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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:** THE MEETING WILL NOW COME TO ORDER. THE  
7   INVOCATION WILL BE BY PASTOR KYLE SHIMAZAKI OF EVERGREEN  
8   BAPTIST CHURCH IN LA PUENTE. AND THE PLEDGE BY JUAN SILVA,  
9   JR., SERGEANT, U.S. MARINES CORPS, FROM THE FIFTH DISTRICT.  
10   WOULD YOU PLEASE STAND?

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12   **PASTOR KYLE SHIMAZAKI:** GOOD MORNING ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF  
13   LA PUENTE AND SAN GABRIEL VALLEY I WOULD LIKE TO THANK  
14   SUPERVISOR MOLINA AS WELL AS THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THIS  
15   OPPORTUNITY TO PRAY FOR OUR COUNTY AND OUR BOARD MEETING. WILL  
16   YOU PLEASE JOIN ME IN A WORD OF PRAYER? LORD, WE THANK YOU SO  
17   MUCH THAT YOU ARE OUR REDEEMER, OUR SAVIOR. WE THANK YOU THAT  
18   YOU ARE HOLY AND RIGHTEOUS. WE THANK YOU THAT YOUR GLORY FILLS  
19   THE HEAVENS AND YOUR SPLENDOR COVERS THE EARTH. LORD, WE THANK  
20   YOU SO MUCH THAT YOU MAKE ALL THINGS BEAUTIFUL IN YOUR TIME.  
21   AND, LORD, WE THANK YOU THAT YOU LOVE EACH PERSON IN THE LOS  
22   ANGELES COUNTY. AND SO, LORD, RIGHT NOW WE PRAY THAT YOUR  
23   PRESENCE WOULD FILL OUR CITIES. WE PRAY THAT YOU WOULD BE  
24   GLORIFIED. LORD, HEAVENLY FATHER, AT THIS TIME, WE WOULD LIKE  
25   TO LIFT UP THOSE IN OUR CITY WHO ARE STRUGGLING AND SUFFERING



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1 AND GOING THROUGH DIFFICULT TIMES, WHETHER IT BE HEALTH  
2 PROBLEMS, WHETHER IT BE FINANCIAL HARDSHIPS OR THE LOSS OF A  
3 LOVED ONE, WE PRAY THAT YOU WOULD COMFORT THEM AND THAT YOU  
4 WOULD ENCOURAGE THEM DURING THIS TIME OF DIFFICULTY AND THAT  
5 THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO TURN TO YOU, LORD. LORD, I ALSO WANT TO  
6 LIFT UP ALL OF OUR FIREFIGHTERS. I PRAY FOR OUR POLICE AND OUR  
7 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. I PRAY FOR OUR EMERGENCY PERSONNEL.  
8 LORD, I PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY AND I THANK YOU FOR THE FINE JOB  
9 THAT THEY ARE DOING. I THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THEIR COURAGE AND  
10 I PRAY THAT YOU WOULD KEEP THEM SAFE AND PROTECT THEM. I PRAY  
11 THAT YOU WOULD ENCOURAGE THEM, ESPECIALLY AS THEY ARE  
12 SURROUNDED BY SO MUCH TRAGEDY. WATCH OVER THEIR MARRIAGES AND  
13 THEIR FAMILIES. LORD, ALSO I WANT TO LIFT UP AND I PRAY  
14 BLESSINGS UPON OUR SCHOOLS, OUR COMMUNITIES, THE FAMILIES, AND  
15 THE MARRIAGES. I PRAY YOUR BLESSINGS UPON OUR BUSINESSES IN  
16 THE CITY. AND ALSO, LORD, RIGHT NOW I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT YOU  
17 WOULD BLESS OUR MEETING. I PRAY THAT WE WOULD SEEK YOU FOR  
18 DECISIONS. I PRAY THAT YOU WOULD GRANT US SPIRITUAL WISDOM AND  
19 DISCERNMENT AND WE PRAY THAT YOUR WILL WOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED  
20 THIS DAY. LORD, I THANK YOU FOR THE REPRESENTATIVES AND THE  
21 LEADERS HERE. I THANK YOU FOR THE FINE JOB THAT THEY HAVE BEEN  
22 DOING IN LEADING OUR COMMUNITY. AND, LORD, I THANK YOU FOR  
23 THEIR TALENTS AND THEIR ABILITIES AND MOST OF ALL THEIR CARE  
24 FOR THE PEOPLE. WE THANK YOU FOR THEM, LORD. LORD, I PRAY THAT  
25 YOU WOULD FILL THEM WITH YOUR PEACE AND YOUR GRACE DURING



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1 CHALLENGES THAT THEY MIGHT FACE. I PRAY THAT YOU WOULD FILL  
2 THEM WITH YOUR JOY. AND ALSO, LORD, I PRAY THAT THEY WOULD  
3 STAND FOR INTEGRITY AND RIGHTEOUSNESS. LORD, I PRAY THAT YOU  
4 WOULD GRANT THEM WISDOM, LORD, FOR THE DECISIONS THAT THEY  
5 MUST MAKE. AND, LORD, I THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR PRESENCE  
6 HERE WITH US AND WE ASK THAT YOU WOULD BE HONORED. IT'S IN  
7 YOUR NAME THAT WE PRAY, AMEN.

8

9 **SERGEANT JUAN M. SILVA:** GOOD MORNING. PLEASE FACE THE FLAG AND  
10 JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND  
11 OVER YOUR HEART. READY, BEGIN. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

12

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

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15 **SUP. MOLINA:** MADAME CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, IT'S MY  
16 HONOR TO PRESENT THIS CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO PASTOR  
17 KYLE SHIMAZAKI. REVEREND KYLE SHIMAZAKI IS THE DIRECTOR OF THE  
18 OUTREACH MINISTRIES AT EVERGREEN BAPTIST CHURCH IN THE SAN  
19 GABRIEL VALLEY. THIS THRIVING CONGREGATION IS AN EXTENSION OF  
20 THE EVERGREEN BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOS ANGELES, WHICH WAS FOUNDED  
21 IN 1925 AND SERVED THE BOYLE HEIGHTS JAPANESE COMMUNITY. IN  
22 1988, THE CHURCH RELOCATED TO ROSEMEAD. AND IN 1997, IT  
23 EXPANDED FURTHER TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY.  
24 THE COMPREHENSIVE PARISH OFFERS CHILDREN, YOUTH, ADULT, AND  
25 FAMILY MINISTRIES, AS WELL AS LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL



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1 OUTREACH. I WANT TO THANK THE PASTOR FOR COMING AND JOINING US  
2 THIS MORNING AND LEADING US IN OUR INVOCATION. THANK YOU SO  
3 MUCH, PASTOR. CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE'LL WAIT FOR SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH  
6 TO MAKE THE PRESENTATION. OKAY. I THINK THEY GOT IT FINALLY.  
7 IT MUST HAVE BEEN UPSTAIRS BECAUSE WE COULDN'T TURN IT OFF  
8 HERE. BUT AS SOON AS SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH COMES IN, HE'LL  
9 MAKE HIS PRESENTATION.

10

11 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** GOOD MORNING, MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE  
12 BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 3, PRESENTATION  
13 AND SET MATTERS. ON ITEM S-1, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED  
14 AGENDA, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE  
15 REFERRED BACK TO HIS OFFICE.

16

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

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19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 5, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE  
20 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEMS 1-D THROUGH 4-D.

21

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

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING  
2 AUTHORITY ITEM 1-H.

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

6

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

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY  
11 ANTONOVICH; WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

12

13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 18.  
14 ON ITEM NO. 2, THERE IS A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC  
15 TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 8, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A  
16 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 9, THERE'S  
17 A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON  
18 ITEM NO. 10, THERE'S ALSO A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE  
19 PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. AND ON ITEM NO. 15, THIS INCLUDES  
20 THE REVISION AS POSTED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. THE  
21 REMAINING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

22

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

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE'RE ON PAGE 15, CONSENT CALENDAR. ITEMS  
2 19 THROUGH 55. ON ITEM NO. 20, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER  
3 OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 31, THERE IS A  
4 REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM  
5 NO. 34, THIS INCLUDES REVISIONS AS POSTED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL  
6 AGENDA. ON ITEM NO. 36, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL  
7 AGENDA, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE  
8 CONTINUED TO MAY 13TH, 2008, WITHOUT DISCUSSION.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** 36?

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12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 36. AND THERE'S ALSO A REQUEST FROM A  
13 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IF THERE IS NO OBJECTION, WE WILL CONTINUE  
16 IT. THERE'S A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HOLDING IT, BUT I DON'T SEE  
17 HIM RAISE HIS HAND. WE'LL CONTINUE IT. ALL RIGHT. WITHOUT  
18 OBJECTION, IT'S CONTINUED.

19

20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 37, THERE IS A REQUEST FROM A  
21 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 39, AS  
22 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE  
23 OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED FOR ONE WEEK TO  
24 APRIL 15TH, 2008.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** 39?

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3 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 39.

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5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 42, SUPERVISOR MOLINA REQUESTS  
8 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 43, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM  
9 A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

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

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13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 42? AND 43 WAS HELD BY A MEMBER OF THE  
14 PUBLIC. ON ITEM NO. 51, THE SHERIFF REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE  
15 CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO APRIL 22ND, 2008.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION; THAT WILL BE CONTINUED.

18

19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 52, THE SHERIFF REQUESTS THAT  
20 THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO APRIL 22ND, 2008, AS A SET  
21 MATTER FOR 11:00 A.M. AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND A MEMBER  
22 OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DO YOU HAVE ANY OBJECTION TO IT BEING  
25 CONTINUED, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH? YOU WANT TO HOLD IT? ALL



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1 RIGHT. ANYONE ELSE WHO HAS REQUESTED THAT WE HOLD IT BEFORE IT  
2 IS CONTINUED? ALL RIGHT. WITHOUT OBJECTION, IT WILL BE  
3 CONTINUED.

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5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 55 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM  
6 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. AND THE REMAINING  
7 CONSENT CALENDAR IS BEFORE YOU.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY  
10 ANTONOVICH; WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ALL RIGHT. WITHOUT  
11 OBJECTION, WE'LL RECONSIDER ITEM 52. WITHOUT OBJECTION,  
12 HOLDING 52 BEFORE IT'S CONTINUED.

13

14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** OKAY. WE ARE ON PAGE 29, ORDINANCE FOR  
15 INTRODUCTION. AND I'LL READ THE SHORT TITLE IN FOR THE RECORD.  
16 THIS IS AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE V, PERSONNEL OF THE LOS  
17 ANGELES COUNTY CODE RELATING TO FRINGE BENEFITS AND LEAVE AND  
18 VACATION.

19

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

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23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 30, DISCUSSION ITEM. ITEM 57. THE  
24 C.E.O. AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES WOULD LIKE



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1 THE BOARD TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE REPORT INSTEAD OF HOLDING IT  
2 FOR A DISCUSSION. 57?

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WITHOUT OBJECTION, WE'LL NOT  
5 HOLD IT FOR DISCUSSION. JUST RECEIVE AND FILE. MOVED BY  
6 YAROSLAVSKY; SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH; WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
7 ORDERED. MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE  
8 POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS  
9 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ITEM 58-A.

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

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14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 58-B?

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

18

19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA.  
20 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL  
21 DISTRICT NO. 3.

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23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE DO HAVE STARS TODAY.

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YVONNE, LET ME MAKE ONE PRESENTATION.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH FOR HIS  
3 PRESENTATION.

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME RECOGNIZE OFFICIALLY ONCE AGAIN JUAN  
6 SILVA, JR. WHO LED THE BOARD AND THE COMMUNITY IN THE PLEDGE  
7 OF ALLEGIANCE. HE'S A MEMBER, WITH GREAT DEDICATION, A MEMBER  
8 OF THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS, WHERE HE SERVED IN  
9 AFGHANISTAN AS A SERGEANT. HE'S NOW A JUNIOR AT CALIFORNIA  
10 STATE UNIVERSITY AT NORTHRIDGE. AND WE'RE ENCOURAGING HIM  
11 PERHAPS TO JOIN OUR GREAT COUNTY VETERAN INTERNSHIP PROGRAM,  
12 WHICH COLONEL SMITH WAS JUST TELLING JUAN ABOUT. SO HE IS A  
13 SECOND-YEAR STUDENT, OR I SHOULD SAY A THIRD-YEAR STUDENT, AT  
14 CSUN. AND WE APPRECIATE THAT HE CAME DOWN AND LED US IN THE  
15 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. SO, JUAN? [APPLAUSE.]

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT'S A PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE THE APRIL 2008  
18 L.A. COUNTY STARS IN THE CATEGORY OF SERVICE EXCELLENCE.  
19 PLEASE WELCOME THE ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES, A.P.S. CRISIS  
20 RESPONSE TEAM FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND SENIOR  
21 SERVICES. OH, YOU HAVE A BIG GROUP. [APPLAUSE.] AS THIS TEAM  
22 IS COMING UP, AND IT'S A LARGE TEAM, 30 ADULT PROTECTIVE  
23 SERVICES WORKERS, SUPERVISORS, AND ADMINISTRATORS WHO  
24 DEVELOPED AND IMPLEMENTED A CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM TO ASSIST  
25 AFFECTED ELDERS AND DEPENDENT ADULTS WHO WERE IMPACTED BY THE



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1 LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRES. THE TEAM RESPONDED TO THIS EMERGENCY  
2 SITUATION WITH EXTREMELY SHORT NOTICE, MAINTAINING A  
3 PROFESSIONAL DEMEANOR AT ALL TIMES. A.P.S. SOCIAL WORKERS ALSO  
4 DROVE INTO THE FIRE ZONES, OFTEN ACTING AS FIRST RESPONDERS TO  
5 ENSURE THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF THEIR CLIENTS. THEY WORKED  
6 BOTH DAY AND NIGHT TO ENSURE THE SAFETY NOT ONLY OF THEIR OWN  
7 CLIENTS BUT OTHERS IN THE AFFECTED COMMUNITIES. SEVERAL STAFF  
8 EVEN VOLUNTEERED TO WORK ALL WEEKEND LONG, EVEN THOUGH THEY  
9 LIVED IN THE FIRE ZONE. THEIR WORK IN STAFFING AND ASSISTING  
10 PEOPLE AT THE EVACUATION CENTERS AND LOCAL ASSISTANCE CENTERS  
11 WERE RESPONSIBILITIES PERFORMED IN ADDITION TO THEIR REGULAR  
12 ASSIGNED CASELOAD AND WERE DONE WITH NO HESITATION. ALL  
13 INVOLVED STAFF DISPLAYED FLEXIBILITY AND A COMMITMENT TO THEIR  
14 CLIENTS AND TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE FIRE AREA AND ALL THE  
15 RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THEY WENT BEYOND AND  
16 ABOVE THE CALL OF DUTY. AND WE CERTAINLY WANT TO COMMEND THEM  
17 AS OUR STARS OF APRIL 2008. I'M GOING TO MOVE OUT OF THE WAY  
18 SO YOU CAN SEE THEM. [APPLAUSE.]

19

20 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. SUPERVISORS, WE WANT TO THANK YOU FOR  
21 THIS HONOR. EVERY DAY THESE SOCIAL WORKERS THAT ARE HONORED  
22 HERE TODAY MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN A LIFE BY GOING OUT IN THE  
23 FIELD AND HELPING THOSE MOST VULNERABLE CITIZENS WITHIN THE  
24 COUNTY. AND SO WE WANT TO THANK YOU FOR RECOGNIZING THIS OVER  
25 AND ABOVE SPECIAL WORK THAT THEY DID DURING THE FIRE SEASON



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1 AND LET YOU KNOW THAT THEY CONTINUE TO DO THIS WORK EVERY DAY.

2 THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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

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6 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,  
7 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. I'D LIKE TO ASK TOM MONE, C.E.O. OF  
8 ONELEGACY, AND BRYAN STEWART, PRESIDENT OF DONATE LIFE,  
9 CALIFORNIA, AND BOB AND CORA JOHNSON, GOOD FRIENDS AND  
10 NEIGHBORS OF MINE TO JOIN ME UP HERE. AS WE ALL KNOW, AND HAVE  
11 HEARD SO MANY STORIES ON AND OFF OVER THE YEARS, ORGAN AND  
12 TISSUE DONATION IS A LIFE GIVING ACT AND IS RECOGNIZED  
13 WORLDWIDE AS THE GREATEST EXPRESSION OF COMPASSION. NEARLY  
14 100,000 INDIVIDUALS NATIONWIDE AND MORE THAN 20,000 RIGHT HERE  
15 IN CALIFORNIA ARE CURRENTLY ON THE NATIONAL ORGAN TRANSPLANT  
16 WAIT LIST. UNFORTUNATELY, EVERY 90 MINUTES, ONE PERSON DIES  
17 WHILE WAITING FOR A DONATED ORGAN. EACH YEAR, NEARLY 30,000  
18 LIVES ARE SAVED AND THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR MANY HUNDREDS OF  
19 THOUSANDS MORE IS ENHANCED BY ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION AND  
20 TRANSPLANTATION. HERE WITH US TODAY IS, LIKE I SAID, A GOOD  
21 FRIEND AND MY NEIGHBOR, BOB JOHNSON, WHO IS THE RECIPIENT OF A  
22 HEART DONATION. HIS LIFE WAS SAVED DUE TO AN ORGAN DONOR. HE  
23 AND HIS WIFE CORA ARE NOW AMBASSADORS TO THIS VERY WORTHY  
24 CAUSE, AND HAVE FOUND THAT MANY BEREAVED FAMILIES FIND A  
25 MEASURE OF COMFORT IN DONATING ORGANS AND TISSUES SO THAT



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1 OTHERS MAY BENEFIT, SUCH AS BOB. THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
2 DONATE LIFE RUN/WALK SUPPORTS PUBLIC AWARENESS ENROLLMENT  
3 EFFORTS FOR THE DONATE LIFE CALIFORNIA ORGAN AND TISSUE DONOR  
4 REGISTRY. THEY HOST A VERY FULL DAY OF COMPETITIVE RUNNING,  
5 HONORARY WALKING, FAMILY FESTIVITIES AND MORE IMPORTANTLY,  
6 PROVIDE INFORMATION REGARDING DONATE LIFE. THIS YEAR'S EVENT  
7 IS SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, APRIL 26TH AT CAL STATE FULLERTON.  
8 SO ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY COLLEAGUES, WE'D LIKE TO PRESENT  
9 THIS SCROLL ONCE AGAIN. WE TRY TO DO THIS EACH AND EVERY YEAR  
10 BECAUSE IT'S SUCH AN IMPORTANT ISSUE AS NATIONAL DMV/DONATE  
11 LIFE MONTH IN THE MONTH OF APRIL. SO WE WANT TO THANK DONATE  
12 LIFE AND ALL THE ORGANIZATIONS THAT SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATE. I  
13 HAD THE OPPORTUNITY THIS PAST SATURDAY, WE HAD OUR SAFE  
14 COMMUNITIES WEEK, AND WE HAD THE FOLKS DOWN HERE. WE HAD A  
15 BOOTH OUT THERE OF DONATE LIFE. I FORGOT TO TELL THESE FOLKS  
16 UPSTAIRS, ALTHOUGH WE HAD THE BOOTH, ONE OF THE PEOPLE  
17 STANDING RIGHT THERE HAD BEEN A RECIPIENT OF A DONATED HEART,  
18 AS WELL, AND HAD JUST RECEIVED IT WITHIN THE LAST 12 MONTHS,  
19 AND SO ALIVE, WELL, DOING GREAT, AND JUST RECOVERING, AND WAS  
20 VERY, VERY GRATEFUL. WHAT A GREAT AMBASSADOR HE WAS FOR PEOPLE  
21 COMING UP TO THAT PARTICULAR BOOTH. SO WE WANT TO THANK YOU  
22 ALL FOR TAKING THE TIME OUT OF YOUR BUSY SCHEDULES TO COME  
23 DOWNTOWN TO HELP US RECOGNIZE YOU ON THE MONTH OF APRIL AS  
24 NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH. CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.]

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1 **BRYAN STEWART:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR. MY NAME IS  
2 BRYAN STEWART AND AS THE PRESIDENT OF DONATE LIFE CALIFORNIA,  
3 I'D LIKE TO THANK THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND  
4 EVERYONE HERE PRESENT TO JOIN US IN RECOGNIZING DMV, DONATE  
5 LIFE CALIFORNIA MONTH. THE WORDS DMV ARE IN THE TITLE OF THIS  
6 OBSERVANCE FOR A VERY IMPORTANT REASON. AND THAT FOR 35  
7 YEARS, THE DMV HAS PLAYED A CRITICAL ROLE IN SUPPORTING ORGAN  
8 AND TISSUE DONATION IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. NOW, FOR 30  
9 YEARS THEY WERE PASSING OUT PINK DOTS AND DONOR CARDS. AND  
10 MANY OF THEM ARE VERY FAMILIAR TO US AS OUR PINK DOT STICKERS  
11 WHICH WE PROUDLY WEAR ON OUR DRIVER'S LICENSES. HOWEVER, THE  
12 PINK DOT STICKER HAS NEVER BEEN LEGALLY BINDING. THAT MAY  
13 SURPRISE MANY OF YOU. AND DONOR CARDS ARE RARELY AVAILABLE  
14 WHEN WE NEED THEM MOST. AND THAT'S WHEN WE ARE APPROACHING A  
15 FAMILY IN THE HOSPITAL. THAT'S WHY THE DONATE LIFE CALIFORNIA  
16 REGISTRY WAS CREATED THREE YEARS AGO AS AN ONLINE DATABASE  
17 WHERE PEOPLE COULD GUARANTEE THAT THEIR WISHES TO BE ORGAN AND  
18 TISSUE DONORS WOULD BE HONORED. ONCE YOU'RE 18 YEARS OLD, WHEN  
19 YOU SIGN UP ONLINE AT DONATE LIFE CALIFORNIA.ORG OR WHEN YOU  
20 SIGN UP AT THE DMV WHEN YOU ARE RENEWING YOUR DRIVER'S  
21 LICENSE, THAT DECISION IS FINAL AND CANNOT BE OVERTURNED. IT'S  
22 ALSO A GREAT GIFT TO YOUR FAMILY WHEN YOU'RE FACING A LOSS OF  
23 A LOVED ONE WHEN YOU KNOW THAT DECISION WITH CERTAINTY AND YOU  
24 DON'T HAVE TO MAKE THAT ON BEHALF OF YOUR LOVED ONE. NOW  
25 ALMOST 3 MILLION CALIFORNIANS HAVE SIGNED UP ONTO THE DONATE



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1 LIFE CALIFORNIA REGISTRY, AND WE'RE ADDING ANOTHER 1.5 MILLION  
2 A YEAR. HOWEVER, ONLY 20 PERCENT ARE SIGNING UP. A BIG REASON  
3 WHY ARE TWO BIG THINGS. NUMBER ONE IS WHEN PEOPLE FEEL THAT  
4 THEY HAVE A PINK DOT ON THEIR LICENSE, THE HOSPITAL WON'T WORK  
5 AS HARD TO SAVE THEM. WE HEAR IT ALL THE TIME. AND THE FACT IS  
6 AS ORGAN DONATION PROFESSIONALS, WE RELY ON HOSPITALS TO TREAT  
7 THEIR PATIENTS WITH THE GREATEST, MOST AGGRESSIVE CARE IN  
8 ORDER FOR THEM TO BE ELIGIBLE AS ORGAN DONORS. AND NUMBER 2,  
9 PEOPLE 50 YEARS OLD AND OLDER THINK THAT THEIR LIVER IS TOO  
10 OLD OR THEY HAVE SOME MEDICAL CONDITION THAT MAKES THEM  
11 INELIGIBLE TO DONATE. THE FACT IS, WHEN YOU'RE AGE 50 AND  
12 OVER, THAT'S ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT TIMES FOR YOU TO CHECK  
13 S ND BE A DONOR. THERE ARE VERY FEW MEDICAL RULE OUTS. AND  
14 THE MOST IMPORTANT REASON TO SIGN UP BESIDES THE PERSONAL  
15 BENEFITS OF MAKING SURE YOUR WISHES ARE HONORED, IS YOU CAN  
16 HELP PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY, OUR FAMILIES. YOU CAN HELP  
17 PEOPLE LIVE LONGER AND FRUITFUL LIVES. AND THEY ARE SO  
18 THANKFUL FOR THE GIFT OF LIFE AND GIVE BACK TO OUR  
19 COMMUNITIES. AND I'M VERY PROUD TO INTRODUCE TWO PEOPLE THAT  
20 HAVE DONE SO, A HEART RECIPIENT, BOB JOHNSON, AND HIS WIFE,  
21 CORA, BOTH OF WHOM HAVE BEEN TRAINED VOLUNTEERS AND HELP BACK  
22 OUR COMMUNITY. SO PLEASE WELCOME ME IN INTRODUCING BOB AND  
23 CORA. [APPLAUSE.]

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1 **CORA JOHNSON:** THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU TO L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF  
2 SUPERVISORS FOR DECLARING APRIL AS DONATE LIFE MONTH. YEARS  
3 AGO, A LITTLE OVER -- WELL, IT WOULD BE ABOUT NINE YEARS AGO,  
4 MY HUSBAND, BOB, WAS PUT ON THE TRANSPLANT WAITING LIST. HE  
5 WAITED 14 MONTHS FOR A HEART. AND FINALLY HE GOT SICK ENOUGH  
6 THAT HE HAD TO BE AT CEDARS-SINAI, BECAUSE HIS DOCTORS  
7 COULDN'T DO ANYTHING MORE FOR HIM. HE WOULD SIT THERE OR LAY  
8 THERE IN THE BED AND YOU COULD HEAR THE HELICOPTER COMING.  
9 CEDARS-SINAI HAS A HELIPAD. AND HE'D THINK, "IS THIS COMING  
10 FOR ME? IS IT GOING TO BE A HEART FOR ME? FINALLY, THE  
11 HELICOPTER CAME FOR HIM. AND MAY 7TH, 2001, HE GOT A NEW  
12 HEART. WE THANK THAT FAMILY FOR BEING SO GENEROUS TO US. AND  
13 BECAUSE OF THAT FAMILY BEING SO GENEROUS TO BOB AND TO US, BOB  
14 NOW LEADS A NORMAL LIFE. HE CAN PLAY GOLF. HE VOLUNTEERS FOR A  
15 COUPLE OF DIFFERENT ORGANIZATIONS. HE'S JUST LIKE A NORMAL  
16 GUY, JUST LIKE YOU AND ME, WHERE HE HAS A NORMAL LIFE. SO I  
17 WOULD LIKE TO URGE YOU ALL TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU GO DOWN TO  
18 CALIFORNIA REGISTRY AND GO TO DONATE LIFE CALIFORNIA.ORG. AND  
19 SIGN UP. AND IF YOU ARE GETTING YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE RENEWED  
20 SHORTLY, MAKE SURE THAT YOU SIGN UP THERE, TOO, AND GET THAT  
21 PINK DOT PERMANENTLY EMBOSSED ON THAT DRIVER'S LICENSE. WE  
22 THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND HAPPY DONATE LIFE MONTH. [APPLAUSE.]

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, BOB AND CORA AND THANK YOU TO THE  
25 DONATE LIFE FOLKS. WE APPRECIATE YOU COMING DOWN.



