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1 [There is no reportable action as a result of the
2 Board of Supervisors' closed session held today.]

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NOVEMBER 14TH, 2006 LOS ANGELES COUNTY
7 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING WILL COME TO ORDER. WE'LL FIRST
8 BE LED IN PRAYER BY PASTOR WILLIAM "BLINKY" RODRIGUEZ OF THE
9 COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS, IN NORTH HILLS IN THE THIRD
10 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY JOE
11 JUAREZ, COMMANDER OF POST NUMBER 2 OF THE CULVER CITY AMVETS
12 IN THE SECOND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT. AUDIENCE WOULD PLEASE
13 RISE AND PASTOR.

14

15 **THE REVEREND WILLIAM "BLINKY" RODRIGUEZ:** JUST BOW YOUR HEADS
16 WITH ME. DEAR GOD, WE COME BEFORE YOU. WE RECOGNIZE THE NEED
17 FOR YOUR STRENGTH AND YOUR WILL. I PRAY OVER THIS GOVERNING
18 BODY, THIS ELECTED BOARD THAT YOU WOULD STRENGTHEN AND
19 ENCOURAGE THEM, GIVE THEM THE WISDOM, THE UNDERSTANDING, THE
20 KNOWLEDGE TO NAVIGATE THE WATERS OF THIS DAY IN THIS AGE, THAT
21 THEY WOULD RECOGNIZE THE WILL OF THE GREATER GOOD FOR THE
22 MASSES, FOR THE PEOPLE THAT THEY'VE BEEN ELECTED TO SERVE.
23 STRENGTHEN THEM, ENCOURAGE THEM AND LIFT UP THEIR FAMILIES,
24 THEIR CHILDREN, THEIR GRANDCHILDREN. WE THANK YOU NOW FOR ALL



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1 THAT YOU'RE DOING IN OUR LIVES, IN YOUR PRECIOUS NAME I PRAY,
2 AMEN.

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4 **JOE JUAREZ:** PLEASE FACE THE FLAG, PUT YOUR RIGHT HAND ON YOUR
5 HEART AND REPEAT AFTER ME. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE]

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE WERE LED IN PRAYER--
10 "BLINKY", COME ON OVER HERE-- WE WERE LED IN PRAYER BY OUR
11 GOOD FRIEND, THE REVEREND WILLIAM "BLINKY" RODRIGUEZ, WHO IS
12 THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITIES AND SCHOOLS OF GREATER
13 LOS ANGELES IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. REVEREND RODRIGUEZ
14 AND, IN OUR BOOK, HE IS REVEREND, HIS STATUS AS A WORLD CLASS
15 KICK BOXER HAS ALLOWED HIM TO UNIQUELY WORK WITH YOUTH IN OUR
16 COMMUNITY SINCE THE 1970S. IN 1990, "BLINKY'S" 16-YEAR-OLD SON
17 WAS KILLED IN A DRIVE-BY SHOOTING. IT WAS THIS TRAGEDY THAT
18 INSPIRED HIM TO DEDICATE HIS LIFE TO ENDING GANG VIOLENCE. THE
19 WORK HE HAS DONE HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED BY NUMEROUS NATIONAL AND
20 INTERNATIONAL LEADERS, INCLUDING THE UNITED NATIONS, AND HE
21 HAS RECEIVED OVER 83 AWARDS FOR HIS WORK. BLINKY RODRIGUEZ HAS
22 BEEN FEATURED ON A&E TELEVISION, IN READER'S DIGEST, AS A
23 COMMUNITY HERO, WAS EVEN ON LARRY KING A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO.
24 HE IS A FRIEND TO THE COUNTY, WORKS CLOSELY WITH OUR PROBATION
25 DEPARTMENT, WORKS VERY CLOSELY WITH OUR OFFICE AND WITH MIKE



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1 ANTONOVICH'S OFFICE IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, ESPECIALLY
2 WHERE WE'VE HAD AN UNFORTUNATE RESURGENCE IN GANG-RELATED
3 HOMICIDES THIS YEAR. BUT WE KNOW ONE THING, THAT HIS-- THAT
4 "BLINKY'S" FAITH AND EQUALLY IMPORTANT HIS HARD WORK AND HIS
5 HEART HAS MADE A HUGE DIFFERENCE. THE SITUATION WOULD BE FAR
6 WORSE IF IT WASN'T FOR HIS WORK AND THE PEOPLE HE WORKS WITH,
7 SO, "BLINKY," THANK YOU FOR LEADING US IN PRAYER THIS MORNING,
8 THANK FOR THE GREAT WORK YOU DO IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND WE
9 WISH YOU ALL GODSPEED. [APPLAUSE]

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR BURKE.

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13 **SUP. BURKE:** WE ARE VERY PLEASED TO HAVE AS OUR PLEDGE VETERAN,
14 JOE JUAREZ AND HE IS FROM TORRANCE. HE SERVED IN THE AIR FORCE
15 AS A MASTER SERGEANT. HE WAS IN KOREA AND HE RECEIVED THE AIR
16 FORCE MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL, AIR FORCE ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL,
17 AIR FORCE COMMENDATION MEDAL, AIR FORCE EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL,
18 AIR FORCE GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL AND NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE
19 MEDAL. HE PRESENTLY WORKS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AS A
20 PHOTOGRAPHER, 61ST COMMUNICATION S.A.V. IN PART OF THE AIR
21 FORCE. HE'S MARRIED WITH TWO CHILDREN. HE'S BEEN IN THE
22 DISTRICT FOR 50 YEARS. HE WENT TO SANTA MONICA HIGH SCHOOL AND
23 HE'S PART OF THE CULVER CITY AMVETS AND THAT'S POST NUMBER 2.
24 [APPLAUSE]

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** GOOD MORNING, MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE
2 BOARD, WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 5, AGENDA FOR THE
3 MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEMS 1-D
4 THROUGH 4-D.

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY KNABE. SECONDED. WITHOUT
7 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING
10 AUTHORITY, ITEMS 1-H AND 2-H.

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY MOLINA. SECONDED. WITHOUT
13 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

14

15 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE PUBLIC WORKS
16 FINANCING AUTHORITY, ITEM 1-F.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY BURKE. SECONDED. WITHOUT
19 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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21 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 11.
22 ON ITEM NUMBER 2, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT THIS
23 ITEM BE HELD. THE REST ARE BEFORE YOU.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED,
2 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, ITEMS 12
5 THROUGH 19. ON ITEM 12, SUPERVISOR BURKE, SUPERVISOR KNABE AND
6 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM
7 13, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS
8 ITEM. ON ITEM 15, SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND SUPERVISOR KNABE
9 REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 16, THE CHIEF
10 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED
11 ONE WEEK TO NOVEMBER 21ST, 2006. ON ITEMS 17 AND 18,
12 SUPERVISOR MOLINA REQUESTS THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. AND, ON
13 ITEM 19, SUPERVISOR MOLINA VOTES "NO".

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. MOTION BY KNABE. SECONDED.
16 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

17

18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** COUNTY COUNSEL, ITEM 21, SUPERVISOR
19 ANTONOVICH AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE
20 HELD.

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ITEM 20 BY MOLINA. SECONDED. WITHOUT
23 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** I'M SORRY. I SKIPPED BEACHES AND HARBOR,
2 ITEM 20.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. THAT'S BY MOLINA.

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6 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** HEALTH SERVICES, ITEMS 22 THROUGH 25.

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8 **SUP. KNABE:** DID WE APPROVE ITEM 20?

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE DID. WE DID 20. 21 IS BEING HELD.

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12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 21 IS BEING HELD.

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14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** 22 THROUGH 25 BY BURKE, SECONDED.

15 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

16

17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** INTERNAL SERVICES, ITEM 26.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY YAROSLAVSKY. SECONDED.

20 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

21

22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MENTAL HEALTH, ITEMS 27 AND 28. AND, ON

23 ITEM 28, THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

24 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO NOVEMBER

25 21ST, 2006.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** 28?

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4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THAT'S ITEM 28.

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY KNABE. SECONDED. WITHOUT
7 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** PARKS AND RECREATION, ITEM 29.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY KNABE. SECONDED. WITHOUT
12 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

13

14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** PUBLIC HEALTH, ITEMS 30 AND 31.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY MOLINA. SECONDED. WITHOUT
17 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

18

19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES, ON ITEM 32,
20 SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. PUBLIC
21 WORKS, ITEMS 33 THROUGH 50.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY BURKE. SECONDED. WITHOUT
24 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 23, SHERIFF, ITEMS 51 THROUGH 53.
2 ON ITEM 51, SUPERVISOR MOLINA REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
3 CONTINUED THREE WEEKS TO DECEMBER 5TH, 2006.

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND THE REMAINDER BY YAROSLAVSKY.
6 SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR, ITEM 54.

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY KNABE. SECONDED. WITHOUT
11 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS, ITEMS 55
12 THROUGH 64.

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14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY MOLINA, SECONDED, WITHOUT
15 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION AND I'LL READ
18 THE SHORT TITLE IN FOR THE RECORD. ON ITEM 65, THIS IS AN
19 ORDINANCE TO EXTEND THROUGH DECEMBER 31ST, 2007, THE TERM OF
20 THE ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTION FRANCHISE GRANTED TO SOUTHERN
21 CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY, A CORPORATION, BY ORDINANCE NUMBER
22 7062 AND, ON THIS ITEM, SUPERVISOR MOLINA REQUESTS THAT THIS
23 ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 66, THIS IS AN ORDINANCE TO EXTEND
24 THROUGH DECEMBER 31ST, 2007, THE TERM OF THE GAS PIPELINE
25 FRANCHISE GRANTED TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY, A



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1 CORPORATION, BY ORDINANCE NUMBER 6765, AS AMENDED, AND, ON
2 THIS ITEM, SUPERVISOR MOLINA REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD.
3 ON ITEM 67, THIS IS AN ORDINANCE TO EXTEND THROUGH DECEMBER
4 31ST, 2007, THE TERM OF THE PROPRIETARY PETROLEUM PIPELINE
5 FRANCHISE GRANTED TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY ORDINANCE
6 NUMBER 11854, AS AMENDED, AND, ON THIS ITEM, SUPERVISOR MOLINA
7 VOTES "NO".

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. MOTION BY BURKE. MOLINA NOTED
10 OPPOSITION ON THE-- AS NOTED ON THOSE ITEMS. SECONDED. WITHOUT
11 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

12

13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION, ITEM 68.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY YAROSLAVSKY. SECONDED.
16 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

17

18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SEPARATE MATTERS, AND I'LL READ THE SHORT
19 TITLE IN FOR THE RECORD ON THESE. ON ITEM 69, THIS IS THE
20 TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT
21 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE ENGLEWOOD
22 UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS 1998 ELECTION
23 2006 SERIES D IN A AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED 51
24 MILLION.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. SO MOVED. SECONDED BY
2 YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

3

4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM 70, THIS IS THE TREASURER AND TAX
5 COLLECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE
6 SALE AND ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED 400 MILLION IN LEASE
7 REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS TO REFINANCE PRIOR OBLIGATIONS RELATED
8 TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES 1996 MASTER REFUNDING PROJECT,
9 THE 1997 MASTER REFUNDING PROJECT AND THE 2000 ANTELOPE VALLEY
10 COURTHOUSE PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY
11 OF RELATED DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO ISSUE THE BONDS AND COMPLETE
12 THE REFUNDING TRANSACTION.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY YAROSLAVSKY. SECONDED,
15 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

16

17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MISCELLANEOUS, ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA
18 REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS AND THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE
19 OFFICER, WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF
20 THE MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE GREEN SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.
21 ITEM 71-A.

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23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO MOVED. SECONDED BY MOLINA. WITHOUT
24 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA.
2 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL
3 DISTRICT NO. 5.

4
5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THIS MORNING, WE'RE GOING TO
6 CONGRATULATE SOME OF OUR OUTSTANDING EDUCATORS IN LOS ANGELES
7 COUNTY. WE'RE GOING TO RECOGNIZE 13 EDUCATORS WHO HAVE BEEN
8 NAMED LOS ANGELES COUNTY TEACHERS OF THE YEAR FOR 2006/2007
9 THROUGH THE 25TH ANNUAL COMPETITION ORGANIZED BY THE LOS
10 ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION. THIS IS A PRESTIGIOUS
11 RECOGNITION AWARD THAT RECOGNIZES EXCELLENCE IN OUR EDUCATORS.
12 THEY WERE CHOSEN FROM A FIELD OF 67 CANDIDATES. THEY WERE
13 JUDGED BY THEIR PEERS AS THEIR PROFESSION'S BEST OF THE BEST
14 FROM AMONG 80,000 COUNTYWIDE CLASSROOM INSTRUCTORS. IN THE
15 FALL, THEY WILL COMPETE WITH OTHERS FROM AROUND THE STATE IN
16 THE CALIFORNIA TEACHERS OF THE YEAR PROGRAM. A WINNER WILL BE
17 CHOSEN TO REPRESENT CALIFORNIA IN THE NATIONAL TEACHER OF THE
18 YEAR PROGRAM, WHICH BEGINS IN THE SPRING OF 2007. FIRST, THOSE
19 REPRESENTING THE FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AND JOINING US
20 MAKING THESE RECOGNITIONS IS DR. DARLENE ROBLES, WHO IS THE
21 SUPERINTENDENT OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT.
22 FIRST IS LAURA ARROWSMITH, WHO IS A 17-YEAR TEACHER, 11TH
23 GRADE INSTRUCTOR AT WEST RANCH HIGH SCHOOL LOCATED IN SANTA
24 CLARITA STEVENSON RANCH, PART OF THE WILLIAM S. HART UNION
25 SCHOOL DISTRICT. SHE'S A RESIDENT OF SAUGUS. SHE'S BOTH



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1 INNOVATIVE AND CREATIVE WHEN ASSIGNING HOMEWORK TO HER
2 STUDENTS. ONE STUDENT DESCRIBED ONE OF LAURA'S HISTORY
3 ASSIGNMENTS AS FUN. SHE KNOWS THAT SHE HAS ENGAGED THEIR
4 CURIOSITY AND INTEREST. SHE STRIVES TO MAKE THE CLASSROOM
5 ATMOSPHERE ONE THAT IS NONSTRESSFUL, WITH STUDENTS FEELING
6 COMFORTABLE AND FREE TO ASK THE VARIOUS QUESTIONS. SO, LAURA,
7 CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OUR NEXT EDUCATOR IS DEWANNA
10 COUNTRYMAN, AN 18-YEAR-- TEACHING FOR THE PAST 18 YEARS AS A
11 FIFTH GRADE INSTRUCTOR AT TORSORO DEL VALLEY ELEMENTARY
12 SCHOOL, LOCATED IN VALENCIA AND PART OF THE SAUGUS UNION
13 SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY. SHE'S ALSO A
14 RESIDENT OF SAUGUS, AN ADVOCATE FOR HER STUDENTS AND TAKES
15 PRIDE IN EDUCATING EACH ONE, REGARDLESS OF THEIR SOCIAL,
16 EMOTIONAL OR ACADEMIC STATUS. ONE MEASURE OF HER SUCCESS IS
17 THE POSITIVE FEEDBACK SHE RECEIVES FROM THOSE IN THE COMMUNITY
18 WHO HAVE PASSED THROUGH HER CLASSROOM. DEWANNA WAS THE 2006
19 SAUGUS UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT TEACHER OF THE YEAR AND IN
20 PALMDALE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT TEACHER OF THE YEAR IN 2000.
21 HER PRINCIPAL, MARY MCKEON, SAYS THAT DEWANNA IS AN AMAZING
22 TEACHER. WATCHING HER IS TRULY A MAGICAL EXPERIENCE. SO,
23 DEWANNA? AND SHE'S ACCOMPANIED BY THE JOAN LUCID, THE
24 ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FROM SAUGUS UNION, MARY MCKEON, THE



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1 PRINCIPAL OF HER SCHOOL. WHERE ARE THEY? OH, THEY'RE OUT
2 THERE. OH. YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE UP HERE. OKAY. [APPLAUSE]
3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DR. JOHN DELIMOS IS A 17-YEAR
5 EDUCATOR, 8TH GRADE SCIENCE INSTRUCTOR AT CASTAIC MIDDLE
6 SCHOOL, WHICH IS IN CASTAIC, A PART OF THE CASTAIC DISTRICT.
7 ALSO A RESIDENT OF VALENCIA, JOHN STRIVES FOR A CLASSROOM
8 ENVIRONMENT WHERE ACADEMIC, EMOTIONAL AND SOCIAL INTELLIGENCE
9 IS FOSTERED THROUGH HIS COMMITMENT TO HIS STUDENTS AND
10 STANDARDS. HE ACHIEVES A CLASS WHERE EXPECTATIONS ARE BOTH
11 HIGH AND ACHIEVABLE FOR EACH AND EVERY STUDENT. HE ALSO SERVED
12 THE SANTA CLARITA COMMUNITY AS A CHIROPRACTOR FOR THE PAST 11-
13 - OR 10 YEARS, SWITCHING GEARS IN THE AFTERNOON, AFTER CLASS,
14 TO RUSH TO HIS PRACTICE IN NEWHALL, SO HE GIVES ADJUSTMENTS IN
15 THE CLASSROOM AND IN THE PROFESSIONAL WORKPLACE AS A
16 CHIROPRACTOR. VERY GOOD. [APPLAUSE]

17
18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** CHARLENE RICHHART IS A 25-YEAR
19 EDUCATOR AND THIRD GRADE INSTRUCTOR AT MARENGO ELEMENTARY
20 SCHOOL IN SOUTH PASADENA, PART OF THE SOUTH PASADENA UNIFIED
21 SCHOOL DISTRICT. RESIDES IN SOUTH PASADENA AND SHE KEEPS HER
22 THIRD GRADERS ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN THE DAILY CURRICULUM BY
23 INTERWEAVING READING ASSIGNMENTS, ART WORK AND PUZZLES, MODEL
24 MAKING AND HAVING THEM WRITE THEIR OWN BOOKS. HER GOAL IS TO
25 BUILD A GROUP OF STUDENTS INTO A COMMUNITY OF LEARNERS. HER



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1 STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS LOVE HER AND CONTINUE TO
2 RETURN TO CAMPUS AND SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCES WITH HER. SO
3 CONGRATULATIONS, CHARLENE. [APPLAUSE]

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT IS INDEED MY HONOR TO MAKE PRESENTATIONS TO
8 THE THREE TEACHERS FROM THE FIRST DISTRICT. I THINK ALL OF US
9 WILL AGREE THAT, BESIDES OUR PARENTS, IT WAS OUR SCHOOL
10 TEACHERS THAT HAD A TREMENDOUS IMPACT ON US AND SOME OF THE
11 MOST IMPORTANT PEOPLE THAT WE INTERFACED WITH EVERY DAY. I
12 KNOW THAT I'M REMINDED OF MANY OF THE TEACHERS THAT HELPED ME
13 ALONG THE WAY AND I REMEMBER THEIR NAMES, I REMEMBER THEIR
14 FACES, EVEN THEIR VOICES BECAUSE THEY ARE REALLY SOME OF THE
15 MOST RESPECTED PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY, SO I'M VERY PROUD TO
16 HAVE THREE OF OUR TEACHERS JOINING US HERE TODAY. LET ME ASK
17 NANCY SOMMERALL TO COME UP AND JOIN ME. NANCY IS A 21-YEAR
18 TEACHING VETERAN, WHO TEACHES ENGLISH AND IS ALSO CAREER PATH
19 COORDINATOR FOR SOUTH EL MONTE HIGH SCHOOL THROUGH A HANDS-ON
20 OPPORTUNITY SUCH AS JOB SHADOWING AND BRINGING GUEST SPEAKERS
21 ONTO THE CAMPUS. HER PRINCIPAL, SANDRA STEVENS, KNOWS THAT SHE
22 IS THE STANDARD TO WHICH I HOLD MY TEACHERS TO, AND WE THANK
23 HER FOR AN UNBELIEVABLE SERVICE SO WE WANT TO CONGRATULATE
24 NANCY. CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. NEXT, WE HAVE PATRICIA ARMSTRONG.
2 PATRICIA HAS TAUGHT FOR 20 YEARS AND IS CURRENTLY TEACHING
3 WORLD HISTORY AT HENRY T. GAUGE MIDDLE SCHOOL IN HUNTINGTON
4 PARK. PATRICIA OVERSEES A PROGRAM WHICH FACILITATES VISITS TO
5 COLLEGES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES FOR UNDERSERVED YOUTH WHICH
6 GIVES THEM THE TOOLS AND THE MOTIVATION THAT THEY NEED IN
7 ORDER TO INSPIRE THEM TO ATTEND COLLEGE. WE WANT TO THANK
8 PATRICIA FOR THE OUTSTANDING WORK THAT SHE'S BEEN DOING IN THE
9 SOUTHEAST AREA. CONGRATULATIONS.

10

11 **PATRICIA ARMSTRONG:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** OUR THIRD CANDIDATE, I'M GOING TO ASK DARLENE TO
14 TAKE HER CERTIFICATE OVER TO HER, IS NOT ABLE TO JOIN US THIS
15 MORNING, IS HELEN PAPADOPOULOS AND HELEN HAS BEEN AN EDUCATOR
16 FOR 21 YEARS AND CURRENTLY TEACHES ALGEBRA AT THE WALNUT-- OH,
17 YOU MADE IT! OH, COME ON UP, HELEN. WE'RE GLAD TO SEE YOU
18 HERE. HELEN HAS BEEN AN EDUCATOR FOR OVER 21 YEARS. SHE
19 CURRENTLY TEACHES ALGEBRA AT THE WALNUT VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL
20 DISTRICT. HER PRINCIPAL, JAN KEATING, WHERE'S JAN AT? SHE'S
21 THE ONE TAKING THE PICTURE? OKAY. STATES THAT HER ENERGY AND
22 DETERMINATION ARE INFECTIOUS NOT ONLY FOR HER STUDENTS BUT
23 ALSO FOR HER COLLEAGUES. SO HELEN HAS CREATED AN INNOVATIVE
24 APPROACH TO MATH BY INTEGRATING WRITING, POETRY AND SERVICE
25 LEARNING ACTIVITIES WITHIN HER MATH CURRICULUM. WELL, THAT'S



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1 IMPRESSIVE. I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE, HELEN, BECAUSE WE WANT TO
2 HONOR YOU.

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4 **HELEN PAPADOPOULOS:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

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6 **SUP. MOLINA:** I CONGRATULATE ALL THE AWARDEES TODAY.

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR BURKE.

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10 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, WE'RE VERY PLEASED TO WELCOME ALICE HARIBA,
11 A 12-1/2 YEAR TEACHING VETERAN. ALICE IS A THIRD GRADE TEACHER
12 AT THE AL MARINO LANGUAGE SCHOOL IN THE CULVER CITY UNIFIED
13 SCHOOL DISTRICT. A RESIDENT OF CULVER CITY, ALICE'S CLASSROOM
14 IS WELL ORGANIZED AND INNOVATIVE. EXPECTATIONS FOR HER
15 STUDENTS ARE CLEAR AND STANDARDS FOR THE GRADE LEVEL ARE
16 MASTERED. ALONG WITH HARD WORK, THERE IS PLENTY OF FUN WHICH
17 CAN BE SEEN IN THE END YEAR CLASSROOM VIDEO MONTAGE SHE MAKES
18 FOR HER STUDENTS. CONGRATULATIONS, ALICE AND SHE'S ACCOMPANIED
19 BY SARA FIELDS, PRINCIPAL, EL MARINO LANGUAGE SCHOOL. WOULD
20 YOU PLEASE STAND. OH, SHE COULDN'T MAKE IT. OKAY. [APPLAUSE]

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22 **SUP. BURKE:** ALLAN SITDOMER, A 12-YEAR TEACHING VETERAN AND
23 ALLAN SITDOMER, HE IS ENGLISH, AVID CREATIVE WRITING
24 INSTRUCTOR AT LYNWOOD HIGH SCHOOL IN LYNWOOD UNIFIED SCHOOL
25 DISTRICT. HIS KNOWLEDGE OF CURRICULUM AND DELIVERY OF



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1 INSTRUCTION ARE ENHANCED BY CAREFUL PLANNING. HIS STUDENTS
2 ENJOY WRITING AND READING ASSIGNMENTS FROM CLASSICS TO THE
3 CONTEMPORARY. HIS TENTH GRADE CLASSES HAVE HAD THE SCHOOL'S
4 HIGHEST PASSING GRADE ON THE CALIFORNIA EXIT EXAM. HE IS THE
5 RECIPIENT OF THE 2004 AWARD FOR CLASSROOM EXCELLENCE FROM THE
6 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TEACHERS OF ENGLISH AND THE 2003 TEACHER
7 OF THE YEAR FROM CALIFORNIA LITERACY FOR HIS EFFORTS TO
8 PROMOTE EDUCATION AND LITERACY TO DISADVANTAGED TEENS. ALLAN
9 IS A NATIONALLY RENOWNED SPEAKER, SPECIALIZING IN ENGAGING
10 RELUCTANT READERS. HE IS THE AUTHOR OF A TRILOGY OF YOUNG
11 ADULT NOVELS PUBLISHED BY DISNEY, INCLUDING THE HOOPSTER, HIP-
12 HOP HIGH SCHOOL AND HOME BOYS. ADDITIONALLY, ALLAN IS AUTHOR
13 OF HIP-HOP POETRY AND THE CLASSICS, A TEXT BEING USED IN
14 CLASSROOMS ACROSS THE UNITED STATES TO ENGAGE DISENGAGED
15 STUDENTS. CONGRATULATIONS, ALLAN. [APPLAUSE]

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17 **SUP. BURKE:** I'M GOING TO LET YOU INTRODUCE...

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19 **ALLAN SITDOMER:** THIS IS DR. ULAU, MR. URIAS AND MS. SEIKO.

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21 **SUP. BURKE:** GREG TUTT, A 17 YEAR TEACHING VETERAN, GREG IS THE
22 FIRST AND SECOND YEAR INSTRUCTOR AT BEDFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
23 IN LENNOX SCHOOL DISTRICT, GREG EXCELS IN TERMS OF CREATIVITY,
24 INNOVATION AND INCLUSION OF TECHNOLOGY INTO HIS DAILY
25 CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION. HE SINGLE-HANDEDLY DEVELOPED AND



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1 CREATED THE LENNOX SCHOOL DISTRICT WEBSITE, INCLUDING EACH OF
2 THE SEPARATE SCHOOL SITES. MARLENE WILSON, DEPUTY
3 SUPERINTENDENT OF THE LENNOX SCHOOL DISTRICT, IS QUOTED AS
4 SAYING, "GREG IS ONE OF THE GREATEST ADVOCATES OF PARENT
5 INVOLVEMENT IN HIS CLASSROOM." CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU, GREG. [
6 APPLAUSE]

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8 **SUP. BURKE:** THAT CONCLUDES MINE.

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HAVE TWO PRESENTATIONS TO TEACHERS OF THE
13 YEAR. FIRST, RUTH KRITZ. RUTH IS A 26-YEAR TEACHING VETERAN,
14 IS A COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY/P.E. INSTRUCTOR AT A. E. WRIGHT
15 MIDDLE SCHOOL IN THE LAS VIRGENES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. A
16 RESIDENT OF WEST HILLS, RUTH STRIVES TO PROVIDE A NURTURING
17 CLASSROOM ENVIRONMENT FOCUSING ON INDIVIDUAL NEEDS AND
18 CREATING ASSIGNMENTS THAT ALLOW FOR STUDENTS OF DIFFERING
19 ABILITIES TO GROW AND ACHIEVE SUCCESS. THE COMPUTER
20 ASSIGNMENTS ARE TAILORED TO PROVIDE RELEVANCE TO STUDENTS'
21 LIVES. RUTH'S PRINCIPAL, STEVEN ROSENSWAG, IS QUOTED AS SAYING
22 THAT "WHEN I THINK OF THE QUALITIES THAT ONE LOOKS FOR IN A
23 TEACHER OF THE YEAR, RUTH KRITZ IMMEDIATELY COMES TO MIND."
24 RUTH, WE WANT TO CONGRATULATE YOU. RUTH IS ACCOMPANIED BY THE
25 SUPERINTENDENT OF THE LAS VIRGENES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT,



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1 DR. SANDRA SMEISER, IT'S GOOD TO HAVE YOU HERE, AND THE
2 ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT. GOOD TO HAVE YOU HERE, TOO. WHO'S
3 RUNNING THE SHOW OUT THERE IN CALABASAS? RUTH,
4 CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DAN STEBANOWSKY IS THE ASSISTANT
7 SUPERINTENDENT. WE'RE VERY HONORED TO HAVE HIM HERE, TOO.
8 NEXT, I WANT TO PRESENT THIS NEXT PROCLAMATION TO TERRY
9 SNIDER, A 16-YEAR TEACHING VETERAN. TERRY IS A FOURTH GRADE
10 MATH INSTRUCTOR AT WONDERLAND AVENUE SCHOOL, A GIFTED AND HIGH
11 ACHIEVING MAGNET SCHOOL IN THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL
12 DISTRICT. A RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES, TERRY IS A MASTER AT
13 INTEGRATING MATH WITH WRITING. HIS STUDENTS KEEP EXTENSIVE
14 JOURNALS AND LEARN TO SOLVE PROBLEMS USING ANALYTIC THINKING
15 SKILLS. HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO COME WORK FOR THE BOARD OF
16 SUPERVISORS? (LAUGHTER).

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS THAT A JOB OFFER? DON'T JUMP TOO QUICKLY.
19 LET ME TALK TO YOU. [LAUGHTER]

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THEIR STANDARDIZED TESTING MATH SCORES AT
22 WONDERLAND SCHOOL ARE AMONG THE STATE'S HIGHEST EACH YEAR.
23 TERRY IS A FORMER BUSINESSMAN FOR 25 YEARS WHO TRIED TEACHING
24 17 YEARS AGO AND HASN'T LOOKED BACK SINCE. TERRY, WE WANT TO
25 CONGRATULATE YOU ON THIS HONOR AND BRING THE HONOR TO THE L.A.



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1 UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND TO WONDERLAND AVENUE SCHOOL.

2 CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** LET ME INTRODUCE THE PRINCIPAL OF WONDERLAND
5 AVENUE SCHOOL, DR. CAROL GREEN. THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE.

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9 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. MAYOR, I'D LIKE TO ASK VICKY CARITENE [?], A
10 MEMBER OF OUR BOARD OF EDUCATION AS WELL AS OUR SUPERINTENDENT
11 TO JOIN ME FOR THIS PRESENTATION TO ONE OF OUR FOURTH DISTRICT
12 TEACHERS OF THE YEAR, MISS ANNA MARIE LANDER. ANNA MARIE HAS
13 BEEN TEACHING FOR 22 YEARS AND SHE CURRENTLY IS TEACHING
14 SOCIAL STUDIES AT TENCHER PREPARATORY SCHOOL IN LONG BEACH IN
15 THE GREAT SUBJECT OF HISTORY. SHE OFFERS UNIQUE AND HIGHLY
16 EFFECTIVE APPROACHES TO HER TEACHING BY MIXING IN ACTIVITIES
17 LIKE CREATING TRAVEL BROCHURES, PLANNING A CONSTITUTION REVIEW
18 GAME, DRESSING UP LIKE FAMOUS AMERICANS. HER STUDENTS LEARN
19 THAT HISTORY CAN BE BOTH FUN AS WELL AS MEMORABLE. SHE HAS
20 ALSO WORKED WITH THE LONG BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT TO
21 HELP DEVELOP THE GOOD TEACHING PRACTICES, SO WE WANT TO
22 CONGRATULATE ANNA MARIE AND TEACHING THOSE EIGHTH GRADERS
23 WE'RE TALKING ABOUT IS A VERY DIFFICULT TIME IN THEIR LIFE AND
24 SO WE WANT TO CONGRATULATE YOU ON THE BEST PRACTICES. [
25 APPLAUSE]



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** WE ALSO HAD ANOTHER TEACHER WHO IS UNABLE TO JOIN
3 US AND THAT WAS JANET BARKER FROM REDONDO BEACH. SHE COULDN'T
4 BE HERE TODAY BUT WE WANT TO CONGRATULATE HER AS WELL. THANK
5 YOU. [APPLAUSE]

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THAT'S IT? THIS MORNING, WE'RE GOING
8 TO RECOGNIZE GARY GREENWOOD FOR HIS 18-MILE CHARITY SWIM,
9 CASTAIC LAKE, WHICH RAISED MONEY FOR THE SHEILA VELOZ BREAST
10 IMAGING CENTER AT HENRY MAYO'S NEWHALL'S MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.
11 GARY IS A RESIDENT OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY, A NAVY VETERAN
12 AND AWARDED BOTH THE NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL AND THE
13 EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL. HE TOOK UP SWIMMING AT THE AGE OF 48,
14 STARTED TO ENTER OCEAN COMPETITIVE DISTANCE SWIMMING IN THE
15 SUMMER OF 1990. IN 2003, HE STARTED TRAINING TO SWIM FOR THE
16 CATALINA CHANNEL TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE FIGHT AGAINST LEUKEMIA
17 AND OTHER CATASTROPHIC DISEASES THAT IMPACT CHILDREN. IT TOOK
18 GARY 13 HOURS AND 8 MINUTES TO COMPLETE THE 23-MILE SWIM. I
19 REMEMBER STAN CHAMBERS INTERVIEWING FLORENCE CHADWICK TRYING
20 TO SWIM THE CATALINA IN THE EARLY DAYS OF TELEVISION, SO
21 CONGRATULATIONS AND, AT THE AGE OF 62, HE WAS THE SECOND
22 OLDEST MAN IN THE WORLD TO COMPLETE THAT CROSSING. THIS PAST
23 OCTOBER, HE SWAM THE 18 MILE PERIMETER OF THE CASTAIC LAKE TO
24 RAISE MONEY FOR THE BREAST IMAGING CENTER AT HENRY MAYO
25 HOSPITAL IN HONOR OF HIS GRANDMOTHER, WHO HAD PASSED AWAY FROM



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1 THAT DISEASE. GARY COMPLETED THE SWIM IN 7 HOURS AND 15
2 MINUTES, MAKING HIM THE FIRST AND OLDEST MAN TO EVER SWIM THE
3 LAKE'S PERIMETER. HE'S NOW PREPARING FOR HIS NEXT SWIM FOR
4 MEN'S PROSTATE CANCER. SO, GARY, CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU
5 FOR DEVOTING YOUR LEADERSHIP IN HELPING RAISING FUNDS TO FIGHT
6 THESE VARIOUS DISEASES. [APPLAUSE]

7

8 **GARY GREENWOOD:** I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE MY GUESTS HERE, STARTING
9 WITH MY BEAUTIFUL WIFE, MAUREEN, AND WHO HAS BEEN WITH ME
10 THROUGH THICK AND THIN. I WOULD LIKE TO ALSO INTRODUCE VERY
11 GOOD FRIENDS OF OURS, MARIE AND SUSIE PINEDA AND-- RIGHT HERE
12 AND LOIS BUTEO, SHE'S A MAJOR GIFTS OFFICER FOR THE SHEILA R.
13 VELOZ BREAST IMAGING CENTER IN SANTA CLARITA. I'D LIKE TO
14 INTRODUCE TERRY BUKNO, WHO IS THE DIRECTOR OF THE SHEILA VELOZ
15 BREAST IMAGING CENTER. ALSO LAURIE BENNETT, WHO IS THE
16 SUPERINTENDENT OF LAKE CASTAIC WHO HAS DEFINITELY SUPPORTED ME
17 A LOT IN THIS ENDEAVOR I ACHIEVED. I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE ONE
18 OF MY KAYAKERS, EMILY HOLIDAY, WHO HAS BEEN WITH ME FROM THE
19 BEGINNING AND HAS BEEN EXTREMELY SUPPORTIVE OF ME. I'D ALSO
20 LIKE TO INTRODUCE STEVE AND EDINA NEIL, WHO ALSO WAS ON MY
21 SUPPORT TEAM, THEY WERE MY KAYAKERS AS WELL. I'D ALSO LIKE TO
22 INTRODUCE RALPH SERCIE, HE'S THE CAPTAIN OF LIFEGUARDS AT LAKE
23 CASTAIC AND HAS BEEN VERY INSTRUMENTAL IN HELPING ME ACHIEVE
24 THIS. I'D ALSO LIKE TO INTRODUCE JIM AND CAROL GIRARDI, WHO
25 HAS ALSO BEEN ON MY SUPPORT TEAM AS KAYAKERS AND HAVE



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1 SUPPORTED ME IN THIS. WITHOUT ANY OF THESE PEOPLE, THIS COULD
2 NEVER HAVE BEEN DONE AND THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** CONGRATULATIONS.

5

6 **GARY GREENWOOD:** THANK YOU, SIR.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** NICE MEETING YOU.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE HAD JUST DONE MY TRAIL RIDE UP
11 THERE AROUND CASTAIC LAKE LAST MONTH AND WE HAD ABOUT 100, 150
12 PEOPLE RIDING WITH US BUT SWIMMING THAT WOULD BE A LITTLE MORE
13 DIFFICULT THAN RIDING A HORSE. AND THEN, AS GARY MENTIONED, HE
14 BROKE FLORENCE CHADWICK'S RECORD OF FLYING-- OR SWIMMING TO
15 CATALINA, SO CONGRATULATIONS AGAIN. OKAY. WE HAVE A POINTER
16 MIX 16-WEEK-OLD GIRL NAMED KELLY, AND SHE'S A BIG 16-WEEK-OLD.
17 AND SHE'S LOOKING FOR A HOME, AND ANYBODY WHO'D LIKE TO ADOPT
18 HER CAN CALL THE TELEPHONE NUMBER (562) 728-4644 OR ANYBODY IN
19 THE AUDIENCE WHO WOULD LIKE TO TAKE KELLY. I DON'T KNOW IF SHE
20 LIKES TO GO SWIMMING. OKAY. SEE EVERYBODY OUT THERE? I THINK
21 SHE'S GOING TO BE A BIG DOG. SUPERVISOR BURKE.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE:** I'D LIKE TO CALL FORWARD HAYWOOD GALBREATH. HE'S A
24 PHOTOGRAPHER AND THE FOUNDER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE
25 MINORITY PHOTO JOURNALISM INSTITUTE. AND THIS IS A NONPROFIT



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1 ORGANIZATION ESTABLISHED TO MENTOR AND TRAIN YOUNG MEN AND
2 WOMEN OF COLOR IN PRINT JOURNALISM. HIS CAREER HIGHLIGHTS
3 INCLUDE COVERING FOUR SITTING U.S. PRESIDENTS, FOUNDING HC-
4 STAR-1 NEWS, THE FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN OWNED NEWS PHOTO
5 SERVICE AND BEING AWARD WINNING PHOTOGRAPHER FOR ORGANIZATIONS
6 SUCH AS JET MAGAZINE, ASSOCIATED PRESS AND THE L.A. SENTINEL.
7 OVER THE NEXT FOUR MONTHS, A PHOTOGRAPHIC REFLECTION OF LIFE
8 IN SOUTH CENTRAL LOS ANGELES OVER THE LAST 70 YEARS CAN BE
9 SEEN AT THE CALIFORNIA AFRICAN-AMERICAN MUSEUM IN EXPOSITION
10 PARK. THE EXHIBIT IS COMPRISED OF HIS AND SIX OTHER WELL KNOWN
11 LOCAL PHOTOGRAPHERS' WORKS, PROVIDING AN INSIGHTFUL AND
12 SURPRISING PICTURE OF THE COMMUNITY THAT IS IN MANY TIMES
13 NEGATIVELY PORTRAYED IN THE MEDIA. IT'S WITH GREAT PLEASURE
14 THAT I PRESENT THIS SCROLL TO AWARD WINNING VETERAN LOS
15 ANGELES PHOTOGRAPHER, HAYWOOD GALBREATH. [APPLAUSE]

16

17 **HAYWOOD GALBREATH:** SUPERVISOR, YOU TOOK ALL MY TALKING POINTS.
18 I'D LIKE TO THANK AAA, THE CALIFORNIA AFRICAN-AMERICAN MUSEUM
19 FOR LETTING ME BE A PART OF THE EXHIBIT AND, ON BEHALF OF MY
20 COLLEAGUES, THE OTHER SIX PHOTO JOURNALISTS, I'D LIKE TO
21 INVITE EVERYBODY TO COME OUT AND SEE THIS VERY INTERESTING
22 PROJECT. IT IS ALSO THE CONTINUATION OF A PASSION THAT I HAVE
23 TO DOCUMENT HISTORY AND MOST ESPECIALLY THE HISTORY OF
24 AFRICAN-AMERICANS IN A MORE POSITIVE LIGHT. AND SUPERVISOR, I
25 HAVE SOMETHING FOR YOU AS WELL. BUT, BEFORE THAT, I HAVE ONE



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1 MORE THANK YOU. WHEN I WAS A LITTLE BOY BACK IN KENTUCKY, I
2 USED TO DREAM, I USED TO WISH, EVEN SOMETIMES UPON A STAR, AND
3 I USED TO PRAY AND I WANT TO THANK GOD FOR LETTING MY DREAMS
4 COME TRUE, GRANTING ME MY WISHES AND ANSWERING MY PRAYERS AND
5 LETTING ME BECOME WHAT I WANTED TO BE. NOW, I HAVE FOLLOWED
6 YOUR CAREER FOR MANY YEARS. I HAVE DOCUMENTED EVENTS THAT
7 YOU'VE BEEN AT AND ONE OF MY IMAGES IN THE EXHIBIT HAS TO DO
8 WITH PATRIOTISM OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN PEOPLE, WHICH IS SOMETIMES
9 QUESTIONED. A COUPLE YEARS BACK, YOU WERE AT A HEARING AT
10 KING/DREW AND I KNOW YOUR HISTORY, YOU'VE MADE HISTORY BY
11 BECOMING THE FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMAN IN CONGRESS AND YOU
12 SERVED THE PEOPLE FOR MANY YEARS AND YOU GOT UP TO LEAD THE
13 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND, IN THAT PARTICULAR MOMENT, ALL THE
14 ELEMENTS CAME TOGETHER WHEN YOU PUT YOUR HAND OVER YOUR HEART.
15 YOU SHOWED SO MUCH PATRIOTISM AND THE FLAG WAS AT THE RIGHT
16 ANGLE FOR ME, SO I TOOK THIS PICTURE OF YOU SAYING THE PLEDGE
17 OF ALLEGIANCE AND COMING FROM THE HEART AND ANYBODY THAT KNOWS
18 ME KNOWS I HAVE VERY FEW PICTURES ON MY WALL OF NEWS EVENTS
19 BUT THIS WAS ONE THAT I PUT UP BECAUSE IT MEANT SO MUCH AND
20 YOU'VE BEEN THERE FOR ME AND YOU'VE BEEN THERE FOR OTHERS AND
21 SO I WANTED TO GIVE THIS TO YOU TODAY.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE:** OH, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

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1 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THIS IS WONDERFUL.
2 THANK YOU. THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I HAVE A
7 COUPLE OF PRESENTATIONS THIS MORNING. FIRST, I'D LIKE TO ASK--
8 SEE WHICH ONE WE'RE DOING FIRST HERE. THE RECIPIENTS-- MR.
9 KNABE AND I ARE GOING TO JOINTLY MAKE THIS PRESENTATION TO THE
10 PARTICIPANTS IN THE COUNTY FAIR, THOSE WHO MADE CONTRIBUTIONS
11 TO THE COUNTY FAIR, THE 2006 COUNTY FAIR AWARD WINNING
12 EXHIBIT, "WE'RE GREAT SPORTS" AT THE FAIRGROUNDS IN POMONA.
13 THE THEME HIGHLIGHTED MORE THAN A CENTURY OF THE COUNTY'S MOST
14 MEMORABLE SPORTS HISTORY MOMENTS. TODAY, WE'RE GOING TO HONOR
15 THESE ORGANIZATIONS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THIS IMPORTANT EVENT
16 FOR THEIR WORK ON BEHALF OF THE EXHIBIT ALONE. I'D LIKE TO
17 ASK-- DON, WHY DON'T YOU JOIN ME OVER HERE?

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** PARDON ME?

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DO YOU WANT TO JOIN ME OVER HERE OR DO YOU
22 WANT TO DO IT OVER THERE?

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24 **SUP. KNABE:** WE CAN-- HOWEVER YOU LIKE IT.

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SPLIT IT? OKAY. FIRST, REPRESENTING PILAR
2 DIAZ, REPRESENTING THE AMATEUR ATHLETIC FOUNDATION, TO COME
3 FORWARD. HERE WE GO. [APPLAUSE]

4
5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NEXT, CHAD LIGHT, REPRESENTING JOHN FOREST
6 RACING. [APPLAUSE]

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALBERT RIVERA, REPRESENTING CHIVAS U.S.A. [
9 APPLAUSE] [LAUGHTER]

10
11 **SUP. KNABE:** YOU NEVER LOOKED SO GOOD, ZEV!

12
13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT ONE GOES ON THE WEBSITE. [LAUGHTER]

14
15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH. REPRESENTING THE LANCASTER JET HAWKS,
16 NOBODY, THEY CAN'T ATTEND BUT I JUST WANTED TO MENTION THAT
17 LANCASTER JET HAWKS, THAT'S-- MIKE, I'VE BEEN TO LANCASTER
18 BALL GAMES, IT'S A GREAT FACILITY OUT THERE AND...

19
20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** GREAT TEAM.

21
22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT?

