

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is NiK Kacy, a registered voter, business owner — a former West Hollywood City Commissioner and Trans Advisory Board member, current LA Pride and APAIT board member, as well as a member of the Angels of Change Leadership Academy. And I’m also Trans nonbinary. I’m here today to urge you to champion the TGI Wellness and Equity Initiative, to advocate for its inclusion in the Mayor’s budget, and to vote yes. This is about economic development and how the City invests in its communities. In Los Angeles, a 2023 study found that over half of TGI people are unemployed, and more than a third are living on less than \$15,000 a year... let that sink in. That’s not just hardship, that’s economic potential being left unrealized. Because when we are invested in, we contribute. We build businesses. We create jobs. We drive economic activity that strengthens this great city. On today’s agenda, you’re looking at how to invest City resources into economic recovery — funding and infrastructure that help stabilize communities. That same approach applies here. And while data on TGI communities is limited, we are part of an LGBTQ+ economy that generates nearly \$2 trillion annually in the U.S. TGI-led organizations are already doing the work — what’s missing is the investment to scale it, and we cannot continue to be left out. This initiative is not a cost — it’s an economic return. There will never be “enough” budget — but budgets reflect priorities and it’s time to prioritize our community and give us the opportunity to thrive. I urge all of you to advocate to the Mayor and ensure the TGI Wellness and Equity Initiative is funded. Thank you very much for your time.