

MOTION BY SUPERVISORS JANICE HAHN AND
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AGN. NO. _____
September 1, 2026

Measure ER Allocation: Disbursing Funds Based on Population Versus Core Public Health Services

Los Angeles County (County) voters supported Measure ER, which will now provide almost \$1 billion dollars a year, for the next five years, to support healthcare and other essential services across the County due to the negative and harmful impact of H.R. 1.

The spending plan approved by the County Board of Supervisors (Board) on February 10, 2026, allocated “One percent (1%) to provide financial support to the City of Pasadena Public Health Department and the City of Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services to safeguard their public services, to be divided between the cities proportionately based on what each city spent on core public health services over the past five fiscal years.”¹ However, based off of feedback from the beneficiaries as well as the County Department of Public Health have shared that public health grants are typically disbursed using a per capita (per person) baseline versus services. Defining and operationalizing “core public health services” would be not just difficult, but possibly inequitable for residents in the respective cities.

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Both the City of Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services and the City of Pasadena Public Health Department have shared the population estimates below, prepared by Hedderson Demographic Services for the Los Angeles County Internal Services Department, which was released March 2026, as a guide for Measure ER fund disbursement:

	Long Beach	Pasadena	Total
Population based off Numbers	463,231	140,625	603,856
Population based off Percentage	77%	23%	100%

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors suspend Section 22.1 of the Rules of the Board for the limited purpose of considering this motion.

WE, FURTHER, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Executive Office and the Department of Public Health to revise the Measure ER spending plan language, adopted by the Board on February 10, 2026, for Item 4j, the 1% allocation to the City of Pasadena Public Health Department and the City of Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services by changing the basis from “proportionately based on what each city spent on core public health services over the past five fiscal years” to per capita basis, reviewed and updated annually.

WE, FURTHER, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors delegate authority to the Department of Public Health to enter into and/or amend agreements with the City of Pasadena Public Health Department and the City of Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services to add Measure ER funds and to make subsequent Measure ER related amendments, as approved as to form by County Counsel, without adhering to

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the requirements of the County's Sole Source Policy or any other competitive
procurement requirements and terminate said agreements as necessary.

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