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			The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:	
Agenda #	Relate To	Position	Name	Comments
Public Comment		Favor	Ariana De La Fuente	Would like to express support for the recommended budget that the advisory committee is putting forth. Please continue investment in SNAP and food security nets for our families most impacted right now.



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Public Comment		<b>Favor</b>	Ariana N Melton	<p>Dear Honorable Members of the Board,</p> <p>My name is Ariana N. Melton, and I serve as Chief Operating Officer of We Are R.I.S.E. Inc., a nonprofit organization dedicated to uplifting Black and Brown girls through culturally responsive mentorship, leadership development, and healing-centered engagement.</p> <p>I am writing to express our strong support for the Justice, Care and Opportunities Department (JCOD) and to urge the Board to release the allocated JCOD budget so that this critical work can continue without interruption.</p> <p>JCOD has been instrumental in advancing equity across Los Angeles County by resourcing grassroots, community-based organizations that are closest to the need. For We Are R.I.S.E. Inc., this partnership has meant:</p> <p>Expanding mentorship and leadership development programs for girls disproportionately impacted by systemic inequities.</p> <p>Strengthening family engagement and building bridges of trust between communities and public systems.</p> <p>Delivering culturally responsive, healing-centered programming that interrupts cycles of harm and creates pathways to thriving.</p> <p>The impact is direct and measurable: JCOD's investment in organizations like ours translates into increased access to supportive programming, greater community trust, and tangible outcomes for youth and families across Los Angeles County. Delays in releasing the JCOD budget put these gains at risk and create uncertainty for the very communities that rely on these resources.</p> <p>We urge the Board of Supervisors to release the JCOD budget in full and ensure that organizations like ours can continue building safe, healing-centered, and opportunity-rich environments for Los Angeles County youth and families.</p> <p>Thank you for your leadership and consideration.</p> <p>Respectfully, Ariana N. Melton Chief Operating Officer We Are R.I.S.E. Inc.</p>



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Public Comment		<b>Oppose</b>	Robert Chang	I ask that the Board of Supervisors do not adjourn in the memory of Charlie Kirk. While his death was a gun violence tragedy, it is no different than the other tragedies which happen everyday in the United States. We can express empathy to his wife and children for having to live the rest of their lives without their husband and father (ironic since he publicly stated empathy was a made up, new age term) but there is no need to use the power of the Board of Supervisors to give him an adjournment when the Board does not adjourn for other victims of gun violence outside of Los Angeles County or with no connection to Los Angeles County. I ask that the Board adhere to its policies regarding adjournment and allow people to privately send their thoughts, without representing them as part of Los Angeles County. Thank you.
		<b>Other</b>	Anita Diaz	Please install an eastbound and westbound Avocado bus stops on the corner of Workman Mill Road and Don Julian Road. An eastbound bus stop in front of Jack in the Box and a westbound bus stop in front of the gas station would greatly help gain access to the Grocery Outlet shopping center to the local Avocado Heights community. Thank you for your attention.
			Ann Dorsey	Immigrants are the lifeblood of our communities. We depend on them for our day-to-day well-being. I urge you to sponsor, co-sponsor and otherwise support legislation that will keep immigrants safe and help them to thrive.  Thank you for what you have already done.



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Public Comment		Other	Ann Dorsey	<p>The County's commitment to upholding the will of the voters must be made apparent by taking steps to enact the tennats of Measure J - to shift public dollars away from incarceration and into life-affirming investments like youth development, mental health care, reentry support, housing, and economic opportunity for historically marginalized communities.</p> <p>I urge you to take the following steps to correct the ommission of Measure J from the updated County Charter:</p> <p>*Refine Directive 5 so that it explicitly explores a Charter Amendment to fix or remove the harmful provision in Measure G, which repealed Measure J. A direct reversal or cleanup of the repealing language in Measure G would offer a cleaner legal path and preserve the original intent of the voters. Also, County Counsel's review would benefit from direction that focuses on restoring J via repeal of G's conflicting provision, instead of framing it as a new voter choice on J.</p> <p>*Commit to looking in to placing Measure G back on the ballot in 2026 with amendments to affirm Measure J and restore its full legal authority and explicitly incorporate it into the new governance structure.</p> <p>*Fix the structural oversight by ensuring future charter amendments undergo a comprehensive legal compatibility review before being brought to voters.</p> <p>*Ensure the monitary commitment to this measure does not expire in December 2028. As it stands, the economic fallout of this error risks the long-term stability of community investments, threatens job creation, and undermines racial justice work already in motion.</p> <p>*Call in poor policy-making practices by establishing a transparent, community-informed process to prevent similar governance failures in the future.</p> <p>Thank you</p>



