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Public Comment		Favor	Amanda Otero	
			Ana Garcia	<p>Hello, my name is Ana Priscila, and I am with Immigrants Are Los Angeles and a resident of LA County.</p> <p>I am asking the County to take action to keep immigrant families housed.</p> <p>Many families in my community are struggling to stay safe from ICE by keeping a roof over their heads right now.</p> <p>I appreciate that the Board is paying attention to what renters are going through and taking steps to respond to this crisis. 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 taking risks everyday to go to work and put food on the table, pay rent. We want our leadership to act with the same courage.</p> <p>People are falling behind on rent because work has become unstable and fear is keeping people home. No one should lose their housing over debt they just can't catch up on during an emergency.</p> <p>We ask that you raise the eviction rent threshold to at least 3 months worth of fair market rent, and it should apply everywhere in Los Angeles County.</p> <p>Only this type of bold action will help families stay housed and prevent homelessness before it happens. I'm asking you to do more and make sure these protections reach every community.</p> <p>Thank you for your time.</p>



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Public Comment		Favor	Angel Ramos	<p>Hello, my name is Angel Ramos and I am with Immigrants Are Los Angeles and a resident of LA County.</p> <p>I am asking the County to take action to keep immigrant families housed.</p> <p>Many families in my community are struggling to stay safe from ICE by keeping a roof over their heads right now.</p> <p>I appreciate that the Board is paying attention to what renters are going through and taking steps to respond to this crisis. 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 taking risks everyday to go to work and put food on the table, pay rent. We want our leadership to act with the same courage.</p> <p>People are falling behind on rent because work has become unstable and fear is keeping people home. No one should lose their housing over debt they just can't catch up on during an emergency.</p> <p>We ask that you raise the eviction rent threshold to at least 3 months worth of fair market rent, and it should apply everywhere in Los Angeles County</p>
			antonio dominguez	<p>Estimados miembros de la Junta de Supervisores: Mi nombre es [antonio] y soy [residente del Condado de Los Angeles/miembro de IRLA/defensor de la comunidad] de [Ciudad o Distrito]. Estoy aquí porque muchas familias en mi comunidad están luchando para mantenerse en sus hogares en este momento.</p> <p>Agradezco que la Junta esté poniendo atención a lo que están viviendo las familias y que esté tomando pasos para proteger a los inquilinos durante esta crisis. Pero lo que se está proponiendo ahora no es suficiente para la realidad que enfrentan muchas personas.</p> <p>Mucha gente se ha atrasado en la renta porque el trabajo se ha vuelto inestable y el miedo ha hecho que muchas personas no puedan salir a trabajar. Nadie debería perder su hogar por una deuda que no puede pagar durante una emergencia.</p>



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Public Comment		<b>Favor</b>	antonio dominguez	<p>Mi nombre es [antonio] y soy [miembro de la organización/clean residente de la ciudad de]</p> <p>En primer lugar, me gustaría agradecer a la supervisora Horvath por escuchar a sus electores e introducir medidas de protección contra los desalojos para todos los angelinos del condado.</p> <p>Como saben, nuestras familias y vecinos inmigrantes se encuentran en crisis como consecuencia directa de las redadas del ICE. Sus ingresos se han visto drásticamente reducidos. Una propuesta que solo se aplica al condado no incorporado de Los Ángeles no responde a la realidad de esta crisis. El ICE está ocupando comunidades en las 88 ciudades del condado de Los Ángeles, donde la Junta de Supervisores ha declarado el estado de emergencia.</p> <p>Una encuesta reciente muestra que los inquilinos afectados ya tienen un retraso medio de cuatro meses en el pago del alquiler, y algunos acumulan hasta 13,000 dólares de deuda. La gran mayoría de los afectados viven en la ciudad de Los Ángeles y en ciudades del sureste de Los Ángeles, como Norwalk y Downey.</p> <p>Esta emergencia lleva casi ocho meses. Durante ese tiempo, los inquilinos inmigrantes han vivido con un miedo constante, han visto cómo sus seres queridos eran detenidos o deportados y han perdido una media del 60 % de los ingresos de sus hogares. Estas son las condiciones que empujan a los inmigrantes al desplazamiento, la autodeportación y la falta de vivienda.</p> <p>Instamos a la junta a que actúe con la urgencia que exige el momento, y con la autoridad legal que le confiere el estado de emergencia declarado, y</p>



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Public Comment		Favor	Brennan Cain	<p>Hello, my name is Brennan Cain , and I am with the African Communities Public Health Coalition, and a resident of LA County.</p> <p>I am asking the County to take action to keep immigrant families housed. Many families in my community are struggling to stay safe from ICE by keeping a roof over their heads right now.</p> <p>I appreciate that the Board is paying attention to what renters are going through and taking steps to respond to this crisis. 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 taking risks everyday to go to work and put food on the table, pay rent. We want our leadership to act with the same courage.</p> <p>People are falling behind on rent because work has become unstable and fear is keeping people home. No one should lose their housing over debt they just can't catch up on during an emergency.</p> <p>You need to raise the eviction rent threshold to at least 3 months worth of fair market rent, and it should apply everywhere in Los Angeles County.</p> <p>Only this type of bold action will help families stay housed and prevent homelessness before it happens. I'm asking you to do more and make sure these protections reach every community.</p> <p>Thank you for your time.</p>



