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THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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1 [IN OPEN SESSION ITEMS CS-1 AND CS-2 WERE
2 CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO DECEMBER 13, 2016.]

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ONCE AGAIN, GOOD MORNING. [GAVEL.]
7 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MAY I ASK YOU TO BE SEATED? ONCE AGAIN,
8 GOOD MORNING, AND WE WELCOME YOU TO THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED
9 SESSION OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, TODAY,
10 TUESDAY, DECEMBER THE SIXTH. WE ARE PLEASED THAT YOU ARE HERE
11 FOR THIS MOMENTOUS OCCASION. WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE
12 SURE THAT YOU KNOW WHAT OUR PROCEEDINGS ARE, AND TO
13 COMMUNICATE WHO THE PERSONS PRESENT ARE, TO FACILITATE THAT.
14 AS YOU KNOW, OUR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER IS SACHI HAMAI. OUR
15 COUNTY COUNSEL IS MARY WICKHAM. OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER IS LORI
16 GLASGOW. OUR SERGEANT-AT-ARMS IS PAUL COBLENTZ AND VICTOR
17 VILLARREAL. AND YOU'LL TAKE NOTE OF A FULL COMPLEMENT OF THE
18 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, CONSTITUTING A QUORUM. WE WILL SAY MORE
19 ABOUT THAT, SHORTLY. BUT AS IS OUR CUSTOM, MAY I CAUSE YOU TO
20 FOCUS YOUR ATTENTION ON THE MORNING'S INVOCATION AND PLEDGE?
21 THE MORNING'S INVOCATION WILL BE LED BY THE MOST REVEREND JOSE
22 GOMEZ, ARCHBISHOP OF THE DIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES, AT THE
23 INVITATION OF THE CHAIR. AND THE PLEDGE VETERAN IS ERIKA L.
24 CRENSHAW, FORMER PETTY OFFICER, SECOND CLASS, UNITED STATES
25 NAVY, AT THE INVITATION OF THE FIRST DISTRICT: SUPERVISOR



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1 HILDA SOLIS. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IN A MOMENT OF REVERENCE,
2 WILL YOU PLEASE RISE FOR THE INVOCATION?

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4 **ARCHBISHOP GOMEZ:** GOOD MORNING, AND THANK YOU FOR THIS
5 OPPORTUNITY TO PRAY WITH YOU TODAY. I'M HONORED TO BE WITH
6 YOU. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR INVITING ME
7 TODAY, AND CONGRATULATE HIM FOR BECOMING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE
8 BOARD. AND I WANT TO THANK ALL OF YOU, AND CONGRATULATING YOU,
9 SUPERVISORS, FOR YOUR ELECTION AND BEING SWORN IN THIS WEEK.
10 AND I WANT TO THANK ALL OF YOU, ALSO, FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR
11 CITY AND OUR COUNTY. SO, AS WE GATHER THIS MORNING, LET US
12 PRAY: LOVING GOD, WE THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR BLESSINGS,
13 ESPECIALLY THE GIFT OF OUR LIVES, AND FOR THIS BEAUTIFUL WORLD
14 THAT YOU ENTRUST TO OUR CARE. BLESS SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS
15 AND HIS FAMILY, AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AS THEY BEGIN
16 AGAIN THEIR SERVICE TO YOUR PEOPLE IN LOS ANGELES. GIVE THEM
17 WISDOM TO KNOW WHAT IS RIGHT, AND THE COURAGE TO DO IT. GRANT
18 THEM HUMILITY, TO LEAD WITH UNDERSTANDING AND MERCY. BLESS ALL
19 THESE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVE YOU IN PUBLIC LIFE. GRANT US ALL
20 HUMILITY, SO WE CAN REALLY LISTEN TO ONE ANOTHER AND WORK
21 TOGETHER, ESPECIALLY THOSE WE DISAGREE WITH, OR SEE THE WORLD
22 DIFFERENTLY. GIVE ALL OF US A HEART FOR THE POOR. HELP US TO
23 STAND WITH THOSE WHO ARE SUFFERING, ESPECIALLY THE POOR AND
24 THE WEAK, THE IMMIGRANT AND THE PRISONER, THE HOMELESS AND THE



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1 SICK. WE ASK ALL OF THESE, AS YOUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS WHO
2 BELIEVE IN YOUR LOVE. AMEN.

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4 **ERIKA L. CRENSHAW:** PLEASE REMAIN STANDING. FACE THE FLAG. PUT
5 YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART. IF YOU'RE A VETERAN, YOU MAY
6 RENDER SALUTE, AND JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

7 [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WELL, WE THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR
10 YOUR PRESENCE THIS MORNING, AND WE ARE MOST PARTICULARLY
11 APPRECIATIVE FOR THE PRESENCE OF ARCHBISHOP GOMEZ, THE LEADER
12 OF THE NATION'S LARGEST CATHOLIC COMMUNITY; THAT IS, THE
13 ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES. YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT ARCHBISHOP
14 GOMEZ WAS BORN IN MONTERREY, MEXICO, AND ATTENDED UNIVERSITIES
15 IN MEXICO AND SPAIN, WHERE HE EARNED UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES IN
16 ACCOUNTING, PHILOSOPHY, AND THEOLOGY, AS WELL AS A DOCTORATE
17 DEGREE IN THEOLOGY, IN 1980. HE WAS ORDAINED A PRIEST IN 1978,
18 BY ARCHBISHOP EMERITUS OF VIENNA. AND IN 2001, HE WAS ORDAINED
19 AUXILIARY BISHOP OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF DENVER, HAVING BEEN
20 APPOINTED BISHOP BY POPE JOHN PAUL II. IN 2005, HE WAS
21 INSTALLED AS ARCHBISHOP OF SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, BY POPE JOHN
22 PAUL II, WHERE HE SERVED FOR FIVE YEARS BEFORE HIS APPOINTMENT
23 TO COME TO LOS ANGELES, BY POPE BENEDICT. AND THEN, ON MARCH
24 THE FIRST OF 2011, HE SUCCEEDED AS ARCHBISHOP OF LOS ANGELES.
25 AND, PERSONALLY CHOSEN BY POPE BENEDICT, ARCHBISHOP GOMEZ



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1 PARTICIPATED IN THE NEW EVANGELIZATION FOR THE TRANSMISSION OF
2 THE CHRISTIAN FAITH, A MONTH-LONG MEETING OF THE WORLD'S
3 BISHOPS. ARCHBISHOP GOMEZ HAS HELD MANY LEADERSHIP POSITIONS
4 AND NUMEROUS COUNCILS AND A COMMISSION, INCLUDING THE SPECIAL
5 COUNCIL FOR AMERICA, AND OF THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT, OF THE
6 SENATE OF BISHOPS, THE PONTIFICAL COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL
7 COMMUNICATIONS. AND LAST MONTH, HE WAS ELECTED VICE PRESIDENT
8 OF THE UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS. AND I
9 THINK THAT DESERVES A ROUND OF APPLAUSE, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.
10 [APPLAUSE.] HE'S A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION
11 OF LATINO LEADERS, AND THE EDUCATING ON THE NATURE AND DIGNITY
12 OF WOMEN. HE HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN PROMOTING THE LEADERSHIP
13 OF HISPANICS AND WOMEN IN THE CHURCH AND IN AMERICAN SOCIETY,
14 AND HAS WORKED TO PROMOTE MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY, AS WELL AS
15 VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD. A PROLIFIC AUTHOR, HE HAS WRITTEN
16 ON ISSUES CONCERNING IMMIGRATION REFORM, RESPONSIBILITY, AND
17 DUTY TO PARTICIPATE IN SOCIAL ISSUES, AND ON THE COURAGE OF
18 THOSE WHO CHOSE A LIFE OF SERVICE TO THE CHURCH. HE HAS ALSO
19 BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE VATICAN NEWSPAPER, "THE WALL STREET
20 JOURNAL", "HUFFINGTON POST," AND "THE NEW YORK POST." THE MOST
21 REVEREND JOS H. GOMEZ, WE ARE HONORED BY YOUR PRESENCE, AND WE
22 THANK YOU FOR BEING KIND ENOUGH TO VISIT WITH US TODAY, TO
23 START THIS AUSPICIOUS OCCASION OFF IN THE PROPER WAY, AT THIS
24 HISTORIC MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF
25 SUPERVISORS. SO, THEN, IT'S ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRETY OF THIS



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1 BOARD THAT WE SUBMIT THIS CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION, OUT OF
2 RESPECT AND REGARD FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP. [APPLAUSE.] SUPERVISOR
3 SOLIS, PLEASE, THE PLEDGE VETERAN.

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5 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, AND GOOD MORNING. THIS MORNING, I HAVE
6 THE PRIVILEGE OF INTRODUCING MS. ERIKA CRENSHAW, WHO LED US
7 THIS MORNING IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TODAY. I'D LIKE TO
8 TAKE A FEW MINUTES TO SAY A FEW WORDS ABOUT HER TO MY
9 COLLEAGUES AND TO THE PUBLIC. ERIKA CURRENTLY RESIDES IN THE
10 CITY OF LOS ANGELES, WHERE SHE LIVES WITH HER SPOUSE, PATRICIA
11 TORRES, OF FIVE YEARS. MS. CRENSHAW RECEIVED A BACHELOR'S
12 DEGREE IN COMMUNITY STUDIES, WITH AN EMPHASIS ON COLLEGE
13 COUNSELING, FROM U.C. SANTA CRUZ, AND ALSO EARNED A MASTER'S
14 DEGREE IN EDUCATION AND STUDENT AFFAIRS FROM U.S.C. SHE
15 CURRENTLY WORKS AS AN INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL ADVISOR FOR PEOPLE
16 OF ALL AGES. MS. CRENSHAW, IN PARTICULAR, HAS PROVIDED
17 FINANCIAL LITERACY PRESENTATIONS AT COMMUNITY COLLEGES
18 THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA FOR MANY FIRST-GENERATION COLLEGE
19 STUDENTS, WITH THE PURPOSE OF SERVING UNDERREPRESENTED
20 COMMUNITIES THROUGH EDUCATION. ERIKA SERVED IN THE U.S. NAVY
21 FROM 2011 TO 2015, WHERE SHE WAS STATIONED ON A MISSILE-GUIDED
22 DESTROYER, THE U.S.S. ROSS, IN ROTA, SPAIN. IN HER HIGHLY
23 DECORATED MILITARY CAREER, ERIKA HAS EARNED THE NAVY
24 ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL, THE NATIONAL DEFENSE MEDAL, AND THE
25 G.W.O.T. GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM SERVICE MEDAL, AMONG MANY



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1 OTHER AWARDS. ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE
2 RESIDENTS THAT WE REPRESENT IN THE FIRST DISTRICT, WE'D LIKE
3 TO THANK YOU THIS MORNING FOR PROVIDING THE PLEDGE OF
4 ALLEGIANCE TO ALL OF US. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE.

5 [APPLAUSE.]

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7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** OH, YOU CAN DO BETTER THAN THAT.
8 GIVE THAT PLEDGE VETERAN A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE, LADIES AND
9 GENTLEMEN. [APPLAUSE.] ALL RIGHT. AS THOSE WHO COME IN, PLEASE
10 WORK YOUR WAY FORWARD AND HAVE A SEAT. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,
11 WE DO HAVE A SPECIAL PRESENTATION THIS MORNING. WE HAVE A NEW
12 BOARD, AND THERE'S NO BETTER WAY THAN TO LAUNCH THAT. BEFORE
13 WE COMMENCE THE ANNUAL REORGANIZATION, THE BUSINESS OF THE
14 BOARD, I WOULD LIKE TO BRING YOUR ATTENTION TO THE SCREEN, FOR
15 A VERY SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM OUR SENIOR SENATOR OF THE STATE OF
16 CALIFORNIA IN THE UNITED STATES SENATE, THE HONORABLE DIANNE
17 FEINSTEIN. PLEASE PAY ATTENTION.

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19 **SENATOR FEINSTEIN [VIDEO]:** GOOD MORNING, LOS ANGELES. IT
20 REALLY GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO BE ABLE TO SPEAK WITH YOU
21 TODAY, AT THIS INAUGURAL SESSION OF THE HISTORIC NEW LOS
22 ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. AND WHAT A TRULY SPECIAL
23 DAY IT IS. I'D LIKE TO SHARE MY SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS WITH
24 SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN, AN OLD FRIEND, AND SUPERVISOR KATHRYN
25 BARGER. THANK YOU SO MUCH, AND WELCOME ABOARD, GUYS. WITH BOTH



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1 OF YOU ON THIS BOARD, FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HISTORY-- I CAN'T
2 BELIEVE IT-- FOUR OUT OF FIVE SUPERVISORS WILL BE WOMEN.
3 [APPLAUSE.] NOW, HOW IS THAT? MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, YOU ARE
4 GOING TO BE THE NEW CHAIR OF THE BOARD, OF AN ALL-FEMALE BOARD
5 OF SUPERVISORS. AND I KNOW YOU'RE UP FOR THE JOB, BECAUSE I
6 THINK YOU ARE, 100 PERCENT, A TERRIFIC HUMAN BEING. SO,
7 CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU, TOO, MARK, AND I'M VERY GRATEFUL THAT
8 YOU TOOK THE TIME TO BE WITH ME, AND TO SEE SOME OF THE AREAS
9 DOWNTOWN THAT ARE CENTRAL IN THE FIGHT AGAINST HOMELESSNESS.
10 AND I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN OUR RECENT
11 COMMUNITY DISCUSSION ON RACE AND POLICING. I THINK WE'VE PUT
12 TOGETHER SOME GOOD IDEAS, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO RUNNING THEM
13 BY YOU. NOW, WE TOURED SKID ROW TOGETHER, AND WE SAW THE
14 HOMELESSNESS CRISIS UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL, AND I THINK IT'S SO
15 CLEAR THAT WE ALL HAVE TO COME TOGETHER TO HELP ADDRESS THIS
16 ISSUE. SO I WANT TO REALLY APPLAUD THE BOARD'S COMMITMENT TO
17 SOLVING THIS PROBLEM. IT'S GOING TO TAKE A WHILE, AND IT'S
18 HARD, BUT IF ANYONE CAN DO IT, FOUR WOMEN AND ONE GREAT MAN
19 CERTAINLY CAN. SO, PLEASE TAKE IT FROM THIS FORMER SAN
20 FRANCISCO COUNTY SUPERVISOR-- THREE TERMS: THE JOB THAT YOU DO
21 IS AN ESSENTIAL PUBLIC SERVICE, AND THE DECISIONS YOU MAKE ARE
22 CRUCIAL TO THE FUNCTIONING AND FUTURE OF THIS GREAT CITY AND
23 COUNTY. SO, GOOD LUCK TO ALL OF YOU. GREAT THINGS ARE ON THE
24 HORIZON. THANK YOU.
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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. [APPLAUSE.] SO WE'RE
2 GRATEFUL TO SENATOR FEINSTEIN FOR HER LEADERSHIP IN
3 WASHINGTON, AND HERE IN CALIFORNIA, AND WE SEND A MESSAGE ON
4 BEHALF OF ALL OF US HERE ON THE BOARD, OF THANKS TO THE
5 SENATOR FOR HER GRACIOUS AND UPLIFTING MESSAGE. ANOTHER ROUND
6 OF APPLAUSE FOR SENATOR DIANNE FEINSTEIN. [APPLAUSE.] WELL,
7 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MAY I SAY TO YOU THAT THERE ARE STILL
8 SOME 300 PEOPLE IN LINE, WAITING TO JOIN US IN THE BOARDROOM.
9 IT'S OUR TASK TO PROCEED WITH THE BUSINESS BEFORE US, AND MAY
10 I TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY NOW TO TURN THE MICROPHONE OVER TO OUR
11 OUTGOING CHAIR, THE HONORABLE HILDA SOLIS, FOR HER REMARKS.
12 GIVE HER A ROUND OF APPLAUSE, PLEASE. [APPLAUSE.]

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14 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, AND BUENOS DIAS TO EVERYONE.
15 WELCOME TO THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I CAN'T REALLY
16 BEGIN TO TELL YOU HOW I FEEL TODAY. TIME GOES BY SO FAST. I'VE
17 BEEN HERE NOW TWO YEARS, BUT THIS LAST YEAR, I HAD THE
18 PRIVILEGE AND HONOR AS SERVING AS CHAIRWOMAN OF THE BOARD. AND
19 BELIEVE ME, IT WAS A WHIRLWIND FOR ME TO EXPERIENCE. IT FELT
20 LIKE FIVE YEARS COMPRESSED IN ONE YEAR. BUT, YOU KNOW, I THINK
21 THE CHALLENGES THAT WE FACE HERE IN THE COUNTY ARE SO
22 IMPORTANT AND SO DAUNTING THAT IT REQUIRES ALL OF US TO HAVE
23 ALL HANDS ON DECK, AND TO WORK WITH EVERYONE. AND I'M HONORED
24 AND WAS VERY PRIVILEGED TO HAVE THE SUPPORT OF THE BOARD, AND
25 OF OUR STAFF. AND I ESPECIALLY WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR



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1 RIDLEY-THOMAS, AS THE PRO TEM, AND ALSO SUPERVISOR SHEILA
2 KUEHL, WHO ARE HERE AGAIN WITH ME TODAY. AND, OBVIOUSLY, I AM
3 VERY DELIGHTED TO HAVE, AS MY NEW SEATMATE, KATHRYN BARGER,
4 SUPERVISOR FOR THE FIFTH DISTRICT. [APPLAUSE.] AND, OF COURSE,
5 A GOOD FRIEND, AMIGA, COLLEAGUE, FOR MANY, MANY YEARS,
6 SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN. WELCOME, BOTH OF YOU. WELCOME.
7 WELCOME. [APPLAUSE.] I ALSO WANT TO MAKE A NOTATION FOR THE
8 PUBLIC, BECAUSE I'M SURE THAT MANY PEOPLE HAVEN'T REALLY
9 THOUGHT ABOUT WHAT TRANSFORMATION HAS REALLY TAKEN PLACE HERE
10 AT THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. BUT I HAVE TO TELL YOU,
11 OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICE, CURRENTLY LED BY A WOMAN, OUR C.E.O.,
12 SACHI HAMAI, GIVE HER A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.]
13 FIRST WOMAN TO HAVE THIS RESPONSIBILITY. AND OUR COUNTY
14 COUNSEL, MARY WICKHAM, WHO ALSO WAS BROUGHT ON BOARD, JUST
15 THIS LAST YEAR AND A HALF. GIVE HER A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE.
16 [APPLAUSE.] AND OF COURSE, OUR NEW EXECUTIVE OFFICER, LORI
17 GLASGOW, WHO HAS BEEN TREMENDOUS, AND HER STAFF. THANK YOU.
18 [APPLAUSE.] YOU MAKE THINGS WORK. AND I KNOW THAT OUR NEW
19 CHAIR WILL ALSO APPRECIATE ALL THE FINE WORK THAT ALL OF YOU
20 DO FOR US, TO MAKE US LOOK GOOD HERE ON THE BOARD OF
21 SUPERVISORS. YOUR PROFESSIONALISM AND EXPERTISE IS SOMETHING
22 THAT I THINK ABOUT ALL THE TIME, AND HOW IMPORTANT IT IS FOR
23 YOU TO HAVE ACHIEVED THE POSITIONS THAT YOU HAVE EARNED. AND I
24 HOPE TO SEE MORE WOMEN COME FORWARD IN THAT CAPACITY, AS WE
25 MOVE AHEAD. BUT TODAY'S A REALLY INTERESTING DAY FOR ALL OF



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1 US, BECAUSE, AS YOU KNOW, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT WE HAVE
2 A SEATED MAJORITY OF WOMEN SERVING ON ONE OF THE NATION'S MOST
3 POWERFUL COUNTY BOARDS IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY. LET IT BE KNOWN
4 THAT WHILE THE COUNTRY MAY NOT HAVE SEEN DRAMATIC CHANGE IN
5 THE PAST ELECTION-- WE THOUGHT MAYBE THERE WOULD BE AN
6 OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE THE FIRST WOMAN ELECTED AS PRESIDENT--
7 LIFE GOES ON, JUST AS IT HAS HERE AT THE COUNTY BOARD OF
8 SUPERVISORS, WHERE WE NOW HAVE FOUR WOMEN ELEVATED, AND AN
9 INDIVIDUAL, A GENTLEMAN OF COLOR, REPRESENTING THE BOARD OF
10 SUPERVISORS. LET THAT BE NOTED. BUT IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO
11 REMEMBER WHERE WE COME FROM, BECAUSE WOMEN AREN'T ALWAYS GIVEN
12 THE PRIVILEGE OF SERVING IN FORTUNE 500 POSITIONS, NOR ARE
13 THEY ALWAYS GIVEN THE ABILITY TO ACHIEVE AND PENETRATE THE
14 GLASS CEILING. IT'S HARD. IT IS HARD WORK. AND I KNOW, AS ONE
15 OF THE WOMEN HERE ON THE BOARD, THAT WE ALL HAVE OUR STORIES
16 OF WHAT WE BRING TO THE BOARD, NOT JUST BECAUSE WE'RE WOMEN,
17 BUT BECAUSE OF OUR INTERESTS, OUR TALENTS, OUR SKILLS, AND OUR
18 CONCERNS, AND OUR LOVE FOR OUR COMMUNITY, FOR LOS ANGELES
19 COUNTY RESIDENTS. THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE. WE'RE ENTRUSTED WITH
20 THAT. AND I WANT TO SAY THAT IT HAS BEEN AN IMPORTANT PART OF
21 MY LIFE TO BE ABLE TO ASPIRE TO REPRESENT VOICES FOR THE
22 VOICELESS. AND I WANT TO HONOR ALL THE PEOPLE THAT ARE HERE
23 TODAY, THAT HAVE COME TO THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I
24 CAN TELL YOU THAT, OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS THAT I'VE BEEN
25 SERVING-- AND I KNOW SHEILA CAN ATTEST TO THIS-- I THINK WE



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1 HAVE SEEN MORE PEOPLE, REAL PEOPLE, THAT REPRESENT THE ENTIRE
2 COUNTY, COME AND SPEAK BEFORE US ON ISSUES OF PRIORITY. SO I
3 WANT TO APPLAUD ALL OF YOU, AND I WANT TO THANK THE LEADERSHIP
4 OF THE BOARD FOR HAVING MADE THAT HAPPEN, AND OUR STAFFS,
5 BECAUSE IT'S A REAL TRIBUTE. IT'S ABOUT PROVIDING AND ENABLING
6 THOSE VOICES TO BE HEARD. THERE'S SO MUCH THAT I COULD SAY. MY
7 STAFF WROTE DOWN A LOT OF NOTES, AND I'M PROBABLY NOT GOING TO
8 SAY EVERYTHING, BUT I DO WANT TO SAY THAT THERE WERE CERTAIN
9 THINGS THAT DROVE ME, AS BEING CHAIR OF THE BOARD, AND PART OF
10 IT WAS WORKING, ALONG WITH MY COLLEAGUES, ON HOMELESSNESS. AND
11 LOOK AT TODAY. WE'RE GOING TO BE PASSING A MOTION LATER TODAY,
12 DECLARING HOMELESSNESS AS AN EMERGENCY, BUT ALSO PUTTING A
13 BALLOT MEASURE FOR NEXT YEAR ON THE BALLOT, TO HELP RAISE
14 MONEY FOR WRAPAROUND SERVICES AND HOUSING. [APPLAUSE.] BUT
15 THERE IS MUCH MORE TO OUR JOBS THAT I WANTED TO SAY, AND PART
16 OF IT HAS TO DO WITH ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE. I CAN'T TELL YOU
17 HOW PROUD I AM OF THE COUNTY'S WORK ON HELPING US TACKLE
18 ISSUES THAT SOMETIMES GET OVERLOOKED. AND SOMETIMES PEOPLE
19 TELL US, THE COUNTY, "IT'S NOT YOUR BUSINESS TO GET INVOLVED.
20 THESE ARE REGULATIONS THAT SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED BY THE STATE
21 OR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT." ALL I HAVE TO DO IS NOTE WHAT HAPPENED
22 IN MY COMMUNITY, IN EXIDE, AND I AM PROUD THAT WE HAD THE
23 RESOURCES TO BEGIN THAT DISCUSSION, AND TO EVEN PUT IN OUR OWN
24 MONEY TO START TO DO THOSE INVESTIGATIONS. AND AS A RESULT, WE
25 TOOK PEOPLE UP TO SACRAMENTO. WE LOBBIED. WE DID IT THE OLD-



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1 FASHIONED WAY THAT SOME OF US ARE USED TO DOING, WHEN YOU GET
2 OUT AND YOU LOBBY IN THE CORRIDORS OF POWER. AND BECAUSE OF
3 THAT, THE GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA PROVIDED \$176 MILLION TO AT
4 LEAST BEGIN THE CLEAN-UP OF THE 100,000 HOUSEHOLDS THAT WERE
5 IMPACTED BY LEAD POISONING, BECAUSE OF THAT FACTORY. WE'VE
6 ALSO DONE GOOD THINGS, IN TERMS OF REFORMING OUR GOVERNMENT,
7 WITH RESPECT TO WORKER PROTECTION. THAT IS FIRST AND FOREMOST
8 IN MY MIND: TAKING CARE OF THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE AND WORK IN THE
9 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES; NOT JUST THE 100,000, BUT THE MANY 10
10 MILLION PEOPLE THAT WE'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR. WE EVEN WENT A STEP
11 FURTHER. WE RAISED THE MINIMUM WAGE. WE DID THAT. WE DID IT.
12 AND IT WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FULLY IN A FEW YEARS, TO \$15 AN
13 HOUR. BUT WE ALSO MADE SURE THAT WE COULD IMPLEMENT A PROGRAM
14 TO MAKE SURE THAT WE COULD COMBAT WAGE THEFT AND FRAUD,
15 BECAUSE MANY IN OUR COMMUNITY DON'T EVEN RECEIVE THE MINIMUM
16 WAGE RIGHT NOW, AND MANY ARE ALSO BEING RIPPED OFF BY
17 UNSCRUPULOUS INDIVIDUALS THAT SAY THAT THEY ARE LAWYERS, AND
18 THEY ARE NOT, AND THEY ARE KNOWN AS NOTARIOS. THAT IS ANOTHER
19 THING THAT I WAS COMMITTED TO, AND WE ACHIEVED THAT, AS A
20 BOARD. AND I THANK THE BOARD MEMBERS FOR HELPING ME ACHIEVE
21 THAT. I WANT TO SAY, ALSO, SOMETHING THAT HAS BEEN ON MY MIND,
22 SINCE I CAME BACK HOME, WAS THE ECONOMY, AND IT HAS TO DO WITH
23 UTILIZING OUR ASSETS AND MAKING SURE THAT WE USE OUR PURSE,
24 OUR PURSE STRINGS, TO MAKE MORE AVAILABILITY OF OUR FUNDS TO
25 OUR CONSTITUENTS, TO SMALL BUSINESSES, TO WOMEN, TO DISABLED,



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1 TO VETERANS' GROUPS, TO ALL OTHERS THAT SHOULD ALSO BE ABLE TO
2 REAP THE BENEFITS OF OUR ASSETS THAT WE ARE CHARGED WITH. WE
3 HAVE A \$28 BILLION BUDGET, AND A GOOD PORTION OF THAT IS PUT
4 OUT IN PROCUREMENT. SO I KNOW THAT THOSE ARE THINGS THAT WE'RE
5 STILL GOING TO DO. I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD FOR HELPING US
6 PASS-- I WANT TO THANK SHEILA KUEHL FOR WORKING WITH ME ON
7 HELPING TO PASS THE PARK MEASURE THAT WILL PROVIDE \$98
8 MILLION, ANNUALLY, TO RESTORE OUR PARKS, WITHOUT A DATE
9 ENDING. THAT WAS INCREDIBLE TO HAVE THAT BEFORE THE COUNTY,
10 WITH A RESOUNDING 73 PERCENT OF THE VOTE. SO, BY NO SMALL
11 MEANS, PEOPLE GET IT. OUR CONSTITUENTS GET IT. AND I WANT TO
12 THANK OUR STAFF, THE PARKS AND RECREATION, AND EVERYONE THAT
13 WORKS SO HARD TO PUT THAT NEEDS ASSESSMENT TOGETHER, BECAUSE
14 IT WILL SERVE AS A TOOL TO HELP GUIDE HOW WE DELIBERATE ON
15 THOSE FUNDS, BUT ALSO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE ADDRESSING THE
16 NEEDS OF OUR VERY UNDERREPRESENTED COMMUNITIES THAT, AT THIS
17 TIME, ARE, AS WE KNOW, PARK-POOR. SO I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD
18 OF SUPERVISORS FOR THAT. I ALSO WANT TO SAY THAT I CARE SO
19 MUCH ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS WITH OUR COMMUNITIES AROUND THE
20 COUNTY, AND ONE THAT I THINK SOMETIMES DOESN'T OFTEN COME TO
21 MIND HAS TO DO WITH THE ARTS. AND I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD
22 FOR HELPING ME PUT FORWARD A DIVERSITY INITIATIVE, TO SAY THAT
23 EVERYBODY DESERVES TO HEAR MUSIC, TO LEARN HOW TO PLAY AN
24 INSTRUMENT, TO ATTEND, PERHAPS, A PERFORMANCE AT THE MUSIC
25 CENTER, OR LISTEN TO THE PHILHARMONIC. AND I'M HAPPY THAT THIS



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1 YEAR, THIS PAST YEAR, THE L.A. PHILHARMONIC, FOR THE FIRST
2 TIME, CAME AND PERFORMED IN THE COMMUNITY OF POMONA. I ALSO
3 WANT TO THANK OUR INDIVIDUALS THAT WORKED SO HARD TO GET THE
4 L.A. OPERA TO COME OUT FOR THE FIRST TIME. PLACIDO DOMINGO DID
5 A SPECIAL SHOWCASE FOR US IN SANTA MONICA. BUT FOR THE FIRST
6 TIME IN SOUTH GATE, 1,200 PEOPLE CAME, SAT ON THE LAWN ON A
7 COLD NIGHT, TO LISTEN TO THE MESSAGE THAT HE HAD, AND HIS
8 MAGNIFICENT VOICE, AND TO SEE SHAKESPEARE'S "MACBETH." AND LET
9 ME TELL YOU, LATINOS LOVE THE ARTS. [APPLAUSE.] LASTLY, I WILL
10 SAY THAT TODAY WE HAVE A LOT ON OUR PLATE, AND AS WE MOVE
11 FORWARD, THERE'S MUCH MORE TO DO: HOUSING-- AFFORDABLE
12 HOUSING; MAKING SURE THAT PEOPLE ARE GIVEN ACCESS TO
13 HEALTHCARE, REGARDLESS OF THEIR STATUS. AND THAT'LL BE
14 SOMETHING THAT I'LL TALK ABOUT LATER TODAY, IN A MOTION THAT I
15 HAVE, THAT SHEILA KUEHL-- SUPERVISOR KUEHL-- AND OTHERS WILL
16 BE SPEAKING ON, AND HELPING US MOVE AHEAD. THE COUNTY SHOULD
17 BE LEADING. WE SHOULD BE NUMBER 1. WE ARE A MIGHTY, MIGHTY
18 FORCE HERE, IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY. AND I KNOW THAT MY
19 COLLEAGUES HERE WILL HELP US REALIZE THAT IN SO MANY DIFFERENT
20 WAYS, WHETHER IT'S DEALING WITH CONTAMINATION IN ALISO CANYON,
21 OR WHETHER IT'S EXIDE, OR WHETHER IT'S THE PORTS OF LOS
22 ANGELES OR LONG BEACH, OR WHETHER IT'S KEEPING AND PRESERVING
23 OPEN SPACE, AND MAKING SURE THAT WE ADDRESS THE ISSUES OF
24 HOMELESSNESS, THAT WE CARE ABOUT EVERY RESIDENT IN LOS ANGELES
25 COUNTY. SO I AM HERE TO SAY, I AM PROUD OF ALL OF YOU, AND ALL



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1 OF THE PEOPLE THAT LISTEN TO US EVERY TUESDAY, BECAUSE THIS IS
2 YOUR DEMOCRACY AT WORK. AND I AM VERY, VERY PROUD TO HAVE BEEN
3 ABLE TO SERVE AS THE CHAIR, AND NOW TO TURN IT OVER TO THE NEW
4 CHAIR, MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, WHO WILL DO A VERY CAPABLE JOB. BUT
5 I ALSO HAVE THE HONOR AND PRIVILEGE OF NOMINATING THE CHAIR
6 PRO TEM, SOMEONE THAT I HAVE KNOWN FOR MANY YEARS. WE'VE
7 CAMPAIGNED TOGETHER, WITH EACH OTHER AND AGAINST CANDIDATES,
8 AND SEEN WHAT WE PROBABLY NEVER KNEW WE COULD REALIZE: THE
9 CHANGE IS REAL, AND IT CAN HAPPEN. AND SHE TAUGHT ME QUITE A
10 LOT WHILE I SERVED WITH HER IN THE SENATE AND THE ASSEMBLY.
11 AND LISTENING TO HER THOUGHTFUL WORDS IN THE LAST TWO YEARS
12 HAS GIVEN ME A LOT OF NURTURING, TO KNOW THAT ANYTHING CAN BE
13 DONE IF YOU PUT YOUR MIND TO IT, AND YOU STICK TO IT. I AM
14 VERY PLEASED AND HONORED TO NOMINATE FOR PRO TEM THE HONORABLE
15 SHEILA KUEHL, REPRESENTING THE THIRD DISTRICT. [APPLAUSE.]

