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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. BURKE, CHAIR:** THIS MORNING THE INVOCATION WILL BE BY THE  
7   REVEREND WILLIAM BRIONES, THE LOS ANGELES HONPA HONGWANJI  
8   BUDDHIST TEMPLE IN LITTLE TOKYO. THE PLEDGE WILL BE BY GERALD  
9   A. GARLAND, MEMBER OF POST NO. 1614, LA CRESCENTA, VETERANS OF  
10  FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES FROM THE FIFTH DISTRICT.  
11  PLEASE STAND.

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13 **WILLIAM BRIONES:** THANK YOU. PLEASE JOIN ME IN MEDITATION. AS  
14 WE GATHER HERE THIS MORNING AS ELECTED OFFICIALS BY THE  
15 CITIZENS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, LET US REFLECT AND WITH  
16 OUR HEARTS AND MINDS BENT IN DEEP APPRECIATION, EXPRESS OUR  
17 JOY AND SIMPLE THANKFULNESS TO THE INNUMERABLE CAUSES AND  
18 CONDITIONS THAT HAS ALLOWED YOU, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF  
19 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, TO EMBARK ON SUCH AN IMPORTANT TASK  
20 OF GOVERNING AND PROTECTING THE CITIZENS OF THIS GREAT COUNTY.  
21 OUR LIFE IS FILLED WITH WARMTH IN SHARING LIFE WITH OTHERS. IT  
22 IS SIMPLE TRUTH TO LEARN, BUT A DIFFICULT PRACTICE TO FULLY  
23 REALIZE. IN OUR PERSONAL LIFE IT MEANS TO ACT BY PLACING  
24 OURSELVES IN THE POSITION OF ANOTHER AND IN COMMUNITY LIFE IT  
25 MEANS TO GIVE SERVICE WITH JOY AND GRATITUDE FOR THE



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1 BETTERMENT OF ALL. THE PRACTICE OF LIVING IN HARMONY WITH  
2 OTHERS IS BASED ON THE CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF LIFE, WHICH IS  
3 ONENESS. IN DEEP GRATITUDE, LET US REALIZE THIS ONENESS OF ALL  
4 LIFE, THE HEART OF WHICH IS COMPASSION. MAY TODAY'S  
5 PROCEEDINGS BE PRODUCTIVE AND THE DECISIONS MADE TODAY SERVE  
6 ITS COMMUNITY AND ITS PEOPLE IN THE BEST WAY POSSIBLE. MAY THE  
7 ULTIMATE TRUTH OF REALITY SO SHINE WITHIN YOUR HEARTS AND  
8 MINDS AND MAY OUR LEADERS OF OUR GREAT COMMUNITY CONTINUE TO  
9 GUIDE US WITH COMPASSION AND WISDOM. THANK YOU.

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11 **GERALD GARLAND:** WOULD EVERYONE PLACE THEIR RIGHT HAND OVER  
12 THEIR HEART, PLEASE, AND FOLLOW ME IN THE PLEDGE OF  
13 ALLEGIANCE. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

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15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** FROM THE FIRST DISTRICT, SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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17 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BURKE. IT'S MY HONOR THIS  
18 MORNING TO PRESENT TO THE REVEREND WILLIAM BRIONES, A  
19 CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION. REVEREND WILLIAM BRIONES WAS  
20 ORDAINED IN TOKYO, JAPAN. SINCE JANUARY 22ND, HE HAS LED THE  
21 CONGREGATION OF LOS ANGELES BUDDHIST TEMPLE IN LITTLE TOKYO  
22 WHICH IS 900 MEMBERS STRONG. IN ADDITION TO SPEAKING AT  
23 VARIOUS TEMPLES, CONFERENCES, SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS, REVEREND  
24 BRIONES SERVES AS THE MINISTERIAL ADVISER OF THE DARMA SCHOOL,  
25 THE NISI CUB SCOUTS AND THE GIRL SCOUTS AS WELL AS THE



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1 BUDDHIST EDUCATION COMMITTEE. WE WANT TO WELCOME THE REVEREND  
2 TO OUR MEETING AND WANT TO THANK HIM FOR OUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO  
3 THE COMMUNITY AND FOR LEADING US IN A VERY, VERY INSPIRATIONAL  
4 INVOCATION. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WILL PROBABLY BE  
7 ARRIVING IN A MOMENT, SO WE'LL COME BACK TO HIM.

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9 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAME CHAIR, BEFORE WE DO THE AGENDA, MAY I POINT  
10 OUT WE HAD SOME EXCELLENT HELP IN THE AUDIENCE THIS MORNING IN  
11 OUR PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND I'D LIKE TO WELCOME TODAY THE  
12 LONG BEACH AREA BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA. THESE ARE YOUNG MEN  
13 FROM FIVE DIFFERENT SCOUTING UNITS IN LONG BEACH. THEY ARE  
14 HERE TO SEE, LEARN AND EXPERIENCE HOW OUR COUNTY WORKS, AND  
15 THEY ARE WORKING TOWARDS THEIR CITIZENSHIP AND COMMUNICATION  
16 BADGES. SO I'M GOING TO ASK THEM TO STAND UP, BUT THEY STOOD  
17 UP ALREADY. BUT LET'S WELCOME THEM AND THANK THEM. [APPLAUSE.]

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19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, WE WILL RECOGNIZE  
20 YOU FOR THE PLEDGE VETERAN.

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND  
23 AUDIENCE, TODAY AS YOU WERE INTRODUCED TO GERALD GARLAND FROM  
24 SAN FERNANDO VALLEY IN SUNLAND. HE'S A MEMBER OF VETERANS OF  
25 FOREIGN WAR, NUMBER 1614, IN LA CRESCENTA. AND ALSO A MEMBER



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1 OF THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 288 IN LA CRESCENTA. HE WAS PETTY  
2 OFFICER THIRD CLASS, UNITED STATES NAVY, SERVED IN VIETNAM  
3 ABOARD THE U.S.S. SAMUEL GOMPERS. HE IS RETIRED. HE ATTENDED  
4 THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES AND A GREAT GRADUATE  
5 OF CRESCENTA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL. AND HIS WIFE ROWENA IS IN THE  
6 FRONT ROW. SO-- UP HERE, OKAY. SO THANK YOU, GERALD, FOR  
7 COMING DOWN AND LEADING US IN THE PLEDGE. [APPLAUSE.]

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9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** LET'S NOW CALL THE AGENDA.

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11 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** GOOD MORNING, MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE  
12 BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 3, AGENDA FOR THE  
13 MEETING OF THE SANITATION DISTRICTS NUMBER 27 AND 35. ITEMS 1  
14 THROUGH 5.

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16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY MOLINA, WITHOUT  
17 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY  
20 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. 1-D THROUGH 4-D.

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22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH,  
23 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING  
2 AUTHORITY, ITEMS 1- H THROUGH 6-H.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY KNABE,  
5 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE REGIONAL PARK  
8 AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT, ITEMS 1-P AND 2-P.

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10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY MOLINA, WITHOUT  
11 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 4. ON  
14 ITEM NUMBER 1, THERE IS A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC  
15 TO HOLD THIS ITEM. THE REMAINING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ON THE REMAINDER MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED  
18 BY YAROSLAVSKY, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CONSENT CALENDAR, ITEMS 5 THROUGH 52. ON  
21 ITEM NUMBER 5, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE  
22 CONTINUED FIVE WEEKS TO JANUARY 15TH, 2008.

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24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 9, THERE ARE REQUESTS FROM  
2 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 10,  
3 THERE IS A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS  
4 ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 11, THERE IS A REQUEST FROM THE MEMBER OF  
5 THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 16, AS INDICATED  
6 ON THE POSTED AGENDA, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS  
7 THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO DECEMBER 18TH, 2007.

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9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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11 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 17, THERE IS A REQUEST FROM  
12 THE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 21,  
13 THERE IS A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS  
14 ITEM. AND ON ITEM 28, THERE IS A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE  
15 PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. AND ON ITEM 42, THERE IS ALSO A  
16 REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. THE  
17 REMAINING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ON THE REMAINING ITEMS, MOVED BY  
20 YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
21 ORDERED.

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23 **SUP. KNABE:** WAS THAT LAST ONE 42 OR 41?

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25 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 42.



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**SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** 42.

**CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE ARE NOW ON PAGE 27, SEPARATE MATTER.  
ITEM 53. AND I'LL READ THE SHORT TITLE IN FOR THE RECORD. THIS  
IS THE TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF LENNOX SCHOOL  
DISTRICT GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS 2007 ELECTION SERIES 2007 IN  
THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$4 MILLION.

**SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY BURKE, SECONDED BY MOLINA; WITHOUT  
OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

**CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** DISCUSSION ITEMS, ITEMS 54 THROUGH 56, ON  
ITEMS 54 AND 55, WE'LL HOLD FOR A DISCUSSION. AND ON ITEM 56,  
AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH  
REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED WITHOUT DISCUSSION TO  
JANUARY 22ND, 2008 AT 1 O'CLOCK.

**SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION.

**CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THAT WAS 56.

**SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT WAS A HEARING?



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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** YES. MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA  
2 WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE  
3 MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, ON ITEM 57-  
4 A, SUPERVISOR BURKE REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED FIVE  
5 WEEKS TO JANUARY 15TH, 2008.

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7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND 57-B IS BEFORE YOU.

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11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY BURKE, SECONDED BY KNABE; WITHOUT  
12 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA.  
15 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL  
16 DISTRICT NUMBER 3.

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18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, SUPERVISOR MOLINA, DO YOU WANT  
19 TO MAKE A PRESENTATION TO THE CONSUL GENERAL? WE DON'T HAVE  
20 THE--

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22 **SUP. MOLINA:** WE RECEIVED INFORMATION LAST NIGHT THAT IT IS  
23 WITH REGRET THAT WE ARE GOING TO SEE CONSUL GENERAL OF MEXICO  
24 LEAVING LOS ANGELES AND I GUESS HE HAS BEEN CALLED TO NEW YORK  
25 TO CARRY OUT THE WORK THERE. IT WAS A DECISION I'M SURE



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1 BECAUSE OF THE WONDERFUL WORK HE DOES HERE, HE WAS SUMMONED TO  
2 SERVED IN NEW YORK CITY. ALL I CAN SAY IS WE ARE SO GRATEFUL  
3 FOR THE KIND OF WORK THAT YOU HAVE DONE. THIS GENTLEMAN HAS  
4 PROVIDED UNBELIEVABLE LEADERSHIP TO THE MEXICAN COMMUNITY HERE  
5 AS WELL AS TO THE MEXICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY AND PLAYED QUITE  
6 A LEADERSHIP ROLE IN MANY AREAS WITHIN OUR CIVIC  
7 RESPONSIBILITIES. MOST RECENTLY, HE AND I COLLABORATED ON A  
8 PROGRAM CALLED MANTENIA DE SALUD WHICH ASSISTS WITH A PUBLIC  
9 HEALTH PROGRAM FOR INFORMATION AND REFERRALS THROUGH A GREAT  
10 COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP WE HAVE WITH ALTA MED. WE'VE ALSO  
11 SUCCESSFULLY COLLABORATED IN THE YEARS OF THE BINATIONAL  
12 BORDER HEALTH INITIATIVES AND PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COUNTY  
13 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. AND THERE ARE VARIOUS PROGRAMS  
14 THAT HE HAS CARRIED OUT. HIS LEADERSHIP HAS BEEN AMAZING TO  
15 ALL OF US. AND AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE A VERY, VERY LARGE MEXICAN  
16 COMMUNITY HERE. HE DOES A GREAT JOB IN REPRESENTING THEIR  
17 INTERESTS AT ALL ISSUES. AND SINCE IT WAS SO SUDDEN, WE DON'T  
18 HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT YOU WITH THE OFFICIAL SCROLL,  
19 WHICH WILL BE SENT TO YOU, BUT I DID WANT TO SHARE WITH YOU  
20 SOME GIFTS FROM ALL OF US. IT'S A REPLICA OF DISNEY HALL AND  
21 ANOTHER COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE. AND SO WE HOPE YOU WILL ENJOY  
22 THEM, AND, REMEMBER US AS YOU CARRY OUT YOUR LEADERSHIP IN NEW  
23 YORK CITY.

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25 **CONSUL GENERAL BELTRAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAME CHAIR, BEFORE THE CONSUL GENERAL  
3 SPEAKS, IF I CAN JUST SAY A WORD. WE'VE BECOME GOOD FRIENDS  
4 DURING YOUR TENURE HERE. CONSUL GENERAL IS SEEN BY MOST PEOPLE  
5 AS THE CONSUL GENERAL OF MEXICO AND REPRESENTING HIS  
6 GOVERNMENT IN LOS ANGELES, WHICH OF COURSE HE DOES, AND HE  
7 DOES VERY ABLY. BUT HE'S A MAN OF THE WORLD. HE'S BEEN AROUND  
8 IN SOME GREAT SENSITIVE POSTS AROUND THE WORLD, AND THIS IS  
9 NEWS TO ME. I WAS SO SORRY TO HEAR THAT YOU'LL BE LEAVING US  
10 BECAUSE ASIDE FROM EVERYTHING ELSE, YOU'RE JUST A GREAT GUY.  
11 CANDID, AND YOU'VE TAUGHT ME A LOT ABOUT MEXICO AND MEXICANS.  
12 SO I APPRECIATE OUR FRIENDSHIP VERY MUCH AND WISH YOU WELL.

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14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL I CERTAINLY WOULD LIKE TO JOIN IN  
15 SAYING HOW MUCH WE HAVE ENJOYED WORKING WITH YOU. AND YOU HAVE  
16 BEEN PARTICULARLY WONDERFUL TO OUR DISTRICT, TO OUR STAFF, AND  
17 WELCOMING THEM AND WORKING WITH THEM. AND WE CERTAINLY WILL  
18 MISS YOU, BUT WE WISH YOU WELL.

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20 **CONSUL GENERAL BELTRAN:** THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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22 **SUP. KNABE:** I WOULD ADD THE SAME. WE HAVE HAD A GREAT WORKING  
23 RELATIONSHIP WITHIN THE CONFINES NOT ONLY OF OUR DISTRICT BUT  
24 THE COUNTY, AND HAVE ENJOYED WORKING WITH YOU. WISH YOU THE  
25 VERY BEST. I THINK YOU WILL REMEMBER US THOUGH AS SOON AS YOU



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1 GET OFF THE PLANE AND YOU FEEL THE COLD. [LAUGHTER.] THERE  
2 WILL BE A DIFFERENCE.

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4 **CONSUL GENERAL BELTRAN:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME  
5 CHAIR. SUPERVISOR MOLINA, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SUPERVISOR  
6 KNABE, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. IT IS WITH A HEAVY HEART THAT I  
7 AM TAKING OFF AND I AM ENDING MY DUTY, MY TERM OF DUTY HERE IN  
8 LOS ANGELES. BECAUSE IT HAS BEEN FOUR YEARS NOW. FOUR YEARS  
9 AGO I WAS INTRODUCED HERE IN THESE CHAMBERS BEFORE YOU. AND  
10 NOW IT IS MY TURN TO LEAVE. IT WAS A WONDERFUL TIME. I LEARNED  
11 A LOT FROM YOU. AND WITHIN THESE VERY CHAMBERS, A LOT OF  
12 DISCUSSIONS THAT AFFECTED POSITIVELY THE LIVES OF HUNDREDS OF  
13 THOUSANDS OF MEXICANS TOOK PLACE. AND I WOULD LIKE TO PUBLICLY  
14 GIVE YOU A WONDERFUL, WARM WORD OF THANK YOU ON BEHALF OF ALL  
15 THE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF MEXICANS THAT ARE LIVING HERE.  
16 YOU'RE DOING SUCH A WONDERFUL JOB HERE BENEFITING THE WHOLE  
17 COMMUNITY, THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE. SO CONGRATULATIONS FOR THE  
18 WONDERFUL JOB YOU DO. AND I WOULD LIKE JUST TO, ON ANOTHER  
19 ISSUE, ON A PERSONAL ITEM, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR  
20 MOLINA FOR HAVING THIS INITIATIVE OF ALLOWING ME TO SAY  
21 GOODBYE TO YOU AND PRESENT FOR THE LAST TIME AS CONSUL GENERAL  
22 OF MEXICO, LOS ANGELES MY RESPECTS TO ALL OF YOU. YOU KNOW,  
23 CONSUL GENERAL SERVES AT THE PLEASURE OF THE PRESIDENT, SO I  
24 JUST BARELY HAD A CHANCE TO GO AND APPEAR BEFORE THE SENATE  
25 ONLY LAST WEEK FOR MY CONFIRMATION HEARING. IT WAS ALL OF A



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1 SUDDEN. AND NOW I AM-- THIS VERY WEEKEND I'M LEAVING FOR NEW  
2 YORK. BUT I AM CERTAINLY LEAVING FRIENDS HERE LIKE SUPERVISOR  
3 YAROSLAVSKY. WE ENJOYED TOGETHER WONDERFUL TIMES AT THE  
4 HOLLYWOOD BOWL AND ALSO WATCHING SPORTS TOGETHER AND OUR  
5 FAMILIES ENJOYING TOGETHER. SO I'M LEAVING FRIENDS AS GLORIA  
6 MOLINA, ALL OF YOU, SUPERVISOR BURKE, SUPERVISOR KNABE,  
7 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, ALL OF YOU HAVE BEEN GREAT TO US, GREAT  
8 TO ME PERSONALLY. IT'S BEEN A FANTASTIC FOUR YEARS. I WANT TO  
9 THANK YOU EVERYBODY FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SAY GOODBYE TO  
10 YOU. AND IF YOU ALLOW ME, I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE A PICTURE WITH  
11 THE FIVE OF YOU TOGETHER. THAT WOULD BE A WONDERFUL MEMENTO  
12 FOR ME. THANK YOU.

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14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MR. YAROSLAVSKY, YOU'RE UP FIRST. OKAY. MR.  
15 KNABE, DO YOU HAVE PRESENTATIONS?

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17 **SUP. KNABE:** DO I HAVE WHAT?

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19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** PRESENTATIONS?

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21 **SUP. KNABE:** NO, I DON'T.

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23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FIRST I WANT TO WELCOME OUR STUDENTS AND  
2 RECOGNIZE OUR STUDENTS WHO HAVE DONE EXTREMELY WELL. AND AS  
3 YOU KNOW, WE INITIATED, A FEW YEARS AGO, A PROGRAM WHERE WE  
4 HONOR OUR STUDENTS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY  
5 SERVICES. WE HONOR THEM WITH A RECOGNITION FROM THE COUNTY.  
6 AND WE ARE VERY PLEASED THAT THE Y.O.U. ORGANIZATION AND  
7 SYLVIA FOGLEMAN IS HERE. WE HAVE A \$50 GIFT CERTIFICATE TO  
8 BARNES AND NOBLE BOOKSTORE TO HELP THEM IMPROVE AND CONTINUE  
9 THEIR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE. AND TODAY WE'RE GOING TO HAVE  
10 OUR DEPARTMENT CHAIR, TRISH PLOEHN, ARMENA MONTEL, MICHAEL  
11 RICE, ARLENE INNOCENTE AND I SAID, SYLVIA FOGLEMAN FROM THE  
12 BOARD MEMBER FROM Y.O.U. OUR FIRST HIGH ACHIEVER IN THE  
13 ENRICHMENT PLUS PROGRAM FOR THE MOST IMPROVED ACADEMIC  
14 ACHIEVEMENT IS GOING TO BE RICARDO SALGADO. [APPLAUSE.] OUR  
15 MOST IMPROVED ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT, ELIJAH RANDALL. [APPLAUSE]  
16 BEST ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT, CHELSEA MONTGOMERY. [APPLAUSE]  
17 TEVIAN ABBOTT, BEST ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT, ENRICHMENT PLUS  
18 PROGRAM. [APPLAUSE] NEXT, MOST IMPROVED ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT  
19 IS ANDREW JIMENEZ. [APPLAUSE] OUR NEXT MOST IMPROVED ACADEMIC  
20 ACHIEVEMENT, ENRICHMENT PLUS PROGRAM RECIPIENT IS MARTHA  
21 GUZMAN. [APPLAUSE] SHE'S ON HER WAY. THE NEXT ONE WILL BE  
22 CATHERINE GONZALEZ. [APPLAUSE] WHEN MARTHA COMES, WE WILL GIVE  
23 HER HER PRESENTATION AT THAT TIME. LET ME INTRODUCE OUR  
24 DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT, TRISH PLOEHN.  
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1 **PATRICIA PLOEHN:** GOOD MORNING. ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT, I  
2 JUST WANT TO CONGRATULATE ALL OF THESE OUTSTANDING YOUTH AND  
3 THANK SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND THE BOARD FOR HONORING THEM.  
4 WE'RE VERY PROUD OF WHAT THEY HAVE DONE. I KNOW THEIR FAMILIES  
5 ARE, AND WE'RE ALL LOOKING FORWARD FOR WHAT THEY WILL BE DOING  
6 FOR OUR COUNTRY AND OUR COUNTY IN THE FUTURE. THANK YOU.

