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1                   [REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION,  
2                   TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2004, BEGINS ON PAGE 129.]

3                   There is no reportable action as a result of today's closed  
4                   session.

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8                   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I'D LIKE TO CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER. WE  
9                   WILL ASK EVERYONE TO PLEASE RISE. WE WILL BE LED IN THE  
10                  INVOCATION BY PASTOR CARLOS PAIVA FROM THE ANGELICA FINNISH  
11                  LUTHERAN CHURCH IN LOS ANGELES. AND IT WILL BE FOLLOWED BY THE  
12                  PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY OUR DIRECTOR, COLONEL JOSEPH SMITH,  
13                  OFFICE OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS. PASTOR?

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15                  **PASTOR CARLOS PAIVA:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. BUENOS DIAS. LET  
16                  US PRAY. ALMIGHTY GOD, WHO HAS GIVEN US THIS GOOD LAND AS OUR  
17                  HERITAGE. MAKE US ALWAYS REMEMBER YOUR GENEROSITY AND  
18                  CONSTANTLY DO YOUR WILL. PLACE OUR LAND WITH HONEST INDUSTRY,  
19                  TRUTHFUL EDUCATION, AND GOOD WAY OF LIFE. SAVE US FROM  
20                  VIOLENCE, CURE OUR CONFUSION, FROM PRIDE AND ARROGANCE AND  
21                  FROM EVERY EVIL COURSE OF ACTION. MAKE US WHO COME FROM MANY  
22                  NATIONS WITH MANY DIFFERENT LANGUAGE A UNITED PEOPLE. DEFEND  
23                  OUR LIBERTIES AND GIVE THOSE WHO WE HAVE ENTRUSTED WITH THE  
24                  AUTHORITY OF GOVERNMENT THE SPIRIT OF WISDOM, THAT THEY MIGHT  
25                  BRING JUSTICE AND PEACE IN OUR LAND. GRANT US PROSPERITY,



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1 [INAUDIBLE] BE SINFUL AND, IN TROUBLED TIMES, BE WITH US. OUR  
2 HEAVENLY FATHER, BLESS THOSE WHO HOLD OFFICE OF THIS BOARD OF  
3 SUPERVISORS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY THAT THEY MAY DO THEIR WORK  
4 TODAY AND ALWAYS IN THE SPIRIT OF WISDOM, KINDNESS, AND  
5 JUSTICE. HELP THEM USE THEIR AUTHORITY TO SERVE FAITHFULLY AND  
6 TO PROMOTE THE UNITED WELFARE. WE PRAY TO YOU ALMIGHTY GOD.  
7 AMEN.

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9 **COLONEL JOSEPH SMITH:** PLEASE PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR  
10 HEART AND JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO OUR FLAG. [  
11 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE ]

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13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR BURKE?

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15 **SUP. BURKE:** REVEREND CARLOS PAIVA IS THE SENIOR PASTOR OF  
16 ANGELICA LUTHERAN CHURCH SINCE JUNE OF 1990. HE WAS ORDAINED  
17 IN MARCH, 1989, A GRADUATE OF PACIFIC LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL  
18 SEMINARY IN BERKELEY. REVEREND PAIVA IS ALSO AN ALUMNI IN THE  
19 NATIONAL UNIVERSITY SAN MARCOS AND LIMA, PERU. HE IS CO-  
20 FOUNDER OF NEW CITY PARISH, AN URBAN COALITION OF SEVEN  
21 LUTHERAN CONGREGATIONS IN LOS ANGELES AND INGLEWOOD WHICH CAME  
22 TOGETHER AFTER THE CIVIL UNREST IN 1992. HE IS ALSO THE CO-  
23 FOUNDER OF PICO-UNION FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER. REVEREND PAIVA  
24 IS PRESIDENT OF LATINO ASSOCIATION OF EVANGELICAN LUTHERAN  
25 CHURCH IN AMERICA. HE IS MARRIED AND HAS THREE TEENAGE



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1 CHILDREN. AND HE'S BEEN HERE BEFORE. SUPERVISOR HAHN INVITED  
2 HIM AND WE'RE VERY PLEASED TO HAVE HIM BACK AGAIN.

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4 **REVEREND CARLOS PAIVA:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE WILL PROCEED WITH THE AGENDA.

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8 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE  
9 BOARD. WE'LL START WITH THE ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS AND THEN  
10 WE'LL TAKE UP THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS AFTER THE BOARD  
11 PRESENTATIONS. SO WE'LL START, LET'S SEE, ON PAGE 3, FOR CS-1  
12 THROUGH CS-6, HOLD THAT FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.

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14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

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16 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND, ON PAGE 7, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS,  
17 ON ITEM 7, 8, HOLD FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. ON ITEM NUMBER  
18 9, WE'RE GOING TO HOLD THAT BUT SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH IS  
19 REQUESTING THAT WE REPLACE THE WORD "ESTABLISH" AND THAT'S ON  
20 THE NINTH LINE ON ITEM NUMBER 9, AND REVISE IT TO READ AS  
21 FOLLOWS: "TO INCORPORATE THE ANTELOPE VALLEY SELF-HELP LEGAL  
22 ACCESS CENTER INTO ITS EXISTING AGREEMENT WITH N.L.S." AND  
23 THEN IT CONTINUES AS IT IS, "AND TO REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD  
24 IN ONE WEEK".

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** IS THAT BEFORE US OR IS THAT BEING HELD?

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3 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THAT'S GOING TO BE HELD FOR MEMBERS OF  
4 THE PUBLIC. ON ITEM 11, HOLD FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. AND ON  
5 ITEM 12, HOLD FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. SO ITEM 10 IS BEFORE  
6 YOU.

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, THE CHAIR  
9 WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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11 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, ITEM 13, HOLD FOR  
12 A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. ON ITEM 14, BEACHES AND HARBORS, HOLD  
13 FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. ON ITEM 15, CHILD SUPPORT  
14 SERVICES, HOLD FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. ON ITEM 16, HOLD  
15 FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. ON ITEM 17, WE HAVE A REQUEST TO  
16 HOLD FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC BUT ALSO, WE HAVE THE  
17 CONSIDERATION OF SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY'S SUBSTITUTE  
18 RECOMMENDATION ON THAT ITEM, SO WE'LL HOLD THAT. PUBLIC WORKS,  
19 ITEM 18, HOLD FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. ORDINANCE FOR  
20 ADOPTION, HOLD FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. THAT'S ITEM 19.  
21 MISCELLANEOUS, ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA REQUESTED BY BOARD  
22 MEMBERS AND THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, WHICH WERE  
23 POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS  
24 INDICATED ON THE GREEN SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ITEM 20-A IS  
25 BEFORE YOU.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THE CHAIR WILL MOVE THAT. SECONDED BY  
3 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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5 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** I'M SORRY, MR. CHAIRMAN. COULD WE BACK UP  
6 ON THAT? THAT IS TO BE HELD. IT'S JUST NOT SEQUENTIAL. HE  
7 DIDN'T LIST IT SEQUENTIAL. SO 20-A, WE HAVE A REQUEST FROM A  
8 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THAT.

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVE FOR RECONSIDERATION.

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12 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND 20-B, HOLD FOR A MEMBER OF THE  
13 PUBLIC. AND 20-C, HOLD FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. AND THEN  
14 ALSO UNDER ITEMS CONTINUED FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING, WE HAVE A  
15 REQUEST ON A-1 AND A-4, TO HOLD FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. SO  
16 THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA.

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THAT'S THE AGENDA. WE'RE NOT, YOU KNOW,  
19 DISREGARD THOSE.

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21 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** OKAY. THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE  
22 AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH  
23 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 3.

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25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** DO YOU HAVE ANY PRESENTATIONS?



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HAVE NONE.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. BEFORE I CALL UP OUR  
5 WONDERFUL CHOIR, I'M GOING TO, DUE TO A SCHEDULING CONFLICT,  
6 CALL ON SUPERVISOR MOLINA FOR A PRESENTATION TO ANTONIA.

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8 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. THIS MORNING, IT IS  
9 INDEED MY PRIDE AND PLEASURE TO MAKE A PRESENTATION TO ANTONIA  
10 HERNANDEZ. ANTONIA IS BEING RECOGNIZED HERE TODAY BECAUSE OF  
11 THE OUTSTANDING WORK THAT SHE HAS DONE AS PRESIDENT AND  
12 GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE MEXICAN-AMERICAN LEGAL DEFENSE AND  
13 EDUCATION FUND. I CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S BEEN 35 YEARS THAT SHE  
14 HAS SERVED AT MALDEF, WHICH IS, OF COURSE-- IT'S NOT 35 YEARS,  
15 I'M SORRY...

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17 **ANTONIA HERNANDEZ:** 23.

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19 **SUP. MOLINA:** 23 YEARS. I KNEW THAT WAS WRONG. THERE'S  
20 SOMETHING WRONG THERE. SHE HAS SERVED THERE FOR 23 YEARS, BUT  
21 MALDEF HAS BEEN FOR 35 YEARS THE NATIONAL PREMIER CIVIL RIGHTS  
22 ORGANIZATION FOR THE MEXICAN-AMERICAN LEGAL, FOR OUR  
23 COMMUNITY. IT HAS WORKED ON MANY ISSUES, PARTICULARLY THE  
24 ISSUES OF COMMUNITY EDUCATION, THE ISSUES OF CIVIL RIGHTS AND  
25 LEGAL RIGHTS AND VARIOUS OTHER POLICY INITIATIVES. I MET



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1 ANTONIA MANY YEARS AGO IN THE EAST SIDE COMMUNITY WHEN SHE HAD  
2 JUST GRADUATED FROM U.C.L.A. LAW SCHOOL AND WAS WORKING AT  
3 LEGAL AID. AND SHE CAME TO ME AND WE STARTED TALKING ABOUT A  
4 CASE THAT SHE WAS HANDLING AND IT WAS A LAWSUIT AGAINST THE  
5 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AT THAT TIME, THERE WERE ISSUES AS TO  
6 THE FORCED STERILIZATION OF MEXICAN/AMERICAN WOMEN IN LOS  
7 ANGELES AND SHE WAS REPRESENTING AND WANTED TO PUT TOGETHER A  
8 CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT AGAINST THE COUNTY. I, AT THAT TIME, WAS  
9 HEADING UP AN ORGANIZATION OF CHICANAS, OF LATINAS, A FEMINIST  
10 ORGANIZATION, AND WE JOINED IN THE LAWSUIT. ANTONIA WAS AN  
11 UNBELIEVABLE ADVOCATE ON BEHALF OF THOSE WOMEN AND,  
12 UNFORTUNATELY, WHILE WE DIDN'T WIN THE DIRECT LAWSUIT AGAINST  
13 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, WE WON CERTAINLY THE PROTECTION AND  
14 THE RIGHTS OF MANY LATINAS IN THE ISSUES OF STERILIZATION AND  
15 CHANGED MANY OF THE LAWS AND POLICIES. AND, SINCE THEN, I'VE  
16 SEEN THIS WOMAN DO UNBELIEVABLE THINGS IN MAKING DRAMATIC  
17 CHANGES ON BEHALF OF THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN, ON BEHALF OF THE  
18 RIGHTS OF CHILDREN, AND ON BEHALF OF THE RIGHTS OF THE LATINO  
19 COMMUNITY. SHE'S AN OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL. I WAS LUCKY TO GET  
20 HER TO MAKE CONTACT WITH SENATOR KENNEDY MANY YEARS AGO AND HE  
21 ASKED HER TO JOIN HER ON THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, WHICH  
22 SHE SERVED ON FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS, PROVIDING ADVICE AND  
23 COUNSEL ON THAT COMMITTEE. AND SHE DID AN AWFUL LOT IN THE  
24 AREA OF IMMIGRATION WHILE SHE WAS SERVING AS A STAFF MEMBER TO  
25 THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE. SHE JOINED MALDEF IN 1981, ORIGINALLY



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1 AS REGIONAL COUNSEL IN WASHINGTON, D.C., AND LATER SHE JOINED  
2 ON AS THE PRESIDENT AND GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE ORGANIZATION.  
3 UNDER HER LEADERSHIP, MALDEF HAS EXCELLED AND SUCCEEDED IN  
4 MANY LANDMARK DECISIONS, INCLUDING VARIOUS ISSUES: IMMIGRATION  
5 POLICY, VOTING RIGHTS, VOTING PARTICIPATION, EQUITY FOR ALL  
6 STUDENTS IN PUBLIC EDUCATION. MALDEF HAS WON MANY LATINO  
7 MAJORITY VOTING DISTRICTS INCLUDING THE GARZA VERSUS COUNTY OF  
8 LOS ANGELES, WHICH WE ALL KNOW ABOUT HERE IN L.A. COUNTY,  
9 WHICH LED TO OPENING UP AND CREATING MORE EQUITABLE DISTRICTS  
10 FOR PEOPLE THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY. ON A PERSONAL NOTE,  
11 ANTONIA IMMIGRATED INTO THIS COUNTRY AS A CHILD. SHE WAS  
12 IMMIGRATED BY HER PARENTS, WHO ARE HERE AND JOINING US.  
13 THEY'RE OUT IN THE AUDIENCE, NICHOLAS AND MANUELA, IF THEY  
14 WOULD PLEASE STAND. THE ENTIRE FAMILY IS HERE. [ APPLAUSE ]

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16 **SUP. MOLINA:** WE'RE VERY PROUD OF THEM. [ APPLAUSE ]

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18 **SUP. MOLINA:** SHE WORKED HER WAY ALL THE WAY THROUGH LAW SCHOOL  
19 AND DID AN OUTSTANDING JOB, ALWAYS AN OUTSTANDING STUDENT, AS  
20 I AM TOLD BY MANY OF THE INSTRUCTORS AND PROFESSORS WHO KNEW  
21 HER. SHE'S MARRIED TO ONE OF OUR SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES,  
22 MICHAEL STERN. WE'RE VERY PROUD OF HIM. THEY HAVE THREE  
23 CHILDREN, BENJAMIN, MARISA, AND MICHAEL. WE ARE VERY PROUD  
24 THAT NOW ANTONIA IS GOING TO BE GOING INTO A WHOLE NEW KIND OF  
25 OPPORTUNITY. I WAS VERY DISAPPOINTED, OF COURSE, INITIALLY,



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1 WHEN I HEARD ABOUT HER LEAVING MALDEF. I CAN'T IMAGINE ANYONE  
2 ELSE AT THE HELM OF THIS ORGANIZATION. IT'S A TOUGH WAY TO GO,  
3 TRYING TO FIGHT FOR CIVIL RIGHTS AND TRYING TO RAISE THE MONEY  
4 EVERY SINGLE DAY. WE DON'T RAISE ANY MONEY FROM GOVERNMENT  
5 AGENCIES. IT'S ALL BY PRIVATE CONTRIBUTIONS. IT HAS OVER A 7-  
6 MILLION-DOLLAR NATIONAL BUDGET, WHICH ISN'T VERY MUCH MONEY  
7 BUT, EVERY SINGLE YEAR, SHE HAD THE TASK OF HAVING TO RAISE  
8 THOSE DOLLARS AND INSPIRE LAWYERS TO WORK FOR, UNFORTUNATELY,  
9 NOT THE SALARIES THAT THEY SHOULD BE ENTITLED TO, BUT TO DO  
10 UNBELIEVABLE WORK. SO SHE'S MOTIVATED MANY PEOPLE, BUT NOW SHE  
11 IS GOING TO BE WORKING AND JOINING THE CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY  
12 FOUNDATION, AND I THINK WE'RE GOING TO SEE HER TALENTS AT WORK  
13 THROUGHOUT OUR COMMUNITY IN MANY NEW AREAS THAT SHE'S NOT BEEN  
14 INVOLVED IN IN THE PAST. ALL I CAN SAY IS THAT I'M VERY PROUD  
15 TO MAKE THIS PRESENTATION. BECAUSE OF ANTONIA'S LEADERSHIP,  
16 BECAUSE OF ANTONIA'S GUIDANCE AND CERTAINLY BECAUSE OF HER  
17 FRIENDSHIP, I AM HERE REPRESENTING TWO MILLION PEOPLE IN THE  
18 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES VERY, VERY PROUDLY, AND, HOPEFULLY,  
19 DOING THE WORK THAT WE SHOULD BE DOING ON BEHALF OF THE  
20 PEOPLE, NOT ONLY SECURING THE RIGHTS AND MAKING SURE THAT  
21 PROGRAMS WORK FOR THEM EVERY SINGLE DAY. BUT ANTONIA HAS BEEN  
22 A PART OF THAT. I'M VERY PROUD NOT ONLY TO BE HER FRIEND BUT  
23 SHE IS A MENTOR OF MINE. I'M VERY PROUD THAT SHE'S MOVING ON  
24 AND, ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ANTONIA, WE  
25 WANT TO PRESENT YOU WITH A CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION SIGNED



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1 BY ALL OF US ON THE BOARD. WE'RE VERY PROUD OF WHAT YOU'VE  
2 ACCOMPLISHED AND WHAT YOU WILL ACCOMPLISH. CONGRATULATIONS. [  
3 APPLAUSE ]

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5 **ANTONIA HERNANDEZ:** WELL, I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE FOR THIS  
6 GREAT HONOR AND THIS GREAT PLEASURE. I'M AN ANGELENO, I LOVE  
7 L.A. I CAME HERE WHEN I WAS EIGHT YEARS OLD, IN 1956, SO I  
8 CONSIDER MYSELF A NATIVE. AND, ALTHOUGH I LOVE MALDEF VERY  
9 MUCH, I LOOK FORWARD AS PRESIDENT OF THE CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY  
10 FOUNDATION AND WORKING WITH THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY, WITH THE  
11 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, ON ISSUES INVOLVING CHILDREN, FAMILIES,  
12 HOUSING, SAFETY. AND SO, AS MUCH AS I MISS WORKING AT THE  
13 NATIONAL LEVEL, I HOPE TO BE ABLE TO WORK WITH THE COUNTY  
14 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, WITH THE CITY AND WITH ALL THE COMMUNITY  
15 TO MAKE THIS PLACE A MUCH BETTER PLACE FOR EVERYONE. THANK YOU  
16 VERY MUCH. [ APPLAUSE ]

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I'D LIKE TO-- YOU KNOW, EACH YEAR WE GET TO  
19 ENJOY BLESSED MUSIC AROUND THE HOLIDAYS AND WE HAVE A MOST  
20 INCREDIBLE CHOIR MADE UP OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND  
21 I'M GOING TO ASK MISS FREDDIE WILLIAMS, THE DIRECTOR OF OUR  
22 CIVIC CENTER CHOIR, TO PLEASE JOIN ME AND SUPERVISOR BURKE UP  
23 HERE. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT SHE'S GOING TO BE JOINED BY ELMER  
24 BUOY, BARBARA BEACH, EVELYN THOMAS, AND RAY AND SYLVESTER  
25 WILLIAMS. IF THEY WOULD LIKE TO COME FORWARD AS WELL. IN



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1 CELEBRATION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH, IT IS OUR PLEASURE TO  
2 RECOGNIZE THE CIVIC CENTER CHOIR AND ITS DIRECTOR OF 18 YEARS,  
3 MS. FREDDIE WILLIAMS, WHO WORKS IN THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER'S  
4 DEPARTMENT. MS. WILLIAMS TOOK OVER AS DIRECTOR AFTER ITS  
5 FOUNDER, SAVANNAH GREEN, RETIRED FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE.  
6 AND THE CHOIR MEMBERS WITH US TODAY ARE MANY AND THEY INCLUDE  
7 RANDY ALLEN, DAVID BELL AND OTHERS. AND THIS CHOIR STARTED OUT  
8 AS A GROUP OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES WHO WANTED TO SING CHRISTMAS  
9 CAROLS TO THEIR COLLEAGUES IN THE MAPPING SERVICES SECTION OF  
10 THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE. I'M GOING TO TURN IT OVER TO SUPERVISOR  
11 BURKE.

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13 **SUP. BURKE:** TO GIVE A LITTLE BIT OF BACKGROUND, PHILLIP  
14 WATSON, WHO WAS THE ASSESSOR SOME TIME AGO, SUPPORTED THIS  
15 GROUP AND SENT THEM OVER TO HIS WIFE'S COURTROOM TO PROVIDE  
16 PERFORMANCES AT THE CIVIL COURTHOUSE AND THE CHOIR HAS  
17 PERFORMED SINCE THEN AT DODGER STADIUM, NUMEROUS COMMUNITY  
18 EVENTS. OF COURSE, WE ALWAYS HEAR THEM DURING THE HOLIDAYS,  
19 AND THE CHOIR WILL PERFORM ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH, WHEN WE  
20 CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH WITH RENOWNED FLAUTIST, HUBERT  
21 LAWS, AS THE SPECIAL GUEST. THE PROGRAM STARTS AT 10:00 A.M.  
22 AND WE INVITE ALL COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO COME TO THIS VERY  
23 SPECIAL PROGRAM.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MS. WILLIAMS, ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE BOARD  
2 OF SUPERVISORS AND-- WE THANK YOU AND THE CIVIC CENTER CHOIR  
3 FOR THE JOY THAT YOU HAVE BROUGHT TO GREAT MUSIC. WE WOULD  
4 LIKE TO PRESENT TO YOU THIS SCROLL IN RECOGNITION. WE GAVE  
5 INDIVIDUAL CERTIFICATES TO EACH OF THE MEMBERS THAT WERE HERE  
6 UPSTAIRS THIS MORNING BUT, ON BEHALF OF ALL OF US AND ALL THE  
7 EMPLOYEES OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND OUR RESIDENTS, WE WANT TO  
8 SAY A HEARTFELT THANKS AND GIVE YOU THIS. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO  
9 ASK ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE CHOIR THAT ARE HERE TO PLEASE STAND  
10 UP. [ APPLAUSE ]

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12 **MISS FREDDIE WILLIAMS:** GOOD MORNING. TO THE ESTEEMED AND  
13 ILLUSTRIOUS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, SUPERVISOR KNABE, TO ALL  
14 THE HONORABLE COLLEAGUES, SUPERVISOR BURKE, SUPERVISOR MOLINA,  
15 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, AND SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. ON BEHALF  
16 OF THE CIVIC CENTER CHOIR, WE THANK YOU. WE THANK YOU FOR THIS  
17 PRIVILEGE FOR IT IS DEFINITELY A PLEASURE FOR US TO BE HERE.  
18 WE THANK YOU FOR INCLUDING US IN YOUR AGENDA FOR TODAY, FOR I  
19 FEEL SO SPECIAL, I'M SURE THE CHOIR FEELS THE SAME WAY, FEELS  
20 VERY SPECIAL. I FEEL LIKE I JUST RECEIVED AN ACADEMY AWARD, I  
21 DON'T KNOW. [ LAUGHTER ]

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23 **MISS FREDDIE WILLIAMS:** BUT WE ALSO WANT TO THANK THE ONE THAT  
24 SPEARHEADED THIS, LIKE DONNA EVANS, FOR ALL HER WORK,  
25 GROUNDWORK; JESSE REAGANS, VICTORIA PIPKINS AND ALL HER



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1 EFFORTS; AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST-- AND THE CHOIR. I'VE GOT TO  
2 THANK THE CHOIR BECAUSE, WITHOUT THEM, I WOULDN'T BE A  
3 DIRECTOR. BUT I CANNOT LEAVE THE PODIUM WITHOUT THANKING THIS  
4 ONE PERSON THAT SPEARHEADED, THAT STARTED THIS CHOIR, THAT  
5 GAVE BIRTH TO THIS CHOIR, 1969, I THINK ABOUT 35 YEARS AGO,  
6 OVER 35 YEARS AGO, AND I WANT TO BRING HER UP RIGHT NOW, NONE  
7 OTHER THAN MISS SAVANNAH GREEN. [ APPLAUSE ]

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9 **MISS SAVANNAH GREEN:** THANK YOU, FREDDIE, AND TO ALL OF YOU  
10 ASSEMBLED TODAY, I JUST SAY A BIG THANK YOU. IT WAS FUN, I'M  
11 NOW RETIRED, BUT I STILL COME BACK EVERY YEAR AND LISTEN AND  
12 THEY'RE STILL SINGING BEAUTIFULLY. MY FAMILY IS HERE. I'D LIKE  
13 TO HAVE MY FAMILY STAND, IF YOU WILL, PLEASE, MY HUSBAND, MY  
14 TWO DAUGHTERS, MY NEPHEW, MY CHOIR DIRECTOR FROM MY CHURCH IS  
15 HERE. [ APPLAUSE ]

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17 **MISS SAVANNAH GREEN:** SO SHE APPRECIATES ME IN MY CHURCH CHOIR.  
18 AND TO SUPERVISOR BURKE, I WANT TO SAY TO YOU THAT I'M A VERY  
19 GOOD FRIEND TO SUNNY REED AND THE REEDS OVER ON WASHINGTON  
20 BOULEVARD. WE USED TO SEE YOU IN THOSE DAYS. THANK YOU. [  
21 APPLAUSE ]

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23 **SUP. BURKE:** THAT WAS A LONG TIME AGO. [ APPLAUSE ]

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1 **MISS FREDDIE WILLIAMS:** I AM SO SORRY. WITHOUT THESE TWO  
2 GENTLEMEN, WE WOULD NOT BE SINGING, AND WE'LL BE SINGING A  
3 CAPELLA BUT, BECAUSE OF THEIR TALENT, MR. DAVID BELL OF  
4 SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH. [ APPLAUSE ]

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6 **MISS FREDDIE WILLIAMS:** AND MR. RANDALL ALLEN, RANDY ALLEN.  
7 THANK YOU.

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU AGAIN AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO  
10 THURSDAY. OKAY? SEE YOU THEN. ALL RIGHT. THANKS. [ APPLAUSE ]

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

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14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS, TODAY WE'RE GOING TO  
15 RECOGNIZE A GROUP OF MEN AND WOMEN WHO DID AN INCREDIBLE JOB  
16 AND THAT WAS TO RESPOND TO THE TERRIBLE FIRES THAT WE HAD A  
17 FEW MONTHS AGO IN SAVING LIFE AND PROPERTY. AS WE KNOW, THEY  
18 WERE CALLED TO DUTY IN THEIR EFFORTS TO EXTINGUISH THE EIGHT  
19 MAJOR WILDFIRES THAT RAVAGED FIVE COUNTIES IN SOUTHERN  
20 CALIFORNIA FROM OCTOBER 21ST THROUGH NOVEMBER 15TH. OVER 1,000  
21 PERSONNEL FROM THE DEPARTMENT JOINED OVER 14,000 FIREFIGHTERS  
22 FROM CALIFORNIA AND OTHER STATES IN WORKING AROUND THE CLOCK  
23 TO HELP CONTAIN AND EXTINGUISH THESE WILDFIRES THAT SPREAD  
24 ACROSS SAN DIEGO, SAN BERNARDINO, RIVERSIDE, VENTURA, AND LOS  
25 ANGELES COUNTIES. THE WILDFIRES BURNED NEARLY 750,000 ACRES.



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1 THEY CAUSED 22 DEATHS, INCLUDING A FIRE FIGHTER FROM NOVATO,  
2 CALIFORNIA, DISPLACED OVER 100,000 PEOPLE, AND DESTROYED  
3 NEARLY 3,700 HOMES, WITH DAMAGES ESTIMATED AT \$2 BILLION. YET  
4 IF NOT FOR THE HEROIC ACTIONS OF OUR COUNTY FIRE PERSONNEL AND  
5 THE FIREFIGHTERS FROM ACROSS THE NATION, MANY MORE HOMES AND  
6 LIVES WOULD HAVE BEEN LOST. BUT, AT THIS TIME, ON BEHALF OF  
7 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE AND  
8 COMMEND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL AND  
9 MAKE THESE FOLLOWING PRESENTATIONS. CHIEF FREEMAN. SO, ON  
10 BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, WE WOULD LIKE TO  
11 RECOGNIZE THE MEN AND WOMEN BEHIND US AND GIVE THEM THIS  
12 PROCLAMATION AND YOU AS THEIR GREAT LEADER. WE APPRECIATE YOUR  
13 LEADERSHIP THROUGHOUT THE YEARS AT OUR COUNTY. [ APPLAUSE ]

14

15 **CHIEF FREEMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR AND HONORABLE  
16 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. IT IS INDEED A PLEASURE TO ACCEPT THIS  
17 RECOGNITION ON BEHALF OF THESE COURAGEOUS LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
18 FIREFIGHTERS. AS WE ALL REMEMBER BACK IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER,  
19 THE FIRE STORM DID STRIKE LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND SOUTHERN  
20 CALIFORNIA. AND HERE WITH US THIS MORNING, WE HAVE OBVIOUSLY  
21 JUST A VERY SMALL CONTINGENT OF THE OVER 1,000 COUNTY  
22 FIREFIGHTERS THAT RESPONDED TO THOSE FIRES THROUGHOUT SOUTHERN  
23 CALIFORNIA. HERE WITH US THIS MORNING, JUST FOR SOME  
24 INDICATION OF THE EXPERTISE, WE HAVE FIRE FIGHTERS WHO STAFFED  
25 THE PUMPERS, WE HAVE FIREFIGHTERS THAT WORK IN OUR FIRE



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1 SUPPRESSION CAMPS. WE HAVE HELICOPTER PILOTS HERE,  
2 FIREFIGHTERS THAT OPERATE ON THE HELICOPTERS TO MAKE THE WATER  
3 DROPS AND TO EVACUATE THE INJURED. WE HAVE FIELD MECHANICS, WE  
4 HAVE REPRESENTATIVES OF OUR DOZER AND HEAVY EQUIPMENT  
5 OPERATION, WHICH ARE SO SIGNIFICANT IN THESE TYPES OF  
6 EMERGENCIES. WE HAVE OUR REPRESENTATION FROM FIRE DISPATCH WHO  
7 ARE SO CRITICAL IN GETTING THE EQUIPMENT AND THE PERSONNEL TO  
8 THE EMERGENCIES. THESE FIRES THAT STRUCK SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA,  
9 COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS MADE A SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE ON THE FIRE  
10 COMING FROM SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY INTO CLAREMONT. AND, IN  
11 FACT, IN THE WEE HOURS OF THE MORNING THAT SUNDAY MORNING, IT  
12 WAS L.A. COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS AND HELICOPTERS THAT PUT OVER TWO  
13 MILES OF FIRE BREAK IN AND STOPPED THE WESTWARD PROGRESS OF  
14 THAT FIRE. AT ONE TIME, IT WAS CONSIDERED THAT FIRE MAY GO AS  
15 FAR WEST AS PASADENA. SO, AGAIN, THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
16 FIREFIGHTERS MADE A BIG DIFFERENCE. IN STEVENSON'S RANCH,  
17 THOUSANDS OF HOMES WERE THREATENED FOR TWO DAYS, AND L.A.  
18 COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS, OPERATING WITH THEIR COUNTERPARTS ON  
19 MUTUAL AID, SAVED THOSE HOMES WITHOUT ANY DAMAGE AND ANY  
20 INJURIES TO CIVILIANS. SO LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, BOARD OF  
21 SUPERVISORS, I AM INDEED PROUD TO REPRESENT THESE COURAGEOUS  
22 MEN AND WOMEN OF YOUR DEPARTMENT. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
23 RECOGNITION, AND TRULY, THESE REPRESENTATIVES AND ALL OF OUR  
24 FIREFIGHTERS THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA DESERVE THE RECOGNITION FOR



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1 THEIR HEROICS THAT THEY DEMONSTRATED IN OCTOBER/NOVEMBER. SO  
2 THANK YOU VERY MUCH ON THEIR BEHALF. [ APPLAUSE ] [ APPLAUSE ]

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** EACH YEAR, WE PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR  
5 FOSTER CHILDREN IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO PARTICIPATE IN A  
6 CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AT THE MAGIC MOUNTAIN. SO THIS YEAR, ON  
7 DECEMBER 6TH, WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT,  
8 DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, WE HOSTED THE  
9 SEVENTH ANNUAL FOSTER YOUTH HOLIDAY PARTY AT SIX FLAGS MAGIC  
10 MOUNTAIN. AS WE ALL KNOW, CHRISTMAS MUSIC FILLED THE  
11 BACKGROUND AS CARE GIVERS, FOSTER PARENTS AND VOLUNTEERS WERE  
12 GREETED WITH FOOD, PRESENTED HOLIDAY CHEER AND A FREE DAY  
13 INSIDE THE PARK. SPONSORS HAD INCLUDED SIX FLAGS, MAGIC  
14 MOUNTAIN, SBC, EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICE, NEWHALL LAND,  
15 WESTERN BADGE AND TROPHY, XEROX, AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
16 FIRE DEPARTMENT, WHO COLLECTED THE TOYS THROUGHOUT THEIR  
17 SUCCESSFUL TOY DRIVES. SO NOW WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK OUR SEVEN  
18 SPONSORS FOR THEIR SUPPORT IN HELPING MAKE THIS EVENT A TOTAL  
19 SUCCESS. ACCEPTING FOR SIX FLAGS, MAGIC MOUNTAIN IS SUE  
20 CARPENTER. [ APPLAUSE ]

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ACCEPTING FOR SBC IS MIKE SALESKI, VICE  
23 PRESIDENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS. [ APPLAUSE ]

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WITH ME IS DR. DAVID SANDERS, THE WONDERFUL  
2 DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES.  
3 FOR EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICES IS PHILLIP DAVIS, PRESIDENT,  
4 AND CHAD DRUKIN, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS AND GOVERNMENTAL  
5 AFFAIRS. [ APPLAUSE ]

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MARILEE LAFORHOOSE. MARILEE IS REPRESENTING  
8 NEWHALL LAND, WHO IS NOW LENAR. WESTERN BADGE AND TROPHY IS  
9 MARISOL BATES, SPECIAL PROJECTS COORDINATOR. WE KNOW WESLEY  
10 RUE IS AT HOME DOING OFFICE WORKING HARD, SO HE SENT MARISOL  
11 HERE. AND FOR XEROX IS CYNTHIA VARY. LAWRENCE IS COMING. OKAY.  
12 LAWRENCE WALKER IS HERE. OKAY. AND MICHAEL FREEMAN  
13 REPRESENTING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. THANK YOU. AND THEY DID AN  
14 INCREDIBLE JOB AND WE APPRECIATE THAT. I ALSO WANT TO THANK  
15 DR. REYNA RICHEY, MY DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY  
16 SERVICES DEPUTY, WHO HELPED COORDINATE THIS FOR OUR OFFICE AND  
17 ALSO THE MEMBERS OF MY STAFF WHO VOLUNTEERED THEIR TIME TO BE  
18 THERE ON THAT SATURDAY WITH THE CHILDREN. NOW I'D LIKE TO  
19 INTRODUCE DR. DAVID SANDERS, OUR DIRECTOR OF DEPARTMENT OF  
20 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES.