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Public Comment		Favor	Brian Wilcox	<p>After 8 months (and counting) of siege, three months of protection is the minimum to keep Angelenos safe and housed. ICE has abducted thousands of Angelenos, ripping them from their families and communities, and creating an economic crisis for LA. A recent survey by the Evict Ice, Not Us Coalition showed that on average, tenants are already in 3.6 months of rental debt, accruing up to \$12,000 in debt since June.</p> <p>Due to the declared state of emergency and the threat to health, safety, and human life in LA county, the Board of Supervisors has expanded legal authority over the county's 88 cities. This was the case during the County's state of emergency for COVID, for example. This time, however, the federal government is the emergency. The legal groundwork exists for bold action by the County, now it's a matter of political will.</p> <p>Rental relief must be paired with strong eviction protections in order to keep tenants housed. The rent relief program is grossly inadequate to meet this crisis. So far, only landlords have been able to apply, while prominent landlord attorneys openly advise them not to accept any form of government subsidy so they can retain their right to evict tenants. This leaves tenants vulnerable to eviction even while going through the county rent relief process. ICE raids are a threat to the lives of all Angelenos. ICE agents have repeatedly chased people into LA hospitals, making it dangerous to seek lifesaving medical care. More than 32 people were killed by ICE operations across the U.S. in 2025, including Keith Porter Jr, a Black Angeleno and father of two, murdered by an ICE agent on New Years Eve. At least 8 people have been killed by ICE in the first six weeks of 2026 alone. The board must take bold action to protect the lives of Angelenos.</p>
			Byron Jose	<p>Codify Measure J. \$900M annually. No less. Close MCJ. Free the 50! TGI HI NOW!</p>
			Calandra Smith	



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Public Comment		Favor	Cesar Jacobo	<p>Mi nombre es [Cesar Jacobo] y soy [miembro de la organización/residente de la ciudad de]</p> <p>En primer lugar, me gustaría agradecer a la supervisora Horvath por escuchar a sus electores e introducir medidas de protección contra los desalojos para todos los angelinos del condado. Como saben, nuestras familias y vecinos inmigrantes se encuentran en crisis como consecuencia directa de las redadas del ICE. Sus ingresos se han visto drásticamente reducidos. Una propuesta que solo se aplica al condado no incorporado de Los Ángeles no responde a la realidad de esta crisis. El ICE está ocupando comunidades en las 88 ciudades del condado de Los Ángeles, donde la Junta de Supervisores ha declarado el estado de emergencia.</p> <p>Una encuesta reciente muestra que los inquilinos afectados ya tienen un retraso medio de cuatro meses en el pago del alquiler, y algunos acumulan hasta 13,000 dólares de deuda. La gran mayoría de los afectados viven en la ciudad de Los Ángeles y en ciudades del sureste de Los Ángeles, como Norwalk y Downey.</p> <p>Esta emergencia lleva casi ocho meses. Durante ese tiempo, los inquilinos inmigrantes han vivido con un miedo constante, han visto cómo sus seres queridos eran detenidos o deportados y han perdido una media del 60 % de los ingresos de sus hogares. Estas son las condiciones que empujan a los inmigrantes al desplazamiento, la autodeportación y la falta de vivienda. Instamos a la junta a que actúe con la urgencia que exige el momento, y con la autoridad legal que le confiere el estado de emergencia declarado, y vote a favor de esta moción, que se aplica a todo</p>



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Public Comment		Favor	Cesar Jacobo	<p>EJEMPLO DE DECLARACIÓN GENERAL</p> <p>Hola, mi nombre es [CESAR JACOBO], y estoy con Inmigrantes Are Los Angeles 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> <p>Gracias por su tiempo.</p> <p>Estimados miembros de la Junta de Supervisores   Atentamente, [Tu Nombre], [Tu Información de Contacto], [Tu Organización, si corresponde]</p>
			Chris Tufty	Please put The Essential Healthcare Restoration Act on the ballot for California Voters!
			Eden M	We need an eviction moratorium in place for our beloved community who keep California running and are currently being terrorized by ICE. Entire families are unable to work, provide for their loved ones out of sheer fear. We need to show that we support people and do not stand for the militarization of our city against innocent people.



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Public Comment		<b>Favor</b>	Emanuel Javier Garcia	<p>I am with Immigrants Are Los Angeles and a resident of LA County. I am asking the County to take action to keep immigrant families housed. Many families in my community are struggling to stay safe from ICE by keeping a roof over their heads right now. I appreciate that the Board is paying attention to what renters are going through and taking steps to respond to this crisis. 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 taking risks everyday to go to work and put food on the table, pay rent. We want our leadership to act with the same courage. People are falling behind on rent because work has become unstable and fear is keeping people home. No one should lose their housing over debt they just can't catch up on during an emergency. You need to raise the eviction rent threshold to at least 3 months worth of fair market rent, and it should apply everywhere in Los Angeles County. Only this type of bold action will help families stay housed and prevent homelessness before it happens. I'm asking you to do more and make sure these protections reach every community. Thank you for your time.</p>





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Public Comment		Favor	Eve Fouche	<p>Good afternoon. 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
			Jaquelyn Zermeno	Ice raids have had a devastating impact on our communities and have made it impossible for some families to afford rent. Evict ICE, not us!
			Jason Barrios Ruiz	
			Jonathan Weedman	
			Julianne Papadopoulos	In favor of item 20



