

From: [LeShaunae Luke](#)
To: [CEO Health And Mental Health Services Cluster](#)
Date: Wednesday, January 28, 2026 1:33:19 PM

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My name is LeShaunae Luke, I'm a CHW at St. John's Community Health. On behalf of SEIU 721 I support this ballot measure.

- 1 in 3 County residents relies on Medi-Cal and health centers serve 1 in 3 of those Medi-Cal members.
- The cuts in H.R.1 are devastating and will hurt health centers and our patients. New restrictions on Medi-Cal eligibility will put coverage at risk for hundreds of thousands of patients.
- The LA County safety net cannot withstand the anticipated increase in uncompensated care.
- Without help, we will see a reduction in services, staff layoffs, and facility closures. This will reduce access for patients, forcing people to depend on already overcrowded emergency rooms, and worsening the health of our communities.
- Unless we take action locally and quickly, the LA County safety net will be decimated and patients will suffer.
- For three decades health centers have partnered with the County to ensure access to care for our most vulnerable residents – this measure will restore vital funding and preserve access to care.
- I'm asking the Board to protect LA County's health care safety net by supporting Supervisor Mitchell's motion to put a temporary ½ cent retail sales tax on the June 2026 ballot to preserve critical services and maintain access to care for patients.

Thank you for taking the time to give me a chance to speak.

From: [Rheena Pineda](#)
To: [CEO Health And Mental Health Services Cluster](#)
Subject: Restore Healthcare for Angelenos
Date: Wednesday, January 28, 2026 10:58:47 AM
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Good morning,

My name is Rheena Pineda, clinical psychologist and Chief of Integrated Behavioral Health at St. John's Community Health. St. John's operates 28 health centers, with a majority across South Los Angeles, serving over 160,000 patients annually, many of whom rely on Medi-Cal for their healthcare coverage.

One in three County residents rely on Medi-Cal, and health centers like ours serve one in three of those Medi-Cal members. The proposed cuts in H.R.1 are devastating and will hurt our health centers and the patients we serve. New restrictions on Medi-Cal eligibility will put coverage at risk for hundreds of thousands of patients.

The LA County safety net cannot withstand the anticipated increase in uncompensated care. At St. John's, this means our integrated behavioral health services, which provide critical mental health and substance use treatment to our most vulnerable populations, will face severe reductions. Without help, we will see service cutbacks, staff layoffs, and potentially facility closures. This will force patients to depend on already overcrowded emergency rooms and worsen the health of our communities.

Unless we take action locally and quickly, the LA County safety net will be decimated, and patients will suffer. For three decades, health centers have partnered with the County to ensure access to care for our most vulnerable residents. This measure will restore vital funding and preserve access to care.

I'm asking the Board to protect LA County's healthcare safety net by supporting Supervisor Mitchell's motion to put a temporary ½ cent retail sales tax on the June 2026 ballot to preserve critical services and maintain access to care for patients.

Thank you.

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From: [Wendy Gladney](#)
To: [CEO Health And Mental Health Services Cluster](#)
Subject: Regarding MLK Community Hospital
Date: Wednesday, January 28, 2026 9:45:43 AM

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Dear Board of Supervisors:

- 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.
- Cuts from H.R. 1 will eliminate essential services—from reproductive health care to school-based mental health.
- Without action, safety-net clinics and hospitals like MLK Community Hospital 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.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Wendy Gladney

From: [Julie Leyba](#)
To: [CEO Health And Mental Health Services Cluster](#)
Subject: Public Comment RE Agenda Item II 1/28 Health and Mental Cluster Meeting
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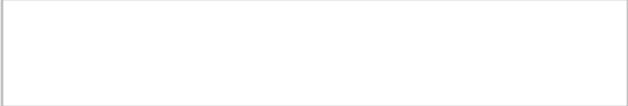
Please see Northeast Valley Health Corporation's public comments regarding Agenda Item II.

Public Comment:

"My name is Julie Leyba, and I am writing on behalf of Northeast Valley Health Corporation (NEVHC) in regard to Agenda Item II. 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 Supervisor Holly Mitchell's 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."

Best Regards,

Julie Leyba, MPP (she/ her /hers)
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From: [Guerra, Amber M.](#)
To: [CEO Health And Mental Health Services Cluster](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Agenda Item 2 (Board Motion)
Date: Tuesday, January 27, 2026 2:08:03 PM
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Dear BOS Health Deputies,

Venice Family Clinic is in strong support of the motion to place a temporary 0.5% countywide sales tax on the June 2, 2026 ballot to help offset major federal health funding cuts.