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17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THE ITEM IS
18 BEFORE US, AND WE'LL TAKE IT UP AT THE POINT AT WHICH WE MOVE
19 THROUGH THE AGENDA. THERE'S A SPEAKER CARD THAT WAS PLACED ON
20 THAT ITEM, AND WE WILL TREAT THAT AFTER YOU'VE HEARD FROM THE
21 OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. AND RIGHT NOW, I'M GOING TO TAKE
22 THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE WITH YOU A FEW OF THE CHAIR'S
23 REMARKS. LET ME BEGIN BY SAYING THERE ARE STILL SOME 200-PLUS
24 PEOPLE TRYING TO GET IN, AND, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THIS IS
25 THE FACE OF DEMOCRACY IN THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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1 TODAY. [APPLAUSE.] AS THE NEW CHAIR OF THE BOARD, I JUST WANT
2 TO SHARE WITH YOU A FEW THOUGHTS, BUT WE BEGIN BY GIVING
3 ANOTHER ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND ROUND OF APPLAUSE TO OUR OUTGOING
4 CHAIR, THE HONORABLE HILDA SOLIS. WON'T YOU, PLEASE?
5 [APPLAUSE.] AND WE DO THAT WITH ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE ISSUES
6 THAT THE BOARD HAS TAKEN UP OVER THE PAST YEAR, WHILE SHE
7 SERVED AS CHAIR, FROM WAGE ENFORCEMENT TO ENVIRONMENTAL
8 JUSTICE, FROM HIRING A NEW HEAD OF L.A.C.O.E.-- OUR EDUCATION
9 ARM OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS-- TO A NEW LIBRARIAN. A LOT
10 HAS GONE ON, AND WE ARE DELIGHTED ABOUT IT, FROM ESTABLISHING
11 AN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TO DEAL WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
12 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND ITS ASPIRATIONS AND CHALLENGES, FROM
13 MEASURE M TO MEASURE A, ALL OF THAT HAPPENED OVER THE LAST
14 YEAR, WHILE SHE PRESIDED AS CHAIR. AND YET, WE HAVE MANY
15 THINGS TO FACE. AND SO, TODAY, WE USHER IN A NEW CHAPTER FOR
16 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AND IT IS, INDEED, A VERY, VERY NEW
17 CHAPTER. THE COMPOSITION OF THIS BOARD IS SIMPLY
18 UNPRECEDENTED. IT IS HISTORIC. IT IS MEANINGFUL. IT IS
19 PURPOSEFUL. IT IS WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO DESCRIBE AS THE
20 FULFILLMENT OF THE PROMISES OF DEMOCRACY. THAT IS TO SAY...
21 [APPLAUSE.] THAT IS TO SAY, THOSE WHO DIDN'T HAVE THE RIGHT TO
22 VOTE, AND WEREN'T AFFORDED THAT OPPORTUNITY WITH THE DRAFTING
23 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, NOW
24 CONSTITUTE THE SUPERMAJORITY OF THE LARGEST COUNTY GOVERNMENT--
25 - AND ARGUABLY THE MOST POWERFUL LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS-- IN



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1 THE ENTIRETY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. YOU OUGHT TO
2 GIVE THESE NEW MEMBERS ANOTHER BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE.
3 [APPLAUSE.] IT SAYS MUCH ABOUT THIS COUNTY. AND IF YOU WOULD
4 AFFORD ME A MOMENT, I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY THAT A LOT HAS
5 BEEN MADE OF THE COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD, BUT FAIL NOT TO
6 CONSIDER THE DIVERSITY OF THIS BOARD: NO CARICATURES, LADIES
7 AND GENTLEMEN, JUST COLLEAGUES, WHO SIGNED UP TO DO THE
8 PEOPLE'S BUSINESS; PERSONS WHO ARE SERIOUS IN THEIR OWN RIGHT.
9 AND EVERY SINGLE ONE OF US WHO ARE HERE EARNED THE RIGHT TO BE
10 HERE, AND WILL DEMONSTRATE OUR CAPACITY TO DO THE BEST THAT WE
11 KNOW HOW TO DO, TO SERVE THE INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE OF THE
12 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. MAY I SIMPLY SAY TO YOU, DIVERSITY
13 MATTERS. IT IS THE ASSET THAT THIS REGION LEVERAGES MOST
14 EFFECTIVELY. WHEN YOU SEE THIS BOARD, YOU SEE INDIVIDUALS OF
15 VARYING BACKGROUNDS. YOU SEE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE TRAINED IN
16 LAW, AND TRAINED IN EDUCATION, TRAINED IN COMMUNICATIONS, AND
17 TRAINED IN POLITICAL SCIENCE. WE SEE REPRESENTATION FROM
18 UNIVERSITIES ACROSS THE LENGTH AND BREADTH OF THE NATION, FROM
19 BOSTON, ALL THE WAY TO TEXAS, TO OHIO, AND EVEN RIGHT HERE IN
20 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. THAT'S WHAT YOU SEE, IN TERMS OF THE
21 DIVERSITY OF THE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE ON THIS BOARD.
22 [APPLAUSE.] AND MAY I SIMPLY SAY, THEY SIGNED UP TO REPRESENT,
23 AND THAT THEY WILL DO. THERE ARE A LOT OF DIFFERENCES HERE.
24 YES, THERE ARE FOUR WOMEN, AND WE TAKE NOTE OF THAT. SENATOR
25 FEINSTEIN CALLED THAT TO OUR ATTENTION. PRESIDENT WESSON,



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1 YESTERDAY, CALLED IT TO OUR ATTENTION. SOMEONE SAID TO ME,
2 "MARK, WE HOPE THAT YOU GREW UP WITH A LOT OF SISTERS, BECAUSE
3 YOU WILL NEED TO HAVE HAD THAT EXPERIENCE." WELL, THE FACT OF
4 THE MATTER IS, I DO HAVE TWO SISTERS, WHO ARE CARING. THEY ARE
5 OLDER SISTERS, AND THEY MADE SURE THAT I MADE IT THROUGH THE
6 JOURNEY THAT I'VE BEEN ON WITH SUCCESS. SO LET ME JUST SIMPLY
7 SAY, I LOVE MY SISTERS, AND... [APPLAUSE.] YEAH. AND THEN I
8 MET SOME OTHER SISTERS ALONG MY WAY. THEY WERE THE SISTERS OF
9 THE IMMACULATE HEART COMMUNITY. AT A FORMATIVE POINT IN MY
10 JOURNEY, AS AN UNDERGRADUATE IN THE EARLY 70S, THOSE SISTERS
11 TAUGHT ME A LOT ABOUT WHAT IT MEANT TO BE MORE HUMAN. THEY
12 WERE THEOLOGIANS. THEY WERE ETHICISTS. THEY WERE PHILOSOPHERS.
13 THEY WERE MATHEMATICIANS. THEY WERE POLITICAL SCIENTISTS. THEY
14 WERE CONSTITUTIONAL LAW PROFESSORS. THOSE SISTERS... CLEARLY
15 GROUNDED IN WHO THEY WERE, AND THEY STEPPED FORWARD AND SPOKE
16 POWER TO AUTHORITY, AS WELL, THOSE SISTERS. AND SO I HAVE THE
17 BENEFIT OF HAVING BEEN IN RELATIONSHIPS WITH A NUMBER OF WOMEN
18 WHO HAVE SHAPED MY LIFE, NOT THE LEAST OF WHICH, OR NOT THE
19 LEAST OF WHOM, IS MY OWN GRANDMOTHER: THE TOWERING FIGURE IN
20 MY JOURNEY. AND SO I SAY THESE THINGS TO YOU BECAUSE IT WASN'T
21 SIMPLY THE COURSE THAT I TOOK AT IMMACULATE HEART AND THE
22 INTELLECTUAL HISTORY OF FEMINISM THAT HELPED ME UNDERSTAND HOW
23 TO RELATE TO PEOPLE, AND THE FULLNESS OF WHO THEY ARE AS CO-
24 CREATED, EQUAL HUMAN BEINGS ON THIS PLANET; IT'S ALL OF THE
25 EXPERIENCES THAT I'VE HAD UP TO THIS DATE, NOT THE LEAST OF



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1 WHICH IS TEACHING AT AN ALL-GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL FOR FIVE YEARS.
2 SO IF NOTHING ELSE TAUGHT ME HOW TO RELATE, THAT DID. SO
3 SOMEBODY OUGHT TO GIVE A HIGH-FIVE, JUST ON THAT ASSIGNMENT
4 ALONE. WELL, WE HAVE A LOT OF WORK AHEAD OF US, AND WE INVITE
5 OUR NEW COLLEAGUES TO CELEBRATE WITH US. THE WORK THAT
6 SUPERVISOR KUEHL HAS DONE, AND WILL DO, IS TO BE NOTED. WE'VE
7 BENEFITED FROM HER INCISIVE LEADERSHIP ON A RANGE OF ISSUES,
8 INCLUDING THE MINIMUM WAGE, THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING, AS WELL AS
9 THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE ISSUE, AS WELL AS FOSTER-CARE ISSUES, AND
10 YOU CAN EXPECT THAT AND MORE OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL YEARS.
11 SUPERVISOR HAHN, A FORMER CONGRESSPERSON AND CITY
12 COUNCILPERSON, YOU HAVE BROUGHT TO YOUR ASSIGNMENTS
13 EXPERIENCE, DEPTH, MEMORY THAT IS UNIQUE, OWING TO YOUR OWN
14 LINEAGE AND BIOGRAPHY. WE HAVE HIGH EXPECTATIONS AND HOPES FOR
15 YOU, AND WE ARE HERE TO HELP AND SUPPORT YOU AS YOU COME INTO
16 THIS NEW EXPERIENCE, WITH THE KIND OF INTENTIONALITY THAT WILL
17 MAKE A DIFFERENCE. SUPERVISOR BARGER, WE TAKE NOTE OF YOUR
18 ALMOST 30 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE, RIGHT HERE IN THIS BUILDING.
19 SUPERVISOR BARGER HAS, IN ONE SEAT, MORE EXPERIENCE IN COUNTY
20 GOVERNMENT THAN THE BALANCE OF THE FOUR OF US COMBINED, AND
21 THAT'S TO BE NOTED, AND TO BE RESPECTED. SO WE ARE COUNTING ON
22 YOU TO HELP US, WITH ALL OF THAT DEPTH OF EXPERIENCE. AND SO
23 I'M HONORED TO SERVE WITH THESE MEMBERS. IT'S A TIME IN OUR
24 HISTORY THAT DISTINGUISHES ITSELF. WHEN WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP
25 SEEM TO BE LOSING GROUND IN VENUES LIKE THE STATE LEGISLATURE,



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1 AND SO FORTH, I JUST SIMPLY WANT IT TO BE APPRECIATED THAT THE
2 LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS REPRESENTING, AND
3 THAT'S WORTH NOTING. [APPLAUSE.] WELL, WE NEED TO PRACTICE A
4 BIT OF INTENTIONAL CIVILITY HERE. WE WILL AFFIRM THE RESPECT
5 AND DIGNITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS OF EVERY COUNTY RESIDENT. WE'RE
6 OBLIGED TO DO THAT, AND WE'LL DO THAT. WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE
7 TASKS BEFORE US ARE FORMIDABLE, AND YET, HERE WE ARE. WE'RE
8 GOING TO DEAL WITH THE WORK OF THE OFFICE OF CHILD PROTECTION,
9 WE WILL DEAL WITH THE HEALTH AGENCY, WE WILL DEAL WITH THE
10 CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION, AND WE WILL DEAL WITH THE ISSUE
11 OF HOMELESSNESS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. [APPLAUSE.] WE
12 ARE HERE... FINALLY, I WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT THE COUNTY STILL
13 HAS SIGNIFICANT UNFINISHED BUSINESS AROUND A RANGE OF ISSUES;
14 AND YET, YOU WILL HEAR MORE ABOUT THOSE ISSUES TODAY. WE HAVE
15 SPECIAL GUESTS TO ADDRESS. WE WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE PRESENCE
16 OF THE CHAIR OF THE HOMELESS COMMITTEE, THE HONORABLE
17 MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON, FROM THE CITY COUNCIL. MR. DAWSON, IF
18 YOU WOULD STAND FOR A MOMENT, AND GIVE HIM A ROUND OF
19 APPLAUSE. WE TAKE NOTE OF... [APPLAUSE.] A GOOD COLLEAGUE AND
20 FRIEND, THE HONORABLE JOS HUIZAR, IF YOU WOULD STAND AND BE
21 ACKNOWLEDGED. ONE OF OUR SPECIAL GUESTS TODAY. [APPLAUSE.] AND
22 THE CLOCK STRIKES 10:30. WE'RE ON TIME WITH OUR PROGRAM, AND
23 WE'VE INVITED-- AND YOU COULDN'T KEEP HIM FROM COMING TODAY--
24 THE ONE AND ONLY ELI BROAD. MR. BROAD, IF YOU WOULD TAKE A
25 BOW? HE'S HERE TO TESTIFY ON THE ISSUE OF HOMELESSNESS WITH US



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1 TODAY. [APPLAUSE.] AND SO, MAY I JUST SIMPLY SAY, WE WILL MOVE
2 THROUGH OUR PROCEEDINGS, BUT BEFORE DOING SO, WE'D LIKE TO
3 TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY NOW TO AFFORD MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AN
4 OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD, AS THIS IS THEIR FIRST MEETING, AND
5 WE BEGIN WITH SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN. [APPLAUSE.]

6

7 **SUP. HAHN:** WELL, THANK YOU, CHAIRMAN RIDLEY-THOMAS. WHAT A
8 THRILL IT IS FOR ME TO BE SITTING HERE TODAY, AS A MEMBER OF
9 THIS INCREDIBLE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THERE
10 WERE MANY TIMES, AS A YOUNG GIRL, THAT I WOULD COME TO THIS
11 BUILDING WITH MY DAD, AND HE WOULD SOMETIMES LET ME SIT IN HIS
12 CHAIR. BUT WHILE I PROBABLY HAD THIS DREAM FOR THE ENTIRETY OF
13 MY LIFE, I DON'T KNOW IF I REALLY BELIEVED THAT IT WAS A
14 POSSIBILITY THAT SOMEDAY I WOULD BE TAKING MY OWN SEAT, IN MY
15 OWN CHAIR, AS A MEMBER OF THIS INCREDIBLE COUNTY BOARD OF
16 SUPERVISORS. IF ANY OF YOU WERE HERE YESTERDAY, WHEN I TOOK MY
17 OATH OF OFFICE, YOU WOULD HAVE FELT MY EMOTIONS. YOU WOULD
18 HAVE KNOWN HOW SPECIAL IT WAS FOR ME TO BE SWORN IN BY MY
19 BROTHER, JUDGE HAHN. SO, TO HAVE JIM HAHN SWEARING IN JANICE
20 HAHN, IN THE KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION, WAS QUITE A
21 DAY FOR ME AND MY FAMILY. WHEN I MADE THE DECISION TO LEAVE
22 THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS, AND COME AND RUN FOR A SEAT ON THE
23 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, MY COLLEAGUES IN CONGRESS WERE A
24 LITTLE PERPLEXED. THEY WONDERED WHY I WOULD EVER THINK OF
25 GIVING UP THAT INCREDIBLE POSITION TO COME AND RUN FOR A



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1 COUNTY COMMISSIONER. THAT'S WHAT THEY CALL THEM IN THE REST OF
2 THE COUNTRY. SO, WITHOUT TRYING TO BE TOO BRAGGADOCIOUS, I
3 SAID, "WELL, LET ME START BY SAYING, THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
4 IS LARGER THAN ALL BUT 7 STATES IN THIS COUNTRY. WE HAVE OVER
5 10 MILLION PEOPLE. EACH SUPERVISOR REPRESENTS 2 MILLION
6 CONSTITUENTS, WHICH IS LARGER-- JUST ONE DISTRICT IS LARGER
7 THAN MANY STATES." AND THEN I CASUALLY SAID, "AND THE BUILDING
8 WHERE THE SUPERVISORS CONVENE THEIR WEEKLY MEETINGS HAPPENS TO
9 BEAR MY FATHER'S NAME. SO IF THOSE TWO REASONS DON'T GIVE YOU
10 A SENSE OF WHY I WANT TO COME BACK--" BUT THE MORE IMPORTANT
11 REASON FOR ME WAS THAT I'VE SPENT THE LAST 5-1/2 YEARS
12 INVOLVED IN VERY PARTISAN, GRIDLOCKED POLITICS, AND I SAW
13 WHERE THE PROBLEMS OF THIS COUNTRY, MANY TIMES, WERE SET ASIDE
14 FOR PARTISAN BICKERING. AND THE THOUGHT OF COMING HERE, WHERE
15 IT IS A NONPARTISAN JOB, WE LEAVE OUR LABELS AT THE DOOR, AND
16 WE FOCUS ON SOLVING THE PROBLEMS THAT FACE EACH AND EVERY
17 RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I KNOW THAT WITH THIS
18 INCREDIBLE GROUP OF PEOPLE, WE WILL SOLVE PROBLEMS. WE WILL
19 NOT SPEND TIME IN PARTISAN POLITICS, WE WILL NOT SPEND TIME ON
20 FOCUSING ON OUR DIFFERENCES, BUT WE WILL FOCUS ON WHAT WE HAVE
21 IN COMMON. AND WHAT WE HAVE IN COMMON IS A TRUE DESIRE TO
22 SERVE THE PUBLIC, AND TO SOLVE PROBLEMS, AND MAKE LOS ANGELES
23 COUNTY THE BEST PLACE TO LIVE, THE BEST PLACE TO WORK, THE
24 BEST PLACE TO RAISE YOUR FAMILIES, THE BEST PLACE TO GO TO
25 SCHOOL, THE BEST PLACE TO HAVE A BUSINESS. WE WILL BE A MODEL



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1 FOR THE REST OF THE COUNTRY. WE WILL SHOW THE REST OF THE
2 COUNTRY HOW IT'S DONE. WE WILL SHOW THAT WE CAN PAY PEOPLE A
3 WAGE THAT THEY CAN LIVE ON. WE WILL SHOW PEOPLE THAT WE
4 EMBRACE DIVERSITY. WE WILL SHOW PEOPLE THAT WE BELIEVE IN
5 EVERYONE WHO IS A RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE WILL
6 PROTECT OUR IMMIGRANTS. [APPLAUSE.] WE WILL PROTECT THOSE WHO
7 NEED US MOST. AND I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT PEOPLE TURN TO
8 US BECAUSE THEY HAVE NOWHERE ELSE TO GO. PEOPLE TURN TO US
9 BECAUSE THEY SEE THEMSELVES AT THE END OF THEIR ROPE. THEY'RE
10 AT THE END OF THEIR ROPE, FINANCIALLY, PHYSICALLY,
11 EMOTIONALLY, MENTALLY, AND WE ARE HERE TO MAKE SURE THAT WE
12 CATCH THEM. WE CATCH THEM, AND WE GIVE THEM AN OPPORTUNITY TO
13 HAVE THE LIFE THAT THEY WERE MEANT TO LIVE. SO I COULDN'T BE
14 MORE PROUD OR HAPPY OR GRATEFUL TO JOIN HILDA, KATHRYN, MARK,
15 AND SHEILA, AND I HOPE THAT I WILL DO YOU PROUD. THANK YOU.
16 [APPLAUSE.]

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18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN. NOW WE HEAR
19 FROM SUPERVISOR KATHRYN BARGER. [APPLAUSE.]

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21 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. YOU KNOW, JANICE, I ECHO WHAT YOU ARE
22 SAYING, AND SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. WHEN I STARTED, 28 YEARS
23 AGO, THE COMPOSITION ON THIS BOARD WAS A LOT DIFFERENT. BUT
24 FOR ME, IT WAS AN HONOR TO SERVE WITH YOUR FATHER, WHOSE
25 OFFICE WAS NEXT DOOR TO OUR OFFICE, AND I LEARNED QUITE A BIT



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1 FROM HIM. HE WAS A MAN WHO TRULY HAD COMPASSION FOR COMMUNITY,
2 AND UNDERSTOOD WHAT PUBLIC SERVICE IS ALL ABOUT. HAVING GROWN
3 UP IN THE COUNTY, AND STARTING-- DEALING WITH HEALTH AND
4 WELFARE, I UNDERSTAND THAT IMPACT THIS COUNTY DOES DEAL, ON A
5 DAY-TO-DAY BASIS, WITH ISSUES THAT IMPACT EVERY SINGLE PERSON
6 IN THE COUNTY, IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER. AND IT WAS A BLESSING
7 FOR ME TO WORK IN HEALTH AND WELFARE, BECAUSE IT GAVE ME A
8 GREATER UNDERSTANDING, TRULY, ABOUT WHAT THE CALLING OF BEING
9 A COUNTY EMPLOYEE IS, AND ALSO BEING SOMEONE WHO UNDERSTANDS
10 THAT, BY THE GRACE OF GOD, IT'S NOT ME ON THAT STREET. I FIND
11 IT INTERESTING THAT, WHEN I RAN, I SAID, "I CAN HIT THE GROUND
12 RUNNING." AND I GUESS, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, YOU BELIEVED
13 ME, BECAUSE YOU MADE THE FIRST BOARD MEETING PROBABLY ONE
14 THAT'S GOING TO BE A BAPTISM BY FIRE. BUT I THINK IT'S A TRUE
15 STATEMENT ABOUT HOW MUCH OF A PRIORITY THIS IS FOR THIS BOARD
16 OF SUPERVISORS. IT'S AN ISSUE THAT WE CONTINUE TO TACKLE, BUT
17 THE NUMBERS CONTINUE TO GO UP. SO THERE'S NO QUESTION THAT WE
18 NEED TO RETHINK HOW WE ARE DOING THINGS, AS IT RELATES TO
19 ADDRESSING THE HOMELESS POPULATION, AND THAT INCLUDES HEALTH,
20 MENTAL HEALTH, ALCOHOL AND DRUG SERVICES; BUT PROBABLY, MOST
21 IMPORTANTLY, HOUSING. AND IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE WORK WITH ALL
22 88 CITIES TO ADDRESS THAT. SO I'M EXCITED AND I'M HONORED TO
23 SIT UP HERE. AND WHILE I MAY HAVE EXPERIENCE BEHIND THE
24 SCENES, THERE'S NO QUESTION THAT, SITTING UP HERE, I FEEL LIKE
25 I'M GOING TO GO GET PEOPLE COFFEE. [LAUGHTER.] AND I'M STILL



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1 USED TO BEING A LITTLE BIT OF THE STAFFER. BUT, ALL KIDDING
2 ASIDE, WHEN I TOOK THE OATH YESTERDAY, I TOOK THAT OATH VERY
3 SERIOUSLY. AND AS A SUPERVISOR ON THIS BOARD, I PROMISE TO
4 LISTEN. WE CAN AGREE TO DISAGREE WHERE ME MIGHT, BUT I WILL
5 ALWAYS LISTEN, MY DOOR WILL ALWAYS BE OPEN, AND I WILL ALWAYS
6 LOOK TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM, AND NOT ATTACK THE PERSON. SO, WITH
7 THAT, LET'S GET ON WITH THE SHOW.

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

10 [APPLAUSE.] WELL, THEN, LET'S GET ON WITH IT. [LAUGHTER.]

11 THERE'S ONE PERSON WHO WISHES TO BE HEARD, BY WAY OF PUBLIC

12 COMMENT, ON THE ITEM THAT IS BEFORE US, AND THAT IS THE

13 ELECTION OF THE CHAIR PRO TEM. SO WE CALL FORTH, NOW, ARNOLD

14 SACHS, WHO WISHES TO COMMENT ON THAT MATTER, AT WHICH TIME

15 WE'LL TAKE THE ITEM UP AND HEAR FROM OUR CHAIR PRO TEM. MR.

16 SACHS, ARE YOU HERE? GOING ONCE. GOING TWICE. THREE TIMES. WE

17 CLOSE THE HEARING ON THE ITEM, FOR THE LACK OF ANYONE WISHING

18 TO BE HEARD. LET THE RECORD REFLECT THAT WE DID CALL ON THE

19 SPEAKER. THE MATTER IS BEFORE US. IT'S BEEN PROPERLY MOVED BY

20 SUPERVISOR SOLIS. IT HAS BEEN SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER.

21 IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS, PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE;

22 THAT IS, VOTE BY ACCLAMATION FOR OUR NEXT PRO TEM, THE

23 HONORABLE SHEILA JAMES KUEHL. [APPLAUSE.]

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, AND THANK YOU TO MY
2 COLLEAGUES FOR THE VOTE OF CONFIDENCE, AND FOR THE CHEERS, ET
3 CETERA. WHEN YOU FIRST JOIN THIS BOARD, THE VERY FIRST
4 MEETING, I REMEMBER, TWO YEARS AGO, IT'S KIND OF OVERWHELMING.
5 AND AS YOU GO THROUGH THE FIRST YEAR, ONE OF THE MAIN THINGS
6 THAT YOU REALIZE IS THAT EVERY TUESDAY, WHEN YOU GET TOGETHER--
7 - AND IT'S REALLY YOUR ONLY OPPORTUNITY TO MEET THE FIVE OF US
8 TOGETHER-- THE AMAZING AMOUNT OF WORK THAT GETS DONE IS REALLY
9 GUIDED AND ORGANIZED BY THE PERSON SERVING AS CHAIR, AND, OF
10 COURSE, THE STAFF OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE, THE C.E.O., COUNTY
11 COUNSEL, AND EVERYONE WHO MAKES IT HAPPEN. TO BE CONSIDERED TO
12 CHAIR THIS BOARD IS A GREAT HONOR AND A GREAT OPPORTUNITY. IT
13 IS WISE, I THINK, TO ELECT SOMEONE TO SERVE IN A VICE CHAIR
14 CAPACITY FOR A YEAR, BECAUSE THAT WAY, YOU CAN STUDY AND NOT
15 MAKE TOO MANY MISTAKES, AND LEARN AND HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO
16 REALLY PREPARE. BUT MORE THAN SIMPLY THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE
17 AS PRO TEM, AND EVENTUALLY AS CHAIR, I WANT TO JOIN THE
18 OPTIMISTIC VOICES OF MY COLLEAGUES THIS MORNING. THIS IS NOT A
19 TIME WHEN PEOPLE FEEL, NECESSARILY, ABSOLUTELY TRUSTING OF
20 GOVERNMENT, OR THINKING THAT THINGS WILL GET DONE, OR REALLY
21 UNDERSTANDING THAT THEY CAN GET DONE. I HAVE SERVED ON TWO
22 OTHER ELECTORAL BODIES, AND MY COLLEAGUES HAVE SERVED ON MORE.
23 THIS IS THE PLACE, REALLY, AS MARK SAID A COUPLE OF TIMES
24 BEFORE, WHERE THE RUBBER HITS THE ROAD, BOTH THE EXECUTIVE
25 BRANCH AND THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH, AND FIVE PEOPLE RUNNING



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1 SOMETHING THAT IS ESSENTIALLY THE PLACE WHERE ONE OUT OF EVERY
2 35 AMERICANS LIVES. THINK ABOUT THAT: 10 MILLION OUT OF THE
3 350 MILLION MEANS WE ARE 1 OUT OF 35 IN THE COUNTRY. SO WE'RE
4 DOING-- OR TRYING TO DO-- IT ALL. AND I HAVE BEEN SO
5 PRIVILEGED TO BE ABLE TO WORK WITH AN INCREDIBLE STAFF, TO
6 THINK UP SOMETHING ON A MONDAY MORNING, BRING IT ON THE NEXT
7 TUESDAY, AND HAVE IT GO INTO EFFECT IN A COUPLE OF WEEKS. AND
8 THEN TURN AROUND AND GO, "OH, YEAH, NOW THE DEPARTMENT HEADS
9 HAVE TO DO ALL THE WORK," BUT STILL TO HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF
10 IMAGINING A SOLUTION. THIS BOARD IS EXTRAORDINARY IN THAT WAY.
11 I LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING WITH YOU, MR. CHAIR. I AM SO HAPPY
12 TO BE FOLLOWING. I GOT TO NOMINATE HILDA, ON THE VERY FIRST
13 DAY THAT I WAS ON THIS BOARD, FOR PRO TEM. AND, MY TWO NEW
14 COLLEAGUES, THIS IS GOING TO BE AN AMAZING TIME, AND I'M
15 REALLY GRATEFUL, AND GRATEFUL FOR YOUR CONFIDENCE. THANK YOU
16 SO MUCH.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]
19 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A MOMENT TO
20 ESTABLISH OUR FIRST OFFICIAL PHOTO OPPORTUNITY. THE
21 PHOTOGRAPHERS ARE HERE FOR THAT PURPOSE. AND SO THE EXECUTIVE
22 OFFICER'S GOING TO GIVE US OUR QUICK INSTRUCTIONS. WHILE WE DO
23 SO, MAY I TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ACKNOWLEDGE ANOTHER GOOD
24 FRIEND AND COLLEAGUE, A SPECIAL GUEST WHO IS HERE. HE IS THE
25 HONORABLE GIL CEDILLO. GIL, PLEASE STAND UP AND TAKE A BOW.



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1 THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WE BEGIN NOW WITH
2 THE OFFICIAL BUSINESS OF THE BOARD. WE HAVE A PROTOCOL THAT WE
3 WOULD FOLLOW. PLEASE LISTEN TO THE VIDEO.

4

5 **RECORDING:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MAY I PLEASE HAVE YOUR
6 ATTENTION. THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF
7 SUPERVISORS IS ABOUT TO COMMENCE. A CODE OF CONDUCT WILL NOW
8 BE READ, AND WE REQUEST THAT YOU COMPLY WITH IT, TO ENSURE THE
9 EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION OF THE MEETING. MEMBERS OF THE
10 PUBLIC, IT IS YOUR RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN TODAY'S BOARD
11 HEARING, AND THE BOARD ENCOURAGES SUCH PARTICIPATION. HOWEVER,
12 THE RIGHT OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD MUST BE BALANCED
13 WITH THE NEED TO ENSURE THAT PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INTERFERE
14 WITH THE ORDERLY COURSE OF THE BOARD'S BUSINESS. ALL ARE
15 REMINDED TO ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING RULES: SPEAKERS MUST CEASE
16 SPEAKING IMMEDIATELY WHEN THEIR TIME HAS ENDED. PUBLIC COMMENT
17 ON AGENDA ITEMS MUST RELATE TO THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THAT
18 ITEM. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT IS LIMITED TO SUBJECTS WITHIN THE
19 JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD. PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE
20 RIGHT TO ENGAGE IN A DIALOGUE WITH BOARD MEMBERS OR STAFF.
21 PLEASE REMAIN RESPECTFUL OF THE FORUM, AND REFRAIN FROM
22 UTTERING, WRITING, OR DISPLAYING PROFANE, PERSONAL,
23 THREATENING, DEROGATORY, DEMEANING, OR OTHER ABUSIVE
24 STATEMENTS TOWARD THE BOARD, ANY MEMBER THEREOF, STAFF, OR ANY
25 OTHER PERSON. MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE SHOULD BE RESPECTFUL OF



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1 THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY SPEAKERS, STAFF, AND BOARD MEMBERS, AND
2 MAY NOT CLAP, CHEER, WHISTLE, OR OTHERWISE DISRUPT THE ORDERLY
3 CONDUCT OF THE MEETING. ANY PERSON ENGAGING IN CONDUCT THAT
4 DISRUPTS THE MEETING IS SUBJECT TO BEING REMOVED FROM THE
5 BOARD MEETING. AND, FINALLY, IF YOU WITNESS CONDUCT OR
6 BEHAVIOR BY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT DISRUPTS YOUR
7 ABILITY TO REMAIN ENGAGED OR PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING,
8 PLEASE NOTIFY THE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS OR OTHER COUNTY STAFF.
9 THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
12 MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER. IF YOU WOULD PROCEED WITH CALLING
13 THE AGENDA?

14

15 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** MR. CHAIRMAN, GOOD MORNING, AND
16 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON PAGE 4,
17 SPECIAL DISTRICT AGENDAS: AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE
18 HOUSING AUTHORITY. ON ITEM 1-H, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS
19 REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 5, AGENDA FOR THE
20 MEETING OF THE REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT: ON ITEM
21 1-P, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE
22 HELD. ON PAGE 6, CONSENT CALENDAR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS
23 1 THROUGH 14: ON ITEM NO. 3, THIS ITEM IS REVISED ON THE
24 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, AND SUPERVISORS HAHN AND SOLIS, AS WELL
25 AS MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, HAVE REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE



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1 HELD. AND THIS ITEM IS RELATED TO ITEM S-1, WHICH WILL BE
2 DISCUSSED AT A SET TIME OF 3:00 P.M., AS INDICATED ON THE
3 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. AND ALSO, MR. CHAIRMAN, ON ITEM NO. 1, A
4 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED THAT THAT ITEM BE HELD, AS
5 WELL. ON ITEMS NO. 4 AND 6, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HAVE
6 REQUESTED THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 7, THIS ITEM
7 IS RELATED TO ITEM NO. 8, AND SPEAKERS WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO
8 ADDRESS THE BOARD ON EITHER ONE OF THESE ITEMS WILL BE CALLED
9 UP AT ONCE, TO SPEAK ON BOTH ITEMS. SUPERVISORS RIDLEY-THOMAS
10 AND HAHN HAVE REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD, AS WELL AS
11 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. ON ITEM NO. 9, THERE IS ONE ABSTENTION.
12 ON THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS PORTION
13 OF THIS MOTION, SUPERVISOR HAHN HAS STATED THAT SHE HAS A
14 PERSONAL FINANCIAL INTEREST, BECAUSE SHE WOULD RECEIVE A
15 STIPEND FOR SERVING ON THIS BODY, AND THEREFORE WILL BE
16 ABSTAINING FROM VOTING ON THIS APPOINTMENT. HER ABSTENTION IS
17 NOTED FOR THE RECORD, AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED
18 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 10, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC
19 HAS REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 11, THERE
20 ARE THE FOLLOWING ABSTENTIONS: SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 9.
21 SUPERVISOR KUEHL HAS STATED THAT SHE HAS A PERSONAL FINANCIAL
22 INTEREST, BECAUSE SHE WOULD RECEIVE A STIPEND FOR SERVING ON
23 THIS DISTRICT'S BOARD, AND THEREFORE WILL BE ABSTAINING FROM
24 VOTING ON THIS APPOINTMENT. HER ABSTENTION IS NOTED FOR THE
25 RECORD. ON SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 17, SUPERVISOR BARGER HAS



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1 STATED THAT SHE HAS A PERSONAL FINANCIAL INTEREST, BECAUSE SHE
2 WOULD RECEIVE A STIPEND FOR SERVING ON THIS DISTRICT, AND
3 THEREFORE WILL BE ABSTAINING FROM VOTING ON THIS APPOINTMENT.
4 HER ABSTENTION IS NOTED FOR THE RECORD. ON ITEM NO. 12, A
5 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON
6 ITEM NO. 14, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED THAT THIS
7 ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 12, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, ITEMS 15
8 THROUGH 60: ON ITEM NO. 15, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
9 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO JANUARY 31, 2017. ON
10 ITEM NO. 18, COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
11 CONTINUED TO JANUARY 31, 2017. ON ITEM 19, A MEMBER OF THE
12 PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 20,
13 SUPERVISOR KUEHL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO
14 WEEKS, TO DECEMBER 20, 2016, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
15 AGENDA. ON ITEM NO. 22, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED
16 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 26, THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH
17 SERVICES REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO JANUARY 10,
18 2017, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 29, A
19 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON
20 ITEM 31, THIS ITEM IS REVISED, AS INDICATED ON THE
21 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED
22 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 32, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS
23 REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 31, A MEMBER OF THE
24 PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. AND ON ITEM 35, A
25 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON



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1 ITEMS 38, 39, AND 40, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HAVE REQUESTED
2 THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM 49, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC
3 HAS REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 30,
4 MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE
5 THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE
6 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA: ITEM S-1 WAS ADDED AS A SET MATTER, AT
7 3:00 P.M., FOR A DISCUSSION ON IMMIGRATION POLICY. THIS ITEM
8 RELATES TO AGENDA ITEM 3, AND SPEAKERS WILL BE CALLED UP ONE
9 TIME TO SPEAK ON BOTH ITEMS. AND ITEMS CS-1 AND CS-2 WERE
10 ADDED TO THE CLOSED-SESSION AGENDA. THE REMAINING ITEMS,
11 THROUGH 58, ARE BEFORE YOU.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THE
14 ITEMS ARE BEFORE US. SUPERVISOR HAHN MOVES. SUPERVISOR KUEHL
15 SECONDS. IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER,
16 AS STIPULATED BY THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

17

18 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 31, PUBLIC HEARING ITEM NO.
19 61 WILL BE HELD FOR PUBLIC HEARING. THAT COMPLETES THE READING
20 OF THE AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH
21 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 3.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SUPERVISOR
24 KUEHL, MADAME PRO TEM, THE FLOOR IS YOURS, FOR YOUR
25 PRESENTATION.



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1
2 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR. CHRISTINE, COME ON UP. IT'S
3 A GREAT PLEASURE TODAY TO MAKE THIS PRESENTATION. IT WOULD BE
4 A GREAT PLEASURE ANY DAY TO MAKE THIS PRESENTATION, AND I'M
5 VERY, VERY, VERY HAPPY THAT SO MANY PEOPLE WHO CARE ABOUT THE
6 ISSUE OF HOMELESSNESS, AND WHO HAVE BEEN LEADERS, ARE HERE,
7 SORT OF-- IT'S NOT EXACTLY ACCIDENTAL, BECAUSE WE THOUGHT THIS
8 WOULD BE A GOOD DAY TO HONOR HER, AS WELL, AND TO HONOR HOME
9 FOR GOOD. AS MANY OF YOU KNOW, THE COUNTY, AS WELL AS THE CITY
10 OF LOS ANGELES, HAS INITIATED UNPRECEDENTED AND COMPREHENSIVE
11 PLANS TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS IN THE COUNTY, LAST FEBRUARY, ON
12 MY BIRTHDAY, ACTUALLY: FEBRUARY 9TH. IT WAS HISTORIC. GETTING
13 TO THAT THRESHOLD WERE COUNTY, CITY, PHILANTHROPIC
14 INSTITUTIONS, COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS, AND SERVICE PROVIDERS,
15 WHO WERE ALL WORKING TOGETHER IN COMMON PURPOSE, TOOK A NUMBER
16 OF YEARS OF HARD WORK. AND IN MY OPINION, THERE IS NO ONE WHO
17 DESERVES MORE CREDIT FOR THAT ACHIEVEMENT THAN CHRISTINE
18 MARGIOTTA. [APPLAUSE.] YES. UNTIL LAST MONTH, CHRISTINE WAS
19 THE VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNITY IMPACT AT UNITED WAY OF
20 GREATER LOS ANGELES. IT WAS CHRISTINE WHO INITIATED UNITED
21 WAY'S FIRST-EVER BUSINESS LEADERS TASK FORCE TO END
22 HOMELESSNESS, WHICH ENGAGED AND EDUCATED L.A.'S HOMELESS
23 COMMUNITY, AND WHICH WROTE AND GUIDED THE HOME FOR GOOD PLAN.
24 IT WAS CHRISTINE WHO HELPED TO CREATE THE FUNDERS
25 COLLABORATIVE, WHICH ENGAGED MORE THAN 200 CIVIC PARTNERS TO



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1 LEVERAGE OVER \$1 BILLION IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE RESOURCES, TO
2 ADDRESS THE CRISIS. IT WAS CHRISTINE WHO WAS A DRIVING FORCE
3 IN PERSUADING THOUSANDS OF RESIDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN UNITED
4 WAY'S ANNUAL HOMEWALK. IT WAS CHRISTINE WHO PUSHED L.A. TO
5 BUILD ONE OF THE LARGEST COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEMS IN THE
6 COUNTRY, ENSURING THAT PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS WOULD
7 BE CONNECTED TO THE HOUSING, AND TO THE RESOURCES THAT THEY SO
8 BADLY NEED. PLEASE JOIN ME IN A GREAT ROUND OF APPLAUSE TO
9 THANK CHRISTINE FOR HER GREAT SERVICE IN THAT EFFORT TO END
10 HOMELESSNESS. [APPLAUSE.]

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT. SHOW HER SOME
13 LOVE. LOOK AT THAT. LOOK AT THAT. [APPLAUSE.] I WAS GOING TO
14 SAY A LITTLE SOMETHING FOR CHRISTINE, BUT YOU CAN'T BEAT AN
15 OVATION. THEREFORE, THE FLOOR IS YOURS, MA'AM.

16

17 **CHRISTINE MARGIOTTA:** THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
18 KUEHL, FOR THIS INCREDIBLE ACKNOWLEDGMENT. I'M JUST
19 OVERWHELMED WITH GRATITUDE, AND I HAVE LONG ADMIRER YOUR
20 TENACIOUS LEADERSHIP, AND IT MEANS A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT, COMING
21 FROM YOU. WHAT A DAY TO BE AT THE HALL OF ADMINISTRATION; JUST
22 A HISTORIC DAY FOR THE COUNTY AND FOR THE ISSUE OF
23 HOMELESSNESS. I WANT TO COMMEND CHAIRMAN RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR
24 YOUR LEADERSHIP, AND FOR EVERY MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF
25 SUPERVISORS, FOR TODAY PASSING A MOTION TO PUT FORWARD A



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1 TREMENDOUS LEAP FORWARD IN OUR WORK TO END HOMELESSNESS. I'M
2 INCREDIBLY PROUD TO BE AN ANGELINO TODAY. AS YOU KNOW, THE
3 INCREDIBLE WORK OF HOME FOR GOOD WILL CONTINUE, UNDER THE
4 LEADERSHIP OF CHRIS KO AND THE ENTIRE UNITED WAY HOME FOR GOOD
5 TEAM, THROUGH THE PARTNERSHIP OF UNITED WAY, THE CHAMBER OF
6 COMMERCE, AND OUR BUSINESS LEADERS TASK FORCE, AND THE
7 COUNTLESS PARTNERS IN THE COMMUNITY WHO DO THIS WORK EVERY
8 DAY: OUR GOVERNMENT PARTNERS IN THE CITY, THE COUNTY, AND
9 L.A.H.S.A., OUR NONPROFIT PARTNERS, PHILANTHROPIC PARTNERS,
10 AND THE TENS AND THOUSANDS OF ANGELINOS WHO COME OUT FOR
11 HOMEWALK AND FOR MOMENTS LIKE TODAY, TO STAND UP FOR OUR
12 HOMELESS NEIGHBORS. I WILL CONTINUE TO BE A CHAMPION AND
13 PARTNER ON THIS ISSUE, AND PLEASE CALL ON ME ANY TIME I CAN BE
14 OF SERVICE. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR HAHN?