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1  
2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL, IT'S A GREAT PLEASURE TO BRING THE  
3 LEADERSHIP OF THE CITY OF ARCADIA DOWN TO THE HALL  
4 ADMINISTRATION TODAY. SO WE HAVE A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO  
5 RECOGNIZE ONE OF OUR WONDERFUL LEADERS AND THAT'S MAYOR MICKEY  
6 SEGAL, WHO IS GOING TO BE RETIRING AT THE END OF HIS TERM. AND  
7 HE'S HERE TODAY WITH THE WHOLE LEADERSHIP, NOT JUST OF THE  
8 CITY OF ARCADIA BUT IN HIS OWN HOME FAMILY, HE HAS HIS WIFE,  
9 LEE SEGAL, IS HERE. WE HAVE COUNCIL MEMBERS JOHN WU, ROGER  
10 CHANDLER, PETER AMUNDSON, AND BOB HALBRECH, AND TONY TRABBIE,  
11 FIRE CHIEF, BOB SANDERSON, WHO IS THE CHIEF OF POLICE. MAUREEN  
12 AND BARRY SEGAL, HIS MOTHER AND FATHER. HOWARD AND FAY SEGAL,  
13 HIS BROTHER AND SISTER-IN-LAW. NICOLE KATZ, MICHAEL CARLIN,  
14 RICHARD FIELDSTEIN, HIS PARTNERS. HE WAS A SUCCESSFUL C.P.A.  
15 AND THIS IS A VERY BUSY SEASON FOR HIM BECAUSE APRIL 15TH'S  
16 RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER. DONE PENMAN, WHO IS THE CITY MANAGER.  
17 AND AS I SAID, MICKEY WILL BE RETIRING AFTER SERVING HIS  
18 SECOND TERM AS A MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL. BUT HE HAS AN  
19 EXTENSIVE HISTORY OF PUBLIC SERVICE, HAVING BEEN INVOLVED IN  
20 NUMEROUS LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS, CIVIC AND YOUTH GROUPS. HE'S  
21 SUPPORTIVE OF MANY OF THE VOLUNTEER EFFORTS THAT HAVE TAKEN  
22 PLACE IN ARCADIA, AND HE LOOKS FORWARD TO CONTINUING  
23 PARTICIPATING IN THOSE ACTIVITIES. AS A COUNCIL MEMBER, HE WAS  
24 COMMITTED TO WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY AND HIS COUNCIL  
25 MEMBERS IN KEEPING ARCADIA THE OUTSTANDING CITY THAT IT IS



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1 TODAY AND HAS BEEN. BEFORE BEING ELECTED TO THE COUNCIL, HE  
2 CHAIRED THE CITY OF ARCADIA'S FINANCIAL ADVISORY BOARD. AND  
3 HE'S ALSO, I SHOULD SAY, A CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF THE  
4 ARCADIA METHODIST HOSPITAL. AND THE FAMILY AND MICKEY ARE  
5 MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS TO THAT HOSPITAL, AS WELL. IN ADDITION TO  
6 DOING THIS, HE IS SERVING ON THE COUNCIL WHICH HE CHAIRED. HE  
7 COMPLETED THE \$2.5 MILLION CAPITAL CAMPAIGN TO RAISE MONEY FOR  
8 THE ARCADIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT'S TECHNOLOGY PLAN. HE'S  
9 ALSO A MEMBER OF THE ARCADIA EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION. AND AS I  
10 SAID, WITH THE METHODIST HOSPITAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS. HE AND  
11 HIS WIFE LEE HAVE LIVED IN ARCADIA FOR THE PAST 22 YEARS. THEY  
12 HAVE THREE CHILDREN, WHO ALL GRADUATED FROM THE ARCADIA SCHOOL  
13 SYSTEM. SO MICKEY, ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD, WE APPRECIATE YOUR  
14 SUPPORT. I PERSONALLY APPRECIATE YOUR FRIENDSHIP AND SUPPORT.  
15 AND WE WISH WORKING WITH YOU IN THE YEARS AHEAD. YOU KNOW,  
16 MANY TIMES CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS, AFTER THEIR TERM HAS EXPIRED  
17 WITH TERM LIMITS, THEY'RE ABLE TO RUN AGAIN TO SERVE THEIR  
18 CITY AS MANY OF THE MEMBERS HAVE DONE IN THE PAST. AND WE  
19 RECOGNIZE MICKEY, WE HOPE HE'LL HAVE THAT SAME OPPORTUNITY, AS  
20 I KNOW GARY WILL BE FOLLOWING IN THOSE FOOTSTEPS. YOU CAN  
21 FOLLOW IN GARY'S FOOTSTEPS AS WELL, ALONG THE OTHER MEMBERS,  
22 ROGER AND ALL, WHO HAVE RUN BEFORE, RETIRED AND THEN COME  
23 BACK. SO, MICKEY, THANK YOU AND CONGRATULATIONS AND GOD BLESS  
24 YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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1 **MICKEY SEGAL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. AND  
2 I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THIS  
3 PRESENTATION. SERVING OUR COMMUNITY HAS BEEN A GREAT PRIVILEGE  
4 FOR ME. I CAN'T THINK OF ANYTHING MORE IMPORTANT FOR A LOCAL  
5 COMMUNITY MEMBER TO DO THAN TO GIVE BACK TO HIS COMMUNITY. AND  
6 MY WIFE AND I ARE EXTREMELY PROUD OF THE THINGS WE'VE BEEN  
7 ABLE TO DO FOR THE CITY OF ARCADIA AND GETTING INVOLVED.  
8 SERVING THE COMMUNITY ON THE CITY COUNCIL HAS BEEN AN  
9 ABSOLUTELY FASCINATING EXPERIENCE. WORKING WITH PEOPLE LIKE  
10 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND CERTAINLY ALL OF THE DEPARTMENT  
11 HEADS AND OUR CITY MANAGER THAT ARE HERE, IT'S JUST -- THERE'S  
12 NO WORDS TO EXPLAIN HOW GREAT IT'S BEEN. THEY'VE BEEN GREAT  
13 LEADERS. THEY'VE TAUGHT ME INCREDIBLE THINGS THAT I WOULDN'T  
14 LEARN IN MY OWN BUSINESS. THEY'VE TAUGHT ME ABOUT PLANNING.  
15 THEY'VE TAUGHT ME ABOUT DEVELOPMENT. THEY'VE TAUGHT ME ABOUT  
16 REDEVELOPMENT. AND I'VE LEARNED A LOT THAT WILL ENABLE ME TO  
17 HELP OTHERS IN THE FUTURE. ALTHOUGH MIKE HAS ENCOURAGED ME TO  
18 CONSIDER AGAIN, I'M NOT GOING TO MAKE THAT COMMITMENT TODAY.  
19 BUT A NUMBER OF PEOPLE HAVE ASKED ME TO DO THAT. SERVING  
20 ARCADIA IS CERTAINLY ONE OF MY LIFE LONG PASSIONS AND I'VE  
21 ENJOYED DOING IT. AND I DO WANT TO THANK MY PARTNERS FOR  
22 COMING FROM THE OFFICE, TOO, TODAY. I APPRECIATE THEM BEING  
23 HERE. AND I WANT TO THANK MY WIFE FOR THE SUPPORT SHE'S GIVEN  
24 ME DURING THESE EIGHT YEARS. TIME'S GONE AND PARTIES AND  
25 MEETINGS AND RIBBON CUTTINGS AND ALL THOSE THINGS THAT WE



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1 ATTEND TO SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY. AGAIN, I WANT TO THANK MIKE  
2 FOR THIS HONOR AND I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
3 TOO. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SEE, WHEN YOU RUN AGAIN, THEN YOU CAN BE  
6 THERE FOR THE RIBBON CUTTING OF THE COMPLETION OF THE GOLD  
7 LINE. [LAUGHTER.]

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. WE'LL FOLLOW-UP WITH LITTLE PATCHES,  
10 WHO'S ONLY 12 WEEKS OLD. IT'S A LITTLE PEKINGESE MIX BOY. HE'S  
11 GOT LIKE A COCKER BODY AND A PEKINGESE NOSE. SO ANYWAY, HE'S  
12 LOOKING FOR A HOME. ANYBODY LIKE TO ADOPT LITTLE PATCHES? YOU  
13 CAN CALL 562-728-4644, OR ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE? HE LOVES  
14 PEACOCK, SO MAYBE HE'D LIKE TO CHASE THEM AROUND ARCADIA AS  
15 THEY'RE FLYING AROUND DOING THEIR DUTY ON PEOPLE'S LAWNS.  
16 ANYWAY, THIS IS LITTLE PATCHES. LOOK AT THAT LITTLE FACE. HOW  
17 YA DOING? ONLY 12 WEEKS OLD. ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE? LOOK AT  
18 THAT LITTLE BOY.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA? I'D LIKE TO CALL FORWARD  
21 SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH REPRESENTATIVES TO TALK ABOUT  
22 DENIM DAY. A SUPREME COURT DECISION OVERTURNED A RAPE  
23 CONVICTION BECAUSE THE VICTIM WORE JEANS. IT WAS STATED BY THE  
24 JUSTICE THAT THE VICTIM HAD ASSISTED THE ATTACKER TO REMOVE  
25 THE JEANS. WEARING JEANS HAS NOW BECOME AN INTERNATIONAL



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1 SYMBOL AS A PROTEST AGAINST NEGATIVE ATTITUDES ABOUT SEXUAL  
2 ASSAULT. DENIM DAY IN LOS ANGELES, SPEARHEADED BY PEACE OVER  
3 VIOLENCE, FORMERLY THE LOS ANGELES COMMISSION ON ASSAULTS  
4 AGAINST WOMEN, HAS EVOLVED INTO AN ANNUAL COUNTY-WIDE HIGHLY  
5 PUBLICIZED RAPE PREVENTION EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN. IT IS WITH  
6 GREAT HONOR THAT I PRESENT THIS SCROLL PROCLAIMING THE MONTH  
7 OF APRIL AS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH AND APRIL 23RD AS  
8 DENIM DAY, URGING EVERYONE TO WEAR JEANS AND ATTEND DENIM DAY  
9 OBSERVANCES IN THEIR AREA TO GET THE MESSAGE OUT IN OUR  
10 COMMUNITIES THERE IS NO EXCUSE AND NEVER AN INVITATION TO  
11 RAPE.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** ON BEHALF OF PEACE OVER VIOLENCE, WE WANT TO THANK  
14 EVERYONE WHO IS PARTICIPATING IN THIS MONTH'S DENIM DAY. DENIM  
15 DAY WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 23RD. AS MENTIONED BEFORE, A YOUNG  
16 WOMAN WAS SEXUALLY ASSAULTED BECAUSE SHE WAS WEARING JEANS.  
17 PART OF ONE OF THE REASONS WHY WE DO THIS IS BECAUSE WE WANT  
18 EVERYBODY TO KNOW THAT THERE IS NO EXCUSE NO MATTER IF SHE'S  
19 WEARING DENIM OR IF SHE WAS JUST OUT AND ABOUT. THERE'S NO  
20 EXCUSE. ONCE AGAIN, ON BEHALF OF PEACE OVER VIOLENCE, WE'D  
21 LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR THIS RECOGNITION AND WE' ENCOURAGE  
22 EVERYBODY ON APRIL 23RD TO WEAR JEANS.

23

24 **OLIVIA RODRIGUEZ:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR BURKE, AND  
25 THE REST OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I'M OLIVIA RODRIGUEZ,



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1 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE  
2 COUNCIL. AND I'M HERE TO SUPPORT PEACE OVER VIOLENCE. WE'VE  
3 COLLABORATED FOR MANY YEARS ON DIFFERENT PROJECTS, AND THIS IS  
4 ONE THAT IS ALWAYS SUPPORTED BY THE D.V.C. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE,  
5 SEXUAL ASSAULT, RAPE IS CORRELATED, AS MANY OF YOU MAY KNOW OR  
6 MAY NOT KNOW. AND CRIME, WHILE IT MAY BE DOWN IN SOME AREAS,  
7 SUCH AS THEFT AND CAR BREAK-INS, RAPE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, AND  
8 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REMAIN HIGH. SO THANK YOU SO MUCH,  
9 SUPERVISORS, FOR BRINGING AWARENESS AND EDUCATING THE PUBLIC  
10 ON SEXUAL ASSAULT FOR APRIL. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE'LL ALL BE IN OUR JEANS THAT  
13 DAY. I'D LIKE TO NOW CALL UP COUNTY LIBRARIAN MARGARET TODD.  
14 DURING THE WEEK APRIL 13TH THROUGH APRIL 19TH, THE COUNTY OF  
15 LOS ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY, THE LIBRARY PROFESSION AND THE  
16 PUBLIC WILL CELEBRATE NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK. OUR NATION'S  
17 LIBRARIES ARE TRULY A NATIONAL TREASURE, AND I AM PLEASED THAT  
18 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY WORKS WITH  
19 COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY PROVIDING FREE ACCESS TO  
20 CULTURE, LITERACY AND LIFE LONG LEARNING. ON BEHALF OF THE  
21 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, I DECLARE APRIL 13TH THROUGH THE 19TH AS  
22 NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. WE URGE  
23 EVERYONE TO GET TO THEIR LIBRARY TO MAKE SURE THEIR CHILDREN  
24 KNOW WHERE THE LIBRARY IS, THAT THEY UTILIZE ALL OF THE



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1 SERVICES THAT ARE AVAILABLE IN OUR LIBRARY. AND NOT ONLY  
2 DURING NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK BUT DURING THE WHOLE YEAR.

3

4 **MARGARET TODD:** WELL, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. I THINK WE HAVE  
5 PROBABLY THE BEST LIBRARY IN THE UNITED STATES, WITH SOME OF  
6 THE VERY BEST STAFF. WONDERFUL CHILDREN'S LIBRARIANS,  
7 WONDERFUL LIBRARIANS, WONDERFUL SUPPORT STAFF. SO READING IS  
8 ESSENTIAL. IF CHILDREN ARE GOING TO SUCCEED IN LIFE, THEY'VE  
9 GOT TO BE READERS. AND WHAT BETTER PLACE TO DO IT THAN THE  
10 PUBLIC LIBRARY? [APPLAUSE.]

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE'D LIKE TO CALL FORWARD THE  
13 LOS ANGELES UNIVERSAL PRESCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE. LOS ANGELES  
14 UNIVERSAL PRESCHOOL IS A NONPROFIT DEDICATED TO OFFERING AN  
15 AFFORDABLE AND QUALITY PRESCHOOL EXPERIENCE TO EVERY 4-YEAR-  
16 OLD IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THEY WORK WITH MORE THAN 300  
17 PRESCHOOL PROVIDERS IN THEIR NETWORK YEAR ROUND TO  
18 CONTINUOUSLY TO IMPROVE AND PROVIDE AN OPTIMAL LEARNING  
19 ENVIRONMENT FOR THE CHILDREN THEY SERVE. THE CALIFORNIA  
20 COUNCIL FOR EXCELLENCE RECENTLY HONORED LOS ANGELES UNIVERSITY  
21 PRESCHOOL WITH ITS ANNUAL EUREKA AWARD FOR PERFORMANCE  
22 EXCELLENCE. IT'S WITH GREAT HONOR THAT I PRESENT THIS SCROLL  
23 TO L.A.U.P. AS WE PROCLAIM APRIL 13TH, 2008, THROUGH APRIL  
24 19TH, AS WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS  
25 ANGELES. (CHEERS AND APPLAUSE).



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2 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR BURKE, AND THANK YOU,  
3 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. ON BEHALF OF THE 1.8 MILLION CHILDREN IN  
4 L.A. COUNTY, STUDENTS IN PRE-K THROUGH THE 12TH GRADE, WE  
5 APPRECIATE THIS RECOGNITION. WE AT L.A.U.P. ARE GRATEFUL IN  
6 RECEIVING THIS IN THAT PRE-KINDER SETS REALLY THE TONE FOR  
7 SUCCESS OF CHILDREN ENTERING THE K-12 WORLD. WE, ALONG WITH  
8 OUR 350 PROVIDERS, APPRECIATE THIS RECOGNITION. AND FOR ALL OF  
9 YOU, NEXT WEEK WE WILL BE HOSTING APPROXIMATELY 150 EVENTS  
10 THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY IN EVERY SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT TO  
11 CELEBRATE AND RECOGNIZE THE WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD. WE'VE  
12 SELECTED SIX TEACHERS OF THE YEAR. FIRST EVER PRE-K TEACHERS,  
13 TWO FROM YOUR DISTRICT WITH A TIE AND ONE EACH OF THE REST OF  
14 THE SUPERVISORS. AND THEY'LL BE RECOGNIZED AT THE MUSIC CENTER  
15 AT OUR WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD BREAKFAST. THANK YOU VERY MUCH  
16 FOR THIS HONOR AND RECOGNITION. [APPLAUSE.]

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DID YOU WANT TO SAY A WORD? OKAY. I'D LIKE  
19 TO CALL FORWARD THE REPRESENTATIVE -- DR. FIELDING IS HERE FOR  
20 PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK. THIS YEAR, WE WILL CELEBRATE THE 21ST  
21 ANNUAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK BEING SPONSORED BY THE LOS ANGELES  
22 COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES IN COLLABORATION WITH  
23 VARIOUS COMMUNITY GROUPS, ORGANIZATIONS, SCHOOLS AND OTHER  
24 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO  
25 INCREASE COMMUNITY AWARENESS AND UNDERSTANDING ABOUT



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1 PREVENTING AND CONTROLLING THE SPREAD OF DISEASE. THE  
2 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ITS PARTNERS WORK EXTREMELY  
3 HARD TO PROVIDE A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL COUNTY RESIDENTS  
4 AND ASSIST US IN PREPARING FOR THE KIND OF IMMUNIZATIONS AND  
5 EMERGENCIES THAT INCLUDE NATURAL AND BIOTERRORISM DISASTERS.  
6 IT'S WITH GREAT HONOR THAT I PRESENT THIS SCROLL TO THE  
7 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ITS PARTNERS AS WE PROCLAIM  
8 THE WEEK OF APRIL 7TH THROUGH 13TH, 2008, AS PUBLIC HEALTH  
9 WEEK, AND ENCOURAGE ALL COUNTY RESIDENTS TO JOIN IN AN EFFORT  
10 TO PROMOTE GOOD PUBLIC HEALTH PRACTICES THROUGHOUT THE  
11 COMMUNITIES.

12

13 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I WANT TO THANK  
14 THE BOARD FOR THEIR VERY STRONG SUPPORT OF OUR DEPARTMENT OF  
15 PUBLIC HEALTH. THERE ARE THREE THINGS WE DO, AND THERE ARE  
16 ACTIVITIES GOING ON THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY THAT GIVE ALL  
17 STAKEHOLDERS, ALL RESIDENTS, ALL PEOPLE IN THOSE COMMUNITIES  
18 AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN AND TO BE MORE INVOLVED. ONE IS TO  
19 PROTECT HEALTH. AND UNFORTUNATELY, WE HAVE A LOT OF PROBLEMS.  
20 SOME OF THOSE ARE MAN MADE. SOME OF THOSE ARE NATURAL  
21 DISASTERS LIKE THE WILDFIRES THAT WE'VE SEEN RECENTLY. BUT WE  
22 HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT BIOTERRORISM AND CHEMICAL TERRORISM AND  
23 THE LIKE AND PANDEMIC INFLUENZA. AND WE ARE, IN FACT, FOCUSED  
24 ON PROTECTING THE PUBLIC AGAINST THOSE KIND OF THREATS. THE  
25 SECOND THING WE DO IS PREVENT DISEASE. AND THERE'S SO MUCH OF



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1 THE DISEASE WE HAVE IN OUR COMMUNITIES THAT IS ENTIRELY  
2 PREVENTABLE. IF YOU LOOK AT THE TOLL THAT A LOT OF  
3 CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE, THAT DIABETES, THAT ASTHMA TAKES AND  
4 MANY OTHER DISEASES, A LOT OF THAT IS PREVENTABLE. AND THIRD,  
5 TO PROMOTE HEALTH. AND WE KNOW THAT IT'S NOT ONLY THE THINGS  
6 THAT WE TALK ABOUT, THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM, BUT IT'S ALSO OUR  
7 PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT AND OUR SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT. AND WHEN WE  
8 TALK ABOUT OUR PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT, IT'S THE ENVIRONMENT OF  
9 THE WHOLE WORLD. IF CHINA'S USING A LOT MORE COAL TO FIRE  
10 THEIR PLANTS, IT'S AFFECTING OUR ATMOSPHERE, IT'S AFFECTING  
11 CLIMATE EVERYWHERE IN THE WORLD. SO WE ARE ONE WORLD, AND WE  
12 HAVE TO HAVE A HEALTHY PLANET IN ADDITION TO OUR HEALTHY  
13 COMMUNITIES. AND THIS, I THINK, GIVES US BETTER INFORMATION TO  
14 TRY AND ALL WORK TO DO OUR INDIVIDUAL PART. SO, AGAIN, THANK  
15 THE BOARD VERY MUCH FOR THIS DECLARATION. THANK YOU,  
16 SUPERVISOR.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE RECEIVED A LETTER FROM  
19 U.S.C., AND SOMEHOW IT WAS CAUGHT UP IN THE MAIL AND IT WAS  
20 LATE GETTING TO US. AND THEY CELEBRATED MARCH 31ST THROUGH  
21 APRIL 4TH AS PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS' WEEK. AND THE IDEA IS TO  
22 ENCOURAGE YOUNG PEOPLE TO ENTER THE PROFESSIONS. AND IF  
23 THERE'S NO OBJECTION, I'D LIKE TO MOVE THAT WE BE ABLE TO  
24 CONSIDER THIS TODAY WITHOUT IT BEING ON THE AGENDA. WITHOUT  
25 OBJECTION, IT WILL BE SO ORDERED THAT WE WOULD LIST THAT MARCH



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1 31ST THROUGH APRIL 4TH WOULD BE PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNTY OF  
2 LOS ANGELES AS STUDENTS' PROFESSIONAL WEEK. THAT CONCLUDES MY  
3 PRESENTATIONS. FOR YOUR ADJOURNMENTS?

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAME CHAIR, I HAVE TWO ADJOURNING MOTIONS.  
6 I HAVE TWO ADJOURNING MOTIONS, MADAME CHAIR. FIRST I'D LIKE TO  
7 ASK THAT THE BOARD ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF CHARLTON HESTON,  
8 OSCAR-WINNING ACTOR, CONSTITUENT OF MINE. FAMED FOR MANY OF  
9 HIS ROLES, NOT LEAST OF WHICH WAS BEN-HUR AND HIS ROLE AS  
10 MOSES IN THE TEN COMMANDMENTS. HE WAS OBVIOUSLY VERY  
11 POLITICALLY ACTIVE, SOMEWHAT CONTROVERSIAL, BUT A GREAT  
12 CITIZEN OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND VERY CIVIC-MINDED AND VERY  
13 PHILANTHROPIC. I HAD A PLEASURE OF MEETING HIM ON A NUMBER OF  
14 OCCASIONS. ALL MEMBERS ON THAT.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, ALL MEMBERS.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE LYDIA AND HIS SON  
19 FRASIER. ALSO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF STEVEN GAMBLE,  
20 LONG-STANDING LEADER OF THE HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN  
21 CALIFORNIA, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 78. A CAREER THAT  
22 SPANNED 36 YEARS WITH THE ASSOCIATION, HE LEARNED A REPUTATION  
23 AS ONE OF THE NATION'S LEADING HEALTHCARE INDUSTRY ADVOCATES,  
24 OFFERING PRINCIPLED AND PERSUASIVE CASES FOR HIS HOSPITAL  
25 MEMBER CLIENTS. HE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN BRINGING HOSPITALS AND



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1 HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS INTO THE PLANNING PROCESS DURING THE 1984  
2 OLYMPICS IN LOS ANGELES, INVOLVED IN THE REBUILDING OF THE  
3 OLIVE VIEW HOSPITAL AFTER THE 1971 SYLMAR EARTHQUAKE. HE IS  
4 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 50 YEARS, PATRICIA; TWO SONS, MARK AND  
5 DANA; AND A DAUGHTER, TRICIA RUSSELL; SIX GRANDCHILDREN; A  
6 SISTER, HELEN MARY THOMAS; AND A BROTHER, JOHN AMBER.

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8 **SUP. KNABE:** I'D LIKE TO JOIN THAT, AS WELL.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S FINE.

11

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

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAME CHAIR, THE PUBLIC IS HOLDING --  
15 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE HOLDING 2, 8, 10, 37 AND 43, IS THAT  
16 ONE INDIVIDUAL?

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'LL CALL ALL THOSE UP AT THIS TIME.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THAT MR. SACHS? IF YOU WANT TO GO ON AND  
23 CALL ANOTHER ITEM UP AND THEN HE'LL GET HERE BY THE TIME YOU  
24 GETS TO THE MICROPHONE. HE'S IN THE BACK.

25



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1 SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: YEAH, I SEE HIM.

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3 SUP. KNABE: HE'S COMING FORWARD.

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5 SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: HE'S COMING. WE'LL WAIT.

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7 SUP. BURKE, CHAIR: ON 52, WERE WE GOING TO CONTINUE THAT? WAS  
8 MR. ANTONOVICH ALSO HOLDING THAT ONE? AND THEN CONTINUE IT?

9

10 SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: HE'S HOLDING IT AND I THINK THE SHERIFF AND  
11 THE C.E.O. HAVE ASKED THAT IT BE CONTINUED. I THINK THE  
12 SHERIFF IS COMING. THE SHERIFF WANTS IT CONTINUED, BUT I THINK  
13 HE'S PERSONALLY COMING.

14

15 ARNOLD SACHS: GOOD MORNING, COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THANK  
16 YOU. ITEM NO.? MA'AM? MADAME PRESIDENT?

17

18 SUP. BURKE, CHAIR: YES. START WITH YOUR ITEMS.

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20 SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: ITEM 2, 8, 10, 37 AND 43, WHATEVER ORDER YOU  
21 WANT.

22

23 ARNOLD SACHS: ITEM NO. 2, I JUST WANTED TO KNOW TWO THINGS ON  
24 THIS. WITH THE SUMMER COMING UP, LAST YEAR IT SEEMED LIKE KIND  
25 OF A DISASTER, MY PERSONAL OPINION. CAN THE COUNTY LOOK INTO



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1 DESIGNATING EMERGENCY COOL CENTERS PRIOR TO L.A. EXPERIENCING  
2 A HEAT WAVE? LIKE LAST YEAR, THEY DECIDED TO DESIGNATE A COOL  
3 CENTER, IT SEEMED TO ME, AFTER WE WERE IN THE MIDST OF A HEAT  
4 WAVE. IT WOULD JUST SEEM TO BE BETTER PREPARED TO HAVE THE  
5 COOL CENTERS DESIGNATED PRIOR TO THE SUMMER MONTHS.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THAT ITEM 2?

8

9 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THIS IS ITEM 2. WELL, IT SAYS IT'S AN EMERGENCY  
10 HOME CARE. AND SO I'M LOOKING TO EXTEND IT TO EMERGENCY HOME  
11 CARE, EMERGENCY COOL CENTERS. BUT I'D ALSO LIKE TO KNOW ABOUT  
12 THE PERSONAL ASSISTANTS WHO USE -- AN EMERGENCY IS AN  
13 EMERGENCY. WOULD THEY BE PERSONAL ASSISTANTS WHO WOULD BE  
14 AVAILABLE TO USE ACCESS SERVICES PROGRAMS? AND HAS ANYBODY  
15 INVESTIGATED WHETHER OR NOT SOME OF THE CLAIMS MADE AT M.T.A.  
16 AND THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE CITY COUNCIL  
17 REGARDING THE ACCESS PROVIDERS AND THE STAFFING FOR THEIR  
18 ACCESS CERTIFIED VEHICLES BEING DRIVEN BY ACCESS-CERTIFIED  
19 DRIVERS SO THEY'RE AVAILABLE FOR CALLS AND SERVICE THAT THE  
20 ACCESS PATIENTS SO DESPERATELY NEED AND TEND TO FIND  
21 THEMSELVES MORE OFTEN THAN NOT WAITING FOR OVER EXTENDED  
22 PERIOD OF TIME. THAT'S WHAT I HAVE TO SAY ON ITEM NO. 2. THANK  
23 YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND ANSWERS.

24



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

3

4 **ARNOLD SACHS:** ITEM NO. 8, JUST REALLY QUICK. WHY WOULD YOU  
5 LIMIT THESE PROCESSES AND PROGRAMS JUST TO MENTAL HEALTH? AND  
6 I'M ALSO CONCERNED. THERE'S A COUPLE OF WORDS MISSING FROM  
7 YOUR LANGUAGE. I DON'T SEE THE WORD "FOOTPRINT" AND I DON'T  
8 SEE "TRANSPARENCY." THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND YOUR ANSWERS.

9

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

12

13 **ARNOLD SACHS:** ITEM NO. 10 REFERS TO A LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE  
14 BEING HELD MAY 21ST. BY ANY CHANCE IS THAT CONFERENCE OPEN TO  
15 THE PUBLIC?

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'M SURE IT IS. MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY,  
18 SECONDED BY; ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

19

20 **ARNOLD SACHS:** ITEM NO. 36, MADAME PRESIDENT? CORRECT?

21

22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** YOU HELD 37.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** 37.

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1 **ARNOLD SACHS:** ITEM 37 IS ANOTHER CONTRACT BEING SENT OUT,  
2 SUBCONTRACTING OUT. I'M JUST CURIOUS. I DON'T SEE ANY MEMBERS  
3 OF THE S.E.I.U. HERE TO PUT PROS OR CONS ON THAT ITEM. IS  
4 THERE ANY PARTICULAR REASON WHY THEY WOULDN'T WANT TO BE HERE  
5 TO PROTECT THEIR WORKERS? AND IS THIS A BEST PRACTICE BEING  
6 INSTITUTED BY THE COUNTY?

7

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

10

11 **ARNOLD SACHS:** 43 I BELIEVE IS NEXT? 43 REGARDING SOME SIGNAGE  
12 ON ITEM NO. 43. THAT IS FOR TRAFFIC REGULATIONS. ADOPTION OF  
13 ORDERS AND POSTING OF CORRESPONDING REGULATORY AND ADVISORY  
14 SIGNAGE THAT ARE EXEMPT FROM CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
15 ACTS. AGAIN, ADVISORY SIGNAGE. ACCESS SERVICES CAME BEFORE --  
16 SOME USERS OF ACCESS SERVICE CAME BEFORE THE BOARD REQUESTING  
17 SIGNAGE FOR DESIGNATED PICKUP SPOTS AT AREAS WHERE THERE ARE  
18 MORE THAN NORMAL SIZED CROWDS. AND SINCE IT'S AN ADVISORY-TYPE  
19 SIGN, I WONDER IF THERE'S ANY KIND OF MOVEMENT BEING DONE OR  
20 LOOKED INTO BY THE CORRESPONDING AGENCY THAT WOULD HANDLE THAT  
21 KIND OF SITUATION. IF THERE'S ANY KIND OF REPORT BEING DONE,  
22 IF THERE'S ANY KIND OF EFFORT BEING MOVED BY ANYBODY ON THE  
23 COUNTY TO PROVIDE THAT KIND OF ADVISORY SIGNAGE AT LARGE AREAS  
24 WHERE CROWDS OF PEOPLE WOULD CONGREGATE AND HAVE MORE THAN



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1 FOUR OR FIVE ENTRANCES OR EXITS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND  
2 YOUR ANSWERS.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I THINK YOU HAVE ONE MORE. MOVED BY MOLINA,  
5 SECONDED BY KNABE ON 43; WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ARE  
6 YOU HOLDING 55?

7

8 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I'M GOING TO PASS ON 55. YOU HELD THAT FOR  
9 ANOTHER WEEK OR TWO?

