

Wednesday, May 12, 2004

**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
RELATING TO THE 2004-05 PROPOSED BUDGET
TO BE HELD IN ROOM IN 381B
OF THE KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012**

9:30 AM

Attachment: [Video Transcript](#)

Present: Supervisor Gloria Molina, Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke,
Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich and
Chairman Don Knabe

Budget Hearing

1. Public hearing on the 2004-05 Proposed Budget. (04-1251)

**THE BOARD RECEIVED AND FILED AND TOOK UNDER ADVISEMENT
REQUESTS AND STATEMENTS RELATING TO THE 2004-05 PROPOSED
COUNTY BUDGET AS FOLLOWS:**

- 1. STATEMENT OF SHERIFF LEE BACA, REGARDING THE PROPOSED \$34.8 MILLION CUT TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET AND THE IMPACT THAT THE CUT WILL HAVE ON VARIOUS PROGRAMS; THE INABILITY TO FILL DEPUTY AND PROFESSIONAL STAFF POSITION VACANCIES; HOW THE DEPARTMENT HAS ABSORBED WORKERS' COMPENSATION COSTS; THE MANNER IN WHICH PROPOSITION 172 DOLLARS ARE USED; THE METHODOLOGY USED TO CALCULATE SALARY SAVINGS; AND THE AMOUNT OF MONEY PAID TO THE COUNTY BY CONTRACT CITIES FOR SHERIFF SERVICES.**

- 2. STATEMENT OF BRIAN C. BROOKS, MEMBER OF THE CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES, REGARDING THE PROPOSED BUDGET CUTS TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND REQUESTING THAT THE BOARD CONTINUE TO EXERCISE RESTRAINT IN DECIDING WHETHER TO ACCEPT ANY PROPOSED CUTS UNTIL THE STATE HAS A BUDGET AND WHAT ITS IMPACT WILL HAVE ON COUNTY REVENUES.**
- 3. STATEMENT OF STEVE REMIGE, VICE PRESIDENT FOR THE ASSOCIATION OF LOS ANGELES DEPUTY SHERIFFS, REGARDING THE PROPOSED CUTS TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET AND REQUESTING THAT PUBLIC SAFETY BE MAINTAINED AND FULLY FUNDED.**
- 4. STATEMENT OF JOHN REES, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR THE ASSOCIATION OF LOS ANGELES DEPUTY SHERIFFS, IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS POSED BY THE BOARD REGARDING ADMINISTRATIVE DISCIPLINE WITHIN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.**
- 5. STATEMENT OF MARGARET DONNELLAN TODD, COUNTY LIBRARIAN, REGARDING THE PROPOSED BUDGET CUTS TO THE PUBLIC LIBRARY AND THE IMPACT THAT THE CUTS WILL HAVE ON LIBRARY FACILITIES WHICH WILL RESULT IN REDUCED LIBRARY HOURS AND LIBRARY CLOSURES. MS. TODD ALSO SUBMITTED A WRITTEN STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF GORDON STEFENHAGEN, CHAIR OF THE LIBRARY COMMISSION, REGARDING THE IMPORTANCE OF SUPPORTING COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES AND THE VALUABLE SERVICES PROVIDED.**
- 6. STATEMENT OF JUAN NOGUEZ, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, REGARDING THE PROPOSED BUDGET CUTS TO THE PUBLIC LIBRARY AND REQUESTING THAT THE PUBLIC LIBRARY BUDGET REMAIN INTACT SO THAT SERVICES CAN CONTINUE TO BE PROVIDED TO THE COMMUNITY.**
- 7. STATEMENT OF MARIBEL DE LA TORRE, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, REGARDING THE PROPOSED BUDGET CUTS TO THE PUBLIC LIBRARY AND REQUESTING THAT THE BOARD MAINTAIN THE PUBLIC LIBRARY BUDGET AT ITS CURRENT LEVEL AND NOT CUT STAFF, SERVICES OR PROGRAMS OFFERED BY THE LIBRARIES.**
- 8. STATEMENT OF LAURENE WESTE, COUNCILMEMBER OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA, REGARDING THE PROPOSED CLOSURE OF CASTAIC ANIMAL SHELTER AND TRANSFER OF ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL SERVICES TO THE LANCASTER SHELTER; HOW THE SPECIAL LIBRARY TAX GENERATED BY THE RESIDENTS OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WILL BE SUFFICIENT TO KEEP LIBRARIES**

OPEN AND OPERATING WITHOUT SERVICE REDUCTIONS; ALSO THANKED THE BOARD AND DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION IN KEEPING AND RECOMMENDING THAT THE PLACERITA NATURE CENTER REMAIN OPEN.

- 9. STATEMENT OF TIMOTHY GALLAGHER, DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION, REGARDING THE DEPARTMENT'S PROPOSED BUDGET AND THE IMPACT THAT ANY FURTHER CUTS WILL HAVE ON SERVICES, SUCH AS THE REDUCTION OF HOURS FOR SWIMMING POOLS AND COMMUNITY CENTER USE.**

AFTER DISCUSSION, SUPERVISOR MOLINA INTRODUCED FOR DISCUSSION AND PLACED ON THE AGENDA OF JUNE 21, 2004 FOR CONSIDERATION DURING THE 2004-05 BUDGET DELIBERATIONS, THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATION:

**RECOMMENDATION AS SUBMITTED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA:
ADOPT A FEE WAIVER POLICY TO INCREASE REVENUES AND REDUCE COSTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION, BY WAIVING RENTAL OR FACILITY FEES, BUT REQUIRE ORGANIZATIONS TO PAY THEIR OWN PARKING FEES AND COSTS FOR COUNTY STAFF.**

