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To: Supervisor Kathryn Barger, Chair
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Supervisor Janice Hahn

From: The Los Angeles County LGBTQ+ Commission

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Dear Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors,

In a time when transgender people are facing pervasive attacks, we call on your leadership as the governing body of the largest County in the nation to counter the harmful rhetoric and systemic erasure of Trans, Gender Expansive, and Intersex (TGI) lives. This requires sustained County-funded services, robust enforcement of non-discrimination protections, public education campaigns, and an unequivocal commitment to affirming and uplifting TGI people.

As a team led by Trans and Gender Expansive Commissioners, we recognize and commend the proactive steps the Board of Supervisors has taken to fund TGI service delivery through the Trans, Gender Expansive, and Intersex Wellness and Equity Initiative (TGI WEI) motion. On behalf of the LGBTQ+ Commission, we strongly support the TGI WEI motion and commend the Board for approving this historic \$7 million investment. We extend our gratitude to the motion's authors for their dedication to advancing policies that center the urgency of TGI care. Additionally, we appreciate Supervisor Solis for her friendly amendment, which made it possible for the LGBTQ+ Commission to serve as consultants to the Department of Public Health in executing this motion.

Despite this progress, our community continues to face relentless attacks. Increased fear, threats and violence drives TGI people further away from institutional participation, impacting their access to resources, safety and ultimately, their life expectancy. It is imperative that LA County take a proactive role to reject misinformation through County memorandums, educational campaigns and proactive initiatives, to ensure all institutions abide by California law and provide equitable access and protections for TGI residents.

We urge the Board of Supervisors to take a firm and public stance affirming the dignity, rights, and existence of TGI people. Beyond public declarations, we call for sustained investment in TGI programs and the expansion of County-wide education efforts that combat anti-TGI propaganda and affirm our community's place within LA County. This aligns with the County's existing commitments to inclusion, setting a national example of defining what is true institutional support.

The LGBTQ+ Commission stands ready to engage in this collaborative effort with the Board of Supervisors and other stakeholders—to educate the public and take a public stand in support of TGI lives. Together, we can work to implement policies, programs and education that uphold the mission and vision of LA County for all, regardless of gender, sex or sexuality. Your leadership and collaboration to create inclusive solutions is deeply valued.

With much respect,

Héctor Trinidad Plascencia
Chair, LGBTQ+ Commission

Definitions and Terms:

- TGI (gender + sex = who I/we am/are): Trans, Gender Expansive, Intersex
- LGBQA+ (sexuality = who I/we like or love): Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Queer, Asexual