21

22 **DR. DAVID SANDERS:** THANK YOU AND, ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT  
23 OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, WANT TO THANK THE COMPANIES  
24 THAT ARE REPRESENTED HERE. AND I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY, IT WAS  
25 MY FIRST TRIP TO MAGIC MOUNTAIN TO GO TO THE EVENT, AND THE



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1 KIDS WERE AS ECSTATIC AS ONE IS LIKELY TO SEE THEM. IT'S A  
2 LIFETIME MEMORY, AND THESE COMPANIES AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH  
3 MADE THAT POSSIBLE. AND I WANT TO THANK YOU AND THANK THE  
4 SUPERVISOR.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE PRESTIGIOUS AWARD FOR THE LEADER  
7 RECOGNIZED FOR THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, THIS YEAR'S RECIPIENT  
8 IS BOB SCOTT, WHO WAS THE 2003 FERNANDO AWARD RECIPIENT, WHO  
9 IS WITH US HERE THIS AFTERNOON. BOB IS THE PAST PRESIDENT OF  
10 THE LOS ANGELES CITY PLANNING COMMISSION, A PRESENT MEMBER OF  
11 V.I.C.A., BOARD VICE CHAIRMAN, AND THE CURRENT EXECUTIVE VICE  
12 CHAIR OF THE ECONOMIC ALLIANCE FOR THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY.  
13 HE'S RECEIVED NUMEROUS COMMENDATIONS FROM THE UNITED STATES  
14 SENATE, THE HOUSE, THE STATE LEGISLATURE, THE CITY COUNCILS  
15 AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ALONG WITH MANY OTHERS. SO, BOB,  
16 ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, WE'D LIKE TO RECOGNIZE  
17 YOU AS THE 2003 FERNANDO AWARD RECIPIENT AND WISH YOU  
18 CONTINUED SUCCESS AS YOU SERVE OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH YOUR  
19 DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVICE. [APPLAUSE]

20

21 **BOB SCOTT:** JUST VERY QUICKLY HERE, I THINK THE THANKS GOES TO  
22 THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND, EVEN THOUGH MIKE IS HANDING  
23 THIS TO ME, ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, WHO SAT OVER THERE, HAS DONE SOME  
24 WONDERFUL THINGS FOR THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. MOST  
25 IMPORTANTLY, I THINK, IN RECENT YEARS WAS THE GREAT WORK DONE



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1 DURING THE L.A.F.C.O. PROCESS WHILE WE WERE TRYING TO SORT OUT  
2 FACT FROM FICTION. AND ALSO, MOST RECENTLY, I'M SURE YOU ALL  
3 REMEMBER, YOU ADOPTED SOMETHING CALLED THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY  
4 STATISTICAL DISTRICT. SO, ONCE AND FOR ALL, WE GET TO FIND OUT  
5 ACTUALLY WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE'RE DOING, AND I THINK THAT  
6 HELPS US IN OUR CIVIC WORK, AND I REALLY DO APPRECIATE THE  
7 GREAT PARTNERSHIP THAT WE HAVE WITH THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND NOW WE WOULD LIKE TO BRING OUT A LITTLE  
10 SHEPHERD MIX. HIS NAME IS MIDNIGHT. HE'S EIGHT WEEKS OLD AND  
11 HE'S LOOKING FOR A HOME. THIS IS LITTLE MIDNIGHT WHO IS  
12 LOOKING FOR A HOME, AND ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE WHO WOULD LIKE  
13 TO ADOPT HIM, WOULD LIKE TO JOIN YOUR HOME. WE KNOW THAT THOSE  
14 WHO ARE WATCHING AT HOME, YOU CAN CALL THE TELEPHONE NUMBER AT  
15 THE BOTTOM OF YOUR TELEVISION SCREEN, AND THAT'S AREA CODE  
16 (562) 728-4644 FOR LITTLE MIDNIGHT OR THOSE IN THE AUDIENCE  
17 WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT HIM. AGAIN, THEY ALWAYS HAVE A LOT OF  
18 BROTHERS AND SISTERS AND COUSINS AND A FEW AUNTS AND UNCLES  
19 THAT ARE AVAILABLE, TOO.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SEE IF YOU CAN GET MY WIFE TO CALL THAT  
22 NUMBER. THAT'S THE ONLY WAY I EVER GET A DOG IS SHE SIGNS OFF  
23 ON IT. [LIGHT LAUGHTER]

24

25 **SUP. BURKE:** DOES GLORIA HAVE ANYTHING?



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** GLORIA, DO YOU HAVE ANY SCROLLS? NO?  
3 SUPERVISOR BURKE?

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5 **SUP. BURKE:** LAST WEEK, WE NOT ONLY ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF THE  
6 PASSING-- THE UNTIMELY PASSING OF GREGORY GABRIEL, THE 12-  
7 YEAR-OLD WHO WAS KILLED LAST WEEK, BUT WE ALSO OFFERED A  
8 REWARD FOR ANYONE WHO HAS ANY INFORMATION TO COME FORWARD  
9 ABOUT THE PEOPLE WHO WERE THE KILLERS OF THIS CHILD, WHO SHOT  
10 THIS CHILD, AND ANY INFORMATION THAT LEADS TO THE ARREST AND  
11 CONVICTION OF THAT PERSON. BUT TODAY, I'M GOING TO ASK ETHEL  
12 DRIER TO COME FORWARD. SHE IS HIS COUSIN. SHE'S HERE TODAY.  
13 THE SERVICE WAS LAST WEEK. WE HAD ADJOURNED IN HIS MEMORY AND  
14 I'D LIKE TO JUST GIVE ANOTHER ADJOURNING MOTION TO HER FOR THE  
15 FAMILY DO SAY THAT I KNOW MANY THAT PEOPLE MARCHED YESTERDAY  
16 IN HIS MEMORY AND WE WANT TO PROVIDE THIS MEMORIAL TO THE  
17 FAMILY.

18

19 **ETHEL DRIER:** GOOD MORNING. I JUST WANT TO SAY THANKS TO  
20 SUPERVISOR BURKE AND TO THE WHOLE ENTIRE SUPERVISOR BOARD.  
21 THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT. AND WE WENT TO PUT HIM  
22 TO REST TODAY IN BELIZE. OKAY. YES. AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH  
23 FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

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1 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, NOT ONLY DO YOU HAVE OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY,  
2 BUT ALSO WE HAVE-- YOU HAVE OUR HOPE THAT THIS WILL NOT HAPPEN  
3 AGAIN TO ANOTHER CHILD, THAT WE JUST CANNOT HAVE THIS TO  
4 HAPPEN AGAIN. THIS HAS BEEN A VERY DIFFICULT WEEK IN THE  
5 SECOND DISTRICT. ALSO, I WANT TO GIVE TO HER, THIS IS A TAPE  
6 OF THE ADJOURNMENT AND THE REWARD. YOU CAN GIVE THIS TO HER AS  
7 WELL. ALL RIGHT. I'D LIKE TO NOW CALL UP DR. JAMES HAUGHTON.  
8 AS PUBLIC HEALTH MEDICAL DIRECTOR FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS  
9 ANGELES, DR. JAMES HAUGHTON HAS BEEN A VALUED MEMBER OF THE  
10 SENIOR EXECUTIVE TEAM OF THE LARGEST PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY IN  
11 THE UNITED STATES. FOR MORE THAN 16 YEARS, HE HAS WORKED  
12 TIRELESSLY TO PROTECT AND IMPROVE THE HEALTH OF THE RESIDENTS  
13 OF THE COUNTY. HE HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THE PREPARATION AND  
14 TRAINING OF PHYSICIANS THROUGH HIS DEVELOPMENT OF THE  
15 INNOVATIVE PUBLIC HEALTH ROTATION FOR MEDICAL STUDENTS AND  
16 PRIMARY CARE HOSPITAL RESIDENTS. HE HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR  
17 PUBLIC HEALTH CLINIC SERVICES, INCLUDING 11 PUBLIC HEALTH  
18 CENTERS, PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING, PUBLIC HEALTH INVESTIGATION,  
19 DENTAL SERVICES, HEALTH EDUCATION, PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY,  
20 AND PROGRAMS FOR THE PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF TUBERCULOSIS  
21 AND OF SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED AND OTHER COMMUNICABLE DISEASES.  
22 HE HAS PROVIDED CLINICAL SUPERVISION AND LEADERSHIP IN THE  
23 DELIVERY OF MEDICAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES. HE HAS  
24 FOSTERED THE INTEGRATION OF PUBLIC AND PERSONAL HEALTH  
25 SERVICES AND BEEN A LEADING PROMOTER OF THE PROVISION OF



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1 MEDICAL SERVICES AND PROGRAMS TO THE INDIGENT. I KNOW THAT HE  
2 HAS SPENT A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF TIME, NOT ONLY WITH THE  
3 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, BUT WITH MARTIN LUTHER KING HOSPITAL,  
4 HARBOR HOSPITAL, AND OTHER HOSPITALS THAT HE HAS SERVED. SO,  
5 AS YOU CAN IMAGINE, IT'S WITH SOME SADNESS THAT WE BID  
6 FAREWELL FROM THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AS HE RETIRES FROM HIS  
7 SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. YOU WILL  
8 BE SORELY MISSED BUT WE EXTEND TO YOU OUR BEST WISHES FOR A  
9 HEALTHY RETIREMENT. [APPLAUSE]

10

11 **DR. GARTHWAITE:** I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU AND WISH THE VERY  
12 BEST TO JIM HAUGHTON. AS MEDICAL DIRECTOR, HE BROUGHT-- IN  
13 PUBLIC HEALTH, HE BROUGHT A WEALTH OF EXPERIENCE FROM AROUND  
14 THE COUNTRY, FROM NEW YORK TO CHICAGO TO HOUSTON AND BROUGHT  
15 THAT TO LOS ANGELES AND SERVED WITH DISTINCTION IN MANY ROLES.  
16 ONE OF HIS KEY PIECES IS WITH ACUTE COMMUNICABLE DISEASES,  
17 WHERE HE HAS HAD TO DEAL WITH SUCH DIVERSE ISSUES AS S.A.R.S.,  
18 WEST NILE VIRUS, AND THE ANTHRAX SCARES OVER THE LAST SEVERAL  
19 YEARS. SO HE'S ALWAYS IN THE LIMELIGHT WITH VERY CHALLENGING  
20 AND VERY IMPORTANT PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUES, AND WE'RE GOING TO  
21 MISS HIM BUT HE DELAYED HIS RETIREMENT TO SERVICE WHILE WE PUT  
22 SOME THINGS INTO PLACE AND WE REALLY APPRECIATED THAT AS WELL.  
23 SO, JIM, GREAT LUCK AND THANKS FOR EVERYTHING. [APPLAUSE]

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1 **DR. JAMES HAUGHTON:** THANK YOU TO THE BOARD AND TO DR.  
2 GARTHWAITE. PERHAPS APPROPRIATE THAT I SHOULD END MY CAREER  
3 HERE IN LOS ANGELES WHERE I BEGAN ALMOST 60 YEARS AGO. IT'S  
4 BEEN A PLEASURE TO SERVE THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES THE LAST 17  
5 YEARS. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE].

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN? MR. CHAIRMAN? DOCTOR?

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YES?

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I JUST WANT TO SAY A WORD. THERE ARE FEW  
12 PEOPLE YOU MEET ALONG THE WAY THAT KIND OF LEAVE A LASTING  
13 IMPRESSION AND YOU'RE ONE OF THEM. YOU LEFT A LASTING  
14 IMPRESSION WITH ME. I'VE APPRECIATED THE EDUCATION YOU'VE  
15 GIVEN ME AND MY STAFF, BUT ESPECIALLY ME, AND THE CANDOR WITH  
16 WHICH YOU PRESENTED YOUR OPINIONS AND YOUR FINDINGS ON ITEMS  
17 THAT WERE SENSITIVE, TO SAY THE LEAST, AND IMPORTANT FOR THE  
18 HEALTH OF OUR COMMUNITY, BUT YOU NEVER PULLED ANY PUNCHES, AND  
19 I ALWAYS ENJOYED THE OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR WHAT YOU HAD TO SAY.  
20 SO, DR. HAUGHTON, I PERSONALLY WILL MISS YOU AND SO WILL ALL  
21 OF US, I'M SURE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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23 **DR. JAMES HAUGHTON:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

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1 **SUP. BURKE:** I KNOW THAT EVERYONE REMEMBERS, PARTICULARLY IN  
2 THE LAST FEW DAYS WHEN WE'VE HAD RAIN, BUT WE HAVEN'T SEEN THE  
3 KIND OF RAIN WE SAW ON NOVEMBER 12, 2003. YOU MAY REMEMBER  
4 SOMETHING LIKE FIVE INCHES OF RAIN FELL IN A VERY SMALL AREA.  
5 AS A RESULT, WE HAD A FREAK RAIN/SNOW/HAIL. I HAVE THE  
6 PICTURES WHERE HAIL WAS STILL THERE SOME TWO OR THREE DAYS  
7 LATER. WELL, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WAS NECESSARY BECAUSE, OF  
8 COURSE, THERE WAS LOSS OF ELECTRICITY, THERE WERE PEOPLE WHOSE  
9 HOMES WERE DAMAGED, BUT TWO DAYS LATER, THE EMERGENCY ONE-STOP  
10 CENTER WAS OPENED AT THE D.P.S.S. BUILDING AT IMPERIAL HIGHWAY  
11 AND NORMANDIE AVENUE. WE ALSO HAD AN EMERGENCY FOOD BANK AT MY  
12 FLORENCE FIRESTONE SERVICE CENTER THAT WAS STAFFED BY PEOPLE  
13 FROM THE COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES DEPARTMENT. AND FIRST,  
14 I'D LIKE TO ASK BRYCE YOKOMIZO, THE DIRECTOR, TO COME FORWARD  
15 AND TO SAY TO HIM HOW MUCH WE APPRECIATED THE FACT THAT HE GOT  
16 THIS STARTED SO FAST. AND I WAS AMAZED THAT, WITHIN TWO DAYS,  
17 HE HEADED UP SOME 7,000 PEOPLE WERE STANDING OUT THERE WHEN I  
18 ARRIVED, ALL IN LINE IN THE WHOLE PARKING LOT, AND IF YOU SEE  
19 THAT PARKING LOT, IT'S A HUGE PARKING LOT, WAS FULL OF PEOPLE  
20 WHO WERE WAITING. SOME, I'M SURE, WERE VICTIMS OF DAMAGE, SOME  
21 JUST HEARD ABOUT IT. BUT WE HAD THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE THAT WERE  
22 SERVICED THAT DAY AND, ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES,  
23 WE WANT TO COMMEND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES FOR  
24 GETTING IT STARTED AND TO HIM FOR HIS LEADERSHIP. [APPLAUSE].  
25 [NULL]



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2 **SUP. BURKE:** AND THERE WERE OTHER PEOPLE WHO WERE IN CHARGE OF  
3 THAT AREA THAT WE WANT TO COME FORWARD AND I'D LIKE TO ASK ALL  
4 THE D.P.S.S. WORKERS WHO WERE WORKING THERE TO PLEASE STEP  
5 FORWARD. AND WE'RE GOING TO BE PRESENTING TO THEM INDIVIDUAL  
6 SCROLLS LATER BUT I WANT TO JUST SAY HOW IMPORTANT IT WAS, THE  
7 KIND OF WORK THAT YOU DID, AND IT WAS NOT EASY. I WISH I COULD  
8 SAY THAT THE PEOPLE WHO CAME WERE NICE AND CORDIAL AND  
9 APPRECIATIVE. THEY WERE NOT. THEY WERE OFTEN DEMANDING,  
10 DIFFICULT, AND WE EVEN HAD SOME POLITICAL PEOPLE WHO CAME BY  
11 WHO-- TO MAKE DEMANDS. BUT THE IMPORTANT THING IS THAT WE WERE  
12 ABLE TO SERVICE ALL OF THOSE PEOPLE AND YOU DID IT AND IT WAS  
13 A TREMENDOUS JOB. YOU WERE ABLE TO GET THE PEOPLE COMING  
14 THROUGH THERE TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SERVICES TO  
15 THOSE WHO WERE FOOD STAMP RECIPIENTS, D.P.S.S. CLIENTS, AND  
16 THEN TO MOVE ON AND PROVIDE FOR OTHER PEOPLE AS WELL BECAUSE  
17 WE KNOW THAT THOSE PEOPLE WHO WERE RECIPIENTS, IF THEY LOST  
18 THEIR FOOD, THEY HAD NO WAY TO GET ANY MORE FOOD. IF THEY LOST  
19 THEIR HOUSE, THEY HAD NO WAY TO GET MORE CLOTHING AND THEY  
20 WERE JOINED BY MANY OTHER DIFFERENT ORGANIZATIONS, THE 9-1-1  
21 PEOPLE WHO WERE THERE, AND WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE THEM. THERE  
22 WERE PEOPLE FROM SENIOR SERVICES THAT WERE THERE. EVERYONE  
23 CAME TOGETHER TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND I WANT TO THANK ALL OF  
24 THE EMPLOYEES WHO DID THAT AND I'D LIKE TO PASS THIS ON TO  
25 YOU. [APPLAUSE]



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2 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** YES, ON BEHALF OF D.P.S.S., I'D JUST LIKE TO  
3 THANK THE BOARD AND SUPERVISOR BURKE FOR THIS RECOGNITION.  
4 THEY WORKED AWFUL HARD, THEY WORKED LONG INTO THE NIGHTS AND  
5 OVER THE WEEKENDS JUST TO GIVE THAT SERVICE. WE WANT TO THANK  
6 THEM. I ALSO WANT TO MENTION THAT D.P.S.S. DID NOT DO THIS  
7 ALONE. IT WAS TRULY A COUNTY TEAM EFFORT. I WANT TO THANK THE  
8 C.A.O. AND HIS OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ALONG WITH  
9 I.S.D., PUBLIC WORKS, HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH, COMMUNITY AND  
10 SENIOR SERVICES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND THE FOLKS AT THE OFFICE  
11 OF PUBLIC SAFETY ALSO GAVE US A GREAT DEAL OF EFFORT AND  
12 HELPED KEEPING THE PEACE OUT THERE. SO WE JUST REALLY  
13 APPRECIATE THE COUNTY FAMILY JUST COMING TOGETHER TO SERVE THE  
14 PEOPLE WELL. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE:** THANK YOU. WE SHOULD SAY ALSO THE SHERIFF'S  
17 DEPARTMENT WAS THERE AS WELL. WE'RE GOING TO INTRODUCE HIM IN  
18 A SECOND. WE WANT TO THANK THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT THERE THAT  
19 PROVIDED THE SECURITY FOR EVERYONE. SO I WANT TO THANK  
20 D.P.S.S. AND THEN WE'D LIKE TO ASK, AS YOU MOVE FORWARD, TO  
21 CALL THE PEOPLE UP. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE APPRECIATE YOUR  
22 HARD WORK. IT WAS GREAT. IT WAS TOUGH. WE APPRECIATE IT SO  
23 MUCH. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NOW ONE OF THE OTHER... ONE OF THE  
24 THINGS THAT HAPPENED AFTER WE WERE ABLE TO GET THE EMERGENCY  
25 CENTER, WE THEN WERE ABLE TO ORGANIZE A FOOD BANK AND THAT



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1 FOOD BANK, FOR THE MOST PART, WAS THROUGH OUR SENIOR CENTER.  
2 AND I WANT TO THANK ALL OF THE PEOPLE THERE. WE HAD IT AT  
3 FLORENCE FIRESTONE. IT WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL. I THINK, DURING  
4 THAT EVENING, 1,500 PEOPLE CAME IN TO GET FOOD AND WE'RE GOING  
5 TO RECOGNIZE SOME OF THOSE COMPANIES THAT MADE SURE WE GOT THE  
6 FOOD THERE. AND THIS WAS NO SMALL ENDEAVOR. YOU KNOW THAT  
7 THERE WAS LOSS OF ELECTRICITY, THERE WAS WATER EVERYWHERE BUT  
8 SOMEHOW WE WERE ABLE TO ORGANIZE THAT AND WE WANT TO THANK THE  
9 DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES. AND CYNTHIA  
10 BANKS, YOU ARE GOING TO COME FORWARD. WE WANT TO THANK YOU FOR  
11 ALL YOUR HARD WORK AND I SEE WE HAVE THE REPRESENTATIVES TO  
12 COME FORWARD HERE FROM THE OFFICES THAT WORKED SO HARD TO MAKE  
13 SURE THAT THAT FOOD BANK TOOK PLACE AND THAT IT WAS  
14 EFFICIENTLY DONE AND WE APPRECIATE IT VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

15

16 **SUP. BURKE:** THANK YOU. AND WOULD YOU LIKE TO SAY A WORD?

17

18 **CYNTHIA BANKS:** ON BEHALF OF THE STAFF OF C.S.S., I WOULD LIKE  
19 TO THANK THE BOARD AND ESPECIALLY SUPERVISOR BURKE FOR THIS  
20 PRESENTATION TODAY. TRULY, THE WORK THAT WAS DONE ON THOSE TWO  
21 DAYS WAS A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT AND WE THANK EVERYONE THAT WAS  
22 INVOLVED IN IT. BUT I ALSO THINK THAT WE NEED TO COMMEND THE  
23 STAFF THAT STANDS BEHIND ME, BECAUSE THIS OPPORTUNITY GAVE  
24 THEM AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS THEIR PASSION FOR THE COMMUNITY



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1 AND I WANT TO THANK EACH OF THEM FOR THAT. LARRY LITTLETON,  
2 GREG ROBINSON, AND NEWSOM MUHAMMAD. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

5

6 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, 9-1-1 WAS THERE AND, ALSO, WE HAD THE  
7 SALVATION ARMY THERE AND A NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO WERE THERE WHO  
8 WERE PROVIDING EMERGENCY MONEY AND ASSISTANCE AND WE WANT TO  
9 RECOGNIZE THE PEOPLE FROM 9-1-1 WHO WERE ABLE TO PROVIDE NOT  
10 ONLY COUNSELING AND THEY DID COUNSEL MANY, MANY PEOPLE, BUT  
11 THEY HAD INFORMATION OF WHERE TO DIRECT PEOPLE AND WE ALSO  
12 WANT TO THANK L.A.P.D. FOR-- ALSO FOR PROVIDING ASSISTANCE AND  
13 THEN PROVIDED CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR THE CHILDREN WHO HAD LOST  
14 THEIR HOMES, IN MANY INSTANCES, AND CERTAINLY HAD LOST  
15 CLOTHING AND ALL THOSE THINGS WHO CAME ABOUT. BUT I WANT TO  
16 RECOGNIZE, WOULD YOU COME UP? WHO'S GOING TO SPEAK FOR 9-1-1?  
17 OKAY. ALL RIGHT. OFFICER VARGAS IS GOING TO SPEAK.

18

19 **OFFICER VARGAS:** FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD. AND,  
20 REALLY, ANY TIME THERE'S A NEED IN THE COMMUNITY, I DON'T KNOW  
21 IF YOU KNOW THIS, BUT THE POLICE SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES, THE  
22 9-1-1, PATRICE EARL, SUZANNE ROBINSON, AND IDA GRAHAM, THIS IS  
23 JUST A SMALL SAMPLING OF THE PEOPLE WHO WORKED AT 9-1-1 AND  
24 EVERY YEAR WE DO DONATIONS AND, WHEN WE HEARD ABOUT THE  
25 FLOODS, THEY GOT TOGETHER, WE HAVE ABOUT 500 EMPLOYEES, AND



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1 THEY ALL GAVE, WHETHER IT WAS MONEY, CLOTHES, AND A LOT OF  
2 TOYS FOR THE CHILDREN, AND THANK YOU FOR RECOGNIZING THEM.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE:** THANK YOU. AND WE WILL CERTAINLY GET THE  
5 CERTIFICATES, WE HAVE THE CERTIFICATES HERE, WE'LL GET THEM TO  
6 EVERYONE. I HAVE TO SAY ONE THING. BUT WHEN PEOPLE HEARD THERE  
7 WAS MONEY BEING GIVEN OUT, THAT WAS PART OF THE FLOOD OF  
8 PEOPLE THAT CAME. BUT THEY HANDLED EVERYTHING BEAUTIFULLY.  
9 CONGRATULATIONS. THANK YOU. NOW WE'D LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THOSE  
10 MARKETS THAT CAME FORWARD TO GIVE US FOOD. AND THIS IS STAR  
11 MADE 2, FOOD FOR EMERGENCY, FOOD THAT-- WE HAD A FOOD BANK  
12 THAT WAS VERY, VERY EFFECTIVE AND IT WAS VERY DIFFICULT TO  
13 ORGANIZE SOMETHING LIKE THAT SO FAST BUT IT WAS POSSIBLE  
14 BECAUSE WE HAD THESE MARKETS, THESE PEOPLE INDIVIDUALLY WHO  
15 CAME FORWARD TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE. FIRST, LET ME RECOGNIZE  
16 RALPH'S FOODS. WE HAVE JAN GOLIER, WHO IS HERE ACCEPTING FOR  
17 RALPH'S FOODS. GIGANTE SUPERMARKET. GIGANTE HAS A HUGE  
18 FACILITY IN THE DISTRICT AND WE'RE VERY PLEASED WITH THEIR  
19 HELP. AND WE HAVE JOHN CLERIC, WHO IS ACCEPTING FOR GIGANTE.  
20 DR. KEY WAN HAW. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ALWAYS HELPS WHEN WE  
21 HAVE THOSE KIND OF EMERGENCIES. SCOTT DONALDSON, STORE  
22 MANAGER, SUPERIOR SUPER WAREHOUSE, FLORENCE FIRESTONE. MUNI  
23 SONG AND THIS IS PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. SUPERIOR SUPER  
24 WAREHOUSE. OKAY. FRANCIS S. HERB WILL ACCEPT, A REPRESENTATIVE  
25 OF FRANCIS. OKAY. A REPRESENTATIVE. JEN SU KIM, HA NAM CHIANG



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1 SUPERMARKET. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU. PERHAPS YOU'D  
2 LIKE TO COME FORWARD AND MAKE A STATEMENT FOR EVERYBODY HERE.  
3 OKAY. RALPH'S WILL MAKE A STATEMENT.

4

5 **JAN GOLIER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BURKE. I'D LIKE TO THANK ALL  
6 OF THE COUNTY SUPERVISORS, L.A. COUNTY SUPERVISORS. AT RALPH'S  
7 FOOD FOR LESS, WE BELIEVE IN GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY AND  
8 I THINK I CAN SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE OTHER GROCERY CHAINS WHEN  
9 I SAY THAT WE WERE-- WE COULD THINK OF NO BETTER WAY THAN TO  
10 GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY OF SOUTH L.A. IN A DISASTER  
11 SITUATION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THIS PRESTIGIOUS HONOR.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

14

15 **SUP. BURKE:** WE'RE GOING TO GET ALL OF THESE MARKETS TOGETHER.  
16 THANK YOU SO MUCH. WE CALL ON THEM ALL THE TIME. THANK YOU  
17 VERY MUCH. THANK YOU. THAT CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATIONS. THERE  
18 WERE SO MANY PEOPLE INVOLVED IN THIS, THEY'LL GET THE  
19 CERTIFICATES TO THOSE PEOPLE WHO COULDN'T MAKE IT TODAY. ALL  
20 RIGHT. THAT CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATIONS.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE WILL PROCEED, THEN. FIRST OF ALL,  
25 WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A PUBLIC AUCTION OF COUNTY- OWNED SURPLUS



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1 PROPERTY AND WE'RE GOING TO CALL ON THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO  
2 READ THE PROPERTY DESCRIPTION.

3

4 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. AND, BEFORE I DO  
5 THAT, COULD I ASK ALL THOSE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY ON ANY ITEMS  
6 BETWEEN 1 AND 6 TO PLEASE STAND AND RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND TO  
7 BE SWORN IN. [ADMINISTERING OATH]

8

9 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THANK YOU. PLEASE BE SEATED. SO WE HAVE  
10 ITEM NUMBER 1. "THE SALE OF THE COUNTY'S RIGHT, TITLE, AND  
11 INTEREST IN AND TO THE REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2300 SAN MARCO  
12 DRIVE IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. THE PROPERTY CONSISTS OF  
13 APPROXIMATELY 1,297 SQUARE FEET OF LAND ZONED R-1, CITY OF LOS  
14 ANGELES, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, AND IS IMPROVED WITH A  
15 688-SQUARE-FOOT SINGLE-STORY BUILDING. INCLUDED WITHIN THE  
16 688-SQUARE-FOOT FIGURE IS AN ATTACHED GARAGE. THE PROPERTY AND  
17 IMPROVEMENTS THEREON ARE BEING SOLD IN AS-IS CONDITION WITHOUT  
18 ANY WARRANTY OR REPRESENTATION BY THE COUNTY. THE PROPERTY IS  
19 BEING SOLD FOR CASH WITH THE MINIMUM BID ACCEPTABLE OF  
20 \$225,000. NO SEALED BIDS WERE SUBMITTED. THE OPENING BID IS,  
21 THEREFORE, SET AT \$225,000. THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER MUST SIGN A  
22 PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT AND DEPOSIT THE FIRST \$25,000 IN  
23 CASH OR CASHIERS CHECK WITH THE COUNTY AT THE COMPLETION OF  
24 THE BIDDING. THE BALANCE WILL BE DUE AND PAYABLE WITHIN 90  
25 DAYS FROM TODAY. ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS, AS SET FORTH IN THE



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1 NOTICE OF INTENTION TO SELL, MUST BE MET BEFORE COMPLETION OF  
2 THE TRANSFER OF COUNTY'S TITLE AND POSSESSION TO THE  
3 PROPERTY."

