



Board of Supervisors Health and Mental Health Cluster Agenda Review Meeting

DATE: November 26, 2025

TIME: 9:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

MEETING CHAIR: Tyler Cash, 5th Supervisorial District

CEO MEETING FACILITATOR: Kieu-Anh King

THIS MEETING IS HELD UNDER THE GUIDELINES OF BOARD POLICY 3.055

THIS WEEK'S MEETING WILL ONLY BE HELD VIRTUALLY

~~To participate in the meeting in-person, the meeting location is:
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012
Room 140~~

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1 (323) 776-6996 and enter the following: 880 681 649# or [Click here to join the meeting](#)

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Members of the Public may address the Health and Mental Health Services Meeting on any agenda item. Two (2) minutes are allowed for each item.

THIS TELECONFERENCE WILL BE MUTED FOR ALL CALLERS. PLEASE DIAL *6 TO UNMUTE YOUR PHONE WHEN IT IS YOUR TIME TO SPEAK.

- I. Call to order
- II. Board Motions:
 - a. SD3 & SD4: Pursuing a Statewide and Local Los Angeles County Pilot for A Specialized "Press 3" Option of 988 for LGBTQ+ Youth Callers
 - b. SD3 & SD4: Supporting the 988 LGBTQ+ Youth Access Act

- III. Items Continued from a Previous Meeting of the Board of Supervisors or from the Previous Agenda Review Meeting
- IV. Items not on the posted agenda for matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation, or where the need to take immediate action came to the attention of the Department subsequent to the posting of the agenda.
- V. Public Comment
- VI. Adjournment

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO EMAIL A COMMENT ON AN ITEM ON THE HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES CLUSTER AGENDA, PLEASE USE THE FOLLOWING EMAIL AND INCLUDE THE AGENDA NUMBER YOU ARE COMMENTING ON:

HEALTH_AND_MENTAL_HEALTH_SERVICES@CEO.LACOUNTY.GOV

**MOTION BY SUPERVISORS JANICE HAHN
AND LINDSEY P. HORVATH**

AGN. NO.
December 9, 2025

Pursuing a Statewide and Local Los Angeles County Pilot for A Specialized “Press 3” Option of 988 for LGBTQ+ Youth Callers

On July 15, 2025, the Los Angeles County (County) Board of Supervisors (Board) unanimously approved a motion¹ that aimed to address the devastating elimination of the federal 988 “Press 3” option. This specialized option, funded by the federal government through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), provided a specific suicide prevention hotline option for LGBTQ+ youth. The July motion directed the Chief Executive Office’s Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs (CEO-LAIR) branch and the Department of Mental Health (DMH) to report back to the Board on both the impact of the federal directive that cut funding for the 988 “Press 3” option, and on an analysis of how the line can be restored in Los Angeles County. In their September report², CEO-LAIR and DMH described the initial impacts of the “Press 3” funding cut, and included various challenges with modifying the federal level “Press 3” option as a means of developing potential statewide and local options.” In November, DMH submitted an additional report³ that outlined several recommendations to re-establish a 988 “Press

¹ <https://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/supdocs/205183.pdf>

² https://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/bc/1191378_090525_ReportBackon988FundingCutsforLGBTQ_Services.pdf

³ <https://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/supdocs/205295.pdf>

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3” option, including by restoring “Press 3” through State legislation and by creating a local “Press 3” pilot that would only apply to Los Angeles County.

To pursue the statewide option, the report recommended collaborating with Assemblymember Mark González, who will be submitting a bill during the upcoming legislative cycle that would fund and re-instate a statewide specialized 988 subnetwork for LGBTQ+ youth across California. The County should co-sponsor this bill to demonstrate its commitment to and support of restoring crisis mental health care for LGBTQ+ youth, and so the Department of Mental Health can provide feedback that can be incorporated into the statewide “Press 3” option design. Additionally, the report outlined the steps needed to move forward with a local “Press 3” option. The local option would require approval by SAMHSA pursuant to a formal request from the California Health and Human Service Agency (CalHHS). If approved, it would involve implementation by Vibrant, the administrator of the 988 phone tree that routes callers to specialized subnetworks like the LGBTQ+ youth line, to restore the “Press 3” option specifically for callers located in Los Angeles County. This local option would also require that the County identify and fund one or more contracted crisis intervention service providers to provide counseling for LGBTQ+ youth who call, chat, or text 988 and select the “Press 3” option.

The County should move forward with establishing a local pilot, as outlined in the November report, while simultaneously pursuing a statewide option to ensure services are restored as soon as possible for LGBTQ+ youth in Los Angeles County. The County must pursue every avenue possible to reinstate suicide prevention hotline services for LGBTQ+ youth.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors do the following:

1. Direct the Department of Mental Health (DMH) to develop a proposal for a local “Press 3” pilot program for Los Angeles County answered by a crisis-intervention service provider and to submit the proposal to the California Health and Human Services Agency (CalHHS). The proposal should include, but not be limited to, the following:
 - a. Requesting approval from the Substance and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to allow Los Angeles County to fund and implement a “Press 3 Option” specifically for callers, and potentially chatters and texters, located in Los Angeles County, and to authorize Vibrant to work with DMH to create a unique phone tree for Los Angeles County that includes the “Press 3 Option”;
 - b. Initiating a procurement to select contracted service provider/s to provide specialized LGBTQ+ youth counseling services over the phone via the “Press 3” option;
 - c. Creating a budget for the pilot program and identifying potential sources of funding; and
 - d. Developing a timeline for implementation of the pilot program, if approved by CalHHS and SAMHSA.
2. Direct the Chief Executive Office’s Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations branch to co-sponsor or support state legislation that would implement a statewide “Press 3 Option” for California that is consistent with Los Angeles County’s local “Press 3 Option” proposal.

