forward.

We must address today's fiscal challenges without overburdening one another. We would welcome a conversation regarding a statewide tax measure, which would more appropriately address the broad impacts of H.R.1 across all California counties.

Thank you for your time and for considering the position of local municipalities on this critical issue.

Best Regards,



**Claudia M. Frometa**

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**RE: City of Cerritos Opposition to Proposed Los Angeles County Sales Tax Measure**

Dear Chair and Members of the Board:

The City of Cerritos respectfully submits this letter in opposition to the proposed Los Angeles County general sales tax measure scheduled for consideration on February 10, 2026.

The City recognizes the serious fiscal challenges facing the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services resulting from the anticipated funding reduction associated with the passage of HR 1. However, the City is concerned that adoption of an additional countywide sales tax, regardless of whether it ultimately receives a legislative exemption from the State sales tax cap, would raise the overall sales tax rate in Los Angeles County to a level that significantly impairs the ability of cities and other local agencies to pursue local sales tax measures to address pressing local fiscal needs.

The County already has multiple voter-approved sales tax measures embedded within the overall sales tax rate. Although the base State sales tax rate is 7.25%, the County has imposed a 1.0% sales tax rate, as well as an additional 1.5% in special sales tax rate, for a total 2.5% in County-derived sales tax. Each additional measure increases the cumulative tax burden on residents and businesses and, as noted, further constrains the practical ability of local jurisdictions to fund essential municipal services through local sales taxes. Additionally, the overwhelming amount of sales tax revenues generated within the City for the County-initiated sales taxes are diverted away from the City and Cerritos residents realize very little benefit from the taxes that are paid toward these measures. As rates continue to increase, jurisdictions are likely to face heightened voter resistance and fatigue, limiting fiscal flexibility and undermining local control.

The City is further concerned that, notwithstanding the proposed oversight guardrails, the revenue generated by the proposed tax would be deposited into the County's general fund rather than dedicated to narrowly defined purposes. This raises significant concerns, as general fund revenues may be allocated across a wide range of County functions and services. Beyond the impacts to local control created by the proposed sales tax, the City is particularly concerned about the potential lack of certainty regarding how the resulting revenues would ultimately be allocated.

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For these reasons, the City of Cerritos strongly opposes the proposed sales tax measure and urges the Board to carefully consider the long-term fiscal impacts of the proposed measure on local agencies and to explore alternative funding solutions that do not further constrain cities' ability to address local needs.

Respectfully,



Frank Aurelio Yokoyama  
MAYOR



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Sophia M. Tse  
COUNCILMEMBER

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The Honorable Senator Tony Strickland, California Senate District 36  
The Honorable Assemblymember Sharon Quirk-Silva, California Assembly District 67  
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Meg Desmond, Legislative Operations Manager, League of California Cities  
Robert A. Lopez, City Manager, City of Cerritos

Good Morning. My name is Crystal Jones, and I am speaking today in support of Agenda Item 15 and its focus on strengthening services for families, children, and our communities.

As someone working closely with families and youth, I see every day how critical it is to invest in programs that provide stability, education, and meaningful support. When families are supported, children are safer, healthier, and better prepared to succeed. Strong community partnerships and accessible resources are not optional — they are essential foundations for long-term community well-being.

Agenda Item 15 represents an opportunity to prioritize equity, access, and collaboration. I encourage decision-makers to ensure that funding and services are implemented in ways that reach the families who need them most, with transparency and accountability. Community-based organizations and small local providers play a vital role in delivering culturally responsive, trusted support, and they should be included as active partners in this work.

Investing in families and children is an investment in our shared future. When we strengthen the systems that support them, we reduce long-term social and economic challenges and build safer, more resilient communities for everyone.

Thank you for your time and for your commitment to supporting families and children.

