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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

"To enrich lives through effective and caring service."

Prioritizing 2STGI+ lives in Los Angeles County

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 write in support of the Dr. Beatriz M. Solís Policy Institute's 2025 Local TGI (*Transgender, Gender Expansive, Intersex*) Justice and Wellness Cohort, in their request to prioritize 2STGI+ lives throughout LA County.

The Dr. Beatriz M. Solís Policy Institute's 2025 Local TGI Justice and Wellness Cohort is a collective of community advocates, organizers, and policy strategists committed to advancing equity, safety, and liberation for Two-Spirit, Transgender, Gender-Expansive, and Intersex (2STGI+) people across Los Angeles County.

Two-Spirit, Transgender, Gender-Expansive, and Intersex (2STGI+) people are under siege, especially those who are Black and Brown, immigrant, disabled, unhoused, youth, elders, formerly incarcerated, and veterans. These targeted communities continue to face entrenched and compounding barriers to healthcare, housing, education, employment, legal protections, safety, and we must take action to protect them. Attacks have intensified due to hostile executive orders and federal reinterpretations of civil rights law.

As the rights, safety, livelihood, and wellness of 2STGI+ people are actively undermined, County action is necessary and critical in this time of crisis. We must have a unified approach that commits all County departments to center 2STGI+ people and ensures all 2STGI+ people are cared for and protected.

We respectfully call on the Board of Supervisors to prioritize 2STGI+ lives throughout Los Angeles County and affirmatively support the care, safety, and legal protections of 2STGI+ people by:

- Mandating all County departments to reevaluate programs, services and current practices in support of 2STGI+ people.
- Revisit County policy, contracting, training, data privacy, and service delivery to ensure lasting and impactful inclusion and infrastructure for 2STGI+ participation.
- Engaging and implementing feedback from 2STGI+ communities throughout the process.

The LGBTQ+ Commission is committed to supporting the Dr. Beatriz M. Solís Policy Institute's 2025 Local TGI Justice and Wellness Cohort's quest to advance equity, safety, and liberation for Two-Spirit, Transgender, Gender-Expansive, and Intersex (2STGI+) people across Los Angeles County. We are grateful for the existing support from the Board of Supervisors for 2STGI+ lives and look forward to deepening our collaboration with directly impacted 2STGI+ communities.

We look forward to engaging in dialogue and co-creating a path forward.

With much respect,

The LGBTQ+ Commission