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ANYONE HAVING A NUMBERED CARD,  
6 IF YOU WOULD PLEASE COME FORWARD TO THE CENTER RAIL, PLEASE.  
7 ANYONE HAVING A NUMBERED CARD. YOU DON'T HAVE A NUMBERED CARD.  
8 PLEASE SIT DOWN. YOU'RE OUT OF ORDER. SIT DOWN, PLEASE. YOU'LL  
9 GET YOUR CHANCE TO SPEAK. YOU'RE OUT OF ORDER.

10

11 **MERRITT HOLLOWAY:** I'M SUPPOSED TO SPEAK BEFORE YOU HAVE THE  
12 AUCTION. I WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE SOME COMMENTS BEFORE YOU HAVE  
13 THE AUCTION.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PLEASE.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I WOULD ASK THAT THE GENTLEMAN  
18 BE ESCORTED FROM ROOM. HE'S PREVENTING US FROM CONDUCTING OUR  
19 BUSINESS.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE HAVE ONE BIDDER. AND, NUMBER ONE,  
22 DO WE HAVE A SECOND BIDDER? DO YOU HAVE A NUMBERED CARD? OKAY.  
23 WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO HAVE THEM FILL OUT THEIR INFORMATION  
24 THERE. THEY GET A NUMBERED CARD. HOW MANY TOTAL BIDDERS DO WE



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1 HAVE, THEN? THREE? IS THERE ANOTHER GENTLEMAN THERE? MR. HOLT,  
2 WE'LL BE RIGHT WITH YOU HERE IN JUST A SECOND.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YES? [INDISTINCT VOICES]

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. DO WE HAVE A THIRD BIDDER?

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DO YOU WANT TO TAKE UP THE NEXT ITEM,  
11 PERHAPS? ITEM 2?

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE CAN-- ON ITEM NUMBER 2, WE CAN  
14 CALL HIM FORWARD FOR A BRIEF STAFF STATEMENT.

15

16 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** WE HAVE A HEARING ON ANNEXATION OF  
17 TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP 26215 TO COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE  
18 DISTRICT 1687 AND COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT LLA-1,  
19 UNINCORPORATED ZONE, AND TO LEVY AND COLLECT ANNUAL  
20 ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE ANNEXED TERRITORY FOR STREET LIGHTING  
21 PURPOSES. WE HAVE NO WRITTEN PROTESTS.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

24



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1 **BALMAN HAJIALIAKBAR:** MY NAME IS BALMAN HAJIALIAKBAR, AND I'M A  
2 PRINCIPAL CIVIL ENGINEER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.  
3 I'M FAMILIAR WITH THIS PROCEEDING FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PARCEL  
4 MAP 26215 TO LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1687 AND COUNTY  
5 LIGHTING DISTRICT DISTRICT LLA-1 UNINCORPORATED ZONE AND FOR  
6 THE LEVYING AND COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THAT PARCEL  
7 MAP AREA. THE PARCEL MAP DOES NOT LIE WITHIN THE BOUNDARY OF  
8 ANY CITY. IN MY OPINION, THE INVOLVED PARCEL MAP WILL BE  
9 BENEFITED BY THE ANNEXATION AND SERVICE TO BE PROVIDED AND THE  
10 PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS HAVE BEEN SPREAD IN PROPORTION TO  
11 BENEFIT. IN THE EVENT THAT THERE ARE NO MAJORITY PROTESTS IN  
12 FOR THAT PARCEL, WE ARE RECOMMENDING THAT YOUR BOARD ADOPT THE  
13 RECOMMENDATION TO ANNEX AND LEVY THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE'LL OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING.  
16 ANYONE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK? OKAY. IF NOT, WE'LL CLOSE THE  
17 PUBLIC HEARING. THE ITEM-- YES?

18

19 **RICHARD WEISS, COUNSEL:** MR. CHAIRMAN, AS SOON AS THE BALLOT--  
20 THERE'S ONLY ONE BALLOT. AS SOON AS IT'S OPENED AND COUNTED,  
21 WE CAN HAVE THE MATTER APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. YOU GOT THE BALLOT?

24



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1 **SPEAKER:** THEY'RE SUGGESTING THAT WE TABLE THAT AND THAT WE'LL  
2 REPORT LATER IN THE MEETING.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THIS IS-- WE'RE REALLY GETTING OFF TO  
5 A GOOD START HERE THIS MORNING. THIS IS-- ANYTHING ELSE WE  
6 NEED TO DO? NEED TO TABLE ANYTHING ELSE? YOU KNOW?

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S LEADERSHIP.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, DO YOU  
11 HAVE ANY ADJOURNMENTS, PLEASE? DO YOU HAVE ANY ADJOURNMENTS?

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I MAY, BUT I WASN'T READY FOR THEM YET. CAN  
14 YOU GO TO DOOR NUMBER 3?

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE'LL WAIT. ARE ALL THE BIDDERS  
17 IN LINE HERE NOW? DO WE HAVE ALL THE BIDDERS SIGNED UP?

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HAVE ONE ADJOURNING MOTION, MR. CHAIRMAN.  
20 I WOULD ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF AL JEFFRIES, WHO  
21 IS THE EXECUTIVE-- WAS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL  
22 COUNCIL OF ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG DEPENDENCE IN THE SAN FERNANDO  
23 VALLEY, WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 65. ALSO ASK  
24 THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF CEVIL PORIC, SENIOR DIRECTOR  
25 OF WEST VALLEY JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER AND SHE IS SURVIVED BY



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1 HER HUSBAND, THEODORE, TWO DAUGHTERS, TWO SONS, AND NINE  
2 GRANDCHILDREN.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED. OKAY. ARE ALL THE BIDDERS  
5 SIGNED UP NOW? IF ALL THE BIDDERS WOULD COME TO THE CENTER.  
6 OKAY. WE HAVE TWO BIDDERS. IS THAT CORRECT? OKAY. I'M GOING TO  
7 REITERATE THAT THE ORAL BIDS ARE TO BEGIN. WE HAVE NO WRITTEN  
8 BIDS, SO THE ORAL BIDS SHOULD START AT \$225,000. AND WOULD  
9 SOMEONE CALL THAT NUMBER OUT, PLEASE, TO START THE BIDDING.  
10 225,000? OKAY. INCREMENTS OF 5,000? DO I HEAR 230? 235? 240?  
11 245? 250? 255? 250,000 ONCE, 250,000 TWICE, SOLD. \$250,000 TO  
12 BIDDER NUMBER TWO. WELL, THAT'S EASIER THAN A CHARITY AUCTION.  
13 OKAY. HAVE THE BALLOTS BEEN COUNTED ON ITEM NUMBER 2? DID WE  
14 EVER COUNT THE BALLOT, THE ONE BALLOT? DID WE COUNT THE ONE  
15 BALLOT? COMPUTERS ARE DOWN. THAT'S RIGHT. S-DRIVE. I LEARNED  
16 ABOUT S-DRIVE THIS MORNING. ALL RIGHT. AFTER TABULATING THE  
17 BALLOTS, A DETERMINATION HAS BEEN MADE THAT NO MAJORITY  
18 PROTEST EXISTS AGAINST THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS FOR PARCEL MAP  
19 26125. OH, THAT WAS VIOLET. YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO READ THAT BUT  
20 I JUST DID IT FOR YOU. AS A RESULT, IS THERE A MOTION TO ADOPT  
21 THE RESOLUTION TO ANNEX AND LEVY ASSESSMENTS AND ACCEPT  
22 EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES RESULTING FROM THE  
23 ANNEXATION OF TERRITORIES. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY,  
24 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.  
25 ALL RIGHT. OKAY. THE CHAIR WOULD MOVE ON ITEM NUMBER 1 TO



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1 AWARD THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER, MR. BEN FERROT, \$250,000,  
2 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.  
3 NEXT, I WOULD ASK THAT WE'LL CALL FORWARD MR. HOLLOWAY. HE HAS  
4 HELD ITEMS S-1, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15,  
5 17, 18, 19, 20A, 20B, 20C, CS-1 THROUGH 6. IS HE IN THE  
6 AUDIENCE?

7

8 **MERRITT HOLLOWAY:** DO NOT START MY TIME UNTIL I SAY MY NAME.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I WILL TAKE CONTROL OF THE MEETING, NOT  
11 YOU, OKAY?

12

13 **MERRITT HOLLOWAY:** DO NOT-- OKAY, YOU ARE SPEAKING ON MY TIME.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME HASN'T STARTED.

16

17 **MERRITT HOLLOWAY:** I HAVE THREE MINUTES. YOU ARE SPEAKING ON MY  
18 TIME. YOU GUYS ARE IN VIOLATION...

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PLEASE SIT DOWN.

21

22 **MERRITT HOLLOWAY:** I CAN STAND AND SPEAK.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PLEASE SIT DOWN.

25



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1 **MERRITT HOLLOWAY:** WOULD YOU TELL HIM TO... LOOK, YOU ARE IN  
2 VIOLATION OF-- THE PUBLIC HAS A RIGHT TO SPEAK BEFORE YOU  
3 FINALIZE ANYTHING, INCLUDING THAT AUCTION. OKAY? NOT ONLY  
4 THAT, THE PUBLIC DEMANDS THAT THE AUCTION SHOULD-- THAT IT  
5 SHOULD HAVE BEEN MORE MONEY AND THEN ALSO, TOO, THAT WE SHOULD  
6 HAVE HAD CUT-- TAX CUTS, THE MONEY SHOULD HAVE BEEN-- WHERE'S  
7 THE MONEY GOING? WE WANT THE MONEY TO GO BACK TO THE PEOPLE  
8 WITH A TAX CUT. YOU GUYS ARE IN VIOLATION OF THE BROWN ACT!!  
9 OKAY, LOOK. Y'ALL KNOW THAT EVERY-- OKAY. I WANT IN RESPONSE  
10 IN 10 DAYS, EVERYTHING THAT I'M OBJECTING TO! I WANT IT IN  
11 WRITING IN RESPONSE TO EVERYTHING THAT I'M OBJECTING TO, WHICH  
12 IS EVERYTHING EVERY WEEK! YOU GUYS ARE JUST INCOMPETENT! WE  
13 WANT INDEPENDENT-- OKAY. CONFLICT OF INTEREST FOR  
14 INVESTIGATING YOURSELF. AUDIT OF D.C.F.S., C.P.S., B.O.S. AND  
15 THE BOARD, ALL STAFF AND SUPERVISORS, PERSONNEL RESPONSIBLE  
16 SHOULD BE FIRED, INCLUDING THE ONES FOR REMOVAL OF CHILDREN  
17 AND INCLUDING MY CHILD. NOW, S-1, IN REGARD TO THE DIRECTOR'S  
18 REPORT, D.C.F.S.-- OH, YOU GUYS, LOOK. I CAN'T EVEN SPEAK. I  
19 CAN'T EVEN SPEAK. YOU KNOW WHAT? LIKE, I'M, I'M, I'M SO UPSET  
20 WITH YOU GUYS. YOU GUYS ARE JUST-- YOU VIOLATE THE PUBLIC  
21 EVERY WEEK. YOU KNOW, YOU DON'T-- YOU-- IT'S CRIMINAL. IT'S  
22 CRIMINAL. YOU GUYS ARE GOING TO BE PROSECUTED. LIKE, YOU SEE,  
23 YOU SEE, YOU SEE THAT, YOU SEE THAT JUDGE THAT HAD HIS  
24 HANDCUFFS ON, THEY HAD THE HANDCUFFS ON OR WHOEVER THAT WAS?



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1 Y'ALL GONNA BE IN HANDCUFFS HERE PRETTY SOON. (SINGLE  
2 APPLAUSE)

3

4 **MERRITT HOLLOWAY:** YOU KNOW, I JUST-- THERE YOU GO. THE PUBLIC  
5 IS DEMANDING A HIGHER-- LOOK. LOOK. YOU KNOW WHAT? YOU GUYS  
6 ARE GOING TO ANSWER TO THIS. THAT'S ALL I CAN TELL YOU. YOU'RE  
7 GOING TO ANSWER TO THIS. I DON'T, I, LIKE-- LOOK. OKAY, WE  
8 DON'T NEED DRUGS TO NUMB MY MIND. THIS IS NUMBER 13. THE  
9 D.C.F.S., PROBATION, THE MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT, HOW THEY--  
10 [SIGHS] I CAN'T EVEN, I CAN'T EVEN, YOU KNOW... [NO AUDIO]

11

12 **MERRITT HOLLOWAY:** ...IN VIOLATION. THE PUBLIC HAS A RIGHT TO  
13 SPEAK TO STUFF BEFORE YOU FINALIZE IT!!! WE HAVE A RIGHT TO  
14 THAT!!! NOW, YOU GUYS DO EVERYTHING THAT YOU COULD DO AND  
15 YOU... YOU GUYS ARE IN TROUBLE. YOU'RE IN TROUBLE!!! YOU STOLE  
16 MY SON!!!! YOU KNOW WHAT? YOU KNOW WHAT? THERE'S FRAUD. PUT  
17 MARA KIM IN PRISON! GO GET HER AND PUT HER IN PRISON!! YOU GOT  
18 MY CLAIM NUMBER!! YOU GOT MY CLAIM!!! PUT HER IN PRISON!!!!  
19 SHE'S NOT THE MOTHER OF MY SON AND NEITHER IS THAT OTHER  
20 WOMAN!!!! YOU GO GET 'EM AND YOU PUT 'EM IN PRISON. AND THEN  
21 YOU PUT YOURSELVES IN PRISON. YOU GUYS ARE CRIMINALS. WHAT'S  
22 UP WITH MY CASE, MOLINA? YOU GUYS. ARE GOING TO-- YOU GUYS ARE  
23 GONNA GO TO JAIL. YOU GUTS ARE GONNA GO TO JAIL. WE'RE NOT  
24 GONNA STAND FOR THIS.

25



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** TIME IS UP. THANK YOU.

2

3 **MERRITT HOLLOWAY:** WE ARE NOT GONNA STAND FOR THIS. I'M GETTING  
4 GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER DOWN HERE!!

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. BEFORE US, WE HAVE ITEM 7. MOVED BY  
7 YAROSLAVSKY. ITEM 7, 8, 10, 14, 18, 19, 20-A, 12-- DID I MISS--  
8 - OKAY. NO. OKAY. AND 12. MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY  
9 SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. SURE GLAD  
10 THAT COUNTY COUNSEL RULED THAT THAT'S NOT DISRUPTIVE. BOY,  
11 THAT'S [LAUGHS] OKAY. WE WILL GO BACK TO THE PUBLIC HEARINGS.  
12 (INDISTINCT).

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PARDON ME? ITEM NUMBER THREE.

15

16 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** HEARING ON ANNEXATION OF 17 PARCELS TO  
17 THE CONSOLIDATED SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT, ANNEXATION  
18 NUMBERS 23-02 AND 39-02 WITHIN UNINCORPORATED TERRITORIES AND  
19 THE CITIES OF PALMDALE AND SANTA CLARITA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005-  
20 2006. AND WE HAVE NO WRITTEN PROTESTS, MR. CHAIRMAN.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE HAVE BEFORE US THE STAFF, PLEASE.  
23 I BELIEVE ITEM NUMBER 3 REQUIRES A STATEMENT.

24



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1 **NICHOLAS AGBOBU:** MY NAME IS NICOLAS AGBOBU. I'M A CIVIL SENIOR  
2 ENGINEER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I AM FAMILIAR  
3 WITH THESE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ANNEXATION AND LEVY OF SEWER  
4 SERVICE CHARGE FOR THE 17 PARCELS DESCRIBED IN THE BOARD  
5 LETTER TO THE CONSOLIDATED SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT. SOME OF  
6 THE PARCELS TO BE ANNEXED LIE WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF CITY OF  
7 SANTA CLARITA AND CITY OF PALMDALE AND THE CONSENTS AND  
8 JURISDICTION OF THOSE CITIES HAS BEEN OBTAINED. IN MY OPINION,  
9 ALL 70 PARCELS TO BE-- ALL 17 PARCELS TO BE ANNEXED WITHIN THE  
10 BOUNDARIES, IN MY OPINION, ALL 17 PARCELS TO BE ANNEXED WILL  
11 BE BENEFITED BY THE ANNEXATION AND THE SERVICE TO BE PROVIDED.  
12 IN MY OPINION, THE SEWER SERVICE CHARGES HAVE BEEN FAIRLY  
13 IMPOSED.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS? DO WE NEED TO  
16 COMMENT BEFORE WE CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING?

17

18 **SPEAKER:** NO, MR. CHAIRMAN. THE MATTER IS BEFORE YOU.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THE PUBLIC HEARING IS CLOSED. THE  
21 ITEM IS BEFORE US. DO WE HAVE ANY BALLOTS TO COUNT?

22

23 **SPEAKER:** NO BALLOTS AND THERE IS NOT A MAJORITY PROTEST.

24



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WITH THAT, THEN, THE ITEM IS BEFORE  
2 US, WITH NO MAJORITY PROTEST, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE,  
3 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.  
4 ITEM NUMBER 4.

5

6 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** HEARING ON EXPANSION OF THE AUTOMATED RED  
7 LIGHT PHOTO ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM TO ENABLE THE CALIFORNIA  
8 HIGHWAY PATROL TO DETECT AND CITE MOTORISTS WHO VIOLATE RED  
9 LIGHT INDICATORS IN ORDER TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC SAFETY. WE HAVE  
10 NO WRITTEN PROTESTS, MR. CHAIRMAN.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WE HAVE A SPEAKER, JULIO GIRON.

13

14 **JULIO GIRON:** GOOD MORNING. BUENOS DIAS. SHALOM  
15 \_\_\_\_\_ . I SAY THAT FOR A REASON. MY NAME IS JULIO  
16 GIRON AND YOU KNOW ME WELL. I'M A PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION  
17 CUSTOMER, ALSO RESIDENT OF L.A. COUNTY FOR ABOUT 24 YEARS.  
18 LET'S START WITH THE GOOD NEWS, THEN WE WILL, AFTER, THE BAD  
19 NEWS. MR. ANTONOVICH, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, THANK YOU SO MUCH  
20 FOR ENDORSING ROSARIO MARIN. I'M A VOLUNTEER IN HER CAMPAIGN.  
21 WE THINK THAT WE DON'T SUPPORT THE PERSON JUST BECAUSE SHE'S  
22 HISPANIC, BECAUSE THE AGENDA THAT SHE'S OFFERING, AND I'M  
23 PRETTY SURE THAT EUROPEAN WHITE US CITIZENS DO NOT VOTE JUST  
24 BECAUSE SOMEBODY HAS BEEN A NAME, JONES, SMITH, SO ON AND SO  
25 ON. THANK YOU. RED LIGHT, IT IS A SHAME THAT THE ONE TO



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1 PROVIDE THIS KIND OF MORE POWER TO THE C.H.P., CALIFORNIA  
2 HIGHWAY PATROL, WHEN MANY OF THEM-- THEY ARE A STATE AGENCY,  
3 YOU DON'T CONTROL THEM, BUT YOU CONTROL THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
4 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. AND, WHEN THEY PASS THROUGH BELL  
5 GARDENS, THERE IS A COURTHOUSE ALSO IN SANTA MONICA, YOUR  
6 DISTRICT, COMPTON, SO ON AND SO ON. I'M SAYING, MS. BURKE, YOU  
7 DID, I THINK, COME TO THIS PART OF THIS DISTRICT. I DON'T  
8 KNOW. AND YOU SEE WHEN THEY'RE GOING RUNNING FOR DONUTS AND  
9 TALKING ON THE CELL PHONE AND PASSING BY THE CAMERAS. I MEAN,  
10 WHEN IS THIS GOING TO STOP? PERSONALLY, THAT'S MY PERSONAL  
11 OPINION. I DON'T THINK THAT ANYBODY WHO IS A REGULAR CIVILIAN  
12 SHOULD VIOLATE THAT. CROSSING A RED LIGHT, KILLING SOMEBODY,  
13 BUT ALSO LAW ENFORCEMENT PEOPLE SHOULD NOT BE ABUSIVE ANY  
14 LONGER BECAUSE THEY HAVE SO MUCH POWER FROM THE LABOR UNIONS.  
15 THE WORST THINGS THAT HAVE HAPPENED TO US, THE CUSTOMERS. I'M  
16 TALKING-- I'M AN EMPLOYEE, TOO, AND I KNOW THERE IS  
17 SUPERVISORS, THERE IS MANAGERS WHO ARE REALLY-- I DON'T WANT  
18 TO SAY THAT WORD HERE, BECAUSE I'M IN THE CAMERA AND THAT  
19 CAMERA, AND MAYBE ON THE RADIO BUT, REALLY, YOU NEED  
20 PROTECTION, BUT WHEN THE EMPLOYEES BECOME ABUSIVE OF THE  
21 CUSTOMERS BECAUSE THEY ARE LABELED UNION MEMBERS, LIKE THIS  
22 GENTLEMAN HERE WHO IS A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, THE LAW  
23 ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS OUTSIDE, IT IS WRONG, IT HAS TO STOP, AND  
24 IT WILL STOP. THAT IS THE REASON WHY WE WANT ROSARIO MARIN  
25 OVER THERE. AND, SUPERVISOR MOLINA, YOU KNOW THAT WE SUPPORT



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1 YOU A LOT, BUT I WAS WATCHING THE VIDEOTAPE THE OTHER NIGHT ON  
2 CHANNEL 58, AND YOU WERE ASKING THIS FABULOUS QUESTIONS. YOU  
3 REMEMBER MY AUNT. YOU KNOW SHE WAS A TOUGH WOMAN LIKE YOU. BUT  
4 IT HAS A LIMIT. YOU WERE ASKING WHERE ARNOLD IS TAKING US WITH  
5 57 AND 58. WELL, WE ARE ASKING THE QUESTION TO YOU DEMOCRAT  
6 PEOPLE - WHERE ARE THE LABOR UNION MEMBERS ARE TAKING US, THE  
7 CUSTOMER, WHERE? IT IS A RIPOFF. IT HAS TO STOP. BUT IT HAS  
8 TWO ENDS, THE HIGH EXECUTIVES AND THE LABOR UNION LEADERS.  
9 THAT'S WHY, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, WE WERE NOT THAT HAPPY  
10 WHEN YOU ASKED NELSON, OH, IT WAS ONLY FOR ONE DAY BUT THEY  
11 SCREW US REALLY BAD. THE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION CUSTOMERS AND  
12 THE LABOR UNIONS ARE DOING THAT. CHECK IT OUT, THIS RED LIGHT  
13 THING. MAKE THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS RESPECT THE LAW, TOO,  
14 NOT ONLY WE, THE CIVILIANS.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY. ITEM NUMBER 4 IS BEFORE  
17 US. IT DOESN'T REQUIRE A STATEMENT. PUBLIC HEARING IS CLOSED.  
18 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE.  
19 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ITEM NUMBER 5 IS BEFORE US. NO  
20 REQUIRED STATEMENT. ARE THERE ANY-- IS THERE ANYONE SIGNED UP  
21 TO SPEAK ON ITEM NUMBER 5?

22

23 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND I'LL JUST READ THAT INTO THE RECORD  
24 REAL QUICKLY, MR. CHAIRMAN. HEARING ON THE PURCHASE OF 15  
25 ACRES OF UNIMPROVED REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE



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1 UNINCORPORATED COLD CREEK AREA OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS  
2 FROM THE MOUNTAINS RESTORATION TRUST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$92,000,  
3 PLUS ESCROW COSTS AND RELATED FEES. WE HAVE NO WRITTEN  
4 PROTESTS.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. OPEN THE  
7 PUBLIC HEARING. ANYONE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK? IF NOT, CLOSE THE  
8 PUBLIC HEARING. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, THE CHAIR  
9 WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ITEM NUMBER 6 IS  
10 BEFORE US THAT REQUIRES A STAFF STATEMENT. CALL STAFF UP TO  
11 GIVE US THEIR PRESENTATION, PLEASE.

12

13 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND REAL QUICKLY, MR. CHAIRMAN, INTO THE  
14 RECORD. COMBINED HEARING ON NO CHANGE OF ZONE AND CONDITIONAL  
15 USE PERMIT, CASE NUMBERS 01267-5 AND NEGATIVE DECLARATION  
16 RELATING TO PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5144 WALNUT GROVE AVENUE, SAN  
17 GABRIEL, EAST SAN GABRIEL ZONED DISTRICT, PETITIONED BY  
18 CHRISTOPHER SUTTON FOR TOM SCHIFFILEA.

19

20 **RUSSELL FRICANO:** MR. CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, GOOD  
21 MORNING, I'M RUSSELL FRICANO, THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL  
22 PLANNING. AND, TO MY LEFT, IS KAREN SIMMONS, THE PLANNER ON  
23 THIS CASE. THIS PROJECT NUMBER 01-2675 WAS A ZONE CHANGE AND  
24 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT THAT WAS DENIED BY THE REGIONAL  
25 PLANNING COMMISSION ON AUGUST 20TH OF 2003 AND IT IS UP FOR



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1 APPEAL BEFORE YOUR BOARD. THE MAIN ISSUES ON THIS CASE WERE  
2 GENERAL PLANNED AND LAND USE CONSISTENCY AND POTENTIAL TRAFFIC  
3 ON WALNUT GROVE AVENUE AS EXPRESSED BY THE PUBLIC. AND THAT  
4 CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ARE THERE ANY OTHER STAFF QUESTIONS?  
7 ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS? OKAY. WE WILL OPEN THE PUBLIC  
8 HEARING. WE HAVE THE APPLICANT HERE IF THERE ARE ANY  
9 QUESTIONS, MR. SCHIFFLEA AND MR. SUTTON. COME FORWARD IF  
10 YOU'D LIKE, PLEASE. YOU'RE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK.

11

12 **CHRISTOPHER SUTTON:** I'M CHRISTOPHER SUTTON. MR. SCHIFFLEA IS  
13 SITTING NEXT TO ME. WE'LL ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS IF YOU HAVE  
14 ANY. WE SUPPORT THE APPEAL.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I HAVE A MOTION. THE APPLICANT IS PROPOSING  
17 TO DEVELOP A MODEST ONE-STORY INDUSTRIAL BUILDING AT 5144  
18 WALNUT GROVE AVENUE IN EAST SAN GABRIEL. A PORTION OF THE  
19 BUILDING WILL BE OCCUPIED BY A MOVING AND STORAGE COMPANY AND  
20 THE REMAINDER BY LIGHT INDUSTRIAL USES. THE OWNER OF THE  
21 SUBJECT PROPERTY IS ALSO THE OWNER AND OPERATOR OF THE MOVING  
22 AND STORAGE BUSINESS WHICH IS RELOCATING FROM AN ADJOINING  
23 COMMUNITY. THIS COMPANY IS A LOCAL SELF-SERVING BUSINESS WITH  
24 CLIENTS IN EAST SAN GABRIEL, ADJOINING COMMUNITIES, INCLUDING  
25 PASADENA, SAN GABRIEL, AND SAN MARINO. THIS PROPERTY IS



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1 SURROUNDED BY INDUSTRIAL USES TO THE SOUTH AND WEST. TO THE  
2 EAST OF THE PROPERTY IS A COMMERCIAL NURSERY WITH SEVERAL TALL  
3 TOWERS AND OVERHEAD HIGH POWER ELECTRICAL TRANSMISSION LINES.  
4 ALTHOUGH THERE ARE RESIDENTIAL USES TO THE NORTH, THE  
5 PREDOMINANT LAND USE IN THE AREA IS INDUSTRIAL. IN THE COURSE  
6 OF REVIEWING THE PROJECT, WE HAVE IDENTIFIED TWO ISSUES OF  
7 CONCERN. FIRST IS THE POTENTIAL OF TRUCKS ENTERING OR LEAVING  
8 THE SUBJECT PROPERTY TO TRAVEL NORTHERLY ON WALNUT GROVE  
9 AVENUE PAST BOTH RESIDENCES AND AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. THIS  
10 ISSUE CAN BE ADDRESSED, IN PART, BY MODIFYING THE SITE PLAN  
11 AND I'M ENCOURAGED BY DISCUSSION BETWEEN THE APPLICANT, THE  
12 ARCHITECT AND STAFF OF THE TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING DIVISION OF  
13 THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. THE INCLUSION OF A PROVISION  
14 IN ALL TENANT LEASES REQUIRING THAT VEHICLES TRAVEL SOUTHBOUND  
15 ON WALNUT GROVE WHEN ARRIVING TO OR DEPARTING FROM THE  
16 PROPERTY WILL ALSO ALLEVIATE THIS PROBLEM. THE SECOND ISSUE IS  
17 THE POTENTIAL FOR ADVERSE IMPACTS FROM THE SUBJECT PROPERTY  
18 UPON ADJOINING RESIDENTS TO THE NORTH. THIS CAN BE ADDRESSED  
19 BY A 20-FOOT LANDSCAPE SET-BACK ALONG WITH THE NORTHERN  
20 PERIMETER OF THE PROPERTY, AS SHOWN ON THE APPLICANT SITE PLAN  
21 IN THE CASE FILE. THE RELOCATION OF THE PROPERTY LOADING AREA  
22 TO THE SOUTHERN SIDE OF THE PROPERTY AWAY FROM ANY EXISTING  
23 RESIDENCES WILL FURTHER MITIGATE ANY POTENTIALLY ADVERSE  
24 IMPACTS. THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING HAS DRAFTED A SET  
25 OF C.U.P. CONDITIONS AND THE APPLICANT'S ATTORNEY HAS PROPOSED



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1 PROPOSED 13 ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS WHICH ARE ON RECORD IN THE  
2 PROJECT FILES AT THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING. THESE  
3 CONDITIONS SHOULD BE COMBINED INTO ONE SET OF CONDITIONS AND,  
4 ADDITIONALLY, STAFF SHOULD INCORPORATE CONDITIONS RELATIVE TO  
5 REVISING THE PLOT PLAN REQUIRING LEASE PROVISIONS ABOUT  
6 VEHICULAR TRAFFIC TRAVEL TO AND FROM THE SUBJECT PROPERTY AND  
7 RELOCATION OF THE PRIMARY LOADING AREA. SO I'D MOVE THAT THE  
8 BOARD CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND INDICATE ITS INTENT TO  
9 GRANT THE APPEAL RELATIVE TO CHANGE ZONE NUMBER 012675 AND  
10 C.U.P. 012675 AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF  
11 AN INDUSTRIAL BUILDING TO BE USED FOR WAREHOUSING, LIGHT  
12 MANUFACTURING AND ASSEMBLY. THAT THE DEPARTMENT DIRECT THE  
13 COUNTY COUNSEL TO RETURN WITH AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONE  
14 FROM R.A. TO R.A.P. TO M.1.D.P. ALONG WITH THE APPROPRIATE  
15 FINDINGS AND THAT THE BOARD DIRECT THE DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL  
16 PLANNING TO WORK WITH THE COUNTY COUNSEL TO DRAFT THE  
17 APPROPRIATE C.U.P. CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL CONSISTENT WITH THE  
18 DIRECTION IN THIS MOTION.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THE CHAIR WILL SECOND THAT. SECONDED. ANY  
21 QUESTIONS? COMMENTS? OKAY. IF NOT, THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. BEEN  
22 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR  
23 YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. THANK YOU.

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ON ITEM 6. WHAT DO WE HAVE?

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE HAVE A MOVE FOR RECONSIDERATION.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MOVE FOR RECONSIDERATION. MR. PHILLIPS.

