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Summary: The Palms NC Racial and Social Justice Committee supports these Council Files, particularly due to the need to meet the demand for the Monkeypox vaccine. Monkeypox remains a transmittable disease that has largely impacted the LGBTQ+ Community. More access to the vaccine along with more education on the efficacy of the vaccine are needed. As local, state and the federal government moves to declare Monkeypox a public health emergency, care needs to be taken to ensure that these declarations do not lead to an increase in homophobic and transphobic attacks. As social media and traditional media outlets look to portray the LGBTQ+ community as "predators" and "groomers," it is essential that governments do not fan the flames even more by allowing these declarations to be misinterpreted. In addition, a request for the Los Angeles County Department of Health to collect data on the continued Monkeypox epidemic and its impacts on our City remains critical as we move to overcome it. This is particularly important as this disease disproportionately impacts the LGBTQ+ Community. It is imperative that government officials within the City of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles County Department of Health understand that many within the LGBTQ+ Community have faced discrimination from health care providers and public employees. If/As the Los Angeles County Department of Health moves to collect this crucial information, we urge the Department to be inclusive and LGBTQ+ affirming when working with members of the Community.