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ON 52 YOU DON'T WANT TO MAKE YOUR STATEMENT  
12 NOW?

13

14 **ARNOLD SACHS:** 52 I'LL PASS. THAT'S BEEN HELD, RIGHT?

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NO, ACTUALLY YOU WERE HOLDING IT AND ONE  
17 OTHER PERSON WAS HOLDING IT. BUT IT'S TO BE CONTINUED.

18

19 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I'LL WAIT TILL IT'S CONTINUED. THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. YOU'LL SPEAK WHEN IT  
22 COMES BACK UP THE NEXT MEETING?

23

24 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I BELIEVE WE'VE DONE. I BELIEVE I'M DONE UNTIL  
25 MY PUBLIC COMMENT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND YOUR ANSWERS.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAME CHAIR, WE HAVE ONE OTHER INDIVIDUAL  
3 WHO HAS HELD S-2 AND ITEM 9. DR. CLAVREUL?

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. DR. CLAVREUL AND S-2, AND I  
6 THINK YOU'RE HOLDING ALSO NO. 9.

7

8 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES, ON S-2 I WOULD LIKE TO LISTEN TO  
9 THE REPORT FIRST BEFORE I SAY ANYTHING, WHICH I HAVE A RIGHT  
10 TO DO THAT. I WOULD APPRECIATE THAT. AND ON ITEM 9, EVEN SO I  
11 AM VERY PLEASED TO SEE A.P.L.A. PROVIDE CARE AND FOOD PANTRY  
12 AND ALL OF THAT. I THINK MAYBE IT IS A LITTLE EARLY TO GIVE  
13 AND LEASE PART OF PROPERTY ON KING-DREW MEDICAL CENTER. IT  
14 MIGHT BE BETTER TO WAIT UNTIL YOU HAVE NEGOTIATED A DEAL WITH  
15 THE SO-CALLED OPERATOR OR BUYER OF THE SITE. AS IT IS NOW, IT  
16 IS OBVIOUS THAT MULTIPLE CONVERSATIONS HAVE GONE ON WITH THE  
17 MEMBERS OF THAT TEAM. AND BECAUSE YOU DECIDED TO PUT IT UNDER  
18 CLOSED SESSION, AND THE REPORT YOU GAVE IN ALL THOSE CLOSED  
19 SESSIONS WAS "NO REPORTABLE ACTION TAKEN," WHICH I THINK IS  
20 DISINGENUOUS BECAUSE IT IS VERY OBVIOUS THAT MANY DECISIONS  
21 WERE TAKEN, INCLUDING CONTINUE THE CONVERSATION WITH PACIFIC  
22 AND LONG BEACH. I THINK WHEN YOU GO TO A CLOSED SESSION AND  
23 YOU STATE THAT YOU HAVE TAKEN NO REPORTABLE ACTION, THAT  
24 SHOULD BE THE CASE. I THINK YOU ARE IN TOTAL VIOLATION OF THE  
25 BROWN ACT. AND I WILL DEMAND THEN A CURE, THAT FAILING TO MEET



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1 THE BROWN ACT. IT IS OBVIOUS THAT WHEN IT COMES TO PACIFIC  
2 HOSPITAL IN LONG BEACH, THERE IS A LOT OF BEHIND-THE-SCENES.  
3 AND I THINK PERSONALLY THAT PEOPLE WHO LIVE AROUND KING-DREW  
4 DESERVE QUALITY OF CARE. AND AS WAS MENTIONED IN THE "LA  
5 TIMES" THAT IF THEY ARE VERY NERVOUS ABOUT THE CRITICISM AND  
6 EVERYTHING, YOU KNOW THE OLD SAYING, "IF YOU CANNOT GET THE  
7 HEAT, GET OUT OF THE KITCHEN" MAYBE THEY SHOULD. IF THEY ARE  
8 SO SENSITIVE THAT THEY CANNOT EVEN TAKE GENUINE CRITICISM,  
9 THEY HAVE NO BUSINESS FIGHTING TO GET THE KING-DREW. THANK  
10 YOU.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. RICHARD MATTHIAS? AND YOU WERE  
15 AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS, IS THAT CORRECT? ARE THERE ANY  
16 QUESTIONS ON THIS ITEM? IF NOT, MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY  
17 MOLINA; WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. THAT'S ON ITEM NO. 9.  
18 ITEM 55? WE HAVE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE ASKED TO SPEAK.  
19 MARIA SMITH, PHILIP GREENWALD. JOVANNI FLORES. WOULD YOU ALL  
20 PLEASE COME FORWARD? MARIA VERDYZCO-SMITH, WOULD YOU LIKE TO  
21 SPEAK FIRST AND THEN WE'LL CALL? WOULD YOU PLEASE STATE YOUR  
22 NAME?

23

24 **MARIA VERDYZCO-SMITH:** MARIA VERDYZCO-SMITH. I'M FROM LENNOX.  
25 AND THIS HAS BEEN A PROBLEM IN OUR AREA FOR A LONG TIME.



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1 USUALLY ON WEEKENDS, ALL DAY LONG, IT SEEMS, FROM ABOUT -- I  
2 SHOULD SAY FROM ABOUT THE MIDDLE OF THE DAY UNTIL ABOUT THE  
3 MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT THERE'S TRUCKS PARKED, ABOUT EIGHT TRUCKS  
4 PARKED IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. AND IT'S NOT FAIR TO THE  
5 BUSINESSES THAT ARE THERE THAT HAVE BUILDINGS AND LICENSES AND  
6 PAY RENT AND EVERYTHING ELSE TO HAVE ALL THESE TRUCKS THERE.  
7 WE'VE HAD A LOT OF COMPLAINTS FROM THE BUSINESS PEOPLE IN THE  
8 AREA THAT HAVE RESTAURANTS. ALSO, THEY'RE A TRAFFIC HAZARD. WE  
9 CAN'T WALK DOWN THE STREET SOMETIMES BECAUSE YOU CAN'T WALK  
10 THROUGH THE SIDEWALKS WHERE THEY'RE PARKED BECAUSE THEY IMPEDE  
11 THE WAY. MY HUSBAND WAS WALKING DOWN THE STREET, AND THERE  
12 WERE SO MANY PEOPLE HE WAS TRYING TO GET BY, AND WITH THE  
13 AWNING THAT THEY HAVE STICKING OUT, HE HIT HIS HEAD. SO IT'S  
14 REALLY NOT GOOD. AND SOMETIMES THEY LEAVE A MESS. IT'S A  
15 HEALTH HAZARD. I DON'T SEE HOW THEY CAN STAY TO SIX, SEVEN  
16 HOURS OUT THERE IN ONE SPOT. I THINK THAT'S AGAINST THE LAW.  
17 AND WHERE DO THEY GO TO THE RESTROOM? WHERE DO THEY WASH THEIR  
18 HANDS? SO I'M VERY MUCH IN FAVOR OF THIS LAW.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WILL PHILIP GREENWALD,  
21 AND I'D ALSO LIKE TO CALL UP JUAN FLORES.

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23 **PHILIP GREENWALD:** GOOD MORNING, MADAME CHAIR. I'M AN ATTORNEY  
24 AND I'VE BEEN REPRESENTING MOBILE INDUSTRIAL CATERERS, LUNCH  
25 TRUCK OPERATORS, VENDORS, FOR APPROXIMATELY 39 OUT OF 44 YEARS



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1 OF PRACTICING LAW. THIS LAW THAT IS POTENTIALLY TO BE AMENDED  
2 IN MY HUMBLE OPINION NEEDS MORE WORK. IT IS CONFUSING. IT IS  
3 AMBIGUOUS. IN ITS PRESENT FORM, IT IS PROBABLY NOT IN  
4 CONFORMITY WITH STATE LAW; NAMELY, VEHICLE CODE SECTION 22-  
5 455, WHICH REQUIRES THAT ANY LAW RELATING TO SELLING FROM  
6 VEHICLES ON STREETS AND HIGHWAYS IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,  
7 WHERE THERE'S LEGISLATION BY A LOCAL MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT,  
8 MUST BE SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PUBLIC SAFETY. THIS LAW  
9 APPEARS TO BE FOR RESTRAINT OF TRADE. I SAY THAT WITH ALL DUE  
10 RESPECT. I REALIZE THAT THERE SHOULD BE SOME LAW. BUT THIS IS  
11 NOT IN ITS PROPER FORM AT THE PRESENT TIME. AND I THINK THE  
12 COUNTY SHOULD HAVE TAKEN THE TIME -- IT SHOULD NOW TAKE THE  
13 TIME TO HAVE SOME PUBLIC HEARINGS AND/OR COMMITTEE WORK TO GET  
14 THE LAW IN PROPER FORM. FOR EXAMPLE, HOW MANY STOPS MAY BE  
15 MADE IN A NONRESIDENTIAL AREA BY THE OPERATOR OF A TACO TRUCK  
16 IN 60 MINUTES? ONE STOP? AND THEY HAVE TO LEAVE THE AREA? MUST  
17 THOSE STOPS BE AT LEAST ONE HALF MILE FROM ONE ANOTHER? IT'S  
18 NOT CLEAR. IT'S JUST AMBIGUOUS, CONFUSING. I'VE EVEN HEARD  
19 THAT ONE SHERIFF HAS COME TO A CATERING TRUCK, TACO TRUCK, AND  
20 SAID THAT WHEN THIS LAW PASSES, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO SELL  
21 AFTER 8:00 AT NIGHT. THAT IS NOT ONLY CONFUSING, IT'S NOT WHAT  
22 THE LAW SAYS. BUT THAT WAS THE INTERPRETATION GIVEN TO IT BY A  
23 SHERIFF OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. IT DOESN'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT  
24 SELLING FOR IMMEDIATE FOOD CONSUMPTION OR BEVERAGE  
25 CONSUMPTION. THAT 8 P.M. TO 6 A.M. PROVISION HAS TO DO WITH



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1 SOLICITING, LIKE AMWAY, LIKE FULLER BRUSH. AND YET THAT WAS  
2 THE MISINTERPRETATION. THESE AMENDMENTS WILL, IN MY HUMBLE  
3 OPINION, SERIOUSLY AND ADVERSELY AFFECT AND IMPACT LICENSED  
4 MOBILE INDUSTRIAL CATERERS, LUNCH TRUCK OPERATORS,  
5 COMMISSARIES, SUPPLIERS OF FOODS AND BEVERAGES, DRIVERS,  
6 COOKS, PERSONNEL AT THESE FACILITIES, MANUFACTURERS OF  
7 CATERING TRUCKS. AND ONE OF THE MOST HORRENDOUS PARTS OF THIS  
8 LAW IS THAT IT CHANGES A PARKING INFRACTION INTO A POTENTIAL  
9 MISDEMEANOR WHICH COULD BE PUNISHABLE BY IMPRISONMENT AND JAIL  
10 FOR UP TO SIX MONTHS. THAT SHOULD BE UNHEARD OF. THIS IS JUST  
11 SELLING FOODS AND BEVERAGES, NOT CRIMINAL ACTIVITY.

12

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

14

15 **PHILIP GREENWALD:** THANK YOU, MA'AM.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DID YOU HAVE A QUESTION FOR HIM? JOVANNI  
18 FLORES. AND I'D LIKE TO ALSO ASK VICTOR ALVAREZ TO COME  
19 FORWARD AND ABEL MORALES?

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21 **PHILIP GREENWALD:** MAY I BE EXCUSED?

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES, PLEASE. MR. FLORES, STATE YOUR NAME.

24



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1    **JOVANNI FLORES:** YES, I OWN A LUNCH TRUCK. AND LIKE THE MAN WAS  
2    SAYING RIGHT NOW, ACTUALLY IT'S WRONG BECAUSE I'M FOLLOWING  
3    EVERY REQUIREMENT OF INSPECTIONS OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT.  
4    THAT YOU NEED A LETTER IF YOU WANT TO STAY THE WHOLE DAY AND  
5    PARK IN A CERTAIN AREA, YOU HAVE TO HAVE A LETTER TO GO TO THE  
6    RESTROOM. AND ACTUALLY WE ARE PAYING TAXES. LIKE SHE WAS  
7    TAKING, IT'S A HASSLE FOR PEOPLE LIKE TO WALK. BUT ACTUALLY  
8    LIKE US, WE HAVE A SPOT WHERE WE RENT. WE PAY RENT. AND WE  
9    PARK RIGHT THERE. WE CLEAN EVERYTHING. AND ACTUALLY, IT'S  
10   ILLEGAL FOR US BECAUSE WE'RE PAYING TAXES. WE'RE PAYING INCOME  
11   TAX. WE'RE PAYING HEALTH DEPARTMENT TAXES. SO ACTUALLY IT'S  
12   NOT LIKE WE'RE NOT FOLLOWING THE LAW THAT WE HAVE TO FOLLOW  
13   BECAUSE WE ARE FOLLOWING THE LAW BY PAYING TAXES. IT'S LIKE A  
14   RESTAURANT. AND ACTUALLY, WHERE WE PARK THE THE TRUCK,  
15   COMMISSARY, WE PAY, TOO. SO IT'S NOT FAIR FOR US TO BE LIKE  
16   THE LAW THEY WANT TO PASS, IT IS GOING TO AFFECT EVERYBODY.

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18   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ARE YOU ON THE SIDEWALK?

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20   **JOVANNI FLORES:** ACTUALLY US, WE RENT A SPACE.

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22   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OFF THE SIDEWALK?

23

24   **JOVANNI FLORES:** NO. NOT ON THE SIDEWALK. IN A BUSINESS.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IN A BUSINESS. YOU CAN CERTAINLY ASK -- IF  
2 ANYONE QUESTIONS YOU AS FAR AS THIS IS CONCERNED, YOU CAN  
3 REALLY CHECK WITH THEM BECAUSE BASICALLY WE'RE TALKING ABOUT  
4 PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT ACTUALLY WITHIN A BUSINESS THAT'S  
5 OPERATING.

6

7 **JOVANNI FLORES:** THAT'S WHY. BECAUSE I WAS ON THE STREET, TOO.  
8 BUT I WAS GETTING TICKETS EVERY DAY. \$50 TICKETS. SO IT WAS A  
9 HASSLE FOR ME FOR PAYING TICKETS. AND THEN I HAD TO PAY  
10 COMMISSARY, PROPANE. AND IT WAS TOO MUCH FOR ME TO PAY. AND  
11 THEN THE TAXES EVERY THREE MONTHS THAT I NEED TO PAY. SO  
12 THAT'S WHY IT'S AFFECTING US.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO YOU'RE NO LONGER ON THE SIDEWALK?

15

16 **JOVANNI FLORES:** I'M NO LONGER ON THE SIDEWALK BECAUSE OF THAT  
17 BECAUSE I WAS GETTING TICKETS. AND I THINK IT'S NOT FAIR,  
18 BECAUSE WE'RE JUST MAKING A LIVING.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT'S AGAINST THE LAW TO BE ON THE STREET SELLING  
21 FOOD.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO YOU ARE DOING THE RIGHT THING MOVING OFF  
24 THE SIDEWALK AND INTO A FACILITY.

25



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND IT'S DIFFERENT. AND YOU HAVE TO UNDERSTAND  
2 THAT YOU CAN'T DO THE KIND OF BUSINESS YOU'RE DOING. IT'S  
3 AGAINST THE LAW. IF YOU WANT A RESTAURANT, YOU HAVE TO GO INTO  
4 A STATIONARY PLACE. YOU CAN'T JUST PARK A TRUCK. THE PERSON  
5 THAT IS RENTING IT TO YOU SHOULDN'T BE DOING IT BECAUSE IT'S  
6 AGAINST THE LAW. I DON'T KNOW WHO HAS INFORMED YOU OR  
7 MISINFORMED YOU, BUT YOU CAN'T DO THAT. AND THE ISSUE IS --  
8 AND I KNOW IN REPRESENTING UNINCORPORATED AREAS AND A LOT OF  
9 THE CITIES THAT I REPRESENT, MOST OF THE RESIDENTS COMPLAIN  
10 ABOUT THIS. IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD, WE HAVE ONE THAT PARKS EVERY  
11 SINGLE DAY RIGHT ON FIGUEROA. AND EVERY EVENING, THEY ARE  
12 THERE. AND THEY START LIKE AROUND 6:00. AND THE TRUCK IS THERE  
13 UNTIL MIDNIGHT. EVERY DAY. AND IT'S AGAINST THE LAW. AND, YES,  
14 HE LIVES WITH HIS TICKETS EVERY DAY. HE GETS A TICKET AND HE  
15 LIVES WITH IT. THAT'S A PART OF --

16

17 **JOVANNI FLORES:** I UNDERSTAND THAT. AND LIKE THE MAN WAS SAYING  
18 RIGHT NOW THAT WE'RE DOING ILLEGAL THINGS. BUT IT'S NOT  
19 ILLEGAL BECAUSE IT IS LIKE A RESTAURANT.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO, NO. SIR, IT IS. YES. LOOK AT THE LAW. IT IS  
22 AGAINST THE LAW. YOU CAN'T PARK A TRUCK. JUST BECAUSE THEY  
23 RENT YOU THE SPACE AND CALL IT A RESTAURANT. YOU CAN'T DO  
24 THAT. SO I THINK WHAT YOU NEED TO DO -- AGAIN, I'M NOT TRYING  
25 TO TAKE AWAY YOUR BUSINESS CAPABILITY, BUT I WANT YOU TO KNOW



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1 THAT SOMEBODY IS MISINFORMING YOU ABOUT THE LAW. JUST BECAUSE  
2 YOU RENT A SPACE AND YOU PAY RENT FOR IT, THAT DOES NOT MAKE  
3 IT A LEGAL ABILITY TO SELL THAT. YOU JUST CAN'T DO THAT.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND WE HAVE SOMEONE WHO WILL HELP YOU IN  
6 TERMS OF WHAT YOU'RE GOING HAVE TO DO IF YOU WANT TO ESTABLISH  
7 A RESTAURANT THERE. ALL RIGHT. JUAN TORRES.

8

9 **JOVANNI FLORES:** MAY I BE EXCUSED NOW, MA'AM?

10

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

12

13 **JOVANNI FLORES:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** VICTOR ALVAREZ? STATE YOUR NAME, PLEASE.

16

17 **VICTOR ALVAREZ:** MY NAME IS VICTOR ALVAREZ. I'M HERE TO  
18 REPRESENT THE -- THE ONLY REASON I'M HERE FOR IS TO TRY TO GET  
19 THIS LAW A LITTLE BIT MORE, YOU KNOW, UNDERSTANDING BECAUSE A  
20 LOT OF PEOPLE ARE QUITE CONFUSED ON THIS LAW. THEY DON'T  
21 UNDERSTAND WHAT'S REALLY GOING ON. AND I WANT TO SAY ONE  
22 THING. A LOT OF FAMILIES DEPEND ON THIS. THEY DEPEND ON THESE  
23 BUSINESSES. THEY HAVE MADE THEM SINCE THEY OPEN UP. THEY  
24 INVEST A LOT OF MONEY IN THEM. SO THEY GOT THE RIGHT TO HAVE  
25 SOME PROFITS OUT OF IT. SO MY BOTTOM LINE IS THIS, IF WE TAKE



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1 AWAY EVERYTHING FROM THEM, WHAT ARE WE GOING TO GIVE THEM  
2 BACK?

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** SIR, YOU HAVE TO LOOK AT THE LAWS. AND IF THE  
5 LAWS -- IF IT IS AGAINST THE LAW -- JUST BECAUSE YOU BOUGHT A  
6 TRUCK AND YOU MADE AN INVESTMENT, BUT IT'S STILL AGAINST THE  
7 LAW.

8

9 **VICTOR ALVAREZ:** CORRECT.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT DOESN'T MEAN THAT JUST BECAUSE YOU MADE THAT  
12 INVESTMENT YOU SHOULD BE ENTITLED TO CARRY OUT YOUR BUSINESS.

13

14 **VICTOR ALVAREZ:** CORRECT. BUT WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO FOR THEM?

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHAT DO YOU MEAN WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO FOR  
17 THEM?

18

19 **VICTOR ALVAREZ:** I MEAN WE TAKE AWAY THEIR BUSINESSES --

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT WHEN A BUSINESS IS NOT LEGAL, HOW CAN YOU  
22 TAKE AWAY SOMETHING THAT ISN'T LEGALLY AVAILABLE TO DO?

23

24 **VICTOR ALVAREZ:** HOW COULD IT BE ILLEGAL WHEN THEY PAY TAXES?

25



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** THEY CAN PAY AGAIN UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.  
2 YOU CAN USE A TRUCK TO GO TO A BUSINESS THAT INVITES YOU TO GO  
3 IN AND SELL DURING THEIR BREAK OR THEIR LUNCHTIME. THAT'S WHAT  
4 THESE TRUCKS ARE FOR. BUT TO PARK THEM ON A STREET, TO PARK  
5 THEM IN A PRIVATE LOT, EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE PAYING RENT, IS  
6 AGAINST THE LAW. WHAT YOU ARE DOING IS USING THE VENDING  
7 TRUCKS INAPPROPRIATELY. AND THAT'S WHAT PEOPLE COMPLAIN TO US  
8 ABOUT ALL DAY LONG. I KNOW THAT YOU MAKE A LIVING. AND I KNOW  
9 A LOT OF PEOPLE EVEN ENJOY THE FOOD THAT THEY GET THERE. I'M  
10 NOT COMPLAINING ABOUT THOSE THINGS. I JUST WANT YOU TO KNOW  
11 THAT UNDER THE LAW, IT'S NOT LEGAL. NOW, IF YOU NEED US TO  
12 CLARIFY THOSE THINGS, WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO DO THAT. BUT YOU  
13 CAN'T TRY AND GET US TO BE RESPONSIBLE BECAUSE YOU BOUGHT A  
14 TRUCK TO CARRY OUT AN ILLEGAL BUSINESS. IF YOU BOUGHT A TRUCK  
15 TO GO TO A COMPANY AND WHILE THEY'RE AT LUNCH OR ON BREAK,  
16 THAT'S WHAT THESE TRUCKS ARE FOR. BUT TO PARK THEM ON A STREET  
17 OR TO RENT A CORNER AND OPEN THEM UP AND START SELLING, IT'S  
18 AGAINST THE LAW.

19

20 **VICTOR ALVAREZ:** SO WHY WOULD THE LAW TRY TO MOVE THEM EVERY 60  
21 MINUTES?

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL THE REASON IS WE CAN'T ENFORCE -- BECAUSE  
24 YOU HAVE WHEELS ON YOUR TRUCKS, THEY'RE NOT UNDER OUR  
25 JURISDICTION. THEY ARE UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES.



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1 AND WE HAVE TRIED TO DEAL WITH THIS ON A REGULAR BASIS. SO  
2 BECAUSE YOU HAVE WHEELS, ALL WE CAN GIVE YOU IS A MOVING  
3 CITATION. SO WE GOT TO KEEP YOU MOVING. AND THE ENFORCEMENT IS  
4 VERY, VERY EXPENSIVE. I KNOW I'VE BEEN LOOKING AT THIS ISSUE  
5 FOR OVER 25 YEARS BECAUSE I REPRESENT EAST L.A. AND A LOT OF  
6 THOSE AREAS. AND WHILE SOME PEOPLE LOVE IT, A LOT OF PEOPLE  
7 DON'T LOVE IT. AND IT'S A REAL PROBLEM. A LOT OF THE  
8 RESTAURANTS COMPLAIN TO US, AS WELL, ABOUT THESE TRUCKS. A LOT  
9 OF PEOPLE WHO PAY TAXES, AS WELL. SO I WANT YOU TO KNOW WE TRY  
10 AND WORK WITH YOU AS MUCH AS WE CAN, BUT THIS IS ONLY, AGAIN,  
11 TO STRENGTHEN OUR OPPORTUNITY. AND IT WOULD BE VERY, VERY HARD  
12 TO CREATE A LAW BECAUSE YOU THINK IT WOULD BE THE ONLY WAY YOU  
13 COULD MAKE MONEY. IT'S AGAINST THE LAW. IT'S NOT APPROPRIATE.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ABEL MORALES. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

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17 **ABEL MORALES [THROUGH INTERPRETER]:** MY NAME IS ABEL MORALES.

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19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DO YOU WANT US TO BRING AN INTERPRETER FOR  
20 US?

21

22 **ABEL MORALES [THROUGH INTERPRETER]:** WHAT I WANT TO SAY IS THE  
23 POLICE IS DOING IN MY CASE IN DECEMBER THAT MY PERMITS WERE  
24 NOT VALID. HE WANTED TO SEE EACH PERSON THAT WAS LISTED ON THE  
25 PAPERS. HE SAID I'M JUST A WORKER. AND I SHOWED HIM ALL THE



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1 PAPERS. I HAVE A CERTIFICATE FROM THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO  
2 SERVE FOOD. AND HE SAID THAT THAT DIDN'T SERVE FOR ANY  
3 PURPOSE. THE TRUCK IS NEW. THE PERMITS ARE COPIES. AND HE SAID  
4 THOSE WERE NOT GOOD ENOUGH, YOU HAVE TO HAVE ORIGINALS. AT  
5 THAT TIME HE ASKED ME TO MOVE. HE WAS GOING TO GIVE ME A  
6 TICKET. WE DID LEAVE ARE BUT HE WAS HARD ON US. IF YOU'RE  
7 GOING TO MAKE RULES, YOU SHOULD SHOW THEM WHAT THE RULES ARE.  
8 HE DOESN'T SEEM TO KNOW WHAT THE RULES ARE. AND NOW WHAT YOU  
9 ARE TRYING TO DO WILL AFFECT ME TREMENDOUSLY. BECAUSE I HAVE  
10 TO PAY FOR MY TRUCK. AND I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE AN OPTION THAT  
11 WOULD GIVE ME OTHER OPTIONS OTHER THAN JUST THE 60 MINUTES.  
12 THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU. LUZ HERNANDEZ AND  
15 BENITO ALAVEZ I THINK IT IS. STATE YOUR NAME.

16

17 **JUAN TORRES:** JUAN TORRES.

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19 **JUAN TORRES [THROUGH INTERPRETER]:** MY NAME IS JUAN TORRES. I  
20 HAVE A LUNCH TRUCK. I HAVE SIX YEARS, DOING IT FOR SIX YEARS.  
21 I SPENT 10 YEARS WORKING TO BUY MY TRUCK. AND THE TRUTH IS I  
22 DON'T WANT THIS LAW TO BE APPROVED. I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO  
23 SLEEP THE LAST COUPLE OF DAYS BECAUSE -- KNOWING ABOUT THIS  
24 LAW. I'M FRIGHTENED OF LOSING MY BUSINESS. AND MY BUSINESS IS  
25 DEPENDENT ON MY FAMILY AND MY CHILDREN. AND I'M AFRAID OF



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1 LOSING MY HOUSE, AS WELL. MY PAYMENTS ARE HIGH AT MY HOUSE.  
2 AND IF I HAVE TO WORK AS AN EMPLOYEE, I WILL GAIN A SMALL  
3 AMOUNT. IN AN HOUR, I CANNOT SELL THAT MUCH IN ONE HOUR. AND I  
4 DON'T REALLY WANT THIS LAW TO BE APPLIED.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU KNOW, I THINK WHAT WE REALLY NEED TO DO  
7 IS TO HAVE A GROUP OF THE PEOPLE THERE SO THAT THEY CAN  
8 UNDERSTAND WHY THEY HAVE TO COMPLY.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHY DON'T WE DO THIS, MISS BURKE? WHY DON'T WE  
11 INVITE THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN A MEETING EITHER TODAY OR LATER  
12 ON THIS WEEK SO WE CAN ADVISE THEM OF WHAT THIS LAW IS AND  
13 WHAT THE LAWS ARE. I THINK THAT MAYBE THESE PEOPLE ARE BEING  
14 MISINFORMED AS TO WHAT KIND OF RIGHTS THEY HAVE. AND JUST  
15 BECAUSE THEY OWN A TRUCK, THAT THEY CAN CARRY OUT THESE  
16 BUSINESSES. AND I THINK THAT WE NEED TO GET A BETTER  
17 UNDERSTANDING.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I THINK SO, TOO.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** (EXPLAINING HER SPANISH CONVERSATION) WHAT I  
22 ASKED IS THAT WE COULD PROBABLY CONTINUE THIS ITEM FOR A WEEK  
23 AND ASK TO MEET WITH THEM. WE CAN GET ALL THEIR NAMES AND  
24 ADDRESSES SO WE CAN SIT DOWN AND EXPLAIN WHAT THIS LAW IS AND  
25 THE LAWS AS IT PERTAINS TO THEIR BUSINESSES.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I THINK MOST OF THESE ARE PEOPLE FROM  
3 LENNOX, ARE YOU ALL FROM LENNOX? WHERE DO YOU HAVE YOUR  
4 TRUCKS?

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** [CONVERSES IN SPANISH.] MY SIDE OF TOWN.

7

8 **JUAN TORRES:** IN EAST L.A.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WHY DON'T WE SET UP SOME KIND OF A MEETING  
11 HERE? WE'LL CONTINUE IT FOR ONE WEEK.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** WE'LL CONTINUE IT. AND THOSE OF YOU THAT ARE  
14 INTERESTED, WHY DON'T I SEND ONE OF MY STAFF PEOPLE AS WELL AS  
15 MISS BURKE'S STAFF? AND MAYBE YOU CAN LINE UP OVER HERE AND  
16 GIVE US YOUR NAMES AND ADDRESSES. [EXPLAINS IN SPANISH.]

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NOW, THERE ARE TWO PEOPLE WHO HAVEN'T  
19 SPOKEN. YES, STATE YOUR NAME.