7

8 **MR. PHILLIPS:** THANK YOU. I LIVE ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE  
9 PROPERTY THAT IS UP FOR CONSIDERATION FOR A CHANGE OF ZONING  
10 AND WE'VE BEEN THERE FOR OVER 40 YEARS. AND WE-- IT'S AN OLD  
11 NEIGHBORHOOD BUT IT'S A PRETTY GOOD NEIGHBORHOOD AND WE'VE HAD  
12 VERY LITTLE TROUBLE. AND WE'VE SEEN THE INCREASE OF COMMERCIAL  
13 TRAFFIC, ESPECIALLY ACROSS THE STREET WHERE THE PROPOSED  
14 PROPERTY IS, WHERE WE HAVE ALMOST A SOLID LINE OF TRUCKS,  
15 WHICH NEVER USED TO BE THERE A FEW YEARS AGO, ARE NOW A SOLID  
16 LINE OF TRUCKS THAT ARE STORED OR ARE USED THE SAME TRUCKS  
17 EVERY DAY AND THEY NEVER UNLOAD ANYTHING THERE NEAR THE  
18 PROPERTY AND THE COMPLEX THAT IS JUST DOWN THE STREET FROM US.  
19 AND SO IT'S CONTINUALLY GETTING OVERUSED BY TRUCKS THAT ARE  
20 JUST USING THE AREA TO STORE THEIR TRUCKS, TO REPAIR THEIR  
21 TRUCKS, AND IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S GRADUALLY GOING TO BE THE  
22 DEMISE OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD. ACROSS THE STREET IS ZONED FOR  
23 RESIDENTIAL HOMES, WHICH IT SHOULD BE, WE FEEL. THAT WOULD  
24 KEEP THE RESIDENTIAL AREA UP AND WOULD HELP KEEP THE  
25 RESIDENTIAL AREA UP. AND JUST DOWN FROM US IS A LARGE



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1 INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX WHERE THEY HAVE AN IMMENSE PARKING LOT  
2 RIGHT BEHIND THIS PROPERTY AND IT'S NOT USED. AND WE JUST FEEL  
3 THAT IT WOULD JUST BE USING THIS-- CHANGING IT TO A MORE  
4 COMMERCIAL PROPERTY WOULD INCREASE THE OVERUSE OF THIS AREA.  
5 OUR STREET NARROWS, COMING TOWARD THE SCHOOL, WHICH IS JUST  
6 ABOVE US, AND THAT CAUSES TRAFFIC TO BACK UP FOR SEVERAL  
7 BLOCKS SEVERAL TIMES A DAY, TWICE IN THE MORNING-- TWICE IN  
8 THE MORNING AND TWICE IN THE EVENING, WHEN THE SCHOOL OPENS  
9 AND CLOSES, AND THEN ALSO THE FLOW OF TRAFFIC IN THE MORNING  
10 AND THE EVENING. AND THEN WE ALSO HAVE A TRAIN CROSSING ABOUT  
11 A THOUSAND FEET BELOW US, AND THAT COMES AND BACKS UP TRAFFIC.  
12 SO IT'S GETTING QUITE INVOLVED AND OVERUSE AND SO WE WOULD  
13 LIKE TO OBJECT TO CHANGING THE ZONING AND KEEP IT A  
14 RESIDENTIAL AREA. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IS THE DEPARTMENT HERE? STAFF? COULD STAFF  
19 REPLY TO THAT?

20

21 **SPEAKER:** YES, MR. SUPERVISOR. ALONG WITH THE CONDITIONAL USE  
22 PERMIT ARE RESTRICTIONS ON THE HOURS OF OPERATION. AS IT  
23 CURRENTLY STANDS, THE OPERATING HOURS ARE LIMITED FROM 7:00  
24 A.M. TO 12:00 A.M. MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY. SO WE CAN  
25 ADDITIONALLY ADDRESS THIS THROUGH ANY ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS



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1 ON THE HOURS OF OPERATION AND ALSO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
2 HAS RECOMMENDED SOME CONDITIONS RELATING TO ACCESS ON THE SITE  
3 AND THE MOVEMENT OF TRAFFIC.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND DEALING WITH THE ISSUE OF PARKED-- TRUCKS  
6 THAT ARE PARKED IN THAT AREA?

7

8 **SPEAKER:** TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, THERE CURRENTLY ISN'T ANY TRUCK  
9 STORAGE OCCURRING ON THE EXISTING SITE, TO OUR KNOWLEDGE.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. WELL, IN THE MOTION, THEN, I WOULD ALSO  
12 INCLUDE THE ISSUE OF THE LIMITATION OF THE HOURS AND THAT  
13 WOULD BE WORKED OUT IN THE C.U.P. AND ALSO THE STAFF--  
14 ALTHOUGH IT'S NOT RELATED TO THIS PROPERTY, IF THERE'S A  
15 PROBLEM WITH TRUCKS BEING-- PARKING THERE, TO COME BACK WITH  
16 RECOMMENDATIONS HOW TO MITIGATE THAT ISSUE.

17

18 **SPEAKER:** WE WILL WORK WITH THAT.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. WITH THOSE UNDERSTANDINGS, I'D MOVE THE  
21 MOTION, MR. CHAIRMAN.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. IT'S BEEN MOVED AS AMENDED AND  
24 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO



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1 ORDERED. THAT CONCLUDES THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS. WE'LL GO TO  
2 THE REGULAR AGENDA AND ASK-- CALL ON SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I ADJOURNED IN THE MEMORY OF  
5 TWO PEOPLE EARLIER AND I WON'T DO THAT AGAIN. MR. CHAIRMAN, I  
6 HAVE A MOTION I WANT TO INTRODUCE FOR NEXT WEDNESDAY, A WEEK  
7 FROM TOMORROW, WHICH IS OUR NEXT MEETING, AND ALSO A REPORT I  
8 WANT TO ASK THE COUNTY COUNSEL FOR AND BOTH RELATE TO THE  
9 ISSUE OF SAME-SEX MARRIAGE. FIRST OF ALL, THE MORE CURRENT  
10 ISSUE. THIS MORNING, AND THIS IS FOR NEXT WEEK, THIS MORNING,  
11 PRESIDENT BUSH CALLED FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES  
12 CONSTITUTION BANNING SAME-SEX MARRIAGE. HOWEVER, LAWS  
13 GOVERNING MARRIAGE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN A MATTER FOR THE STATES TO  
14 DECIDE AND, IN FACT, VARIOUS STATES ARE GRAPPLING WITH THIS  
15 ISSUE AT THIS TIME. IN CALIFORNIA, SUPERIOR COURTS HAVE BEGUN  
16 TO CONSIDER THE ISSUE OF SAME-SEX MARRIAGE AND THE STATE  
17 SUPREME COURT WILL BE ASKED TO RULE AT THE END OF THIS WEEK.  
18 GIVEN THESE FACTS, AN AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES  
19 CONSTITUTION IS UNNECESSARY AND REPRESENTS A DIVERSION OF  
20 PRECIOUS TIME AND RESOURCES THAT WOULD BE BETTER USED TO  
21 ADDRESS THE MORE PRESSING ISSUES FACING OUR NATION. INDEED,  
22 THIS ISSUE DOES NOT RISE TO THE LEVEL OF A FEDERAL  
23 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF  
24 SUPERVISORS EXPRESS ITS OPPOSITION TO AN AMENDMENT TO THE  
25 UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION THAT WOULD HAVE THE EFFECT OF



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1 PROHIBITING SAME-SEX MARRIAGE NATIONWIDE. THAT'S FOR NEXT  
2 WEEK. SECONDLY, I'M SURE OTHER OFFICES HAVE BEEN APPROACHED  
3 AND HAVE HAD INQUIRIES MADE IN REGARD TO THE SITUATION AS IT  
4 RELATES TO CALIFORNIA, THE STATE OF THE LAW. IN SAN FRANCISCO,  
5 MORE THAN 3,000 SAME-SEX COUPLES HAVE RECEIVED MARRIAGE  
6 LICENSES SINCE FEBRUARY THE 12TH. TWO STATE COURTS, SUPERIOR  
7 COURTS, HAVE BEEN ASKED TO VOID THE LICENSES AND HALT THE  
8 MARRIAGES AND THE PRACTICE IN SAN FRANCISCO. THE CITY AND  
9 COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO HAVE SUED THE STATE, ASSERTING THAT  
10 THE BAN ON SAME-SEX MARRIAGE VIOLATES THE EQUAL PROTECTION  
11 CLAUSE OF THE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION. GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER  
12 HAS "DIRECTED", I USE THAT TERM IN QUOTES, ATTORNEY GENERAL  
13 LOCKYER TO STOP THE SAN FRANCISCO POLICY AND PRACTICE OF THE  
14 LAST COUPLE OF WEEKS. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS SAID THAT HE  
15 HAS NO AUTHORITY TO DO SO, YET THE ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS  
16 ANNOUNCED THAT HE WILL ASK THE STATE SUPREME COURT ON FRIDAY  
17 WHETHER THE SAN FRANCISCO ACTIONS VIOLATE STATE LAW.  
18 MEANWHILE, HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, THE COUNTY HAS BEEN  
19 SUED BY-- YESTERDAY, BY TWO COUPLES, SAME-SEX COUPLES,  
20 ALLEGING THAT THE REGISTRAR RECORDER HAS VIOLATED THEIR RIGHTS  
21 BY REFUSING TO ISSUE THEM MARRIAGE LICENSES AND MY OFFICE HAS  
22 RECEIVED NUMEROUS INQUIRIES, AS HAS THE REGISTRAR RECORDER'S  
23 OFFICE ON THIS ISSUE. NEEDLESS TO SAY, THERE'S A BIT OF  
24 CONFUSION IN THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE AND EVEN THE LAWSUITS, I  
25 THINK, THAT WERE FILED AGAINST THE COUNTY YESTERDAY, COUNTY



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1 COUNSEL CAN CORRECT ME IF I AM WRONG, BUT I'M ADVISED THAT  
2 ATTACK THE COUNTY'S POLICY. AND, IN FACT, THE COUNTY HAS NO  
3 POLICY OTHER THAN TO OBEY THE STATE LAW AND I THINK THAT,  
4 PERHAPS, IS A POOR CHOICE OF WORDS ON THE PART OF THE  
5 ATTORNEYS FOR THE PLAINTIFFS IN THAT CASE. THE COUNTY HAS NO  
6 POLICY ON THIS ISSUE BUT, BETWEEN WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE  
7 SUPERIOR COURTS IN SAN FRANCISCO, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, WITH  
8 RESPECT TO THE STATE SUPREME COURT, WHAT THE VARIOUS LEGAL  
9 OPTIONS, WE NEED TO BE INFORMED. AND I THINK, THROUGH US, THE  
10 PUBLIC NEEDS TO BE INFORMED BECAUSE THERE IS A GREAT DEAL OF  
11 INTEREST IN THIS IN OUR COUNTY AND IN THE STATE. SO I WANT TO  
12 ASK THE COUNTY COUNSEL, IF YOU CAN, BY NEXT WEEK, NEXT  
13 WEDNESDAY, IN OUR NEXT MEETING, PROVIDE US WITH A REPORT ON  
14 THE LEGAL ISSUES FACING THE COUNTY IN THIS MATTER, INCLUDING  
15 THE FOLLOWING: THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE REGISTRAR RECORDER  
16 CONCERNING THE GRANTING OF MARRIAGE LICENSES; CALIFORNIA LAW  
17 CONCERNING WHO MAY RECEIVE A MARRIAGE LICENSE; STATE  
18 CONSTITUTIONAL GUARANTEES OF EQUAL RIGHTS AND ITS IMPACT ON  
19 THIS ISSUE; ARGUMENTS MADE BY BOTH SIDES IN CASES THAT HAVE  
20 BEEN FILED; PROCEDURAL ISSUES, INCLUDING THE TIMING AND WHAT  
21 WE CAN EXPECT IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS AS FAR AS THIS RESOLUTION  
22 OF THIS ISSUE OF SAME-SEX MARRIAGE IS CONCERNED ONE WAY OR THE  
23 OTHER; RECOMMENDED RESPONSE TO THE CASE THAT HAS BEEN FILED  
24 AGAINST THE COUNTY; AND, LASTLY, THE QUESTION I HAVE, IN  
25 ADDITION TO ALL OF THESE, IS IF THE STATE LAW RESTRICTING



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1 MARRIAGE TO PEOPLE OF OPPOSITE SEX IS RULED UNCONSTITUTIONAL,  
2 FOR WHATEVER REASON, WHAT WOULD BE THE OBLIGATION OF THE  
3 REGISTRAR RECORDER OF OUR COUNTY OR ANY COUNTY WHEN AN  
4 APPLICANT SEEKING A MARRIAGE LICENSE OR APPLICANTS OF SAME-SEX  
5 APPLICANTS SEEK A MARRIAGE LICENSE FROM COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES?  
6 THOSE ARE THE-- THOSE ARE AMONG THE ISSUES AND IF YOU HAVE ANY  
7 OTHERS THAT YOU THINK I'VE OVERLOOKED, I WOULD BE CERTAINLY  
8 INTERESTED IN A MORE INCLUSIVE REPORT THAN NOT. I JUST WANT TO  
9 SAY THAT WE HAVE HAD A NUMBER OF-- QUITE A NUMBER OF CALLS AND  
10 E-MAILS AND LETTERS FROM INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE AN INTEREST IN  
11 THIS AND I THINK THE COUNTY HAS PROCEEDED-- THIS IS NOT A  
12 COUNTY THAT NEEDS TO EXPLAIN ITSELF, THAT WE HAVE PROBABLY THE  
13 MOST FAR- REACHING SET OF RULES AND ORDINANCES AS IT RELATES  
14 TO DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP AND REGISTRATION OF DOMESTIC  
15 PARTNERSHIPS IN OUR COUNTY REGISTRAR'S OFFICE, SOMETHING I  
16 THINK WE WERE THE FIRST OR ONE OF THE FIRST COUNTIES IN THE  
17 COUNTRY TO DO. BUT, OBVIOUSLY, WE ALSO HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO  
18 COMPLY WITH THE LAW AND, IF THE LAW IS TO BE CHALLENGED, TO  
19 CHALLENGE IT IN THE APPROPRIATE WAY. AND NOW THE LAW HAS BEEN  
20 CHALLENGED IN SEVERAL WAYS FROM SEVERAL DIRECTIONS AND I THINK  
21 WE NEED TO GET A COMPREHENSIVE OVERVIEW OF WHERE WE STAND AND  
22 WHERE THIS IS LIKELY TO GO, WHAT SCENARIOS ARE LIKELY TO  
23 RESULT AND WHAT RESULTS. AND I THINK EVERYBODY SHOULD BE  
24 INFORMED IN THE SAME WAY PUBLICLY, EVEN THOUGH THIS IS A LEGAL  
25 MATTER, I THINK AT LEAST ON THE GENERIC LEGAL ISSUES, THEY



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1 SHOULD BE INFORMED PUBLICLY SO PEOPLE HAVE A SENSE OF WHAT TO  
2 EXPECT AND WHEN TO EXPECT IT TO THE EXTENT THAT YOU CAN  
3 PREDICT IT. I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT MY OFFICE STANDS READY TO  
4 ASSIST PEOPLE IN PROVIDING THE INFORMATION. WE WILL OBVIOUSLY  
5 DO WHAT THE LAW REQUIRES AND WHAT THE LAW PROVIDES, AND EVERY  
6 OTHER BOARD MEMBER CAN SPEAK FOR HIMSELF, BUT I THINK WE NEED  
7 TO GET THESE ISSUES OUT. THERE'S ENOUGH CONFUSION OUT THERE  
8 NOW THAT, EVEN IN MY OWN MIND, THAT I THINK THIS WOULD BE  
9 HELPFUL. SO THAT WOULD BE A REPORT BACK FOR NEXT WEEK AND THE  
10 OTHERS IN A WRITTEN MOTION, WHICH I THINK WE'VE CIRCULATED.  
11 AND THAT'S ALL I HAVE, MR. CHAIRMAN.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. MOVE IN ADJOURNMENT OF OF SYBIL  
14 BRAND, ALL MEMBERS, OBVIOUSLY, WHO PASSED AWAY LAST TUESDAY AT  
15 HER HOME. SHE WAS 104 YEARS OLD. FOR DECADES, AS WE ALL KNOW,  
16 SHE WAS INVOLVED IN THE SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR  
17 INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS WHICH INSPECTS OUR COUNTY JAILS,  
18 PROBATION FACILITIES, ADVISES OFFICIALS ON EDUCATIONAL  
19 PROGRAMS FOR THE INMATES, AND, UP UNTIL SEVEN YEARS AGO, SHE  
20 WAS VERY ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN MEETINGS AND REMAINED  
21 TECHNICALLY THE COMMISSION'S CHAIRWOMAN. ONE OF HER LASTING  
22 ACHIEVEMENTS WAS THE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS SHE HELPED RAISE TO  
23 BUILD A COUNTY WOMEN'S JAIL. COMPLETED IN 1963, IT WAS  
24 DEDICATED IN HER HONOR AS THE SYBIL BRAND INSTITUTE FOR WOMEN.  
25 SYBIL ENDOWED THE JAIL WITH TWO BEAUTY PARLORS WHICH SHE SAID



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1 INTENDED TO FOSTER INMATE'S SELF-RESPECT AND DIGNITY. SHE  
2 MOVED TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WITH HER FAMILY AS A TODDLER. SHE  
3 SPENT HER LIFE RAISING MONEY FOR VARIOUS CHARITIES, INCLUDING  
4 THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY, THE BRAILLE INSTITUTE AND THE  
5 MARCH OF DIMES. SHE WILL CERTAINLY BE MISSED BY HER COUNTY  
6 FAMILY. SHE WAS AN INSTITUTION AT VARIOUS EVENTS THROUGHOUT  
7 THE COUNTY, INCLUDING ALL OF US AS SUPERVISORS AND WAS A DEAR,  
8 SWEET LADY AND WILL BE MISSED BY THE ENTIRE COUNTY FAMILY.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IF I CAN JUST ADD ON SYBIL BRAND, I THINK  
11 IT'S APPROPRIATE THE CHAIRMAN MAKE THAT MOTION AND THAT WE ALL  
12 JOIN. SHE WAS A CONSTITUENT OF MINE AND A LOT OF YOU KNEW HER  
13 A LOT LONGER THAN I DID, BUT I KNEW HER A LONG TIME, AND I  
14 USED TO JOKE WITH HER THAT I THOUGHT HER LAST NAME WAS  
15 "INSTITUTE," SYBIL BRAND WAS HER FIRST AND MIDDLE NAME AND  
16 "INSTITUTE" WAS HER LAST NAME. BUT THAT'S HOW MUCH OF AN  
17 INSTITUTION, NO PUN INTENDED, SHE HAD BECOME IN THIS TOWN BUT  
18 SHE WAS A LOT MORE TO THIS CITY AND COUNTY THAN SYBIL BRAND  
19 INSTITUTE. SHE WAS AS GIVING AN INDIVIDUAL AS THERE WAS AND AS  
20 CIVIC- MINDED A PERSON AS I THINK ANY OF US HAVE EVER MET.  
21 AND, AS I SAID LAST WEEK, SOMEBODY ASKED. I SAID, WE'RE LUCKY  
22 TO HAVE HAD HER FOR A CENTURY AND PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTY IN  
23 FUTURE GENERATIONS WHO ARE FORTUNATE TO HAVE HAD HER FOR 104  
24 YEARS. SO I JOIN IN THAT ADJOURNING MOTION.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

2

3 **SUP. BURKE:** I'D LIKE TO ALSO JOIN. SHE WAS ALWAYS A VERY  
4 THOUGHTFUL PERSON AND ALWAYS REMEMBERED EVERYONE AND SO KIND  
5 TO EVERYONE. IN ADDITION TO THE FACT THAT SHE CERTAINLY WAS A  
6 PERSON WHO, AS I UNDERSTAND IT FROM HER VERY YOUNG YEARS, HAD  
7 BEEN GIVING PUBLIC SERVICE. FROM AGE 10, I READ SOMEWHERE THAT  
8 SHE STARTED WORKING IN A HOSPITAL HELPING AND SHE, OVER HER  
9 ENTIRE LIFE, IT WAS ONE OF SERVICE AND COMMUNITY SERVICE,  
10 GIVING TO PEOPLE, WHETHER IT WAS INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS OR  
11 ORGANIZATIONS OR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AND SHE WILL BE  
12 SORELY MISSED BUT SHE HAS LEFT AN INDELIBLE IMPRESSION AND  
13 MEMORY ON ALL OF US.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MIKE...

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SUPERVISOR KNABE, I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY OF  
18 WORKING WITH SYBIL GOING BACK TO THE '70S WHEN I WAS AT THE  
19 STATE LEGISLATURE AND SID GILBER, HIS SON AND I WERE  
20 CLASSMATES IN HIGH SCHOOL, WAS ON HER COMMISSION, AND WE  
21 WORKED ON LEGISLATION DEALING WITH THE CHILDREN AND THE CAMPS,  
22 VOCATIONAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, AND THOSE WERE SIGNED INTO  
23 LAW BY GOVERNOR REAGAN AND GOVERNOR BROWN DURING THOSE TIMES.  
24 SHE WAS A REAL INSPIRATION. SHE PERSONALLY WOULD GO WITH ME  
25 WHEN I WAS RUNNING FOR OFFICE AND, AT TIMES, SHE SERVED AS MY



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1 CHAIRMAN, BUT WOULD GO TO THE DEBATES AND SHE ENJOYED GOING  
2 OUT TO THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AND THE OTHER PLACES. SHE USED TO  
3 HOST THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY AT HILLCREST COUNTRY CLUB WITH  
4 CARDINAL MACINTYRE AND RABBI EDGAR MAGNIN EACH YEAR. AND THEN  
5 SHE WOULD HOST EVERYBODY OVER AT 20TH CENTURY FOR A MOTION  
6 PICTURE BECAUSE HARRY, HER HUSBAND, WAS WITH 20TH CENTURY. BUT  
7 SHE WAS A REAL POSITIVE ROLE MODEL. SHE HAD EVERYTHING BUT SHE  
8 GAVE IT ALL BACK TO THE COMMUNITY THROUGH PUBLIC SERVICE AND  
9 WAS NOT ONE ABUSING HERSELF, AS SOME OF THOSE WHO HAVE A LOT  
10 OF MATERIAL BLESSINGS DO, BUT SHE WAS QUITE INVOLVED IN OUR  
11 PROBATION CAMPS, ENRICHING THEIR SPIRITUAL LIVES, THAT THOSE  
12 RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE SERVICES TO OUR CAMPS,  
13 SHE WAS AN AVID SUPPORTER OF, AND MADE DONATIONS TO THEIR  
14 EFFORTS. SO SHE WAS A REAL INSPIRATION AND ROLE MODEL FOR ALL  
15 PEOPLE AND SHE TOOK HER BLESSINGS IN LIFE AND TURNED THEM BACK  
16 TO THE SERVICE THROUGH PUBLIC SERVICE AND AN EXAMPLE. SHE WAS  
17 A GREAT LADY.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I'D LIKE TO JOIN WITH MY COLLEAGUES  
20 IN PAYING TRIBUTE TO SYBIL BRAND. CERTAINLY A VERY KIND AND  
21 GENTLE WOMAN. I WAS PARTICULARLY IMPRESSED WITH THE KIND OF  
22 PASSION THAT SHE HAD AND THE ADVOCACY THAT SHE LED IN AN AREA  
23 WHICH MOST PEOPLE OVERLOOK, AND THAT IS THE ISSUE OF CONVICTED  
24 FELONS, PARTICULARLY WOMEN AND THEIR CONDITIONS AS THEY SERVE  
25 THEIR SENTENCES. AN INSPIRATIONAL LADY. CERTAINLY SOMEONE THAT



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1 WE ALL BENEFITED FROM AND THAT THIS COUNTY IS BETTER BECAUSE  
2 OF WHAT HER CONTRIBUTIONS WERE, NOT ONLY IN PUBLIC SERVICE,  
3 BUT IN THE LIFE THAT SHE LED AND THE ISSUES THAT SHE PURSUED.  
4 CERTAINLY THIS IS AN ADVOCATE THAT WE'RE TRULY GOING TO MISS  
5 IN OUR COMMUNITY BUT SHE HAD A VERY RICH LIFE, A VERY  
6 CONTRIBUTING LIFE, AND I'M SO GLAD THAT SHE LENT SO MUCH OF  
7 HER WISDOM AND HER TALENT AND HER GIVING TO THE COUNTY OF LOS  
8 ANGELES.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT, I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN  
11 TODAY IN MEMORY OF MARY ALVAREZ. SHE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF  
12 93 ON FEBRUARY 20TH. HER DAUGHTER, GLORIA KAPPE, WHO WAS A  
13 DEAR FRIEND OF OURS, IS THE CURRENT MAYOR OF CERRITOS AND SHE  
14 WILL BE MISSED BY HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS. MARY IS SURVIVED BY  
15 HER FIVE CHILDREN, GLORIA, DARLENE, ALMA, ILYD, RALPH, AND 11  
16 GRANDCHILDREN AND 12 GREAT- GRANDCHILDREN. AND I BELIEVE  
17 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WILL JOIN IN THAT. HE WAS A NEIGHBOR OF  
18 GLORIA'S GROWING UP AS WELL.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S RIGHT. I GREW UP WITH MARY AS MY NEXT  
21 DOOR NEIGHBOR AND GLORIA AND DARLENE, GLORIA'S SISTER, WAS MY  
22 CLASSMATE THROUGH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND JUNIOR HIGH AND MY  
23 BROTHER WAS GLORIA'S CLASSMATE THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL AT FREMONT  
24 HIGH SCHOOL AND EDISON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL AND RUSSELL  
25 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. SO WE WERE ALWAYS PART OF THE FAMILY AND



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1 SHE LIVED A VERY GOOD LIFE. TO SEE HER DAUGHTER, GLORIA,  
2 BECOME MAYOR OF CERRITOS, WHICH WAS A GREAT...

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YEAH, SHE GOT TO SEE THAT.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ...GREAT ACHIEVEMENT AND SHE WAS A VERY  
7 NICE, NICE FRIEND, A NICE INDIVIDUAL.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** NICE LADY. NEXT, THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY  
10 OF TIMOTHY O'DONNELL. TIMOTHY IS A 36-YEAR-OLD LONG BEACH  
11 POLICE SERGEANT. HE DIED FEBRUARY 18TH AFTER AN OFF-DUTY  
12 TRAFFIC COLLISION IN WESTMINSTER THAT WAS CAUSED BY AN UNKNOWN  
13 MEDICAL CONDITION. A LONG BEACH NATIVE, TIMOTHY BEGAN A CITY  
14 CAREER AS A MARINE PATROL OFFICER BEFORE JOINING THE POLICE  
15 FORCE IN '92. HE WAS PROMOTED TO SERGEANT IN 2001 AND WORKED  
16 IN PATROL, THE TRAINING DIVISION, AND IN AN ADMINISTRATIVE  
17 ROLE BEFORE TAKING OVER THE MARINE PATROL. OFF-DUTY, HE  
18 VOLUNTEERED AT THE Y.M.C.A. IN SAN PEDRO, WHERE HE PLAYED  
19 SANTA CLAUS AT CHRISTMAS AND WAS A MEMBER OF LEADERSHIP LONG  
20 BEACH, CLASS OF 2004. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS PARENTS, DANIEL  
21 AND MARIAN, HIS WIFE, TAMARA, HIS THREE-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER,  
22 KELLY, HIS TWO-YEAR-OLD SON, JAMES, TWO BROTHERS, PATRICK AND  
23 DANIEL OF LONG BEACH AND A SISTER, KATHLEEN OF LONG BEACH. IT  
24 WAS A SHOCKING DEATH TO ALL OF US. TIMOTHY WAS A GREAT GUY AND  
25 WILL BE MISSED BY THE ENTIRE LONG BEACH COMMUNITY. ALSO WE



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1 ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF OFFICER RICARDO LIZARRAGA OF THE LOS  
2 ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT WHO WAS GUNNED DOWN WHILE RESPONDING  
3 A DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE CALL ON FRIDAY. WAS 30 YEARS OLD AND A  
4 THREE-YEAR VETERAN OF THE L.A.P.D. HE RECEIVED HIS TRAINING AT  
5 L.A.P.D.'S 77TH DIVISION PRIOR TO JOINING THE NEWTON DIVISION.  
6 THIS WAS THE FIRST FATAL SHOOTING OF AN OFF-DUTY L.A.P.D.  
7 OFFICER SINCE 1998. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, JOYCE.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE:** ALL MEMBERS.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL MEMBERS. ALSO, THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE  
12 MEMORY OF JUANITA BUELL, TREASURED WIFE AND MOTHER, PASSED ON  
13 FEBRUARY 22ND AFTER A LONG BATTLE WITH CANCER. SHE WAS 80  
14 YEARS OLD. HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS WILL MISS HER DEARLY.  
15 JUANITA IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, AUBURN, AND CHILDREN, RON  
16 AND DOLORES EDEN, WHO ARE GOOD FRIENDS, AND DICK AND JEANNIE  
17 BELL. AND THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS, SO ORDERED. ON THE HELD  
18 ITEMS, I BELIEVE WE HAVE NUMBER 9, IF I READ THIS CORRECTLY.  
19 BEING HELD BY PETER BAXTER. NUMBER 9? OKAY. NEVER MIND. NUMBER  
20 9 IS BEING HELD BY WARREN WILLIAMS. WARREN WILLIAMS, WARREN  
21 WILLIAMS, WARREN-- OH. OKAY. ALL RIGHT. WARREN? IF YOU'D COME  
22 UP, YOU WANT TO ADDRESS 9, 13, 20-B AND C, AND S-1. NO, EXCUSE  
23 ME. NEVER MIND. THIS IS-- HANG ON HERE. OKAY, WARREN?

24



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1 **WARREN WILLIAMS:** SUPERVISORS, WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO DO IS SPEAK  
2 UNDER ITEM NUMBER S-1. I IDENTIFIED THAT WHEN I SUBMITTED IT  
3 THIS MORNING. ARE YOU NOW CALLING S-1?

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** NO.

6

7 **WARREN WILLIAMS:** I PREFER SPEAKING DIRECTLY ON THE S-1. I WILL  
8 RELATE ALL THE OTHER ITEMS. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. OKAY. SO THEN ITEM 9 IS  
11 BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, THE CHAIR WOULD SECOND.  
12 WITHOUT OBJECTIONS, AS AMENDED, TO-- AS I UNDERSTAND IT, IT'S  
13 BEEN AMENDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH TO INCORPORATE THE A.V.  
14 SELF-HELP LEGAL ACCESS CENTER INTO ITS EXISTING AGREEMENTS.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE:** YES.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** AS AMENDED, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH,  
19 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.  
20 OKAY. ITEM NUMBER 11 WAS HELD BY PETER BAXTER. GO AHEAD, MR.  
21 BAXTER.