23
24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** IT'S A GREAT TEAM.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** GREAT TEAM, GREAT ENVIRONMENT AND WE THANK
2 THEM FOR PARTICIPATING AND WE'LL GET THEM THE PROCLAMATION.
3 AND THEN, LET'S SEE HERE, I'M VERY WELL ORGANIZED. THE LOS
4 ANGELES AVENGERS, VINCENT TROTTER. [APPLAUSE]

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND REPRESENTING THE LOS ANGELES DODGERS,
7 SWEET LOU JOHNSON. LOU? [APPLAUSE]

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** LOU JOHNSON IS FOREVER ETCHED IN MY MEMORY.
10 HE'S THE DODGER WHO SCORED THE ONE RUN IN SANDY KOUFAX'S
11 PERFECT GAME AND I WAS AT THAT GAME. WELL, THAT'S LESS
12 IMPORTANT. SCORED THE ONE RUN AGAINST THE CUBS IN 1965. THAT
13 WAS A BIG ONE AND A GREAT FRIEND OF THE COMMUNITY. THANKS,
14 LOU. NEXT, REPRESENTING THE LOS ANGELES GALAXY AND RIPTIDE,
15 BLAINE SHEPHERD. BLAINE? IS BLAINE HERE? ALL RIGHT. WE'LL TAKE
16 CARE OF THAT LATER. AND REPRESENTING THE LOS ANGELES KINGS--
17 WHO IS REPRESENTING THE KINGS? JIM FOX. JIM FOX OF THE KINGS.
18 [APPLAUSE]

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL URBAN YOUTH ACADEMY
21 REPRESENTED BY DARRELL MILLER. DARRELL? [APPLAUSE]

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE NATIONAL HOT ROD ASSOCIATION IS
24 REPRESENTED-- DO WE HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE HOT ROD
25 ASSOCIATION? I DON'T THINK THEY'RE HERE. OKAY. WE'LL GET THEM



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1 THE PROCLAMATION. AND LAST FOR MY PRESENTATIONS BEFORE I TURN
2 IT OVER TO SUPERVISOR KNABE IS TONY THACKER, REPRESENTING
3 WALLY PARK AND HRA MOTORSPORTS MUSEUM. IS HE HERE? NOT HERE.
4 OKAY. WE'LL GET THEM THOSE PRESENTATIONS. I'LL TURN IT OVER TO
5 DON.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, ZEV. IT WAS A GREAT TIME OUT THERE AT
8 THE FAIR THIS YEAR. WE HAD A GREAT PARADE AND THESE SPORTS
9 TEAMS REALLY STEPPED UP TO THE PLATE, NO PUN INTENDED, TO
10 ASSIST US IN MANY, MANY DIFFERENT WAYS AND BY PARTICIPATING.
11 WE HAD THREE PARTICIPANTS FROM THE FOURTH DISTRICT. ONLY ONE
12 WAS ABLE TO MAKE IT TODAY AND I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE PRESIDENT
13 DAVE WELLEZON FROM THE LONG BEACH ARMADA. AND I WILL JUST TELL
14 YOU, HAVING ATTENDED A COUPLE OF THEIR GAMES, THE BEST
15 BASEBALL BANG FOR THE BUCK THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
16 GREAT TEAM, EXCITING TEAM, AND DAVID, WE WANT TO SAY THANK YOU
17 FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION. [APPLAUSE]

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** ALSO UNABLE TO ATTEND BUT ALSO A PARTICIPANT AT
20 THE FAIR WAS THE LONG BEACH GRAND PRIX ASSOCIATION AS WELL AS
21 THE LONG BEACH ICE DOGS, SO THANKS TO BOTH OF THEM AS WELL. [
22 APPLAUSE]

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. WE WANT TO THANK ALL THE PARTICIPANTS
25 THIS YEAR WHO HELPED US AT THE FAIR. IT REALLY WAS A GREAT



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1 EXPERIENCE. NEXT, I'D LIKE TO CALL DR. JONATHAN FIELDING UP.
2 DR. FIELDING HERE? DR. JONATHAN FIELDING HAS DIRECTED THE
3 COUNTY'S PUBLIC HEALTH EFFORTS SINCE JANUARY OF 1998 AND
4 CURRENTLY SERVES AS THE COUNTY'S DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
5 PUBLIC HEALTH AND AS OUR CHIEF HEALTH OFFICER. THIS YEAR, DR.
6 FIELDING WAS AWARDED THE 2006 SEDGWICK MEDAL FROM THE AMERICAN
7 PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION IN RECOGNITION OF A REMARKABLE
8 RECORD OF SERVICE WHILE WORKING TO FURTHER PUBLIC HEALTH
9 PRACTICE AND KNOWLEDGE. THE SEDGWICK MEDAL IS CONSIDERED THE
10 MOST PRESTIGIOUS AWARD IN THE FIELD OF PUBLIC HEALTH BESTOWED
11 IN THE UNITED STATES AND HAS BEEN AWARDED CUSTOMARILY EACH
12 YEAR SINCE 1929 TO A SINGLE INDIVIDUAL FOR LIFETIME
13 ACHIEVEMENTS, ALTHOUGH ONLY VERY RARELY TO A LOCAL PUBLIC
14 HEALTH OFFICIAL. WE ARE VERY FORTUNATE TO HAVE A PUBLIC HEALTH
15 OFFICIAL OF DR. FIELDING'S STATURE SERVING THE PEOPLE OF LOS
16 ANGELES COUNTY. WE WANTED TO HONOR HIM TODAY ON THIS REALLY
17 PRESTIGIOUS AWARD THAT HE HAS RECEIVED BECAUSE IT NOT ONLY
18 DOES HIM HONOR, I THINK IT DOES THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
19 HONOR AND IT CERTAINLY MAKES US FEEL LIKE WE HAVE A REAL
20 FUTURE IN THE PUBLIC HEALTH ARENA BECAUSE, WHILE YOU'VE BEEN
21 AWARDED A LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD, YOUR LIFETIME IS HARDLY
22 OVER AND DON'T ASK US FOR A RAISE BASED ON THIS AWARD. [
23 LAUGHTER] I JUST THOUGHT I'D MENTION THAT. BUT, SERIOUSLY, WE
24 ARE ALL DELIGHTED THAT YOUR PEERS AND YOUR OVERSEERS IN THIS
25 FIELD HAVE CHOSEN YOU AMONG ALL THE OTHER PUBLIC HEALTH



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1 PERSONS, BOTH PROFESSIONALS AND ACADEMICS AND THE LIKE, THAT
2 YOU ARE THE ONE THEY CHOSE FOR THE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
3 THIS YEAR. CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU.

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5 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

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7 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** WELL, THANK YOU SO MUCH. IT'S AN HONOR
8 TO RECEIVE THIS, AND I DO RECEIVE IT ON BEHALF OF EVERY
9 EMPLOYEE OF THE NEWEST COUNTY DEPARTMENT, THE DEPARTMENT OF
10 PUBLIC HEALTH, AND WANT TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR
11 THEIR LONGSTANDING VISION AND SUPPORT TO IMPROVE OUR HEALTH
12 PROTECTION FOR EVERY RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WHEN I
13 STARTED IN PUBLIC HEALTH, I WAS TOLD THAT PUBLIC HEALTH WORKS
14 BEST WHEN IT'S INVISIBLE, WHEN THE AIR IS CLEAN AND THE WATER
15 YOU DRINK, YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT AND YOU HAVE GOOD
16 OPPORTUNITIES TO REDUCE YOUR CHANCE OF GETTING COMMUNICABLE
17 DISEASE BECAUSE OF VACCINATION AND THE LIKE. PEOPLE DON'T
18 THINK OF PUBLIC HEALTH. ONE OF THE THINGS WE'VE TRIED TO DO
19 OVER THE LAST NINE YEARS IS TO MAKE PUBLIC HEALTH MORE
20 VISIBLE, THANKS TO THE GREAT SUPPORT OF THE BOARD WITH THE ABC
21 SYSTEM FOR GRADING RESTAURANTS, THANKS TO THE OPPORTUNITIES TO
22 PROVIDE A LOT OF PUBLIC EDUCATION VIA THE MASS MEDIA TO TRY
23 AND HELP PEOPLE IMPROVE THEIR HEALTH. I THINK THAT THAT HAS
24 HAPPENED TO A GREAT DEGREE. I WANT TO THANK MY PARENTS, NOW
25 DECEASED, WHO REALLY TOLD ME, "THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN'T DO.



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1 YOU SET YOUR MIND TO IT, YOU JUST GO FOR IT" AND PUBLIC HEALTH
2 HAS ALWAYS BEEN MY PASSION AND IT WAS ALSO SAID, "IF YOU FIND
3 A JOB THAT IS YOUR PASSION, YOU'LL NEVER WORK AGAIN." AND,
4 MOST OF THE TIME, I FEEL THAT WAY. MY GREAT THANKS TO MY WIFE,
5 KAREN, WHO HAS BEEN A STEADFAST SUPPORTER AND VERY FEW SPOUSES
6 WOULD PUT UP WITH THE BURNING THE MIDNIGHT OIL EVERY NIGHT AND
7 SAY, YOU KNOW, WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS? SHE UNDERSTANDS AND
8 VERY MUCH SUPPORTS THE MISSION. TO MY TWO CHILDREN, WHO ALSO
9 WONDERED WHY I WAS WORKING SO HARD BECAUSE IT DIDN'T COMPORT
10 WITH WHAT THEY'D SEEN IN THE MASS MEDIA ABOUT PEOPLE IN THE
11 PUBLIC SECTOR AND I HOPE IT'S GIVEN THEM AN APPRECIATION OF
12 THE ENORMOUS OPPORTUNITIES AND TO ALL MY COWORKERS FOR WHOM I
13 CONTINUE TO LEARN MORE EVERY DAY THAN I IMPART IN THE WAY OF
14 KNOWLEDGE. I WAS TOLD ALSO, WHEN I STARTED, THAT THERE ARE NO
15 GOLD STARS FOR PREVENTION. WHEN I FINISHED MY PEDIATRIC
16 RESIDENCY AND I HAD A LOT OF PARENTS THANKING ME FOR WHAT I'D
17 DONE FOR THEIR CHILDREN, AND THEN, WHEN YOU SAY YOU'RE GOING
18 INTO PUBLIC HEALTH, THEY SAID, YOU KNOW, "WHO IS GOING TO GIVE
19 YOU THE GOLD STARS? WHO'S GOING TO GIVE YOU THAT KIND OF A
20 FEELING?" WELL, WHEN THEY SAID THERE ARE NO GOLD STARS IN
21 PREVENTION, THEY'D OBVIOUSLY NEVER SEEN A BOARD OF
22 SUPERVISORS' SCROLL BECAUSE THAT HAS THE BEST GOLD STARS.
23 FINALLY, THE TWO PIECES OF ADVICE I WOULD GIVE AT THIS POINT,
24 ONE IS IN TERMS OF CAREER ADVICE AND I'M ASKED A LOT ABOUT
25 THIS AND MY CAREER ADVICE IS DON'T WORRY ABOUT A CAREER. DO



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1 YOUR JOB, BE INSPIRED, WORK HARD AND GOOD THINGS WILL HAPPEN
2 TO YOU. AND, SECONDLY, I WANT TO REPEAT THE ADVICE THAT MY
3 FATHER GAVE ME ON HIS 95TH BIRTHDAY: "CELEBRATE EVERY DAY."
4 THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, DR. FIELDING. LAST PRESENTATION I
7 HAVE AND CERTAINLY NOT LEAST, I'D LIKE TO ASK THE SUN VALLEY
8 MIDDLE SCHOOL DELEGATION TO JOIN US UP ON STAGE HERE AND I
9 THINK ALL THE STUDENTS ARE GOING TO JOIN US. WE HAVE
10 PROCLAMATIONS FOR THEM, CERTIFICATES FOR THE STUDENTS WHO
11 PARTICIPATED AND I'LL EXPLAIN WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT BUT, IN
12 THE INTEREST OF TIME, WE'RE NOT GOING TO PRESENT EACH AND
13 EVERY ONE OF THEM A CERTIFICATE HERE. STAND RIGHT BEHIND ME.
14 COME ON. THAT WAY, YOU'LL BE IN THE ACTION HERE. TODAY, WE'RE
15 RECOGNIZING SUN VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR THEIR-- AND THEIR
16 LEADERSHIP CLASS, 32 STUDENTS AND TWO TEACHERS, FOR THEIR
17 PHENOMENAL MEMORIAL PROJECT OF THE 9/11 FIVE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY
18 THIS PAST SEPTEMBER. THESE ARE STUDENTS WHO ARE AGED 12 TO 14,
19 GRADE 6 THROUGH 8, AND WE'RE PRESENTING THEM WITH CERTIFICATES
20 OF RECOGNITION TO EACH OF THE STUDENTS AND TO THE PRINCIPAL OF
21 THE SCHOOL AND TO THE TWO TEACHERS WHO TEACH THE LEADERSHIP
22 CLASS. STUDENT CERTIFICATES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED LATER, AS I
23 INDICATED, BUT I WANTED TO JUST GIVE YOU A QUICK DESCRIPTION
24 OF WHAT THIS CLASS HAS DONE. THE HISTORY OF THE PROJECT
25 STARTED FIVE YEARS AGO WHEN AN EARLIER LEADERSHIP CLASS DID A



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1 MEMORIAL PROJECT TO THE 9/11-- EVENTS OF 9/11 AND THEN THIS
2 FIVE-YEAR MEMORIAL PROJECT WAS TAKEN UP BY THIS GROUP OF
3 STUDENTS. LEADERSHIP CLASS, TEACHERS AND STUDENTS, STEVE
4 FRANKLIN AND SAMUR KHADUR, WHO ARE THE TEACHERS OF THE CLASS,
5 THEY REALIZED THAT THE CURRENT GROUP OF STUDENTS KNEW VERY
6 LITTLE ABOUT 9/11 BECAUSE THEY WERE MUCH YOUNGER WHEN THE
7 EVENTS TOOK PLACE, PARTICULARLY ITS MAGNITUDE. SEVERAL OF THE
8 STUDENTS ACTUALLY VISITED THE GROUND ZERO THIS YEAR. THE CLASS
9 DECIDED TO REPLICATE A FLAG THAT HAD BEEN DONE BY THE EARLIER
10 CLASS IN 2001 AND ASKED FOR HELP FOR A SCHOOL-WIDE-- FROM ALL
11 THE STUDENTS OF THE SCHOOL WITH CONTRIBUTIONS OF POSTERS,
12 MODELS AND ESSAYS TO WHAT WOULD BECOME A 9/11 MUSEUM AT SUN
13 VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL. THE LEADERSHIP CLASS PLANNED AND
14 COORDINATED THE ENTIRE EVENT. THEY HANDWROTE THE NAMES OF EACH
15 OF THE VICTIMS OF THE ATTACK OF 9/11, THEY MADE POSTERS WITH
16 STATISTICS ABOUT THE EVENT, HUNG THE GIANT FLAG APPROXIMATELY
17 20 FEET LONG BY 15 FEET TALL, HAD A SLIDE SHOW OF PHOTOS OF
18 THE EVENT BEAMED ONTO A WALL AT THE SCHOOL, POSTER SIZE
19 VERSIONS OF NEWSPAPER FRONT PAGES FROM AROUND THE GLOBE,
20 TELEVISIONS WERE DISPLAYING A THEATRICAL FILM ABOUT UNITED
21 FLIGHT 93. AND ANOTHER CLASS BUILT THE LARGE SCALE MODEL OF
22 THE TWIN TOWERS. THE VARIOUS DISPLAYS WERE BUILT OVER SEVERAL
23 DAYS AND WITH FINAL ASSEMBLY OF THE GALLERIES IN THE
24 AUDITORIUM THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE SATURDAY EXHIBITION DAY.
25 STUDENTS ARRIVED AS EARLY AS 5:30 A.M. THE DAY OF THE EVENT



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1 AND WORKED ALL DAY TO PUT THIS EXHIBITION ON AND THE FINAL
2 DISPLAY INCLUDED THE THOUGHTS IN ESSAY FORM OF THE LEADERSHIP
3 STUDENTS, MANY OF WHOM ARE BEHIND ME HERE, WHO HAVE BEEN TO
4 WASHINGTON, D.C. AND NEW YORK CITY AND WHO HAVE VISITED GROUND
5 ZERO. THIS IS A AMBITIOUS AND VERY SUCCESSFUL EDUCATIONAL
6 PROJECT AND ALSO A COMMUNITY PROJECT, BUT IT REFLECTS THE
7 LEADERSHIP AT SUN VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL. THIS IS A SCHOOL THAT,
8 A FEW YEARS AGO, I THINK YOU WOULD SAY WAS MOVING IN ONE
9 DIRECTION AND TODAY IT'S MOVING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION UNDER
10 THE LEADERSHIP OF ITS PRINCIPAL, TONY DELGADO, WHO IS WITH US
11 HERE TODAY AND THE KINDS OF TEACHERS, STEVE FRANKLIN AND SAMUR
12 KHADUR, WHO REPRESENT THE KIND OF COMMITMENT, EDUCATIONAL
13 COMMITMENT OF THE TEACHING STAFF, THE FACULTY AT SUN VALLEY
14 MIDDLE SCHOOL. AS EVERY MEMBER OF THIS BOARD KNOWS, ASIDE FROM
15 THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM, SUN VALLEY IS AN INDUSTRIAL--
16 PARTIALLY INDUSTRIAL AREA, A WORKING CLASS COMMUNITY, VERY
17 HEAVILY-- VIRTUALLY GROUND ZERO FOR THE HEALTHCARE UNINSURED
18 IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY AND, AS A RESULT OF ALL OF THAT, WE
19 ARE IN THE PROCESS, THANKS TO THE EFFORTS OF THIS BOARD OF
20 SUPERVISORS, OF BUILDING A HEALTH CLINIC ON THE CAMPUS OF SUN
21 VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL, WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE TO THE STUDENTS
22 AND THEIR FAMILIES AND THE COMMUNITY AROUND THE MIDDLE SCHOOL,
23 WHERE WE'RE BRINGING HEALTHCARE DIRECTLY INTO A MOST
24 CHALLENGED COMMUNITY WHEN IT COMES TO HEALTHCARE DELIVERY. SO
25 THE PARTNERSHIP THAT THIS COUNTY HAS WITH THIS PARTICULAR



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1 SCHOOL IS SIGNIFICANT AND IT'S REFLECTIVE OF REALLY THE GREAT
2 VISION OF TONY DELGADO AND HIS STAFF, HIS FACULTY AND STAFF,
3 AND WE WANT TO THANK THEM, NOT ONLY HONOR THE STUDENTS TODAY,
4 BUT WHILE YOU'RE ALL DOWN HERE, TO TELL YOU HOW SPECIAL YOUR
5 SCHOOL IS FOR US. I'VE BEEN THERE MANY TIMES, I'VE ATTENDED
6 THE LAST TWO GRADUATIONS, IT'S AN INSPIRING THING TO SEE THIS
7 SCHOOL MOVING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. EACH ONE OF YOU HAVE A
8 GREAT FUTURE AHEAD OF YOU AND YOU'VE ALREADY DONE A LOT AND
9 YOU KNOW WHAT HARD WORK CAN PRODUCE. IT PRODUCES SUCCESS AND,
10 IF YOU JUST WORK HARD AT WHAT YOU DO, IF YOU WANT TO DO
11 SOMETHING IN THIS CITY AND IN THIS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, YOU
12 CAN JUST ABOUT DO ANYTHING YOU WANT TO DO IF YOU DO IT. IF YOU
13 DON'T TRY, WELL, WE GUARANTEE YOU, YOU WON'T DO IT, BUT IF YOU
14 TRY, YOU HAVE A GOOD CHANCE OF MAKING IT. SO THAT'S A LESSON
15 THAT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO LEARN AND I REALLY-- I'M REALLY
16 EXCITED ABOUT THE FUTURE OF ALL THE STUDENTS HERE. SO THANK
17 YOU FOR YOUR SUCCESSFUL PROJECT. WE WANTED TO HONOR YOU. SO,
18 FIRST OF ALL, LET ME ASK TONY TO COME UP HERE FOR A SECOND AND
19 I'M GOING TO PRESENT YOU WITH A PROCLAMATION FOR THE SCHOOL
20 SIGNED BY ALL FIVE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD TO THE SUN VALLEY
21 MIDDLE SCHOOL IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS
22 TO THE 9/11 FIVE-YEAR MEMORIAL PROJECT AND THE OUTSTANDING
23 LEADERSHIP AND DEMONSTRATION YOU'VE DEMONSTRATED IN RAISING
24 THE CONSCIOUSNESS OF OUR COMMUNITY ON THE LIVES LOST AND
25 SACRIFICES MADE ON THAT TRAGIC DAY. THANKS, TONY.



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2 **TONY DELGADO:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DON'T LEAVE BECAUSE I'M GOING TO ASK YOU TO
5 SAY A COUPLE OF WORDS. I ALSO WANT TO ASK STEVE FRANKLIN TO
6 COME FORWARD. STEVE, ARE YOU HERE? STEVE IS A GREAT TEACHER
7 HIMSELF, A PREVIOUS LOS ANGELES COUNTY TEACHER OF THE YEAR WHO
8 IS HONORED HERE AND YOU CAN SEE WHY. SO CONGRATULATIONS,
9 STEVE. [APPLAUSE]

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND SAMUR KHADUR, WHERE ARE YOU? [APPLAUSE
12]

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14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** LET ME ASK TONY TO TAKE OVER AND ORGANIZE
15 WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO SAY, SAY A COUPLE WORDS ON BEHALF OF THE
16 SCHOOL.

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18 **TONY DELGADO:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. ACTUALLY, I HAVE VERY
19 LITTLE TO SAY. WE HAVE ONE OF OUR STUDENTS COMING FORWARD TO
20 SPEAK ON OUR BEHALF. [APPLAUSE]

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** INTRODUCE YOURSELF.

23

24 **YOLANDA SANDOVAL:** GOOD MORNING, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. I'M
25 YOLANDA SANDOVAL, SUN VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL C-TRACK PRESIDENT.



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1 OUR LEADERSHIP CLASS WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD OF
2 SUPERVISORS FOR HONORING WHAT WE DID TO INFORM AND EDUCATE OUR
3 SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY ABOUT 9/11 ON THE FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF
4 THE TERRORIST ATTACKS ON OUR COUNTRY. WE ARE HONORED TO HAVE
5 BEEN NOTICED BY YOU. BY US BEING HONORED, WE REALIZED HOW THIS
6 MEMORIAL REALLY WAS IMPORTANT AND HOW IT REALLY DID CHANGE
7 STUDENTS' LIVES. WE BELIEVE THE VICTIMS SHOULD BE HONORED AND
8 REMEMBERED FOR THE YEARS TO COME. WE WORKED ON THIS PROJECT
9 FOR DAYS AND WE BELIEVE IT WAS WORTH EVERY SECOND. WE WORKED
10 REALLY HARD. IT TOOK US A FEW DAYS TO PLAN EVERYTHING AND EVEN
11 MORE TO SET IT UP. WE SET IT ALL UP ON A SATURDAY. WE WORKED
12 ON A GIANT MEMORIAL FLAG, ON THE MODEL OF THE TWIN TOWERS AND
13 ON MANY OTHER THINGS THAT WE WILL SHORTLY DESCRIBE. WE HAD
14 OTHER CLASSES CONTRIBUTE DISPLAYS AND MANY CLASSES IN THE
15 SCHOOL TOOK PART. WE WERE ABLE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE EVENTS
16 THAN WHAT WE ALREADY KNEW. SOME OF US HAVE BEEN EVEN BEEN TO
17 GROUND ZERO. THE MEMORIAL WAS PLANNED OUT MORE AS A GALLERY
18 WALK. IN OTHER WORDS, A MUSEUM IN WHICH CLASSES WERE WALKED
19 THROUGH OUR AUDITORIUM AND LOOK AT THE DISPLAYS. BECAUSE THE
20 NEWS MEDIA WAS ON HAND, T.V., RADIOS AND NEWSPAPERS AND THAT
21 YOU HAVE HONORED US. WE NOW KNOW THAT WE HAVE MADE A
22 DIFFERENCE AND THAT IS WHAT LEADERSHIP IS ALL ABOUT. THANK YOU
23 AGAIN. [APPLAUSE]
24



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE STUDENTS ARE GOING TO SHOW US A FEW OF
2 THE POSTERS THAT THEY MADE. DO YOU WANT TO DESCRIBE THEM?

3

4 **STUDENT:** THE EVENTS TO SET UP TOOK AN ENTIRE SATURDAY, PLUS
5 SOME TIME ON TWO OTHER DAYS. WE VOLUNTEERED OUR TIME TO MAKE
6 SURE IT WOULD BE GREAT.

7

8 **STUDENT:** THE MAIN DISPLAY AT THE EVENT WAS A MEMORIAL FLAG.
9 THE FLAG WAS 15 FEET TALL BY 20 FEET LONG. ON THE FLAG, WE
10 BEGAN TO WRITE THE NAMES OF THE APPROXIMATELY 3,000 VICTIMS OF
11 9/11 BUT WE RAN OUT OF SPACE. WE WROTE THE REST ELSEWHERE. OUR
12 GOAL WAS TO INFORM THE STUDENTS AT OUR SCHOOL ABOUT A VERY
13 IMPORTANT DAY IN AMERICAN HISTORY. MANY OF US WERE VERY YOUNG
14 IN 2001 AND WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT 9/11, WE DIDN'T UNDERSTAND MUCH
15 ABOUT IT. OUR GOAL WAS TO CHANGE THAT.

16

17 **STUDENT:** WE ASKED FOR CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OTHER CLASSES AT OUR
18 SCHOOL. WE RECEIVED DISPLAYS FROM ART AND ENGLISH CLASSES.
19 THERE WERE POSTERS, MODELS, ESSAYS AND A GIANT MOSAIC OF THE
20 MANHATTAN SKYLINE WITH THE TWIN TOWERS.

21

22 **STUDENT:** TO MAKE THIS EVENT MORE INTERESTING, WE HAD SEVERAL
23 MULTI-MEDIA ELEMENTS. THERE WERE TWO POWERPOINT PRESENTATIONS
24 BEAMING UP ONTO THE WALLS, ONE SHOWING IMAGES OF THE THREE
25 ATTACK SITES, THE OTHER WAS FACTS ABOUT THE DAY.



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2 **STUDENT:** THERE WERE ALSO TWO FILMS SHOWN AT THE SAME TIME. ONE
3 WAS A DRAMATIC FLIGHT 93 SHOWING THE TAKEOVER OF THE PLANE
4 THAT CRASHED IN PENNSYLVANIA. THE OTHER WAS A DOCUMENTARY
5 FILMED IN MANHATTAN THAT MORNING ABOUT FIREFIGHTERS. THE
6 FILMMAKERS CAUGHT THE FIRST TOWER CRASHED ON FILM AND THE
7 SUBJECT OF THEIR DOCUMENTARY CHANGED FOREVER.

8

9 **STUDENT:** A POPULAR DISPLAY WAS THE MODEL OF THE TWIN TOWERS.
10 AROUND IT WAS A CANDLE MEMORIAL AND THE REMAINING NAMES OF THE
11 HEROIC VICTIMS OF THAT DAY. WE LISTED EVERYONE FROM THE PEOPLE
12 IN THE TOWERS TO THE PEOPLE ON THE PLANES TO THE BRAVE RESCUE
13 WORKERS.

14

15 **STUDENT:** EVERY STUDENT IN THE SCHOOL CAME TO THE EVENT.
16 CLASSES CAME EVERY PERIOD OF THE DAY. IN ALL, OVER 2,000
17 PEOPLE WERE ABLE TO COME WITNESS THE DISPLAYS.

18

19 **STUDENT:** THE NEWS MEDIA HAD CAME THAT DAY. THERE WERE TWO
20 RADIO CREWS, TWO NEWSPAPER REPORTERS AND THREE TELEVISION
21 STATIONS. WHEN THEY HAD ARRIVED, WE REALLY KNEW SOMETHING
22 SPECIAL WAS HAPPENING, THAT THE WORLD WAS WATCHING.

23

24 **STUDENT:** K.T.L.A.'S MORNING NEWS BROADCAST FOR THREE HOURS
25 FROM THE EVENT. A REPORTER NAMED ERIC SPILLMAN CAME,



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1 INTERVIEWED MANY OF US AND TOLD HIS AUDIENCE ABOUT WHAT WAS
2 HAPPENING.

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4 **STUDENT:** CITY COUNCILMAN TONY CARDENAS, A GREAT FRIEND OF OUR
5 LEADERSHIP PROGRAM, STAYED FOR ABOUT AN HOUR. HE WAS VISIBLY
6 TOUCHED BY WHAT HE SAW. OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO HIM WAS WHAT
7 WE CALL THE WALL OF INFORMATION, WHERE OVER 100 INTERESTING
8 PIECES OF INFORMATION ABOUT 9/11 WERE TOLD, SUCH AS HOW MANY
9 CHILDREN LOST A PARENT THAT DAY OR WHICH COUNTRIES LOST
10 CITIZENS IN THE ATTACKS, OR THE FACT 20% OF ALL AMERICANS KNOW
11 SOMEONE WHO DIED THAT DAY.

12

13 **STUDENT:** IN ALL, THE EVENT WAS A HUGE SUCCESS. THE FACT THAT
14 YOU HAVE INVITED US HERE TODAY TELLS US IN A BIG WAY THAT WE
15 MADE A DIFFERENCE. [APPLAUSE]

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WE WANT TO THANK THE STUDENTS FROM SUN
18 VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR THAT VERY INSPIRATIONAL PRESENTATION
19 THIS MORNING. TONY, THANK YOU FOR TAKING THEM OUT OF CLASS SO
20 THAT THEY COULD SHARE A FEW MOMENTS WITH US. WE'RE VERY PROUD
21 OF SUN VALLEY. YOU HAVE A GREAT PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COUNTY
22 AND IT'S ALL ABOUT THESE KIDS AND YOU'RE DOING A GREAT JOB
23 EDUCATING THEM AND SETTING THEM UP FOR FUTURE LEADERSHIP.
24 CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU.

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1 **TONY DELGADO:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

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3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DON, DO YOU HAVE ANY? DON?

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5 **SUP. KNABE:** NO. [APPLAUSE]

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I WOULD LIKE TO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
8 FRAN WILLIAMS, WHO WAS A VERY CLOSE FRIEND OF MINE WHO PASSED
9 AWAY WITH CANCER THIS PAST WEEK. FRAN HAD WORKED FOR DOUGLAS
10 AIRCRAFT AS AN EXECUTIVE. LATER, SHE WORKED UNDER RONALD
11 REAGAN WHEN HE WAS GOVERNOR IN THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE. SHE WAS
12 ELECTED THE FIRST WOMAN PRESIDENT OF THE LOS ANGELES PUBLIC
13 AFFAIRS ASSOCIATION, SERVED AS ONE OF THE FIRST WOMEN ON THE
14 LOS ANGELES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. SHE HAD BEEN ELECTED NATIONAL
15 PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN WOMEN FOR INTERNATIONAL
16 UNDERSTANDING AND HAD LED THE DELEGATION TO CHINA UNDER THE
17 AUSPICES OF THE ALL CHINA WOMEN'S FEDERATION. SHE LEAVES HER
18 DAUGHTER, KATHLEEN, AND HER THREE STEPCHILDREN AND HER
19 HUSBAND, ARTHUR. DAVID SIMMONS, WHO PASSED AWAY THIS PAST
20 MONTH, HAD BEEN A FORMER MANAGER FOR THE GREAT BURBANK AIRPORT
21 FOR OVER 40 YEARS. HE HAD BEEN AN EXECUTIVE WITH DOUGLAS
22 AIRCRAFT IN 1939 AND BUILT THE STRATEGIC AIRPORTS IN EAST
23 AFRICA TO AID OUR ALLIED FORCES DURING THE WAR AND THEN, AFTER
24 COMING BACK FROM WORLD WAR II, BUILT THE BURBANK AIRPORT.
25 PATRICIA SOTERAS, WHO IS THE WIFE OF A FORMER COMMISSIONER OF



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1 MINE, SAUL SOTERAS, LEAVES HER SON ALEX. SHE WAS ALSO HAD
2 TAKEN OVER THE VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AGOURA PARK CHAMBER
3 OF COMMERCE FOR THE PAST SEVEN YEARS HELPING IT TO INCREASE
4 ITS MEMBERSHIP.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** I'D LIKE TO JOIN IN THAT AS WELL.

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND WAS ALSO INVOLVED WITH RECEIVING
9 THE MASRY AWARD FUNDRAISING EVENTS IN THE CHAMBER MIXES. JACK
10 PALANCE, THE ACTOR, WHO PASSED AWAY THIS PAST WEEK. JACK'S
11 FAMILY WERE FROM THE UKRAINE AND WE ALL KNOW THE TERRIBLE
12 GENOCIDE THAT THE COMMUNISTS DID AGAINST THE UKRAINIAN PEOPLE,
13 STARVING MILLIONS TO DEATH DELIBERATELY, AND, AS A RESULT, WE
14 HAVE A MEMORIAL IN OUR COUNTY COURTYARD WHICH WE HONOR EACH
15 YEAR WITH MEMBERS OF THE UKRAINIAN COMMUNITY. JACK DID AN
16 ASTOUNDING JOB SERVING AS A BOMBER PILOT IN WORLD WAR II AND
17 THEN ENDING UP IN STARRING OVER 100 FILMS AND MOVIES. WARREN
18 SPAIN, WHO WAS ACTIVE IN THE MASONIC LODGE AND THE LARGE MOUNT
19 LOS FELIZ GRIFFITH PARK AREA. HE LEAVES TWO CHILDREN AND
20 LEAVES HIS WIFE, JEAN. AND THOSE ARE SECONDED BY MOLINA.
21 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. FOR NEXT WEEK, WE HAVE A MOTION
22 TO DECLARE NOVEMBER 2006 AS AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH
23 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY TO HONOR THE AMERICAN INDIANS TO THIS
24 NATION'S PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE. AN INTERESTING SIDELIGHT, I
25 READ IN THE PAPER THIS PAST WEEK, THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES IS



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1 LOOKING AT FORMING THEIR OWN COUNTY, WHICH IS QUITE
2 INTERESTING, BECAUSE IF THEY DO THAT, THEY'LL HAVE TO CHANGE
3 THEIR NAME BECAUSE LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS OLDER THAN THE CITY
4 OF LOS ANGELES BY ABOUT 10 YEARS, BEING FOUNDED ABOUT 235
5 YEARS AGO WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SAN GABRIEL MISSION.
6 THEN, AFTER THE COUNTY WAS INCORPORATED BY THE STATE OF
7 CALIFORNIA, WHEN WE BECAME A STATE AND, AT THAT TIME, THE
8 COUNTY WENT FROM SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY THROUGH ORANGE COUNTY,
9 DOWN THROUGH SAN CLEMENTE. WE THEN CHARTERED OUR FIRST CITY
10 AND WE GAVE THAT THE NAME OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES IN 1850,
11 SO IT WILL BE INTERESTING WHAT NAME THEY COME UP WITH TO
12 CREATE THEIR OWN CITY IF THAT OCCURS BUT WE'LL SEE WHAT
13 HAPPENS ON THAT. OKAY. SUPERVISOR MOLINA-- EXCUSE ME. SHALL WE
14 DO THE-- OR JUST DO THE ADJOURNMENTS. SUPERVISOR MOLINA, DO
15 YOU HAVE ANY ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS? SUPERVISOR BURKE, DO YOU
16 HAVE ANY ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS?

17

18 **SUP. BURKE:** YES, I DO. I MOVE THAT, WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE
19 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF HERMA ELIZABETH MCKAY, THE AUNT OF DR.
20 LUDLOW CREARY, WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY IN UPPER MARLBORO,
21 MARYLAND. SHE AND HER HUSBAND WERE THE PRIMARY SPONSORS FOR
22 DR. CREARY ENTERING THE U.S., EVENTUALLY BECOMING THE
23 PROFESSOR AND CHAIR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY MEDICINE AT
24 KING/DREW HOSPITAL BEFORE HIS RETIREMENT A FEW YEARS AGO. SHE
25 LEAVES TO CHERISH HER MEMORY DR. LUDLOW AND RUTH CREARY. ED



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1 BRADLEY, VETERAN "60 MINUTES" CORRESPONDENT WHO PASSED AWAY
2 NOVEMBER 9TH OF COMPLICATIONS FROM LEUKEMIA AT THE AGE OF 65.
3 HE RECEIVED NUMEROUS AWARDS AS A JOURNALIST, INCLUDING 19
4 EMMYS. HE LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY HIS WIFE, PATRICIA
5 BLANCHET. ROBERT SMITH, THE UNCLE OF ANTIONETTE SMITH EPPS,
6 THE C.E.O. OF MARTIN LUTHER KING HOSPITAL, PASSED AWAY ON
7 NOVEMBER 4TH AT THE AGE OF 91. HE LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY
8 HIS MEMORY HIS WIFE, IDEL. ROBBIE NELSON, THE SISTER-IN-LAW OF
9 JOHN HILL, MY CHIEF OF STAFF, PASSED AWAY ON NOVEMBER 9TH AT
10 THE AGE OF 68. SHE WAS AN L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
11 SOCIAL SERVICES EMPLOYEE FOR 33 YEARS BEFORE RETIRING. SHE
12 LEAVES TO CHERISH HER MEMORY HER HUSBAND JESSIE, JOHN AND
13 MATTIE HILL, TWO DAUGHTERS: SHERYL AND RENEE AND A
14 GRANDDAUGHTER AND A GREAT GRANDSON. AND I REALLY THINK THAT
15 I'D LIKE TO ASK FOR ALL MEMBERS TO JOIN ME IN ADJOURNING FOR
16 DOROTHY RIDLESPRIGER. SHE WAS A LONG-TIME POLL INSPECTOR AND A
17 SECOND DISTRICT RESIDENT WHO PASSED AWAY ON ELECTION DAY AFTER
18 RETURNING HOME FROM WORKING THE POLLS. IT WAS A VERY
19 UNFORTUNATE SITUATION. SHE WORKED UNTIL VERY EARLY THE MORNING
20 AFTER THE POLLS CLOSED. SHE LEFT THE POLLING PLACE. WHEN SHE
21 DID NOT GET TO THE DEPOSITORY TO TURN IN THE BALLOTS, THEY
22 STARTED TO LOOK FOR HER. THEY FOUND HER AT HER HOME, SHE DIED
23 OF A HEART ATTACK. APPARENTLY, SHE'D BECOME VERY ILL, STOPPED
24 AT HOME BEFORE GOING ON. AND SHE LEAVES TO CHERISH HER MEMORY
25 HER FOUR DAUGHTERS, TRACIE, ERICA, PATIENCE AND ELIZABETH,



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1 THREE SONS, DAVID, SCOTT, TRAZEL, 12 GRANDCHILDREN AND SIX
2 GREAT- GRANDCHILDREN. SHE HAD BEEN WORKING ON THE POLLS FOR 14
3 YEARS AND SHE OBVIOUSLY CAME IN SPITE OF HOW SHE FELT TO WORK
4 ON THIS ELECTION DAY AND WE CERTAINLY APPRECIATE THAT KIND OF
5 DEDICATION AND OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH HER FAMILY. THAT CONCLUDES
6 MY PRESENTATIONS.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
9 ORDERED. ZEV, DO YOU HAVE ANY ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS? DON, ANY
10 ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS?

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12 **SUP. BURKE:** I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT ALL MEMBERS...

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ALL MEMBERS ON THAT.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** YES. MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I ASK THAT
17 WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF TINO DURAN FIERRO, WHO PASSED AWAY AT
18 THE YOUNG AGE OF 52. HE WAS A LIFETIME WILMINGTON RESIDENT, HE
19 GRADUATED FROM BANNING HIGH SCHOOL, WAS EMPLOYED BY OUR COUNTY
20 SANITATION DISTRICT FOR 35 YEARS, WAS AFFECTIONATELY KNOWN AS
21 COACH TINO BY ALL THE PLAYERS HE COACHED THROUGH HIS
22 INVOLVEMENT WITH THE WILMINGTON COMMUNITY AS A BASEBALL COACH
23 AT GIBSON PARK. HE WAS A LOCAL MUSICIAN WITH THE LADS IN
24 PLAYBACK. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, DESIREE, HIS FOUR
25 CHILDREN, HIS MOTHER, TWO SISTERS AND HIS GRANDDAUGHTER. ALSO



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1 THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DON PRUNER, WHO WAS A COMMUNITY
2 PIONEER IN EMERGENCY HEALTHCARE AND WAS LONG-TIME OWNER OF
3 PRUNER HEALTHCARE SERVICES WHICH GREW FROM A ONE AMBULANCE TO
4 AN EMERGENCY SERVICE DELIVERY FIRM COVERING THE NORTHWESTERN
5 LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND VENTURA COUNTY. HE PASSED AWAY IN HIS
6 SLEEP ON NOVEMBER 3RD. WE'D LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR CONDOLENCES TO
7 HIS WIFE OF 47 YEARS, JACKIE, AND TO HIS THREE CHILDREN AND
8 GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MR. EDD
9 TUTTLE, A FORMER LONG BEACH CITY COUNCILMAN AND VICE MAYOR WHO
10 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 59. EDD WAS BORN IN LONG BEACH,
11 ATTENDED JORDAN HIGH SCHOOL, RECEIVED HIS TEACHING CREDENTIAL
12 FROM CAL BERKELEY. HE WORKED IN HIS FAMILY'S BUSINESS, TUTTLE
13 CAMERA, FOR SOME 20 YEARS BEFORE GETTING INTO POLITICS. HE WAS
14 A COUNCILMAN FROM 1978 TO 1988 AND WAS HARD WORKING AND
15 ENERGETIC. HE WAS APPOINTED BY PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER TO SERVE
16 ON THE WHITE HOUSE FAMILY'S CONFERENCE, WAS A MEMBER OF THE
17 LOS ANGELES TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AND CHAIRED THE LOS
18 ANGELES COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT. HE ENJOYED LIFE IMMENSELY
19 AND WILL BE MISSED BY MANY. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS FATHER,
20 HARVEY, MOTHER, ANNA, WIFE, KAY, SISTERS, SUSAN AND MARGIE,
21 SONS, MATTHEW AND JOSHUA AND GRANDDAUGHTERS, CHLOE AND LILY.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE:** I'D LIKE TO JOIN.

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YEAH, PUT ME ON THAT AS WELL.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
5 ORDERED. ITEM NUMBER 2. I'D LIKE TO MAKE AN AMENDMENT TO THAT--
6 - THIS WAS ON THE AGENDA, STATE LEGISLATION HAD BEEN PASSED,
7 A.B. 2366 BUT TO SHOW YOU HOW WORTHLESS THE BILL IS, IT WAS TO
8 ALLOW THOSE WHO REACHED 60 OR-- COULD RETAIN WORKING WITH THE
9 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, THOSE WHO ARE DEPUTY SHERIFFS, AND THAT--
10 - I UNDERSTAND THAT, EVEN THOUGH THE SHERIFF SPONSORED THE
11 BILL, WHICH WAS A GOOD BILL, BUT, BY THE TIME IT GOT AMENDED,
12 IT CAME OUT A LOT DIFFERENT THAN IT WENT IN. SO IT'S BASICALLY
13 IMPOSSIBLE TO IMPLEMENT BUT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS HERE
14 RIGHT NOW AND COULD YOU GIVE US AN OVERVIEW OF YOUR FINDINGS
15 AND REASONS FOR WHY THE BILL IS NOT WORKABLE?

16

17 **VICTOR RAMPULA:** YES. VICTOR RAMPULA FROM SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.
18 I'M HERE WITH THE SERGEANT WAYNE BILLIWICK, WHO'S THE
19 SHERIFF'S REPRESENTATIVE IN SACRAMENTO. A.B. 2366 WAS
20 INTRODUCED AND, AS MAYOR ANTONOVICH INDICATED, DURING THE
21 PROCESS OF THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION, IT WAS SOMEWHAT AMENDED.
22 AND, WHEN IT CAME OUT, IT REQUIRED THAT AN INDIVIDUAL, A SWORN
23 SAFETY OFFICER OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAD
24 TO BE RETIRED FIRST AND THEN GO THROUGH A REINSTATEMENT
25 PROCESS. SO, IN OTHER WORDS, LACERA WOULD HAVE TO ACTUALLY



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1 RETIRE THEM AND AFTER AND ONLY AFTER RETIREMENT, THEY COULD
2 REQUEST TO BE REINSTATED. THE DEPARTMENT WOULD HAVE TO TAKE
3 THROUGH A REINSTATEMENT PROCESS WHICH WOULD INCLUDE A MEDICAL,
4 A POSSIBLE PSYCHOLOGICAL, AN UPDATED BACKGROUND THEN IT WOULD
5 BE RETURNED TO LACERA AND LACERA WOULD PLACE IT ON A AGENDA TO
6 UN-RETIRE THE INDIVIDUAL, AT WHICH TIME THEY COULD THEN RETURN
7 TO SAFETY MEMBERSHIP AND RETURN TO THEIR FORMER POSITION IN
8 THE DEPARTMENT. WHEN WE LOOKED AT THAT, WE SAW THAT BECAME
9 VERY CUMBERSOME. IT WAS NOT GOING TO BE SEAMLESS WHERE A
10 DEPUTY OR A SERGEANT COULD JUST REQUEST TO CONTINUE TO WORK
11 PAST 60 AND THEY WOULD JUST CONTINUE. THEY HAD TO SEPARATE, GO
12 THROUGH A SOMEWHAT LABORIOUS PROCESS, BE UN-RETIRED, BE
13 RETIRED, UN-RETIRED AND THEN RETURNED IF LACERA FOUND THEM
14 ACCEPTABLE AFTER ALL THE REVIEWS OF MEDICAL RECORDS AND SUCH.
15 ALSO, WHEN WE LOOKED AT THAT, WE LOOKED AT THE NUMBER OF
16 INDIVIDUALS WE'RE TALKING ABOUT AND AN AVERAGE FOR THE LAST
17 SIX YEARS, ABOUT 20 SAFETY OFFICERS, AT ALL RANKS, HAVE BEEN
18 FORCED OUT BECAUSE OF HITTING 60 YEARS OF AGE, WHICH IS THE
19 MANDATORY AGE RETIREMENT FOR SOME OF OUR EMPLOYEES. SO WE FELT
20 THAT THIS LEGISLATION DID NOT SERVE WHAT ITS INTENDED PURPOSE
21 WAS, TO ALLOW INDIVIDUALS TO CONTINUE WORKING. IT SET UP A
22 WHOLE CUMBERSOME SYSTEM SO WE TOOK THAT BACK TO THE SHERIFF,
23 WE DID AN EXECUTIVE REVIEW AS THE BOARD DIRECTIVE OF SEVERAL
24 WEEKS AGO, TO LOOK AT THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS AND, THE MORE
25 WE GOT INTO THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS, WE FOUND IT MORE



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1 DIFFICULT THIS WAS GOING TO BE AND THEN THE QUESTION WAS, "HOW
2 MANY ARE YOU GOING TO GET OUT OF THIS WHEN IT WAS ALL SAID AND
3 DONE?" SO, AS A RESULT, SERGEANT BILLIWICK, AND I'LL TURN IT
4 OVER TO HIM FOR A MOMENT, HAD A CONVERSATION WITH THE SHERIFF
5 AND HE WILL NOW INDICATE WHAT THE SHERIFF'S DIRECTION WAS.

6

7 **WAYNE BILLIWICK:** SERGEANT WAYNE BILLIWICK HERE ON BEHALF OF--
8 AS THE LEGISLATIVE UNIT. THE SHERIFF SPOKE ABOUT HIS DESIRE TO
9 SEE THAT THE AGE 60 RETIREMENT CAP BE COMPLETELY REMOVED, AS
10 WAS ATTEMPTED BACK 10 YEARS AGO BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
11 WHEN THEY HAD INTRODUCED SENATE BILL 1354. THAT BILL DID NOT
12 SUCCEED IN SACRAMENTO; HOWEVER, THE CLIMATE MIGHT BE A LITTLE
13 DIFFERENT. THIS MIGHT BE A GOOD OPPORTUNITY AND THE SHERIFF
14 HAS INSTRUCTED ME TO WORK WITH THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO SEE
15 IF WE COULD ONCE AGAIN PERHAPS LOOK AT LIFTING THE AGE 60
16 RETIREMENT CAP FOR THOSE INDIVIDUALS HIRED BEFORE MARCH 31,
17 1997.