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18 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, CHAIRMAN RIDLEY-THOMAS. MY FIRST
19 HONOREES THIS MORNING WILL BE THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF LONG
20 BEACH. I AM VERY PLEASED TODAY TO HONOR AND RECOGNIZE THE
21 HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF LONG BEACH FOR THEIR GRAND OPENING OF
22 THE LONG BEACH REMEMBERS PEARL HARBOR EXHIBITION, WHICH STARTS
23 TOMORROW, AND WILL RUN FOR 15 MONTHS, UNTIL APRIL 18, 2017. OF
24 COURSE, TOMORROW WILL BE THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ATTACK ON
25 PEARL HARBOR, AND THIS LONG BEACH REMEMBERS PEARL HARBOR



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1 EXHIBITION WILL MEMORIALIZE THAT, AND IT WILL FEATURE
2 ARTIFACTS, PHOTOGRAPHS, AND LETTERS FROM THE SERVICEMEN AND
3 WOMEN, ALSO KNOWN AS THE GREATEST GENERATION. LONG BEACH HAS A
4 DEEP CONNECTION WITH THE UNITED STATES NAVY, GIVEN THAT THE
5 SHIPS OF THE PACIFIC FLEET WERE FIRST HOME-PORTED IN THE SAN
6 PEDRO BAY. BY THE 1930S, THREE DOZEN NAVAL VESSELS ANCHORED IN
7 THE BAY, INCLUDING THE GREAT WARSHIPS OF BATTLESHIP DIVISION
8 I. THE CITY BUILT A NAVY LANDING, SO SAILORS COULD EASILY
9 TRANSIT FROM THE SHIPS TO VISIT THE PIKE AMUSEMENT ZONE IN
10 LONG BEACH. I'M OLD ENOUGH TO REMEMBER THAT. OFFICERS AND
11 ENLISTED MILITARY PERSONNEL ALSO RESIDED WITH THEIR FAMILIES
12 IN THE CITY, AND BECAME PART OF THE SOCIAL FABRIC. IN 1935,
13 LONG BEACH PROUDLY PROCLAIMED ITSELF NAVY CAPITAL OF THE
14 UNITED STATES. THE CITY OF LONG BEACH ALSO HAS A SIZABLE
15 JAPANESE-AMERICAN COMMUNITY, LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE
16 CITY, MANY OF WHOM WERE RELOCATED TO INTERNMENT CAMPS. THIS
17 EXHIBIT WILL SPOTLIGHT THE IMMEDIATE CONSEQUENCES OF THE PEARL
18 HARBOR ATTACK, AND THE LONG-LASTING IMPACTS ON LONG BEACH AND
19 ITS SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES, AS WELL AS PAY TRIBUTE TO THE
20 RESILIENCY OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. THIS INCREDIBLY POWERFUL
21 PROJECT IS THREE YEARS IN THE MAKING, AND I AM TRULY HONORED
22 TO STAND HERE WITH THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF LONG BEACH
23 PRESIDENT, NIKI TENNANT, A LONG-TIME FRIEND OF MINE, AND
24 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JULIE BARTOLOTTO. AND I THANK THEM FOR THE
25 HARD WORK AND DEDICATION OF ALL THOSE INVOLVED IN BRINGING



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1 THIS EXHIBIT TO FRUITION. THANK YOU, AND CONGRATULATIONS, AND
2 I HAVE A BEAUTIFUL COUNTY SCROLL TO GIVE YOU. AND IF YOU WANT
3 TO MAKE SOME REMARKS AFTERWARDS, YOU CAN. [APPLAUSE.]

4

5 **NIKI TENNANT:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR HAHN. IT GIVES
6 ME GREAT PLEASURE TO BE ABLE TO CALL YOU THAT, AFTER SO MANY
7 YEARS. AND AGAIN, WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE ALL THE PEOPLE OF
8 L.A. COUNTY TO COME AND SEE THE EXHIBIT. IT WILL BE RUNNING
9 FOR THE NEXT 15 MONTHS, AND IT IS VERY, VERY INSPIRING. SO WE
10 WOULD ALSO LIKE-- THIS IS JULIE BARTOLOTTA, OUR EXECUTIVE
11 DIRECTOR. WE'D LIKE TO PRESENT SUPERVISOR HAHN WITH A 1940S
12 MAP OF LONG BEACH, PRIOR TO--

13

14 **SUP. HAHN:** I'M NOT THAT OLD!

15

16 **NIKI TENNANT:** FOR YOUR OFFICE.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN:** BEAUTIFUL. OH, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU.
19 [APPLAUSE.] ONE MORE. THANK YOU, CHAIRMAN RIDLEY-THOMAS. I
20 HAVE ANOTHER ONE THIS MORNING. I'M GOING TO, WITH GREAT
21 PLEASURE, HONOR CLEAN SAN PEDRO. AND I HAVE STEVE KLEINJAN
22 HERE, WHO IS THE FOUNDER OF CLEAN SAN PEDRO. SO THIS
23 ORGANIZATION BEGAN 20 YEARS AGO, WITH A GROUP OF LIFELONG SAN
24 PEDRO RESIDENTS THAT WERE TIRED OF THE DECLINING CONDITIONS OF
25 THE DOWNTOWN SAN PEDRO AREA. TOGETHER, THEY BEGAN CLEANING UP



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1 THE COMMUNITY ON WEEKENDS, BY REMOVING WEEDS, PROVIDING DAILY
2 LITTER REMOVAL, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, PROVIDING RAPID REMOVAL
3 OF GRAFFITI. THROUGHOUT THE YEARS, WITH STEVE'S LEADERSHIP,
4 THIS AMAZING, HARDWORKING, GRASSROOTS-- NO PUN INTENDED--
5 ORGANIZATION, HAS GROWN AND BECOME A TRUE GEM AND TREASURE IN
6 OUR COMMUNITY. THEY'VE NOT ONLY EXPANDED THEIR WORK TO OTHER
7 PARTS OF THE COMMUNITY, BUT HAVE TRULY TRANSFORMED SAN PEDRO
8 TO THE BEAUTIFUL COMMUNITY IT DESERVES TO BE. I'M TRULY
9 HONORED TO STAND HERE TODAY, TO THANK STEVE KLEINJAN AND CLEAN
10 SAN PEDRO FOR YOUR AMAZING, ONGOING, DEDICATED WORK. I KNOW,
11 MANY MORNINGS, WHILE I'M DRIVING, I SEE YOUR PEOPLE OUT THERE,
12 SWEEPING, CLEANING, CUTTING, REMOVING. AND I KNOW IF YOU WERE
13 NOT THERE, OUR TOWN WOULD LOOK VERY DIFFERENTLY. SO, THANK YOU
14 FOR THIS VISION, THANK YOU FOR MAKING IT HAPPEN, AND IT'S BEEN
15 MY PLEASURE TO SUPPORT YOU THROUGH THE YEARS, IN VARIOUS WAYS.
16 SO, THANK YOU, CLEAN SAN PEDRO, AND I HAVE THIS BEAUTIFUL
17 CERTIFICATE TO GIVE YOU, THAT RECOGNIZES YOUR EFFORT. AND I
18 WANT TO THANK CASEY WARREN FOR BEING HERE THIS MORNING, WHO IS
19 ALSO THE DIRECTOR OF CLEAN SAN PEDRO, AND WE ALSO SEE YOU IN
20 THE STREETS ALL THE TIME. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, COLLEAGUES. PERMIT THE
23 CHAIR A POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE, AND TO ASK THAT OUR
24 COLLEAGUES WHO ARE HERE IN SOLIDARITY WITH US, FROM THE LOS
25 ANGELES CITY COUNCIL, THEY ARE COUNCILMEMBERS HARRIS-DAWSON,



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1 HUIZAR, AND CEDILLO. IF THEY WOULD JUST JOIN US. GIVE THEM A
2 BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. THEY CAME TO MAKE THEIR PRESENCE KNOWN.
3 [APPLAUSE.] NOW, COLLEAGUES, IF YOU'D JOIN US FOR A BRIEF
4 OPPORTUNITY TO DOCUMENT THE FACT THAT THEY WERE HERE, BEFORE
5 THEY RACE BACK TO THEIR OTHER DUTIES, IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED.
6 SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND BARGER? OKAY, I ADMIT IT. THERE WAS A
7 METHOD TO MY MADNESS.

8

9 **COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS-DAWSON:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR
10 RIDLEY-THOMAS. ON BEHALF OF MY COLLEAGUES ON THE LOS ANGELES
11 CITY COUNCIL, WE WANTED TO MAKE SURE WE STOPPED BY TODAY, TO
12 LET THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS KNOW HOW MUCH WE NEED YOUR
13 LEADERSHIP IN THIS MOMENT. HOMELESSNESS IS A CRISIS AMONG THE
14 MOST TROUBLING CRISES THAT WE FACE IN OUR COMMUNITY, FROM ONE
15 END OF THIS COUNTY TO THE OTHER. WE ARE ALL VERY PROUD AND
16 GRATEFUL TO YOU THAT WE COMPLETED A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR
17 HOMELESSNESS IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, IN COOPERATION WITH
18 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AND IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES,
19 THIS PAST NOVEMBER, WITH THE SUPPORT OF ALL OF YOU AND SO MANY
20 OF YOU IN THE AUDIENCE, WE PASSED THE BIGGEST MUNICIPAL
21 INVESTMENT TO COMBAT HOMELESSNESS IN THE HISTORY OF THE
22 COUNTRY, WITH H.H.H. IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. [APPLAUSE.]
23 AND SO WE'RE VERY EXCITED ABOUT H.H.H., BUT WE KNOW, BECAUSE
24 WE WROTE OUR PLANS TOGETHER, THAT H.H.H. ONLY WORKS IF THE
25 COUNTY CAN MAKE AN INVESTMENT IN SERVICES. AND SO WE'RE HERE



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1 TODAY TO ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT, AND TO TELL YOU THAT THE DAY
2 AFTER YOU ALL DECIDE TO PUT THIS BEFORE THE VOTERS, WE'RE
3 GOING TO GET BUSY AND WORK LIKE THE DICKENS TO GET IT PASSED
4 IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. SO, THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH, ON
5 BEHALF OF MY COLLEAGUES, GIL CEDILLO, JOSE HUIZAR, AND THE
6 ENTIRE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL. [APPLAUSE.]

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8 **JOS HUIZAR:** SUPERVISOR HAHN'S STILL GIVING ME POINTERS, AS SHE
9 DID BACK IN OUR COUNCIL DAYS, WHERE WE WERE SEATMATES. BUT
10 GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. I'M JUST REALLY PLEASED TO BE HERE, AS
11 WE CONTINUE THE PARTNERSHIP THAT WE HAVE FORMED WITH THE
12 COUNTY, TO MOVE FORWARD ON ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS. THIS IS AN
13 UNPRECEDENTED TIME, WHERE OUR COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGIC PLANS ON
14 HOW TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS WERE WORKED UPON, HAND IN HAND.
15 NOT ONLY THAT, BUT THIS IS AN UNPRECEDENTED TIME, WHERE, AS WE
16 WORKED ON MEASURE H.H.H., WHEN WE ASKED THE VOTERS IN OUR
17 POLLS, "WHAT'S THE NUMBER-1 ISSUE YOU CARE ABOUT?", POLL AFTER
18 POLL KEPT COMING BACK THAT HOMELESSNESS IS WHAT THEY WANT OUR
19 GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND OUR PUBLIC TO WORK ON. WE HAVE TO
20 TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY HERE, COMING OFF A 76-
21 PERCENT SUPPORT FOR MEASURE H.H.H., AND MOVE FORWARD AND
22 PROVIDE THOSE SERVICES WE NEED FOR THE OVER 10,000 UNITS OF
23 PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING WE WILL BUILD WITH MEASURE H.H.H.
24 AND LET'S ALL REMEMBER THAT AT THE END OF THE DAY, IF WE DON'T
25 ASK THE VOTERS TO SUPPORT THIS HALF-CENT SALES TAX, WE HAVE TO



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1 REMIND THEM THAT IT COSTS ALL OF US MORE, IN ONE WAY OR
2 ANOTHER, IF WE LEAVE THESE INDIVIDUALS IN THE STREET, WITH
3 FIRE SERVICE, AMBULATORY SERVICE, POLICE SERVICE. WE'VE GOT TO
4 NOT ONLY TAKE THE MORAL OUTPOURING OF SUPPORT AT THIS TIME,
5 AND PASS THIS MEASURE, BUT ALSO CONTINUE OUR PARTNERSHIP, AS
6 WE HAVE BEEN THESE LAST FEW YEARS. THANK YOU SO MUCH, AND
7 LET'S MOVE FORWARD TO ADDRESS THE NUMBER-1 ISSUE, NOT ONLY
8 HERE IN LOS ANGELES, BUT IN ALL OF THE UNITED STATES. AND AT
9 THE END OF THE DAY, ALTHOUGH SKID ROW GETS A LOT OF ATTENTION,
10 AND WE MUST ADDRESS THE HORRIFIC CONDITIONS IN THAT AREA, 90
11 PERCENT OF THE PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS LIVE OUTSIDE
12 OF SKID ROW. LET'S ALL ADDRESS THIS TOGETHER. THANK YOU SO
13 MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

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15 **GIL CEDILLO:** MR. PRESIDENT, LET ME FIRST CONGRATULATE YOU. YOU
16 HAVE BEEN SHREWD AND CLEVER IN YOUR POLITICAL CAREER, TO
17 POSITION YOURSELF HERE, WITH THESE FOUR INCREDIBLE GIANTS.
18 GREATNESS IS YOUR DESTINY, AND DETERMINED, TO BE SURE, NOW, AS
19 YOU STAND WITH WOMEN WHO HAVE THE STRENGTH TO MATCH THE
20 MOUNTAINS OF THIS GREAT COUNTY. THERE YOU GO. [APPLAUSE.] WHAT
21 A GREAT PLAN THAT WAS. LET'S BE VERY CLEAR, ALL OF US: THE
22 MORAL CRISIS OF THE DAY IS THE CHALLENGE OF HOMELESSNESS. THIS
23 IS THE RICHEST COUNTY IN THE RICHEST STATE IN THE RICHEST
24 NATION OF THE WORLD. WE HAVE INCREDIBLE RESOURCES. THERE'S
25 GOOD CAUSE FOR PEOPLE TO BE HERE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.



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1 THERE'S INCREDIBLE WEATHER, INCREDIBLE RESOURCES, GOOD PEOPLE,
2 HARDWORKING PEOPLE. AND SO NOT ONE PERSON IN THIS COUNTY
3 SHOULD BE SLEEPING ON THE STREETS, INVOLUNTARILY. NOT ONE
4 PERSON. [APPLAUSE.] I'VE BEEN BLESSED TO TRAVEL THE WORLD AS A
5 SENATOR, WITH MY COLLEAGUES. RECENTLY, I JUST GOT BACK FROM
6 HAMBURG. NOT ONE HOMELESS PERSON. NOT ONE. BECAUSE THEY'VE
7 MADE THE COMMITMENT. THEY HAVE THE LEADERSHIP. THEY'VE PUT THE
8 RESOURCES TOGETHER. THE GOOD NEWS, THOUGH, IS THAT WE'RE ALL
9 HERE TOGETHER, UNITED, WITH A PLAN, WITH A VISION, AND WITH A
10 COMMITMENT TO UTILIZE THIS INCREDIBLE LEADERSHIP THAT WE HAVE
11 BEFORE US TODAY, TO MAKE SURE THAT THE DAY WILL COME SOON
12 WHERE NOT ONE PERSON IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES IS SLEEPING
13 ON THE STREETS, UNLESS THEY CHOOSE TO. THANK YOU, EACH AND
14 EVERY ONE OF YOU, FOR WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO TODAY. GOD BLESS
15 YOU, AND COUNT ON US, THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE
18 FOR OUR COLLEAGUES ON THE CITY COUNCIL. HARRIS-DAWSON, THANK
19 YOU. ALL RIGHT, MEMBERS. SUPERVISOR BARGER, IF YOU WOULD,
20 FOLLOWED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

21

22 **SUP. BARGER:** WHEN I GOT ELECTED, EVERYONE ASKED IF I WAS GOING
23 TO CONTINUE THE PET ADOPTION, AND SO I AM PROUD TO SAY THAT WE
24 HAVE ALVIN. THIS IS ALVIN, A FOUR-MONTH-OLD CHIHUAHUA. AND
25 SINCE WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HOMELESSNESS, LET'S NOT FORGET THAT



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1 A LOT OF THE HOMELESS ON THE STREET HAVE PETS. AND SO WE NEED
2 TO TAKE CARE OF NOT ONLY THE HOMELESS, BUT ALSO THEIR PETS. SO
3 WITH THAT, ALVIN IS LOOKING FOR A HOME. IF YOU KNOW ANYONE
4 THAT WANTS TO ADOPT ALVIN, OR GO TO ANY ONE OF OUR ANIMAL
5 CENTERS, YOU CAN CALL 562-728-4610. AGAIN, THAT IS 562-728-
6 4610. AND THIS IS ALVIN. I'M GOING TO TAKE IT. [APPLAUSE.] NO,
7 I'M NOT. NO, I'M NOT.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
10 BARGER. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IF I MAY ASK YOU TO TURN YOUR
11 ATTENTION NOW TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR HER SPECIAL
12 PRESENTATIONS. SUPERVISOR?

13

14 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS AND THE PUBLIC. TODAY I
15 HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF INTRODUCING YOU TO ALLYSON YOUNG, FROM
16 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ELDER ABUSE FORENSIC CENTER; RICHARD
17 FRANKEL, FROM THE ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES; AND DR. KATE
18 WILBER, FROM U.S.C. DAVIS SCHOOL OF GERONTOLOGY; AND BELLE
19 CHEN, FROM THE DISTRICT'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. THE FORENSIC
20 CENTER HAS BEEN IN OPERATION FOR A DECADE. IT WAS STARTED IN
21 2006, AFTER A MOTION FROM MICHAEL ANTONOVICH, REQUESTING THE
22 IMPROVEMENT OF THE COORDINATION AND COMMUNICATION BETWEEN
23 AGENCIES THAT INVESTIGATE ELDER ABUSE. ADULT PROTECTIVE
24 SERVICES AND THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE HAVE BEEN
25 ESPECIALLY COMMITTED TO THE SUCCESS OF THE FORENSIC CENTER.



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1 THROUGH THE FORENSIC CENTER, IT IS A MULTIDISCIPLINARY EFFORT
2 FROM OVER 12 COUNTY AND CITY AGENCIES. OVER 1,300 OF THE MOST
3 EGREGIOUS CASES OF ABUSE AND NEGLECT HAVE BEEN HANDLED AT THE
4 CENTER, AND THE TEAM HAS SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVED THE HEALTH
5 OUTCOMES AND PROTECTIONS FOR VULNERABLE ELDERS AND DEPENDENT
6 ADULTS. CASES THAT COME TO THE CENTER ARE TEN TIMES MORE
7 LIKELY TO BE PROSECUTED, AND RESEARCH HAS INDICATED THAT AFTER
8 CLIENTS ARE ASSISTED BY THE CENTER, THEY ARE SIGNIFICANTLY
9 LESS LIKELY TO RELY ON THE COUNTY FOR FUTURE ABUSE
10 INTERVENTIONS. PLEASE HELP ME WELCOME THEM HERE TODAY, FOR
11 SUCH AN HONORABLE CAUSE, AND WE THANK SUPERVISOR MIKE
12 ANTONOVICH FOR THINKING OF THIS AS A BRAINCHILD. THANK YOU SO
13 MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

14

15 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP.
16 FIRST, LET ME SAY IT'S HARD TO FOLLOW A PUPPY, BUT THIS IS A
17 REALLY IMPORTANT PROGRAM. ELDER ABUSE AFFECTS 1 OUT OF 10
18 SENIORS, ANNUALLY. THIS IS A UNIQUE PROGRAM THAT REALLY
19 COMBATS ELDER ABUSE. IT'S ONE OF THE FEW TO HAVE BEEN
20 DEMONSTRATED TO DO SO. AND AS A RESULT, THE LOS ANGELES MODEL
21 IS BEING REPLICATED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. SO IT'S SERVING AS
22 A MODEL FOR OTHER COMMUNITIES SEEKING TO ADDRESS ELDER ABUSE.
23 [APPLAUSE.]

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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. AT THIS TIME, I AM VERY
2 HONORED AND PRIVILEGED TO INTRODUCE THE PRESIDENT OF S.E.I.U.
3 U.S.W.W., DAVID HUERTA, AND THIS VERY SPECIAL GROUP OF WOMEN
4 THAT ARE HERE AT THE DAIS WITH ME. AS SOME OF YOU MAY KNOW,
5 ASSEMBLY BILL 1978 WAS AUTHORED BY ASSEMBLYWOMAN LORENA
6 GONZALEZ. IT WAS RECENTLY SIGNED INTO LAW BY GOVERNOR BROWN.
7 THE NEW LAW ADDRESSES GAPS IN OUR STATE REGULATORY SCHEME,
8 THAT LEAVE TOO MANY JANITORIAL WORKERS VULNERABLE TO SEXUAL
9 VIOLENCE, WAGE THEFT, AND OTHER VIOLATIONS OF BASIC WORKPLACE
10 RIGHTS. THE WOMEN STANDING HERE TODAY WITH ME ARE ALL MEMBERS
11 OF S.E.I.U. U.S.W.W., AND WENT ON A FIVE-DAY HUNGER STRIKE IN
12 SACRAMENTO, IN SUPPORT OF THE BILL, TO SHOW THE GOVERNOR THAT
13 THIS ISSUE IS SOMETHING THAT COULD NOT BE IGNORED ANY LONGER.
14 I SALUTE THEM, AND I ASK YOU TO SALUTE THEM HERE TODAY, AS
15 WELL. [APPLAUSE.] THESE WOMEN REPRESENT A VERY UNIQUE PROGRAM
16 KNOWN AS THE PROMOTORAS. THEY HAVE GONE THROUGH EXTENSIVE
17 TRAINING AT THE EAST LOS ANGELES WOMEN'S CENTER, THAT ALSO
18 HELPS TO PROVIDE PREVENTION FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS AND
19 TRAFFICKING VICTIMS. IN THIS CAPACITY, THEY ACTIVELY REACHED
20 OUT AND TRIED TO REACH OTHER MEMBERS OF THEIR WORKFORCE, TO
21 INFORM THEM ABOUT THEIR RIGHTS, AND TO BE BETTER EQUIPPED TO
22 KNOW HOW TO PROTECT THEMSELVES AGAINST ABUSE AND VIOLENCE. I
23 WANT TO THANK THEM FOR THEIR INCREDIBLE VALOR AND WORK,
24 BECAUSE I KNOW, OFTENTIMES, WE DON'T GET THIS OPPORTUNITY TO
25 SAY GRACIAS FOR WHAT YOU DO, AND HOW IMPORTANT THE PROMOTORAS



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1 ARE TO OUR COMMUNITY, AND TO BARBARA KAPPOS, THE EAST L.A.
2 WOMEN'S CENTER. AT THIS TIME, I WOULD LIKE TO ASK DAVID HUERTA
3 TO PLEASE SAY A FEW WORDS. THANK YOU, DAVID. [APPLAUSE.]

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5 **DAVID HUERTA:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AS WELL AS THE
6 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. YOU KNOW, JUSTICE FOR JANITORS
7 REPRESENTS A MOVEMENT THAT STARTED OVER 26 YEARS AGO, HERE IN
8 THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, WHEN THOSE COURAGEOUS WORKERS WENT ON
9 STRIKE IN CENTURY CITY, AND TOOK ON THE MULTIBILLION-DOLLAR
10 OWNERS OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. BUT THAT MOVEMENT HAS
11 CONTINUED ON, AND WE CONTINUE TO ADVOCATE FOR THE MOST
12 VULNERABLE AMONGST US IN THIS INDUSTRY-- AN INDUSTRY THAT'S
13 PART OF THE UNDERGROUND ECONOMY. WE KNOW, AND THAT'S WHY IT
14 WAS IMPORTANT FOR US TO TAKE ON WAGE THEFT TWO YEARS AGO,
15 BECAUSE WE KNOW BILLIONS OF DOLLARS ARE STOLEN FROM WORKERS'
16 WAGES, SIMPLY BECAUSE OF THEIR STATUS AS IMMIGRANTS. BUT WE
17 ALSO KNOW THAT WOMEN SUFFER AN EVEN GREATER VULNERABILITY IN
18 THE WORKPLACE; ONE, BECAUSE THEY'RE SUPERVISED BY MEN, THEY
19 WORK AT NIGHT, AND, BECAUSE OF THEIR IMMIGRATION STATUS, THEY
20 ARE PREYED ON BY MEN WHO TRY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THOSE
21 VULNERABILITIES. SO WE KNEW IT WAS IMPORTANT, COMING OFF THE
22 DOCUMENTARY "RAPE ON THE NIGHT SHIFT," TO WORK WITH LORENA
23 GONZALES ON A.B. 1978. AND IN SEPTEMBER, THE GOVERNOR SIGNED
24 THIS IMPORTANT LEGISLATION THAT WILL LEAD TO MANY PROTECTIONS
25 FOR MANY WOMEN IN THE JANITORIAL INDUSTRY. AND I AM VERY PROUD



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1 OF THE PROMOTORAS MEMBERS OF OUR UNION, ALSO WORKERS OF A
2 NONUNION SECTOR OF OUR INDUSTRY, WHO CAME TOGETHER TO GIVE
3 VOICE TO THIS ISSUE, FIND THEIR OWN VOICE IN THIS ISSUE, AS
4 VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT, AND BE ABLE TO MOVE SUCH AN
5 IMPORTANT LEGISLATION FORWARD. SO I'D LIKE TO GIVE THEM
6 ANOTHER ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR THE WORK THAT THEY'VE DONE.
7 [APPLAUSE.] AND I'D LIKE TO FINISH BY SAYING, ONE, WE ARE
8 HONORING WOMEN HERE, BECAUSE NOW WE HAVE A BOARD OF
9 SUPERVISORS THAT IS MAJORITY WOMEN, WITH THE GREAT, GREAT
10 SUPERVISOR, AS WELL, MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, WHO'S GOING TO MAKE A
11 GREAT TEAM FOR US IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. BUT WE'RE ALSO
12 DEALING WITH THE ISSUE OF HOMELESSNESS, MENTAL HEALTH. THESE
13 ARE ALL VULNERABLE PEOPLE THAT WE NEED TO ADDRESS, AND MAKE
14 SURE WE MOVE FORWARD ON THE LEGISLATION THAT'S SO IMPORTANT TO
15 THEM. AND MOST IMPORTANT, AS WELL, TO PROTECT OUR IMMIGRANT
16 COMMUNITY AT A TIME, RIGHT NOW, WHEN THE WHOLE COMMUNITY IS
17 UNDER THREAT FROM A NEW ADMINISTRATION. SO I'D LIKE TO THANK,
18 AGAIN, SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS FOR THE WORK AND THE RECOGNITION
19 YOU'RE GIVING US TODAY, AND I'LL ENCOURAGE A VOTE YES ON BOTH
20 OF THESE PIECES THAT ARE SO IMPORTANT IN TODAY'S AGENDA. THANK
21 YOU SO MUCH. [APPLAUSE.] I'D ALSO LIKE TO THANK SOME OF OUR
22 COMMUNITY PARTNERS: EAST L.A. WOMEN'S CENTER, C.A.L.C.A.S.A.,
23 M.C.T.F, AND THE YA BASTA COALITION, FOR HELPING US ON THIS
24 IMPORTANT LEGISLATION. THANK YOU.

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1 SUP. SOLIS: GRACIAS.

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3 SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: COLLEAGUES, LET ME JUST SIMPLY SAY TO YOU,
4 THE FINAL PRESENTATION TODAY IS A SPECIAL ONE. I'M GOING TO
5 ASK THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND COUNTY COUNSEL, BOTH SACHI
6 HAMAI AND MARY WICKHAM, RESPECTIVELY. THIS IS A SPECIAL ONE.
7 YOU'LL WANT TO KNOW WE ARE GLAD THAT CAITLIN CROSBY, FOUNDER
8 AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE GIVING KEYS, IS IN THE
9 HOUSE. GIVE HER A ROUND OF APPLAUSE, WILL YOU? [APPLAUSE.]
10 GIVES ME PLEASURE TO SHINE A SPOTLIGHT-- SOMEBODY SAY
11 "SPOTLIGHT"-- ON THE GIVING KEYS. AND IT'S AN INSPIRATIONAL
12 FOUNDER THAT WE HAVE HERE. CAITLIN IS A GIFTED ACTRESS,
13 SINGER, AND SONGWRITER, WHO GREW UP IN LOS ANGELES AND FOUNDED
14 THE GIVING KEYS IN 2008. WHILE ON TOUR, SHE STARTED TO WEAR A
15 HOTEL ROOM KEY, AND SHE WAS STRUCK BY THE THOUGHT THAT WE WERE
16 ALL LIKE KEYS: UNIQUE, FLAWED, SCARRED, AND SOMETIMES
17 DISCARDED BY OTHERS. AND, SERENDIPITOUSLY, SHE MET A HOMELESS
18 COUPLE-- THEIR NAMES, ROB AND SARAH-- WHO MADE JEWELRY IN
19 HOLLYWOOD. SHE BECAME THEIR BUSINESS PARTNER, AND LAUNCHED A
20 COMPANY THAT TOOK DISCARDED KEYS AND TURNED THEM INTO JEWELRY,
21 ENGRAVED WITH THE WORD "HOPE." THIS WAS THE START OF THE
22 GIVING KEYS' MISSION: TO EMPLOY THOSE TRANSITIONING OUT OF
23 HOMELESSNESS. THE GIVING KEYS WORKS HAND IN HAND WITH THE
24 WELL-ESTABLISHED ORGANIZATIONS LIKE CHRYSALIS, L.I.F.T., AND
25 THE DOWNTOWN WOMEN'S CENTER, THAT SUPPORT AND CONNECT HOMELESS



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1 PERSONS TO EMPLOYMENT, WHILE ENSURING THAT THEY ARE ALSO
2 CONNECTED TO PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. AND OVER THE LAST
3 THREE YEARS, THE GIVING KEYS HAS EMPLOYED OVER 60 PEOPLE, WHO
4 HAVE BEEN TRANSITIONING FROM HOMELESSNESS TO PERMANENT
5 HOUSING, AND I THINK THAT DESERVES AN APPLAUSE RIGHT THERE.
6 [APPLAUSE.] THE GIVING KEYS PRODUCTS ARE NOW SOLD IN OVER
7 2,000 RETAIL STORES AROUND THE WORLD. EVERY KEY IS STAMPED
8 WITH AN INSPIRATIONAL WORD, LIKE "DREAM," "CREATE," "INSPIRE."
9 AND THE WEARER IS ENCOURAGED TO EMBRACE THAT WORD-- THEIR
10 WORD-- AND PAY IT FORWARD, BY GIVING THEIR PRODUCT TO A PERSON
11 WHO NEEDS THE MESSAGE EVEN MORE. SHE RECENTLY GAVE A T.E.D.X
12 TALK CALLED "LOVE IS THE KEY," ABOUT THEIR SOCIAL-IMPACT
13 BUSINESS MODEL, AND IS CURRENTLY WORKING ON A GIVING KEYS
14 RECORD, WHERE SHE WILL WRITE SONGS INSPIRED BY HER HOMELESS
15 EMPLOYEES. AND SO WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE CONTINUED WORK OF
16 CAITLIN AND THE GIVING KEYS, AND TO END THE STRUGGLE THAT MANY
17 HAVE, AND ARE EXPERIENCING. AND IT'S ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD
18 THAT WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT SHE IS WITH US TODAY. AND I'M GOING
19 TO ASK BOTH MS. HAMAI AND MS. WICKHAM TO HAVE A FEW WORDS
20 BEFORE WE PRESENT TO OUR SPECIAL GUEST.

21

22 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. WE ARE JUST SO
23 HONORED THAT CAITLIN WAS ABLE TO MAKE IT TODAY. I'M ACTUALLY
24 WEARING ONE OF HER KEYS. IT WAS GIVEN TO ME BY MARY, WHO
25 ACTUALLY FOUND THE COMPANY, AND THE WORD THAT I HAVE ON MY KEY



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1 IS "BRAVE." AND CERTAINLY, I THINK, EVERY TUESDAY, WE COME
2 INTO THIS BOARDROOM, AND MARY AND I ARE TRYING TO BE VERY
3 BRAVE. BUT ANYWAY, CAITLIN'S COMPANY TRULY IS AN INSPIRATION
4 TO ALL OF US. THEY ARE LOCATED RIGHT HERE IN DOWNTOWN L.A.,
5 AND WE-- YOU KNOW, IT'S SO APPROPRIATE TO HAVE THIS
6 PRESENTATION TODAY, WHEN THE BOARD IS TAKING UP THE HOMELESS
7 INITIATIVE. AND SO, TO ALSO TRY AND HELP KICK OFF, KIND OF,
8 THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE, MARY AND I ARE STARTING THE THOUSAND
9 KEY CAMPAIGN FOR THE COUNTY. AND SO IF ANYBODY IS INTERESTED
10 IN PARTICIPATING, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE. WE ARE TRYING TO
11 ACTUALLY HAVE THE COUNTY PURCHASE A THOUSAND KEYS, AND THEN,
12 LIKE CAITLIN'S COMPANY SAYS, GIVE IT AWAY TO SOMEBODY WHO IS
13 IN NEED OF A KEY. SO, ANYWAY, AGAIN, IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN
14 PURCHASING A KEY, PLEASE, I THINK I SAW SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND
15 SUPERVISOR HAHN. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS'S OFFICE TALKED TO
16 ME THIS MORNING, AND SUPERVISOR BARGER. SO, AGAIN, FOR ALL
17 COUNTY EMPLOYEES THAT ARE LISTENING TODAY, PLEASE CONTACT US.
18 AND WE'D LIKE TO, IF ANYTHING, MAKE IT A THOUSAND, PERHAPS
19 EVEN TWO THOUSAND. SO, THANK YOU.

20

21 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, SACHI. I MEAN,
22 WHAT'S SO AWESOME ABOUT THE GIVING KEY IS THAT-- YOU KNOW, TWO
23 AMAZING KIND OF PHILOSOPHIES: FIRST OF ALL, EMPLOYING THOSE
24 WHO ARE TRANSITIONING OUT OF HOMELESSNESS. HOW AMAZING IS
25 THAT? AND THEN, ALSO, EMBRACING THE POWER OF WORDS. SO I WAS



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1 WATCHING THE OLYMPICS THIS SUMMER WITH MY SON, WHO BROUGHT THE
2 GIVING KEY TO MY ATTENTION. AND SO I WENT ONTO YOUR WEBSITE
3 AND STARTED LOOKING AT THE WORDS. AND TODAY, A DAY WHEN WE'RE
4 HONORING THE POWER OF WOMEN, ALSO, SACHI HAMAI AND I, TWO
5 WOMEN GIVEN THIS TREMENDOUS OPPORTUNITY TO BE IN THESE AMAZING
6 POSITIONS, C.E.O. AND COUNTY COUNSEL. SO, AS I LOOKED AT THE
7 LIST OF WORDS, THE WORD "BRAVE" JUMPED OFF THE PAGE TO ME. AND
8 SO I BOUGHT A KEY FOR MYSELF, AND A KEY FOR SACHI HAMAI, AND
9 WE'RE OFTEN HERE ON TUESDAYS, BOTH WEARING OUR "BRAVE" KEY,
10 BECAUSE, AS WOMEN, AND AS THIS BOARD HAS SAID, WHEN YOU'RE
11 GIVEN OPPORTUNITIES, YOU HAVE TO STEP UP AND TAKE THEM, AND
12 SOMETIMES THAT REQUIRES THAT YOU BE BRAVE. SO, THANK YOU,
13 CAITLIN, FOR CREATING THIS, AND FOR HAVING THIS JUST
14 TREMENDOUS PHILOSOPHY. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** SO, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, GIVE A
17 BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE, YOUR BEST ROUND OF APPLAUSE, FOR
18 CAITLIN CROSBY AND THE GIVING KEYS. [APPLAUSE.]

19

20 **CAITLIN CROSBY:** WOW. WHAT AN HONOR TO BE HERE. THANK YOU SO
21 MUCH. I AM SO GRATEFUL ABOUT THIS NEW THOUSAND KEYS
22 INITIATIVE. OUR GOAL IS TO EMPLOY EVERY SINGLE ABLE-BODIED
23 HOMELESS PERSON IN LOS ANGELES. AND NOW, BECAUSE OF TODAY AND
24 HEARING ALL OF YOUR BRILLIANT WORDS, I HAVE NEVER BEEN MORE
25 HOPEFUL THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO ACTUALLY DO THIS. IT



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1 REALLY IS GOING TO TAKE ALL OF US TOGETHER, WORKING TOGETHER,
2 AND I'M SO HONORED AND EXCITED, AND NOW EVEN MORE MOTIVATED,
3 AND I REALLY BELIEVE THAT WE CAN DO IT. SO, THANK YOU SO MUCH.
4 AND IT'S SO SERENDIPITOUS THAT THEY CAME UP TO ME AND SAID
5 THAT THEIR WORD WAS "BRAVE," AND I JUST HAD A SON, AND HIS
6 NAME IS BRAVE. SO I THINK THIS IS ALL MEANT TO BE. SO, THANK
7 YOU SO MUCH. AND I BROUGHT A GIFT FOR YOU, TO THANK YOU SO
8 MUCH FOR ALL OF YOUR HARD WORK. SO THIS KEY SAYS "LOVE." THANK
9 YOU ALL SO MUCH.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE?

12

13 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** MR. CHAIRMAN, THERE ARE SEVERAL
14 ITEMS THAT YOU HAVE BEFORE YOU, WHERE INDIVIDUALS HAVE SIGNED
15 UP TO SPEAK.

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17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** PLEASE PROCEED WITH THOSE PERSONS.
18 WE CALL ANN BURROUGHS, GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, SOFIA KLATZKER, AND
19 WE NOTE THE NAME OF JOS GONZALEZ. THOSE PERSONS HAVE THE
20 OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD RIGHT NOW, ON ITEMS 10, 38, AND 9, AND
21 29, RESPECTIVELY. IF THE PERSONS WHOSE NAMES THAT I HAVE JUST
22 CALLED ARE HERE, PLEASE COME FORWARD QUICKLY, SO THAT WE CAN
23 PROCEED WITH THE BUSINESS AT HAND. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, AFTER
24 THE CONCLUSION OF THESE REMARKS, WE WILL PROCEED TO THE NEXT
25 ITEM BEFORE US. MA'AM, YOUR NAME?



