

## Communication from Public

**Name:** NiK Kacy

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Good afternoon Chair and Committee Members. My name is NiK Kacy. I'm a resident and registered voter in District 10, a business owner, LA Pride board member, Founder of Equality Fashion Week, and a member of the AOC Leadership Academy. I'm here because budget decisions determine which communities receive real investment — and which continue to wait. TGI residents face disproportionately high rates of housing instability and economic exclusion. When we fail to invest upstream, the City pays downstream — in crisis response, emergency services, and system strain. Prevention is fiscally responsible governance. National data shows transgender communities receive only a small fraction of overall philanthropic funding. Public budgets are where structural gaps are corrected. TGI WE is a two-year, four-million-dollar pilot that invests in TGI-led organizations and coordinates affirming care citywide — an investment in stability and cost avoidance. We are asking this committee to include TGI WE in budget deliberations and move it forward for agenda and vote this cycle. The proposal is ready. The responsibility now sits with this body. Thank you.

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**Name:** Sebastian Brock  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** Good afternoon council members. My name is Sebastian Brock and I use he/him pronouns. I live in District 8. I'm here today finding myself disappointed by a lack of leadership accountability responsibility and inclusion efforts from this council. There are people on Broadway Blvd and Adams Blvd in wooden box shelters due to a lack of emergency housing vouchers in Los Angeles. There is gang violence in District 8. ICE is terrorizing immigrant communities in masks because LAPD refuses to hold them accountable. The Transgender Community faces hate crimes, sexual assault crimes, discrimination, and continued gender inequality. I see no changes being made to protect us as citizens. I don't feel safe in my own district. I am asking for change because I am underrepresented in my own district. I urge you to fund the TGI Wellness and Equity Initiative placing 4 Million dollars towards TGI led organizations like the Translatina Coalition in an effort to continue making California safe and inclusive of LGBTQIA and TGI2 communities in an effort to promote inclusion, diversity, gender equality, equity, and responsible solutions to these issues. Thank you