20

21 **LUZ HERNANDEZ [THROUGH INTERPRETER]:** PARDON ME? GOOD MORNING.  
22 I AGREE WITH MRS. MOLINA. AS FAR AS GETTING TOGETHER SO WE CA  
23 EXPLAIN. MY NAME IS LUZ HERNANDEZ TO SERVE YOU. WHAT I SEE  
24 HERE IS THAT THEY'RE NOT VERY CLEAR, THE UNDERSTANDING OF THIS  
25 PROBLEM. WE ARE HARD WORKERS AND VERY HUMBLE PEOPLE. ALL WE'RE



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1 ASKING IS THAT YOU HELP US SO THAT WE CAN RELY ON OUR OWN  
2 WORK. A LOT OF FAMILIES DEPEND ON THAT JOB. FOR US, IT'S HARD  
3 WORKERS AND HUMBLE PEOPLE. WE FALL INTO A CRISIS IF WE HAVE TO  
4 DEPEND ON SOMEBODY ELSE. WE DO NOT WANT TO DEPEND ON ANYBODY  
5 ELSE. WE'RE JUST TRYING TO DO OUR WORK THE BEST POSSIBLE WAY  
6 TO SERVE OTHERS SO WE CAN SUPPORT OUR FAMILIES WITH DIGNITY.  
7 IT HAS NEVER BEEN OUR INTENTION TO BREAK THE LAW. AGAIN, THE  
8 ONLY THING WE'RE ASKING IS TO LET US WORK SO THAT WE CAN  
9 SUPPORT OUR FAMILIES HONESTLY. IF WE CAN'T FEED OUR CHILDREN  
10 WITH JUST WORDS; WE NEED ACTIONS. WORK, EDUCATION, AND WORK  
11 HONESTLY, IT'S THE ONLY THING THAT WILL GET US TO DO OUR  
12 GOALS. NOT DEPENDING ON ANYBODY ELSE. NOT BE A PUBLIC CHARGE.  
13 WE ARE HARD WORKING PEOPLE, WE WORK MORE THAN 10 HOURS A DAY.  
14 AND THAT'S WHAT WE TEACH OUR CHILDREN, WITH ACTIONS.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** (IN SPANISH, THROUGH INTERPRETER). I UNDERSTAND  
17 YOU GUYS WORK VERY HARD. BUT WHAT YOU'RE DOING IS AGAINST THE  
18 LAW. BUT I WANT YOU TO UNDERSTAND -- WE UNDERSTAND, WE JUST  
19 WANT YOU TO BE UNDER THE LAW. YOU ARE ALREADY DOING SOMETHING  
20 AGAINST THE LAW.

21

22 **LUZ HERNANDEZ [THROUGH INTERPRETER]:** NO WE NOT.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THE THING YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO  
25 UNDERSTAND IS THAT WE UNDERSTAND THAT YOU ARE HARD WORKERS.



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1 BUT YOU MUST WORK IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW. BECAUSE WHAT  
2 YOU'RE DOING IS CAUSING HARM TO SOMEONE ELSE WHO IS A HARD  
3 WORKER. AND YOU CAN'T TAKE ADVANTAGE OF SOMEONE ELSE. AND I  
4 KNOW YOU DON'T WANT TO DO THAT. BUT THE REASON WHY THIS LAW IS  
5 THERE IS THAT IT CAUSES PROBLEMS TO THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN THE  
6 AREA AND ALSO THE PEOPLE WHO ABIDE BY THE LAW AND HAVE THEIR  
7 BUSINESS IN A LOCATION ARE UNABLE TO OPERATE BECAUSE YOU GET  
8 IN FRONT OF THEIR BUSINESS. SO WE WANT FOR YOU TO UNDERSTAND -  
9 - AND WE WILL TRY TO WORK WITH YOU -- HOW YOU CAN TRY TO  
10 CONVERT YOUR BUSINESS TO ONE THAT WILL FIT WITHIN THE LAW. BUT  
11 HOW YOU'RE OPERATING NOW IS NOT WITHIN THE LAW. I HAVE ONE  
12 MORE PERSON. ARE YOU BENITO? WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE A SHORT  
13 STATEMENT?

14

15 **BENITO ALAVEZ [THROUGH INTERPRETER]:** GLORIA MOLINA, GOOD  
16 MORNING. IT'S JUST A FEW WORDS I'D LIKE TO SAY. WE'RE ON YOUR  
17 HANDS. YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO. AS HUMAN BEINGS, ALL I WANT YOU TO  
18 UNDERSTAND IN MY CASE I HAVE AN AUTISTIC SON AND IT'S THE ONLY  
19 WAY I CAN TAKE CARE OF MY SON WITH THIS KIND OF JOB. BUT MRS.  
20 GLORIA MOLINA --

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** JUST ONE MOMENT. THIS IS GOING TO BE A  
23 MEETING ONLY FOR THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE ACTUALLY INVOLVED AS --  
24 HAVE TRUCKS. ANYONE WHO IS AN ATTORNEY, UNLESS SOMEONE CALLS



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1 THEM IN AS THEIR ATTORNEY, WE'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE YOU IN THE  
2 MEETING. SO THE ATTORNEY --

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** BETTER TAKE HIM ASIDE AND TALK TO HIM. HE'S NOT  
5 GOING TO PAY ATTENTION TO YOU.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** GO RIGHT AHEAD, I'M SORRY.

8

9 **BENITO ALAVEZ:** EVERYTHING IS FINE.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** LET US SEE THE LETTER OF RETAINER. ALL  
12 RIGHT. GO RIGHT AHEAD.

13

14 **BENITO ALAVEZ [THROUGH INTERPRETER]:** THAT WE ARE DOING  
15 EVERYTHING DIRTY, THAT'S WHAT IT WAS COMMENTED.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** (SPANISH CONVERSATION) THIS PERSON IS  
18 REPRESENTING YOU? WE ARE NOT READY TO DEAL WITH HIM. IT WILL  
19 BE SOMETHING WE WILL HAVE TO DO IN COURT WHEN IT COMES TO  
20 LEGAL ADVICE. DO YOU WANT INFORMATION NOW OR WE CAN DO IT  
21 SEPARATELY?

22

23 **JUAN TORRES:** [THROUGH INTERPRETER]: WE DO.

24



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND WE WILL HAVE A  
2 MEETING OVER HERE AND WE WILL GET YOUR INFORMATION.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT HE WANTED TO FINISH YOUR STATEMENT.

5

6 **BENITO ALAVEZ [THROUGH INTERPRETER]:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MRS.  
7 MOLINA. SUPERVISOR YVONNE? IT IS UP TO YOU TO MAKE THE  
8 DECISION. WITH ALL MY HEART I ASK YOU, TO ALL OF YOU, TO ALL  
9 OF YOU AROUND YOU, TO PLEASE HELP US. YOU HAVE THE POWER AND  
10 WE'RE OUTSIDE. GOD BLESS YOU ALL. AND WE'RE IN YOUR HANDS.  
11 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** (SPEAKS SPANISH).

14

15 **JUAN TORRES:** I JUST HAVE ONE QUESTION IF YOU ALLOW ME TO ASK?  
16 THE LADY THAT SAID THAT WE WERE THROWING A LOT OF TRASH? IT IS  
17 NOT TRUE AND I'D LIKE TO SEE ANY KIND OF PROOF ON THAT. WE'RE  
18 FOLLOWING ALL THE RULES. AND EVEN FROM THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT,  
19 WE'RE COMPLYING.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. JUST GO RIGHT THROUGH  
22 HERE.

23

24 **JUAN TORRES:** GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

25



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ONE OTHER PERSON ASKED TO SPEAK. EVELYN  
2 ARONG? DID SHE SPEAK ALREADY?

3

4 **EVELYN ARONG:** GOOD MORNING. I UNDERSTAND THAT IT'S GOING TO BE  
5 HELD OVER UNTIL THE 22ND, AND I WISH TO SPEAK AT THAT TIME.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WITHOUT OBJECTION, IT WILL BE  
8 CONTINUED FOR ONE WEEK.

9

10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** TO APRIL 15TH.

11

12 **EVELYN ARONG:** EXCUSE ME?

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** APRIL 15TH.

15

16 **EVELYN ARONG:** OH, IT WILL BE ON APRIL THE 15TH?

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** A WEEK FROM TODAY.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** A WEEK FROM TODAY. THIS IS ITEM 55, RIGHT?

21 WE'LL CALL YOU IN A SECOND. ITEM 52 WILL BE CONTINUED. BUT

22 WE'RE GOING TO TAKE SOME TESTIMONY TODAY.

23

24 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** YOU SIGNED UP FOR ITEM 55.

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1 **EVELYN ARONG:** THE PHONE SERVICE.

2

3 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IS ITEM 52. YOU SIGNED UP FOR ITEM 55,  
4 THOUGH.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE'LL PUT YOUR NAME DOWN FOR 52  
7 AND YOU COME BACK ON, WHAT DAY ARE WE CONTINUING THAT TO?

8

9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM 52 IS BEING HELD.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT'S BEING HELD BUT IT WILL BE CONTINUED.  
12 ALL RIGHT. JUST WAIT A FEW MINUTES. TAKE YOUR SEAT AGAIN AND  
13 WE'LL CALL YOU BACK.

14

15 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM 55 IS CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO APRIL  
16 15TH.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ITEM 55 IS CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO APRIL  
19 15TH. ALL RIGHT. ZEV, WHAT ITEM NOW? DO YOU WANT TO CALL 52?  
20 IS THE SHERIFF HERE YET?

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** YES, HE'S BEEN OUT THERE. THE SHERIFF IS HERE.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE WILL CALL ITEM 52.

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT ARE THE OTHER ITEMS WE HAVE?

2

3 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 20 AND 31.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SHORT ITEMS? CAN I ASK THAT ITEM 20 BE TAKEN  
6 UP?

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE WILL TAKE UP ITEM 20.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ONE PERSON WANTS TO BE HEARD AND THEN WE'LL  
11 TAKE UP THE SHERIFF'S ITEM.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SHERIFF, WE'LL BE RIGHT WITH YOU. JUST ONE  
14 SECOND, AND WE'LL BE TAKE UP ITEM 20 REALLY FAST AND THEN  
15 WE'LL BE RIGHT THERE WITH YOU. ITEM 20 WAS -- MAY I HAVE THE  
16 NAME OF THE PERSON THAT WAS HOLDING THAT?

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES. IT'S JAMES DONOVAN.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. MR. DONOVAN, WOULD YOU COME  
21 FORWARD? STATE YOUR NAME, PLEASE.

22

23 **JAMES DONOVAN:** GOOD MORNING, MADAME CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE  
24 BOARD. MY NAME IS JIM DONOVAN, I'M A COMMUNITY PLANNER WITH  
25 THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR,



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1 RIVERS, TRAILS AND CONSERVATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. I'M JUST  
2 HERE TO ADDRESS BRIEFLY THE ITEM. THE NIKE SITE IS LOCATED AT  
3 THE CREST OF THE PUENTE HILLS. AND THERE ARE OTHER COUNTY  
4 FACILITIES THAT RUN CONTINUOUSLY ALONG THE RIDGELINE INCLUDING  
5 THE SCHABARUM TRAIL AND THE SCHABARUM EXTENSION TRAIL, BOTH  
6 TRAIL NUMBERS 11 AND 14 IN YOUR COUNTY MASTER PLAN OF RIDING  
7 AND HIKING TRAILS. THE SCHABARUM TRAIL NOW RUNS 28 MILES FROM  
8 WHITTIER NARROWS NATURAL AREA TO SCHABARUM REGIONAL PARK AND  
9 BONELLI REGIONAL PARK. ALONG ITS ROUTE, THE TRAIL PASSES RADIO  
10 RELAY STATIONS AND COMMUNICATION FACILITIES. ON THE RIDGELINE  
11 ABOVE THE PUENTE HILLS LANDFILL AND A FACILITY AT THE HIGHEST  
12 POINT OF THE WESTERN PUENTE HILLS, JUST WEST OF SCHABARUM  
13 REGIONAL PARK. THE SCHABARUM EXTENSION TRAIL HAS BEEN  
14 PARTIALLY CONSTRUCTED FROM SCHABARUM REGIONAL PARK EAST OF  
15 FULLERTON ROAD INTO PATHFINDER PARK. EASEMENTS HAVE BEEN  
16 DEDICATED BY RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY DEVELOPERS, BRINGING THE  
17 TRAIL RIGHT UP TO THE EAST END OF THE VANTAGE POINT TRACT,  
18 VIRTUALLY A FEW HUNDRED YARDS FROM THE NIKE SITE. YOUR  
19 ACQUISITION OF THE NIKE PARCELS COULD HELP FACILITATE THE  
20 IMPLEMENTATION OF YOUR COUNTY RIDING AND HIKING TRAILS PLAN,  
21 PROVIDED THAT A CORRIDOR REMAINS AVAILABLE FOR A CONTINUOUS  
22 PUBLIC ACCESS FOR RECREATIONAL USES AND OTHER IMPORTANT  
23 PURPOSES SUCH AS FIRE SUPPRESSION AND OTHER EMERGENCY RESPONSE  
24 NEEDS THAT THE COUNTY MAY HAVE. AND I'M HERE ADDRESSING THIS  
25 AS A PARK SERVICE EMPLOYEE BECAUSE THE COUNTY'S TRAIL SYSTEM



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1 IS INCORPORATED WITHIN A NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL, THE JUAN  
2 BAUTISTA DE ANZA TRAIL. AND THE COMPLETION OF THE SCHABARUM  
3 EXTENSION TRAIL IS VERY IMPORTANT TO TIE THAT TRAIL NETWORK  
4 TOGETHER FROM THE EASTERN COUNTY BOUNDARY TO THE PUENTE HILLS  
5 TO WHITTIER NARROWS TO RIO HONDO, TO THE L.A. RIVER TRAIL AND  
6 OUT WEST INTO THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS. AND THAT'S ALL THE  
7 INFORMATION I HAVE. AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** I MOVE THE ITEM.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, DID  
12 YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON IT?

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY; WITHOUT OBJECTION,  
17 ITEM 20 IS APPROVED.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WANT TO JUST, MADAME CHAIR, READ IN A  
20 MOTION FOR NEXT WEEK. SHERIFF, YOU CAN COME ON UP. THIS WILL  
21 TAKE A SECOND. ON MARCH 31ST, MY OFFICE AND NUMEROUS OTHER  
22 PUBLIC AGENCIES AND TRAIL ADVOCATES RECEIVED A LETTER FROM THE  
23 LAW OFFICES OF GANZ AND STACEY EXPRESSING THE INTENTION OF TWO  
24 LIMITED LIABILITY CORPORATIONS TO INSTALL GATES THAT WOULD  
25 BLOCK TRAIL ACCESS ACROSS THE CALABASAS PEAK MOTORWAY. IF THE



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1 PROPERTY OWNER MAKES GOOD ON HIS THREAT TO UNILATERALLY AND  
2 ABRUPTLY PRECLUDE TRAIL ACCESS TO HIKERS AND EQUESTRIANS IT  
3 MAY WELL TURN OUT TO BE A VIOLATION OF THE PUBLIC'S ACCESS  
4 RIGHTS IN LIGHT OF THEIR HISTORIC USE OF THIS PATHWAY FOR  
5 RECREATIONAL PURPOSES. INDEED, THE COUNTY CAN ASSERT THE  
6 PUBLIC'S LEGAL RIGHT TO CONTINUE UTILIZING THIS TRAIL INASMUCH  
7 AS MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HAVE INDICATED THAT THEY, AS WELL AS  
8 GROUPS THAT THEY ARE AFFILIATED WITH, HAVE USED THE MOTORWAY  
9 FOR HIKING AND EQUESTRIAN TRAIL PURPOSES FOR MANY DECADES. I  
10 THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE COUNTY COUNSEL BE DIRECTED TO TAKE ALL  
11 APPROPRIATE ACTIONS, INCLUDING THE COMMENCEMENT OF LITIGATION  
12 IF NECESSARY TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTINUED USE OF CALABASAS  
13 PEAK MOTORWAY BY THE COUNTY AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FOR THE  
14 EQUESTRIAN AND HIKING TRAIL PURPOSES FOR WHICH IT HAS  
15 HISTORICALLY BEEN USED. THIS WOULD BE FOR NEXT WEEK.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** IT WOULD BE NICE IF YOU LET US KNOW IT'S OUR  
18 DISTRICT.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I BEG YOUR PARDON?

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** IS THIS THE CALABASAS? IS THIS THE ONE ON THE NIKE  
23 SITE? THE NIKE SITE? THOSE TRAILS THAT WE'RE TRYING TO PROTECT  
24 OUT THERE?

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THIS IS THE CALABASAS. IT'S YOUR GRANDSON'S  
2 DISTRICT.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** GRANDDAUGHTER'S.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** GRANDDAUGHTER'S I'M SORRY. NOT YOURS. YOU  
7 HAVE A VISA TO COME IN FOR 30 DAYS OR LESS BUT YOU CAN'T STAY.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** USUALLY ABOUT THREE HOURS IS THE MAX.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT'S FOR NEXT WEEK ON ITEM 52.

14

15 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** I'M HERE IN RESPONSE TO THIS ITEM. IF THERE  
16 ARE ANY QUESTIONS OF THE BOARD, HERE I AM.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAME CHAIR, I THINK IT WOULD BE  
19 APPROPRIATE IF I CAN JUST START THE DISCUSSION TO HAVE THE  
20 C.E.O. BRING US UP-TO-DATE ON WHERE THINGS ARE BASED ON HIS  
21 CONVERSATIONS. AND ALL OF US HAVE BEEN TALKING BACK AND FORTH.  
22 THEN WE CAN GO FROM THERE.

23

24 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I NEED TO GET THIS MIC GOING. THANK YOU VERY  
25 MUCH. WE'VE GONE THROUGH A NUMBER OF MEETINGS AND DISCUSSIONS



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1 ON THIS ISSUE. AND AS YOU KNOW, TODAY WE'RE BEING ASKED TO  
2 APPROVE THE ASSIGNMENT OF A CONTRACT FROM AT&T TO ANOTHER  
3 FIRM, GLOBAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS I BELIEVE, TO ANOTHER FIRM  
4 WITH AN OFFER OF \$6 MILLION IF WE ALSO APPROVE THREE ONE-YEAR  
5 EXTENSIONS. TODAY THERE'S A NEW OFFER THAT IF WE APPROVE THE  
6 ASSIGNMENT OF THE CONTRACT FROM AT&T TO GLOBAL AND JUST LEAVE  
7 IT AT THAT, THERE'S AN OFFER OF \$2.5 MILLION THAT WOULD COME  
8 TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. AND THEN WE'VE BEEN ASKED TO  
9 CONSIDER THE EXTENSION, OR THE APPROVAL OF THE THREE 1-YEAR  
10 EXTENSIONS WITHIN A 45-DAY PERIOD. I'M RECOMMENDING THAT WE  
11 TAKE THE FIRST STEP AND WE APPROVE THE ASSIGNMENT FROM AT&T TO  
12 GLOBAL AND ACCEPT THE \$2.5 MILLION. AND THAT AS PART OF THE  
13 NEXT STEP, YOU INSTRUCT OUR OFFICE TO DO A COMPREHENSIVE COST  
14 ANALYSIS AND WE LOOK AT THE BENEFITS OF CONTINUING WITH THIS  
15 PARTICULAR CONTRACT, BOTH AS IT RELATES TO THE IMPACT ON THE  
16 INDIVIDUALS WHO USE THIS SERVICE AND THE BENEFIT TO OUR  
17 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAME CHAIR, THIS MAY HAVE BEEN THE FIRST  
20 TIME THE SHERIFF HAS HEARD ABOUT THAT THIS MORNING. I KNOW MR.  
21 ANTONOVICH IS GOING TO BRING IN A MOTION ALONG THESE LINES.  
22 THERE ARE TWO ISSUES HERE. AND I THINK THE TWO ARE NOT  
23 MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE. ONE IS THE ISSUE OF THE EXTENSION, A SOLE  
24 SOURCE. NOT SO MUCH THE ASSIGNMENT, BUT THE SOLE SOURCE  
25 EXTENSION OF THE CONTRACT THROUGH 2013. AND IF THERE WERE NO



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1 OTHER ISSUES, THEN THE ISSUE THAT THE COUNTY HAS TO BE  
2 CONCERNED ABOUT IS, WAS THE \$6 MILLION OFFER A GOOD DEAL OR  
3 NOT? OR COULD THERE BE A BETTER DEAL? AND FRANKLY, THIS IS NOT  
4 A KNOCK ON THE COMPANY AT ALL. YOU'VE GOT YOUR OWN FIDUCIARY  
5 RESPONSIBILITIES. AND IF YOU'RE DEALING WITH A BUNCH OF COUNTY  
6 EMPLOYEES WHO MAY NOT HAVE THE KIND OF CUTTING EDGE FIDUCIARY  
7 SENSITIVITIES AS A PRIVATE SECTOR DOES, THAT'S NOT YOUR FAULT,  
8 THAT'S OUR FAULT. AND ONE OF MY BEEFS HAS BEEN THAT WE HAVE  
9 HAD ABSOLUTELY NO ANALYSIS. AND I KNOW THAT'S BEEN YOUR BEEF  
10 BECAUSE YOU AND I HAVE TALKED ABOUT IT, SHERIFF, THAT WE  
11 HAVEN'T HAD AN ADEQUATE ANALYSIS OF WHETHER 6 MILLION IS A  
12 GOOD DEAL OR WHETHER IT SHOULD BE MORE OR WHETHER WE'RE  
13 GETTING A STEAL. NOBODY KNOWS. AND I THINK THAT'S WHAT MR.  
14 FUJIOKA WAS ADDRESSING IN GETTING A COMPREHENSIVE ANALYSIS,  
15 WHICH I HOPE WE'LL GET DONE, AND I THINK IT CAN BE IN THE NEXT  
16 45 DAYS. SECONDLY, THERE'S ANOTHER ISSUE. AND I'M NOT GOING TO  
17 DEBATE THE ISSUE TODAY BUT I THINK WE NEED TO PUT IT ON THE  
18 TABLE, AND THAT IS THE AMOUNT OF MONEY WE CHARGE IN OUR JAILS  
19 FOR PHONE CALLS. YOU'RE GOING TO HEAR FROM -- THIS IS A  
20 NATIONAL ISSUE. CITIES AND COUNTIES ARE BEING SUED,  
21 SUCCESSFULLY SUED, BY PLAINTIFFS RIGHT AND LEFT. IT COSTS MORE  
22 MONEY TO MAKE A 1- MINUTE PHONE CALL OR FOR THE FIRST MINUTE  
23 OF A PHONE CALL OUT OF THE L.A. COUNTY JAIL THAN IT COSTS ME  
24 TO TALK TO MY SISTER IN ISRAEL FOR 15 MINUTES. IT'S  
25 RIDICULOUS. THE AVERAGE CALLS, I HAVE THEM BUT I'M NOT GOING



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1 TO DIG THEM OUT. THE AVERAGE COST OF A CALL FOR AN INMATE IS  
2 HIGH, TO PUT IT MILDLY. AND THE INTERESTING THING, THE  
3 INTERESTING STATISTIC IS THAT OUR REVENUES, SINCE THE RATES  
4 HAVE GONE UP, OUR REVENUES HAVE GONE DOWN. SIGNIFICANTLY GONE  
5 DOWN BY SOME 40 OR SO PERCENT. DOES MY STAFF HAVE THAT? OR YOU  
6 GAVE IT TO ME AND I LOST IT. THAT WAS THE ONLY ONE AND I LOST  
7 IT. WELL IT'S HERE SOMEWHERE. YEAH, HERE IT IS. IN 2000-2001,  
8 THIS IS THE SHERIFF'S SHARE OF THE TAKE WAS \$26.3 MILLION. IN  
9 2007-8 IT'S 15.4 MILLION. SO YOU'VE HAD SOME FEWER PRISONERS  
10 IN THAT PERIOD OF TIME BUT NOT 40, 50 PERCENT FEWER PRISONERS  
11 AS REFLECTED IN THIS REDUCTION, WHICH IS NOT QUITE -- PROBABLY  
12 ABOUT A 45 PERCENT REDUCTION IN REVENUE. SO ASIDE FROM THE  
13 ISSUE OF WHETHER THIS IS GOOD PUBLIC POLICY TO HAVE PRISONERS  
14 MAKING COLLECT CALLS TO THEIR FAMILIES AND HAVING THOSE CALLS  
15 REJECTED BECAUSE THE FAMILIES ARE TIRED OF PAYING \$3.54 FOR  
16 THE FIRST MINUTE OF A CALL. AND ASIDE FROM ALL THOSE ISSUES,  
17 THERE'S THE ISSUE OF WHETHER THIS ECONOMICALLY HAS BENEFITED  
18 YOU OR HURT YOU, YOUR DEPARTMENT. AND THAT'S AN ANALYSIS WHICH  
19 I THINK NEEDS TO BE MADE, ASIDE FROM THE MORAL QUESTION WHICH  
20 I KNOW THERE WILL BE DIFFERENCES OF OPINION ON. I'M NOT SURE I  
21 HAVE ANY TAKERS ON THAT HERE. BUT THE TWO ISSUES ARE NOT  
22 MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE. HOW MUCH WE GET AS PART OF THIS CONTRACT  
23 CAN DETERMINE WHETHER WE CAN MITIGATE SOME OF THE COSTS OF THE  
24 RATES AND STILL MAKE MORE MONEY. THAT'S REALLY AN INTERESTING  
25 ISSUE THAT NEEDS TO BE ANALYZED. BUT EVEN IF YOU DON'T AGREE



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1 WITH ME ON ANY OF THAT, AT LEAST ON THE ISSUE OF THIS  
2 PARTICULAR ASSIGNMENT OF THE CONTRACT, WE OUGHT TO BE GETTING  
3 THE BEST DEAL FROM THIS COMPANY THAT WE COULD POSSIBLY GET,  
4 SINCE IT'S NOT BEING PUT OUT TO BID. THEY'RE ASKING FOR A  
5 THREE-YEAR EXTENSION ON A CONTRACT THAT NORMALLY, IF THE  
6 CONTRACT EXPIRED, WE'D PUT IT OUT TO BID. THEY'RE GOING TO GET  
7 IT WITHOUT A BID. THE ONE WAY WE COULD FIND OUT WHAT THE  
8 MARKETPLACE WILL BEAR IS TO HAVE THEM COMPETE AGAINST THEIR  
9 COMPETITION IN THE BUSINESS. THEY KNOW A LOT MORE THAN WE DO  
10 ABOUT THEIR BUSINESS. THE FACT IS, YOU AND I TALKED ABOUT THIS  
11 YESTERDAY THAT THERE WAS A TIME NOT THAT LONG AGO WHEN THE  
12 PERCENTAGE THAT WE WERE GETTING OF THE TAKE WAS IN SINGLE  
13 DIGITS. AND NOW WE GET 52 PERCENT OF THE TAKE. AND IT'S BEEN A  
14 STEADY INCREASE OVER THIS PERIOD OF TIME, ESPECIALLY SINCE  
15 YOU'VE BEEN IN CHARGE. AND THAT'S LIKELY TO CONTINUE. THAT  
16 TRAJECTORY IS LIKELY TO CONTINUE. SO LOCKING IN A 52 PERCENT  
17 TAKE THROUGH 2013 MAY OR MAY NOT BE SOMETHING WE WANT TO DO.  
18 AT LEAST WE OUGHT TO GO INTO IT WITH OPEN EYES. SO I  
19 APPRECIATE -- AND I'M GOING TO FINISH MY COMMENTS WITH THIS --  
20 I APPRECIATE MUCH MORE THE OFFER THAT HAS BEEN MADE TODAY BY  
21 YOUR COMPANY, G.T.L., IN A WAY TO TRY TO SOLVE THIS PROBLEM  
22 AND GIVE US THE TIME TO UNDERSTAND WHAT WE'RE DOING. WE  
23 APPRECIATE IT A LOT MORE THAN I APPRECIATED THE ULTIMATUM  
24 LETTER THAT I SAW A FEW DAYS AGO THAT SAID IF YOU DON'T  
25 APPROVE THIS THE WAY WE WANT IT BY APRIL 8TH, WE'RE OUT OF



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1    HERE. THIS IS A MORE INTELLIGENT WAY TO GO AND I THINK IT'S  
2    FAIR TO YOU. IT GETS TO WHAT YOU NEED FOR THE SHORT RUN. AND  
3    IT GIVES US THE TIME TO BREATHE AND UNDERSTAND WHAT WE'RE  
4    DOING AND HAVE FURTHER DISCUSSIONS. SO I'M GOING TO SUPPORT  
5    THE RECOMMENDATION AND MR. ANTONOVICH'S MOTION.

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7    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** BEFORE I CALL ON MR. ANTONOVICH, I DO WANT  
8    TO ASK ONE QUESTION. I SEE, OF COURSE, YOU CHARGE MORE IN  
9    ORANGE COUNTY. BUT IN RIVERSIDE, THE AMOUNT YOU CHARGE IS  
10    ABOUT A DOLLAR LESS THAN WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HERE. AND AS  
11    WE'RE LOOKING AT ALL OF THOSE ISSUES, IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THE  
12    PRICE THAT'S CHARGED IN DIFFERENT JURISDICTIONS, I WOULD  
13    ASSUME THAT THE MORE PEOPLE THAT ARE INVOLVED, YOU WOULD BE  
14    ABLE TO PROVIDE THE SERVICE FOR LESS. SO I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE  
15    THAT ISSUE LOOKED AT WHEN YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT RATES. THE SAME  
16    COMPANY CHARGING MORE IN LOS ANGELES THAN THEY DO IN OTHER  
17    JURISDICTIONS. SO I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THAT WHOLE ISSUE  
18    EXPLAINED AND REVIEWED. AND I'D LIKE TO HAVE A REPORT BACK ON  
19    THAT AS YOU'RE LOOKING AT ALL THE OTHER ISSUES.