Good afternoon, My name is Eve Lauren and I represent Cooperation Crenshaw as well as 30+ organizations that support Cooperative Development. I'm here because I care deeply about the health and safety of Los Angeles County residents, and I strongly support Supervisor Mitchell and Supervisor Solis' motion to place a temporary 0.5 percent general sales tax measure on the June 2 ballot.

Voters deserve the opportunity to decide how we protect essential services in this moment of crisis. H.R. 1 has already resulted in severe cuts to Medi Cal funding, and without local action, safety net services across the County and our cities are at real risk of collapsing. There are no timely or viable alternatives to restore these services other than local revenue.

This measure would help stabilize access to healthcare for families who are already stretched thin. No family should have to choose between paying rent, putting food on the table, and seeking medical care. When people delay care because they cannot afford it or cannot access it locally, minor health issues become costly emergencies. Emergency room visits and hospitalizations increase, driving up public costs and worsening health outcomes.

Community based care is far more cost effective than emergency care, and true affordability means being able to receive services close to home. Strong public health systems also support our local businesses and workforce by ensuring people are healthy enough to work and participate fully in community life.

We have a responsibility to protect the health and safety of our communities. I urge you to support Supervisor Mitchell and Supervisor Solis' motion and sustain these essential services.

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Dear Members of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors,

My name is Lily Martinez, speaking on behalf of TCC Family Health, a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) serving over 50,000 patients in Los Angeles County, primarily in Districts 2 and 4, across 14 clinic sites. We support placing the temporary half-cent healthcare funding sales tax measure on the June 2026 ballot.

This community-led proposal is critical to preventing clinic closures, overcrowded emergency rooms, and the loss of essential public health services across our communities. For over 30 years, Los Angeles County and community health centers have worked together to protect access to care for uninsured and working families. This measure helps preserve that system.

Without local investment, we risk losing the safety net we built together. Health care providers will be forced to reduce services, thousands of jobs will disappear, thousands of community members could lose access to care, and emergency rooms across the county may become overwhelmed.

This measure to secure funding to preserve critical county services includes strong oversight and accountability mechanisms to ensure funds are protected and used responsibly for their intended public purpose. In addition to medical and behavioral health care, community clinics provide concrete supports and access to healthy food, public benefits enrollment assistance, free legal aid, housing navigation, transportation, health education, and chronic condition management. By increasing access and addressing the many factors that affect all the domains of wellness, community clinics prevent and improve health in under-resourced communities.

As a resident and constituent of the 4th District, I assure local city officials that opposed the measure due to loss of revenue, that I and my neighbors value preserving our safety net and the jobs of thousands of healthcare, behavioral health, and public health workers who support our communities. We're very unlikely to travel long distances outside of LA County due to time constraints, competing responsibilities, and transportation costs to save only 50 cents per every \$100 spent on routine purchases that exclude daily essentials.

Sincerely,



Lily Martinez  
Director of Health Education & Outreach  
TCC Family Health



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RE: Opposition to Motion by Supervisor Mitchell – Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by H.R. 1

Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors,

On behalf of the City of Lynwood, I write to respectfully express our opposition to the motion introduced by Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell calling for a temporary one-half cent (0.5%) countywide general sales tax measure to be placed on the June primary ballot.

The City of Lynwood recognizes and shares the County's concern regarding the severe fiscal impacts of H.R. 1 on the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services and the very real risk of reduced access to critical health and safety-net services. Protecting the health and wellbeing of our residents is a shared priority, and we appreciate the County's efforts to identify solutions to address these significant funding challenges.

At the same time, we must express serious concern about the cumulative affordability impacts this proposal would have on Lynwood residents and on the City's ability to sustainably deliver essential municipal services. Lynwood's current sales tax rate is 10.75 percent, already among the highest in the region. Adoption of an additional half-cent countywide sales tax would push the rate in our community above 11 percent, further increasing the cost of everyday goods and services at a time when both households and local governments are facing unprecedented cost pressures.