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AS YOU KNOW, THIS PAST MONTH PLUS AGO, WE HAD  
9 A DEVASTATING FIRE IN THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY AND A BRIDGE  
10 WAS DESTROYED IN THAT FIRE. AND OUR DEPARTMENT WAS VERY  
11 PROACTIVE. WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE DON WOLF, DEAN ESATHOS, AND  
12 THE CHIEF DEPUTY DIRECTOR, WILLIAM HAIGHLY, THE DEPUTY  
13 DIRECTOR. WE HAVE 14 MEMBERS FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS WHO  
14 RESPONDED AND REBUILT THE BRIDGE, RESTORED THE BRIDGE, AND WAS  
15 ABLE TO HAVE THAT COMMUNITY RESTORED TO ITS ABILITY TO BE  
16 MOBILE. THIS WAS A FAST TRACKING PROGRAM OF THE VASQUEZ CANYON  
17 BRIDGE. THAT WAS DESTROYED BY THE BUCK WHEAT FIRE. THAT WAS ON  
18 OCTOBER 21ST. IT BURNED-- THIS FIRE BURNED NEARLY 38,000  
19 ACRES. THREE CIVILIANS AND TWO FIREFIGHTERS SUSTAINED INJURY.  
20 A TOTAL OF 32 STRUCTURES WERE LOST, 15,000 RESIDENTS WERE  
21 EVACUATED. ONE OF THOSE STRUCTURES LOST WAS THE VASQUEZ CANYON  
22 BRIDGE. IT WAS A WOODEN BRIDGE LOCATED AT VASQUEZ CANYON ROAD  
23 AND BOUQUET CANYON ROAD. THE BRIDGE SERVED AS A MAJOR  
24 THOROUGHFARE FOR OUR SANTA CLARITA RESIDENTS CONNECTING SAUGUS  
25 WITH CANYON COUNTRY. AT MY REQUEST, WORK CREWS FROM THE



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1 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS WORKED AROUND THE CLOCK TO REBUILD  
2 THAT VASQUEZ CANYON BRIDGE. WORK CREWS CLEARED DEBRIS, CUT  
3 TIMBERS FOR THE DECK, ASSEMBLED PORTIONS OF THE BRIDGE IN THE  
4 OPEN SPACE NEAR THE COLLAPSED BRIDGE. IN THE INTERIM, COUNTY  
5 CREWS CONSTRUCTED TWO TEMPORARY 40-FOOT LONG BRIDGES, ONE  
6 EASTBOUND, THE OTHER WESTBOUND TO PREVENT THE DISRUPTION OF  
7 DAY-TO-DAY ACTIVITIES. ON NOVEMBER 10TH, THE BRIDGE REOPENED,  
8 TWO DAYS AHEAD OF SCHEDULE. AND THAT WAS JUST LIKE WHEN THE  
9 CAL TRANS AND THE PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP REOPENED THE 10  
10 FREEWAY WHICH HAD BEEN DESTROYED IN THE 1993 DEVASTATING NORTH  
11 RIDGE EARTHQUAKE. SO WE HAVE 14 WORKERS, EMPLOYEES FROM THE  
12 DEPARTMENT WHO ARE HERE TODAY WHO HAVE BEEN GIVEN RECOGNITION  
13 WITH PROCLAMATIONS THAT ARE HERE. WE WANT TO THANK EACH OF  
14 THEM. AND WE WANT TO AGAIN THANK THE DEPARTMENT AND WE'LL TAKE  
15 A PICTURE AND THEN WE'LL HAVE DON SAY A FEW WORDS. [APPLAUSE]

16

17 **DON HAIGHLY:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. I'M ALWAYS PROUD OF THE  
18 EMPLOYEES AT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. BUT WHAT HAPPENED  
19 OUT AT VASQUEZ CANYON REALLY STANDS OUT AS A REAL  
20 ACCOMPLISHMENT OF TEAMWORK. UNFORTUNATELY, NOT EVERYBODY THAT  
21 WAS INVOLVED COULD BE HERE TODAY, OR NOTHING WOULD BE GETTING  
22 DONE AT PUBLIC WORKS. BUT THESE FOLKS CAME OUT TO REPRESENT  
23 ALL THE EMPLOYEES FROM OUR DESIGN FOLKS, OUR TRAFFIC FOLKS,  
24 BRIDGE MAINTENANCE. AND THEY WERE SO EXCITED ABOUT THIS  
25 OPPORTUNITY, THEY WERE ACTUALLY ASSEMBLING THE BRIDGE OUT IN



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1 VASQUEZ CANYON WHILE THE OLD ONE WAS STILL BURNING. AND SO  
2 THAT ENTHUSIASM AND THAT CAN DO ATTITUDE REALLY BASICALLY  
3 SAVED THE DAY FOR THE FOLKS IN BOUQUET CANYON. IT'S A MAJOR  
4 ROUTE FOR COMMUTING. AND, AGAIN, I'M VERY, VERY PROUD OF WHAT  
5 THEY ACCOMPLISHED AND THE ATTITUDE THAT THEY TOOK IN GETTING  
6 THIS BRIDGE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ASK THOSE IN THE AUDIENCE FROM THE  
9 DEPARTMENT IF THEY COULD PLEASE STAND WHO ALSO HELPED, FROM  
10 THE AUDIENCE? THANK YOU. GOOD JOB. [APPLAUSE.] LET ME ALSO  
11 BRING UP NOW MARTHA GUZMAN WHO WAS MOST IMPROVED ACADEMIC  
12 ACHIEVEMENT IN OUR ENRICHMENT PLUS PROGRAM AND CONGRATULATE  
13 HER ON HER ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS.  
14 AND AS I SAID, THE YOUTH FOUNDATION HAS A \$50 GIFT CERTIFICATE  
15 FOR BARNES AND NOBLE FOR BOOKS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES. SO  
16 CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.] NOW WE HAVE A VERY CUTE LITTLE  
17 DOG NAMED CHICO, WHICH IS A TERRIER. BLACK AND WHITE TERRIER.  
18 SHE'S THREE YEARS OLD. GOT A RED CHRISTMAS SWEATER ON. AND SO  
19 THIS IS LITTLE CHICO LOOKING FOR A HOME. ANYBODY LIKE TO ADOPT  
20 HER? SHE WOULD MAKE A CUTE LITTLE ADDITION TO YOUR FAMILY. YOU  
21 CAN CALL THE TELEPHONE NUMBER AT THE BOTTOM OF YOUR SCREEN. OR  
22 ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE THAT WOULD LIKE TO HAVE LITTLE CHICO,  
23 SHE WOULD LIKE TO BE AT YOUR HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS. I MEAN WE  
24 STILL HAVE ANOTHER DAY OF HANUKKAH FOR GIFTS, RIGHT ZEV? SO  
25 MAYBE BARBARA COULD GIVE YOU A NICE LITTLE GIFT TONIGHT. YOU



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1 HAVE A FEW DAYS, OR A COUPLE WEEKS FOR CHRISTMAS OR THREE  
2 WEEKS TILL ORTHODOX CHRISTMAS. SO CHICO WOULD HAVE A NICE  
3 HOME. A LOVING HOME. HOW ABOUT STEVE? CUTE LITTLE DOG. THANK  
4 YOU.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, YOU WERE UP FIRST?

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ARE WE DONE?

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NO, I HAVE MY PRESENTATIONS. I HAVE A  
11 PRESENTATION. I'D LIKE TO CALL FORWARD THE DEPARTMENT OF  
12 PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR OF GRAFFITI ABATEMENT, ARI TESALES AND  
13 WE ALSO HAVE K.C.B.S. MARKETING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, DANIELLE  
14 MOSIER. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR BEING HERE. TOTALLY AGAINST  
15 GRAFFITI, T.A.G., IS A PROGRAM DESIGNED TO EDUCATE BOTH  
16 STUDENTS AND PARENTS ABOUT THE COSTS AND CONSEQUENCES OF  
17 GRAFFITI WHILE REDUCING THE VISIBILITY OF GRAFFITI IN L.A.  
18 COUNTY NEIGHBORHOODS. IN COLLABORATION WITH THE LOS ANGELES  
19 COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION, SAFE SCHOOLS CENTER, EDUCATIONAL  
20 MATERIALS ABOUT THE GRAFFITI ABATEMENT PROGRAM ARE DISTRIBUTED  
21 TO OVER 180 LOS ANGELES COUNTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS. THE  
22 CHILDREN ARE ENCOURAGED TO BETTER THEIR COMMUNITIES BY  
23 REPORTING GRAFFITI AND DISCOURAGING OTHERS FROM DAMAGING  
24 PROPERTY. IN ADDITION TO NOT PARTICIPATING WHEN PEERS TAG  
25 AREAS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS. A ESPECIALLY DESIGNED R.V. MAKES



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1 GUEST APPEARANCES AT THE PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS. THE R.V. IS A  
2 MOBILE EDUCATIONAL VEHICLE USED TO CREATE EXCITEMENT ABOUT  
3 WORKING TOGETHER TO FIGHT GRAFFITI. THE TOTALLY AGAINST  
4 GRAFFITI T.A.G. PROGRAM HAS RECEIVED NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR  
5 THEIR EFFORTS. THEY'VE ALSO BEEN AWARDED THE COUNTY IMAGE  
6 ENHANCEMENT AWARD AND THE TOP 10 AWARD FROM THE PRODUCTIVITY  
7 AND QUALITY AWARDS PROGRAM. SO IT'S WITH GREAT PLEASURE I  
8 PRESENT THIS SCROLL TO C.B.S. RADIO MARKETING, TO THE LOS  
9 ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND THE LOS ANGELES  
10 COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION FOR THEIR SUCCESS OF T.A.G.

11 [APPLAUSE.]

12

13 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, EVERYONE. IT'S AN HONOR. I'VE  
14 BEEN PART OF THIS PROGRAM FOR SEVEN YEARS NOW, BUILT IT WITH  
15 THESE BARE HANDS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
16 WORKS AND WE'RE VERY PROUD OF THIS PROGRAM. I WISH THAT I  
17 COULD BRING YOU ALL INTO A SCHOOL ASSEMBLY WITH ME, WHERE I  
18 SIT IN FRONT OF LITTLE KIDS AND I ASK THEM QUESTIONS ABOUT  
19 WHAT THEY KNOW ABOUT GRAFFITI AND WHAT THEY DON'T KNOW ABOUT  
20 GRAFFITI. THEY QUOTE OUR T.V. COMMERCIAL. THEY QUOTE OUR 1-800  
21 NUMBER AND WE EMPOWER THEM TO HELP US ALL MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN  
22 FIGHTING GRAFFITI IN L.A. COUNTY AND MAKING THIS PLACE BETTER.  
23 IT'S JUST A GREAT REWARD EVERY SINGLE DAY. AND I PERSONALLY DO  
24 THE ASSEMBLIES. AND I WISH I COULD TAKE YOU WITH ME SO YOU  
25 COULD SEE THE FACES OF THESE CHILDREN, BECAUSE US IN THIS ROOM



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1 CAN'T FIGHT GRAFFITI ALONE. WE NEED TO GET THE COMMUNITY  
2 TOGETHER WITH US. AND WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,  
3 IT'S JUST BEEN AN AMAZING RIDE AND I HOPE WE CAN CONTINUE TO  
4 GROW THIS PROGRAM AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN L.A. COUNTY. THANK  
5 YOU VERY MUCH.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

8

9 **SPEAKER:** ON BEHALF OF PUBLIC WORKS AND THE COUNTY, DANIELLE  
10 AND T.A.G., I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR CONTRIBUTION  
11 TO EDUCATING OUR KIDS ON FIGHTING GRAFFITI, ON COMBATING THIS  
12 PROBLEM AND ON INCREASING THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL OF US.  
13 THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** CAN WE GET A GROUP PICTURE? NOW SUPERVISOR  
18 YAROSLAVSKY.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. I HAVE ONE ADJOURNING MOTION, MADAME  
21 CHAIR. AND IT'S THAT WE ADJOURN TODAY IN MEMORY OF PAULINE  
22 WEINSTEIN LEDEEN, A RETIRED ATTORNEY AND LONG-STANDING  
23 VOLUNTEER WHO REGULARLY MET WITH INMATES IN THE LOS ANGELES  
24 COUNTY JAILS, WHO DIED OF CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE AT THE AGE  
25 OF 97. HER BUSINESS GREW OUT OF HER INVOLVEMENT WITH THE



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1 JEWISH COMMITTEE FOR PERSONAL SERVICE, A PROJECT ASSOCIATED  
2 WITH GATEWAYS HOSPITAL AND MENTAL HEALTH CENTER. DATED BACK TO  
3 1947 WHEN SHE FIRST JOINED THE PROGRAM'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS.  
4 HER DEDICATION AND COMPASSION THROUGH THE YEARS WON HER THE  
5 NICKNAME OF "BUBBA TERESA." FROM 1967 TO 1980 SHE AND HER  
6 HUSBAND TRAVELED AROUND THE STATE VISITING THE PRISONERS. AND  
7 AFTER SUSTAINING AN INJURY AND SUFFERING THE DEATH OF HER  
8 HUSBAND A YEAR LATER, SINCE 1981, SHE HAD CONFINED HER INMATE  
9 VISITS TO OUR LOS ANGELES COUNTY JAILS, A PERSONAL MISSION  
10 WHICH CONTINUED UNTIL JUST TWO YEARS AGO. SHE WAS A 1933  
11 GRADUATE OF SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW. SHE LATER  
12 OPENED HER PRACTICE, SPECIALIZING IN CONTRACT LAW AND ESTATE  
13 PLANNING BUT ALSO WORKED FOR AND SERVED ON THE BOARD OF  
14 DIRECTORS OF GATEWAYS HOSPITAL. SHE WENT ON TO BECOME ACTIVE  
15 IN A NUMBER OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS. SHE IS SURVIVED BY THREE  
16 STEPCHILDREN, HELEN FIUL, AMO ETLIN AND ROBERT LEDEEN. THAT'S  
17 ALL THE ADJOURNING MOTIONS I HAVE.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'D LIKE TO CALL UP ITEM 55, WHICH IS THE  
22 TOBACCO ISSUE. YOU MAY HAVE SOME PEOPLE WHO WANT TO BE HEARD,  
23 I DON'T KNOW.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MICHAEL FRANKLIN? IT'S A HEARING. PUBLIC  
2 HEARING IS NOW OPEN.

3

4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IF I COULD GO AHEAD AND SWEAR ALL THOSE  
5 INDIVIDUALS WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY ON ITEM 55? IF YOU COULD STAND  
6 AND RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND? ON THE ITEM 55? IN THE TESTIMONY  
7 YOU MAY GIVE BEFORE THIS BOARD, DO YOU SOLEMNLY AFFIRM TO TELL  
8 THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH, AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH, SO HELP  
9 YOU GOD? PLEASE BE SEATED. THANK YOU. AND IF I COULD I'LL JUST  
10 READ THE SHORT TITLE IN FOR THE RECORD. THIS IS THE HEARING ON  
11 AMENDMENTS TO THE COUNTY CODE TITLE 8, CONSUMER PROTECTION AND  
12 BUSINESS REGULATIONS, AND TITLE 11, HEALTH AND SAFETY TO SET  
13 FORTH PROVISIONS FOR TOBACCO RETAIL LICENSING PROGRAM FOR  
14 TOBACCO RETAILERS, DEFINING TOBACCO RETAILING AND ESTABLISHING  
15 AN ANNUAL TOBACCO RETAILING LICENSE FEE.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE HAVE ASKED  
18 TO BE HEARD. MICHAEL FRANKLIN, OLGA STRAUSS. STEVE AFRIAT.  
19 WOULD YOU PLEASE COME FORWARD?

20

21 **MICHAEL FRANKLIN:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS MICHAEL FRANKLIN.  
22 IT'S GOOD TO SEE EVERYONE. I WANT TO COMMENT ON THE TOBACCO  
23 RETAIL LICENSE, ITEM NUMBER 55. JUST SOME BRIEF COMMENTS ABOUT  
24 THE SCOPE OF WORK WE DO. WE WORK IN INGLEWOOD TO PASS THE  
25 EXACT SAME MEASURE OF TOBACCO RETAIL LICENSE. WE FIRST OF ALL



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1 HAD TO DOCUMENT THE PROBLEM OF YOUTH ACCESS IN THE COMMUNITY.  
2 AND WE DID SO BY RECRUITING KIDS FROM LOCAL HIGH SCHOOLS. WE  
3 PURPOSELY CHOSE KIDS THAT LOOKED LIKE KIDS JUST SO THERE WON'T  
4 BE ANY MISTAKING THEIR AGES. THERE WON'T BE ANY  
5 MISUNDERSTANDING ABOUT THE FACT THEY WERE UNDER AGE. AND WE  
6 TOOK THEM TO 90 STORES IN INGLEWOOD. UNFORTUNATELY, WE HAD A  
7 RATE OF ABOUT 51 PERCENT OF TOBACCO RETAILERS WILLING TO SELL  
8 OUR KIDS TOBACCO. WE HAD THE KIDS ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT  
9 CHAPERONE TO DOCUMENT THIS. WE TOOK IT BEFORE OUR LOCAL CITY  
10 COUNCIL. AND I'M GLAD TO SAY THAT THE INGLEWOOD CITY COUNCIL,  
11 AS OF AUGUST '07, UNANIMOUSLY PASSED OUR TOBACCO RETAIL  
12 LICENSE. THE FEE THAT WAS SETTLED ON IN INGLEWOOD WAS \$350.  
13 THAT BRINGS UP THE NEXT POINT, WHICH IS, ONE OF THE MOST  
14 COMMON OUTCRIES OF TOBACCO RETAILERS IS THE COST OF THE  
15 LICENSE, THAT THEY FEEL IT'S JUST UNNECESSARY LICENSE THAT'S  
16 IMPOSED UPON THEM UNFAIRLY. BUT SOME OF THE DOCUMENTATION THAT  
17 THE GROCERS' INDUSTRY PROVIDES, THE RETAIL INDUSTRY PROVIDES,  
18 SUGGESTS THAT THE FIGURES ARE BEYOND BELIEF AS FAR AS THE  
19 MONEY THEY GENERATE EACH YEAR FROM TOBACCO SALES. AND SO IT'S  
20 A VERY WEAK ARGUMENT THAT IT'S AN IMPOSITION TO PAY A TOBACCO  
21 RETAIL LICENSE. IT'S NOT AN IMPOSITION. IT'S THE COST OF DOING  
22 BUSINESS AND IT'S ALSO THE REASON WE WANT TO PROTECT OUR KIDS.  
23 AS A MATTER OF FACT, IF I CAN END ON THIS NOTE, WHAT WE INTEND  
24 TO DO IS STOP THEM FROM SELLING TOBACCO TO KIDS. WE WANT TO



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1 KEEP IT FOCUSED ON KIDS. IT'S NOT ABOUT THE TOBACCO RETAILERS.  
2 IT'S ABOUT THE KIDS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

5

6 **OLGA STRAUSS:** GOOD MORNING TO THE BOARD. MY NAME IS OLGA  
7 STRAUSS-WEIKOWA. I AM A HEALTH EDUCATOR. THE PRIMARY  
8 PREVENTION THAT WE CAN DO IS TO HAVE CHILDREN ACCESS TO THE  
9 TOBACCO PRODUCTS. I AM A WITNESS EVERY DAY IN MY COMMUNITY,  
10 AND MANY KIDS HAVE ACCESS TO THESE PRODUCTS. AND BY  
11 SUPPORTING, BY YOU GIVING YOUR SUPPORT TO THIS TOBACCO LICENSE  
12 RETAIL PROGRAM, YOU CAN GO AHEAD AND STOP FOR CHILDREN TO GET  
13 THESE TOBACCO PRODUCTS. IF YOU GIVE HIGHER FEES, YOU WILL STOP  
14 THE ACCESS TO CHILDREN. AND THAT'S THE SIMPLE PRIMARY  
15 PREVENTION THAT YOU CAN DO. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND COULD WE ASK LIYA YEVDOSIN  
18 AND STEVE GALLEGOS TO COME FORWARD.

19

20 **STEVEN AFRIAT:** GOOD MORNING, MADAME CHAIR, SUPERVISORS. I'M  
21 STEVEN AFRIAT, AND I'M PRESIDENT OF THE BUSINESS LICENSE  
22 COMMISSION. LAST JANUARY-- AND I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF ALL FIVE  
23 MEMBERS WHO VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO RECOMMEND THIS ORDINANCE TO  
24 YOU. LAST JANUARY, WE CONDUCTED OVER THREE HOURS OF PUBLIC  
25 HEARINGS AT THE REQUEST OF YOUR BOARD. IN ANTICIPATION OF



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1 THOSE HEARINGS, WE DIRECTED OUR STAFF TO INVITE THROUGH DIRECT  
2 LETTERS ALL LICENSED BUSINESSES IN THE COUNTY, OVER 1,100, WHO  
3 HOLD LICENSES THAT COULD SELL TOBACCO. WE ALSO INVITED THE  
4 CALIFORNIA GROCERS' ASSOCIATION, THE MEXICAN AMERICAN GROCERS'  
5 ASSOCIATION, THE KOREAN GROCERS' AND THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
6 GROCERS' ASSOCIATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HEARINGS. NONE OF  
7 THESE ORGANIZATIONS OR INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS CHOSE TO SHOW UP AT  
8 OUR HEARING TO TESTIFY WITH REGARD TO THEIR CONCERNS ABOUT  
9 THIS ORDINANCE. WE DID, HOWEVER, HAVE EXTRAORDINARY TESTIMONY  
10 FROM COUNTY FAMILY, FROM CHILDREN, WHO FROM INDIVIDUALS WHO  
11 CARE ABOUT HEALTHCARE AND TOBACCO SALES TO MINORS IN LOS  
12 ANGELES COUNTY, INCLUDING YOUR OWN L.A. COUNTY HEAD OF  
13 CARDIOLOGY, WHO REPORTED THE MILLIONS AND MILLIONS OF DOLLARS  
14 OF TAXPAYER MONEY THAT IS DIRECTLY RELATED TO TREATING PEOPLE  
15 IN THE COUNTY SYSTEMS AS A RESULT OF TOBACCO ABUSE. TODAY YOU  
16 HAVE A LETTER FROM THE CALIFORNIA GROCERS' ASSOCIATION ASKING  
17 YOU TO CONSIDER WEAKENING THIS ORDINANCE BY EXEMPTING  
18 BUSINESSES WHO DEMONSTRATE THAT THEY DON'T GET CAUGHT DUE TO  
19 THE LUCK OF THE DRAW AFTER A COUPLE OF VISITS BY COUNTY STAFF.  
20 WHILE THAT MAY HAVE SOME MERIT ASSOCIATED WITH IT, THE FACT  
21 THAT YOU MIGHT EXEMPT PEOPLE WHO HAPPEN TO HAVE A LUCKY DAY,  
22 THE FACT IS YOU ALSO HAVE A LETTER FROM A FORMER SUPERVISOR  
23 FROM CONTRA COSTA COUNTY WHO REGRETS HAVING THEIR COUNTY AGREE  
24 TO THIS CHANGE BECAUSE OF THE 37 PERCENT RATE OF OFFENSES OF  
25 PEOPLE WHO SELL TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO MINORS. THE FACT OF THE



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1 MATTER IS, IT'S THE CARROT AND STICK APPROACH. IT'S THE FACT  
2 THAT ANY BUSINESS AT ANY TIME CAN BE VISITED BY THE COUNTY AND  
3 HAVE THEM COME IN AND TEST WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE IN FACT  
4 SELLING TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO MINORS. THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE HAD  
5 STINGS IN YOUR DISTRICT FOR ALCOHOL SALES HAVE SEEN GREAT  
6 SUCCESS IN SENDING THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BY USE OF EXPLORER  
7 SCOUTS GOING INTO THESE STORES WHO ARE PURCHASING ALCOHOL THAT  
8 IS BEING SOLD TO MINORS. AND THE FACT THAT OUR COMMISSION HAS  
9 HEARD THESE CASES AND HAS BEEN ABLE TO EXACT SOME FINES,  
10 SUSPENSIONS OR TRAINING TO BUSINESS OWNERS THAT SELL TO  
11 MINORS, AND IT'S AN IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY FOR THE COUNTY. BUT  
12 UNLIKE ALCOHOL, AS IMPORTANT AS THAT IS, THIS IS ONE SALE OF A  
13 PRODUCT THAT HAS SECONDARY EFFECTS AS WELL AS PRIMARY EFFECTS.  
14 AND THIS IS AN INDUSTRY THAT PREYS ON OUR CHILDREN. WE HOPE  
15 THE BOARD WILL CONSIDER ADOPTING THIS ORDINANCE AS PROPOSED.  
16 AND WE ALSO HOPE THE BOARD WILL NOT CONSIDER USING M.S.A.  
17 FUNDS TO PAY FOR A PROGRAM WHEN EVERY OTHER BUSINESS OWNER  
18 PAYS FOR THEIR LICENSING AND ENFORCEMENT IN LOS ANGELES  
19 COUNTY: PET STORES, BOOKSTORES, AUTO REPAIR STORES, ALL PAY  
20 LICENSING FEES, MOST OF WHICH ARE HIGHER THAN THIS FEE. ALSO,  
21 THE M.S.A. FUNDS ARE NOT GUARANTEED YEAR AFTER YEAR. LET'S GO  
22 FORWARD WITH A PROGRAM THAT HAS HAD AMPLE PUBLIC HEARINGS,  
23 AMPLE TESTIMONY AND WILL DO A GREAT DEAL TO HELP THE CHILDREN  
24 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. LORI, WOULD YOU PLEASE COME  
2 FORWARD? STATE YOUR NAME.