22

23 **PETER BAXTER:** THANK YOU, SIR. MR. CHAIR, MEMBERS OF YOUR  
24 HONORABLE BOARD, MR. JANSSEN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MY NAME IS  
25 PETER BAXTER AND I LIVE IN LOS ANGELES. IT IS RESPECTFULLY



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1 SUBMITTED THAT THIS ITEM REFERS TO THE MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH  
2 ANTELOPE VALLEY COURTHOUSE. A COURTHOUSE IS A PLACE WHERE  
3 JUDGES PRESIDE IN COURTROOMS, WHERE CASES ARE TRIED BEFORE  
4 JUDGES IN BOTH CIVIL AS WELL AS IN CRIMINAL LAW. THE  
5 CONSTITUTIONS OF BOTH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS WELL AS THE  
6 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, SET FORTH THE THREE BRANCHES OF  
7 GOVERNMENT BEING THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH, THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH,  
8 AND THE JUDICIAL BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT. MEMBERS OF THE  
9 EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT, LIKE MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY  
10 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, SIT IN PUBLIC AND DELIBERATE UPON THE  
11 GREAT POLICY ISSUES THAT COME BEFORE THEM AS MEMBERS OF THE  
12 EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT. THE STRENGTH OF THE  
13 GOVERNMENT, AS A WHOLE, RESTS UPON EACH BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT  
14 PERFORMING ITS OWN DUTIES ACCORDING TO THE LAWS WHICH ARE  
15 ARTICULATED AND UPHELD BY MEMBERS OF THE JUDICIAL BRANCH OF  
16 GOVERNMENT. THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE JUDICIARY, AS AN  
17 INTELLECTUAL AND FAITHFUL RECOGNITION OF OUR LAWS, IS THE  
18 IDEAL TO WHICH MEMBERS OF THE JUDICIARY STRIVE TO REACH. A  
19 JUDGE WHO ENTERS A COURTHOUSE WHICH IS NAMED FOR A MEMBER OF  
20 THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT IS PUBLICLY REPUDIATING THE  
21 IDEAL OF SEEKING TO PRESERVE AN INDEPENDENT JUDICIARY. NAMING  
22 A COURTHOUSE IS AT ODDS WITH THE CONSTITUTIONS OF THE STATE OF  
23 CALIFORNIA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. IT IS AN AFFRONT  
24 TO THE DIGNITY AND THE MAJESTY OF THE SOVEREIGN, THE  
25 CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND THE CONSTITUTION



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1 OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. NOW, I'M SURE THAT MICHAEL D.  
2 ANTONOVICH, AS A SUPERVISOR, IS MOTIVATED BY THE HIGHEST OF  
3 IDEALS. IT'S JUST, YOU CANNOT NAME A COURTHOUSE WHICH HAS TO  
4 DEAL WITH CRIMINAL LAW AND FOR A PERSON WHO HAPPENS TO CONTROL  
5 MONEY. MR. ANTONOVICH, HIS POWER, LIKE THE BOARD OF  
6 SUPERVISORS, RESTS ON THE ALLOCATION OF THE BUDGET FUNDS THAT  
7 COME TO THIS BOARD, NOT ON THE BASIS OF INTELLECTUAL ABILITY  
8 OR GIFTS OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT BUT ON A BASIS OF MONEY. HIS  
9 NAME IS ABOVE THAT COURTHOUSE BECAUSE HE IS AUTHORIZED TO  
10 PROVIDE FOR THE MONEY, NOT ANY OTHER REASON, ALL OF WHICH IS  
11 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED. I THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. BAXTER. NEXT-- AND THEN ITEM  
14 20-B, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, CHAIR WILL SECOND.  
15 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. 20-C, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
16 BURKE, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION,  
17 SO ORDERED. NEXT IS ITEM 13, HELD BY A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC, I  
18 BELIEVE, YVONNE AUTRY, AND SHE'LL BE ADDRESSING ITEM 13 AND  
19 15. MOVED-- NUMBER 11, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH,  
20 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.  
21 13 AND 15.

22

23 **YVONNE AUTRY:** FIRST OF ALL, MY NAME IS YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY,  
24 FOR THE RECORD. I'D LIKE TO BRING IT TO YOUR ATTENTION THAT I  
25 BELIEVE SUPERVISOR KNABE, YOU TURNED OFF THE TIMER. WERE YOU



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1 AWARE OF THAT? I BELIEVE THAT'S NOT FAIR AND I KNOW IT'S  
2 ILLEGAL. THERE HAVE BEEN...

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I DON'T HAVE CONTROL OF THE TIMER BUT GO  
5 AHEAD.

6

7 **YVONNE AUTRY:** OH. WELL, MAYBE SOMEONE HAS SOME TYPE OF  
8 AUTHORITY. AND SOMETIMES IT SEEMS LIKE MY TIME ACTUALLY SPEEDS  
9 UP. I KNOW YOU PROBABLY LIKE THAT... BUT, ANYWAY, I WANTED TO  
10 BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION SOMETHING FROM THE MINUTE ORDER, FROM  
11 THE COMMISSIONERS MEETING. THIS IS JOAN SMITH, DEPUTY  
12 DIRECTOR. THIS WILL DIRECTLY INCRIMINATE YOU, EVERY  
13 SUPERVISOR, AND ALL OF THOSE WITHIN YOUR JURISDICTION. SHE  
14 EXPLAINED THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN FORCED TO REMOVE  
15 CHILDREN FROM THE HOME TO RECEIVE FUNDING TO SERVICE THE  
16 FAMILY. AGAIN, JOAN SMITH, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT  
17 OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, HAS EXPLAINED THE DEPARTMENT  
18 HAS BEEN FORCED TO REMOVE CHILDREN FROM THE HOME TO RECEIVE  
19 FUNDING TO SERVICE THE FAMILY. THAT IS A DIRECT CONFLICT OF  
20 INTEREST, AS I HAVE, BY LEGAL COUNSEL, DISCOVERED THAT ANY  
21 COUNTY ENTITY HAS TO REMAIN AT ARMS DISTANCE, THEY HAVE TO  
22 REMAIN NEUTRAL OR ELSE IT'S AN ILLEGAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST.  
23 AND I QUOTE, "COUNTY AND STATE MUST NOT STAND TO GAIN FROM  
24 ADOPTION OR ANY TRANSACTION IN ORDER TO", LIKE I SAID, HAVE AN  
25 HONEST TRANSACTION. "THEY CANNOT ACCEPT ANY MONEY AND, AT THE



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1 SAME TIME, RULE IN FAVOR OF OR IN OPPOSITION OF ADOPTION."  
2 THAT'S VERY, VERY CLEAR. WE ARE BRINGING THIS TO YOUR  
3 ATTENTION. WE HAVE THE ARTICLES. AGAIN. THANK YOU. THANK GOD.  
4 THANKS TO TROY ANDERSON DOCUMENTING THAT THESE SOCIAL WORKERS,  
5 ATTORNEYS, AND JUDGES ARE BEING COMPENSATED BY THE FEDERAL  
6 GOVERNMENT TO ENCOURAGE THE ADOPTION. I HAVE THIS  
7 INCRIMINATING STATEMENT, AGAIN. THIS MAKES YOU ALL  
8 RESPONSIBLE, MR. PELLMAN, FOR THIS INFORMATION BECAUSE IT'S ON  
9 THE RECORD, HOPEFULLY-- I MEAN, YOU'LL BE LIABLE FOR MORE  
10 SUITS, BUT WE'RE TRYING TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO RETURN CHILDREN TO  
11 INNOCENT PARENTS WHO ARE BEING INCRIMINATED. AND, WHILE IVAN  
12 M. UNFORTUNATELY LOST HIS LIFE, MR. ANTONOVICH AND MS. MOLINA,  
13 YOU CONTINUE TO FOCUS ON BIOLOGICAL PARENTS WHO MIGHT HAVE  
14 ABUSED THEIR CHILDREN. I THINK THAT'S TO DIVERT ATTENTION FROM  
15 THE FOSTER PARENTS WHO ARE ABUSING AND MURDERING THEIR  
16 CHILDREN. AND, FINALLY, I'D LIKE TO STATE THAT-- WELL, I JUST  
17 WANTED TO BRING YOUR ATTENTION, AGAIN, THAT THE MONEY SHOULD  
18 BE USED TO REUNIFY THE FAMILIES. IN MY CASE, THE COUNTY  
19 FORCIBLY AND ILLEGALLY EJECTED ME, EVICTED ME FROM MY MOTHER'S  
20 HOME, AGAIN, ON FALSIFIED CHARGES, ON HEARSAY THAT HAS NEVER  
21 BEEN PROVEN, AND MY CHILD IS IN A HOME NOW WHERE I DON'T HAVE  
22 ACCESS, I DON'T GET TO SEE MY CHILD, I DON'T GET TO SPEAK TO  
23 HIM, ALL ON FALSIFIED CHARGES. YOU CANNOT JUDGE SOMEONE BY THE  
24 WAY THEY SPEAK. YOU CANNOT JUDGE SOMEONE BY THE WAY THAT THEY  
25 APPEAR. THAT'S CALLED DISCRIMINATION. AGAIN, YOU'RE LIABLE FOR



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1 THAT, AND IT'S ILLEGAL. AND, AGAIN, IT'S NOT JUST THE  
2 LIABILITY. I WANT TO ENCOURAGE MORE PARENTS TO COME HERE SO  
3 THAT THEY CAN BE REUNIFIED WITH THEIR CHILDREN, SO THEIR  
4 CHILDREN ARE NOT EXPERIMENTED ON, THEY'RE NOT BEING  
5 TRAUMATIZED, ABUSED, AND THEY'RE NOT SUFFERING THE EMOTIONAL  
6 DAMAGE THAT WILL LEAD THEM TO ABUSE DRUGS OR ALCOHOL IN THE  
7 FUTURE. AND THAT IS WHAT GENERATES REVENUE FOR AMERICA,  
8 ACTUALLY. THEN THEY GO INTO PRISONS, NOT TO MENTION WHAT THE  
9 MASONS ARE DOING WITH THE SACRIFICIAL RITUALS OF MOST OF THE  
10 CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN MISSING. AGAIN, I'D LIKE TO ADJOURN IN  
11 HONOR AND MEMORY OF THE CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN MURDERED AND  
12 MISSING AND THIS OCCURRENCE HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO YOUR ATTENTION  
13 FOR ABOUT A YEAR NOW AND YOU'VE DONE NOTHING. WARREN WILLIAMS  
14 IS RUNNING FOR SUPERVISOR BURKE'S POSITION. I ENCOURAGE YOU TO  
15 VOTE FOR HIM, AS WE WILL HOPEFULLY ELECT OTHER MEMBERS OF THE  
16 COMMUNITY TO REPLACE ALL OF YOU. HE WILL TAKE ACTION IN OUR  
17 FAVOR...

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU.

20

21 **YVONNE AUTRY:** FAVOR OR AT LEAST TO REMEDY THE SITUATIONS THAT  
22 WE DRAW TO YOUR ATTENTION.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. ITEM 13 IS BEFORE US.  
25 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.



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1 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ITEM NUMBER 15, MOVED BY  
2 SUPERVISOR MOLINA, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT  
3 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. NEXT IS ITEM NUMBER 16. GENEVIEVE?

4  
5 **GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. YOU  
6 KNOW, EVERY YEAR WE ARE AT THE SAME TERM ABOUT RENEWING THE  
7 CONTRACT FROM O.A.P.P. AND I'M FINDING OUT THAT, USUAL, THEY  
8 ARE NOT PRESENTED IN TIME SO NOBODY CAN REVIEW THEM FOR YOU TO  
9 REVIEW THEM AND TO VOTE ON. ON THIS ITEM 16, WHEN I ASKED FOR  
10 THE SUPPORT DOCUMENT, AS USUAL, I RECEIVED DOCUMENT WITHOUT  
11 THE APPENDIX, THE ATTACHMENT (A) AND (B). YOU KNOW, I HAVE  
12 COME TO THIS BOARD QUITE OFTEN, AND MANY TIME THE SUPPORT  
13 DOCUMENTS OR ATTACHMENTS ARE MISSING. THE PUBLIC HAS THE RIGHT  
14 TO LOOK AT THE ATTACHMENTS. AND ON THAT SPECIFIC ISSUE I AM  
15 VERY CONCERNED BECAUSE I TALK TO A LOT OF PATIENTS WHO HAD  
16 H.I.V. AND A.I.D.S. AND ANGEL FOOD IS ONE OF THE GROUPS  
17 RECEIVING MONEY, WHICH I HAVE NO PROBLEM OF THEM RECEIVING  
18 MONEY, BUT I AM CONCERNED THAT, DAY AFTER DAY AFTER DAY, THEY  
19 PROVIDE THE SAME FOOD FOR THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE H.I.V. AND  
20 A.I.D.S. AND I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU, BUT I DON'T CARE HOW POOR  
21 I AM, I DON'T THINK I COULD EAT THE SAME THING EVERY DAY, 365  
22 DAYS. AND I THINK, YOU KNOW, IF WE HAD THE ATTACHMENT, WE  
23 COULD LOOK AT SPECIFIC ISSUE. AND I THINK, YOU KNOW, WE HAVE  
24 THE RIGHT TO HAVE THOSE ATTACHMENTS. MANY TIMES, ON MANY  
25 OCCASIONS, YOU PROMISED ME THAT YOU WILL PROVIDE ME WITH THE



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1 ATTACHMENT AND YOU DO NOT COME THROUGH WITH THAT PROMISE. YOU  
2 KNOW, I KNOW, MANY TIME, YOU ARE RECEIVING, YOU KNOW, A LOT OF  
3 ATTACKS, BUT I THINK, IN MY CASE, IT'S VERY JUSTIFIED. I'VE  
4 BEEN PROMISED THAT I WILL RECEIVE A RESPONSE IN WRITING, WHY  
5 L.A. COUNTY HUMAN RIGHT COMMISSION BECAME INVOLVED IN LAS  
6 MEMORIA WALL. I'M STILL WAITING FOR THAT LETTER. WE'RE TALKING  
7 MONTHS AGO. THE SAME, YOU KNOW, YOU WROTE THE LETTER TO THE  
8 D.H.S. ABOUT THE NURSE/PATIENT RATIO. DID YOU RECEIVE A  
9 RESPONSE FROM THE GOVERNOR? AND, IF SO, CAN THE PUBLIC, YOU  
10 KNOW, SEE IT? YOU KNOW, PLEASE, WHEN ITEM ARE PRESENTED TO  
11 YOU, HAVE ONE OF YOUR PEOPLE CHECK IF INDEED THE ATTACHMENT  
12 ARE PROVIDED. AND, AS A RULE, THEY ARE NOT PROVIDED. SO I  
13 WOULD REALLY APPRECIATE IT, AND I WILL EXPECT BY NEXT WEEK TO  
14 HAVE A COPY OF THOSE ATTACHMENTS AND I WILL APPRECIATE IF, FOR  
15 ONCE, YOU DID NOT VOTE WITHOUT THE DOCUMENT. THANK YOU VERY  
16 MUCH.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. I MEAN, I THINK THAT'S A VERY SIMPLE  
19 REQUEST, THE FACT THAT ATTACHMENTS SHOULD BE PROVIDED. MAYBE  
20 WE CAN HAVE SOMEBODY FROM THE DEPARTMENT RESPOND TO THAT.

21

22 **JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** WELL, THE ATTACHMENTS ARE ATTACHED TO THE  
23 BOARD LETTER. I DON'T KNOW WHETHER THEY WERE ON THE COPY THAT  
24 WAS ON THE WEB SITE. WE'LL LOOK AT THAT, BUT WE'D BE HAPPY, IF



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1 SHE WOULD CALL US, TO GIVE HER A COPY OF THE ATTACHMENTS ANY  
2 TIME THAT THEY'RE NOT THERE.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. ANY OTHER  
5 QUESTIONS OR DOES ANYONE-- LIKE TO CONTINUE IT A WEEK? CAN WE  
6 GET THE INFORMATION TO HER?

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** CAN WE GET THAT INFORMATION TO HER? CAN WE  
9 GET THAT INFORMATION TO GENEVIEVE?

10

11 **JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** YES. CERTAINLY.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** AND IF YOU'LL GET BACK TO US TO MAKE SURE  
14 SHE GOT THAT SO WE'RE AWARE OF THAT SO GENEVIEVE DOESN'T HAVE  
15 TO LOOK ME IN THE EYE AND YELL AT ME AGAIN. OKAY? ALL RIGHT.  
16 THE ITEM...

17

18 **GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** (INDISTINCT).

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WELL, WHAT MY CONCERN IS, GENEVIEVE,  
21 IS WE HAVE THE ATTACHMENTS. WE DON'T KNOW WHY YOU DIDN'T GET  
22 THEM. OKAY. THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
23 YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. ANY FURTHER  
24 DISCUSSION? ANY OBJECTION? SO ORDERED. AND I THINK WE REALLY  
25 NEED TO WORK AT THAT. CERTAINLY, THAT'S A FAIR REQUEST. IF



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1 IT'S A BOARD LETTER, IT'S A PUBLIC DOCUMENT AND THE ATTACHMENT  
2 SHOULD BE PROVIDED, IT SHOULD BE PART OF IT, AND I'M NOT SURE  
3 WHETHER SHE GOT IT DIRECTLY OR SHE GOT IT ON THE WEB PAGE. I  
4 MEAN, THAT MAY BE THE SEPARATE ISSUE, BUT WE'LL DEAL WITH  
5 THAT. OKAY? THANK YOU. THAT IS ALL THE HELD ITEMS. WE WILL GO  
6 TO ITEM S-1. WELL, WE WILL BUT WE HAVE TO DO S-1, IT'S  
7 SCHEDULED AT 11:00 SO... SO ASK STAFF. WE DO HAVE SOME PEOPLE  
8 SIGNED UP ON S-1. WE CAN DO THAT-- DO WE WANT TO DO THAT  
9 BEFORE OR AFTER? NO, THE PUBLIC COMMENTS ON S-1 SINCE IT'S  
10 YOUR...

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE CAN HAVE-- THIS IS THE CASE OF THE YOUNG  
13 CHILD THAT WAS MURDERED BY THE BOYFRIEND OF THE MOTHER BUT IN  
14 A HOME THAT THE CHILD OUGHT TO HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM AND THE  
15 DEPARTMENT ALLOWED THE CHILD TO REMAIN IN AN UNSAFE HOME AND  
16 THAT CHILD ENDED UP BEING MURDERED. SO WE'VE ASKED FOR A FULL  
17 INVESTIGATION AND THOSE INDIVIDUALS RESPONSIBLE TO BE HELD  
18 ACCOUNTABLE AND RESPONSIBLE AND THE DEPARTMENT IS WORKING ON  
19 THAT BUT THERE ARE PEOPLE FROM THE COMMUNITY WANT TO SPEAK ON  
20 THAT ISSUE AND THEY CAN SPEAK AT THIS TIME AND THEN WE'LL TALK  
21 TO DR. SANDERS.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE WILL CALL MELANA LUKE ELIAS,  
24 MICHAEL BAUER, SHIRLEY FARRIOR AND MARY SUE LEWIS. IF THOSE  
25 FOUR WOULD COME UP, PLEASE. I THINK WE NEED ANOTHER CHAIR



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1 THERE. OKAY. IF YOU'LL PROCEED. IDENTIFY YOURSELF FOR THE  
2 RECORD AND...

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4 **MELANA LUKE ELIAS:** MY NAME IS MELANA LUKE ELIAS. GOOD  
5 AFTERNOON. WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE SOCIAL WORKER? IS IT TO  
6 WORK TOWARDS FORTIFYING AND AIDING FAMILIES IN NEED? IS IT TO  
7 INTERVENE WHERE NECESSARY AND THEN TO WORK WITH THE FAMILIES?  
8 THIS IS CERTAINLY WHAT WE'D ALL LIKE TO IMAGINE. HOWEVER,  
9 REALITY DEALT ME A VERY DIFFERENT KIND OF A SOCIAL WORKER.  
10 MINE CONFINED HER PURPOSE TO FINDING CAUSES FOR THE REMOVAL OF  
11 MY CHILDREN FROM OUR HOME. WHAT THE SOCIAL WORKER WRITES  
12 BECOMES FACT. TRUE OR FALSE, THE ALLEGATIONS WRITTEN BY THE  
13 SOCIAL WORKER IN HER PETITION TO THE COURT ARE READ AT THE  
14 START OF EACH AND EVERY HEARING AND THOSE FACTS ARE VERY HARD  
15 TO REFUTE, EVEN WHEN THEY ARE FICTION. TAKE MY CASE. THERE ARE  
16 JUST A COUPLE OF EXAMPLES HERE. IN HER DETENTION REPORT AS A  
17 REMOVAL REASON, SHE ASSERTS THAT THERE'S GENERAL NEGLECT, YET  
18 SHE DOES NOT SPECIFY WHAT THAT NEGLECT CONSISTS OF. GENERAL  
19 NEGLECT AS A REASON FOR REMOVAL MUST BE CLEARLY OUTLINED AND  
20 DEFINED. CONCRETE EXAMPLES MUST BE PROVIDED. SHE STATES THAT  
21 REASONABLE EFFORTS WERE MADE TO PREVENT OR ELIMINATE THE NEED  
22 FOR THE CHILDREN'S REMOVAL FROM THE HOME ON PAGE 6 OF HER  
23 DETENTION REPORT. ON PAGE 5, SHE CLAIMS THAT CASE MANAGEMENT  
24 WAS INSTITUTED AS A PREVENTIVE MEASURE. THE CLAIM IS THAT  
25 THESE EFFORTS AND MEASURES FAILED, THUS RESULTING IN THE



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1 REMOVAL. THE DEPARTMENT BECAME INVOLVED ON JANUARY 27TH OF  
2 2003. THE CHILDREN WERE REMOVED ON JANUARY 28TH OF 2003, LESS  
3 THAN 24 HOURS LATER. I NEVER DETERMINED WHAT EFFORTS WERE MADE  
4 AND, IF SUCH A THING AS CASE MANAGEMENT WAS INSTITUTED, HOW IS  
5 IT POSSIBLE TO IMPLEMENT AND EFFECTIVELY EVALUATE IN SUCH A  
6 SHORT TIME FRAME? IN HER 300TH PETITION TO THE COURT, SHE ALSO  
7 STATES AS TO THE MOTHER'S STATEMENT REGARDING HER  
8 RECOMMENDATION THAT SHE PLACED A PHONE CALL TO ME TO ADVISE ME  
9 THAT SHE WAS ADVOCATING THE REMOVAL. SHE SAYS THE PHONE NUMBER  
10 WAS DISCONNECTED. MY PHONE HAS NOT BEEN DISCONNECTED IN THE  
11 LAST FIVE YEARS. THE NUMBER ON THE REPORT IS THE SAME AND  
12 ALWAYS HAS BEEN THE SAME. FURTHERMORE, THE SOCIAL WORKER KNEW  
13 EXACTLY WHERE TO REACH ME AS SHE HAD JUST CONDUCTED HER FIRST  
14 AND ONLY INTERVIEW WITH ME IN THE HOSPITAL THE DAY BEFORE.  
15 TWISTING TRUTHS AS THIS SOCIAL WORKER DID IS NOT UNCOMMON.  
16 I'VE LEARNED THIS AS I'VE BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH OTHER PARENTS  
17 WHO HAVE FALLEN VICTIM TO THIS INSIDIOUS SYSTEM. THE SOCIAL  
18 WORKERS' ALLEGATIONS, WHICH, IN TURN, ARE REPRESENTED AS FACT  
19 IN COURT, MAKE COMPELLING CASES FOR REMOVALS AND FILINGS.  
20 CERTAINLY LOOKS AS THOUGH THEY'RE DOING THEIR JOBS.  
21 UNFORTUNATELY, ONCE A PETITION LIKE THIS IS FILED, IT'S  
22 EXTREMELY HARD TO REVERSE. LIKewise, ONCE ONE FINDS ONESELF IN  
23 THE SYSTEM, IT'S EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO GET OUT. COMMISSIONERS  
24 AND JUDGES, BASED ON THESE SOCIAL WORKERS' FILINGS, SEEM TO BE  
25 QUICK TO REMOVE CHILDREN FROM THEIR HOMES AND VERY RELUCTANT



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1 TO RETURN THEM. THERE IS A MORE FUNDAMENTAL ISSUE HERE,  
2 HOWEVER, AND THAT IS THAT WE KNOW THAT THE COUNTY RECEIVES  
3 FUNDS FOR EACH CHILD IN THE SYSTEM AS LONG AS THEY REMAIN  
4 WARDS OF THE COURT. WE KNOW THAT, AT THE 18-MONTH MARK, THESE  
5 CHILDREN BECOME ELIGIBLE FOR ADOPTION. WE KNOW THE COUNTY  
6 RECEIVES FROM 15 TO 30,000 DOLLARS FOR EACH CHILD THAT IS  
7 ADOPTED OUT. WE KNOW THAT, BASED ON SOCIAL WORKERS' REPORTS,  
8 JUDGES MAKE INCREASING DEMANDS UPON PARENTS TO DEMONSTRATE  
9 THEIR WORTHINESS, THEREBY PROLONGING THE PERIOD OF TIME THAT  
10 THE CHILDREN ARE IN THE SYSTEM. WE KNOW THAT ALL INVOLVED ARE  
11 COUNTY-PAID INDIVIDUALS. IT WOULD SEEM TO ME THAT HERE WITHIN  
12 THERE EXISTS A TREMENDOUS CONFLICT OF INTEREST. IT APPEARS  
13 THAT, CONTRARY TO WHAT HAS BEEN WRITTEN AND AVOWED TO BY  
14 SUPERVISING JUDGE MICHAEL NASH...

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY, IF YOU COULD WRAP IT UP, YOUR TIME...

17

18 **MELANA LUKE ELIAS:** FOCUS IS NOT ON THE REUNIFICATION OF  
19 FAMILIES. INSTEAD, IT SEEMS TO THRIVE ON FINDING NEW CAUSE TO  
20 KEEP THEM DIVIDED. CONVENIENTLY, THE MAJORITY OF PARENTS DO  
21 NOT SPEAK OUT AND THIS PERPETUATES THE MISDEEDS OF THE  
22 DEPARTMENT. THEY HAVE BECOME CARELESS. LET'S MAKE THEM  
23 ACCOUNTABLE. IT'S MY HOPE THAT WE'LL BEGIN TO SEE GENUINE  
24 COMPREHENSIVE INVESTIGATION INTO SOME OF THESE CLAIMS. AS LONG  
25 AS WE ALLOW SOCIAL WORKERS TO FALSIFY REPORTS WITHOUT



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1 CONSEQUENCE, DO YOU REMAIN AN ACCOMPLICE TO CRIMINAL ACT,  
2 PENAL CODE SECTION 134, PREPARING FALSE DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE.  
3 THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. (SINGLE APPLAUSE)

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SHIRLEY, OR, SEE, I CALLED MICHAEL BAUER  
8 NEXT AND THEN SHIRLEY AND THEN MARY. AND I WOULD ASK WARREN  
9 WILLIAMS, IF YOU'D COME UP AND TAKE A SEAT AS WELL, TOO.

10

11 **MICHAEL BAUER:** YES. FOR THE RECORD, MY NAME IS MICHAEL BAUER,  
12 PARALEGAL STUDENT AT LOS ANGELES CITY COLLEGE. MY SON WAS  
13 TAKEN AT BIRTH IN NOVEMBER 25TH, 2001, FOR A MENTAL  
14 DISABILITY. WELL, ACTUALLY, LET ME BRING UP A SECTION NUMBER  
15 IN THE WELFARE AND INSTITUTION CODES THAT STATES, 16509.2,  
16 WHERE MENTAL OR PHYSICAL INCAPACITY SHALL NOT BE A NEED OR  
17 PRESUMPTION FOR CHILD WELFARE SERVICES. I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO  
18 STATE THAT, AT THE TIME THE CHILD WAS TAKEN AWAY AND HER  
19 SIGNING OVER OF HER PAPERS, SHE WAS ON 500 MILLIGRAMS OF  
20 TYLENOL AND A HUNDRED MILLIGRAMS OF CODEINE. ACCORDING TO TORT  
21 LAWS, WHICH I'M VERY FAMILIAR WITH, A CONSENT CANNOT BE  
22 EFFECTIVE UNLESS THE PERSON HAS CAPACITY. SO YOU'RE VIOLATING  
23 THE LAW RIGHT THERE, LETTING THIS HAPPEN. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO  
24 BRING SOMETHING ELSE AND I WOULD LIKE TO BRING THIS UP BECAUSE  
25 I ACTUALLY HAVE A 175-MILLION-DOLLAR LAWSUIT PENDING A RE-



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1 FILING. YOU CAN SEE OVER AT THE L.A. COURTHOUSE NEXT DOOR, I  
2 STARTED IT OFF WITH 95 MILLION BUT I HAD IT DISMISSED, THE  
3 CASE IN PRO PER, AND, YES, I'M REPRESENTING MYSELF. THIS CASE  
4 IS ACTUALLY IN APPELLATE COURT ON MY KID. MY APPELLATE  
5 ATTORNEY AND HER APPELLATE ATTORNEY IS FORCING IT BACK TO  
6 CHILDREN'S COURT AND SAYING CHILDREN'S SERVICES IS IN THE  
7 WRONG. I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO STATE THAT I HAVE RAN THE LOS  
8 ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHILDREN FAMILY SERVICES WITH THE  
9 STATE OFFICE OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, AND I DON'T THINK YOU GUYS  
10 WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S COMING BACK. THERE IS NO RECORDS COMING  
11 BACK. YOU GUYS ARE RUNNING THAT COMPANY ILLEGALLY. IF I HAVE  
12 TO BRING YOU GUYS IN THERE FOR NOT INVESTIGATING THIS,  
13 INCLUDING YOU, GLORIA MOLINA, INCLUDING YOU, MIKE, INCLUDING  
14 YOU, ANYBODY THAT'S SITTING AT THIS TABLE, I WILL. I HAVE  
15 ALREADY FOUND OUT THERE'S FRAUDULENT THINGS HAPPENING. HOW  
16 ABOUT-- LET ME BRING THIS UP. I'M NOT EVEN ON THE BIRTH  
17 CERTIFICATE AND I'M \$8,000 IN DEBT ON MY COLLECTIONS REPORT  
18 FOR CHILD SUPPORT. HOW CAN THE HELL THAT HAPPEN? I'VE GIVEN  
19 YOU GUYS UNTIL THE END OF NEXT WEEK TO INVESTIGATE THIS SYSTEM  
20 OR I'LL GO ALL THE WAY TO THE TOP, TO THE GOVERNOR, MAYBE EVEN  
21 TO THE PRESIDENT. I AIN'T PLAYING AROUND.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SHIRLEY, THEN MARY SUE, THEN  
24 WOULD ASK CANDACE TO JOIN US UP HERE.

25



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1 **MICHAEL BAUER:** BY THE WAY, THIS CASE IS BEING FILED TODAY.

2

3 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

4

5 **SHIRLEY DIXON FARRIOR:** MY NAME IS SHIRLEY DIXON FARRIOR.

6 SUPERVISOR MOLINA, DID I HEAR YOU SAY THE C.S.W'S WHO PREPARE  
7 AND PRODUCE FALSE EVIDENCE ARE IN CAHOOTS WITH SOMEONE? ARE  
8 YOU SUGGESTING THAT THEY ARE IN CAHOOTS WITH COUNTY COUNSEL,  
9 SUPERVISORS, COURT-APPOINTED ATTORNEYS, JUDGE NASH, JUDGE  
10 EMILY STEVENS AND OTHER JUDGES, COMMISSIONERS, AND REFEREES? I  
11 TALKED WITH, MORE OR LESS INTERVIEWED, ATTORNEY L. ERNESTINE  
12 FIELDS CONCERNING SOME INFORMATION THAT I HAD ABOUT SOCIAL  
13 WORKERS WHO WERE FALSIFYING EVIDENCE, AND I SAID TO ATTORNEY  
14 L. ERNESTINE FIELDS, I CERTAINLY HOPE THAT ALL SOCIAL WORKERS  
15 DO NOT FUNCTION LIKE THIS. HER RESPONSE WAS, "OH, YES, THEY  
16 DO, THEY ARE TERRIBLE PEOPLE AND THEY DO STUFF LIKE THIS ALL  
17 THE TIME." SUPERVISOR MOLINA, DID I HEAR YOU REFER TO THE  
18 PLEAS AND CRIES OF THE PARENTS AS NOISE IN YOUR EARS? IF SO,  
19 WHY? AND, SUPERVISOR MOLINA, WHY WAS DR. SANDERS NOT PUBLICLY  
20 SCOLDED FOR THE DEATH OF ONESHA LENE ROBINSON, THE TWO-YEAR-  
21 OLD WHO DIED ON HIS WATCH? THIS BABY DIED ON HIS WATCH BUT I  
22 DID NOT HEAR ANY PUBLIC REPRIMAND OF DR. SANDERS. AND WHAT  
23 ABOUT THE TWO CHILDREN WHO DIED IN THE HOT CAR? DID THAT  
24 HAPPEN ON HIS WATCH? WHY WAS IT THAT HE WAS REPRIMANDED FOR  
25 ONE CHILD BUT NOT ANOTHER? DID I HEAR YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE



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1 BETWEEN CHILDREN WHO DIE WHILE IN FOSTER CARE AND THOSE WHO  
2 DIE WHILE IN THEIR BIOLOGICAL PARENTS' CARE? DID I HEAR THOSE  
3 THINGS? AND, LAST BUT NOT LEAST, IT APPEARS THAT EVERY TIME  
4 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY SPEAKS TO CHILDREN'S ISSUES, HE STARTS  
5 TO VIOLATE BOARD RULE SECTION 10-A. HE STARTS TO SAY A BAD  
6 WORD. I WANT YOU TO STOP SAYING THAT BAD WORD. MY MOTHER  
7 BROUGHT ME UP, TOLD ME NOT TO USE BAD WORDS IN PUBLIC AND FOR  
8 THEM TO BE USED IN A BOARDROOM AT A BOARD MEETING IS JUST  
9 TOTALLY OUT OF ORDER. IT IS DISRUPTIVE AND IT IS  
10 INAPPROPRIATE. ON 11/4/03, YOU SAID, "DO WE HAVE TO LISTEN TO  
11 THIS EVERY BLEEP BLEEP WEEK?" THAT WASN'T NICE. ON 2/10/04,  
12 YOU SAID, "I DON'T GIVE A BLEEP, BLEEP." THAT ISN'T NICE.  
13 SOMEONE PLEASE TALK TO SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY ABOUT HIS  
14 VIOLATION OF BOARD RULE 10-A, NO PROFANITY IN THE COURTROOM. I  
15 STILL HAVE 22 SECONDS LEFT. I WILL REFER TO THE RESPONSE  
16 CONCERNING MY ALLEGATION THAT THE CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE ARE  
17 BEING HYPNOTIZED. THIS WAS TOLD TO ME BY THE LADY WHO WROTE  
18 THE PROGRAM. I RECEIVED THE RESPONSE CONCERNING THE  
19 INVESTIGATION AND I AM INCLUDING, IN MY PAPERWORK TO YOU, MY  
20 RESPONSE TO THE RESPONSE THAT WAS WRITTEN TO ME.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MARY SUE AND CANDACE, IF YOU'D  
23 COME FORWARD, AND STEVE, AND THEN DIANA S., ARE YOU STILL OUT  
24 THERE? IF YOU'D COME FORWARD, PLEASE.