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Public Comment		Favor	Lauren Wolchok	<p>Hello, my name is Dr. Lauren Wolchok. I am a physician working in a Federally Qualified Health Center network in Los Angeles County, caring for patients in the county safety net. I'm speaking today at the urging of LA Voice, a multifaith organization that I work with as a community member of Temple Beth Israel of Highland Park and Eagle Rock.</p> <p>I am urging the County to place the Essential Healthcare Restoration Act before voters on the June ballot.</p> <p>As a frontline physician, I see every day how fragile access to care already is. The proposed federal healthcare cuts would severely impact our clinic's budget, forcing reductions in services and staffing. If these cuts go through, my patients will suffer directly — through delayed care, fewer available appointments, and loss of access to essential services.</p> <p>These cuts are projected to cost Los Angeles County \$2.4 billion over the next three years, putting healthcare access at risk for millions of residents, and threatening the survival of clinics and hospitals that our most vulnerable communities rely on.</p> <p>The patients I serve are already facing enormous pressures — fear, housing instability, food insecurity, and financial strain. Adding massive healthcare cuts on top of that will push families beyond what they can bear.</p> <p>We need bold leadership in this moment. I urge the Board to act with urgency and give voters the opportunity to choose care, dignity, and community by advancing the Essential Healthcare Restoration Act.</p>
			Lesly Ayala	
			Marianne M Muellerleile	Please put the Essential Healthcare Restoration Act on the June ballot. We must help those who will suffer when the Big Beautiful Bill goes into effect.
			Mary Murray	Please support adding the Essential Healthcare Restoration Act to the June ballot.
			Maya Diakoff	We need an eviction moratorium in Los Angeles until ICE has stopped the illegal kidnapping of our neighbors.



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Public Comment		Favor	Meriden Angeles	<p>Dear Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors,</p> <p>I'm a resident of LA County and with the Immigrants Are Los Angeles coalition. I write to urge the County to take immediate action to keep immigrant families housed during this time of crisis.</p> <p>Many families are struggling to stay safe from militarized federal agents while trying to keep a roof over their heads. I appreciate the Board's attention to renters' needs, but this moment calls for bold leadership. Communities are living in daily fear as people are taken off the streets by masked men. Many are missing work or losing income, falling behind on rent through no fault of their own. No one should lose their housing over debt they cannot repay during an emergency.</p> <p>Please raise the rent threshold to at least three months of fair market rent and apply it countywide. Only bold action will keep families housed and prevent further homelessness.</p> <p>Thank you for your attention to this matter.</p> <p>Kind regards, Meriden Angeles</p>
			Paloma Bustos	
			Roberta Klug	IN FAVOR of Item 20
			Sara Pellegrini	We need an eviction moratorium while ICE is terrorizing our neighborhoods.
			Tamara Westfall	Hold the LA County Sheriff accountable for not enforcing traffic laws against ICE and for protecting ICE



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Public Comment		Favor	Tamra King	<p>"On behalf of Harbor Community Health Centers, which operates 3 sites, serves over 8,000 patients, and provides care across 1 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.</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>
			Yudith Mexa	Item 20
		Oppose	Agnes Adler	Please don't impose the three month wait time to start evictions. So unfair to apartment owners. Why should tenants be able live three months rent free and then even longer because the eviction process is slow. If tenants have unexpected financial hardship, let's find a way to help them get over a bad time, but not sponsored by the building owner! If you do this, I imagine there will be scammers who will take advantage of this lengthy " free rent" opportunity and move every few months. It encourages irresponsible behavior!!! Thankyou for your consideration.
			Allyson Muniz	This will be destroying and devastating for all businesses across Los Angeles communities by forcing labor without compensation forcing to shut down due to the lack of responsibility that the "tenants" will be held accountable for. A lot of owners are still making up for HUNDREDS of MILLIONS of dollars LOST from COVID rent debt NOT being paid back! All businesses are prone more and more at risk due to the law CONSISTENTLY changing in favor of the tenant to have lack of responsibility, and respect to their home forcing owners to go out of business causing less housing for ALOT of people.
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			Bernard Gallagher	<p>I strongly oppose Agenda Item #20. This proposal would force housing providers across all cities and all property types in L.A. County to absorb at least three months of unpaid rent before even being allowed to begin the eviction process.</p> <p>Raising the eviction threshold to three months of "fair market value" rent is nothing less than legalized theft. It forces property owners, ALL of whom are small business owners in their respective communities, to provide housing without compensation. Don't force me to provide services without compensation!</p> <p>We already know that hundreds of millions of dollars in COVID rent debt were never repaid, and data shows that once tenants fall more than one month behind, repayment becomes exponentially less likely. This policy does not create "breathing room"; it shifts the entire financial burden onto housing providers.</p> <p>Please vote NO on Agenda Item #20 and do not destroy small housing providers across Los Angeles County.</p> <p>Respectfully submitted,</p>
			Blanca Alcala	<p>Opposition to Agenda Item I strongly oppose Agenda Item #20. This proposal would force housing providers across all cities and all property types in L.A. County to absorb at least three months of unpaid rent before even being allowed to begin the eviction process.</p> <p>Raising the eviction threshold to three months of "fair market value" rent is nothing less than legalized theft. It forces property owners, ALL of whom are small business owners in their respective communities, to provide housing without compensation. Don't force me to provide services without compensation!</p>



