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Support for H.R. 7038 (Garcia): Guaranteed Income for Foster Youth Act

Across Los Angeles County (County), approximately 1,300 youth exit foster care every year without a permanent home. These youth are some of the most vulnerable and have reported increasing levels of homelessness. As the social safety net, at the County we see the chasm between the unmet need and the available resources to these young adults.

Understanding this need, the County has enacted pilot programs such as Breathe LA County's Guaranteed Income Program, which recently expanded to support former foster youth from the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS); and the TAYportunity Guaranteed Income program targeting transition age youth (TAY), ages 18-24 who are aging out of foster care or probation.

The County additionally administers local, state, and federal programs that seek to meet the needs of our population and provide opportunities to break the cycle of poverty and allow Angelenos to thrive across the County. H.R. 7038, The Guaranteed Income for Foster Youth Act, introduced by Congressman Robert Garcia of Long Beach, would authorize states to provide \$1,000 per month for five years to young adults exiting foster care. This legislation builds upon all the lessons learned in Los Angeles County and provides greater resources to prevent dire

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outcomes for children raised in government custody.]

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Instruct the Chief Executive Office - Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations Branch to support H.R. 7038 (Garcia), which would create a new federal program to provide \$1,000 a month for five years to young adults exiting foster care.
2. Direct the County's Washington DC advocates to take the appropriate legislative advocacy actions to advance this effort.

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