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The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:		
Agenda #	Relate To	Position
19.		<b>Favor</b>
		Amanda Otero
		Isabel Gomez
		Itza Mari
		Jodi Kurata
		Lesly Ayala
		Melissa Ordaz
		Paloma Bustos
		Stephanie Richard
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Submitted By

Stephanie Richard, Esq. (She/Her)  
Director/Visiting Associate Clinical Professor  
Sunita Jain Anti-Trafficking Initiative

Stephanie Richard	<p>My name is Stephanie Richard, Director of the Sunita Jain Anti Trafficking Initiative at Loyola Law School. We fully support Supervisor Horvath's motion directing Probation, DCFS, and DYD to report back on staffing, data, funding, and outcomes.</p> <p>I want to emphasize the critical need for transparency around Probation's staffing and capacity. As members of the County's Child Labor Trafficking Steering Committee and Child Trafficking working group we have been consistently told by Probation staff —for nearly two years—the Department has not had the capacity to integrate sex and labor trafficking into its work as instructed by the Board when it adopted its 5 year strategic plan. The original deadline set for this integration in the plan was June 30th of 2025. Because of the reported lack of staffing during this time, essential training on sex and labor trafficking has not occurred, and protocols have not been updated, even when our Initiative offered support—support we have successfully provided to DCFS.</p> <p>We also support the transfer of funds to DYD, with the important caveat that DYD must receive training and protocol development to ensure that youth experiencing forced criminality are identified as victims, not placed in diversion programs for defendants.</p> <p>Victims of human trafficking by forced criminality have too long been unidentified by our country, and we need to do more to ensure they receive the services they need as crime victims.</p> <p>Finally, I would ask that the Motion be updated to include a report back on staff and capacity and funding within the Department of Public Health for anti-trafficking work. Since 2014, the Board has supported work toward prioritizing this approach in Los Angeles County, but these essential agencies have remained woefully understaffed and under resourced for this difficult work.</p> <p>For these reasons, we strongly support this motion and urge the Board to adopt it with our additional recommendation for report back.</p>	



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Yolanda Whittington	<p>On behalf of SISTAHFRIENDS Counseling and Eldercare Management, I submit this public comment in strong support of Supervisor Horvath's motion to strengthen trauma-informed, community-based responses for youth impacted by commercial sexual exploitation (CSE).</p> <p>We commend the Board for advancing a public health framework that prioritizes prevention, harm reduction, and healing over punishment and detention. The emphasis on stabilizing specialized staffing within Probation's Child Trafficking Unit, strengthening continuity of care, and deepening partnerships with community-based advocates reflects both sound policy and respect for survivor-centered practice.</p> <p>We particularly appreciate the recognition that trusted community-based organizations are essential infrastructure in reducing system reliance and preventing unnecessary detention.</p> <p>At the same time, we urge the Board to consider a critical gap not fully addressed in the motion: the needs of Transitional Age Youth (TAY), ages 18–25, who are being trafficked in the community but are not currently under Probation or DCFS supervision. Many young people are first exploited as minors but remain trapped in trafficking networks after turning 18, at which point they often fall outside child-focused systems and funding streams. Rescue and protection should not end on a young person's 18th birthday.</p> <p>SISTAHFRIENDS conducts outreach and engagement along corridors such as Figueroa and Western, areas where women and young people are actively being trafficked. Our work includes street-based rescue, trauma-informed care, safety planning, and housing linkage. We frequently encounter TAY survivors who have no open Probation or DCFS case, yet face extreme risk of violence, exploitation, and re-trafficking.</p> <p>These young people need immediate access to trusted community advocates, mental health services, substance use support, and housing stabilization, not only after system involvement, but before it occurs.</p> <p>We respectfully recommend that, in addition to the important focus on system-involved youth, the Board direct County departments to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Explore mechanisms to support community-based outreach and rescue for trafficked TAY who are not currently in Probation or DCFS systems;</li><li>• Ensure that future funding strategies (including DMH, SAPC, CalAIM/BHSA, and related initiatives) explicitly include frontline community providers engaged in street-based anti-trafficking work; and</li><li>• Strengthen pathways for seamless referral from community advocates to</li></ul>