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4 **SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS LIYA, AND I'M WITH THE TOBACCO CONTROL  
5 PROJECT. GOOD MORNING. I PERSONALLY THINK THAT THIS IS A VERY  
6 BIG ISSUE BECAUSE I WORK IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY WITH  
7 YOUTH. AND WE JUST DID OUR TOBACCO CONTROL PROJECT, WHERE WE  
8 WENT OUT TO STORES IN THE SEVENTH DISTRICT AND WE SAW THAT THE  
9 SALES RATE REMAINED HIGH TO MINORS. AND WE FEEL THAT THIS  
10 RETAIL TAX OR THIS TOBACCO RETAIL LICENSING WILL DEFINITELY--  
11 THIS FEE WILL DEFINITELY HELP THE YOUTH POPULATION BECAUSE  
12 IT'S STILL SO EASILY ACCESSIBLE FOR YOUTH TO GO AND PURCHASE  
13 CIGARETTES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND IT'S LIKE ANY OTHER LAW,  
14 YOU KNOW, WE ALL HAVE TO WORK TOGETHER TO PASS SOMETHING. WE  
15 CAN'T JUST SINGLE OUT SOME STORES BECAUSE SOME STORES SELL  
16 TOBACCO TO MINORS. WE HAVE TO WORK-- WE ALL HAVE TO WORK  
17 TOGETHER AND WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS LAW PASSES SO THAT  
18 WE CAN-- SO THAT ALL THE STORES HAVE THE SAME KNOWLEDGE AND  
19 ALL THE STORES PREVENT ACCESS TO MINORS BECAUSE THAT IS THE  
20 MAIN GOAL THAT WE'RE ALL TRYING TO ACHIEVE. I MEAN, THERE'S SO  
21 MANY REALLY BAD THINGS ASSOCIATED WITH SMOKING, AND WE DO NOT  
22 WANT OUR CHILDREN TO BE ABLE TO HAVE ACCESS TO CIGARETTES. AND  
23 THAT IS THE MAIN GOAL OF THIS. AND THAT'S IT.

24

25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YES?



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1  
2 **STEVEN GALLEGOS:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS STEVEN GALLEGOS. I'M  
3 THE SMOKE FREE ADVOCACY AND PROGRAM MANAGER FOR THE AMERICAN  
4 LUNG ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA HERE IN LOS ANGELES. WE ASK FOR  
5 YOUR SUPPORT UNANIMOUSLY FOR THIS ORDINANCE. THE NATIONAL  
6 ASSOCIATION OF GROCERS, IN THEIR PERIODICAL, WHICH IS NATIONAL  
7 ASSOCIATION OF CONVENIENCE STORE OWNERS, REPORTED THAT TOBACCO  
8 MAKES UP 35 PERCENT OF ALL THE SALES IN THEIR STORES ON  
9 AVERAGE. AND THAT THE AVERAGE STORE-- AND THIS IS ACCORDING TO  
10 THE CONVENIENCE STORE OWNERS, NOT THE MEGABOX STORES-- AVERAGE  
11 ANNUAL SALES OF ABOUT \$320,000 PER STORE FOR TOBACCO. SO THIS  
12 FEE OF \$235 IS A DROP IN THE BUCKET, ACCORDING TO THE SALES  
13 THAT THEY'RE MAKING IN THE SPAN OF A YEAR. ALSO, THIS IS AN  
14 AGE-RESTRICTED PRODUCT. IF THEY DON'T WANT TO PAY FOR THE FEE,  
15 THEY DON'T HAVE TO SELL THE PRODUCT. IT'S A SMALL PRICE FOR  
16 KEEPING THE HEALTH OF OUR CHILDREN INTACT, BECAUSE WHEN THEY  
17 START SMOKING AT THAT YOUNG AGE, WHEN THAT NICOTINE AND ALL  
18 THOSE CHEMICALS GET INTO THEIR BODIES, THEIR MUSCLES, THEIR  
19 BONES AS THEY'RE GROWING TO MATURITY, THEY'RE HOOKED FOR LIFE.  
20 WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO IS STEM THAT AT THE ROOT. THEY CAN'T  
21 GET THESE CIGARETTES IF THEY CAN'T BUY THEM. THIS ORDINANCE  
22 DOES PROTECT OUR CHILDREN. AND WE ASK THAT THIS LICENSE, FOR  
23 AN AGE-RESTRICTED PRODUCT, LIKE ALCOHOL, BE IMPLEMENTED AND  
24 ENFORCED IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WOULD ZARA BUKIRIN  
2 PLEASE COME FORWARD?

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4 **LORI KUNDRAT:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS LORI KUNDRAT. AND I'M  
5 HERE ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY OF LOS ANGELES  
6 COUNTY. I'M HERE TO URGE THE COUNTY TO PASS THE ORDINANCE THAT  
7 WOULD ESTABLISH A FEE FOR THE TOBACCO RETAIL LICENSING PERMIT.  
8 THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY ADVOCATES FOR AN EFFECTIVE TOBACCO  
9 RETAIL LICENSING PROGRAM BECAUSE IT'S PART OF A COMPREHENSIVE  
10 EFFORT TO REDUCE YOUTH ACCESS TO TOBACCO PRODUCTS. AND  
11 REDUCING YOUTH ACCESS HELPS TO PREVENT YOUNG PEOPLE FROM  
12 STARTING TO SMOKE. WE FEEL THAT THE COUNTY NEEDS A STRONG  
13 RETAIL LICENSING PROGRAM THAT WILL SUPPORT COMPLIANCE CHECKS  
14 AND ENFORCEMENT. FOR EXAMPLE, IN THE COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA,  
15 THEY DID SEE A DRAMATIC DECREASE IN YOUTH SMOKING BECAUSE OF  
16 THEIR STRONG TOBACCO RETAIL LICENSING PERMIT. THAT INCLUDES  
17 ALL RETAILERS ACCOUNTABLE FOR TOBACCO SALES TO MINORS,  
18 REQUIRES COMPLIANCE WITH ALL FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL TOBACCO  
19 CONTROL LAWS AS A CONDITION OF THE LICENSE, IMPOSES MEANINGFUL  
20 PENALTIES ON REPEATED VIOLATORS, INCLUDING LICENSE SUSPENSION  
21 AND REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE. AND FULLY FUNDS THE COSTS OF  
22 ADMINISTERING AND ENFORCING THE PROGRAM THROUGH THE LICENSING  
23 FEE. THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE  
24 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR TAKING THIS CRITICAL STEP IN THE  
25 RIGHT DIRECTION. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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4 **ZARA BUKIRIN:** GOOD MORNING MY NAME IS ZARA BUKIRIN AND I WORK  
5 THE ALLIANCE TO KEEP KIDS TOBACCO FREE. WE'RE A COALITION OF  
6 YOUTH AND COMMUNITY AGENCIES THAT ARE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT  
7 YOUTH SMOKING AND YOUTH ACCESS TO TOBACCO. I CAME A COUPLE  
8 WEEKS AGO TO TALK ABOUT WHY WE WERE CONCERNED ABOUT THIS TODAY  
9 I JUST WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT WE REALLY BELIEVE THAT RETAILERS  
10 SHOULD BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR ACTIONS. AND WE WOULD  
11 LIKE TO INVOLVE RETAILERS INVESTING THEMSELVES IN ADDRESSING  
12 THE PROBLEM OF YOUTH ACCESS TO TOBACCO. SO IT'S EXTREMELY  
13 IMPORTANT THAT THE FUNDS FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE LICENSE  
14 COME FROM RETAILERS. AS PEOPLE HAVE BEEN SAYING TODAY, \$235 IS  
15 SUCH A SMALL AMOUNT IN COMPARISON TO THE PROFITS THAT  
16 RETAILERS MAKE FROM TOBACCO. AND IT'S THE LEAST THAT THEY CAN  
17 DO TO ENSURE THAT YOUTH DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO IT IN THEIR  
18 STORES. THANK YOU.

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20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THERE'S NO FURTHER QUESTIONS TO  
21 SPEAK ON THIS ITEM. THERE IS AN AMENDMENT?

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23 **SUP. MOLINA:** I WAS GOING TO MOVE THE ITEM.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN I JUST SPEAK TO THIS BRIEFLY, MADAME  
2 CHAIR? I KNOW THERE'S AN AMENDMENT COMING. FIRST OF ALL, I  
3 WANT TO THANK COMMISSIONER AFRIAT AND THE OTHER FOUR  
4 COMMISSIONERS ON THE BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION REALLY FOR  
5 MOVING THIS FORWARD. I WANT TO THANK THE VARIETY OF GROUPS WHO  
6 CAME TO TESTIFY BOTH TODAY AND LAST WEEK OR THE WEEK BEFORE, I  
7 FORGOT WHICH TUESDAY IT WAS, THAT WE HAD QUITE A FEW PEOPLE,  
8 ESPECIALLY YOUNG PEOPLE, WHO TOOK TIME OUT OF THEIR DAY TO  
9 COME DOWN AND BE HEARD ON THIS. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT I THINK  
10 EVERYONE FEELS, WHO HAS LOOKED AT THIS FROM A PUBLIC HEALTH  
11 POINT OF VIEW, IS AN IMPORTANT ISSUE AND AN IMPORTANT STEP AND  
12 TOOL TO TRY TO CONTROL-- BETTER CONTROL THE DISTRIBUTION OF  
13 TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO MINORS. WE ALL KNOW, FROM OUR OWN LAWSUIT  
14 AGAINST THE TOBACCO INDUSTRY SOME YEARS AGO AND FROM WHAT'S  
15 GOING ON NOW, THAT THE TOBACCO INDUSTRY CONTINUES TO TARGET  
16 KIDS. THEY HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO SUSTAIN THE GROWTH RATE OF  
17 TOBACCO USE AMONG ADULTS, BECAUSE ADULTS HAVE FIGURED OUT THAT  
18 TOBACCO KILLS. BUT KIDS BEING KIDS THINK THEY'RE GOING TO LIVE  
19 FOREVER AND ARE TEMPTED BY THIS NICOTINE-LACED PRODUCT, AND  
20 THEY CAN'T CONTROL THEMSELVES. AND THE TOBACCO INDUSTRY KNOWS  
21 IT. AND THEY HAVE TARGETED -- TWO PLACES THE TOBACCO INDUSTRY  
22 HAS TARGETED: OVERSEAS MARKETS, AND TEENS HERE IN THE UNITED  
23 STATES. THIS IS AN EFFORT TO ADDRESS THAT LATTER TARGET  
24 POPULATION ISSUE. THIS IS A MAJOR PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE FOR US.  
25 IT IMPOSES A HUGE COST ON US WHEN KIDS SMOKE. THEIR ASTHMA,



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1 THEIR EMPHYSEMA AND IN LATER YEARS, CANCER AND HEART DISEASE  
2 ARE ISSUES THAT BURDEN US FINANCIALLY. IT'S ALSO A FACT, WE  
3 OUGHT TO JUST TELL IT LIKE IT IS, THAT THE POORER THE  
4 POPULATION, THE MORE VULNERABLE THE KIDS ARE TO THIS KIND OF  
5 MARKETING ATTACK FROM THE TOBACCO INDUSTRY. THIS INSIDIOUS  
6 CAMPAIGN BY THE TOBACCO INDUSTRY DOESN'T TARGET KIDS IN  
7 BEVERLY HILLS OR BRENTWOOD. IT TARGETS THEM IN POORER  
8 NEIGHBORHOODS. AND THOSE TEND TO BE THE KIDS WHO ULTIMATELY  
9 ARE MORE LIKELY TO BE UNINSURED UNDER OUR CURRENT SYSTEM, AND  
10 THEY BECOME OUR RESPONSIBILITY WHEN THEY GET SICK. SO MADAME  
11 CHAIR, I WANT TO MOVE THIS ORDINANCE. IN THE INTEREST OF TIME,  
12 I WANT TO SPEAK AGAINST THE MOTION THAT'S COMING IN TO USE THE  
13 TOBACCO SETTLEMENT FUNDS TO PAY FOR THIS. I THINK THAT WOULD  
14 BE A TERRIBLE PRECEDENT. I THINK MR. AFRIAT SAID IT BEST AND I  
15 WON'T REPEAT, BUT IF WE BEGIN TO USE TAX MONEY TO PAY LICENSE  
16 OF BUSINESSES TO DO BUSINESS, THERE'D BE NO END TO THIS. WE  
17 DID NOT USE THE GENERAL FUND OR ANY OTHER SOURCE OF MONEY TO  
18 PAY FOR THE RESTAURANT INSPECTIONS. THE RESTAURANTS PAY FOR  
19 RESTAURANT INSPECTIONS. WHEN YOU NEED A BUILDING INSPECTOR,  
20 THE DEVELOPER PAYS FOR THE BUILDING INSPECTION. WHEN YOU WANT  
21 TO SELL TOBACCO PRODUCTS UNDER THIS ORDINANCE, IT OUGHT TO BE--  
22 - THAT COST-- AND THIS IS A RELATIVELY MINIMAL COST-- IT OUGHT  
23 TO BE BORNE BY THE BUSINESS. ONE LAST COMMENT IS THAT OF ALL  
24 THE JURISDICTIONS THAT HAVE PASSED TOBACCO LICENSING TYPES OF  
25 ORDINANCES AND HAVE ESTABLISHED FEES, THIS FEE OF \$235 A YEAR



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1 IS AT THE LOW END OF THE SPECTRUM, VERY LOW END OF THE  
2 SPECTRUM. MANY OF THE CITIES AND COUNTIES HAVE GONE MUCH  
3 HIGHER THAN THAT. SO I WOULD URGE AND I VOTE ON THE MOTION. I  
4 WOULD ASK THAT WE NOT TAP THE TOBACCO SETTLEMENT FUNDS, WHICH  
5 ARE FUNDS THAT ARE USED TO PROP UP OUR OWN HEALTH SYSTEM FOR  
6 THE REASONS I'VE INDICATED. THANK YOU.

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SUPERVISOR KNABE AND I HAVE AN AMENDMENT THAT  
11 WE WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE. THE PROPOSAL TO CREATE AN  
12 ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM TO ADDRESS THE INCREASING NUMBER OF MINORS  
13 USING TOBACCO PRODUCTS IS A RESPONSIBLE AND NECESSARY ACTION.  
14 CURRENTLY THERE IS A FUND BALANCE OF NEARLY \$200 MILLION IN  
15 TOBACCO SETTLEMENT FUNDS. THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
16 ESTIMATES THAT THE PROPOSED NEW TAX ON RETAILERS WILL GENERATE  
17 APPROXIMATELY \$235,000. RATHER THAN INITIATE AN ADDITIONAL TAX  
18 ON THE SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS WHO WOULD BE PAYING THIS, THE  
19 TOBACCO SETTLEMENT FUNDS OUGHT TO BE USED TO ADDRESS TOBACCO-  
20 RELATED EDUCATION AND ENFORCEMENT THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTY.  
21 SUPERVISOR KNABE WOULD MOVE THAT THE BOARD APPROPRIATE  
22 \$234,841 FROM THE TOBACCO SETTLEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR  
23 ADDITIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH RETAIL INSPECTIONS AND YOUTH  
24 DECOY OPERATIONS, AND THAT THE BOARD DIRECT THE C.E.O. AND THE  
25 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD IN ONE



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1 YEAR AFTER THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RETAIL LICENSING PROGRAM  
2 ON THE EFFECTIVENESS ON THIS PROGRAM. WE HAVE NOW-- THOSE  
3 TOBACCO FUNDS THAT THE COUNTY RECEIVED IN THAT SETTLEMENT WAS  
4 AN APPROPRIATE PLACE FOR THESE FUNDS TO BE USED. WE'RE TALKING  
5 ABOUT APPROXIMATELY \$235,000 OUT OF-- TO BE SPECIFIC \$199.7  
6 MILLION SURPLUS IN SETTLEMENT FUNDS. THE MAJORITY OF THE  
7 BOARD, A YEAR TWO AGO, HAD USED TOBACCO SETTLEMENT MONIES TO  
8 FUND THE CLEAN NEEDLE PROGRAMS. AND THERE IS NO CONNECTION  
9 BETWEEN TOBACCO SETTLEMENT FUNDS AND CLEAN NEEDLES EXCHANGE.  
10 AND YET THE BOARD DID HAVE THAT VOTE. WE DIDN'T PLAN ON TAXING  
11 PHARMACIES AND SERVICE PROVIDERS TO FUND THE CLEAN NEEDLE  
12 EXCHANGE. THE MAJORITY THOUGHT THE TOBACCO SETTLEMENT WAS AN  
13 APPROPRIATE REVENUE SOURCE. BUT THIS IS THE BEST WAY OF MOVING  
14 FORWARD ON A VERY VITAL PROGRAM. IT DOES NOT TAX THE SMALL  
15 BUSINESSMAN, THE SMALL BUSINESSWOMAN. AND IT USES THE FUNDS  
16 THAT ARE AVAILABLE. AND WE THEN HAVE ONE YEAR TO DO A REVIEW,  
17 A CRITIQUE AND ENSURE THAT THE PROGRAM IS MEETING ITS  
18 OBJECTIVES, AND THAT IS TO DISCOURAGE YOUNG PEOPLE FROM  
19 SMOKING AND TAKING UP A HABIT THAT'S GOING TO BE DESTRUCTIVE  
20 TO THEIR LIVES AND TO OUR COMMUNITY AND TO OUR HEALTH COSTS,  
21 WHICH IN FACT ADD TO THE HIGH COST OF HEALTHCARE IN THIS  
22 NATION. SO THAT'S THE MOTION BY SUPERVISOR KNABE AND MYSELF.

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24 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAME CHAIR?

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES, SUPERVISOR KNABE.

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3 **SUP. KNABE:** I WOULD JUST ADD, OBVIOUSLY PROTECTING OUR  
4 CHILDREN AGAINST THE DANGERS OF SMOKING IS INCREDIBLY  
5 IMPORTANT AND WE NEED TO DO WHAT WE CAN DO. AGAIN, IT BECOMES  
6 ONE OF THOSE ISSUES WHERE YOU START TO TAX JUST THE  
7 UNINCORPORATED AREA OF A VERY LARGE COUNTY AND THE IMPACT OF  
8 WHATEVER HAPPENS ACROSS THE STREET NOT BEING IMPACTED BY  
9 EITHER THE SAME TAX OR THE SAME LAW. SO HISTORICALLY, IF YOU  
10 LOOK AT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TOBACCO SETTLEMENT  
11 FUNDING SUMMARIES, IT'S USED FOR MANY THINGS THAT ARE TOTALLY  
12 UNRELATED TO TOBACCO. HERE'S AN OPPORTUNITY TO USE THAT  
13 SETTLEMENT MONEY FOR SOMETHING THAT IS DIRECTLY RELATED TO  
14 TOBACCO USE, AND THAT IS TO STOP THIS FREQUENT OPPORTUNITY FOR  
15 OUR YOUNG PEOPLE TO BUY TOBACCO PRODUCTS. SO I SUPPORT  
16 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S MOTION THAT, ONE, WE NEED TO DO  
17 SOMETHING. AND, TWO, WE HAVE THE MONEY AVAILABLE WITHOUT  
18 CREATING A NEW TAX THAT WOULD ONLY IMPACT THOSE BUSINESSES,  
19 PARTICULARLY THE SMALL BUSINESSES, PARTICULARLY THE MOM AND  
20 POP OPERATIONS IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE COUNTY.

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22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ANYTHING FURTHER? SO THE VOTE IS ON THE  
23 AMENDMENT. WOULD YOU LIKE TO CALL THE ROLL?

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



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO.

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6 **SUP. KNABE:** AYE.

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AYE.

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10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NO.

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MOVE THE ITEM.

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14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ON THE MAIN MOTION. WILL YOU CALL THE ROLL?

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16 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MAIN MOTION, SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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18 **SUP. MOLINA:** AYE.

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AYE.

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22 **SUP. KNABE:** NO.

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24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AYE.

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3 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THE MOTION CARRIES.

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5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THE MOTION CARRIES. WE NEED TO CLOSE THE  
6 PUBLIC HEARING. THERE WAS A MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC  
7 HEARING.

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MOVE THAT WE CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING.

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11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND THEN ADOPT THE MEASURE WHICH IS WHAT  
12 THE VOTE WAS ON.

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14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S RIGHT. ITEM NUMBER 9?

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** A GROUP OF PEOPLE HAVE ASKED TO SPEAK ON  
17 THIS.

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19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HOW MANY?

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MICHAEL JAY, MARTHA MADISON AND LILLIAN  
22 LASKIN, WOULD YOU PLEASE COME FORWARD? THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE  
23 ASKED TO SPEAK ON THIS, WOULD YOU PLEASE COME FORWARD? AND  
24 OTHERS WHO MAY BE SPEAKING, WOULD YOU COME CLOSE TO THE FRONT?  
25 MR. SACHS, I'M NOT SURE IF YOU'RE ON THIS, BUT ON OTHERS,



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1 COULD YOU COME FORWARD, CLOSER TO THE FRONT? AT THIS TIME  
2 WE'RE CALLING LILLIAN LASKIN, MARTHA MADISON AND MICHAEL JAY.  
3 WOULD YOU PLEASE COME FORWARD? PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

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5 **MICHAEL JAY:** MICHAEL JAY. THANK YOU. WITH SO CAL GRASSROOTS  
6 AND THE CITIZENS ELECTION JUSTICE TASK FORCE SPEAKING ON  
7 AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 9. THE NEED TO REPLACE OUR REGISTRAR LED A  
8 GROUP OF US CITIZENS TO CONSIDER WHAT WE WOULD WISH FOR IN  
9 SUCH AN OFFICIAL, AND WHAT WE BELIEVE SHOULD BE THE MINIMUM  
10 REQUIREMENTS FOR SUCH A POST. WE THEREFORE HAVE DONE OUR DUE  
11 DILIGENCE AND HAVE CREATED A CITIZENS' ELECTION INTEGRITY  
12 CRITERIA FOR THE POSITION OF REGISTRAR. WE NOW ASK YOU TO DO  
13 YOUR DUE DILIGENCE AND INSIST THAT ANY CANDIDATE FOR REGISTRAR  
14 MEET THE FOLLOWING MINIMUM CRITERIA. I'LL SAY AGAIN, WE ASK  
15 YOU TO DO YOUR DUE DILIGENCE AND PLEASE LISTEN TO THESE  
16 MINIMUM CRITERIA. WE WISH A REGISTRAR TO BE ALTRUISTIC. IN  
17 OTHER WORDS, HAVING A PROVEN HISTORY OF ADVOCACY FOR CITIZENS  
18 AND VOTERS RATHER THAN ELECTION SYSTEMS VENDORS, GOVERNMENT  
19 OFFICIALS OR SELF-INTEREST. COMMITTED TO ACCURATELY COUNTING  
20 ALL VOTES AS CAST. COMMITTED TO FOLLOWING THE STATE ELECTION  
21 CODE. EXPERIENCED, THE PROVEN RECORD OF WORK ON LARGE AND  
22 COMPLEX ELECTIONS, INCLUDING IDEALLY PROBLEMATIC SITUATIONS.  
23 KNOWLEDGEABLE. SCHOLASTIC EXPERIENCE INCLUDING A DEGREE IN  
24 PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, MANAGEMENT  
25 STUDIES AND/OR OTHER FIELDS REQUIRED OF A REGISTRAR. AND REAL



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1 WORLD KNOWLEDGE OF CRITICAL AND CONTENTIOUS ELECTION ISSUES  
2 SUCH AS ELECTRONIC VOTING, OPEN SOURCE CODE, CAGING, VOTE BY  
3 MAIL, EXACT MATCH VOTER I.D. LISTS, ET CETERA. TRANSPARENT,  
4 HAVING AN OPEN AND WELCOMING ATTITUDE, RECEPTIVE TO PUBLIC  
5 INPUT. TRUSTWORTHY, HAVING A RECORD OF BEING LAW-ABIDING AND  
6 HONEST. NO CONVICTIONS INVOLVING MORAL TURPITUDE. COMMITTED TO  
7 FOLLOWING ALL THE LAWS OF CALIFORNIA. CLEAN RECORD,  
8 UNBLEMISHED PROFESSIONAL HISTORY, NO RECORD OF HAVING BEEN THE  
9 CAUSE OF PROBLEMS RELATED TO THE DUTIES OF A REGISTRAR,  
10 ESPECIALLY PROBLEMS RELATING TO ELECTIONS. ORGANIZED, PROVEN  
11 HISTORY OF METICULOUS WORK, INCLUDING RECORDKEEPING. AND  
12 UNCOMPROMISED. I HOPE YOU'RE LISTENING TO THIS ONE, IF NOTHING  
13 ELSE: NO CONFLICT OF INTEREST FOR OUR REGISTRAR. NO CURRENT OR  
14 PREVIOUS TIES BY CANDIDATE OR CLOSE FAMILY MEMBERS TO VENDORS  
15 OF ELECTRONIC VOTING MACHINES, PAPER MANUFACTURERS, OR ANY  
16 OTHER ELECTION RESOURCES. NO PAYMENTS OR CONSIDERATIONS FROM  
17 CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS TO OR ENDORSEMENT OF ELECTION-RELATED  
18 COMPANIES, INCLUDING USE OF THE CANDIDATE'S LIKENESS BY  
19 ELECTION SYSTEM VENDORS, ET CETERA. INCIDENTALLY, I HOPE YOU  
20 HEAR THAT THE CURRENT NOMINEE FOR INTERIM REGISTRAR, THE  
21 CURRENT NOMINEE FAILS TO MEET THESE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS IN  
22 THAT AMONG OTHER THINGS, HE DOES NOT HAVE A COLLEGE DEGREE. WE  
23 ASK YOU TO DO YOUR DUE DILIGENCE IN LIGHT OF THE HUGE  
24 RESPONSIBILITY AND POTENTIAL IMPACT OF THE COUNTY REGISTRAR



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1 AND HOLD ANY CANDIDATE FOR THIS POSITION UP TO THE HIGHEST  
2 STANDARDS. THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, AND WOULD JANE  
5 DONMEYER PLEASE COME FORWARD?