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VOTES REQUIRED:

☒ 3-VOTES ☐ 4-VOTES ☐ 5-VOTES

CATEGORIES: (Please check ☒ those that apply)

- ☐ Arts, Culture and the Creative Economy
- ☐ Child Welfare
- ☐ Community and Youth Empowerment
- ☐ County Services
- ☐ Delegated Authority
- ☐ Economic and Workforce Development
- ☐ Economic Justice
- ☐ Education
- ☐ Environment
- ☐ Fiscal
- ☐ Governance
- ☒ Health
- ☐ Homelessness
- ☐ Immigration
- ☒ Legislation
- ☐ Parks and Open Space
- ☐ Planning/Land Use
- ☐ Public Safety
- ☒ Social Justice and Human Rights
- ☐ Technology and Data
- ☐ Transportation
- ☐ Veterans

EXEMPTION FROM CLUSTERS: (Please

check ☒ if the motion is exempt from the cluster process and the reason for exemption)

☐ See Rules of the Board, Section 22.2(f)

REASON FOR EXEMPTION:

- ☐ 1. Emergency, as provided by the Brown Act
- ☐ 2. Urgency, as provided by the Brown Act
- ☐ 3. Request to appear remotely under the emergency circumstances, as provided by the Brown Act
- ☐ 4. Declaration and ratifications of emergency and all recovery and related actions
- ☐ 5. Fee waivers
- ☐ 6. Reward motions
- ☐ 7. Proclamations without substantive policy directives
- ☐ 8. Adjournments in a deceased person's memory
- ☐ 9. Presentation of scrolls

CLUSTERS: (Please check ☒ which cluster meeting the motion will be introduced)

- ☐ 1. Operations
- ☐ 2. Community Services
- ☐ 3. Family and Social Services
- ☒ 4. Health and Mental Health Services
- ☐ 5. Public Safety

CLUSTER MEETING DATE:

11/26/2025

BOARD MEETING DATE:

12/9/2025

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Supporting the 988 LGBTQ+ Youth Access Act of 2025

On July 17, 2025, the Federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration terminated the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline’s “Press 3” option for LGBTQ+ youth. This specialized 988 Lifeline option was essential – it routed callers who pressed “3” to trained counselors and a subnetwork of contact centers that specialize in LGBTQ+ mental health support, ensuring that youth in crisis received culturally competent care tailored to their unique needs. In anticipation of the termination of the “Press 3” option and its funding coming to an end, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (Board) unanimously approved a motion¹ that directed the County’s Chief Executive Office Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations (CEO-LAIR) team and the Department of Mental Health (DMH) to report back on the impact of the eliminated funding, as well as potential options to continue providing linkages between the County’s 988 hotline and hotlines that specialize in care for LGBTQ+ youth. While the County is continuing to explore ways to reinstate the “Press 3” option locally and at the state level, the ideal outcome is to have this critical service restored nationwide.

On September 17, 2025, bipartisan legislation was introduced in the U.S. Senate

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and U.S. House of Representatives, with the goal of restoring the 988 Lifeline's LGBTQ+ youth specialized services across the country. Senators Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) and Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) introduced S. 2826,² while Representative Raja Krishnamoorthi (D-IL) introduced H.R. 5434,³ which is co-sponsored by Representatives Michael Lawler (R-NY), Sharice Davids (D-KS), Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA), and Seth Moulton (D-MA). These bills, known collectively as the 988 LGBTQ+ Youth Access Act of 2025, would protect specialized mental health services for LGBTQ+ youth by codifying the "Press 3" option into law, and establishing dedicated resources to reinstate, operate, and maintain this vital service.

The Board of Supervisors has long prioritized mental health access and suicide prevention, particularly for LGBTQ+ youth, who face disproportionately high risks. LGBTQ+ youth are four times as likely to attempt suicide than their peers, and last year, nearly 40% of LGBTQ+ youth in the United States seriously considered attempting suicide.⁴ Among those who sought help, almost half were unable to access mental health services due to barriers at home or at school. The "Press 3" option served as an accessible and affirming first step for young people in crisis, often their only safe lifeline, and the County must prioritize this resource as a potential lifesaving service for this vulnerable population. In the midst of a national youth mental health crisis, Los Angeles County should join bipartisan leaders in supporting federal action to restore the 988 "Press 3" option and ensure that no call for help goes unanswered.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Executive

² <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/senate-bill/2826/text?s=2&r=1>

³ <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/5434/text?s=1&r=1&q=%7B%22search%22%3A%22988+LGBTQ%2B+Youth+Access+Act%22%7D>

⁴ <https://www.thetrevorproject.org/survey-2024/>

Office's Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations branch to support S. 2826 and H.R. 5434, the 988 LGBTQ+ Youth Access Act of 2025, and similar measures.

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