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2 **SOFIA KLATZKER:** I'M SOFIA KLATZKER, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
3 ARTS FOR L.A.

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5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

6

7 **SOFIA KLATZKER:** AND ON BEHALF OF AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL ART FOR
8 RIGHTS, THE ARTS FOR INCARCERATED YOUTH NETWORK, AND ARTS FOR
9 L.A., WE WANTED TO THANK THIS BOARD-- THIS HISTORIC, POWERFUL,
10 FABULOUS BOARD-- FOR RECOGNIZING HUMAN RIGHTS MONTH, AND FOR
11 NOTING THE ART FOR RIGHTS EVENTS IN L.A. COUNTY THAT ARE
12 STARTING TOMORROW, WITH THE UNVEILING OF A NEW MURAL IN THE
13 HOPE CENTER OF THE CENTRAL JUVENILE HALL, AND CULMINATING IN A
14 POP-UP EVENT IN DOWNTOWN L.A., AT THE CONTAINER YARD. WE ARE
15 DEEPLY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP, AND THAT YOU ARE SHINING
16 A LIGHT ON DEFENDING THE RIGHTS AND THE NEEDS OF THOSE MOST IN
17 NEED, NOT ONLY AROUND HUMAN RIGHTS, BUT ALSO AROUND
18 HOMELESSNESS AND IMMIGRATION TODAY. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
21 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

22

23 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
24 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. COULD YOU SPECIFY WHICH NUMBER ITEM
25 I'M SPEAKING TO?



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** DR. CLAVREUL, ONCE AGAIN?

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4 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YOU DIDN'T SAY WHICH NUMBER I WAS
5 SPEAKING. YOU FAIL IN YOUR DUTY TO INFORM.

6

7 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** MR. CHAIR, SHE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK
8 FOR ITEM NUMBERS 9 AND 29.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** 9 AND 29, BOTH. ITEM 9 AND 29.

11

12 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** AND 29. OKAY. ON ITEM NO. 9, I AM VERY
13 SURPRISED THAT WE ARE HAVING SOME EVALUATION FOR THE BUDGET,
14 WHEN WE NEVER GET THE REPORTS, ESPECIALLY FROM THE HEALTH
15 AGENCY MODEL. EVERY TIME THAT ITEM HAS COME TO YOUR BOARD, IT
16 HAS BEEN PUSHED BACK AND CONTINUED. IT WAS AN ITEM TODAY, AND
17 AGAIN, IT'S CONTINUED. THERE IS NO REPORT, PERIOD. THERE'S A
18 BLANK PAGE, AS USUAL. SO I AM VERY GLAD THAT YOU ARE GOING TO
19 FOCUS ON THAT, AND NOT SOME EXTERNAL WATCHDOG, TO LOOK AT
20 THIS. AND I WOULD LOVE TO BE ONE OF THOSE LITTLE WHITE DOGS,
21 BECAUSE I'VE DONE A LOT OF WORK ON IT ALREADY, AND I CAN
22 CERTAINLY POINT YOU IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. ON ITEM 29... IS
23 ON THE SAME ISSUE: SOLE VENDOR. SINCE WE HAVE TWO NEW
24 SUPERVISORS TODAY, I WILL BE VERY GLAD IF YOU GO BACK TO THE
25 RESTRICTION OF SOLE-VENDOR CONTRACTS. WHEN SUPERVISOR MOLINA



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1 WAS THERE, WE HAD IT, FINALLY, AFTER YEARS. SHE NEVER ACCEPTED
2 SOLE-VENDOR CONTRACTS. I WILL HIGHLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU LOOK
3 AT THAT. GIVE IT A NEW LOOK, AND MAKE SURE WE DON'T HAVE ONE
4 ALMOST EVERY WEEK. AND LATELY, WE HAVE HAD ALMOST ONE EVERY
5 WEEK. AND SINCE WE'RE TALKING ABOUT NEW THINGS, YOU KNOW, WHEN
6 AN ITEM IS ON THE AGENDA, ACCORDING TO THE BROWN ACT, YOU
7 CANNOT DECIDE THAT IT IS GOING TO BE CONTINUED. AND UP, TODAY,
8 WERE FOUR ITEMS THAT ARE BEING CONTINUED AFTER THE PEOPLE WERE
9 HERE, AND SO ON. DON'T LOOK LIKE THAT, LORI. THAT'S TRUE. YOU
10 HAVE DONE IT CONTINUOUSLY. BUT SINCE TODAY IS A NEW DAY,
11 PLEASE GO BACK AND LOOK AT THE RULE. WHEN AN ITEM IS ON THE
12 AGENDA, THE PUBLIC HAS A RIGHT TO SPEAK TO IT. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
15 WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKERS. THEY ARE ERIC PREVEN, ON ITEMS
16 1, 4, 6, 9, 12, 14, 19, 31, 32, 35, 38, 39, 40, AND 49; ARNOLD
17 SACHS, ITEM 1-H, 1-P, 9, 10, 22, 32, 35. IN THAT ORDER,
18 PLEASE, IF YOU'LL PROCEED.

19

20 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. IT IS ERIC
21 PREVEN, FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT, HERE IN THE MISHMASH OF MANY,
22 MANY ITEMS. OF COURSE, I CAN'T SPEAK ON ALL OF THOSE ITEMS IN
23 THIS TIME ALLOTTED, BUT I WILL DO MY BEST. AND IN THE FUTURE,
24 IT WOULD BE GOOD IF WE COULD MIGRATE AWAY FROM THE PROCESS OF
25 ALLOCATING TIME, SO THAT THE SUPERVISORS PICK AND CHOOSE. IT



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1 SENDS A SIGNAL THAT YOU DON'T REALLY WANT TO HEAR FROM THE
2 PUBLIC; YOU JUST WANT TO HEAR FROM THE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAD
3 ITEM, FOR EXAMPLE, I THINK IT WAS 7, TODAY. NO, IT WAS NOT
4 ITEM 7. IT WAS ITEM NO. 6. WE PICKED UP THE COST OF 300
5 VEHICLES TO COME DOWN TO THE HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION, TO
6 CHEER ON EVERYBODY. AND, OF COURSE, IT IS AN EXCITING TIME.
7 THE NEW SUPERVISORS ARE SEATED. BUT WHEN WE INVOLVE POLITICS
8 IN OUR GOVERNMENT MEETINGS, IT FEELS WEIRD FOR THOSE OF US-- I
9 AM A DEMOCRAT, OF COURSE, BUT I CAN JUST IMAGINE HOW
10 INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE TO THE RIGHT OF THIS GROUP FEEL, KNOWING
11 THAT THIS IS ALMOST LIKE A RALLY. IT JUST FEELS A LITTLE BIT
12 AWKWARD TO ME. SO, GETTING ON WITH THE POINT AT HAND, ITEM NO.
13 35, NOW THAT WE HAVE FOUR WOMEN SEATED, HOPEFULLY THERE WILL
14 BE A MOTION MADE TO CANCEL THE IDEA OF MIRA LOMA DETENTION
15 FACILITY, UP IN THE FIFTH DISTRICT, WHICH IS A FACILITY
16 INTENDED TO INCARCERATE WOMEN FROM LOS ANGELES. AND, MY GOD, I
17 CAN ONLY TELL YOU THAT WE HAVE LEARNED SO MUCH ABOUT
18 RECIDIVISM AND THE INABILITY FOR WOMEN TO GET THE KINDS OF
19 CARE FROM THEIR FAMILIES WHEN THEY ARE INCARCERATED FAR AWAY.
20 SO, TO BUILD A FACILITY IN AN AREA WHERE THERE ARE
21 VULNERABILITIES, WHERE VALLEY FEVER-- AND THIS IS NOT A JOKE
22 AT ALL, BY THE WAY. VALLEY FEVER IS A VERY SERIOUS CONDITION,
23 AND WHEN YOU GET SICK FROM IT-- AND THIS BODY HAD A MEETING ON
24 OCTOBER 25TH. WE ALL HAD A LOT TO SAY. THERE WERE ALMOST 100
25 PEOPLE WHO WANTED TO ADDRESS THAT ITEM. TODAY WE'RE HIRING



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1 SECURITAS TO GO UP TO THAT FACILITY, TO-- THIS IS A GROUP THAT
2 IS A PRIVATE CONTRACTOR FOR SECURITY. THIS IS A GROUP, LIKE AT
3 ITEM NO. 20, WHERE THE JOB ORDER CONTRACTS ARE BEING
4 CONSIDERED, PRIVATIZATION OF MANY OF THESE JOBS THAT COULD BE
5 DONE AT ITEM NUMBER, FOR EXAMPLE, 19, WHERE HOUSEKEEPERS ARE
6 BEING HIRED BY SERVICON; NOT AT THE RATES WHERE COUNTY
7 EMPLOYEES SHOULD BE TAKING CARE OF COUNTY FACILITIES, BUT AT
8 LOWER RATES THAT MAKE IT HARDER FOR ANGELINOS, RIGHT HERE IN
9 OUR COUNTY. SO, WHEREAS, THIS BOARD NEEDS TO TRY EVEN HARDER.
10 AND ITEM 38, TODAY, IS A CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN. IF YOU DON'T
11 BELIEVE THAT THINGS GO WRONG IN JAIL, TWO WRONGFUL DEATH
12 ITEMS, AT ITEM 38 AND ITEM 39, ONE AT MEN'S CENTRAL, AND ONE
13 AT TWIN TOWERS. I CAN'T GET IT EXACTLY RIGHT AT THIS MOMENT,
14 BUT THESE ARE CASES WHERE PEOPLE WERE NOT LOOKED AFTER
15 PROPERLY. AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL HAS MADE A NAME FOR HERSELF BY
16 SAYING, "I'M NOT GOING TO PRIVATIZE PRISONS. THAT'S NOT
17 APPROPRIATE." IT'S NOT SOMETHING THAT SHE FEELS LIKE DOING.
18 AND YET, WE'VE DONE THAT WITH LIBERTY HEALTHCARE, A GROUP THAT
19 IS INTENDED TO PROVIDE SERVICES. AGAIN, THEY'VE BEEN SUED IN
20 SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. AND FINALLY, ITEM-- I BELIEVE THERE
21 WERE TWO, 18 AND 15, THAT DEAL WITH OUR COUNTY RISK AND
22 LIABILITY. WHERE ARE THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLANS, MARY
23 WICKHAM? I KNOW YOU'RE BRAVE, AND I'M BRAVE, TOO. WE'RE ALL
24 BRAVE, BUT WE NEED TO SEE WHAT WE'RE DOING TO IMPROVE THESE
25 SITUATIONS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AND ON A DAY OF



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1 CELEBRATION, I WANT THE BOARD TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE PUBLIC IS
2 HERE, THAT THE PUBLIC IS NOT BEING COMPED. WE ARE NEVER
3 COMPED, DESPITE THE MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS CIVIC ENGAGEMENT
4 PARKING SUBSIDY THAT WILL BE COMING SOON, BUT WE ARE HERE FOR
5 YOU.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.
8 [APPLAUSE.] WE'VE CALLED ON ALL THOSE PERSONS WHO WISH TO BE
9 HEARD. WE NOW CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THIS. MADAME
10 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE.

11

12 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
13 BOARD, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU: ITEM 1-H, 1-P--

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** PARDON ME, FOR A MOMENT. FOR A
16 MOMENT. WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE OF YOUR CARD, SIR. WE HAVE NO
17 SPEAKER CARD. ALL RIGHT, WE'RE GOING TO PROCEED AND
18 ACCOMMODATE YOU SHORTLY, ALL RIGHT? THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT.
19 MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER?

20

21 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,
22 ITEM 1-H, 1-P, 1, 4, 6, 10, 12, 14, 19, 22, 29, 31, 32, 35,
23 38, 39, 40, 49. AND ON ITEM NO. 9, SUPERVISOR HAHN ABSTAINS ON
24 THE S.C.A.G. APPOINTMENT.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
2 YOU'VE HEARD THE READING OF THOSE ITEMS. THEY ARE BEFORE YOU.
3 SUPERVISOR BARGER MOVES. SUPERVISOR HAHN SECONDS. IF THERE ARE
4 NO OBJECTIONS, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. ALL RIGHT. THEN WE CAN
5 PROCEED TO THE NEXT ITEM. ANYBODY HERE TODAY PREPARED TO
6 DISCUSS THE MATTER OF HOMELESSNESS? [APPLAUSE.] MIGHT I SAY TO
7 YOU THAT THE OVERFLOW ROOMS-- THAT IS, 374-A AND 140-- ARE
8 INDEED FULL. IF THERE ARE PERSONS WHO WISH TO BE SEATED, YOU
9 MAY FIND YOUR WAY TO THE CAFETERIA TO DO SO, BUT THOSE TWO
10 FACILITIES ARE INDEED OVERFLOWING. WE APPRECIATE YOUR PRESENCE
11 TODAY. OURS IS THE TASK OF TAKING UP ITEM 7 AND 8. WE WILL
12 TAKE THEM UP CONCURRENTLY, AND PROCEED FROM THERE. MADAME
13 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, I THINK THE ITEM IS BEFORE US, IS IT NOT?

14

15 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** YES, SIR, IT IS.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** NOW, THERE ARE MEMBERS OF THE STAFF
18 WHO ARE HERE TO MAKE A PRESENTATION. I TURN NOW TO THE CHIEF
19 EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

20

21 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF
22 THE BOARD. FOR MORE THAN A YEAR, YOUR BOARD AND DEPARTMENTS
23 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY HAVE BEEN ENGAGED IN AN UNPRECEDENTED
24 FIGHT AGAINST HOMELESSNESS. WE HAVE MOBILIZED MUNICIPALITIES,
25 RECRUITED ORGANIZATIONS, AND ENERGIZED ADVOCATES THROUGHOUT



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1 THE REGION, TO TACKLE THIS DEEPENING HUMANITARIAN CRISIS. AT
2 THE HEART OF THE COUNTY'S HOMELESS INITIATIVE ARE NEARLY FOUR
3 DOZEN COORDINATED STRATEGIES AIMED AT HELPING THE TENS OF
4 THOUSANDS OF INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES LIVING ON OUR STREETS,
5 WHILE PREVENTING OTHERS FROM SUFFERING A SIMILAR FATE. A
6 NUMBER OF THOSE STRATEGIES ARE NOW BEING IMPLEMENTED, BUT
7 ONGOING PUBLIC SUPPORT IS ESSENTIAL. TODAY, YOUR BOARD WILL
8 CONSIDER ASKING LOS ANGELES COUNTY VOTERS TO APPROVE A SPECIAL
9 QUARTER-CENT SPECIAL SALES TAX FOR 10 YEARS, SO THAT THE
10 HOMELESS INITIATIVE STRATEGIES CAN BE IMPLEMENTED AND
11 SUSTAINED ON A SCALE THAT WILL MAKE A LASTING AND MEANINGFUL
12 DIFFERENCE. HERE WITH ME TODAY ARE THE DIRECTOR OF THE HEALTH
13 AGENCY, MITCH KATZ; PHIL ANSELL, THE DIRECTOR OF THE HOMELESS
14 INITIATIVE; FESIA DAVENPORT, OUR ASSISTANT C.E.O.; TOM
15 FAUGHNAN, COUNTY COUNSEL; CINDY HARDING, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC
16 HEALTH; AND JON SHERIN, WHO IS OUR NEW DIRECTOR OF MENTAL
17 HEALTH. AND THEY WILL PROVIDE AN OVERVIEW OF THE INITIATIVES,
18 MAJOR MILESTONES, AND WHAT IS NEEDED TO CONTINUE TO ADDRESS IN
19 THIS VERY CRITICAL ISSUE. THANK YOU.

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21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SHALL WE PROCEED?

22

23 **FESIA DAVENPORT:** THANK YOU, MADAME C.E.O. GOOD MORNING, MR.
24 CHAIRMAN, AND GOOD MORNING TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. ONCE
25 AGAIN, FESIA DAVENPORT, FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE. SO,



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1 AS WE EMBARK UPON THIS VERY IMPORTANT DISCUSSION TODAY, AND
2 SOMEWHAT OF A MOMENTOUS OCCASION HERE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS
3 ANGELES, WE THOUGHT THAT IT'D BE VERY IMPORTANT FOR THIS BOARD
4 AND FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO BE ABLE TO REALLY AND TRULY
5 UNDERSTAND AND PLACE THE SCALE OF HOMELESSNESS IN THE COUNTY
6 OF LOS ANGELES, TO PLACE THAT WITHIN CONTEXT. AND SO WE HAVE
7 THIS SLIDE BEFORE US. THE TAKEOUT MESSAGE ON THIS SLIDE IS
8 THAT THE HOMELESS CRISIS IS WORSENING HERE IN THE COUNTY OF
9 LOS ANGELES. THIS SLIDE REPRESENTS, ESSENTIALLY, A 19-PERCENT
10 INCREASE IN HOMELESSNESS BETWEEN 2013 AND JANUARY OF 2016, AND
11 THE SLIDE REPRESENTS A POINT IN TIME. AND SO WHAT THAT MEANS
12 IS, DURING THIS TIME PERIOD, ON ANY GIVEN NIGHT, UP THROUGH
13 JANUARY OF 2016, THERE WERE APPROXIMATELY 47,000 INDIVIDUALS
14 WHO WERE HOMELESS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. WE KNOW THAT
15 THIS INFORMATION IS BASED ON A POINT IN TIME, AND THAT IT IS
16 NOT A COMPREHENSIVE COUNT OF THE HOMELESS POPULATION; RATHER,
17 IT IS A BEST ESTIMATE ON OUR ABILITY TO OBTAIN A REASONABLE
18 ESTIMATE OF HOMELESSNESS WITHIN THE COUNTY. THIS SLIDE
19 ESSENTIALLY TELLS US, OF THE FOLKS THAT ARE HOMELESS, HOW MANY
20 ARE SHELTERED AND HOW MANY ARE UNSHELTERED. AND WHAT'S VERY
21 IMPORTANT ABOUT THIS SLIDE IS THAT IT TELLS US THAT, IN
22 CONTRAST TO ALMOST ANYWHERE ELSE IN THE UNITED STATES, MOST
23 PEOPLE WHO ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS
24 ANGELES ARE UNSHELTERED, AND THAT IS REPRESENTED BY THE GREEN
25 PORTION OF THE BARS, FOR 2015 AND 2016. IT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO



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1 NOTE THAT, AS OF JANUARY OF THIS YEAR, 74 PERCENT OF THE
2 HOMELESS POPULATION IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY WAS UNSHELTERED. AND
3 THEN, FROM 2013 TO 2016, THE NUMBER OF HOMELESS PEOPLE LIVING
4 IN ENCAMPMENTS, TENTS, AND VEHICLES, INCREASED BY AN
5 ASTOUNDING 123 PERCENT. TO CONFRONT THIS CRISIS, IN AUGUST OF
6 2015, THIS BOARD TOOK THE UNPRECEDENTED STEP OF INITIATING AND
7 ESTABLISHING THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE. AND I HAVE MY COLLEAGUE
8 HERE, PHIL ANSELL, WHO WILL TELL US MORE ABOUT THE MILESTONES
9 AND THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS, TO DATE.

10

11 **PHIL ANSELL:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF
12 THE BOARD. PHIL ANSELL, DIRECTOR OF THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE.
13 WHEN WE LAUNCHED THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE IN AUGUST OF 2015,
14 OUR INITIAL OBJECTIVE WAS TO DEVELOP A COORDINATED SET OF
15 STRATEGIES FOR THE BOARD TO CONSIDER, TO EFFECTIVELY COMBAT
16 HOMELESSNESS FOR ALL HOMELESS POPULATIONS: FAMILIES, VETERANS,
17 YOUTH, CHRONICALLY HOMELESS ADULTS, AND OTHER HOMELESS ADULTS.
18 WE'D SET FORTH, BASED ON TWO FUNDAMENTAL PREMISES. FIRST, THE
19 COUNTY CANNOT EFFECTIVELY COMBAT HOMELESSNESS ON ITS OWN.
20 INSTEAD, THE COUNTY MUST ENGAGE IN A SUSTAINED COLLABORATIVE
21 EFFORT WITH THE 88 CITIES IN THE COUNTY, COMMUNITY PROVIDERS,
22 AND OTHER COMMUNITY PARTNERS, BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS, AND THE
23 FAITH COMMUNITY. AND, SECONDLY, MAINSTREAM COUNTY SERVICE
24 DELIVERY SYSTEMS IN HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES, AND CRIMINAL
25 JUSTICE, ARE FUNDAMENTAL TO COMBATING HOMELESSNESS. THE



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1 HOMELESS SERVICE DELIVERY SYSTEM, BY ITSELF, WILL NEVER BE
2 EFFECTIVE IN COMBATING HOMELESSNESS. BASED ON THESE TWO
3 PREMISES, WE CONVENED AN UNPRECEDENTED INCLUSIVE AND
4 COLLABORATIVE PLANNING PROCESS THAT BROUGHT TOGETHER
5 REPRESENTATIVES OF 25 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, 30 CITIES, AND OVER
6 100 COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS, IN A PLANNING PROCESS
7 CHARACTERIZED BY DEEP LISTENING, WHERE THE EXPERIENCE AND
8 WISDOM OF THE PARTICIPANTS RESULTED IN 47 STRATEGIES TO COMBAT
9 HOMELESSNESS. AND ON FEBRUARY 9TH OF THIS YEAR, THE BOARD AT
10 THAT TIME UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THOSE 47 RECOMMENDED
11 STRATEGIES, AFTER BEING URGED TO DO SO BY REPRESENTATIVES,
12 ELECTED OFFICIALS, FROM OVER 20 CITIES AND SEVERAL DOZEN
13 COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS. THE PLAN IS DIVIDED INTO 6
14 CATEGORIES, WHICH REFLECT THE COMPLEXITY OF HOMELESSNESS:
15 PREVENTING HOMELESSNESS, BECAUSE IT'S CRITICALLY IMPORTANT
16 THAT WE REDUCE THE FLOW OF FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS INTO
17 HOMELESSNESS, IN ADDITION TO HELPING THOSE FAMILIES AND ADULTS
18 WHO ARE ALREADY HOMELESS TO MOVE INTO PERMANENT HOUSING;
19 SUBSIDIZING HOUSING, BECAUSE THE THING THAT HOMELESS FAMILIES
20 AND ADULTS MOST HAVE IN COMMON IS THAT THEY LACK THE CURRENT
21 INCOME NECESSARY TO PAY FOR AND SUSTAIN PERMANENT HOUSING;
22 INCREASING INCOME, BECAUSE MOST HOMELESS ADULTS HAVE THE
23 ABILITY TO INCREASE THEIR INCOME OVER TIME, IF THEY HAVE
24 ACCESS TO THE HOUSING AND SERVICES THEY NEED, TYPICALLY
25 THROUGH EMPLOYMENT, BUT ALSO THROUGH ACCESS TO FEDERAL



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1 DISABILITY BENEFITS; PROVIDING CASE MANAGEMENT AND SERVICES,
2 BECAUSE AS IMPORTANT AS MONEY FOR RENT IS, IN ALMOST ALL
3 CASES, RENTAL SUBSIDIES ARE INSUFFICIENT, AND THERE'S A NEED
4 FOR COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES THAT VARY, BASED ON INDIVIDUAL
5 CIRCUMSTANCES, IN THEIR SUBSTANCE AND DURATION; BUT
6 NONETHELESS, THOSE SERVICES, INTERWOVEN WITH MAINSTREAM COUNTY
7 SERVICES, ARE CRITICALLY IMPORTANT; CREATING A COORDINATED
8 SYSTEM, BECAUSE HOMELESS FAMILIES AND ADULTS ARE
9 DISPROPORTIONATE CONSUMERS OF GOVERNMENTAL SYSTEMS, AND FACE
10 DISPROPORTIONATE CHALLENGES IN ACCESSING THOSE SERVICES
11 EFFECTIVELY; AND FINALLY, INCREASING THE SUPPLY OF AFFORDABLE
12 AND SPECIFICALLY HOMELESS HOUSING, THE SHORTAGE OF WHICH IS
13 THE UNDERLYING CONTEXT AND FOUNDATION FOR THE CURRENT CRISIS
14 OF HOMELESSNESS. IN ADDITION, IN PARALLEL TO DEVELOPING THE
15 HOMELESS INITIATIVE STRATEGIES, WE WORKED WITH THE LOS ANGELES
16 HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY TO ESTIMATE FOR THE FIRST TIME, IN
17 A COMPREHENSIVE MANNER, THE CURRENT GAP IN HOMELESS HOUSING
18 AND RELATED SERVICES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND AS THIS SLIDE
19 REFLECTS, L.A.H.S.A. ESTIMATES THAT WE HAVE A GAP OF OVER
20 15,000 UNITS OF PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, WHICH SERVES
21 CHRONICALLY HOMELESS ADULTS WITH DISABLING CONDITIONS, AND AN
22 ADDITIONAL GAP OF MORE THAN 8,000 UNITS OF RAPID REHOUSING,
23 WHICH EACH GENERALLY SERVE TWO HOMELESS HOUSEHOLDS PER YEAR,
24 IN ADDITION TO GAPS IN EMERGENCY SHELTER AND HOMELESSNESS
25 PREVENTION. AS WE SEE ON THE NEXT SLIDE, L.A.H.S.A. ESTIMATES



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1 THAT THE ONGOING COST OF FILLING THIS GAP IS \$450 MILLION PER
2 YEAR. THAT'S \$450 MILLION NEEDED IN ONGOING FUNDING EACH YEAR,
3 TO CLOSE THIS GAP, AND THAT IS INDEPENDENT OF THE COST OF
4 CONSTRUCTING HOMELESS OR AFFORDABLE HOUSING. IN COMPARISON TO
5 THAT ANNUAL NEED OF \$450 MILLION, WE HAVE \$100 MILLION IN ONE-
6 TIME FUNDING TO LAUNCH THE INITIAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
7 STRATEGIES. AND THAT BRINGS US, THEN, TO THE MEASURE WHICH THE
8 BOARD WILL CONSIDER TODAY: A PROPOSED ONE-QUARTER-CENT SALES
9 TAX, WHICH WOULD BE UTILIZED FOR SERVICES, FOR RENTAL
10 SUBSIDIES, AND FOR HOUSING. THIS MEASURE WOULD GENERATE AN
11 ESTIMATED \$355 MILLION ANNUALLY, FOR 10 YEARS. AND BECAUSE THE
12 MEASURE IS A SPECIAL SALES TAX, IT MUST BE APPROVED BY TWO-
13 THIRDS OF THE ELECTORATE, AND MUST LEGALLY BE USED ONLY TO
14 COMBAT HOMELESSNESS. TO PUT THIS FUNDING IN PERSPECTIVE, A
15 ONE-QUARTER-CENT SALES TAX WOULD TRANSLATE INTO AN ADDITIONAL
16 TAX OF 10 CENTS, OR ONE DIME, ON THE PURCHASE OF A \$40
17 SWEATER, OR ONE DOLLAR ON THE PURCHASE OF A \$400 TELEVISION.
18 THIS FUNDING WOULD COMPLEMENT FUNDING THAT'S AVAILABLE FOR
19 MULTIPLE BRICKS-AND-MORTAR INITIATIVES-- THE H.H.H. HOUSING
20 BOND MEASURE THAT WAS REFERENCED EARLIER TODAY, AS WELL AS THE
21 STATE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME MEASURE. THOSE INITIATIVES WILL
22 PROVIDE FUNDING TO BUILD SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. THIS MEASURE WILL
23 PROVIDE FUNDING FOR SERVICES AND RENTAL SUBSIDIES, PRIMARILY.
24 AND THEN, FINALLY, TO ENSURE THAT THIS MONEY IS UTILIZED IN
25 THE MOST EFFECTIVE MANNER POSSIBLE, THERE WILL BE STRONG



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1 OVERSIGHT BY A CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE THAT WOULD BE
2 ESTABLISHED THROUGH THE BALLOT MEASURE AND THE ASSOCIATED
3 ORDINANCE. SUPERVISORS, I'D LIKE TO CONCLUDE BY SAYING THAT,
4 THANKS TO YOUR LEADERSHIP, THE ACTIVITIES OF THE HOMELESS
5 INITIATIVE, IN COLLABORATION WITH THEIR PARTNERS, HAS
6 SUCCEEDED IN UNLEASHING AN UNPRECEDENTED LEVEL OF
7 COLLABORATION AND ENERGY ACROSS THIS COUNTY, FIRST IN THE
8 INITIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE STRATEGIES WHICH YOU APPROVED ON
9 FEBRUARY 9TH, AND SUBSEQUENTLY IN THE VERY AGGRESSIVE
10 IMPLEMENTATION EFFORTS AROUND THESE STRATEGIES. BUT THE
11 LINCHPIN OF OUR OPPORTUNITY TO EFFECTIVELY COMBAT HOMELESSNESS
12 IS THE GENERATION OF ONGOING REVENUE TO SUSTAIN THE HOMELESS
13 INITIATIVE STRATEGIES, IMPLEMENT THEM TO SCALE, AND ENABLE THE
14 IMPLEMENTATION OF A SMALL NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL STRATEGIES THAT
15 COULD NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE INITIAL PLAN, BECAUSE OF THE
16 LIMITATIONS ON THE ONE-TIME FUNDING. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT, OUR NEXT
19 SPEAKER, PLEASE. DR. KATZ?

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21 **DR. MITCHELL KATZ:** MR. CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, DR. MITCH
22 KATZ, THE DIRECTOR OF THE HEALTH AGENCY, AND A SPECIAL WELCOME
23 TO OUR NEW SUPERVISORS. TO ME, HOMELESSNESS IS FIRST AND
24 FOREMOST A HEALTH ISSUE. AND WE'VE HEARD THE STAGGERING
25 NUMBERS, BUT I WANT TO TELL YOU ABOUT A PATIENT THAT I SAW AT



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1 ONE OF OUR HEALTH CENTERS, EDWARD ROIBAL, IN EAST L.A. HE CAME
2 IN URGENT CARE, A MAN IN HIS 60S. HE HAD SUFFERED A STROKE,
3 AND SO HE REQUIRED THE USE OF A WHEELCHAIR, IN ORDER TO GET
4 AROUND. THE REASON HE HAD COME TO SEE A DOCTOR IN URGENT CARE
5 IS THAT HE HAD A SORE ON HIS BEHIND THAT WAS NOT HEALING. NOT
6 A VERY DIFFICULT MEDICAL DIAGNOSIS. PEOPLE WHO USE WHEELCHAIRS
7 GET PRESSURE SORES. SO I SAID TO HIM, "YOU'RE SPENDING TOO
8 MUCH TIME IN YOUR CHAIR. YOU NEED TO SPEND MORE TIME IN BED
9 UNTIL THIS HEALS, SO THAT YOU'RE NOT PUTTING PRESSURE ON THAT
10 SPOT." AND HE SAID, "WELL, I DON'T HAVE A BED." AND I SAID,
11 "TELL ME MORE." HE SAID, "WELL, I SLEEP IN MY CHAIR. A FRIEND
12 OF MINE LETS ME ROLL MY CHAIR INTO HIS GARAGE AT NIGHT." AND
13 SO HERE WE HAVE A MAN IN HIS 60S, WHO SUFFERED A STROKE, WHO
14 IS LIVING IN HIS CHAIR IN SOMEBODY'S GARAGE. THIS IS NOT AN
15 ACCEPTABLE SITUATION FOR A SOCIETY LIKE OURS TO TOLERATE. I'M
16 VERY PROUD, OVER THE TIME I'VE BEEN HERE WITH THE SUPPORT OF
17 THE BOARD, THAT YOUR HEALTH AGENCY HAS HOUSED 2,000 PEOPLE.
18 [APPLAUSE.] WE'VE MOVED THEM FROM THE HOSPITAL INTO HOUSING.
19 WE'VE GIVEN PEOPLE DIGNITY. WE HAVE DECREASED OUR COST IN THE
20 HOSPITAL. WE'VE DECREASED INCARCERATION. WE STAND PREPARED
21 WITH YOU TO DO A LOT MORE, BUT WE NEED MORE FUNDING. THERE'S
22 NO WAY THAT WE CAN, WITH EXISTING FUNDS, MOVE 47,000 PEOPLE
23 FROM THE STREET, LIKE THIS MAN, INTO HOUSING, AND GIVE THEM
24 THEIR DIGNITY AND THEIR HEALTH. FINALLY, I WANT TO MENTION
25 THAT ONE OF THE REASONS I FEEL SO PASSIONATE ABOUT THIS AS A



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1 PHYSICIAN, THERE ARE MANY DISEASES I CANNOT CURE. I CANNOT
2 CURE DIABETES. I CANNOT CURE END-STAGE RENAL DISEASE. I CAN
3 ACTUALLY CURE HOMELESSNESS. THE CURE IS A HOUSE. [APPLAUSE.]
4 WE CAN GIVE PEOPLE A HOUSE, AND WE WILL CURE HOMELESSNESS. I
5 VERY MUCH APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT OF THIS BOARD. THANK YOU.

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7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY,
8 DR. KATZ. [APPLAUSE.] ALL RIGHT. NEXT PRESENTER, PLEASE.

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10 **JON SHERIN:** GOOD MORNING, AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS. JOHN
11 SHERIN, DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTOR. IT IS AN HONOR
12 TO TESTIFY ON TODAY'S PARAMOUNT TOPIC. YOUR COMMITMENT, AND
13 THE COMMITMENT OF STAKEHOLDERS ACROSS L.A., ACROSS ALL SECTORS
14 OF L.A., ARE BOTH ADMIRABLE AND IMPRESSIVE. THAT SAID, IT IS
15 CRITICAL THAT WE NOW, TOGETHER, CONVERT ON THESE COMMITMENTS
16 IN A ROBUST, INTENTIONAL, AND COMPREHENSIVE FASHION, WHICH
17 WILL REQUIRE ADEQUATE RESOURCE THAT IS VERY, VERY CAREFULLY
18 DEPLOYED. AS SUCH, YOU ARE TO BE APPLAUDED LOUDLY FOR PUTTING
19 THIS SALES TAX MOTION FORWARD, AND FOR INSISTING THAT ALL
20 REGIONS OF THE COUNTY COME TOGETHER IN DEVELOPING A SHARED
21 STRATEGY. TO PREPARE FOR THIS AGENCY TESTIMONY, D.M.H. NOT
22 ONLY ANALYZED DATA TO ESTIMATE THE COSTS FOR COUNTY TO PROVIDE
23 A RANGE OF INDICATED MENTAL-HEALTH SERVICES TO CARE FOR AND
24 HELP HOMELESS SUFFERING FROM MENTAL ILLNESS HEAL IN DIGNIFIED
25 LIVING CONDITIONS FOR YEARS TO COME; WE ALSO ANALYZED SOME OF



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1 THE IMPACTS ON THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN RECEIVING SUCH CARE FROM
2 THE MYRIAD PROGRAMS THAT WE CURRENTLY DELIVER, IN ONE FORM OR
3 ANOTHER, THROUGH THE MORE THAN 3,000 D.M.H.-ADMINISTERED
4 HOUSING UNITS CURRENTLY IN PLACE ACROSS THE COUNTY. AS ONE
5 EXAMPLE, D.M.H.'S INTEGRATED MOBILE HEALTH TEAMS, WHICH
6 PROVIDE PRIMARY CARE, MENTAL HEALTH, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE
7 TREATMENT TO THE COUNTY'S MOST VULNERABLE, CHRONICALLY
8 HOMELESS POPULATION, WITH PERVASIVE MENTAL ILLNESS,
9 DEMONSTRATE HEALTH-RELATED OUTCOME IMPROVEMENTS 12 MONTHS
10 AFTER ENROLLMENT. 53 PERCENT OF CLIENTS DEMONSTRATE BETTER
11 PHYSICAL HEALTH. 33 PERCENT HAVE A SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTION IN
12 DRUG USE, AND THERE IS A SIGNIFICANT DROP IN THE USE OF
13 EMERGENCY SERVICES. OUR WRAPAROUND FULL-SERVICE PARTNERSHIP
14 PROGRAMS, ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASE DAYS BEING HOMELESS BY
15 69 PERCENT IN THE CHRONIC HOMELESS POPULATION DIAGNOSED WITH
16 MENTAL ILLNESS. TO THIS END, THERE ARE A COUPLE OF QUICK
17 POINTS I'D LIKE TO MAKE, REGARDING MENTAL ILLNESS AND BEING
18 HOMELESS. MENTAL CONDITIONS ARE EXACERBATED BY HOMELESSNESS,
19 JUST AS THEY ARE BY ANY OTHER STRESSFUL, UNSAFE, NON-NURTURING
20 ENVIRONMENT. HOMELESSNESS IS THEREFORE MUCH MORE DIFFICULT TO
21 RESOLVE FOR THOSE WITH CONCOMITANT MENTAL ILLNESS, WHICH
22 INTENSIFIES OVER TIME IN THE STREETS. THE COMPROMISED
23 DECISION-MAKING CAPACITY THAT OFTEN ACCOMPANIES MENTAL
24 ILLNESS, THE PREDILECTION FOR SUBSTANCE USE TO SELF-SOOTHE
25 THAT IS COMMONPLACE WHILE SUFFERING FROM MENTAL ILLNESS, THE



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1 DISSOLUTION OF FAMILY SUPPORT THAT EVOLVES OVER YEARS, FOR WAY
2 TOO MANY WITH MENTAL ILLNESS, AND THE STRUGGLE TO ENGAGE A
3 PURPOSEFUL AND GENERATIVE LIFE, AS A RESULT OF MENTAL ILLNESS,
4 POSE A SET OF DEMANDS THAT MUST BE CONSIDERED FOUNDATIONAL IN
5 ADMINISTERING RESOURCES TO END HOMELESSNESS. GETTING BACK TO
6 THE MATTER AT HAND, WE ESTIMATE THAT, AS PART OF THE
7 COUNTYWIDE STRATEGY, WE WILL NEED TO PROVIDE SERVICES,
8 INCLUDING PREVENTION, MAINTENANCE, AND CRISIS-ORIENTED CARE,
9 TO ROUGHLY 12,500 ADDITIONAL CLIENTS OVER THE NEXT 10 YEARS,
10 TOUCHING OVER 1,000 NEW CASES IN THE FIRST YEAR, AS WE RAMP UP
11 FUNDS AND HOUSING INVENTORY ACCRUES. IF WE BREAK THESE NUMBERS
12 DOWN INTO TWO CRUDE CATEGORIES OF SERVICE, MORE INTENSIVE AND
13 LESS INTENSIVE, AND EFFECTIVELY LAUNCH OUR NEW MODEL WITH
14 D.H.S., THAT USES PARTNERED, ON-SITE CASE MANAGEMENT AND
15 SHARED-CARE COORDINATION, WE CAN PREDICT THAT ROUGHLY \$100
16 MILLION PER YEAR WILL BE REQUIRED AT THE 10-YEAR MARK, WITH A
17 STEADY GROWTH CURVE THAT STARTS AT \$20 MILLION PER YEAR, IN
18 2017. ON A LAST NOTE, AS WE LEAVE THE FIELD IN COMBATING
19 HOMELESSNESS, WE MUST CONTINUE TO INTERVENE PROACTIVELY ON
20 BEHALF OF ALL WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED TRAUMA, AND PREDICTABLY ARE
21 AT INCREASED RISK OF HITTING THE STREETS, HOSPITALS, AND
22 JAILS. OF RELEVANCE TODAY, IMMIGRANT RESIDENTS, THE FOCUS OF
23 THE BOARD LATER THIS AFTERNOON, WILL BE AT SUCH RISK. THANK
24 YOU.