18

19 **VICTOR RAMPULA:** IN THE DEPARTMENT AT THE CURRENT TIME, WE HAVE
20 ESSENTIALLY TWO SYSTEMS. WE HAVE SWORN PERSONNEL THAT WERE
21 HIRED BEFORE MARCH OF 1997 AND THERE'S ABOUT 4,400 OF THOSE.
22 WE HAVE SWORN PERSONNEL WHO WERE HIRED SINCE '97, INCLUDING
23 THE M.T.A. MERGER AND THE COMPTON MERGER. ALL OF THOSE LATTER,
24 4,136 AS OF YESTERDAY, WHO ARE IN SERVICE FROM MARCH OF '97 TO
25 THE PRESENT ARE NOT UNDER MANDATORY AGE REQUIREMENTS. THEY CAN



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1 WORK AS LONG AS THEY WANT. THE REMAINING 4,300 ARE UNDER
2 MANDATORY. AS EVERY YEAR GOES ON, LESS ARE UNDER MANDATORY AND
3 MORE AS WE HIRE INCLUDING THE HIRING OF A THOUSAND THIS YEAR
4 AND HOPEFULLY A THOUSAND NEXT YEAR, THE NON-MANDATORY NUMBER
5 WILL GO HIGHER AND HIGHER. SO THE SHERIFF FELT THAT, AT THIS
6 POINT IN TIME, TO RETURN TO THE BOARD AND ASK THE BOARD TO
7 SUPPORT THE LEGISLATIVE EFFORT IN WORKING WITH THE SALES
8 OFFICE TO LIFT MANDATORY AGE REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPARTMENT
9 THAT THERE WOULD BE ONE SYSTEM. WE DON'T FEEL, AS WE LOOKED AT
10 THE ANALYSIS FOR A.B. 2366, YOU'RE LOOKING AT A LARGE NUMBER.
11 WE SAW THE AVERAGE OF ABOUT 20 THAT MAXED AT 60. THESE WOULD
12 BE THE INDIVIDUALS THAT WANTED TO WORK BEYOND 60, POSSIBLY
13 WERE IN SPECIALIZED POSITION OF HOMICIDE, FRAUD, AND CHOSEN
14 THAT THEY FELT THAT THEIR CAREERS COULD CONTINUE, THEY COULD
15 CONTRIBUTE TO L.A. COUNTY, THEY BROUGHT A LOT OF KNOWLEDGE AND
16 SKILL BASE AND THE NUMBERS WOULD BE RELATIVELY SMALL AND IT
17 WOULD ALSO BE SEAMLESS, THERE WOULD NOT BE A REINSTATEMENT
18 PROCESS, THEY WOULD NOT BE GOING THROUGH A WHOLE LABORIOUS
19 NUMBER OF TASKS. THERE WOULD BE AN INDICATION THAT "I'M GOING
20 TO WORK PAST 60" AND THEY WOULD CHOOSE TO DO SO. AS WE SEE,
21 THE NUMBERS FOR NON-MANDATORY AGE ARE INCREASING. AND, OVER
22 THE NEXT 10 TO 15 YEARS, WE WILL PROBABLY HAVE VERY FEW
23 INDIVIDUALS IN THE DEPARTMENT UNDER MANDATORY AND VIRTUALLY
24 EVERYONE WHO DO NOT HAVE AGE REQUIREMENTS. SO, AS SERGEANT
25 BILLIWICK INDICATED, THE SHERIFF WOULD LIKE TO GO BACK TO



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1 WHERE THE BOARD WAS IN 1997 WHEN THE NON-MANDATORY WAS PUT
2 INTO PLACE AND SUPPORT LEGISLATION EFFORT TO LIFT MANDATORY
3 AGE COMPLETELY AND HAVE ONE SYSTEM.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. AND THERE ARE OTHER
6 COUNTIES THAT DON'T HAVE THE CAP?

7

8 **VICTOR RAMPULA:** YES. MOST AGENCIES IN CALIFORNIA, COUNTIES AND
9 LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES, DO NOT HAVE AN UPPER AGE LIMIT FOR
10 RETIREES. AND JUST A PRELIMINARY SURVEY OF OTHER AGENCIES, WE
11 HAVE NOT FOUND WHERE A LOT OF INDIVIDUALS ACTUALLY WORK PAST
12 60 OR WHATEVER BUT IT'S THOSE FEW THAT BRING WHATEVER SKILLS
13 ARE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE. BUT, FOR THE MOST PART IN THE STATE
14 OF CALIFORNIA, THE VAST, VAST MAJORITY OF AGENCIES DO NOT HAVE
15 ANY AGE REQUIREMENT-- FOR MANDATORY AGE REQUIREMENT FOR
16 RETIREMENT.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** IS THIS ONE OF THOSE UNIQUE PIECES OF LEGISLATIONS
19 THAT ONLY APPLY TO COUNTIES OVER 9 MILLION?

20

21 **WAYNE BILLIWICK:** NO, THIS ISN'T ONE OF THOSE. THIS ACTUALLY
22 OCCURRED BECAUSE, BACK IN 1986, THE BOARD ACTUALLY OPTED INTO
23 THE FEDERAL-- THE STATE ORDINANCE THAT ALLOWED THEM LOCAL
24 OPTION AND SO THE BOARD OPTED IN, IN '86 AND THE ONLY BOARD OF



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1 SUPERVISORS THAT I KNOW OF THAT ACTUALLY OPTED INTO THE
2 MANDATORY RETIREMENT-- AGE 60 RETIREMENT.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** INTERESTING. I HAVE AN AMENDMENT BUT,
5 FIRST, STEVE REMIGE IS HERE AND WANTS TO SPEAK ON THE ITEM.
6 STEVE? HOW YOU DOING?

7

8 **STEVE REMIGE:** GOOD MORNING, MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.
9 MY NAME IS STEVE REMIGE AND I AM PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION
10 FOR LOS ANGELES DEPUTY SHERIFFS. I'M HERE TO SPEAK IN
11 OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSAL THAT IS BEFORE YOU TODAY TO PERMIT
12 CURRENT SWORN MEMBERS TO REMAIN EMPLOYED PAST 60. RATHER THAN
13 GOING INTO A LENGTHY SPEECH, PERMIT ME TO MERELY RECITE A FEW
14 OF THE MANY REASONS THAT YOUR BOARD SHOULD REJECT THIS
15 PROPOSAL. FIRST, IT WILL PREVENT THE INFUSION OF NEW
16 MANAGERIAL BLOOD WITH FRESH IDEAS TO SOLVE THE COMPLICATED LAW
17 ENFORCEMENT CHALLENGES F THE 21ST CENTURY. IT WILL CREATE
18 STAGNATION IN PROMOTIONS. PROMOTION STAGNATION WILL LEAD TO
19 DECREASED MORALE. DECREASED MORALE WILL LEAD TO INCREASED
20 RENEWED PROBLEMS WITH BOTH RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION OF LINE
21 LEVEL DEPUTIES. PROBLEMS WITH RECRUIT AND RETENTION WILL ONLY
22 EXACERBATE THE ALREADY SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS FOR DEPUTIES FROM
23 THE STANDPOINT OF HAVING TO WORK EXCESSIVE OVERTIME.
24 RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION WILL ALSO LEAD TO DEPUTIES HAVING TO
25 SPEND EVEN MORE TIME IN THE JAILS WHICH, AS YOU KNOW, IS A



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1 MAJOR REASON DEPUTIES LEAVE THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. IT IS
2 PREDICTABLE THAT HIGH PRICED MANAGERS AND EXECUTIVES WILL
3 SUBSEQUENTLY FILE COSTLY WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMS.
4 FINALLY, I AM UNAWARE AS TO WHETHER AN ACCURATE STUDY HAS BEEN
5 UNDERTAKEN AND COMPLETED BY EITHER THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE
6 OFFICE OR THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER. IF NOT, THEN THE TAXPAYERS
7 DESERVE TO KNOW THE LIKELY IMPACT OF THIS PROPOSAL. IN SHORT,
8 THIS IS A BAD IDEA WHOSE TIME SHOULD NEVER COME. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. TO AMEND ITEM NUMBER 2, I
11 WOULD LIKE-- THIS LEGISLATION HAD BEEN SPONSORED BY THE
12 SHERIFF TO ALLOW PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES WHO REACH THE AGE OF
13 60 BUT WISH TO CONTINUE FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT WITH THE
14 DEPARTMENT TO BE REINSTATED SUBSEQUENT TO RETIRING. HOWEVER,
15 UPON FURTHER REVIEW, THE SHERIFF HAS DETERMINED THAT THE
16 LEGISLATION WILL POSE NEW UNINTENDED CHALLENGES FOR THE
17 DEPARTMENT, AS WELL AS THE QUALIFIED EMPLOYEES. CONSEQUENTLY,
18 THE SHERIFF WANTS TO PURSUE AN ADDITIONAL BILL THAT WOULD LIFT
19 THE RETIREMENT CAP AUTOMATICALLY, SIMILAR TO THOSE HIRED AFTER
20 APRIL 1997, WHICH IS THE LAW TODAY. SO I'D MOVE THAT THE BOARD
21 SUPPORT THE SHERIFF AND THE C.A.O. IN SEEKING LEGISLATION THAT
22 LIFTS THE MANDATORY RETIREMENT AGE FOR SHERIFF EMPLOYEES HIRED
23 PRIOR TO APRIL '97, SIMILAR TO THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN HIRED AFTER
24 APRIL, 1997. SECONDED BY BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.
25 ITEM 12. THIS-- MR. JANSSEN? MISSING IN ACTION. WE HAVE TO



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1 HAVE MR. JANSSEN FOR THAT ONE. LET'S GO TO 13 WHILE MR.
2 JANSSEN'S COMING. THIS WAS HELD FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC
3 RELATIVE TO-- ITEM NUMBER 13? DO YOU HAVE-- 13. DR. CLAVREUL.
4 OH, PETER BAXTER, I'M SORRY. PETER BAXTER, ITEM NUMBER 13.
5 GOOD MORNING, MR. BAXTER.

6

7 **PETER BAXTER:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF YOUR
8 HONORABLE BOARD, MR. JANSSEN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. MY NAME IS
9 PETER BAXTER AND I LIVE IN LOS ANGELES. IT IS RESPECTFULLY
10 SUBMITTED THAT THIS MOTION BEFORE YOUR HONORABLE BOARD IS AN
11 HISTORIC MOTION. THIS MOTION IS A DIRECT RESPONSE TO THE
12 DISASTER OF 9/11. THE CORONER IS IMMEDIATELY AND DIRECTLY
13 CITED BY THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO STUDY AND, WITH THE
14 DIRECTORS OF MENTAL HEALTH, HEALTH SERVICES, PUBLIC HEALTH,
15 THE FIRE CHIEF AND THE SHERIFF, THIS COMING TOGETHER BY THESE
16 DEPARTMENT HEADS IS UNIQUE. THIS STUDY INEVITABLY IS FOUNDED
17 ON-- OR WILL BE FOUNDED ON ANTOINE LAURENT LAVOISIER, THE
18 INVENTOR, THE PERSON WHO DISCOVERED OXYGEN AS AN ELEMENT AND
19 HIS RESEARCH IN TERMS OF RESPIRATION AND IN TERMS OF
20 COMBUSTION, SUBJECTS WHICH ARE NOT ORDINARILY PART OF THE FIRE
21 DEPARTMENT'S STUDIES. OXYGEN IS THE KEY TO UNDERSTANDING 9/11
22 AND UNTIL WE UNDERSTAND LAVOISIER, WE WILL NOT UNDERSTAND 9/11
23 OR KNOW WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT. IT IS-- THE CORONER IS DESCENDED
24 FROM THE KING'S HIGH OFFICER, THE CORONER, WHO HAD
25 INDEPENDENCE AS A SOVEREIGN OFFICER. WHEN THE KING NO LONGER



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1 WAS USUAL IN THIS COUNTRY, THE CORONER WAS ELECTED AND I
2 BELIEVE THERE ARE SOME SMALLER COUNTIES WHERE THE CORONER MAY
3 STILL BE ELECTED. THIS ASSURES THE IDENTITY-- THE INDEPENDENCE
4 OF A CORONER AND SO I WELCOME THIS PARTICULAR MOTION AS BEING
5 UNIQUE, AS BEING HISTORIC AND PROBABLY THE ONLY ONE IN THE
6 WHOLE WORLD WHICH OFFERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO CHALLENGE THE
7 DISASTER OF 9/11, ALL OF WHICH IS RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED AND I
8 THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. I'D LIKE TO SEE DOCTOR-- SEE THE
9 HONORABLE SUPERVISOR FROM THE-- I'M NOT SURE WHAT DISTRICT HE
10 IS BUT HE'S GOT A CAST ON HIS ARM AND I WISH HIM ALL THE BEST.
11 THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MR. BAXTER. OKAY. MOLINA
14 WILL MOVE. SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. MR.
15 JANSSEN, GOING BACK TO ITEM NUMBER 12, THE CONCERNS BOTH AT A
16 POLICY LEVEL AS WELL AS A PROCEDURAL LEVEL ARISES FROM THIS
17 PROPOSAL. WE DON'T HAVE A REPORT FROM YOU IDENTIFYING PROBLEMS
18 OR GAPS BETWEEN THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS AND WE ARE THEREFORE
19 JUMPING TO A SOLUTION. THIS IS A SOLE-SOURCE CONTRACT FOR
20 ALMOST \$1 MILLION AND I'M STILL NOT SURE WHAT THE
21 JUSTIFICATION FOR A SOLE SOURCE IS, WHY IT'S NOT BEING
22 SUBMITTED OUT FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL. THIS PROPOSAL WAS
23 SUBMITTED TO THE C.A.O. OVER SIX WEEKS AGO AND YET IT'S STILL
24 NOT AVAILABLE UNTIL FEBRUARY, WHICH GAVE US OVER FOUR MONTHS
25 TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR INFORMATION BUT ONE WAS NOT DONE, SO



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1 THERE ARE SOME CONCERNS ABOUT THIS. ALTHOUGH THE ITEM WAS ON
2 LAST WEEK'S AGENDA, WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED A DRAFT SCOPE OF THE
3 WORK YESTERDAY AND IT MIRRORS THE PROPOSAL BY MR. BILCHIK. IT
4 APPEARS THAT, IF THE CONSULTANT IS THE ONE IN THE DRIVER'S
5 SEAT, NOT THE COUNTY, HE HAS TOLD US WHAT HE WILL DO, WHEN HE
6 WILL DO IT AND HOW MUCH MONEY HE NEEDS TO DO IT AND ALL WE
7 HAVE TO DO IS SIGN ON THE DOTTED LINE. WHY WAS THIS NOT A
8 COMPETITIVE PROPOSAL? WHY WAS IT NOT BID OUT SO WE COULD
9 ENSURE THAT THIS WAS THE BEST PROPOSAL FOR THE COUNTY?

10

11 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** MR. MAYOR, BOARD MEMBERS, LET ME ANSWER A
12 QUESTION YOU HAVEN'T ASKED YET AND THEN ANSWER THE ONE
13 SPECIFICALLY. IN 2005, YOUR BOARD ASKED THE CHILDREN'S
14 PLANNING COUNCIL TO DO A REPORT ON JUVENILE DELINQUENCY AND
15 THAT REPORT WAS RELEASED IN APRIL OF THIS YEAR. THE COUNTY
16 ITSELF, GOAL 5, IS ONE OF THE PRIMARY GOALS OF IMPORTANCE TO
17 THE ORGANIZATION. THERE ARE SIX STRATEGIES AND 23 OBJECTIVES,
18 NONE OF THEM DEAL WITH JUVENILE DELINQUENCY. THEY ALL DEAL
19 WITH JUVENILE DEPENDENCY. WE HAVE NOT, AS A MATTER OF FACT,
20 WHICH IS WHY I THINK, IN 2005, YOU ASKED THE CPC TO TAKE A
21 LOOK AT THIS, PAYING THE ATTENTION THAT WE NEED TO BE PAYING
22 ATTENTION TO THE ISSUE OF JUVENILE DELINQUENCY. AND, IN THE
23 REPORT RELEASED IN MARCH, THEY TALKED ABOUT THE COMPLEXITY OF
24 THE ISSUE, THE NUMBERS OF DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED, THE COMMUNITY
25 INVOLVEMENT, STAKEHOLDERS AND THE NEED TO FOCUS. A LOT OF



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1 ATTENTION BEYOND THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT ITSELF, AND WE'RE
2 DOING A LOT OF WORK IN PROBATION, THERE'S A LOT OF WORK THAT
3 NEEDS TO BE DONE, BUT NOT IN THE BROADER SCOPE DEALING WITH
4 THE ISSUE OF PREVENTION AND RECIDIVISM AS IT RELATES TO THE
5 SYSTEM AS A WHOLE. SO, FAST FORWARD, THE REASON THAT WE ARE
6 RECOMMENDING, AND THIS IS JUDGE NASH, BOB TAYLOR AND I, A SOLE
7 SOURCE, IS THAT THIS GENTLEMAN IS A RECOGNIZED NATIONAL EXPERT
8 IN JUVENILE DELINQUENCY. THE CONFERENCE THAT THE COUNTY
9 SPONSORED JUST LAST WEEK HAD THREE NATIONAL EXPERTS ON THE
10 PANEL, ALL WHO DEFERRED TO MR. BILCHIK ON THE ISSUE OF
11 DELINQUENCY, ONE IS A PROFESSOR AT STANFORD, AND IT'S AN
12 OPPORTUNITY FOR US. HE'S LEAVING ONE POSITION AND MOVING INTO
13 TEACHING AND SOMETHING ELSE AND, IF THE SOMETHING ELSE IS NOT
14 L.A. COUNTY'S SYSTEM, NOT ELEVATING OUR EVALUATION OF THE
15 SYSTEM, THEN HE'LL DO SOMETHING ELSE, SO IT REALLY IS AN
16 OPPORTUNITY. THE ORIGINAL PROPOSAL TO ME COST SOMETHING OVER A
17 MILLION DOLLARS. WE NEGOTIATED IT DOWN TO 876, SO IT ISN'T A
18 MATTER OF HE GAVE IT TO US, SIGN IT OR LEAVE. IT'S BEEN A
19 NEGOTIATION. WE THINK IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY. JUDGE NASH SUPPORTS
20 IT VERY STRONGLY. HE CAN SPEAK TO IT AS WELL. IT IS AN
21 INVESTMENT IN DOING SOMETHING ABOUT DELINQUENCY AS AN ISSUE IN
22 THIS COUNTY THAT WE FELT IMPORTANT ENOUGH TO BRING TO YOUR
23 BOARD TO CONSIDER. IF YOU DON'T SUPPORT THIS, THAT'S YOUR
24 CHOICE. I MEAN, THAT'S FINE, WE CAN DO SOMETHING ELSE BUT I



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1 DON'T THINK A 60-DAY REVIEW OR AN R.F.I. IS GOING TO HELP US
2 WITH RESPECT TO MR. BILCHIK AND THAT'S WHY IT'S SOLE SOURCE.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** BUT WHAT IS THE-- EXACTLY THE
5 OBJECTIVE OF THIS BLUEPRINT?

6

7 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THE-- WELL, THE BLUEPRINT, AND LET ME JUST
8 READ A STATEMENT FROM JACQUELINE MCCROSKY'S REPORT. AND IN
9 TERMS OF THE PROBLEMS AND ISSUES, I THINK THE PROBLEMS AND
10 ISSUES ARE PRETTY WELL UNDERSTOOD AND THE VARIOUS PIECES OF
11 THE SYSTEM. THE COURTS CERTAINLY KNOW WHAT THEIR CHALLENGES
12 ARE. THE CONFERENCE THAT WAS HELD IS TALKING ABOUT MOVING TO
13 AN EVIDENCE-BASED DELINQUENCY SYSTEM INSTEAD OF SIMPLY LOCKING
14 UP KIDS, USING DEMONSTRATED PROGRAMS THAT WORK, FOCUSING ON
15 PREVENTION RATHER THAN INCARCERATION. ALL OF THESE THINGS ARE
16 THINGS THAT PEOPLE IN THE SYSTEM UNDERSTAND BUT THERE IS NO
17 SYSTEMIC APPROACH IN THE COUNTY DEALING WITH JUVENILE
18 DELINQUENCY. WE HAVE SPENT YEARS ON DEPENDENCY. WE HAVE NOT
19 DONE THAT ON DELINQUENCY. THIS WOULD BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO
20 BRING IN NATIONAL EXPERTS TO HELP THE STAKEHOLDERS IN L.A.
21 COUNTY, THE COMMUNITY LEADERS, NONPROFIT PROVIDERS, THE COUNTY
22 DEPARTMENTS THAT ARE ALL INVOLVED, PROBATION, MENTAL HEALTH,
23 HEALTH, CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND THE COURTS TO DEVELOP A
24 BLUEPRINT FOR HOW TO APPROACH THE ISSUE OF DELINQUENCY
25 SYSTEMICALLY RATHER THAN JUST ON A PIECEMEAL BASIS, ON A SILO



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1 BASIS, ON A DEPARTMENTAL BASIS. THAT'S THE OPPORTUNITY THAT
2 I...

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS, THIS IS THE
5 ONLY EXPERT THAT HAS THE ABILITY TO COMBINE ALL OF THESE
6 VARIOUS FACETS TO COME UP WITH A SOLUTION AND, IF YOU HAD A
7 REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL, BECAUSE I DON'T BUY THAT ARGUMENT, THERE
8 ARE OTHER EXPERTS WHO COULD ALSO PARTICIPATE AND WE WOULD HAVE
9 THE ABILITY OF SHARING THEIR EXPERTISE BEFORE WE CAME TO A
10 CONCLUSION AND A RECOMMENDATION. NOW, HIS CONTRACT AND NOW YOU
11 SAY IS \$865,000 BUT HE'S ALSO, IN HIS CONTRACT, INCLUDES
12 FINDING AND CONTACTING ADDITIONAL NATIONAL EXPERTS WITH STRONG
13 SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTISE TO SUPPORT THE PLANNING EFFORTS. SO
14 WHAT YOU'RE DOING, YOU'RE HIRING A CONTRACTOR WHO IS GOING TO
15 GO OUT AND BRING IN OTHER PEOPLE TO DEVELOP A PROPOSAL. HE'S
16 NOT THE GURU WITH ALL THE ANSWERS. AND, AGAIN, FOR THIS AMOUNT
17 OF MONEY, YOU SHOULD HAVE A CONTRACT PROPOSAL BEING SUBMITTED
18 SO WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY OF GETTING THE BEST AND THE
19 BRIGHTEST TO COME UP WITH THESE SOLUTIONS. I UNDERSTAND THIS
20 IS A THREE-YEAR PROJECT BUT THE CONTRACT FOR MR. BILCHIK IS
21 JUST FOR ONE YEAR. WHY DOES THE LETTER NOT DISCLOSE THE FACT
22 THAT THIS IS A THREE-YEAR PROJECT AND WHAT DO YOU EXPECT TO--
23 THE BOARD HERE TO DO AFTER THE FIRST YEAR OF THIS CONTRACT
24 TERMINATES?

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1 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** MR. MAYOR, WE DON'T-- THE SIMPLE ANSWER IS, I
2 THINK, WE DON'T KNOW-- SINCE WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THE BLUEPRINT
3 LOOKS LIKE, WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THE IMPLEMENTATION REQUIREMENTS
4 ARE, IT'S REALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO SAY WHAT YEARS 2, 3, 4, 5 AND
5 10 WILL BE OR WILL COST WITHOUT THAT AND I APPRECIATE THE
6 ISSUE THAT YOU'RE RAISING. I THINK IT'S A VERY VALID ISSUE
7 ABOUT THE FUTURE YEARS BUT WE SIMPLY DON'T KNOW, UNTIL WE HAVE
8 A BLUEPRINT, WHAT IT WOULD COST TO IMPLEMENT, HOW IT WOULD BE
9 IMPLEMENTED, WHO WOULD DO IT, ET CETERA.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** PART OF HIS PROPOSAL ESTIMATES THE
12 NEED FOR NEARLY 500 HOURS, 500 HOURS OF OUR LOCAL CONTRACTORS
13 AND CONSULTANTS' TIME IN THEIR FIRST YEAR OF THIS PROJECT.
14 SOME OF THESE CONTRACTORS ARE CURRENTLY WORKING TO IMPLEMENT
15 THE SECOND AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PROBATION, LEADING THE
16 EFFORTS TOWARD EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICES AND PROVIDING OTHER
17 CRITICAL SERVICES TO OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. WHICH LOCAL CONTRACTORS
18 ARE WE TALKING ABOUT AND HOW WILL THEIR TIME AND EXPENSES BE
19 COVERED BY THIS \$865,000 ONE YEAR CONTRACT?

20

21 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THIS, I DO NOT KNOW SPECIFICALLY THE LOCAL
22 CONTRACTORS BUT THIS IS NOT AN ENGAGEMENT TO FOCUS ON THE
23 PROBATION DEPARTMENT. WE HAVE-- WE'RE SPENDING A LOT OF MONEY
24 ON PROBATION RIGHT NOW. THIS IS REALLY A SYSTEMIC APPROACH TO
25 DEALING WITH JUVENILE DELINQUENCY, NOT IN THE PROBATION



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1 DEPARTMENT ITSELF. I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHO THE LOCAL
2 CONTRACTORS ARE.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** IT SAYS ON PAGE 4 OF THE PROPOSAL THAT
5 WAS SUBMITTED, IT SAYS, "B-24, W-24, USE OF LOCAL CONTRACTORS
6 HIRED BY LOS ANGELES BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ESTIMATED 280
7 HOURS", ON PAGE 6, ITEM E, IT SAYS, "USE OF LOCAL CONTRACTORS
8 SUPPLIED BY L.A. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ESTIMATED HOURS, 200
9 HOURS," SO THAT'S 480 HOURS RIGHT THERE.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT THE ADDITIONAL-- ARE THE ADDITIONAL EXPERTS
12 THAT SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH IS REFERRING TO, THEY'RE PART OF
13 THAT \$800,000 CONTRACT?

14

15 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THAT'S MY UNDERSTANDING.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** THAT'S NOT ON TOP OF?

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19 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** RIGHT. WHAT PAGE WERE YOU ON?

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** PARDON?

22

23 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WHAT PAGE WERE YOU READING FROM?

24



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** PAGE 4, AT THE TOP, UNDER (A)
2 ASSESSMENT OF THE CURRENT SITUATION, (A) COLLECT SYNTHESIS
3 ACROSS DATA FROM J.H., M.H., A.O.D., C.W. AND COMMUNITY
4 SERVICE." LOOK OVER 3, IT SAYS, "B=24, W=24."

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6 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** SEE-- YEAH.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE:** PARDON ME, BUT DOESN'T IT ALSO ANTICIPATE THE USE
9 OF TWO OTHER SUBCONTRACTORS WHO ARE PRESENTLY EMPLOYED BY
10 C.W.L.A. AND WHO WILL CONTINUE TO BE EMPLOYED BY C.W.L.A.?

11

12 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** RIGHT. IT DOES INCLUDE A TEAM. WE'RE NOT JUST
13 HIRING HIM FOR THIS AMOUNT OF MONEY, WE'RE HIRING A TEAM AND A
14 SIGNIFICANT EFFORT. NOW, I DID TALK TO-- OR COMMUNICATED WITH
15 HIM THIS MORNING ABOUT YOUR CONCERNS, SUPERVISOR, ABOUT NOT
16 HAVING ANY LOCAL CALIFORNIA REPRESENTATION ON THE PROJECT TEAM
17 AND HE SAID HE HAD ABSOLUTELY NO PROBLEM SUBSTITUTING LOCAL
18 PEOPLE FOR SOME OF THE PEOPLE THAT HE'S PROPOSED ON THE TEAM.
19 THESE ARE PEOPLE HE'S FAMILIAR WITH, BASICALLY, AND THAT WAS
20 THE REASON THAT HE MADE THE PROPOSAL THE WAY HE DID.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE:** HOW MUCH OF THE CONTRACT RELATES TO THOSE TEAM
23 MEMBERS AND HOW MUCH IS IT FOR HIM? I'M SORRY. I DIDN'T MEAN
24 TO STOP YOU. I JUST THOUGHT, AT THIS POINT, I SHOULD ASK
25 THAT...



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2 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** LET ME GET AN ANSWER TO THAT WHILE WE FINISH,
3 BECAUSE IT'S A MATTER OF PICKING OUT...

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5 **SUP. BURKE:** AND THEN I DO HAVE OTHER QUESTIONS. I JUST WANTED-
6 - I THOUGHT IT WAS APPROPRIATE AT THIS TIME...

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THE PROPOSAL STATES THAT HE WILL
9 PRESENT LITERATURE ON BEST PRACTICES. OUR CURRENT CONSULTANT
10 FOR PROBATION, THE RESOURCES GROUP HAS ADVISED THAT THE BEST
11 PRACTICES MERELY MEAN WHAT MOST PEOPLE ARE DOING BUT ARE NOT
12 NECESSARILY EVIDENCE BASED. SO DO YOU KNOW THE CONTENT OF MR.
13 BILCHIK'S PRESENTATION AND HOW THAT FITS IN WITH EVIDENCE-
14 BASED PRACTICES?

15

16 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** I'M NOT SURE I UNDERSTAND THE COMMENT OF THE
17 RESOURCES GROUP BUT EVERYTHING THAT I UNDERSTAND THAT ALL OF
18 THESE PARTIES ARE TALKING ABOUT IS EVIDENCE-BASED PROTOCOLS
19 AND PROCEDURES, THAT THERE DOES APPEAR TO BE AGREEMENT AMONG
20 THE EXPERTS THAT THIS IS THE DIRECTION TO GO, AND HIS PERSONAL
21 BELIEF, I THINK, IS PROBABLY ONE OF THE FOUNDATIONS OF MOVING
22 CERTAINLY THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT IN THAT DIRECTION BUT I DON'T
23 THINK THERE'S ANY CONFLICT AT ALL.

24



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** HAS ANYONE FROM NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF
2 JUSTICE BEEN CONTACTED OR OTHER EXPERTS IN JUVENILE JUSTICE?
3

4 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** I DON'T THINK WE'VE TALKED TO ANYBODY AT THE
5 NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE. WE HAVE TALKED TO PROFESSOR
6 WALD FROM STANFORD AND MARK-- I'M BLANKING ON HIS LAST NAME,
7 WHO IS THE NATIONAL PROBATION ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
8 OUT OF THE MIDWEST, BOTH OF THOSE GENTLEMEN.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THE-- MORE IMPORTANT TO ME IS THE
11 BIGGER POLICY ISSUE, BECAUSE WE ARE JUMPING TO A SOLUTION
12 WITHOUT A CLEAR EXPLANATION OF THE PROBLEMS AND, MR. JANSSEN,
13 WOULD YOU BE OPPOSED TO PROVIDING US WITH A REPORT IDENTIFYING
14 THE PROBLEMS AND AREAS IN NEED OF IMPROVEMENTS IN OUR JUVENILE
15 SYSTEM SO THAT WE EXACTLY WOULD KNOW WHAT WE ARE DEALING WITH
16 AND WE COULD ALSO DETERMINE, AT THAT TIME, WHETHER THE BEST
17 COURSE OF ACTION OR INVESTMENT OF THE DOLLARS THAT ARE BEING
18 SUGGESTED COULD BE DONE DIFFERENTLY OR DO A NATIONWIDE R.F.P.
19 OR AN R.F.P. TO HAVE OTHER PROPOSALS SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD?

20

21 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** MR. MAYOR, I DO BELIEVE THAT THE REPORT THAT
22 WAS COMPLETED BY THE CHILDREN'S PLANNING COUNCIL, YOUTH AND
23 LOS ANGELES COUNTY JUVENILE AND JUSTICE SYSTEM CURRENT
24 CONDITIONS, POSSIBLE DIRECTIONS FOR CHANGE, REALLY DOES
25 PROVIDE THE FOUNDATION INFORMATION MATERIAL THAT YOU'RE ASKING



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1 FOR. THAT'S NOT TO SAY THAT MORE WORK COULDN'T BE DONE BUT I
2 THINK THIS REPORT IS A GOOD FOUNDATION FOR THE NEXT STEP, AND,
3 YOU KNOW, I CAN'T ARGUE ABOUT THE DESIRABILITY OF A
4 COMPETITIVE PROCESS OF AN R.F.I., ET CETERA, BUT I THINK THIS
5 IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO HIRE A NATIONAL EXPERT AND IT'S
6 NOT, I CAN'T SAY FOR SURE, NOT LIKELY TO HAPPEN IF WE GO OUT
7 WITH AN R.F.I.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DID THE CHILDREN'S PLANNING COUNCIL
10 LOOK AT THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND SHERIFF, TOO?

11

12 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** I THINK THEY LOOKED AT THE ENTIRE SYSTEM. THEY
13 LOOKED AT MENTAL HEALTH, EDUCATION...

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THEY LOOKED AT EVERYTHING. IT WAS A
16 COMPREHENSIVE OVERVIEW IS EXACTLY WHAT THEY LOOKED AT. DR.
17 MCCROSKEY'S REPORT, WHICH I WANTED TO BRING TO THE BOARD, BUT
18 WE'VE BEEN PREOCCUPIED WITH THE OTHER STUFF SO I DIDN'T WANT
19 TO TAKE AN HOUR OF THE BOARD BUT IT'S A REPORT THAT'S WORTH
20 HAVING HER PRESENT TO US.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MY CONCERN IS THAT WE ARE JUMPING TO A
23 SOLUTION AND WHAT WE OUGHT TO DO IS HAVE THE C.A.O. PROVIDE
24 THE BOARD WITH THAT REPORT IDENTIFYING THE PROBLEMS AND ALSO
25 THE ISSUE OF AN R.F.P. SUPERVISOR BURKE.



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2 **SUP. BURKE:** I THINK THAT WE SHOULD HEAR FROM NASH, TOO, FIRST
3 AND THEN ONE OF THE THINGS I'D CERTAINLY LIKE TO...

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** JUDGE NASH?

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** AND I THINK WE SHOULD ALSO HAVE BOB TAYLOR UP
8 HERE.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YEAH, WE SHOULD. BOB TAYLOR? GOOD
11 MORNING.

12

13 **JUDGE MICHAEL NASH:** GOOD MORNING, MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE
14 BOARD.

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR BURKE?

17

18 **SUP. BURKE:** YES. COULD YOU GIVE US SOME BACKGROUND IN TERMS OF
19 THE ISSUES THAT WERE REVIEWED HERE? I'M ALSO VERY INTERESTED
20 IN HOW THIS FITS IN, IN TERMS OF THE THINGS THAT PROBATION HAS
21 BEEN WORKING ON IN TERMS OF THEIR REORGANIZATION AND ALSO SOME
22 SEQUENCE TO HOW, AFTER WE GET THESE RECOMMENDATIONS, HOW THE
23 IMPLEMENTATION IS GOING TO BE CARRIED ON. IS THAT ALL INCLUDED
24 IN THIS SAME REPORT?

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1 **JUDGE MICHAEL NASH:** I DON'T BELIEVE SO. LET ME JUST SAY THIS.
2 I THINK IT'S FAIR TO SAY THAT NOBODY, I HOPE I'M NOT WRONG
3 ABOUT THIS, BUT I DON'T THINK ANYBODY IS SATISFIED WITH HOW
4 THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM, AT THIS TIME, PERFORMS AT ANY
5 POINT ON THE CONTINUUM FROM PREVENTION ALL THE WAY THROUGH
6 AFTERCARE AND, WHILE PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN SOME AREAS AND
7 PROGRESS WILL BE CONTINUED-- WILL CONTINUE TO BE MADE IN SOME
8 OTHER AREAS, I DON'T THINK WE'RE EVER GOING TO BE WHERE WE
9 WANT TO BE UNTIL THERE IS A COMPLETE CONSENSUS, COORDINATED
10 PLAN WHICH ESTABLISHES CLEAR EXPECTATIONS FOR EVERY PLAYER IN
11 THE SYSTEM, BOTH INDIVIDUALLY AND CERTAINLY VIS-A-VIS EACH
12 OTHER IN THEIR EFFORTS. THAT'S AN UNDERTAKING THAT HAS NEVER
13 OCCURRED IN LOS ANGELES. I'M NOT QUITE SURE IF IT'S OCCURRED
14 ANYWHERE ELSE BUT IT'S CERTAINLY DUE. THE JUVENILE DELINQUENCY
15 SYSTEM-- WELL, AS WE KNOW AND YOU'VE HEARD, THE DEPENDENCY
16 SYSTEM HAS RECEIVED A LOT OF ATTENTION OVER THE LAST 10 OR 12
17 YEARS, AND I THINK THAT THAT DIRECTION IS-- THAT THAT SYSTEM
18 IS FINALLY HEADED IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION AND WILL CONTINUE TO
19 IMPROVE. THIS HASN'T HAPPENED WITH DELINQUENCY. ON A NATIONAL
20 LEVEL, THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JUVENILE AND FAMILY COURT
21 JUDGES, WHICH IS A VERY, I THINK, OUTSTANDING ORGANIZATION, A
22 LITTLE OVER A YEAR AGO, PUBLISHED A DOCUMENT CALLED,
23 "DELINQUENCY GUIDELINES" WHICH WERE DESIGNED TO IMPROVE THE
24 HANDLING OF DELINQUENCY CASES IN THE COURT SYSTEM. IT'S
25 ESSENTIALLY A SEQUEL TO A DOCUMENT THAT THEY PUBLISHED 12



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1 YEARS AGO THAT HAD A STRONG IMPACT, WHICH WERE THEIR RESOURCE
2 GUIDELINES, WHICH WERE DESIGNED FOR-- TO FOCUS ON THE
3 DEPENDENCY SYSTEM. THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, THROUGH THE
4 A.O.C., HAS JUST, THIS YEAR, BEGUN AN ASSESSMENT OF THE
5 DELINQUENCY SYSTEM STATEWIDE AND ONE OF THE FOCUSES, OF
6 COURSE, WILL BE ON LOS ANGELES, SINCE I VOLUNTEERED LOS
7 ANGELES TO BE PART OF THE EVALUATION AND, OF COURSE, AS THE
8 LARGEST COUNTY, WE SHOULD BE. A REPORT WILL BE GENERATED THAT
9 WILL BE PUBLISHED SOMETIME IN THE LATTER PART OF 2007. MY
10 POINT HERE IS THAT MORE AND MORE ATTENTION IS BEING FOCUSED
11 AND, QUITE APPROPRIATELY, ON THE DELINQUENCY SYSTEM AND ITS
12 SHORTCOMINGS. IF WE LOOK AT THE SYSTEM FROM ANY NUMBER OF
13 PERSPECTIVES, IT'S NOT OPERATING THE WAY IT SHOULD AND I WILL
14 INCLUDE THE COURTS. WE HAVE THE LARGEST COURT SYSTEM IN THE
15 COUNTRY, 27 FULL-TIME DELINQUENCY COURTS SPREAD OUT ALL OVER
16 THE COUNTRY. IT'S CERTAINLY A CHALLENGE TO MANAGE THOSE
17 COURTS, TO GET EVERYBODY ON THE SAME PAGE AS TO ALL THE
18 PROCEDURES THAT NEED TO OCCUR. WE HAVE ISSUES WITH ATTORNEYS
19 WHO WORK IN THE DELINQUENCY SYSTEM. IS THE PROSECUTOR MERELY A
20 PROSECUTOR OR IS THE PROSECUTOR SOMETHING MORE THAN THAT?
21 SHOULD THE PROSECUTOR BE CONCERNED WITH MANY OF THE HOLISTIC
22 ISSUES THAT WE DON'T DEAL WITH APPROPRIATELY IN THAT SYSTEM?
23 AS FAR AS THE LAWYERS ARE CONCERNED WHO REPRESENT YOUTH IN THE
24 DELINQUENCY SYSTEM, AND THAT INCLUDES PUBLIC DEFENDERS,
25 ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER, IT INCLUDES THE CONTRACT PANELS



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1 THAT WE HAVE, WITHIN THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS, THE JUDICIAL
2 COUNCIL PASSED A RULE OF COURT WHICH DEFINES, FOR THE FIRST
3 TIME, THE ROLE OF ATTORNEYS THAT WORK IN THE DELINQUENCY
4 SYSTEM. THEY ARE, YES, CRIMINAL DEFENSE ATTORNEYS WHO ARE
5 NECESSARY TO REPRESENT YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE CHARGED WITH
6 CRIMES BUT THEY ARE ALSO CHILD ADVOCATES. THE CHILD ADVOCATE
7 PIECE IS ONE THAT IS FAR FROM BEING WHERE IT SHOULD BE. IF WE
8 LOOK AT PROBATION, IF WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A MUCH MORE HOLISTIC
9 APPROACH TOWARDS THE YOUTH THAT COME THROUGH OUR SYSTEM, WE
10 NEED MORE AND WE NEED BETTER TRAINED PROBATION OFFICERS WHO
11 THINK AND ACTED LIKE SOCIAL WORKERS IN ADDITION TO ACTING LIKE
12 PROBATION OFFICERS. OUR SYSTEM FALLS SHORT IN INVOLVING THE
13 FAMILY AND THE COMMUNITY AND WORKING WITH OUR KIDS. IF WE LOOK
14 AT THE FACILITIES THAT WE HAVE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, OUR KIDS
15 AREN'T RECEIVING THE APPROPRIATE SERVICES WITHIN THE
16 FACILITIES. THAT INCLUDES MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, EDUCATION
17 SERVICES. THE REPORT FROM THE CHILDREN'S PLANNING COUNCIL
18 CERTAINLY REFLECTS THAT. THERE ARE PROBLEMS EVERY WHICH WAY.
19 THERE IS NOT ONE ASPECT OF OUR SYSTEM THAT IS WORKING ON ALL
20 CYLINDERS. AND THE IDEA BEHIND CREATING A BLUEPRINT, AS I
21 SAID, TO GET EVERYBODY TOGETHER TO CREATE MUTUAL EXPECTATIONS
22 ABOUT WHAT WE EXPECT EVERYBODY IN THE SYSTEM TO DO AND THAT,
23 OF COURSE, INCLUDES THE COURT, AND, AS FAR AS SHAY BILCHIK IS
24 CONCERNED, YOU CAN DO AN R.F.P. AND THERE MAY BE SOME EXPERTS
25 OUT THERE THAT I'M UNAWARE OF BUT THIS MAN'S CREDENTIALS



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1 CERTAINLY FAR EXCEED ANYBODY ELSE THAT YOU'RE GOING TO FIND.
2 AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF OJJDP FOR MANY YEARS UNDER THE
3 CLINTON ADMINISTRATION, THEY NOT ONLY FOCUSED ON JUVENILE
4 JUSTICE ISSUES BUT HE BROADENED THE PERSPECTIVE OF THAT
5 ORGANIZATION TO INCLUDE CHILD WELFARE ISSUES. AS DIRECTOR OF
6 C.W.L.A., TRADITIONALLY, A CHILD-- AN ORGANIZATION WHICH
7 FOCUSES ON CHILD WELFARE ISSUES, HE'S BROADENED THE
8 PERSPECTIVE OF THAT ORGANIZATION TO INCLUDE JUVENILE JUSTICE
9 ISSUES. HE HAS A BACKGROUND AS A PROSECUTOR AND SOMEONE WHO
10 HAS WORKED IN THE CHILD PROTECTION SYSTEM AS WELL. I THINK
11 THIS IS A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR A LIMITED TIME TO GET SOMEONE
12 IN HERE TO HELP FACILITATE DISCUSSIONS, NOT ABOUT WHAT'S WRONG
13 WITH OUR SYSTEM BUT HOW WE CAN DEVELOP A SYSTEM THAT TRULY
14 WORKS TO SERVE THE MEMBERS OF-- TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITIES TO
15 MAKE OUR COMMUNITIES A SAFER PLACE, TO MAKE OUR COMMUNITIES A
16 BETTER PLACE AND I WOULD STRONGLY URGE THE BOARD TO MOVE
17 FORWARD ON THIS.

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19 **SUP. BURKE:** I'D LIKE TO GET BACK TO MY OTHER QUESTION. HOW
20 DOES THIS FIT IN? AND I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU, MR. TAYLOR, HOW
21 THIS FITS IN WITH THE REFORMS THAT ARE GOING ON IN PROBATION?
22 BECAUSE I GUESS WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT THE DELINQUENCY SYSTEM,
23 PRIMARILY, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT OUR JUVENILE HALL, OUR JUVENILE
24 SYSTEM, OUR JUVENILE COURTS. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT OUR PROBATION
25 CAMPS AND PARTICULARLY WHEN I SAW THIS, I IMMEDIATELY SAID,



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1 "OH, MAYBE THIS IS FITTING IN WITH SOME OF THOSE ISSUES WE'RE
2 FACING WITH THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT VERY RECENTLY, IN THE LAST-
3 - WELL, PARTICULARLY IN THE LAST 48 HOURS" AND I REALLY WANT
4 TO SEE HOW THIS IS GOING TO FIT IN OR WHETHER WE'RE GOING TO
5 HAVE TWO DIFFERENT GROUPS GOING IN TWO DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS,
6 ONE PERSON WHO IS FROM AN ORGANIZATION THAT CERTAINLY IS VERY
7 CONCERNED WITH CHILD WELFARE ON ONE SIDE AND THEN A WHOLE
8 GROUP OF OTHER CONSULTANTS IN PROBATION WHO ARE LOOKING AT AND
9 RESPONDING TO THOSE ISSUES THAT HAVE BEEN RAISED BY THE
10 JUSTICE DEPARTMENT, FIRST AS IT RELATES TO OUR JUVENILE HALL,
11 NOW OUR PROBATION CAMPS, ALL OF THESE THINGS THAT ARE-- I GOT
12 IT BACKWARDS, ALL OF THESE THINGS THAT HAVE A CERTAIN AMOUNT
13 OF CRISIS CONNECTED ANY TIME JUSTICE COMES IN. I DON'T EVEN
14 WANT TO MENTION THE "C" WORD IN TERMS OF WHERE IT MIGHT BE
15 GOING. I JUST WANT TO FIGURE OUT HOW THIS IS GOING TO FIT IN
16 AND I'D BE VERY INTERESTED IN SEEING HOW IT FITS IN WITH WHAT
17 PROBATION IS DOING AND HOW IT'S BEING COORDINATED, PLUS HOW
18 THE IMPLEMENTATION, AFTER WE GET ALL THESE RECOMMENDATIONS AND
19 THESE GREAT REPORTS, HOW IT'S GOING TO BE IMPLEMENTED AND HOW
20 IT'S GOING TO BE COORDINATED WITH ALL OF THOSE CONCERNED AND I
21 ASSUME-- I HEARD YOU SAY MENTAL HEALTH, EVEN THOUGH IT WASN'T
22 LISTED IN THE REPORT, AS ONE OF THOSE DEPARTMENTS THAT WOULD
23 BE INVOLVED. I ASSUME MENTAL HEALTH IS INVOLVED AS WELL.