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7 **LILLIAN LASKIN:** MY NAME IS LILLIAN LASKIN. I AM A MEMBER OF  
8 THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE DEMOCRATIC CLUB OF WESTSIDE  
9 PROGRESSIVES. IN THE NOVEMBER 2ND, 2004 ELECTION IN WASHINGTON  
10 STATE FOR GOVERNOR, WE SAW A MAJOR MIX UP ON THE VOTE COUNTING  
11 REGARDING ABSENTEE BALLOTS. THIS WAS ALL DUE TO A LACK OF  
12 PROPER RECORDKEEPING. DEAN LOGAN WAS THE CHIEF OF ELECTIONS IN  
13 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON, AT THE TIME OF THE 2004 ELECTION,  
14 WHEN THIS WAS INVOLVED WITH THE VOTE FOR THE GOVERNOR. AS IT  
15 TURNED OUT, THE ELECTION WAS VERY, VERY CLOSE. DEAN LOGAN WAS  
16 IN CHARGE WHEN 573 ABSENTEE BALLOTS HAD MISSING SIGNATURES ON  
17 THE ENVELOPES. THE POLICY REGARDING THIS HAD BEEN CHANGED BY  
18 MR. LOGAN. HE ALLOWED THE USE OF UNCERTIFIED SOFTWARE TO CHECK  
19 THE SIGNATURES WHICH HAD ALREADY BEEN SHOWN TO BE A PROBLEM--  
20 PROBLEMATIC PROCEDURE IN THE PRIMARY ELECTION. BECAUSE THE  
21 ELECTION WAS SO CLOSE, IT WAS IMPERATIVE TO CAREFULLY UPDATE  
22 SIGNATURES ON THE BALLOTS. MR. LOGAN CERTIFIED THE ELECTION  
23 RESULTS AND MISLED THE PUBLIC BY SAYING THAT HE ONLY  
24 DISCOVERED THIS ERROR AFTER MR. ROSSI, THE REPUBLICAN, WAS  
25 DECLARED THE GOVERNOR. HE CERTIFIED HIM AS THE GOVERNOR.



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1   HOWEVER, CHRISTINE GREGOIRE, THE DEMOCRATIC TEAM, UNCOVERED  
2   MANY UNCOUNTED ABSENTEE BALLOTS WHICH WERE ENOUGH TO TURN OVER  
3   THE ELECTION TO HER. IN SUMMARY, MR. LOGAN USED UNCERTIFIED  
4   COMPUTER SOFTWARE, AND HE IMPROPERLY CONDUCTED A PROCEDURE IN  
5   CHECKING THE SIGNATURES ON THE ABSENTEE BALLOTS. WE URGE THE  
6   BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO CARRY OUT DUE DILIGENCE IN CHOOSING A  
7   NEW REGISTRAR OF VOTERS, AND USE OUR ELECTION INTEGRITY  
8   COALITION LIST THAT WE PROVIDED TO YOU FOR CRITERIA AS YOUR  
9   GUIDE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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11   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WOULD ROBIN GIBSON START COMING  
12   TOWARD THE FRONT? PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

13

14   **MARTHA MADISON:** OKAY. I'M MARTHA MADISON. I'VE BEEN HERE  
15   BEFORE. I AM A MEMBER OF THE TORRANCE DEMOCRATIC CLUB. I HAVE  
16   SOME CONCERNS WITH DEAN LOGAN BECOMING ACTING COUNTY  
17   REGISTRAR. AS ELECTIONS CHIEF IN KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON HE  
18   WAS UNDER FIRE FOR FINDING UNCOUNTED ABSENTEE BALLOTS OVER AND  
19   OVER DURING THE '04 GOVERNOR RACE RECOUNT: 573 NEWLY  
20   DISCOVERED BALLOTS FOR THE SECOND RECOUNT-- AND I HAVE ALL  
21   THIS DOCUMENTED BY THE WAY, I'M GOING TO SUBMIT MY COMMENTS TO  
22   YOU. HE ALSO MISHANDLED MORE PROVISIONAL BALLOTS THAN THE 660  
23   PREVIOUSLY REPORTED. CITIZENS OBJECTED STRONGLY TO MR. LOGAN'S  
24   USE OF AN UNTESTED METHOD FOR COUNTING MAIL-IN BALLOTING IN  
25   THE MILLION VOTE COUNTY. COUNCIL MEMBER REAGAN DUNN ASKED FOR



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1 HIS RESIGNATION DUE TO MORE UNCOUNTED BALLOTS THAT WERE FOUND,  
2 87, THAT WERE NOT INCLUDED IN THE RECOUNT. THIS INFORMATION  
3 WAS KNOWN FOR ONE WEEK BEFORE ANY ACTION WAS TAKEN. IN THE  
4 SEATTLE TIMES ARTICLE, A KEY MEMBER OF THE REVIEW PANEL  
5 REPORTED THAT THE ELECTION OFFICE WAS IN WORSE SHAPE IN THE  
6 TWO YEARS WITH MR. LOGAN THAN IN THE TWO YEARS BEFORE HE WAS  
7 HIRED. THE INITIAL FINDINGS WERE: EMPLOYEE MORALE WAS LOW,  
8 TRAINING AND COMMUNICATION WERE POOR, AND THERE WAS A CULTURE  
9 OF FEAR THAT DISCOURAGED WORKERS FROM REPORTING PROBLEMS,  
10 HAPHAZARD PLANNING, HIRING THE WRONG KIND OF SUPERINTENDENTS,  
11 FAILING TO MAKE CULTURAL CHANGES TOP PRIORITY. THE RESULT WAS  
12 AN ORGANIZATION IN PERPETUAL CRISIS. TWO REVIEW PANELS AND A  
13 \$350,000 AUDIT WERE LAUNCHED IN RESPONSE TO PROBLEMS IN THE  
14 '04 NOVEMBER ELECTION, INCLUDING THE COUNTING OF ILLEGAL VOTES  
15 AND FAILURE TO COUNT SOME LEGAL VOTES. LASTLY, ON  
16 VOTERUNITE.ORG, THERE WAS CONCERN OF THE INSTALLATION OF NEW  
17 SOFTWARE FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS: IT WAS RAPIDLY DEVELOPED,  
18 MINIMALLY TESTED AND NEVER EXAMINED BY AN INDEPENDENT  
19 AUTHORITY, USED IN THE PRIMARY. THERE WAS A CALL TO ACTION SO  
20 IT WOULDN'T BE USED IN THE GENERAL ELECTION. SECRETARY OF  
21 STATE, MR. SAM REED, IN JUNE APPROVED CONTRACTS WITH DIEBOLD,  
22 E.S. AND S. IN SEQUOIA TO DEVELOP VOTE COUNTING SOFTWARE THAT  
23 WAS ILLEGAL TO USE. MR. REED MADE IT LEGAL ON JULY 16TH BY  
24 OVERRULING STATE LAW. WE MUST ASSURE THE VOTERS OF LOS ANGELES  
25 COUNTY THAT EVEN OUR ACTING REGISTRAR MUST BE THE BEST



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1 QUALIFIED. FOR MY RESEARCH OF MR. LOGAN, I DON'T THINK HE IS  
2 THE BEST CHOICE FOR ACTING COUNTY REGISTRAR. I WANT TO THANK  
3 YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

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5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WOULD YOU STATE YOUR NAME?

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7 **JANE DONMEYER:** MY NAME IS JANE DONMEYER. I'M HERE AS A  
8 CONCERNED CITIZEN. I'D LIKE TO SAY THAT I'M HERE BECAUSE IN A  
9 RECENT ARTICLE IN THE DAILY BREEZE AND ALSO AN ARTICLE IN THE  
10 L.A. TIMES, AUDITORS FROM L.A. COUNTY FOUND THAT PEOPLE  
11 CONVICTED OF THEFT, DRUG AND ALCOHOL PROBLEMS WERE WORKING IN  
12 THE RECORDER'S AND REGISTRAR'S OFFICE. OTHER PROBLEMS SURFACED  
13 AS WELL, NOT LEAST WAS THAT THE DEPARTMENT WAS NOT HIRING AND  
14 CONDUCTING THEIR EMPLOYEE REVIEWS AND PROMOTIONS IN ACCORDANCE  
15 WITH COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE RULES. DEAN LOGAN, JUST BEFORE HE  
16 CAME TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WAS HEAD OF THE ELECTIONS  
17 DEPARTMENT UP IN THE STATE OF WASHINGTON. THERE WAS A VERY  
18 CONTENTIOUS AND CLOSE ELECTION UP THERE. I'D LIKE TO READ PART  
19 OF AN ARTICLE FROM THE SEATTLE TIMES, JUNE 2005. THIS HAS  
20 ALREADY BEEN BROUGHT UP BY MARTHA MADISON, BUT I'D LIKE TO  
21 EMPHASIZE IT AGAIN BECAUSE I THINK IT'S CRITICAL TO YOUR  
22 CONSIDERATION OF MR. LOGAN AS A REPLACEMENT FOR CONNIE  
23 MCCORMICK. "'KING'S COUNTY ELECTION OFFICE IS IN WORSE SHAPE  
24 THAN IT WAS BEFORE COUNTY EXECUTIVE RON SIMMS HIRED DEAN LOGAN  
25 TWO YEARS AGO TO REFORM THE PROBLEM PLAGUED OPERATION,' A KEY



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1 MEMBER OF SIMM'S ELECTION REVIEW PANEL SAID YESTERDAY IN A  
2 SCATHING BRIEFING TO THE METROPOLITAN KING COUNTY COUNSEL'S  
3 REVIEW COMMITTEE, RYAN MALARKEY SAID LOGAN HIRED THE WRONG  
4 KIND OF SUPERINTENDENT, FAILED TO MAKE CULTURAL CHANGE HIS TOP  
5 PRIORITY AND ENDED UP IN AN ORGANIZATION IN PERPETUAL CRISIS.  
6 IN ITS INITIAL FINDINGS, THE TASK FORCE THIS MONTH SAID  
7 EMPLOYEE MORALE WAS LOW, TRAINING AND COMMUNICATION WERE POOR,  
8 A CULTURE OF FEAR DISCOURAGED WORKERS FROM REPORTING PROBLEMS  
9 AND LEADERS MAY LACK THE SKILLS AND RESOURCES TO IMPROVE THE  
10 ORGANIZATION. SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL YESTERDAY  
11 EXPRESSED ANGER THAT SOME OF THEIR EARLIER RECOMMENDATIONS,  
12 PARTICULARLY BETTER STAFF TRAINING, WEREN'T IMPLEMENTED." IS  
13 THIS THE KIND OF MAN THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE RUN L.A.  
14 COUNTY, WHICH IS THE COUNTY WITH THE LARGEST NUMBER OF VOTERS  
15 IN THE UNITED STATES? I HOPE YOU WILL CONSIDER THE EVIDENCE  
16 THAT WE BRING BEFORE YOU TODAY TO EVALUATE THE SUITABILITY OF  
17 MR. LOGAN AS A SUCCESSOR TO CONNIE MCCORMICK. ALSO, I'D LIKE  
18 TO SAY BRIEFLY THAT I HOPE THAT THE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE  
19 WORKING IN THE COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE, MIGHT I HAVE ANOTHER  
20 30 SECONDS OR SO?

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22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** LET ME ANNOUNCE THE NEXT TWO PEOPLE WE WANT  
23 TO BRING UP. COULD WE ASK SHERI MEYERS AND FERRIS GLUCK TO  
24 COME FORWARD? NOW, YOU CAN SAY YOUR FINAL STATEMENT.

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1 **JANE DONMEYER:** OKAY, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THE COUNTY'S OWN  
2 CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION STATES THAT PEOPLE WHO ARE ELECTED,  
3 QUALIFICATIONS ARE COMMONLY REQUIRED OF ALL EMPLOYEES ARE  
4 HONESTY AND SOBRIETY. AND THEY SHALL BE IMPLIED AS  
5 REQUIREMENTS FOR EACH CLASS EVEN THOUGH THEY MAY NOT BE  
6 SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED IN THE SPECIFICATION.

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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10 **ROBIN GIBSON:** MY NAME IS ROBIN GIBSON. I'M WITH A GROUP CALLED  
11 THE PROGRESSIVE DEMOCRATS OF LOS ANGELES. AND I WANT TO TALK  
12 ABOUT THE USE OF MODEMS DURING ELECTIONS BY OUR INTERIM  
13 REGISTRAR. ALL MODEMS SHOULD ALWAYS BE DISABLED ON ELECTION  
14 NIGHT. FOR MODEMS TO CONNECT TO CENTRAL TABULATORS, THEY USE A  
15 DEVICE SPECIFIC TO EACH VENDOR WHICH ONLY WORKS IF THE  
16 TABULATOR'S SECURITY IS LEFT OPEN. NOT ONLY CAN MEMORY CARD  
17 INFORMATION BE CHANGED, BUT BY USING A MODEM, ANYONE WITH  
18 COMPUTER KNOWLEDGE CAN ACTUALLY TAKE CONTROL OF THE CENTRAL  
19 SERVER. THIS WOULD BE INVISIBLE TO THE COUNTY SUPERVISOR AND  
20 TO PARTY OBSERVERS. FOR THIS REASON, WHEN MR. LOGAN WAS  
21 INTERVIEWED BY THE SEATTLE TIMES IN T.V. CHANNEL 5, HE SAID HE  
22 WOULD NOT BE USING MODEMS IN THE KING COUNTY PRIMARY ELECTION  
23 OF 2004, SEPTEMBER ELECTION. THAT WAS A GREAT DECISION. BUT  
24 OBSERVERS FOUND 24 MODEMS HOOKED UP TO THE CENTRAL TABULATOR.  
25 THROUGH A PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST, THEY FOUND INSTRUCTIONS TO



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1 POLL WORKERS ABOUT HOW TO USE THE MODEMS FROM DEPOT LOCATIONS.  
2 THE ONLY SAFETY PROTECTION FOR KING COUNTY'S ELECTION WAS A  
3 SECRET PHONE NUMBER WHICH HE SAID NO ONE COULD ACCESS. BUT IN  
4 FACT, WHEN ALL THE TROUBLE SLIPS ARRIVED FROM A PUBLIC RECORDS  
5 REQUEST, THAT PHONE NUMBER WAS ON SEVERAL PAGES. AND I DID  
6 BRING THESE TROUBLE SLIPS TO SHOW ALL THE PROBLEMS THAT  
7 HAPPENED WITH THE MODEMS. IT'S NOT JUST MY SAYING SO. THERE  
8 WERE SO MANY PROBLEMS WITH THESE MODEM TRANSMISSIONS THAT THE  
9 MODEMS WERE BANNED RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ELECTION. MEMORY  
10 CARDS WERE TRANSPORTED BY CAR AND TRUCK FROM THE PRECINCT TO  
11 THE CENTRAL TABULATOR WITHOUT ANY SORT OF SECURITY  
12 PRECAUTIONS. THEY WERE NOT TRANSPORTED BY SHERIFFS OR BY  
13 POLICE. THAT MEANS THAT THE CENTRAL TABULATOR WAS SUBJECT TO  
14 INVASION BY THE MODEMS AND THE MEMORY CARDS WERE SUBJECT TO  
15 BASICALLY ANYTHING UNDER THE SUN. IN SPITE OF ALL THIS, OUR  
16 INTERIM REGISTRAR REPLIED TO A REPORTER ON TAPE "YES, THE  
17 G.E.M.S. TABULATOR FUNCTIONED PERFECTLY TONIGHT AND SO DID THE  
18 MODEMS." THAT ELECTION SUFFERED A DOUBLE SECURITY THREAT JUST  
19 FROM THESE MODEM DECISIONS. NO ONE KNOWS IF THE ELECTION  
20 RESULTS WERE IN FACT ACCURATE FOR THESE REASONS. WE CAN'T  
21 KNOW. WE DO NOT WISH TO BRING THIS KIND OF PROBLEM TO OUR  
22 ELECTIONS IN LOS ANGELES. AND WE DON'T THINK THEY SHOULD BE  
23 OVERLOOKED. WE THINK IT'S SERIOUS AND IT SHOULD BE DEEPLY  
24 CONSIDERED AS ONE OF THE CRITERIA FOR CHOOSING A REGISTRAR.  
25 THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. COULD WE ASK DR. JUDY  
3 ALTER TO COME FORWARD, AND RICCO ROSS. YES. I'M NOT SURE WHO'S  
4 FIRST.

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6 **SHERI MEYERS:** I BELIEVE I'M NEXT. GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU FOR  
7 LISTENING TO MY CONCERNS REGARDING THE INTERIM REGISTRAR OF  
8 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I WAS UP UNTIL VERY, VERY LATE LAST NIGHT  
9 AND VERY, VERY EARLY THIS MORNING RESEARCHING, DOING DUE  
10 DILIGENCE ON THE INTERIM REGISTRAR AND I WOULD REALLY  
11 APPRECIATE BEING LISTENED TO IN THIS SITUATION. [APPLAUSE.] I  
12 WOULD ONLY ASK TO HAVE THE SAME RESPECT THAT I AFFORD YOU.  
13 THANK YOU VERY MUCH. BRIEFLY, I WANT TO STATE THAT I AM SHERI  
14 MEYERS, A RESIDENT OF MAR VISTA. I AM A WRITER, A RESEARCHER  
15 AND AN ORGANIZER. I HAVE PUBLISHED A BOOK ABOUT THE 2004  
16 ELECTION IN OHIO. I ORGANIZED THE FIRST SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
17 TEACH-IN ON ELECTION REFORM IN FEBRUARY OF 2005, WITH EXPERTS  
18 FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY. DURING THE 2006 ELECTION, I WAS A LOS  
19 ANGELES ORGANIZER FOR POLL WORKERS FOR DEMOCRACY. THAT  
20 INVOLVED COORDINATING THE EFFORTS HAVE OVER 200 CITIZENS WHO  
21 HAD VOLUNTEERED TO WORK AT THE POLLS AND DOCUMENT THEIR  
22 EXPERIENCES. I EXPECT THAT IN THE YEAR TO COME, THAT NUMBER OF  
23 VOLUNTEERS WILL INCREASE EXPONENTIALLY. AN AMERICAN CITIZEN'S  
24 RIGHT TO OVERSEE HIS OR HER OWN VOTING PROCESS IS A  
25 FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT. AMONG THE CRITERIA FOR SELECTING AN



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1 APPROPRIATE CANDIDATE TO FILL THE ROLE OF REGISTRAR OF LOS  
2 ANGELES, IS THE VALUE OF TRANSPARENCY. HAVING AN OPEN AND  
3 WELCOMING ATTITUDE, RECEPTIVE TO PUBLIC INPUT AND IN  
4 CONJUNCTION WITH THAT IS THE WILLINGNESS TO COMPLY WITH  
5 CITIZENS' RECORDS REQUESTS. IT WAS A VERY TROUBLED AND  
6 CONTENTIOUS ELECTION IN WASHINGTON IN NOVEMBER 2004, WHEN THE  
7 GOVERNOR'S RACE WAS DECIDED BY ONLY 129 VOTES OUT OF 2.8  
8 MILLION CAST. THE LOSING CANDIDATE, REPUBLICAN DINO ROSSI,  
9 FELT COMPELLED TO FILE A CONTEST OF ELECTION SUIT IN STATE  
10 COURT AFTER THE DISCOVERY THAT THE VOTES THAT PUT WINNER  
11 CHRISTINE GREGOIRE IN THE GOVERNOR'S MANSION MAY HAVE COME OUT  
12 OF THE 573 SUPPOSEDLY DISQUALIFIED BALLOTS THAT WERE  
13 DISCOVERED IN THE KING COUNTY ELECTION DEPARTMENT AFTER THE  
14 INITIAL ACCOUNT AND THE MACHINE RECOUNT. THE INTERIM  
15 REGISTRAR, WHO WAS EMPLOYED AT THAT TIME AS THE DIRECTOR OF  
16 KING COUNTY ELECTIONS RECORDS AND LICENSEE SERVICES PUBLICLY  
17 STATED IN A JUNE 6TH MEMO THAT HE WAS COMMITTED TO IMPROVING  
18 KING COUNTY ELECTIONS WHILE QUOTE, "MAINTAINING TRANSPARENCY  
19 AND PUBLIC ACCESS." I AM HERE TO ASK YOU, THE BOARD OF  
20 SUPERVISORS OF LOS ANGELES, TO WEIGH WHETHER THE INTERIM  
21 REGISTRAR DID IN FACT KEEP THAT COMMITMENT TO HIS VOTERS IN  
22 KING COUNTY. FROM MY RESEARCH INTO THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE  
23 LAWSUIT FILED BY CITIZEN STEFAN SIKARSKI AGAINST RON SIMMS,  
24 THE KING COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND DEAN LOGAN, THE KING COUNTY  
25 ELECTIONS DIRECTOR IN 2005, I CONCLUDED THAT THE INTERIM



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1 DIRECTOR NOT ONLY FAILED TO FULFILL HIS LEGAL OBLIGATION TO  
2 FULFILL A PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST, BUT THAT HE MAY HAVE  
3 DELIBERATELY STONEWALLED A CITIZEN'S REASONABLE REQUEST TO  
4 VIEW PUBLIC DOCUMENTS. I AM SUBMITTING TO YOU A COPY OF THE  
5 LAWSUIT. I URGE YOU TO DO YOUR DUE DILIGENCE IN RESPECT TO THE  
6 APPOINTMENT OF THIS INTERIM REGISTRAR. IT IS MY OPINION THAT  
7 THIS INTERIM REGISTRAR IS LACKING IN THE ESSENTIAL QUALITIES  
8 AND CAPABILITIES TO HOLD THE OFFICE OF REGISTRAR OF LOS  
9 ANGELES. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

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11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WOULD YOU STATE YOUR NAME AND  
12 ARNOLD SACHS, WOULD YOU COME FORWARD?