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			Carmen Zambrano	
			Christine Liu	Opposition to Agenda Item #20
			Claudia A farias	We are not agree with the 3 months free before evicted, if we receive a 3 months free insurance and free properties tax, Why the goverment dont give to us credit o discounts, the Insurance get 300% more exp.
			CRISTINA GO	<p>I strongly oppose Agenda Item #20. This proposal would force housing providers across all cities and all property types in L.A. County to absorb at least three months of unpaid rent before even being allowed to begin the eviction process.</p> <p>Raising the eviction threshold to three months of "fair market value" rent is nothing less than legalized theft. It forces property owners, ALL of whom are small business owners in their respective communities, to provide housing without compensation. Don't force me to provide services without compensation!</p> <p>We already know that hundreds of millions of dollars in COVID rent debt were never repaid, and data shows that once tenants fall more than one month behind, repayment becomes exponentially less likely. This policy does not create "breathing room"; it shifts the entire financial burden onto housing providers.</p> <p>Please vote NO on Agenda Item #20 and do not destroy small housing providers across Los Angeles County.</p> <p>Respectfully submitted,Cristina Go</p>



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Public Comment		Oppose	dan zuckerman	Dear Board of Supervisors, I am writing to strongly oppose the proposal to increase the rent debt threshold for households in Los Angeles County. Arbitrarily increasing the amount of unpaid rent that must accrue before a housing provider can act will cause severe, long-term harm to the rental housing market and, ultimately, to the tenants this policy intends to help.
			Debbi L Huffey	I would like the powers that be that are considering this, to keep in mind that a lot of small mom and pop landlords like myself who have a property in order to support me in retirement cannot go three months without rent if I need to evict someone. I have evicted one person in 20 years, but if I need to evict someone, I can't wait three months. Please do not punish those who have nothing to do with anything else that's going on with tenants. It is unfair.
			Dennis Miltenberger	<p>I strongly oppose Agenda Item #20. This proposal would force housing providers across all cities and all property types in L.A. County to absorb at least three months of unpaid rent before even being allowed to begin the eviction process.</p> <p>Raising the eviction threshold to three months of "fair market value" rent is nothing less than legalized theft. It forces property owners, ALL of whom are small business owners in their respective communities, to provide housing without compensation. Don't force me to provide services without compensation!</p> <p>We already know that hundreds of millions of dollars in COVID rent debt were never repaid, and data shows that once tenants fall more than one month behind, repayment becomes exponentially less likely. This policy does not create "breathing room"; it shifts the entire financial burden onto housing providers.</p> <p>Please vote NO on Agenda Item #20 and do not destroy small housing providers across Los Angeles County.</p> <p>Respectfully submitted,</p>



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Public Comment		Oppose	Derek W	<p>I strongly oppose Agenda Item #20. This proposal would force housing providers across all cities and all property types in L.A. County to absorb at least three months of unpaid rent before even being allowed to begin the eviction process.</p> <p>Raising the eviction threshold to three months of "fair market value" rent is nothing less than legalized theft. It forces property owners, ALL of whom are small business owners in their respective communities, to provide housing without compensation. Don't force me to provide services without compensation!</p> <p>We already know that hundreds of millions of dollars in COVID rent debt were never repaid, and data shows that once tenants fall more than one month behind, repayment becomes exponentially less likely. This policy does not create "breathing room"; it shifts the entire financial burden onto housing providers.</p> <p>Please vote NO on Agenda Item #20 and do not destroy small housing providers across Los Angeles County.</p> <p>Respectfully.</p>
			Diana M Garcia Taylor	<p>Please do not pass the request to raise the rent debt threshold for tenants. Landlords are already dealing with skyrocketing expenses especially in insurance. Our income is significantly controlled with the Rent Roll ordinances. Tenants must carry some responsibility for being a tenant. Their housing expenses should take priority. We need their rents to maintain the properties in good condition for habitability. If we can not start an eviction for non payment the burden on the landlord will be in the 10's of thousands in a very short period of time. The legal process alone from start to finish is 3-4 months minimum. If you add more time before you can even start the eviction, they it become a massive burden for the landlord. Especially for the landlords with only a few units or single family homes to rent. This will make property owners either raise their rents more or raise their qualifications even more. Either way it will hurt the renter population rather than help them.</p> <p>Please do not pass this higher rent debt threshold.</p>





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Public Comment		<b>Oppose</b>	Elena LeGris	<p>I strongly oppose Agenda Item #20. This proposal would force housing providers across all cities and all property types in L.A. County to absorb at least three months of unpaid rent before even being allowed to begin the eviction process.</p> <p>Raising the eviction threshold to three months of "fair market value" rent is nothing less than legalized theft. It forces property owners, ALL of whom are small business owners in their respective communities, to provide housing without compensation. Don't force me to provide services without compensation!</p> <p>We already know that hundreds of millions of dollars in COVID rent debt were never repaid, and data shows that once tenants fall more than one month behind, repayment becomes exponentially less likely. This policy does not create "breathing room"; it shifts the entire financial burden onto housing providers.</p> <p>I absolutely can NOT afford this. I still need to pay the mortgage.</p> <p>Please vote NO on Agenda Item #20 and do not destroy small housing providers across Los Angeles County.</p> <p>Respectfully submitted,</p> <p>Elena LeGris</p>



