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*"To enrich lives through
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Solidarity in Practice:**Los Angeles County's Duty to Truth and TGEI2S+ Existence**

To: Supervisor Kathryn Barger, Chair
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From: Los Angeles County LGBTQ+ Commission

Date: October 22, 2025

Dear Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors,

We are at a turning point in our humanity. As a County home, we must name and address the destruction deliberately building against the lives of Transgender, Gender-Expansive, Intersex, and Two-Spirit (*TGEI2S+*) people in our courts, institutions and streets. We reach out with urgency to advise the Board of Supervisors to act now and publicly affirm and commit resources for the care of TGEI2S+ lives throughout Los Angeles County.

With courage, we invite you to assert a universal truth—there are more than two-ways to exist, and TGEI2S+ lives confirm this reality. Moving away from this centered truth has drawn a path of compliance and created a ripple effect of destruction. It must stop, and we look to you.

As a prominent County led by an all women board, we look to your gendered leadership and lived experience to understand the harm of gender essentialism. We call on you to use that profound understanding to name the attacks on TGEI2S+ people, magnify the harm of erasure, and the lethal pattern from demonizing to criminalizing to the eradication of entire communities. We look to you to form a just government that recognizes truth—confirmed by science, protected by our policies and supported by our budgets.

With solidarity, we call on LA County to assess and ensure visible and affirming services for TGEI2S+ people across all County departments through the following actions:

- analysis of department policy procedures and actions in support of TGEI2S+ lives,
- financial contingency planning to secure continuity of TGEI2S+ care,
- service recommendations for direct support of TGEI2S+ populations.

As a Commission, we recognize your commitment to TGEI2S+ communities, and acknowledge we've reached a limit of silence at the cost of TGI lives. To declare a duty to truth, we call on the Board of Supervisors to:

- publicly affirm commitment to TGEI2S+ lives across Los Angeles County,
- be vocal proponents of TGEI2S+ existence by refusing to remove TGEI2S+ language across County documents, publications and communications, and
- declare November as TGEI2S+ Existence Month.

The LGBTQ+ Commission is a continued partner in carrying out this effort with Commissioner expertise, in partnership with TGEI2S+ communities. As we experience an unknown reality, we will not allow the unfamiliar to paralyze our will. Together, we will continue to be brave, exist and collaborate in solidarity. We are your family; your neighbors and we will not be erased.

With much respect,

The LGBTQ+ Commission