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21    **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE'LL DO THAT.

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23    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. MR. ANTONOVICH.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** EVERYTHING IS ON. FIRST WE WANT THE THANK  
2 CYNTHIA ANN TAYLOR FOR MEETING THIS MORNING AND WORKING WITH  
3 OUR STAFFS ON THIS AND COMING UP WITH THE PROPOSAL THAT I'M  
4 GOING TO BE INTRODUCING. THIS IS A MOTION BY SUPERVISOR  
5 YAROSLAVSKY AND MYSELF. "IT'S COME TO OUR BOARD'S ATTENTION  
6 THAT G.T.L. IS MAKING THE FOLLOWING PROPOSAL TO THE COUNTY:  
7 APPROVING ASSIGNMENT OF THE AT&T CONTRACT TO G.T.L. THROUGH  
8 DECEMBER 2010 IN EXCHANGE FOR \$2.5 MILLION WITHIN THE NEXT 40  
9 TO 45 DAYS CONSIDER GRANTING G.T.L. AN EXTENSION THROUGH  
10 DECEMBER 2013 IN AN EXCHANGE FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$3.5 MILLION.  
11 SO WE WOULD THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
12 APPROVE THE ASSIGNMENT OF AT&T CONTRACT TO G.T.L. THROUGH  
13 DECEMBER 2010 IN EXCHANGE FOR THE \$2.5 MILLION. CONTINUE THE  
14 ITEM TO THE BOARD'S MAY 27TH MEETING TO CONSIDER WHETHER AND  
15 UNDER WHAT CONDITIONS TO GRANT G.T.L. AN EXTENSION THROUGH  
16 DECEMBER 2013 IN EXCHANGE FOR, AT MINIMUM, \$3.5 MILLION. THAT  
17 EXTENSION SHALL BE SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL. AND THREE,  
18 DIRECT THE C.E.O. TO WORK WITH THE SHERIFF TO PROVIDE THE  
19 BOARD AN ANALYSIS RELATING TO ITEM 2 DUE IN 30 DAYS. SO THAT  
20 WOULD BE OUR AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION, MADAME CHAIR.

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SECOND. DO YOU WANT TO SAY ANYTHING,  
23 SHERIFF?

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1 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** WELL, I THINK THAT IT'S MORE PRUDENT TO  
2 RECOGNIZE THAT NOT HAVING ANOTHER THREE-YEAR COMMITMENT UNTIL  
3 THIS COUNTY AND PARTICULARLY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT DOES  
4 MORE RESEARCH, THE REALITIES OF THE INTERNAL MECHANISMS OF  
5 THIS CONTRACT. I WANT TO SAY ON RECORD, I'M VERY UPSET WITH  
6 AT&T. BECAUSE THE BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP IN THIS PARTICULAR  
7 ENTERPRISE IS WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AND I APPRECIATE  
8 G.T.L.'S PARTNERSHIP WITH AT&T. BUT WHEN THIS IDEA OF AT&T  
9 GETTING OUT OF THE BUSINESS WAS REVEALED TO US, IT WASN'T  
10 REVEALED TO US AS THE FIRST RIGHT OF REFUSAL IN TERMS OF  
11 WHAT'S THE SOLUTION. THIS WAS A PACKAGED UP PROCESS BETWEEN  
12 TWO CORPORATIONS THAT ALREADY HAD AN EXISTING PARTNERSHIP. SO  
13 THAT'S MY FIRST POINT OF CONTENTION HERE, THAT IN THE 25 YEARS  
14 I'VE BEEN INVOLVED WITH THIS FUND, WAY BACK IN THE TIME WHEN I  
15 WAS A COMMANDER IN THE JAIL OVER THE ENTIRE INMATE WELFARE  
16 UNIT AND PROGRAM, WHERE THE SO-CALLED SHARING OF REVENUE WAS  
17 AT A SINGLE DIGIT NUMBER THAT YOU ALLUDED TO AND THEN IT'S  
18 ADVANCED ITSELF TO THE POINT WHERE IT'S A 52-48 SPLIT TELLS ME  
19 THAT THERE'S BEEN A WHOLE MARGIN OF GROWTH. AND PERHAPS IT'S  
20 TECHNOLOGY ENHANCEMENTS, PERHAPS WE HAVE BETTER EQUIPMENT, THE  
21 SO-CALLED DIVESTITURE OF THE PHONE COMPANIES WHERE NOW THEY  
22 CAN SHARE THE BILLING PROCESS ACROSS COMPANY LINES, ALL THOSE  
23 EFFICIENCIES THAT PROBABLY LED FOR THEM TO BE ABLE TO HAVE  
24 LESS OPERATING COSTS AS A SINGLE PHONE SYSTEM. BUT SINCE WE  
25 DON'T UNDERSTAND THE INNER WORKINGS OF GTEL OR THE INNER



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1 WORKINGS OF AT&T, I'VE KNOWN AT&T TO BE PAC BELL, SOUTHERN  
2 BELL AND AT&T. AND WE'VE STOOD BY THEM THE WHOLE WAY. BUT MY  
3 ISSUE IS THEY DIDN'T STAND BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT OR THE  
4 COUNTY WHEN THEY DECIDED TO GET OUT OF THE BUSINESS. SO THAT'S  
5 FOR THE RECORD. SECONDLY, WHEN WE LOOK AT WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO  
6 DO THIS AND KEEP IT MOVING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, THERE IS NO  
7 QUESTION THAT WE NEED SOME ASSISTANCE TO DECIDE JUST HOW FAR  
8 THIS COUNTY CAN DO IT IS ENTERPRISING EFFORT. I FIND IT  
9 INTERESTING THAT WE CAN SELL WATER UP IN THE HIGH DESERT IN A  
10 MANNER THAT ALLOWS THIS COUNTY TO GATHER REVENUE. AT THE SAME  
11 TIME WE SEE THAT AS A WORTHWHILE WAY OF DOING THINGS WITH  
12 COUNTY LAND AND COUNTY ENDEAVORS AND COUNTY PROPERTY. BUT IN  
13 THIS CASE, BECAUSE WE'VE NEVER EXPLORED WHAT THIS COUNTY'S  
14 CAPABILITIES ARE FOR ENTERPRISING ITSELF IN THIS RESPECT,  
15 WE'RE BETTER OFF JUST DEALING WITH WHAT WE'VE GOT UNTIL WE'VE  
16 GOT OUR ACT TOGETHER ON THIS. AND I NEED THE TIME IN WHICH TO  
17 DO THAT. IN OTHER WORDS, WHAT I'M SAYING, IN THE BUSINESS  
18 WORLD OR THE PRIVATE SECTOR, THERE IS NO PERMANENT DEAL IN ANY  
19 LEVEL. THAT WHATEVER HAPPENS IS WHAT THE MARKET FORCES ALLOW  
20 TO HAPPEN. AND COMPETITIVE COMPANIES WILL STAY IN BUSINESS  
21 BECAUSE THEY ARE COMPETITIVE, NOT ONLY BETWEEN ONE PRIVATE  
22 COMPANY TO ANOTHER PRIVATE COMPANY, BUT THAT ARE COMPETITIVE  
23 WITH A PUBLIC ENTITY VERSUS A PRIVATE ENTITY. AND THAT'S WHERE  
24 MY ISSUES COME IN RIGHT HERE TODAY. I SUPPORT THE CREATIVE  
25 SOLUTION THAT MR. ANTONOVICH HAS COME UP WITH. I SUPPORT YOUR



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1 SECONDING. I SUPPORT YOUR CONCERNS. BUT LET ME SAY THIS ABOUT  
2 PEOPLE PAYING TOO MUCH IN THE COUNTY JAIL. THE REALITY IS: THE  
3 PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY JAIL ON THE FIRST MINUTE PAY \$3.19. AND  
4 AFTER THAT, IT'S 10 CENTS A MINUTE. THE PEOPLE IN THE PRIVATE  
5 SECTOR FOR COLLECT CALLS WILL PAY AS MUCH AS 30 CENTS MORE ON  
6 THE FIRST MINUTE AND THEN WHAT THEY'LL ULTIMATELY DO IS PAY  
7 THAT 10 CENTS PER MINUTE. NOW THE KEY TO THIS IS THAT I HAVE  
8 AS MUCH SYMPATHY FOR THE COSTS OF ANYTHING IN THIS PRESENT DAY  
9 EVER CHANGING ECONOMY. BUT THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS THAT THIS  
10 IS INMATE MONEY. THIS ISN'T MONEY THAT THE DEPARTMENT USES TO  
11 HIRE DEPUTIES, TO DO SOMETHING ELSE. THIS IS MONEY THAT GOES  
12 INTO THE SCHOOL PROGRAMS, TO THE TRAINING PROGRAMS, THE  
13 RECOVERY PROGRAMS FOR DRUG ADDICTIONS, THE PROGRAMS FOR  
14 MENTALLY ILL AND OTHER THINGS THAT WE DO TO SUSTAIN THE  
15 SERVICES THAT INMATES DESPERATELY NEED. I THINK IT'S RATHER  
16 INNOVATIVE THAT INMATES ARE HELPING PAY FOR SOME OF THE THINGS  
17 THEY NEED. AND I HAVE NO SYMPATHY FOR SOMEONE WHO WILL SPEND  
18 IN ANY LEVEL OF SOCIETY \$3.50 FOR A COFFEE LATTE OR \$4.50 FOR  
19 A TALL COFFEE LATTE AND THEY CAN'T POSSIBLY PAY ANYTHING TO  
20 HAVE CONVERSATIONS ON A SERVICE SYSTEM THAT HAS TO BE PAID  
21 FOR. AND SO THE KEY TO OUR DISAGREEMENT ON THIS PART OF THE  
22 DISCUSSION IS THAT WE WILL LOOK RATE FAVORABILITY SITUATIONS;  
23 BUT WHEN IT COMES DOWN TO IT, I THINK THE CRIMINALS OF THIS  
24 COUNTRY SHOULD PAY SOMETHING FOR THE SERVICES THAT THEY'RE



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1 GETTING AND NOT PUT IT ALL ENTIRELY ON THE BACKS OF THE COUNTY  
2 TAXPAYERS. I THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SHERIFF JUST ONE THING. APPARENTLY I HAVE  
5 THE WRONG NUMBERS. I HAVE \$3.19 IF IT'S A PREPAID CALL.

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU'RE RIGHT.

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9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** BUT THAT IF IT'S COLLECT IT'S \$3.54. AND MY  
10 CONCERN IS IT'S NOT THE CRIMINAL WHO PAYS IT. WHEN IT'S A  
11 COLLECT CALL, THIS \$3.54 GOES TO USUALLY A MOTHER OR A WIFE OR  
12 SOMEBODY WHO MAY NOT EVEN HAVE THE MONEY TO BUY A DOLLAR CUP  
13 OF COFFEE. SO THAT'S MY REAL CONCERN. I SEE THAT FOR \$3.19, IF  
14 YOU HAVE A PREPAID, THE GUYS WHO ARE IN THERE, IF THEY GET A  
15 PREPAID CARD, THEY PAY \$3.19. BUT THE COLLECT CALL THAT GOES  
16 TO PEOPLE AND DISPROPORTIONATELY IN MY DISTRICT OF PEOPLE WHO  
17 ARE LOW INCOME, THAT THAT'S MY REAL CONCERN. I WANT YOU TO  
18 UNDERSTAND THAT. AND OFTEN IT'S NOT SOMEONE WHO IS GOING TO  
19 HAVE BENEFIT OF THE SERVICES.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE PREPAID CALL TODAY IF YOU PICK UP THE  
22 PHONE NOW AND CALL 1-800-CALL AT&T AND ASK THEM HOW MUCH IT  
23 WILL COST YOU TO MAKE A PREPAID CALL IT'S A BUCK 20 FOR THE  
24 FIRST MINUTE. SO THERE'S THAT DISPARITY, TOO.

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1 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** JUST FROM A THE PURE POINT OF EXPERIENCE,  
2 AND WE HAVE A LOT OF EXPERIENCE HERE.

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** THE CALL AT&T IS NOT GOING TO THE INMATE FUND.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ONLY HALF OF THIS MONEY IS GOING INTO THE  
7 INMATE FUND SO IT WOULD BE 2.40. ANY WAY YOU LOOK AT IT,  
8 THEY'RE CHARGING A FORTUNE FOR THESE CALLS.

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10 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** I HARDLY CONSIDER \$3.00 OR \$3.50 A FORTUNE  
11 ON ANY SITUATIONAL LEVEL. BUT WHERE I'M MOST CONCERNED IS, I  
12 DON'T WANT TO MISLEAD THIS BOARD. AND I'M NOT GOING TO BE  
13 MISLED BY THE ANALYSIS OF WHETHER THIS IS TOO EXPENSIVE OR  
14 NOT. THE REALITY IS THIS: INMATES DESERVE DESERVE TO HAVE AS  
15 MUCH COMMUNICATION AS THEY CAN AFFORD WITH THEIR LOVED ONES IN  
16 THE COMMUNITY. THE INMATES, THEY'RE THERE, AND THE COMMUNITY  
17 FAMILY MEMBERS. I'VE NEVER HAD A COMPLAINT FROM ANYONE IN THE  
18 WORLD OF PHONE CALLING WHERE THE FAMILY OF THE INMATE SAYS "I  
19 CAN'T AFFORD THIS." WHAT THEY SAY IS "I CAN'T AFFORD NOT TO  
20 COMMUNICATE WITH MY LOVED ONE IN THE JAIL." THAT'S THE  
21 MOTIVATION OF THE FAMILY TO PAY WHATEVER THESE COSTS ARE FOR  
22 PHONE CONVERSATIONS. AND I ENCOURAGE THAT. AND IF WE WANT TO  
23 PUT THE PHONE BUSINESS OUT OF BUSINESS IN THE COUNTY JAIL  
24 SYSTEM, KEEP ON TWEAKING THESE RATES BECAUSE WE THINK PEOPLE  
25 CAN'T PAY FOR THEM AND EVENTUALLY WHAT WILL HAPPEN IS WE WON'T



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1 BE ABLE TO SUSTAIN THE SYSTEM AS IT STANDS. AND ALL I'M SAYING  
2 IS, AS WE'RE BRILLIANTLY TRYING TO ANALYZE BEST PRACTICES,  
3 LET'S NOT SHOOT OURSELVES IN THE FOOT WITH WHAT WORKS. AND I  
4 THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK.

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE HAVE TWO OTHER PEOPLE WHO HAVE ASKED TO  
7 SPEAK. THREE OTHERS. EVELYN ARONG, WHO CAME UP EARLIER. AND  
8 THEN WE HAVE PETER BIBRINY AND ARNOLD SACHS. WOULD ALL OF  
9 THREE OF YOU PLEASE COME FORWARD?

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAME CHAIR, WHILE THEY'RE COMING UP, MAY I  
12 JUST ASK THAT AS PART OF THIS MOTION THAT THE COUNTY COUNSEL  
13 BE ASKED TO INSURE THAT THE ASSIGNMENT REFLECTS THE CONDITIONS  
14 THAT ARE IN MR. ANTONOVICH'S MOTION SO THAT WE DON'T HAVE A  
15 DISPUTE?

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17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WOULD YOU PLEASE COME FORWARD? STATE YOUR  
18 NAME. YOU WERE HERE FIRST. EVELYN.

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20 **EVELYN ARONG:** EVELYN ARONG.

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22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'M SORRY. STATE YOUR NAME AND THEN YOU CAN  
23 MAKE YOUR STATEMENT.

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1 **EVELYN ARONG:** OKAY. MY NAME IS EVELYN ARONG. FOR THE FIRST  
2 NINE MONTHS OF MY SON'S INCARCERATION, MY PHONE BILL HAS BEEN  
3 OVER \$1,000. A TOLL CALL I ESTIMATED TO BE 87 CENTS, WHICH IS  
4 ALMOST \$4 A MINUTE FOR MY SON TO CALL ME. I FEEL THAT MY  
5 FAMILY HAS, UNDER THIS CRISIS, AND AFTER MY SON'S ATTEMPTED  
6 MURDER WHERE HIS THROAT WAS SLASHED AND I HAD TO FIND OUT IF  
7 HE WAS GETTING PROPER MEDICAL TREATMENT, THAT THIS HAS BEEN A  
8 BURDEN. I CAN'T SEE WHAT POSSIBLY WOULD JUSTIFY THIS  
9 OUTRAGEOUS MARKUP FOR PHONE SERVICE. I WOULD NEVER HAVE  
10 THOUGHT THAT MY PHONE BILL WOULD BE SUCH A MAJOR EXPENSE,  
11 PARALLELING MY ATTORNEY'S FEES. ISN'T THERE SOME OVERSIGHT  
12 TARGETING INDUSTRIES AND BUSINESSES FROM GOUGING, EXPLOITING,  
13 AND UNMERCIFULLY PROFITING OFF OF CITIZENS' PAIN MISERY AND  
14 UNFORTUNE. MY SON IS INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY. HOWEVER,  
15 HIS FAMILY HAS BEEN PUNISHED FINANCIALLY AND EMOTIONALLY  
16 BEYOND BELIEF. THIS MONEY WILL NEVER BE RECOUPED, NOR IS THERE  
17 ANY FINANCIAL RELIEF OR SUPPORT FOR ME IN THE MEANTIME. HENCE,  
18 I WOULD LIKE SOME JUSTIFICATION OR REASONING AS TO WHY THE  
19 PHONE SERVICE IS SO FINANCIALLY BURDENSOME AND LACKING  
20 OVERSIGHT. ON FRIDAY, APRIL THE FOURTH, MY SON CALLED ME FOR  
21 MEDICAL ATTENTION. RIGHT NOW WHERE HE'S AT IN PROTECTIVE  
22 CUSTODY, HE IS NOT ALLOWED TO USE THE PHONE ALL THE TIME.  
23 BECAUSE HE WAS NOT ALLOWED MEDICAL ATTENTION, I HAD TO GET  
24 MEDICAL ATTENTION FOR HIM BECAUSE OF AN OUTBREAK OF DISEASE  
25 THAT WAS GOING THROUGH THERE. TODAY MY SON CALLS ME AGAIN, AND



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1 AGAIN I HAVE TO ASK FOR MEDICAL ATTENTION FOR HIM. SO I AM AT  
2 THE MERCY OF THIS PHONE COMPANY. AND THIS PHONE COMPANY HAS  
3 TAKEN ME TO WHERE I HAVE TO PULL MONEY OUT OF MY HOUSE JUST TO  
4 PAY MY PHONE BILLS NOW. AND I DO APPRECIATE TALKING TO MY SON  
5 BECAUSE I NEED TO KNOW HOW HE'S DOING EVERY DAY. THANK YOU.

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7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND I THINK THAT YOU  
8 NEED TO PASS THAT ON TO SOME OF THE PEOPLE IN THE SHERIFF'S  
9 DEPARTMENT EXACTLY WHAT THE IMPACT IS ON FAMILIES.

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11 **EVELYN ARONG:** EXACTLY. AND I DO HAVE MY PHONE BILLS HERE TO  
12 PROVE WHAT MY PHONE BILL IS. FOR 15 MINUTES I PAY \$4.66. WHEN  
13 MY SON GOES TO THE TORRANCE COURT AND CALLS ME, I PAY \$10. I'M  
14 A 310 AREA CODE. I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT. THERE'S CALLS ON HERE  
15 FOR ONE MINUTE THAT HE'S CALLED ME FOR \$4. I JUST DON'T GET  
16 IT.

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18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU.

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DOES HE CALL COLLECT?

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22 **EVELYN ARONG:** YES. THESE ARE ALL COLLECT PHONE CALLS WHICH IS  
23 OVER \$1,000.

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1 **PETER BIBRINY:** MY NAME IS PETER BIBRINY, I'M A STAFF ATTORNEY  
2 AT THE A.C.L.U. OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. THANK YOU, BOARD  
3 MEMBERS, FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. TO START OFF WITH, I  
4 THINK THAT IN CONTRADICTION TO WHAT THE SHERIFF REPORTED, WE  
5 DO ACTUALLY GET A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS FROM  
6 INMATES AND FAMILY MEMBERS ABOUT THE COSTS OF PHONE SERVICE.  
7 AND THERE WAS A LITTLE BIT OF CONFUSION AS TO WHETHER THIS  
8 ITEM WILL BE AGENDIZED. I THINK AT THE NEXT HEARING ON THE  
9 EXTENSION IN MAY, THERE WILL BE PROBABLY A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER  
10 OF FAMILY MEMBERS HERE TESTIFYING AS TO THE EFFECTS OF THAT.  
11 THE OTHER THING IS THAT THE RATES THAT WERE REFERRED TO, THERE  
12 ARE SUBSTANTIAL CHARGES IN THE FIRST MINUTE, BUT THE LOW  
13 CHARGES THAT WERE REFERENCED OF 10 CENTS A MINUTE APPLY ONLY  
14 TO CERTAIN LOCAL AREAS. IF A FAMILY IS FURTHER THAN 20 MILES  
15 FROM THE PRISON, IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE RATES CAN GO  
16 UP TO AS MUCH AS 70 CENTS A MINUTE, WHICH LEADS TO COSTS OF  
17 \$10 FOR A 10-MINUTE CALL, WHICH MULTIPLIED BY DAYS AND WEEKS,  
18 YOU GET THE COULD COSTS OF \$1,000 THAT THEY WERE REFERRING TO.  
19 RATES LIKE THESE HAVE BEEN CHALLENGED ACROSS THE COUNTRY  
20 THROUGH LITIGATION, BOTH IN THE FEDERAL COURTS AND BEFORE  
21 UTILITIES COMMISSIONS. THE NINTH CIRCUIT HAS STATED THAT  
22 INMATE ACCESS TO TELEPHONES IS A FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHT. AND  
23 BURDENING THAT ACCESS TO THE POINT THAT IT BECOMES MEANINGLESS  
24 IS OF SEVERE CONSTITUTIONAL CONCERN. THESE RATES DO NOT SERVE  
25 LEGITIMATE PENOLOGICAL PURPOSE., AND IT'S A MATTER OF GREAT



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1 CONCERN TO THE A.C.L.U. THERE ARE, IN FACT, OTHER ASPECTS OF  
2 THE BILLING SCHEME THAT ARE QUESTIONABLE. FAMILIES THAT  
3 RECEIVE COLLECT CALLS ARE REQUIRED TO ENTER IN A CREDIT CARD,  
4 IN MANY CIRCUMSTANCES, IN ORDER TO RECEIVE THOSE COLLECT  
5 CALLS. THEY CAN'T ALWAYS ALLOW IT TO GO STRAIGHT TO THEIR  
6 BILL, WHICH MEANS THAT FOR POORER FAMILIES WITHOUT CREDIT  
7 CARDS, THEY'RE OFTEN SIMPLY UNABLE TO COMMUNICATE WITH THEIR  
8 LOVED ONES IN JAIL. IF THE BOARD HAS NO FURTHER QUESTIONS,  
9 THAT'S ALL.

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

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13 **ARNOLD SACHS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, ARNOLD SACHS, THANK YOU. I'M  
14 CONCERNED ABOUT THE AGENDA ITEM'S LANGUAGE. ACCORDING TO THE  
15 AGENDA ITEM, AN AGREEMENT IS BEING EXTENDED. REVENUE IS BEING  
16 INCREASED. NEW SERVICE PROVIDER IS BEING ASSIGNED. BUT IN  
17 CONTRAST TO WHAT THE C.E.O. SAID, NO NEW CONTRACT IS BEING  
18 OFFERED. THERE IS NO CONTRACT THAT'S BEING CHANGED. IT'S AN  
19 AGREEMENT. AGAIN, IT'S THE LANGUAGE OF THE ORDINANCE ITSELF. I  
20 DO AGREE WITH THE SHERIFF ON ONE ITEM. THE PAST INCARNATIONS  
21 OF AT&T, THIS ONE IS NOT JUST AT&T, THIS IS AT&T CALIFORNIA  
22 WHICH IS PROBABLY DIFFERENT THAN AT&T OR IS JUST A SUBSIDIARY.  
23 SO THE FACT THAT IT'S BEEN THREE DIFFERENT COMPANIES IN  
24 CALIFORNIA LEADS YOU TO WONDER IS IT A PASS THROUGH? AND WITH  
25 THIS NEW SERVICE PROVIDER, DOES THE PUBLIC HAVE ANY GUARANTEE



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1 OR IS THERE ANY GUARANTEE IN THIS NEW CONTRACT REGARDING NEW  
2 FEES BEING IMPLEMENTED BY THE NEW PROVIDER? AND WHERE THE FEES  
3 WILL BE SPENT AND WHAT THE FEES WILL BE SPENT ON? THANK YOU  
4 FOR YOUR TIME AND YOUR ANSWERS.

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THE MOTION, THEN, IS TO APPROVE  
7 THE CONTRACT THROUGH DECEMBER 2010 IN EXCHANGE FOR 2.5 MILLION  
8 WITHIN THE NEXT 45 DAYS CONSIDER GRANTING THE EXTENSION  
9 THROUGH DECEMBER 2013. AND THEN TO HAVE THE EXTENSION TO  
10 CONTINUE THE ITEM TO THE BOARD'S MAY 27TH MEETING TO DETERMINE  
11 WHETHER OR NOT TO GRANT THE EXTENSION THROUGH 2013. SO THERE  
12 WILL BE A REPORT BACK IN 30 DAYS, IS THE FIRST THING, IS THAT  
13 CORRECT?

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15 **SUP. KNABE:** 45, I THOUGHT.

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17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE REPORT, I THINK WHAT MR. ANTONOVICH'S  
18 MOTION SUGGESTED IS THAT THE REPORT SHOULD BE DELIVERED TO THE  
19 BOARD WITHIN 30 DAYS BUT THAT ITEM WILL BE HERE ON MAY 27TH.

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ON MAY 27TH IT WILL COME UP AGAIN. AND AT  
22 THAT TIME IT WILL BE THE ISSUE OF WHETHER OR NOT IT SHOULD BE  
23 EXTENDED THROUGH 2013. AND THAT'S MOVED BY ANTONOVICH,  
24 SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALONG WITH THE AMENDMENT THAT THE COUNTY  
2 COUNSEL ENSURE THAT ALL OF THOSE PROVISIONS THAT ARE IN THE  
3 ANTONOVICH MOTION ARE INCORPORATED, INCLUDING THAT THE BOARD  
4 WILL HAVE TO APPROVE ANY EXTENSION BEYOND 2010 AND THAT THE  
5 OFFER THAT HAS BEEN MADE BY G.T.L., THAT THIS WHOLE THING IS  
6 CONTINGENT ON THE OFFER BEING A MINIMUM GOING FORWARD IF WE DO  
7 GO FORWARD BEYOND 2010. WE JUST DON'T WANT TO HAVE A DISPUTE  
8 WITH G.T.L. I DON'T ANTICIPATE WE WOULD, BUT IF WE DID.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S PRESENTED BY CYNTHIA ANN TAYLOR, THEIR  
11 ACCOUNT ANALYST AND MANAGER.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE ARE GOING TO GET A REPORT BACK IN TERMS  
14 OF THE RATES AND THE DISCREPANCY BETWEEN THE RATES BETWEEN ONE  
15 COUNTY AND THE OTHER ON SOME OF THESE ISSUES. IT WOULD BE GOOD  
16 TO ALSO GET A CLARIFICATION ON WHETHER OR NOT IN SOME  
17 INSTANCES THEY HAVE TO HAVE A CREDIT CARD AND WHAT INSTANCES  
18 ARE THOSE THAT THEY HAVE TO HAVE A CREDIT CARD EVEN TO ACCEPT  
19 A COLLECT CALL. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M DONE. I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING ELSE.

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23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE? YOUR ADJOURNMENTS?