24

25 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YES, ABSOLUTELY.



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2 **SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT.

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4 **BOB TAYLOR:** SUPERVISOR BURKE, MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,
5 I THINK THIS FITS IN VERY NICELY. IN FACT, IT WAS REALLY
6 INTERESTING FOR ME TO BE AT THE CONFERENCE AND SEE MR. BILCHIK
7 WALK AROUND AND TALK TO SOME OF THE CONSULTANTS THAT WE
8 ALREADY HAVE ON BOARD AND REALLY SORT OF TEASE OUT OF THEM
9 SOME INTEGRATIVE EFFORTS THAT HE COULD DO AND THEY COULD DO,
10 SOME ISSUES THAT THEY COULD WORK ON TOGETHER, SO I THINK THAT
11 THAT SORT OF SYSTEMATIC APPROACH IS ALREADY BEGINNING. WHAT
12 I'D LIKE TO DO IS KIND OF GO BACK TO SOMETHING THAT MR.
13 JANSSEN SAID EARLIER AND THAT IS, YOU KNOW, WE'VE DONE A GOOD
14 JOB IN TERMS OF PRIORITIZING A MISSION AND HAVING A UNIFIED
15 VISION OF SERVICES AND THE C.A.O. IN PARTICULAR HAS DONE A
16 GREAT JOB OF REMOVING SILOS THAT EXISTED BETWEEN DEPARTMENTS
17 AND DEPARTMENTS ARE WORKING MORE COOPERATIVELY NOW THAN THEY
18 HAVE AT ANY OTHER POINT IN HISTORY, HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH,
19 EDUCATION IN PARTICULAR. AND SO WE'RE WORKING TOGETHER BUT
20 WE'RE DOING THAT SORT OF ON OUR OWN, AS OUR OWN INITIATIVE AND
21 OUR OWN EFFORT, AND THERE CERTAINLY ARE IMPEDIMENTS, LEGAL AND
22 OTHERWISE, THAT ARISE AS A PART OF THAT WORKING RELATIONSHIP
23 AND EVEN THE COURT HAS REALIZED THAT THERE ARE A FEW
24 IMPEDIMENTS, EVEN WHEN THE COURT ISSUES AN ORDER AND PEOPLE
25 CHOOSE NOT TO FOLLOW IT. BUT I THINK IF WE CAN JUST KIND OF



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1 STEP BACK FOR A MOMENT, 30 YEARS AGO, THERE WAS A COURT
2 DECISION CALLED N. RE: GAULT AND, IN THE GAULT DECISION,
3 BASICALLY WHAT IT DID IS INTRODUCED THE ADVERSARIAL PROCESS IN
4 THE SYSTEM OF JUVENILE JUSTICE. SO THE FOCUS WAS NO LONGER THE
5 WELFARE OF THE CHILD AND WHAT WAS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE
6 CHILD BUT, RATHER, ON WHO WAS GOING TO WIN AT THE GAME, AT THE
7 BAR, AT THE COURT. BY THE BAR, I MEAN THE COURT. AND WHAT WE
8 NEED TO DO IS SORT OF GET BACK IN TIME A LITTLE BIT TO THINK
9 ABOUT WHAT IS REALLY IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CHILD. WE
10 HAVE KIDS COMING INTO OUR SYSTEM, INTO THE JUSTICE SYSTEM, WHO
11 WE KNOW ARE MENTALLY ILL. A SUBSTANTIALLY NUMBER OF THEM ARE
12 MENTALLY ILL. A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF THEM HAVE OTHER HEALTH
13 ISSUES: DEPENDENCY ON DRUGS, ALCOHOL, THAT SORT OF THING. IF
14 WE'RE REALLY INTERESTED IN FOCUSING ON THE CHILD, THEN WE HAVE
15 TO LOOK AT WHAT THE NEEDS ARE OF THE SYSTEM AND THEN MAKE SOME
16 RECOMMENDATIONS ALL OF THE BLUEPRINT FOR REMEDYING THOSE
17 ISSUES AND THOSE PROBLEMS. AND I SEE A LOT OF THESE PROBLEMS
18 FIRSTHAND, YOU KNOW, FROM THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT. I THINK
19 THAT THE OTHER THING THAT WE HAVE TO REALLY FOCUS ON, AND IT
20 WAS ONE OF THE TOPICS OF OUR CONFERENCE, AND IT'S CERTAINLY
21 ONE OF THE TOPICS THAT PROFESSOR WALD IS VERY FAMILIAR WITH
22 AND THAT'S THE ONE OF EMERGING ADULTS OR TRANSITIONAL ADULTS.
23 FOR A LONG PERIOD OF TIME, AND, YOU KNOW, WE'VE LOOKED AT SORT
24 OF THIS MAGICAL AGE OF 18 WHEN PEOPLE TRANSITION FROM BEING
25 JUVENILES TO ADULTS BUT THERE'S REALLY NOTHING MAGICAL ABOUT



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1 IT AT ALL. RESEARCH INDICATES THAT MALES IN PARTICULAR DON'T
2 MATURE OUT UNTIL THEY'RE 25 YEARS OF AGE BUT RIGHT NOW THE
3 SYSTEM TREATS THOSE THAT ARE BETWEEN 18 AND 25 VERY HARSHLY,
4 TREATS THEM AS ADULTS. NOW, THIS IS A GENERATIONAL PROBLEM.
5 YOU KNOW, PROBABLY IN THE EARLY PARTS OF THE 1900S, 1920S,
6 1930S, WHEN PEOPLE WERE ON FARMS AND WE HAD AN AGRICULTURAL
7 SOCIETY, THEN PEOPLE WERE MATURE BY THE TIME THEY WERE 14 OR
8 15, THEY WERE EXPECTED TO RUN THE FARM. LATER, IN THE '50S AND
9 '60S, WHEN KIDS MATURED, THEY WERE 18, THEY WENT INTO THE
10 MILITARY BUT THEY WENT OUT OF THE HOUSE. IT IS NOT UNCOMMON
11 TODAY TO SEE YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE HOUSE WHEN THEY'RE 25 OR 30
12 YEARS OF AGE AND THEY HAVEN'T MATURED AT THE SAME RATE THAT
13 EARLIER GENERATIONS DID. SO THAT'S ANOTHER ONE OF THE FOCUSES
14 OF THIS STUDY. ALSO GETTING BACK TO THE ADVERSARIAL PIECE OF
15 THIS, EACH SIDE IN A CASE IN THE JUVENILE COURT IS
16 REPRESENTED. THE PEOPLE ARE REPRESENTED BY THE DISTRICT
17 ATTORNEY AND THE MINOR IS OFTEN REPRESENTED EITHER BY THE
18 PUBLIC DEFENDER OR BY A PANEL ATTORNEY. IS A PANEL ATTORNEY
19 THE BEST APPROACH? IS AN ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER A BETTER
20 APPROACH? THESE ARE ALL ISSUES THAT I THINK WOULD BE A BENEFIT
21 TO US TO LEARN FROM THIS STUDY. THERE ARE A LOT OF INDIVIDUAL
22 ISSUES THAT WE COULD REALLY SPEND THE WHOLE DAY ON JUST
23 TALKING ABOUT AND HIGHLIGHTING THAT WOULD BE THE FOCUS OF THIS
24 EFFORT.

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1 **SUP. BURKE:** I'D LIKE TO ALSO GET BACK TO THE CONTRACT IN TERMS
2 OF THE STAFFING. WHY WAS THE DECISION MADE TO HAVE ALL OF THE
3 SUBCONTRACTORS IN WASHINGTON OR FROM THE C.W.L.A.? WHAT WAS
4 THE MOTIVATION FOR THAT?

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6 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** I THINK, MR. MAYOR, SUPERVISOR, I THINK IT
7 PROBABLY WAS SIMPLY THE COMFORT THAT HE HAD WITH THE PEOPLE HE
8 KNEW AND HAD WORKED WITH. I THINK THAT'S ALL IT WAS.

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10 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL...

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12 **JUDGE MICHAEL NASH:** EXCUSE ME.

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14 **SUP. BURKE:** YES? MM HM?

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16 **JUDGE MICHAEL NASH:** LET ME JUST ADD THAT AT LEAST TWO OF THE
17 SUBCONTRACTORS FROM C.W.L.A. HAVE HAD SUBSTANTIAL EXPERIENCE
18 WORKING HERE IN LOS ANGELES. THEY WERE PART OF THE AUDIT THAT
19 WAS DONE OF PROBATION A YEAR OR SO AGO AND THEY HAVE-- THEY
20 WERE ALSO UNDER CONTRACT WITH THE COURT AND THE DEPARTMENTS TO
21 HELP FACILITATE OUR DISCUSSIONS TO DEVELOP A DUAL STATUS
22 SYSTEM THAT BRINGS TOGETHER THE DEPENDENCY AND THE DELINQUENCY
23 SYSTEM. AND SO THEY'VE HAD A LOT OF EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH
24 MANY OF THE STAKEHOLDERS, LEARNING MANY OF THE DYNAMICS THAT



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1 ARE PRESENT HERE IN LOS ANGELES AND I THINK THAT'S PROBABLY
2 WHY HE SELECTED THEM.

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4 **SUP. BURKE:** THEN THERE'S ALSO THIS WHOLE SECTION OF LOCAL
5 PEOPLE. HOW DO THEY INTERRELATE TO THE CONTRACT, THOSE 400
6 HOURS?

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8 **JUDGE MICHAEL NASH:** I'M NOT SURE I AM ANSWER THAT ONE EXCEPT
9 TO NOTE THAT, WITH MR. BILCHIK AND HIS TEAM, THEY'RE GOING TO
10 BE SITTING DOWN WITH ALL OF THE KEY PLAYERS, INCLUDING MYSELF,
11 CHIEF TAYLOR, THE D.A., THE PUBLIC DEFENDER, CHILDREN AND
12 FAMILY SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, THE EDUCATION
13 SYSTEM, WE ALL NEED TO GET TOGETHER AROUND THE TABLE TO FOCUS
14 ON THIS SYSTEM AS A WHOLE AND I'M NOT QUITE SURE WHAT WE'RE
15 TALKING ABOUT IN TERMS OF THESE OTHER FOLKS.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE:** I THINK THERE ARE A NUMBER OF THINGS THAT REALLY
18 DO NEED TO BE CLARIFIED ABOUT THE CONTRACT WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT
19 THE DIVISION AND THE NUMBER OF HOURS AND IMMEDIATELY MY
20 QUESTION GETS TO BE, RATHER THAN HAVE 400 HOURS OF PEOPLE WHO
21 ARE LOCAL AND ALSO HAVE PEOPLE WHO ARE BACK THERE AND STILL
22 WORKING, THEY WILL CONTINUE, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, TO WORK FOR
23 C.R.W.L. AND THEY WILL-- C.W.L.A., THEY WILL CONTINUE TO WORK
24 THERE DURING THIS YEAR THAT THE CONTRACT IS GOING ON, EVEN
25 THOUGH HE WILL BE LEAVING THERE IN FEBRUARY, IS MY



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1 UNDERSTANDING. WHILE I CAN UNDERSTAND HE WANTS TO GET HIS LIFE
2 ORGANIZED, I DO THINK THAT IT'S VERY IMPORTANT FOR US ALSO TO
3 MOVE IN A REASONABLE WAY AND IN A WAY WHERE WE TRY TO PULL
4 THIS THING SO WE ALL UNDERSTAND IT AND ALSO THAT WE MAKE SURE
5 THAT, IF LOCAL CONSULTANTS ARE NECESSARY, MY REACTION WOULD BE
6 THEN THOSE SHOULD BE THE ONES THAT ARE PART OF THE TEAM, THAT
7 WE SHOULDN'T HAVE TWO SEPARATE SETS OF CONSULTANTS AND
8 SUBCONTRACTORS THAT ARE ANTICIPATED. I PERSONALLY FEEL IT'S
9 VERY IMPORTANT BECAUSE WE HAVE A VERY UNIQUE POPULATION HERE
10 AND I WANT TO BE VERY CLEAR. I AM CERTAINLY VERY CONCERNED
11 ABOUT THE WHOLE ISSUE IN TERMS OF OUR DEPENDENCY SYSTEM AND
12 ITS RELATIONSHIP TO THE WHOLE PENAL SYSTEM-- OR SHOULDN'T CALL
13 IT THE PENAL BUT THE WHOLE SYSTEM IN TERMS OF THOSE YOUNG
14 PEOPLE WHO ARE GOING THROUGH JUVENILE COURT. I HAVE BEEN
15 MONITORING, OVER THE LAST YEAR, AND KEEPING A RECORD OF EVERY
16 FOSTER CHILD THAT WAS EITHER INVOLVED OR THE VICTIM OF A
17 SHOOTING OR A GANG-RELATED ACTIVITY AND NOW I THINK THAT THE
18 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES IS NOW MAKING THOSE NUMBERS
19 PUBLIC BUT I HAVE BEEN KEEPING TRACK OF THOSE NUMBERS. THEY'RE
20 VERY APPALLING, WHICH SAYS TO US THAT THERE IS AN OVERLAP IN
21 THE PROBLEM. I MEAN, WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT WE'RE AT NUMBER 41, I
22 GUESS, FOR THIS YEAR, THAT MEANS THAT, IF WE HAVE FOSTER
23 CHILDREN THAT 41 OF THEM ARE BEING VICTIMIZED BY GANG VIOLENCE
24 THIS YEAR, THEN WE DO HAVE A REAL NECESSITY TO LOOK AT THESE



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1 TWO ISSUES TOGETHER. SO I REALLY FEEL VERY STRONGLY ABOUT
2 THAT. I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE I KNOW WHAT WE'RE DOING.

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** SUPERVISOR?

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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8 **SUP. KNABE:** YES. I THINK THE CONCERN HERE IS OBVIOUSLY
9 PROBATION IS ALREADY UNDERGOING A NUMBER OF REVIEWS AND HAVE
10 UNDERGONE A NUMBER OF REVIEWS AND PROCESSES ON REFORM AND THAT
11 WE DON'T WANT TO JUST CREATE ANOTHER PLAN. I MEAN, I THINK
12 THAT'S THE ISSUE HERE AND, BY HAVING THIS SORT OF COME AT US,
13 YOU KNOW, AT THE LAST MINUTE, I THINK, YOU KNOW, THERE'S A
14 CONCERN HERE. WE'RE DEALING WITH, WHAT, A HUNDRED DIFFERENT
15 LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, PUBLIC
16 DEFENDER, A PANEL OF PRO BONO ATTORNEYS, D.C.F.S., PROBATION,
17 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, 81 SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND 88
18 CITIES, SO IT'S A BIG ISSUE AS WE TRY TO IMPLEMENT SOMETHING
19 ON THIS PARTICULAR LEVEL. ONE OF THE CONCERNS THAT I HAVE IS
20 THAT, AS WE LOOK AT REFORMING THE ENTIRE SYSTEM, THAT, AS I
21 SAID EARLIER, WE JUST DON'T COME UP WITH ANOTHER PLAN BUT WE
22 COME UP WITH SOME SORT OF IMPLEMENTATION AND, BY THE SIZE AND
23 THE SCOPE OF WHAT WE'RE DEALING WITH HERE AND WHAT, AS I
24 UNDERSTAND, WHAT WE'RE READING HERE AS IT RELATES TO THIS
25 PARTICULAR CONTRACT, THERE'S NOT A POINT PERSON, AT THE END OF



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1 THE DAY, TO IMPLEMENT THE REFORMS, THAT WE'RE STILL LOOKING AT
2 REFORM BY COMMITTEE, AND I THINK THAT PRESENTS A PROBLEM FOR
3 ALL OF US, PARTICULARLY AS IT RELATES TO-- THERE SEEMS TO BE A
4 WILLINGNESS OF ALL THE VARIOUS-- THE COURTS AND THE LAW
5 ENFORCEMENT JURISDICTION, D.A. AND OTHERS, TO DO THIS
6 PROBATION BUT, WITH OUR LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF
7 EDUCATION, YOU KNOW, AND JUST BEING A BRICK WALL ON MANY
8 OCCASIONS AS IT RELATES TO REFORMS WITHIN THE PROBATION
9 DEPARTMENT. I MEAN, HOW DO WE BRING THEM TO THE TABLE? I MEAN,
10 THEY MAY PARTICIPATE IN THIS CONVERSATION OR BE PART OF THIS
11 SOLUTION AND WE GET THIS PLAN, BUT, AT THE END OF THE DAY, FOR
12 THOSE DOLLARS OR WHATEVER PLAN WE COME UP WITH, WE'RE LEFT
13 WITH A PLAN, WE'RE LEFT WITH NO IMPLEMENT PLAN IN THE SENSE
14 THAT WE HAVE A POINT PERSON TO FORCE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
15 THIS MASSIVE REFORM THAT WE'RE UNDERTAKING, THAT MASSIVE
16 REFORM THAT WE TRULY NEED. SO I WOULD JUST BE INTERESTED TO
17 SEE HOW THIS-- YOUR COMMENTS ON HOW THIS CONTRACT FITS INTO
18 THAT PICTURE AS IT RELATES TO THE END OF THE DAY WHEN THIS IS
19 DONE. I MEAN, HOW DO WE IMPLEMENT? EITHER ONE OF YOU? HOW DO
20 YOU BRING THE OFFICE OF EDUCATION TO THE TABLE?

21

22 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** LET ME RESPOND FIRST OF ALL, SUPERVISOR. I
23 MEAN, THIS IS TRUE OF ANY CONSULTING HELP THAT WE GET IN THE
24 COUNTY ON VARIOUS SUBJECTS. WE DON'T, OBVIOUSLY, HAVE ALL THE
25 EXPERTISE ON EVERY CONCEIVABLE AREA. THIS WILL NOT WORK, IN



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1 THE LONG-TERM, IF WE DON'T HAVE LOCAL RESPONSIBILITY AND
2 LEADERSHIP FOR IT. A CONSULTANT CANNOT PROVIDE THAT. BUT TO
3 MAKE A CHANGE IN SYSTEMS REQUIRES EVERYONE TO BE PART OF THE
4 DEVELOPMENT OF THE PLAN. IT REQUIRES-- AND THAT'S WHAT BOBB
5 STARTED LAST WEEK WITH THE CONFERENCE. WITH STAKEHOLDERS,
6 THERE WERE 300 PEOPLE THERE. IT REQUIRES ALL OF THOSE ENTITIES
7 THAT YOU ENUMERATED TO BE AT THE TABLE AND IT IS AN
8 EXTRAORDINARILY COMPLICATED, TIME-CONSUMING AND EXPENSIVE
9 PROCESS TO PULL TOGETHER. BUT IF YOU DON'T PULL IT TOGETHER AT
10 THE FRONT END, YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE CHANGE LONG TERM.
11 SO THIS IS AN EXPENSIVE FIRST STEP BUT IT ISN'T GOING TO HAVE
12 ANY CHANCE OF SUCCESS UNLESS EVERYBODY'S AT THE TABLE AND MR.
13 BILCHIK BRINGS AN EXPERTISE TO THE TABLE, CREDIBILITY TO THE
14 TABLE WITH RESPECT TO THE VARIOUS PARTIES THAT MAYBE SOMEBODY
15 ELSE IN THE COUNTRY COULD BRING AS WELL, BUT THAT WILL REALLY
16 RAISE THIS WHOLE ENDEAVOR TO THE NEXT LEVEL. WITH RESPECT TO
17 THE EDUCATION PIECE OF IT, HE'S NOT GOING TO SOLVE THAT
18 PROBLEM. WE NEED TO SOLVE THAT PROBLEM LOCALLY. I MEAN, WE
19 REALLY DO. ORGANIZATIONALLY, WE NEED TO FIX THAT PROBLEM AND
20 IT HAS TO BE FIXED IF WE'RE GOING TO BE SUCCESSFUL AND THERE
21 ARE PROBLEMS THERE.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** I MEAN, I UNDERSTAND THAT, I MEAN, THAT EVERYONE
24 HAS TO BE AT THE TABLE BUT, I MEAN, MY CONCERN IS THEN, AT THE
25 END OF THE DAY, THAT, WHEN WE HAVE THIS PIECE OF WORK WHERE



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1 WE'VE HAD EVERYONE AT THE TABLE, IT JUST DOESN'T SIT ON A
2 SHELF SOMEPLACE, YOU KNOW? AND, AS YOU LAY THIS OUT, YOU KNOW,
3 THERE STILL HAS TO BE SOMETHING AT THE END THAT WE IMPLEMENT
4 THE PLAN THAT WE COME UP WITH. EVERYBODY HAS TO BE AT THE
5 TABLE TO BE PART OF THE SOLUTION. I DON'T DISAGREE WITH THAT
6 AT ALL.

7

8 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** SUPERVISOR, I THINK THAT, FRANKLY, I THINK
9 THAT'S THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MY OFFICE. I MEAN, IT'S A
10 RESPONSIBILITY THAT WE'VE TAKEN ON WITH RESPECT TO THE
11 ORGANIZATION GENERALLY AND WITH RESPECT TO DEPENDENCY,
12 SPECIFICALLY GOAL FIVE. IT REALLY-- WE CAN TALK ABOUT THE
13 ORGANIZATION OF L.A. COUNTY IF YOU WANT TO GO THERE BUT, IN
14 THE FINAL ANALYSIS, GIVEN THE STRUCTURE WE'RE IN, IT'S GOING
15 TO FALL ON MY OFFICE TO MAKE SURE THAT THE PLAN THAT IS
16 DEVELOPED BY ALL PARTIES IS IMPLEMENTED AND IT WILL TAKE A
17 LONG TIME. WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON DEPENDENCY SINCE 1993 AND WE
18 STILL HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

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22 **SUP. MOLINA:** MY ISSUES ARE DIFFERENT THAN-- THE CONCERN THAT I
23 HAVE IS THAT, THE OTHER DAY, NOVEMBER THE 9TH, WHICH WAS A
24 THURSDAY, MR. FORTNER, STOP ME IF I'M GOING IN THE WRONG
25 DIRECTION BECAUSE I WANT TO BE CAREFUL HERE, THE ISSUE OF THE



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1 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE INVESTIGATION AND THE CONCLUSION
2 REALLY CONCERNED ME. AND I ATTENDED THE CONFERENCE WITH BOB
3 AND JUDGE NASH AND IT WAS A GREAT CONFERENCE AND I THINK IT
4 DOES-- WE NEED TO DO MORE OF THAT, TO BRING PEOPLE TO THE
5 TABLE, AND I THINK A LOT OF PEOPLE STAYED THE ENTIRE TIME AND
6 I THINK IT WAS HELPFUL. BUT, AFTER GETTING THIS NOTICE FROM
7 OUR COUNTY COUNSEL ABOUT D.O.J. AND GOING BACK AND LOOKING AT
8 SOME OF THESE ISSUES, BOB, I GOT TO TELL YOU, I'M VERY, VERY
9 NERVOUS. I MEAN, I DON'T MIND A THREE-YEAR CONTRACT BUT, IF A
10 THREE-YEAR CONTRACT IS NOT GOING TO TOUCH ON THESE ISSUES, I'M
11 MORE CONCERNED ABOUT THIS. NOW, I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN SAY
12 THESE THINGS PUBLICLY, SO YOU NEED TO TELL ME, BECAUSE I
13 HAVEN'T SEEN THAT WE'VE SCHEDULED A CLOSED SESSION ON THIS
14 BUT, BOB, THIS IS VERY TROUBLING. I MEAN, I KNOW THAT THEY
15 GAVE US A TIMEFRAME IN WHICH TO DO IT AND WE'RE NOT MEETING
16 THE TIMEFRAME AND SOME OF THE ISSUES THAT ARE ON THE TABLE TO
17 BE MET ARE BIG ISSUES. AND SO I THINK WE'RE WORKING ON
18 SOMETHING ELSE, WHICH IS NICE. LET'S BRING ALL THE
19 STAKEHOLDERS, LET'S ALL SING KUMBAYA ABOUT HOW TO REFORM OUR
20 SYSTEM BUT SOME OF THE OUTSTANDING ISSUES HERE ARE VERY
21 TROUBLING. I MEAN, AND THEY REQUIRE, LIKE, IT'S LIKE A FIRE
22 GOING ON AND YOU CAN'T SIT BACK AND SAY, "WE'LL BE READY IN
23 DECEMBER OF 2007," I MEAN, UNLESS D.O.J. SAID, "THAT'S OKAY,
24 YOU DON'T NEED TO DEAL WITH THAT UNTIL DECEMBER 2007" AND I
25 DON'T THINK THEY'VE SAID THAT TO US, CORRECT?



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2 **BOB TAYLOR:** WELL, THAT'S CORRECT. YEAH, WE'RE ABIDING BY THE
3 CURRENT MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT THAT WE HAVE WITH THE
4 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

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6 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT THE AGREEMENT SAID YOU WERE GOING TO DO THESE
7 THINGS IN ONE YEAR. IS THAT WHAT IT SAID?

8

9 **BOB TAYLOR:** IT SAID THAT ALL OF THESE THINGS HAD TO BE IN
10 MONITORING BY AUGUST OF THIS YEAR AND HAD TO BE COMPLETED BY
11 AUGUST OF NEXT YEAR, THAT'S CORRECT.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT WE'RE NOWHERE NEAR THERE, SO SHOULDN'T BE BE
14 MORE CONCERNED ABOUT THAT ASPECT OF WHAT'S GOING ON? I DON'T
15 MEAN TO BE DISRESPECTFUL TO THIS ISSUE. I UNDERSTAND IT AND I
16 RESPECT IT. I DON'T KNOW THAT I NECESSARILY AGREE THAT WE
17 SHOULD DO SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT. AS EVERYONE KNOWS, I'M USUALLY
18 OPPOSED TO THOSE, BUT I'M MORE CONCERNED ABOUT THIS OTHER
19 ISSUE THAT'S NOWHERE ON THE RADAR SCREEN AND WE'VE GOT ALMOST
20 A WILDFIRE SHOWING UP HERE. I MEAN, THE STAFFING-- THE ISSUES
21 ARE HUGE. USE OF FORCE. I MEAN, YOU KNOW THAT, WHEN YOU FIRST
22 CAME ON, I RAISED THAT ISSUE WITH YOU.

23

24 **BOB TAYLOR:** YES.

25



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** BECAUSE I WAS TROUBLED BY IT. I MEAN, YOU DON'T
2 POP SOMEBODY IN THE FACE JUST BECAUSE YOU HAD A BAD DAY,
3 MEANING THE PROBATION OFFICER.

4

5 **BOB TAYLOR:** YES, I UNDERSTAND THAT.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. FORTNER, DO WE NEED A CLOSED SESSION ON THIS
8 OR CAN I RAISE SOME OF THESE ISSUES? I'M NERVOUS.

9

10 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** MR. MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,
11 AS I INDICATED IN MY MEMORANDUM, WE WILL BE SCHEDULING A
12 CLOSED SESSION IN THE NEAR FUTURE WHEN WE PULL ALL THE
13 INFORMATION TOGETHER.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT, IN THE INTERIM, WE HAVE A SITUATION THAT-- I
16 MEAN, YOUR MEMO SAYS TO ME THAT I MAY BE GOING INTO A CONSENT
17 DECREE.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD DISCUSS THAT IN OPEN
20 SESSION.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, THAT'S WHY I'M ASKING.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE:** I WOULD-- I SAID THE "C" WORD...

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1 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** THAT IS WHAT WE'RE WORKING TO AVOID.

2

3 **SUP. BURKE:** ...AND I DIDN'T WANT TO SAY IT.

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5 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND BUT WHAT I'M SAYING IS, THIS ISSUE
6 IS DISCUSSING ALL OF THE OUTSIDE ASPECTS, WHICH I UNDERSTAND
7 IS SIGNIFICANT, AND I DON'T MEAN TO BE DISRESPECTFUL TO IT, I
8 ATTENDED THE CONFERENCE IN WHICH MANY OF THOSE STAKEHOLDERS
9 WAS THERE. WE NEED TO DO A GAME PLAN, I THINK WITH JUDGE NASH
10 SAID, A COMPLETE COORDINATED PLAN WITH EXPECTATIONS FOR ALL
11 THE PLAYERS IN THE SYSTEM. ABSOLUTELY. WE NEED THAT IN
12 CHILDREN'S SERVICES AS WELL. WE NEED IT IN MANY AREAS AND I'D
13 LIKE TO GET THERE AND I DON'T KNOW THAT THIS IS A WAY TO GET
14 THERE BUT IT MIGHT BE, BUT I GUESS I'M MORE CONCERNED ABOUT
15 THIS OTHER ISSUE AND I JUST DIDN'T SEE IT ON MY RADAR SCREEN
16 IN CLOSED SESSION. YOUR MEMO CONCERNED ME. I PULLED OUT THE
17 OLD REPORT THAT SAID WHAT WE NEEDED TO DO AND THEY SAID YOU'VE
18 GOT A YEAR TO DO IT AND NOW I'VE READ YOUR REPORT THAT YOU
19 SENT US, AND I'M TROUBLED WITH IT. AND SO I THINK THAT, BEFORE
20 WE TALK ABOUT OUTSIDE-- HOW ABOUT OURSELVES? WE'VE GOT TO FIX
21 OURSELVES. AND IF WE NEED A CONSULTANT TO FIX OURSELVES, THEN
22 BRING HIM IN OR-- I'M JUST VERY CONCERNED THAT WE NEED TO TAKE
23 SOME VERY DRAMATIC STEPS BECAUSE, AGAIN, THERE'S A LOT OF
24 ISSUES HERE BUT THE ISSUES THAT ARE LEFT AT THE TABLE, OF
25 WHICH THERE ARE 20, ARE PROBABLY THE MOST SIGNIFICANT ONES. I



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1 MEAN, THEY'RE ALL IMPORTANT. I MEAN, YOU KNOW, SHARING
2 INFORMATION, CARE FOR SELF-HARMING YOUTH, EYEGASSES, THOSE
3 ARE ALL VERY IMPORTANT THINGS, I GUESS, BUT CHEMICAL
4 RESTRAINT? THAT HAS TO BE ADDRESSED.

5

6 **BOB TAYLOR:** NO, AND I UNDERSTAND, SUPERVISOR MOLINA, AND I
7 DIDN'T MEAN TO BE CURT WITH MY BRIEF ANSWERS. I JUST DON'T
8 THINK WE OUGHT TO GET INTO A DISCUSSION OF THE MEETING THAT I
9 HAD WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE LAST WEEK AND ALL OF THE
10 ISSUES IN THIS PARTICULAR FORUM. I THINK THERE MIGHT BE
11 ANOTHER FORUM FOR THAT. BUT LET ME ASSURE YOU, FIRST OF ALL, I
12 WANT TO THANK YOU VERY, VERY MUCH FOR ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE
13 AND FOR YOUR COMMENTS. I CAN TELL YOU THAT YOU WERE ONE OF THE
14 HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CONFERENCE AND A NUMBER OF PEOPLE CAME UP TO
15 ME AND COMMENTED ON THAT, SO LET ME GET THAT SAID BEFORE I GET
16 BACK TO THIS. SO THANK YOU AGAIN.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** CERTAINLY.

19

20 **BOB TAYLOR:** I THINK THAT MR. BILCHIK CAN ACTUALLY BE VERY
21 HELPFUL WITH US IN THIS ARENA BECAUSE WE HAVE A DYSFUNCTIONAL
22 SYSTEM.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT, WE DO.

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1 **BOB TAYLOR:** WE DO. AND WE NEED TO HAVE ALL OF THE PLAYERS IN
2 THIS SYSTEM SIT DOWN TOGETHER AND REALLY COMMIT TO AN ACTION
3 PLAN AND I THINK THAT'S WHAT THE BLUEPRINT IS ALL ABOUT. I
4 DON'T THINK YOU'RE GOING TO GET THERE BY, YOU KNOW, CONSENT
5 DECREE UNLESS YOU REALLY LIGHT A FIRE UNDER PEOPLE.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, THE D.O.J. MAY LIGHT A FIRE UNDER OUR
8 BEHINDS.

9

10 **BOB TAYLOR:** RIGHT AND I UNDERSTAND THAT, I UNDERSTAND THAT BUT
11 I DON'T THINK A CONSENT DECREE IS THE WAY YOU GET THERE AND I
12 TOLD THAT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. I THINK THE WAY YOU
13 GET THERE IS BY PEOPLE WORKING COOPERATIVELY TOGETHER TO A
14 UNIFIED GOAL AND WE COMMITTED TO THAT THAT WE'RE GOING TO DO
15 THAT AND THAT'S WHAT WE INTEND TO DO AS A DEPARTMENT BUT I
16 CAN'T SPEAK TO THE WHOLE SYSTEM BECAUSE I'M JUST ONE COMPONENT
17 OF IT.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO, I UNDERSTAND. BUT, CHIEF, AGAIN, I DON'T MEAN
20 TO BE DISRESPECTFUL. THAT'S WHY WE NEED TO DO THAT, ALL THE
21 PLAYERS NEED TO BE INVOLVED. THERE'S ALL MANY ISSUES AS TO HOW
22 TO ADDRESS IT. BUT I GUESS WHAT I'M SAYING IS, IS THAT, WE
23 HAVE-- THESE ARE THINGS WE CAN CONTROL. WE MAKE POLICY ON
24 RESTRAINTS. NOBODY ELSE. WE MAKE POLICY ON CHEMICAL RESTRAINT,
25 NO ONE ELSE. I MEAN, USE OF FORCE REVIEW, THAT'S OUR AREA.



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1 NOBODY ELSE TELLS US, OKAY? WE DON'T NEED A STAKEHOLDER TO
2 TELL US. THAT'S A VERY-- I MEAN, I DON'T SAY SIMPLE, OKAY?
3 CASE MANAGEMENT, FOR GOD'S SAKES, HOW MANY TIMES DO WE NEED TO
4 SAY THESE BASIC WORDS OF CASE MANAGEMENT? THAT SOMETHING
5 SHOULD BE-- I KNOW IT'S HARD TO IMPLEMENT BUT THE ISSUE IS, IS
6 THAT IT'S ALWAYS BETTER TO DO IT WITHOUT A CONSENT DECREE.
7 JUDGE NASH, WE DON'T NEED CONSENT DECREES BUT WE'RE IN TROUBLE
8 HERE. SO MY ONLY ISSUE IS, IS THAT I JUST DON'T SEE US GETTING
9 TO SOME OF THE THINGS THAT WE NEED TO DO. YOU KNOW, THERE'S A
10 LOT OF FOLKS, AND WE ALWAYS DO THIS, AND I HAVE PEOPLE WHO
11 COMPLAIN TO ME, I HAVE ONE PERSON RIGHT NOW WHO'S COMPLAINING
12 TO ME ALL DAY LONG ABOUT THE GUY NEXT DOOR AND THE BAD, YOU
13 KNOW, HORSE STABLE THAT HE HAS AND HOW BAD IT'S DOING THIS AND
14 DOING THAT. WELL, WE WENT OVER AND LOOKED AT THE PROPERTY AND
15 HE'S GOT ONE, TOO. AND SO I'M SAYING, "HEY, TAKE CARE OF YOUR
16 OWN IN YOUR OWN BACKYARD. YOU'RE OVER THERE COMPLAINING ABOUT
17 EVERYBODY ELSE'S." IT STARTED A WILDFIRE OUT IN THE COMMUNITY.
18 SO I GUESS WHAT I'M SAYING IS, AND MR. FORTNER, I DON'T KNOW
19 WHAT THE MEMO MEANS. IF THE MEMO SAYS THAT THEY'RE COMING IN
20 AND THEY'RE GOING TO ISSUE US A LETTER-- THE ISSUE OF THAT
21 LETTER IS WHEN?

22

23 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA, THE DISCUSSIONS
24 WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ARE STILL ONGOING AND WE WILL
25 BE BRINGING TO YOU IN CLOSED SESSION A REPORT FROM THE CHIEF



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1 PROBATION OFFICER INCLUDING OUR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONTINUING
2 TO NEGOTIATE WITH THEM.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT IT SAYS ON HERE THAT-- IT SAYS, "WE EXPECT A
5 FINDINGS LETTER IN LATE 2007" SO THAT MEANS WHAT? THAT THEY'RE
6 GOING TO WAIT UNTIL THEN UNTIL THEY CONCLUDE WHAT THEIR
7 FINDINGS ARE OR WHAT?

8

9 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** WELL, THAT IS THE ULTIMATE FINDINGS
10 LETTER AT THE END OF THE PROCESS.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO I GUESS I'M-- WE REALLY NEED TO KNOW WHAT'S
13 GOING ON HERE BECAUSE, EVEN IN THE OUTLINE FOR THIS, WE'RE NOT
14 GOING TO GET TO ANY OF THESE ISSUES UNDER-- I MEAN, WE'D BE
15 LUCKY IN YEAR THREE TO BE ADDRESSING...

16

17 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** RIGHT AND THAT'S NOT THE INTENT BUT COULD I
18 MAKE A POINT THAT WE HAVE DEALT WITH IN THIS ORGANIZATION FOR
19 AS LONG AS I'VE BEEN HERE AND THAT'S THE EVENT-DRIVEN NATURE
20 OF OUR SYSTEM. WE ARE CONSUMED WITH THE DAY-TO-DAY PROBLEMS
21 AND CHALLENGES OF GETTING THROUGH THE DAY, GETTING THE DETAILS
22 DONE. THIS IS NOT, IN MY MIND, AN EITHER/OR DECISION. WE DON'T
23 NEED TO MAKE A CHOICE BETWEEN THE TWO. THE DEPARTMENT OF
24 JUSTICE WORK HAS TO BE DONE. PERIOD. PERIOD. THERE'S NO
25 CHOICE, THERE'S NO ALTERNATIVE. BUT, HISTORICALLY, WE SPEND SO



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1 MUCH TIME AND EFFORT JUST WITH THAT, WE NEVER GET TO THE
2 BROADER PICTURE OF HOW DO WE CHANGE THE OUTCOMES AND RESULTS
3 OF WHAT WE DO? WE ARE FAILING EVERYWHERE IN MANY DIFFERENT
4 WAYS, SO, FOR ME, IT'S BOTH.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. JANSSEN, I UNDERSTAND AND I DID NOT GET
7 INVOLVED IN THAT DISCUSSION, OKAY? MY ISSUE IS, IS THAT, AT
8 THE SAME TIME, WE GOT-- WE HAVE THIS, AND SO I APPRECIATE
9 THAT. AND I'M WILLING TO STAY OUT OF IT. I DON'T NEED TO BE
10 INVOLVED. YOU KNOW, MY POSITION IS I'M ALWAYS OPPOSED TO SOLE
11 SOURCE OVERALL. I WAS GOING TO STAY OUT OF THIS DISCUSSION BUT
12 IT DOESN'T SERVE ANY OF US WELL BY SAYING LET'S JUST DO THIS
13 AND WE NEED TO DO IT AND...

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15 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** BUT NOBODY IS SAYING-- THAT'S THE POINT.
16 NOBODY IS SAYING, LET'S JUST DO THIS. IT IS NOT EITHER/OR. WE
17 ARE CAPABLE OF DOING BOTH. WE HAVE THE INTELLIGENCE TO DO
18 BOTH. WE SHOULD ALWAYS BE TRYING TO DO BOTH BUT THE FIRST
19 OBLIGATION IS THE D.O.J. DAY-TO-DAY EVENT-DRIVEN
20 RESPONSIBILITIES.

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22 **SUP. MOLINA:** I KNOW, BUT THE ISSUES IS-- I GUESS THE ISSUE I'M
23 SAYING IS, IS THAT, WHILE I GOT THIS LETTER LAST THURSDAY,
24 HERE WE ARE DISCUSSING THIS AND I HAVEN'T GOTTEN ANYTHING AS
25 TO WHERE I'M GOING IN THE OTHER. I WAS SORT OF SHOCKED BY IT



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1 BECAUSE I THOUGHT WE HAD BEEN DOING BETTER. I KNEW MENTAL
2 HEALTH WAS HAVING SOME PROBLEMS AND-- AS FAR AS COORDINATION
3 AND ALL OF THAT BUT I DID NOT REALIZE THAT WE HAD NOT GOTTEN
4 TO THE BASIC RESTRAINT ISSUE. THAT'S JUST A BASIC POLICY
5 ISSUE.

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7 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THE TIMING IS COINCIDENTAL, HOWEVER,
8 SUPERVISOR.

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10 **SUP. MOLINA:** OKAY. WELL, MAYBE SO.

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

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14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'LL TAKE EVEN A DIFFERENT APPROACH TO THIS
17 WHOLE THING AND I THINK SUPERVISOR MOLINA TOUCHED ON IT AND I
18 THINK IT'S APPROPRIATE TO HAVE AT LEAST SOME LEVEL OF
19 DISCUSSION IN PUBLIC, NOT BEHIND CLOSED DOORS, BECAUSE THE--
20 HOW MANY KIDS DO WE HAVE IN THE CAMPS AND IN THE JUVENILE
21 HALLS, BOB?

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23 **BOB TAYLOR:** THE TOTAL IS ABOUT 4,000.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** 4,000. THEY ARE OUR RESPONSIBILITY AND, FOR
2 THE LONGEST TIME, I THINK IT'S BEEN PATENTLY EVIDENT TO PEOPLE
3 WHO HAVE MONITORED THIS AREA OF PROBATION THAT OUR SYSTEM WAS
4 FAILING. THIS GOES BACK A NUMBER OF YEARS, MAYBE 7 OR 8 YEARS,
5 THAT OUR SYSTEM WAS JUST PLAIN BROKEN IN EVERY WAY, SHAPE AND
6 FORM. AND THIS COUNTY, FOR THAT PERIOD OF TIME, WAS OBLIVIOUS
7 TO IT. THAT'S WHY YOU HAVE THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT SNIFFING
8 DOWN UNDER OUR DOORS AND OVER OUR TRANSOMS. THAT'S WHY YOU'RE
9 GETTING LETTERS FROM THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT PUTTING PRESSURE
10 ON THIS COUNTY. THIS MAY BE ONE CONSENT DECREE. IF WE DON'T
11 START TO SHAPE UP, THIS IS ONE CONSENT DECREE I MAY WELCOME. I
12 MAY COOPERATE WITH THEM. I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT TAKES TO GET OUR
13 ATTENTION. I WANT TO QUOTE FROM THE CONFERENCE LAST THURSDAY--
14 THURSDAY? THE PROBATION CONFERENCE?

15

16 **BOB TAYLOR:** YES.