Residents are experiencing rising costs for housing, food, fuel, utilities, and childcare. Cities are confronting those same inflationary pressures through escalating costs for labor, construction, utilities, insurance, equipment, materials, and contracted services required to provide core public services. When local governments are constrained in their ability to respond to these rising service-delivery costs, the

impacts are felt directly by residents through reduced service levels, deferred maintenance, and delayed investments in community infrastructure. In this way, resident affordability and municipal affordability are deeply interconnected challenges driven by the same economic forces.

We are also concerned about the broader fiscal implications of the proposal to seek a legislative exemption from the State's statutory cap on local sales taxes. This concern is not rooted in a desire to increase taxes, but in the need to preserve limited future flexibility for cities to responsibly respond to rising costs and evolving service demands. For cities like Lynwood, already at or near the cap, granting an exemption for a countywide measure could further restrict the few remaining fiscal tools available to sustain essential services. Without that flexibility, cities may face increasing difficulty maintaining public safety, infrastructure, and quality-of-life services that residents rely upon daily.

Additionally, the structure of the proposed measure raises transparency and accountability concerns. As outlined, revenues would flow into the County's General Fund, classifying them as unrestricted in future years. If voters are asked to approve a tax increase to address a specific health services crisis, the City believes the measure should be clearly structured with strong guardrails to ensure funds are used solely for their stated purpose. Transparency and accountability are essential to maintaining public trust when residents are asked to shoulder additional tax burdens.

Finally, while the measure is described as temporary, recent experience has understandably led residents to question whether temporary taxes remain temporary in practice. Any extension of this tax would further compound affordability pressures and constrain cities' future fiscal sustainability.

For these reasons, the City of Lynwood respectfully urges the Board of Supervisors to reconsider this approach and to engage in a collaborative dialogue with cities to identify alternative, equitable solutions. Any path forward must acknowledge that the affordability challenges facing residents and the fiscal sustainability challenges facing cities are two sides of the same issue, both driven by rising costs that require thoughtful, coordinated responses. We also welcome broader discussions about statewide solutions to address the impacts of federal funding reductions affecting local governments across California.

Thank you for your consideration of the City of Lynwood's position.

Respectfully,



Gabriela Camacho  
Mayor, City of Lynwood

**From:** [Yokomizo, Lauren](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Bellflower's Opposition to Agenda Item 15 (H.R.1)  
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**Subject:** Bellflower's Opposition to Agenda Item 15 (H.R.1)

Hi Lauren,

Sorry for the early morning message today... I was trying to get this out to you on letterhead with Ryan's signature last night, but council meeting went on longer than anticipated... But sending you a copy of the public comment I posted under Item 15 (H.R.1 Item):

*Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,*

*The City of Bellflower writes to respectfully express opposition to Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell's recent motion calling for a temporary ½ cent general sales tax measure to be included on the June primary ballot. The revenue generated from the tax measure would go towards health and safety net services that are at risk of disappearing due to H.R.1 funding cuts. Bellflower recognizes the severe fiscal impacts of H.R.1 on L.A. County Department of Health Services' (DHS) budget; however, we are concerned this measure would disproportionately burden the very residents the County seeks to protect, who are facing historic affordability pressures on housing, food, fuel, utilities, and childcare costs. This half-cent countywide sales tax increase would push the combined sales tax rates in some cities to over 11 percent, further straining household budgets. At the same time, cities are confronting their own structural budget challenges and are deeply worried about how to best address fiscal issues without compounding economic pressure on residents, who are least able to absorb it. This is particularly distressing in the context of LA County seeking a legislative exemption that would allow this sales tax measure to bypass the state cap on local sales taxes. If such legislation passed, struggling cities that are already at or near the cap would be left overlooked with limited future fiscal options to support much-needed local services in their communities. Bellflower also feels there are significant flaws in the sales*

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*We appreciate your consideration of our position on the motion.*

Thank you!