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14 **FERRIS GLUCK:** GOOD MORNING. I'M FERRIS GLUCK, FROM D.F.A. OF  
15 SANTA MONICA. AND I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THE PROMOTION OF DEAN  
16 LOGAN, EVEN AS ACTING REGISTRAR OF VOTERS FOR SEVERAL REASONS,  
17 BUT DUE TO TIME LIMITS, I WILL MENTION ONE. IN 2003, DEAN  
18 LOGAN WAS SECOND IN COMMAND UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE REED IN  
19 THE STATE OF WASHINGTON. AT THAT TIME, REED KNOWINGLY VIOLATED  
20 STATE ELECTION CODE BY APPROVING AND USING FOR THE PRIMARY AND  
21 GENERAL ELECTION OF THAT YEAR STATEWIDE, SOFTWARE THAT HAD NOT  
22 BEEN CERTIFIED, MEANING THAT IT HAD NOT UNDERGONE TESTING BY  
23 THE INDEPENDENT TESTING AUTHORITIES AND HAD NOT BEEN ISSUED A  
24 CERTIFICATION NUMBER BY THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE  
25 ELECTION DIRECTORS, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS A N.A.S.E.D. NUMBER.



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1 MR. LOGAN WORKED WITH MR. REED AND, DEMONSTRATING A LACK OF  
2 DUE DILIGENCE, DID NOTHING TO QUESTION OR STOP THIS ILLEGAL  
3 PRACTICE. THE UNCERTIFIED SOFTWARE THAT WAS INSTALLED IN THE  
4 G.E.M.S. CENTRAL TABULATORS WAS SO VULNERABLE, ELECTION  
5 RESULTS COULD BE CHANGED IN SECONDS BY MERELY ONE PERSON  
6 ACCESSING THE EQUIPMENT. MEANWHILE, AT THE SAME TIME, IN 2003  
7 IN CALIFORNIA, OUR SECRETARY OF STATE DECERTIFIED THE VERY  
8 SAME DIEBOLD G.E.M.S. SOFTWARE AND HE SHOWED A PROPER DUE  
9 DILIGENCE TO ENSURE, SECURE TRANSPARENT AND ACCURATE  
10 ELECTIONS. WHY WOULD L.A. COUNTY PROMOTE SOMEBODY SUCH AS MR.  
11 LOGAN, WHO HAS FAILED TO DEMONSTRATE DUE DILIGENCE REGARDING  
12 ACCURACY AND TRANSPARENCY IN OUR ELECTIONS? WE NEED A  
13 REGISTRAR WITH MORE SATISFACTORY CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS, A  
14 HEALTHY SKEPTICISM WHO IS UP-TO-DATE ON ALL PUBLISHED SECURITY  
15 BREACH ISSUES AND THE PUBLIC DISCOURSE BY COMPUTER EXPERTS,  
16 FOR EXAMPLE, WHICH INDICATES THAT THE CURRENT CROP OF  
17 ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEMS ARE A COLOSSAL FAILURE. I SUPPORT  
18 THE CITIZENS' ELECTION INTEGRITY CRITERIA THAT MICHAEL JAY  
19 READ. I HOPE THE BOARD WILL DEMONSTRATE THEIR DUE DILIGENCE  
20 AND FIND A REGISTRAR, ACTING AND OTHERWISE AND PERMANENT, WHO  
21 WILL WORK HARD TO ENSURE ACCURATE AND TRANSPARENT ELECTIONS IN  
22 L.A. COUNTY. THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. STATE YOUR NAME.

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1 **DR. JUDY ALTER:** I'M DR. JUDY ALTER, DIRECTOR OF PROTECT  
2 CALIFORNIA BALLOTS. I THINK DEAN LOGAN IS NOT QUALIFIED AND  
3 SHOULD NOT BE PROMOTED TO REGISTRAR OF L.A. COUNTY, BECAUSE IN  
4 SEVERAL INSTANCES, HE HAS GIVEN INACCURATE INFORMATION TO NEW  
5 MEDIA, AND CITIZEN OBSERVERS, DURING HIS SHORT TENURE AS  
6 ELECTIONS CHIEF IN KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON. ONE INSTANCE THAT  
7 RELATES TO HIS CLAIM THAT NO PROBLEMS OCCURRED WITH THE  
8 CENTRAL TABULATOR ON ELECTION NIGHT OF THE SEPTEMBER 14TH,  
9 2004 PRIMARY. THROUGH A PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST, BEV HARRIS,  
10 DIRECTOR OF BLACK BOX VOTING, OBTAINED THE AUDIT LOGS OF THE  
11 CENTRAL TABULATOR IN KING COUNTY ELECTION HEADQUARTERS.  
12 F.E.C., FEDERAL ELECTIONS COMMISSION, REQUIRES ALL ELECTRONIC  
13 VOTING SYSTEMS TO HAVE THESE BACKUP LOGS. THEY SERVE THE SAME  
14 FUNCTION AS A BLACK BOX SERVES AN AIRPLANE. THE AUDIT LOG  
15 SHOWED THAT THREE HOURS OF INFORMATION WERE NOT JUST MISSING,  
16 THEY WERE DELETED. LOGAN EXPLAINED TO BEV HARRIS WHEN SHE  
17 ASKED "WHY WAS THIS INFORMATION MISSING?" HE SAID "THAT NO  
18 ACTIVITY OCCURRED DURING THIS THREE-HOUR TIME PERIOD." HARRIS  
19 TOLD HIM AT A NEWS CONFERENCE WHERE HE MADE THIS CLAIM THAT  
20 SHE HAD PAPER COPIES OF FIVE REPORTS SIGNED IN INK BY LOGAN  
21 THAT WERE GENERATED ALMOST EVERY HALF HOUR DURING THIS THREE-  
22 HOUR PERIOD. SHE CHECKED WITH COUNTY ELECTION OFFICIALS TO  
23 MAKE SURE THAT SHE HAD OBTAINED THE ONLY AUDIT LOG THAT  
24 EXISTED. DIEBOLD SPOKESPEOPLE ASSERT THAT THESE AUDIT LOGS  
25 CANNOT BE ALTERED, ALTHOUGH AN INTERNAL MEMO FROM A DIEBOLD



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1 PRINCIPAL ENGINEER, KEN CLARK, READ "KING COUNTY IS FAMOUS FOR  
2 ALTERING THE AUDIT LOG." HARRIS ACTUALLY TAUGHT THE CHIMPANZEE  
3 HOW TO ALTER THE DIEBOLD AUDIT LOG USING THE BACK DOOR IN THE  
4 PROGRAM. LOGAN TOLD CHANNEL 5 KING T.V. NEWS REPORTER THAT  
5 THERE WERE NO UNEXPECTED PROBLEMS WITH DIEBOLD PROGRAMS THAT  
6 NIGHT. THAT STATEMENT WAS CLEARLY INACCURATE. THAT IS, NOT  
7 TRUE. I AGREE WITH THE CITIZENS' ELECTION INTEGRITY CRITERIA  
8 FOR THE NEW REGISTRAR OF VOTERS AND I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT  
9 THAT ALTHOUGH DEAN LOGAN HAS BEEN TRAINED IN TWO SUMMER  
10 PROGRAMS AN ELECTION OFFICIAL, HE DOESN'T HAVE A COLLEGE  
11 DEGREE. AND SACRAMENTO COUNTY REQUIRES OF THEIR DEPUTY  
12 ASSISTANT ELECTIONS OFFICIAL THAT THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENT IS A  
13 COLLEGE DEGREE.

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15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WOULD YOU STATE YOUR NAME, PLEASE?

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17 **RICCO ROSS:** HELLO. MY NAME IS RICO ROSS. THANK YOU FOR TAKING  
18 THIS TIME TO LISTEN TO ME. I'M A FATHER, AN ACTOR AND  
19 ACTIVIST. I'M ALSO A DELEGATE OF THE 42ND A.D., A MEMBER OF  
20 THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN CAUCUS AND A CHAIR OF THE EDUCATION  
21 COMMITTEE FOR THE PROGRESSIVE CAUCUS OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY.  
22 I HAVE DONE MY DUE DILIGENCE ON DEAN LOGAN, AS MANY OF MY  
23 COLLEAGUES SPEAKING TODAY HAVE. AND WOULD LIKE YOU TO DO YOURS  
24 BEFORE APPOINTING AN INTERIM REGISTRAR. I'M GOING TO BE BRIEF  
25 AND I WILL TRY NOT TO ALLOW MY CRUSH ON SUPERVISOR BURKE TO



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1 HINDER MY JUDGMENT IN ANY WAY. IT IS OFTEN SAID THAT  
2 CALIFORNIA-- WHERE CALIFORNIA GOES, SO GOES THE COUNTRY. L.A.  
3 COUNTY IS ONE OF THE LARGEST AND MOST IMPORTANT COUNTIES IN  
4 THE COUNTRY, AND IT REQUIRES YOU TO ENSURE THAT EVEN ON A  
5 TEMPORARY BASIS THE PERSON IN CHARGE OF THE VOTER REGISTRAR  
6 HAS THE MANAGERIAL SKILLS TO FULFILL THE DEMANDS OF SUCH A  
7 POSITION THAT WILL BE ASKED FOR HIM OR HER. I UNDERSTAND THAT  
8 THE APPOINTMENT OF DEAN LOGAN HAS ONLY BEEN RECOMMENDED AT  
9 THIS POINT. BUT I BEG YOU TO INDULGE ME AS I INFORM OR REMIND  
10 YOU OF A FEW ISSUES CONCERNING THIS RECOMMENDATION. I DON'T  
11 MEAN TO DEMONIZE DEAN LOGAN. IN FACT, I PERSONALLY BELIEVE HE  
12 IS A HARD WORKER. AND SOME HAVE REFERRED TO HIM AS HONEST.  
13 HOWEVER, LOGAN'S WORK AT S.O.S. IN WASHINGTON STATE SHOWS THAT  
14 HE KNOWINGLY USED UNCERTIFIED DIEBOLD SOFTWARE ON SEVERAL  
15 ELECTIONS. HE HAS NO COLLEGE DEGREE, AS HAS BEEN STATED  
16 BEFORE, AND ONLY SOME SUMMER TRAINING FOR ELECTIONS. HE LACKS  
17 THE PROPER RECORD KEEPING AND HAS ALSO BEEN ACCUSED OF FIRING  
18 THE WHISTLE BLOWER, NICOLE KNOLLS, WHO LATER WON A MEDIATION  
19 DECISION. HE WAS LESS THAN TRUTHFUL ABOUT THE MODEMS BEING  
20 CONNECTED TO TABULATORS. AND LASTLY LOGAN AND HIS OFFICE HAVE  
21 BOTH BEEN SUED BY THE REPUBLICANS AND THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY. WE  
22 CAN DO BETTER THAN THIS. I BEG YOU TO RECONSIDER THIS  
23 RECOMMENDATION. I SPOKE PERSONALLY WITH WILLIAM FUJIOKA AND  
24 WAS ASSURED THAT DUE DILIGENCE WOULD BE DONE TO HIRE THE BEST  
25 PERSON FOR THE JOB. I HAVE EVERY CONFIDENCE THAT HE IS A MAN



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1 OF HIS WORD. MY NAME IS RICCO ROSS AND AGAIN I WOULD LIKE YOU  
2 TO RECONSIDER THIS RECOMMENDATION. THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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6 **ARNOLD SACHS:** GOOD MORNING, COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.  
7 ARNOLD SACHS. SEVERAL ANSWERS TO SOME OF THE QUESTIONS THAT  
8 WERE BROUGHT UP BY THE SPEAKERS. LAST YEAR WHEN YOU HAD THE  
9 INKA VOTER SYSTEM IN FRONT OF YOU, AND THE GROUP THAT WAS  
10 PRESENT AT THAT TIME BROUGHT TO YOUR ATTENTION THAT BOTH TIME  
11 AND NEWSWEEK HAD BROUGHT UP ARTICLES REGARDING THE EFFICIENCY  
12 AND TRUSTWORTHINESS OF THE SYSTEM, YET NOTHING WAS ADDRESSED  
13 ABOUT THE VOTING SYSTEM. INSTEAD, THE LOSS OF 200,000 ABSENTEE  
14 BALLOTS WAS A BIG CONCERN. THE PROBLEM IS, WE'RE TALKING \$42  
15 MILLION IN FUNDING. THAT'S WHY THINGS HAPPEN. SO AS FAR  
16 ADDRESSING PEOPLE'S CONCERNS, I DO HAVE A SUGGESTION. ONE OF  
17 THE SPEAKERS REQUESTED THAT THE APPOINTEE, OR MAYBE YOUR NEW  
18 APPOINTEE, HAVE TRUSTWORTHINESS AS ONE OF HIS ABILITIES. WELL  
19 I BELIEVE THAT THE BOY SCOUTS WERE HERE EARLIER. AND LIKE THE  
20 APPOINTEE THAT YOU'RE CONSIDERING, THEY DON'T HAVE COLLEGE  
21 DEGREES EITHER. THANK YOU.

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23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THAT CONCLUDES THE TESTIMONY.  
24 ARE THE COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD?

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHOSE RECOMMENDATION IS THIS? MR. FUJIOKA'S?  
2 MAYBE YOU'D LIKE TO SPEAK TO IT. THEN I HAVE SOME COMMENTS.

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4 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I WILL MAKE A COUPLE OF QUICK COMMENTS. WITH  
5 THE PENDING RETIREMENT OF OUR CURRENT REGISTRAR-RECORDER AND  
6 GIVEN THAT WE HAVE A MAJOR ELECTION COMING UP IN FEBRUARY,  
7 HAVING SOMEONE WITH MR. LOGAN'S EXPERIENCE, NOT ONLY IN AN  
8 ELECTIONS PERIOD BUT HERE WITH OUR CURRENT SYSTEMS, I THINK IS  
9 ABSOLUTELY CRITICAL. THE CONCERNS REGARDING HIS EDUCATION, I  
10 HAVE PROBLEMS WITH THOSE CONCERNS BECAUSE IN LIGHT OF NOT JUST  
11 THIS INDIVIDUAL, BUT I HAVE AN EXTENSIVE BACKGROUND ON  
12 PERSONNEL. WHEN YOU HAVE SOMEONE WHO HAS THE AMOUNT OF  
13 EXPERIENCE HE HAS IN THIS PARTICULAR DISCIPLINE, TO STATE THAT  
14 MERELY BECAUSE HE DOESN'T HAVE A DEGREE I THINK IS UNFAIR.  
15 WHAT WE SHOULD BE LOOKING AT IS WHETHER OR NOT HE HAS THE  
16 QUALIFICATIONS AND THE EXPERIENCE TO FULFILL THIS VERY  
17 CRITICAL JOB FOR THE COUNTY OF L.A. AT THIS POINT IN TIME AND  
18 BASED ON OUR REVIEW, I FEEL HE'S THE BEST CANDIDATE TO BE THE  
19 INTERIM REGISTRAR-RECORDER. I ALSO AM COMMITTING TO THIS BOARD  
20 THAT WE WILL HAVE A VERY OPEN, VERY BROAD NATIONAL SEARCH TO  
21 IDENTIFY THE BEST CANDIDATE FOR OUR POSITION AS YOU WOULD FOR  
22 ANY OF OUR DEPARTMENT HEAD POSITIONS. AND SO AT THIS POINT I  
23 ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT. I FEEL THIS APPOINTMENT OF DEAN LOGAN AS  
24 THE INTERIM REGISTRAR- RECORDER IS A GOOD APPOINTMENT.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I APPRECIATE THOSE COMMENTS BY MR. FUJIOKA,  
4 AS I DO THINK IT PUTS IT IN SOME PERSPECTIVE. I JUST WANT TO  
5 MAKE A COMMENT. I'VE WORKED RELATIVELY CLOSELY WITH MR. LOGAN  
6 OVER THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE NEW  
7 SECRETARY OF STATE OVER THE ISSUES THAT WE HAVE IN THIS COUNTY  
8 THAT EVERY MEMBER OF THIS BOARD IS INTIMATELY FAMILIAR WITH ON  
9 CERTIFICATION OR NONCERTIFICATION OF EQUIPMENT. AND I HAVE  
10 FOUND HIM TO BE REALLY REFRESHING, A PROBLEM SOLVER. I DON'T  
11 WANT TO SPEAK FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE OR HER STAFF, BUT I  
12 THINK THEY HAVE FOUND HIM TO BE SOMEONE WHO THEY CAN WORK WITH  
13 CONSTRUCTIVELY IN ADDRESSING THE ISSUES. HE'S ALL ABOUT  
14 PROBLEM SOLVING. THERE ARE NO OTHER ISSUES THERE. AND FRANKLY  
15 I HAVE FOUND HIM TO BE PRETTY GOOD. AND I WOULD JUST SAY WE  
16 ARE GOING TO GO TO A SEARCH FOR A PERMANENT POST. AND WHETHER  
17 YOU WANT TO INCLUDE A COLLEGE DEGREE OR NOT INCLUDE A COLLEGE  
18 DEGREE AS A REQUIREMENT IS SOMETHING WE MAY WANT TO DISCUSS. I  
19 UNDERSTAND THAT WE HAVE IN THE PAST NOT REQUIRED, YOU HAVE  
20 TOLD ME PRIVATELY THAT WE HAVE NOT REQUIRED A COLLEGE DEGREE  
21 FOR THIS JOB IN THE PAST. I'M LOOKING AT HIS RESUME. HE HAS  
22 HAD A NUMBER OF JOBS, INCLUDING A CHIEF DEPUTY AUDITOR FOR A  
23 COUNTY IN WASHINGTON, AMONG OTHER JOBS, INCLUDING THE ELECTION  
24 JOBS THAT HAVE BEEN REFERENCED. I'M REMINDED OF-- I'M A BIG  
25 BELIEVER IN A COLLEGE EDUCATION. AND I DON'T WANT TO BELITTLE



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1 IT. I THINK THE POINT IS WELL TAKEN. BUT I AM REMINDED OF MARK  
2 TWAIN'S ADMONITION "DON'T LET YOUR SCHOOLING INTERFERE WITH  
3 YOUR EDUCATION." HE'S HAD QUITE AN EDUCATION IN THE REAL  
4 WORLD. I HAVE NOT-- I WAS NOT AWARE WHEN MS. MCCORMACK HIRED  
5 HIM THAT HE HAD NO COLLEGE DEGREE, AND I WOULDN'T HAVE KNOWN  
6 IT FROM HIS PERFORMANCE, FROM HIS JOB PERFORMANCE. IT'S BEEN  
7 PRETTY GOOD. NOW, THIS IS FOR AN INTERIM. I THINK MR. FUJIOKA  
8 SAYS IT, IT BEARS REPEATING. WE ARE NOT THE A POSITION TO ROLL  
9 THE DICE RIGHT NOW. WHAT IS IT, 40, 50 DAYS BEFORE A  
10 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION AND SEVERAL MONTHS BEFORE THE  
11 GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION AND THEN A GENERAL ELECTION? THREE  
12 ELECTIONS COMING IN THE NEXT 13 MONTHS OR LESS THAN THAT, 11  
13 MONTHS. WE ARE NOT IN THE POSITION TO ROLL THE DICE. I HAVE  
14 THE CONFIDENCE THAT HE CAN CARRY US THROUGH THIS PERIOD WHILE  
15 WE GO FOR A BROAD SEARCH FOR A PERMANENT REGISTRAR. AND I  
16 RESPECT THE DUE DILIGENCE THAT HAS BEEN DONE BY MANY OF THESE--  
17 - ALL OF THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN HEARD FROM THIS MORNING.  
18 WE'VE TALKED TO THEM, AS WELL. I KNOW MR. FUJIOKA HAS. AND I  
19 HOPE THAT THEY RECOGNIZE THAT MANY OF THE CONCERNS THAT  
20 THEY'VE RAISED HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO HEART AND WE ARE TRYING TO  
21 ADDRESS THEM AS WE GO FORWARD IN DOING OUR ELECTION BUSINESS,  
22 BOTH WITH THE CITIZEN ACTIVISTS AS WELL AS FOR THE SECRETARY  
23 OF STATE. AND I HOPE THAT THAT PARTNERSHIP CAN CONTINUE  
24 CONSTRUCTIVELY REGARDLESS OF WHAT THE DECISION IS TODAY ON THE  
25 INTERIM APPOINTMENT.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M WILLING TO MOVE THE MOTION.

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT'S BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED. I WOULD JUST  
7 LIKE TO MAKE ONE COMMENT. I DO THINK THAT WE SHOULD MOVE  
8 FORWARD WITH THE SEARCH AND THAT ANY TIME YOU HAVE SO MANY  
9 PEOPLE WHO HAVE CONCERNS, THAT WE DO WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE  
10 HAVE A NATIONAL SEARCH. AND MAYBE NOT DELAY IT BECAUSE WE HAVE  
11 THESE ELECTIONS THAT ARE COMING FORWARD. I THINK IT SHOULD GO  
12 ON IN TIME. BUT WE ARE IN A DIFFICULT POSITION. I MEAN, WE  
13 HAVE AN ELECTION COMING UP WITHIN THE NEXT THE COUPLE OF  
14 MONTHS. AND THEN WE HAVE THE JUNE ELECTION. AND IT'S GOING TO  
15 BE VERY DIFFICULT TIME TO TRY TO FIND SOMEONE TO BRING THEM IN  
16 AS AN INTERIM, SO THAT I REALLY UNDERSTAND WHY IT'S IMPORTANT  
17 FOR US TO MOVE. YES?

18

19 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** VERY QUICKLY. WE ARE CLOSE TO FINALIZING A  
20 BULLETIN FOR THIS POSITION. HOWEVER, I MADE A COMMITMENT TO A  
21 NUMBER OF PEOPLE, IN FACT, SOME OF THE SPEAKERS WHO CAME  
22 BEFORE THIS BOARD TODAY, THAT I WOULD HEAR THEIR INPUT, I  
23 WOULD INVITE THEIR INPUT. AND AT THAT POINT, ONCE WE HAVE ALL  
24 THE INFORMATION THAT WE CAN RECEIVE FROM THE COMMUNITY, THAT  
25 WE INCORPORATE SOME OF THAT INPUT INTO THE WHOLE RECRUITMENT



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1 AND SELECTION PROCESS. SO BEFORE WE RELEASE IT, I DID TELL  
2 THEM I WANTED THEIR INPUT BY I THINK I SAID THE END OF THIS  
3 WEEK.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD.

6

7 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** BUT ONCE WE GET THAT, THEN WE WILL FINALIZE  
8 THE BULLETIN.

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10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THERE ANY OBJECTION? WITHOUT OBJECTION,  
11 THIS ITEM IS APPROVED.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAME CHAIR, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF ISSUES,  
14 ITEMS THAT HAVE BEEN RAISED, HELD BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. SO  
15 I WOULD START WITH ITEM 10?