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHO SAID THE FOLLOWING WORDS, "HOW COULD WE
19 HAVE BEEN SO STUPID FOR SO LONG?" MR. JANSSEN SAID THAT, HIS
20 PANEL. HE ALSO SAID AND I QUOTE, "THE EVIDENCE IS
21 OVERWHELMING, WE ARE DOING MORE HARM THAN GOOD," REFERRING TO
22 THE KIDS UNDER OUR JURISDICTION. THAT'S FROM OUR OWN C.A.O.
23 THAT'S NOT FROM SOME ADVOCATE OUT IN BEVERLY HILLS. THAT'S
24 FROM OUR OWN C.A.O. "HOW COULD WE HAVE BEEN SO STUPID FOR SO
25 LONG? THE EVIDENCE IS OVERWHELMING, WE ARE DOING MORE HARM



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1 THAN GOOD." NOW, I'M NOT A LAWYER AND I'M CERTAINLY NOT A
2 JUSTICE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL BUT IF I WANTED TO MAKE A CASE
3 AGAINST THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, YOU'D BE WITNESS NUMBER
4 ONE. WHAT DID YOU MEAN BY THAT? WHY DID YOU SAY THAT? TELL US
5 WHY YOU FEEL THAT WE'RE DOING MORE HARM THAN GOOD. MR. TAYLOR,
6 DO YOU AGREE THAT WE ARE DOING MORE HARM THAN GOOD? JUDGE
7 NASH, YOU'RE THE DEPENDENCY COURT JUDGE, DO YOU FEEL WE'RE
8 DOING MORE HARM THAN GOOD? NOW, WE CAN SIT HERE AND NITPICK
9 THIS THING TO DEATH. I SAY UP OR DOWN TODAY, YOU DON'T WANT TO
10 DO IT, I MEAN, YOU JUST GET IT UP OR DOWN TODAY AND GET IT
11 OVER WITH. I THINK WE NEED TO KNOW WHERE WE STAND. AND
12 EVERYTHING THAT'S BEEN RAISED CAN BE ADDRESSED, IT'S
13 MANAGEABLE, IT'S NOT A PROBLEM UNLESS THE AGENDA IS TO KILL
14 IT. NOW, I KNOW WHY SOME IN THE BUREAUCRACY, HISTORICALLY,
15 HAVE BEEN AFRAID OF AUDITS, BEEN AFRAID OF STUDIES, BECAUSE
16 MR. ANTONOVICH IS QUITE RIGHT. IT'S GOING TO BE VERY
17 EXPENSIVE. IF YOU DON'T THINK YOU'RE GOING TO END UP SPENDING
18 TENS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS, AND I'M BEING VERY CONSERVATIVE,
19 IN THE REPAIR THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE TO THE PROBATION SYSTEM
20 AND ITS INTERRELATIONSHIP WITH ALL OF THE OTHER DEPARTMENTS
21 AND AGENCIES THAT DEALS WITH THESE KIDS, YOU DON'T THINK WE'RE
22 GOING TO HAVE TO SPEND A HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS ON THIS AT
23 SOME POINT IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE? GUESS AGAIN. AND IF WE
24 HAVE A CONSENT DECREE IMPOSED ON US AND A FEDERAL COURT
25 RUNNING THIS THING, THERE'S NO TELLING HOW MUCH IT'S GOING TO



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1 COST. SEE, WE WON'T HAVE ANY CONTROL OF THAT. AT LEAST WITH
2 THIS WE HAVE SOME CONTROL PRIORITIZE, INVEST THE MONEYS
3 APPROPRIATELY. SUPERVISOR MOLINA RAISES A VERY GOOD POINT.
4 WE'VE GOT A LETTER WARNING ABOUT THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT BEING
5 CONCERNED. THE EFFORTS-- THE THINGS THAT THE JUSTICE
6 DEPARTMENT IS CONCERNED ABOUT ARE THE VERY THINGS, SOME OF THE
7 VERY THINGS THAT THIS CONTRACT IS AIMED AT ADDRESSING. IT'S
8 NOT JUST ABOUT RESTRAINTS. IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT MICROSCOPIC
9 ISSUES. THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT HAS TAKEN A MUCH BROADER VIEW,
10 A VIEW THAT THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SHOULD FRANKLY TAKE. WHY
11 AREN'T WE ADEQUATELY EDUCATING OUR KIDS IN THE CAMPS AND IN
12 THE JUVENILE HALLS? WHY AREN'T WE ADEQUATELY PROVIDING MENTAL
13 HEALTH SERVICES TO THE KIDS IN THE JUVENILE HALLS AND IN THE
14 CAMPS? WHAT ABOUT OTHER KINDS OF TREATMENTS? IF THERE ARE
15 DEPARTMENTS THAT INCLUDE THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH,
16 L.A.C.O.E., D.C.F.S., HEALTH, THEY'RE ALL INVOLVED IN THIS AND
17 THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT'S FOCUS ON THIS. THAT'S WHAT HIS
18 CONTRACT IS ALL ABOUT, IS TO LAY OUT A BLUEPRINT. THEY ARE NOT
19 IN CONFLICT WITH ANOTHER. I WOULD ARGUE THAT, IN FACT, IN
20 FACT, THIS TASK, THIS CONTRACT IS DESIGNED TO PRODUCE A
21 PRODUCT WHICH ADDRESSES SOME OF THE VERY PROBLEMS IN A
22 SYSTEMIC WAY, NOT IN A SILO WAY BUT LOOKING AT IT
23 MACROSCOPICALLY. YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO DEAL WITH A SILO,
24 YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO DEAL WITH ARE THE RESTRAINTS BEING
25 PROPERLY ADMINISTERED OR THEY'RE NOT BEING PROPERLY



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1 ADMINISTERED. IS THE REGULATION BEING PROPERLY ADHERED TO OR
2 NOT PROPERLY ADHERED TO. AND YOU'LL HAVE TO DO THE BEAN
3 COUNTING. BUT SOMEBODY'S GOT TO LOOK AT THE SYSTEM-WIDE
4 BECAUSE, NO MATTER HOW YOU'RE APPLYING THE RESTRAINTS, ARE WE
5 ADEQUATELY EDUCATING THAT KID OR IS HE GOING TO COME OUT OF
6 THERE IN WORSE SHAPE? ARE WE DOING MORE HARM THAN GOOD, IN THE
7 WORDS OF THE C.A.O. OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES? THAT'S THE
8 ISSUE. NOW, THERE ISN'T A PERSON IN THIS COUNTY RIGHT NOW WHO
9 CAN DO THAT BECAUSE YOU'RE ALL TOO SUBMERGED IN DOING YOUR
10 DAY-TO-DAY WORK. AND I THINK THAT'S WHAT DAVID WAS ALLUDING TO
11 AND SAID, WE NEED OUTSIDE HELP. THAT'S WHAT THE MCCROSKEY
12 REPORT THAT SHE GAVE TO THE CHILDREN'S PLANNING COUNCIL WAS
13 ALL ABOUT. IT TALKED ABOUT THE SYSTEMIC ISSUE HERE, ABOUT
14 THESE VERY KIDS, ABOUT THE SYSTEM. IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT
15 PROBATION OR BOB TAYLOR, IT'S ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH AND MARV
16 SOUTHARD, IT'S ABOUT L.A.C.O.E. AND DARLENE ROBLES. I HAVE
17 BEEN ON THE CASE OF L.A.C.O.E. FOR YEARS ABOUT THE QUESTION OF
18 THE ADEQUACY OF THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM IN OUR PROBATION CAMPS.
19 GOT NOWHERE WITH IT. NOWHERE. NEVER. AND WE'RE STILL-- LETTER
20 YOU GOT FROM THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT THE OTHER DAY OR FROM THE
21 COUNTY COUNSEL AFFIRMS THAT WE HAVE JUST NOT-- JUST NOT GOTTEN
22 RELIGION ON THAT ISSUE OF EDUCATING THESE KIDS. SO, MY
23 FRIENDS, WE'VE GET A CRISIS AND WE DON'T HAVE 60 DAYS TO WAIT.
24 I WOULD ARGUE, I WOULD HOPE THAT, IF WE WENT FORWARD WITH
25 THIS, THAT IT WOULD SEND A MESSAGE TO THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT



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1 AND WOULD RAISE THE LEVEL OF SERIOUSNESS TO THE-- THE COUNTY
2 SERIOUSNESS IN ADDRESSING THE ISSUE TO THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT.
3 I'D LIKE TO THINK IT WOULD. BY THE WAY, IT'S NOT JUST THE
4 JUSTICE DEPARTMENT. THERE'S A GROUP OF PLAINTIFFS WHO ARE
5 HOVERING OUTSIDE THE HALLS OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT WHO ARE
6 PREPARING TO FILE A CIVIL LAWSUIT AGAINST THE COUNTY. I THINK
7 IT'S PRETTY COMMON KNOWLEDGE TO THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN PAYING
8 ATTENTION, A MASSIVE LAWSUIT BEING PREPARED BY A MAJOR LAW
9 FIRM, PRO BONO. NOW, I'D LIKE TO THINK THAT IF WE MOVED IN
10 THIS DIRECTION AND THE COUNTY EVIDENCED AN INTEREST IN DEALING
11 SYSTEMICALLY WITH THIS PROBLEM, AS EVIDENCED IN THIS FIRST
12 YEAR AND SUBSEQUENT YEARS IN THIS RELATIONSHIP WITH MR.
13 BILCHIK, THAT THEY WOULD RECOGNIZE A CHANGE OF ATTITUDE
14 SUFFICIENT THAT THEY MIGHT NOT PROCEED OR AT LEAST NOT IN THE
15 IMMEDIATE FUTURE. WE HAD SUCH LUCK WHEN WE DID CERTAIN THINGS
16 WITH D.C.F.S. AND WE HAD PROBLEMS WITH THE A.C.L.U. ON THAT.
17 WE WERE ABLE TO RESOLVE THEM WITHOUT A LAWSUIT. BUT, UNLESS WE
18 MOVE SERIOUSLY TOWARDS ADDRESSING REAL PROBLEMS, WE'RE GOING
19 TO GET A LAWSUIT FROM THE PLAINTIFFS, FROM THE CIVILIAN SIDE
20 AND WE'RE GOING TO GET A FILING FROM THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT,
21 NO QUESTIONS ASKED. AND I WOULD ALSO SUGGEST THAT WE'VE HAD
22 GOOD EXPERIENCE WITH ONE OTHER AREA WHERE WE WORKED AT ON THE
23 JAILS WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND THE A.C.L.U. DIDN'T
24 GET A LAWSUIT. WELL, WE FINALLY DID GET ONE BUT IT WAS TOO
25 LATE FOR THEM, WE HAD MADE HUGE PROGRESS. SO I THINK PEOPLE



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1 ARE LOOKING TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THAT'S WHO'S
2 ULTIMATELY RESPONSIBLE. WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, DAVID, IT'S NOT
3 YOU, IT'S ULTIMATELY US AND IT'S GOING TO BE US WHO ARE GOING
4 TO BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE, AS IT IS APPROPRIATE, AS WE WERE ON
5 KING/DREW MEDICAL CENTER, AS IT IS ON EVERY OTHER PROBLEM THAT
6 WE FACE IN THIS COUNTY. IT'S ULTIMATELY THE RESPONSIBILITY OF
7 THE FIVE OF US AND I'D LIKE TO BE AHEAD OF THE CURVE THIS
8 TIME, NOT BEHIND THE CURVE. I'D LIKE TO BE-- I'D LIKE NOT TO
9 HAVE TO BE BEGGING THE UNITED STATES JUSTICE DEPARTMENT TO GET
10 OFF OUR BACK. I'D LIKE TO BE ABLE TO SAY, "YOU DON'T NEED TO
11 GET ON OUR BACK, WE'RE ON OUR OWN BACK AND HERE'S HOW WE'RE DO
12 IT." DON'T SWEAT THE \$800,000. THIS THING IS GOING TO BE VERY
13 EXPENSIVE BEFORE IT'S ALL OVER. THIS IS GOING TO BE POCKET
14 CHANGE BY THE TIME IT'S ALL OVER. WE SPENT \$20 MILLION ON ONE
15 CONSULTANT ON ANOTHER DEPARTMENT. DIDN'T THINK TWICE OF IT.
16 THIS IS AN INVESTMENT WE'VE GOT TO MAKE. AND I DON'T KNOW MR.
17 BILCHIK. I JUST KNOW HIM BY REPUTATION. I TRUST JUDGE NASH.
18 WHEN I HEAR JUDGE NASH AND SOME OF THE PEOPLE ON HIS LEFT, OF
19 WHICH THERE ARE SEVERAL, WHO ALL AGREE-- THEY DON'T AGREE ON
20 EVERYTHING BUT AGREE ON THIS GENTLEMAN, WHEN I HEAR THAT HE
21 WAS-- THAT MR. BILCHIK WAS AT THE PROBATION CONFERENCE, WAS
22 SINGLED OUT BY SEVERAL OF THE SPEAKERS WHO POINTED HIM OUT IN
23 THE AUDIENCE, THE QUESTION IS LET'S-- WE'VE GOT THE GUY, LET'S
24 GO. THE THING THAT MR. ANTONOVICH'S MOTION ASKS FOR, JUST TO
25 CLOSE THE LOOP ON THAT, IS ONE OF THE THINGS IS CALLED FOR IN



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1 THE STATEMENT OF WORK DELIVERABLES IN THE CONTRACT,
2 SPECIFICALLY, ON PAGE 1 OF THE DRAFT STATEMENT OF WORK
3 DELIVERABLES. "PREPARE A SYNTHESIS REPORT OF CRITICAL DATA
4 ACROSS SYSTEMS OF CARE IN ORDER TO IDENTIFY PROBLEMS AND IDEAS
5 THAT WILL SUPPORT THE PLANNING FOR THE UPCOMING REFERRALS--
6 UPCOMING RETREATS." TRIFOCALS ARE NOT DOING THEIR JOB. THE
7 UPCOMING RETREATS. SO ONE OF HIS TASKS WILL BE TO DO PRECISELY
8 MIKE'S ASKING BE DONE. WE CAN'T DO THAT AND WE CERTAINLY CAN'T
9 DO IT IN 60 DAYS. SO I WOULD REALLY URGE THAT, IF IT'S LOCAL
10 CONTRACTORS, AND HE'S-- YOU INDICATED AT THE OUTSET, DAVID,
11 THAT HE WAS WILLING TO LOOK AT LOCAL CONTRACTORS, THEN LET'S
12 DIRECT YOU TO DO THAT. IF IT'S AN ISSUE OF SYNTHESIZING WITH
13 ALL THE OTHER THINGS, I THINK IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING BUT IT
14 CERTAINLY COULD BE MEMORIALIZED IN THE FORM OF A MOTION HERE
15 THAT THE WORK PRODUCT THAT WE EXPECT HERE SHOULD BE INTEGRATED
16 INTO THE ISSUES THAT THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT HAS RAISED IN THE
17 MACRO INTERDEPARTMENTAL SENSE, IN THE SYSTEM-- IN A SYSTEMIC
18 SENSE, AND I THINK THAT GOES WITHOUT SAYING. I THINK THAT'S
19 ONE OF THE VALUES OF THIS AND WE COULD LEVERAGE THIS IN THAT
20 REGARD. IF THERE ARE OTHER ISSUES, LET'S-- I MEAN, HE HAS, I
21 ASSUME THAT, WHEN YOU TALK TO HIM AND IF THERE ARE OTHER IDEAS
22 THAT COME FORWARD FROM THIS BOARD, THAT HE IS OPEN TO OTHER
23 IDEAS IN TERMS OF-- OR DIRECTIONS OR FOCUS OR HOWEVER YOU WANT
24 TO-- WE ARE THE CLIENT. HE'S NOT THE CLIENT. AND WE CAN-- IF
25 THERE ARE AREAS THAT WE WANTED TO DIRECT HIM IN, LET'S DIRECT



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1 HIM. BUT NOT TO DO ANYTHING? LET ME TELL YOU, IF WE DON'T DO
2 ANYTHING TODAY, WE'RE NOT GOING TO DO ANYTHING. AND IF WE
3 DON'T DO ANYTHING, THEN GOING OUT FOR AN R.F.P., IN MY
4 OPINION, IS NOTHING. IT'S A JOKE AT THIS POINT, GIVEN WHAT
5 WE'VE GOT FACING US. IF WE DON'T MOVE NOW, THEN I'LL HAVE
6 SOMETHING ELSE TO SAY ABOUT WHAT OUGHT TO BE THE NEXT STEP AND
7 IT WON'T BE INTERNAL TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. I THINK
8 WE'VE GOT TO GET REAL SERIOUS AND I THINK EVERYBODY HERE
9 UNDERSTANDS THE PERIL, TO ONE DEGREE OR ANOTHER, THAT WE'RE
10 FACING BUT IT'S NOT THE CONSENT DECREE THAT I'M WORRIED ABOUT.
11 IT'S NOT THE LAWSUIT FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR THAT I'M WORRIED
12 ABOUT. IT'S NOT THE POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF HAVING THIS
13 HANGING OVER OUR HEADS FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS OR LONGER THAT
14 I'M WORRIED ABOUT. I'M WORRIED ABOUT THE 4,000 KIDS. EVERY
15 SINGLE ONE OF THEM. ALMOST A HUNDRED PERCENT OF THESE KIDS,
16 WHEN THEY CAME THROUGH THE SYSTEM, WERE ADJUDICATED GUILTY OF
17 WHAT THEY DID, ALMOST EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THEM. REMARKABLE
18 SUCCESS RATE FOR OUR PROSECUTION. SO PUBLIC DEFENDER HAS GOT
19 TO BE AT PEACE WITH THIS. HE'S GOING TO LOOK AT THAT. AND
20 MAYBE THESE KIDS DON'T HAVE ADEQUATE REPRESENTATION. YOUNGER
21 KIDS DON'T. WE'VE SPENT A FORTUNE PROVIDING YOUNGER KIDS WITH
22 ADEQUATE REPRESENTATION. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO DO THAT HERE.
23 IT'S NOT GOING TO BE 800,000. IT'S GOING TO BE MILLIONS OF
24 DOLLARS, UNLESS YOU'RE SATISFIED WITH THE FACT THAT ALMOST
25 EVERY KID WHO COMES THROUGH THE SYSTEM IS GUILTY. IT'S LIKE



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1 THE FORMER SOVIET UNION. YOU'RE PRESUMED WHEN YOU GO INTO THE
2 SYSTEM YOU'RE GOING TO GET NAILED. I HAVE TO BELIEVE THAT THE
3 ODDS ARE BETTER THAT THESE KIDS-- THAT SOME OF THESE KIDS MAY
4 HAVE BEEN WRONGLY ACCUSED THAN WE HAVE-- THAN THE STATISTICS
5 DEMONSTRATE AT THIS POINT IN TIME. YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO
6 ADDRESS THAT. I MEAN, THIS THING DOESN'T END. THIS IS GOING TO
7 BE A BOTTOMLESS PIT OF TROUBLE AND THIS IS JUST-- TO SAY IT'S
8 A DOWN PAYMENT I THINK WOULD BE AN OVERSTATEMENT. I THINK THIS
9 IS JUST BEGINNING TO-- SCRATCHING THE SURFACE. AND IT NEEDS TO
10 BE INTEGRATED WITH EVERYTHING ELSE WE ARE DOING AND I ASSUME
11 THAT THAT'S PART OF THE WAY YOU'RE GOING TO STRUCTURE THIS IS
12 THAT IT WILL BE INTEGRATED INTO EVERYTHING ELSE THAT WE'RE
13 DOING. WE DON'T NEED COMPETING CONSULTANTS. I DON'T THINK
14 THAT'S WHAT HE WANTS, I ASSUME NOT AND I CERTAINLY KNOW THAT
15 THAT'S NOT WHAT WE WANT. BUT I THINK IT'S CLEAR THAT WE NEED
16 SOMETHING MORE THAN WE'VE BEEN DOING AND MORE THAN WE'RE
17 CAPABLE OF DOING. I CAN'T ASK YOU TO DO THAT. I JUST CAN'T-- I
18 KNOW WHAT'S ON YOUR DESK RIGHT NOW, YOU'VE GOT TO RUN A
19 DEPARTMENT, YOU CAN'T BE THINKING, YOU CAN'T BE RUMINATING IN
20 THE IVORY TOWER ABOUT IDEAS AND THEN RUNNING THEM BY REALISTS
21 LIKE YOU. YOU'VE GOT TO RUN THE DEPARTMENT AND YOU'VE GOT TO
22 RELY ON RESOURCES LIKE A BILCHIK, LIKE A JACQUELINE MCCROSKEY,
23 LIKE A NASH AND GET THAT INPUT SO THAT YOU CAN THEN EXECUTE,
24 ADMINISTER THE DEPARTMENT AND THAT GOES FOR SOUTHARD AT MENTAL
25 HEALTH, THAT GOES FOR DARLENE ROBLES AT L.A.C.O.E., IT GOES



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1 FOR EVERY OTHER DEPARTMENT THAT WE HAVE. THEY'VE GOT A
2 DEPARTMENT TO RUN BUT WE HAVE A BIGGER PICTURE THAN JUST THE
3 DAY TO DAY MANAGEMENT OF THE DEPARTMENTS, AND THAT'S WHAT THIS
4 IS DESIGNED TO ADDRESS. DAVID, I-- AND JUDGE NASH AND BOB,
5 THIS IS THE LAST THING I'M GOING TO SAY. THINK ABOUT THIS FOR
6 A SECOND. THIS REPORT HAS COME TO US FROM THESE THREE
7 GENTLEMEN: THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, THE CHIEF JUDGE
8 OF THE-- PRESIDING JUDGE OF THE DEPENDENCY COURT, THINK ABOUT
9 THAT FOR A SECOND, THE PRESIDING JUDGE OF THE DEPENDENCY COURT
10 IS HERE ASKING US TO DO SOMETHING, DO THIS, AND THE CHIEF
11 PROBATION OFFICER IS HERE ASKING US TO DO THIS. ALL THREE OF
12 THEM. AND, IF WE DON'T, THEN WE'RE BASICALLY SAYING TO THEM,
13 THANK YOU FOR YOUR INPUT BUT WE-- WE'LL SEE YOU NEXT TIME. WE
14 DON'T AGREE WITH IT. I THINK THIS IS-- I THINK THIS IS A SOUND
15 APPROACH. IT CAN BE FINE TUNED BUT WE HAVE GOT TO MOVE. WE
16 DON'T HAVE ANY TIME TO WASTE.

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR BURKE, THEN SUPERVISOR
19 KNABE.

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21 **SUP. BURKE:** YES, I CAN SEE SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY HAS A GREAT
22 DEAL OF CONCERN FOR THE ISSUE AND HAS ARTICULATED THE PROBLEM
23 VERY WELL AND, UNFORTUNATELY, THE APPROACH IS THE ONE THAT WE
24 USUALLY TAKE: LET'S JUST HIRE ANOTHER CONSULTANT. NOW, I'M NOT
25 DOWNGRADING THIS PERSON. I'M WILLING TO ACCEPT THE FACT THAT



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1 HE'S THE ONLY PERSON OR HE IS ONE OF THE ONLY PEOPLE WHO CAN
2 MAKE A DIFFERENCE. BUT LET'S NOT ASSUME THAT THIS IS SOMEONE
3 THAT'S COMING IN THAT'S GOING TO BE A PANACEA. JUDGE NASH MADE
4 IT VERY CLEAR TO US THAT THREE OF THE PEOPLE HE INTENDS OR HE
5 HAD PROPOSED TO HIRE HAD BEEN WORKING FOR THE PROBATION
6 DEPARTMENT FOR THE LAST YEAR. THEY'VE HAD A CHANCE DURING THE
7 LAST YEAR AND I DON'T KNOW, HOW MUCH HAVE YOU SPENT WITH THEM
8 ALREADY?

9

10 **JUDGE MICHAEL NASH:** YOU HAVE TO UNDERSTAND THAT THEY HAVEN'T
11 BEEN WORKING WITH THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT PER SE. TWO OF
12 THEM, I BELIEVE, WERE INVOLVED IN THE AUDIT THAT WAS
13 COMMISSIONED BY THE COUNTY AUDITOR. AND THE OTHER PROJECT IS A
14 LIMITED PROJECT THAT INVOLVES THE COURT, PROBATION AND
15 D.C.F.S. WORKING TOGETHER ON A LIMITED PROJECT ON INTEGRATING
16 THE TWO SYSTEMS TOGETHER.

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18 **SUP. BURKE:** AND THIS IS WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT NOW, I
19 THOUGHT.

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21 **JUDGE MICHAEL NASH:** WELL, WE'RE TALKING ON SOMETHING MUCH
22 BROADER THAT JUST THAT HERE TODAY.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE:** BUT THOSE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN WORKING AND HOW MUCH
25 HAVE WE PAID THEM SO FAR?



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2 **JUDGE MICHAEL NASH:** I'M NOT SURE WHAT IT COST FOR THE AUDIT. I
3 BELIEVE THAT THE CONTRACT FOR THE FACILITATION OF THE DUAL
4 STATUS SYSTEM IS SOMEWHERE AROUND \$100,000.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE:** SO WHAT I'M TRYING TO GET AT IS THAT THESE ARE THE
7 PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN WORKING THE LAST YEAR. SO FAR, THEY HAVE
8 NOT NECESSARILY COME FORWARD WITH ANYTHING OTHER THAN WHAT WE
9 HAVE I ASSUME WE ARE TO RECEIVE OR WE'RE GOING TO RECEIVE. I'M
10 VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THIS IDEA OF HAVING CONFLICTING
11 CONSULTANTS. I'M WILLING-- LET ME TELL YOU, AND I'M WILLING TO
12 VOTE FOR US TO HIRE, YOU KNOW, MR. BILCHIK BUT I CERTAINLY
13 BELIEVE THAT, RATHER THAN CONTINUING TO PAY THESE SAME PEOPLE
14 WHO HAVE BEEN ON THE JOB ALL THE TIME, WE SHOULD LOOK AT
15 PEOPLE WHO ARE GOING TO BE ABLE TO BRING A LOCAL PERSPECTIVE
16 AND WHO ARE FAMILIAR WITH THE PROBLEM. I WANT TO TELL YOU,
17 WE'VE BEEN HAVING INTERVIEWS FROM EVERY NEWS REPORTER THERE IS
18 ABOUT THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT AND VIOLENCE IN THE PROBATION
19 DEPARTMENT, THE LACK OF EDUCATION IN THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT.
20 IF WE DON'T KNOW THE PROBLEM YET OR WE HAVEN'T HAD SOME IDEA
21 THAT IT'S A PROBLEM, I WONDER WHAT WE'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT.
22 I'VE HEARD THE REFERENCE THAT YOU JUST MADE, SUPERVISOR
23 YAROSLAVSKY, PROBATION AND OUR JUVENILE SYSTEM IS THE MARTIN
24 LUTHER KING OF THIS YEAR. THAT'S NOT A NEW PHRASE. THAT'S
25 SOMETHING THAT'S BEEN REPEATED AND WE'VE READ ABOUT IT. SO I'M



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1 NOT SAYING THAT WE SHOULDN'T CONTINUE TO LOOK AT SOME OF THESE
2 ISSUES BUT WHAT I'M SAYING IS THAT WE CAN'T BLINDLY JUST SAY,
3 "OKAY, WHATEVER HE CHARGES FOR THIS YEAR AND FOR THE NEXT
4 THREE OR FOUR YEARS, WE'RE JUST GOING TO PAY IT BECAUSE THAT'S
5 GOING TO SOLVE ALL OUR PROBLEMS." I'D LIKE TO KNOW HOW MANY
6 HOURS EACH PERSON IS GOING TO BE PAYING AND IF YOU INSIST THAT
7 THIS GO-- BE PASSED TODAY, WE SHOULD FIND OUT HOW MANY HOURS
8 WHO IS GOING TO BE PAID FOR IT AND HOW IT'S GOING TO BE
9 ALLOCATED AND WE SHOULD HAVE A REPORT BACK IN THE NEXT WEEK TO
10 CLARIFY THIS, TO FIND OUT HOW MUCH WE'RE PAYING HIM, HOW MUCH
11 WE'RE PAYING OTHER CONSULTANTS, HOW MUCH WE'RE PAYING THESE
12 PEOPLE WHO'VE BEEN WORKING THE LAST YEAR, WE'VE PAID 100 OR
13 200 OR 300,000 DOLLARS. YOU KNOW, IT ALWAYS-- IT'S JUST GREAT,
14 THIS IS THE WAY WE SOLVE EVERYTHING. BUT WE, AT SOME POINT,
15 HAVE TO HAVE SOME REASON IN THE WAY WE APPROACH IT. AND, YOU
16 KNOW, IF THAT'S GOING TO BE A CRIME AGAINST THE KIDS, I'M
17 GUILTY, BECAUSE THAT I BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE TO HAVE SOME KIND
18 OF APPROACH THAT MAKES SENSE. AND THROWING MONEY AT IT WITHOUT
19 ASKING QUESTIONS IS NOT THE WAY YOU SOLVE A PROBLEM. THE WAY
20 YOU SOLVE A PROBLEM IS TO GO AFTER A GOAL AND TO SAY, "WE'RE
21 GOING TO TRY TO SOLVE IT, WE'RE GOING TO KNOW HOW THIS IS
22 GOING TO BE IMPLEMENTED AFTER THE IDEAS COME FORWARD BUT WE'RE
23 ALSO GOING TO KNOW WHO WE'RE PAYING AND FOR WHAT AND HOW MUCH
24 FOR EACH THING" AND I DON'T THINK THAT IS ANY VIOLATION OF THE
25 KIDS' RIGHTS OR ANYONE ELSE'S.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE.

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH. I'M NOT AN ATTORNEY, EITHER, BUT MY FIRST
5 WITNESS WOULD BE SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. [LIGHT LAUGHTER]

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** I JUST-- CHIEF TAYLOR, HAVE YOU HAD CONVERSATIONS
8 WITH THE D.O.J. ABOUT WHAT WE'RE ATTEMPTING TO DO HERE TODAY,
9 ABOUT THIS PARTICULAR CONTRACT, ABOUT THE PREDOMINANT SCOPE OF
10 WORK THAT WE ARE REALLY TRYING TO GET OUR ARMS AROUND AND BE
11 RESPONSIVE TO THEM?

12

13 **BOB TAYLOR:** NO. THE CONVERSATION, SUPERVISOR KNABE, THE
14 CONVERSATION THAT I HAD WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE WAS
15 REALLY LIMITED TO THE CURRENT MOA AND OUR REQUEST FOR AN
16 EXTENSION OF THAT MOA AND THE CURRENT STATE OF OUR PLACING
17 SOME OF THE 52 ITEMS IN MONITORING.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** SO, I MEAN, YOU-- I MEAN, BUT SOMETHING LIKE THIS
20 WOULD BE OF BENEFIT, OBVIOUSLY, TO THE WORK THAT WE NEED TO DO
21 TO, YOU KNOW, STAVE OFF THE D.O.J. BUT THERE'S NOT BEEN ANY
22 CONVERSATIONS. IS THERE A REASON WHY THERE HASN'T BEEN ANY
23 CONVERSATIONS WITH THE D.O.J. ABOUT, YOU KNOW? I MEAN,
24 BECAUSE, WE'RE RIGHT THERE, WE KNOW WHERE WE ARE, WHAT WE NEED
25 TO FIX OF THE REMAINING ITEMS AND YET YOU PUT BEFORE US A



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1 POTENTIAL CONSULTANT TO DO SOME WORK THAT WILL BE INTEGRATED
2 INTO THE SOLUTIONS OF WHAT WE NEED TO FINISH BECAUSE MAKING
3 THE SYSTEM BETTER. I WAS JUST CURIOUS AS TO WHY NOT A D.O.J.
4 CONVERSATION. I MEAN...

5

6 **BOB TAYLOR:** WELL, THIS CONTRACT AND WHAT WE'RE DISCUSSING NOW
7 I SAW AS A SEPARATE ISSUE FROM THE DISCUSSIONS THAT I WAS
8 HAVING WITH D.O.J...

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** THEY DON'T CARE ABOUT OUR INTENT, THEY...

11

12 **BOB TAYLOR:** WELL, I THINK THAT THEY DO CARE ABOUT OUR INTENT
13 AND I THINK THAT THIS WOULD SHOW A GOOD FAITH EFFORT TO
14 RESOLVING SOME OF THE REMAINING 20 ISSUES THAT WE HAVE WITH
15 THEM. YOU KNOW, IF ANYTHING, WE WERE SHORTSIGHTED IN REALLY
16 TELLING THEM THAT WE WERE GOING TO GET THAT DONE IN TWO YEARS.
17 IT TOOK US A YEAR JUST TO GET OUR ACT TOGETHER, SO TO SPEAK,
18 TO MOVE ON THOSE ISSUES.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, I'LL JUST SAY ONE FINAL THING, I MEAN, JUST
21 TO GO ON RECORD. I MEAN, I STILL THINK THAT EDUCATION IS A
22 VITAL INGREDIENT IN THIS WHOLE PROCESS AND I THINK THIS WHOLE
23 L.A.C.O.E. THING NEEDS TO BE-- I MEAN, THEY NEED TO BE BROUGHT
24 TO THE TABLE. I MEAN, THIS IS A CRITICAL ELEMENT AND WE CAN'T
25 BURY OUR HEADS IN THE SAND AND JUST KEEP SAYING, WELL, YOU



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1 KNOW, THEY HIDE BEHIND WHATEVER THE EDUCATION ACT OF 1911 OR
2 WHATEVER THE HELL IT IS THEY HIDE BEHIND. AND THEN, I MEAN,
3 THE FACT, JUDGE, THAT YOU HAD TO, WHAT, ISSUE A BLANKET ORDER
4 TO FORCE THE SCHOOLS TO RELEASE EDUCATION RECORDS OF FOSTER
5 KIDS AND PROBATION KIDS TO D.C.F.S. AND PROBATION? SO I STILL
6 THE SCHOOLS OR OFFICE OF EDUCATION ARE DRAGGING THEIR HEELS,
7 AND THEY CITE FOR FUND AND EVERYTHING ELSE THEY CAN HIDE
8 BEHIND BUT THEY ARE REALLY A CRITICAL ELEMENT. AND WHEN YOU
9 TALK ABOUT PARTNERSHIPS, THEY HAVE TO BE A PARTNER IN THIS
10 SOLUTION AND SO I MEAN I JUST, YOU KNOW, WE CAN TALK ABOUT A
11 LOT DIFFERENT THINGS BUT THAT EDUCATIONAL ELEMENT IS REALLY
12 CRITICAL TO ALL THIS AND THAT'S ONE THAT WE'VE BEEN FIGHTING
13 ON AND OFF FOR YEARS HERE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES SO...

14

15 **JUDGE MICHAEL NASH:** MR. MAYOR, IF I MAY VERY BRIEFLY.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** JUDGE NASH.

18

19 **JUDGE MICHAEL NASH:** ON THE EDUCATION ISSUE, I CAN ASSURE YOU
20 THAT ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, BY HOOK OR BY CROOK, WE'RE GOING TO
21 BRING THE EDUCATION SYSTEM ON BOARD HERE AND THE BLANKET ORDER
22 WAS FOR THE DISSEMINATION OF EDUCATION INFORMATION, WAS REALLY
23 THE FIRST STRIKE IN THAT REGARD AND IT SENT A CLEAR MESSAGE
24 THAT WE'RE NOT GOING TO TAKE "NO" FOR AN ANSWER IN THAT
25 PARTICULAR AREA. BUT IF I COULD JUST PIGGYBACK A LITTLE BIT ON



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1 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY'S COMMENTS REAL QUICKLY AND THEN GO
2 BACK TO WHERE I STARTED. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT, EVEN THOUGH I
3 DON'T KNOW ALL OF THE ISSUES RAISED BY THE D.O.J., MANY IF NOT
4 ALL OF THOSE CAN PROBABLY BE REMEDIED CERTAINLY ON A SHORT
5 TERM BASIS. BUT UNTIL OR UNLESS WE DEVELOP A SYSTEM WITH CLEAR
6 EXPECTATIONS FOR EVERYBODY AS TO WHAT WE EXPECT FROM
7 EVERYBODY, WHAT WE EXPECT BOTH, AS I SAID BEFORE, INDIVIDUALLY
8 AND COLLECTIVELY, AND HOW WE ALL OVERSEE EACH OTHER, HOW WE
9 MEASURE WHAT IT IS THAT WE'RE DOING, ALL OF WHICH IS
10 CONTEMPLATED BY THIS PROPOSAL HERE TODAY, WE'RE NEVER GOING TO
11 BE WHERE WE NEED TO BE.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YOU KNOW, ONE OF THE PROBLEMS WITH
14 EDUCATION WHICH WE KNOW ABOUT IS THE FACT THAT A LOT OF THESE
15 INDIVIDUALS ARE NOT IN CAMP OR IN THE HALL FOR AN EXTENDED
16 PERIOD OF TIME, SO ATTEMPTING TO TEACH THEM AND HAVE THEIR
17 ATTENTION FOR READING, WRITING, WHATEVER IS VERY DIFFICULT
18 BETWEEN THE SHORT TIME AND THE COURT TIME THAT THEY'RE
19 INVOLVED WITH. SECONDLY, THE-- THERE'S BEEN A PHILOSOPHICAL
20 PROHIBITION OF HAVING A VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMS,
21 AGGRESSIVE VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMS INVOLVED IN OUR KIDS,
22 NOT JUST IN THE CAMPS BUT IN OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS. AS A RESULT,
23 WE ARE SHORTCHANGING CHILDREN THE ABILITY OF LEARNING A TRADE
24 AND, BY LEARNING THAT TRADE, THEN LEARNING HOW TO ADD, TO
25 WRITE AND TO READ SO THEY KNOW WHAT THEY'RE DOING, WHICH THEY



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1 WOULD HAVE AN INCENTIVE TO DO. THOSE ARE THE TYPES OF PROGRAMS
2 THAT WOULD WORK. BUT WE HEAR ABOUT IT HAS TO BE APPROVED TODAY
3 BECAUSE THE PROBLEM IS SO SEVERE, WE'RE GOING TO START ON
4 TOMORROW'S AGENDA TO RESOLVING IT. BUT THIS CONTRACT DOESN'T
5 BEGIN UNTIL THE END OF MARCH, I MEAN, THE END OF FEBRUARY.
6 IT'LL BE AT MARCH, BASICALLY, WHEN HE'S COMING ON BOARD, SO
7 MR. JANSSEN, AGAIN, THE COMMENTS BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND
8 SUPERVISOR BURKE ARE VERY, VERY RELEVANT AND I BELIEVE THAT WE
9 OUGHT TO HAVE MORE INFORMATION, ADDITIONAL COST BREAKDOWN AND
10 CONTINUING THIS ITEM ANOTHER WEEK SO, WHEN WE GET THIS
11 INFORMATION BACK, WE HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING WHAT'S BEING
12 PROPOSED. THAT'S THE MOTION THAT SUPERVISOR BURKE WAS MAKING.
13 I'LL SECOND THAT. SUPERVISOR BURKE?

14

15 **SUP. BURKE:** YES. MY MOTION-- I ASSUME THAT, SUPERVISOR
16 YAROSLAVSKY, YOU'RE MOVING TO MOVE FORWARD WITH IT AS IT IS
17 OR...

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, AS YOU KNOW, BECAUSE I JUST SPOKE TO
20 YOU ON THE SIDE HERE, THAT WHAT I WOULD-- SO YOU KNOW THAT'S
21 NOT A HUNDRED PERCENT ACCURATE BUT WHAT I...

22

23 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, YOU SAID YOU WOULDN'T RENEGOTIATE IT.

24



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO. WHAT I SAID WAS THAT I THINK WHAT WE
2 OUGHT TO DO IS AUTHORIZE-- IF THERE ARE THINGS YOU WANT TO SEE
3 CLARIFIED, I THOUGHT THAT'S WHAT YOU WERE DRIVING AT, AND WHAT
4 I WOULD SUGGEST IS THAT-- I DON'T KNOW THE WORDING BECAUSE I
5 HAVEN'T THOUGHT IT THROUGH BUT AUTHORIZE DAVID TO PROCEED TO A
6 FINAL NEGOTIATION, BASED ON THE INPUT WE RECEIVED HERE, SEE IF
7 YOU CAN NEGOTIATE THAT KIND OF A PACKAGE AND BRING IT BACK FOR
8 A REPORT, AS YOU SUGGESTED EARLIER. BUT I GUESS, ONE WAY OR
9 ANOTHER, WE NEED TO KNOW WHETHER THIS IS GOING-- I MEAN, I
10 DON'T THINK YOU'RE GOING TO ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS THAT--
11 BECAUSE SOME OF THESE QUESTIONS ARE NOT ANSWERABLE. THE HOURS
12 OF WORK, I THINK IF YOU GAVE DAVID HALF AN HOUR, HE COULD GO
13 AND EXTRAPOLATE FROM THAT CHART. I'VE SEEN THAT CHART.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, MAYBE I CAN BE VERY SPECIFIC.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE:** THAT WE ASK THE C.A.O. TO CONTINUE TO NEGOTIATE
20 WITH MR. BILCHIK TO REDEFINE CORE STAFF AND TO REDEFINE IT IN
21 SUCH A WAY THAT IT WILL INCLUDE LOCAL PEOPLE IN PLACE OF
22 PEOPLE WHO ARE PRESENTLY WORKING WITH THE C.W.L.A., THAT WE
23 ALSO REDEFINE THE EXPERT CONSULTATION 40 DAYS, WHICH IS REALLY
24 ONLY \$64,000 OF THIS WHOLE THING, AND TO ALSO REDEFINE THE
25 TRAVEL EXPENSES, KEEPING IN MIND THAT WE WOULD UTILIZE LOCAL



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1 PEOPLE TO THE GREATEST EXTENT BECAUSE, ACTUALLY, TRAVEL
2 EXPENSES ONLY AMOUNT TO ABOUT 76,000 OF IT. BUT THE THING THAT
3 IS NOT DEFINED IS WHAT CORE STAFF IS THAT MAKES UP THE
4 \$719,062 AND I THINK THAT NEEDS TO BE CLARIFIED AND I WOULD
5 SAY THAT, INSTEAD OF THE CORE STAFF FROM C.W.L.A., WE WOULD
6 SUBSTITUTE LOCAL STAFF PEOPLE HERE WHO YOU CAN'T TELL ME WE
7 DON'T HAVE PEOPLE HERE THAT HAVE THAT SAME EXPERTISE, IS MY
8 MOTION.

9

10 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** SO THE DIRECTION, SUPERVISOR, IS TO NEGOTIATE
11 A COMPLETE REPLACEMENT OF THE CORE STAFF WITH LOCAL PEOPLE?

12

13 **SUP. BURKE:** RIGHT, AND ALSO TO GET SOME IDEA OF WHAT AMOUNT
14 WAS INCLUDED IN CORE STAFF. WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT IS ON
15 HERE, ACCORDING TO THIS.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** FIRST OF ALL, I BELIEVE WE NEED TO
18 HAVE SOME ADDITIONAL INFORMATION BEFORE WE MAKE THAT TYPE OF A
19 DECISION AND THE ITEM OUGHT TO BE CONTINUED FOR A WEEK TO GET
20 THAT INFORMATION FROM THAT QUESTIONS THAT WERE RAISED BY THE
21 MEMBERS OF THIS BOARD IN TODAY'S MEETING. AND, AGAIN, THE
22 CONTRACT OPERATOR HAS WRITTEN A LETTER TELLING US THAT HE'S--
23 WHEN HE'S GOING TO BEGIN THIS CONTRACT AND IT'S NOT UNTIL
24 2007, NEAR MARCH. WE HAVE TIME TO GET THIS ADDITIONAL
25 INFORMATION TO MAKE A DECISION. SO I WOULD MAKE A SUBSTITUTE



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1 MOTION THAT WE ASK FOR THAT INFORMATION AND THE C.A.O. GIVE IT
2 BACK TO US FOR NEXT WEEK'S MEETING SO WE CAN DISCUSS THIS AND
3 COME UP WITH A DECISION.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ASK FOR WHAT INFORMATION?

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** INFORMATION AS TO THE BREAKDOWN, AS TO
8 THE COST, THE INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE BEING PROPOSED BE HIRED,
9 THE FEES SO THAT WE HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING WHAT THE DOLLAR
10 AMOUNT IS BEING...

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, YOU HAVE THAT.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE DON'T HAVE THAT.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, WE HAVE THEIR TRIPS IN TERMS OF WILL. HE HAD
17 12 TRIPS AT \$1,500 TRAVEL EXPENSE FOR EVERY TRIP. TOOL HAS
18 FOUR TRIPS AT A THOUSAND DOLLARS OR \$4,000 FOR HIS FOUR TRIPS.
19 WE HAVE THE THREE CORE 10 TEAM MEMBERS WHO APPARENTLY ARE ONLY
20 HAVING THREE TRIPS EACH, WHICH THAT'S \$2,000 EACH. THAT'S
21 THEIR TRAVEL EXPENSES. THEIR TRAVEL EXPENSES GIVE US SOME IDEA
22 OF THE WORK ALLOCATION BUT WHAT WE NEED TO GET IS SOME IDEA OF
23 ACTUALLY WHAT...

24



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, THE WORK-- THE HOURS OF WORK IS IN THE
2 PROPOSAL, IS IT NOT? I THOUGHT I SAW THAT.

3

4 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** RIGHT. THAT'S WHAT I'M...

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** FOR THE SPECIFIC PROBLEMS.

7

8 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** NO, NOT FOR-- WELL, NOT...

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** IT DOESN'T HAVE THE SPECIFIC PROBLEMS,
11 RIGHT? THAT'S WHAT WE'RE ASKING FOR. YOU CAN GIVE THAT
12 INFORMATION TO US NEXT WEEK SO WE CAN REVIEW IT AND MAKE A
13 DECISION. YOU KNOW, I REALLY DON'T UNDERSTAND THIS RUSH TO
14 JUDGMENT. AGAIN, THIS IS A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT. WE USUALLY
15 DON'T DO SOLE SOURCE CONTRACTS. THIS IS A CONTRACT THAT'S NOT
16 GOING TO TAKE EFFECT TOMORROW, IT'S GOING TO TAKE EFFECT NEAR
17 THE MONTH OF MARCH OF 2007. WE HAVE TIME TO GET ADDITIONAL
18 INFORMATION AND MAKE DECISIONS ON THIS. SUPERVISOR KNABE.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** I JUST-- I THINK IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE-- THE
21 MOTION IS TO WHAT, CONTINUE IT A WEEK?

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** CONTINUE IT A WEEK. GET ADDITIONAL...

24

25 **SUP. KNABE:** ISN'T THAT WHAT SUPERVISOR BURKE'S MOTION WAS?



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** HER MOTION WAS TO PROCEED WITH THE
3 CONTRACT AND GET SOME ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND I BELIEVE WE
4 OUGHT TO GET THE INFORMATION BEFORE WE DETERMINE WHETHER TO
5 PROCEED WITH THAT CONTRACT. AND A WEEK'S CONTINUANCE...

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY, WHATEVER, I JUST THINK IT WOULD BE
8 APPROPRIATE AS WELL, MAYBE, IF THERE COULD BE SOME
9 CONVERSATION WITH THE D.O.J. AS IT RELATES TO THIS. I MEAN, I
10 THINK THAT WOULD BE A GOOD INDICATOR FOR US.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I COULDN'T HEAR YOU.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** I SAID IT MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE IF WE CONTINUED IT
15 A WEEK, I MEAN, WHATEVER WE COME DOWN WITH, THAT THERE BE SOME
16 CONVERSATION WITH THE D.O.J. ABOUT WHAT WE'RE ATTEMPTING TO DO
17 HERE BECAUSE THIS IS GOOD FAITH EFFORT. COUNTY COUNSEL IS NOT
18 BOBBING AND WEAVING, SO I THINK IT WOULD BE OKAY.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET'S CALL THE ROLL ON CONTINUING IT
21 FOR ONE WEEK.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HANG ON A SECOND BEFORE YOU CALL THE ROLL. I
24 WANT TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THE MOTION IS AS IT RELATES TO THE--
25 AS I UNDERSTOOD MS. BURKE'S MOTION, IT WAS DIFFERENT THAN WHAT



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1 YOU HAD ARTICULATED AT THE OUTSET OF THE MEETING ON THE CORE
2 STAFFING. SHE WANTS HIS WHOLE CORE STAFFING REPLACED.

3

4 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** RIGHT.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT'S YOUR TAKE ON THAT?

7

8 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WELL, I CAN ASK HIM AND, IF HE REFUSES, I HAVE
9 TO REPORT BACK THAT IT DOESN'T WORK BUT IF HER MOTION IS TO
10 APPROVE THE CONTRACT WITH THESE CERTAIN ASSUMPTIONS, THEN
11 THAT'S THE DIRECTION AND I WILL HAVE THAT CONVERSATION WITH
12 HIM AND EITHER HE IS WILLING TO DO IT OR HE IS NOT WILLING TO
13 DO IT. IF HE'S NOT WILLING TO DO IT, THEN I'LL REPORT BACK.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER TO KNOW WHETHER HE'S
16 GOING TO DO IT OR NOT INSTEAD OF VOTING TODAY AND THEN HAVE
17 HIM COME BACK AND SAY, YOU KNOW, NO, HE'S NOT GOING TO DO IT?
18 I MEAN, IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT. I DON'T KNOW ABOUT A WEEK.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** COULD YOU REACH HIM-- WE HAVE OTHER ITEMS ON
21 THE AGENDA TODAY.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ARE WE READY FOR THE QUESTION?

24



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT-- I WAS
2 UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT HE WAS PREPARED TO MOVE ONE OF THE--
3 ARE THERE THREE CONSULTANTS?

4
5 **SUP. BURKE:** FIVE.

6
7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SUBCONSULTANTS?

8
9 **SUP. BURKE:** FIVE. ACCORDING TO THIS, THERE ARE FIVE.

10

11 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THE CORE TEAM IS, I THINK THERE ARE THREE
12 PEOPLE: JANET WIG, JOHN TOOL, NO, THERE ARE FOUR, SUE STIBE
13 AND SHEA.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE:** AND WHO ARE WIG AND TOOL?

16

17 **JUDGE MICHAEL NASH:** THOSE ARE THE TWO FOLKS FROM THE C.W.L.A.
18 WHO ARE CURRENTLY WORKING HERE.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE:** OKAY. THOSE ARE THE TWO PEOPLE. SO THERE'S WIG AND
21 TOOL WHO ARE C.W.L.A. PEOPLE WHO ARE WORKING HERE NOW, THAT
22 THEY ANTICIPATE 12 TRIPS FOR ONE, FOUR TRIPS FOR THE OTHER
23 ONE. SO I WOULD SAY ALL OF THESE FIVE, THAT THOSE ARE THE
24 ISSUES THAT YOU SHOULD RESOLVE. THE TWO THAT PRESENTLY--



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1 ALREADY HAVE ANOTHER CONTRACT ALREADY, WIG AND TOOL, AND ALSO
2 THE OTHER THREE CORE TEAM MEMBERS. SO IT'S FIVE CORE TEAM...

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN, MR. MAYOR, THEN I WOULD
5 MOVE A ONE WEEK CONTINUANCE TO GET THOSE ANSWERS, GET THE
6 ANSWERS THAT WE, YOU KNOW, QUESTIONS YOU RAISED AND BRING IT
7 BACK NEXT WEEK UP OR DOWN.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK YOU KNOW THE ANSWER, DON'T YOU? I
10 THOUGHT YOU HAD PROPOSED TO...

