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The Honorable David Fredendall
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RE: Response Letter to City of Glendora on Concerns Regarding Supervisor Mitchell's Motion, Securing Funding to Preserve Critical County Services Cut by H.R.1

Dear Mayor Fredendall:

I am writing to address concerns raised in your January 29, 2026, letter regarding the proposal to give Los Angeles County (County) voters a choice to temporarily pay an additional 0.5% General Sales Tax, for up to five years, in order to preserve critical County services. That proposal is set to be heard by the Board of Supervisors on February 10, 2026 to place the choice on the June ballot.

In accordance with State law, this sales tax would not apply to all goods and services. It would exclude certain items, including most groceries and basic cold foods, prescription medicine, certain medical devices, and all items purchased through the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance or Women, Infants and Children programs.

While this proposed County tax would not reduce or affect the cities' taxing powers, it also provides health-related support to city residents. The County is pursuing legislation that exempts this tax from any taxing caps. So, it would not count against the City of Glendora's caps and would not affect your power to pursue any municipal taxes.

The County is trying to respond to the hard reality that H.R. 1 will result in devastating cuts to federal Medicaid (Medi-Cal) funding. Among other things, these cuts will cause the County's Department of Health Services (DHS) and Department of Public Health (DPH) to lose more than \$1 billion from their combined annual budgets. This is not a theoretical concern – it is already impacting our shared constituents. In the five months following the signing of H.R.1, from June to December 2025, over 135,000 people across

the County disenroll from Medi-Cal and 80,000 disenroll from CalFresh. We expect this trend to continue as changes in eligibility continue to take effect. Without action, the County faces the potential collapse of the safety net services that residents across all 88 cities in the County rely upon, regardless of income level or zip code. If the County's public hospitals close, residents will need to turn to private hospital emergency rooms for care, driving up waits and costs for all. In Glendora, over 9,700 of your constituents rely on Medi-Cal for their health care – over 2,600 of them are children under 18 years of age.

The County's DHS operates the second-largest public health system in the nation, providing care to residents from every city in Los Angeles County. It directly operates four public hospitals, including Harbor UCLA Medical Center in Torrance, that serve as the backbone of emergency and trauma care for the entire region. The services provided by the County's health departments are foundational to the County's and cities' efforts to the well-being of our communities. The County's DPH has maintained public health contracts with 85 cities, providing essential services at no cost to your municipal budgets. These services include communicable disease surveillance, environmental health and sanitation, and emergency preparedness operations that protected our communities during public health emergencies and outbreaks – such as COVID-19, Ebola, Zika, Hepatitis A, Measles – and continue to respond to emerging health threats. No other viable and timely alternatives exist to restore essential health and wellness services that H.R. 1 and federal policies cut, other than temporarily raising local taxes.

Even cities with lower Medi-Cal enrollment are not insulated from the impacts of a potential healthcare system collapse. A UC Berkeley Labor Center study the County could see as many as 63,800 jobs lost due to federal Medicaid cuts. Furthermore a U.S. Government Accountability Office study found that even in areas with multiple hospitals, hospital closures negatively impact access to care. After closures, patients often had to travel farther, and nearby hospitals became overcrowded. This measure keeps free and low-cost health care available for our County families and workers, and prevents treatable health conditions from turning into expensive medical or public health emergencies.

I hope this helps to shed light on why I hope that all cities will stand united with the County to temporarily stabilize our regional healthcare system. Thank you for your consideration and if you should have further questions, please feel free to contact my Senior Deputy for Health and Wellness, Yolanda Vera, at YVera@bos.lacounty.gov or (213) 974-2222.

Sincerely,



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