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** YES, I HAVE SOME ADJOURNMENTS. THANK YOU, MADAME  
2 CHAIR. FIRST OF ALL, MADAME CHAIR, I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN  
3 MEMORY OF MR. JOE SHELL, THE FATHER OF BARBARA STONE, WHO  
4 PASSED AWAY RECENTLY AFTER A LONG ILLNESS. AS MANY OF US KNOW,  
5 JOE WAS A LONG-TIME REPUBLICAN ASSEMBLY LEADER IN THE  
6 CALIFORNIA STATE ASSEMBLY, AND RAN FOR GOVERNOR OF THIS GREAT  
7 STATE IN 1962. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS DAUGHTER, BARBARA,  
8 GRANDSONS, ROBERT AND STEVE, AND FIVE GREAT GRANDCHILDREN.  
9 GREAT LEADER IN OUR STATE. GREAT GUY. AND OUR THOUGHTS AND  
10 PRAYERS ARE WITH BARBARA AND HER FAMILY. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN  
11 IN MEMORY OF HAROLD LAMB WHO PASSED AWAY ON MARCH 25TH AT THE  
12 AGE OF 86. HAROLD WAS A DECORATED NAVY CARRIER PILOT WHO  
13 SERVED IN WORLD WAR II IN THE KOREAN WAR AS A LIEUTENANT  
14 COMMANDER. HE WAS A SENIOR EXECUTIVE FOR SMITH-KLINE. HE  
15 GRADUATED FROM U.C.L.A. HE WILL BE SORELY MISSED BY HIS FAMILY  
16 AND FRIENDS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS SON, RON, AND DAUGHTER-IN-  
17 LAW, CHERYL. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MARY LOVELACE, WHO  
18 PASSED AWAY ON MARCH 31ST. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND OF  
19 53 YEARS, EDWARD, EIGHT CHILDREN, EIGHT SIBLINGS, 18  
20 GRANDCHILDREN, AND SEVEN GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO THAT WE  
21 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF RICHARD SMITH WHO PASSED AWAY ON MARCH  
22 28TH. HE GRADUATED FROM ST. ANTHONY'S HIGH SCHOOL IN LONG  
23 BEACH, AND ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE, AS WELL AS LOYOLA UNIVERSITY  
24 SCHOOL OF LAW. HE WAS A LOS ANGELES DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
25 FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS, AND A SENIOR PARTNER AT THE END OF



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1 SMITH AND LEMKIN. HE WAS A MEMBER OF MANY BAR ASSOCIATIONS AND  
2 VERY INVOLVED DOWN IN LONG BEACH WITH GOODWILL INDUSTRIES, THE  
3 LONG BEACH BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB, THE LONG BEACH ELKS. HE WILL  
4 BE SORELY MISSED BY HIS FAMILY AND THE COMMUNITY. SURVIVED BY  
5 HIS BROTHERS AND SISTER, GERALD, THOMAS, PATRICK, MICHAEL, AND  
6 MARY, AND 16 NIECES AND NEPHEWS. ALSO, THAT WE ADJOURN IN  
7 MEMORY OF KEITH SONGER, AN EAST WHITTIER RESIDENT WHO WAS  
8 TRAGICALLY KILLED WHILE DRIVING ON BUSINESS OUT OF STATE LAST  
9 WEEK. HE WAS ONLY 42 YEARS OLD. HE WAS VERY INVOLVED IN THE  
10 COMMUNITY. WORKED COUNTLESS HOURS AT LEFFINGWELL ELEMENTARY,  
11 WHERE HIS WIFE IS A TEACHER AND ADMINISTRATOR. AND HE'S BEEN  
12 VERY INVOLVED WITH THE DANCE SCHOOL WHERE HIS GIRLS DANCE. HE  
13 WAS A PART-TIME D.J. FOR MANY WEDDINGS AND EVENTS. HE TOUCHED  
14 THE LIVES OF LITERALLY THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE, MOSTLY YOUNG  
15 PEOPLE. HE WAS A GREAT MAN. IT IS A HUGE LOSS TO THE  
16 COMMUNITY. SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, KIM; AND DAUGHTERS, KELBY,  
17 KENDALL, AND KERRIGAN. ALSO, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF BOB  
18 TIMMINS, A MARINA DEL REY RESIDENT, AND ADDICTION SPECIALIST  
19 WHO HELPED A LONG LIST OF CELEBRITIES BATTLE MANY FORMS OF  
20 CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY. HE DIED RECENTLY AT THE YOUNG AGE OF 61.  
21 HE WAS A HIGH SCHOOL DROPOUT ACTUALLY BECAME HOMELESS AND  
22 SPENT SOME TIME LIVING ON THE STREETS OF DOWN TOWN LOS ANGELES  
23 SKID ROW. HE JUST TURNED HIS LIFE AROUND, AND THE PUBLIC  
24 DEFENDER ACTUALLY HELPED HIM TURN HIS LIFE AROUND BY  
25 RECOMMENDING HE BEGIN A PROGRAM OF RECOVERY. HE DID JUST THAT



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1 AND WENT ON TO CONTRIBUTE MUCH TO THE BATTLE AGAINST DRUG AND  
2 ALCOHOL ADDICTION FOR OVER 30 YEARS. HE IS SURVIVED BY A  
3 NEPHEW, BRIAN, AND A GREAT NIECE, ISABEL. AND ALSO THAT WE  
4 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF CHUCK ROMERO OF WHITTIER, WHO LOST HIS  
5 BATTLE WITH CANCER. HE IS THE HUSBAND OF MARY ROMERO,  
6 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR HISPANIC OUTREACH TASK FORCE, BETTER  
7 KNOWN AS "HOT." THE FATHER OF LORETTA, JAMES, PAUL, AND  
8 CHARLES; THE GRANDFATHER OF JAMES, JR., JESSIE, LORENA, AND  
9 DANIEL. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS.

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11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED. DO YOU WANT TO CALL S-2?

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13 **SUP. KNABE:** I CAN CALL S-2 OR I CAN CALL 42. S-2 IS FINE. I'LL  
14 CALL S-2.

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16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** S-2, WOULD THE DEPARTMENT LIKE TO COME  
17 FORWARD?

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19 **JON FREEDMAN:** GOOD MORNING, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. I'M JOHN  
20 FREEDMAN, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. A NUMBER OF WEEKS AGO,  
21 THERE WAS AN AGENDA ITEM TO ACCEPT SOME GRANT AWARDS RELATED  
22 TO HIV OUTPATIENT MEDICAL SERVICES. AND AT THAT TIME I BELIEVE  
23 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY ASKED FOR THIS ITEM TO COME BACK FOR A  
24 CALENDAR AS TO WHEN WE WOULD BE MOVING TO RESOLICIT THAT  
25 PORTFOLIO OF SERVICES WITHIN OUR HIV/AIDS PROGRAM WITHIN THE



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1 DEPARTMENT. WE PROVIDED YOU WITH A MEMO LATE LAST WEEK THAT  
2 OUTLINES A RATE STUDY PROJECT THAT IS UNDERWAY TO DETERMINE  
3 WHAT THE RATE METHODOLOGY OUGHT TO BE. AND THEN WHEN THAT  
4 PROJECT IS CONCLUDED, WHICH I KNOW IT'S BEEN DELAYED, BUT  
5 WE'RE HOPEFUL TO CONCLUDE THIS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, WE WOULD  
6 MOVE THIS SEPTEMBER INTO A BIDDING PROCESS. MARIO PEREZ FROM  
7 OUR OFFICE OF AIDS PROGRAMS AND POLICIES IS HERE TO ANSWER  
8 QUESTIONS OR ELABORATE FURTHER.

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10 **MARIO PEREZ:** THANKS, JONATHAN. LET ME START BY OFFERING A  
11 QUICK SUMMARY OF THE PACKAGE OF SERVICES WE HOPE TO PURCHASE  
12 AS PART OF THE MEDICAL SERVICES HIV/AIDS MEDICAL SERVICES  
13 PACKAGE. THERE ARE SIX SERVICES THAT INCLUDE: MEDICAL  
14 OUTPATIENT SERVICES, EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES, ORAL HEALTH  
15 SERVICES, MEDICAL CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES, NUTRITIONAL  
16 COUNSELING SERVICE, AND THE ENROLLMENT OF PERSONS LIVING WITH  
17 HIV INTO THE STATE ADAP PROGRAM. THE RESOLICITATION OF THESE  
18 SERVICES IS PREDICATED ON OUR COMPLETION OF THE RATE STUDY  
19 THAT MR. FREEDMAN REFERENCED. AND THAT RATE STUDY HAS GONE  
20 THROUGH A SERIES OF DRAFTS. THERE WAS A DRAFT MADE AVAILABLE  
21 TO THE PUBLIC FOR PUBLIC COMMENT THAT CLOSED IN JANUARY. AND  
22 THERE WAS IMPORTANT FEEDBACK PROVIDED TO MERCER, THE ENTITY  
23 IDENTIFIED TO CONDUCT THE RATE STUDY. WE NOW EXPECT, BASED ON  
24 MERCER'S RE-REVIEW OF THE FEEDBACK AND THEIR ANALYSIS OF SOME  
25 OF THE QUESTIONS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC, WE NOW EXPECT THE RATE



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1 STUDY TO BE COMPLETED BY MAY. NOW, AS PART OF THE COMPLETION  
2 OF THE RATE STUDY FOR MEDICAL OUTPATIENT SERVICES AND A FEW  
3 OTHER CATEGORIES, A GROUP OF LOCAL PROVIDERS HAVE MET TO  
4 UNDERGO A SIMILAR ANALYSIS. THE HIV OUTPATIENT PROVIDER CAUCUS  
5 IS A GROUP THAT WE HAVE MET WITH. WE EXPECT TO HEAR FROM THEM  
6 LATER THIS MONTH WHAT THEY THINK IS GOING TO BE AN AMOUNT OR A  
7 FEE THAT COINCIDES WITH THEIR ACTUAL COSTS. SO IN THE NEXT  
8 SEVERAL WEEKS, THERE'S GOING TO BE SIGNIFICANT WRAPPING UP OF  
9 MULTIPLE TRACKS. WE WILL THEN BE IN A POSITION TO TAKE THE  
10 FINAL RATE STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS FROM MERCER AND USE THAT TO  
11 WRAP UP THE MEDICAL SERVICES R.F.P.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR  
14 YAROSLAVSKY?

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO THE ACTION, THEN -- THIS IS A REPORT TO  
17 US, A STATUS REPORT? AND YOUR PLAN IS -- YOUR EXPECTATION IS  
18 THAT YOU'LL HAVE THIS NEXT STEP WILL BE WHEN?

19

20 **MARIO PEREZ:** SO THE NEXT STEP WILL BE --

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MAY, JUNE?

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24 **MARIO PEREZ:** SEPTEMBER 2008 WHICH IS WHEN WE PLAN ON RELEASING  
25 THE FIRST OF TWO R.F.P.'S RELATED TO HIV/AIDS MEDICAL



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1 SERVICES. WE EXPECT TO HAVE CONTRACTS AVAILABLE FOR YOUR  
2 CONSIDERATION JUNE 2009. WE EXPECT TO RELEASE A SUBSEQUENT  
3 SECOND PART OF THE MEDICAL SERVICES R.F.P. OCTOBER 2008 AND TO  
4 HAVE THOSE CONTRACTS START IN AUGUST AUGUST 2009. THE REASON  
5 THERE'S TWO DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE R.F.P. IS WE THINK IT MAY  
6 BE OVER BURDENSOME TO RESOLICIT THIS MAGNITUDE OF SERVICES AT  
7 A SINGLE TIME. SO IN THE INTEREST OF OUR PROVIDER CAPACITY, WE  
8 DON'T WANT TO OVERWHELM THEM. BUT THERE'S ALSO TWO DIFFERENT  
9 FUNDING STREAMS THAT WE'RE USING TO SUPPORT THE R.F.P. AND THE  
10 SECOND FUNDING STREAM, THE MINORITY AIDS INITIATIVE RESOURCES,  
11 WILL SUPPORT THE SECOND SET OF SERVICES WE PLAN ON RE-BIDDING.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE ONE  
16 PERSON WHO HAS ASKED TO SPEAK. DR. CLAVREUL?

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18 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, DR. CLAVREUL, GENEVIEVE  
19 CLAVREUL. WELL, YOU KNOW, I AM AMAZED THAT THEY DON'T WANT TO  
20 OVERBURDEN THE PROVIDER, BECAUSE THOSE CONTRACTS AND THOSE  
21 R.F.P. HAVE NOT BEEN DONE FOR A YEAR. BUT I'M GLAD TO SEE AT  
22 LEAST THERE IS SOME TIMELINE SET AND I HOPE THAT YOU WILL DO  
23 DUE DILIGENCE TO REVIEW THOSE R.F.P.'S AND THE CONTRACT WHEN  
24 THE AIDS ORGANIZATION APPLIES FOR IT. AND THE MONEY WOULD BE  
25 BETTER DISTRIBUTED WHERE IT'S NEEDED. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THAT'S RECEIVE AND FILE. ITEM 42  
3 WAS HELD FOR SUPERVISOR MOLINA. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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5 **SUP. KNABE:** I'LL CALL 42.

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7 **SUP. MOLINA:** ON THIS ONE, MAYBE HAVE THE DEPARTMENT START WITH  
8 THEIR REPORT.

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10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. COULD WE HAVE THE DEPARTMENT,  
11 PLEASE? DO YOU WANT TO GIVE A BRIEF STATEMENT BASICALLY?

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** I THINK THEY HAVE A WHOLE REPORT.

14

15 **DAVID HOWARD:** I'M SORRY, WE COULDN'T HEAR YOU, SUPERVISOR.

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17 **SUP. MOLINA:** I THINK YOU HAVE A WHOLE REPORT. I THINK YOU  
18 SHOULD SHARE IT WITH US.

19

20 **DAVID HOWARD:** SUPERVISOR, MY NAME IS DAVID HOWARD, I'M THE  
21 ASSISTANT DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.  
22 THE CONCERN THAT WAS RAISED TO US WAS THE FACT THAT ON THIS  
23 SEISMIC RETROFIT OF HARBOR U.C.L.A. HOSPITAL, THE BUDGET  
24 THAT'S IN FRONT OF YOU THIS MORNING REFLECTS THAT 46% OF THE  
25 TOTAL BUDGET IS FOR WHAT WE WOULD TERM SOFT COSTS, MEANING



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1 NONCONSTRUCTION COSTS. OBVIOUSLY, THAT CONCERNS ANYONE WHEN  
2 THE SOFT COSTS ARE THAT HIGH. TO UNDERSTAND WHY THE NUMBERS  
3 ARE THAT HIGH, THERE'S SEVEN YEARS OF HISTORY ON THE PROJECT.  
4 AND I WOULDN'T BEGIN TO WASTE YOUR BOARD'S TIME GIVING YOU  
5 SEVEN YEARS OF HISTORY. BUT I WANTED TO HIGHLIGHT FOUR THINGS  
6 THAT WERE THE MAJOR CONTRIBUTING FACTORS. AND WHEN YOU PUT IT  
7 IN THAT CONTEXT, IT MAKES A LOT MORE SENSE. FIRST OF ALL, WHEN  
8 THE PROJECT WAS APPROVED BY THE BOARD IN 2001, IT WAS BASED ON  
9 THE ASSUMPTION THAT WE WOULD FINISH CONSTRUCTION AT THE END OF  
10 2007 AS WAS MANDATED BY THE STATE. THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
11 REQUESTED THAT WE RESEQUENCE THE WORK SO THAT THIS HOSPITAL  
12 WOULD NOT BE UNDER CONSTRUCTION SIMULTANEOUS WITH ALL OF THE  
13 OTHER COUNTY HOSPITALS. AND SO IN 2006, YOUR BOARD MADE THE  
14 DECISION TO EXTEND THE COMPLIANCE DEADLINE FOR HARBOR TO 2013.  
15 WHEN WE OBVIOUSLY EXPAND THE DURATION OF THE PROJECT, THAT  
16 AFFECTS THE COSTS OF THE CONSULTANT WORK. A SECOND VERY  
17 IMPORTANT POINT, THROUGHOUT THE LIFE OF THE PROJECT, THE  
18 ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS HAVE WORKED VERY DILIGENTLY WITH  
19 OSHPD AND HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN REDUCING THE AMOUNT OF  
20 RETROFIT WORK THAT THE STATE WAS GOING TO REQUIRE OF US. THAT  
21 PULLED MORE THAN \$4 MILLION OUT OF THE CONSTRUCTION BUT THERE  
22 WAS OBVIOUSLY ENGINEERING WORK THAT WAS REQUIRED IN ORDER TO  
23 DO THAT. BUT THE NET RESULT WAS A TREMENDOUS SAVINGS TO US.

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25 **SUP. MOLINA:** HOW MUCH SAVINGS?



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2 **DAVID HOWARD:** ON THAT ACTION ALONE, SUPERVISOR, IT REDUCED THE  
3 CONSTRUCTION COSTS BY MORE THAN 4-1/2 MILLION DOLLARS. THEN IN  
4 2006, IN THE LATTER PART OF THE YEAR, WHEN THE BOARD MADE THE  
5 DECISION TO APPROVE THE SURGERY EMERGENCY PROJECT AT HARBOR,  
6 IT ALLOWED US TO REDUCE THE SCOPE OF THE RETROFIT FURTHER,  
7 MEANING THAT WE DIDN'T HAVE TO DO THE RETROFIT OF THE EXISTING  
8 SURGERY AND EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS WITHIN THE HOSPITAL. THAT  
9 AGAIN REDUCED THE CONSTRUCTION COSTS BY ABOUT \$7 MILLION. BUT  
10 AT THAT POINT, THE ENGINEERING WORK FOR THE RETROFIT IN THAT  
11 SPACE, AS IT HAD ALREADY BEEN APPROVED BY OSHPOD. ALSO IN  
12 OSHPOD'S METHODOLOGIES, WE THEN HAD TO GO BACK AND REVISE THE  
13 PLANS TO DELETE THAT SCOPE. SO AGAIN, FROM A SOFT COST  
14 STANDPOINT IT LOOKS BAD, BUT WE'VE PULLED \$7 MILLION OF  
15 CONSTRUCTION OUT. AND THE OTHER THING THAT HAS TO BE  
16 CONSIDERED IS WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT A HOSPITAL SEISMIC RETROFIT,  
17 A HOSPITAL WILL BE FULLY OPERATIONAL THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE  
18 DURATION. SO THERE'S BEEN A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF WORK DONE  
19 WITH THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO LOOK AT THEIR OPERATIONS, PLAN  
20 WHERE WILL FUNCTIONS BE RELOCATED WHILE WE DO THE RETROFIT?  
21 HOW DO YOU CONTAIN THE CONSTRUCTION IMPACTS? MAINTAIN  
22 INFECTION CONTROL? AND ALL OF THE THINGS THAT SO THAT WE'RE  
23 NOT DISRUPTING PATIENT SAFETY AND HOSPITAL OPERATIONS. SO  
24 AGAIN, THE LEVEL OF STAFF WORK TO PLAN AND IMPLEMENT THAT  
25 VERSUS THE PHYSICAL COSTS OF CONSTRUCTION LOOKS



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1 DISPROPORTIONATE. THOSE ARE THE HIGHLIGHTS, SUPERVISOR.

2 THERE'S OBVIOUSLY A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT MORE DETAIL BEYOND THAT.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** LET'S GO OVER SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS. ORIGINALLY,  
5 THE BOARD APPROVED A PROJECT FOR \$41 MILLION.

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7 **DAVID HOWARD:** THAT'S CORRECT.

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9 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT CORRECT. AND WHEN WE UPDATED THE UPDATED  
10 PROJECT TODAY, 51.8 MILLION, CORRECT?

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12 **DAVID HOWARD:** THAT'S CORRECT.

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14 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO WE NOW HAVE AN INCREASE OF 10.8 MILLION FOR  
15 VARIOUS REASONS.

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17 **DAVID HOWARD:** YES, SUPERVISOR.

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19 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND THAT IS THE OVERALL CONSTRUCTION COST. ON THE  
20 HARD COST OF THAT, 29 MILLION WAS THE ORIGINAL COST OF THE  
21 HARD COST FOR THE CONSTRUCTION.

22

23 **DAVID HOWARD:** YES.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** 29.4, WHICH WAS 72% OF THE TOTAL. THE UPDATED  
2 AMOUNT NOW, IT HAS GONE DOWN BY 1.9 MILLION. SO NOW THE  
3 CONSTRUCTION COST IS 27.5 MILLION.

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5 **DAVID HOWARD:** YES.

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7 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. THE SOFT COST WAY BACK WHEN WE  
8 ORIGINALLY APPROVED THIS WAS 11.6 MILLION, WHICH WAS 28% OF  
9 THE TOTAL.

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11 **DAVID HOWARD:** THAT'S CORRECT.

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13 **SUP. MOLINA:** AGAIN, INDUSTRY STANDARDS FOR NON-GOVERNMENT  
14 PROJECTS IS ABOUT 20%. FOR US, IT'S ABOUT 30. SO WE WERE  
15 WITHIN THE RANGE. THERE'S BEEN AN ESCALATION OF OVER \$11.7  
16 MILLION IN INCREASE IN SOFT COSTS TO THE TUNE OF NOW \$23.3  
17 MILLION, WHICH IS AN ESCALATION OF 46% OF SOFT COSTS, WAY OVER  
18 ANYBODY'S INDUSTRY STANDARD OR EVEN OUR OWN.

19  
20 **DAVID HOWARD:** ABSOLUTELY.

21  
22 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. SO YOU SAVED 1.9 MILLION, BUT YOU  
23 INCREASED IT BY 21.7.

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25 **DAVID HOWARD:** THAT'S CORRECT, SUPERVISOR.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** NOT GOOD MATH FOR ANYBODY, GUYS, ALL RIGHT? BUT  
3 IT'S A DONE DEAL. YOU GUYS ALREADY DID IT ALL. YOU APPROVED IT  
4 ALL. YOU GUYS ARE THE AGENTS THAT WE PUT IN CHARGE OF US TO  
5 BRING THE BEST DEAL POSSIBLE. AND, YES, THERE WERE REASONS.  
6 BUT, SIR, I DON'T MEAN TO BE DISRESPECTFUL. NOBODY IN ANY  
7 PRIVATE SECTOR WOULD PAY THIS KIND OF MONEY. NOW, GRANTED, YOU  
8 ALWAYS WANT TO SAVE MONEY. BUT YOU GOT TO ESTIMATE. SHOULD I  
9 PAY AN ADDITIONAL \$11 MILLION TO SAVE 1.7? I GUESS THAT'S THE  
10 DECISION YOU MAKE. OR DO YOU INVEST THIS \$11.9 MILLION TO SEE  
11 IF YOU CAN EKE OUT MORE THAN 1.7? BUT LET'S FACE IT, THIS IS  
12 NOT THE BEST ARRANGEMENT POSSIBLE. AND I REALLY THINK THAT OUR  
13 RESPONSIBILITY HERE IS, WE CAN'T MICROMANAGE THIS. WE CAN'T  
14 EVEN KNOW 1/10 OF WHAT YOU KNOW. THIS IS AFTER THE FACT. WE'VE  
15 ALREADY GOTTEN IT. AND IT IS WHAT IT IS. IT AIN'T GOING TO  
16 CHANGE AT ALL. THE GUY, THE CONSULTANTS WHEREVER THEY WERE AND  
17 HOWEVER THEY WERE TAKING US ON SOFT COSTS, IT'S A DONE DEAL.  
18 IT'S OVER WITH. SO WE ARE NOW STUCK PAYING FOR THIS AT THE  
19 SAME TIME THAT MR. FUJIOKA WANTS TO PRIVATIZE ALL OF OUR  
20 CLINICS BECAUSE HE WANTS TO SAVE \$30 MILLION. AND YET ON THE  
21 OTHER SIDE, WE ARE SPENDING MONEY LIKE THIS WHEN IT COULD HAVE  
22 BEEN CONTROLLED, COMES OUT OF THE HEALTH BUDGET, DOESN'T COME  
23 OUT OF PUBLIC WORKS, RIGHT?

24

25 **DAVID HOWARD:** CORRECT.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** THE VERY SAME BUDGET THAT IS RIGHT NOW BLEEDING  
3 LIKE CRAZY AND THE NEEDS FOR HEALTHCARE ARE EVEN GREATER. SO I  
4 AM VERY CONCERNED. AND I HAVE A MOTION THAT I'D LIKE TO  
5 INTRODUCE. I WISH IT WERE SOMETHING THAT I COULD DO TO GET OUR  
6 MONEY BACK OR START OVER AGAIN OR LET'S SCRAP THE PROJECT. WE  
7 CAN'T DO THAT, IT'S OVER, RIGHT?

8

9 **DAVID HOWARD:** THAT'S CORRECT.

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11 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT'S OVER. WE GOT TO PAY 46% OF SOFT COSTS,  
12 PROBABLY THE FIRST TIME EVER THAT ANYBODY IS GOING TO PAY THAT  
13 HIGH A COST. OR IF THERE ARE OTHER INDIVIDUALS LIKE THAT OTHER  
14 PROJECT, YOU SHOULD INVITE ME AND LET ME KNOW WHICH ONES THEY  
15 ARE. THIS IS THE ONE WE KNOW, SO WE ARE INTRODUCING THE  
16 MOTION. "ON APRIL 18TH, 2006, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS VOTED  
17 TO APPLY TO THE OFFICE OF STATEWIDE HEALTH PLANNING  
18 DEVELOPMENT FOR AN EXTENSION TO COMPLIANCE DEADLINE ON SENATE  
19 BILL 1953 WHICH IS THE SEISMIC RETROFIT REQUIREMENT AT HARBOR-  
20 U.C.L.A. AND COUNTY HOSPITALS. AT THAT TIME, WE WERE AWARE THE  
21 DELAY WOULD CAUSE SOME INCREASED COST TO THE PROJECT DUE TO  
22 INCREASE IN CONSTRUCTION COSTS AND MATERIALS. WE DIDN'T  
23 REALIZE THE SOFT COST WAS GOING TO TAKE US THAT HIGH. HOWEVER,  
24 WHAT WAS COMPLETELY UNEXPECTED IS THAT SINCE THE BEGINNING OF  
25 THIS PROJECT, THE SOFT COSTS OF CONSTRUCTION, SUCH AS DESIGN



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1 AND SERVICES AND CONSULTANT SERVICES HAVE INCREASED TO 46% OF  
2 THE TOTAL COST OF THE PROJECTS. SOFT COSTS HAVE INCREASED BY  
3 \$11.7 MILLION EVEN THOUGH CONSTRUCTION OR HARD COSTS HAVE  
4 DECREASED BY 2 MILLION. WHILE IT IS TRUE THAT SOME OF THESE  
5 INCREASES IN SOFT COSTS ARE ATTRIBUTABLE TO DESIGNS THAT BRING  
6 DOWN OUR CONSTRUCTION COSTS, EVEN FOR THE MOST EXPENSIVE  
7 PROJECT, THE INDUSTRY STANDARD FOR SOFT COSTS WOULD BE NO  
8 HIGHER THAN 20 PERCENT. THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
9 AVERAGES 30 PERCENT ON AVERAGE AND IN FACT SOFT COSTS AT  
10 HARBOR PROJECT WOULD HAVE BEEN AROUND 34% EVEN IF THERE HAD  
11 BEEN NO CONSTRUCTION SAVINGS AT ALL. SOFT COST INCREASES WHICH  
12 ACCOUNT FOR 46% OF THIS BUDGET, ESPECIALLY AS CONSTRUCTION  
13 COSTS HAVE DECREASED, IS UNACCEPTABLE AND CAN'T BE JUSTIFIED  
14 BY PROJECT DELAYS. WE MUST UNDERSTAND HOW THIS HAS HAPPENED  
15 AND BE ASSURED THAT HOPEFULLY IT WILL NOT HAPPEN AGAIN IN THE  
16 FUTURE. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
17 PRESENT A FULL ANALYSIS OF THEIR HARD AND SOFT COSTS TO PAC  
18 CHARGED WITH OVERSEEING THE HARBOR-U.C.L.A. SURGERY EMERGENCY  
19 PROJECT WITHIN ONE WEEK SO THE PAC CAN MAKE A RECOMMENDATION  
20 TO THE DEPARTMENT ON WAYS OF AVOID SKYROCKETING SOFT COSTS AND  
21 BRING THEIR TOTAL SOFT COST SPENDING MORE IN LINE." IF NOTHING  
22 ELSE, IF NOT WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR, AT LEAST WITH OUR OWN 30  
23 PERCENT PUBLIC SECTOR. THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS PROVIDE  
24 A CORRECTIVE ACTION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WITHIN TWO  
25 WEEKS OF THE RECEIPT OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PAC. SO, IT'S



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1 MOSTLY AN AFTER CORRECTIVE ACTION THING. BUT HOPEFULLY WE  
2 WON'T DO THIS AGAIN.

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4 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THERE'S ONE QUICK POINT. AND I'D LIKE JACOB TO  
5 ADDRESS THIS. BECAUSE IN ADDITION TO THE LITTLE OVER A MILLION  
6 DOLLARS THAT WAS REFERENCED AS BEING SAVED, THERE'S ADDITIONAL  
7 MONEY AT CLOSE TO \$12 MILLION THAT WAS ALSO SAVED AS A  
8 CONSEQUENCE OF THESE ACTIONS.

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10 **SUP. MOLINA:** I DON'T HAVE IT IN MY INFORMATION HERE AS THE  
11 SAVINGS. WHERE IS IT?

12

13 **JACOB WILLIAMS:** NO, IT HASN'T BEEN MENTIONED. MY NAME IS JACOB  
14 WILLIAMS.

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16 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT'S AMAZING IT HASN'T BEEN MENTIONED.

17

18 **JACOB WILLIAMS:** MY NAME IS JACOB WILLIAMS, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR  
19 FOR PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT ISN'T  
20 INCLUDED IN THE INFORMATION BEFORE YOU IS OVER THE PERIOD OF  
21 TIME, ABOUT SEVEN YEARS, THERE'S BEEN SOMEWHERE AROUND 60 TO  
22 70 PERCENT ESCALATION OF CONSTRUCTION COSTS OVER THAT LONG  
23 PERIOD OF TIME. TWO YEARS OF THAT PERIOD OF TIME THERE WAS  
24 ABOUT 30 PERCENT. SO THERE WAS AN INORDINATE DISPROPORTIONATE  
25 INCREASE IN THE COST OF CONSTRUCTION IN THE COUNTRY, WHICH IS



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1 VERY WELL DOCUMENTED. THERE HAS BEEN ABOUT -- IF YOU DIAL THAT  
2 COST ESCALATION COMPONENT INTO THE PRICE OF OUR PROJECT HERE,  
3 YOU COME UP WITH ABOUT A 12 TO \$13 MILLION COST AVOIDANCE.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S A DIFFERENT ISSUE. COME ON. THAT IS NOT A  
6 SAVINGS OR A COST AVOIDANCE. I MEAN, YOU CAN DO THAT ANY TIME.  
7 I COULD BUY A DIAMOND RING 25 YEARS AGO AND IT WOULD HAVE BEEN  
8 CHEAPER THAN IT IS TODAY. SO IF I BUY IT TODAY, IT COSTS MORE  
9 MONEY AND I CAN GO TO MY HUSBAND AND SAY "LOOK, I SAVED YOU A  
10 COUPLE OF GRAND." BUT I DON'T THINK IT WORKS THAT WAY HERE. I  
11 THINK WE'RE LOOKING AT THE ISSUE OF SOFT --

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13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DON'T THINK YOUR HUSBAND WOULD BUY IT.