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1 **SUP. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] YES,
2 MA'AM?

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4 **CYNTHIA HARDING:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS. CYNTHIA HARDING,
5 INTERIM DIRECTOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. AND
6 ALSO, WELCOME TO OUR NEW SUPERVISORS JOINING US ON THE BOARD
7 TODAY. I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ABOUT THESE VERY
8 IMPORTANT MOTIONS BEFORE YOU, AND PARTICULARLY TO TALK ABOUT
9 THE BROADER CONTEXT OF HEALTH AND HOMELESSNESS, AS WELL AS
10 SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT. WE HEARD THROUGH THE MOTIONS
11 THIS FACT THAT PEOPLE WHO ARE HOMELESS ARE 3 TO 4 TIMES MORE
12 LIKELY TO PREMATURELY DIE THAN OTHER INDIVIDUALS. NATIONALLY,
13 THE AVERAGE LIFESPAN FOR THE HOMELESS POPULATION IS BETWEEN 42
14 AND 52 YEARS, COMPARED TO 78 YEARS OR MORE IN THE GENERAL
15 POPULATION. THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE, AND IT'S TOTALLY UNJUST. WE
16 KNOW, AS WE HEARD FROM THE STORY THAT DR. KATZ TOLD US, THAT
17 POOR HEALTH CAN LEAD TO HOMELESSNESS, AND HOMELESSNESS ALSO
18 LEADS TO POOR HEALTH. IT'S A VICIOUS AND UNJUST CYCLE. ACUTE
19 AND CHRONIC MENTAL-HEALTH PROBLEMS, AND OTHER CHRONIC DISEASES
20 AND DISABILITY, CAN LEAD TO HOMELESSNESS WHEN STABLE HOUSING
21 BECOMES JUST TOO DIFFICULT TO MAINTAIN WITHOUT ASSISTANCE. AND
22 ENVIRONMENTAL EXPOSURES AND EXPOSURES TO THE ELEMENTS,
23 EXPOSURES TO COMMUNICABLE DISEASES, LACK OF ACCESS TO
24 PREVENTIVE CARE, AND LACK OF ACCESS TO PROPER NUTRITION, ALL
25 CONTRIBUTE TO HIGH RATES OF POOR HEALTH AMONG THOSE THAT ARE



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1 HOMELESS. HOMELESSNESS, AS YOU HEARD FROM DR. SHERIN,
2 EXACERBATES BOTH CHRONIC PHYSICAL AND MENTAL CONDITIONS, AND
3 IT LEADS TO CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS SUCH AS SUBSTANCE ABUSE.
4 ALMOST A QUARTER OF OUR HOMELESS PEOPLE LIVING ON THE STREETS
5 ARE STRUGGLING WITH SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER: A DISEASE, A
6 CHRONIC DISEASE. IT'S NOT A MORAL FAILING. THIS IS A CHRONIC
7 DISEASE, AND WE HAVE TO DILIGENTLY SUPPORT PEOPLE IN THIS
8 DISEASE, AS WE NEED THOSE ADDITIONAL SUPPORT SYSTEMS. WE'VE
9 BEEN WORKING DILIGENTLY TO IMPLEMENT THE DRUG MEDI-CAL WAIVER,
10 WITH THE SUPPORT OF YOUR BOARD, WHICH WILL BRING US MORE
11 SERVICES AND MORE FUNDING TO PROVIDE MORE SERVICES TO MORE
12 PEOPLE. BUT WE'RE GOING TO NEED-- THERE ARE GOING TO BE GAPS
13 IN THAT. FOR EXAMPLE, THE WAIVER FUNDING WON'T FUND THE CARE
14 AND BOARD AT RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT. IT FUNDS THE TREATMENT,
15 BUT NOT THE CARE AND BOARD. AND AS SOMEBODY LEAVES RESIDENTIAL
16 TREATMENT, AND THEY GO ON TO OUTPATIENT TREATMENT, WE NEED TO
17 MAKE SURE THAT THEY HAVE BRIDGE HOUSING IN PLACE, SO THAT THEY
18 CAN CONTINUE THEIR TREATMENT. YOU'VE HEARD FROM DR. SHERIN AND
19 DR. KATZ, WE NEED A SUPPORTIVE TEAM FOR CASE MANAGEMENT AROUND
20 INDIVIDUALS, SO THAT THEY CAN BE SUCCESSFUL AND RESILIENT IN
21 THEIR TREATMENT FOR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS. SO, IN SHORT,
22 ADDITIONAL ONGOING RESOURCES WILL BE ESSENTIAL FOR US TO
23 PROVIDE THE COMPREHENSIVE WRAPAROUND SERVICES TO SUPPORT
24 HOMELESS PEOPLE IN THEIR TREATMENT. THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]
2 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, WE HAVE SEVERAL PERSONS WHO WISH TO BE
3 HEARD, BUT NOW IS THE TIME FOR YOU TO RAISE QUESTIONS OF THIS
4 STAFF ON MATTERS THAT YOU MAY WISH TO HAVE ANSWERS TO. AND
5 UPON THE CONCLUSION OF YOUR BRIEF ROUND OF QUESTIONS, I WISH
6 TO TEE UP THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO WISH TO BE HEARD. IT IS
7 SUBSTANTIAL. AND TO THE EXTENT THAT THAT IS THE CASE, WE WILL
8 MOVE THROUGH AS BRISKLY AS IS REASONABLE. YOU ARE HEAR TO
9 DISCUSS THE MATTER OF HOMELESSNESS. IT IS OUR OBLIGATION TO DO
10 THIS ISSUE JUSTICE. AND SO IF YOU ARE HERE TO HANG IN WITH US,
11 WE WILL DO OUR VERY BEST TO DO RIGHT BY THIS ISSUE. THE CHAIR
12 IS PREPARED TO RECOGNIZE ANYONE WHO WISHES TO POSE A QUESTION.
13 SUPERVISOR BARGER?

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15 **SUP. BARGER:** I WANT TO THANK YOU. VERY, VERY INFORMATIVE. BUT,
16 DR. SHERIN, I MEAN, I KNOW WE'RE TALKING ABOUT A LACK OF
17 RESOURCES, AND I APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT WE HAVE A HUGE GAP.
18 DO YOU HAVE ANY THOUGHTS, IN TERMS OF THE NEED TO LOOK AT
19 LEGISLATION, AS IT RELATES TO MENTAL HEALTH, AND WORK WITH THE
20 STATE ON THAT, IN CONJUNCTION WITH?

21

22 **DR. JON SHERIN:** YEAH. I THINK WE ALWAYS NEED TO BE LOOKING AT
23 LEGISLATION AT THE STATE LEVEL, TO ATTEND TO THE NEEDS OF OUR
24 DEPARTMENTS. CURRENTLY, THROUGH SOME OF THE M.H.S.A.
25 INITIATIVES, THERE ARE FUNDS DEDICATED TOWARDS THIS



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1 POPULATION, THAT WE'RE LEVERAGING IN A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT
2 WAYS, BOTH TO CARE FOR THOSE WHO ARE HOMELESS, IN ADDITION TO
3 PROVIDE PREVENTATIVE-TYPE SERVICES. THERE'S ALWAYS ROOM TO DO
4 MORE, AND I THINK WE, AS A COUNTY, WITH SUCH A LARGE SIZE, ARE
5 IN A GREAT POSITION TO LOBBY STRONGLY, AND WE'LL PLAN TO DO
6 THAT.

7

8 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND THEN A QUESTION TO YOU, CYNTHIA:
9 IN TERMS OF THE HOUSING GAP, IS THAT A FUNDING ISSUE COMING
10 DOWN FROM THE STATE, OR IS THAT JUST SOMETHING THAT WAS NOT
11 WELL-THOUGHT-OUT, IN TERMS OF REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE ALCOHOL
12 AND DRUG?

13

14 **CYNTHIA HARDING:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, FOR THAT QUESTION. SO
15 THE BRIDGE HOUSING IS NOT COVERED BY MEDI-CAL. WE ARE
16 CURRENTLY USING OUR SUBSTANCE-ABUSE PREVENTION BLOCK GRANT TO
17 COVER THOSE. BUT AGAIN, THOSE FUNDS ARE LIMITED. AND IF WE DO
18 OUR DUE DILIGENCE IN GETTING MORE PEOPLE INTO TREATMENT, WE'RE
19 GOING TO NEED MORE SOURCES OF FUNDING TO SUPPORT THE KIND OF
20 WRAPAROUND AND TEMPORARY HOUSING FOR FOLKS, AS THEY GO THROUGH
21 TREATMENT.

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23 **SUP. BARGER:** AND THEN, DR. KATZ, MY LAST QUESTION FOR YOU: IN
24 TERMS OF WE TALK ABOUT MEDI-CAL FUNDING AND REIMBURSEMENT,



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1 WHERE IS THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA OVERALL, AS IT RELATES TO
2 REIMBURSEMENT, COMPARED TO THE OTHER STATES?

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4 **DR. KATZ:** SUPERVISOR, IN TERMS OF HOW MUCH THE STATE DRAWS
5 DOWN, WE ARE AT THE VERY BOTTOM. IT'S LIKE 48, 49. THERE'S
6 TREMENDOUS OPPORTUNITY, IF THE STATE WOULD EXPAND ITS MEDICAID
7 BENEFIT, BECAUSE, AS YOU KNOW, IT'S A 50/50 PROPOSITION. SO,
8 BECAUSE THE STATE HAS CONSTRAINED WHAT IT DOES, IT PULLS DOWN
9 VERY LITTLE FEDERAL DOLLARS.

10

11 **SUP. BARGER:** AND THE REASON WHY I ASK THAT IS-- I MEAN, I
12 ACTUALLY KNEW THE ANSWER. I BELIEVE THAT, AS WE MOVE FORWARD,
13 IT SHOULDN'T BE AN EITHER/OR-- I THINK IT SHOULD BE AN AND--
14 THAT WE NEED TO ADDRESS THAT AT THE STATE LEVEL, AS WELL.

15

16 **DR. MITCHELL KATZ:** AGREED. [APPLAUSE.]

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18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
19 SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOR YOUR REMARKS AND YOUR QUESTIONS.

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21 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU. I REALLY DO APPRECIATE THE INFORMATION
22 THAT WE'RE HEARING TODAY, AND I'M CERTAINLY PLEASED THAT THIS
23 MOTION TODAY, ON THE QUARTER-CENT SALES TAX, IS THE FIRST
24 MOTION THAT I WILL HAVE MY NAME ATTACHED TO. SO I'M EXTREMELY
25 PLEASED ABOUT THAT. [APPLAUSE.] AND MAY I SAY THAT, EVEN



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1 THOUGH IT MIGHT BE SYMBOLIC AT THIS POINT, TO DECLARE
2 HOMELESSNESS AN EMERGENCY CRISIS, I HAVE ALWAYS SAID, IF WE
3 HAD 47,000 PEOPLE THAT WERE DISPLACED FROM THEIR HOMES UNDER
4 ANY OTHER EMERGENCY-- A FLOOD, A FIRE, A HURRICANE, A TORNADO--
5 - WE WOULD BRING EVERY RESOURCE WE COULD, AND MANY PEOPLE
6 WOULD STAY UP AT NIGHT, WORRYING ABOUT HOW LONG IT WOULD TAKE
7 TO GET PEOPLE BACK IN THEIR HOMES. SO I LIKE THE IDEA THAT
8 WE'RE RAISING IT TO THAT LEVEL. I ALSO LIKE THE FACT THAT WE
9 HAVE COME INTO THIS AGE WHERE WE BELIEVE, AS MANY OF YOU HAVE
10 GIVEN US INFORMATION, WE GOT TO GET PEOPLE SHELTERED. WE GOT
11 TO GET THEM IN HOUSING FIRST. WE USED TO TRY TO GET PEOPLE TO
12 GET THEIR ACT TOGETHER BEFORE WE AWARDED THEM A PLACE TO LIVE.
13 THEY HAD TO PROVE SOMETHING TO US. AND NOW WE KNOW IT'S
14 IMPOSSIBLE TO GET YOUR LIFE TOGETHER IF YOU'RE ON THE STREETS.
15 [APPLAUSE.] AND SO I APPRECIATE THAT DIRECTION THAT THIS
16 COUNTY IS GOING IN. SO I WANTED TO ASK A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS,
17 PHIL. HOW DOES THE FUNDING THAT WOULD BE REALIZED THROUGH THIS
18 QUARTER-CENT SALES TAX, HOW DOES THAT RELATE TO THE CITY OF
19 LOS ANGELES MEASURE H.H.H., THAT WAS PASSED?

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21 **PHIL ANSELL:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. AS I MENTIONED, MEASURE
22 H.H.H. IS SPECIFICALLY AND EXCLUSIVELY FOR CAPITAL
23 EXPENDITURES. THE CITY WILL UTILIZE AT LEAST 80 PERCENT OF THE
24 H.H.H. REVENUE TO CONSTRUCT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. BUT IN ORDER
25 FOR SUPPORTIVE HOUSING TO EXIST AND BE EFFECTIVE, THERE ARE



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1 THREE CRITICAL INGREDIENTS: THE PHYSICAL HOUSING, WHICH WILL
2 BE BUILT BY H.H.H.; AN ONGOING RENTAL SUBSIDY; AND THE
3 SUPPORTIVE SERVICES. [APPLAUSE.] SO THE QUARTER-CENT SALES TAX
4 MEASURE WILL GENERATE FUNDING TO PAY FOR THOSE SERVICES, AND,
5 TO THE EXTENT NECESSARY, POTENTIALLY TO SUPPLEMENT RENTAL
6 SUBSIDIES THAT WE'LL BE LOOKING TO THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES TO
7 PROVIDE, THROUGH THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF LOS
8 ANGELES.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN:** AND NOW, AS WAS ALSO BROUGHT UP THIS MORNING, WE
11 KNOW THAT THE PROBLEM OF HOMELESSNESS EXISTS THROUGHOUT THE
12 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, AND I BELIEVE THAT'S WHY IT IS MORE ON
13 THE MINDS OF THE VOTERS AND THE POPULATION, AS WE HAVE ALL
14 HEARD WHEN WE'VE DONE OUR OWN POLLING. IT'S ONE OF THE NUMBER-
15 1 ISSUES. IF THIS MEASURE PASSES, HOW DO WE ENSURE THAT THE
16 FUNDS ARE DISTRIBUTED EQUITABLY THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY AND ALL
17 OF OUR DISTRICTS, AND WHAT ROLE DOES THE CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT
18 MAYBE PLAY IN THAT, OR OTHER WAYS TO OVERSEE HOW THESE FUNDS
19 ARE SPENT?

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21 **PHIL ANSELL:** SUPERVISOR, ON FEBRUARY 9TH, IN ADOPTING THE 47
22 STRATEGIES, THE BOARD ALSO APPROVED A COMPANION MOTION THAT
23 DIRECTED THE C.E.O. TO DISTRIBUTE THE FUNDING FOR THE HOMELESS
24 INITIATIVE STRATEGIES BY SERVICE PLANNING AREA, OF WHICH THERE
25 ARE 8 IN THE COUNTY, PROPORTIONATE TO THE MOST RECENT HOMELESS



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1 COUNT RESULTS, WHEREVER IT'S REASONABLE TO DO SO. AND WE HAVE
2 SUBSEQUENTLY RESPONDED TO THE BOARD WITH A BREAKOUT BY
3 STRATEGY, IDENTIFYING THOSE WHERE IT IS REASONABLE TO ALLOCATE
4 THE FUNDING BY S.P.A. AND VIRTUALLY ALL OF THE STRATEGIES THAT
5 NEED ONGOING FUNDING, AND THAT WOULD BE FUNDED THROUGH THE
6 SALES TAX, WOULD HAVE THE FUNDING ALLOCATED BY S.P.A., PER THE
7 HOMELESS COUNT RESULTS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THAT PRIOR POLICY
8 ADOPTED BY THE BOARD.

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10 **SUP HAHN:** AND DID YOU WANT TO TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE
11 CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, AND WHAT ROLE THEY WOULD BE
12 PLAYING IN THE OVERSEEING OF HOW THESE FUNDS ARE SPENT?

13

14 **PHIL ANSELL:** CERTAINLY. THE CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE WILL
15 HAVE A REVIEW FUNCTION, NOT A DECISION-MAKING FUNCTION, AT THE
16 FRONT END. SO THE CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE WOULD BE
17 APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AND WOULD HAVE STAFF
18 SUPPORT THAT WOULD BE INDEPENDENT OF THE COUNTY STAFF
19 RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTING THE STRATEGIES, AND WOULD BE
20 LOOKING TO SEE THAT THE FUNDING IS BEING USED AS LEGALLY
21 REQUIRED, AND WOULD ALSO BE MONITORING THE OUTCOMES AND THE
22 EFFICACY OF THE UTILIZATION OF THAT FUNDING.

23

24 **SUP. HAHN:** ONE OF THE AREAS THAT I HAVE REALLY COME TO BE VERY
25 CONCERNED ABOUT IS OUR TRANSITION-AGED YOUTH, OR THE OLDER



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1 KIDS THAT ARE COMING OUT OF OUR FOSTER-CARE SYSTEM, WHO ARE
2 LIKELY TO BECOME HOMELESS. [APPLAUSE.] I KNOW VERY FEW 18-
3 YEAR-OLDS WHO HAVE THE WHEREWITHAL TO HAVE A GOOD-PAYING JOB,
4 PAY FIRST, PAY LAST, PAY SECURITY, AND ACTUALLY FIND
5 THEMSELVES A PLACE TO LIVE. I HAVE A 35-YEAR-OLD SON WHO JUST
6 MOVED OUT LAST YEAR, SO... [LAUGHTER.] I THINK IT'S VERY
7 DIFFICULT. I KNOW, BUT HE MOVED OUT, FINALLY. YEAH.
8 [LAUGHTER.] SO, WHAT STRATEGIES IN THIS REVENUE STREAM WOULD
9 GO TOWARDS THAT POPULATION?

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11 **PHIL ANSELL:** SUPERVISOR, THERE'S ACTUALLY SOME VERY EXCITING
12 AND GROUNDBREAKING WORK GOING ON, WITH RESPECT TO HOMELESS
13 TRANSITION-AGE YOUTH, AND PREVENTING HOMELESSNESS AMONG
14 TRANSITION-AGE YOUTHS, AS WELL. SPECIFICALLY, ONE OF THE
15 ADOPTED STRATEGIES, STRATEGY E14, IS ENHANCED SERVICES FOR
16 TRANSITION-AGE YOUTH, WHICH THE BOARD APPROVED IN FEBRUARY.
17 AND AS A RESULT OF THAT STRATEGY, WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO IMPLEMENT
18 FOR THE FIRST TIME, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1ST, A COORDINATED ENTRY
19 SYSTEM FOR YOUTH, WHICH IS NOW IN PLACE IN ALL 8 SERVICE
20 PLANNING AREAS IN THE COUNTY. AND THERE ARE OTHER ASSOCIATED
21 INNOVATIONS, INCLUDING ADDITIONAL SHELTER AND RAPID REHOUSING,
22 SPECIFICALLY FOR HOMELESS TRANSITION-AGE YOUTH. IN ADDITION,
23 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES IS ONE OF THREE CURRENT PARTICIPANTS
24 IN THE 100-DAY CHALLENGE TO END YOUTH HOMELESSNESS. IT WAS A
25 COMPETITIVE PROCESS, AND LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES



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1 AUTHORITY SPEARHEADED THE APPLICATION FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS
2 ANGELES, AND WE ARE ONE OF THREE. WE HAVE ALREADY-- WE ARE IN
3 THE MIDST. WE'RE NEARING THE END OF THAT 100-DAY PERIOD. WE
4 ARE WELL BEYOND THE GOAL OF HOUSING 100 YOUTH IN 100 DAYS.
5 [APPLAUSE.] AND WE'RE RECEIVING THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF TECHNICAL
6 ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE SPONSORS OF THE 100-DAY CHALLENGE,
7 WHICH IS IDEALLY POSITIONED TO HELP US TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE
8 IMPLEMENTATION, AND IMPLEMENT, IN THE MOST EFFECTIVE MANNER
9 POSSIBLE, THE COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEM FOR YOUTH. AND THEN,
10 FINALLY, JUST THIS WEEK, FOLLOWING SUPPORT FROM THE BOARD OF
11 SUPERVISORS, L.A.H.S.A. SUBMITTED AN APPLICATION FOR A H.U.D.
12 GRANT TO END YOUTH HOMELESSNESS. AND WE'RE VERY OPTIMISTIC
13 THAT WITH THE LEVEL OF SUPPORT THAT WAS GENERATED, BOTH FROM
14 THE COUNTY, THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, AND COMMUNITY PROVIDERS,
15 THAT WE'RE IN A VERY GOOD POSITION TO BE A GRANTEE SELECTED BY
16 H.U.D., THERE. SO THERE'S A GREAT DEAL OF WORK GOING ON AROUND
17 YOUTH HOMELESSNESS IN THE COUNTY. AND THEN, SPECIFICALLY, AS
18 IT RELATES TO YOUTH EXITING THE FOSTER-CARE SYSTEM, ONE OF OUR
19 STRATEGIES, A4, IS SPECIFIC TO DISCHARGES FROM JUVENILE
20 PROBATION AND THE FOSTER-CARE SYSTEM, WHERE THE PROBATION
21 DEPARTMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES
22 ARE HARD AT WORK ON IMPLEMENTING A SERIES OF SYSTEMS-LEVEL
23 INNOVATIONS, TO TRY TO REDUCE DISCHARGES INTO HOMELESSNESS
24 FROM BOTH JUVENILE PROBATION AND THE FOSTER-CARE SYSTEM.
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1 **SUP. HAHN:** I JUST HAVE ONE MORE.

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3 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** OKAY. AND THEN SUPERVISOR SOLIS,
4 FOLLOWED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

5

6 **SUP. HAHN:** OKAY, ONE MORE. CAN YOU SPEAK TO THE SUNSET PIECE
7 OF THIS? AGAIN, I AM PRETTY CONFIDENT THAT THE VOTERS OF LOS
8 ANGELES COUNTY ARE GOING TO SUPPORT THIS. THE 10-YEAR SUNSET:
9 ARE WE GOING TO SOLVE THIS PROBLEM IN 10 YEARS? WHAT WOULD BE
10 THE REASON FOR THIS, AND DOES THAT MAKE SENSE FOR US TO
11 INCLUDE THAT IN THIS MEASURE?

12

13 **PHIL ANSELL:** WELL, SUPERVISOR, YOU AND SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
14 THOMAS, AS THE MAKERS OF THE MOTION, HAVE INCLUDED A 10-YEAR
15 SUNSET FOR VISION. THAT WILL CREATE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE
16 VOTERS AND THE RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO SEE HOW
17 EFFECTIVELY THESE FUNDS CAN BE USED. THE SUPPORTIVE HOUSING
18 THAT YOU MENTIONED, THAT WOULD BE BUILT THROUGH MEASURE
19 H.H.H., IS ALSO ON A 10-YEAR CYCLE. AND AS WE MOVE CLOSE TO
20 THE END OF THAT 10 YEARS, THERE'LL BE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE
21 ELECTED OFFICIALS AT THAT TIME, AND FOR THE RESIDENTS OF THE
22 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, TO MAKE A JUDGMENT ABOUT WHETHER, AT
23 THAT TIME, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO GIVE THE VOTERS ANOTHER
24 OPPORTUNITY TO EXTEND, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, THIS SALES TAX,
25 WHICH WOULD INITIALLY BE APPROVED FOR 10 YEARS.



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2 **SUP. HAHN:** ACCOUNTABILITY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR.

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6 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU.

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8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

9

10 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR. YES, THANK YOU FOR THE
11 PRESENTATION, AND I KNOW THAT THIS HAS BEEN AN ISSUE THAT MANY
12 OF US HAVE HAD GREAT CONCERN. AND I KNOW, AT THE LAST-- I
13 THINK LAST YEAR, I HAD RAISED THE NOTION OF THE \$1 BILLION
14 THAT WE CURRENTLY SPEND-- APPROXIMATELY 1 BILLION-- ON
15 HOMELESS, AND THE FACT THAT WE WERE, THROUGH THE C.E.O.'S
16 OFFICE, GOING TO BE LOOKING AT, PERHAPS, FINDING A VENDOR TO
17 DO PREDICTIVE MODELING. I WANT TO KNOW WHAT THE STATUS IS
18 ABOUT THAT, BECAUSE IF THE AUDIENCE IS NOT FULLY AWARE, THERE
19 IS THIS, I THINK, IMPORTANT NOTION HERE, THAT THERE ARE MANY--
20 PARTICULARLY, A SMALLER PERCENTAGE OF PEOPLE-- THAT USE UP THE
21 COUNTY SERVICES AT A HIGHER RATE, BECAUSE THEY USE OUR TRAUMA
22 CENTER, IN AND OUT OF JAIL, AND THEY'RE NOT GETTING THE
23 MANAGED-CARE TREATMENT THAT THEY SHOULD BE GETTING, WHERE WE
24 COULD THEN POSSIBLY DROP DOWN THE COSTS THAT WE'RE CURRENTLY
25 TAKING UP, AND THEN SPREADING THAT MONEY OUT TO DO MORE



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1 SERVICES. AND SO I ASKED LAST YEAR WHAT THE ANALYSIS WOULD BE,
2 IN TERMS OF HIRING A VENDOR TO DO THE PREDICTIVE METRICS THAT
3 ARE NEEDED, AND IF I COULD GET AN UPDATE ON WHERE WE ARE IN
4 THAT PROGRESS.

5

6 **PHIL ANSELL:** CERTAINLY, SUPERVISOR. A FEW MONTHS AGO, YOU
7 BROUGHT FORWARD A MOTION WHICH BUILT ON THE ACTION THE BOARD
8 HAD TAKEN ON FEBRUARY 9TH, DIRECTING THE C.E.O. AND THE
9 SERVICE DEPARTMENTS TO PRIORITIZE RENTAL SUBSIDIES AND THE
10 ASSOCIATED SERVICES FOR THAT HIGHEST-COST GROUP: THE 5 PERCENT
11 WHO ARE MOST EXPENSIVE. AND AS WE REPORTED IN OUR MOST RECENT
12 QUARTERLY REPORT, ON NOVEMBER 9TH, WE HAVE NOW IMPLEMENTED
13 THAT SYSTEM OF PRIORITIZATION, WHERE, THROUGH CLOSE WORK WITH
14 COUNTY COUNSEL AND THE SERVICE DEPARTMENTS, WE HAVE, FOR THE
15 FIRST TIME, BEEN ABLE TO PROVIDE TO D.H.S. AND D.M.H., D.P.H.,
16 THE SHERIFF, PROBATION, D.P.S.S., AND L.A.H.S.A., THEIR
17 RESPECTIVE LISTS OF THOSE HIGHEST-COST UTILIZERS. SO THEY ARE
18 NOW USING THOSE TO TARGET SCARCE RENTAL SUBSIDIES AND
19 ASSOCIATED SERVICES. AND WE ARE WORKING WITH THE C.E.O.
20 RESEARCH STAFF ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN EVALUATION, OR A
21 RESEARCH APPROACH, TO TRACK SAVINGS ASSOCIATED WITH THAT
22 PRIORITIZATION, WHICH COULD THEN GENERATE RESOURCES THAT COULD
23 BE RE-INVESTED IN COMBATING HOMELESSNESS WITH OTHER PEOPLE. IN
24 PARALLEL TO THAT, THE C.E.O. RESEARCH OPERATION IS PURSUING,
25 AND HAS SEPARATELY REPORTED BACK TO THE BOARD, WORK WITH



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1 OUTSIDE RESEARCHERS THAT WOULD POTENTIALLY GIVE US THE ABILITY
2 TO ADOPT AN EVEN MORE SOPHISTICATED APPROACH THAT WOULD BASE
3 PREDICTIONS ON FUTURE HIGH COSTS ON FACTORS IN ADDITION TO
4 PAST HIGH COST.

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6 **SUP. SOLIS:** HOW SOON WOULD THAT TAKE PLACE, OR WHAT IS OUR
7 TIMELINE FOR THAT?

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9 **PHIL ANSELL:** WELL, THE FIRST SET OF LISTS OF THOSE 5 PERCENT
10 WERE DISTRIBUTED TO THE DEPARTMENTS LATE LAST MONTH, SO WE ARE
11 IN THE VERY BEGINNING OF IMPLEMENTATION OF PRIORITIZING THE
12 RENTAL SUBSIDIES AND RELATED SERVICES.

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14 **SUP. SOLIS:** TYPICALLY, WHAT WOULD THE ANALYSIS LOOK LIKE? IN
15 THREE MONTHS? WHEN COULD WE EXPECT INFORMATION BACK?

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17 **PHIL ANSELL:** WELL, SUPERVISOR, WE'LL BE REPORTING BACK TO YOU
18 ON A QUARTERLY BASIS. OUR NEXT REPORT WILL BE ON FEBRUARY 9TH,
19 ON THE PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTING THIS TARGETING OF THE HIGHEST-
20 COST USERS. AND THIS IS REALLY A WATERSHED IN THE COUNTY. IT
21 IS THE FIRST TIME THAT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO NAVIGATE THE LEGAL
22 ISSUES, TO ENABLE US, ON A MULTIDEPARTMENT BASIS, TO
23 PRIORITIZE ANYTHING THAT THE COUNTY DOES IN THIS MANNER.

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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** I THINK THAT'S GOING TO BE TREMENDOUS, BECAUSE IT
2 WILL BE A TREMENDOUS COST SAVINGS FOR US, AND ABILITY TO
3 SPREAD OUT THE FUNDING TO A LARGER POPULATION. MY NEXT
4 QUESTION IS WITH RESPECT TO THE COUNT THAT GOES ON, ANNUALLY.
5 AND THIS IS PROVIDED BY VOLUNTEERS, AS WE ALL WELL KNOW, AND I
6 THINK IT'S COMMENDABLE THAT THEY DO THAT. BUT I CONTINUE TO
7 HAVE CONCERNS, WITH REGARD TO THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AND THE
8 SOUTHEAST CITIES THAT I REPRESENT, BECAUSE I HAVEN'T SEEN THE
9 ADEQUATE NUMBERS. I HEAR FROM OUR CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS THAT I
10 REPRESENT IN SOME OF THE CITIES THERE THAT THERE IS LARGE
11 NUMBERS THAT ARE NOT RECEIVING APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE. SO I'M
12 WONDERING IF PERHAPS WE MAY START TO LOOK AT PROVIDERS THAT
13 SERVE THE POPULATION, BECAUSE THAT NUMBER TENDS TO BE GREATER
14 THAN SOME OF THE FOLKS THAT WE GO AND ACTUALLY COUNT OUT ON
15 THAT NIGHT, OR EVEN IN THAT MONTH. AND I'M WONDERING IF WE
16 COULD DO A BETTER ANALYSIS IN THAT WAY, AND HELP TO REWARD
17 THOSE PROVIDERS, BECAUSE IF THEY ARE SEEING MAYBE 100 TO 200
18 PEOPLE IN A QUARTER, AND OUR CENSUS TELLS US THAT THERE REALLY
19 ARE ONLY MAYBE 20 OR 30 THAT WE COUNTED, THEREFORE YOU'RE NOT
20 GOING TO ACTUALLY PROVIDE THEM THE SUFFICIENT FUNDS NEEDED. I
21 WOULD HOPE THAT WE COULD BE ABLE TO DO A BETTER RAPID RESPONSE
22 TO THOSE RESIDENTS IN THE AREA MOST IMPACTED. AND I'M
23 THINKING, RIGHT NOW, JUST IN TERMS OF WHAT I SAW HAPPENING IN
24 THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. WE OPENED UP A WINTER SHELTER THIS
25 LAST WEEK, AND AT FIRST, JUST THE INFORMATION GOING OUT, GOT



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1 OUT A BIT LATE. SO, FOR WHATEVER THAT'S WORTH, MAYBE WE HAD 5
2 PEOPLE THE FIRST NIGHT. BUT AS IT GOT COLDER, THERE WERE MAYBE
3 15 TO 16. BUT HAD WE MORE ABILITY TO CONNECT WITH OUR
4 PROVIDERS SUFFICIENTLY, IN A MORE COORDINATED CAPACITY, I
5 THINK WE WOULD'VE BEEN ABLE TO GET MORE PEOPLE OFF THE RIVER
6 BED IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, AND IN SOME OF THOSE AREAS. SO
7 I'M JUST TRYING TO THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX, AND HOW WE CAN TRY
8 TO APPROACH THIS, IN TERMS OF WHAT SOME OF MY BOARD STAFF HAVE
9 SEEN OUT IN THE FIELD.

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11 **PHIL ANSELL:** SUPERVISOR, WE'LL BE DELIGHTED. WE ARE WORKING
12 ACTIVELY WITH CITIES ACROSS THE COUNTY, AS YOU KNOW, AND THE
13 CITIES IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY HAVE BEEN AMONG THOSE WHO'VE
14 BEEN MOST ACTIVELY ENGAGED WITH THE COUNTY, THROUGH THE
15 HOMELESS INITIATIVE AND THROUGH THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL
16 OF GOVERNMENTS. WE'LL BE DELIGHTED TO WORK WITH YOU AND YOUR
17 STAFF IN ADDRESSING THE ISSUES THAT YOU'VE RAISED.

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19 **SUP. SOLIS:** GREAT. AND I DO SUPPORT THE MOTIONS THAT ARE GOING
20 TO BE PRESENTED BEFORE US. THANK YOU.

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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
23 SOLIS. WE'LL HEAR NOW FROM SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. I HAVE A QUESTION FOR DR.
2 SHERIN. I THINK THIS WILL BE AN ONGOING DISCUSSION, AND YOU LL
3 BE HERE A WHILE, AND WE'LL BE TALKING OVER THE COURSE OF YOUR
4 TERM. WE'VE COME UP WITH SOME SORT OF SEEN DIFFERENCES IN THE
5 APPROACHES OF OUR DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS, ABOUT THE HOUSING
6 FIRST MODEL. IN THE HEALTH AGENCY, AS A WHOLE, WE'VE SEEN MORE
7 ATTENTION PAID AND SORT OF HOPEFUL MOVES TOWARD FINDING
8 HOUSING FOR PEOPLE, AND THEN GETTING THE SERVICES TO THEM,
9 BECAUSE THEY'RE IN THEIR HOUSING. MY EXPERIENCE WITH THE
10 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH-- AND NOT ANYTHING ABOUT THE
11 DEPARTMENT SAYING YEA OR NAY-- IS THAT OFTEN THEY FEEL, IN
12 THEIR FUNDING STREAMS, THAT THEY DON'T HAVE AS MUCH WIGGLE
13 ROOM, IN TERMS OF FINDING PEOPLE AND PLACING THEM IN HOUSING
14 FIRST, AND THEN PROVIDING SERVICES, BECAUSE OFTEN, OTHER LESS
15 VISIONARY FUNDERS ARE SAYING THEY NEED TO GET WHATEVER
16 STRAIGHTENED OUT-- CLEAN, ET CETERA-- AND THEN THEY CAN HAVE
17 HOUSING. SO I WONDERED IF-- I DON'T WANT TO SAY, WILL YOU
18 CHANGE EVERYTHING, AND WHAT'S THE PROBLEM? BUT ANYTHING YOU
19 MIGHT SAY ABOUT IT, BECAUSE I THINK WE'VE DEMONSTRATED WE LIKE
20 THE HOUSING FIRST MODEL. WE WOULD LIKE IT TO WORK. AND I KNOW
21 WE'D LIKE TO SEE THE AGENCY WORK TOGETHER, KIND OF AS A WHOLE,
22 ON IT. BUT WHAT'S BEEN YOUR EXPERIENCE ABOUT BARRIERS, AND ANY
23 WAY IN WHICH WE MIGHT HELP WITH THAT?

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25 **DR. SHERIN:** SUPERVISOR, THAT'S A GREAT QUESTION. IS THIS ON?



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2 **SUP. KUEHL:** YES.

