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The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:				
Agenda #	Relate To	Position	Name	Comments
CS-1.		Other	William Flores Lemus	<p>Date February 17, 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, 2/9/2024</p> <p>January 26, 2026 Communication with Haydah Takasugi in denial seeking counsel to make informed choices with.</p> <p>Ricardo Daniel Garcia #178111</p>



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evidence of an investigation that was conducted.

(III) Haydeh Takasugi states a petition was filed on October 2, 2025.

As no investigation could have been conducted prior or after not having _____missing letter.

The court filing was six months after May 2025 I submitted a petition for Certificate of Rehabilitation/ Pardon.

That establishes a short window of time from October 2, 2025 to November 5, 2025 to conduct a proper investigation.

I have previously claimed The Public Defender's Office and Haydeh Takasugi. Has repeatedly denied all my legal requests. Also, a written response on the times and dates. The authors of the letters of character were contacted.

Refer to Email November 6, 2025

I stated in my email dated January 26, 2026, upon request I could provide text messages to establish that fact.

In having phone communication with the two authors. That stated no calls, messages were logged in their phones.

I claim that Haydeh Takasugi knew _____letter was missing and from May 2025 to November 26, 2025 meeting with her no investigation was conducted.

Refer to email sent by Haydeh Takasugi in November 26, 2025.

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(IV) TO ADDRESS

Haydeh's Takasugi's claim in a email sent on February 2, 2026. She stated, "You refused to give the District Attorney additional time to get in touch with your references."

RESPONSE

How did Haydah Takasugi come to that legal conclusion I refused?



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When did I say that on the record?

Why does the District Attorney have to get in touch with my references?
When the responsibility to conduct an investigation is by The Public Defender Office.

Is Haydeh Takasugi stating that two investigations are required. One from The Public Defender's Office and The District Attorney?

I have repeatedly asked to be placed back on court calendar as to other requests being denied by Haydeh Takasugi.

(V) I claimed DPD Carlos Bido knew no investigation was conducted prior November 6, 2025.

I request that he provide a statement to clarify if he knew a investigation was conducted prior to November 6, 2025.

The email sent by Haydeh Takasugi on Feb 2, 2026, she referred me to DPD Carlos Bido.

I previously emailed Haydeh Takasugi and stated that DPD Carlos Bido was ineffective counsel. That did not object to the Political Non Legal Language intentionally used by The District Attorney.

That biased the Judge denying me to submit additional documentation. To strengthen my petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation/Pardon.
Refer to email
November 6, 2025
November 11, 2025

In previously The Public Defender's Office denying me. To submit additional documents in May and November 26, 2025.

(VI) Haydeh Takasugi states,
"The only mechanism to get your petition back before the court is to draft a new Certificate of Rehabilitation."

RESPONSE

What is the reason the previous Certificate of Rehabilitation is being voided?

The subtext argument Haydeh Takasugi is asserting. Is that I have no options. Denying me the ability to be informed through counsel and to provide my consent.

As to dismissing all my prior complaints and requests for accountability.

In a email response on



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January 26, 2026 to Haydeh Takasugi and previous documented attempts, on January 8, 16 and 19 2025.

I requested counsel from.
Ricardo Daniel Garcia #178111
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To address
The Public Defender's Office and
Haydeh Takasugi's incompetence. In refusing to respond to my past requests.

In addition, for them to explain to me in a written response. Why a new petition in a Certificate of Rehabilitation needs to be resubmitted?

Haydeh Takasugi continues to deny me due process. In her refusal to respond to my requests for accountability. That is creating barriers hindering my ability to make informed decisions.

Informed decisions are made by competent counsel that builds trust.

I previously stated, in good faith I completed my part in providing documentation, for a petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation/Pardon.

Also, I provided a follow up courtesy call reminder to all The Board of Supervisors. To investigate my claims and provide a solution to establish accountability.

I request that The Board of Supervisors facilitate a in person meeting with.

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Due to I have no trust in
Haydeh Takasugi in her repeated incompetence.

Nor do not have confidence in DPD Carlos Bido being effective counsel.

My request is the only mechanism to address my compliments and provide legal counsel to me. To regain trust that has been previously spoiled by Haydeh Takasugi.

To make empowered informed decisions and move forward. With my petition of a Certificate of Rehabilitation. To restore my full State and Federal rights.

Signed,

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(I) In response to Valuara Baker's and Haydeh Takasugi's emails sent
February 9, 2026, February 10, 2026.

Timeline
I submitted three initial letters from _____ and from _____ and correct
phone numbers.
In the petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation/Pardon

Refer to email sent on
December 6, 2025.

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(II) In May 2025 I was asked by Valuara Baker to request to the author from
_____ to extend her letter I later turned in.

A second letter was from Mr. _____ that was rejected. Due to that reference
not knowing me in the required time.

I submitted a third substitute letter from from _____ with the correct phone
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In the attempt by The Public Defenders Office to re use the rejected reference
in Mr. E.C. Brown's letter.



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Only included his title and phone contact. I was informed later that his daughter was contacted by mail. In potentially violating her privacy.

(III) In the meeting with Haydeh Takasugi on November 25, 2025. There was no need to add any additional references. Due to submitting three previous letters with the correct phone contacts.

To address the chain of custody of returning the packet that was sent to me by The Defender's Office. That packet was sealed and handed directly them.

In a email sent to Haydeh Takasugi on November 28, 2025 I stated.

In response I submitted an additional letter from _____. As the chain of custody of all letters were sealed post marked and hand delivered directly to The Public Defender's Office.

In the chain included the receptionist that recorded the day I submitted the letters as I asked for a receipt. In her saying that was not necessary. Then to the paralegal Valaura Baker going directly Ria Snoek.

I assert there was no need from me to open the sealed packet sent to me. In understanding in keeping the integrity of the contents.

(IV) Valuara Baker's scope of practice is of a paralegal and not legal counsel.

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That are aware of my complaints and legal requests that have been denied. I have previously stated they alone could address my concerns.

To regain trust that has been previously spoiled.

(V) The conclusion I have is The Public Defender's Office does not want to represent me to my best interest. Due to their refusal to deny my repeated requests and to account for their incompetence.

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