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MR. SACHS? WHAT ABOUT ITEM 1?

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19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SORRY I JUST REALIZED THAT ITEM 1 WAS HELD  
20 AS WELL, SO LET'S TAKE UP ITEM 1 AS WELL.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** 1, 10, 11, 28, 42. LET'S TAKE THOSE UP.

23

24 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YEAH, GOOD MORNING. ARNOLD SACHS AGAIN.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IF YOU COULD SPEAK ON ALL OF THOSE MATTERS  
2 AT THIS POINT.

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4 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YOU'RE TAKING THEM UP IN ORDER YOU'RE HEARING  
5 THEM ALSO, I HOPE. I'M JUST CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR ITEM NUMBER  
6 1, YOUR APPOINTMENT TO AN ECONOMICS AND EFFICIENCY BOARD?  
7 THAT'S QUITE AN OXYMORON BASED ON SOME OF THE THINGS THAT  
8 OCCUR WITH THE COUNTY AND THE AUDITS THAT ARE GOING ON. YOU  
9 EITHER ARE VERY INEFFICIENT OR VERY UNECONOMIC IF THAT'S A  
10 WORD. YOU CALLED ME IN FRONT FOR ITEM NUMBER 10. AND I HAD  
11 SOME CONCERNS. THE CITY OF L.A. IS FACING A BUDGET DEFICIT.  
12 AND I'VE QUESTIONED THEM, AND I WILL ASK THE SAME QUESTION  
13 HERE, REGARDING SEVERAL OF THEIR SETTLEMENT SUITS THAT THEY  
14 HAVE GOING ON RIGHT NOW AND THEIR RESOLVE TO USE OUTSIDE  
15 COUNSEL FOR A LOT OF THEIR LAWSUITS AND THE FACT THAT THE CITY  
16 ATTORNEY IS RUNNING UP A HUGE DEFICIT OR A HUGE EXPENSES FOR  
17 HIS BUDGET. SO I'M CONCERNED HERE AS WITH THE COUNTY. DOES THE  
18 COUNTY FOR THESE SETTLEMENTS USE IN-HOUSE COUNSEL OR OUT-HOUSE  
19 COUNSEL? AND WHAT IS THE COST TO THE COUNTY FOR THE OUT-HOUSE  
20 COUNSEL?

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WOULD COUNTY COUNSEL LIKE TO RESPOND? I  
23 DON'T KNOW IF WE CALL THEM OUT-HOUSE COUNSEL. I THINK WE CALL  
24 THEM-- [LAUGHTER.]

25



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1 **RAY FORTNER, COUNSEL:** MADAME CHAIR, I DON'T HAVE THAT  
2 INFORMATION HERE WITH ME. WE'D HAVE TO RESPOND.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** BUT IT'S USUALLY BECAUSE OF EXPERTISE. IF  
5 WE DON'T HAVE THE EXPERTISE WITH IN-HOUSE OR THE ABILITY TO  
6 HANDLE A LONG TRIAL.

7

8 **RAY FORTNER, COUNSEL:** THAT'S CORRECT.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

11

12 **ARNOLD SACHS:** COULD WE GET THE COSTS FOR THOSE?

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I THINK THERE IS A REPORT THAT IS RELEASED  
15 IN TERMS OF EXTERNAL COUNSEL, HOW MUCH IS EXPENDED. THERE'S A  
16 REPORT THAT'S AVAILABLE, I'M SURE.

17

18 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU. ITEM NUMBER 11, I WAS INTERESTED,  
19 BASED ON A REVIEW OF THE LENGTH OF TIME IT TOOK FOR THE REVIEW  
20 OF THE MARTIN LUTHER KING STAFF AND THE FACT OF ALL THE  
21 PROBLEMS AND CONCERN THERE, WHAT'S THE STATUS OF THE FAB 50?  
22 THE HOMELESS 50 PEOPLE THAT YOU HAD AN INITIATIVE IN FRONT OF  
23 YOU TO PASS THAT YOU WANTED TO PUT TOGETHER A PROGRAM TO TAKE  
24 THE 50 WORST OR MOST CHRONIC HOMELESS OFF THE STREET? HOW MANY



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1 HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED INTO THE PROGRAM? WHAT'S THE STATUS OF  
2 THAT AS IT'S STANDING RIGHT NOW?

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I THINK IT WAS JUST TWO WEEKS AGO THAT IT  
5 WAS PASSED. WE'LL MAKE SURE THAT YOU GET THE INFORMATION.

6

7 **ARNOLD SACHS:** NOTHING HAS BEEN --

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT WAS JUST INTRODUCED.

10

11 **ARNOLD SACHS:** IS THERE A TIMEFRAME FOR THAT TO BE MOVED ALONG  
12 TO?

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AS SOON AS WE GET IT, WE'LL LET YOU KNOW.

15

16 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU. MY NEXT ITEM, ITEM 28 REGARDS SOME  
17 CONTRACTS THAT WERE LET OUT FOR WASTE REMOVAL. AND MY CONCERNS  
18 WITH THAT IS, IF THE METHOD USED FOR THE COST ANALYSIS TO  
19 AWARD THOSE FRANCHISES WAS THE SAME METHOD USED WHEN YOU  
20 DOUBLED THE WASTE INTAKE AT THE SUNSHINE CANYON LANDFILL WHEN  
21 YOU DOUBLED THE AMOUNT FROM 6,000 TO 12,000 DAILY AND 36,000  
22 TONS WEEKLY TO 66,000 TONS WEEKLY, AND THE DIFFERENCE OF 6,600  
23 TONS OF WASTE THAT REALLY WAS NEVER ADEQUATELY EXPLAINED TO  
24 THE PUBLIC, I THINK, THAT WAS USED AT THE 6,600 TONS WAS COVER  
25 FOR THE LANDFILL SO THAT IT WOULD INHIBIT STUFF FROM-- DEBRIS



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1 FROM BLOWING AWAY. BUT POINTED OUT TO YOU THAT THE AMOUNT OF  
2 INTAKE WAS WHAT WAS INVOLVED HERE. AND THE 6,600 TONS WOULD  
3 HAVE BEEN THERE PRIOR TO THE DOUBLING? AND, STILL, WE HAVE A  
4 6,600-TON DIFFERENCE. AND FINALLY, THE LAST ITEM I'D LIKE TO  
5 COMMENT ON REGARDS THE CORONER. I HAVEN'T READ ANYTHING OR  
6 HEARD ANYTHING ABOUT THE BACKLOG THAT WAS SO PREVALENT OVER  
7 THE SUMMER. AND IF THE BACKLOG ISSUE HAD BEEN RESOLVED WITH  
8 THE AMOUNT OF BODIES THAT WERE PILING UP IN THE CORONER'S  
9 OFFICE AND YOU HAD PERSONNEL FROM THE CORONER'S OFFICE IN  
10 FRONT OF YOU, HOW WAS THAT ELIMINATED? AND WITH THAT KIND OF  
11 MANAGEMENT, COULD THAT BE USED IN OTHER DEPARTMENTS FOR THE  
12 COUNTY WITH SOME OF THE OTHER PROBLEMS THAT THEY HAVE? THANK  
13 YOU.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ON ITEM NUMBER 1,  
16 MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY MOLINA.

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18 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHICH ONE?

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ONE. OH, OKAY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
21 ORDERED. ITEM 10, DO WE HAVE A MOTION? MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY,  
22 SECONDED BY KNABE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MOVE 28.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** 28 MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY KNABE,  
2 WITHOUT OBJECTION. SO ORDERED.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MOVE 42.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** 42 MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY  
7 MOLINA? WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. NOW ON ITEM 11,  
8 SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** LET ME ADDRESS ITEM 11. IT GIVES ME AN  
11 OPPORTUNITY WHILE IT WAS ON CONSENT TO HIGHLIGHT THE VERY  
12 POSITIVE ASPECTS. I HOPE THAT EACH OF YOU HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY  
13 TO READ THE "BEYOND SHELTER" REPORT THAT WAS PROVIDED. THIS  
14 HAS BEEN THE WHOLE PILOT PROGRAM THAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING ON  
15 REMOVING CHILDREN FROM SKID ROW. AND THEY HAVE BEEN  
16 TREMENDOUSLY SUCCESSFUL. WE REMOVED OVER 696 CHILDREN OFF OF  
17 SKID ROW. AND THERE ARE OVER 160 FAMILIES THAT ARE NOW IN  
18 PERMANENT HOUSING. WHAT'S FASCINATING IS THE REPORT. AND THERE  
19 ARE STILL MANY CHALLENGES THAT WE NEED TO OVERCOME. AND  
20 REGRETFULLY THERE'S STILL MORE CHILDREN SHOWING UP. NOW THE  
21 ISSUE AGAIN CAN BE THAT THESE PEOPLE ARE VERY DESPERATE OR  
22 THEY HAVE FOUND THAT IT IS A PLACE WHERE THEY CAN FIND THE  
23 RESOURCES THAT THEY NEED. BUT WE DO KNOW THAT WHAT WE NEED TO  
24 ACHIEVE IS CERTAINLY TO NOT ALLOW CHILDREN TO EXIST IN SKID  
25 ROW. IT'S NOT A SAFE AREA FOR THEM AT ALL. AND WE APPROVED THE



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1 CONTRACT, THE EXTENSION OF THE CONTRACT WITH CHILDREN'S  
2 SERVICES LAST WEEK. AND THEY HAVE BEEN DOING AN OUTSTANDING  
3 JOB AND HAVE BECOME PART OF REALLY A VERY COHESIVE  
4 COLLABORATIVE WITH BEYOND SHELTER AND THEY'VE BEEN WORKING  
5 VERY WELL. BUT I THOUGHT ONE OF THE OTHER STATISTICS THAT WAS  
6 IMPORTANT AND ALSO TROUBLESOME AT THE SAME TIME IS WHERE  
7 CHILDREN ARE COMING FROM. EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE FROM ALL OVER,  
8 THERE ARE 35 PERCENT OF THEM UNFORTUNATELY FROM THE SECOND  
9 DISTRICT. BUT 31 PERCENT OF THEM ARE FROM OUT OF STATE. SO  
10 THEY ARE COMING FROM OUT OF STATE AND INTO SKID ROW, AND WE  
11 ARE HAVING TO PROVIDE SERVICES FOR THEM: 21 PERCENT ARE FROM  
12 MY DISTRICT, 6 PERCENT ARE FROM FOURTH DISTRICT, 4 PERCENT ARE  
13 FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT, AND 2 PERCENT FROM THE FIFTH  
14 DISTRICT. THEY'RE REALLY FROM ALL OVER. AND IT'S REALLY  
15 UNFORTUNATE THAT THESE CHILDREN ARE HAVING TO GO THROUGH THAT.  
16 BUT I'M GLAD THAT THE SERVICES ARE THERE. AND EVEN THOUGH IT'S  
17 A COSTLY PROGRAM, IT'S A VERY COST-EFFECTIVE PROGRAM. BECAUSE  
18 THESE ARE NOW CHILDREN THAT HOPEFULLY ARE NOT, AND FAMILIES  
19 FAMILIES THAT WILL NOT BE RECYCLED BACK INTO SKID ROW. AND IT  
20 HAS A TREMENDOUS PROMISING ASPECT OF AT LEAST HOW TO SAVE  
21 CHILDREN FROM HOMELESSNESS, FOR THE MOST PART.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANY QUESTION. BUT  
24 HOUSING IS THE SOLUTION. AND WHEN WE CAN GET HOUSING FOR  
25 CHILDREN, BECAUSE WHAT HAPPENS IS CERTAINLY AS YOU SAY A LARGE



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1 PERCENTAGE OF THEM ARE FROM THE SECOND DISTRICT, AND THEY ARE  
2 PEOPLE WHO HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO PAY THEIR RENT IN MANY  
3 INSTANCES AND AS A RESULT THEY ARE EVICTED. THEY HAVE NO PLACE  
4 TO GO.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT IF YOU LOOK AT THE REPORT, ONE OF THE THINGS  
7 THAT I THINK IS THE SUPPORTIVE SERVICES. AND TANYA TUCKER DOES  
8 A WHOLE TRAINING. MANY OF THESE FAMILIES JUST DON'T KNOW HOW  
9 TO MANAGE RESOURCES. DON'T KNOW EXACTLY HOW TO MAKE SURE THAT  
10 THEY CAN PREVENT THE KIND OF EVICTIONS THAT NORMALLY HAPPEN.  
11 AND THEY NEED SUBSIDIZED HOUSING. AND SO CONNECTING ALL OF  
12 THAT. SO IT'S AN UNFORTUNATE SITUATION. BUT I THINK WORST OF  
13 ALL THAT, BECAUSE SOMETIMES THE PARENTS CAN'T GET IT TOGETHER,  
14 IT'S VERY UNFORTUNATE THAT CHILDREN HAVE TO SUFFER. BUT THE  
15 COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES COLLECTIVELY REALLY HELP. BUT THERE'S  
16 NO DOUBT THAT HOUSING IS STILL ONE OF THE BIGGEST ISSUES OF  
17 ALL. AND WE NEED TO DO MORE TO HELP IN THE WHOLE AREA OF MORE  
18 AFFORDABILITY AND MORE SECTION 8 VOUCHERS.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAME CHAIR, IF I COULD ADD. I TOTALLY AGREE WITH  
21 SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S COMMENTS. I THINK THE STAGGERING NUMBER TO  
22 ME THOUGH, WAS THE OUT OF STATE POPULATION.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I WAS SURPRISED OF THAT.

25



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1 **SUP. KNABE:** THAT IT WAS THAT HIGH. I MEAN, 31 PERCENT IS  
2 SIGNIFICANT FOR AN OUT OF STATE POPULATION. THAT JUST BLEW ME  
3 AWAY. OBVIOUSLY, WE KNEW WE HAD ISSUES. AND I THOUGHT IT WAS  
4 SPREAD-- PRETTY MUCH THE NUMBERS DIDN'T SURPRISE ME IN OTHER  
5 AREAS. BUT THE OUT OF STATE NUMBERS JUST WERE ABSOLUTELY  
6 AMAZING.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND I GUESS WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THAT  
9 MEANS. I'M NOT SURE I UNDERSTAND WHERE THAT'S COMING FROM.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL BECAUSE THEY DO AN ASSESSMENT. AND MANY OF  
12 THESE PEOPLE COME IN OFF THE BUS AND END UP ON SKID ROW. I  
13 DON'T KNOW IF THEY'RE SENT FROM THEIR STATES.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE SHOULD FIND OUT.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** IT'S PROBABLY COMPARABLE TO OUR MEDICAL SITUATION,  
18 A WHILE BACK WHERE THERE WAS SOME ONE-WAY TICKETS BEING GIVEN.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT MAY VERY WELL BE SOMETHING LIKE THAT  
21 THAT WE SHOULD FIND OUT ABOUT. ALL RIGHT. WITHOUT OBJECTION?  
22 THAT ITEM IS APPROVED.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ITEM 17?

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ITEM 17? DR. CLAVREUL, WOULD YOU PLEASE  
2 COME FORWARD? DOES DR. CLAVREUL HAVE ANY OTHER ITEMS? JUST THE  
3 REPORT?

4

5 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
6 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. ON THIS CONTRACT, AND EXTENSION, IT IS  
7 THE SAME THING WE ARE SEEING ALL THE TIME. WE ARE RENEWING,  
8 EXTENDING CONTRACTS WITH NO R.F.P. AND SO ON. WE HAVE SIX  
9 COMPANIES HERE WHO ARE PROVIDING SERVICES FOR RECORD CODING  
10 AND ABSTRACTING SERVICES. SINCE JUNE 1996, THERE HAS BEEN  
11 EXTENSION AFTER EXTENSION AFTER EXTENSION. THOSE NEVER WENT  
12 FOR PROPOSAL. THAT'S ASININE. IT'S JUST TOTALLY INAPPROPRIATE.  
13 I MEAN, WE HAVE THAT COMING ALMOST EVERY WEEK IN THIS COUNTY.  
14 AND IT'S LIKE WE HAVE SPECIAL FAVORS FOR SPECIAL PEOPLE. I  
15 MEAN, AS RECENTLY AS 2004, IT WAS NO DECISION MADE BECAUSE  
16 THEY WANTED TO LOOK AT MORE INFORMATION. I MEAN IT TAKES YOU  
17 11 YEARS TO REVIEW CONTRACTS? I THINK THAT'S ABSURD. AND I'M  
18 NOT IN FAVOR OF SOLE VENDOR CONTRACT, BUT YOU HAVE SIX  
19 DIFFERENT CONTRACTORS TO DO RECORD CODING IS INAPPROPRIATE.  
20 YOU WOULD BE BETTER OFF HAVING THE SAME ONE DOING ALL THE  
21 CODING. THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THERE A MOTION?

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MOVE IT.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED? SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT  
3 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. NUMBER 21?

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHICH ITEM?

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THERE IS 21.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** 21.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** STEPHANIE SCOTT MCDONALD, WOULD YOU PLEASE  
12 COME FORWARD? STATE YOUR NAME, PLEASE.

13

14 **STEPHANIE SCOTT MCDONALD:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS STEPHANIE  
15 SCOTT MCDONALD AND I AM THE DIRECTOR OF NURSING A.I.D.S.  
16 HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION. I'M SPEAKING THIS MORNING ON THE ISSUE  
17 OF A.I.D.S. HOSPICE CARE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AS YOU CONSIDER  
18 THIS RECOMMENDATION FROM YOUR HEALTH DEPUTIES ON INCREASING  
19 FUNDS FOR WELLS HOUSE HOSPICE FOUNDATION IN LONG BEACH. AS  
20 MANY OF YOU KNOW, A.H.F. OPERATED CALLBEAN [PH?] HOUSE, THE  
21 20-BED A.I.D.S. HOSPICE IN THE WEST ADAMS DISTRICT FROM 1992  
22 UNTIL THE SPRING OF 2006, WHEN WE MADE THE DIFFICULT DECISION  
23 TO CLOSE THE FACILITY DUE TO FUNDING CUTS. WE CURRENTLY STILL  
24 OPERATE ONE OF OUR MAGIC JOHNSON CLINICS IN THE BASEMENT OF  
25 THE FACILITY. THE CLINIC PROVIDES H.I.V./A.I.D.S. MEDICAL



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1 CARE, INCLUDING THE PROVISION OF LIFE SAVING ANTI-RETROVIRAL  
2 TREATMENT REGARDLESS OF PATIENT'S INSURANCE STATUS OR ABILITY  
3 TO PAY, AT A CONVENIENT LOCATION IN THE COMMUNITY. IT SADDENED  
4 ME TO LEARN OF THIS CURRENT SHORTAGE OF A.I.D.S. HOSPICE BEDS  
5 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. BUT IT DID NOT SURPRISE ME. AND I'M  
6 GLAD YOU HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY THIS MORNING TO ADDRESS THIS  
7 INCREASING NEED, AT LEAST IN THE SHORT-TERM. I ALSO WANT TO  
8 ALERT YOU TO THIS FACT THAT THIS NEED FOR A.I.D.S. HOSPICE  
9 CARE IS LIKELY TO BE ONGOING AND INCREASING NEED IN THE  
10 COUNTY. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT LAST WEEK'S HEALTH  
11 DEPUTY'S MEETING, O.A.P.P. DIRECTOR MARIO PEREZ STATED THAT  
12 ONLY THE FACILITY THAT L.A. COUNTY CURRENTLY CONTRACTS WITH IS  
13 WELLS HOUSE WHICH IS AT CAPACITY. CAPACITY FOR THEM IS SIX  
14 PATIENTS AT A GIVEN TIME. ACCORDING TO MR. PEREZ, COUNTY WENT  
15 INTO THIS CONTRACT ESTIMATING A NEED FOR TWO A.I.D.S. HOSPICE  
16 PATIENTS AT A TIME. BY CLINICAL, LEGAL AND INSURANCE  
17 DEFINITIONS, HOSPICE CARE, A.I.D.S. OR OTHERWISE, CAN BE FOR  
18 UP TO SIX-MONTH PERIOD FOR AN INDIVIDUAL PATIENT. AS SUCH, IT  
19 APPEARS L.A. COUNTY INTENDED TO HAVE TWO DEDICATED BEDS TO  
20 PROVIDE A.I.D.S. HOSPICE CARE TO A TOTAL OF FOUR INDIVIDUALS  
21 PER YEAR IN A COUNTY OF 9.9 MILLION, OF WHOM 59,000 ARE  
22 ESTIMATED TO BE LIVING WITH H.I.V. OR A.I.D.S. TODAY. MR.  
23 PEREZ ALSO STATED THAT THE COUNTY HAS APPROACHED TWO OTHER  
24 GENERAL NURSING FACILITIES TO ALLEVIATE THE A.I.D.S. HOSPICE  
25 BEDS SHORTAGE AND THEY TURNED THE COUNTY DOWN, STATING THE



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1 REIMBURSEMENT RATE THE COUNTY PAYS AS SIMPLY TOO LOW. IN  
2 ADDITION, AS WE FACE THE A.I.D.S. HOSPICE SHORTAGE TODAY HERE  
3 IN LOS ANGELES, THE C.D.C. IS POISED TO RELEASE STARTLING NEW  
4 DATA RECENTLY REPORTED IN THE WALL STREET JOURNAL AND NEW YORK  
5 TIMES. AND I HAVE COPIES OF THOSE ARTICLES. SHOWING A DRAMATIC  
6 INCREASE IN H.I.V. INFECTION IN THE U.S., AS MUCH AS 50  
7 PERCENT. WHAT I'D LIKE TO REMIND YOU AND CONSIDER FOR THE  
8 FUNDING AUGMENTATION TO ADDRESS THE A.I.D.S. HOSPICE SHORTAGE  
9 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY THIS MORNING THAT THE A.I.D.S.  
10 HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION HAS OVER 18 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE  
11 PROVIDING A.I.D.S. HOSPICE CARE TO THOUSANDS OF RESIDENTS. WE  
12 WHOLEHEARTEDLY AND SINCERELY SUPPORT THE INCREASE TO THIS  
13 ASPECT OF A.I.D.S. HOSPICE CARE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. IS THERE ANY OTHER COMMENT ON  
16 THIS? IS THERE A MOTION? MOVED BY KNABE? SECONDED BY  
17 YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION. SO ORDERED. SUPERVISOR KNABE,  
18 YOU'RE UP NEXT.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. UNFORTUNATELY I HAVE A  
21 NUMBER OF ADJOURNMENTS. FIRST OF ALL THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY  
22 OF RICHARD MANN, BETTER KNOWN TO ALL OF US AND OUR FAMILY AS  
23 "UNCLE DICK." HE PASSED AWAY RECENTLY AND WILL BE SORELY  
24 MISSED BY HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN  
25 MEMORY OF RUDOLPH BLAZEVIK A LONG TIME RESIDENT OF SAN PEDRO,



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1 WHO PASSED AWAY ON NOVEMBER 19TH JUST A FEW WEEKS AFTER BEING  
2 DIAGNOSED WITH A RARE FORM OF CANCER. PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE  
3 OF 82. HE WAS A FATHER OF JOHN BLAZEVIK, C.E.O. AND FOUNDER  
4 OF CONTESSA PREMIUM FOODS. HE WAS COMMITTED TO MAKING A BETTER  
5 LIFE FOR HIS WIFE AND SON. HE ESCAPED FROM COMMUNIST RULE IN  
6 YUGOSLAVIA AND SETTLED IN THE UNITED STATES THREE YEARS LATER.  
7 HE WAS AFFECTIONATELY CALLED "RUDY." WAS A TRAINED EUROPEAN  
8 CHEF. AND HE SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, SON, GRANDSON AND BROTHER.  
9 ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF NADYA CONWAY, A LONG TIME  
10 LONG BEACH RESIDENT WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 58. SHE WAS  
11 A TEACHER AND LATER OPERATED HER OWN REAL ESTATE COMPANY IN  
12 LONG BEACH FOR 20 YEARS. SHE LOVED NATURE AND HAD A SECOND  
13 HOME IN IDAHO. SHE TOUCHED MANY LIVES AND WILL BE MISSED BY  
14 HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND RICHARD  
15 AND SIX SIBLINGS. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF SALVATORE  
16 CORDARO, FATHER-IN-LAW OF JOHN WICKER, OUR LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
17 CHIEF DEPUTY'S PARKS AND RECREATION, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF  
18 93. SALVATORE WILL BE MISSED BY HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS. HE IS  
19 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE ROSE, SONS SALVATORE JR. AND JOSEPH ,  
20 DAUGHTERS NANCY, DONNA, TINA, NINE GRANDCHILDREN AND ONE GREAT  
21 GRAND GRANDCHILD. SO ALL MEMBERS ON THAT FOR JOHN WICKER.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL MEMBERS.