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Public Comment		<b>Oppose</b>	Erika M Schlarmann	<p>I am a 65 year old retired senior who depends on the rent from my one rental property to pay my bills. I strongly oppose Agenda Item #20. This proposal would force housing providers across all cities and all property types in L.A. County to absorb at least three months of unpaid rent before even being allowed to begin the eviction process.</p> <p>Raising the eviction threshold to three months of "fair market value" rent is nothing less than legalized theft. It forces property owners, ALL of whom are small business owners in their respective communities, to provide housing without compensation. Don't force me to provide services without compensation!</p> <p>We already know that hundreds of millions of dollars in COVID rent debt were never repaid, and data shows that once tenants fall more than one month behind, repayment becomes exponentially less likely. This policy does not create "breathing room"; it shifts the entire financial burden onto housing providers.</p> <p>Please vote NO on Agenda Item #20 and do not destroy small housing providers across Los Angeles County.</p> <p>Respectfully submitted, Erika Schlarmann</p>
			Evelyn Ramirez	I do not approve of this. This will allow small business/family business from running their own business. How can anyone try to invest in their business when we have to sponsor tenants for 3 months? Can mortgage company sponsor me for 3 months as well?
			Gabriela Camacho	Opposition to Motion by Supervisor Mitchell – Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by H.R. 1
			Gilbert J Taylor	<p>I am asking you to oppose the increase in Rental Debt threshold. Property owners are already experiencing extreme rise in expenses. They need the income to properly maintain the rental properties. We need rental properties to be plentiful not sparse. If you keep making it harder and harder for property owners it is only going to get harder and harder for the renters you think you are helping. In reality you are making it worse for the tenants. Either they are going to have properties that are not as well maintained or they will have to pay higher and higher rents. Stop hurting the renting public</p> <p>Vote to oppose the Rental Debt threshold.</p>



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Public Comment		<b>Oppose</b>	Giuseppe Napoli	<p>Over 50% of landlords in Los Angeles County are "mom and pop" establishments. Raising the rent debt threshold will cause significant financial damage to independent landlords. Many landlords do not have the financial ability to cover multi-month rental income losses. This type of legislation would make it easier for institutional landlords to procure more units at a discount by just waiting out the mom and pop who cannot afford the higher cost of an eviction.</p> <p>Furthermore, these restrictive regulations deter developers and landlords from investing in Los Angeles County real estate. This lack of investment, or re-investment into real estate will cause long lasting negative effects on our community.</p> <p>I strongly urge you to vote no on this. Thank you.</p>
			HERMINA BAN	<p>I'm a senior citizen that owns a small four Plex building in a modest neighborhood. I've worked hard to save enough money to buy this building so I can feel somewhat secure in my senior years. My rent is very low and my profit margin is thin. I cannot afford to have a tenant not pay rent for three months before I can initiate an eviction process. The eviction process itself can take up to six months or more before the unit is returned to me. Subsequently, I have to fix it up before I can show it on market. Please consider people like me when deciding whether or not to pass this law. Further, please consider carving out exceptions for people like me should you decide to go ahead with this item. Thank you for your anticipated understanding and consideration.</p> <p>Sincerely, Hermina Ban</p>
			Hope Pollack	<p>It's not fair to landlords to allow evicted tenants to remain in apartments for 3 months without paying Trent.it was just passed that we have to provide refrigerators. Plumbers, electricians, gardeners have all raised their prices and landlords can only raise 3 percent. It's not right to keep putting all this on landlords. What other private sectors have their incomes crippled by your decisions. Thank you</p>



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Public Comment		Oppose	Isis Haynes	<p>My name is Isis, and I'm a local resident.</p> <p>Firstly, I would like to thank Supervisor Horvath, for listening to her constituents and introducing eviction protections for all Angelenos in the county.</p> <p>As you know immigrant families and neighbors are in crisis as a direct result of ICE raids. Incomes have been eviscerated. A proposal that applies only to unincorporated Los Angeles County fails to meet the reality of this crisis. ICE is occupying communities across ALL of 88 cities in LA County where the Board of Supervisors declared a state of emergency.</p> <p>A recent survey shows impacted tenants are already an average of 4 months behind on rent, with some carrying as much as \$13,000 in rent debt. A vast majority of those harmed live within the City of Los Angeles and Southeast LA cities like Norwalk and Downey.</p> <p>This emergency has been ongoing for nearly 8 months. During that time, immigrant tenants have lived in constant fear, seen loved ones detained or deported, and lost an average of 60% of their household income. These are conditions that push immigrants toward displacement, self-deportation, and homelessness.</p> <p>We urge the board to act with the urgency this moment demands, and their legal authority under the declared state of emergency, and vote yes on this motion apply county-wide and raise the threshold to at least three months of Fair Market Rent. Use your emergency powers to protect immigrant tenants now.</p>
			Jeffrey Lulla	<p>As a property owner in Burbank I must object to Lindsey P. Horvath's Eviction proposal to protect tenants at the expense of landlords. While it sounds well meaning, the net impact will cripple housing providers and lead to a future crisis in housing availability.</p> <p>You have got to find another way that respects the responsibilities and expenses of landlords.</p> <p>Respectfully, Jeff Lulla</p>
			Kaylee M Law	