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			Cassidy Hernandez-Tamayo Good morning, my name is Cassidy Hernandez-Tamayo and I am a volunteer with Project Hepatitis C Connect. I am here today to respectfully urge the Board to expand the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health's Hepatitis C budget by \$441,000 to fund two full-time County-funded staff positions focused on connecting people to cure. Today, more than two out of three Los Angeles County residents with active Hepatitis C remain untreated. That is nearly 17,000 people. Hepatitis C is curable, but if left untreated, it can lead to liver failure, liver cancer, or even death. Right now, our cure rate is only 32 percent, which falls well below the federal goal of 58 percent by 2025. This is not just a medical issue. It is a public health issue. People who are untreated can unknowingly transmit the virus to family members, first responders, and others. Counties are responsible for preventing disease transmission, and we must act now. Many of the people affected face serious barriers to care like unstable housing or substance use. Los Angeles County Department of Public Health's current Hepatitis C efforts rely heavily on CDC grants that are set to expire in 2026. Without County-funded staff, we will not be able to sustain or expand elimination efforts. We have the cure. Now we need the staff to deliver it. Thank you.
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			Esroruleh Mohammad Equity must not be performative; it must be practiced. On April 10, 2025, I placed the BureauCare-to-Custody-Cemetery Pipeline™ (BCCP™) and B2C3A™ Prevention Model into the public record. From this point forward, every County policy, budget, or reform that reflects these frameworks carries an obligation of recognition. Authorship is accountability, and accountability is equity.
			Kimberly Farrington Since the County is broke, can consideration be made to offer a Golden Handshake to the senior county employees?
			Kristal Bailey Please keep Covid tools like free rapid test distribution and PCR pop ups accessible throughout the city and at no/low costs to the people using these services. While the emergency pandemic order was lifted by Biden, we are currently in the 11th wave of COVID with it surging every year in summer and winter waves.  Additionally, we need clean air & good ventilation in schools to reduce the spikes we see every year when school starts up again.



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			Matthew Moore	I am writing to implore the Board to reinstate free covid test access across the county of LA. Libraries and other public-facing organizations were a vital resource in allowing members of our community -- immunocompromised, health-conscious, people with different needs, etc. -- to maintain an active awareness and participation in their own health as well as the health of the community. We need our county to care for us and our health, and restoring access to free covid tests is a vital part of making that happen. Please please please reinstate access to covid tests and covid testing for every member of the community who needs people in power to care about keeping them safe in a society that is all too ready to dismiss their needs and humanity!
			Sara L Johnson	<p>Dear LACBOS,</p> <p>I'm urging the Board to immediately restore full, free, and accessible COVID-19 testing across Los Angeles County. Current wastewater levels exceed those seen during the 2020 and 2021 surges, when public health measures were at their peak, but today we lack even the most basic infrastructure to track and slow transmission. State health officials, the CDC, and multiple national outlets are reporting sharp increases in cases and urging the public to mask up again. Yet at the very moment when testing is most needed, our County has allowed its testing system to collapse.</p> <p>The collapse of testing access:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free PCR and antigen programs ended.</li> <li>• Expiration-date extensions stopped.</li> <li>• Most tests are no longer covered by insurance.</li> <li>• Pluslife stopped shipping to the U.S.</li> <li>• Metrix is the last molecular option at \$25 per test.</li> <li>• Mutual aid groups that once filled gaps have run out of supply.</li> <li>• Libraries have shut down their distribution points.</li> </ul> <p>We are now left with only 51 kiosks for a county of more than 10 million residents—roughly one kiosk per 200,000 people. Kiosks have limited hours, low capacity, no staff, and patchy distribution. Residents without cars, internet access, or credit cards are effectively locked out. Disabled, immunocompromised, and older residents, plus those with language or mobility barriers, are the hardest hit.</p>

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COVID-19 is surging again. Officials across California are publicly urging residents to wear masks and take precautions. Without testing, we lose the ability to know where the virus is spreading or to act fast enough to stop it. People cannot access Paxlovid and other treatments within the five-day window without a positive test. Schools, workplaces, and multi-generation households lose a key layer of protection. Long COVID numbers rise when infections go undetected.