Community health centers play an essential role in Los Angeles County's health care safety net. We are often the first and sometimes the only point of care for uninsured and underinsured residents. When federal health funding is cut, the impact is immediate. These cuts don't just affect providers; they affect patients' health outcomes and push more people into emergency rooms. That strain is felt across the entire health care system.

Placing this measure on the ballot allows voters to decide how to respond to these federal cuts and safeguard our local health care infrastructure. This support is essential to maintaining access to care and preventing deeper harm to patients and providers. We urge you to advance this proposal so residents can weigh in and help ensure our county maintains a strong and equitable health care system.

Feel free to reach out with any questions.

Thank you,
Amber

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Venice Family Clinic and South Bay Family Health Care are now one unified organization providing primary health care to people in need from the Santa Monica Mountains through the South Bay.

From: [Tonya McKenzie](#)
To: [CEO Health And Mental Health Services Cluster](#)
Subject: Protecting LA County's Health Care Safety Net
Date: Wednesday, January 28, 2026 12:27:30 PM
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I am writing to urge your support for placing a temporary 0.5 percent retail sales tax on the June 2, 2026 ballot to protect LA County's health care safety net.

The federal cuts in H.R.1 are devastating. Billions are being cut from Medicaid in California, while new eligibility requirements and copays will make it harder for people to access care. In LA County, one in three residents depends on Medi-Cal. Nearly half of residents with disabilities rely on Medicaid. This is a health care issue, an equity issue, and a disability access issue.

These cuts will eliminate essential services for children and families, including reproductive health care and school-based mental health services. Communities of color will be disproportionately impacted, as they have long relied on these programs for survival and stability.

The County is facing projected losses totaling \$2.4 billion over the next three years. The consequences are already materializing, including hiring freezes, potential layoffs of up to 5,000 employees, and the risk of clinic and hospital closures.

Supervisor Mitchell's motion provides a temporary, accountable local solution and gives voters the opportunity to decide whether they are willing to invest in protecting life-saving care and public health infrastructure.

I strongly urge your support for this measure and for putting this option before the voters of LA County.

Respectfully,

Tonya McKenzie

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From: [Jackie Provost](#)
To: [CEO Health And Mental Health Services Cluster](#)
Cc: [Muriel Nouwzem](#)
Subject: Protect LA County's Health Care Safety Net – Public Comment from Saban Community Clinic
Date: Wednesday, January 28, 2026 10:23:14 AM
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To the Health and Mental Health Cluster:

Please accept the following public comment submitted on behalf of Saban Community Clinic:

My name is Jackie Provost and I'm the Chief Strategy Officer at the Saban Community Clinic. We operate five health center sites and a mobile clinic in and around Hollywood and South LA. We serve more than 25,000 patients, and over three-fourths of our patients rely on Medi-Cal.

Since the passage of HR1, 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.

Warm Regards,

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From: [Yvonne Tyler](#)
To: [CEO Health And Mental Health Services Cluster](#)
Subject: o Cuts to Medicaid
Date: Tuesday, January 27, 2026 2:20:27 PM

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- o I'm writing today because I care deeply about the health and safety of LA County, and I'm asking the Board to protect LA County's health care safety net by putting a temporary ½ cent retail sales tax on the June 2026 ballot.
 - o The federal cuts in H.R.1 are devastating.
 - o Billions are being taken away from Medicaid in California, and new rules and copays will make it harder for people to get care.
 - o In this County, 1 of 3 residents depends on Medi-Cal.
 - o Nearly half of LA County residents with disabilities rely on Medicaid, this is a disability access issue.
 - o These aren't just statistics - they are our neighbors, family members, and children.
 - o The cuts in H.R. 1 would cause essential services for children and families to disappear.
 - o From reproductive health care to school-based mental health services, these cuts eliminate critical programs that communities of color have long depended on for survival and well-being.
 - o These reductions will increase hunger, push more families into poverty, and place even greater strain on already stretched state and county budgets.
 - o The cuts will increase hunger, push more families into poverty, and strain state and county budgets.
- o This vote will impact the seniors in my community and therefore will affect all citizens of the county. I recommend you vote no on these cuts.

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Rev. Dr. Yvonne Tyler
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From: [Rudolph O'Murray](#)
To: [CEO Health And Mental Health Services Cluster](#)
Subject: Actions TOMORROW in Support of LA County Ballot Measure! Invite to Join the Coalition!
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May I please get a copy of the slides.



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From: [Jeffrey Webb](#)
To: [CEO Health And Mental Health Services Cluster](#)
Subject: 1/28 Cluster Meeting Item II. a.
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Attached please find Bet Tzedek Legal Services letter **in support** of SD2 Motion Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by HR 1, Item II. a. on the Agenda for the January 28, 2026 meeting of the Health and Mental Health Cluster of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

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