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Public Comment		Oppose	La Tanya Gibson	Landlords cannot bare the burden of nonpayment of rent for three months. The high cost of utilities while tenants are still using water and electricity without paying rent, mortgage payments, and maintenance cost would put Landlords in a worse position financially. Secondly tenants most likely would not be able to catch up, and leave without paying any back rent because they are able to use the system. Rent increases because landlord doesn't have a choice.
			Mary Sarantes	we oppose item 20RNZV
			Masako Gallagher	<p>I strongly oppose Agenda Item #20. This proposal would force housing providers across all cities and all property types in L.A. County to absorb at least three months of unpaid rent before even being allowed to begin the eviction process.</p> <p>Raising the eviction threshold to three months of "fair market value" rent is nothing less than legalized theft. It forces property owners, ALL of whom are small business owners in their respective communities, to provide housing without compensation. Don't force me to provide services without compensation!</p> <p>We already know that hundreds of millions of dollars in COVID rent debt were never repaid, and data shows that once tenants fall more than one month behind, repayment becomes exponentially less likely. This policy does not create "breathing room"; it shifts the entire financial burden onto housing providers.</p> <p>Please vote NO on Agenda Item #20 and do not destroy small housing providers across Los Angeles County.</p> <p>Respectfully submitted, Masako Gallagher</p>
			NISHA M MANDALIA SILVA	PENALIZING LANDLORDS FOR DEFAULTING RENTERS IS NOT THE ANSWER FOR TENANTS WHO CAN NO LONGER AFFORD THEIR RENT.



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			Ray M Marcello	<p>I strongly oppose Agenda Item #20. This proposal would force housing providers across all cities and all property types in L.A. County to absorb at least three months of unpaid rent before even being allowed to begin the eviction process.</p> <p>Raising the eviction threshold to three months of "fair market value" rent is nothing less than legalized theft. It forces property owners, ALL of whom are small business owners in their respective communities, to provide housing without compensation. Don't force me to provide services without compensation!</p> <p>We already know that hundreds of millions of dollars in COVID rent debt were never repaid, and data shows that once tenants fall more than one month behind, repayment becomes exponentially less likely. This policy does not create "breathing room"; it shifts the entire financial burden onto housing providers.</p> <p>Please vote NO on Agenda Item #20 and do not destroy small housing providers across Los Angeles County.</p> <p>Respectfully submitted,</p>



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Public Comment		<b>Oppose</b>	sara chavez	Oppose to item 20 , regarding the eviction moratorium. There are many mom and pops housing providers in LA County that are still trying to recover from COVID moratorium. It is unfortunate and completely oppose to what is going on with the ICE raids as well. In the last several yrs insurance alone has increase more than 50% on some of the buildings making it nearly impossible to keep up with the cost of living. The increase allowed for rental apts is not suffice to cover those increases and to be honest the unpaid rent is nearly impossible to collect. This will hurt all sides of the spectrums.
			Tim McGuire	
			Victor Linares	
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			Yue Xiu	I'm a small rental house provider in Los Angeles county and I respectfully urge you to reject agenda item 20. The proposal countywide 3-month FMR eviction threshold creates serious legal conflicts, lacks data support, and will cause severe harm to small housing providers and long-term housing affordability!
		<b>Other</b>	Ann Dorsey	Thank you for the actions you have taken to create ICE free zones. Please do more.  I urge you to create ICE free zones for schools, hospitals, places of worship and other sensitive locations. Also, prohibit immigration agents from entering homes without a warrant. Action must be taken to curtail immigration activities because they are devastating our communities and putting everyone at risk.  Thank you
			Burton A Hunter	This particular comment might be pertinent to Item # 18, under the heading of Disaster Recovery: However let me state that I think that it would be a great loss of an important area resource to consider closure of Whiteman Airport in the east San Fernando Valley to use it for some other purpose. One of the major reasons for this stance, is that this is one of the few regional airports which can serve as an emergency services / FEMA hub following a regional disaster. FEMA was able to shuttle disaster relief items to this airport after the Northridge Earthquake for helping the residents of the whole San Fernando Valley and Santa Clarita. The Van Nuys Airport was unusable for such services because of runway damage, and it's inability to accommodate disaster relief cargo aircraft. For this reason alone, it is important to retain this airport facility to serve the residents in this region of Los Angeles. There are other good reasons for keeping this airport serviceable, but I will limit this statement to be in favor of the airport if only for this good reason.

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Public Comment		Other	Ivette C Ocampo	<p>Hola, mi nombre es Ivette Ocampo, 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,Ivette.</p>
			Karina Macias	





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Public Comment		Other	Matthew S Charboneau	<p>I am writing to formally raise a concern regarding the routine scheduling of multiple major public governing bodies' meetings at the same time—specifically City Council, the Board of Police Commissioners, the County Board of Supervisors, and the LAUSD Board of Education.</p> <p>When multiple bodies with direct authority over housing, education, public safety, land use, and civil rights hold meetings simultaneously during standard working hours, the result is not neutral scheduling—it is a structural barrier to public participation.</p> <p>This practice raises serious ethical and democratic concerns:</p> <p>First, it materially limits the public's ability to observe, participate in, and provide meaningful comment across institutions whose decisions are deeply interconnected. Residents cannot reasonably be expected to choose between engaging with decisions affecting their children's education, police oversight, housing policy, or county services.</p> <p>Second, it disproportionately excludes working-class residents, caregivers, disabled individuals, and those without flexible employment. Public access that exists only in theory but not in practice is not genuine access.</p> <p>Third, it undermines transparency and accountability. Democratic oversight depends on the public's ability to attend, track, and respond to decision-making processes. Concurrent scheduling fragments civic attention and weakens collective scrutiny.</p> <p>Finally, the cumulative effect of this structure is anti-democratic. Democracy requires not only open doors, but realistic pathways for participation. When participation is functionally impossible, public process becomes performative rather than accountable.</p> <p>I urge your office to acknowledge this issue and to consider inter-agency coordination standards that prevent overlapping public meetings among major governing bodies, particularly those with citywide or countywide impact.</p> <p>Ensuring that residents can meaningfully engage with their government is not a logistical preference—it is an ethical obligation.</p> <p>Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your response and to seeing concrete steps taken to uphold democratic access in practice, not just in principle.</p>