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# CITY OF PALOS VERDES ESTATES



February 4, 2026

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## **OPPOSE – Motion Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by H.R. 1**

Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors:

The City of Palos Verdes Estates strongly opposes the Board Motion titled “*Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by H.R.1*,” introduced by Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell. The motion would place a countywide general retail transaction and use (sales) tax increase of one-half percent (0.5%) before voters.

This proposal asks residents and businesses to pay more in sales taxes without guaranteeing any benefit to the cities generating that revenue. As a general tax, the measure contains no commitment to fund municipal services, no revenue-sharing mechanism for cities, and no assurance that proceeds would be allocated equitably or efficiently. Cities are being asked to contribute, with no certainty of return.

Equally troubling is the impact on future local revenue capacity. A countywide general tax increase of this scale consumes limited taxpayer tolerance and directly undermines cities’ ability to pursue future voter-approved measures for local priorities. This proposal shifts fiscal capacity away from cities while offering them nothing in return.

Palos Verdes Estates must carefully manage limited resources to maintain infrastructure, protect public safety, and address ongoing operational challenges. Any increase in the tax burden on our residents should deliver clear, direct, and accountable benefits to the community paying the tax. This proposal does not.

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For these reasons, the City of Palos Verdes Estates strongly urges the Board of Supervisors to reject this approach and pursue funding solutions that respect local fiscal authority, and do not impose broad tax increases without guaranteed benefits to cities.

Sincerely,

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Michael Kemps  
Mayor, City of Palos Verdes Estates

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February 6, 2026

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**SUBJECT: OPPOSE – PROPOSED ESSENTIAL SERVICES RESTORATION ACT FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY**

Dear Supervisor Hahn,

I am writing on behalf of the City of Lomita and my City Council colleagues regarding the proposed countywide one-half cent (0.5%) countywide general sales tax—titled the “Essential Services Restoration Act for Los Angeles County”—on the June 2026 ballot.

We acknowledge the significant fiscal challenges facing Los Angeles County following the passage of the federal One Big Beautiful Bill, particularly the impacts to Medi-Cal and other health and safety net programs. The City of Lomita recognizes the essential role Los Angeles County plays in protecting public health and understands the challenges created by these reductions.

The most troubling issue with the proposal is its structure as a general tax rather than a special tax. Although intent language suggests the revenues would offset federal health care cuts, those provisions are non-binding, with all funds deposited into the County’s general fund and subject to future Board discretion. This creates uncertainty for voters and cities alike, particularly given that proposed allocations may extend beyond directly replacing lost federal funding.

We are equally concerned about the impact that a general sales tax will have on our local financial flexibility and the City’s ability to respond to priorities consistently expressed by Lomita residents. Residents have clearly communicated that maintaining public safety and emergency response services is their highest priority. Preserving the City’s ability to pursue locally tailored revenue solutions is critical to meeting these expectations. The proposal has emerged on an accelerated timeline with limited opportunity for meaningful engagement with cities that will be directly affected. A countywide half-cent sales tax would also consume remaining sales tax

capacity, effectively foreclosing cities' ability to pursue locally controlled revenue solutions tailored to their communities.

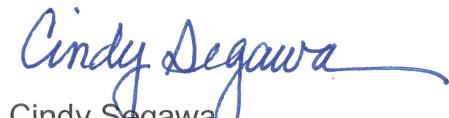
Finally, it is our understanding that the State of California is actively working on potential solutions to address funding losses resulting from the One Big Beautiful Bill. Given this ongoing effort, we respectfully urge the Board of Supervisors to factor potential state actions into its deliberations before advancing a countywide tax measure that would significantly impact residents and permanently affect local sales tax capacity.

For these reasons, the City of Lomita respectfully urges the Board of Supervisors to reconsider advancing this proposal and instead engage collaboratively with cities on fiscally responsible, transparent, and equitable approaches to addressing the impacts of recent federal actions.