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1 **MARY SUE LEWIS:** MY NAME IS MARY SUE LEWIS AND I REPRESENT THE  
2 COMPTON COMMUNITY CITYWIDE FOSTER PARENT ASSOCIATION. MY HEART  
3 IS REALLY HEAVY TODAY AS I SIT HERE IN THE CHAIR. I DON'T HAVE  
4 A LOT OF PAPERS BUT I'VE HAD A LOT OF EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH  
5 FOSTER CHILDREN DOWN THROUGH THE YEARS. MY-- ONE OF MY  
6 CONCERNS IS THAT NOT ONLY AM I THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
7 ASSOCIATION, BUT WE ALSO ADVOCATE FOR PARENTS AS WELL AS FOR  
8 OUR CHILDREN. WE HAVE OVER 40 ALLEGATIONS, DR. SANDERS, IN THE  
9 COMPTON CITYWIDE. IT DOES NOT MEAN THAT THEY ALL LIVE IN  
10 COMPTON BECAUSE WE REPRESENT, BY BEING A CITYWIDE ASSOCIATION,  
11 PARAMOUNT, DOWNEY, BELLFLOWER, CARSON, JUST ANY NUMBER OF  
12 FOSTER PARENTS THAT COME FROM ALL OVER BECAUSE THEY THINK THEY  
13 CAN GET HELP FROM OUR ASSOCIATION. WE DO HAVE QUITE A FEW  
14 FOSTER PARENTS THAT HAVE ALLEGATIONS THAT ARE FOUNDED, SOME  
15 ARE NOT FOUNDED, AND WE ARE REALLY CONCERNED ABOUT SOME RED  
16 FLAGS BEING BESIDE FOSTER PARENTS' NAMES FOR A YEAR OR TWO  
17 YEARS AND THE FOSTER PARENTS HAVE ASKED ME TO ASK THE COUNTY  
18 IF THEY WOULD PLEASE CONSIDER, IF THEY'RE NOT GOING TO USE THE  
19 FOSTER PARENTS SERVICES ANYMORE, JUST TELL THEM STRAIGHT OUT,  
20 "WE'RE NOT GOING TO USE YOU, TAKE THE FLAG DOWN OFF THEIR  
21 NAME, AND THEY CAN GO ON ABOUT THEIR BUSINESS." THEY HAVE  
22 HOMES THAT ARE OPEN. SOME HAVE THREE BEDROOMS, FOUR BEDROOMS.  
23 BECAUSE OF SOME ALLEGATIONS FOR GOD KNOWS WHATEVER, AND IT'S  
24 MANY OF THEM, BUT I WOULD REALLY LIKE FOR YOU TO CONSIDER, IF  
25 YOU'RE GOING TO USE THE FOSTER PARENTS, FINE. IF THERE IS A



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1 CORRECTIVE ACTION, LET'S DO IT AND LET'S GET ON WITH IT AND  
2 THEY CAN FILL THAT VACANCY. MY THING IS ALL ABOUT KEEPING THE  
3 CHILDREN SAFE, JUST LIKE I'M SURE ALL THE SUPERVISORS AND  
4 EVERYBODY ELSE HERE IN THIS MEETING IS CONCERNED ABOUT KEEPING  
5 THE CHILDREN SAFE. ONE THING WE'RE REALLY CONCERNED ABOUT, AND  
6 WE HAD MEETINGS, WE'RE HAVING A MEETING ON THURSDAY, IS ABOUT  
7 SENDING OUR CHILDREN BACK THAT YOU HAVE HAD US BE LIVE  
8 SCANNED, FINGERPRINTED, CRIMINAL CHECKED, AND ALL OF THIS, ALL  
9 OF THE DIFFERENT THINGS THEY NEED TO GO THROUGH TO BRING THESE  
10 CHILDREN INTO OUR HOMES. AND NOW THERE'S A PLAN COMING TO  
11 REUNIFY, WHICH IT ALWAYS HAS BEEN, TO REUNIFY THE CHILDREN  
12 WITH THEIR PARENTS. GOOD AND FINE. THAT'S WHAT WE WANT TO DO.  
13 BUT WE DON'T WANT YOU TO HAVE US TO HAVE THE CHILDREN IN OUR  
14 HOMES SOMETIMES FIVE YEARS, SEVEN YEARS, 10 YEARS. I'VE HAD A  
15 KID IN MY HOME NOW ROUND ABOUT 14 YEARS. NOW, IF HE'S ALL  
16 CLEANED UP FROM US, WE'VE RE-CULTURED HIM, WE'VE DID  
17 EVERYTHING THAT YOU SAY DO, WE'VE GIVEN HIM THE EDUCATION,  
18 WE'VE GIVEN HIM THEIR CLINIC, THEIR MEDICAL, MENTAL HEALTH  
19 CLEARANCES AND I.E.P.S AT SCHOOL. WE'VE WENT THROUGH A LOT OF  
20 THINGS FOR OUR CHILDREN, AND NOW THE CHILDREN'S MINDSET IS  
21 CHANGED. IT'S A LITTLE DIFFERENT THAN WHAT IT WAS WHEN THEY  
22 CAME INTO OUR HOME. AND NOW WE'RE GOING TO THROW THE CHILDREN  
23 BACK TO A FELON FOR THREE YEARS, AN ALCOHOLIC, A SUBSTANCE  
24 ABUSE PARENT, ABUSIVE PARENTS, AND WE'RE GOING TO TAKE THESE  
25 CHILDREN THAT YOU'VE TOLD US TO DO THE BEST, GIVE THEM A



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1 HEALTH, EDUCATION, SAFETY, WELFARE, YOU'VE GIVEN US THAT,  
2 WE'VE DID THAT. NOW WE'RE GOING TO TAKE THESE SAME CHILDREN,  
3 THROW THEM BACK INTO THE HOME OF THOSE PARENTS WHO ARE NOT  
4 READY? I TRAIN PARENTS, TOO. I'M A PARENTING TRAINER AND SOME  
5 OF THE PARENTS ARE NOT READY. THIS IS WHY YOU'RE HAVING SO  
6 MANY THINGS HAPPEN TO THE CHILDREN.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** IF YOU'LL WRAP IT UP, YOUR TIME'S UP.

9

10 **MARY SUE LEWIS:** I'M SORRY. IT'S BECAUSE THEY'RE NOT READY.  
11 THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE:** I JUST-- I WOULD-- I WANT TO THINK-- I THINK THAT  
16 THE-- YOU HAVE TO ADDRESS IS WHERE YOU HAVE THE CHILD FOR A  
17 LONG PERIOD OF TIME, EVERY EMPHASIS IS ON GUARDIANSHIP AND  
18 MOVING FORWARD WITH THE PERMANENT RELATIONSHIP.

19

20 **MARY SUE LEWIS:** RIGHT.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE:** AND I THINK THAT WHAT YOU HAVE TO PASS ON TO YOUR  
23 FOSTER PARENTS, AFTER THEY HAVE THE CHILDREN OVER A LONG  
24 PERIOD OF TIME, IF THEY REALLY WANT TO HOLD ONTO THAT CHILD,  
25 THEY NEED TO GO TO THAT NEXT STEP OF GUARDIANSHIP AND MOVING



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1 FORWARD IN TERMS OF A PERMANENT RELATIONSHIP. AND I BELIEVE  
2 THAT THAT'S WHAT DR. SANDERS IS TRYING TO SAY. OBVIOUSLY, WE  
3 WANT TO SEE REUNIFICATION, BUT WE ACCEPT THE IDEA THAT, WHERE  
4 YOU'VE HAD LONG BONDING WITH A CHILD OVER A PERIOD OF YEARS,  
5 THAT IT DOES NOT MAKE SENSE FOR THAT CHILD TO BE REMOVED. BUT  
6 YOU NEED TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND I THINK PART OF WHAT HAS TO  
7 HAPPEN WITH THOSE FOSTER PARENTS IS FOR YOU TO ASSIST THEM IN  
8 MOVING FORWARD TO GUARDIANSHIP SO THEIR POSITION CAN BE  
9 MAINTAINED.

10

11 **MARY SUE LEWIS:** A LOT OF THEM ARE, MRS. BURKE.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE:** AND I THINK THAT'S WHAT WE WOULD LIKE TO WORK WITH  
14 YOU IN DOING THAT.

15

16 **MARY SUE LEWIS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND A LOT OF THE KIDS ARE  
17 IN GUARDIANSHIP AND ADOPTION. WE FOUND HOMES IN THEIR PARENTS.  
18 THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE:** IF THEY DON'T DO THAT, THEN THEY'RE OUT THERE  
21 UNPROTECTED.

22

23 **MARY SUE LEWIS:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

24



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY, MR. WILLIAMS AND THEN CANDACE, AND  
2 THEN, IF DIANA S. WILL JOIN US, PLEASE.

3

4 **WARREN WILLIAMS:** MY NAME IS WARREN WILLIAMS. I'M REPRESENTING  
5 ALL THE CHILDREN, FAMILIES, AND PARENTS AND-- THAT'S BEEN  
6 VICTIMIZED, ESPECIALLY BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND  
7 FAMILY SERVICES, D.P.S.S., AND THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.  
8 REPRESENTING THE FOUNDATION TO END INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE. WELL,  
9 SUPERVISOR BURKE, THE STATEMENT THAT YOU JUST GAVE IN SUPPORT  
10 OF WHAT THIS FOSTER PARENT WAS STATING IS MY INTERPRETATION OF  
11 THAT IS THAT TROY ANDERSON REPORTED, HALF THE CHILDREN, AT  
12 LEAST, WITHIN FOSTER CARE SERVICES, WERE WRONGLY PLACED THERE.  
13 IF THIS COUNTY WANTS TO LEAVE THEM THERE FOR TEN YEARS, FIVE  
14 YEARS, YOU'RE SAYING THAT'S OKAY. YOU'RE GONNA SUPPORT...

15

16 **SUP. BURKE:** I DID NOT SAY THAT. NO. LET ME EXPLAIN...

17

18 **WARREN WILLIAMS:** THAT'S PRECISELY WHAT WAS SAID.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE:** FIRST OF ALL, WE HAVE TO ASSUME, IF THEY WERE  
21 THERE FOR 10 YEARS, THAT IT'S GONE BACK TO COURT EVERY SIX  
22 MONTHS OR EVERY YEAR. SO I WANT TO BE VERY CLEAR, I'M NOT  
23 SAYING CHILDREN THAT ARE WRONGLY PLACED, BUT WHAT I'M SAYING  
24 TO HER IS, IF A FOSTER PARENT HAS HAD A CHILD FOR MANY, MANY  
25 YEARS AND THEY FEEL AS THOUGH THEY HAVE BONDED WITH THAT CHILD



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1 AND THEY ARE UPSET ABOUT THE CHILD BEING MOVED, THEY SHOULD  
2 HAVE GOTTEN GUARDIANSHIP IN THE FIRST PLACE.

3

4 **WARREN WILLIAMS:** TO ALL THE SUPERVISORS, ITEM NUMBER 13 SPEAKS  
5 ABOUT MEDICATION, AND, IN THAT, IT STATES THAT THE SOUTH  
6 CENTRAL AGENCY, WHICH IS BASICALLY FOCUSED ON BLACKS AND  
7 LATINOS AND BLACK HISTORY MONTH, WHICH HAS BEEN THE HISTORY OF  
8 WRONGS BEING DONE, ESPECIALLY TO THESE TWO GROUPS THAT  
9 I.C.A.N. REPEATEDLY REPORTS. SO WITH THOSE HIRED REPORTS, WE  
10 ESTABLISH THAT THEY'RE SAYING THAT THEY NEED ALL THIS MENTAL  
11 TREATMENT. COMMON SENSE IS THAT, IF YOU WRONGLY REMOVE A CHILD  
12 FROM THEIR FAMILIES AND TRAUMATIZE THEM, NOT EMOTIONALLY  
13 DISTURBED, THAT'S ON THE PARENTS, IT'S BECAUSE OF THE WRONG  
14 THE COUNTY HAS DONE, THEN YOU'RE SAYING NOW WE'RE GOING TO  
15 DIAGNOSE THEM, WE'RE GOING TO MEDICATE THEM, SEPARATE THEM  
16 FROM THEIR PARENTS AND USE IT AS AN EXCUSE TO PLACE THEM IN  
17 FOSTER CARE, THEN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT SEVERE CRIMES HERE.  
18 YOU'RE MANIPULATING A SYSTEM WHEREBY YOU CAN MAKE MONEY WITH  
19 YOUR SUPPORTERS, TO THE SPONSORS OF THE DEPARTMENT, THE  
20 STAKEHOLDERS OF THE DEPARTMENT BEING PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES,  
21 BEING THERAPISTS, ATTORNEYS, ET CETERA. SO, REALLY, WE HAVE  
22 WHAT'S CALLED A CONSPIRACY BY LEGAL TERMS AND THE  
23 COLLABORATORS INVOLVED IN THAT CONSPIRACY COMPLETELY ALLOW IT  
24 TO UNFOLD. WE HAVE CONFLICT OF INTEREST, AND I'M ASKING THIS  
25 BOARD WILL RESPOND, IN 10 DAYS, IN WRITING, TO THE ACTION THE



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1 BOARD IS GONNA TAKE TO STOP WHAT HAS BEEN TAKING PLACE. HAS  
2 THE STAFF BEEN TERMINATED THAT WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATH  
3 OF THAT CHILD? BECAUSE, EVERY MORNING WHILE I WAKE UP, THAT'S  
4 WHAT I HEAR, DEAD CHILDREN SCREAMING, SAYING, "WHAT ARE YOU  
5 DOING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS? WHY DID YOU KILL ME?" [APPLAUSE]  
6 WHEN I GO OUT TO THE COMMUNITY, I HEAR CHILDREN SAYING, "WHY  
7 HAVE WE BEEN WRONGED? THESE INSTITUTIONS, WHY HAVE THEY BEEN  
8 COVERED UP LIKE AT MACLAREN HALL?" IT TOOK 10 YEARS TO CLOSE  
9 IT DOWN, EVEN THOUGH Y'ALL WERE AWARE OF WHAT WAS GOING ON. WE  
10 NEED A INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION BECAUSE, IF YOU INVESTIGATE  
11 YOURSELVES, YOU'RE GOING TO SUPPRESS IT AND COVER IT UP LIKE  
12 YOU'VE BEEN DOING. I BROUGHT EVIDENCE HERE, OF TRANSCRIPTS AND  
13 THINGS OF MY PERSONAL CASE. NOT A SHRED OF EVIDENCE IS AGAINST  
14 ME, SUPERVISOR BURKE, BUT YET SUBMITTING THE EVIDENCE BEFORE  
15 THIS BOARD AND TO OTHERS, YOU SAY THAT, NO, YOU DON'T DEAL  
16 WITH PERSONAL CASES. EVERY CASE IS PERSONAL. THEN YOU ALLEGE,  
17 UNDER THE CONFIDENTIALITY LAWS, IT'S CONFIDENTIAL. IT'S NOT  
18 CONFIDENTIAL THAT THAT CHILD IS DEAD. THAT'S NOT CONFIDENTIAL.  
19 THERE HAS TO BE AN AUDIT OF D.C.F.S., THE BOARD OF  
20 SUPERVISORS, C.P.S.S., THE COURTS, THE ATTORNEYS,  
21 SUBCONTRACTORS AND EVERYONE INVOLVED. WHAT THIS COUNTY HOPES  
22 TO DO IS USE THE DEATH AGAIN OF A CHILD, AS YOU DID WITH THE  
23 LES HELMES' CASE AND THEN BUILD ON THAT TO LASH AND STIGMATIZE  
24 ALL PARENTS AS PERPETRATORS SO YOU GET BILLIONS AND MILLIONS  
25 OF DOLLARS, WHICH IS, AGAIN, ANOTHER CRIME.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WARREN? I'VE GIVEN YOU EXTRA  
3 TIME SO-- BECAUSE OF THE OTHER DISCUSSION, SO IF YOU'D WRAP IT  
4 UP, PLEASE.

5

6 **WARREN WILLIAMS:** I APPRECIATE IT. I WILL. THE FOURTH THING IS  
7 THAT ALL THE SUPERVISORS SHOULD BE REPLACED BECAUSE YOU ALL  
8 ARE CRIMINALS, YOU ARE MURDERERS, YOU ARE KIDNAPPERS. YOU  
9 APPROVE THESE GROSS VIOLATIONS THAT YOU KNOW IS GOING ON...

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. YOUR TIME IS UP. THANK YOU.  
12 THANK YOU.

13

14 **WARREN WILLIAMS:** THE ARTICLES, THAT WOULD ALSO INCLUDE THE  
15 STAFF AND THE PERSON THAT'S EQUALLY RESPONSIBLE.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** CANDACE? CANDACE, YOU'RE NEXT. THANK YOU.  
18 CANDACE, YOU'RE NEXT. [SCATTERED APPLAUSE].

19

20 **CANDACE OWEN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD MEMBERS. MIKE ANTONOVICH,  
21 I'M A LITTLE CONFUSED. I READ IN THE PAPER, I THOUGHT IT WAS  
22 THE MOTHER WHO KILLED...

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT IS THE MOTHER.

25



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1 **CANDACE OWEN:** IT IS THE MOTHER. OKAY. IT'S PROBABLY HARD,  
2 AFTER SO MANY DEAD, TO GET THE FACTS STRAIGHT AFTER AWHILE. .  
3 ANYWAY, I READ IN TROY ANDERSON'S ARTICLE THAT, WHEN THE CHILD  
4 WAS INJURED, THE MOTHER WAS AFRAID TO CALL D.C.F.S. FOR HELP.  
5 AND HAD YOU BEEN FUNCTIONING THE WAY YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE,  
6 LIKE, FOR INSTANCE, I-- I GOT INTO THE WHOLE SYSTEM BECAUSE I  
7 CALLED YOU GUYS FOR HELP, AND THE HELP I GOT ENDED ME UP  
8 HOMELESS, WITHOUT MY CHILD, MY CHILD GOING THROUGH SEXUAL  
9 EXAMINATIONS, UNWARRANTED. THE CHAOS OF RUNNING AROUND, DOING  
10 EVERYTHING, AND I HAVE TO MAKE A COMMENT ON WHAT THIS FOSTER  
11 PARENT-- YOU KNOW, A LOT OF THEM ARE SHIELDED FROM WHAT US  
12 PARENTS HAVE TO GO THROUGH AND NOT TO MENTION THAT THE FEDERAL  
13 GOVERNMENT IS GIVING THE STATE MONEY UNDER TITLE 20 AND THE  
14 STATE'S SUPPOSED TO BE EXERCISING OVERSIGHT, BUT THE SERVICES  
15 ARE NOT BEING PROVIDED. AND SO WHAT YOU HAVE NOW IS YOU HAVE  
16 HOSPITAL STAFF, OH, NO, DON'T CALL D.C.F.S. LET'S TRY TO HELP  
17 THE MOTHER. LET'S TRY TO, YOU KNOW, PROTECT THIS KID FROM  
18 BEING FURTHER DAMAGED IN THE SYSTEM THAT EVERYBODY SEEMS TO  
19 KNOW HAS GONE ARRAY. ALL THE MISCONDUCT THAT HAS TAKEN PLACE,  
20 AS YOU KNOW, WILL CREATE FUTURE INSTITUTIONALIZATION. YOU'VE  
21 ALREADY CONTRIBUTED TO THAT. WE KNOW OUR PRISONS ARE FULL OF  
22 80% OF CHILDREN GROWING UP IN FOSTER CARE. I'VE MENTIONED THIS  
23 BEFORE. BUT THERE ARE REMEDIES AVAILABLE AND I'M GOING TO TELL  
24 YOU WHAT SCREAMS OUT IS BLATANT DENIAL OF DUE PROCESS. PARENTS  
25 BEING APPOINTED INEFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE OF COUNSEL ALL THE WAY



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1 ACROSS TO THE APPELLATE COURT TO COUNTY COUNSEL CONSPIRING.  
2 AND, YOU KNOW, THEY CALL IT A KANGAROO COURT. YOU KNOW WHY  
3 THEY CALL IT A KANGAROO COURT? BECAUSE NOBODY ABIDES BY THE  
4 LAW. AND DEPENDENCY COURT IS THE ONLY COURT IN THE COUNTRY  
5 THAT HAS A STATUTORY SIDE AND AN ADMINISTRATIVE SIDE. YOU  
6 RECEIVE ALL THE MONEY TO PROVIDE US SERVICES. WHO LEARNS  
7 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW? THEY'RE ALL THE PEOPLE WHO KNOW  
8 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW ARE WORKING FOR THE GOVERNMENT. NOW, I'M A  
9 LITTLE PERPLEXED BECAUSE I SPENT A GREAT DEAL OF TIME  
10 YESTERDAY GOING THROUGH SOME BUREAUCRACY. WHO IS THE DIRECTOR  
11 OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES RIGHT NOW? IS THERE  
12 ONE? DID RITA SAENZ RESIGN? KIND OF RHYMES, DOESN'T IT? OKAY.  
13 WELL, THEY'RE TELLING ME RITA SAENZ ISN'T THERE AND I DON'T  
14 KNOW WHAT HAPPENED. I COULDN'T GET TO ANYBODY TO GET TO  
15 SOMEBODY SO, INSTEAD, THEY SENT ME TO THE HEAD A.L.J., WHO WAS  
16 AT LUNCH, AND THE SECRETARY AND THEN, WHEN YOU GO TO THE  
17 COURT, RIGHT, IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH SERVICES, RIGHT,  
18 BECAUSE IT'S WELFARE, RIGHT? SERVICES, RIGHT? FAMILY  
19 REUNIFICATION, THE MOTHER WHO JUMPED OFF THE COURT AND THREW  
20 HER CHILDREN OFF THE COURT WAS LIVING IN A STUDIO APARTMENT.  
21 DID THE COUNTY PROVIDE HER WITH FAMILY PRESERVATION? THAT WAS  
22 THE INTENT OF CONGRESS IN GIVING YOU THE MONEY. BUT YOU KNOW  
23 WHAT? THAT'S WHAT IT'S ALL BEEN ABOUT, IS THE MONEY.  
24 UNFORTUNATELY, IT IS MONEY. NOW, APPROVING THE 250 MILLION



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1 LAST WEEK IS SUPPOSED TO HELP, RIGHT? WE'RE GOING TO SEND  
2 SOCIAL SERVICES INTO THE HOMES NOW, RIGHT?

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU.

5

6 **CANDACE OWEN:** AND MS. MOLINA, I REALLY WANTED...

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** I KNOW BUT YOU HAVE TO SUMMARIZE YOUR COMMENTS.

9

10 **CANDACE OWEN:** YES, I KNOW, BUT YOU KNOW WHAT? I AM  
11 SUMMARIZING, BUT IT'S DIFFICULT WHEN I'M INTERRUPTED. I WANTED  
12 TO REALLY THANK MS. MOLINA ONCE AGAIN FOR THE TENACITY THAT  
13 SHE CAME FORTH WITH A COUPLE WEEKS AGO, AND WE DO NEED--  
14 LISTEN, IT'S A PROBLEM ON ALL PARTS. I KNOW THAT THE BOARD  
15 WANTS TO HELP US, BUT-- AND MIKE ANTONOVICH AND ALL OF YOU,  
16 AND ALL OF THE YEARS THAT WE'VE BEEN COMING DOWN HERE, HAVE  
17 YOU EVER LOOKED ONCE AT WARREN WILLIAMS' FILE? BECAUSE MS.  
18 MOLINA SAYS CONFIDENTIALITY LAWS BECAUSE OF THE LANCE HELMES  
19 CASE THAT SHE HAS THE AUTHORITY NOW IN WHICH TO DO SO. AND, ON  
20 THAT NOTE, I'M GOING TO CLOSE WITH THIS, I WENT TO FAMILY LAW  
21 COURT LAST WEEK, AND CAN YOU BELIEVE? I'M COURT- ORDERED TO 11  
22 HOURS A MONTH? I NEVER GOT THE 12 HOURS, AND NOW I'M BACK TO  
23 WHERE I WAS IN DEPENDENCY COURT, WHICH IS TWO HOURS A WEEK.  
24 OKAY? THAT IS DETRIMENTAL TO HANNAH. THE SAME THING APPLIES.  
25 THIS IS A UNIFIED COURT SYSTEM...



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** TIME'S UP.

3

4 **CANDACE OWEN:** THAT IS A PART OF THE SUPERIOR COURT. IT'S  
5 UNIFIED, KNABE. IT'S UNIFIED.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. DIANA? DIANA S.?  
8 [SCATTERED APPLAUSE].

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** DIANA S.

11

12 **CANDACE OWEN:** BUT IT'S A LIE!

13

14 **DIANA S.:** YES. MY NAME IS DIANA S., I'M THE MOTHER OF JOSIAH  
15 S. I DO HAVE THE RIGHT TO DISCUSS THIS, AS I REPORTED LAST  
16 AUGUST WHEN I WAS HERE. WE DO HAVE TWO PUBLISHED APPELLATE  
17 COURT OPINIONS IN MY SON'S NAME. YOUR MATTERS REGARDING YOUR  
18 REPORT AFTER THE DEATH OF IVAN M. WELL, I AM HERE TO TALK  
19 ABOUT THE OTHER SIDE, A CHILD'S DEATH CAUSED BY YOUR D.C.F.S.,  
20 QUOTE/ UNQUOTE "INTERVENTION", NOT BY A PARENT ABUSING A  
21 CHILD, SUPPOSEDLY, BUT BY D.C.F.S. MY SON, JOSIAH, IS-- HAS--  
22 WILL BE DYING. HE'S ONLY SIX YEARS OLD. THEY SAID, IN 2002, HE  
23 WOULD ONLY LIVE TWO YEARS. JOSIAH'S DEATH, YOU WOULD SAY, IS  
24 CONFIDENTIAL, HE DID NOT DIE YET, BUT HE'S EXPECTED TO. IT'S  
25 EVERYONE'S BUSINESS... (VOICE WAVERING DUE TO TEARS) ...IT'S



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1 EVERYONE'S BUSINESS BECAUSE IT WILL HAVE BEEN DIRECTLY AS A  
2 RESULT OF ABUSIVE AND FAILED INTERVENTION BY D.C.F.S. NOW, LET  
3 THE PEOPLE, THOSE, YOU, THE SUPERVISORS, SWORN TO SERVE  
4 TAXPAYERS AND CITIZENS SUCH AS MYSELF, FULL-TIME WORKING  
5 PERSON, TELL YOU THE OTHER SIDE OF D.C.F.S., THAT YOU NEED TO  
6 HAVE A CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN FOR AND WHAT THAT PLAN MUST  
7 INCLUDE. D.C.F.S., TRAGICALLY, IS GUILTY OF THE DEATHS AND  
8 GROSS ABUSE OF CHILDREN SUPPOSEDLY BEING IN ITS CUSTODY. YOU  
9 KNOW THEM TOO WELL. I DON'T HAVE TO TELL YOU. JONATHAN REED,  
10 GILBRIANA WALLACE, TIFFANY GARCIA, I THINK IT WAS, ELIJAH  
11 JOHNSON, THE SMITH-- I FORGOT THEIR LAST NAME-- CHILDREN. WHY  
12 IS THAT? WHY ARE THEY DYING WHILE THEY'RE BEING PROTECTED?  
13 WELL, AS IMPORTANT AS IT MAY BE FOR D.C.F.S. OR AN AGENCY,  
14 CHILD PROTECTION, TO PROTECT CHILDREN WHO ARE BEING QUOTE/  
15 UNQUOTE "ABUSED", IT IS EQUALLY, IF NOT EVEN MORE IMPORTANT,  
16 FOR YOU TO NOT PROTECT OR NOT TAKE INTO YOUR CUSTODY THOSE  
17 CHILDREN WHO ARE NOT BEING ABUSED OR NEGLECTED. OKAY? YOU NEED  
18 AN ACTION PLAN REGARDING SOCIAL WRECKERS. YES, THEY WRECK OUR  
19 FAMILIES. FIVE AND A HALF YEARS IN OUR CASE. YOU STOLE MY BABY  
20 WHEN HE WAS SIX MONTHS OLD. YOU TOOK HIM FOR FAILURE TO  
21 THRIVE. HE WEIGHS 33 POUNDS AS A SIX-YEAR-OLD. TELL ME HE'S  
22 THRIVING. AND YOUR PEOPLE, COUNTY COUNSEL, MR. PELLMAN, I'D  
23 APPRECIATE IT IF YOU'D LOOK HERE. SEE THIS RECORD? THE  
24 SUBPOENA SAYS COUNTY COUNSEL, THE EVIDENCE IS NEEDED BECAUSE  
25 IT CAN BE ESTABLISHED NO OTHER WAY. THIS IS MY SON'S MEDICAL



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1 RECORD FOR THE FIRST TWO MONTHS OF HIS LIFE IN NEONATAL  
2 INTENSIVE CARE. I DON'T DO DRUGS. I DON'T DO ALCOHOL. HE HAD  
3 PROBLEMS THAT ALMOST CAUSED HIS DEATH, SIR. THIS WAS WITHHELD  
4 BY COUNTY COUNSEL. WE HAVE A PROBLEM NOT JUST WITH SOCIAL  
5 WORKERS, BUT WITH THE PEOPLE ENTRUSTED TO PRESENT THE  
6 D.C.F.S.'S SIDE WITHHOLDING EXCULPATORY EVIDENCE. THE WORKER  
7 IN MY CASE, THE INVESTIGATOR SAID HE COULDN'T RULE OUT MY SON,  
8 JOSIAH'S, MEDICAL CONDITIONS AS POSSIBLY CAUSING THE POOR  
9 WEIGHT GAIN, THE FAILURE TO THRIVE, AND YET THEY PERSISTED IN  
10 CONTINUING THE PETITION AGAINST ME. WHAT IS THE RESULT OF  
11 THEIR PROTECTION? I WOULD LIKE YOU PLEASE CAMERA TELL ME HOW I  
12 NEED TO MOVE? THIS IS THE RESULT OF THEIR PROTECTION. THIS IS  
13 THE PICTURE I DID NOT SHOW YOU LAST TIME. THIS IS ILLEGAL  
14 RESTRAINTS ON MY SON, ON HIS WRISTS AND HANDS. I WENT TO A  
15 STATE AGENCY. THEY TOLD ME THEY CANNOT RESTRAIN. MY SON HAS  
16 BLEEDING, OPEN WOUNDS. THIS IS FROM SEVERAL YEARS AGO. HE  
17 STILL HAS SCARS. THIS IS MY SON'S PROTECTION.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** IF YOU'LL WRAP IT UP, YOUR TIME'S UP.