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Public Comment		Other	Matthew S Charboneau	<p>Dear Members of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors,</p> <p>I am writing as a resident of Los Angeles County (Zip Code 90012) to formally request oversight, clarification, and guidance regarding the enforcement of California Senate Bill 627, known as the No Secret Police Act.</p> <p>On January 29, 2026, and again during the Los Angeles Board of Police Commissioners meeting on February 3, 2026, LAPD Chief Jim McDonnell publicly stated that the Los Angeles Police Department will not enforce SB 627. He further indicated that LAPD officers have been directed not to cite federal agents who violate this statute, based on his view that the law represents "not a good public policy decision."</p> <p>A categorical refusal by a municipal police department to enforce a duly enacted state law raises serious concerns about the uniform application of the rule of law in Los Angeles County. This is not a matter of case-by-case discretion or resource prioritization, but rather an explicit policy choice to disregard a specific statute based on disagreement with its merits.</p> <p>Given the Board of Supervisors' oversight responsibilities for county law enforcement, I respectfully request clarification on the following points:</p> <p>Will the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department uphold and enforce SB 627 within its jurisdiction, including when violations involve federal agents operating in Los Angeles County?</p> <p>If LASD does intend to uphold the law, what is the appropriate and accessible pathway for residents to report observed violations or request enforcement, particularly in circumstances where LAPD has stated it will not act?</p> <p>What steps, if any, will the County take to ensure that state law is applied consistently across jurisdictions, so that enforcement does not depend on the personal policy views of individual department leadership?</p> <p>SB 627 was enacted to promote transparency, accountability, and public trust—especially in communities with a long history of strained relationships between residents, local law enforcement, and federal agencies. When local authorities signal that compliance with state law is optional, it undermines public confidence and creates confusion about residents' rights and protections.</p> <p>I respectfully request a formal written response addressing the questions above and outlining how the County intends to ensure that the law is upheld uniformly and lawfully.</p> <p>Thank you for your attention to this matter of public accountability and governance.</p>

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			Urzulo Glaviano	We need an eviction moratorium and a rent freeze while our communities are being terrorized by ICE. I implore my representative for CD 1, Rep Hernandez, to help our communities stabilize during this trying time.
			William Flores-Lemus	<p>Date February 9, 2026</p> <p>Dear Board of Supervisors Executive Office.</p> <p>Chief Director Edward Yen. Deputy Executive Officer Steven Hernandez.</p> <p>Board of Supervisor Hilda L. Solis Board of Supervisor Hollie J. Mitchell Board of Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath Board of Supervisor Janice Hahn Board of Supervisor Kathryn Barger</p> <p>Compliant Towards Los Angeles County Public Defender's Office.</p> <p>Ricardo Daniel Garcia #178111 Justine Marie Esack #183784 Haydeh Behbehani Takasugi #173084 Monnica Thelen #180661</p> <p>Follow Up Executive Office Human Resources Department Complaint Towards. The Board of Supervisor's Office Chief of Staff Sonia Lopez.</p> <p>Refer to emails sent to Sonia Lopez and The Public Defender's Office sent in order by dates.</p> <p>11/6/2025, 11/10/2025, 11/12/2025, 11/13/2025, 11/26/2025 (From Haydah Takasugi) 11/28/2025, 12/2/2025, 12/3/2025, 12/8/ 2025, 12/ 11/2025, 12/12/2025, 12/17./2025, 1/6/2026, 1/9/2026, 2/2/2026,2/4/2026.</p> <p>January 26, 2026 Communication with Haydah Takasugi in denial seeking counsel to make</p>

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Ricardo Daniel Garcia #178111  
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(I) I William Flores-Lemus am submitting this declaration to be truthful. To the best of my knowledge in events. In a complaint towards the mentioned.

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Date February 9, 2026

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Ricardo Daniel Garcia #178111  
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Haydeh Behbehani Takasugi #173084  
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Follow Up Executive Office Human Resources Department Complaint  
Towards.  
The Board of Supervisor's Office  
Chief of Staff Sonia Lopez.

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

11/6/2025, 11/10/2025, 11/12/2025, 11/13/2025, 11/26/2025 (From Haydah  
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January 26, 2026  
Communication with Haydah Takasugi in denial seeking counsel to make  
informed choices with.

Ricardo Daniel Garcia #178111  
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(I) I William Flores-Lemus am submitting this declaration to be truthful. To the  
best of my knowledge in events. In a complaint towards the mentioned.

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

As of: 2/11/2026 11:00:11 AM



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Using their institutional legal knowledge and expertise.

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

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

Refer to sections (VII) & (VIII).

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The court CASE \_\_\_\_\_ reflects the record that two \_\_\_\_\_ were



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registered with The State of California.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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February 6, 2026

Supervisor Janice Hahn  
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**RE: Proposed Countywide Health and Safety Net Services Sales Tax – Request to Structure as Special Tax**

Dear Supervisor Janice Hahn,

The City of Artesia writes regarding the proposed temporary half-cent (0.5%) countywide sales tax measure scheduled for the June 2026 ballot. We respectfully oppose the measure in its current form as a general tax.

While we recognize the significant funding challenges to health and safety net services posed by federal legislation HR 1, we urge the Board to amend the proposed sales tax measure as a special tax with dedicated funding for health and safety net services.