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4 **DR. JON SHERIN:** AND IT REMINDS ME OF SUPERVISOR BARGER'S
5 QUESTION, REGARDING POLICY CHANGES. HOUSING FIRST WORKS. ONE
6 OF THE THINGS THAT I TALK ABOUT AT TIMES, IN THE CONTEXT OF
7 HOUSING FIRST, IS MENTAL HEALTH NEXT. IN OTHER WORDS, FOR AN
8 INDIVIDUAL TO HAVE A CHANCE, AS I THINK WE ALL AGREE, TO
9 FLOURISH, THEY NEED TO HAVE, AS MASLOW IN HIS HIERARCHY
10 DESCRIBED, BASIC NEEDS MET. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT'S
11 FRUSTRATING, I THINK, IN ALL GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES, AND
12 INCLUDING THOSE THAT I'VE WORKED IN BEFORE, IS THE CONSTRAINT
13 ON HOW MONEY IS TO BE USED, WHICH IS WHAT YOU'RE DESCRIBING.
14 SO, IS THERE A WAY FOR US TO INFLUENCE HOW THE FUNDING STREAMS
15 CAN BE APPLIED TO GET INDIVIDUALS INTO HOUSING BEFORE WE HAVE
16 TO WRAP SERVICES AROUND THEM? I WOULD HOPE SO. I WOULD ALSO
17 SAY THAT WE NEED TO THINK NOT ABOUT THE ADMINISTRATIVE VIEW;
18 WE NEED TO THINK ABOUT THE VIEW OF THE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE
19 ACTUALLY RECEIVING THE RESOURCE. AND WE, I THINK, PARTICULARLY
20 IN THE VETERAN COMMUNITY, LEARNED OVER A LONG PERIOD OF TIME
21 THAT HIGH BARRIERS-- FORCING SOBRIETY, FOR EXAMPLE-- AND HIGH
22 DEMAND, FORCING LOTS AND LOTS OF PROGRAMMING, ONCE AN
23 INDIVIDUAL WAS IN SHELTER, OR IN A HOME, WERE MISTAKES; THAT
24 WE NEED TO HAVE LOW-BARRIER, LOW-DEMAND APPROACHES TO GET
25 FOLKS INTO HOUSING. [APPLAUSE.]



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. MAY I SAY TO YOU THAT WE
3 NEED TO ALLOW THE SPEAKERS TO COMPLETE THEIR PRESENTATION?
4 ORDINARILY, THE CUSTOM OF THE BOARD IS TO ASK YOU TO RAISE THE
5 ROOF. WE'VE AFFORDED YOU AN OPPORTUNITY TO CLAP. WE WILL FADE
6 FROM CLAPPING INTO RAISING THE ROOF, IN THE INTEREST OF TIME.
7 THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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9 **DR. JON SHERIN:** THANK YOU, CHAIRMAN. JUST ONE LAST COMMENT,
10 AND I'LL FINISH. THE IDEA IS TO CREATE ENRICHED ENVIRONMENTS
11 THAT ARE WELCOMING, THAT ARE NURTURING, THAT INDIVIDUALS WANT.
12 WE CAN'T DEFINE THAT FOR OTHER PEOPLE. THAT'S PATERNALISTIC.
13 IT'S TIME FOR US TO LOOK TO OPTIMIZE THE WELLBEING OF
14 INDIVIDUALS, NOT TO TREAT THEM AND TRY TO MAKE THEM WELL.

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16 **SUP. KUEHL:** WELL, I SIMPLY WANTED TO SAY TO YOU, SINCE YOU'RE
17 THE NEWEST MEMBER OF OUR HEALTH FAMILY IN THE TRILOGY, THAT I
18 BELIEVE THE BOARD WOULD BE VERY STRONGLY BEHIND ANY OF THE
19 THREE DEPARTMENTS AND THE AGENCY REALLY ADOPTING THIS
20 APPROACH, AND TO LET US DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO HELP, WHERE
21 YOU PERCEIVE THERE ARE BARRIERS TO DOING JUST EXACTLY WHAT YOU
22 SAID. WHEN I SPOKE A WHILE AGO ABOUT OPERATION MONKEY WRENCH,
23 WHICH IS MY WAY OF SAYING, IF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TELLS YOU
24 TO DO BAD THINGS, THEN THROW A MONKEY WRENCH IN IT. BUT I HAVE
25 A SORT OF PART B TO OPERATION MONKEY WRENCH, WHICH IS, GET ALL



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1 THE MONEY YOU CAN FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, DO WHAT YOU
2 THINK YOU SHOULD WITH IT, AND THEN TELL THEM YOU DID WHAT THEY
3 WANTED. [LAUGHTER.] SO WE'LL SEE HOW FAR WE CAN GO WITH THAT.
4 I INTEND TO GO VERY FAR, INDIVIDUALLY, WITH THAT. BUT I SIMPLY
5 WANT YOU TO KNOW, AS THE NEWEST MEMBER OF OUR TEAM, THAT WE'VE
6 GOT YOUR BACK, AND VERY MUCH WANT YOU TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE
7 THESE SERVICES. AND MY EXPERIENCE, IN TALKING TO PEOPLE WHO'VE
8 EXPERIENCED HOMELESSNESS, IS THAT THEY FEEL A LOT MORE SECURE
9 GETTING THEIR THERAPY AND HELP IN A PLACE WITH A DOOR, THAN
10 SITTING NEXT TO ME ON THE CURB. AND IT IS SOMETHING THAT WE'RE
11 DEVOTED TO. SO I SIMPLY WANTED TO ADD MY VOICE TO THAT. KUDOS
12 TO YOU, DR. KATZ, BECAUSE YOU'VE REALLY, REALLY WORKED TO MAKE
13 THIS WORK. AND I THINK, AS AN AGENCY, WE WANT TO MAKE CERTAIN
14 THAT IT INCREASES, AND WE CAN DO IT ALL TOGETHER. THANK YOU,
15 MR. CHAIRMAN.

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17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. LADIES
18 AND GENTLEMEN, IT'S NOW YOUR TURN TO BE HEARD. WE'RE GOING TO
19 PROCEED ACCORDINGLY, WITH THE FOLLOWING PRESENTERS, AND THEN
20 WE WILL TAKE UP SPEAKERS. WE BEGIN WITH RUSTY HICKS, FOLLOWED
21 BY TOM SAYLES, BOB SCHOONOVER, AND PHILIP WASHINGTON, IN THAT
22 ORDER. IF YOU WOULD COME FORWARD, WE WILL HEAR FROM ANDREA
23 MARCHETTI, DENNY ZANE, AND JERRY NEUMAN FOLLOWS. SO THOSE
24 INDIVIDUALS WOULD BE PREPARED TO SPEAK. MR. HICKS, THE FLOOR
25 IS YOURS. PLEASE PROCEED.



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2 **RUSTY HICKS:** MR. CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I KNOW I ONLY
3 HAVE TWO MINUTES, BUT I JUST WANT TO TAKE A MOMENT TO JUST
4 TAKE ALL THIS IN, BECAUSE THIS IS CERTAINLY A SPECIAL DAY. AND
5 IF YOU LISTEN TO THE TONE OF THE QUESTIONS AND, FRANKLY, THE
6 ISSUES THAT YOU'RE TAKING UP TODAY, I THINK IT SPEAKS TO,
7 REALLY, A NEW CHAPTER IN THIS BOARD. AND WE'RE SO PROUD OF
8 WHAT WE SEE, AND KNOW WE WILL SEE, IN THE FUTURE. WE'RE HERE
9 TO TALK ABOUT HOMELESSNESS, AND ON BEHALF OF THE L.A. COUNTY
10 FEDERATION OF LABOR, WE SIMPLY WANT TO LEND OUR VOICE IN
11 SUPPORT TO THIS PARTICULAR MOTION. YOU KNOW, WITH THIS
12 MEASURE, WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE IMMORALITY OF
13 HAVING 47,000 OF OUR SISTERS AND OUR BROTHERS ON THE STREETS
14 OF OUR COUNTY EVERY NIGHT. BUT REALLY, IT'S NOT SO MUCH ABOUT
15 THEM. I THINK, IN MANY WAYS, IT'S ABOUT US. IT'S ABOUT, WHAT
16 DO WE SAY ARE OUR VALUES: THE VALUE OF LIFE, THE VALUE OF
17 THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITIES? WHILE SOME IN OUR COUNTRY WANT TO
18 EXCLUDE AND Demean, YOU HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO INCLUDE AND
19 GIVE DIGNITY BACK TO PEOPLE, HERE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS
20 ANGELES; AND IN COMBINATION WITH WHAT'S GONE ON IN THE CITY
21 AND THE COUNTY, THAT WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PUT FORWARD A
22 BIG, BOLD EXPRESSION OF THIS COUNTY'S VALUES. BUT THERE'S ONE
23 OTHER NUMBER I WANT US REMEMBER, AND THAT IS THAT 1 IN 3 OF
24 ANGELINOS FEAR BEING HOMELESS, FEAR BEING HUNGRY. AND SO,
25 WHILE WE GET THE 47,000 THE SERVICES THAT THEY NEED-- THE



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1 IMMEDIATE SERVICES THAT THEY DESPERATELY NEED-- WE ALSO NEED
2 TO BUILD HOMES THAT ANGELINOS CAN ACTUALLY AFFORD. AND I THINK
3 THAT EVERYTHING THAT'S BEEN DONE PUTS US ON A PATH TO DO THAT.
4 SO THE 8,000 HARDWORKING WOMEN AND MEN OF THE L.A. COUNTY
5 FEDERATION OF LABOR WANT TO LEND OUR VOICE TO THIS IMPORTANT
6 MEASURE. IT'S ONE WE CAN AFFORD, AND FRANKLY, WE CAN'T AFFORD
7 NOT TO DO THIS. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. WE'LL
10 TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. MR. SAYLES?

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12 **TOM SAYLES:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
13 BOARD. MY NAME IS TOM SAYLES. I AM U.S.C.'S SENIOR VICE
14 PRESIDENT FOR UNIVERSITY RELATIONS, AND I AM HERE TODAY ON
15 BEHALF OF OUR PRESIDENT, MAX NIKIAS, WHO COULD NOT BE HERE
16 BECAUSE OF A LONGSTANDING COMMITMENT. ON BEHALF OF OUR
17 PRESIDENT AND OUR SENIOR ADMINISTRATION, I'D LIKE TO VOICE OUR
18 SUPPORT FOR THE COUNTY'S EFFORT TO PLACE A MEASURE ON THE
19 MARCH 2017 BALLOT, TO PROVIDE MUCH-NEEDED SERVICES TO OUR
20 HOMELESS POPULATION. AS A RESEARCH UNIVERSITY AND ONE OF THE
21 LARGEST EMPLOYERS IN THE COUNTY, WE WHOLEHEARTEDLY AGREE THAT
22 HOMELESSNESS IS A CRISIS THAT NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED RIGHT NOW.
23 INDEED, THE UNIVERSITY CONSIDERS HOMELESSNESS TO BE A WICKED
24 PROBLEM THAT WE MUST LEND OUR RESOURCES TO HELP SOLVE. U.S.C.
25 IS COMMITTED TO THE L.A. COMMUNITY, AND WE'RE PREPARED TO



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1 BRING OUR ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH RESOURCES TO OUR COLLECTIVE
2 FIGHT TO END HOMELESSNESS IN THE COUNTY WE ALL LOVE. WE ARE
3 PROUD OF THE FACT THAT WE ARE PART OF THE COUNTY'S
4 HOMELESSNESS INITIATIVE. WE'VE ATTENDED MEETINGS AND PROVIDED
5 INFORMATION ON RESEARCH BEING CONDUCTED BY OUR FACULTY. IN
6 APRIL OF THIS YEAR, WE HOSTED A LARGE HOMELESS SUMMIT,
7 ATTENDED BY OVER 400 LOCAL LEADERS, THAT ANALYZED HOW
8 UNIVERSITIES CAN DO OUR PART TO HELP CITIES AND COUNTIES SOLVE
9 THIS WICKED PROBLEM. IN CONCLUSION, WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING
10 WITH YOU IN ENGAGING OUR FACULTY TO END THE MOST WICKED OF
11 WICKED PROBLEMS: HOMELESSNESS. IF I MAY, MR. CHAIRMAN, I AM
12 ALSO WEARING A SECOND HAT TODAY. I AM CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF
13 THE L.A. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. I'D ALSO LIKE TO SAY THAT THE
14 CHAMBER ALSO FULLY SUPPORTS THIS EFFORT. THANK YOU.

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16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
17 [APPLAUSE.] WE'RE LIFTING OUR HANDS. ALL RIGHT, LADIES AND
18 GENTLEMEN, WE'RE GOING TO PROCEED. MR. SCHOONOVER, FOLLOWED BY
19 MR. NEUMAN. THE OTHER INDIVIDUALS I CALLED SHOULD BE IN THE
20 QUEUE TO COME. I'M GOING TO NOW CALL AMANDA SADRA, FRED ALI.
21 IF YOU WOULD COME FORWARD, WE'D APPRECIATE IT, AS WELL. MR.
22 SCHOONOVER?

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24 **BOB SCHOONOVER:** GOOD MORNING, L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF
25 SUPERVISORS, INCLUDING OUR NEWEST MEMBERS. WELCOME. OUR UNION



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1 REPRESENTS 55,000 COUNTY MEMBERS, INCLUDING MANY WHO PROVIDE
2 LIFELINES TO THOSE WHO ARE HOMELESS. HOWEVER, IN THE LAST FEW
3 YEARS, IT HAS BECOME EVIDENT THERE ARE MANY MORE LIFELINES
4 NEEDED. LOS ANGELES IS CONSIDERED THE HOMELESS CAPITAL OF
5 AMERICA, AND YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A HOMELESS EXPERT IN THE
6 RECENT YEARS TO NOTICE THE NUMBERS ARE INCREASING ON OUR
7 STREETS-- COMMUNITIES ALL ACROSS THE COUNTY. IT'S HAPPENING IN
8 THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, TO THE SOUTH BAY. IT'S HAPPENING IN THE
9 SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, ESPECIALLY ALONG THE RIVER. IT'S HAPPENING
10 IN THE WEST SIDE, THROUGH THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, WITH THE
11 405 OVERPASSES FUNCTIONING AS SHELTERS. IT'S HAPPENING IN
12 SOUTH L.A. NEIGHBORHOODS, WHERE SIDE STREETS ARE LINED BY CARS
13 BEING USED AS HOMES. IT'S STILL HAPPENING ON SKID ROW, WHERE
14 SOMETIMES ENTIRE FAMILIES SPEND THE NIGHT ON THE COLD L.A.
15 CONCRETE. IN THE PAST THREE YEARS, THE NUMBER OF HOMELESS
16 PEOPLE IN L.A. COUNTY LIVING IN ENCAMPMENTS HAS INCREASED 123
17 PERCENT. TODAY I AM HERE TO COMMEND YOU FOR STEPPING UP TO
18 ADDRESS THIS ISSUE. I AM HERE TO OFFER YOU S.E.I.U. 721
19 SUPPORT ON THIS MEASURE. HOMELESSNESS WILL NOT BE AN EASY FIX.
20 IT CAN ONLY END IF WE INVEST IN A STRONG NETWORK OF VITAL
21 SERVICES THAT SERVE TO HOLD THE HANDS AND HEARTS OF PEOPLE
22 STRUGGLING WITH NUMEROUS ISSUES SIMULTANEOUSLY. I COMMEND YOU
23 FOR PUTTING THE INITIATIVE ON THE MARCH 7TH BALLOT, TO DO
24 SOMETHING ABOUT THIS. IT IS EVIDENT THAT THE CITIZENS OF THIS
25 CITY WILL SUPPORT SOLUTIONS. WE ARE HERE WITH YOU, AND WE



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1 STAND IN SUPPORT OF THIS ISSUE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

2 [APPLAUSE.]

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

5 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. MR. WASHINGTON?

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7 **PHIL WASHINGTON:** YES. THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR, AND THANK YOU TO
8 THE BOARD, AND CONGRATULATIONS TO THE TWO NEW BOARD MEMBERS,
9 AS WELL. THE COUNTY HOMELESS CRISIS CAN BE FELT THROUGHOUT
10 EVERY CORNER OF THIS COUNTY, INCLUDING THE METRO SYSTEM.
11 HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS HAVE TURNED TO OUR BUSES, OUR TRAINS,
12 TRANSIT STATIONS, AND METRO-OWNED PARKING LOTS, AS A FORM OF
13 SHELTER. WE SEE IT EVERY DAY. METRO'S HOMELESS CHALLENGES HAVE
14 REQUIRED THAT WE COLLABORATE WITH BOTH THE COUNTY AND THE CITY
15 OF LOS ANGELES, AND OTHER CITIES, TO ADDRESS THE HOMELESS
16 CRISIS. METRO HAS DEVELOPED OUR OWN HOMELESS STRATEGIC PLAN TO
17 ADDRESS THE IMPACT OF HOMELESSNESS ON METRO RIDERSHIP. OUR
18 METRO HOMELESS STRATEGIC PLAN WILL COMPLEMENT THE COUNTY AND
19 CITY INITIATIVES. THROUGH A MOTION INTRODUCED BY SUPERVISOR
20 MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AT THE METRO BOARD, METRO HAS SET ASIDE
21 \$1.2 MILLION IN FUNDS TO WORK WITH THE COUNTY C3 TEAMS, TO
22 PROVIDE 2 HOMELESS OUTREACH TEAMS EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE METRO
23 SYSTEM, TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE IN A COMPASSIONATE WAY. THROUGH
24 OUR STRATEGIC PLAN, WE WILL FOCUS HOMELESSNESS HOLISTICALLY,
25 BY FOCUSING ON SAFETY, EFFECTIVE OUTREACH COORDINATION,



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1 QUALITY SERVICE, TEAMWORK, AND PARTNERSHIP, ALIGNMENT WITH
2 REGIONAL PRIORITIES. TO AID METRO WITH THEIR HOMELESS
3 STRATEGIC PLAN, WITH OUR HOMELESS STRATEGIC PLAN, WE HAVE
4 EMPLOYED CONSULTANTS WHO ARE EXPERTS IN ADDRESSING
5 HOMELESSNESS, GATHERING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TO PROVIDE
6 STRATEGIC PLANNING AND EXPERIENCE OF THE HOMELESS CRISIS. WE
7 ARE APPROACHING THIS PROCESS IN A HOLISTIC MANNER. THE
8 COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT APPROACH WILL HELP US
9 CREATE A PLAN THAT IS INCLUSIVE, WHILE STRENGTHENING
10 PARTNERSHIPS. WE STAND READY TO WORK WITH YOU, AND LEAN
11 FORWARD IN THIS EFFORT, ALONG WITH YOU.

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13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
14 TESTIMONY. WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER. I'M CALLING ON RABBI
15 NOAH FARKAS, IN ADDITION TO THOSE THAT I'VE ALREADY MENTIONED.
16 DENNY ZANE, MICHAEL GOVAN. IF THOSE PERSONS WHOSE NAMES THAT I
17 AM CALLING WOULD COME FORWARD? THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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19 **ANDREA MARCHETTI:** MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, MY NAME
20 IS ANDREA MARCHETTI. I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF JOVENES,
21 INC., A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION IN BOYLE HEIGHTS THAT PROVIDES
22 HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES TO HOMELESS YOUTH, AGE 18 TO
23 25. WE HAVE ALREADY SEEN HOW THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW
24 STRATEGY ON HOMELESSNESS ARE CREATING MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR
25 INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE HOMELESS TO GET CONNECTED TO HOUSING



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1 SOLUTIONS ACROSS THE COUNTY-- SOLUTIONS THAT WERE NOT
2 AVAILABLE BEFORE-- THANKS TO THE INCREASED COORDINATION AMONG
3 SERVICE PROVIDERS, THE EXPANSION OF STRATEGIES LIKE RAPID
4 REHOUSING AND OVERALL LEVEL OF INVESTMENT ON PERMANENT
5 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL PARTNERSHIP
6 TO STREAMLINE INTERVENTION FOR ADULTS, FAMILIES, AND YOUTH. WE
7 MUST CONTINUE WITH THIS EFFORT TO FIND THE NECESSARY
8 RESOURCES, NOT ONLY TO MAINTAIN, BUT TO INCREASE THE
9 INVESTMENT IN PERMANENT HOUSING SOLUTIONS THAT ARE PROVEN TO
10 BE EFFECTIVE. HOUSING IS A MATTER OF DIGNITY, NOT A MATTER OF
11 LUXURY, AND UNFORTUNATELY, WE SEE THE HOUSING COSTS IN LOS
12 ANGELES IS CONTINUING TO INCREASE, CREATING NEW RISK FACTORS
13 TO THOSE INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES WHO, JUST A FEW YEARS AGO,
14 WERE IN A MORE STABLE ECONOMIC POSITION. L.A.H.S.A. HAS
15 IDENTIFIED THIS GAP TO BE IN THE RANGE OF 23,000 PERMANENT
16 HOUSING UNITS, INCLUDING RAPID REHOUSING SLOTS AND 2,000
17 ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY HOUSING BEDS. FOR THIS REASON, I SUPPORT
18 THE HOMELESS REVENUE MOTION PRESENTED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
19 THOMAS AND SUPERVISOR HAHN TODAY, AND ASK YOUR COMMITMENT TO
20 CONTINUE KEEPING THE FIGHT AGAINST HOMELESSNESS A PRIORITY.
21 THANK YOU.

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23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. WE'LL
24 TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER. MR. NEUMAN?

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1 **JERRY NEUMAN:** MR. CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, IT IS MY
2 PRIVILEGE AND HONOR TO BE HERE TODAY. I COME TO THIS ISSUE
3 FROM MANY DIRECTIONS. I HAVE THE HONOR OF SERVING ON THE
4 EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE UNITED WAY, AND THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF
5 THE CHAMBER. I SERVE ON THE BOARD OF U.S. VETS, AND ALSO
6 HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY HOUSING. BUT NONE OF THOSE REACH THE
7 EFFORTS THAT WE HAVE DONE AS CHAIR OF HOME FOR GOOD, THE
8 EFFORT BETWEEN THE UNITED WAY AND THE L.A. CHAMBER OF
9 COMMERCE, WHERE WE HAVE, IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS, WITH OUR
10 PARTNERS AND THE 200-PLUS ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE PART OF THE
11 UMBRELLA OF HOME FOR GOOD, HOUSED OVER 30,000 PEOPLE. IT IS SO
12 IMPORTANT THAT WE ARE HERE TODAY, AND WHAT YOU ARE DOING TODAY
13 TRULY MAKES A DIFFERENCE. WE HAVE FOUND THAT BY APPLYING THE
14 RIGHT RESOURCES, WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE. WE HAVE MADE A DENT
15 IN HOMELESSNESS. IN FACT, AS NUMBERS HAVE GONE UP, WE HAVE
16 SEEN THAT THE THREE AREAS THAT WE HAVE FOCUSED ON, AND FOCUSED
17 OUR RESOURCES, BEING VETERANS, CHRONICALLY HOMELESS, AND
18 FAMILIES, HAVE ACTUALLY GONE DOWN. THE WORK YOU DO IN MAKING
19 AND PASSING THIS MOTION WILL SOLVE A PROBLEM. IT WILL CREATE
20 THE NEEDED RESOURCES THAT WILL NOT JUST PUT A DENT IN THE
21 ISSUE, BUT WILL BREAK THE BARRIER TO SOLVE THE ISSUE TODAY. WE
22 HAVE SEEN THAT, WITH HISTORIC MOVES LIKE H.H.H., THAT
23 LEADERSHIP MAKES A DIFFERENCE. AND WE ARE SO HAPPY TO FOLLOW
24 IN THE LEADERSHIP THAT YOU ARE PROVIDING TODAY. THERE IS NO
25 GREATER ROLE THAT I HAVE THAN THAT OF FATHER. I GOT INTO THIS



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1 BECAUSE, WHEN MY SON ONE DAY SAW A HOMELESS PERSON, WHEN HE
2 WAS FOUR YEARS OLD, AND SAID, "DAD, WHERE DOES THAT PERSON
3 LIVE?", AS WE WERE HEADED HOME, I HAD TO SAY TO HIM HE DIDN'T
4 HAVE A HOME. HE COULDN'T FATHOM IT. I WANT NEVER A FATHER
5 AGAIN TO HAVE TO SAY TO THEIR SON, AND TRY TO EXPLAIN WHAT WE
6 HAVE DONE TO PEOPLE. YOU HONORED A CHAMPION OF OURS TODAY, IN
7 CHRISTINE. I SUBMIT TO YOU THAT THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF
8 CHAMPIONS BEHIND ME TODAY: PEOPLE WHO HAVE HOUSED, PEOPLE WHO
9 HAVE FED, PEOPLE WHO HAVE CLOTHED, PEOPLE WHO HAVE DONE THE
10 GOOD WORK OF OUTREACH. PEOPLE HAVE REACHED INTO COMMUNITIES TO
11 MAKE A DIFFERENCE ON HOMELESSNESS, AND THEY ARE JUST THE TIP
12 OF THE ICEBERG. IN FACT, I ALSO HAVE HERE 2,000 PETITION
13 SIGNATURES OF LETTERS, GIVEN TO YOU. THAT IS JUST A LITTLE BIT
14 FURTHER DOWN THE TIP OF THAT ICEBERG. WE ARE HERE TODAY TO
15 STAND WITH YOU, AND WE ARE HERE TODAY TO FOLLOW YOUR
16 LEADERSHIP, AND WE ARE HERE TODAY TO THANK YOU FOR THE WORK
17 YOU ARE DOING, AND THAT OF YOUR GREAT STAFF. THANK YOU VERY
18 MUCH.

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20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]
21 WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER. YES, MA'AM?

22

23 **AMANDA SADRA:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME'S AMANDA SADRA, AND I'M
24 ONE OF SENATOR DIANNE FEINSTEIN'S FIELD REPRESENTATIVES. IN
25 ADDITION TO HER VIDEO GREETING, SHE ASKED ME TO READ A SHORT



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1 LETTER TODAY, IN SUPPORT OF THE MEASURE BEFORE THE BOARD. AND
2 IT READS, "DEAR CHAIRMAN RIDLEY-THOMAS, I WRITE TO EXPRESS MY
3 SUPPORT FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
4 PLACING A QUARTER-CENT SALES TAX MEASURE ON THE MARCH BALLOT,
5 TO ADDRESS THE COUNTY'S DEEP AND PERVASIVE HOMELESSNESS
6 CRISIS. MORE THAN 47,000 PEOPLE ARE HOMELESS IN LOS ANGELES
7 COUNTY ON ANY GIVEN NIGHT, INCLUDING THOUSANDS OF FAMILIES
8 WITH CHILDREN, AND VETERANS. THESE NUMBERS HAVE INCREASED IN
9 RECENT YEARS, AND ONLY A COMPREHENSIVE AND DEDICATED EFFORT BY
10 GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND NONPROFIT ENTITIES WILL REVERSE THIS
11 GROWING PROBLEM. THE VOTERS OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
12 APPROVED A \$1.2 BILLION BOND MEASURE IN NOVEMBER, TO BUILD UP
13 TO 10,000 NEW HOUSING UNITS FOR THOSE WHO ARE HOMELESS. THE
14 BALLOT MEASURE YOU PLAN TO PUT BEFORE COUNTY VOTERS IN MARCH
15 WILL FUND THE SUPPORTIVE SERVICES THAT, COMBINED WITH HOUSING,
16 WILL HELP GET PEOPLE OFF THE STREETS PERMANENTLY. THANK YOU
17 FOR YOUR TREMENDOUS EFFORTS TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS, AND YOUR
18 COMMITMENT TO THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. SINCERELY,
19 U.S. SENATOR DIANNE FEINSTEIN."

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21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, ON
22 BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE BOARD, TO THE SENATOR. WE'LL TAKE THE
23 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. MR. ZANE?

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1 **DENNY ZANE:** MY NAME IS DENNY ZANE. I'M EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
2 MOVE L.A. I WANT TO FIRST TAKE A MOMENT TO CONGRATULATE OUR
3 TWO NEW SUPERVISORS, SUPERVISOR KATHRYN BARGER AND MY OLD
4 FRIEND JANICE HAHN. AND I MUST TAKE A MOMENT TO CONGRATULATE,
5 AS WELL, MY OWN SUPERVISOR AND LONGTIME DEAR FRIEND, SHEILA
6 KUEHL, AS SHE HAS BECOME VICE CHAIR OF THIS BOARD.
7 CONGRATULATIONS. I FEEL LIKE WE OUGHT TO TAKE JUST A MOMENT
8 HERE, AND REFLECT ON THE HISTORY THAT IS BEING MADE. THERE IS,
9 TO MY KNOWLEDGE, NO AGENCY, NO COUNTY, NO CITY, WHO HAS
10 UNDERTAKEN AN EFFORT OF THE SORT THAT YOU ARE ABOUT TO TAKE. I
11 REPRESENT MOVE L.A., AND TODAY WE HAD A RALLY OF SEVERAL
12 HUNDRED PEOPLE OUT ON YOUR STEPS. ALL AGREED IT IS TIME TO
13 MOVE L.A.: TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT, AND TO END HOMELESSNESS. IT IS
14 A HUMANITARIAN CRISIS, INDEED, BUT IT IS ALSO A MORAL CRISIS.
15 IT IS A CRISIS OF INACTION. IT'S A CRISIS OF INDIFFERENCE. IT
16 IS A CRISIS THAT WE NEED, NOW, TO END. WHEN WE END THE CRISIS,
17 THE MORAL CRISIS OF INDIFFERENCE, WE CAN END THE CRISIS-- THE
18 HUMANITARIAN CRISIS-- OF HOMELESSNESS. EVERYBODY HERE IS HERE
19 TODAY TO URGE YOU FORWARD IN THIS EXTRAORDINARY, EVEN
20 HISTORIC, MOMENTOUS MOMENT. I'M HERE TO SHARE WITH YOU-- AND I
21 THINK IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN PASSED OUT TO YOU-- A SIGN-ON LETTER
22 FROM 75 ORGANIZATIONS THAT SIGNED ON ALREADY. THESE REPRESENT
23 SERVICE PROVIDERS, AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROVIDERS, LABOR,
24 BUSINESS, EVEN ENVIRONMENTALISTS, ALL AROUND LOS ANGELES
25 COUNTY, WHO SAY TO YOU, "DO THIS." TAKE THIS LEADERSHIP. TAKE



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1 THIS MOMENT. MAKE IT HISTORY. IT'S TIME TO MOVE L.A. IT'S TIME
2 TO MOVE L.A. TO END HOMELESSNESS. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
5 TESTIMONY. WE'LL TAKE THE TESTIMONY OF FRED ALI.

6

7 **FRED ALI:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M FRED ALI, THE PRESIDENT AND
8 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE WEINGART FOUNDATION, AND I JUST
9 WANT TO TAKE A MOMENT AND MENTION THAT MY FOUR DAUGHTERS AND
10 FIVE GRANDDAUGHTERS CERTAINLY CELEBRATE THIS MOMENT, SO THANK
11 YOU VERY MUCH. AND, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, THANK YOU FOR
12 YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE. FOR THE PAST 18 YEARS, I HAVE
13 BEEN THE PRESIDENT OF THE WEINGART FOUNDATION, AND DURING THAT
14 TIME, THE FOUNDATION HAS MADE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN GRANTS TO
15 COMBAT HOMELESSNESS, SUPPORTING BOTH CAPITAL PROJECTS AND
16 SERVICE DELIVERY. IN RECENT YEARS, OUR FOCUS HAS BEEN ON
17 SUPPORTING PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, A PROVEN SOLUTION TO
18 END HOMELESSNESS. BUT AS YOU ALL KNOW, PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE
19 HOUSING, OR RAPID REHOUSING, DOES NOT WORK WITHOUT THE
20 SERVICES-- THINGS LIKE MENTAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE ABUSE, AND
21 CASE MANAGEMENT-- TO KEEP PEOPLE OFF THE STREET. NOW, CLEARLY,
22 LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAS A HOMELESS CRISIS THAT CALLS FOR A
23 DECLARED STATE OF EMERGENCY, AND I THANK YOU FOR YOUR MOTION,
24 IN THAT REGARD. I APPLAUD THE SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR EFFORTS
25 THAT LED TO THE 47-POINT HOMELESS STRATEGY LAST FEBRUARY, AND



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1 THE \$100 MILLION IN ONE-TIME FUNDING THAT FOLLOWED. I ALSO
2 WANT TO RECOGNIZE THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF PHILANTHROPY IN
3 COORDINATING THEIR EFFORTS WITH THE CITY AND COUNTY, THROUGH
4 THE UNITED WAY HOME FOR GOOD INITIATIVE, THE FUNDERS
5 ROUNDTABLE, THE ACCELERATED HOUSING PROGRAM, TO MENTION ONLY A
6 FEW COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVES. BUT AS WE ALL KNOW, MORE
7 RESOURCES ARE NEEDED. WE NEED A FUNDING MECHANISM THAT WILL
8 PROVIDE CONSISTENT AND DEDICATED FUNDING TO ADDRESS
9 HOMELESSNESS OVER THE LONG TERM. I AM HERE TODAY TO URGE YOU
10 TO CONTINUE YOUR EFFORTS TO SECURE THE FUNDING NECESSARY TO
11 FIGHT THE BATTLE AGAINST HOMELESSNESS. WE NEED TO TAKE
12 ADVANTAGE OF WHAT I THINK IS FINALLY A TIPPING POINT IN THIS
13 COUNTY, WHERE, FOR MORAL AND ECONOMIC REASONS, VOTERS HAVE
14 FINALLY CONCLUDED THAT THIS IS NO LONGER ACCEPTABLE TO LIVE IN
15 THE MIDST OF SO MUCH SUFFERING ON OUR STREET. WE MUST DEVOTE
16 THE RESOURCES NECESSARY TO FIGHT THIS FIGHT. AND AS SENATOR
17 FEINSTEIN SAID IN HER REMARKS EARLIER, IT'S TIME TO COME
18 TOGETHER AND DO THE RIGHT THING, IN REGARD OF THIS COMPLEX BUT
19 SOLVABLE ISSUE. THANK YOU.

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21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
22 WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT TESTIMONY, RABBI FARKAS, AND FOLLOWED BY
23 MICHAEL GOVAN. BUT, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IF CORNELIUS
24 WASHINGTON IS HERE, PLEASE APPROACH; RON MILLER, DAVID PILON,



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1 AND LISA PAYNE, IN THAT ORDER. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, LET'S
2 PROCEED. RABBI?

3

4 **RABBI NOAH FARKAS:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, THANK YOU FOR
5 HAVING ME HERE. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN,
6 AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS. AND TO SUPERVISOR BARGER AND TO
7 SUPERVISOR HAHN, WELCOME TO LOS ANGELES. THIS IS AN AMAZING
8 OPPORTUNITY ON A VERY HISTORIC DAY. AND NOT ONLY IS IT
9 HISTORIC BECAUSE WE HAVE A MAJORITY WOMEN BOARD OF
10 SUPERVISORS, WHICH IS AN AMAZING OPPORTUNITY FOR US, BUT YOU
11 HAVE COME AND YOU HAVE NOW BEEN ABLE TO SEE THE FACE OF
12 DEMOCRACY SITTING IN THESE PEWS BEHIND YOU. SORRY, I'M A
13 RABBI. I SAY "PEWS" INSTEAD OF "ROWS." BUT BASICALLY, IN THIS
14 HALLOWED HALL, THERE ARE AMAZING PEOPLE HERE, WHO ARE HERE TO
15 STAND UP FOR HOMELESSNESS. SO IF YOU ARE HERE, AND YOU ARE
16 FROM DISTRICT 1, AND YOU ARE HERE TO STAND UP TO END
17 HOMELESSNESS, WOULD YOU STAND UP? AND IF YOU ARE FROM DISTRICT
18 2, WOULD YOU STAND UP? DISTRICT 3, LET'S WAKE UP, FOLKS. LET'S
19 SHOW THE PEOPLE HERE. WE ARE BLACK, WE ARE WHITE, WE ARE
20 LATINO. DISTRICT 4, DISTRICT 5. WE ARE ASIAN, WE ARE RICH, WE
21 ARE POOR. WE ARE FROM NEAR, AND WE ARE FAR, BECAUSE WHEN WE
22 SEE A CHILD ON THE STREETS, WE KNOW WHAT TO CALL WHAT THAT
23 THING IS. WHEN WE SEE SOMEONE WHO IS SLEEPING UNDER AN
24 UNDERPASS, WE KNOW WHAT TO CALL WHAT THAT IS. AND WHEN WE SEE
25 SOMEONE WHO DOESN'T HAVE A HOME, WE KNOW WHAT TO CALL WHAT



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1 THAT IS, AND THAT IS AN EMERGENCY. AND WHEN WE ARE SITTING IN
2 A PLACE THAT WE ARE NOW, WITH 47,000 PEOPLE WITHOUT A PLACE TO
3 CALL HOME, WE KNOW THAT'S AN EMERGENCY. AND WHEN WE SEE
4 THOUSANDS OF FAMILIES WHO HAVE TO SLEEP IN CARS OR SHARE ROOMS
5 OR TRY TO FIND A PLACE TO SLEEP THAT'S NOT THEIR OWN, WE KNOW
6 THAT'S AN EMERGENCY. AND WHEN WE SEE VETERANS ON OUR STREETS,
7 WHO HAVE SERVED THIS COUNTRY, AND HAVE GONE ABROAD AND HAVE
8 COME HOME, AND THEY'RE DEALING WITH THE HORRORS OF WAR, AND
9 THEY HAVE NO PLACE TO TURN, AND THEY ARE ON OUR STREETS, WE
10 KNOW THAT THAT IS AN EMERGENCY. SO WE'VE COME TOGETHER. WE
11 CAME TOGETHER FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING, WE'VE COME TOGETHER TO
12 HELP PASS H.H.H., AND WE'RE NOW HERE TO IMPORE YOU TO VOTE TO
13 PUT THIS MEASURE ON THE BALLOT, SO IN MARCH, WE CAN COME
14 TOGETHER TO FUND THE NECESSARY SERVICES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH
15 FOR YOUR TIME.

16

17 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, RABBI. MR. WASHINGTON, OR
18 WHO'S NEXT? MR. GOVAN.

