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Hello,

I am unable to stay any longer for the OC BOS meeting. I had signed up for a speaker card and I would like to submit my public comment via email so I may leave.

"Hello, my name is Uyen Hoang (she/they), Executive Director of Viet Rainbow of Orange County — the biggest and oldest LGBTQ+ Vietnamese American nonprofit in the United States — which is pretty iconic of OC if you ask me. Other counties could never.

Anyway, the communities that we serve, which are all over OC, have been consistently underfunded and overlooked in budget after budget.

I'm asking the Board to do three things:

- Partner with community-based organizations who have the trust your agencies don't yet have.
- Support policies that protect healthcare access and economic security for **all** constituents.
- Seriously consider establishing a Community Participatory Budget Council, so that discretionary dollars are shaped by the people most impacted by how they're spent.

The community has been patient. The needs haven't gone away. We'd love to see this budget finally reflect that.

Thank you and happy Pride!"

Warmly,

Uyen Hoang, MA, MPH (she/they)
Executive Director

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