24



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1 **SUP. KNABE:** ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF AUGUSTINE ESPRIU WHO  
2 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 86 IN SAN PEDRO. HE IS SURVIVED BY  
3 HIS TWO DAUGHTERS, FOUR SIBLINGS, SIX, GRANDCHILDREN, NUMEROUS  
4 NIECES AND NEPHEWS. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF FRANK GARCIA,  
5 AN RESIDENT OF CERRITOS WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 81. HE  
6 WORKED FOR 39 YEARS UNDER THE OPERATING ENGINEERS AND PAVING  
7 CONSTRUCTION. HE WAS A WORLD WAR II NAVY VETERAN AND RECEIVED  
8 A WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL. HE IS A CHARTER MEMBER OF THE  
9 CERRITOS-ARTESIA VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS. HE WILL BE MISSED  
10 BY MANY. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 59 YEARS, BEATRICE,  
11 CHILDREN JOSIE, FRANK. TWO SIBLINGS, FOUR GRANDCHILDREN AND  
12 OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF TONI  
13 MCMURRAY, WHO PASSED AWAY ON THURSDAY. SHE WILL BE MISSED BY  
14 HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER SON MITCH. MANY  
15 OF US IN THIS ROOM KNEW HER HUSBAND JACK WHO PASSED AWAY HERE  
16 JUST A COUPLE YEARS AGO. SO WE WILL SORELY MISS TONI. ALSO  
17 THAT ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF HENRY PACHECO, LIFETIME WILMINGTON  
18 RESIDENT, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 64. HE SERVED  
19 HONORABLY DURING THE VIETNAM WAR. HE SERVED AS MY COMMISSIONER  
20 ON THE WILMINGTON CEMETERY DISTRICT. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS  
21 SISTERS, RACHEL, BARBARA AND SOFIA, BROTHERS FRANCISCO,  
22 ALFREDO, ALFONSO, SAUL, MANUEL , ROBERT AND RICHARD, AND  
23 DOZENS OF NIECES AND NEPHEWS. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY  
24 OF ELEANOR PARSONS, A LONG TIME EMPLOYEE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
25 HEALTH SERVICES. HER SKILLS AS A RESEARCHER, HER DIGNITY AND



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1 PROFESSIONALISM AND WARMTH EARNED HER GREAT RESPECT AND  
2 AFFECTION BY EVERYONE. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTER PAULA,  
3 THE COUNTY CONTRACTS GRANTS ADMINISTRATOR, HER SON SCOTT, FIVE  
4 GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF AN INCREDIBLE  
5 ACTIVIST IN THE CITY OF LONG BEACH, EDITH POLLACH, WHO PASSED  
6 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 86. SHE FOUNDED THE LONG BEACH CITIZENS  
7 INVOLVED, WAS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE LONG BEACH WOMEN'S  
8 RESOURCE CENTER IN THE '70S. SHE WAS VERY ACTIVE IN HALFWAY  
9 HOUSES FOR WOMEN, AND THE LONG BEACH COALITION. SHE ENJOYED  
10 READING AND LABOR-THEMED MUSIC, SUPPORTING SOCIAL CAUSES. AND  
11 SHE WAS A SOCIAL WORKER FOR SOME 40 YEARS IN MANY NONPROFIT  
12 AND PUBLIC AGENCIES. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTER KAREN AND  
13 WILL BE MISSED BY MANY IN LONG BEACH. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN  
14 MEMORY OF TOM SENA WHO PASSED AWAY PEACEFULLY AT THE AGE OF  
15 87. HE WAS A VERY AVID SPORTS FAN AND ENJOYED PLAYING GOLF. A  
16 MEMBER OF A LOS VERDES MEN'S GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB. TOM WAS  
17 ALSO A 30 YEAR MEMBER OF SAN PEDRO ELKS CLUB. SURVIVED BY WIFE  
18 MARIE, DAUGHTERS SANDRA, SUZANNE AND SALLY, AND SIX  
19 GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JULIANNE  
20 SUROWSKI, BELOVED MOTHER, DAUGHTER, SISTER, GRANDMOTHER, FIANC  
21 AND TEACHER, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE VERY YOUNG AGE OF 56 IN  
22 HERMOSA BEACH. SHE WAS A LIFELONG RESIDENT OF SOUTH BAY AND  
23 LIVE IN HERMOSA FOR THE LAST 35 YEARS. SHE TAUGHT FOURTH GRADE  
24 IN THE L.A. UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, WAS A VERY DEDICATED  
25 TEACHER WHO WAS DEARLY LOVED BY HER STUDENTS. SHE IS SURVIVED



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1 BY SEVERAL SIBLINGS HER TWO DAUGHTERS, HER GRANDCHILDREN AND  
2 HER FIANCE AND MOTHER. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF VISUWAT  
3 TAWEESUP, WHO WAS AFFECTIONATELY KNOWN AS "TONY," WHO PASSED  
4 AWAY THIS SATURDAY. HE WAS THE HEAD GRAPHIC ARTIST FOR THE  
5 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. TONY SERVED THE COUNTY THROUGH  
6 THE DEPARTMENTS OF HEALTH AND PUBLIC HEALTH FOR OVER SEVEN  
7 YEARS, WITH GREAT ENTHUSIASM, CREATIVITY AND LOYALTY. HE ALSO  
8 DESIGNED THE IMPRESSIVE NEW PUBLIC HEALTH LOGO. THE COUNTY HAS  
9 BEEN PRIVILEGED TO HAVE SUCH A SKILLED PROFESSIONAL AND KIND  
10 INDIVIDUAL ON STAFF. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS LOVING WIFE ROSIE  
11 AND THREE SONS. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS, MADAME CHAIR.

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13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

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15 **SUP. KNABE:** I WAS NOT HOLDING ANYTHING.

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17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'D LIKE TO ADJOURN IN MEMORY FOR THE  
20 FOLLOWING. LOST A GOOD FRIEND, GOOD SUPPORTER, A COUNTY  
21 RETIRED EMPLOYEE, TONI MCMURRAY. HER HUSBAND JACK MCMURRAY  
22 PASSED AWAY A WHILE AGO, ALSO RETIRED D.P.S.S. COUNTY  
23 EMPLOYEE. SHE PASSED AWAY ON DECEMBER 6TH. THEY WERE BOTH VERY  
24 ACTIVE IN THE FILIPINO-AMERICAN REPUBLICAN COMMUNITY AND IN  
25 THEIR CULTURAL COMMUNITY. SHE LEAVES HER THREE SONS, MITCH,



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1 GLENN AND MONTY MCMURRAY, AND FOUR DAUGHTERS, JACQUELINE  
2 LAVERNE, ARLENE AND SAMANTHA, 14 GRANDCHILDREN AND FOUR GREAT  
3 GRANDCHILDREN. VERY WONDERFUL WOMAN. ALSO PAMELA ANGELA  
4 CARONE, CRESCENTA VALLEY, WHO PASSED AWAY ON NOVEMBER 16TH,  
5 86. SHE WAS RAISED IN THE WHOLE AREA OF LOS ANGELES, A  
6 GRADUATE OF JOHN MARSHALL HIGH SCHOOL. THE LAST 55 YEARS, SHE  
7 AND HER HUSBAND MICHAEL RESIDED IN CRESCENTA VALLEY. SHE IS  
8 SURVIVED BY MICHAEL AND HER SONS NICHOLAS AND PAMELA. WILLIAM  
9 BUTRAN FRASER WAS A SENIOR WATERWORKS INSPECTOR FOR 30 YEARS  
10 IN LANCASTER. LUCILLE "CILLE" WRAY, RESIDENT ANTELOPE VALLEY  
11 FOR THE PAST 40 YEARS. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTER CYNTHIA  
12 AND HER TWO SISTERS, BETTY AND CAROLINE, AND BROTHER EDDIE.  
13 THAT WE ADJOURN IN THEIR MEMORY.

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15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S ALL I HAVE.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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21 **SUP. MOLINA:** I DON'T HAVE ANY ADJOURNMENTS, BUT I HAVE A  
22 MOTION I'D LIKE TO READ FOR NEXT WEEK. I THINK MY STAFF CAN  
23 PASS IT OUT. THE CITY OF VERNON HAS PROPOSED THE DEVELOPMENT  
24 OF A 943-MEGAWATT POWER PLANT THAT IS CURRENTLY BEING  
25 CONSIDERED BY THE CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION. THIS FACILITY,



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1 IF APPROVED, WILL PRODUCE IN EXCESS OF 880 TONS OF AIR  
2 EMISSIONS PER YEAR, MAKING IT ONE OF THE LARGEST CONTRIBUTORS  
3 OF POLLUTANTS INTO THE GREATER LOS ANGELES AIR BASIN. FOR SOME  
4 REGULATED POLLUTANTS, THE STORY IS WORSE. IT WILL TIE FOR THE  
5 SEVENTH LARGEST CONTRIBUTOR OF P.M.10 EMISSIONS, WILL RANK AS  
6 THE 16TH BIGGEST PRODUCER OF CARBON MONOXIDE, AND WILL BE THE  
7 21ST LARGEST PRODUCER OF NITROGEN OXIDE EMISSIONS. THE LOS  
8 ANGELES REGION HAS THE DIRTIEST AIR BASIN IN THE NATION. THE  
9 COMMUNITY SURROUNDING VERNON HAS SOME OF THE MOST UNHEALTHY  
10 AIR IN LOS ANGELES. WITH A MULTIPLE STATIONARY AND MOBILE  
11 RESOURCES OF THE AIR POLLUTION IN THIS REGION, RESIDENTS FACED  
12 INCREASED HEALTH RISKS FROM ASTHMA, EMPHYSEMA AND OTHER  
13 RESPIRATORY DISEASE. STUDIES HAVE SHOWN CHILDREN ARE MOST  
14 VULNERABLE AND CAN SUFFER PERMANENT LUNG IMPAIRMENT. ADDING  
15 MORE AIR POLLUTANTS TO THIS REGION IS UNACCEPTABLE. THE  
16 OPPOSITE MUST OCCUR. THE CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION WILL  
17 CONDUCT THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF THIS PROPOSAL. THE C.E.C.  
18 IS EMPOWERED TO APPROVE OR DENY THE POWER PLANT AS PROPOSED,  
19 MAKE MODIFICATIONS INCLUDING REDUCING THE SIZE OF THE  
20 AUTHORITY, AND ORDER ANY MITIGATIONS NECESSARY TO REDUCE  
21 NEGATIVE IMPACTS. ALSO OF NOTE, THE FACILITY HAS BEEN APPROVED  
22 TO PURCHASE \$90 MILLION OF PRIORITY RESERVED AIR POLLUTION  
23 OFFSETS FROM THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA A.Q.M.D THAT SHOULD BUT  
24 HAVE NOT YET BEEN ALLOCATED TO REDUCE POLLUTANTS FROM OTHER  
25 POLLUTION SOURCES IN NEARBY COMMUNITIES. WHILE RESIDENTS OF



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1 ALL SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES DESERVE REPRESENTATION, THE  
2 IMPORTANT C.E.C. REVIEW PROCESS, IT IS ESPECIALLY THE  
3 RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COUNTY TO REPRESENT THE INTERESTS OF  
4 UNINCORPORATED RESIDENTS OF THE FLORENCE-FIRESTONE AND EAST  
5 LOS ANGELES. THE C.E.C. PROCESS ALLOWS FOR THE INTERVENTION OF  
6 CONCERNED PARTIES, WHEREBY INTERVENORS CAN DIRECTLY  
7 PARTICIPATE IN HEARINGS, PRODUCE AND EXAMINE WITNESSES AND  
8 OTHERWISE REPRESENT THEIR INTERESTS IN THE PROCEEDINGS. THE  
9 NATIONAL RESOURCE DEFENSE COUNCIL HAS INTERVENED ON BEHALF OF  
10 THE MOTHERS OF EAST LOS ANGELES, THE BOYLE HEIGHTS RESIDENTS'  
11 ASSOCIATION AND OTHERS. THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, UPON  
12 UNANIMOUS APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL, IS SEEKING TO  
13 INTERVENE. IT IS INCUMBENT UPON THE COUNTY TO INTERVENE TO  
14 ENSURE THAT ANY FACILITY THAT IS CONSTRUCTED IS ALLOWED ONLY  
15 IF A SIMULTANEOUS GREATER REDUCTION OF POLLUTANTS BY OTHER  
16 POLLUTION SOURCES IN THE VICINITY CAN BE GUARANTEED. I  
17 THEREFORE MOVE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS INSTRUCT THE C.E.O.,  
18 WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL AND ANY OTHER  
19 APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENTS, TO EXPEDITIOUSLY APPLY TO THE  
20 CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION TO INTERVENE AS AN INTERESTED  
21 PARTY IN THE PROPOSED VERNON POWER PLANT APPLICATION AND WORK  
22 WITH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, THE NATIONAL RESOURCES DEFENSE  
23 COUNCIL TO ASSURE THAT THE AIR QUALITY AND THE PUBLIC HEALTH  
24 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY RESIDENTS IS PROTECTED AS THEY REVIEW  
25 THE PROCEEDINGS.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DID YOU WANT TO BRING THIS UP TODAY?

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M SORRY?

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DID YOU WANT TO BRING THIS UP TODAY OR FOR  
7 NEXT WEEK.

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9 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO. IT'S FOR NEXT WEEK. I'M JUST READING IT IN.

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11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU HAVE NO ADJOURNMENTS?

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13 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND I HAVE NO ADJOURNMENTS.

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15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I MOVE WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN  
16 MEMORY OF FRANKIE REEDER, A GREAT AUNT OF ONE OF THE MEMBERS  
17 OF OUR STAFF, A LONG TIME COMPTON RESIDENT FOR OVER 36 YEARS,  
18 WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY ON DECEMBER 7TH. SHE LEAVES TO  
19 CHERISH HER MEMORY HER HUSBAND OF 51 YEARS, CHARLES REEDER,  
20 THREE DAUGHTERS, SYLVIA, GLORIA AND SHEILA, TWO SONS, RAYMOND  
21 AND JAMES, JR., AND FOUR SIBLINGS, CHARLES, KENNETH, BEVERLEY,  
22 JEAN AND JACQUELINE. AND MAXENE MCGINNIS, THE FOUNDER OF  
23 JACQUELINE HOME FOR GIRLS, WHO PASSED AWAY ON NOVEMBER 27TH OF  
24 STOMACH CANCER AT THE AGE OF 81. THROUGH HER ORGANIZATION, SHE  
25 HELPED RAISE 210 GIRLS IN HER GROUP HOMES. SHE LATER OPERATED



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1 CHILD CARE CENTERS THAT SERVED OVER 160 FAMILIES. PRIOR TO  
2 OPENING THE JACQUELINE HOME IN 1968, SHE WAS A SOCIAL WORKER  
3 FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL  
4 SERVICES. SHE LEAVES TO CHERISH HER MEMORY HER DAUGHTER  
5 MICHELLE MCGINNIS, PROSECUTOR IN THE LOS ANGELES CITY  
6 ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. AND GERALD C. SMITH, THE FIRST AFRICAN-  
7 AMERICAN TO BE ELECTED TO THE COUNTY MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF  
8 SUPERVISORS IN 2004, REPRESENTING THE FOURTH DISTRICT. HE  
9 PASSED AWAY ON NOVEMBER 25TH AFTER A LONG BATTLE WITH CANCER.  
10 HE WAS 62 YEARS OF AGE. HE LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY HIS  
11 WIFE OF OVER 40 YEARS, BYRL, AND HIS BELOVED BIANCA.

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13 **SUP. KNABE:** I'D LIKE JOIN IN THAT, AS WELL, TOO, PLEASE.

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15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL MEMBERS. AND ELEANOR SANDRA STEVENS,  
16 LONG- TIME RESIDENT OF THE SECOND DISTRICT WHO PASSED AWAY ON  
17 DECEMBER 6TH. SHE WAS OWNER OF STEVEN'S PERSONALIZED SERVICE  
18 FOR MANY YEARS. IT WAS AN ASSISTED LIVING SERVICE FOR  
19 INDIVIDUALS WHO COULD NOT CARE FOR THEMSELVES. MOST OF HER  
20 CLIENTS WERE SENIOR CITIZENS. SHE WAS RECOGNIZED BY THE CITY  
21 AND COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. SHE LEAVES TO CHERISH HER MEMORY,  
22 HER DAUGHTER NATHANDRA, AND TWO SONS, FRED AND BENJAMIN. AND  
23 BILLY JACK SHELTON, LONG- TIME LOS ANGELES COUNTY RESIDENT AND  
24 MEMBER OF GREATER EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH. HE RECENTLY PASSED  
25 AWAY. HE WAS ALSO A LONG-TIME MEMBER OF NEW FRONTIER



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1 DEMOCRATIC CLUB. HE LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY, HIS MOTHER,  
2 HAZEL SHELTON ALONG WITH A HOST OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS. AND  
3 RUDOLPH "RUDY" THOMPSON. LONG TIMES COUNTY RESIDENT AND MEMBER  
4 OF NEW FRONTIER DEMOCRATIC CLUB, WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY. HE  
5 WAS VERY ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY, VERY WELL LOVED. HE LEAVES  
6 TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY TWO DAUGHTERS, ALONG WITH A HOST OF  
7 FAMILY AND FRIENDS. SO ORDERED. I DON'T THINK WE HAVE ANY  
8 OTHER--

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I HAVE ONE MORE ADJOURNMENT, MADAME CHAIR.  
11 IT'S STEVE CANIN WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 73 LAST WEEK.  
12 HE HAD BEEN A PROBATION OFFICER FOR OVER 30 YEARS AND WAS  
13 CHIEF ASSISTANT TO BARRY NIDORF. STEVE IS CREDITED AS THE  
14 ARCHITECT OF THE SPORTS PROGRAM AT CAMP KILPATRICK WHICH WAS  
15 DEPICTED IN THE WONDERFUL MOVIE "GRIDIRON GANG". DURING  
16 RETIREMENT, HE CONTINUED TO COACH BASEBALL AND BASKETBALL  
17 TEAMS AT SEVERAL OF OUR HIGH SCHOOLS IN ORANGE COUNTY. AND HE  
18 IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 40 YEARS, OVER 40 YEARS, PEARL, AND  
19 HIS THREE CHILDREN AND LOVING GRANDCHILDREN.

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED. I'LL CALL UP ITEM 54. IS DR.  
22 CHERNOF HERE? DR. CLAVREUL, DO YOU WANT TO WAIT UNTIL AFTER HE  
23 MAKES HIS REPORT? IS DR. CHERNOF GOING TO MAKE THE REPORT OR  
24 WHO'S GOING TO BE DOING IT?

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1 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** SUPERVISORS, JUST A FEW BRIEF COMMENTS  
2 RELATIVE TO MY WRITTEN REPORT. ONE IS THAT THE URGENT CARE  
3 VOLUME FOR THE PREVIOUS WEEK IS BACK UP JUST UNDERNEATH 500  
4 VISITS A WEEK, NOW THAT WE HAD A FULL WEEK. THE WEEK PRIOR HAD  
5 THANKSGIVING DATA IN IT. AND I'M PLEASED TO REPORT THAT FOR  
6 THE FIRST TIME THE SPECIALTY AND OUTPATIENT CLINICS HIT JUST  
7 UNDER 2,600 VISITS A WEEK. THAT'S A BIG IMPROVEMENT AND IS  
8 MORE CONSISTENT WITH THE HOSPITAL'S PERFORMANCE A YEAR AGO.  
9 WITH RESPECT TO THE IMPACTED HOSPITALS, E.M.S. STAFF DID ONE  
10 OF ITS REGULAR MEETINGS WHERE WE INVITE ALL THE IMPACTED  
11 HOSPITALS TO COME FORWARD AND BRING ANY ISSUES RELATED TO  
12 CONTRACTS, PROCEDURES, PAYMENT FOR ELIGIBLE PATIENTS,  
13 TRANSFERS. FOUR OF THE SEVEN HOSPITALS WERE PRESENT:  
14 CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL, MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, ST. FRANCIS AND WHITE  
15 MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER WERE ALL PRESENT. IT WAS A VERY  
16 PRODUCTIVE MEETING. WITH RESPECT TO OUR EFFORTS AROUND FLU  
17 SEASON AND FLU MITIGATION. ON DECEMBER 1ST, THE DOWNEY FIRE  
18 DEPARTMENT HELD A FLU VACCINE CLINIC IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE  
19 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. WE GAVE OUT 1,600 VACCINES AND  
20 THE PROGRAM WAS WELL RECEIVED BY ALL PARTICIPANTS. I'M GLAD WE  
21 DID THAT. COUPLE OF COMMENTS WITH RESPECT TO HARBOR U.C.L.A.  
22 FIRST I'M PLEASED TO SHARE WITH YOU THAT THE REMAINDER OF THE  
23 URGENT CARE EXPANSION HAS BEEN REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE  
24 C.E.O. STAFF. THAT WILL GIVE US ADDITIONAL URGENT CARE HOURS  
25 ON THE WEEKEND AND WE WILL BE IMPLEMENTING THAT WITHIN OUR



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1 CURRENT BUDGET. BEGINNING DECEMBER 3RD, WE HAD OUR FIRST FULL  
2 WEEK OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE E.M.S. MINI MEDICAL ALERT CENTER  
3 ON THE GROUNDS OF HARBOR. IT IS RUNNING FROM 6:30 IN THE  
4 MORNING UNTIL 3:00 IN THE AFTERNOON CURRENTLY, AND IT IS  
5 TRANSFERRING ON AVERAGE FIVE TO SEVEN PATIENTS A DAY OUT OF  
6 HARBOR, HELPING TO DECOMPRESS THE NUMBER OF ADMISSIONS. AND  
7 FINALLY THE DEPARTMENT LEADERSHIP IS WORKING CLOSELY WITH  
8 HARBOR STAFF TO LOOK AT OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP DECOMPRESS  
9 THE EMERGENCY ROOM AS WELL AS THE INPATIENT WARDS. WE'LL BE  
10 FOLLOWING UP WITH THEM THIS WEEK IN REPORTING BACK TO YOUR  
11 BOARD.

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13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS? ANY QUESTIONS OR  
14 COMMENTS? ALL RIGHT. DR. CLAVREUL?