19

20 **MICHAEL GOVAN:** HI. I'M MICHAEL GOVAN, THE C.E.O. AND DIRECTOR
21 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUSEUM OF ART. CONGRATULATIONS TO
22 SUPERVISORS BARGER AND HAHN. I HAVE TO SAY I AM EXTREMELY
23 PROUD TO BE REPRESENTED BY, AND WORKING FOR, FOUR GREAT WOMEN
24 AND ONE GOOD MAN. [LAUGHTER.] I'M NOT USUALLY HERE TO SPEAK
25 ABOUT ISSUES BEYOND ARTS AND CULTURE, BUT AT THE LOS ANGELES



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1 COUNTY MUSEUM OF ART, WE DO REPRESENT AND INTERACT WITH LARGE
2 AND DIVERSE COMMUNITIES, AND HOMELESSNESS IS A HUGE TOPIC OF
3 DISCUSSION IN THAT ARTS COMMUNITY. ESPECIALLY IN TERMS OF THE
4 DIVERSITY AND QUALITY OF ARTISTIC PRODUCTION, L.A. IS NOW
5 BEING RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF, IF NOT THE LEADER, IN THE WORLD.
6 THE SPOTLIGHT IS ON US. AND I'M OFTEN ASKED TO SPEAK ABOUT OUR
7 BRIGHT FUTURE, ARTISTICALLY, AND I CAN'T HELP BUT ALSO TALK
8 ABOUT THE CHALLENGES: NAMELY, HOMELESSNESS. HOW CAN WE LIVE--
9 HOW CAN WE, IN LOS ANGELES, SUCCEED AS A CREATIVE, FORWARD-
10 THINKING, ECONOMICALLY AND CULTURALLY SUSTAINABLE METROPOLIS,
11 IF IT APPEARS THERE AREN'T BASIC STANDARDS FOR HUMAN LIFE
12 ACCESSIBLE TO ALL? WE HAVE SEEN THE INCREASE IN HOMELESSNESS
13 IN MANY PLACES IN L.A. COUNTY. WE SEE IT AROUND THE MUSEUM OF
14 ART, AND WE TALK ABOUT IT A LOT AMONG OUR STAFF, AND ABOUT
15 WHAT WE MIGHT DO. IT'S CLEAR WE MUST EMPLOY ALL OUR ENERGIES
16 AND CREATIVITY, AND I, FOR ONE, JUST APPLAUD THE LEADERSHIP
17 AND CREATIVITY OF THIS COUNTY BOARD, IN PUTTING FORWARD TODAY,
18 INCLUDING THE PROPOSED REVENUE MEASURE INITIATIVES, TO CREATE
19 A CLEAR PATH TO END THE HOMELESSNESS. SO, THANK YOU ALL.

20

21 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MR. MILLER? WHO'S THE NEXT
22 SPEAKER? SORRY.

23

24 **RON MILLER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M RON MILLER, EXECUTIVE
25 SECRETARY OF THE L.A.-ORANGE COUNTY BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION



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1 TRADES COUNCIL. I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF OUR 140,000 HARDWORKING
2 MEN AND WOMEN, FROM 47 DIFFERENT LOCAL UNIONS AND DISTRICT
3 COUNCILS, AND WE'RE HERE TODAY TO VOICE STRONG SUPPORT FOR
4 THIS MEASURE TO FUND HOMELESS SERVICES. THIS ONLY MAKES SENSE.
5 WE WERE INVOLVED WITH MR. NEUMAN AND THE CITY LEADERSHIP TO
6 SUPPORT AND PASS THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE IN THE CITY, AND WE
7 REALIZED THAT WE NEEDED TO PUSH FOR MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING,
8 WITH STRONG LABOR STANDARDS TO PROTECT THE MEN AND WOMEN THAT
9 LIVE IN THE HOUSING, AND PROTECT THE MEN AND WOMEN THAT BUILD
10 THE HOUSING. WE MUST HAVE A WELL-FUNDED PROGRAM IN PLACE TO
11 PROVIDE SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR HOMELESS MEN, WOMEN, CHILDREN,
12 AND VETERANS, EACH GROUP WITH THEIR OWN TYPES OF NEEDS. WE
13 SUPPORT THIS BECAUSE, IN ORDER TO BE SUCCESSFUL OVERALL, WE
14 MUST HAVE BOTH SUPPORTIVE HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES TO
15 COMPLETE THAT CIRCLE OF LIFE. YOU CAN'T HAVE ONE WITHOUT THE
16 OTHER. SO I URGE YOU TO VOTE FOR THIS TODAY. PUT IT ON THE
17 BALLOT, AND LET'S GET BUSY. THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. WE'LL
20 TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. [APPLAUSE.] SIR?

21

22 **DAVID PILON:** MR. CHAIR, HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, MY
23 NAME IS DAVE PILON, AND I'M THE PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. OF MENTAL
24 HEALTH AMERICA OF LOS ANGELES. FOUNDED IN 1924, M.H.A. IS ONE
25 OF THE OLDEST NONPROFIT MENTAL HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS IN THE



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1 COUNTRY. AND MY AGENCY'S PROGRAMS ARE LOCATED IN SUPERVISORIAL
2 DISTRICTS 4 AND 5, AND WE HAVE CONTRACTS WITH BOTH THE
3 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
4 SERVICES, TO SERVE SOME OF THE HIGHEST-NEED, MOST VULNERABLE
5 RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY. AND, MR. CHAIR, YOU'LL FORGIVE ME IF
6 I GIVE A QUICK SHOUT-OUT TO THE 100-PLUS PEOPLE WHO GATHERED
7 IN LANCASTER AND LONG BEACH THIS MORNING AT 6:30 TO MAKE THE
8 TREK HERE, BECAUSE THEY CARE ABOUT THIS ISSUE AND WANTED TO
9 SUPPORT THE PASSAGE OF THIS MOTION.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** GIVE THEM THAT SHOUT-OUT. THAT'S
12 ALL RIGHT WITH US.

13

14 **DAVID PILON:** YOU ROCK, M.H.A. RAISE THE ROOF. TODAY, I TESTIFY
15 IN SUPPORT OF THE PASSAGE OF THE MOTIONS TO DECLARE THE
16 CURRENT STATE OF HOMELESSNESS AN EMERGENCY, AND TO RAISE THE
17 SALES TAX A QUARTER-CENT TO PROVIDE RESOURCES FOR HOUSING. I'D
18 LIKE TO SHARE A SINGLE STORY WITH YOU THAT ILLUSTRATES BOTH
19 THE LEVEL OF NEED EXPERIENCED BY THE PEOPLE WE SERVE, AND WHAT
20 A DIFFERENCE WE CAN MAKE WHEN WE HAVE ADEQUATE RESOURCES, THAT
21 WOULD BE PROVIDED UNDER THIS INITIATIVE. IN LONG BEACH, WE
22 RECENTLY HAD AN OUTREACH WORKER ENGAGE A PARTICULARLY
23 VULNERABLE LIVING UNDER A FREEWAY. LET'S CALL HER JANE. AT THE
24 TIME, HER PHYSICAL HEALTH NEEDS HAD HER VISITING AN EMERGENCY
25 ROOM EVERY FEW DAYS. ONE OF OUR HOUSING FOR HEALTH STAFF MADE



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1 THE TREK UNDER THE FREEWAY WITH OUR OUTREACH WORKER, TO DO A
2 FIELD ASSESSMENT. OUR HOUSING FOR HEALTH STAFF WORKED TO
3 EXPEDITE HER APPLICATION, AND USED OUR FUNDING FROM OUR HILTON
4 FOUNDATION TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY HOUSING. WE ALSO CONNECTED HER
5 TO OUR INTEGRATED MOBILE HEALTH TEAM, TO PROVIDE EXTRA SUPPORT
6 FOR HER PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS. TODAY, SHE'S IN HER
7 OWN APARTMENT, HAS BENEFITS IN PLACE, AND RECEIVING INTEGRATED
8 HEALTH SERVICES, AND HAS ONLY BEEN SEEN AT AN EMERGENCY ROOM
9 ONCE, SINCE SHE RECEIVED PERMANENT HOUSING. THE PROPOSED
10 INITIATIVE WILL GIVE PROGRAMS LIKE MINE THE RESOURCES WE NEED
11 TO NOT ONLY CREATE ADEQUATE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES, BUT TO
12 PROVIDE THE SUPPORTIVE SERVICES THAT OUR HOMELESS POPULATION
13 SO DESPERATELY NEEDS. IN ADDITION TO DOING THE RIGHT AND MORAL
14 THING, IT WILL PAY FOR ITSELF BY LOWERING THE COST OF SERVICES
15 AND CARE FOR THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE LIKE JANE, WHO ARE CURRENTLY
16 USING TENS OF MILLIONS OF COUNTY DOLLARS FOR CUSTODIAL,
17 INPATIENT, AND EMERGENCY SERVICES. I BELIEVE THAT THE
18 RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, IF GIVEN THE CHANCE, WILL DO
19 THE RIGHT THING, AND VOTE TO GIVE US THE TOOLS TO MEET AND
20 DEFEAT THE CHALLENGE OF HOMELESSNESS. THANK YOU FOR GIVING
21 THEM THAT OPPORTUNITY, BY PASSING THESE MOTIONS.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ALL RIGHT.
24 STEVE PECK, FOLLOWED BY ALEX JOHNSON, ADAM LANE, JOSE



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1 ARELLANO, PETER LYNN. IF YOU WOULD COME IN THAT ORDER. SIR,
2 THE FLOOR IS YOURS. SIR, THE FLOOR IS YOURS.

3

4 **CORNELIUS WASHINGTON:** HELLO, CHAIRMAN.

5

6 **SUP RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** YOUR NAME?

7

8 **CORNELIUS WASHINGTON:** I'M CORNELIUS L. WASHINGTON.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

11

12 **CORNELIUS WASHINGTON:** I WAS A HOMELESS VETERAN, BUT NOW HAVE
13 BEEN IN HOUSING FOR MORE THAN THREE YEARS. I CAME TODAY
14 BECAUSE WE HAD A GROUP OF DISABLED VETERANS, AND GOT ON A BUS
15 AND CAME HERE.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** YES, SIR.

18

19 **CORNELIUS WASHINGTON:** AND TO SHOW HOW WE CAN TAKE ORDERS AND
20 COMMANDS, I WANT THEM TO STAND AND BE QUIET.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THOSE VETS. ALL RIGHT.
23 ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU.

24

25 **CORNELIUS WASHINGTON:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, THERE THEY ARE, A COUPLE
3 OF THEM. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

4

5 **CORNELIUS WASHINGTON:** MR. CHAIRMAN, THE VETERANS HAVE FOUGHT
6 AND SACRIFICED FOR OUR WAY OF LIFE, AND IT IS OUR DUTY TO HELP
7 THEM RECEIVE THE STABILITY THEY DESERVE, BY ASSISTING THEM ON
8 DEALING WITH THE EFFECTS OF COMBAT TRAUMA, FIND JOBS, AND MAKE
9 SURE THEY HAVE A PLACE TO CALL HOME. MANY OF THE HOMELESS ARE
10 VETERANS WHOSE MENTAL ILLNESS OR DRUG ADDICTION WAS CAUSED BY
11 SOME SERVICE IN COMBAT. THIS MEASURE WILL HELP VETERANS
12 RECOVER AND RETURN TO THEIR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES. THIS
13 MEASURE WILL STEM THE FLOW OF PEOPLE INTO HOMELESSNESS, BY
14 PREPARING THEM IN JAILS, FOSTER HOMES, AND HOSPITALS, TO
15 REINTEGRATE BACK INTO THEIR COMMUNITY, BY TREATING ADDICTIONS,
16 PROVIDING MORE TEMPORARY HOUSING, AND GIVING THEM THE LIFE AND
17 WORK SKILLS TO GET AND KEEP A JOB. WE HOPE THIS WILL MOVE
18 FORWARD, SO VOTERS HAVE THE CHANCE IN MARCH TO SUPPORT THIS.
19 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SIR, AND FOR
22 YOUR SERVICE TO OUR NATION. WE'LL TAKE OUR NEXT SPEAKER, AND
23 THEY WILL BE FOLLOWED BY BEATRIZ CAMARGO, YELENA ZELTSER,
24 JACQUELINE WAGGONER. IF YOU WOULD POSITION YOURSELVES TO COME



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1 FORWARD, IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. MR.
2 PECK.

3

4 **STEVE PECK:** GOOD AFTERNOON. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PASSION IN
5 BRINGING THIS ISSUE FORWARD. IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME COMING. MY
6 NAME IS STEVEN PECK. I'M THE PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. OF U.S.
7 VETS. WE ARE THE LARGEST NONPROFIT IN THE COUNTRY PROVIDING
8 HOUSING AND SERVICES FOR VETERANS. AND SO I AM HERE, SPEAKING
9 ON BEHALF OF THE MORE THAN 3,000 VETERANS WHO ARE HOMELESS IN
10 LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND THE NEARLY 40,000 WHO ARE HOMELESS IN
11 THIS COUNTRY. WE HAVE BEEN IN THIS FIGHT SINCE 1993, AND OUR
12 23 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE HAVE SHOWN US, TIME AND AGAIN, THAT
13 HOUSING ONLY IS NOT THE ANSWER TO HOMELESSNESS AMONG VETERANS.
14 VETERANS AND ALL PEOPLE WHO BECOME HOMELESS SUFFER FROM A
15 VARIETY OF ISSUES THAT HAVE CAUSED THEIR HOMELESSNESS: MENTAL
16 ILLNESS, SUBSTANCE ABUSE, LACK OF JOB SKILLS, LACK OF HOUSING.
17 AND WE HAVE TO ADDRESS ALL OF THESE ISSUES IF WE ARE GOING TO
18 HELP VETERANS LEAVE THE STREETS BEHIND THEM. PROPOSITION 46
19 WAS PASSED AT THE STATE, THAT'S GOING TO ALLOW US TO BUILD 3
20 TO 5,000 UNITS OF HOUSING. PROPOSITION H.H.H. PASSED-- ANOTHER
21 10,000 UNITS OF HOUSING. THIS HOUSING WILL NOT BE PERMANENT
22 FOR THESE VETERANS AND OTHER HOMELESS PEOPLE IF WE DO NOT
23 PROVIDE THE SERVICES WITH IT. THERE WILL STILL BE HOMELESS
24 VETERANS AND OTHERS ON THE STREETS, IF WE DON'T PROVIDE THE
25 NETWORK OF SUPPORTIVE SERVICES THAT WILL OFFER PEOPLE THE



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1 SKILLS TO REMAIN INDEPENDENT. FOR VETERANS, WE HAVE TO CREATE
2 AN ENVIRONMENT THAT IS RESPONSIVE TO THE MANY CHALLENGES THEY
3 FACE AS THEY TRANSITION FROM MILITARY TO CIVILIAN LIFE. THE
4 SUICIDE RATE AMONG FEMALE VETERANS IS SIX TIMES THE NUMBER OF
5 THEIR CIVILIAN COUNTERPARTS. HOW DO WE PROACTIVELY REACH OUT
6 TO THEM AND PROVIDE TREATMENT? WHAT KIND OF PREVENTION NETWORK
7 SHOULD WE HAVE IN PLACE, SO WE CAN CONNECT WITH VETERANS WHO
8 ARE BEGINNING TO STUMBLE? AND WE HAVE AN INCREASING NUMBER OF
9 SENIOR VETERANS WHO ARE GOING TO NEED HOUSING AND SUPPORT
10 SERVICES, IN ORDER TO THRIVE AND LIVE WITH DIGNITY. WE CANNOT
11 ADDRESS ALL OF THESE CHALLENGES IF WE DO NOT HAVE THE FUNDING
12 TO DO SO. THE CITIZENS OF LOS ANGELES ARE TIRED OF SEEING
13 VETERANS ON OUR STREETS. IT IS TIME TO SOLVE THIS PROBLEM ONCE
14 AND FOR ALL, AND THIS TAX MEASURE WOULD HELP US DO THAT. THANK
15 YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

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17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WELL, THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER,
18 PLEASE.

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20 **ALEX JOHNSON:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ALEX JOHNSON,
21 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CHILDREN'S DEFENSE FUND CALIFORNIA.
22 THE CHILDREN'S DEFENSE FUND CALIFORNIA STANDS IN STRONG AND
23 STEADFAST SUPPORT OF THE MOTIONS TO DECLARE HOMELESSNESS AN
24 EMERGENCY IN L.A. COUNTY, AND TO ASK THE VOTERS TO FUND
25 HOMELESS SERVICES AND MUCH-NEEDED HOUSING IN THE COUNTY.



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1 HOMELESSNESS IS AT A CRISIS LEVEL IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND
2 THAT CRISIS IMPACTS CHILDREN AND FAMILIES THROUGHOUT THE
3 COUNTY. OVER 63,000 CHILDREN ARE HOMELESS OR AT RISK OF
4 HOMELESSNESS, RIGHT HERE IN OUR OWN BACKYARD. CHILDREN AND
5 THEIR FAMILIES ARE SIMPLY TRYING TO PLACE A ROOF OVER THEIR
6 HEADS, FOOD ON THE TABLE, AND CLOTHES ON THEIR BACKS. 23
7 PERCENT OF CHILDREN IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY LIVE IN POVERTY. 9.5
8 PERCENT OF CHILDREN LIVE IN EXTREME POVERTY. HOMELESSNESS IS
9 NOT SIMPLY AN ECONOMIC AND MORAL CRISIS; IT IS ABOUT HOW WE
10 VALUE THE DIGNITY AND WORTH OF EVERY SINGLE INDIVIDUAL. BUT
11 FOR THE GRACE OF GOD, WE GO. COUNTLESS INDIVIDUALS, MILLIONS
12 OF FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN, ARE JUST ONE PAYCHECK, ONE ILLNESS,
13 ONE EVICTION, ONE FAMILY CRISIS AWAY FROM FINDING THEMSELVES
14 HOMELESS. WE MUST ENSURE THAT THE SAFETY NET FOR FAMILIES AND
15 CHILDREN IS INTACT. AND SO I THANK YOU TO ALL THE SUPERVISORS,
16 AND PARTICULARLY TO SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, SUPERVISOR HAHN,
17 AND SUPERVISOR BARGER, FOR PUTTING THESE VARIOUS MOTIONS
18 BEFORE THE BOARD. THE TIME IS NOW, TO END HOMELESSNESS IN THE
19 COUNTY. UNITED, WE CAN, WE MUST, AND WE WILL. THANK YOU.

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21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY, VERY
22 MUCH. [APPLAUSE.] WE'RE GOING TO TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, BUT
23 I'M GOING TO CALL STEPHANIE GAMER, IF SHE WOULD COME FORWARD,
24 FOLLOWED BY CHRIS HUBBARD, HEATHER KRISKA, AND BENJAMIN



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1 HENWOOD. IF YOU WOULD POSITION YOURSELVES TO BE HEARD, THAT
2 WOULD BE GREAT. AND, SIR, THE FLOOR IS YOURS.

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4 **JOSE ARRELLNO:** MY NAME'S JOSE ARELLANO. AND SO, AS A KID, I
5 DEALT WITH HOMELESSNESS, MY FAMILY AND I. MY GRANDMA LOST THE
6 HOUSE, AND WE BECAME HOMELESS. AND AS AN ADULT, I BATTLED WITH
7 BEING HOMELESS, DUE TO A SUBSTANCE-ABUSE PROBLEM THAT I HAD.
8 AND, FORTUNATELY, I STUMBLED UPON HOMEBOY INDUSTRIES, AND I
9 WAS GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY. SO I'M HERE TO READ A LETTER FROM
10 FATHER GREG BOYLE, REPRESENTING HOMEBOY INDUSTRIES AND OUR
11 TAKE ON IT. "HOMEBOY INDUSTRIES PROVIDES HOPE, TRAINING, AND
12 SUPPORT TO FORMERLY INCARCERATED AND GANG-INVOLVED MEN AND
13 WOMEN, ALLOWING THEM TO REDIRECT THEIR LIVES AND BECOME
14 CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY. WE FULLY SUPPORT THE
15 COUNTY'S HOMELESS MEASURE TO BE PLACED ON THE MARCH BALLOT.
16 WORKING WITH MEN AND WOMEN RETURNING TO L.A. COUNTY FROM
17 PRISON AND JAIL FOR OVER A QUARTER CENTURY, WE WITNESS
18 FIRSTHAND CHALLENGES TO SUCCESSFUL REENTRY, AND THE NEED FOR
19 STABILITY IN THE CRITICAL MONTHS AFTER RELEASE. AS A
20 THERAPEUTIC COMMUNITY THAT PROVIDES JOB TRAINING, WE KNOW THAT
21 THE FOUR ESSENTIAL PILLARS TO SUCCESSFUL REENTRY ARE
22 EMPLOYMENT, FAMILY, REUNIFICATION, SOBRIETY, AND STABLE
23 HOUSING. THE GREATEST NEED THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO WALK THROUGH
24 OUR DOORS HAVE TODAY IS SAFE AND PERMANENT HOUSING. WHEN
25 CLIENTS RELEASED FROM PRISON AND JAIL LACK STABLE HOUSING, IT



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1 IS CLOSE TO IMPOSSIBLE FOR THEM TO SUCCESSFULLY MAINTAIN
2 COMMUNITY TIES, AND INCREASES THEIR CHANCES OF
3 REINCARCERATION. IT BECOMES DIFFICULT TO SUSTAIN EMPLOYMENT,
4 AND THEIR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, WHO DEPEND UPON THEM, BECOME
5 ADVERSELY AFFECTED. LACK OF HOUSING INTERFERES WITH THE
6 ABILITY TO FULLY ENGAGE IN SERVICES OR THE PROCESS OF CHANGE
7 THAT OUR CLIENTS WANT TO ENGAGE IN. LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAS THE
8 OPPORTUNITY, THROUGH THE HOMELESSNESS MEASURE, TO EXPAND THE
9 CIRCLE OF COMPASSION, AND ADDRESS THE LOS ANGELES HOUSING
10 CRISIS THAT DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECTS THE COUNTY'S MOST
11 VULNERABLE, INCLUDING THE MEN AND WOMEN THAT WE SERVE.
12 ERADICATING HOMELESSNESS AND INCREASING SAFE, AFFORDABLE, AND
13 ACCESSIBLE HOUSING WILL SUPPORT NOT ONLY THE FOLKS COMING
14 HOME, BUT WILL STRENGTHEN THE COMMUNITIES THAT THEY ARE
15 RETURNING TO." THAT'S OUR TAKE ON IT. THANK YOU, GUYS.
16 [APPLAUSE.]

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18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. LET
19 ME JUST TAKE NOTE OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO I SEE WEARING BLUE
20 SHIRTS. THEY CALL THEMSELVES P.A.T.H. GIVE THEM A SHOUT-OUT.
21 [APPLAUSE.] AND I SEE SOME YELLOW SHIRTS. THEY ARE SPECIAL
22 SERVICES FOR GROUPS. WE THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE. [APPLAUSE.]
23 AND I KNOW THAT WE SEE MENTAL HEALTH FOR AMERICA HERE, AND
24 THEY'RE WEARING RED SHIRTS. SO GIVE THEM A SHOUT-OUT, WILL
25 YOU? [APPLAUSE.] ALL RIGHT, WE'RE GOING TO PROCEED. ANN



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1 MISKEY, PLEASE COME FORWARD. RITA KAMPALATH, IF YOU WOULD COME
2 FORWARD. TAHIA HAYSLET, CORRI PLANCK, JOEL ROBERTS, JESSICA
3 LALL. WE ARE ASKING ALL OF YOU TO BE POSITIONED TO BE HEARD.
4 THE FLOOR IS YOURS, SIR.

5

6 **ADAM LANE:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME'S ADAM LANE.
7 I'M THE LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR AT THE LOS ANGELES BUSINESS
8 COUNCIL. FIRSTLY, I'D LIKE TO WELCOME SUPERVISORS BARGER AND
9 HAHN. WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU BOTH, AND
10 EXCITED ABOUT THE HISTORIC COMPOSITION OF THIS NEW BOARD. I'D
11 ALSO LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR DEEP GRATITUDE TO CHAIRMAN RIDLEY-
12 THOMAS, SUPERVISOR BARGER, AND SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOR
13 INTRODUCING THESE IMPORTANT PROPOSALS, AS WELL AS SUPERVISOR
14 KUEHL AND SOLIS FOR THEIR SUPPORT. FOR THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY,
15 SUPPORTING THIS PROPOSAL WAS EASY. OUR LOCAL ECONOMY IS
16 STRONGEST WHEN EVERY ANGELINO HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO FULLY
17 PARTICIPATE IN IT. THE LOS ANGELES BUSINESS COUNCIL HAS ALWAYS
18 BELIEVED IN THE HOUSING FIRST MODEL, IN ADDRESSING OUR
19 HOMELESSNESS CRISIS. WE'VE SEEN GREAT PROGRESS MADE ON THIS
20 FRONT. THE CITY OF L.A. PASSED PROP H.H.H., THE STATE PASSED
21 THE NO PLACE LIKE HOME INITIATIVE, AND THESE WILL INCREASE
22 FUNDING FOR BRICK-AND-MORTAR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH DEVELOPING
23 PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. WHILE HOUSING IS THE MOST
24 CRITICAL COMPONENT TO A SOLUTION, IT NEEDS TO BE COMPLEMENTED
25 WITH SUPPORTIVE SERVICES, TO ENSURE THAT NOT ONLY DO FAMILIES



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1 HAVE A ROOF OVER THEIR HEAD, BUT THAT THEY'RE ALSO ABLE TO
2 MAINTAIN THEIR PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH. IT AMAZES ME THAT
3 WE EXPECT INDIVIDUALS TO THRIVE, TO TRY AND FIND A JOB, OR TO
4 PAY FOR THEIR HEALTHCARE, WHEN THEY'RE FOCUSED ON TRYING TO
5 FIGURE OUT WHERE THEIR NEXT MEAL'S COMING FROM, OR WHERE
6 THEY'RE GOING TO SLEEP THAT NIGHT. WITH HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE
7 SERVICES, AN INDIVIDUAL CAN PLACE FOCUS ON IMPROVING HIS OR
8 HER LIFE, RATHER THAN MERELY TRYING TO SURVIVE. WE BELIEVE
9 THIS MEASURE WILL HAVE A BROAD AND LASTING EFFECT ON REDUCING
10 HOMELESSNESS ACROSS THE COUNTY. AS PART OF A COMPREHENSIVE
11 STRATEGY, THIS ONGOING FUNDING SOURCE WILL HELP INCREASE THE
12 EFFECTIVENESS OF PUBLIC, PRIVATE, AND NONPROFIT PARTNERSHIPS,
13 AND REDUCE THE NUMBER OF ANGELINOS WHO HAVE FALLEN INTO THE
14 CYCLE OF HOMELESSNESS. WE CANNOT AFFORD TO WAIT ANY LONGER.
15 THE COST OF INACTION WILL BE FAR GREATER THAN THE PRICE OF
16 THIS PROPOSAL. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME, AND WE STRONGLY URGE
17 AN AYE VOTE.

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE APPRECIATE
20 IT. WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, AND WE TAKE NOTE OF THE FACT
21 THAT FIRST TO SERVE IS IN THE HOUSE, IN THE WHITE SHIRT, SO
22 THANK YOU SO MUCH. [APPLAUSE.] AND PETER LYNN HAS THE MIC.

23

24 **PETER LYNN:** THANK YOU, CHAIR. AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS, FOR
25 YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE. I AM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR



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1 YOUR LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY, PETER LYNN, AND
2 ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION OF THE LOS ANGELES HOMELESS
3 SERVICES AUTHORITY, I'D LIKE TO READ A RESOLUTION THAT WAS
4 PASSED, A RESOLUTION OF THE LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES
5 AUTHORITY, IN SUPPORT OF LONG-TERM FUNDING FOR THE COUNTY OF
6 LOS ANGELES COMPREHENSIVE HOMELESS STRATEGIES. "WHEREAS THE
7 PRESENT HOMELESS POPULATION WITHIN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES,
8 WHICH AFFECTS ALL SEGMENTS OF SOCIETY, INCLUDING ALL
9 ETHNICITIES AND AGES AND AREAS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS
10 ANGELES, HAS CREATED A PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY CRISIS; AND
11 WHEREAS, ON FEBRUARY 2, 2016, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
12 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES APPROVED A COUNTY HOMELESS INITIATIVE
13 SET OF 47 COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGIES AIMED AT ADDRESSING THE
14 ROOT CAUSES OF HOMELESSNESS, AND LIFTING THOUSANDS OF FAMILIES
15 AND INDIVIDUALS OUT OF HOMELESSNESS AND INTO BETTER LIVES; AND
16 WHEREAS, ON MAY 4, 2016, THE LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES
17 AUTHORITY RELEASED THE RESULTS OF THE ANNUAL HOMELESS COUNT
18 FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, SHOWING THE OVERALL NUMBER OF
19 PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN THE COUNTY INCREASED BY 6
20 PERCENT, FROM 2015, TO 46,874 PERSONS; AND WHEREAS THE
21 HOMELESS CRISIS HAS BEEN EXACERBATED BY THE UNDERBUILDING OF
22 AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, WHICH HAS
23 CREATED A SHORTAGE OF HOUSING FOR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING
24 HOMELESSNESS; AND WHEREAS MANY OF THE COUNTY'S HOMELESS
25 STRATEGIES DO NOT HAVE CURRENT OR FUTURE FUNDING IDENTIFIED



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1 FOR THEIR IMPLEMENTATION; AND WHEREAS, ON NOVEMBER 8, 2016,
2 THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES APPROVED CITY
3 PROPOSITION H.H.H., A \$1.2 BILLION BOND MEASURE AIMED AT
4 CREATING PERMANENT SUPPORTING HOUSING UNITS; AND WHEREAS THE
5 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES IS PURSUING FUNDING SOURCES FOR LONG-
6 TERM INVESTMENT IN ITS HOMELESS STRATEGIES, NOW, THEREFORE, BE
7 IT RESOLVED BY THE LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY
8 COMMISSION, A JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF
9 LOS ANGELES, THAT THE COMMISSION URGES THE COUNTY OF LOS
10 ANGELES BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO SEEK SUFFICIENT ONGOING
11 FUNDING TO FULLY IMPLEMENT AND BRING TO SCALE THE COUNTY'S
12 COMPREHENSIVE HOMELESS STRATEGIES, INCLUDING FUNDING SOURCES
13 THAT WOULD NEED APPROVAL BY THE RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS
14 ANGELES AT A SPECIAL ELECTION IN SPRING OF 2017, PASSED AND
15 ADOPTED BY THE LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY
16 COMMISSION ON THE 18TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2016, BY UNANIMOUS
17 VOTE."

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER,
20 PLEASE.

21

22 **LISA PAYNE:** MY NAME'S LISA PAYNE. I'M THE POLICY DIRECTOR FOR
23 THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF NONPROFIT HOUSING, OR
24 S.C.A.N.P.H. S.C.A.N.P.H. MEMBERS ARE PROUD TO BE PART OF L.A.
25 COUNTY TODAY, WHERE WE SEE THE FIRST MOTIONS BEFORE A NEWLY



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1 ELECTED BOARD ARE TO TAKE STEPS TO ENSURE THAT OUR MOST
2 VULNERABLE NEIGHBORS, THE HOMELESS AND THE UNDOCUMENTED
3 POPULATIONS THAT OFTEN OVERLAP, CAN LIVE IN DIGNITY.
4 S.C.A.N.P.H. IS A MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATION OF DEVELOPERS THAT
5 DO THE CRITICAL WORK OF PROVIDING DECENT AFFORDABLE HOMES FOR
6 THOSE PEOPLE LIVING AND EATING AND SLEEPING ON THE STREETS, AS
7 WELL AS THOSE WHO ARE COUCH-SURFING, LIVING IN SHELTERS, AND
8 PRICED OUT OF THEIR HOMES BY RISING RENTS. WE KNOW THAT
9 CRITICAL TO GETTING OUR HOMELESS NEIGHBORS INTO THESE HOMES
10 AND KEEPING THEM THERE ARE EXPERIENCED OUTREACH WORKERS AND
11 SERVICE PROVIDERS, WHO GAIN THEIR TRUST AND DO WHATEVER IT
12 TAKES TO CONNECT THEM WITH FINANCIAL AND HEALTHCARE RESOURCES,
13 JOBS AND HOMES, SO THAT THEY HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO THRIVE
14 AND TO CONTRIBUTE TO AND HELP SHAPE OUR COUNTY. THIS MEASURE,
15 ALONG WITH H.H.H., WILL BE TRANSFORMATIONAL IN HELPING ALL OF
16 US ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS, AND WE APPRECIATE ALL IT TOOK TO MAKE
17 THIS POSSIBLE: THE UNPRECEDENTED COORDINATION AMONG COUNTY
18 DEPARTMENTS, AMONG L.A. CITY AND COUNTY GOVERNMENTS, AND AMONG
19 SUCH A DIVERSE GROUP OF ORGANIZATIONS COMING TOGETHER TO
20 PRIORITIZE AND TACKLE HOMELESSNESS. S.C.A.N.P.H. IS HONORED TO
21 BE PART OF THIS HISTORIC MOMENT, AND LOOKS FORWARD TO WORKING
22 HARD-- AND I MEAN, HARD-- WITH EVERYONE HERE, AND OTHERS, TO
23 MAKE SURE THIS MEASURE PASSES IN THE SPRING, AND WE END THE
24 HORRENDOUS SPECTER OF PEOPLE LIVING ON THE STREETS OF L.A.
25 THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.

3 [APPLAUSE.] ALL RIGHT. NOW WE'RE GOING TO TAKE THE NEXT

4 SPEAKER.

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6 **JACQUELINE WAGGONER:** GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE CHAIR MARK

7 RIDLEY-THOMAS, AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY NAME IS JACQUELINE

8 WAGGONER. I AM THE VICE PRESIDENT AND SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

9 MARKET LEADER OF ENTERPRISE COMMUNITY PARTNERS. I'M ALSO A

10 BOARD MEMBER OF S.C.A.N.P.H. AND L.A. BUSINESS COUNCIL; SO,

11 THE PEOPLE THAT JUST SPOKE BEFORE ME. ON BEHALF OF ENTERPRISE,

12 I URGE YOU TO VOTE YES ON ITEMS 7 AND 8, TWO MOTIONS TO HELP

13 CARRY ON THE BOARD'S IMPORTANT EFFORTS TO ADDRESS THE

14 HOMELESSNESS CRISIS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. OUR OFFICIAL LETTER

15 HAS BEEN CIRCULATED. AS MANY OF YOU KNOW, ENTERPRISE IS THE

16 NATIONAL ORGANIZATION THAT HELPS TO FINANCE, BUILD, AND

17 ADVOCATE FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR LOW- AND MODERATE-INCOME

18 PEOPLE. IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ALONE, WE'VE PARTNERED WITH

19 MANY OF THE DEVELOPERS AND PUBLIC PARTNERS IN THE ROOM TODAY,

20 TO FINANCE 2,000 PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING UNITS IN LOS

21 ANGELES COUNTY, AND WE NEED MORE. WE PARTICIPATED IN THE

22 DEVELOPMENT OF THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE, AND PROUDLY SUPPORT

23 IT. WE CANNOT SOLVE THIS CRISIS WITHOUT PROVIDING THE SERVICES

24 NEEDED TO PREVENT HOMELESSNESS, TO HELP PEOPLE TO A STATE

25 WHERE THEY CAN BE HOUSED, AND TO KEEP PEOPLE HEALTHY AND



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1 SUCCESSFUL, ONCE HOUSED. WE COMMEND YOU FOR STRIVING TO FIND
2 THE RIGHT BALANCE OF SERVICES AND PROGRAMS TO ADDRESS
3 HOMELESSNESS, THROUGH YOUR LEADERSHIP. HOMELESSNESS IS A
4 SOLVABLE PROBLEM, BUT IT REQUIRES SIGNIFICANT AND SUSTAINED
5 PUBLIC INVESTMENT. BIG PROBLEMS REQUIRE BIG SOLUTIONS. IT'S
6 OUR PROBLEM, NOT THEIRS. LET'S DO OUR PART TO HOUSE OUR MOST
7 VULNERABLE POPULATIONS. PLEASE VOTE YES ON 7 AND 8. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
10 TESTIMONY. WE'RE MOVING RIGHT ALONG HERE. THEY TELL ME THERE'S
11 SOME PEOPLE IN GRAY SHIRTS, AND THEY CALL THEMSELVES THE ST.
12 JOSEPH CENTER. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRESENCE TODAY.

13 [APPLAUSE.] ALL RIGHT. I SEE YOU. I SEE YOU. SHALL WE PROCEED?

14

15 **YELENA ZELTSER:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS YELENA
16 ZELTSER. I'M WITH U.N.I.T.E. H.E.R.E. LOCAL 11. WE ARE A HOTEL
17 AND FOOD-SERVICE WORKER UNION, AND SOME OF OUR MEMBERS ARE
18 HERE TODAY, AND MANY MORE IN THE OVERFLOW ROOM. U.N.I.T.E.
19 H.E.R.E. REPRESENTS OVER 20,000 WORKERS AND THEIR FAMILIES IN
20 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. AND WHILE WE FIGHT EVERY DAY TO MAKE SURE
21 THAT, IN OUR CONTRACTS, OUR WORKERS GET DECENT WAGES AND
22 BENEFITS, WE KNOW THAT THERE ARE MANY, MANY MORE THAT WORK IN
23 OUR LOW-WAGE INDUSTRY THAT LIVE ON THE EDGE, AND THAT LIVE
24 PAYCHECK TO PAYCHECK. MANY FAMILIES IN OUR INDUSTRY STRUGGLE
25 WITH HOMELESSNESS, DESPITE HAVING FULL-TIME JOBS. OUR COUNTY



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1 HAS SEEN A MASSIVE INCREASE IN HOMELESSNESS IN THE LAST FEW
2 YEARS, WITH OVER 47,000 MEN, WOMEN, AND CHILDREN SLEEPING ON
3 THE STREET. THE EFFORT TO ADDRESS THIS CRISIS WILL HAVE TO BE
4 COMPREHENSIVE, AND REQUIRE BOLD ACTION, WHICH IS THE KIND OF
5 ACTION YOU GUYS ARE TAKING TODAY. WE'RE VERY PROUD. AS PART OF
6 A LABOR COMMUNITY, WE'RE VERY PROUD TO BE PART OF THIS LARGE
7 COALITION OF ADVOCATES THAT ARE HERE TODAY IN SUPPORT OF THE
8 TWO MOTIONS. U.N.I.T.E. H.E.R.E. LOCAL 11 WHOLEHEARTEDLY
9 SUPPORTS THE MOTION CHAMPIONED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND
10 SUPERVISOR HAHN, TO CREATE A DEDICATED SOURCE OF FUNDING TO
11 PREVENT AND COMBAT HOMELESSNESS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE
12 CANNOT REST UNTIL OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS ARE ABLE TO BE OFF
13 THE STREETS. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. [APPLAUSE.]
16 THANK YOU. WE UNDERSTAND THAT NEW DIRECTIONS FOR VETERANS ARE
17 REPRESENTED TODAY. WE THANK YOU. WE KNOW THAT NORTH HILLS IS
18 NOT AN EASY TREK, BUT WE APPRECIATE YOU BEING HERE. A SHOUT-
19 OUT TO NEW DIRECTIONS FOR VETERANS. MA'AM, THE FLOOR IS YOURS.