11

12 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** I DID BUT I PROPOSED A SUBSTITUTION. I DIDN'T
13 PROPOSE A SUBSTITUTION OF HIS ENTIRE TEAM. I DO NOT HAVE ANY
14 IDEA HOW HE WOULD REACT TO THAT.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU'RE GOING TO FIND OUT.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** I THINK WE NEED TO FIND OUT AND THEN COME BACK
19 NEXT WEEK UP OR DOWN. AND HOPEFULLY DON'T HAVE TO REPEAT
20 EVERYTHING.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO THE MOTION IS TO CONTINUE IT FOR
23 ONE WEEK AND GET ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION. IS THERE
24 ANY OBJECTION?

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH, RECORD ME AS A "NO" VOTE.

2

3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** CALL THE ROLL TO CONTINUE IN ONE WEEK
4 FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

5

6 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CONTINUE ONE WEEK FOR ADDITIONAL
7 INFORMATION. SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** AYE.

10

11 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR BURKE?

12

13 **SUP. BURKE:** AYE.

14

15 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO.

18

19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** AYE.

22

23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

24



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AYE. SO ORDERED. ITEM NUMBER 15, SUPERVISOR
2 MOLINA, KNABE.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** THIS IS AN AMENDMENT OF THE OCTAGON CONTRACT.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND I HAD A JOINT
7 AMENDMENT, I BELIEVE, ON THIS ITEM.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** IS IT A SEPARATE AMENDMENT FROM THIS?

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** NO, NO, I THINK YOU AND I...

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** RIGHT. WE'RE DOING THIS. THIS IS A JOINT
14 AMENDMENT BY MYSELF AND...

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT NUMBER IS THIS?

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** THIS IS ITEM 15. SUPERVISOR KNABE AND MYSELF AND
19 SO IF I COULD READ IT. IT'S IMPERATIVE THAT OUR MEDICAL
20 MALPRACTICE THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR MEET THEIR CONTRACTUAL
21 OBLIGATIONS TO THE COUNTY. EVERY DOLLAR PAID IN MEDICAL
22 MALPRACTICE CLAIMS IS A DOLLAR THAT WE COULD BETTER USE TO
23 PURCHASE LAW ENFORCEMENT, LIBRARY OR OTHER CRITICAL COUNTY
24 SERVICES FOR OUR RESIDENTS. AUDITS HAVE SHOWN IN THE PAST THAT
25 OCTAGON, OUR CURRENT T.P.A. OR THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR, HAS



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1 PERFORMED AT SUBSTANDARD LEVELS. WHILE OCTAGON HAS IMPROVED
2 ITS PERFORMANCE OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS AS THE RESULT OF A
3 CORRECTIVE ACTION, THERE IS STILL ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT,
4 SPECIFICALLY IN LOSS CONTROL INVESTIGATION AND THE EVALUATION
5 OF DAMAGES, CRITICAL COMPONENTS OF THIS CONTRACT. WE THEREFORE
6 MOVE THAT THE C.A.O. PROVIDE THE RESULTS OF THEIR ANNUAL AUDIT
7 ON OCTAGON'S PERFORMANCE FOR EACH YEAR OF THE CONTRACT AND
8 INCLUDE INPUT FROM THE OCTAGON COUNTY CLIENT DEPARTMENTS. THIS
9 REPORT SHOULD ALSO INCLUDE ANY CORRECTIVE ACTIONS THAT WOULD
10 BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE AREAS THAT NEED FURTHER IMPROVEMENT. WE
11 FURTHER MOVE THAT THIS CONTRACT BE LIMITED TO ONLY THREE YEARS
12 AND THAT THE OPTIONS TO EXTEND THE CONTRACT BE APPROVED BY THE
13 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THAT'S MOVED BY MYSELF AND SUPERVISOR
14 KNABE.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO WE HAVE A MOTION BY MOLINA,
17 SECONDED BY KNABE AS AMENDED. ARE THERE ANY...

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** I JUST HAVE A COUPLE QUESTIONS. IF I COULD HAVE
20 ROCKY COME UP, PLEASE.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DR. CHERNOF.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** I MEAN, I GUESS-- DO YOU WANT TO LET HIM IN? JUST
25 QUICKLY, I MEAN, OBVIOUSLY, YOU TELL BY OUR MOTION WE'RE



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1 SOMEWHAT CONCERNED AND WE'VE HAD PROBLEMS WITH OCTAGON'S
2 PERFORMANCE BUT WE'VE HAD 10 PROPOSERS AT THE PROPOSERS
3 CONFERENCE BUT ONLY TWO RESPONDED TO THE R.F.P. DO YOU HAVE
4 ANY IDEA WHY THERE WAS SUCH A SMALL RESPONSE?

5

6 **ROCKY:** MAYOR ANTONOVICH, SUPERVISOR KNABE, YES, I DO. I THINK
7 IT'S LARGELY A FUNCTION OF THE MARKETPLACE. I THINK THE
8 MARKETPLACE FOR MEDICAL MALPRACTICE, TPAS IN SOUTHERN
9 CALIFORNIA IS VERY LIMITED, VERY LIMITED. WE HAVE A HIGHLY
10 SPECIALIZED FORM OF CLAIMS. NOT ALL INSURANCE COMPANIES OR
11 CLAIMS ADJUSTORS ARE CAPABLE OF PERFORMING THOSE FUNCTIONS. WE
12 ALSO HAVE GEOGRAPHICAL REQUIREMENTS THAT THEY HAVE TO BE
13 WITHIN CERTAIN 75 MILES OF THE COUNTY, OF HALL OF
14 ADMINISTRATION. THAT DOES LIMIT THE NUMBERS OF RESPONDERS. THE
15 SIZE OF OUR PROGRAM, WE HAVE APPROXIMATELY 380 OPEN MEDICAL
16 MALPRACTICE CLAIMS. OCTAGON ADJUSTS APPROXIMATELY 500 CLAIMS.
17 THAT'S QUITE SIZABLE, SO NOT EVERY-- NOT EVERY SMALL SHOP CAN,
18 AS WE SAY IN THE INDUSTRY, RESPOND TO THOSE R.F.P.S. AND,
19 LASTLY, ONE OF THE COMPETITORS FOR OCTAGON ACTUALLY IS IN THE
20 PROCESS OF BUYING OCTAGON. SEDGWICK RISK MANAGEMENT SERVICES
21 IS BUYING OCTAGON, THEY'RE GOING THROUGH THAT PROCESS AS WE
22 SPEAK. AS A CONSEQUENCE, THE MARKETPLACE JUST GETS SMALLER AND
23 SMALLER.

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** ALL RIGHT. WITH THAT, WE'LL MOVE THE ITEM AS
2 AMENDED.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DO YOU HAVE A QUESTION?

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6 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, I'M REALLY CONCERNED ABOUT-- THAT SOMEBODY
7 IS GOING TO BUY THEM OUT. SO THEN THEY GET THIS CONTRACT
8 AUTOMATICALLY? WITHOUT EVEN KNOWING THE OTHER COMPANY?

9

10 **ROCKY:** OCTAGON IS, FROM OUR UNDERSTANDING, IS A STANDALONE
11 CORPORATION. SEDGWICK IS IN THE PROCESS OF BUYING OCTAGON.
12 SEDGWICK HAS RECENTLY PURCHASED ANOTHER ONE OF THE COUNTY'S
13 T.P.A. THAT ADJUSTS OUR LONG-TERM AND SHORT-TERM DISABILITY
14 PLANS SO THEY'RE GROWING IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. I WAS JUST
15 MENTIONING THAT THAT WAS JUST ONE OF THE COMPETITORS THAT IS
16 NOW CONSOLIDATED WITH OCTAGON SO IT DOESN'T LIMIT THE NUMBERS
17 OF RESPONDERS THAT WILL BE AVAILABLE TO RESPOND TO THE
18 COUNTY'S CONTRACT.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ANY QUESTIONS?

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22 **ROCKY:** THANK YOU.

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24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY, DON?

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** I GUESS.

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3 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT DOESN'T LOOK GOOD. LOOKS LIKE WE SHOULD DO IT
4 FOR A YEAR, HUH? MAYBE WE SHOULD ONLY DO IT FOR A YEAR. CAN I
5 AMEND MY MOTION? BECAUSE I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THIS BEING BOUGHT
6 BY SOMEBODY ELSE WITHOUT KNOWING WHO THE COMPANY IS, EITHER.
7 MAYBE WE SHOULD ONLY EXTEND THE CONTRACT FOR A YEAR.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY. A YEAR.

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** HOW DO YOU WANT TO AMEND YOUR MOTION?

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** JUST EXTEND THE CONTRACT FOR A YEAR AT THIS POINT
14 AND THAT THEY CAN COME BACK TO THE BOARD ON THIS ITEM.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION AS AMENDED TO EXTEND THE
17 CONTRACT FOR ONE YEAR AND THEN COME BACK BEFORE THE BOARD. ANY
18 OBJECTION TO THAT?

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH, A QUESTION. WHAT WOULD IT BE IF WE
21 DIDN'T HAVE THAT AMENDMENT? HOW LONG WOULD IT HAVE BEEN
22 EXTENDED?

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** THREE YEARS.

25



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1 **SUP. KNABE:** WE LIMITED IT TO THREE BUT WE JUST FOUND OUT THAT
2 ANOTHER COMPANY MAY BE BUYING OCTAGON.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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6 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. CHAIRMAN, IF I COULD, SUPERVISOR KNABE AND I
7 HAVE ANOTHER MOTION UNRELATED TO THIS BUT IF I COULD READ IT
8 IN, I'D APPRECIATE IT. ON OCTOBER 19TH, 2006, WE RECEIVED A
9 REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS AND THE CIO
10 INDICATING THAT EDAMPS VENDOR IS IT EXCELA? CANNOT
11 SUCCESSFULLY DELIVER THE CORE FUNCTIONALITY OF THE SYSTEM. THE
12 ENTERPRISE-WIDE LAN PERMITTING AND INSPECTION TRACKING SYSTEM
13 WAS THE PRIMARY DELIVERABLE FOR THIS PROJECT. EXCELA SIGNED A
14 CONTRACT WITH PUBLIC WORKS OVER FOUR YEARS AGO TO DELIVER THIS
15 SYSTEM WITHIN 18 MONTHS. WHILE THE CIO'S EXPANSION OF THE
16 PROJECT HAS SEEN LIMIT SUCCESS, THE ORIGINAL PROJECT HAS BEEN
17 A RESOUNDING FAILURE ON THE PART OF EXCELA DUE TO THEIR
18 INABILITY TO DELIVER A QUALITY AND EFFECTIVE PRODUCT.
19 ACCORDING TO THIS REPORT, THE COUNTY HAS PAID EXCELA
20 APPROXIMATELY 1.5 MILLION OF A TOTAL OF \$2.5 MILLION CONTRACT
21 BUT HAS RECEIVED BUT A SMALL FRACTION OF THE PROMISED SYSTEM.
22 WE'RE NOW INFORMED THE CONTRACT WITH EXCELA MUST BE AMENDED SO
23 THAT ITS TERMS REFLECT THE REDUCED SCOPE OF WORK. IN RECENT
24 BRIEFINGS WITH EACH OF THE BOARD OFFICES, IT WAS MADE CLEAR TO
25 PUBLIC WORKS AND THE CIO THAT THE TERMS OF THE ORIGINAL



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1 CONTRACT REGARDING PAYMENT FOR DELIVERABLES MUST BE STRICTLY
2 ADHERED TO. THERE SHALL BE NO PAYMENTS TO EXCELA FOR
3 DELIVERABLES THAT ARE NOT FULLY USEABLE BY THE COUNTY AND
4 WHICH DO NOT MEET OUR FUNCTIONAL REQUIREMENTS, AS AGREED BY
5 THE CONTRACT. WE THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD DIRECT COUNTY
6 COUNSEL, THE CIO AND PUBLIC WORKS TO REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD
7 WITH AN EXIT STRATEGY OUTLINING OPTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
8 FOR TERMINATING AND/OR AMENDING THE CONTRACT, INCLUDING
9 LITIGATION, IF NECESSARY, TO RECOVER AMOUNTS PAID TO EXCELA
10 FOR THE WORK THAT DID NOT RESULT IN USEABLE COMPONENTS AND (2)
11 TO MAKE NO FURTHER PAYMENTS TO EXCELA FOR THE EDAMPS PROJECT
12 WITHOUT CONFIRMATION BY COUNTY COUNSEL THAT ALL PAYMENTS TO
13 EXCELA HAVE BEEN AND WILL BE MADE IN ACCORDANCE TO THE
14 PROVISIONS OF THE ORIGINAL SIGNED CONTRACT AND REPORT BACK TO
15 THE BOARD WITHIN 90 DAYS WHEN OPTIONS FOR REQUIRING A
16 REPLACEMENT WEBSITE PERMIT TRACKING SYSTEM. WE WOULD SUBMIT
17 THIS BECAUSE IT'S ANOTHER CONTRACT WHERE, EVEN WITH A GOOD
18 SCOPE OF WORK, YOU DON'T END UP WITH WHAT YOU GET TOLD YOU'RE
19 GOING TO END UP WITH. SO IF WE COULD HAVE A REVIEW OF THAT,
20 I'D APPRECIATE IT.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. THAT'S FOR NEXT WEEK?

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24 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S FOR BOTH SUPERVISOR KNABE AND I.

25



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** FOR NEXT WEEK?

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3 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES. I THINK IT'S FOR NEXT WEEK BECAUSE IT
4 BASICALLY SAYS IT'S A REPORT BACK BUT IT DOES HAVE AN ACTION.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO ORDERED. ITEM 17. AND 18.

7 SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

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9 **SUP. MOLINA:** I ALSO HAVE A MOTION ON THIS ONE AND WE'RE VERY
10 CONCERNED ABOUT THIS BECAUSE WE HAVE THESE 50-YEAR FRANCHISE
11 AGREEMENTS THAT I GUESS WE HAVE WITH OUR UTILITIES, EDISON AND
12 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS, AND, AS SOMEONE WHO HAS HAD TO WORK
13 WITH THEM IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS, THEY ARE THE MOST
14 DISAGREEABLE PEOPLE WHEN IT COMES TO ELIMINATING GRAFFITI ON
15 THEIR UTILITY POLES, ON THEIR FENCES OR WHATEVER. THEY JUST
16 DON'T WANT TO HONOR A REASONABLE REQUEST THAT THEY REMOVE
17 GRAFFITI ON THEIR PROPERTY AND, AS A PUBLIC UTILITY, I'M KIND
18 OF DISMAYED BY IT. SOMETIMES THEY WON'T EVEN LET US USE THEIR
19 POLE TO PUT SOME OF THE TRACKING SYSTEM THAT WE NEED FROM THE
20 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND SO THEY'RE VERY, VERY UNCOOPERATIVE
21 AND I JUST DON'T THINK THAT'S A GOOD PARTNERSHIP. SO I'M
22 MAKING AN AMENDMENT ON THIS AND I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT THE
23 EXISTING 50-YEAR FRANCHISE AGREEMENT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
24 AND SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY IS GOING TO EXPIRE ON
25 DECEMBER 27TH OF THIS YEAR. THE CURRENT FRANCHISE AGREEMENTS



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1 WERE NEGOTIATED AND APPROVED BY THE COUNTY NEARLY 50 YEARS
2 AGO. THEREFORE, THEY ARE MISSING VITAL PROVISIONS THAT ARE
3 APPLICABLE TO COUNTY OPERATIONS TODAY. SUCH MISSION PROVISIONS
4 INCLUDE GRAFFITI REMOVAL WITHIN 48 HOURS, REMOVAL OF POLES AND
5 WIRES SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH UNDER GROUNDING OUR UTILITIES,
6 EXPEDITED PROJECT REVIEW FOR PROJECTS LOCATED ON COUNTY
7 PROPERTY AND THE OCCASIONAL USE OF STREET LIGHTS FOR
8 DELIVERABLE OBJECTS. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF
9 SUPERVISORS DIRECT THE C.A.O. AND THE COUNTY COUNSEL TO,
10 NUMBER ONE, INCLUDE UPDATED PROVISIONS RELEVANT TO TODAY'S
11 ENVIRONMENT IN THE REVISED NEGOTIATED FRANCHISE AGREEMENT
12 WHICH IS GRAFFITI REMOVAL WITHIN 48 HOURS, REMOVAL OF POLES
13 AND WIRING SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THE UNDER GROUNDING OF
14 UTILITIES, EXPEDITED PROJECT REVIEW FOR PROJECTS LOCATED ON
15 COUNTY PROPERTY AND THE OCCASIONAL USE OF STREET LIGHTS FOR
16 DECORATIVE OBJECTS. SECONDLY, TO WORK WITH THE AFFECTED COUNTY
17 DEPARTMENTS THAT THE NEW FRANCHISE AGREEMENTS IS RESPONSIVE TO
18 THE CURRENT COUNTY OPERATIONS.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** VERY GOOD. SECOND. ANY OBJECTIONS? THE
21 MOTION ON ITEMS 1765, 1866, MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED. WITHOUT
22 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. OKAY?

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YOU OKAY? OKAY. ITEM 21.

2

3 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** MR. MAYOR, CAN I JUST CLARIFY? THAT WAS FOR
4 THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE NEW CONTRACTS. THAT'S MY
5 UNDERSTANDING OF THIS, NOT AMENDING THE CURRENT CONTRACT
6 BECAUSE YOU CAN'T DO THAT.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** IT'S FOR EXTENDING-- FOR EXTENDING
9 THAT TERM, FOR THE EXTENSION.

10

11 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** IT'S FOR THE ONE TO BE NEGOTIATED, THE NEXT
12 50-YEAR AGREEMENT. RIGHT. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** FOR THE EXTENSION, RIGHT?

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** THEY'RE BRAND-NEW CONTRACT, AS I UNDERSTAND IT.

17

18 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WE'RE EXTENDING ANOTHER YEAR TO GIVE US TIME
19 TO NEGOTIATE THE NEXT 50 YEARS. THIS IS FOR THE NEXT 50 YEARS.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. ITEM 21.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE:** THEY SHOULD LET US PUT THOSE TRACKING DEVICES ON
24 THERE.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** IT'S VERY GOOD. ABSOLUTELY. OKAY. WE
2 HAVE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE SIGNED UP HERE. LET'S HEAR FROM THE
3 DEPARTMENT. IS SOMEONE HERE FROM THE DEPARTMENT? OKAY. YOU'RE
4 ON.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE:** IS THIS 21?

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ITEM 21.

9

10 **RICHARD WEISS:** MR. MAYOR, IF I COULD, YOUR BOARD, AT THE END
11 OF JUNE, CLOSED THE HEARING ON THIS MATTER AND INDICATED ITS
12 INTENT TO APPROVE THE MODIFICATION OF SPECIAL PERMIT 1404
13 BASED UPON THE CONDITIONS THAT HAD BEEN APPROVED BY THE
14 PLANNING COMMISSION. YOUR BOARD ASKED THAT WE INCLUDE TWO AS
15 VOLUNTEERED CONDITIONS REGARDING PROHIBITION ON JETS AND ON
16 NIGHT FLIGHTS AND YOU ALSO INSTRUCTED US TO WORK WITH THE
17 APPLICANT TO COME BACK WITH ALTERNATIVE CONDITIONS REGARDING
18 ADDRESSING HELICOPTER NOISE. OUR REPORT INDICATES THAT WE HAVE
19 DONE THAT, THAT THE APPLICANT COMMISSIONED A NOISE EXPERT AND
20 THAT SOME OF THE NOISE PERSONNEL FROM THE COUNTY OBSERVED
21 TESTS THAT WERE DONE AND WE HAVE PROVIDED YOUR BOARD WITH TWO
22 ALTERNATIVE CONDITIONS, ONE BEING A HELICOPTER NOISE
23 ATTENUATION PLAN AND THE OTHER BEING A CAP ON HELICOPTER
24 OPERATIONS, TAKE OFFS AND LANDINGS. AS INDICATED IN OUR
25 REPORT, THE DEPARTMENTS OF PUBLIC WORKS, REGIONAL PLANNING AND



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1 HEALTH ALL RECOMMEND THE NOISE ATTENUATION ALTERNATIVE AS THE
2 PREFERABLE ONE AND THE APPLICANT INDICATES THAT THAT IS THE
3 ONE THAT IT IS RECOMMENDING AS WELL AND THAT IT IS NOT
4 VOLUNTEERING TO COMPLY WITH BOTH.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. ANYTHING FROM THE DEPARTMENT?

7

8 **SAMUEL DAE:** NO. WE'RE HERE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT THE
9 BOARD MAY HAVE.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. LET US CALL THE APPLICANT, MARK
12 ARMBRUSTER. AARON CLARK, JAMES KETCHAM AND DAVID MCCORD.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN I ASK A PROCESS QUESTION?

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SURE.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ARE WE GOING TO LIMIT THE HEARING? BECAUSE
19 WE HAD A LONG HEARING ON THIS LAST TIME. COULD WE LIMIT IT TO
20 15 MINUTES ON EACH SIDE OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT?

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WELL, I DON'T THINK IT'S GOING TO BE
23 THAT LONG. WE DON'T HAVE THAT MANY PEOPLE SIGNED UP. YES.

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1 **MARK ARMBRUSTER:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS MARK ARMBRUSTER WITH
2 ARMBRUSTER AND GOLDSMITH. WE REPRESENT WAYNE AND CONNIE SPEARS
3 AND THE OWNERS OF THE AGUA DULCE AIRPORT. WE ARE HERE TODAY TO
4 URGE YOU TO ADOPT THE STAFF REPORT AS DESCRIBED BY COUNTY
5 COUNSEL, RICK WEISS, JUST A COUPLE OF MINUTES AGO. I THINK
6 THAT THE REPORT DOES WHAT YOUR BOARD DIRECTED AT THE LAST
7 LENGTHY PUBLIC HEARING AND THAT WAS IT INCLUDED TWO CONDITIONS
8 OF-- VOLUNTARY CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL WITH REGARD TO NIGHT
9 OPERATIONS AND NO JETS AND ALSO TO COME BACK TO YOU WITH AN
10 ALTERNATIVE WITH REGARDING NOISE ABATEMENT PLAN FOR
11 HELICOPTERS THAT SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY HAD SUGGESTED. WE URGE
12 YOU TO DO THAT. TO REMIND YOU, THE REGIONAL PLANNING
13 COMMISSION HAS ALREADY CONDUCTED FIVE PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THIS
14 MATTER. THERE HAVE BEEN OVER TWO YEARS OF CAREFUL WORK IN
15 CRAFTING EXCELLENT CONDITIONS WITH THE COMMISSION, WITH COUNTY
16 STAFF AND OTHER REGULATORY AUTHORITIES, WHICH IS WHAT IS
17 CONTAINED IN THE REPORT. YOUR BOARD HELD A LENGTHY PUBLIC
18 HEARING LAST TIME AND APPROVED EVERYTHING, SUBJECT TO JUST
19 THOSE ITEMS THAT MR. WEISS RECOMMENDED. SINCE THAT TIME, WE
20 NOT ONLY JUST CAME UP WITH A SIMPLE NOISE ATTENUATION PLAN, WE
21 CONDUCTED EXTENSIVE TESTS WITH COUNTY COUNSEL TO COME UP WITH
22 A VERY SOPHISTICATED ABATEMENT PLAN FOR HELICOPTERS THAT WOULD
23 UTILIZE THIS AIRPORT. AND ALSO THE CONDITION, AS IT READS, IS
24 THAT SPECIFIC PLAN WILL BE SUBJECT TO REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY
25 COUNTY STAFF IN THE FUTURE, SO WE THINK THAT'S VERY WELL



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1 COVERED. SO, AGAIN, WE STRONGLY URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THAT
2 REPORT WITH ALTERNATIVE ONE WITH REGARD TO THE HELICOPTERS. A
3 FEW MINUTES BEFORE THIS MEETING STARTED TODAY, WE WERE HANDED
4 A LIST OF ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S
5 OFFICE. I JUST WANT TO GO ON RECORD-- AND WE WERE TOLD THAT
6 THESE WERE JUST CLEAN-UP CONDITIONS. I'VE REVIEWED THOSE
7 CONDITIONS. THOSE ARE 13 NEW, SUBSTANTIAL LAST-MINUTE
8 CONDITIONS THAT WERE TOTALLY OUTSIDE THE SCOPE OF WHAT WAS
9 DISCUSSED AT THE LAST-- AND APPROVED AT THE LAST BOARD
10 MEETING. MANY OF THESE WERE ALREADY DISCUSSED AND RESOLVED AT
11 THE LAST BOARD MEETING AND CERTAINLY DURING THE REGIONAL
12 PLANNING COMMISSION'S ACTIONS. SO WE WOULD STRONGLY OPPOSE
13 THOSE. THEY ARE NOT PART OF THE PACKAGE OF VOLUNTARY
14 CONDITIONS THAT THE APPLICANT HAS PROPOSED AND WE THINK THE
15 REPORT BEFORE YOU IS MORE THAN ADEQUATE IN RESOLVING-- ONCE
16 AND FOR ALL RESOLVING THE ISSUES AT THIS AIRPORT THAT HAVE
17 CONTINUED TO DIVIDE THIS COMMUNITY. I'D JUST LIKE TO ASK ONE
18 LAST THING. I KNOW IT'S BEEN A LONG DAY. I KNOW A FEW PEOPLE
19 WHO HAVE COME A LONG WAY TO SUPPORT THE AIRPORT, HAVE COME
20 HERE AND WANT TO SPEAK BUT THERE ARE A LOT MORE THAT HAVE
21 TAKEN A GOOD PART OF THEIR TIME, LOCAL RESIDENTS TO COME HERE.
22 CAN I JUST ASK THE LOCAL RESIDENTS WHO ARE HERE IN SUPPORT OF
23 THE AIRPORT TO STAND? THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THAT CONCLUDES BY
24 TESTIMONY AND, WITH THAT, WE JUST URGE ADOPTION OF THE STAFF
25 REPORT WITH ALTERNATIVE ONE.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. OKAY. NEXT.

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4 **MARK ARMBRUSTER:** I DON'T THINK DARREN CLARK, WHO'S WITH ME, HE
5 DOESN'T HAVE ANY FURTHER COMMENTS.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. DAN WHITE. DAN WHITE, RICHARD
8 HODKINSON, CHARLES WALLASCH AND DANIEL REIMER.

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10 **DAVID MCCORD:** MY NAME IS DAVID MCCORD. THIS IS THE FOURTH TIME
11 I'VE BEEN DOWN HERE. I HAD SOME THOUGHTS OF WHAT I SHOULD SAY
12 WHEN I CAME HERE BUT I DON'T KNOW, I SAID IT THE LAST TIME I
13 WAS HERE, I DON'T HAVE REALLY ANYTHING NEW TO SAY. I ASKED AT
14 THAT TIME THAT YOU MAKE A DECISION THEN. YOU DIDN'T. EVERYBODY
15 ELSE IS GOING TO COME BACK WITH THE SAME THING AGAIN THAT
16 YOU'VE HEARD OVER AND OVER AND OVER AND OVER AGAIN. PLEASE, SO
17 THE COMMUNITY CAN GET BACK TO LIVING AGAIN AND HAVING PEOPLE
18 TALK TO EACH OTHER, MAKE A DECISION ONE WAY OR ANOTHER,
19 PLEASE, LET'S END IT TODAY. THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. YES.

22

23 **DAN WHITE:** MY NAME IS DAN WHITE. I'M A PILOT AT AGUA DULCE
24 AIRPORT. I BOUGHT ONE OF THE HANGARS 2-1/2 YEARS AGO THINKING
25 THAT I WOULD BE IN, WITHIN A COUPLE MONTHS AFTER THE PURCHASE



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1 OF THE HANGAR. I WAS TOLD ABOUT 30 DAYS AFTER I PURCHASED IT,
2 WHEN IT WAS ABOUT 90% DONE, THAT THE-- THERE WAS A TEMPORARY
3 DELAY AND THAT IT SHOULD BE RESOLVED SHORTLY. THAT WAS TWO
4 YEARS AGO. MY HANGAR IS 90% DONE. I DRIVE BY IT ALL THE TIME
5 AND I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO USE IT. THE MAIN THING I JUST WANT
6 TO CONVEY TODAY IS THE GREAT FRUSTRATION OF ME AND THE OTHER
7 PILOTS AND THE PEOPLE THAT HAVE BOUGHT HANGARS. WE'RE LUCKY
8 THAT THE SPEARS, CONNIE AND WAYNE, HAVE STEPPED FORWARD AND
9 BOUGHT THE AIRPORT, BECAUSE I THINK BY NOW, 2-1/2 YEARS LATER,
10 IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BOUGHT BY DEVELOPERS AND HOMES OR SOMETHING
11 ELSE WOULD BE THERE BUT DEFINITELY NOT AN AIRPORT AND WE'RE
12 JUST LUCKY THAT THEY HAVE THE MEANS AND THEY'RE FOCUSED ON
13 KEEPING THIS AS AN AIRPORT FOR ALL THE LOCAL PEOPLE IN AGUA
14 DULCE AND THEY HAVE A VISION TO KEEP IT THAT WAY FOR MANY
15 YEARS IN THE FUTURE, FROM WHAT THEY'VE TOLD ME. IT'S HARD FOR
16 ME TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE AIRPORT OWNERS HAVE TO CONTINUE TO
17 JUMP THROUGH HOOP AFTER HOOP. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THERE MAY BE
18 A PERSONAL PROBLEM WITH THE AIRPORT, NOT BASED ON CORRECTLY
19 OPERATING THE AIRPORT BUT INSTEAD JUST IN DELAY OR SOMEBODY'S
20 PART JUST TO CLOSE THE AIRPORT ULTIMATELY. LUCKILY, WE'RE
21 STILL FIGHTING THE FIGHT. AND PLEASE VOTE TODAY AND GET THIS
22 OVER WITH. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

23

24 **RICHARD HODKINSON:** MY NAME IS RICHARD HODKINSON. I'M A 12-1/2-
25 YEAR AGUA DULCE RESIDENT. THIS ENTIRE PROCESS OF DEALING WITH



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1 THE MODIFICATION OF PERMIT 1404, IN MY OPINION, HAS GONE ON
2 WAY TOO LONG. THE AIRPORT HAS BEEN OPERATED IN A REASONABLE
3 AND PROFESSIONAL MANNER DURING THE PAST YEAR AND WHILE--
4 DURING THAT PERIOD OF TIME, THE COUNTY AND A SMALL BUT LOUD
5 MINORITY IN THE COMMUNITY HAS CONTINUED TO DRAG OUT THE
6 PROCESS. THE AIRPORT OWNER HAS VOLUNTEERED MANY CONDITIONS,
7 DONE EVERYTHING THAT THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION AND THE
8 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAS ASKED TO THIS POINT. IT SHOULD BE
9 NOTED THAT AGUA DULCE AIRPORT HAS MORE RESTRICTIONS ON IT THAN
10 THE COUNTY HAS IMPOSED ON ITS OWN AIRPORTS. IT'S NOT FAIR OR
11 REASONABLE TO CONTINUE TO CAUSE HARDSHIP ON THE AIRPORT
12 OWNERS, ITS USERS, AND THE MAJORITY OF THE AGUA DULCE
13 RESIDENTS, SO I ASK THAT YOU PLEASE APPROVE THE PERMIT THAT'S
14 PRESENTED AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME CALL UP LARRY
17 FENERHELM AND LORENE CANGLAWO.

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19 **CHARLES WALLASCH:** MY NAME'S CHARLIE WALLASCH. MR. MAYOR AND
20 BOARD, I'VE LIVED IN THE AREA FOR 16 YEARS, PURCHASED MY
21 PROPERTY OVER 20 YEARS AGO AND, LIKE MANY RESIDENTS, I MOVED
22 THERE BECAUSE OF THE AIRPORT WE HAVE THERE, NOT IN SPITE OF
23 THE AIRPORT. I'M AN AIRLINE TRANSPORT RATED PILOT, AS WELL AS
24 A RECREATIONAL PILOT. I REALLY LOVE HAVING A LITTLE AIRPORT
25 THERE. THIS WHOLE PROCESS HAS GONE ON WAY TOO LONG. WE KEEP



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1 REHASHING THE SAME ISSUES OVER AND OVER. THE SPEARS HAVE
2 OPERATED THE AIRPORT IN A VERY PROFESSIONAL, CONSCIENTIOUS
3 WAY. I FLY IN AND OUT OF THERE VIRTUALLY EVERY WEEKEND, I
4 COMMUTE BY AIRPLANE AND I VIRTUALLY NEVER HEAR ANYBODY ELSE ON
5 THE AIR. THE AIRPORT IS VERY QUIET, VERY LITTLE OPERATION
6 GOING ON. SO THERE'S BEEN NO VIOLATIONS, THAT I'M AWARE OF
7 SINCE THE SPEARS HAVE TAKEN OVER THE AIRPORT. WE NEED TO JUST
8 GET THIS OVER WITH. WE'VE GONE THROUGH EVERYTHING, THERE'S A
9 FEW MINOR CONDITIONS THAT THEY'VE AGREED TO. LET'S APPROVE
10 THIS PERMIT AS IS PRESENTED AND LET'S ALLOW THE HELICOPTERS
11 BASED ON THE NOISE ATTENUATION PLAN AND LET'S MOVE ON. THANK
12 YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. JOETTE HAYWARD. YES?

15

16 **JAMES KETCHAM:** MY NAME IS JAMES KETCHAM. I OWN A MOTOR GLIDER
17 BASED AT AGUA DULCE AIRPORT AND I'VE BEEN AT THE AIRPORT FOR
18 FOUR YEARS. PLEASE APPROVE THE CONDITIONS FOR PERMIT 1404 THAT
19 YOU HAVE BEFORE YOU TODAY. WHEN THIS BOARD APPROVED THE
20 MODIFICATIONS OF PERMIT 1404 EARLIER THIS YEAR BY A
21 SUBSTANTIAL MAJORITY, IT SEEMED THE LAST HURDLE HAD BEEN
22 CLEARED AND THAT HANGAR CONSTRUCTION WOULD BEGIN SHORTLY
23 THEREAFTER. A FEW WEEKS LATER, I SAW AIRPORT MANAGEMENT MAKING
24 SURE THAT HELICOPTER LANDINGS AND TAKE-OFFS WERE UNDER
25 REQUIRED NOISE LEVELS. THEY INDICATED THAT CONSTRUCTION MIGHT



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1 RESUME IN LESS THAN 60 DAYS. DESPITE MEETING EVERY REQUIREMENT
2 THAT I AM AWARE OF AND SUBMITTING TO MORE RESTRICTIONS THAN
3 ANY COUNTY AIRPORT, HANGAR CONSTRUCTION STILL HASN'T RESUMED.
4 THE UNREASONABLE DELAY IN LETTING CONSTRUCTION RESUME AT AGUA
5 DULCE IS AN UNFAIR FINANCIAL BURDEN ON THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY
6 PURCHASED HANGARS AND ON THE AIRPORT OWNERS. AND I ALSO HAVE A
7 COMMENT ON THE POSSIBILITY OF A BIENNIAL REVIEW. TO SUBJECT
8 AGUA DULCE TO REVIEW REQUIREMENTS THAT HOLD FOR NO COUNTY
9 OPERATED AIRPORT WOULD SIMPLY BE WRONG. PLEASE APPROVE THE
10 PERMIT AS PRESENTED TODAY. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. WILLIAM FIX. WILLIAM FIX.
13 YES.

14

15 **LARRY FENERHELM:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS LARRY FENERHELM,
16 20 YEAR RESIDENT, AGUA DULCE. YOU'VE HEARD IN THE PAST, IN
17 THIS COUNTRY, WE CLOSE ONE AIRPORT EVERY TWO WEEKS. BUT WHY?
18 IS IT THE NOISE? IS IT THE PERCEIVED DANGER? OR IS IT
19 VIOLATIONS? NO. IT'S NONE OF THESE. IT'S LAND VALUE. THE
20 AIRPORT LAND IS WORTH MORE, TAKE YOUR PICK, COMMERCIAL,
21 INDUSTRIAL, RESIDENTIAL. IT ALL BRINGS LANDOWNERS MUCH MORE
22 MONEY. THIS AIRPORT JUST ISN'T ABOUT AGUA DULCE. IT'S ABOUT
23 THE NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM, WHICH IS THE BEST IN THE
24 WORLD IN THIS COUNTRY. LET'S NOT WITHER AWAY WHAT THE REST OF
25 THE WORLD ENVIES SO MUCH. GLEN AND CONNIE SPEARS HAVE



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1 COMMITTED TO PRESERVING THIS LAND AS AN AIR PARK. LET THE AIR
2 PARK DO WHAT IT WAS PERMITTED TO DO 45 YEARS AGO, APPROVE 1404
3 AS AMENDED AND PLEASE DO IT TODAY. THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. MARK SHED. YES?

6

7 **LORENE CANGLAWO:** MY NAME IS LORENE CANGLAWO AND I AM DIRECTLY
8 UNDER THE FLIGHT PATTERN FOR 30 YEARS. WE BOUGHT THERE BECAUSE
9 OF THE AIRPORT. MY SON IS AN AEROSPACE ENGINEER NOW BECAUSE OF
10 THE AIRPORT. THAT AIRPORT HAS NEVER BEEN ANYTHING BUT AN ASSET
11 AND A JOY TO OUR COMMUNITY. THIS HAS GONE ON BEYOND
12 COMPREHENSION. PLEASE BRING IT TO FINISH NOW. WE WOULD LIKE TO
13 HAVE OUR LIFE BACK THE WAY WE MOVED THERE, WHAT WE EXPECTED
14 AND WHAT WE ENJOYED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. IS MARK HERE? MARK SHED? S-
17 H-E-D? THANK YOU. MARGARET SPRY AND DOUGLAS TURNER. YES,
18 MA'AM?

19

20 **JOETTE HAYWARD:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MAYOR ANTONOVICH AND FELLOW
21 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS JOETTE HAYWARD. IT'S A DISTINCT
22 PLEASURE TO BE BACK HERE AND TO SEE YOU ALL AGAIN. HOWEVER, I
23 DO HOPE THAT THIS WILL BE THE LAST TIME THAT WE MEET REGARDING
24 THIS PARTICULAR ISSUE. MY HUSBAND, JOHN AND I, MOVED TO AGUA
25 DULCE 18-1/2 YEARS AGO PRIMARILY AND SPECIFICALLY FOR OUR



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1 COMMUNITY AIRPORT AS WELL AS THE RURAL LIFESTYLE. WE WERE VERY
2 WELL AWARE OF THE AIRPORT'S EXISTENCE AND HER 40 OR SO YEAR
3 HISTORY. WE, ALONG WITH HUNDREDS OF RESIDENTS, APPRECIATE HER
4 AS WELL AS UNDERSTAND HER VAST AND IMPORTANT ROLE IN OUR
5 COMMUNITY, NOT TO MENTION THE PURE, UNDENIABLE PLEASURE SHE
6 BRINGS TO ALL OF US. I COME HERE AGAIN TODAY TO ENCOURAGE YOU
7 ALL TO FINALIZE THE PERMIT AS IT'S BEEN PRESENTED. I BELIEVE
8 IN MY HEART THAT YOU ALL WANT TO DO THE RIGHT THING, THE FAIR
9 THING, THE OBVIOUS THING. TO THE BEST OF MY RECOLLECTION, THE
10 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVED A MODIFIED SPECIAL
11 PERMIT 1404 SOMETIME AROUND MARCH OF THIS YEAR. THEN, ON JUNE
12 27TH OF THIS YEAR, YOUR BOARD AGREED WITH YOUR PLANNING
13 COMMISSION'S DECISION. I MUST ADMIT, IT IS BAFFLING TO ME WHY
14 THIS HAS TAKEN SO LONG AND HAS BEEN SO ARDUOUS. HOWEVER, I
15 FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT IT IS ONLY FAIR THAT THIS LONG, DRAWN-OUT
16 ISSUE BE RESOLVED AND CONCLUDED TODAY. NOT ONLY FOR A PATIENT,
17 TOLERANT, YET HIGHLY SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY BUT FOR WAYNE AND
18 CONNIE SPEARS WHO HAVE BEEN MORE THAN GRACIOUS UNDER FIRE,
19 EXTREMELY PROFESSIONAL, COURTEOUS AND RESPECTFUL IN THEIR
20 OPERATION OF THE AIRPORT, AS WELL AS AMAZINGLY COMPLIANT WITH
21 ANY AND ALL REQUESTS MADE OF THEM SINCE BECOMING THE NEW
22 OWNERS. THE COMMUNITY CAME OUT IN UNPRECEDENTED FORCE NOVEMBER
23 7TH, THIS PAST NOVEMBER 7TH FOR OUR TOWN COUNCIL ELECTION. WE
24 SPOKE LOUD AND CLEAR FOR CHANGE, ACTION, RESOLUTION, AIRPORT
25 SUPPORT AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, COMING TOGETHER TO ADDRESS THE



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1 IMMENSE CHALLENGES THAT FACE OUR RURAL LIFESTYLE. THIS AIRPORT
2 SPECIAL PERMIT 1404 ISSUE NEEDS TO BE RESOLVED AND FINALLY PUT
3 TO REST SO THAT OUR COMMUNITY CAN MOVE ON WITH OUR LIVES, OUR
4 AIRPORT CAN MOVE ON WITH ITS OPERATIONS AND WE CAN ALL COME
5 TOGETHER TO FIND ANSWERS AND BOLD SOLUTIONS TO THE MUCH, MUCH
6 MORE IMPORTANT CHALLENGES FACING OUR COMMUNITY AND ITS
7 WELFARE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, FOR
8 YOUR DECISIVE CONCLUSION IN THIS ISSUE TODAY ONCE AND FOR ALL.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

11

12 **JOETTE HAYWARD:** THANK YOU. I APPRECIATE IT.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** RAMONA HALL. RAMONA HALL. YES, SIR.

15 YES, SIR.

16

17 **WILLIAM FIX:** MY NAME IS WILLIAM FIX, I'M THE OWNER OF THE AGUA
18 DULCE MOVIE RANCH. CURRENTLY, I PROMOTE THE AGUA DULCE AIRPORT
19 FOR FILMING. IN THE PAST YEAR, I'VE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO
20 LEASE THE AIRPORT TO PRODUCTION COMPANIES TO BRING IN JETS.
21 VOLUNTARILY, WAYNE AND CONNIE SPEARS HAVE NOT ALLOWED JETS ON
22 THE PREMISES. I'VE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE JETS BROUGHT IN
23 THAT WERE NOT FUNCTIONAL JETS, JETS THAT WERE NOTHING MORE
24 THAN A PROP OR A MOCK-UP. WAYNE SPEARS MADE A PROMISE TO THE
25 COMMUNITY, HE'S KEPT THAT PROMISE EVEN TO THE EXTENT OF NOT



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1 ALLOWING A NONWORKING AIRCRAFT THAT LOOKS LIKE A JET ON SITE.
2 I'VE BEEN ON SITE AT THE AIRPORT FOR EVERY FILM USED THIS
3 CURRENT YEAR, FILM L.A. HAS ASSIGNED A FILM MONITOR, A FILM
4 MONITOR HAS BEEN WITH THE AIRPORT THE ENTIRE TIME ANY
5 PRODUCTION COMPANY HAS BEEN THERE. INDEPENDENTLY, ANY MEMBER
6 OF THE BOARD COULD CONTACT FILM L.A. THERE HAS BEEN NO
7 VIOLATION. WE HAVE HELD EVERY PRODUCTION COMPANY TO THE EXACT
8 LETTER OF THE PERMIT. WE WILL NOT LET THEM COME ON THE
9 PROPERTY BEFORE 7:00 A.M. WE WILL NOT LET THEM STAY ON THE
10 PROPERTY BEYOND 10:00 P.M. I KNOW FROM EXPERIENCE CURRENTLY I
11 PROMOTE 6,000 ACRES BETWEEN ACTON AND NEWHALL IN THE SANTA
12 CLARITA AREA. I DO NOT HAVE A SINGLE PROPERTY THAT WE PROMOTE
13 OR REPRESENT THAT IS SUBJECT TO THE SAME RESTRICTIONS AS THE
14 AIRPORT. AS A COMMUNITY, I THINK IT'S TIME FOR US TO FOCUS ON
15 OTHER ISSUES AND OTHER MATTERS AND I UNDERSTAND IT'S DIVISIVE.
16 MY FAMILY HAS LIVED THERE SINCE THE GREAT DEPRESSION. I'M
17 FAMILIAR WITH THE OPPOSITION IN THE ROOM TODAY, AND I THINK
18 ISSUES MAY HAVE BEEN RELEVANT IN THE PAST. I THINK PREVIOUS
19 OWNERS DIDN'T HAVE THE FINANCIAL WHEREWITHAL TO OPERATE THE
20 AIRPORT RESPONSIBLY. I DON'T BELIEVE THAT'S THE CASE TODAY.
21 RIGHT NOW, WAYNE AND CONNIE SPEARS HAVE OPERATED THE AIRPORT
22 IN THE MOST PROFESSIONAL MANNER THAN I'VE EVER EXPERIENCED,
23 THEY'RE NOTHING BUT COURTEOUS TO THE COMMUNITY, THEY DESERVE
24 EVERY BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT, THEY'VE GONE ABOVE AND BEYOND THE
25 STANDARDS IMPOSED IN THE PERMIT. PLEASE, PLEASE FINALIZE THE



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1 PERMIT TODAY AND APPROVE IT AS IT'S WRITTEN. THANK YOU VERY
2 MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

5

6 **MARGARET SPRY:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND BOARD
7 OF SUPERVISORS.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** GOOD MORNING.

10

11 **MARGARET SPRY:** IT'S BEEN A LONG DAY FOR US. I WAS UP AT 5:00
12 THIS MORNING AND RODE THE METROLINK TO COME HERE AND I WANT TO
13 THANK YOU FOR HAVING THAT FACILITY. I DID NOT RIDE A BUS THAT
14 WAS PROVIDED BY THE AIRPORT OWNERS. MY NAME IS PEG SPRY. I AM
15 A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF AGUA DULCE, BEEN VERY ACTIVE IN MANY
16 OF THE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, HAVING BEEN PAST PRESIDENT OF THE
17 CIVIC ASSOCIATION, PRESIDENT OF THE SENIORS AND CURRENTLY HOLD
18 A SEAT ON THE TOWN COUNCIL. I CARE ABOUT MY COMMUNITY. I CARE
19 ABOUT THE AIRPORT. I WANT IT TO BE THERE BUT I DO NOT WANT IT
20 TO BE THERE WITH NO RESTRICTIONS. I'M THINKING NOT ONLY OF
21 MYSELF, BECAUSE I MAY NOT LIVE THERE VERY MUCH LONGER, BUT I
22 HAVE FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS AND GRANDCHILDREN THAT LIVE IN THE
23 AREA. I WANT THEM TO BE PROTECTED. I DO NOT WANT TO SEE THAT
24 THE AIRPORT IS GIVEN A LONG-TERM CONTRACT TO WHERE THEY CAN
25 EXPAND WITHOUT ANY FORM OF REGULATIONS OR-- IT'S AN AIRPORT



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1 THAT HAS NO CONTROL TOWER AND, AS WE CAN SEE IN THE PAST,
2 THERE ARE MANY THINGS THAT HAVE HAPPENED WHERE THERE IS NO
3 CONTROL. BEFORE YOU IS A MOTION BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND I
4 WOULD SUGGEST AND PLEAD WITH YOU TO PLEASE MAKE THOSE
5 MODIFICATIONS TO 1404. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE KNOW THAT WE
6 HAVE INDULGED YOU IN MORE TIME THAN PROBABLY WE ARE ENTITLED
7 TO BUT WE DO CARE ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY, AS I KNOW YOU CARE
8 ABOUT NOT ONLY OUR COMMUNITY BUT THE ENTIRE COUNTY. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, PEG.

