



**PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

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Agenda #	Relate To	Position	Name	Comments
17.		Favor	Ann Davis	We are MLK Hospital and believe some of the funds should be allocated to our Hospital that desperately needs help. We are really helping the people in this community. I have been here for a little over 10 years and have seen the growth of this hospital with helping these patients that really needs help.
			Carlos Martinez	Want to express my concern regarding Measure B and making sure it is more equitably distributed. I believe MLKCH should be included given it services a highly vulnerable community. It is serving 4 times more emergency room patients than what it was designed for all while providing top care to those who might not other wise receive any medical care. Including MLKCH is critical and fair for this community.
			Chad Monk	I am writing today in support of Supervisor Mitchell's motion to ensure Measure B funds are put to their highest and best use. Measure B was created to strengthen Los Angeles County's trauma and emergency care system, and it is important that these funds continue to be allocated in a way that reflects current needs and challenges. With recent federal changes expected to increase pressure on hospitals and emergency departments, particularly those serving Medi-Cal and uninsured patients, it is critical that Measure B dollars are distributed fairly and strategically. I support conducting a study of the County's current Measure B funding allocation to better understand its impacts. I respectfully urge the Board to support Supervisor Mitchell's motion.
			Edward J Zaragoza	
			Ivonne 4 Flores	
			Martha Ruiz	South Los Angeles is a community in need in many areas, Healthcare is a major one. The population needs are growing and so should the Funds to alleviate the needs in Healthcare.
			Rami Horani	Hello. As a physician serving the South LA community, I believe this would allow for better care for the community members that I serve. Many hospitals struggle with the realities of the payment systems, and we need to make sure these hospital survive. I love treating our patients in South LA and I want to continue serving them for many years in the future. It is the right thing to do and I believe the board will make the right decision. You have made great choices for our community and health care and I think this would be another step in the direction that is needed for our patients.

			The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:	
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17.		Favor	Signe A Gilbert	Please support fixing the formula for a more equitable, needs-based approach for all future funding. Measure B funding should prioritize financially vulnerable hospitals that provide essential emergency care in underserved communities with the greatest healthcare needs. With drastic cuts from Washington to the safety-net health system, vulnerable hospitals will be at risk for closure, particularly those serving Medi-Cal and uninsured patients. It is critical that Measure B dollars are distributed fairly and thoughtfully. Residents of South Los Angeles already face significant barriers to healthcare. Fair funding is essential to preserving timely, local access to lifesaving services.
		Other	Olivia Lee	
		Item Total	9	
Grand Total			9	

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Re: Public Comment on Item 17 - Ensuring Measure B Funds Are Put to their Highest and Best Use

Dear Chair and Members of the Board:

On behalf of Providence Holy Cross Medical Center, a designated Level II Trauma Center serving residents of District 3 and communities throughout Los Angeles County, we appreciate the County's continued commitment to evaluating how Measure B funds can best support a strong, equitable, and sustainable trauma care system.

We recognize and support the Board's goal of ensuring that Measure B resources are allocated in a manner that maximizes public benefit, strengthens the regional trauma and emergency services system, and remains faithful to the intent of the voters. As the Board considers Item 17, we respectfully urge that preserving the stability and integrity of the existing trauma system remain the foremost priority throughout this process.

Los Angeles County's trauma network depends on both County and non-County-operated trauma hospitals functioning together as a coordinated safety net. Providence Holy Cross cares for nearly 2,000 trauma patients on an annual basis regardless of a patient's ability to pay. Like all designated trauma centers, we maintain specialized personnel, equipment, operating room capacity, and physician coverage 24 hours a day, seven days a week to ensure immediate access to care for the most seriously injured patients.

As the County evaluates potential formula modifications, we encourage careful consideration of the financial realities facing all trauma centers. The cost of maintaining trauma services continues to escalate. Recent analyses indicate that trauma program costs at Los Angeles County trauma centers have increased by more than \$60 million over the past two years due to physician coverage costs alone.

We respectfully urge the Board to ensure this analysis remains collaborative, data-driven, and focused on maintaining a financially stable, accessible, and sustainable regional trauma system.

Thank you for your leadership and thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bernie Klein", followed by a small "MD" in the right margin.

Bernie Klein, M.D.
Chief Executive

Friday, July 31, 2026

Dear Board Members

I am writing as a physician on staff with UCLA Health and Martin Luther King Jr. Community Hospital. I have been in practice since 1992 and I have been involved in MLKCH medical staff governance since the re-opening of the hospital in 2015.

MLKCH exists as a legacy of the Watts riots. The hospital was created in the aftermath of the riots to provide healthcare to a community that was and is in need of healthcare. I am a radiologist. On a daily basis I see the consequences of healthcare neglect as patients present to the emergency department for care. We see a diversity of human beings with serious health problems. Sometimes we have patients come to us with complex health problems that are usually cared for at other facilities like Kaiser, but they come to us because they like the care that we provide. That is the ultimate vote of confidence when we are chosen over other health systems with greater resources and reputation. The physician staff at MLKCH is dedicated to creating the best health outcomes for its population.

Unfortunately there is a structural deficit in reimbursement at MLKCH. We have survived by support given by our county, state and federal governments. In a good year we barely get by. With the cuts to Medicare and Medicaid proposed by the Trump administration, MLKCH will be unable to sustain care at the level that we do. We are the place where those with no resources come for care. We give care with no questions asked. That is the mandate of EMTLA.

If MLKCH were to close, the ripple effects on our hospitals throughout Los Angeles County will be significant. Our waiting rooms at each of the UCLA Health Emergency Departments are already beyond capacity. The shift of the MLKCH population to area hospitals will have a significant impact on those facilities.

I urge you as County Administrators to imagine the pain and suffering of those who rely on MLKCH for care and who don't have the means to transport themselves to other facilities. Please be the advocate for those who cannot speak for themselves.

- Please support fixing the health care reimbursement formula for a more equitable, needs-based approach for all future funding.
- Measure B funding should prioritize financially vulnerable hospitals that provide essential emergency care in underserved communities with the greatest

healthcare needs.

- With drastic cuts from Washington to the safety-net health system, vulnerable hospitals will be at risk for closure, particularly those serving Medi-Cal and uninsured patients. It is critical that Measure B dollars are distributed fairly and thoughtfully.
- Residents of South Los Angeles already face significant barriers to healthcare. Fair funding is essential to preserving timely, local access to lifesaving services.

Thank you for your attention.

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