20

21 **DIANA S.:** ...HIS BLACK EYE AND HIS MAJOR BUMP. NEVER  
22 EXPLAINED. WHEN I WENT TO A LICENSING AGENCY ABOUT THIS, GUESS  
23 WHAT? MY SON WAS MOVED TO RIVERSIDE COUNTY AND IT WAS ALLEGED  
24 I MADE 12 FALSE CHILD ABUSE ALLEGATIONS. TELL ME, IS THIS  
25 CHILD ABUSE OR IS THIS PROTECTION?!!



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. YOUR TIME IS UP. YOUR TIME  
3 IS UP.

4

5 **DIANA S.:** THIS IS THE PROBLEM. I NEED TO DO A SUMMARY. YOU  
6 NEED TO INVESTIGATE, NOT ONLY YOUR WORKERS THAT ARE FAILING TO  
7 INVESTIGATE REAL ABUSE, AND I DON'T KNOW THEIR CASE-- I KNOW  
8 THERE ARE ENOUGH PARENTS THAT ARE INNOCENT, THAT HAVE BEEN  
9 LIED AGAINST, THERE WE'RE QUITE A NUMBER, BUT YOU NEED TO  
10 INVESTIGATE WHETHER YOUR WORKERS ARE RECEIVING EXCULPATORY  
11 EVIDENCE SHOWING PARENTS ARE INNOCENT AND YOU ARE TAKING  
12 CHILDREN ANYWAY, BECAUSE AS RICHARD WEXLER...

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. YOUR TIME IS UP, PLEASE.

15

16 **DIANA S.:** ...OF WOUNDED INNOCENTS SAYS...

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY? WE'VE BEEN VERY GENEROUS. OKAY.

19

20 **DIANA S.:** ...NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHILD PROTECTION REFORM. LET  
21 ME JUST SAY THIS. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT. THE BOARD NEEDS TO  
22 HEAR THIS, PLEASE. THE PROBLEM IS, YOU DO NOT HAVE STRONG  
23 ENOUGH SCREENING CRITERIAS. YOU TAKE IN TOO MANY CHILDREN, YOU  
24 CAN'T PROTECT THEM. NATIONAL COALITION FOR CHILD PROTECTION  
25 REFORM, RICHARD WEXLER, HE'S ON THE INTERNET. PLEASE. YOU ARE



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1 REPRESENTING ME. I PAY TAXES. WE ASK THAT YOU HEAR US. WE ARE  
2 NOT A...

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. OKAY. IF YOU WILL SHUT THE  
5 MICROPHONE OFF, PLEASE. DR. SANDERS, PLEASE? THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE ALSO HAVE A REPORT...

8

9 **DIANA S.:** AND I WOULD ASK THAT THE...

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. [INDISTINCT VOICES]

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** WE WILL GET A REPORT BACK ON YOUR  
14 SITUATION. THANK YOU. [INDISTINCT VOICES] [CHAOTIC VOICES]

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PLEASE SIT DOWN, PLEASE.

17

18 **DIANA S.:** THIS IS MY CHILD'S FIRST TWO MONTHS OF LIFE.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PLEASE! THANK YOU. [CHAOTIC VOICES]

21

22 **DIANA S.:** 1999, THERE WAS ...THIS HAPPENED. IT'S BEEN FIVE  
23 YEARS!

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DR. SANDERS INDICATED IN THE...



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2 **DIANA S.:** ...AND THE OMBUDSWOMAN THAT WAS OVER THERE AND  
3 THEY'VE DONE NOTHING! [INDISTINCT VOICES]

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I AGAIN HAVE TO ASK...

6

7 **DIANA S.:** CHILDREN SHOULD NOT DIE BECAUSE OF D.C.F.S...

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE RULES, NOT ONLY THE RULES OF THE BOARD  
10 BUT THE STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT THERE BE DECORUM. WE CAN'T  
11 CONDUCT OUR BUSINESS THIS WAY. [CHAOTIC, YELLING VOICES]

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND...

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** PLEASE! PLEASE!

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ...IF THAT DOESN'T STOP, THEN I'M GOING TO  
18 ASK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, TO ASK THE DEPUTY SHERIFF TO REMOVE THE  
19 PEOPLE FROM THE ROOM. THIS IS THE KIND OF THING THAT THE LAW  
20 DOES PROVIDE US TO RESTRICT PEOPLE FROM TESTIFYING. IT  
21 DISRUPTS OUR ABILITY TO CONDUCT BUSINESS.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. MR. SANDERS?

24



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, IN THE REPORT OF IVAN,  
2 INDICATED THAT SHE HAD A ROOMMATE WHO HAD ALSO THREE CHILDREN  
3 BUT THE SOCIAL WORKER DID NOT INTERVIEW THE ROOMMATE RELATIVE  
4 TO THE BEATINGS THAT IVAN HAD FROM HIS MOTHER. AND THE  
5 QUESTION IS, WHAT DID THE SOCIAL WORKER-- WHAT WERE THE  
6 REASONS THAT THE SOCIAL WORKER GAVE FOR FAILING TO FOLLOW UP  
7 ON THE REPORTS OF CHILD ABUSE AND FAILING TO INTERVIEW ALL OF  
8 THE PEOPLE WITHIN THE HOME?

9

10 **DAVID SANDERS:** MR. CHAIR, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, THE-- I WAS  
11 PREPARED TO PROVIDE A BRIEF OVERVIEW, IF THAT WOULD BE  
12 REASONABLE AND WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY.

15

16 **DAVID SANDERS:** OR WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO GET DIRECTLY INTO THE  
17 DISCUSSION OF QUESTIONS?

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IS THIS FOR OPEN SESSION OR CLOSED SESSION,  
20 MR. PELLMAN?

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I'M GOING TO ASK COUNTY COUNSEL AT WHAT  
23 POINT IS THIS CLOSED SESSION, OPEN SESSION?

24



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1 **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** MR. CHAIR, ONCE THE DIRECTOR GETS BEYOND  
2 TALKING IN TERMS OF THE GENERAL PROGRESSIVE, GOING FORWARD  
3 PROTOCOLS THAT WILL BE ESTABLISHED AS OPPOSED TO THE ACTUAL  
4 INCIDENT.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. THEN WE CAN DISCUSS THE OTHER IN A  
7 CLOSED SESSION BUT, IN OPEN SESSION, YOU CAN GIVE US THE  
8 INFORMATION THAT YOU'RE ALLOWED TO GIVE IN AN OPEN SESSION.

9

10 **DAVID SANDERS:** OKAY. I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD FOR THE  
11 OPPORTUNITY. IT'S MY INTENTION TO USE THIS TRAGIC OCCURRENCE  
12 TO CONTINUE TO IMPROVE OUR SERVICES. I'M GOING TO ACTUALLY BE  
13 VERY BRIEF AND THERE ARE TWO ISSUES THAT I WANT TO COVER THAT  
14 ARE PART OF THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN. THE FIRST IS THE  
15 PRACTICE CHANGES AND SECOND IS THE NEW-- THE DEATH REVIEW  
16 PROTOCOL THAT IS INCLUDED WITH THE PACKET. THE PRACTICE  
17 CHANGE-- ESSENTIALLY, THERE ARE THREE TASKS FOR AN  
18 INVESTIGATOR. THEY NEED TO TALK TO THE RIGHT PEOPLE, THEY NEED  
19 TO ASK THE RIGHT QUESTIONS AND THEN MAKE THE RIGHT DECISIONS.  
20 AND, THROUGH THIS, IT'S CLEAR THAT IT'S IMPORTANT TO DOCUMENT  
21 FINDINGS IN AN ACCURATE AND FACTUAL MANNER. THE THIRD, THE  
22 MAKING THE RIGHT DECISIONS, IS ENTIRELY DEPENDENT ON TALKING  
23 TO THE RIGHT PEOPLE AND ASKING THE RIGHT QUESTIONS. AND,  
24 CLEARLY, THERE ARE DEFICIENCIES IN THIS AREA OF PRACTICE.  
25 THERE ARE A COUPLE OF THINGS THAT AREN'T INCLUDED SPECIFICALLY



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1 IN THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN THAT I WANT TO TOUCH ON BEFORE  
2 GOING INTO THE SPECIFICS. THERE ARE AT LEAST TWO OTHER ISSUES  
3 THAT I THINK ARE IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES THAT WE'RE INVOLVED IN,  
4 AND I WANTED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THEM. ONE IS-- AND SUPERVISOR  
5 BURKE AND SUPERVISOR KNABE HAVE BOTH EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE  
6 OF THIS, AND THAT IS THE WORKING WITH FIRST FIVE. I THINK THAT  
7 THERE ARE EFFORTS THAT WE CAN PUT IN PLACE THAT HELP WITH  
8 ASSURING THAT FAMILIES REFERRED HAVE SERVICES AND AREN'T JUST  
9 LEAVING OUR DEPARTMENT WITH ONLY AN INVESTIGATION. AND,  
10 SECOND, IS THE WORK WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT THAT'S OCCURRING IN  
11 ALL OF THE SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS AND STRENGTHENING THE  
12 RELATIONSHIP WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT IN ORDER TO ENSTRENGTHEN OUR  
13 OWN INVESTIGATIVE ABILITIES. THE FOCUS IN THE PRACTICE CHANGES  
14 IS REALLY, AGAIN, GOING BACK TO THE TASK THAT AN INVESTIGATOR  
15 IS RESPONSIBLE FOR AND, CLEARLY, WE WILL CONTINUE TO LOOK AT  
16 REDUCING CASELOADS THROUGH REALLOCATION. A SECOND IS THE  
17 PAIRING OF A PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE WITH OUR EMERGENCY RESPONSE  
18 ON ANY SUBSEQUENT REPORTS WITH CHILDREN UNDER AGE FOUR. WE  
19 ARE, AGAIN, HAVING A SECOND SET OF EYES IS GOING TO BE  
20 CRITICAL. THIRD IS INCREASING THE CLARITY OF OUR POLICIES  
21 REGARDING COLLATERAL CONTACTS. THAT'S AN AREA THAT, AGAIN,  
22 MANY DEFICIENCIES WERE REVEALED WITH THIS CASE. FOURTH,  
23 REINFORCING THE CRITICAL ROLE OF THE SUPERVISOR. THE  
24 SUPERVISOR HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MAKING SURE THAT THERE'S  
25 ONGOING COMMUNICATION ABOUT THE ACTIVITIES IN AN INVESTIGATION



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1 AND THEY PLAY AS CRITICAL ROLE AS THE INVESTIGATOR. AND THEN,  
2 FINALLY, THE USE OF STRUCTURED DECISION-MAKING. THE DECISION-  
3 MAKING, WHICH IS THE LAST ELEMENT AND IS DEPENDENT ON  
4 PERFORMANCE, IS AN ELEMENT THAT IS THAT THERE HAS BEEN  
5 CONSISTENT FALLOFF. AND SO IT'S MY BELIEF THAT USING A  
6 RESEARCH-BASED TOOL CAN HELP US TO IMPROVE THAT DECISION-  
7 MAKING. LET ME JUST TALK ABOUT THE DEATH REVIEW PROTOCOL AND  
8 THEN CONCLUDE. WITH THE PROCESS OF INVESTIGATION, I WILL TAKE  
9 PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR OVERSIGHT OF REVIEWS. WE'LL HAVE  
10 THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR TAKE A LEAD ON THIS ISSUE ON INITIATING A  
11 RESPONSE. WITHIN 24 HOURS OF A CRITICAL INCIDENT THAT'S CALLED  
12 IN, A TEAM WILL REVIEW A FATALITY AND THAT TEAM WILL BE LED BY  
13 THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR. WITHIN 48 HOURS, A RECOMMENDATION WILL  
14 BE MADE TO ME ON TEMPORARILY REASSIGNING THE F.C.S.W. OR  
15 C.S.W. WITHIN 72 HOURS, A PRELIMINARY CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN  
16 WILL BE PRESENTED TO ME. ALSO, SINCE REPORTING THE INITIAL  
17 STEP, I HAVE ADDED, INSERTED-- AND, SINCE REPORTING THE  
18 INITIAL PROCESS, HAVE INSERTED ANOTHER STEP AFTER DISCUSSION  
19 WITH MR. PELLMAN. THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR AND I WILL CONSULT WITH  
20 A LABOR ATTORNEY REGARDING THE COMPLETION OF THE INVESTIGATION  
21 AT THAT THIRD DAY, WHICH WILL THEN HELP WITH THE PROCESS, THE  
22 CONTINUING PROCESS OF THE INVESTIGATION PRIOR TO CIVIL  
23 SERVICE. IT'S CLEAR THAT THERE HAS BEEN A DROP-OFF IN THE  
24 DEPARTMENT IN TERMS OF THE INFORMATION PRESENTED TO CIVIL  
25 SERVICE, AND I WILL SHEPHERD THE INVESTIGATION THROUGH THE



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1 PROCESS WITH THE INFORMATION FROM A LABOR ATTORNEY. IT'S CLEAR  
2 FROM THE TESTIMONY THAT YOU'VE HEARD, CERTAINLY FROM THE  
3 INFORMATION IN THIS CASE THAT THERE ARE SYSTEMIC PATTERNS THAT  
4 BEGIN WITH FRONT LINE PRACTICE AND MANAGEMENT OF THAT PRACTICE  
5 AND-- THAT HAVE RESULTED IN BOTH POOR DECISION-MAKING AND POOR  
6 DOCUMENTATION. THESE AREN'T SINGULAR ISSUES, NECESSARILY, OF  
7 INDIVIDUAL SOCIAL WORKERS AND, CLEARLY, THERE NEEDS TO BE A  
8 CONTINUED FOCUS ON THE SYSTEMIC PATTERNS. ON THE OTHER HAND,  
9 THE DEATH REVIEW PROTOCOL AND MY DIRECT INTERVENTION WILL  
10 ALLOW US TO FOCUS MORE DIRECTLY AND AGGRESSIVELY ON INDIVIDUAL  
11 PERFORMANCE. SO, WHILE THE SYSTEMIC PATTERNS EXIST, THERE IS  
12 INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE THAT WE NEED TO BE MUCH MORE DIRECTLY  
13 ON TOP OF. SO THANK YOU, AND I'M AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ASK, WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE REGIONAL  
16 ADMINISTRATOR AND THE ASSISTANT REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR?

17

18 **DAVID SANDERS:** THE-- THERE ARE-- THE INVOLVEMENT IN CASES  
19 DIRECTLY WILL VARY. THE ASSISTANT REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR MAY  
20 BE CONSULTED, MAY NOT BE INVOLVED IN EVERY CASE. THEIR  
21 INVOLVEMENT, THOUGH, IN THE OVERSIGHT IS THROUGH PERFORMANCE  
22 REVIEWS, THROUGH COMMUNICATION OF POLICY, THROUGH ASSURING THE  
23 QUALITY OF THE WORK WITHIN A SECTION WHERE IT IS THE SECTION  
24 THAT AN ASSISTANT REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR OR THE OFFICE THAT A



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1 REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR. SO THEY ARE  
2 CLEARLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ASSURING THE QUALITY OF PERFORMANCE.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHEN IS THE INVESTIGATION GOING TO BE  
5 COMPLETED REGARDING THIS CASE?

6

7 **DAVID SANDERS:** WE HAD SOME PRELIMINARY INFORMATION AND I HAD  
8 ASKED FOR SOME ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO BE DISCOVERED, AND I  
9 WOULD-- FOR THE ASSISTANT REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR, I WOULD  
10 ANTICIPATE THAT WE WILL BE DONE WITHIN A WEEK.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND HOW DO YOU ENSURE THAT SOCIAL WORKERS ARE  
13 PERFORMING TO THE BEST OF THEIR ABILITY IF THEY ARE REASSIGNED  
14 TO THE LINE RESPONSIBILITIES?

15

16 **DAVID SANDERS:** MR. CHAIR, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, THERE ARE A  
17 VARIETY OF SPECIFIC MEASURES OF PERFORMANCE THAT WE'RE  
18 BEGINNING TO USE TO LOOK AT THAT AND A CRITICAL ONE IS THE  
19 INCIDENCE OF ABUSE OR NEGLECT FOR CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE OR  
20 THE RECIDIVISM FOR CHILDREN WHO ARE OPEN TO A WORKER. AND  
21 THAT'S INFORMATION THAT WE'VE DEVELOPED IN THE LAST COUPLE OF  
22 MONTHS THAT GOES DOWN TO THE WORKER LEVEL. WE ARE ALSO ABLE TO  
23 MONITOR THEIR PERFORMANCE IN TERMS OF THE RATE OF PLACEMENTS,  
24 WHAT THEY DO IN TERMS OF PLACEMENTS AND SO FORTH. THE  
25 STRONGEST TOOL FOR MONITORING THAT PERFORMANCE IS THE



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1 SUPERVISOR AND A.R.A., AND THE DEFICIENCIES THAT WE'VE HAD  
2 HISTORICALLY IN PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS HAVE CLEARLY HAD AN  
3 IMPACT ON THE ONGOING MONITORING OF THAT, AND THAT'S AN AREA  
4 THAT WE NEED TO WORK MORE SUCCESSFULLY ON.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE INDIVIDUALS THAT WERE INVOLVED IN THIS  
7 TRAGEDY, ARE THEY STILL EMPLOYED OR ARE THEY SUSPENDED OR WHAT  
8 IS THEIR STATUS?

9

10 **DAVID SANDERS:** IT'S A COMBINATION OF-- THERE ARE SEVERAL-- TWO  
11 HAVE BEEN DISMISSED, SEVERAL WHO HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND ARE INDIVIDUALS ABLE TO BE HELD  
14 CRIMINALLY LIABLE FOR DECISIONS THAT WOULD LEAD TO THIS TYPE  
15 OF TRAGEDY?

16

17 **DAVID SANDERS:** I BELIEVE THEY WOULD BE. I HAVE NOT TALKED TO  
18 THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY DIRECTLY ON THIS.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR BURKE?

23

24 **SUP. BURKE:** I WANTED TO GET REALLY CLEAR. INITIALLY, THE  
25 INVESTIGATION WAS STARTED BY ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES. WAS



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1 THAT THE CASE? DID THEY CONTINUE AT ALL IN THIS OR IMMEDIATELY  
2 AFTER THEY CAME IN, AND I GUESS WHAT I READ HERE, WAS ADULT  
3 PROTECTIVE SERVICES CAME IN BECAUSE THE MOTHER HAD ALLEGEDLY  
4 BEEN HIT BY HER MOTHER AND HER BROTHER. AND MY QUESTION IS,  
5 WAS-- WHAT WAS THEIR ROLE? DID THEY STOP INVESTIGATING AS SOON  
6 AS CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES STARTED COMING IN?

7

8 **DAVID SANDERS:** MR. CHAIR, SUPERVISOR BURKE, I THINK THAT-- TWO  
9 THINGS. I THINK THAT SOME OF THAT INFORMATION WOULD BE CLOSED  
10 SESSION INFORMATION.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE:** OH, IT'S CONFIDENTIAL. ALL RIGHT. OKAY. I'LL  
13 WITHHOLD.

14

15 **DAVID SANDERS:** AND CYNTHIA BANKS IS HERE FROM C.S.S. IF...

16

17 **SUP. BURKE:** I'LL ASK LATER.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. I GUESS THE QUESTION I-- SUPERVISOR  
20 MOLINA, DO YOU HAVE-- I'M GOING TO ASK A COUPLE QUESTIONS.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** GO AHEAD.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ONE, IS THE ONE THING THAT WASN'T IN THE  
25 REPORT, AND HOPEFULLY YOU WILL ADDRESS IN THIS FOLLOW-UP, IS



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1 IT APPEARS THERE ARE THREE DIFFERENT SETS OF WORKERS. THIS WAS  
2 NOT A CONTIGUOUS ONE SET. AND, OBVIOUSLY, THAT'S OF GREAT  
3 CONCERN AND THE CONTINUITY OF THAT KIND OF SERVICE. SO  
4 HOPEFULLY YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ADDRESS THAT OR HOW THAT  
5 HAPPENED OR IN CASES WHERE THAT DOES HAPPEN, HOW THERE IS  
6 FOLLOW UP AND THE ONLY OTHER QUESTION I HAVE IS, YOU KNOW,  
7 OBVIOUSLY A CHILD IS DEAD AND IS THE DISCIPLINE SEVERE ENOUGH?  
8 I MEAN, THAT CONTINUES TO BE A MAJOR, MAJOR ISSUE WITH ME AND  
9 OTHERS, SO... SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** DR. SANDERS, AS YOU KNOW, THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST  
12 DIFFICULT AND CHALLENGING ISSUES THAT WE HAVE. THE REALITY IS  
13 WE SEE MANY OF THE PARENTS WHO COME HERE AND TELL US WHAT'S  
14 GOING ON FROM THEIR POINT OF VIEW AND WE NEED TO RELY ON OUR  
15 DEPARTMENT HEADS AND OUR SUPERVISORS TO TELL US WHAT'S GOING  
16 ON IN SOME OF THESE ISSUES AND IT'S VERY TROUBLING, TRYING TO  
17 FIGURE OUT HOW TO HAVE OVERSIGHT, BECAUSE ACCOUNTABILITY DOES  
18 REST WITH US ON THESE ISSUES. MY CONCERN IS THAT THERE IS NO  
19 DOUBT THAT, WHEN WE HEAR OF ONE OF THESE DEATHS, IT SEEMS AS  
20 THOUGH WE NEED TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF IT AND ALL OF A SUDDEN  
21 WE BECOME-- SOME PEOPLE WOULD THINK ALL OF A SUDDEN WE'RE  
22 INVOLVED, BUT IT SEEMS AS THOUGH WE'RE INVOLVED IN MONITORING  
23 ON AN ONGOING BASIS, DIFFERENT WAYS TO APPROACH THIS ISSUE.  
24 PROBABLY THE MOST DIFFICULT THING IS THE NUMBER OF CASES THAT  
25 WE HAVE IN L.A. COUNTY AND THE RESOURCES THAT WE HAVE TO



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1 ADDRESS THEM. THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT WE'VE LOOKED AT PREVENTIVE  
2 SERVICES, WE'VE CERTAINLY LOOKED AT OUTREACHING INTO DIFFERENT  
3 WAYS TO CREATE A MECHANISM SO THAT CHILDREN DO NOT BECOME PART  
4 OF OUR WARDS. BUT THE REALITY IS THAT, WHILE THEY ARE A WARD,  
5 THEY ARE OUR RESPONSIBILITY AND OUR DUTY. MY PROBLEM IS THAT  
6 WE'VE DONE EVERYTHING THAT WE CAN. I NEED TO RELY ON OUR  
7 SOCIAL WORKERS, I NEED TO RELY ON OUR SUPERVISORS WHO  
8 SUPERVISE THE SOCIAL WORKERS, AND I NEED TO RELY ON YOU TO  
9 TELL ME WHAT IS GOING ON AND TO CONVINC ME THAT WE'RE DOING  
10 THE BEST THAT WE CAN. BUT I'M CONSTANTLY TROUBLED BY THE FACT  
11 THAT, WHEN WE FIND ONE OF THESE DEATHS, AND AGAIN, WE DON'T  
12 KNOW THIS IS GOING TO HAPPEN AND, UNFORTUNATELY, WE HAVE TO  
13 SAY THAT IT'S INEVITABLE IN SOME OF THESE INSTANCES THAT WE  
14 CAN'T PROVIDE ALL THE PROTECTIONS THAT WE SHOULD AND THAT'S  
15 THE UNFORTUNATE ASPECT OF DOING THIS KIND OF WORK. BUT THE  
16 REALITY IS, WHEN WE DO LOOK INTO ONE OF THESE DEATHS, WE  
17 UNCOVER ALL KINDS OF PROBLEMS AND THAT'S WHAT'S MOST TROUBLING  
18 FOR ME. I WOULD RATHER THAT, WHEN WE LOOK INTO THESE CASES  
19 THAT WE WOULD FIND THAT WE'VE DONE ALL THAT WE CAN DO, THE  
20 BEST THAT WE CAN DO. AND, UNFORTUNATELY, WHEN WE START LOOKING  
21 THROUGH THESE CASES, WE FIND THAT'S NOT THE CASE. AND ALL I  
22 CAN TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR, I CAN'T TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR  
23 THE PARENT, I CAN'T TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR OUTSIDE AGENCIES,  
24 AND I CAN'T TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE COURTS OR THE JUDGES,  
25 BUT I DO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR OUR DEPARTMENT AND THE SOCIAL



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1 WORKERS. AND SO THIS IS THE AREA WHERE I THINK WE NEED TO  
2 CONTINUE TO DO BETTER WORK. NOW, I'VE RECEIVED LETTERS, AS I'M  
3 SURE ALL THE OTHER BOARD MEMBERS DID, FROM THE UNION AND FROM  
4 SOME OF THE SOCIAL WORKERS ABOUT HOW CONCERNED THEY ARE ABOUT  
5 THE FACT THAT I'VE RAISED THE ISSUES OF DISCIPLINE AND HOW  
6 INAPPROPRIATE IT IS FOR ME TO DO SO. THAT'S ALL I HAVE  
7 AVAILABLE TO ME, IS TO TELL YOU THAT YOU NEED TO DISCIPLINE  
8 THE PEOPLE THAT WERE INVOLVED IN THIS. I DON'T KNOW HOW TO  
9 BEGIN A PROCESS OF CORRECTIVE ACTION IF PEOPLE DON'T  
10 UNDERSTAND AND RECOGNIZE THAT, IF YOU DON'T FOLLOW THE BASIC  
11 PROCEDURES AND THE BASIC PROCESS THAT WAS CREATED AND YOU  
12 VIOLATE THOSE PROCEDURES, THEN YOU'RE NOT DOING YOUR JOB AND  
13 THERE NEEDS TO BE DISCIPLINE. WHAT EXTENT AND TO WHAT LEVEL IS  
14 OF CONCERN TO ME. BUT I THINK WHAT BOTHERS ME THE MOST ABOUT  
15 THESE THINGS IS THAT-- AND IN THIS CASE WAS ANOTHER EXAMPLE--  
16 WE'RE ONLY AS GOOD AS THE INFORMATION WE GET, UNFORTUNATELY.  
17 AND, IN THESE CASES, UNLESS YOU HAVE A DOCUMENT THAT STATES  
18 EXACTLY WHAT IS GOING ON, WHOEVER PICKS UP THIS CASE, SOCIAL  
19 WORKER, SUPERVISING SOCIAL WORKER, JUDGE, ATTORNEY, IT'S ONLY  
20 AS GOOD AS THE DOCUMENT THAT IS PROVIDED. AND, UNFORTUNATELY,  
21 WE STILL HAVE SOCIAL WORKERS RESISTING AND RESISTING  
22 DOCUMENTING THESE CASES. THE REALITY IS, IF IT IS NOT WRITTEN,  
23 YOU CAN ALMOST SAY IT DIDN'T HAPPEN. I KNOW THAT SOCIAL  
24 WORKERS COMPLAIN AND BEMOAN THE FACT THAT THEY HAVE TO PUT IT  
25 INTO A RECORD, THEY HAVE TO DOCUMENT THESE CASES, BUT THIS IS



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1 A PERFECT EXAMPLE, AGAIN, WHERE SOCIAL WORKERS DID NOT  
2 DOCUMENT WHAT WAS GOING ON SO THAT THE NEXT SOCIAL WORKER AND  
3 THE SUPERVISING SOCIAL WORKER DIDN'T KNOW WHAT WAS GOING ON.

4

5 **SPEAKER:** (INDISTINCT).