14

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

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17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DON'T THINK YOUR HUSBAND WOULD BUY THAT  
18 ARGUMENT.

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20 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M GOING TO MAKE YOU BUY IT, ZEV.

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BETTER CHANCE.

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24 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU CAN TRY IT AND SEE IF BARBARA CAN TRY IT ON  
25 YOU AND SAY, "IT'S OK IF YOU WOULD HAVE BOUGHT IT FOR ME 25



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1 YEARS AGO, IT WOULDN'T HAVE COST YOU AS MUCH. SO I SAVED YOU  
2 SOME MONEY." I DON'T KNOW HOW THAT ARGUMENT WORKS AT YOUR  
3 HOUSE, BUT IT DOESN'T WORK HERE EITHER. IT DOESN'T WORK WITH  
4 TAXPAYERS. YOU DON'T HAVE IT DOCUMENTED BECAUSE YOURS IS A  
5 DOLLARS AND CENTS. WE COULD ASSUME HAD WE DONE IT ON DAY ONE,  
6 IT WOULD HAVE COST US THIS. THE REALITY, THIS IS SOFT COSTS.  
7 THESE ARE CONSULTANTS, THESE ARE ENGINEERS. THESE ARE SOFT  
8 COSTS. NOT CONSTRUCTION COSTS. THE CONSTRUCTION DIDN'T CHANGE  
9 ALL THAT MUCH IN YOUR OWN MATH. I'M JUST PLAYING BACK YOUR OWN  
10 MATH THAT YOU GAVE TO ME. SO THAT'S A NICE ASSUMPTION.

11

12 **JACOB WILLIAMS:** WELL, THE ONLY THING THAT WE'RE TRYING TO  
13 CONVEY WITH RESPECT TO THE SOFT COSTS --

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** DIAMOND RING THINGS.

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17 **JACOB WILLIAMS:** IS THAT IT WASN'T FOR NAUGHT. AND THAT MEANS  
18 THAT THERE WAS SOME TRUE VALUE ADDED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF  
19 HEALTH SERVICES OPERATIONAL STATUS AND THE AVOIDANCE OF  
20 IMPACTS AND THE AVOIDANCE OF COST THROUGH THE DUE DILIGENCE OF  
21 THE NEGOTIATORS.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND. I DON'T MEAN TO BE DISRESPECTFUL.  
24 WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO HERE IS YOU NEED TO LOOK AT HOW WE  
25 MANAGE OUR SOFT COSTS. THAT'S WHAT I'M ASKING. I UNDERSTAND



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1 THERE'S ALL KINDS OF WAYS THAT THIS CAN BE EXPLAINED. LIKE I  
2 SAID, I COULD GO TO SOMEBODY AND SAY "HEY, YOU KNOW, I BOUGHT  
3 THIS DIAMOND RING WAY BACK AND IT SAVED MONEY. IF I'D HAVE  
4 BOUGHT IT TODAY, IT COSTS MORE." THAT WOULD BE A NICE WAY TO  
5 EXPLAIN THAT YOU CAN EXPLAIN IT ANY WHICH WAY. THE ISSUE IS  
6 THERE IS A PROBLEM WITH 46%. THERE IS A PROBLEM WITH THAT. I  
7 MEAN, I WOULD EVEN SAY THERE'S A PROBLEM WITH 30. WE SHOULD  
8 TRY AND STAY WITHIN THE PRIVATE SECTOR INDUSTRY STANDARDS. BUT  
9 AGAIN JUST BECAUSE WE'RE TAXPAYERS AND WE DON'T, ARE NOT  
10 SUPPOSED TO WATCH THESE THINGS AND WE'RE SUPPOSED TO TRUST ALL  
11 OF YOU TO DO THIS, I'M JUST SAYING I'M SOMEONE THAT'S A LITTLE  
12 BIT CONCERNED ABOUT THIS ESCALATION IN COSTS. CAN'T DO  
13 ANYTHING ABOUT IT. THOSE GUYS ARE PAID. THEY GOT THEIR MONEY.  
14 AND AT THE END OF THE DAY, THE TAXPAYERS ARE OUT I THINK SOME  
15 MONEY. BUT LET'S NOT DO IT AGAIN. SO ALL I'M SAYING UNDER THIS  
16 MOTION IS SEND IT TO THE PAC. THEY HAVE SOME PEOPLE WHO CAN  
17 LOOK AT IT. THEY MIGHT MAKE SOME RECOMMENDATIONS TO YOU ALL.  
18 YOU WILL HOPEFULLY LOOK AT THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS AND SEE IF  
19 THEY WORK WITHIN YOUR ORGANIZATION TO MAINTAIN SCRUTINY OF  
20 THESE STANDARDS.

21

22 **JACOB WILLIAMS:** WE'LL FOLLOW THROUGH ON THAT.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** I THINK THAT WOULD BE FINE.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ONE THING THAT I THINK WE NEED TO DO, WHEN  
2 WE EXTEND THE TIME ON A PROJECT AND YOU CONTINUE A PROJECT, AS  
3 THIS CASE WE'RE TALKING ABOUT FROM 2001 TO 2008, THAT THE SOFT  
4 COSTS AND THE COST OF EXTENDING THE TIME FOR CONSTRUCTION, WE  
5 SHOULD REALLY KNOW THAT. BECAUSE SOMETIMES WHEN WE MAKE THESE  
6 DECISIONS, THERE'S THE POTENTIAL OF BEING TOTALLY DIFFERENT  
7 REQUIREMENTS. OSHPD COULD CHANGE THEIR REQUIREMENTS IN SOME  
8 INSTANCES. THERE ARE ALL KINDS OF THINGS. AND I THINK THAT ONE  
9 OF THE THINGS WE'RE GOING TO FIND WITH THIS PARTICULAR  
10 HOSPITAL, FROM THE TIME WE STARTED, NOT CONSTRUCTING, BUT  
11 STARTING THE ARCHITECTURAL, I THINK THERE WAS A TOTAL CHANGE  
12 IN TERMS OF THE ARCHITECT AND A CHANGE IN TERMS OF THE  
13 ARCHITECTURAL PLANS. NOT ON THIS PROJECT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT  
14 IN TERMS OF THE RETROFIT. BUT AS FAR AS THE ACTUAL SURGERY  
15 CENTER.

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17 **JACOB WILLIAMS:** SUPERVISOR, ONE OF THE THINGS I NEGLECTED TO  
18 TELL YOU, TO REMIND YOU IS THAT IN 2006, WE ACTUALLY DID DO  
19 THAT. THE GROUP PROJECTED THAT WITH THE REVISED SCHEDULE AND  
20 RESEQUENCING OF THE PROJECT THAT THE PROJECT COSTS COULD GO AS  
21 HIGH AS \$65 MILLION. SO WHAT WE'VE MANAGED TO DO, WE BELIEVE,  
22 IS TO HELP CONTAIN THAT COST THROUGH THE DUE DILIGENCE.  
23 NOTWITHSTANDING THE ISSUE OF SOFT COSTS. THERE HAS BEEN SOME  
24 VALUE PROVIDED TO THE COUNTY FROM A COST AND FROM AN



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1 OPERATIONAL POINT BY STRUGGLING TO KEEP THESE -- THE  
2 OPERATIONAL INTEGRITY OF THE HOSPITAL INTACT

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAME CHAIR, I MEAN OBVIOUSLY THE PERCENTAGE IS  
5 HIGH, BUT I THINK, TOO, AND THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO VALIDATE  
6 THIS IN THEIR REPORT BACK. AND THAT'S THE FACT THAT MANY OF  
7 THESE SOFT COSTS ARE ALLOCATED TOWARDS, INSTEAD OF JUST  
8 BUILDING A BRAND NEW HOSPITAL FROM THE BOTTOM UP, THAT THERE'S  
9 AN OPERATIONAL, MAJOR OPERATIONAL ISSUES HERE TO TRY TO KEEP  
10 THE HOSPITAL OPEN AND WORKING WHILE ALL THIS IS GOING ON, TOO.  
11 SO THERE MAY BE A PIECE OF THAT PERCENTAGE THAT'S ALLOCATED TO  
12 THAT THAT THEY MIGHT BE ABLE TO VALIDATE AND GET THAT  
13 INFORMATION BACK TO US, AS WELL.

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15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ARE YOU MOVING IT, SUPERVISOR?

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17 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M MOVING MY MOTION.

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19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOUR AMENDMENT.

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21 **SUP. MOLINA:** COULD WE VOTE ON THAT FIRST?

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23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WITHOUT OBJECTION. THE AMENDMENT  
24 IS SECONDED BY KNABE; WITHOUT OBJECTION, THE AMENDMENT IS  
25 ADOPTED. ON THE MAIN MOTION, IT'S MOVED BY.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'D LIKE TO VOTE "NO" ON THE MAIN MOTION.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY  
5 BURKE, WITH MOLINA VOTING NO.

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7 **SUP. MOLINA:** TO APPROVE THE ADDITIONAL MONEY.

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9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THAT'S OKAY. THANK YOU VERY  
10 MUCH. I THINK WE HAVE ONE OTHER ITEM, ITEM 31. SUPERVISOR  
11 KNABE? SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH FOR YOUR ADJOURNMENTS?

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YES. FIRST, I WOULD LIKE TO ADJOURN IN THE  
14 MEMORY OF A GOOD FRIEND, A PERSON WHO HAD BEEN HERE MANY TIMES  
15 LEADING INVOCATIONS, ALSO A SPIRITUAL LEADER TO MANY OF THOSE  
16 IN THE CROATIAN AND ITALIAN COMMUNITIES, AND THAT WAS  
17 MONSIGNOR PATRICK GALLAGHER, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE YOUNG AGE  
18 OF 66. HE HAD BEEN PASTOR OF THE MARY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH  
19 IN SAN PEDRO SINCE 1984. HE HAD GREAT COMPASSION FOR YOUTH,  
20 GREAT COMPASSION FOR THE COMMUNITY. AND ONE OF THE GREAT  
21 CONTRIBUTIONS HE WAS ABLE TO SEE WAS COMPLETED IN SEPTEMBER  
22 2007 WITH THE COMPLETION OF THE PARISH HIGH SCHOOL. HE WAS  
23 INVOLVED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF IT. BUT  
24 QUITE A GOOD MAN AND A GREAT CHRISTIAN SPIRITUAL LEADER.

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

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3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALSO I WANTED TO JOIN IN, SUPERVISOR KNABE  
4 BROUGHT IN JOE SHELL. JOE SHELL WAS A GOOD FRIEND. HE HAD  
5 SERVED TIME AS MINORITY LEADER OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IN THE  
6 STATE LEGISLATURE AND RAN FOR GOVERNOR IN THIS REPUBLICAN  
7 PRIMARY. HE HAD CHALLENGED RICHARD NIXON. HIS WIFE, MICKEY,  
8 WAS THE SUPERVISOR FROM KERN COUNTY, AND I SERVED WITH HER ON  
9 THE C.S.A.C. FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. AS DON HAD MENTIONED, HIS  
10 DAUGHTER, BARBARA, WIFE OF HARRY STONE, WHO WAS OUR DIRECTOR  
11 OF PUBLIC WORKS AND DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR OF GOVERNMENT AT  
12 CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY OF LOS ANGELES. BUT JOE WAS VERY  
13 INVOLVED AND SERVED IN WORLD WAR II WITH THE UNITED STATES  
14 ARMY AIR CORPS BEFORE JOINING THE NAVY. HE WAS A GOOD MAN. DR.  
15 STEFAN WILK, WHO WAS A LEADER IN THE POLISH-AMERICAN  
16 COMMUNITY. HE HAD AT ONE TIME BEEN DIRECTOR OF RADIOLOGY FOR  
17 THE DEPARTMENT AT QUEEN OF ANGELS HOSPITAL IN LOS ANGELES. HE  
18 WROTE A NUMBER OF ARTICLES WHICH LAID THE GROUNDWORK FOR THE  
19 CAT SCAN TECHNOLOGY. HE ALSO FOUNDED THE CALIFORNIA MEDICAL  
20 CARE FOUNDATION IN 1981, AND THE POLISH MUSIC CENTER AT THE  
21 UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA IN 1985. AND HE HAD RECEIVED  
22 THE DIRECTOR'S AWARD FROM THE U.S.C. SCHOOL OF MUSIC. WILLIAM  
23 DAVID MACKENZIE, LONG-TIME ANTELOPE VALLEY NEWS MAN. HE HAD  
24 BEEN A REPORTER, COMPUTER ADVISER FOR "DAILY NEWS" OF LOS  
25 ANGELES FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS. HE WAS ASSOCIATED WITH THE



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1 "ANTELOPE VALLEY PRESS." GRADUATE OF PALMDALE HIGH SCHOOL. HE  
2 RETURNED TO NEWSPAPER WORK WITH THE "LEDGER-GAZETTE" IN  
3 LANCASTER, BECOMING THE MANAGING EDITOR. THE "VALLEY PRESS"  
4 HIRED HIM AS CITY EDITOR AND THEN COMPUTER MANAGER, USHERING  
5 IN THE VALLEY PRESS' FIRST EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT COMPUTER  
6 SYSTEM. AND AS SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY HAD MENTIONED, CHARLTON  
7 HESTON. CHARLTON WAS QUITE INVOLVED IN A NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES  
8 WITH FORMER PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN, AS MANY OF YOU KNOW,  
9 ALONG WITH HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE ARTS. HIS SON,  
10 INTERESTING, HAS BEEN TRYING TO PUT TOGETHER THE MOTION  
11 PICTURE DEAL ON SOME OF WILLIAM BUCKLEY'S SPY THRILLERS THAT  
12 BILL HAD WRITTEN. HE WAS A GREAT INSPIRATION. LAWRENCE  
13 GREATMAN, WHO TAUGHT FOR 38 YEARS IN THE PALMDALE SCHOOL  
14 DISTRICT. HE ATTENDED CSUN WHERE HE EARNED HIS DEGREES IN  
15 ENGLISH AND MASTERS IN EDUCATION TEACHING. HE PARTICIPATED IN  
16 THE ANTELOPE VALLEY IN OUR LOCAL THEATER, WAS A MENTOR TO NEW  
17 TEACHERS AND WAS A LEADER IN THE LOCAL JEWISH COMMUNITY  
18 SYNAGOGUE. STEVEN GAMBLE, ANOTHER GOOD FRIEND WHO WAS A  
19 DESIGNER OF THE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION NETWORK IN SOUTHERN  
20 CALIFORNIA THAT LINKED PARAMEDICS WITH POLICE, HOSPITAL, STAFF  
21 AND OTHER EMERGENCY WORKERS, AIDING FAMILIES AND LOCATING  
22 VICTIMS OF DISASTERS. PRESIDENT OF THE HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION OF  
23 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FOR OVER 30 YEARS. IN THE LATE 50S HE AND  
24 OTHERS FORMED GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR HOSPITALS. PRESIDENT  
25 RICHARD NIXON AWARDED GAMBLE THE COMMENDATION FOR HIS WORK IN



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1 DESIGNING WHAT IS KNOWN AS READYNET, IT'S A DEDICATED SYSTEM  
2 OF COMMUNICATION FOR ALL EMERGENCY PERSONNEL. AND HE ALSO WAS  
3 A LEADER IN THE HEALTHCARE INDUSTRY. FRED SAMUEL COBLENTZ, WHO  
4 WAS THE FATHER OF OUR DEPUTY PAUL, WHO SERVES AS OUR SECURITY  
5 OPERATIONS UNIT AND SERGEANT AT ARMS FOR OUR BOARD OF  
6 SUPERVISORS MEETING PASSED AWAY. HE ENJOYED A CAREER OF 41  
7 YEARS WITH TECHNICOLOR. HE SERVED IN WORLD WAR II THE UNITED  
8 STATES MARINE CORPS, AND RECIPIENT OF THE PURPLE HEART. HE  
9 RESIDED IN LLANO, WHERE HE AND HIS WIFE BARBARA WERE AVID  
10 GOLFERS AT THE CRYSTALAIRES COUNTRY CLUB.

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

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14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HE LEAVES HIS WIFE, FIVE CHILDREN, EIGHT  
15 GRANDCHILDREN, ELEVEN GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN. VALENTINE BECERRAL,  
16 WHO PASSED AWAY AT 78, WAS RETIRED PROFESSIONAL STAFF  
17 ASSISTANT WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR  
18 18 YEARS. HIS LAST ASSIGNMENT WAS AT THE CENTRAL PROPERTY.  
19 GEORGE DELGADO, GRADUATE OF DESERT CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL IN  
20 LANCASTER, WAS AMONG FOUR OF THE SOLDIERS WHO WERE RECENTLY  
21 KILLED WHEN AN EXPLOSIVE BOMB HIT THEIR PATROL ON EASTER  
22 SUNDAY IN BAGHDAD. JEAN ROEDIGER PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 91.  
23 SHE WAS EMPLOYED WITH THE L.A. COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT  
24 FOR 40 YEARS. CARL WAGNER, FORMER RESIDENT OF LANCASTER, LONG-  
25 TIME PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE. AND RALPH WHITEHEAD, RETIRED



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1 DEPUTY SHERIFF. HE SERVED 18 YEARS, WAS ASSIGNED TO THE MIRA  
2 LOMA FACILITY AND A VERY GOOD FRIEND, ONE OF MY APPOINTEES TO  
3 THE AIRPORT COMMISSION, A GREAT LEADER IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY,  
4 A GOOD FRIEND. JUST A WONDERFUL PERSON WAS ROGER PERSONS WHO  
5 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 81 ON APRIL 3RD. HE WAS A OWNER OF  
6 THE CHAPEL OF THE VALLEY MORTUARY IN PALMDALE SINCE 1965. PAST  
7 CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF FARMERS INSURANCE,  
8 CHAIRMAN OF THE L.A. COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION, NATIONAL  
9 FUNERAL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION, L.A. COUNTY FUNERAL DIRECTORS  
10 ASSOCIATION, PALMDALE KIWANIS, PALMDALE ELKS, PALMDALE  
11 SHERIFF'S BOOSTERS. A GRADUATE OF THE CALIFORNIA COLLEGE OF  
12 MORTUARY SCIENCES IN 1961. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE,  
13 BEVERLY, AND HIS THREE CHILDREN, CINDI, DENNIS, AND NANCY, AND  
14 TWO GRANDCHILDREN. JUST A WONDERFUL PERSON. THAT WE ADJOURN IN  
15 MEMORY OF THESE INDIVIDUALS.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED. DID YOU CALL 31?

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I HAVE A REQUEST FOR A MOTION IF WE COULD  
20 APPROVE THAT TODAY BECAUSE IT TAKES PLACE APRIL 11TH. AND THAT  
21 WOULD BE TO WAIVE THE PARKING FEELS FOR 80 VEHICLES TOTALING  
22 \$1360 EXCLUDING THE COST OF LIABILITY INSURANCE AT THE MUSIC  
23 CENTER FOR THE ALLUVIAL FAN TASK FORCE, WHICH IS A STATE  
24 TASKFORCE CREATED BY THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA ENCOMPASSING I  
25 THINK FOUR OF OUR COUNTIES AND OUR PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS



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1 ALSO ATTENDS THOSE MEETINGS, WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE KENNETH  
2 [HAHN] HALL OF ADMINISTRATION ON FRIDAY, APRIL 11TH.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY; WITHOUT OBJECTION,  
5 SO ORDERED.

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHICH ITEM?

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9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** 31. IT'S THE LAST ITEM. 31. WE HAVE A GROUP  
10 OF PEOPLE WHO WANT TO SPEAK AS A GROUP, IF YOU'LL COME  
11 FORWARD. 31. I'LL CALL THE NAMES AS THEY ARE COMING UP. EMY  
12 SINGSON-MINAM, GALLANT BROWN, ANGELICA GARCIA. GAINES LYONS,  
13 CATHERINE BOND. AND THEY'RE IN FAVOR. WOULD YOU LIKE TO EACH  
14 STATE YOUR NAME AND GIVE YOUR STATEMENT?

15

16 **SPEAKER:** WE WOULD LIKE GAINES LYONS, WHO'S OUR DIRECTOR OF  
17 PUBLIC POLICY TO SPEAK FIRST. WE'RE A CONSUMER RUN  
18 ORGANIZATION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. WE'VE BEEN IN  
19 EXISTENCE FOR 15 YEARS. WE NOW SERVE OVER 3,500 CONSUMERS OF  
20 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES WHO ARE STRUGGLING TO SURVIVE AND WHO  
21 LIVE ALONE IN THE COMMUNITY AND WHO ARE NOW LIVING IN ALL  
22 PARTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. GAINES?

23

24 **GAINES LYONS:** THANK YOU. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THE BOARD OF  
25 SUPERVISORS TO APPROVE THE ONE-TIME FUNDS EXPANSION PLAN



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1 PROPOSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND NOT TO CUT THE  
2 PROGRAMS RIGHT NOW BECAUSE THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT IS  
3 STILL COMING ON STREAM AND IT'S NOT FULLY FUNDED YET. I THINK  
4 IT'S WRONG TO THINK THAT THE PASSAGE OF THE MENTAL HEALTH  
5 SERVICE ACT ABSOLVES THE COUNTY OF ITS OBLIGATION TO SUPPORT  
6 MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS BEFORE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT  
7 FUNDING FULLY KICKS IN. THE COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS NEED  
8 EXPANSION PLAN TO TIDE US OVER FOR THE MEANTIME. AND TO CUT US  
9 OFF RIGHT NOW COLD TURKEY WOULD DO GRAVE DAMAGE, GRAVE HARM TO  
10 THE MANY PROGRAMS THAT HAVE PROVED THEMSELVES TO BE  
11 REHABILITATIVE AND INSTRUMENTAL IN BRINGING PEOPLE WITH MENTAL  
12 ILLNESS BACK INTO THE MAINSTREAM OF SOCIETY WHERE THEY ARE  
13 LEADING PRODUCTIVE LIVES. AGAIN, I WOULD ASK YOU TO PLEASE,  
14 PLEASE SUPPORT THE ONE-TIME FUNDS EXPANSION PLAN OF THE MENTAL  
15 -- FOR THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. [JAPANESE  
16 GREETING]

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

19

20 **ANGELICA GARCIA:** (SPEAKING SPANISH).

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22 **LADIES AND GENTLEMEN OF THE BOARD, QUITE FRANKLY APPLYING THE**  
23 **WORD CUTTING THE MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS SCARES ME. INFLATION**  
24 **IS ALREADY DOING THE CUTTING. OUR HARD-PRESSED CONSUMERS ARE**  
25 **ALREADY FEELING THE PAIN OF HAVING TO DO WITH LESS. TODAY'S**



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1 DOLLAR IS WORTH ONLY 65% OF WHAT IT WAS WORTH IN 2001. RIGHT  
2 NOW CUTTING OUR MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET WOULD BE LIKE PERFORMING  
3 SURGERY WITHOUT THE BENEFIT OF ANESTHESIA. AS MY COLLEAGUES  
4 HAVE STATED, WE NEED THE EXPANSION PLAN TO TIDE US OVER UNTIL  
5 THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT FULLY KICKS IN. IF ANYTHING, WE  
6 NEED A C.O.L.A., NOT A CUT. IN PASSING, I WOULD LIKE TO ASK  
7 SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA FOR HER STEADFAST SUPPORT OF MENTAL  
8 HEALTH PROGRAMS IN THE FIRST DISTRICT. YOU'RE A TRUE FRIEND.  
9 MUCHAS GRACIAS AND THANK YOU ALL.

10

11 >>SUP. BURKE, CHAIR: PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

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13 **BELANIE BROWN:** MY NAME IS BELANIE BROWN. AND I'M WITH PROJECT  
14 RETURN PEER SUPPORT NETWORK AND ALSO A PROGRAM, MENTAL HEALTH  
15 AMERICA. AND I'M CONCERNED WITH ACTUALLY SUPERVISOR BURKE, OUR  
16 DISTRICT, IN FACT, 6. I REALLY TRULY BELIEVE BY APPROVING  
17 THESE FIRST-TIME FUNDS THAT IT WOULD HELP THE PROGRAMS TO  
18 ACTUALLY CONTINUE TO OPERATE AND BE ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF THE  
19 PEOPLE WITHIN OUR COMMUNITIES THAT DO NOT MEET THE  
20 REQUIREMENTS AND THE NEEDS TO RECEIVE OTHER SERVICES IN FULL  
21 SERVICE PARTNERSHIPS. IT IS A BIG CONCERN BECAUSE WITHIN OUR  
22 AREA, AS WE DO ALL KNOW, THAT THERE HAVE BEEN MANY LOSSES WHEN  
23 IT'S CONCERNING HEALTHCARE AND OTHER TYPE OF SERVICES. SO  
24 THIS, TO RECOMMEND THIS ONE-TIME FUNDING, I TRULY BELIEVE THAT  
25 IT WOULD HELP US TO BE ABLE TO CARTEL INTO THE -- MEANING



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1 MOVING INTO THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT AND OTHER PROGRAMS  
2 THAT WE ARE WORKING ON TO DEVELOP, THAT IT WOULD GIVE US THAT  
3 SPACE TO BE ABLE TO ACTUALLY BE ORGANIZED AND STRUCTURED, AT  
4 THE SAME TIME TO SERVE THE PEOPLE AND TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE  
5 PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY THE ONES WHO ALREADY HAVE BEEN AFFECTED IN  
6 STAYING IN PARKS, AND ARE HOMELESS AND THINGS OF THAT SORT. SO  
7 I JUST THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT AND I REALLY DO SUPPORT IT.

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

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11 **EMY SINGSON-MINAMI:** I WANT TO ADDRESS MY STATEMENT TO  
12 SUPERVISOR DON KNABE. GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISOR KNABE. I AM  
13 EMY SINGSON-MINAMI, AND I LIVE IN GARDENA. I AM A RECOVERY  
14 COORDINATOR FOR PROJECT RETURN PEER SUPPORT NETWORK, A  
15 PROJECT, A PROGRAM OF MENTAL HEALTH AMERICA IN LOS ANGELES.  
16 AND WE ARE FUNDED IN PART BY THE MONEY YOU HAVE ALLOCATED FOR  
17 SERVICES TO PEOPLE LIKE ME. MY CONSTITUENTS ARE HUMAN BEINGS  
18 STRUGGLING TO RECOVER FROM MENTAL ILLNESS IN SOUTH BAY AND  
19 LONG BEACH AREA. I URGE YOU TO INCREASE THE FUNDS TO THE LOS  
20 ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH SO THAT NO ONE WHO  
21 NEEDS SERVICES IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT ENDS UP IN EITHER  
22 HOSPITAL OR JAIL, BOTH OF WHICH COST THE COUNTY MUCH MORE THAN  
23 COMMUNITY SERVICE DO. MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT DOLLARS FOR  
24 NEW AND EXPANDED SERVICES. PLEASE DON'T FORGET THE PEOPLE I  
25 SERVE: ADULTS AND OLDER ADULTS WHO ARE ALREADY RECEIVING



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1 SERVICES WHO ARE ABLE TO THRIVE IN THE COMMUNITY PARTLY AS A  
2 RESULT OF THE HELP THEY GET FROM OUR PROGRAM. LIKE OUR  
3 PROGRAM. THANK YOU.

4

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

6

7 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. I LIVE IN  
8 YOUR DISTRICT. I FIRST STARTED OUT AS A SINGLE MOM LIVING IN  
9 SANTA MONICA. I GOT MY LICENSE AS A MARRIAGE AND FAMILY  
10 COUNSELOR, HAD A PRIVATE PRACTICE AND DID PRETTY WELL. THE  
11 NEXT TIME THAT I CAME BACK TO SANTA MONICA, I WAS MENTALLY ILL  
12 AND LIVING ON THE STREETS. I RECEIVED SERVICES FROM THE  
13 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH IN SANTA MONICA FROM EDELMAN, WEST  
14 SIDE CENTER AND FROM STEP UP ON SECOND AND FROM A WOMAN'S  
15 SHELTER THAT'S CALLED DAYBREAK. I GOT MY LIFE TOGETHER FOR TWO  
16 YEARS LIVING ON DISABILITY, S.S.D.I., AND HAVING A SECTION 8  
17 APARTMENT IN SANTA MONICA, WHICH IS A PRETTY GOOD PLACE TO  
18 HAVE A SECTION 8 APARTMENT. I PULLED MYSELF TOGETHER AFTER TWO  
19 YEARS, WENT BACK TO WORK, AND I NOW SERVE AS THE EXECUTIVE  
20 DIRECTOR OF PROJECT RETURN PEER SUPPORT NETWORK. WE KNOW THAT  
21 SOME OF THE DECISIONS THAT YOU MAKE TAKE THE WISDOM OF  
22 SOLOMON. WE THANK YOU FOR MAKING THIS DECISION TO SUPPORT THIS  
23 PROCESS OF ONE-TIME FUNDING. WE KNOW IT'S THE RIGHT DECISION.  
24 AND THE MORE THAN 3,500 PEOPLE THAT WE SERVE KNOW IT. AND WE  
25 JUST WANTED TO SAY THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED  
3 BY ANTONOVICH; WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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

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7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA FOR YOUR ADJOURNMENTS?

