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Re: I have been on the line to speak on behalf of HASC and was not called on. I don't understand why this happened.

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Adam, please include this in the Council file.

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From: **Adena Tessler** <ATessler@hasc.org>
Date: Tue, May 17, 2022 at 3:48 PM
Subject: I have been on the line to speak on behalf of HASC and was not called on. I don't understand why this happened.
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Is there anyway my comment can get read into the record?

Good afternoon, Councilmembers, and thank you for the opportunity to comment today.

Adena Tessler, Regional VP for Hospital Association of Southern CA, representing over 90 hospitals in LA County.

Non-emergency transport of patients is an essential part of the patient care continuum.

I have included a letter to your staff and on the council file with our full comments on this item.

We have attempted to work with LADOT on rate increase process, however there was little responsiveness and total lack of transparency. We are still unsure how they came up with the proposal before you. What was shared with me was a survey performed during one week at the height of the pandemic that was not reflective of usual non-emergency ambulance service.

In addition, our request for more information were ignored and there was no notification to HASC when the item went before the DOT Commission.

As a result, these proposed increases were developed through flawed process, using exaggerated data and lacking transparency to the parties it will directly impact.

We ask that you direct DOT to create a regular process for rate increases that involves all parties impacted, private ambulance companies and the hospitals.

WE also recommend that the City look at how rates are set in other jurisdictions, like the County, where a maximum rate is set and then parties then negotiate individual rates, so that the market determines the cost.

While we recognize the need for rates to adjust for rising costs, we believe this can be accomplished in a way that is fair, based on real data, with transparency and collaboration of all impacted parties.

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