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** AGAIN. SO WE HAD ASKED AND MANDATED, I THINK,  
8 WELL OVER SIX MONTHS AGO, MAYBE A YEAR AGO, THAT ALL SOCIAL  
9 WORKERS ARE MANDATED, ARE MANDATED TO INPUT ALL OF THIS INTO A  
10 COMPUTER, A COMPUTER THAT WE PAY MILLIONS OF DOLLARS FOR AND  
11 THAT SOME SOCIAL WORKERS ARE CONTINUING TO RESIST DOCUMENTING  
12 THESE CASES. AND IT'S VERY TOUGH TO PUT TOGETHER A WRITTEN  
13 DOCUMENT WHEN FILES ARE ALL OVER THE PLACE IN DIFFERENT  
14 OFFICES. WHAT I'M CONCERNED ABOUT IS WE PUT THAT INFORMATION  
15 IN AND WE DID AN AUDIT, NOT OF THE HUNDRED CASES. THIS IS THE  
16 ADEQUACY OF THE FILES. IN MENTAL HEALTH, THE ADEQUACY OF THAT-  
17 - THOSE NOTATIONS AND THOSE DOCUMENTS, ONLY 28%. FAMILY  
18 BACKGROUNDS, ONLY 18%. EDUCATION BACKGROUNDS, 24%. PLACEMENT,  
19 ONLY 26. ONE QUARTER WERE GETTING THAT INFORMATION. MEDICAL  
20 AND DENTAL, PROBABLY CRITICAL, VERY CRITICAL, ONLY 30%. SO THE  
21 REALITY IS, WE CAN SIT HERE AND TELL YOU AND MANDATE AND TRY  
22 AND GET THIS DEPARTMENT TO OPERATE ON SOME OF THESE THINGS,  
23 BUT I REALLY THINK IT'S ESSENTIALLY IMPORTANT THAT YOU NEED TO  
24 GET YOUR DEPARTMENT TO FALL INTO STEP ON SOME OF THESE ISSUES  
25 OF ACCOUNTABILITY. I WOULD LOVE TO TELL EVERY SOCIAL WORKER,



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1 "OH, WHAT A WONDERFUL JOB YOU'RE DOING," BUT IF IT IS NOT  
2 DOCUMENTED, THEY'RE NOT DOING IT, AND THEY ARE GOING TO SIT  
3 THERE AND COMPLAIN. I MEAN, ONE GENTLEMAN WROTE ME AND SAID  
4 THAT 45% OF HIS DAY IS SPENT BEHIND A COMPUTER. WELL, THAT'S  
5 THE REALITY OF OUR DAYS NOWADAYS. I MEAN, THAT'S THE REALITY  
6 OF OUR SITUATION. SO IT DOESN'T DO A BIT OF GOOD TO GO OUT AND  
7 VISIT A LOT OF CHILDREN IF YOU DO NOT DOCUMENT YOUR VISITS AND  
8 SUBSTANTIATE THE INFORMATION THAT IS REQUIRED, BY LAW, THEN  
9 THAT VISIT IS USELESS. IT REALLY IS. BECAUSE THEN YOU'RE JUST  
10 VISITING AND NOT FOLLOWING UP. SO, DR. SANDERS, THESE RECORDS  
11 HAVE TO IMPROVE AND I WOULD THINK THAT, AGAIN, THE MORE THAT  
12 YOU DOCUMENT AND THE MORE THAT IT IS REVIEWED BY NOT ONLY THE  
13 SOCIAL WORKER BUT THE SUPERVISING SOCIAL WORKER, THEN MAYBE WE  
14 CAN GET AT TO A REAL ASSESSMENT OF WHAT'S GOING ON. WE TALKED  
15 ABOUT DOING THE UP-FRONT ASSESSMENTS, WE TALKED ABOUT DOING  
16 ASSESSMENTS NOW ON SOME OF THESE CHILDREN BUT IF WE HAVE TO  
17 RECONSTRUCT RECORDS BECAUSE YOU HAVE SOCIAL WORKERS WHO AREN'T  
18 WILLING TO DOCUMENT WHAT THEY ALREADY KNOW, THEN WE'RE GOING  
19 TO SPEND MORE TIME EVER GETTING TO THE VERY BASIC OF AN  
20 ASSESSMENT. SO ALL I CAN SAY TO YOU IS THAT THIS IS A  
21 DEPLORABLE RECORD AT THIS POINT IN TIME AND I KNOW THAT YOU'VE  
22 TAKEN A LOT OF HITS ON IT AND I KNOW THAT YOU'RE TRYING TO DO  
23 THE BEST, CONSIDERING THE DEPARTMENT THAT YOU'VE UNDERTAKEN  
24 THE RESPONSIBILITIES HERE. BUT I THINK IT'S REALLY ESSENTIAL  
25 TO DEVELOP A TEAM. I APPRECIATE THE CORRECTIVE ACTION THAT YOU



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1 PUT IN PLACE. I APPRECIATE THE DISCIPLINE THAT YOU'RE PUTTING  
2 IN PLACE AS WELL. I AM SURE THAT IT'S GOING TO BE TOUGH  
3 SLEDDING ALL THE WAY THROUGH BUT I THINK THAT YOU NEED TO BE  
4 SUPPORTED BY THIS BOARD, AND YOU WILL BE, ON THOSE ISSUES. AND  
5 YOU WILL BE. BUT I ALSO THINK THAT WE ALSO NEED TO SEE SOME  
6 REAL COMMAND TAKEN WITH OTHER SOCIAL WORKERS. AGAIN, THAT'S  
7 NOT SAYING THAT EVERYBODY'S NOT WORKING HARD AND NOT TRYING TO  
8 DO THEIR JOB. BUT WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND THE REALITY. I SAY IT  
9 TO MY STAFF, "IF YOU DO NOT DOCUMENT IT, IF I CAN'T READ IT IN  
10 A COMPUTER FILE THAT I HAVE, A CONSTITUENT WHO CALLS ME AND I  
11 DON'T KNOW WHAT WE'VE DONE, IF IT'S NOT WRITTEN, IT DID NOT  
12 HAPPEN." THAT'S ALMOST THE SAME STANDARD YOU HAVE TO HOLD FOR  
13 THESE SOCIAL WORKERS. JUST BECAUSE THEY SAY THEY WENT OUT AND  
14 DID THE VISIT, THEY SAY THEY DID THESE THINGS, IT'S NOT GOOD  
15 ENOUGH UNTIL IT IS PROPERLY DOCUMENTED BECAUSE YOU NEVER KNOW  
16 WHEN THAT CASE FILE IS GOING TO BE TAKEN OFF THEIR DESK, WHEN  
17 THEY'RE GOING TO BE ON JURY DUTY, WHEN THEY'RE GOING TO BE ON  
18 VACATION OR OUT ON SICK LEAVE, THAT THAT FILE IS GOING TO HAVE  
19 TO BE PICKED UP AND TAKEN OVER BY ANOTHER SOCIAL WORKER AND IT  
20 WILL HAVE NO VALUE IF IT IS NOT WELL DOCUMENTED. SO I REALLY  
21 HOPE THAT WE'RE MAKING AN EMPHASIS STRONG ENOUGH ON THIS  
22 DOCUMENTATION ISSUE. LAST I HEARD THAT THE UNIONS HAD NOT EVEN  
23 BEEN INFORMED OF THAT MOTION AND THAT THEY HAD NOT AGREED.  
24 WITH ALL DUE RESPECT TO THE UNIONS, THAT IS NOT A NEGOTIABLE  
25 ITEM. THAT IS A RESPONSIBILITY, STATE LAW, IT IS A MANDATE



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1 FROM THIS BOARD, AND SO THE REALITY IS THAT THEY MUST DO IT.  
2 AND SO THESE STATISTICS MUST CHANGE.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. DO YOU HAVE ANY  
5 RESPONSE OR COMMENT? ANYONE ELSE HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE'LL DISCUSS THE REST IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YEAH. I THINK THE OTHER QUESTIONS THAT MOST  
10 OF US HAVE ARE CLOSED SESSION QUESTIONS AS IT RELATES TO  
11 PERSONNEL ISSUES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU, DR. SANDERS.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU ALL TO THOSE THAT TESTIFIED. THE  
16 ONLY REMAINING ITEM BEFORE US PRIOR TO ADJOURNMENTS AND PUBLIC  
17 COMMENT IS ITEM NUMBER 17, CONSIDERATION OF-- THERE WAS TWO  
18 MOTIONS, BASICALLY, ON ITEM 17. ONE WAS THE RECOMMENDATION  
19 WHICH WAS CONTINUED AT THE REQUEST OF C.A.O. AND THEN THE NEW  
20 CONSIDERATION SUBSIDY RECOMMENDATION BY SUPERVISOR  
21 YAROSLAVSKY. WE DID HAVE ONE SPEAKER THAT SIGNED UP FOR ITEM  
22 17 AND DR. SHAH, I BELIEVE IT IS, DR. SHAH HAS SIGNED UP FOR  
23 ITEM 17.

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1 **DR. JAY SHAH:** GOOD AFTERNOON. WELCOME TO SUPERVISORS AND  
2 WORKERS AND ACTIVISTS. MY NAME IS DR. JAY SHAH. I'M M.D. IN  
3 LOCAL COUNTY AND THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO TALK FOR TWO,  
4 THREE MINUTES. THE MAIN THING THAT WE ARE TALKING ON 17, WHICH  
5 I THINK WE ARE PROPOSING TO SAY THAT THERE ARE A NUMBER OF  
6 EMPLOYEES WHO CAN BE TRAINED AND WE DO NOT NEED TO GIVE  
7 CONTRACT OUT LIKE \$12 MILLION. AS A DOCTOR, I WORKED, I KNOW  
8 THAT, IF YOU DO PROPER SERVICES AND IF ALL THE PROVIDERS WRITE  
9 DOWN PROPER SERVICES ACCORDING TO DIAGNOSIS, THEN WE CAN BILL  
10 BETTER AND WE CAN COLLECT MORE MONEY. IN THE OTHER WAY, THE  
11 SERVICES ARE NOT PROVIDED BUT ARE CODED WRONGLY, THEN WE ARE  
12 TO REFUND MONEY TO STATE MEDICAL OR MEDICARE. AND WE ALL KNOW  
13 THAT HAPPENS. I FEEL THIS WAY. THAT IS LIKE MANDATORY THAT  
14 PROVIDERS WRITE PROPERLY AND TREAT PROPERLY ACCORDING TO THE  
15 DIAGNOSIS OF THE NEED OF THE PATIENT AND THAT'S THE ONLY WAY  
16 YOU CAN IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF CARE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF  
17 HEALTH SERVICES. AS YOU ALL KNOW THAT, IN PRIVATE, PEOPLE DO  
18 KNOW HOW TO BILL PROPERLY AND COLLECT THE MAXIMUM MONEY FOR  
19 THE SERVICES PROVIDED TO THE PATIENT AND THAT'S WHAT WE SHOULD  
20 DO, TOO. THIS TALKS ABOUT GOALS. WE'RE FORGETTING LIKE  
21 EXERCISES OR NUTRITIONISTS OR TALKING AND TIME SPENT BY NURSES  
22 OR SOCIAL SERVICES OR OTHER-- THESE ARE ALL BILLABLE ITEMS AND  
23 I THINK WE SHOULD LOOK INTO THAT. AGAIN, I'LL SAY THAT IT'S  
24 DIFFICULT FOR ME TO TELL BUT, PEOPLE, WE HAVE ENOUGH EMPLOYEES  
25 WHO CAN BE TRAINED AND CAN GET WHAT WE CALL SAVE THE MONEY OF



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1 THE COUNTY. I DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT OTHER ISSUES, AS YOU  
2 KNOW, BUT THE NUTRITION OF THE CHILDREN OR WHAT YOU CALL  
3 ACCOUNTABILITY IS MORE IMPORTANT IN THE SENSE OF COLLECTING  
4 MONEY, GIVING THESE PEOPLE A CONTRACT. I ALWAYS FELT THAT  
5 BILLS SHOULD BE THEIR FEE AND OPEN CONTRACTS SHOULD NOT BE  
6 THERE. I ALSO SHOULD SAY THAT THE ELECTION NEXT TUESDAY, AND I  
7 AM A CANDIDATE FOR THE DISTRICT L.A. COUNTY SUPERVISORS, AND  
8 THE WHOLE IDEA IS TO SEE WEBSITE, IF YOU LIKE, WWW.DRJAYSHAH.  
9 AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO TALK, AND WE ALSO KNOW  
10 THAT ACCOUNTABILITY AND OPENNESS IS MORE IMPORTANT FOR SERVICE  
11 AND THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TIME. AND I KNOW YOU'RE ALL  
12 GOOD-HEARTED SERVICE-ORIENTED PEOPLE, SO-- BUT LET US BE MORE  
13 OPEN AND ACCOUNTABLE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE TIME. THANK  
14 YOU.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, YOU WANT  
17 TO ADDRESS YOUR ISSUE OR...?

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19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO. I JUST MOVE MY AMENDMENT.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ITEM NUMBER 17, MOVED AS AMENDED,  
22 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. I  
23 BELIEVE THAT FINISHES THE REGULAR AGENDA. AM I CORRECT? OKAY.  
24 WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT.

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1 **SUP. BURKE:** I DIDN'T DO MY ADJOURNMENTS.

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3 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** BEFORE WE DO PUBLIC COMMENT, WE'RE GOING TO  
4 DO ADJOURNMENTS. I'M GOING TO START-- I'VE DONE MINE. NOW  
5 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, HE'S GONE. OH, NO, HE'S RIGHT HERE.  
6 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND THEN WE'LL THE FINISH THE  
7 ADJOURNMENTS AND THEN WE'LL GO TO PUBLIC COMMENT.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'D LIKE TO MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF  
10 LUCILLE ASHJIAN, WHO PASSED AWAY ON FEBRUARY 24TH. SHE WAS  
11 RETIRED FROM GENERAL INSURANCE OF AMERICA WHERE SHE WAS THE  
12 SUPERVISOR OF THE AUDIT CONTROL DIVISION AND WAS ALSO A MEMBER  
13 OF THE L.A. COUNTY MUSEUM OF ART AND INVOLVED IN MANY  
14 COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES. WILLIAM BORKGREN, WHO HAD PASSED AWAY  
15 LAST YEAR. WE WERE JUST NOTIFIED. HE WAS QUITE INVOLVED IN THE  
16 COMMUNITY. HIS CHILDREN WENT TO SCHOOL WITH MY SISTER AND  
17 MYSELF. HE WAS QUITE INVOLVED. EARL PARTON, WHO WAS RETIRED  
18 FROM STANDARD OIL, WHERE HE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 91,  
19 SERVED IN THE ARMY, WAS A COMMUNITY LEADER IN JUNIOR  
20 ACHIEVEMENT, SCOUTING, LITTLE LEAGUE, AND BETHEL LUTHERAN  
21 CHURCH. CHARLES HOFFMAN, LANDSCAPE ENGINEER, LONG-TIME SAN  
22 MARINO RESIDENT. DR. INEZ SCHUBERT, WHO WAS A PROFESSOR OF  
23 MUSIC EDUCATION AT CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY AT LOS ANGELES  
24 AND AUTHOR OF MUSIC FOR CHILDREN BOOKS AND MATERIALS. ALSO,  
25 DR. GLENDA VITTIMBERGA, ALSO A PROFESSOR AT CALIFORNIA STATE



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1 UNIVERSITY AT LOS ANGELES IN THE SCHOOL OF PSYCHOLOGY AND IN  
2 THE DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION AND COUNSELING. FOR NEXT WEEK,  
3 I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE  
4 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES PROCLAIM MARCH 7TH AS MAGIC OF ADOPTION  
5 DAY THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND WE RECOGNIZE THE  
6 ACADEMY OF ADOPTION LAWYERS, WHICH WAS A NONPROFIT  
7 ORGANIZATION, NOT-FOR-PROFIT, COMPRISED OF FAMILY FORMATION,  
8 ADOPTION LAWYERS WHO ASSIST IN THE PUBLIC IN IDENTIFYING  
9 COMPETENT FAMILY FORMATION PRACTITIONERS WHILE ALSO PROVIDING  
10 PROFESSIONAL PUBLIC AND JUDICIAL EDUCATION ON ADOPTION,  
11 GUARDIANSHIP, JUVENILE COURT ADOPTION AND RELATED SUBJECTS.  
12 THAT'S IT.

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14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED. THAT'S FOR NEXT WEEK.  
15 SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

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17 **SUP. MOLINA:** IS THIS ADJOURNMENTS?

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YES.

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21 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE  
22 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF FRANK DEL OLMO, WHO UNEXPECTEDLY PASSED  
23 AWAY LAST WEEK.

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25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** ALL MEMBERS.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT WAS CERTAINLY SHOCKING FOR ME. VERY YOUNG, WE  
3 WERE THE SAME AGE. FRANK WAS AN ASSOCIATE EDITOR AND COLUMNIST  
4 FOR THE LOS ANGELES TIMES. THROUGHOUT HIS THREE DECADES WITH  
5 THE TIMES, FRANK ROSE FROM AN INTERN TO A STAFF WRITER, THEN  
6 CONTINUED AS AN EDITORIAL WRITER AND ASSOCIATE EDITOR. HE WAS  
7 THE PUBLICATION'S FIRST LATINO EDITOR TO BE LISTED ON ITS  
8 MASTHEAD. IN 1984, FRANK SHARED THE PULITZER PRIZE FOR A  
9 SERIES CALLED SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA'S LATINO COMMUNITY. THIS  
10 EXTRAORDINARY AWARD WAS JUST ONE OF THE MANY RECOGNITIONS THAT  
11 HE TRULY DESERVED. MOST IMPORTANTLY, FRANK FULFILLED HIS  
12 MISSION TO ENSURE THAT THE LOS ANGELES LATINO EXPERIENCE WAS  
13 RECORDED. HIS RELEVANT COMMENTARY AND KEEN INSIGHTS FROM THE  
14 LATINO PERSPECTIVE PROVIDED A VOICE FOR OUR COMMUNITY THAT  
15 REFLECTED THE DIVERSITY OF THE CITY AND THE COUNTY. MOST  
16 TRAGIC IS THE LOSS TO HIS FAMILY. WE WANT TO SEND OUR DEEPEST  
17 CONDOLENCES TO HIS WIFE, MAGDALENA, AND TO HIS CHILDREN,  
18 FRANKIE AND VALENTINA AND TO ALL OF HIS EXTENDED FAMILY AND  
19 CERTAINLY TO HIS COLLEAGUES AT THE LOS ANGELES TIMES. HE WAS A  
20 SHINING STAR IN OUR COMMUNITY AND HE'LL BE DEEPLY AND  
21 PROFOUNDLY MISSED. SERVICES ARE TODAY AT 3:00 AT ALL SAINTS  
22 EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN PASADENA.

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24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED. ALL MEMBERS. SUPERVISOR BURKE?

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1 **SUP. BURKE:** I MOVE THAT, WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN  
2 MEMORY OF SISTER WILLIE PEARL ESTERS, LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF  
3 THE SECOND DISTRICT AND LONG-TIME MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY  
4 BAPTIST CHURCH. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER SON, PASTOR E. BOYD  
5 ESTERS. THELMA COLE WAS A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF SECOND  
6 DISTRICT AND FRIEND OF THE WATTS AREA WHERE SHE RAISED HER SIX  
7 CHILDREN, WAS AN EMPLOYEE OF W.L.C.A.C. FOR THE PAST 36 YEARS.  
8 SHE WAS THE DIRECTOR OF THE ONE STOP WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
9 CENTER AND ONE SOURCE CALIFORNIA PROGRAM IN WHICH SOUTH LOS  
10 ANGELES AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITY RESIDENTS HAVE BEEN ASSISTED  
11 WITH JOB TRAINING AND PLACEMENT. THESE PROGRAMS ALSO OFFER  
12 SERVICES FOR CAREER-SEEKING YOUTH OVER HER CAREER SPAN AT  
13 W.L.C.A.C. IT'S ESTIMATED THAT MISS COLE ASSISTED OVER 35,000  
14 PEOPLE IN PURSUIT OF EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES. SHE WILL BE  
15 SORELY MISSED BY HER W.L.C.A.C. FAMILY. WILLIE MAE ADKINS,  
16 BELOVED WIFE AND MOTHER AND FORMER 25-YEAR LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
17 EMPLOYEE. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER CHILDREN AND HUSBAND, HENRY  
18 ADKINS. DIANE JEAN HENDERSON. SHE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 49  
19 IN HER SLEEP. SHE WAS A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF THE SECOND  
20 DISTRICT AND LEAVES TO CHERISH HER MEMORY TWO CHILDREN, RASHAD  
21 AND NICOLE, AND FOUR BROTHERS AND FOUR SISTERS. CHARLES "CAB"  
22 CABALLERO, A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF THE SECOND DISTRICT,  
23 FAITHFUL MEMBER OF THE LADERA CIVIC ASSOCIATION AND LADERA  
24 SENIOR CENTER, AND OUTSTANDING MEMBER OF THE SECOND DISTRICT  
25 COMMUNITY. HE LOVED MUSIC AND WAS A RETIRED 21-YEAR EMPLOYEE



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1 OF L.A.U.S.D. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, LESSIE CABALLERO.  
2 AND, FINALLY, THELMA ROSE MITCHELL, LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF THE  
3 SECOND DISTRICT AND RETIRED 30 YEAR TEACHER WITH L.A.U.S.D.  
4 SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER SISTER, WILHELM ROYAL, SEVERAL NIECES  
5 AND A HOST OF OTHER RELATIVES.

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7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED. DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING FOR NEXT  
8 WEEK? IF NOT, PUBLIC COMMENTS. WE HAVE UKO BENJAMIN ESSIEN,  
9 JENNIFER JACKSON, AND LEONARD ROSE.

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11 **UKO BENJAMIN ESSIEN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, GENTLEMEN, CHAIRMAN, AND  
12 ALL THE SUPERVISORS. I HAVE AN ISSUE THAT'S RATHER UNIQUE, I  
13 THINK. BUT, AFTER LISTENING TO A LOT OF THE TESTIMONIES THAT  
14 HAVE GONE FORTH, I DON'T THINK IT'S SO UNIQUE AFTER ALL. I'M  
15 GOING THROUGH A DIVORCE RIGHT NOW AND I SPOKE TO A MEDIATOR  
16 AND, FOLLOWING WHAT I HAD DESCRIBED TO THE MEDIATOR WHAT HAD  
17 HAPPENED IN MY HOME, SHE REFERRED THE MATTER TO D.C.F.S. FOR  
18 AN INVESTIGATION. WELL, SHE SAID THAT IT WAS AN IMMEDIATE  
19 CASE, WHICH MEANT THAT I SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED A PHONE CALL  
20 FROM AN INVESTIGATOR RIGHT AWAY, THE SAME DAY, SHE HAD SAID. I  
21 WAITED A WEEK. THIS WAS ON THE 29TH. I WAITED A WEEK. I DIDN'T  
22 HEAR FROM ANYONE, SO I CALLED BACK AND THEY GAVE ME AN 800  
23 NUMBER INTO THE D.C.F.S. OFFICE. I CALLED THERE AND SOMEONE  
24 LOOKED UP MY CASE AND TOLD ME WHO MY INVESTIGATOR WAS. I  
25 CALLED LETICIA DIAZ IN THE TORRANCE OFFICE, AND I WENT IN AND



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1 SAW HER. SHE AGAIN-- I WAS LISTENING TO SUPERVISOR MOLINA WHEN  
2 SHE WAS, YOU KNOW, MAKING A STATEMENT ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE FOR  
3 DOCUMENTATION. WELL, I NOTICED SHE DIDN'T DOCUMENT ANYTHING I  
4 WAS SAYING, SHE DIDN'T PARTICULARLY PAY ATTENTION TO WHAT I  
5 WAS SAYING. IT WAS APPARENT THAT SHE HAD ALREADY MADE UP HER  
6 MIND BEFORE I, YOU KNOW, SAT DOWN WITH HER. AND I SHOWED HER  
7 AS MUCH EVIDENCE AS I HAVE, WHICH I HAD QUITE A BIT, BOTH  
8 PHYSICAL AND OTHER TYPES OF EVIDENCE, AND SHE ABSOLUTELY  
9 IGNORED IT. YESTERDAY WE WERE IN COURT AND MY ATTORNEY-- WELL,  
10 THE JUDGE ASKED MY ATTORNEY AND-- MY SON'S MOTHER'S ATTORNEY  
11 TO CALL MS. DIAZ, AND SHE INDICATED TO THEM THAT SHE WAS GOING  
12 TO COMPLETE HER INVESTIGATION SOMETIME THIS WEEK AND SHE WAS  
13 GOING TO LET MY SON'S MOTHER KNOW ABOUT IT. WELL, I'M THE ONE  
14 WHO INITIATED THE DIVORCE, I'M THE ONE WHOSE TESTIMONY LED TO  
15 THE INVESTIGATION BEING INITIATED, AND I WAS RATHER CONCERNED  
16 THAT SHE DECIDED TO TAKE SIDES WITH MY SON'S MOTHER. IT WAS  
17 OBVIOUS. WELL, MY ATTORNEY ADVISED ME TO COME HERE TODAY AND  
18 SPEAK TO YOU AS A LAST HOPE. I DON'T WANT MY SON TO BE ABUSED  
19 ANY MORE AND I WOULD THINK THAT, WITH YOUR POWERS, YOU COULD  
20 POSSIBLY APPOINT A DEPUTY TO OVERSEE THIS INVESTIGATION,  
21 PLEASE. BECAUSE IT SEEMS AS IF THINGS ARE GOING THE WAY THEY  
22 SHOULDN'T BE GOING.

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24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHERE DO YOU LIVE?

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1 **UKO BENJAMIN ESSIEN:** I LIVE IN HAWTHORNE.

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3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHERE?

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5 **UKO BENJAMIN ESSIEN:** I BELIEVE IT'S SUPERVISOR BURKE'S  
6 DISTRICT. SO I WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR INTERVENTION,  
7 PLEASE, BEFORE MY SON ENDS UP WHERE HE SHOULDN'T BE.

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9 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, NOW, LET ME UNDERSTAND. DOES YOUR WIFE STILL  
10 HAVE THE CHILD IN THE HOME?

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12 **UKO BENJAMIN ESSIEN:** YES, SHE DOES, YES.

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14 **SUP. BURKE:** AND YOU ARE INVOLVED IN A DIVORCE AND YOU'RE  
15 ASKING FOR CUSTODY. IS THAT IT? OR ARE YOU ASKING THAT THE  
16 CHILD BE REMOVED FROM HOME TO ANOTHER HOME?

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18 **UKO BENJAMIN ESSIEN:** I'M ASKING FOR CUSTODY.

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20 **SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT. WE CAN SPEAK WITH YOU AND-- SEE, WE  
21 DON'T GET INVOLVED IN TERMS OF CUSTODY ISSUES BUT IF THE CHILD  
22 IS BEING ABUSED, WE CAN FIND OUT WHAT THE SOCIAL WORKERS  
23 DETERMINED.

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1 **UKO BENJAMIN ESSIEN:** RIGHT. WHAT I'M TRYING-- I'M NOT ASKING  
2 YOU TO INTERVENE IN TERMS OF THE DIVORCE OR THE CUSTODY ISSUE.  
3 WHAT I'M ASKING YOU TO DO IS TO OVERSEE THE INVESTIGATION  
4 BECAUSE THE INVESTIGATOR IS SLANTED, OBVIOUSLY.

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6 **SUP. BURKE:** AND THEY HAVE-- AND THE CHILD-- THEY HAVE  
7 INVESTIGATED BUT THEY HAVE LEFT THE CHILD-- THEY HAVE NOT HAD  
8 ANY COURT PROCEEDINGS...

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10 **UKO BENJAMIN ESSIEN:** SHE HAS NOT INVESTIGATED ANYTHING.

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12 **SUP. BURKE:** OKAY. WELL, WE CAN HAVE SOMEONE...

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14 **UKO BENJAMIN ESSIEN:** SHE DID NOT SIT DOWN WITH ME OR MY CHILD  
15 OR MY SON'S MOTHER AS OF YET BUT SHE HAS ALREADY MADE A  
16 DECISION, APPARENTLY, OBVIOUSLY, RATHER, TO SIDE WITH MY SON'S  
17 MOTHER. WELL, FOR MORE INFORMATION, MY SON'S MOTHER IS  
18 HISPANIC AND THIS INVESTIGATOR IS HISPANIC, SO IT WAS OBVIOUS  
19 FROM THE FIRST TIME SHE SAW ME THAT IT WAS CLEAR.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** DO YOU WANT TO HAVE SOMEONE VISIT WITH HIM?

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23 **SUP. BURKE:** YES. MIRIAM WILL SPEAK WITH HIM AND ALSO WE'LL GET  
24 SOMEONE FROM CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, ALSO.

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1 SUP. KNABE, CHAIR: I'M RIGHT BEHIND YOU THERE.

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3 UKO BENJAMIN ESSIEN: WOULD YOU PLEASE.

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5 SUP. BURKE: SURE. SHE'S RIGHT HERE.

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7 SUP. KNABE, CHAIR: RIGHT BEHIND YOU THERE. THANK YOU.

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9 UKO BENJAMIN ESSIEN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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11 SUP. KNABE, CHAIR: OKAY. THANK YOU. LEONARD?

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13 LEONARD W. ROSE, JR.: GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD MEMBERS. I'M  
14 LEONARD ROSE. I'M HEAR TO TALK ABOUT THE PEDESTRIAN, YOU KNOW,  
15 CROSS STREET AND SINGLE LIGHT, YOU KNOW, AND SO MANY  
16 PEDESTRIANS JAYWALKING IN THE MIDDLE OF THE HIGHWAY AND THE  
17 HIGH SCHOOL AND SCHOOL, YOU KNOW, JAYWALK IN THE MIDDLE OF THE  
18 STREET AND THE HIGHWAY. ONE GIRL GOT HIT AND RUN BY A RED  
19 LIGHT, YOU KNOW, AND THIS ONE GUY SAY, COME ON, GO, RED LIGHT,  
20 COME ON, SHE DARING HER. I WATCHED THE NEWS LAST NIGHT, YOU  
21 KNOW, AND A TRAGEDY HAPPENED TO THIS GIRL AND THIS GIRL IS ON  
22 LIFE SUPPORT, YOU KNOW, AND THEY'RE GOING TO-- HER MOM IS  
23 THINKING ABOUT PULLING THE CORD, AND SO MANY PEDESTRIANS  
24 GETTING KILLED. I MADE A SPEECH ABOUT A YEAR AGO ABOUT THESE  
25 PEDESTRIANS AND SAID BRING UP A LAW, PEDESTRIAN ON JAYWALKER



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1 AND NEED TO HAVE A CAMPAIGN ON CITY PARK AND COMMUNITY CENTER  
2 WHERE THEY GO EDUCATE AND THEY SIGN. I TAKE PICTURES OF THESE  
3 CROSSWALKS AND THEN OF RESTAURANT, THE L.A. RESTAURANT, YOU  
4 KNOW, I WENT TO BALDWIN PARK ADULT SCHOOL AND LEARNED ABOUT  
5 SAFETY, YOU KNOW, IN A RESTAURANT, YOU KNOW, NEED TO  
6 INVESTIGATE ALL THESE REHAB SERVICE WORKSHOPS THAT HAVE--  
7 GARDENER WORKSHOP AND JANITOR, FOOD SERVICE, YOU KNOW, THESE  
8 REHAB, BUT THIS-- THIS ADULT EDUCATION, I LEARNED A LOT OF IT.  
9 THEY GOT SAFETY, THEY GOT WARNING SIGN, THEY GOT WASH YOUR  
10 HANDS BEFORE RETURNING TO WORK, THEY GOT ALL THE SIGNS IN THE  
11 BALDWIN PARK. THIS IS ONE OF THE BEST BALDWIN PARK ADULT  
12 SCHOOL I EVER WENT AND I LEARNED LOTS OF THINGS DOWN THERE. I  
13 WISH THAT EVERY RESTAURANT NEED TO DO THIS. AND LIKE JACK IN  
14 THE BOX, YOU KNOW, WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE FOOD AND  
15 CLEANLINESS AND EMPLOYEES AND THE SPEED OF SERVICE, YOU KNOW,  
16 AND EVERY RESTAURANT NEED TO HAVE THIS, YOU KNOW, WHAT THE  
17 CUSTOMER NEED TO FILL OUT BECAUSE OF BACTERIA, AND PEOPLE ARE  
18 RISKING THE REST OVER IT IN THESE RESTAURANTS, AND WHAT  
19 BACTERIA IN POTS AND PANS AND FOOD AND PEOPLE GET SICK AND  
20 THEY CALL WORK SICK, YOU KNOW, THEY CAN'T MAKE IT BECAUSE THE  
21 FOOD'S BEEN OLD, A COUPLE DAYS, YOU KNOW, AND THEY KEEP IT THE  
22 NEXT DAY, KEEP THE TEMPERATURE, RIGHT TEMPERATURE OF FOOD. AND  
23 I GOT, THERE'S OUTREACH CHURCH PROGRAM. KIM ORISINA GOT HER  
24 WEBSITE AND BIG OUTREACH DOT OR WWW. YOU CAN CONTACT, SEND IT  
25 TO YOUR WIFE, OUTREACH, HELP THESE GANG MEMBERS, REHAB HOMES



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1 AND, YOU KNOW, AND I GOT THESE FLIERS HERE AND THEN A T.V.  
2 PROGRAM LIKE SEVENTH HEAVEN AND EVERWOOD AND LIFETIME MOVIE,  
3 YOU KNOW, SO BASED ON TRUE STORY WHAT KIDS-- KISSING THEIR  
4 BOYFRIEND AND THEY GET GERMS AND THEY GET DISEASE AND THEY  
5 NEED TO EDUCATE THESE KIDS IN SCHOOL ABOUT THAT. THANK YOU  
6 VERY MUCH.

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, LEONARD. NICE-LOOKING SUIT  
9 THERE, TOO, MY FRIEND.

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11 **LEONARD:** ALL RIGHT.

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13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** IF YOU'LL READ US INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION,  
14 WE'D APPRECIATE IT.

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16 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT  
17 REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF  
18 SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM CS-  
19 1, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING  
20 LITIGATION, ITEM CS-2, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING  
21 REGARDING SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION, 12 CASES; ITEM  
22 CS-3, CS-4, ITEM CS-5 IS CONTINUED ONE WEEK, AND THOSE ARE  
23 CONFERENCES WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE  
24 TO LITIGATION, ONE CASE EACH. ITEM CS-6, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL  
25 COUNSEL REGARDING INITIATION OF LITIGATION, ONE CASE, AND ITEM



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1 CS-7, CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS DAVID E. JANSSEN AND  
2 DESIGNATED STAFF AND THE REMAINDER OF ITEM S-1, CONFERENCE  
3 WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO  
4 LITIGATION, ONE CASE, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA AND  
5 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. THE NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
6 SUPERVISORS WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3RD, 2004, AT  
7 9:30 A.M. THANK YOU.

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1                   **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION,**  
2                                   **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2004**

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4    There is no reportable action as a result of today's closed  
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1 REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

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4 I, Jennifer A. Hines, Certified Shorthand Reporter Number  
5 6029/RPR/CRR qualified in an for the State of California, do  
6 hereby certify:

7 That the foregoing transcript of recorded  
8 proceedings was taken on Tuesday, February 24, 2004, at the  
9 time and place therein set forth and recorded by the Los  
10 Angeles County Board of Supervisors, thereafter transcribed  
11 into typewriting under my direction and supervision;

12 And I hereby certify that the foregoing transcript  
13 of recorded proceedings is a full, true, and correct  
14 transcript of the recorded proceedings before the Los Angeles  
15 County Board of Supervisors.

16 I further certify that I am neither counsel for nor  
17 related to any party to said action, nor in anywise interested  
18 in the outcome thereof.

19 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this  
20 27th day of February, 2004.

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23 \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature on file) \_\_\_\_\_

24 JENNIFER A. HINES

25 CSR No. 6029/RPR/CRR