11

12 **JUSTINE TURNER:** HI. I'M JUSTINE TURNER...

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** FIRST, ROBERT OWENS, ROBERT OWENS AND
15 JIM JENNINGS. YES. START OVER.

16

17 **JUSTINE TURNER:** I'M JUSTINE TURNER, I'M A 14-YEAR RESIDENT OF
18 AGUA DULCE AND I DON'T BELIEVE IF YOU GO WITH THAT THE
19 CONDITIONS, THE MODIFIED CONDITIONS AS THEY WERE APPROVED
20 PREVIOUSLY, THAT YOU CAN END THE DIVISION IN OUR TOWN TODAY.
21 OUR TOWN IS DEEPLY DIVIDED, PRO AIRPORT AND AGAINST THE AIR
22 PARK EXPANSION AND THE DIVISION IS REFLECTED IN OUR TOWN
23 COUNCIL. I AM AGAINST THE AIR PARK EXPANSION. I BELIEVE THAT
24 THE SIDE OF THE COMMUNITY WHICH OPPOSES THE MODIFIED
25 CONDITIONS AS THEY CURRENTLY STAND THAT WOULD EXPAND THE AIR



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1 PARK HAVE REALLY NOT RECEIVED ENOUGH CONCESSIONS TO ADDRESS
2 OUR COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE AIR PARK MANAGEMENT. THERE ARE ONLY A
3 FEW OF US HERE TODAY TO OPPOSE THE MODIFIED CONDITIONS YOU
4 APPROVED, WHICH EXPAND THE AGUA DULCE AIR PARK BECAUSE MOST OF
5 US FEEL UNHEARD BY ALL OF YOU BUT OUR OWN SUPERVISOR,
6 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. I OPPOSE THE MODIFIED CONDITIONS WHICH
7 GREATLY EXPAND THE AIR PARK. THE POINT OF THE ORIGINAL
8 REVOCATION MODIFICATION HEARING WAS TO EITHER REVOKE OR
9 SEVERELY RESTRICT THE CONDITIONS DUE TO COMPLAINTS AND
10 VIOLATIONS. I AM ONE OF THE RESIDENTS ON THE FLIGHT PATH AND
11 MY FAMILY EXPERIENCES A MAJOR NEGATIVE IMPACT FROM INCREASED
12 OPERATIONS. ONE OF THE PAST AND PRESENT PROBLEMS FOR THE AIR
13 PARKS IS VIOLATIONS AND NO ENFORCEMENT. THERE CURRENTLY AND
14 HAS ALWAYS BEEN A NO NIGHT FLYING ALLOWED AT THE AIR PARK, YET
15 WE ARE CURRENTLY CONTINUING TO EXPERIENCE MANY NIGHT FLIGHTS
16 BY AIRCRAFT AND HELICOPTERS FROM THE AIR PARK AND THAT'S
17 LANDING AND TAKING OFF. THIS IS A MAJOR DANGER TO OUR
18 COMMUNITY AND A MAJOR VIOLATION OF THE PERMIT. WE'VE SUBMITTED
19 EMAILS AND LETTERS FROM VARIOUS PEOPLE WHO HAVE WITNESSED
20 THIS. I BELIEVE THE PERMIT NEEDS TO BE REVIEWED IN TWO YEARS
21 SO THAT THE VIOLATIONS AND COMPLAINTS, IF THEY CONTINUE AS
22 THEY ARE NOW, THAT THE OWNER CAN BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE. HAVING
23 THE AIR PARK KEEP A LOG OF ALL FLIGHTS IS IMPORTANT TO
24 IDENTIFY VIOLATORS. I HOPE THAT ALL OF THE SUPERVISORS CAN
25 SUPPORT OUR SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S MOTION FOR AMENDED



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1 CONDITIONS. I BELIEVE HE'S JUST TRYING TO GIVE HIS DISTRICT
2 CONSTITUENTS WHO WILL BE SEVERELY IMPACTED BY THE MODIFIED
3 PERMIT YOU APPROVE SOME PROTECTIONS FROM FURTHER EXPANSIONS IN
4 THE FUTURE AND SOME OWNER ACCOUNTABILITY.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANKS, JESSE. KAY KIRKWOOD. YES.

7

8 **RAMONA HALL:** MY NAME IS RAMONA HALL. I LIVE IN AGUA DULCE
9 CANYON ROAD IN AGUA DULCE. I'M DIRECTLY UNDER THE FLIGHT PATH.
10 I'D LIKE TO SHARE WITH YOU WHAT I SEE FROM MY PERSPECTIVE IN
11 THE ROOM. I SEE THAT ONE OF YOU IS MISSING. I SEE ONE OF YOU
12 HAVING A PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL. I SEE
13 ANOTHER PERSON LOOKING AT THEIR COMPUTER AND I SEE TWO PEOPLE
14 WHO APPEAR TO BE INTERESTED IN WHAT WE HAVE TO SAY. I HOPE, I
15 REALLY HOPE THAT OUR WORDS HERE TODAY ARE NOT GOING UNHEARD. I
16 BASICALLY AM HERE TO SUPPORT MR. ANTONOVICH IN WHAT HE HAS
17 SUGGESTED. I HAVE NO HOPES THAT HE WILL BE SUPPORTED BY THE
18 REST OF YOU. HOWEVER, WHAT I'D LIKE TO SAY, I SAY FROM MY
19 HEART AND THAT IS, THE HYPOCRISY OF GIVING SOMEONE AN AWARD
20 FOR THEIR ROLE IN COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT AND
21 THEN VOTING TO TRIPLE AIR TRAFFIC, CAR TRAFFIC, NOISE AND THE
22 POSSIBILITY OF PLANE CRASHES AND SO ON IN OUR COMMUNITY IS
23 ABSOLUTELY ASTOUNDING TO ME. I SPOKE BEFORE THIS GROUP IN THE
24 PAST AND I WILL SAY IT AGAIN, THERE IS ONLY ONE DISTRICT
25 AVAILABLE FOR EXPANSION AT THIS TIME AND IT'S CLEAR TO ME THAT



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1 WE CANNOT COUNT ON THIS BOARD TO KEEP THE INTERESTS OF THE
2 ENTIRE COUNTY IN MIND WHEN THEY DEAL WITH THESE ISSUES AND I
3 SUGGEST THAT PERHAPS WE NEED TO DO WHAT L.A. CITY IS TALKING
4 ABOUT AND THE FIFTH DISTRICT NEEDS TO DIVEST ITSELF OF PEOPLE
5 WHO REALLY DON'T HAVE THEIR INTERESTS AT HEART. THERE ARE
6 PEOPLE WHO TELL ME NOT TO TAKE THINGS PERSONALLY, BUT I THINK
7 THAT THE COMPLETE DESTRUCTION OF PEOPLE'S LIFESTYLE IN OUR
8 COMMUNITY IS SOMETHING THAT'S A VERY PERSONAL THING INDEED.
9 THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. YES, SIR.

12

13 **ROBERT OWENS:** MY NAME IS ROBERT OWENS. I'VE LIVED IN AGUA
14 DULCE FOR 26 YEARS.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOVE THE MICROPHONE OVER. THERE YOU
17 GO. START OVER AGAIN.

18

19 **ROBERT OWENS:** I MOVED TO AGUA DULCE WHEN THE AIRPORT WAS
20 CLOSED AND IT WAS CLOSED, OPENED, CLOSED, SORT OF OPEN,
21 CLOSED, SO FORTH, OVER MANY YEARS. OKAY. IT APPEARS THAT THERE
22 HAS BEEN A LARGE AMOUNT OF MONEY SPENT ON GROUPS OF ATTORNEYS,
23 LOBBYISTS AND SO FORTH BY THE CURRENT AIRPORT OWNERS IN ORDER
24 TO OBTAIN A REVISED COUNTY OPERATING PERMIT. MANY RESIDENTS
25 QUESTION THE CURRENT OWNER'S PLANS FOR THIS REVISED BUSINESS



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1 PERMIT, WHICH ALLOWS FOR MANY MORE BASED AND VISITING
2 AIRCRAFT. WE WORRY THAT THIS REVISED PERMIT WILL NOT PROVIDE
3 ANY MORE SAFETY, FIRE PREVENTION, OR LESS NOISE FROM AIRCRAFT
4 TO THE COMMUNITY THAN FROM THE PREVIOUS OWNER'S PLANS,
5 ESPECIALLY UNDER THE CURRENT UNMANAGED AND NOT CONTROLLED
6 AIRPORT CONDITIONS. I WOULD RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT
7 SUPERVISORS KNABE AND YAROSLAVSKY BOTH RECUSE THEMSELVES FROM
8 VOTING ON ANYTHING REGARDING THE AGUA DULCE AIRPORT. THE
9 AIRPORT OWNER, MR. WAYNE SPEARS, HAS PAID CLOSE TO A MILLION
10 DOLLARS IN FEES TO LOBBYISTS AND MARK ARMBRUSTER'S FIRM, THE
11 MAIN LOBBY FIRM THAT MR. SPEARS USED BEFORE AND THAT COUNTY
12 COUNSEL HAS RULED THAT THIS PRACTICE IS PERFECTLY LEGAL. THE
13 RESIDENTS OF AGUA DULCE WHO DON'T HAVE A MILLION DOLLARS
14 LAYING AROUND FIND IT MORALLY AND ETHICALLY REPREHENSIBLE THAT
15 SUPERVISOR KNABE COULD EVEN CONSIDER VOTING ON THIS ISSUE.
16 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY HAS VERY CLOSE PERSONAL AND
17 PROFESSIONAL TIES TO MARK ARMBRUSTER, MR. SPEARS' LOBBYIST AND
18 CONSULTANTS, MARK ARMBRUSTER, IT'S EVEN A POLITICAL APPOINTEE
19 OF SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. AT THE LAST HEARING, WE ALL WATCHED
20 IN AMAZEMENT AS STAFF FOR SUPERVISORS KNABE AND YAROSLAVSKY
21 SCURRIED BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN THEIR BOSSES AND MARK
22 ARMBRUSTER. IT WAS OBVIOUS TO MANY OF US THAT MR. ARMBRUSTER
23 WAS FEEDING QUESTIONS TO SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. THIS WAS
24 SHOCKING BEHAVIOR IN SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY'S PART. DID HE
25 THINK THAT WE WERE ALL BLIND AND DIDN'T NOTICE THIS DEEPLY--



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1 OR THIS DEPUTY WRITING DOWN NOTES WHILE SPEAKING TO MR.
2 ARMBRUSTER AND THEN RUSHING UP TO HIS BOSS WHISPERING THE
3 QUESTIONS INTO THE SUPERVISOR'S EAR? THE LAST PUBLIC HEARING
4 WAS A FARCE, TRYING TO PAINT MR. SPEARS AS THE NEW SOLE OWNER
5 OF THE AIRPORT WHO WOULD SOLVE ALL OF THE OLD PROBLEMS. WE
6 DON'T REALLY KNOW IF MR. KIRSCHNER IS TOTALLY OUT OF THE
7 PROJECT OR STILL HAS SOME INTEREST IN THE AIRPORT OR ADJOINING
8 PROPERTY. WE HAVE WITNESSED BUSINESS AS USUAL WITH NO
9 PROVISIONS MADE TO SOLVE ANY OF THE OLD PROBLEMS. THERE'S
10 STILL NO MANAGEMENT ON SITE AND RESIDENTS ARE INSTRUCTED TO
11 LEAVE MESSAGES ON A SYLMAR PHONE NUMBER. MESSAGES ARE NEVER
12 RESPONDED TO. THERE ARE STILL NIGHT FLIGHTS TAKING PLACE AND
13 THERE'S NO ACCOUNTABILITY...

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DO YOU WANT TO WRAP IT UP?

16

17 **ROBERT OWENS:** ...ON THE PART OF THE OWNER. AGAIN, I REQUEST
18 THE SUPERVISOR KNABE AND YAROSLAVSKY REFRAIN FROM HAVING
19 ANYTHING TO DO WITH THIS MATTER DUE TO THEIR VERY OBVIOUS
20 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. YES, SIR?

23

24 **JIM JENNINGS:** MY NAME IS JIM JENNINGS. I'M A 35-YEAR RESIDENT
25 OF AGUA DULCE, I'M ALSO THE PRESIDENT OF THE CIVIC



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1 ASSOCIATION. IT'S BEEN VERY CLEAR AFTER ATTENDING EVERY
2 REGIONAL PLANNING HEARING AND BOARD HEARING THAT CONDITIONS ON
3 A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT ARE MORE OF A SUGGESTION THAN A
4 ACTUAL ATTEMPT TO CONTROL A DEVELOPMENT. NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS
5 WERE OVER AND OVER DISMISSED AS ALLEGED VIOLATIONS. THE COUNTY
6 COUNSEL WOULD NEVER SAY PERMIT 1404 WAS NULL AND VOID BECAUSE
7 OF PREEMPTION BY FEDERAL LAW, AS STATED IN THE ORIGINAL 1404.
8 IT IS PLAINLY OBVIOUS THAT THE OLD SAYING, MONEY TALKS AND
9 COMMON SENSE WALKS, IS TRUE IN THIS CASE. THE BOARD IS READY
10 TO DISMISS ANY PERMIT VIOLATIONS AND NO MATTER WHAT THEY ARE
11 READY-- NO MATTER WHAT, THEY ARE READY TO ACCEPT A NOISE STUDY
12 FROM THE APPLICANT AND DISMISS THEIR OWN COUNTY STUDY. I'VE
13 RECEIVED NUMEROUS COMPLAINTS OF NIGHT FLIGHTS. IT HAPPENS
14 EVERY WEEK. DO ANY OF THE SUPERVISORS REALLY BELIEVE THAT THIS
15 APPLICANT IS GOING TO COMPLY WITH EVEN NEW PERMITS? HE HASN'T
16 COMPLIED WITH THE OLD ONES. THE CIVIC ASSOCIATION HAS OPPOSED
17 EXPANSION OF THE AIR PARK FOR THE LAST 50 YEARS. THE FAMILY,
18 YOU AND I, GO ON IN TIME AND THE NEW FAMILIES THAT MOVE INTO
19 AGUA DULCE WILL CONTINUE THE FIGHT. THERE'S NO QUESTION IN
20 BURBANK, IN LAX, IN VAN NUYS, THE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS
21 FIGHT THE SAME THING, THEY FIGHT THE SAME FIGHT REGARDLESS AND
22 IT'S BEEN GOING ON FOR YEARS AND YEARS. IF THIS BOARD IS
23 SERIOUS ABOUT KEEPING SOME KIND OF CONTROL ON THE AIRPORT,
24 THEN ASK THE OPERATOR TO INSTALL A SURVEILLANCE DEVICE THAT



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1 WILL MONITOR WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE AIRPORT AND PUT IT ON THE
2 INTERNET FOR THE WHOLE COMMUNITY TO OBSERVE. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

5

6 **KAY KIRKWOOD:** MY NAME IS KAY KIRKWOOD, I'VE LIVED IN AGUA
7 DULCE FOR 11 YEARS. MY HOME IS ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE
8 AIRPORT. I'D LIKE TO ADD TO WHAT JUSTINE TURNER SAID, THAT
9 NIGHT OPERATIONS AT THE AIRPORT ARE THE STATE D.O.T. AVIATION
10 DIVISION LICENSE ISSUED FOR THIS AIRPORT IS FOR DAY OPERATIONS
11 ONLY, SO WHEN NIGHT OPERATIONS HAPPEN, THEY'RE IN VIOLATION OF
12 THE STATE PERMIT, THE LICENSE. THE OTHER ISSUE IS, I AM NOT IN
13 THE DEPARTURE NOR THE TAKEOFF PATTERN FOR HELICOPTERS BUT I
14 HAVE A RED AND WHITE HELICOPTER CROSSING MY PROPERTY UNDER 150
15 FEET ABOVE MY YARD. THIS IS A VERY LARGE HELICOPTER, IT SPOOKS
16 MY HORSE, AND I SUPPOSE THAT I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL THAT I HAVE
17 TREES THAT ARE 60 FEET HIGH AROUND MY HOUSE OR IT WOULD BE
18 COMING EVEN LOWER. THE HANDOUT THAT YOU WERE JUST GIVEN, I'D
19 LIKE TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF THE REMOTE CONTROL MODEL AIRCRAFT
20 THAT IS FLOWN FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES AT THE AIRPORT. I SENT
21 AN EMAIL TO CURT HALCAL WITH THE STATE D.O.T. AND REQUESTED
22 WHAT THE POSITION OF THAT DEPARTMENT WAS ON THIS TYPE OF TOY
23 AND HE SENT BACK HIS RESPONSE THAT THEY'RE VERY CONCERNED,
24 THEY ARE CONSIDERED A HAZARD BY THE F.A.A. AND OF FIRE
25 REGULATIONS, PART 77. IF YOU GO TO PAGE 2, THERE'S AN ADVISORY



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1 CIRCULAR THAT STATES VERY CLEARLY, "IF THE OPERATOR OF SUCH A
2 TOY IS WITHIN THREE MILES OF AN ACTIVE RUNWAY, THEY ARE TO
3 REQUEST OR TO NOTIFY EITHER THE CONTROL TOWER OR THE OWNER OF
4 THE AIRPORT THAT THEY ARE WHERE THEY'RE FLYING, THE HEIGHTS
5 THEY'RE FLYING AT." THIS IS NOT BEING DONE. IT ALSO STATES
6 VERY CLEARLY THAT THEY ARE TO FLY WITHIN THE GUIDELINES, THE
7 THREE DIMENSIONAL DIAGRAM THAT IS ALSO ENCLOSED, WHICH IS THE
8 SAME FLIGHT PATTERN AS AIRCRAFT, THE LARGE AIRCRAFT. THIS IS
9 NOT BEING DONE. THEY ARE TO AWAY FROM HOMES AND RESIDENCES.
10 THIS IS NOT BEING DONE AND THAT THEY ALSO, IN NOT FOLLOWING
11 THE GUIDELINES OF THE DIAGRAM, THIS OPERATOR OF THIS TOY IS
12 FLYING BACK AND FORTH ACROSS AN ACTIVE RUNWAY. AND, ON TWO
13 SEPARATE INCIDENTS, I ENCLOSED THE FIRE 77 FOR YOUR-- FOR YOU
14 TO REVIEW BUT IF YOU LOOK AT THE PHOTOGRAPH ON THE BACK PAGE,
15 ON TWO SEPARATE INCIDENTS, ON THE LEFT-HAND SIDE OF THAT
16 PHOTOGRAPH, YOU'LL SEE A BLACK CIRCLE. THE OPERATOR IS
17 STANDING ON THE RUNWAY, WITH THE REMOTE, FLYING THIS AIRCRAFT.
18 HE FLEW IT ALL THE WAY UP THE HILL. YOU'LL SEE THE RED ARROW
19 PATH UP TO THE WHITE PICKET FENCE, WHICH IS 155 FEET FROM MY
20 HOUSE AND 130 FEET FROM MY CORRAL. HE TOOK A DIRECT VERTICAL
21 CLIMB OF 50 TO 70 FEET AND THEN LOOPED BACK INTO THE AIRPORT,
22 AND HE DID THAT OVER AND OVER. I GOT IN MY CAR TO GO DOWN, TO
23 TRY TO GET TO THE AIRPORT TO TALK TO HIM ASK HIM TO STOP. THE
24 GATE WAS LOCKED. I COULDN'T GET TO HIM. AND, ON TWO SEPARATE
25 DAYS, I HAD TO WORRY THAT THIS PLANE, THIS TOY WAS NOT GOING



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1 TO STALL OR LOSE CONTROL. AND IF YOU LOOK-- IF YOU REVIEW ANY
2 OF YOUR PHYSICS, A FIVE POUND OBJECT THAT IS DROPPED FROM 100
3 FEET WILL HIT THE GROUND WITH A BLUNT FORCE OF 500 POUNDS,
4 WHICH IS MORE THAN ENOUGH TO INJURE A HORSE, KILL A HORSE, A
5 HUMAN, DAMAGE MY HOUSE, WHATEVER. I AM ASKING YOU TO PLEASE
6 SUPPORT THE MOTIONS ISSUED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND TO BAN
7 THESE AIRCRAFT AND SUPPORT ALL OF THE OTHER ISSUES THAT ARE
8 LISTED IN HIS MOTION. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, KAY. THAT CONCLUDES ALL THE
11 INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE SIGNED UP AND REQUESTED ON THIS ITEM. WE
12 DIDN'T OVERLOOK ANYONE? LET ME-- BEFORE THE BOARD TAKES FINAL
13 ACTION ON THIS PROPOSAL, THERE WERE SOME SUGGESTIONS THAT WE
14 HAD MADE THAT MAKE A LOT OF SENSE. MY PROPOSAL WOULD BE TO
15 ENSURE THAT THE AIRPORT, WHICH IS LOCATED IN A HIGH FIRE
16 HAZARD ZONE, REQUIRE FIRE SPRINKLERS IN ALL NEW HANGARS.
17 SECOND, TO PROHIBIT CONSTRUCTION ON SATURDAYS AS WELL AS
18 SUNDAYS TO MINIMIZE NOISE AND IMPACTS ON THE COMMUNITY. IT IS
19 AN EQUESTRIAN SEMI RURAL COMMUNITY AS NOTED. AND PROHIBIT AIR-
20 TO-AIR FILMING, WHICH HAS PROVED TO BE INTERRUPTIVE AND NOISY
21 IN THE PAST, CLOSE THE AIRPORT WHEN FILMING INVOLVES USE OF
22 RUNWAYS TO PROTECT THE FILM CREWS AND PILOTS WHO ARE USING THE
23 AIRPORT. REQUIRE THE AIRPORT MAINTAIN A LOG OF ALL FLIGHTS TO
24 IDENTIFY PILOTS WHO WOULD BE FLYING IN A WAY THAT IS
25 DISRUPTIVE TO NEIGHBORS, CONSISTENT WITH A CONDITION THAT



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1 PROHIBITS AIRCRAFT THAT EXCEEDS 30,000 POUNDS, PROHIBIT THE
2 RUNWAYS FROM BEING REINFORCED TO ACCOMMODATE SUCH AIRCRAFT,
3 CONSISTENT WITH THE CONDITION THAT BANS JETS FROM THE AIRPORT,
4 PROHIBIT THE OPERATION OF A MAINTENANCE FACILITY FOR JETS,
5 CONSISTENT WITH THE CONDITION THAT BANS JETS FROM THE AIRPORT,
6 PROHIBIT THE SALE OF JET FUEL, TO REDUCE NIGHTTIME FLIGHTS
7 THAT ENDANGER THE COMMUNITY, CHANGE THE DEFINITION OF NIGHT BY
8 ONE-HALF HOUR IN THE MORNING AND EVENING, INCREASE THE FINE
9 FOR NONCOMPLIANCE TO \$2,500 A DAY FOR VIOLATIONS THAT THE
10 AIRPORT DOES NOT ADDRESS AND, BASED ON COMMUNITY INPUT, ALSO
11 THREE ADDITIONAL ITEMS. THE FIRST WOULD BE THE PROHIBITION ON
12 THE FLYING MODEL PLANES AT THE AIRPORT. INDIVIDUALS FLYING
13 SUCH MODEL AIRPLANES REPRESENT A POTENTIAL SAFETY HAZARD TO
14 AIRCRAFT FLYING INTO AND OUT OF THE AIRPORT, ALONG WITH THOSE
15 RESIDENTS ON THE GROUND. THE SECOND WOULD BE RELATIVE TO
16 HELICOPTERS, REQUIRE THE AIRPORT THAT THEY INCORPORATE BOTH
17 THE NOISE ABATEMENT PROCEDURES AND LIMIT HELICOPTERS TO THREE
18 TAKE-OFFS AND THREE LANDINGS PER DAY. THE COMBINATION OF THESE
19 ITEMS ALLOWS REASONABLE HELICOPTER USAGE OF THE AIRPORT WHILE
20 AT THE SAME TIME ADDRESSING NOISE CONCERNS EXPRESSED BY
21 RESIDENTS AND NEIGHBORS. AND, LASTLY, GIVEN THE LEVEL OF
22 COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE AIRPORT, THE BOARD OUGHT TO REQUIRE THE
23 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION REVIEW THIS MODIFICATION IN TWO
24 YEARS. THE BOARD HAS REQUIRED SUCH REVIEWS FOR LESS
25 CONTROVERSIAL CASES AND IT'S ENTIRELY WARRANTED IN THIS CASE.



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1 AND AT THE LAST PUBLIC HEARING THAT WE HELD IN THIS ROOM, I
2 HAD STATED THAT I DID NOT SUPPORT THE BOARD ACTION THAT ALLOWS
3 A THREE FOLD EXPANSION OF THE AIRPORT, PARTICULARLY GIVEN THE
4 OPERATOR'S RECORD OF IGNORING COUNTY LAWS AND POLICIES BUT IF
5 THE BOARD IS INCLINED TO IMPROVE THE AIRPORT, THE REVISIONS
6 THAT I HAVE MADE WOULD PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PROTECTIONS FOR THE
7 SURROUNDING RESIDENTS. SO THE MOTION WOULD THEREFORE READ THAT
8 THE-- MOVE THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE FOLLOWING REVISIONS TO
9 THE COUNTY COUNSEL RECOMMENDATIONS. IT WOULD BE AMENDMENT
10 CONDITION 8, TO REQUIRE THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
11 REVIEW THIS MODIFICATION IN TWO YEARS; AMEND CONDITION 13 TO
12 REQUIRE ALL NEW HANGARS, INCLUDING 10 HANGARS PARTIALLY
13 CONSTRUCTED BUT NOT PERMITTED, TO INCLUDE FIRE SPRINKLERS;
14 AMEND CONDITION 25 TO PROHIBIT CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES ON
15 SATURDAYS; AND AMEND CONDITION 34 TO PROHIBIT AIR BASE FILMING
16 OR ANY FILMING THAT INVOLVES AIRCRAFT IN FLIGHT, FILMING OF
17 AIRCRAFT SITTING ON THE PROPERTY MAY BE AUTHORIZED WITH A
18 VALID FILM PERMIT; AMEND CONDITION 34, TO REQUIRE FOR ANY
19 FILMING THAT INVOLVES THE USE OF THE RUNWAYS, THE AIRPORT
20 SHOULD BE CLOSED FOR THE ENTIRE TIME THAT THE FILM PERSONNEL
21 ARE ON THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; AMEND CONDITION 39-A TO REQUIRE
22 THAT THE APPLICANT MAINTAIN A LOG OF ALL FLIGHTS TAKING OFF OR
23 LANDING AT THE AIRPORT; AMEND CONDITION 39-C TO SPECIFY THAT
24 THE PAVEMENT OF THE RUNWAY SHALL NOT BE IMPROVED NOR CERTIFIED
25 FOR A MAXIMUM GROSS TAKEOFF WEIGHT IN ACCESS OF 30,000 POUNDS;



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1 AMEND CONDITION 39-M TO PROHIBIT THE CONSTRUCTION OF A
2 MAINTENANCE FACILITY FOR JETS; AMEND CONDITION 40-B TO DEFINE
3 THE TERM "NIGHT" AS THE PERIOD OF DAY THAT IS ONE-HALF HOUR,
4 NOT ONE HOUR, AFTER SUNSET, UNTIL ONE-HALF HOUR, NOT ONE HOUR,
5 BEFORE SUNRISE; AMEND CONDITION 42 TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES
6 FOR NONCOMPLIANCE TO \$2,500 PER DAY PER VIOLATION THAT IS NOT
7 REMEDIED; AMEND CONDITION 44 TO REQUIRE THAT THE APPLICANT
8 INCORPORATE BOTH THE HELICOPTER NOISE ABATEMENT PROCEDURES AND
9 LIMIT THE DAILY USE OF THE AIRPORT BY HELICOPTERS TO THREE
10 TAKE-OFFS AND THREE LANDINGS PER DAY; ADD CONDITION 45 TO
11 PROHIBIT THE FLYING OF MODEL AIRCRAFT ON THE SUBJECT PROPERTY;
12 AND ADD NEW CONDITION 46 TO PROHIBIT THE SALE OF JET FUEL ON
13 THE SUBJECT PROPERTY. GIVEN THE EXHAUSTIVE AND DOCUMENTED
14 PUBLIC RECORDS SURROUNDING THE AIRPORT, IT'S ONLY FAIR TO
15 INCORPORATE REASONABLE MEASURES TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL
16 PROTECTIONS FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITY. SO THAT WOULD BE THE
17 AMENDMENT TO ITEM 21 THAT I WOULD MOVE. IS THERE A SECOND? YOU
18 ALL DON'T HAVE TO SPEAK AT ONCE. YOU KNOW, WE JUST LOST IN A
19 FIRE, FIVE FIRE PERSONNEL IN A NEIGHBORING COUNTY. WE ARE IN
20 AN AREA THAT HAS BEEN DEVASTATED BY FIRES IN THE PAST AND
21 HISTORY KNOWS IT WILL BE DONE IN THE FUTURE. THAT'S JUST THE
22 NATURE OF OUR COUNTY. WHY WE DO NOT ENSURE GREATER PROTECTION
23 FOR INDIVIDUALS WHEN WE REQUIRE SPRINKLERS IN HOMES IS-- IT
24 DEFIES LOGIC. YOU HAVE AIRCRAFT THAT HAVE FUEL THAT ARE-- THAT
25 COULD BE A VERY POTENTIAL HAZARD TO THE FIRE PERSONNEL WHO ARE



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1 FIGHTING FIRES IN THOSE AREAS IF THERE WAS AN EXPLOSION. THE
2 IDEA OF ALLOWING MINIATURE AIRCRAFT TO BE FLYING IS A-- DEFIES
3 LOGIC AS WELL. I MEAN, THE FACT THAT THESE AIRCRAFT CAN GO UP
4 A FEW HUNDRED FEET, THE IMPACT, THEY DON'T ALWAYS HAVE CONTROL
5 AS TO WHERE THEY'RE GOING TO LAND, COULD IMPACT THE EQUESTRIAN
6 COMMUNITY SEVERELY BUT, MORE IMPORTANTLY, IT COULD ALSO IMPACT
7 INCOMING AIRCRAFT WHO ARE FLYING INTO THAT AIRPORT. THESE
8 PROPOSALS THAT ARE BEING RECOMMENDED TODAY DOES NOT IMPACT THE
9 ABILITY OF THE AIRPORT OF PROVIDING A SAFE, RECREATIONAL AIR
10 FACILITY THAT IS FOR NONJET AIRCRAFT. NOT TAKING THE CONCERNS
11 BEING RAISED TODAY, IT SHOWS A TOTAL ARROGANCE TO THE PUBLIC
12 AND ONE THAT IS NOT IN THE BEST INTEREST OF A LOCAL
13 GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY WORKING WITH NEIGHBORS TO ENSURE THAT
14 WE HAVE FAIR AND REASONABLE REGULATIONS WHEN WE ADOPT SUCH
15 PROCEDURES OR PERMITS THAT IMPACT COMMUNITIES. AND I JUST,
16 AGAIN, BELIEVE IT IS ONE OF TOTAL ARROGANCE TO NOT ACCEPT
17 THESE PROPOSALS THAT WOULD MAKE REASONABLE, LOGICAL
18 RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE ITEM 21 WHICH HAS THE VOTES TO PASS
19 TODAY. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** FIRST OF ALL, I APPRECIATE YOUR EFFORTS, MR.
22 CHAIRMAN, BUT THIS ITEM WAS CONTINUED FROM THE LAST HEARING I
23 THINK SPECIFICALLY, CORRECT ME, MR. WEISS, AS OUR COUNTY
24 COUNSEL, TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF HELICOPTERS. WAS THAT
25 CORRECT?



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2 **RICHARD WEISS:** AND TO PUT THE CONDITIONS OTHERWISE RECOMMENDED
3 BY THE COMMISSION AND THE VOLUNTARY NO JET, NO NIGHT FLYING,
4 INTO FINAL FORM FOR YOUR APPROVAL.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. SO WHILE I UNDERSTAND THE REASON WE
7 WANTED TO REVISIT THE WHOLE THING, THAT HAVE THE REASON-- THAT
8 DECISION I THINK WAS MADE BY THE BOARD ON MOST OF THESE THINGS
9 LAST TIME AND THE ISSUE NOW ARE THOSE TWO THINGS. I DO FEEL
10 OBLIGATED TO JUST COMMENT, SINCE MY NAME WAS INVOKED IN VAIN
11 BY AT LEAST ONE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC, I DON'T KNOW WHERE YOU
12 GET YOUR INFORMATION, SIR. I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU KNOW ABOUT MY
13 RELATIONSHIP WITH ANYBODY, LET ALONE MR. ARMBRUSTER. HE IS NOT
14 A POLITICAL APPOINTEE OF MINE. IF HE IS, I'D LIKE TO KNOW
15 WHERE. HE IS NOT AND, TO MY KNOWLEDGE, NEVER HAS BEEN. SO
16 MAKING THESE KINDS OF ALLEGATIONS CERTAINLY MAY GET A FEW
17 THINGS OFF YOUR CHEST BUT IT'S NOT PROPER AND IT'S NOT RIGHT
18 AND, ABOVE ALL, IT'S NOT TRUE AND I JUST-- I THINK I KNOW
19 WHERE YOU WERE FED THAT INFORMATION AND THAT WILL BE DULY
20 NOTED BUT I JUST HAD TO SAY THAT FOR THE RECORD. MR. CHAIRMAN,
21 I'M GOING TO... [APPLAUSE] [GAVEL]

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NO APPLAUSE. PLEASE.

24



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT'S ALL RIGHT. THEY CAN APPLAUD ON THAT ONE
2 BECAUSE MY INTEGRITY MEANS A LOT TO ME AND I DON'T THINK... [
3 APPLAUSE] [GAVEL]

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IF I WERE CHAIRING A MEETING AND YOUR
6 INTEGRITY, MR. ANTONOVICH, WAS CALLED INTO QUESTION, I
7 WOULDN'T ALLOW THAT, EITHER, AND THAT'S FINE.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** PLEASE, MR. YAROSLAVSKY.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO, DON'T WORRY. SO I'M GOING TO MOVE-- DO
12 YOU HAVE A RECOMMENDATION ON THE HELICOPTER ISSUE? THERE WERE
13 TWO OPTIONS AND I THINK-- I THINK YOU HAVE A RECOMMENDATION,
14 DO YOU NOT?

15

16 **MARK ARMBRUSTER:** WE PREFER OPTION 2 WHICH IS THE NOISE
17 ATTENUATION PLAN IMPOSED BY THE AIRPORT OPERATOR.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WILL MOVE THAT.

20

21 **RICHARD WEISS:** I'M SORRY. TECHNICALLY, IN YOUR WRITTEN
22 DOCUMENTS, THAT'S ALTERNATIVE NUMBER ONE.

23



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NUMBER ONE. SO I'LL MOVE ALTERNATIVE NUMBER
2 ONE, WHICH IS THE ATTENUATED PLAN AND IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE?
3 DO WE NEED TO MOVE THE FINAL LANGUAGE ON THE OTHER ISSUE?

4

5 **RICHARD WEISS:** IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE BOARD TO MOVE
6 APPROVAL OF THE FINDINGS AND CONDITIONS WITH INCLUSION OF
7 ALTERNATIVE 1, IF THAT IS YOUR DESIRE.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M SORRY, SAY THAT AGAIN?

10

11 **RICHARD WEISS:** MOVE APPROVAL OF THE FINDINGS AND CONDITIONS
12 WITH THE INCLUSION OF ALTERNATIVE ONE AND THAT WOULD BE A
13 FINAL ACTION.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WILL SO MOVE.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** CAN I HAVE A CLARIFICATION ON ONE ISSUE? ON THE
18 NIGHT FLYING ISSUE, IT WAS RAISED A COUPLE OF TIMES, IT'S MY
19 UNDERSTANDING WE HAVE NO JURISDICTION OVER IT BUT THERE'S BEEN
20 A VOLUNTARY CONDITION THAT'S BEEN MET OR CONTRIBUTED?

21

22 **RICHARD WEISS:** YES. TECHNICALLY, YOUR BOARD DOES NOT HAVE THE
23 AUTHORITY TO CONTROL PLANES IN FLIGHT, IMPOSE NIGHT CURFEWS
24 AND THINGS OF THAT NATURE. IT'S NOT THE APPLICANT, IT'S THE
25 OPERATOR, AGREED AT THE COMMISSION TO NO NIGHT FLYING



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1 RESTRICTION BASED UPON THE CONDITIONS THAT THE COMMISSION HAD
2 APPROVED AND IS WILLING TO COMPLY WITH THAT. IT REQUIRES THE
3 COOPERATION OF THE OPERATOR AND IT'S A VOLUNTEERED CONDITION,
4 IT WILL BE ENFORCEABLE AND THE OPERATORS INDICATED THAT THEY
5 ARE WILLING TO COMPLY WITH THAT.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ASK A QUESTION. THE ACTIONS
8 THAT WE TAKE TODAY WOULD NOT PRECLUDE THE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT
9 I PUT FORTH IN AN AMENDMENT, WOULD THEY NOT?

10

11 **RICHARD WEISS:** YES, MR. MAYOR, AND I WAS A LITTLE CONCERNED
12 ABOUT THE RESPONSE I GAVE EARLIER. WE WERE INSTRUCTED TO TAKE
13 ACTION AND CREATE THE PAPERWORK THAT'S BEFORE YOU. YOUR BOARD
14 DOES THAT THE AUTHORITY TO MODIFY THE CONDITIONS IF YOU
15 BELIEVE THAT'S SUPPORTED BY THE EVIDENCE AT THE HEARING.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND WE HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO MAKE
18 THOSE DETERMINATIONS, THOUGH?

19

20 **RICHARD WEISS:** YES. I WOULD POINT OUT THERE ARE A COUPLE OF
21 YOUR RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS THAT WE WOULD BELIEVE WOULD ALSO
22 FALL WITHIN THE SCOPE OF FEDERAL OR STATE PREEMPTION, THOUGH.

23



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND WHEN YOU HAVE A SAFETY POTENTIAL
2 HAZARD WITH MODEL AIRPLANES, THE BOARD WOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE
3 THAT TYPE OF A PROHIBITION AT THIS TIME, IF IT SAW FIT?

4

5 **RICHARD WEISS:** IF YOUR BOARD THOUGHT THAT THAT WOULD BE
6 SUPPORTED BY THE EVIDENCE YOU RECEIVED AT THE HEARING, THEN,
7 YES, YOU COULD DO THAT.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND IF THE BOARD WOULD SEE FIT TO
10 REQUIRE FIRE SPRINKLERS IN HANGARS, WOULD THEY HAVE THAT
11 ABILITY?

12

13 **RICHARD WEISS:** THE OPERATOR WILL BE REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH
14 THE FIRE CODE AS INSTRUCTED BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. I'M NOT
15 AWARE THAT YOUR BOARD COULDN'T DO THAT. I DON'T KNOW IF A FIRE
16 REPRESENTATIVE IS HERE AND HAS ALREADY DETERMINED THAT ANOTHER
17 ALTERNATIVE IS ACCEPTABLE BUT...

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE WOULD HAVE THAT ABILITY TO MAKE
20 THAT DECISION?

21

22 **RICHARD WEISS:** I BELIEVE YOU WOULD, YES.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO THE SUGGESTIONS WE WERE TALKING
25 ABOUT IMPACT PUBLIC SAFETY AND WERE IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF



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1 THE COMMUNITY THAT WERE PUT FORTH. OKAY. WE HAVE A MOTION. IS
2 THERE A SECOND? MR. YAROSLAVSKY'S MOTION. THERE'S A SECOND BY
3 MOLINA. CALL THE ROLL.

4

5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** AYE.

8

9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR BURKE?

10

11 **SUP. BURKE:** AYE.

12

13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AYE.

16

17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** AYE.

20

21 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO. [APPLAUSE]

24



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO ORDERED. DID WE DO 32? OKAY. ITEM
2 32. SUPERVISOR KNABE.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** I'D LIKE TO HAVE THE DOCUMENT-- BRYCE YOKOMIZO.
5 HE'S COMING.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** BRYCE?

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** I GUESS THE PROBLEM I HAVE IS PART OF THIS
10 RECOMMENDATION, AND WE'VE TALKED TO YOU AND YOUR STAFF ABOUT
11 IT AS WELL, IS TO IMPLEMENT THIS GIFT CERTIFICATE PROGRAM AT
12 THE ORIENTATION AND-- WHICH WOULD MAKE THEM ELIGIBLE FOR THESE
13 VARIOUS GIFT CERTIFICATES. I GUESS, YOU KNOW, I APPRECIATE THE
14 FACT THAT ON THE NEW TANIF REGULATIONS THAT WE HAVE TO MOVE
15 MORE OF OUR CALWORKS PARTICIPANTS THAN EVER TO WORK-RELATED
16 ACTIVITIES BUT I GUESS I NEED TO UNDERSTAND WHY THE DEPARTMENT
17 IS PROPOSING TO DO SOMETHING TO THESE PARTICIPANTS AT THE
18 ORIENTATION PROCESS WHICH IS AN ACTIVITY THEY'RE REQUIRED TO
19 PARTICIPATE IN. I MEAN, IF THEY WANT TO DO WHAT THEY NEED TO
20 DO, THEY SHOULD BE THERE, GIFT CERTIFICATE OR NO GIFT
21 CERTIFICATE.

22

23 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** SUPERVISOR KNABE, JUST TO PROVIDE A VERY BRIEF
24 CONTEXT, AS YOU KNOW, THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND ACTUALLY
25 THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA HAVE BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL IN MOVING



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1 WELFARE RECIPIENTS OFF OF WELFARE AND WE'VE REDUCED OUR
2 WELFARE CASELOADS BY OVER 40% IN RECENT YEARS BUT THAT HAS ALL
3 CHANGED WITH REGARD TO THE NEW TANIF REAUTHORIZATION
4 REQUIREMENTS, AND WE'RE GOING TO BE REQUIRED TO PUT MORE AND
5 MORE WELFARE PARTICIPANTS INTO OUR WELFARE-TO-WORK PROGRAMS.
6 THE ONE AREA, SUPERVISOR, WHERE WE HAVE THE LEAST AMOUNT OF
7 COOPERATION FROM OUR PARTICIPANTS IS IN OUR ORIENTATION AND
8 OUR ASSESSMENT PROCESS AND THE WHOLE PURPOSE BEHIND OFFERING
9 GIFT CERTIFICATES AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO ENCOURAGE MORE
10 PARTICIPATION, WE FELT THAT THIS WAS ONE OF THE BEST PRACTICES
11 THAT WE HAD SEEN USED BY OTHER COUNTIES THROUGHOUT THE STATE
12 IN ORDER TO INCREASE THE WORK PARTICIPATION RATE AND WE THINK
13 THAT IT WILL HELP US PREVENT POTENTIAL PENALTIES AND SANCTIONS
14 FOR OUR COUNTY AT A LATER POINT IN TIME.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** HOW DO WE HAVE ANY IDEA THAT THIS STUDY IS GOING
17 TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE? I MEAN, HOW ARE YOU GOING TO MONITOR
18 THAT? I MEAN, YOU'RE JUST GOING TO GIVE OUT GIFT CERTIFICATES?
19 I MEAN...

20

21 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** YEAH. WHAT WE'VE DONE IS WE'VE LOOKED AT PAST
22 PRACTICES AND BEST PRACTICES IN OTHER COUNTIES, CONTRA COSTA
23 IS AN EXAMPLE, YUBA COUNTY IS ANOTHER EXAMPLE WHERE THEIR
24 STUDIES HAVE SHOWN THAT IT HAS INCREASED THEIR WORK
25 PARTICIPATION RATES BY ABOUT 15%. SO UTILIZING THOSE BEST



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1 PRACTICES, WE'RE HOPING TO ACHIEVE THE SAME THING HERE. AND,
2 OF COURSE, WE'RE OBVIOUSLY GOING TO BE MEASURING THE BEFORE
3 AND AFTER EFFECTS OF UTILIZING GIFT CERTIFICATES AS AN ADDED
4 INCENTIVE TO HAVE OUR PARTICIPANTS PARTICIPATE IN OUR PROGRAMS
5 BUT WE'LL BE KEEPING AN EYE ON THAT AND WE'LL LOOK AT THE
6 EFFECTIVENESS OF IT.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** AND THEN I THINK IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT, BECAUSE,
9 YOU KNOW, ONE OF THE THINGS IF YOU LOOK AT THESE POTENTIAL
10 INCENTIVE, THEY INCENTIVIZE STAYING ON AID VERSUS THE OVERALL
11 BIGGER PICTURE, THE PURPOSE HERE IS TO GET PEOPLE OFF AID AND
12 INTO REAL JOBS. SO, YOU KNOW, WE DON'T WANT TO CREATE A
13 SCENARIO WHERE IT'S BETTER TO STAY ON THAN GO OFF. AND SO I
14 THINK SOMEHOW WE REALLY NEED TO GET OUR HANDS AROUND HOW WE
15 MONITOR THIS AND WHETHER IT IS SUCCESSFUL OR NOT AND WHETHER
16 IT'S DOING WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE TO AT LEAST GET THEM THERE OR
17 WHETHER OR NOT IT'S JUST ENCOURAGING THEM TO STAY ON AID, SO I
18 THINK I HAVE AN IDEA WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO DO BUT, OBVIOUSLY,
19 THE BIGGER PICTURE HERE IS TO MAKE SURE WE GET PEOPLE MOVED
20 OFF OF AID AND INTO A WORK SITUATION.