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16 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
17 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. IT'S TOO BAD THAT WE'RE STILL NOT  
18 GETTING THE APPROPRIATE STATISTICS ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON. TO  
19 NOT COMPARE IT TO LAST YEAR, IT DOES NOT GIVE US ANY  
20 INFORMATION. SO THAT'S ANOTHER NON-REPORT AS USUAL. BUT YOU  
21 KNOW, I HAVE ASKED YOU FOR MANY WEEKS, THE SALARY OF MISS  
22 EPPS. I AM GLAD THAT THERE IS SOMEBODY AROUND WHO GIVES ME THE  
23 INFORMATION. IT HAPPENS THAT SHE MAKES A SALARY OF \$246,445.  
24 PROBABLY MORE THAN ANY OF YOU HERE. SHE'S ONE OF THE HIGHEST  
25 PAID EMPLOYEES IN THE COUNTY. AND I DON'T REMEMBER SEEING A



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1 JOB SEARCH FOR THE NEW POSITION SHE'S IN. I DON'T THINK IT WAS  
2 ANNOUNCED OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT. I THINK YOUR REFUSAL TO  
3 PROVIDE ME WITH HER SALARY, AS WELL AS HER JOB DESCRIPTION, IS  
4 TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE. I MEAN, YOU KNOW, I HAVE REQUESTED IN  
5 WRITING, IN PERSON EVERY WEEK. THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG IN THAT  
6 PICTURE. IF YOU DO NOT WANT TO BE ACCOUNTABLE TO THE PEOPLE,  
7 THEN YOU SHOULD NOT BE IN THE POSITION YOU ARE.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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11 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. LET'S MOVE TO RECEIVE AND FILE.  
14 ARE THERE ANY OTHER ITEMS? PUBLIC COMMENT? SUE SISK, NED  
15 MILLER, LORRAINE TORRES, WOULD YOU PLEASE COME FORWARD? PLEASE  
16 STATE YOUR NAME.

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18 **SUE SISK:** I'M GOING TO LET NED MILLER GO FIRST IF YOU DON'T  
19 MIND.

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SURE.

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23 **NED MILLER:** I USUALLY LET LADIES GO BEFORE GENTLEMEN, BUT IN  
24 THIS CASE--

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT'S QUITE ALL RIGHT. THEY HAVE ASKED FOR  
2 YOU TO GO FIRST.

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4 **NED MILLER:** I'M GLAD I'M HERE TODAY. WE HAVE ENJOYED THE  
5 MEETING, BELIEVE IT OR NOT. WE REPRESENT--

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THERE'S A TEST AT THE END, DOCTOR.

8

9 **NED MILLER:** WE REPRESENT GLENDORA DENTAL SURGERY CENTER, A NEW  
10 BUSINESS IN THIS COUNTY, AND I'D LIKE TO JUST SHARE WITH YOU A  
11 FEW THINGS ABOUT THAT QUICKLY. I KNOW IT'S LONG, THE HOUR'S  
12 LONG. I SERVED MOST OF MY CAREER IN HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION  
13 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I WENT TO CENTRAL CALIFORNIA ABOUT 12  
14 YEARS AGO AND RAN A DISTRICT THERE IN MERCED COUNTY. I WAS  
15 ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN A LOT OF COUNTY THINGS THERE, AND I  
16 ENJOYED IT VERY MUCH. I HELPED GET THE KIDS' CARE PROGRAM  
17 STARTED THERE IN THAT COUNTY. WHAT I FOUND OUT IS THE AIR  
18 FORCE GAVE US, ON THE OLD CASTLE AIR FORCE BASE, GAVE US A BIG  
19 BUILDING, A MEDICAL BUILDING WITH 81 CLINIC ROOMS AND THEY  
20 GAVE US A SURGERY SUITE. WE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH THAT  
21 SPACE. WE OPENED IT UP AS A CHILDREN'S DENTAL SURGERY CENTER,  
22 AND IT WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL. THEY HAVE SERVED OVER 50,000  
23 CHILDREN THERE SINCE THAT TIME. AND IN THAT SMALL FARMING  
24 COMMUNITY, THAT'S QUITE A SURPRISE. I WALKED OUT ONE DAY. I  
25 DECIDED AFTER HAVING BEEN THERE 10 YEARS AS A C.E.O. THAT I



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1 WOULD JUST LEAVE MY JOB AND COME BACK SOUTH AND OPEN UP A  
2 SIMILAR PROGRAM HERE. THAT HAS TAKEN ME A COUPLE OF YEARS TO  
3 GET THE BUILDING COMPLETED. IT'S BUILT UNDER STATE STANDARDS.  
4 IT HAS FOUR OPERATING SUITES, HAS PRE OP, POST OP. IT'S A VERY  
5 NICE BUILDING. WE HIRED VERY NICE PEOPLE. WE WANT TO SERVE  
6 PRIMARILY THE LOW INCOME CHILDREN AND SOME OF THOSE WHO HAVE  
7 DISABLED SITUATIONS. WE HOPE TO BE ABLE TO DO THAT EVEN THOUGH  
8 WE MAKE ABOUT A THIRD OF WHAT A PRIVATE DENTIST DOES. WE HOPE  
9 TO BE ABLE TO DO THAT AND DO IT SUCCESSFULLY BY SERVING  
10 CHILDREN PRIMARILY THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE THINK  
11 IT'S A GREAT MISSION. IT'S ONE THAT I LOOK FORWARD TO BEING  
12 PART OF. INTERESTINGLY ENOUGH, THE STATE'S PUT OUT A SURVEY  
13 JUST RECENTLY THAT SHOWED THAT LESS THAN ONE HALF OF THE  
14 PEOPLE WHO HAVE MEDI-CAL REALIZE THEY ALSO HAVE DENTI-CAL.  
15 THAT'S REALLY HARD TO BELIEVE, BUT THAT'S WHAT THEIR SURVEY  
16 SHOWED. THOSE THAT HAVE THEM DON'T KNOW THEY HAVE DENTI-CAL.  
17 THEY THINK THEY HAVE TO SIGN UP FOR SOMETHING SEPARATELY TO  
18 RECEIVE DENTI-CAL FOR THEIR CHILDREN. THAT IS NOT THE CASE. SO  
19 THE WORD NEEDS TO GET OUT, AND WE NEED TO HELP SPREAD THAT  
20 WORD THROUGH NOT ONLY OUR ACTIONS AND OUR FACILITIES BUT IN  
21 OTHER EFFORTS WE TAKE PLACE OTHER THAN IN THE COUNTY. I AM  
22 GRATEFUL TO BE HERE TODAY. AND I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR  
23 ANTONOVICH FOR HIS INITIATIVE ON DENTAL CARE. I KNOW SOME  
24 THINGS HAVE HAPPENED DOWN IN THE LONG BEACH AREA RECENTLY,  
25 SOME THINGS GOT UPGRADED AND SO FORTH. I THINK THAT'S



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1 WONDERFUL. AND WE'RE HELP HERE TO HELP IN THAT SAME PROCESS.  
2 WE HELP SERVE REGULAR DENTISTS, BY THE WAY. WE TRY TO SEE  
3 PEOPLE, THE KIDS PARTICULARLY, AND THOSE WITH CERTAIN  
4 DISABILITIES. WE GET THEIR TEETH BACK IN SHAPE, GET THEM BACK  
5 INTO SCHOOL AND THINGS LIKE THAT. IT'S A GREAT THING TO BE  
6 ABLE TO DO. AND WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO SERVING IN THAT WAY.  
7 I'M GOING TO LET SUE SAY A FEW WORDS WHILE SHE HAS A CHANCE.

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9 **SUE SISK:** YES, GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. SUE SISK. I'M THE  
10 MARKETING DIRECTOR FOR GLENDORA DENTAL SURGERY CENTER. WHAT  
11 NED-- WHAT I THINK YOU NEED TO UNDERSTAND ABOUT OUR SERVICES,  
12 WE PROVIDE GENERAL DENTISTRY UNDER GENERAL ANESTHESIA FOR  
13 CHILDREN. THESE ARE CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN NEGLECTED, HAVE NOT  
14 HAD ANY KIND OF DENTAL WORK DONE, SPECIAL NEEDS AND AUTISTIC  
15 CHILDREN. SO THEY'RE ABLE TO GET CAUGHT UP IN THEIR DENTAL  
16 WORK WITHIN ONE VISIT TO OUR CENTER. WE HAVE MEDICAL  
17 ANESTHESIOLOGISTS FROM SAN ANTONIO HOSPITAL IN UPLAND THAT  
18 ROTATE INTO OUR HOSPITAL ALONG WITH SIX DENTISTS THAT HAVE  
19 THEIR OWN PRACTICES THAT ROTATE IN ON OUR APPOINTMENTS. WE  
20 HAVE A 7,000 SQUARE FOOT FACILITY WITH FOUR OPERATORIES, PRE  
21 OP AND POST OP. WE'RE HERE BECAUSE WE REALLY WOULD APPRECIATE  
22 YOUR ASSISTANCE AND COLLABORATION IN THE ATTEMPTS TO REACH OUT  
23 TO THE CHILDREN IN THIS COUNTY THAT ARE UNDERSERVED. WE HAVE  
24 BEEN GOING AROUND IN CIRCLES SINCE WE OPENED IN SEPTEMBER  
25 TRYING TO FIND THE CHILDREN THAT NEED TO BE SERVED IN THIS



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1 COUNTY. AND I'M HOPING TODAY BY COMING HERE THAT YOU WILL ALL  
2 BE ABLE TO CONTACT US. GIVE ME SOME LEADS WHERE WE CAN GO,  
3 WHAT AGENCIES ARE IN NEED OF THESE SERVICES SO THAT WE CAN  
4 CONTACT THEM DIRECTLY. THAT WOULD BE OF GREAT ASSISTANCE TO  
5 US. AND I HAVE SOME PACKETS TO PASS OUT IF YOU DON'T MIND. AND  
6 THAT CONCLUDES MY COMMENTS. THANK YOU.

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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10 **LORRAINE TORRES:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME  
11 IS LORRAINE TORRES. I'M HERE FROM RANCHO LOS AMIGOS. I FEEL  
12 THAT WE NEED TO HAVE SOME ASSISTANCE OUT THERE. I'M HERE TODAY  
13 TO BRING IT TO YOU GUYS BECAUSE IT DO NOT GO OUTSIDE OF THAT  
14 BOX. A 25-YEAR COUNTY EMPLOYEE, I FEEL LIKE I'M BEING PUSHED  
15 TO RETIRE COME NEXT YEAR. THE FIRST WRITE UP THAT I RECEIVED  
16 AND THEY SAID THAT I WAS MISCONDUCT ITEM 13 FROM THE E.E. AND  
17 D.G. ALSO POLICY NUMBER 103, RANCHO'S POLICY. AND THIS IS DUE  
18 TO AN INCIDENT THAT HAPPENED ON SEPTEMBER 24TH, 2007 REGARDING  
19 RICK VELASQUEZ BY NOT SPEAKING TO HIM. SO THIS IS GOING IN MY  
20 PERMANENT RECORD. THIS IS THE FIST WRITE UP I HAVE EVER HAD IN  
21 MY 25 YEARS OF COUNTY SERVICE. I HAVE DOCUMENTATION OF  
22 PROBLEMS THAT GO ON, SIGNATURES FROM DOCTORS THAT NEEDS  
23 ATTENTION OUT THERE. I AM ASKING FOR AN INTERNAL INVESTIGATION  
24 ON RANCHO BECAUSE WE NEED THE HELP. KING IS NOT THE ONLY  
25 FACILITY THAT HAS HELP. WE NEED HELP OUT THERE. I'M COMING TO



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1 YOU GUYS AS A LEADER FOR RANCHO BECAUSE I DON'T FEEL LIKE  
2 SOMETHING LIKE THIS SHOULD GO ON MY P.E. OR I SHOULD BE HELD  
3 RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS. OKAY. SO I'M ASKING YOU GUYS PLEASE,  
4 PLEASE DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT. WE HAVE LOTS OF PROBLEMS AND  
5 ISSUES OUT THERE AT RANCHO THAT'S NOT GETTING TO YOU GUYS. SO  
6 THIS IS WHY I'M HERE TODAY. AND I HOPE YOU GUYS DO SOMETHING  
7 ABOUT IT. BECAUSE I DON'T FEEL LIKE COME MARCH OF 2008, I  
8 SHOULD HAVE TO RETIRE OVER SOME-- BECAUSE I DIDN'T SPEAK TO  
9 SOMEBODY. ALL RIGHT. WHEN I CAME FROM CUBA, I THOUGHT I HAD  
10 RIGHTS HERE. NOW I FEEL LIKE MY RIGHTS ARE BEING TAKEN AWAY  
11 FROM ME. SO I HOPE YOU GUYS FOLLOW THROUGH WITH THIS.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'LL HAVE SOMEONE TO TALK TO YOU.

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15 **LORRAINE TORRES:** THANK YOU.

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17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I ASK MR. SACHS, WOULD YOU START DOWN WHILE  
18 I CALL MALCOLM KLUGMAN.

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20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME JUST WHAT THE DOCTOR IS TALKING ABOUT.  
21 WE'RE GOING TO BE DEVELOPING A PROGRAM FOR DENTAL CARE FOR  
22 FOSTER CHILDREN, BECAUSE DENTAL HEALTH IS SO VITAL. THAT'S AN  
23 AREA THAT'S NOT COVERED. AND TO HELP A CHILD GET THE DENTAL  
24 FILLED AND BRACES WILL MAKE A BIG, A MAJOR DIFFERENCE IN THEIR  
25 STUDIES AND SELF-ESTEEM AND ABILITY TO BE EMANCIPATED AND MOVE



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1 INTO SOCIETY AS A PRODUCTIVE PERSON. SO THAT'S A PROGRAM THAT  
2 THE GLENDORA DENTAL SURGERY CENTER MADE REFERENCE TO.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MR. KLUGMAN?

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6 **MALCOLM KLUGMAN:** DIDN'T YOU SAY HE SHOULD COME DOWN?

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** BECAUSE HE WAS IN THE BACK. SO HE'LL COME  
9 IN THERE, SIT NEXT TO YOU--

10

11 **MALCOLM KLUGMAN:** BUT I'M GOING TO BE FIRST, AND THEN HE'S--

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13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** GIVE US YOUR NAME. PLEASE START.

14

15 **MALCOLM KLUGMAN:** FIRST THING I WANTED TO SAY, I MEAN THIS  
16 MAYBE TO HELP, THE 31 PERCENT HOMELESS FROM OUT OF STATE COULD  
17 HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH WHERE WOULD YOU RATHER BE HOMELESS,  
18 HERE OR MINNEAPOLIS?

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I UNDERSTAND THAT.

21

22 **MALCOLM KLUGMAN:** THAT COULD BE A REASON WHY A LOT OF PEOPLE  
23 HAVE COME HERE. I WANTED TO SAY I DON'T HAVE THAT MANY  
24 DEALINGS WITH THE COUNTY. BUT I WANTED TO THANK SOME PEOPLE  
25 WHO WORK FOR YOU. ONE IS A WOMAN AT THE FRONT DESK WHEN YOU



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1 COME IN FROM THE STARBUCKS DOOR, HER NAME IS CANDACE BAIRD.  
2 AND EVERY TIME I TALK TO HER, SHE'S TERRIFIC. SHE UNDERSTANDS  
3 WHAT CUSTOMER SERVICE IS. AND SHE'S ACTUALLY YOUR FIRST  
4 REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COUNTY WHEN SOMEBODY WALKS IN THE DOOR.  
5 AND SHE'S TERRIFIC. AND I WANT OVER TO GET HER NAME SO I COULD  
6 MAKE SURE I MENTION IT. SHE'S A TERRIFIC PERSON.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

9

10 **MALCOLM KLUGMAN:** ALSO, I HAD TWO DEALINGS, ONE WITH CAPITAL  
11 ONE BANK, CREDIT CARD AND THE OTHER WITH BANK OF AMERICA, MY  
12 CHECKING ACCOUNT. BECAUSE I CAME TO YOUR CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
13 DEPARTMENT, I WAS ABLE TO FIGHT THESE VERY BIG COMPANIES AND  
14 THEY WOUND UP DOING THE RIGHT THING AND NOT CHARGING ME THINGS  
15 THAT THEY MESSED UP THAT THEY SHOULDN'T HAVE DONE. SO I WANT  
16 TO THANK THEM FOR THAT. AND I WANT TO SAY ALSO THE INFORMATION  
17 DEPARTMENT, AS WELL AS THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE, I'VE MET GOOD  
18 PEOPLE THERE WHO TAKE THE TIME TO HELP YOU AND THINK THAT  
19 THEIR JOB IS TO HELP PEOPLE. AND I WOULD LIKE TO SAY, YOU  
20 PUBLISH THIS THING, THIS COUNTY DIGEST. AND I HATE TO SAY IT,  
21 BUT IT SEEMS TO BE YOU FIVE PEOPLE WHO ARE ALL IN ALL THESE  
22 PAGES. AND I THINK SOME OF THOSE OTHER PEOPLE OUGHT TO BE IN  
23 THESE PAGES OF THESE THINGS, TOO, NOT JUST YOUR EXPLOITS, BUT  
24 THE THINGS THAT THEY DO. AND FINALLY, I HAVE A NEW YEAR'S  
25 RESOLUTION. ONE MORNING, WHEN THE FIVE OF YOU WHO ARE ON THE



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1 M.T.A. BOARD, YOU GET UP, YOU COME TO THE OFFICE, YOU GO OUT  
2 THE DOOR WHERE THE STARBUCKS IS, YOU WALK 100 FEET DOWN TO  
3 HILL STREET, YOU CROSS THE STREET, TAKE THE ESCALATOR DOWN,  
4 BUY A TICKET, GO TO UNION STATION, GET OFF AT THE VIGNES  
5 ESCALATOR. IT TAKES YOU RIGHT TO THE M.T.A. BOARD MEETING. IT  
6 WOULD LOOK NICE, IT WOULD BE ENCOURAGING FOR PEOPLE TO USE  
7 PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION. YOU'LL GET THERE IN UNDER 10 MINUTES. I  
8 CAN GUARANTEE YOU. AND CALL A GUY NAMED MATT RAYMOND FROM THE  
9 M.T.A. IF YOU DO THAT SO THEY CAN COME AND TAKE YOUR PICTURE.  
10 BRING YOUR STAFF WITH YOU. SOME OF YOU MAY EVEN GET THE SENIOR  
11 DISCOUNT. I'M NOT GOING TO SAY WHO, I DON'T KNOW.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU WOULD BE SURPRISED.

14

15 **MALCOLM KLUGMAN:** SO HAVE A GREAT NEW YEAR. AND THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

18

19 **ARNOLD SACHS:** GOOD AFTERNOON AGAIN. ARNOLD SACHS. BEING THAT  
20 THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK MORE PUBLICLY THAN AT THE  
21 ACTUAL M.T.A. BOARD MEETINGS, I HAVE GREAT CONCERNS. THE L.A.  
22 CITY COUNCIL HAD AN ITEM ON THEIR AGENDA REGARDING THE  
23 ELIMINATION OF THE M.T.A. FARE REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM WITH THE  
24 CITY, WHICH INVOLVES THEM TAKING BUS PASSES AS A SHOW OF PROOF  
25 OF RIDERSHIP IN LIEU OF PAYING 25 CENTS FOR THE DASH OR THE



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1 L.A. D.O.T. TRANSPORTATION. AND THAT WILL BE ELIMINATED AND  
2 NOW THE CITY WILL START CHARGING PEOPLE EVEN IF THEY HAVE A  
3 WEEKLY BUS PASS. IT WASN'T ON THE AGENDA FOR THE NOVEMBER  
4 MEETING FOR THE M.T.A. AND I BELIEVE WHEN IT WAS ON THE AGENDA  
5 FOR THE L.A. CITY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING, IT WAS  
6 BROUGHT TO THEIR ATTENTION THAT IT WAS A MANAGEMENT DECISION.  
7 AND I'M CONCERNED THAT IF THIS IS THE MANAGEMENT DECISION, IS  
8 THIS THE SAME MANAGEMENT THAT CAME UP WITH THE PROJECTED  
9 BUDGETS FOR THE M.T.A. AS FAR AS BEING \$100 MILLION IN DEBT  
10 FOR A YEAR OR FACING A BILLION DOLLAR BUDGET DEFICIT OVER THE  
11 NEXT THE 10 YEARS? IT COMES TO \$100 MILLION. AND IT DOESN'T  
12 INCLUDE THE MOST RECENT BUDGET DEFICITS FOR A) THE EXPO LINE  
13 WHICH WE NOW KNOW IS GOING TO COST \$135 MILLION EXTRA ALL THE  
14 TIME-- EVEN THOUGH ALL THE TIME THAT THE STATE PASSED THE  
15 INITIATIVE, AND THEN DECIDED TO TAKE THE MONEY BACK, PEOPLE  
16 WERE YELLING AND SCREAMING THAT IF WE DON'T GET THE MONEY FROM  
17 THE STATE, IT'S GOING TO COST US \$640 MILLION. AND THEN ONCE  
18 WE GOT THE MONEY, IT WAS DISCOVERED THAT THE BLUEPRINTS WERE  
19 ACTUALLY PRELIMINARY DRAWINGS AND THAT THAT'S PART OF THE  
20 BUDGET DEFICIT. AND THEN TO FIND OUT THAT THE ALAMEDA RAIL  
21 LINE AUTHORITY IS \$115 MILLION IN ARREARS OR SHORT FOR ITS  
22 BUDGET FROM 1997 BECAUSE THE PROJECT WAS BASED ON 1997  
23 DOLLARS. IS THIS THE SAME MANAGEMENT THAT CAME UP WITH THE  
24 DECISION TO ELIMINATE ELIMINATE THE FARE REIMBURSEMENT  
25 PROGRAM? AND I'D LIKE TO KNOW ABOUT THE SECOND STREET



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1 WIDENING. ACCORDING TO THE CITY, OR ACCORDING TO THE M.T.A.  
2 BOARD, THAT WIDENING IS DUE TO BE DONE BY THE CITY AS PART OF  
3 THE EAST SIDE EXTENSION. THE COST OF THE WIDENING, IS THAT  
4 COST INCLUDED IN THE OVERALL BUDGET FOR THE EAST SIDE  
5 EXTENSION OF OVER \$800 MILLION? OR IS THAT EXTRA COST THAT  
6 WILL BE INCURRED BY THE CITY? AND WHO WILL OWN THAT PROJECT?  
7 AGAIN, CONCERNS. WE HAD THE GOLD LINE EXTENSION WITH THE  
8 ALAMEDA BRIDGE, THE REPAIRS NEEDED ON THE ALAMEDA BRIDGE. THE  
9 REPAIRS WEREN'T PAID FOR BY THE M.T.A. IT WASN'T PAID BY THE  
10 EAST SIDE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY. IT WAS PAID FOR BY THE  
11 PASADENA GOLD LINE. THANK YOU. WE NEED SOME ANSWERS, PLEASE.

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

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15 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,  
16 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL  
17 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NUMBER CS-1,  
18 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE  
19 TO LITIGATION, TWO CASES; ITEM NUMBER CS-2, CONFERENCE WITH  
20 LABOR NEGOTIATORS WILLIAM T FUJIOKA AND DESIGNATED STAFF. AND  
21 ITEM NUMBER CS-3, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING  
22 INITIATION OF LITIGATION, ONE CASE AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED  
23 AGENDA. THANK YOU. REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION  
24 TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2007. There is no reportable action as a  
25 result of the Board of Supervisors' closed session held today.



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