

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: To the Honorable Members of the Los Angeles City Council: The Los Angeles LGBT Center strongly affirms and supports this critical motion to assess and address the local impacts of discriminatory federal policies targeting LGBTQIA+ people. The harmful actions of the current presidential administration - ranging from attacks on gender-affirming care for trans youth to proposed cuts in HIV and STD prevention funding - are not abstract or distant. They are already being felt here in our city, and at our organization, and they are putting lives at risk. At the Los Angeles LGBT Center, we are on the front lines of this fight. Every day, we provide lifesaving care, housing services and navigation, food access, immigration and legal support, and primary care and mental health services to LGBTQIA+ Angelenos. Our services particularly serve those most impacted by these federal rollbacks: transgender youth, undocumented, queer people of color, and low-income members of our community. We have been doing this work for over 50 years, and we are committed to continuing this fight, even as the ground beneath us shifts. This motion is not just timely - it is necessary. By identifying specific gaps in care and services, this report will help us understand where the needs are most acute and how we, as a city, can act. We know that community-based organizations like ours must be a part of this process. We urge the City Council to include us in this work - not only because we have deep knowledge and experience, but because the people we serve depend on all of us working together to defend their dignity, safety, and access to essential care. We also want to highlight the urgent need for continued and expanded investment in community-based infrastructure through initiatives like RepresentLA. Funding through RepresentLA has allowed trusted organizations across Los Angeles County to represent LGBTQIA+ community members towards potentially life saving sanctuary and refuge. As federal protections and funding erode, RepresentLA stands as a model of how local governments can lead with equity, compassion, and impact. We urge the Council to maintain and grow this support, especially as gaps in federal care widen. Thank you for your leadership and for paying attention. The Center is ready to collaborate with the Council, City departments, and community partners to find real solutions and

protect our most vulnerable neighbors. Together, we can and must stand up to these attacks and ensure that Los Angeles remains a safe and affirming home for all LGBTQIA+ people. Sincerely,
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