21

22 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** JUST A MINOR POINT OF CLARIFICATION,
23 SUPERVISOR, BECAUSE WE CERTAINLY AGREE WITH YOU AND YOU'RE
24 MAKING A GOOD POINT, THE THING THAT'S DIFFICULT FOR US IS THAT
25 IF A WELFARE PARTICIPANT SIMPLY FAILS TO PARTICIPATE AND DOES



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1 GET OFF OF AID FROM NONPARTICIPATION, THEY STILL WILL COUNT
2 AGAINST US AS FAR AS POTENTIAL PENALTIES FOR OUR COUNTY, SO
3 THAT'S WHY WE WANT TO GIVE THE ADDED INCENTIVE TO ENGAGE THOSE
4 WELFARE PARTICIPANTS AND JUST BECAUSE THEY'RE NOT COOPERATING
5 IN DROP OFF OF AID, WE WANT TO CONTINUE TO KEEP WORKING WITH
6 THEM ON A CASE MANAGEMENT BASIS.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH. THAT'S ALL.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY KNABE. SECONDED. WITHOUT
11 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. OKAY. PUBLIC COMMENT. KRISTY KESSLER,
12 LEONARD WAYNE ROSE, JR., MARTA WILLIAMSON-KESTER, AND MIKI
13 JACKSON.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HANG ON. MR. CHAIRMAN? MR. CHAIRMAN? IF I
16 CAN-- BEFORE YOU GO TO PUBLIC COMMENT.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YES.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DIDN'T KNOW YOU HAD PASSED EVERYBODY BY
21 BUT I WANTED TO INTRODUCE A MOTION ON AN EMERGENCY BASIS. IT'S
22 A DECLARATION OF NOVEMBER 19TH AS WORLD DAY FOR PREVENTION OF
23 CHILD ABUSE THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I WON'T READ ALL
24 THE PREAMBLES BUT IT CAME TO OUR ATTENTION AFTER THE POSTING
25 OF THE AGENDA AND SINCE THE DATE IS IN FIVE DAYS, I'D LIKE TO



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1 GET IT DONE BEFORE THE DAY, SO I THINK IF WE CAN MAKE THAT
2 FINDING, MR. FORTNER, AND I WOULD THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE
3 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCLAIM NOVEMBER 19, 2006, AS WORLD DAY
4 FOR PREVENTION OF CHILD ABUSE THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY
5 AND URGE ALL RESIDENTS TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EDUCATE
6 THEMSELVES ON THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE AND PUBLIC CONCERN. THANK
7 YOU.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
10 ORDERED. ANY OTHER MOTIONS? YES, MA'AM.

11

12 **MARTA WILLIAMSON-KESTER:** OH. THANK YOU. MY NAME IS MARTA
13 WILLIAMSON-KESTER. MY JOB TITLE, I GUESS, IS C.E.O. FOR A NON-
14 PROFIT IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. RECENTLY, I BECAME VERY
15 INTERESTED IN WHAT WAS HAPPENING AT THE CONSERVATION NURSERY
16 IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY ON AVENUE I AND 100TH STREET WEST.
17 BECAUSE I'M A WRITER, I WENT OUT TO CHECK OUT THE THINGS THAT
18 WERE GOING ON THERE AND, WHEN YOU LOOK IN MY FOLDER, YOU'LL
19 SEE THAT I HAVE THE NEWSPAPER STORIES THAT I WROTE FOR THE
20 METROPOLITAN STAR, WHICH IS A SMALL PAPER OUT OF QUARTZ HILL.
21 BECAUSE OF MY INTEREST, AS I INVESTIGATED THIS, I DECIDED THAT
22 I WOULD LIKE TO BECOME MORE INVOLVED AND I WAS ASKED BY ANN
23 GREG, WHO IS ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, TO APPLY FOR THE
24 POSITION BECAUSE THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE TWO DIRECTOR POSITIONS
25 OPEN. SO, AT THIS POINT, SINCE IT SAID TO BRING THIS DOWN TO



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1 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, YOU ALL HAVE A COPY OF MY
2 APPLICATION. WE DID TAKE ONE INTO THE OFFICE AT 383 OVER HERE.
3 YOU WILL ALSO FIND, IN THE SECOND FOLDER, DESMOND KESTER'S
4 APPLICATION TO ALSO APPLY FOR THOSE TWO POSITIONS, SINCE THERE
5 ARE TWO OPENINGS. WE ARE BOTH ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION
6 ADVISORY BOARD FOR AIR FORCE PLANT 42 AND WE FELT THAT THIS
7 JUST WENT RIGHT ALONG WITH ALL THE THINGS WE'VE BEEN INVOLVED
8 IN IN THE COMMUNITY. WE WANT TO TAKE CARE OF OUR ENVIRONMENT.
9 WE CARE ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS WITH EVERYTHING WE HAVE. WE
10 UNDERSTAND WHAT CONSERVATION DISTRICTS ARE, THAT THEY'RE TO
11 PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT, FARM LAND AND WATER, WHICH WHAT WE'VE
12 BEEN INVOLVED IN FOR THREE YEARS. SO I HOPE YOU ALL WILL LOOK
13 AT THAT BECAUSE I UNDERSTAND YOU ALL VOTE ON THAT, ON WHO IS
14 APPOINTED TO THOSE DISTRICTS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
15 TIME.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. THERE WERE INDIVIDUALS WHO
18 CAME LAST WEEK ON THIS SAME TOPIC. WE'RE LOOKING INTO THAT.

19

20 **MARTA WILLIAMSON-KESTER:** OH, YES. WELL, DESMOND CAME LAST TIME
21 AND I WAS UNABLE. MY MOTHER HAD AN EMERGENCY.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NO PROBLEM. THANK YOU.

24



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1 **MARTA WILLIAMSON-KESTER:** BUT I HAD A QUESTION, IF YOU WOULDN'T
2 MIND CLARIFYING. I UNDERSTAND THAT, IF SOMEONE SPEAKS ON A
3 NONAGENDA ITEM, THEY CAN'T SPEAK FOR A CERTAIN LENGTH OF TIME.

4
5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** RIGHT.

6
7 **MARTA WILLIAMSON-KESTER:** IS THERE A SPECIFIC WAIVER OR
8 SOMETHING I'M UNAWARE OF WITH THE BROWN ACT? JUST FOR MY
9 EDIFICATION?

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ASK COUNTY COUNSEL. QUESTION ON
12 THE BROWN ACT. RESTATE IT FOR COUNTY COUNSEL. ASK YOUR
13 QUESTION TO HIM.

14

15 **MARTA WILLIAMSON-KESTER:** OKAY. WHAT I WANTED TO KNOW WAS,
16 SINCE YOU HAVE A TIME LIMIT THAT SOMEBODY CAME AND SPOKE LAST
17 WEEK, THEY CANNOT SPEAK AGAIN UNTIL FEBRUARY ON A NONAGENDA
18 ITEM. IS THERE A WAIVER OR SOME KIND OF A SPECIAL THING THAT
19 IT DOESN'T COME UNDER THE BROWN ACT FOR THE NONAGENDA ITEM
20 THAT I'M UNAWARE? AND IT'S STRICTLY FOR MY EDIFICATION.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ASK, WILL THIS BOARD BE MAKING
23 A DECISION?

24



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1 **MARTA WILLIAMSON-KESTER:** NO. I'M JUST ASKING FOR INFORMATION.

2 OH, ABSOLUTELY NOT. I JUST WANTED SOME INFORMATION BECAUSE...

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** BECAUSE IF THEY WERE, THEN, YES, YOU

5 COULD SPEAK ON THAT ITEM AGAIN.

6

7 **MARTA WILLIAMSON-KESTER:** NO, NO, THIS WAS JUST-- TODAY, YOU'RE

8 NOT MAKING A DECISION AS FAR AS I KNOW.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** JUST ON ANOTHER ISSUE.

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12 **MARTA WILLIAMSON-KESTER:** I JUST WANTED TO KNOW ON THE

13 NONAGENDA ITEMS.

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15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** COUNTY COUNSEL.

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17 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, THE

18 BOARD'S RULES PROVIDE FOR THE 90-DAY PERIOD BETWEEN NOT

19 SPEAKING ON PUBLIC COMMENT ON NONAGENDA ITEMS. THE BOARD'S

20 RULES ALSO PROVIDE THAT THE BOARD WOULD WAIVE ITS RULES BUT

21 THAT WOULD TAKE AN AFFIRMATIVE ACTION OF THE BOARD TO DO THAT.

22

23 **MARTA WILLIAMSON-KESTER:** OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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1 **KRISTINA KESSLER:** MY NAME IS KRISTINA KESSLER. I'M A 17 YEAR
2 OLD FOSTER YOUTH. THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY
3 SERVICES HAS PUT A GREAT DEAL OF MONEY INTO KEEPING THE
4 FAMILIES TOGETHER; HOWEVER, THEY SEEM TO HAVE FORGOTTEN THE
5 REST OF US, WHO CANNOT RETURN HOME SAFELY FOR WHATEVER REASON.
6 I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO BE A PART OF A LOVING FAMILY EVEN BEFORE
7 I GOT INTO CARE. JUST BECAUSE I GOT OLDER DOESN'T MEAN MY
8 FEELINGS HAVE CHANGED. MANY THINK THAT TEENS ARE NOT ADOPTED
9 BECAUSE OF THEIR AGE. HOWEVER, AS A TEENAGE FOSTER CHILD
10 LOOKING FOR A HOME MYSELF, I DON'T BELIEVE THIS IS TRUE.
11 D.C.F.S. DISCRIMINATES AGAINST TEENAGERS. THEY DO NOT ACTIVELY
12 SEARCH AND LOCATE PERMANENT HOMES FOR OLDER YOUTH. HOW DID THE
13 DEPARTMENT HANDLE IT WHEN I REQUESTED TO BE ADOPTED? THEY
14 ATTEMPTED TO DISMISS MY COURT CASE AND RETURN ME TO MY ALLEGED
15 BIOLOGICAL PARENTS, WHO THEY REMOVED ME FROM BECAUSE IT WAS
16 UNSAFE. WHEN THAT FAILED, THEY THEN RECOMMENDED THE DEPENDENCY
17 COURT, PUT ME IN LONG-TERM FOSTER CARE AS MY PERMANENT PLAN
18 RATHER THAN ADOPTION. ON MARCH 3RD, 2005, PREVIOUS DIRECTOR,
19 DAVID SANDERS, SAID AND I QUOTE, "LONG-TERM FOSTER CARE IS NOT
20 AN ACCEPTABLE LIFE PLAN FOR CHILDREN." WHEN DID THIS POLICY
21 AND GOAL CHANGE? THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 11,000 TO 12,000
22 YOUTH IN LONG-TERM FOSTER CARE AS WE SPEAK. D.C.F.S. DOES NOT
23 SEARCH FOR ADOPTIVE HOMES FOR THOSE YOUTH IN LONG-TERM CARE.
24 THEY'RE IGNORING THE LEGAL OBLIGATION TO FIND EACH CHILD THE
25 MOST PERMANENT PLACEMENT POSSIBLE, WHICH IS ADOPTION. SEVERAL



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1 YOUTH I KNOW HAVE NEVER BEEN INFORMED OF THEIR RIGHT TO
2 ADOPTION. THEY'RE ENCOURAGING YOU TO MOVE FROM PLACE TO PLACE
3 BY PUTTING THEM IN LONG-TERM FOSTER CASE WHICH HAPPENS TO BE
4 AGAINST WELFARE AND INSTITUTION CODE 396. THEY WAREHOUSE US
5 UNTIL WE EMANCIPATE. I HAVE BEEN IN 22 PLACEMENTS, NONE OF
6 WHICH WERE PREADOPTIVE HOMES. THEY NEVER USED CONCURRENT
7 PLANNING IN MY CASE WHEN IT WAS LEGALLY REQUIRED. AFTER I
8 SPOKE WITH YOU LAST NOVEMBER OF 2005 ASKING FOR HELP, I
9 CONTACTED AN ADOPTION AGENCY TO HELP ME FIND A FAMILY.
10 D.C.F.S. REFUSED TO ALLOW THE AGENCY TO HELP ME AND IGNORED
11 THE FACT THAT THE AGENCY HAD AN APPROVED PROSPECTIVE ADOPTIVE
12 FAMILY WHO WANTED TO MOVE FORWARD IN MEETING ME WITH THE
13 POSSIBILITY OF ADOPTING. I LOST A CHANCE OF BEING ADOPTED
14 BECAUSE OF D.C.F.S. THE DEPARTMENT WHO IS SUPPOSED TO BE
15 HELPING ME HAS CHOSEN TO BATTLE ME EVERY STEP OF THE WAY. I,
16 AT THE AGE OF 16, HAD TO FIND A PRIVATE ATTORNEY, KEN SHERMAN,
17 TO TAKE ON MY CASE PRO BONO. HE THEN REPRESENTED ME IN COURT
18 AND HAD THE COURT ORDER D.C.F.S. TO PROVIDE ADOPTION SERVICES
19 BECAUSE THEY SAID THEY WOULD NOT DO SO UNLESS I HAD A COURT
20 ORDER. SINCE THEN, THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL PROSPECTIVE
21 ADOPTIVE PARENTS. HOWEVER, D.C.F.S. WOULD NOT ALLOW ME TO MEET
22 WITH THOSE FAMILIES UNTIL AFTER THEY MEET WITH THEM AND GAVE
23 THEIR VERSION OF MY LIFE STORY, NOT TAKING ACCOUNTABILITY FOR
24 THE CRAPPY HOMES THAT THEY PLACED ME IN. D.C.F.S. CLAIMS TO
25 HAVE MY PHOTO IN A RECRUITMENT BOOK. THEY LIED. THE D.C.F.S.



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1 ADOPTION WORKER HAS ONLY MET WITH ME ONE TIME IN OVER A YEAR.
2 SINCE THE ADOPTION SERVICE ORDER, THE KINSHIP CENTER WAS GIVEN
3 PERMISSION TO HELP ME FIND A FAMILY. HOWEVER, D.C.F.S. IS NOT
4 ALLOWING THE AGENCY TO DO WHAT IS NECESSARY TO FIND ME A
5 SUITABLE FAMILY. THE KINSHIP CENTER HAS PUT IN TIME AND MONEY.
6 THEY BELIEVE I'M ADOPTABLE YET D.C.F.S. IS MAKING THEIR
7 PROCESS DIFFICULT. THEY WON'T ALLOW ME TO GO TO RECRUITMENT
8 EVENTS AND THE LIST GOES ON, BELIEVE ME, IT DOES. WHY DOESN'T
9 D.C.F.S. TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE OUTSIDE AGENCIES WHO WANT TO
10 HELP AND ARE PRIVATELY FUNDED? THEY HAVE THEIR OWN RESOURCES.
11 THIS COULD SAVE THE COUNTY'S FUNDING AND REDUCE CASELOADS,
12 WHICH IS A GOAL THROUGH RECENT LAWS. THE ADOPTION PROCESS IS
13 SO DIFFICULT AND L.A. COUNTY WORKERS...

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DO YOU WANT TO WRAP IT UP?

16

17 **KRISTINA KESSLER:** I'M SORRY? WHAT? I'M ALMOST DONE. L.A.
18 WORKERS ARE LACKADAISICAL WHEN COMPLETING HOME STUDIES. IS
19 THERE A FINANCIAL INCENTIVE OR IS THE DEPARTMENT JUST
20 COMPLETELY INEPT? SUPERVISORS, I'VE BEEN ASKING THE DEPARTMENT
21 TO LOOK FOR AN ADOPTIVE HOME FOR ME SINCE I WAS 15. I'M NOW
22 17. DON'T BE FOOLED BY THEIR SUPERFICIAL MINIMAL ATTEMPTS TO
23 FIND ME A HOME. THEY PUT MY PICTURE ON THE INTERNET. IT'S
24 CALLED AN EMAIL. THAT'S NOT AN ACTIVE SEARCH. AND, SPEAKING OF
25 EMAILS, THE D.C.F.S. ADOPTION WORKER WHO IS SUPPOSED TO BE



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1 RECRUITING FOR ME SENT THIS EMAIL TO THE OUTSIDE AGENCY WHO
2 WANTED TO HELP. IT SAYS, AND I QUOTE, "IS KRISTINA THE ONLY
3 L.A. COUNTY KID YOU'RE WORKING FOR? IT IS A SHAME THAT ALL
4 YOUR EFFORTS ARE FOR ONLY ONE CHILD THAT MAY OR MAY NOT BE
5 ELIGIBLE FOR ADOPTIONS." THE ONLY WAY I WOULD BE INELIGIBLE IS
6 BECAUSE THEY'RE DRAGGING THIS OUT SO LONG THAT AN ADOPTION
7 PROCESS WOULD NOT GO THROUGH BY THE AGE OF 18 BUT THAT'S NOT
8 WHAT IT'S ABOUT. I'M TRYING TO FIND A FAMILY, NOT A PIECE OF
9 PAPER. THIS ADOPTION WORKER IS SUPPOSED TO BE RECRUITING FOR
10 ME FOR A FAMILY, THE ONE THAT SAID IT'S A SHAME THAT THE OTHER
11 ONE IS LOOKING. DOES THAT SOUND LIKE SOMEONE WHO IS TRYING TO
12 HELP ME? NO. SHE'S DISCOURAGING THOSE WHO TRY TO HELP ME.
13 EVERY KID DESERVES TO BE A PART OF A FAMILY. IF I WAIT ANY
14 LONGER, I WILL BE 18, WHICH IS THE DEPARTMENT'S PLAN TO DRAG
15 THEIR FEET UNTIL I AGE OUT OF THE SYSTEM. YOU PUT IN THE MONEY
16 TO HIRE D.C.F.S. DIRECTOR TRISH PLOWN, YET D.C.F.S. IS
17 STONEWALLING ME. THERE HAS BEEN NO ACCOUNTABILITY. IT SEEMS AS
18 THOUGH THERE'S NOT MUCH CONTROL OVER D.C.F.S. I CAME HERE OVER
19 A YEAR AGO ASKING FOR HELP, YET D.C.F.S. CONTINUES TO HINDER
20 MY PROGRESS AND THOSE WHO ARE TRYING TO HELP ME. CHILDREN
21 CONTINUE TO BE FAILED BY THIS COUNTY YEAR AFTER YEAR, DIRECTOR
22 AFTER DIRECTOR. TODAY, I WOULD ASK THAT YOU CONSIDER
23 REQUESTING THE STATE TO INTERCEDE ON OUR, THE FOSTER
24 CHILDREN'S, BEHALF. I ALSO ASK THAT YOU INVESTIGATE THE
25 D.C.F.S. PALMDALE OFFICE AS WELL AS ON ADOPTIONS ON HOW THEY



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1 HAVE TREATED MY CASE IN A VINDICTIVE, INAPPROPRIATE MANNER,
2 UNPROFESSIONAL. I HAVE ALREADY BEEN PORTRAYED ON THE COUNTY
3 WEBSITE IN DECEMBER OF 2005 AS A SUCCESS STORY. NOW ALL WE
4 HAVE TO DO IS MAKE IT A REALITY BY MOVING THESE ROADBLOCKS
5 THAT D.C.F.S. HAS PUT IN PLACE TO PREVENT ME FROM FINDING A
6 FAMILY. MR. ANTONOVICH, YOU HOLD UP PUPPIES EVERY MONTH. WHY
7 CAN'T YOU HOLD UP ONE OF US? WE'RE NOT GOING TO BITE YOU.
8 FOSTER CHILD GIRL AT YAHOO.COM. THAT IS MY EMAIL. THERE IS NOW
9 NO EXCUSE FOR YOU NOT TO FOLLOW UP ON MY CASE WHICH I DO
10 EXPECT OF YOU. THIS IS NATIONAL ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH.
11 LET'S MAKE IT SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE ABOUT BY CHANGING THESE
12 INTERNAL POLICIES. AND I JUST WANT TO LET YOU KNOW, YOU KNOW,
13 D.C.F.S. MAY CONTINUE TO STONEWALL ME BUT I WILL MAKE IT ALL
14 PUBLIC FOR EVERYONE TO SEE HOW YOU TREAT CHILDREN IN THE
15 SYSTEM. I DO HAVE SOME SUGGESTIONS AND MODIFICATIONS TO THIS
16 POLICY, IF YOU WILL ALLOW ME AN EXTRA TWO MINUTES, THREE
17 MINUTES IF YOU WANT ME TO TALK SLOWER. IS THIS WATER?

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. DO YOU WANT TO CONCLUDE?

20

21 **KRISTINA KESSLER:** I'M SORRY. WHAT?

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ARE YOU FINISHED?

24



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1 **KRISTINA KESSLER:** DO YOU THINK I COULD GIVE MY SUGGESTIONS AND
2 MODIFICATIONS ON WHAT I THINK NEEDS TO HAPPEN, BECAUSE I DO
3 HAVE PLENTY OF IDEAS.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I KNOW YOU HAVE. THERE HAVE BEEN MANY
6 CONVERSATIONS WITH YOU, AS YOU KNOW, AND YOU KNOW THE LEGAL
7 PROBLEMS THAT HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE AND
8 WITH YOUR FAMILY.

9

10 **KRISTINA KESSLER:** RIGHT AND MR. ANTONOVICH...

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE UNDERSTAND BUT WE ARE NOT IN A
13 POSITION HERE TO BE INVOLVED IN THOSE LEGAL ISSUES DEALING
14 WITH YOUR FAMILY AND YOU AND THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND
15 FAMILY SERVICES UNDER THE...

16

17 **KRISTINA KESSLER:** SO YOU'RE NOT REALLY-- YOU REALLY DON'T HAVE
18 CONTROL OVER THE DEPARTMENT?

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** RIGHT. BUT SUBMIT YOUR SUGGESTIONS AND
21 WE'LL TAKE THEM, EACH BOARD MEMBER WILL REVIEW THEM AND THEIR
22 STAFFS AND THE DEPARTMENT, BECAUSE OUR GOAL IS TO ENSURE
23 BETTER ADOPTIONS AND FOSTER CARE PROGRAMS AND, UNDER THE
24 PREVIOUS DIRECTOR, WE'VE MADE REMARKABLE PROGRESS IN THE



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1 NUMBER OF ADOPTIONS AND THE REDUCTION IN CHILDREN IN FOSTER
2 CARE.

3

4 **KRISTINA KESSLER:** MR. ANTONOVICH...

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND AS I TOLD YOU, YOU'LL MAKE A GREAT
7 LAWYER. YOU HAVE A GREAT UNDERSTANDING OF THE LAW AND I
8 ENCOURAGE YOU TO CONTINUE YOUR STUDIES AND GET YOUR COLLEGE
9 EDUCATION AND GO ON TO LAW SCHOOL.

10

11 **KRISTINA KESSLER:** MR. ANTONOVICH, YOU KNOW, REGARDLESS OF, YOU
12 KNOW, THE ISSUES REGARDING THE BIOLOGICAL FAMILY, D.C.F.S.
13 STILL IS, YOU KNOW, CONSIDERED LEGALLY OBLIGATED TO LOOK FOR
14 THE MOST PERMANENT PLACEMENT POSSIBLE AND, UNDER CALIFORNIA
15 WELFARE AND INSTITUTION CODE 396, IT SAYS THAT, YOU KNOW, THEY
16 NEED TO-- THAT MOVING KIDS FROM ONE FOSTER HOME TO ANOTHER
17 UNTIL THEY REACH THE AGE OF MAJORITY SHOULD BE DISCONTINUED.
18 THIS IS THE LAW. I MEAN, YOU KNOW, SO THIS ISN'T JUST A
19 PARTICULAR CASE, LIKE D.C.F.S. IS MAKING UP ALL THESE EXCUSES
20 WHY THEY CAN'T FIND ME A FAMILY. YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAID? THEY
21 SAID AFTER I CAME HERE LAST NOVEMBER, FIRST, THEY ATTEMPTED TO
22 DISMISS MY COURT CASE. THEY FAILED BECAUSE THAT HOME IS NOT
23 SAFE. SECOND, THEY RECOMMENDED LONG-TERM FOSTER CARE, THEN
24 THEY SAID I WILL NOT FIND A PERMANENT HOME UNTIL YOU GET A
25 COURT ORDER, SO I HAD TO GET MY OWN ATTORNEY. THEN THEY SAID



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1 WE WILL NOT SEARCH FOR A PERMANENT HOME UNLESS YOU TAKE A
2 MENTAL EVALUATION. OKAY. SO THEY'RE BRINGING ALL THESE NEW
3 THINGS IN, YOU KNOW, AND IT'S JUST RIDICULOUS. I MEAN, I AM
4 FED UP. THIS IS INSANE. THIS IS INSANE. THIS SHOULD NOT BE
5 ALLOWED TO GO ON.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LEAVE YOUR SUGGESTIONS AND THE
8 SERGEANT WILL GIVE THEM, MAKE COPIES FOR EACH OF THE BOARD
9 MEMBERS. OKAY?

10

11 **KRISTINA KESSLER:** MM HM. OH, OH, I DON'T HAVE THEM ALL.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MR. ROSE. MIKI-- WHITNEY ENGERON AND
14 ETHEL JOHNSON?

15

16 **KRISTINA KESSLER:** CAN I JUST ASK ONE MORE THING? DOES THAT
17 MEAN THAT YOU'RE NOT GOING TO BE TAKING ANY ACTION?

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WELL, WE CAN'T TAKE ACTION UNDER
20 PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDLESS BUT WE WILL TAKE ACTION TO REVIEW
21 YOUR SUGGESTIONS AND GIVE THEM TO THE DEPARTMENT. OKAY? THANK
22 YOU.

23

24 **KRISTINA KESSLER:** MM HM.

25



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MR. ROSE?

2

3 **LEONARD WAYNE ROSE JR.:** I'VE GOT ONE THING HERE, THE NORWALK
4 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, KIM AND GARY, YOU MIGHT KNOW HIM, HIS 7-
5 YEAR-OLD SON WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A PUPPY DOG, A GERMAN
6 SHEPHERD, YOU KNOW, A BOY DOG, GIVE HIM A DOG BECAUSE HE
7 WANTED A DOG SO BAD. HIS SON GOES TO MY CHURCH AND HE NEED A
8 DOG REAL BAD AND HE PRAY FOR HIS DOG AND TO GET A DOG, IF YOU
9 HAVE A DOG POUND, GIVE HIM A DOG. KEVIN GRIER, HE WORK AT THE
10 NORWALK SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. ONE THING ABOUT A RESTRAINING
11 ORDER, I NEED SOMEBODY TO HELP ME ON THIS CASE OF POMONA
12 COURT, GIVE ME THE RUNAROUND AND ONE GUY KICKED ME ON THE
13 HEEL, YOU KNOW, DID A BATTERY CHARGE AGAINST ME, YOU KNOW AND
14 THEN GOT HIS NAME BUT I TALKED TO SERGEANT HARRIS, YOU KNOW.
15 HE TALKED TO THIS LADY SEVERAL SHERIFF'S OFFICERS AT THE
16 COURT, TALKED ABOUT THIS GUY, YOU KNOW AND I WANT TO GET
17 EVERYTHING READY ON NOVEMBER 28, MY COURT HEARING, AND THEY
18 TELL ME WHAT TO DO, YOU KNOW AND TO GIVE SUSPECT SOME OF MY
19 COPY AND, YOU KNOW AND DIDN'T WANT TO TALK TO HIM AND ME IN A
20 COURT HEARING AND HE HAD TO BE A HUNDRED FEET AWAY FROM ME AND
21 GUARDS GOING TO KEEP AN EYE ON ME AND THE SECURITY GUARD
22 COLLEGE AND THEY'RE GOING TO KEEP AN EYE ON ME, THAT GUY, TOO
23 AND BECAUSE I GOT RESTRAINING ORDER AGAINST THAT ONE STUDENT
24 AND I NEED SOMEBODY HELP ME WHO IN CHARGE OF POMONA CITY, ONE
25 OF YOUR BOARD OF SUPERVISOR, GOT THE POLICE REPORT HERE, GOT



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1 THE DESCRIPTION, THE GUY THAT TREATED MY LEFT HEEL, YOU KNOW,
2 AND I GOT EVERYTHING HERE AND CAN SOMEBODY HELP ME ON THIS?

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. LET'S CHECK. THANK YOU. ROBERTO
5 CARBAJAL. YES, MIKI.

6

7 **MIKI JACKSON:** MY NAME IS MIKI JACKSON, I LIVE IN LOS ANGELES,
8 AND I'M HERE WITH A.H.F., AIDS HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION AND IT'S
9 BEEN ALMOST SIX MONTHS SINCE WE CAME TO THE BOARD TO SOUND THE
10 ALARM ABOUT THE RAPIDLY GROWING SYPHILIS EPIDEMIC YET AGAIN,
11 AN EPIDEMIC THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT HAS ALLOWED TO SPREAD
12 FROM, M.S.M., MEN WHO HAVE SEX WITH MEN, TO AFRICAN-AMERICAN
13 WOMEN AND LATINO WOMEN. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, JOINED BY
14 SUPERVISOR MOLINA, MADE A MOTION TO GET THIS SOMNOLENT PUBLIC
15 HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO TAKE ACTION. THE BOARD SHOULD NOT HAVE
16 HAD TO MAKE A MOTION TO GET THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO DO
17 THEIR JOB. WE ARE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE LACK OF URGENCY
18 THAT THE MANAGEMENT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT HAS SHOWN
19 IN RESPONSE TO THIS EPIDEMIC. PUBLIC HEALTH SHOULD BE
20 VIGILANT. WHEN THEY SEE AN UPSWING IN DANGEROUS S.T.D.S, THEY
21 SHOULD SWING INTO ACTION. THIS IS A LONGSTANDING PATTERN WITH
22 THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. AFTER ALL, THE FIRE
23 DEPARTMENT DOESN'T REQUIRE A MOTION TO GET THEM TO GO PUT OUT
24 A FIRE AND THEN DRAG THEIR FEET FOR SIX MONTHS BEFORE THEY
25 EVEN GAS UP THE FIRE ENGINE. THE PLAN THAT WAS BROUGHT FORTH



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1 IS BARELY STARTING TO BE IMPLEMENTED AND IT LACKS
2 TRANSPARENCY, THERE'S CONFUSION ABOUT WHAT HAS BEEN DONE, WHAT
3 HASN'T BEEN DONE, WHO IS DOING WHAT. WE GET DIFFERENT STORIES
4 DEPENDING ON WHO WE TALK TO. WHAT WE NEED IS FOR THE
5 DEPARTMENT TO HAVE THE TRUE PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COMMUNITY AND
6 THE PROVIDERS SO THAT WE CAN ALL KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON, AS THIS
7 THING IS SLOWLY IMPLEMENTED. WHY HAS IT TAKEN SO MUCH TIME TO
8 DO THIS? THE PROPOSAL-- NOT ONLY ARE WE CONCERNED ABOUT THE
9 TIME BUT THE PROPOSAL ITSELF HAS-- IS UNDERFUNDED. FOR
10 INSTANCE, D.H.S. HAS PUBLICLY STATED-- OR THE PUBLIC HEALTH
11 DEPARTMENT, I'M STILL GETTING USED TO THAT, THAT THEY WERE
12 RELYING ON EXISTENT PROVIDE-- COMMUNITY PROVIDERS TO DO THE
13 ADDITIONAL SCREENING AND TESTING AND TREATMENT, YET THERE'S NO
14 FUNDS IN PLACE TO INCREASE THAT. THIS PROBLEM WITH SYPHILIS
15 HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR OVER FIVE YEARS. WE HAVE BEEN COMING
16 BACK AND FORTH FOR OVER FIVE YEARS. THERE'S BEEN NO LONG-TERM
17 CAMPAIGN, WHICH IS WHAT IS NEEDED. INSTEAD, WE'VE HAD FITS AND
18 STARTS ON CAMPAIGNS. THE COUNTY QUILTS FUNDING THE CAMPAIGN AND
19 THE SYPHILIS GOES UP AGAIN. WE CALL ON THE COUNTY TO TRULY
20 PARTNER WITH THE COMMUNITY PROVIDERS TO ALLOCATE THE NECESSARY
21 FUNDS AND LAUNCH THIS AS A CHARGE IMMEDIATELY. THE SYPHILIS
22 EPIDEMIC IS GOING ON AS WE SPEAK. MANY, MANY PEOPLE HAVE BEEN
23 INFECTED. WHY ALL THE SIX MONTHS HAS PASSED THAT IT'S TAKEN TO
24 EVEN BEGIN TO DO ANYTHING? I'M VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THIS.

25



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MIKI. ONE MOMENT. TERRY
2 JACKSON, SR. YES, SIR.

3

4 **WHITNEY ENGERON:** HI. MY NAME IS WHITNEY ENGERON, REPRESENTING
5 AIDS CARE FOUNDATION. I WILL BE BRIEF AND I WON'T REPEAT MANY
6 OF THE SENTIMENTS OF MY COLLEAGUE. I DO WANT TO, HOWEVER,
7 POINT OUT THAT WHAT THIS PLAN DOES INCLUDE IS A GREAT DEAL
8 MORE STAFF IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND WHAT WE
9 WOULD LIKE-- THE POINT WE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE IS THAT THE
10 COMMUNITY IS BETTER ABLE TO IMPLEMENT AND ON THE GROUND PUT
11 INTO PRACTICE THE INTERVENTION NECESSARY TO DO THIS WORK WITH
12 SYPHILIS. AND SO WHAT WE'RE SUGGESTING TO YOU AND WHAT WE'RE
13 ASKING YOU IS THAT YOU ASK THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO
14 REENGAGE THE COMMUNITY AND DISCUSS WITH US HOW EXISTING
15 COMMUNITY PARTNERS WITH THE CAPACITY AND WITH THE CAPABILITIES
16 OF GETTING THIS DONE CAN GET ON THE GROUND NOW AND GET GOING
17 WITH THIS. WE UNDERSTAND, FROM FOLKS AT THE DEPARTMENT OF
18 PUBLIC HEALTH, THAT IT'S GOING TO TAKE OVER A YEAR TO TRAIN
19 SOME OF THE FOLKS THEY'RE BRINGING IN TO DO THIS WORK AND THAT
20 WILL MAKE A YEAR AND A HALF FROM THE TIME THAT YOU ALL HAVE
21 ASKED FOR THIS TO BE DONE, SO JUST WE'RE ASKING THAT YOU ASK
22 THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO REENGAGE AND HOPE THAT WE
23 CAN CONTINUE TO HAVE PRODUCTIVE CONVERSATIONS.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN I JUST ASK THE COUNTY-- THE BOARD
2 SECRETARY TO COMMUNICATE WITH DR. FIELDING AND ASK HIM TO GIVE
3 US A RESPONSE TO THIS NEXT WEEK AT THE MEETING, A VERBAL
4 REPORT PERSONALLY? THANKS.

5

6 **WHITNEY ENGERON:** THANK YOU.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YES, MA'AM. YES, MA'AM.

11

12 **ETHEL JOHNSON:** OKAY. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ETHEL JOHNSON
13 AND I WANT TO ADDRESS THE BOARD TODAY AS A EX-MILITARY
14 RECIPIENT, AND I'M ASKING IF WE CAN RECOMMEND THAT FOR, YOU
15 KNOW, HEALTHCARE. WE'VE BEEN THROUGH THIS SO LONG AND IT'S
16 BEEN SORT OF LIKE DRAWN OUT PROGRAM. I'M AWARE OF ALL FIVE
17 DISTRICTS, MRS. BURKE'S DISTRICT. I WANT A HORSE ON HER SECOND
18 DISTRICT. BUT RIGHT HERE IS MORE IMPORTANT THAT I'M ASKING
19 YOU, COULD WE HAVE A CRISIS CLINIC, MEDICINE AND MENTAL
20 HEALTH? OUR VETERANS AFFAIRS, IF SOMEONE WOULD LOOK INTO IT
21 RIGHT NOW, THEY DO HAVE MONEY FUNDED FOR ANY VETERANS OR NON-
22 CIVILIAN VETERANS, THEY DO HAVE FUNDING RIGHT NOW TO HELP THE
23 CRISIS. I'M SURE WE STILL HAVE A CRISIS CLINIC, RIGHT? UNDER
24 THE DEPARTMENT OF COUNTY? BUT I'M SAYING THAT RIGHT NOW, IT'S
25 AN EMERGENCY, WE NEED EMERGENCY HELP.



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2 **SPEAKER:** (OFF-MIKE) .

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4 **ETHEL JOHNSON:** ALSO, SENIOR FOCUS ON CARE MANAGEMENT,
5 DEPARTMENT OF AGING. WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH PEOPLE IN OUR
6 DISTRICT. WE JUST DON'T HAVE ENOUGH PEOPLE. I HELP THE SENIORS
7 AS MUCH AS I CAN AND THIS HAS BEEN MY-- 20 YEARS AND I'M IN
8 RETIREMENT RIGHT NOW, I'M 66 YEARS OLD. I STARTED AT 14 AND
9 MOVED AROUND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COUNTY SERVICES, WORKED FOR
10 U.C.L.A. I STARTED IN 1958 AND I'M AT M.L.K., I'M STILL THERE,
11 I DID MY RESIDENT THERE, E.K.G., ALSO E.E.G. AND NOW I'M IN A
12 TIME OF RETIREMENT AND I WANT TO KNOW IF THEY WOULD CHECK INTO
13 THAT. RIGHT NOW I'M PERMANENTLY DISABLED BUT I CAN KIND OF
14 MOVE AROUND, YOU KNOW AND I DO THE BEST I CAN UNTIL GOD GETS
15 READY FOR ME TO GO BUT I DO NEED SOME FUNDING, I NEED SOME
16 FUNDING IN THE DISTRICT AND THE DISTRICTS THAT I DO WORK IN,
17 AND THAT'S-- ALSO, I WORKED IN FOURTH DISTRICT, MR. KNABE'S,
18 MR. MIKE ANTONOVICH, ALL FIVE DISTRICTS, IN THE LAST PAST 20
19 YEARS. BUT I'M READY TO RETIRE, SO I WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO
20 LOOK INTO IT. WE DO HAVE SERVICES AT THE MILITARY WESTWOOD. IS
21 THERE ANY FUNDING FOR MENTAL HEALTH, MEDICINE, H.I.V.? WE
22 NEED-- WE NEED EYEGLASSES, TEETH AND THOSE TWO THINGS, I DO
23 NEED. I NEED MY EYEGLASSES AND MY TEETH. I HAVE NO MEDI-CAL
24 CARD. I HAVEN'T HAD A MEDI-CAL CARD IN 10 YEARS, I KEEP GOING
25 BUT I'M READY TO RETIRE RIGHT NOW. I'M GOING TO BE REJOINING



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1 EL PASO, TEXAS. THAT'S WHERE MY DEAD FATHER'S BROTHERS ARE.
2 THEY DON'T HAVE NO HELP, NO SHELTER, NO NOTHING. I WAS MET AT
3 THE BUS AND THEY WAS JUST-- EVERYBODY WAS JUST SCREAMING AND
4 IT'S NO-- IT'S NO-- NO HEALTH, IT'S NO, LIKE, A.F.D.C., NO
5 G.R., NO NOTHING, SO WE DO HAVE SOMETHING THERE, MY FAMILY DO,
6 SO I'M CHECKING INTO IT AND IF I CAN DO ANYTHING, I WILL LET
7 YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT. IT IS SOME LAND THERE AND I'M WILLING TO
8 SHARE AND THAT'S MY PROMISE, I MADE THAT PROMISE, AND I
9 HAVEN'T STEPPED DOWN OFF OF THAT PROMISE AND IF YOU WANT TO,
10 YOU CAN GET IN TOUCH WITH ME AND MY NAME IS ETHEL JOHNSON,
11 OKAY? THANK YOU.

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13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YES, SIR.

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15 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SIR. I'D LIKE TO SPEAK TODAY ABOUT
16 MORGANIAN'S DISEASE. IT'S BEEN ON THE NEWS. THEY DID A
17 DOCUMENTARY ON IT AND CHANNEL 9 DID A SPECIAL ON IT. I DON'T
18 KNOW IF YOU'RE FAMILIAR WITH IT. I DID FAX OVER SOME DOCUMENTS
19 TO YOUR OFFICE. WHAT I WAS HOPING IS MAYBE YOU COULD FORWARD
20 THOSE-- PROMOTE THIS INVESTIGATION BY THE C.D.C., THEY'RE
21 DOING A STUDY ON IT TO DETERMINE IF IT IS A DISEASE OR A
22 HALLUCINATION, THEY BELIEVE IT'S A PARASITOSIS. I'VE
23 CONTRACTED THIS DISEASE AND I'VE HAD IT SEVERAL YEARS. I GOT
24 IT AT C.J., AT THE COUNTY JAIL, AND IT'S PREVAILING AT THE
25 HOMELESS SHELTERS AND AMONG THE HOMELESS POPULATION DOWNTOWN.



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1 NO ONE IS TREATING THIS BECAUSE, AS FAR AS DOCTORS ARE
2 CONCERNED, IT'S A MENTAL CONDITION, IT'S, AS I SAID,
3 PARASITOSIS. I WAS HOPING YOU COULD CONTACT THE RAND SCHROEDER
4 HEALTH AND RESEARCH CENTER. THERE'S A DR. LANSFORD THERE. HE
5 JUST RECENTLY DID TESTS AND DID NOT CONCLUDE THAT IT WAS
6 MORGANIAN'S DISEASE BUT PARASITOSIS, SO I'M HOPING HE WILL
7 FORWARD THIS OVER TO THE C.D.C., WHO IS ASKING DOCTORS TO--
8 ANYBODY WHO HAS A-- SUSPECTED OF HAVING THIS DISEASE BE SENT
9 OVER TO THEM. THERE'S A HOTLINE NUMBER FOR THE C.D.C. FOR
10 MORGALIAN'S AND ALSO THE U.S. STATE SENATOR, DIANE FIESTAND,
11 WROTE A LETTER TO DR. JULIE LOUISE GOLDBERG, THIS IS AT THE
12 C.D.C. SHE'S THE DIRECTOR, ASKING FOR A STUDY ON MORGALIAN'S
13 DISEASE. ALL THIS CAN BE FOUND AT FOUND AT MORGELLONS.ORG AND
14 I'M HOPING I CAN SEND YOU SOME STUFF OVER, MR. ANTONOVICH,
15 THAT YOU CAN HELP ME WITH THIS BECAUSE I BELIEVE I'VE HAD THIS
16 FOR QUITE A FEW YEARS. AND ALL DOCTORS HAVE TOLD ME, I MEAN,
17 FROM CLINICS AND HOSPITALS ACROSS THE SOUTH LAND TO TEXAS THAT
18 I HAVE NOTHING. THEY'LL TAKE TESTS AND STUFF LIKE THAT BUT
19 THERE IS A LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE SAYING THAT THIS IS A
20 DISEASE, IT IS GOING AROUND, IT'S ITCHY AND IT'S NOT-- IT'S
21 NOT VERY INVASIVE BUT IT IS TROUBLESOME AND I'M HOPING MAYBE
22 YOU CAN LEND A HAND AND CONTACT THESE PEOPLE. THANK YOU.

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24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. YES, SIR.

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1 **TERRY JACKSON:** MY NAME IS TERRY JACKSON...

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3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOVE YOUR MICROPHONE OVER THERE. THANK
4 YOU.

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6 **TERRY JACKSON:** MY NAME IS TERRY JACKSON. I'M HERE TO INFORM
7 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THAT YOUR CLERK CHECKED THE WRONG
8 BOX, IT SHOULD BE THE 73 OR 74. IF YOU LOOK AT THE PAPER,
9 THERE ARE PENAL CODE VIOLATIONS ON THERE, SO IT DOESN'T MOVE
10 TO IMMEDIATELY TO YOUR DISTRICT REVIEW. YOU'RE ALSO INFORMED
11 ON THE AB LEVEL 44, AS THE SUPERIOR COURT WAS ALSO ON AB LEVEL
12 44. AS THE COMMISSIONER TO THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT, I
13 WAS SENT HERE TO VERIFY YOUR CONSTITUTION. YOUR CONSTITUTION
14 FAILS. I'VE BEEN ARRESTED BY AGENT 1918, AGENT 9022, AGENT
15 1188, L.A. CITY, L.A. COUNTY AND THE CITY OF CULVER CITY. YOU
16 WAS INFORMED MARCH 17TH, 2000, THAT I WAS COMING TO VERIFY
17 YOUR CONSTITUTIONAL ANALOGIES. THERE'S A LADY LIVING IN VEST
18 PARK THAT YOU REFUSE TO GIVE A VOUCHER FOR HOME, HYGIENE KIT,
19 FOOD STAMPS, CASH AID. THAT'S BEEN THREE OR FOUR CHURCHES
20 SITTING THERE, ALL REFUSE TO DO THE SAME THING. THE CITY OF
21 CULVER CITY SENT A OFFICER BY THE NAME OF MARK WEST, A
22 SERGEANT, WITH A BOOKING NUMBER, A CONFESSION BY A JURIST
23 NAMED JOHN RYAN IN DIVISION 144, CONVICTION OF A SHOPPING CART
24 VIOLATION. THE COUNTY HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO PROVE HOW THIS LADY
25 EXISTS. 1988, A LADY ON THE CORNER OF VERNON IN DINKER GAVE



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1 THIS LADY HER SOCIAL SECURITY CARD. THAT LADY EXPIRED ABOUT 90
2 DAYS OR LESS, WAS FOUND ON THAT BUS STOP WITH \$80,000. THE
3 COUNTY THEN TURNED BACK, WENT AFTER THIS LADY THAT WAS USING
4 HER SOCIAL SECURITY CARD THAT ANOTHER LADY EXPIRED WITH. THE
5 LADY EXPLAINED HER STORY THAT SHE WAS FORMALLY AND FOR 18
6 YEARS, HAD BEEN LIVING ON THE STREETS OF LOS ANGELES. SO
7 WHEREVER THIS LADY WAS THAT HANDED THIS LADY HER SOCIAL
8 SECURITY CARD, BECAUSE SHE HAD NO WAY OF FEEDING TWO KIDS.
9 THIS LADY WAS THEN PUSHED OUT OF THE AIRPORT, INTO CULVER
10 CITY, WHERE SHE'S BEEN THE LAST 18 YEARS, LIVING IN THIS PARK.
11 I'VE BEEN ARRESTED BY THIS AGENCY BECAUSE I HAVE DISCOVERED
12 THIS. UNDER CODE 830, UNDER CODE 13955, ALL AGENCIES IN THE
13 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, IN THE
14 TERRITORY OF THE UNITED STATES HAS JUST BEEN FINED \$1 MILLION
15 FOR VIOLATING THIS CONSTITUTIONAL LADY'S RIGHTS.

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. DO YOU WANT TO WRAP IT UP.

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19 **TERRY JACKSON:** HABEAS CORPUS.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. THANK YOU, SIR.

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23 **TERRY JACKSON:** ARTICLE 127, IF YOU GIVE ME AN ADDITIONAL 5
24 MINUTES TO SPEAK. UNDERSTAND YOU'RE NOT A LAWYER. "YES" OR
25 "NO."



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. OKAY. WE HAVE EXECUTIVE
3 SESSION.

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5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,
6 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL
7 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM CS-1, CONFERENCE
8 WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO
9 LITIGATION, TWO CASES, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA.

10 THANK YOU. There is no reportable action as a result of the
11 Board of Supervisors' closed session held today.

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