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** I HAVE TWO ADJOURNMENTS. I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE  
10 ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF ERIC ZUCKER, WHO IS THE BELOVED  
11 FRIEND OF ROBIN TOMA, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF OUR COUNTY  
12 HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION. ERIC WAS A VETERAN DEPUTY PUBLIC  
13 DEFENDER WITH THE PUBLIC INTEGRITY ASSURANCE SECTION AND HE  
14 PREVIOUSLY SERVED WITH THE EASTLAKE JUVENILE BRANCH. ERIC WAS  
15 THE SON OF A HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR AND HE DEVOTED HIS LIFEWORk TO  
16 PROGRESSIVE VALUES, ADVOCATING FOR THE RIGHTS OF IMMIGRANTS,  
17 JUVENILES, AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES. WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR  
18 DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO HIS FRIENDS, FAMILY, AS WELL AS HIS  
19 COLLEAGUES. I'D ALSO LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF  
20 LONG-TIME EAST SIDE RESIDENT SALVADOR "SAL" CHICO. HE IS A  
21 BELOVED UNCLE OF TERRI MCKINNON. SAL WAS A GRADUATE OF LINCOLN  
22 HIGH SCHOOL, AND WAS A GIFTED MUSICAL WHO FOUNDED THE SAL  
23 CHICO BAND, WHICH PERFORMED LOCALLY OVER THE YEARS IN THE  
24 1950S AND THE 1960S. WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES  
25 TO THEIR FAMILY, AS WELL.



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

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** I HAVE A MOTION I'D LIKE TO READ. ON MONDAY,  
5 MARCH THE 31ST, ARTURO SALDANA AND FRANCISCO CERECES WERE SHOT  
6 EXECUTION-STYLE AND KILLED WHILE WORKING AT JESSE'S AUTO ON  
7 THE 5100 BLOCK OF OLYMPIC BOULEVARD IN EAST L.A. MR. SALDANA  
8 WAS 52 YEARS OLD AND IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND SIX CHILDREN.  
9 HE HAD WORKED AT JESSE'S FOR 10 YEARS. MR. CERECES WAS 50, AND  
10 IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN. AND HE WORKED AT  
11 JESSE'S FOR FIVE YEARS. BOTH THESE MEN WERE HARD WORKING  
12 INNOCENT BYSTANDERS WHO WERE VICTIMS OF HEINOUS AND BRUTAL  
13 ACTS OF VIOLENCE. THESE HOMICIDES SHOCKED THE EAST SIDE  
14 COMMUNITY, WHICH HAS EXPERIENCED A MARKED DECREASE IN GUN  
15 RELATED VIOLENCE OVER THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS. SO ANYONE WITH  
16 INFORMATION IN THIS CASE IS URGED TO IMMEDIATELY CONTACT  
17 DETECTIVE RICK GARCIA WITH THE L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S HOMICIDE  
18 BUREAU. I THEREFORE MOVE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ESTABLISH A  
19 \$25,000 REWARD FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE CAPTURE OF THE  
20 SUSPECT OR SUSPECTS.

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22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SECONDED BY KNABE; WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
23 ORDERED.

24

25 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S ALL I HAVE.



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1  
2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I HAVE THREE ADJOURNMENTS. I MOVE THAT WE  
3 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ESTER SORIANO, PROGRAM MANAGER WITH  
4 COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES WHO PASSED AWAY ON APRIL 3RD.  
5 SHE PROVIDED OVERSIGHT FOR THE COUNTY'S DISPUTE RESOLUTION  
6 PROGRAM. SHE WAS A DEDICATED COUNTY EMPLOYEE FOR 35 YEARS. SHE  
7 LEAVES TO CHERISH HER MEMORY HER THREE SONS, EDUARDO, ROBERT  
8 AND ERIC, ALONG WITH A HOST OF FRIENDS, FAMILY AND COLLEAGUES.  
9 AND ARGUSTER "SAMMY" HENDERSON, LONG TIME SECOND DISTRICT  
10 RESIDENT AND FATHER OF NEW FRONTIER DEMOCRATIC CLUB PRESIDENT,  
11 BOBBIE ANDERSON. HE LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY HIS DAUGHTER,  
12 BOBBY, ALONG WITH A HOST OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS. AND FINALLY,  
13 JUNE JORDAN, WHO WAS A LONG TIME SECOND DISTRICT ACTIVIST FOR  
14 CHILDREN, WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY AFTER A VERY LONG ILLNESS.  
15 SHE WAS A PIONEERING MEMBER OF THE COLLABORATION THAT  
16 DEVELOPED FAMILY PRESERVATION, WHICH PILOTED THE FIRST VALLEY  
17 PRESERVATION AGENCY AND PROGRAM IN THE SECOND DISTRICT AND IS  
18 NOW A SUCCESSFUL MODEL OF SERVICE DELIVERY FOR THE ENTIRE  
19 COUNTRY. SHE LEAVES TO CHERISH HER MEMORY A HOST OF FAMILY AND  
20 FRIENDS. AND SHE WILL BE SORELY MISSED. SHE MADE SUCH A  
21 CONTRIBUTION TO CHILDREN, AND PARTICULARLY LOOKING AT THE  
22 WHOLE ISSUES OF PRESERVING FAMILIES AND CHILDREN TOGETHER. SO  
23 ORDERED. THERE'S NOTHING FURTHER. PUBLIC COMMENT. JERRY LYLES?  
24 NEXT WE'LL CALL ARNOLD SACHS, DO YOU WANT TO START DOWN? AND  
25 CHARLES SIMPSON.



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1  
2 **JERRY LYLES:** GOOD MORNING. I'M SORRY IF I RATTLE ON, I AM A  
3 GRAVEYARD PERSON, SO I WORK NIGHTS AND I HAVE BEEN UP QUITE A  
4 WHILE. BUT I'M HERE. I'M FROM THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. I LIVE IN  
5 THE CITY OF PALMDALE. AND RIGHT NOW I WAS EXPERIENCING  
6 DIFFICULTIES WITH THE SCHOOL, THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND THE  
7 COURTS. AND I'M NOT GOING TO TIE YOUR TIME UP WITH ALL THREE,  
8 JUST WITH ONE ISSUE. MY SON RECENTLY WENT TO COURT FOR A  
9 MATTER THAT I COULDN'T BELIEVE THEY ELEVATED IT UP TO A FELONY  
10 BECAUSE HE WAS DEFENDING HIMSELF AND SOME OTHER YOUTHS FROM  
11 SOMEBODY WAVING A KNIFE. I GOT TO COURT AND HAD AN EXPERIENCE  
12 FROM A JUDGE I'VE NEVER HEARD BEFORE. AND THAT EXPERIENCE WAS  
13 "HEY, YOUR SON SHOULD TAKE THE FELONY. HE SHOULD ALSO TAKE THE  
14 GANG ENHANCEMENT," WHICH MEANS HE HAS TO SAY THAT HE'S A GANG  
15 BANGER. AND WE'LL LET HIM OUT TOMORROW. MY SON'S IN THE EIGHTH  
16 GRADE. MY SON IS A GATE STUDENT. HAS ALWAYS BEEN A GATE  
17 STUDENT. AND I COULDN'T BELIEVE THIS WAS GOING ON. SO WHEN WE  
18 SPOKE TO THE JUDGE AND I SAID "HEY WAIT A MINUTE, YOU DON'T  
19 HAVE LEGAL PRECEDENCE. I DID DO MY HOMEWORK AND I LOOKED WHAT  
20 IT TAKES TO BE A GANG BANGER. MY SON DOES NOT MEET THOSE  
21 STANDARDS. MY SON DID NOT MEET THE STANDARDS FOR WHAT THE D.A.  
22 BROUGHT FORWARD. I CONTACTED THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. I  
23 SENT LETTERS TO MR. COOLEY AND I SENT LETTERS UP TO THE  
24 ANTELOPE VALLEY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. AND I'M WORRIED  
25 THAT IF YOU'RE TELLING A CHILD, HEY, YOUR PARENTS CAN'T SPEAK



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1 IN COURT, BUT THIS IS THE DEAL I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU, AND I'LL  
2 LOCK YOU UP AND YOU CAN'T GET OUT. THIS CHILD HAS NEVER  
3 RECEIVED A TICKET. HE'S NEVER BEEN TO JAIL. NONE OF IT. AND  
4 I'M HERE TODAY BECAUSE IT HURTS MY HEART. AND I HAD NEVER HAD  
5 EXPERIENCED CHEST PAINS IN MY LIFE UNTIL THIS INCIDENT CAME  
6 ALONG. I SAY THIS MAKES NO SENSE. YOU'RE FORCING HIM, BY  
7 PLACING HIM IN A JUVENILE FACILITY, ARE YOU GOING TO STAY HERE  
8 UNTIL YOU AGREE UPON THE FELONY? WHICH MY SON SAID "NO, I'M  
9 NOT GOING TO DO. I WILL GO TO TRIAL. I HAVE WITNESSES. I DID  
10 NOT DO THESE THINGS." BUT FOR A JUDGE TO SIT THERE AND SAY  
11 "HEY, NO. HEY, THIS IS A GREAT DEAL." YOU'RE TALKING AN EIGHTH  
12 GRADER INTO TAKING A FELONY AND SAYING I'M A GANG BANGER FOR  
13 THE REST OF MY LIFE? I'LL GOING TO SIGN UP FOR SOMETHING THAT  
14 I DIDN'T DO. I'M NOT A GANG BANGER. AND IT HURT MY HEART  
15 BECAUSE IT TOOK ME FROM 1991 TO 2004 TO GET TO PALMDALE AFTER  
16 I TALKED 20 PEOPLE OR MORE FROM MY JOB TO MOVE TO PALMDALE  
17 JUST SO WE CAN RIDE BACK AND FORTH. IF THIS HAS HAPPENED TO MY  
18 SON, THIS IS HAPPENING THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. THIS IS NOT FAIR  
19 TO OUR CHILDREN. I DON'T WANT MY SON COMING OUT OF SYLMAR A  
20 GANG BANGER. HE WASN'T A GANG BANGER TO BEGIN WITH AND I'M NOT  
21 GOING TO LET ANYONE TURN HIM INTO A GANG BANGER. MY SON IS  
22 GIFTED AND TALENTED. AND JUST LIKE YOU ALL ARE SITTING HERE,  
23 ONE DAY HE COULD BE SITTING HERE. HE'S JUST THAT SMART. AND I  
24 WOULD LIKE FOR HIM TO HAVE THAT OPPORTUNITY. BUT FOR SOMEONE  
25 TO LABEL HIM AS A JUDGE AND "HEY, WAIT A MINUTE, YOU CAN'T GET



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1 OUT UNLESS YOU AGREE TO THIS." THAT'S NOT RIGHT. AND THEY TOOK  
2 THE PARENTS AWAY, MY RIGHTS AWAY FROM MY SON BY BEING ABLE TO  
3 TALK TO HIM AND SAY "HEY, SON, YOU ARE CORRECT. YOU DIDN'T DO  
4 THIS." I INVESTIGATED AND THINGS THEY BROUGHT FORWARD FROM THE  
5 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, IT MADE ABSOLUTELY NO SENSE. NONE. THANK  
6 YOU.

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

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE REFERRED THAT INFORMATION TO THE OMBUDSMAN  
11 RELATIVE TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. THE BOARD OF EDUCATION,  
12 THEY VOTED ON THAT. THAT WAS A UNANIMOUS VOTE ON THAT  
13 EXPULSION. BUT THE INFORMATION RELATIVE TO THE SHERIFF'S  
14 DEPARTMENT WE HAVE REFERRED TO THE OMBUDSMAN AND THEY ARE  
15 INVESTIGATING THAT.

16

17 **JERRY LYLES:** I COULD UNDERSTAND THAT. I'D LIKE TO BRING THIS  
18 UP BEFORE I GET OFF. THE INFORMATION THAT YOU SAY WENT TO L.A.  
19 COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION, THAT WAS PART OF A POLICE REPORT  
20 THAT THE POLICEMAN REFUSED TO SUBMIT. I HAD TO BRING IT BACK  
21 AND BRING IT TO YOU GUYS AND SAY "WAIT A MINUTE, YOU CAN'T DO  
22 THAT." WAS ONE PERSON AT THAT HEARING THAT SAY "HEY, WAIT, MR.  
23 LYLES IS CORRECT, THIS IS NOT NEW INFORMATION. HE JUST DIDN'T  
24 SUBMIT IT. THAT'S WHY THIS KID IS HERE." I'M NOT GOING TO HAVE  
25 MY SON LABELED A GANG BANGER BY NOBODY. AND LIKE I SAID, TO BE



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1 PUSHED OUT OF SCHOOL AND YOU'RE A GIFTED, TALENTED STUDENT? IT  
2 MAKES NO SENSE. OKAY, ANYWAY, THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MR. SACHS, STATE YOUR NAME.

5

6 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU, ARNOLD SACHS. VERY QUICKLY. LAST WEEK  
7 I WENT TO A--

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9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** PARDON ME. COULD DENISE PENDLETON BAKER  
10 COME FORWARD AND RICHARD ROBINSON? GO RIGHT AHEAD.

11

12 **ARNOLD SACHS:** LAST WEEK I WENT TO THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA  
13 GOVERNANCE MEETING AND THERE WERE SEVERAL ITEMS THAT I BROUGHT  
14 UP THERE. AND ALSO WERE BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION AT THAT  
15 MEETING I DISCUSSED SOME METRO ITEMS, THE GREEN LINE  
16 CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY BILL PROPOSED BY JENNY ARAPOSA, THE 20-  
17 YEAR PLAN, THE LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN, PART OF WHICH -  
18 - WHAT CAN BE DONE IN 20 YEARS, 1981 CAR POOL. TODAY, 450  
19 MILES, I POINTED OUT TO THEM TODAY WAS 2008. SO ACTUALLY THE  
20 20-YEAR PLAN IS A 28-YEAR PLAN. I MENTIONED THE CRENSHAW  
21 CORRIDOR, THE DOWNTOWN CONNECTER TO UNION STATION, WHICH IS  
22 REALLY A BENEFIT FOR THE METRO LINK RIDERS SO THAT THEY DON'T  
23 HAVE TO RUN UP TWO FLIGHTS OF STAIRS TO GO DO THE RED LINE OR  
24 DOWN TWO FLIGHTS OF STAIRS TO GO TO THE RED LINE BECAUSE THE  
25 DOWNTOWN CONNECTOR TO THE UNION STATION WON'T CONNECT TO THE



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1 UNION STATION. THE EAST LINE EXTENSION, THE FOOTHILL  
2 CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY, AND MOST OF ALL I POINTED OUT TO THEM  
3 A PROBLEM WITH THE M.T.A.'S ROUTE ELIMINATION AND THE  
4 REDUCTION OF SERVICE. I TOLD THEM ALSO I HAD BEEN IN FRONT OF  
5 THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THE CITY HALL, L.A. CITY  
6 COUNCIL AND M.T.A. AND I WAS TOLD AT THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
7 AREA GOVERNANCE MEETING THAT I COULD GET DIRECTION FROM SOME  
8 OF THEIR STAFF MEETINGS. SO EVIDENTLY THEY WEREN'T LISTENING,  
9 BECAUSE WHAT DIRECTION I CAN GET FROM THE STAFF MEETING WHEN I  
10 CAN'T GET ANSWERS FROM ANY OF THE BODIES THAT WOULD IMPOSE  
11 THOSE CHANGES FOR THE M.T.A. ROUTES IS BEYOND ME. BUT WHAT WAS  
12 INTERESTING WAS TWO THINGS. FIRST, THERE WAS A DISCUSSION  
13 REGARDING A HARBOR SUBDIVISION ALTERNATIVE ANALYSIS, WHERE THE  
14 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA GOVERNANCE IS GOING TO PARTNER WITH  
15 L.A.C.M.T.A. ACCORDING TO THE INFORMATION, L.A.C.M.T.A.  
16 INTENDS TO PERFORM THE PROJECT AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$2.5  
17 MILLION. S.C.A.D., SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA GOVERNANCE, IS  
18 GOING TO CONTRIBUTE \$2 MILLION. WHEREAS, AND I'M READING FROM  
19 THIS CONTRACT. "WHEREAS L.A.C.M.T.A. AGREES TO PROVIDE LOCAL  
20 MATCH FOR THE PROJECT..." WHAT IS MATCH? IF THE PROJECT IS 2.5  
21 MILLION AND SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA GOVERNANCE IS GOING TO  
22 DONATE, PROVIDE 2 MILLION, WHAT IS THE MATCH? YOU'VE GOT 2  
23 MILLION AND THE PROJECT IS 4 MILLION. THERE IS DISCREPANCY IN  
24 THE LANGUAGE THERE. SO IT'S A LANGUAGE THING. THEN, I WANTED  
25 TO TALK ABOUT ONE OTHER THING. THE ORANGE LINE. A REGIONAL



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1 TRANSPORTATION PLAN. THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA AND ORANGE  
2 COUNTY TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION HAVE ONE THING IN COMMON, OR  
3 MAYBE A COUPLE THINGS IN COMMON. BUT ONE OF THEM IS THE ORANGE  
4 LINE. WHAT THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA AND THE ORANGE LINE HAVE  
5 IN COMMON --

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YOUR TIME HAS ELAPSED.

8

9 **ARNOLD SACHS:** -- IS THE LANGUAGE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND  
10 YOUR ANSWERS.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DENISE PENDLETON I'LL CALL YOU NOW. AND  
13 THEN MR. SIMPSON, I'LL CALL YOU.

14

15 **DENISE PENDLETON:** I'M HERE BECAUSE MY BIGGEST QUESTION IS  
16 WHERE DO VICTIMS OF TOXIC MOLD GO TO FOR HELP? I'M JUST GOING  
17 TO GIVE YOU A BRIEF TIMELINE ON HOW THIS STARTED FROM JANUARY  
18 UNTIL YESTERDAY.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WHAT AREA ARE YOU IN?

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22 **DENISE PENDLETON:** I'M IN VAN NUYS.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THE HEALTH CLINIC. SOMEONE FROM  
2 MR. YAROSLAVSKY'S OFFICE CAN DIRECT YOU TO THE HEALTH CLINIC  
3 THAT WOULD COVER THAT.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** HAVE YOU VISITED THE PUBLIC HEALTH CLINIC?

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7 **DENISE PENDLETON:** I HAVE CALLED EVERYONE.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** HAVE YOU VISITED THE PUBLIC HEALTH CLINIC?

10

11 **DENISE PENDLETON:** YES. WHAT I HAD DONE IS THEY TOLD ME IT WAS  
12 NOT THEM.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** THE PUBLIC HEALTH CLINIC SAID IT WASN'T THEM?

15

16 **DENISE PENDLETON:** YES.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHY WASN'T IT THEM? WHO WOULD IT BE THEN?

19

20 **DENISE PENDLETON:** I'M GOING TO JUST TELL YOU BRIEFLY.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** WE'RE GOING TO CALL OUT THE PUBLIC HEALTH  
23 DIRECTOR RIGHT NOW AND HE WILL TALK TO YOU DIRECTLY.

24



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1 **DENISE PENDLETON:** OKAY. BECAUSE JEFF PAXTON IS LOOKING INTO IT  
2 BECAUSE WE SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN SENT AROUND. WE HAVE  
3 DEMOLITION IN OUR BUILDING FROM MOLD. AND WE ARE NOT TOLD WHAT  
4 THEY'RE DOING. I CAN'T GET TO MY MEDICATION. IT IS ALL  
5 QUARANTINED. AND THERE ARE JUST PEOPLE RUNNING AMUCK THIS  
6 WHOLE BUILDING.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WE'LL HAVE A MEMBER OF MY STAFF ALSO TALK TO  
9 YOU AND GET THE INFORMATION, AND WE PUT YOU IN TOUCH WITH OUR  
10 HEALTH PEOPLE AND ALSO WITH THE CITY PEOPLE. BUT MY STAFF IS  
11 RIGHT THERE AND THEY'LL TALK TO YOU.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU. MR. SIMPSON. AND I  
14 THINK MR. ROBINSON LEFT. MORRIS "BIG MONEY" GRIFF.

15

16 **CHARLES SIMPSON:** GOOD AFTERNOON SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS  
17 CHARLES SIMPSON. I'M A RESIDENT OF LA MIRADA, CALIFORNIA,  
18 THAT'S IN THE FOURTH COUNTY SUPERVISORY DISTRICT. AND ONCE  
19 AGAIN I'D LIKE TO POINT OUT TO THE INFORMATION PACKETS THAT  
20 WERE GIVEN TO EACH OF YOU LAST TUESDAY REGARDING HOUSING  
21 DISCRIMINATION THAT HAS BEEN SUBJECTED OR BROUGHT ABOUT ME AND  
22 MY FAMILY AND A NEW HOME CONSTRUCTION PROJECT. I HAVE FOLLOWED  
23 ALL THE RULES. I DON'T VIOLATE ANY ORDINANCES. I UNDERSTAND  
24 THAT I HAVE TO GO GET AN ATTORNEY TO SUE. I UNDERSTAND THAT.  
25 BUT I JUST WANT THE BOARD TO KNOW THAT THERE IS BLATANT



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1 RACISM. THERE IS BIGOTRY AGAINST MINORITIES WHO WANT TO PLAN  
2 ON BUILDING IN THE CITY OF LA MIRADA IN THE COUNTY OF LOS  
3 ANGELES. AND THIS IS ABSURD FOR 2008. I'VE BEEN WORKING ON  
4 THESE PLANS SINCE 2004. AND NOW IT'S 2008. AND RACISM STILL  
5 EXISTS COUNTY-WIDE. IT DOESN'T EXIST IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT;  
6 IT EXISTS COUNTY-WIDE.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ONE OTHER THING YOU MIGHT GO TO THE STATE  
9 DEPARTMENT. HAVE YOU ALREADY BEEN THERE AND FILED A COMPLAINT  
10 WITH E.E.O.C.?

11

12 **CHARLES SIMPSON:** TO FEDERAL, HOUSING, HUD, EVERYBODY?

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND THE STATE.

15

16 **CHARLES SIMPSON:** BUT I'M ASKING THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR  
17 A RIGHT TO SUE LETTER.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL THE E.E.O.C. HAS TO GIVE YOU THAT. WE  
20 CAN'T DO THAT.

21

22 **CHARLES SIMPSON:** I REALIZE THAT. BUT PEOPLE ARE --

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** BUT YOU CAN FILE WITH THE STATE.

25



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1 **CHARLES SIMPSON:** I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO FILE WITH THE COUNTY  
2 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BECAUSE THIS IS NOT RIGHT FOR THEM TO  
3 DISCRIMINATE ME. THEY HAVE VIOLATED MY CIVIL RIGHTS.

4  
5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL, YOU CAN FILE WITH CONSUMER AFFAIRS.

6  
7 **CHARLES SIMPSON:** IT IS ALL RIGHT FOR THE CITY TO HAVE -- TO  
8 SERVE WHITE PEOPLE IN MY AREA, BUT TO DISCRIMINATE ME BECAUSE  
9 MY BLACKNESS IS WRONG. AND I WANT THIS BOARD TO KNOW IT. OKAY,  
10 THANK YOU.

11  
12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

13  
14 **MORRIS GRIFFIN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAME PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS  
15 OF THIS SUPERVISORS. I JUST LEFT THE CITY COUNCIL AND WE WERE  
16 THERE TO SUPPORT THE JAMIELSLAW.COM. WHY? BECAUSE WE HAVE  
17 FOUND THAT IN THE PRISONS OR IN JAILS, THE TWIN TOWERS  
18 PARTICULARLY, WE FIND THAT THERE ARE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WHO  
19 HAVE BEEN IN GANGS WHO HAVE COMMITTED CRIMES, DONE THEIR TIME  
20 FOR THEIR CRIME AND THEN THEY'RE RELEASED. AND BECAUSE OF THE  
21 MEXICAN MAFIA GIVES THEM A CALL, THEY CAN BE GIVEN A GUN AND  
22 THEN THEY SHOOT A JAMIEL SHAW AS WELL AS THE LITTLE YOUNG BOY  
23 THAT WAS IN THE RED S.U.V. A COUPLE OF DAYS LATER. THE SAME  
24 SCENARIO, WHERE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS ARE DOING THEIR TIME FOR  
25 THEIR CRIME. SO WHY AM I HERE? I'M HERE TODAY TO ASK THAT YOU



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1 SUPPORT THE JAMIELSLAW.COM. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A GREAT DEAL  
2 OF PROBLEMS I THINK AT THE CITY COUNCIL BECAUSE THE MAJORITY  
3 OF THEM ARE LATINO COUNCILMEN ALARCON AND SOME OTHERS HAVE  
4 ALREADY SHOWED THAT THEY ARE NOT IN SUPPORT OF IT, AND THEY'RE  
5 ALLUDING TO DARYL GATES'S NUMBER 40 BILL OR SOMETHING. BUT  
6 WHAT WE'RE SAYING IS THIS. THAT IF YOU ARE AN ILLEGAL AND YOU  
7 ARE HERE COMMITTING CRIMES AND WE HAVE TO PAY THE TAXES, FEED  
8 YOU, AND HOUSE YOU AND THEN LET YOU BACK ON THE STREETS, WE  
9 WANT YOU TO BE DEPORTED BECAUSE YOU ARE A MEMBER OF ONE OF THE  
10 NOTORIOUS GANGS IN THIS CITY. WE ARE SICK AND TIRED OF BEING  
11 SICK AND TIRED OF TALKING ABOUT GANG VIOLENCE. AND SO WHY I'M  
12 HERE IS TO ASK YOU ALL TO SUPPORT THIS BILL THAT WHEN YOU DO  
13 YOUR TIME IN OUR COUNTY FACILITIES, WE WANT YOU DEPORTED. IT'S  
14 IN THE DATABASE. WE KNOW THAT YOU ARE A GANG MEMBER. SO WHY DO  
15 WE SIT UP HERE AND ALLOW THEM TO STAY IN OUR CITY KNOWING THAT  
16 THEY'RE GOING TO COME BACK TO GANG VIOLENCE? THIS IS A NO-  
17 BRAINER. AND I WOULD HOPE YOU, GLORIA, WILL UNDERSTAND THE  
18 MAGNITUDE OF THIS IN THIS REGARD.

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20 **SUP. MOLINA:** DO YOU KNOW THAT WE ALREADY DO THAT?

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22 **MORRIS GRIFFIN:** WELL, IT DIDN'T HAPPEN IN THIS CASE.

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24 **SUP. MOLINA:** BECAUSE WE CANNOT FORCE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO  
25 DO IT. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT GOES INTO OUR JAILS NOW AND THEY



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1 PUT A TAG ON EVERYONE WHO IS UNDOCUMENTED. AND THEN THEY HAVE  
2 A DECISION TO MAKE. WHETHER THEY'RE GOING TO DEPORT THEM OR  
3 NOT. SO IT'S THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THAT MUST MAKE THAT  
4 DECISION.

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6 **MORRIS GRIFFIN:** WELL THEN HOW CAN WE ENFORCE THE FEDERAL  
7 GOVERNMENT TO DO THIS?

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9 **SUP. MOLINA:** WE COULD ELECT A NEW PRESIDENT.

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11 **MORRIS GRIFFIN:** THIS WILL BE A LONG HOT SUMMER.

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13 **SUP. MOLINA:** I WANT YOU KNOW WE ALREADY DO THAT IN OUR JAILS  
14 NOW.

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16 **MORRIS GRIFFIN:** WELL IT DIDN'T HAPPEN ON THESE TWO OCCASIONS  
17 AS TO WHY I'M SITTING HERE NOW.

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19 **SUP. MOLINA:** UNDER OUR CONTRACT WITH THE FEDS AND THEY COME  
20 INTO OUR JAILS AND DO THIS, WE CAN'T FORCE THEM. IT'S UP TO  
21 YOU. YOU CAN CONTACT YOUR CONGRESSIONAL MEMBER AND SEE THAT  
22 THEY CAN DEPORT EVERY SINGLE ONE THAT COMMITS THOSE CRIMES.  
23 BELIEVE ME, I DON'T WANT THEM HERE, EITHER.

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1 **MORRIS GRIFFIN:** WELL, I BELIEVE THAT THERE'S MORE THAN ONE WAY  
2 TO SKIN A CAT. WE CAN BLAME IT ON THE FEDS, BUT I THINK  
3 THERE'S SOMETHING THAT WE CAN DO, AS WELL.

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5 **SUP. MOLINA:** I WOULDN'T DOUBT THERE WOULDN'T BE.

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7 **MORRIS GRIFFIN:** I THINK IT'S TIME FOR US TO SUPPORT GETTING  
8 THEM UP OUT OF HERE. BECAUSE IF THEY'RE GOING TO BE PART OF  
9 THE PROBLEM, THEN WE'VE GOT TO FIND WAYS IN ORDER TO SOLVE AND  
10 RESOLVE OUR PROBLEMS. BECAUSE WE'RE IN FOR A LONG, HOT SUMMER  
11 AS A RESULT OF WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR CITY AND COUNTY  
12 ALREADY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

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14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. IF THERE'S NOTHING  
15 FURTHER WITH PUBLIC COMMENT?

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17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,  
18 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL  
19 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NO. CS-1, CONFERENCE  
20 WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION; ITEM NO. CS-  
21 2, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING INITIATION OF  
22 LITIGATION, ONE CASE; ITEM CS-3, CONSIDERATION OF DEPARTMENT  
23 HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS; AND ITEM NO. CS-4, CONFERENCE  
24 WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO



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1 LITIGATION, ONE CASE, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. THANK

2 YOU.

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