



MAYOR
REX RICHARDSON

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Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
One Gateway Plaza 3rd Floor Board Room Los Angeles, CA

RE: Item 22 - Mental Health Training and Services Referral

Dear members of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority,

I write you today to offer my support for item 22 on Mental Health Training and Services Referral. The City of Long Beach and Metro have been engaged in several ongoing discussions over the last few years to identify the best ways to provide services for people experiencing homelessness on and around Metro lines in our community, and to make our regional public transportation systems safer and more reliable for everyone who depends on them.

We thank our Supervisor Janice Hahn for her thoughtful leadership and partnership around these complex, cross-jurisdictional issues, and Metro and County staff for always being willing to come to the table to explore innovative policy and programmatic solutions.

This item is important for our neighborhoods along the A-line and to passengers on Metro trains and buses, and I'm certain it is supported by all communities along, and at the end points of our Metro lines. This measure led by Supervisor Hahn will allow us to begin breaking down silos between Metro and the LA County Department of Mental Health to improve the delivery and impact of outreach and crisis response services. Thank you to all the organizations and members of the public who have spoken out to voice their support for these efforts. And thank you again to Supervisor Hahn for your strong support of the needs of our Long Beach community.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at (562) 570-6801.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rex Richardson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Rex Richardson

Mayor

City of Long Beach