Thank you for your time and consideration. If you have any questions, feel free to contact our City Manager, Andrew Vialpando at [a.vialpando@lomitacity.com](mailto:a.vialpando@lomitacity.com).

Sincerely,

**CITY OF LOMITA**



Cindy Segawa  
Mayor

Cc. California Senator Ben Allen, 24<sup>th</sup> Senate District  
California Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi, 6<sup>th</sup> Assembly District  
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California Contract Cities Association  
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January 29, 2026

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**OPPOSE – Motion Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by H.R.1**

Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors:

On behalf of the City Council and residents of the City of Rancho Palos Verdes, I write to respectfully express our strong opposition to the Board Motion - Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by H.R.1 by Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell, which would require a special election on June 2, 2026 to implement a countywide general retail transaction and use (sales) tax increase measure that would impose an additional ½ percent (0.5%) general tax on the residents of Los Angeles County.

While the City of Rancho Palos Verdes recognizes the serious fiscal challenges facing Los Angeles County, this measure would increase the sales tax burden on our residents and local businesses without providing cities any guaranteed benefit or revenue sharing to fund essential local services. This measure further increases the State and Local Tax burden on our county residence without any guarantee that the funds would be spent efficiently or equitably. Furthermore, this measure would eliminate or put at risk any future measures for local tax capacity, potentially eliminating any city's ability to pursue future voter-approved revenue measures that would directly benefit local residents.

Rancho Palos Verdes is already facing significant economic challenges due to the lack of adequate state and federal funding to address ongoing landslide risks to public infrastructure and homes. These challenges have strained City resources and further underscore the importance of preserving local revenue sources rather than introducing new general use taxes that would financially burden residents without any direct benefit and could be redirected towards other inefficient County programs with

no direct benefit to local communities.

The City of Rancho Palos Verdes respectfully urges the Board to pursue alternative strategies to explore funding solutions that do not undermine local government's ability to retain existing local revenue sources.

We appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Seo".

Paul Seo  
Mayor



February 6, 2026

Dear Supervisor Janice Hahn:

As President & CEO of the Catalina Island Tourism Authority, I am deeply concerned about reductions to essential services and the growing impacts of H.R.1 on vulnerable communities. I respectfully urge your approval of agenda item 15 – the proposed half-cent general sales tax ordinance, subject to voter approval, effective through October 1, 2031. This measure provides a thoughtful and fiscally responsible approach to preserving critical countywide services that are at immediate risk.

Preserving access to local healthcare is not only a public health priority but also an economic and emergency preparedness necessity. As the island's only medical facility, Catalina Island Health (CIH) supports residents, workforce stability, tourism safety, and coordinated emergency response in our geographically isolated community. Catalina Island's predominantly Latino and senior populations rely heavily on Medi-Cal and Medicare, making them particularly vulnerable to service reductions. Without sustained investment, access to care will continue to weaken, placing our 4,000 residents and more than 1 million annual visitors at risk. In a typical year approximately 380,000 of those visitors are Los Angeles County residents.

If healthcare services on Catalina Island are reduced, the consequences extend beyond our local community. Increased medical transport to mainland hospitals, delayed emergency response times, and additional strain on Los Angeles County healthcare and emergency systems are real and urgent concerns. Maintaining strong local healthcare infrastructure helps protect both patient outcomes and countywide system capacity.

I strongly encourage approval of this ordinance imposing a 0.5% general sales tax to help preserve healthcare services and other essential county programs. I also strongly support the inclusion of a nine-member citizens' oversight committee to ensure transparency and fiscal accountability. By helping sustain critical County services impacted by H.R.1, this investment will protect healthcare access, strengthen economic stability, and safeguard essential services that Catalina Island and communities across Los Angeles County depend on every day.

Thank you for your leadership and thoughtful consideration of this urgent and important measure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jimmie R. Luttjohann".

Jim Luttjohann