- 10. STATEMENT OF LAURA CHAVEZ THROUGH AN INTERPRETER, REGARDING THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE HOURS AND DAYS OF OPERATION OF ROOSEVELT PARK'S SWIMMING POOL AND THE IMPACT THAT THE CHANGES WILL HAVE ON THE CHILDREN OF THE COMMUNITY.**
- 11. STATEMENT OF JENNY BALAM, A VOLUNTEER AT ROOSEVELT PARK'S SWIMMING POOL, REGARDING THE PROPOSED CLOSURE OF THE POOL DURING THE WINTER.**
- 12. STATEMENT OF LILA JOHNSON CRENSHAW, DIRECTOR OF SUNSHINE PARK, REGARDING THE PROPOSED REDUCTION/CLOSURE OF PARKS AND RECREATION PROGRAMS, SPECIFICALLY AT SUNSHINE PARK WHICH WILL BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE COMMUNITY.**
- 13. STATEMENT OF ARLENE ABDALLAH, A CHILD SUPPORT OFFICER AND REPRESENTATIVE OF LOCAL 660 SEIU, AFL-CIO, REGARDING THE SERIOUS IMPACTS ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IF FRONT LINE WORKERS ARE CUT FROM THE CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES BUDGET.**
- 14. STATEMENT OF SHARON DENT-BRAY, CLERICAL ADMINISTRATOR, DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, REGARDING THE CURTAILMENT OF CHILDREN'S SOCIAL WORKERS SUPPORT STAFF FROM THE CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES BUDGET AND REQUESTING THAT THE BOARD RESTORE THOSE POSITIONS IN THE**

BUDGET.

15. **STATEMENT OF RAMON RUBALCAVA, A REPRESENTATIVE OF LOCAL 660 SEIU, AFL-CIO, REGARDING CUTS IN SERVICES AND PROGRAMS AS A RESULT OF INCREASED COSTS AND REVENUE REDUCTIONS REFLECTED IN THE 2004-05 PROPOSED BUDGET.**
16. **STATEMENT OF BRUCE SALTZER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY HUMAN SERVICES AGENCIES (ACHSA), REGARDING CURTAILMENTS TO THE MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET.**
17. **STATEMENT OF GLADYS C. LEE, A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ASIAN PACIFIC POLICY COUNCIL AND VICE PRESIDENT OF PACIFIC CLINICS, IN SUPPORT OF THE BUDGET RECOMMENDATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH'S STAKEHOLDERS GROUP.**
18. **STATEMENT OF BOBBIE WILLIAMS, A PSYCHIATRIC TECHNICIAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, REGARDING THE PROPOSED \$44.6 MILLION REDUCTION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH'S BUDGET AND REQUESTING THAT THE BOARD PRESERVE THE DEPARTMENT'S CORE PROGRAM AND RESTORE THE PROPOSED CURTAILMENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT.**
19. **STATEMENT OF MIKI JACKSON, A CONSULTANT FOR AIDS HEALTH CARE FOUNDATION, REGARDING THE \$3.3 MILLION REDUCTION TO THE RYAN WHITE CARE TITLE I FUNDING.**
20. **STATEMENT OF MARISSA PARSONS, A REPRESENTATIVE OF AIDS HEALTH CARE FOUNDATION, GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT, REQUESTING THE RESTORATION OF AIDS FUNDING DUE TO THE REDUCTION OF THE RYAN WHITE CARE TITLE I FUNDING. MS. PARSONS ALSO SUBMITTED WRITTEN STATEMENTS ON BEHALF OF MICHAEL NIKOLAUS AND LOUIS A. RAFTI.**

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Administrative Requests

Supervisor Antonovich requested the Auditor-Controller to look into and report back to the Board on the Sheriff's participation in the County's method of applying a three-year rolling average of estimated costs for workers' compensation which he stated has resulted in the Department paying \$41 million more than the actual costs for the past five years. (04-1369)

Supervisor Molina requested the Director of Parks and Recreation to report back to the Board prior to Budget Deliberations scheduled for June 21, 2004, with a list of all County parks, including those parks located in any city, indicating the contribution of net County costs for each individual park. (04-1371)

RECESS

The meeting recessed at 11:03 a.m. following the statement of Sheriff Lee Baca (#1) until 11:16 a.m.

The meeting reconvened and was called to order by the Chairman at 11:16 a.m.

Present were Supervisors Molina, Burke, Yaroslavsky, Antonovich and Knabe, Chairman presiding. Absent: None. (04-1361)

RECESS

The meeting recessed at 11:58 a.m. following the statement of Laurene Weste (#8) until 1:00 p.m.

The meeting reconvened and was called to order by the Chair Pro Tem at 1:13 p.m.

Present were Supervisors Burke, Yaroslavsky, Antonovich and Molina, Chair Pro Tem presiding. Absent: Supervisor Knabe. (04-1363)

CLOSING

By common consent, and there being no objection (Supervisor Knabe being absent), the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities, for which said Board so acts, adjourned the Special Meeting of the Board of Supervisors relating to the 2004-05 Proposed Budget at 1:57 p.m. Further, the 2004-05 Budget Hearing was continued to Tuesday, May 18, 2004 at 1:00 p.m. Next regular meeting of the Board is Tuesday, May 18, 2004 at 9:30 a.m. (04-1358)

The foregoing is a fair statement of the proceedings of the Special Meeting relating to the 2004-05 Proposed Budget held Wednesday, May 12, 2004, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts.

Violet Varona-Lukens, Executive Officer
Executive Officer-Clerk
of the Board of Supervisors