



**PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:				
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BUDG-2B.		Favor	Akib Rahman	
			Arisbeth Aquino	
			David Ford	strongly support continued funding for the Los Angeles County Library. Our libraries are essential community anchors that provide free access to education, technology, workforce resources, and and safe spaces for residents of all ages. Sustaining the the library budget is an investment in literacy, equity, , and the long-term strength of our neighborhoods across Los Angeles County.
			Guadalupe Gonzalez	As a member of the community, a parent, and a member of the friends of the library, I deeply believe that there needs to be more funding provided to our county libraries. Cutting funding to the libraries affects our ability to support our students, children, and community members. The library has been a great resource for students without internet at home, to have a place to do their homework and have access to in person tutors. It also allows community members to have access to a printer and copy machine, for printing important documents for school or work. The activities planned out by these libraries also provide children, teens, and adults with experiences they otherwise wouldn't have been exposed to if they weren't provided for free by the library. Cultural experiences, art activities and history, job-seeking workshops, technological literacy, literacy classes, movie/ cinema experiences, and so many other resources that most people wouldn't be able to access in our community. I know that the FOL commitment to raising money for the libraries just isn't enough to continue funding all the programs that are so needed in our communities. I would love to continue participating in the activities provided and having the library stand as a safe place for all.
			Jacqueline Herrera	
			Kevon Jones	



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BUDG-2B.		Favor	Lauri Collier	<p>We support full funding of Budget Items 2A and 2B for the Los Angeles County Department of Economic Opportunity's Youth@Work program.</p> <p>Youth@Work is critical in providing workforce training and paid work experience to young adults who have experienced disconnection from school or employment, including youth impacted by the foster care, justice, and homeless systems.</p> <p>Sustained investment is especially urgent given recent federal changes to CalFresh eligibility requirements, which now require more young adults to meet work participation standards. Without access to paid work experience and structured workforce pathways, vulnerable young adults risk losing essential food benefits and facing deeper economic instability.</p> <p>Youth@Work provides a necessary bridge to employment, income stability, and long-term workforce attachment. We urge the Board to maintain full funding.</p>
			Nicole R Payton	I'm writing in favor of the proposed LA County Library budget request. The library system and physical locations are a central and basic need for learning, community, and access. Thank you for your continued support.
			Yanel N Saenz	I'm a member of my local library's (Graham Library in unincorporated Florence-Firestone) Friends of the Library group. Graham Library and all of our libraries are essential spaces in our community that provide free resources such as internet, printing, literacy programs, children & teen programming, and so much more! In these trying times, it remains important - now more than ever - that our libraries secure adequate funding to continue serving our communities. The demand for the library will only increase and become urgently necessary as the cost of living increases, unemployment rates increase, and we continue to witness the consequences from federal policies.. much of which will disproportionately impact communities like South Central Los Angeles, where Graham Library is located. The Friends of the Library group alone is not enough to support libraries - please consider increasing funding support to libraries for the r FY 2026-27 budget. Thank you.



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BUDG-2B.		Other	Max Matthes	<p>Hello Supervisors,</p> <p>I'm a student living in the University Park area near USC. Over the past year, there has been a noticeable increase in crime in and around campus, and many students feel unsafe walking even short distances.</p> <p>While USC has its own Department of Public Safety, there appears to be limited coordination or visible presence addressing broader safety concerns in the surrounding neighborhood. Given the County's role in public safety oversight and funding, I'm asking the Board to look into coordination between local law enforcement and university security in this area.</p> <p>At minimum, I would appreciate transparency around what resources are being allocated to the University Park neighborhood and whether additional support is being considered.</p> <p>Students are residents of this county too, and we deserve to feel safe where we live and study.</p> <p>Thank you for your time.</p>
			Minouche Kandel	

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BUDG-2B.		Other	Tina Rios	<p>Pre-Petition Advocacy Provides Critical Support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rather than leaving parents and caregivers to navigate the harmful family policing system on their own, Pre-Petition Advocacy provides parents and caregivers with legal representation and other supports at the start of a DCFS investigation. • Under a preventive advocacy model, parents are connected with attorneys, parent advocates, and social workers who can both help parents and caregivers navigate the DCFS investigation, and can identify and address families' underlying needs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Specialized legal assistance; o Intimate partner violence services; o Services to assist with housing, food insecurity, and other basic needs. • We must continue providing comprehensive support from the outset of an investigation, so that families can get the resources they need to stay together, and to remain out of the family policing system going forward. • The Families Stronger Together LA pilot has already proven to successfully keep families together <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o In its first nine months, only 28 children were removed by the pilot office, compared with 316 removals from that office in the year before the pilot was implemented. <p>All Families Deserve Pre-Petition Advocacy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We applaud the expansion the Families Stronger Together LA pilot to all of SPA 6. It is imperative that all families in Los Angeles receive this comprehensive support. • It is critical that the County expand the pilot to at least one other SPA this year. • DCFS spends over \$3 billion per year separating families, and only a fraction of their budget goes towards preventative programs. We urge the Los Angeles Board of Supervisors to invest in alternative supports that serve families, by dedicating at least \$1 million annually to expand the Families Stronger Together LA program to at least one other SPA. • We call on the Board to commit to seeking additional funding to further expand the network to all of Los Angeles in the coming years.
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Grand Total			12	

Happy Friday to all,

My name is Arisbeth Aquino and I am currently a member of the Friends of the Library for Graham Library. Libraries have always played a major role in my personal life and throughout my educational journey. I grew up really appreciating the services and programs that my local library had to offer. They always promoted a safe and welcoming environment for patrons of all ages to engage in new and educational services. One of the services that I have come to appreciate recently has been the tutoring programs that are available to our youth. I currently work as a Library Technician for an LAUSD elementary school, and in my role I have seen that students are falling behind in their reading and comprehension levels. I do my best to provide activities that help in bridging that gap, but one thing I always make sure to inform them of are the LA county libraries in their area. I tell them of summer programs they can participate in, services they can sign up for if homework or literacy is a challenge for them, and of technology they can get access to if they don't have it at home. If funding is being cut for crucial resources that our county libraries offer, I fear that our students will continue to fall behind. We wouldn't have enough staff to support and host programs, technology assistance would be limited, the welcoming atmosphere would slowly dwindle, and our communities would not have the support we desperately need. An increase in funding for our county libraries would allow staff and friends of the library to continue its mission of supporting all patrons to learn, grow and succeed.