



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HELD VIRTUALLY IN  
ROOM 381B OF THE KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION  
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012**

**Tuesday, October 19, 2021**

**9:30 AM**

**9. Permanent Support for Families Affected by Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department: Identifying Sustainable Funding for and Streamlining the Family Assistance Program**

Recommendation as submitted by Supervisor Solis: Instruct the Inspector General, Executive Director of the Sheriff's Civilian Oversight Commission and the Director of Public Health through the Office of Violence Prevention (OVP), in consultation with other relevant County Departments, to develop an implementation plan, budget and timeline for a permanent Family Assistance Program (FAP), and report back to the Board in writing in 90 days including, but not limited to, the following:

A program design and implementation plan that involves the OVP, per the recommendations of the Inspector General, as the County Department to lead the FAP;

An annual budget that includes program funding, family support reimbursements, and a plan for issuing payments for services, including estimated costs for OVP administration, staffing and operational expenses, and recommendations on how the County could contract and partner with community-based service providers and organizations to implement direct service elements of the program including mental health first aid, grief counseling, system navigation and burial services; and

A tracking system to gather and synthesize data on the total number of families impacted by a death involving the Sheriff's Department and the FAP's provision of services, broken down as follows:

The number of families who have received assistance;

The number of families who have requested assistance, but requests were denied;

The total number of families that had an advocate present for next-of-kin notification;

The total number of families requesting financial assistance for burial costs;

The total number of families who received financial assistance for burial costs;

The average length of time from request for financial assistance to reimbursement;

Other relevant data to track the impact and outcomes of the program; and

In addition, instruct the Director of Mental Health to provide all data related to the usage of FAP to the Office of Inspector General, the Civilian Oversight Commission, OVP and those identified above, within 21 days;

A plan for processing and making payment on the requests for financial assistance for burial costs of all families eligible to receive it, and should, among other things ensure that payments are made to these families no later than 45 days after the request is made; a description of what funding, if any, is needed to ensure that administrative needs are met to ensure that payments are made to families within the 45-day timeline; and additional support and assistance, through the help of an FAP Peer Advocate or otherwise, should be provided to families to help them navigate the process of requesting funding in a timely manner;

Instruct the Executive Director of the Sheriff's Civilian Oversight Commission, Inspector General, OVP and other relevant County Departments, to engage with the community and community stakeholders for input on improving the FAP and include recommendations and suggestions in the implementation plan and the report back to the Board; and

Direct the Chief Executive Officer, in consultation with the Inspector General, Executive Director of the Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission, and the OVP, to report back to the Board in writing in 90 days, identifying a sustainable, long-term funding source, such as Assembly Bill 109, Care First Community Investment and Net County Cost, to continue the FAP, once the new implementation plan is developed and approved by the Board, in addition, identify \$100,000 dollars in bridge funding and a temporary administrator of the funds to continue the program

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for affected families until the report back and a sustainable, long-term source of funding is identified in 45 days. (21-4026)

**Ellen Giesy, Michelle King, Julie Martinez, Krithika Santhanam, Helen Jones, Stephanie Luna, Jay Stephen Brantley, Alexia Partidacruz, Red Chief Hunt, Michae De la Cuadra, Eunisses Hernandez and Valerie Vargas addressed the Board. Interested person(s) also submitted written testimony.**

**On motion of Supervisor Kuehl, seconded by Supervisor Hahn, this item was duly carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 5 - Supervisor Mitchell, Supervisor Kuehl, Supervisor Hahn, Supervisor Barger and Supervisor Solis

**Attachments:** [Motion by Supervisor Solis Report](#)  
[Public Comment/Correspondence](#)  
[Audio](#)

The foregoing is a fair statement of the proceedings of the regular meeting held October 19, 2021, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts.

Celia Zavala, Executive Officer  
Executive Officer-Clerk  
of the Board of Supervisors

By 

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Executive Officer