Testing gaps hit hardest in communities of color, low-income neighborhoods, and among disabled and immunocompromised residents. Shifting costs onto individuals forces people to pay for a public health function that should be universal. This undermines trust, drives under-reporting, and hides the real level of transmission.

What the County must do now:

- Restore free testing access immediately. Staffed PCR and antigen sites are needed—not just kiosks—across transit-accessible locations.
- Reopen free PCR sites. Prioritize areas with high population density, essential workers, and vulnerable residents.
- Restart the free antigen distribution program with online ordering for community groups, libraries, and mutual aid networks.
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Testing is not optional. It is the foundation of outbreak control, treatment access, and equity. California is already back in a surge, and public health officials are urging people to mask up. LA County cannot meet this moment with only 51 kiosks. The Board has the power and responsibility to restore testing so Angelenos can protect themselves, their families, and their communities. Please act now.

Thank you,  
Sara Johnson  
Los Angeles

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I am asking the LA County BOS to restore COVID testing access now, reopen free PCR test sites near accessible transit, and restart free antigen distribution programs with online ordering for organizations and agencies. I am writing this while the world is experiencing another summer wave, with 1 in 20 Californians currently positive with the latest COVID-19 variant (Pandemic Mitigation Collaboration September 8 Report, 2025). The LA Public Library system has just sunset its free COVID-19 rapid test distribution program. We need COVID-19 testing to socialize safely; qualify for medical treatment and clinical trials; stop the spread of COVID-19 at schools, work, and home; and protect the disabled, immunocompromised, elderly, children, and each other.

I was diagnosed with Long COVID January 2024, but have been experiencing symptoms such as chronic fatigue, cognitive dysfunction, and chronic pain since Summer 2022. My family, friends, and I rely on free COVID testing

				<p>access to protect each other and be in community. I urge the LA County BOS to reinstate free COVID testing access. This an issue of equity (COVID-19 is known to disproportionately affect BIPOC, the queer community, the houseless, the disabled, children, and elderly). Repeated COVID infections lead to disability, chronic illness, loss of income, and Long COVID. The average American has had ~4 COVID infections of 2025.</p> <p>Tests are now incredibly hard to get with many free PCR and antigen programs ended, FDA expiration date extensions over, many tests are not covered by insurance. Community health kiosks aren't nearly enough! COVID-19 will continue to surge and put our communities' health and safety at risk we we do not have safety measures, resources, and mitigations in place.</p>
			Steve Hill	
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Sept. 13, 2025

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Thank you,  
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Los Angeles, CA

**To:** Members of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors

**Subject:** Demand for Expanded Mobile Testing Access – Scaling AHF-LADPH Care-a-Van Pod Model

Dear Honorable Supervisors,

I appreciate this opportunity to comment. My name is Elle Seibert and I am a 31 year old woman living with Long COVID in Los Angeles. Today, I strongly urge you to expand mobile testing in Los Angeles County by scaling models like the AHF–LADPH Care-a-Van retro pod.

This pod, stationed in West Hollywood, is solar-powered, cost-efficient, and designed to bring HIV and STI testing directly into the community. But one pod in one neighborhood is not enough. We need a countywide network of visible, accessible testing units that meet the demands of today's crisis: COVID-19 and Long COVID.

According to the CDC, roughly 1 in 10 adults who've had COVID develop Long COVID. Applied to Los Angeles County — where more than 8 million residents have already been infected at least once — that means upwards of 800,000 Angelenos are likely living with Long COVID today. Each reinfection increases the risk of disability, lowering people's baseline health permanently. For many Angelenos — especially disabled, immunocompromised, and working-class residents — every COVID reinfection is not "mild." Reinfections lower baseline health while increasing the risk of Long COVID, thereby driving preventable disability.

**I urge the Board to:**

- 1. Expand the Care-a-Van model countywide, with mobile pods in each SPA*
- 2. Add COVID-19 testing to the existing pod as a baseline public health service.*
- 3. Ensure flexible hours and locations, especially during high COVID-19 spread*
- 4. Collect + share data on reach, demographics, and linkage to care.*
- 5. Commit sustainable funding so these aren't pilot programs but lasting infrastructure.*

Mobile testing pods are cost-effective, equitable, and lifesaving. They also carry symbolic power: a visible sign that this County acknowledges Long COVID and is taking action to prevent new cases of disability.

Thank you,

Elle Seibert  
Founder, The Pidgin Co-Op  
Organizer, Got Long COVID?  
Representative, NIH RECOVER  
Advisor, CMSS Long COVID Expert Panel