This structural change would provide the transparency and accountability necessary to earn our support and reassure residents during a time of significant fiscal burden. As proposed, the measure functions as a general sales tax, with revenue flowing into the County General Fund. While we understand the intent is to support health and safety net services, the general sales tax structure does not legally restrict the use. Structuring this as a special tax with dedicated funding would provide the certainty and transparency our residents need when making this significant financial commitment.

We recognize the health and safety net services crisis is real and urgent. We also want to be mindful of the impact on our working families and small business community. In November 2024, Artesia voters approved Measure AAA, a 0.75% local sales tax to fund essential city services. Our residents made a significant commitment, and as we work to deliver on that promise, we believe it is essential to demonstrate results before asking them to take on another financial burden.

Artesia is a diverse, working-class community where sales taxes have a significant impact on household budgets. Our small businesses are already navigating economic headwinds, including recent federal enforcement activities affecting local commerce. We believe that when we ask families and business owners to make this investment, we have

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a responsibility to provide complete transparency about how those funds will be used. A special tax designation fulfills that responsibility by legally guaranteeing the funds support health and safety net services, helping residents understand that their contribution directly addresses the crisis we all want to solve.

We acknowledge that structuring this as a special tax would require a two-thirds voter approval threshold rather than a simple majority. However, we believe this higher standard is appropriate and achievable. The County's commitment to using these funds exclusively for health and safety net services, formalized through special tax designation, will demonstrate the transparency that earns strong voter support.

The City of Artesia respectfully requests that the Board amend this measure to function as a special tax with dedicated funding for health and safety net services before placing it on the ballot. This change would transform our position from opposition to support, reassure residents that their tax dollars directly fund health and safety net services, and demonstrate the County's commitment to transparency and accountability.

We look forward to working with you to ensure that our shared commitment to health and safety net services is matched by an equally strong commitment to fiscal transparency.

Sincerely,



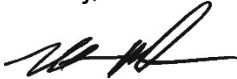
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City of Artesia

CC: Supervisor Hilda L. Solis  
Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell  
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The Honorable Derek Tran, U.S. House of Representatives  
The Honorable Tony Strickland, California State Senate  
The Honorable Sharon Quirk-Silva, California State Assembly  
Marcel Rodarte, Contract Cities Association  
Jorge Morales, Contract Cities Association  
Lindsey Skolnik, Contract Cities Association  
Nicholas Cabeza, League of California Cities

Honorable Supervisors,

Please don't put another sales tax on the ballot. Not now.

LA County residents have absorbed a lot in the past decade. A full percentage point in new countywide sales tax — Measure M added a half-cent in 2017, Measure A replaced Measure H last year at double the rate. Cities stacked their own on top. Nine of them — Compton, Santa Monica, Santa Fe Springs, Lynwood, South Gate, and others — are now at 10.75%. The state legislature had to pass AB 1679 just to let LA County exceed California's 2% local tax cap.

Another half-cent pushes some communities past 11%.

But sales tax is only part of the picture. LA County households are being squeezed from every direction right now:

- **Electricity:** SCE residential rates are up 25% since January 2022. LADWP customers saw another 12–15% jump this year alone, with more increases scheduled through 2028.
- **Gas:** SoCalGas requested a 20% revenue increase in 2024, with additional hikes of 6–7% annually through 2027.
- **Sewer:** LA City Council approved a plan to double sewer fees — from \$75.40 bimonthly to \$155.48 by July 2028.
- **Gasoline:** The state excise tax, pegged to inflation since SB 1, has gone from 27.8 cents a gallon in 2016 to 61.2 cents today. A 120% increase, adjusting upward every July 1 with no vote required.

And inflation is compounding all of it. CPI is up 37% over the past ten years. Every existing sales tax measure already yields more revenue year over year just from price growth — no ballot, no hearing, no vote. A half-cent on a \$100 basket in 2015 now pulls \$0.69 out of the same purchase. A new tax doesn't just add a rate. It adds another inflation-indexed revenue stream on top of a stack that's already growing on its own.

This matters most for the people this Board says it wants to protect. Lower-income households spend a larger share of income on taxable goods, utilities, and gas. A family in Compton or Lynwood already paying 10.75% sales tax, watching their electric bill climb 25%, their sewer bill double, and their gas tax more than double — that family doesn't experience a half-cent as "half a cent." They experience it as one more thing they can't control in a cost of living that's pulling away from them.

Sales taxes are the most regressive tool in the drawer. This County keeps reaching for it.

On accountability: Measure A's first \$655.8 million is being allocated right now. Verified outcome data doesn't exist yet — it's been less than a year. Asking voters to approve more revenue before the most recent measure has had time to show results is a difficult precedent to set for public trust.

If federal Medi-Cal cuts create real funding gaps, I'd ask the Board to show measurable results from current revenue first. Explore reallocation within a \$45+ billion annual budget. Demonstrate that existing dollars are producing outcomes before asking working families — the ones already absorbing rate hikes from every utility, every pump, and every register — to pay more.

Thank you.

Tim McGuire  
Los Angeles, CA

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# CALIFORNIA CONTRACT CITIES ASSOCIATION



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County of Los Angeles  
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street, Room 383  
Los Angeles, California 90012

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 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.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Rodarte', with a stylized, cursive script.

Marcel Rodarte

Executive Director

California Contract Cities Association



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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,

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Gabriela Camacho  
Mayor, City of Lynwood