			<p>County services without punitive or surveillance-driven consequences. Finally, we note that many of the youth and young adults most impacted by trafficking reside in the Second Supervisorial District. We encourage intentional coordination with the 2nd District to ensure that resources are aligned with the communities bearing the greatest burden of exploitation.</p> <p>SISTAHFRIENDS stands ready to partner with the County to expand rescue, healing, and housing pathways for trafficked youth and young adults.</p> <p>We appreciate the Board's leadership on this urgent issue and welcome the opportunity for further dialogue.</p>
	<b>Item Total</b>	<b>13</b>	
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February 6, 2026

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SISTAHFRIENDS Counseling and Eldercare Management



**Date: January 30, 2026**

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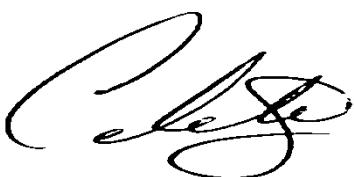
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**From:** [ExecutiveOffice](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: Notice to Board: Commission Engagements and Recruitment Concerns  
**Date:** Monday, February 9, 2026 9:35:59 AM

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**From:** AuditLA <audit.in.la@gmail.com>  
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**Subject:** Notice to Board: Commission Engagements and Recruitment Concerns

Dear Chair and Members of the Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to place the Board on notice regarding recent engagements between the Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations and representatives of the Church of Scientology and affiliated organizations, including Youth for Human Rights and United for Human Rights.

Based on publicly available communications, Commission staff and commissioners appear to have participated in meetings where religious or quasi-religious materials, tiered content, and invitations to tours, events, and summits were presented in the context of civil rights, safety, or anti-harassment discussions. These materials are part of Scientology's structured recruitment and indoctrination pathway and were not accompanied by balanced, independent, or expert perspectives regarding the organization's extensive litigation history and human-rights allegations.

This raises significant County-level concerns involving neutrality, ethics, and risk.

As the Board is aware, the Church of Scientology has been the subject of long-standing and credible allegations involving coercive labor practices, retaliation, and suppression of dissent. Former members and litigants have described conditions within the Sea Organization involving extreme work hours, nominal or nonexistent pay, isolation, and punishment-based labor programs, including the Rehabilitation Project Force. Multiple civil actions have raised claims under the Trafficking Victims Protection Act and related labor protections. These issues go directly to the County's interest in preventing human-rights abuses, modern forced labor, and misuse of public institutions.

Equally concerning is the possibility that Commission engagements may be used to advance narratives framing lawful protest and public scrutiny as “harassment,” while proposals affecting buffer zones or enforcement discretion could have the effect of suppressing constitutionally protected speech near Scientology properties, including 4810 Sunset Boulevard / L. Ron Hubbard Way.

This correspondence is not intended to allege misconduct by any individual commissioner or staff member. Rather, it is intended to ensure that the Board is fully informed of potential institutional risk and to request clarification regarding safeguards in place to prevent government endorsement, recruitment, or narrative laundering by religious organizations through County commissions.

Specifically, I respectfully request that the Board clarify:

- What policies govern County commission engagement with religious organizations and affiliated proxy entities presenting as independent NGOs.
- Whether commissioners and staff are prohibited from receiving religious recruitment or indoctrination materials in the course of official duties.
- Whether disclosure requirements apply when organizations seek to influence policy related to protest, enforcement, or public safety near their own facilities.
- How the County ensures that commission engagements involving controversial organizations include balanced and independent expert perspectives.

The Commission on Human Relations plays an important advisory role for the County. Ensuring that its engagements remain transparent, neutral, and free from undue influence is essential to maintaining public trust and avoiding legal and reputational risk.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I submit this notice concurrently with a written notice to the Commission on Human Relations so that all relevant County leadership is informed simultaneously.

Respectfully,

AuditLA