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

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			The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:	
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19.		**Favor**	Anthony Allman	
			Dr Kathy Cash	My name is Dr. Kathy Cash. I am a United States Army Veteran and Commander of The Los Angeles County Council of The American Legion, Department of California. I speak in strong support of Supervisor Hilda Solis's motion, "Bringing the Veterans Directed Care Program to Los Angeles County." Thank you, Supervisor Solis, for advancing an approach that recognizes the importance of independence, dignity, and personal choice in the lives of our Veterans. For a Veteran who needs assistance with daily living, remaining at home can mean preserving familiar routines, relationships, and a sense of belonging. Veterans deserve a meaningful voice in how they receive that assistance and who provides it. Veteran-Directed Care supports that choice by allowing eligible Veterans to direct their personal care through an individualized budget, including hiring family members where appropriate. Recognizing the role of trusted caregivers is especially meaningful to families working to keep their loved ones safely connected to home and community. I support the proposed partnership among the County's Aging and Disabilities Department, Military and Veterans Affairs, and the Veterans Health Administration. I also appreciate the motion's attention to financial oversight, privacy protections, sustainable funding without net County cost, and annual reporting on access and outcomes. As implementation moves forward, I urge the County to include Veterans, family caregivers, and Veteran service organizations in planning and outreach. Access must extend across all five Supervisorial Districts, with clear information and practical assistance navigating the process. As I often say, "We don't know what we don't know." A valuable program can only help when Veterans know it exists and understand how to access it. Our American Legion Posts can be important partners in reaching those Veterans and their families. This motion reflects the kind of leadership in action our Veterans deserve: listening to their needs, respecting their choices, and building pathways to support. I respectfully urge your affirmative vote. Let us honor our Veterans' service through meaningful opportunities to live with dignity, independence, and connection. Thank you. Dr. Kathy Cash, Commander The Los Angeles County Council of The American Legion, Department of California

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19.		**Favor**	Jack R Fuston	I am a disabled veteran. I request an extra minute of speaking. Ive had TBI's I would like to see the Service Providers that are independetly operated and have been dismantled or discontinued...such as Your Image 20/20 or even ServiceWorkSaturdays, have an opportunity to train and prepare the workforce development and or direct and ready the logistics that will be needed.
			James Lybolt	
			Maria McKinney	As a veteran and supporter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), I support this motion because it directly aligns with the VFW's mission to foster camaraderie among veterans, advocate on behalf of veterans and their families, and ensure that those who served receive the care and benefits they have earned. The proposed Veteran-Directed Care (VDC) program empowers veterans to take control of their own long-term care, remain independent, and receive support in their homes and communities rather than in institutional settings. By expanding access to personalized care and improving quality of life for veterans across Los Angeles County, this initiative reflects the VFW's commitment to serving veterans, protecting their dignity, and promoting their well-being. As a nation, we should never forget the sacrifices and service of the men and women who answered the call to defend our freedoms, and supporting programs like this is one meaningful way to honor that commitment. It is a practical example of putting veterans first and recognizing their continued value to our communities.
			Raul Barragan	
			William Harrington	I am in favor of supporting our veterans
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