20

21 **STEPHANIE KLASKEY-GAMER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. I'M
22 STEPHANIE KLASKEY-GAMER, OF L.A. FAMILY HOUSING, AND I'M PROUD
23 TO REPRESENT OUR STAFF, ALSO IN THE HOUSE, AND MORE THAN 6400
24 RESIDENTS AND PARTICIPANTS OF OUR PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING
25 AND OUR HOMELESS SERVICE PROGRAMS LOCATED THROUGHOUT THE



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1 COUNTY, IN EACH OF YOUR SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS. TOGETHER, IN
2 PARTNERSHIP WITH EVERYONE IN THIS ALMOST ONCE FULL BOARDROOM,
3 AS WELL AS THE THREE OVERFLOW ROOMS, L.A. FAMILY HOUSING IS
4 UNITED TO END HOMELESSNESS. OUR AGENCY PRIMARILY WORKS IN THE
5 SAN FERNANDO AND SANTA CLARITA VALLEYS, A REGION WITH NEARLY 2
6 MILLION PEOPLE, BUT WE'VE NEVER HAD ENOUGH RESOURCES TO HELP
7 EVERYBODY IN THAT REGION WHO NEEDS IT. LAST YEAR, L.A. FAMILY
8 HOUSING SERVED MORE PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS THAN ANY
9 OTHER YEAR IN OUR 33-YEAR HISTORY. BUT YET, WE ALL SAW
10 HOMELESSNESS ROSE NEARLY 35 PERCENT IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY
11 ALONE. BECAUSE OF THIS, WE STAND FIRMLY IN SUPPORT OF THIS
12 BALLOT MEASURE. IT IS AN INVESTMENT IN WHAT WORKS: PERMANENT
13 HOUSING LINKED TO THE SUPPORTIVE SERVICES THAT HELP PEOPLE
14 RETAIN AND THRIVE IN THEIR HOUSING. WE SEE RESULTS. WE SEE
15 SUCCESS. WE NOW NEED TO SEE MORE OF IT. THIS IS THE TIME TO
16 TRANSFORM LOS ANGELES, AND L.A. FAMILY HOUSING IS PROUD TO
17 PARTNER WITH ALL OF YOU TO GET A SUCCESSFUL BALLOT MEASURE IN
18 MARCH. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY,
21 AND WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

22

23 **CHRIS HUBBARD:** HI. CHRIS HUBBARD. I'M A PROGRAM OFFICER FOR
24 CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION. THE CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY
25 FOUNDATION HAS BEEN AROUND FOR 100 YEARS. WE FOCUS ON L.A.



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1 COUNTY, AND WE FOCUS ON OUR MOST VULNERABLE. THANK YOU FOR
2 YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS EFFORT, AND WE FULLY SUPPORT IT. WE
3 SUPPORTED H.H.H., AND WE SUPPORT THIS, AS WELL. ONE STORY I
4 WANTED TO BRING TO THE ATTENTION WAS MY IN-LAWS. MY WIFE AND
5 HER FAMILY CAME TO THE UNITED STATES FROM CAMBODIA 26 YEARS
6 AGO. THEY LIVED IN A REFUGEE CAMP FOR 2 YEARS, IN THAILAND.
7 THEY STILL, FROM THEIR PERSPECTIVE, CAN'T UNDERSTAND, WHEN
8 THEY DRIVE AROUND THE COUNTY, HOW THE UNITED STATES AND HOW
9 L.A. COUNTY HAS WHAT LOOKS LIKE TO THEM MANY REFUGEE CAMPS ALL
10 OVER THE PLACE, IN OUR ENCAMPMENTS. AND SO I KNOW WE MUST DO
11 BETTER, AND WE WILL DO BETTER, AND THANK YOU FOR THE CHANCE TO
12 DO SO. WE HAVE AMAZING SERVICE PROVIDERS SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE
13 COUNTY, AND I BELIEVE THAT THESE RESOURCES CAN ENABLE THEM TO
14 DO WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE. THANK YOU.

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16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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18 **JOHN HOWLAND:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M JOHN HOWLAND, WITH THE
19 CENTRAL CITY ASSOCIATION. I'M SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF JESSICA
20 LALL, OUR INCOMING PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. SHE HAD TO LEAVE, SO I
21 APPRECIATE YOUR CONSIDERATION AND LETTING ME SPEAK ON HER
22 BEHALF. C.C.A. SUPPORTS PLACING A MEASURE ON THE MARCH 2017
23 BALLOT, ASKING VOTERS TO INCREASE THE SALES TAX, IN ORDER TO
24 PROVIDE FUNDING FOR HOMELESS SERVICES THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY.
25 THE CURRENT HOMELESS CRISIS IS DISRUPTING NEARLY EVERY



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1 COMMUNITY IN THE COUNTY, COMPROMISING PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY,
2 AND HURTING LOCAL BUSINESSES. DOWNTOWN HAS LONG BORNE THE
3 BURDEN OF THE CONTAINMENT POLICY, AND NOW, BECAUSE OF NUMEROUS
4 FACTORS, MANY PARTS OF THE COUNTY ARE NOW ALSO BEING FORCED TO
5 DEAL WITH THE IMPACTS OF THIS CRISIS. WE KNOW IT WORKS FOR
6 HOMELESSNESS, BUT THE LONGER WE WAIT, THE MORE EXPENSIVE IT
7 WILL BE TO DEAL WITH IT. WE NEED TO ACT NOW TO SOLVE THE
8 PROBLEM, AND TO HELP HOMELESS PEOPLE GET OFF THE STREETS AND
9 INTO HOUSING AND, WHEN NEEDED, SUPPORTIVE SERVICES. WE ALSO
10 NEED TO STOP PEOPLE FROM BECOMING HOMELESS, IN THE FIRST
11 PLACE. THIS MEASURE WILL GO A LONG WAY TOWARD PROVIDING THE
12 SERVICES THAT WE NEED TO ADDRESS THIS CRISIS. THE CENTRAL CITY
13 ASSOCIATION SUPPORTS THIS MEASURE. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU TO CENTRAL CITY
16 ASSOCIATION. WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE PRESENCE OF L.A. FAMILY
17 HOUSING. THEY'RE IN THE HOUSE, AND WE THANK THEM FOR THEIR
18 PRESENCE. WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER.

19

20 **BEN HENWOOD:** GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
21 BEN HENWOD. I'M AN ASSISTANT PROFESSOR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF
22 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, IN THE RECENTLY NAMED SUZANNE DWORAK-PECK
23 SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK. AND AS AN ACADEMIC RESEARCHER, I
24 TYPICALLY STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF RESEARCH AND EVIDENCE-BASED
25 SOLUTIONS, BUT I ALSO WANTED TO NOTE THAT, FOR THIS PARTICULAR



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1 PROBLEM, WE ACTUALLY KNOW QUITE A BIT. WE KNOW WHAT WORKS. AND
2 SO PART OF THE DISCUSSION, THEN, IS HOW TO SCALE UP THOSE BEST
3 PRACTICES. AS YOU HEARD EARLIER, OUR UNIVERSITY IS COMMITTED
4 TO PARTNERING WITH THE COUNTY, TO SUPPORT ENDING HOMELESSNESS.
5 AS AN EXAMPLE, SEVERAL FACULTY, INCLUDING MYSELF, ARE WORKING
6 WITH L.A.H.S.A. ON THE 2017 HOMELESS COUNT. AT THE SCHOOL OF
7 SOCIAL WORK, WE ARE ALSO FOCUSED ON WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, SO
8 THAT WE HAVE ADEQUATELY TRAINED PEOPLE IN THE FIELD,
9 ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU CONSIDER WHAT YOU HEARD EARLIER, ABOUT AN
10 AGING POPULATION WITH LOTS OF COMPLEX NEEDS, AND YOUNG ADULTS
11 WHO HAVE A DIFFERENT SET OF ISSUES. AND SO WE'RE IMPLEMENTING
12 PROGRAMS NOW, SO STUDENTS HAVE SPECIALIZED TRAINING. SEVERAL
13 OF THOSE STUDENTS ARE HERE WITH US TODAY, ASSUMING THAT THEY
14 COULD GET THROUGH THE LINE AND MAYBE MAKE IT INTO THE ROOM.
15 THEY ARE HERE WITH US, AND SO THEY ARE EXCITED ABOUT GOING OUT
16 IN THE FIELD AND TACKLING THIS PROBLEM. SO I JUST WANT TO
17 RECOGNIZE THE TREMENDOUS COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND
18 THE CITY AND EVERYONE HERE, TO ADDRESS THIS PROBLEM, AND WE'RE
19 HAPPY TO BE A PART OF THAT.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'LL RESIST
22 THE TEMPTATION TO ACKNOWLEDGE ANY AND ALL TROJANS IN THE
23 HOUSE, BECAUSE THIS COULD BE A PROBLEM, AND-- WELL, HOLD ON A
24 MINUTE, BECAUSE THE PRO TEM WILL ASK FOR EQUAL TIME, AND ASK
25 FOR ANY BRUINS IN THE HOUSE. [CHEERS.]



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2 **SUPERVISOR KUEHL:** THE BRUINS!

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THAT WAS A MISTAKE. THANK YOU VERY
5 MUCH. [LAUGHTER.] TOO MANY BRUINS IN HERE. WE GOT TO
6 REPRESENT. I'M GOING TO TURN THE CHAIR OVER TO THE PRO TEM,
7 NOW. ALL RIGHT. LET'S PROCEED WITH THE NEXT SPEAKERS.

8

9 **CORRI PLANCK:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. CHAIR. I'M CORRI PLANCK. I'M
10 THE PROJECT MANAGER FOR THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD'S HOMELESS
11 INITIATIVE, AND I'M PLEASED TO BE HERE TODAY ON BEHALF OF OUR
12 CITY COUNCIL AND OUR CITY MANAGER. WE'D LIKE TO EXTEND OUR
13 CONGRATULATIONS TO YOUR TWO NEW SUPERVISORS, AND OF COURSE
14 WANT TO WISH OUR OWN SUPERVISOR, SHEILA KUEHL, WHO HAS A VERY
15 SPECIAL PLACE IN WEST HOLLYWOOD'S HEART, ON HER ASCENSION AS
16 THE VICE CHAIR. ALSO, PROUD TO SHARE WITH YOU THAT LAST NIGHT,
17 OUR CITY COUNCIL PASSED A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THIS SALES
18 TAX MEASURE TO SUPPORT HOMELESS SERVICES THROUGHOUT L.A.
19 COUNTY. THE CITY WAS VERY GLAD TO PLAY A ROLE IN DEVELOPMENT
20 OF THE 47 STRATEGIES, AND EARLIER THIS YEAR, OUR COUNCIL ALSO
21 ADOPTED A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THOSE STRATEGIES. WE'RE HERE
22 TODAY TO ENCOURAGE THE PLACEMENT OF THIS MEASURE ON THE MARCH
23 BALLOT, TO ENSURE THE FUNDING NECESSARY TO SUCCESSFULLY
24 IMPLEMENT THOSE SMART, THOUGHTFUL, AND FULLY INCLUSIVE EFFORTS
25 TO DEVELOP THOSE STRATEGIES. THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD HAS



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1 ALREADY TAKEN ACTION ON SOME OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS APPLICABLE
2 FOR CITY GOVERNMENTS, INCLUDING ALLOCATION OF FUNDING FOR
3 RAPID REHOUSING, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING SHOULDER-TO-
4 SHOULDER WITH YOU, COUNTY AGENCIES, AND OUR NONPROFIT
5 PARTNERS, TO IMPLEMENT THESE STRATEGIES IN THE MOST EFFECTIVE
6 AND HUMANE WAY POSSIBLE. SO, ON BEHALF OF MAYOR LAUREN
7 MEISTER, MAYOR PRO TEM JOHN HEILMAN, COUNCILMEMBERS JOHN
8 D'AMICO, JOHN DURAN, AND LINDSEY HORVATH, WE THANK YOU FOR
9 YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE, AND ENCOURAGE YOUR SUPPORT.
10 THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MISS PLANCK. THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE.
13 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

14

15 **JOEL ROBERTS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS JOEL ROBERTS. I AM
16 THE C.E.O. OF P.A.T.H. I'M REPRESENTING ABOUT 100 STAFF AND
17 SUPPORTERS WHO ARE HERE TODAY, AS WELL AS 20,000 SUPPORTERS OF
18 P.A.T.H., MOSTLY HERE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. I'VE BEEN
19 RUNNING P.A.T.H. FOR 20 YEARS, AND IN THE LAST TWO DECADES, I
20 HAVE SEEN SO MANY HOMELESS INITIATIVES IN THIS REGION COME AND
21 GO-- TASK FORCES, SURGES, CONFERENCES, SUMMITS, PLANS-- AND
22 THEY'VE ALL COME AND GONE. BUT TODAY, THIS IS A REAL PLAN.
23 THIS IS COMPREHENSIVE. IT'S DETAILED. IT'S BASED ON OUTCOMES.
24 IT WILL REALLY MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THIS COUNTY. BUT IT'S NOT
25 GOING TO HAPPEN IF WE DON'T FUND IT, AND THAT'S WHAT THIS IS



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1 ABOUT TODAY, IS WE NEED TO FUND HOUSING AND SERVICES. WE KNOW,
2 THOSE OF US WHO ARE ON THE FRONT LINES KNOW, THAT YOU CAN'T
3 JUST DANGLE KEYS IN FRONT OF SOMEONE AND ASSUME THEY'RE GOING
4 TO END THEIR HOMELESSNESS. IT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN. PEOPLE
5 ARE DEALING WITH SIGNIFICANT, SIGNIFICANT ISSUES, AND WE HAVE
6 TO PROVIDE THE RESOURCES TO HELP THEM DEAL WITH THOSE ISSUES,
7 OR THEY'RE GOING TO LOSE THEIR HOUSING AGAIN. AND THAT'S WHAT
8 THIS IS ABOUT. IT'S CALLED HOUSING FIRST, AND WE KNOW, AT
9 P.A.T.H. AND THE OTHER AGENCIES THAT ARE HERE TODAY, WE KNOW
10 THAT HOUSING FIRST WORKS. WITH P.A.T.H., IN THE LAST THREE
11 YEARS, WE HAVE HOUSED 6,500 PEOPLE FROM THE STREETS INTO
12 APARTMENTS, AND WE'RE NOT THE ONLY AGENCY THAT IS SUCCESSFUL.
13 MOST OF THE OTHER AGENCIES THAT ARE HERE TODAY ARE IN THE SAME
14 WAY. SO I STRONGLY, STRONGLY ENCOURAGE YOU TO VOTE FOR THIS
15 MEASURE THAT WILL PROVIDE THE SERVICES AND THE HOUSING AND THE
16 FUNDING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN ENDING HOMELESSNESS IN THIS
17 COUNTY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

18

19 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. NEXT SPEAKER,
20 PLEASE. [APPLAUSE.] WE'RE GOING TO ASK YOU AGAIN. APPLAUSE IS
21 FABULOUS, BUT IF YOU CAN RAISE THE ROOF, IT WOULD ACTUALLY
22 HELP US FOR TIMING, AS WELL. THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

23

24 **ANNE MISKEY:** HELLO. I AM ANNE MISKEY, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
25 OFFICER OF THE DOWNTOWN WOMEN'S CENTER. MR. CHAIRMAN,



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1 SUPERVISORS, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP, AND
2 WELCOME TO OUR NEW SUPERVISORS. I AM HERE TODAY ON BEHALF OF
3 THE ALMOST 15,000 WOMEN, UNACCOMPANIED WOMEN, WHO FIND
4 THEMSELVES LIVING ON THE STREETS OR IN SHELTERS OF LOS
5 ANGELES. THIS IS THE FASTEST GROWING GROUP IN THE HOMELESS
6 POPULATION. AND THESE WOMEN ARE THERE BECAUSE THEY ARE VICTIMS
7 OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, HUMAN TRAFFICKING, SEXUAL ASSAULT, LOSS
8 OF JOBS, AND WAGES SO LOW THEY CAN'T AFFORD A HOME. SADLY, IN
9 MOST PLACES IN THE COUNTRY, THIS IS AN IGNORED POPULATION, AN
10 INVISIBLE POPULATION. I AM PROUD TO SAY, THAT IS NOT THE CASE,
11 HERE IN LOS ANGELES. WITH BOTH OUR COUNTY AND CITY'S PLANS,
12 WOMEN HAVE BEEN CALLED OUT. WOMEN ARE BEING PAID ATTENTION TO,
13 AND THE NEEDS OF WOMEN ARE BEING MET. WE ARE THRILLED TO BE
14 ABLE TO WORK WITH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES ON BUILDING MORE
15 SAFE AND SECURE HOUSING FOR THESE WOMEN. AND WITH THIS
16 MEASURE, THIS COUNTY MEASURE, WE WOULD LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING
17 WITH THE COUNTY ON PROVIDING THE SERVICES NEEDED TO HELP HOUSE
18 WOMEN, AND TO KEEP THEM HOUSED, TO PROVIDE MENTAL AND PHYSICAL
19 HEALTH SUPPORT, JOB TRAINING, CASE MANAGEMENT, AND ESPECIALLY
20 TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE THAT HELPS THEM DEAL WITH THE TRAUMA OF
21 SEXUAL VIOLENCE, OTHER KINDS OF VIOLENCE, INEQUITY, AND THE
22 TRAUMA OF BEING HOMELESS. AND I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT THE
23 DOWNTOWN WOMEN'S CENTER, AND ALL OF OUR WOMEN WHO LIVE AND
24 COME THERE, OUR STAFF AND OUR BOARD, ARE COMMITTED TO MAKING
25 SURE THAT THIS BALLOT MEASURE PASSES IN MARCH. SO, AGAIN, I



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1 THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP. THANK YOU FOR RAISING UP THE
2 ISSUE OF WOMEN'S HOMELESSNESS. AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING
3 WITH YOU TOGETHER, TO END HOMELESSNESS FOR WOMEN AND FOR ALL
4 PEOPLE. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. I'D LIKE TO CALL UP
7 THE NEXT FOUR SPEAKERS TO TAKE THEIR PLACE UP HERE, IF YOU
8 WOULD: JESSICA GOODMAN, CHARLENE DIMAS-PEINADO, RABBI JOEL
9 SIMONDS, AND JACK BARBOUR. PLEASE COME TO THE FRONT, AND
10 PREPARE TO JOIN US AND SPEAK. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

11

12 **RITA KAMPALATH:** GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND
13 SUPERVISORS, AND THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TODAY.
14 MY NAME IS RITA KAMPALATH, AND I'M THE SCIENCE AND POLICY
15 DIRECTOR AT HEAL THE BAY. HEAL THE BAY WAS FOUNDED OVER 30
16 YEARS AGO, IN RESPONSE TO THE SERIOUS PUBLIC HEALTH THREAT
17 CAUSED BY POLLUTION IN SANTA MONICA BAY. THOUGH WE STARTED AT
18 THE BAY, OVER THE YEARS, OUR MISSION HAS MOVED US TO WATER
19 BODIES SUCH AS COMPTON CREEK AND THE L.A. RIVER, AND ALSO
20 BROUGHT US FACE TO FACE WITH THE HOMELESSNESS CRISIS IN OUR
21 REGION, AND THE PUBLIC HEALTH THREAT NOW POSED TO THESE
22 COMMUNITIES, WHO, FOR LACK OF ANY OTHER OPTIONS, WE'VE SEEN
23 USING OUR, UNFORTUNATELY, POLLUTED RIVERS AND CREEKS AS A
24 PRIMARY WATER SOURCE, USING IT FOR BATHING AND EVEN DRINKING.
25 IN 2012, GOVERNOR BROWN SIGNED A.B. 685, MAKING CALIFORNIA THE



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1 FIRST STATE TO RECOGNIZE THE HUMAN RIGHT TO WATER AS A MATTER
2 OF LEGISLATION, AND DECLARING THAT EVERY HUMAN BEING HAS THE
3 RIGHT TO SAFE, CLEAN, AFFORDABLE, AND ACCESSIBLE WATER.
4 CALIFORNIA HAS LONG BEEN A LEADER IN ENVIRONMENTAL
5 STEWARDSHIP, WITH LOS ANGELES FREQUENTLY AT THE FOREFRONT OF
6 THIS PROGRESS. AND AS PROUD OF THAT AS WE ARE, WE SHOULD BE AT
7 LEAST AS ASHAMED THAT WE LEAD THE NATION IN OUR CHRONIC
8 HOMELESS POPULATION. THE STATISTIC IS SIMPLY BENEATH US,
9 ESPECIALLY AS IT'S BECOME CLEAR THAT, IN THE COMING YEARS,
10 CALIFORNIA WILL BE LOOKED TO MORE AND MORE TO SERVE AS A
11 BULWARK IN THE DEFENSE OF THE MOST VULNERABLE AND POWERLESS
12 AMONG US. WE SIMPLY CAN'T AFFORD TO CONTINUE TO FAIL OUR
13 HOMELESS COMMUNITIES, WHO REPRESENT THE MOST VULNERABLE OF THE
14 VULNERABLE, AND THE MOST POWERLESS OF THE POWERLESS. SO WE'RE
15 PROUD TO BE HERE TODAY TO SUPPORT YOUR EFFORTS TO FIND A
16 COMPREHENSIVE AND LASTING SOLUTION TO THESE ISSUES. WE URGE
17 YOU TO ADOPT THE MEASURE IN FRONT OF YOU TODAY, AND LOOK
18 FORWARD TO CONTINUE WORKING WITH YOU ON THIS ISSUE. THANKS.

19

20 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. NEXT
21 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

22

23 **HEATHER KRISKA:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS HEATHER KRISKA, AND
24 I'M WITH THE NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL. WE ARE HERE
25 TODAY BECAUSE WE SUPPORT THE COUNTY'S EFFORTS TO ADDRESS



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1 HOMELESSNESS, AND WE BELIEVE THAT PROVIDING SOLUTIONS FOR THE
2 HOMELESS IS AN ESSENTIAL COMPONENT OF SUSTAINABLE, EQUITABLE
3 DEVELOPMENT, PROMOTING POSITIVE IMPACTS ON PEOPLE'S
4 LIVELIHOODS, HEALTH, AND THE ENVIRONMENT. L.A.'S HOMELESS ARE
5 ON THE FRONT LINES OF CLIMATE-CHANGE RELATED DISASTERS. THEY
6 ARE THE MOST VULNERABLE TO THE INCREASING FREQUENCY AND
7 SEVERITY OF STORMS, FLOODING, AND HEAT WAVES, AND THESE
8 DISASTERS CLAIM LIVES EVERY YEAR. FINDING SOLUTIONS THAT WILL
9 PROTECT THOSE MOST VULNERABLE TO THE HARMFUL EFFECTS OF
10 CLIMATE CHANGE IS CRITICAL TO DEVELOPING A SUCCESSFUL CLIMATE
11 ADAPTATION STRATEGY FOR THE COUNTY. IN ADDITION, THE HOMELESS
12 SUFFER DISPROPORTIONATE HEALTH PROBLEMS, BECAUSE THEY ARE
13 CONTINUOUSLY EXPOSED TO AIR POLLUTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL
14 TOXINS. ACROSS THE U.S., HOMELESS CHILDREN ARE SIX TIMES MORE
15 LIKELY TO SUFFER FROM ASTHMA THAN CHILDREN WITH HOMES.
16 ADDRESSING THIS PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS REQUIRES PROVIDING THE
17 HOMELESS WITH ACCESS TO THE MOST BASIC RESOURCES, INCLUDING
18 SHELTER, FOOD, CLEAN WATER, AND HEALTH SERVICES. THESE
19 MEASURES ALSO REPRESENT AN OPPORTUNITY TO PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE
20 DEVELOPMENT ACROSS THE COUNTY. BUILDING HOUSING AND SERVICES
21 IN URBAN INFILL AREAS THAT ARE ACCESSIBLE TO PUBLIC TRANSIT
22 WILL INCREASE LOW-INCOME RESIDENTS' ABILITY TO ACCESS
23 SERVICES, PROMOTE WALKABILITY AND TRANSIT RIDERSHIP, AND
24 ULTIMATELY IMPROVE AIR QUALITY FOR ALL ANGELINOS. AS L.A.
25 COUNTY DEVELOPS POLICIES TO DEAL WITH THE ISSUES OF



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1 GENTRIFICATION AND DISPLACEMENT, LET'S NOT FORGET TO LIFT UP
2 OUR HOMELESS BROTHERS AND SISTERS, AND ENSURE QUALITY OF LIFE
3 FOR A COMMUNITY THAT HAS LONG BEEN THE MOST DIRECTLY EXPOSED
4 TO ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS. WE URGE THE BOARD TO PUT THESE TWO
5 MEASURES TO THE VOTERS. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. LET ME
8 CALL UP THE NEXT FOUR SPEAKERS: ADAM MURRAY, YVETTE KELLY,
9 GARY BLASI, AND MARK LORANGER. PLEASE COME UP AND BE PREPARED
10 TO JOIN US. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

11

12 **SHARI WEAVER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M HERE TODAY TO SPEAK ON
13 BEHALF OF OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, TAHIA HAYSLET, FROM HARBOR
14 INTERFAITH SERVICES. MY NAME IS SHARI WEAVER, AND I'M THE
15 REGIONAL COORDINATOR FOR THE COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEM. WE'RE
16 LOCATED IN SAN PEDRO, DISTRICT 4, SO I'D LIKE TO START OFF BY
17 WELCOMING SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN, AND ALSO SUPERVISOR BARGER.
18 WELCOME. AND THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TODAY.
19 HARBOR INTERFAITH IS THE LEAD ORGANIZATION FOR THE COORDINATED
20 ENTRY SYSTEM FOR FAMILIES, INDIVIDUALS, AND YOUTH IN THE SOUTH
21 BAY. COLLABORATIVELY, WITH THE SOUTH BAY HOMELESS COALITION,
22 U.S. VETS, MENTAL HEALTH AMERICA, P.A.T.H., ST. MARGARET'S
23 CENTER, CATHOLIC CHARITIES, S.H.A.R.E., 1736 FAMILY CRISIS
24 CENTER, AND MANY OTHER WONDERFUL SOUTH BAY ORGANIZATIONS, WE
25 WORK TOGETHER TO SECURE PERMANENT HOUSING AND ADDRESS THE



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1 CRISIS. THE FRAMEWORK AND THE SUCCESS OF WHAT WE DO IS NOT ONE
2 SINGLE AGENCY; IT IS OUR PARTNERSHIPS. IN AUGUST 17, 2015, AS
3 YOU KNOW, IN RESPONSE TO THE CRISIS OF HOMELESSNESS THROUGHOUT
4 L.A. COUNTY, THERE WERE 47 INITIATIVES THAT WERE DEVELOPED. IN
5 FEBRUARY 9, 2016, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVED THESE
6 INITIATIVES AND STRATEGIES, FOLLOWED BY THE APPROVAL OF \$100
7 MILLION IN ONE-TIME FUNDS, TO LAUNCH THE INITIAL
8 IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE APPROVED STRATEGIES. HARBOR INTERFAITH
9 IS IN FULL SUPPORT TODAY OF THE QUARTER-CENT SALES TAX. I CAN
10 TELL YOU PERSONALLY, AS A LEADER IN MY COMMUNITY, I FOCUS ON
11 SINGLE ADULTS. MORE AND MORE, AS I'M GOING OUT TO DO OUTREACH
12 WITH THE TEAMS THAT I SEE, I'M ENCOUNTERING FAMILIES WITH
13 CHILDREN, QUITE OFTEN KNOWING THAT THERE MAY NOT BE A RESOURCE
14 FOR THEM TO FIND SAFETY AND REFUGE THAT NIGHT. I REALLY,
15 REALLY BEG YOU TO HELP US OUT WITH THIS. AS I SAID, I OVERSEE
16 SINGLE ADULTS. I DO OUTREACH MYSELF, BECAUSE I BELIEVE, AS A
17 GOOD LEADER, THAT I NEED TO BE CLOSE TO THE PROBLEM, SO WE CAN
18 IDENTIFY THE STRATEGIES THAT WE NEED. I REALLY DO WANT TO
19 THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN THIS, AND YOUR COURAGE TO TAKE
20 THIS STEP. THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. NEXT SPEAKER,
23 PLEASE.

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1 **CHARLENE DIMAS-PEINADO:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.
2 I'M CHARLENE DIMAS-PEINADO, PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. OF THE LOS
3 ANGELES CHILD GUIDANCE CLINIC, A TRAUMA-INFORMED MENTAL HEALTH
4 AGENCY, SERVING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SINCE 1924. I ALSO SERVE
5 AS CO-CHAIR OF THE MENTAL HEALTH COMMITTEE FOR THE SECOND
6 DISTRICT EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS. AS A COMMUNITY OF PROVIDERS, WE
7 ARE WELL AWARE THAT THE FACES OF HOMELESSNESS INCLUDES
8 CHILDREN AND FAMILIES. THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF HOMELESS
9 CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, OR AT RISK FOR BECOMING HOMELESS. THE
10 TYPICAL HOMELESS FAMILY IS HEADED BY A SINGLE MOTHER, WITH TWO
11 OR THREE YOUNG CHILDREN. OVER 92 PERCENT OF HOMELESS MOTHERS
12 HAVE EXPERIENCED SEVERE PHYSICAL OR SEXUAL ABUSE DURING THEIR
13 LIFETIME, OFTEN PERPETRATED BY AN INTIMATE PARTNER. FAMILY
14 HOMELESSNESS ENDANGERS CHILDREN OF ALL AGES, AND CHILDREN BEAR
15 THE BRUNT OF HOMELESSNESS. THEIR EXPOSURE TO VIOLENCE,
16 MALTREATMENT, PARENTAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE, MENTAL-HEALTH ILLNESS,
17 CAN DAMAGE THEIR DEVELOPING BRAIN AND DEVELOPING BODIES,
18 RESULTING IN LONG-TERM, SERIOUS MENTAL-HEALTH AND HEALTH
19 ISSUES. THEY'RE THE HIGH UTILIZERS OF EMERGENCY ROOMS.
20 HOMELESS CHILDREN GO TO BED HUNGRY AT NIGHT. AS CHILDREN
21 BECOME TEENAGERS, THEY HAVE HIGHER RATES OF ALCOHOL AND
22 SUBSTANCE ABUSE, AND ARE MORE LIKELY TO BE PHYSICALLY OR
23 SEXUALLY VICTIMIZED. THEY ALSO HAVE HIGHER RATES OF BEING
24 PLACED INTO FOSTER-CARE PLACEMENTS, AND EXPERIENCE ACADEMIC
25 FAILURE, OFTEN RESULTING IN DROPPING OUT OF SCHOOL. BY



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1 SUPPORTING THE ONE-QUARTER-CENT SALES TAX, WE WILL CHANGE THE
2 COURSE OF HOMELESSNESS BY PROVIDING SAFE, AFFORDABLE HOUSING;
3 AT THE SAME TIME, LEVERAGING MANY MORE OPPORTUNITIES AND
4 RESOURCES. CHILDREN WILL BE HEALTHIER, READY FOR SCHOOL,
5 SAFELY HOUSED. CHILDREN WILL PLAN AND FEEL THAT THERE IS A
6 FUTURE. AND THEIR PARENTS WILL HAVE THE SKILLS AND TOOLS THEY
7 NEED TO BE EFFECTIVE, AND HAVE THE ABILITY TO CARE FOR THEIR
8 OWN CHILDREN. THIS IS A PIVOTAL MOMENT. WE MUST CONTRIBUTE TO
9 CREATING A HUMANE AND JUST SOCIETY, AND DEMONSTRATE THAT WE
10 CARE FOR OUR HOMELESS CHILDREN AND FAMILIES. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. NEXT
13 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

14

15 **BEATRIZ CAMARGO:** [SPEAKS SPANISH.]

16

17 **TRANSLATOR FOR BEATRIZ CAMARGO:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF
18 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS BEATRIZ CAMARGO. I AM A LEADER OF THE
19 ORGANIZATION L.A. VOICE. I AM HERE FROM ST. THERESE CHURCH,
20 LOCATED IN EAST LOS ANGELES, IN DISTRICT 1. I AM HERE BEFORE
21 YOU TO EXPRESS ALL THE PAIN AND THE SUFFERING WE EXPERIENCE
22 FOR NOT HAVING A DECENT HOME. PLEASE, BE MERCIFUL FOR ALL OF
23 US, THE LEAST PROTECTED. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU.

24



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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** MUCHAS GRACIAS. [APPLAUSE.] THANK YOU. NEXT
2 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

3

4 **DR. JACK BARBOUR:** I'M DR. JACK BARBOUR, AND I'M THE CO-CHAIR
5 OF THE EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS MENTAL HEALTH COMMITTEE, AND I AM
6 CO-CHAIR WITH CHARLENE DIMAS-PEINADO, WHO JUST SPOKE, FROM
7 L.A. CHILD GUIDANCE. AND THOSE PEOPLE IN THE EMPOWERMENT
8 MENTAL HEALTH CONGRESS AND COMMITTEE ARE IN THE AUDIENCE, AND
9 THEY MAY WANT TO STAND UP, IF THEY ARE HERE.

10

11 **SUP. KUEHL:** THAT WOULD BE GREAT. I SEE YOU. [APPLAUSE.] OKAY.
12 THAT'S EMPOWERMENT. OFF YOU GO.

13

14 **DR. JACK BARBOUR:** SO, THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME THAT SHOUT-
15 OUT.

16

17 **SUP. KUEHL:** YOU BET.

18

19 **DR. JACK BARBOUR:** I'M ALSO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
20 S.C.H.A.R.P., WHICH IS SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND
21 REHABILITATION PROGRAMS, WHICH IS IN SOUTH LOS ANGELES. AND SO
22 THE MENTAL HEALTH COMMITTEE HAS HAD TOWN HALLS ON TRAUMA AND
23 HOMELESSNESS, AND THE ONE THING THAT WE'VE ACTUALLY BEEN ABLE
24 TO DETERMINE IS THAT HOMELESSNESS IS A PUBLIC HEALTH EPIDEMIC
25 WITH FAR-REACHING CONSEQUENCES FOR GENERATIONS AND FAMILIES.



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1 IT'S DEADLY, INFECTIOUS, BUT, AS DR. KATZ SAID EARLIER, IT'S
2 ALSO CURABLE. AND PART OF THE CURE IS WITH THIS BALLOT
3 INITIATIVE, HERE, AND NOT TREATING THE EPIDEMIC IS CRUEL AND
4 IMMORAL. WE KNOW THAT IT CAN BE VERY METASTATIC, THIS
5 HOMELESSNESS. IT'S NO LONGER A SKID ROW ISSUE. IT IS
6 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, AND IT IS OUR RESOLVE TO SUPPORT THIS,
7 THE INITIATIVE, AND TO INCREASE SUBSIDIZED HOUSING, INCREASE
8 AFFORDABLE HOUSING, EXPAND THE COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEM, AND
9 TO ESTABLISH STRONG SUPPORT SERVICES AND CASE MANAGEMENT TO
10 THE RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY. SO THE PRESCRIPTION FOR THIS
11 PROBLEM IS HOUSING WITH SUPPORTIVE SERVICES, AND L.A. COUNTY
12 MUST PUT THIS FORTH AND APPROVE THIS ON THE BALLOT. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

15

16 **JANET KELLY:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS JANET KELLY, AND I'M
17 THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF SANCTUARY OF HOPE, THAT PROVIDES
18 HOUSING AND EDUCATION STABILIZATION SERVICES FOR TRANSITION-
19 AGE YOUTH IN THE SOUTH L.A. AREA, AND I ALSO REPRESENT THE
20 SOUTH LOS ANGELES HOMELESS T.A.Y. AND FOSTER CARE
21 COLLABORATIVE. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THIS HISTORIC MOVE TO
22 END HOMELESSNESS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THIS FUNDING PROPOSAL
23 IS MORE THAN A STROKE OF POTENTIAL NEW FUNDING FOR OUR
24 VULNERABLE BROTHERS AND SISTERS, BUT IT'S ALSO A CATALYST OF
25 POTENTIAL AND HOPE FOR ALL OF OUR CITIZENS WHO MAY EXPERIENCE



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1 HOMELESSNESS TO HAVE THE DIGNITY, AS WELL AS HAVE A SAFE PLACE
2 TO CALL HOME. LAST MONTH, WE HAD OVER 20 YOUTH TO PARTICIPATE
3 IN HOMELESS YOUTH AWARENESS MONTH, IN WHICH WE HAD COMMUNITY
4 MEMBERS REPRESENTING L.A. COUNTY, LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND JUST
5 EVERYDAY CITIZENS. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT OUR YOUTH AND YOUNG
6 ADULTS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS WAS ABLE TO LEARN THROUGH
7 THAT PROCESS IS THAT, ONE, THEY MATTER, AND THAT'S WHAT THIS
8 PROPOSAL IS TALKING ABOUT TODAY. TWO, DON'T GIVE UP. THREE,
9 REMAIN RESILIENT. WHY? BECAUSE THERE ARE PEOPLE IN YOUR
10 CORNER, ROOTING FOR YOUR SUCCESS. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE
11 HAVE, WE WORK WITH YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS, ESPECIALLY YOUTH OF
12 COLOR IN THE SOUTH L.A. AREAS, THAT... WE PLAY NAS A LOT, AND
13 ONE OF THE SONGS THAT NAS HAS IS, "I KNOW I CAN BE WHAT I WANT
14 TO BE. IF I WORK HARD AT IT, I'LL BE WHERE I WANT TO BE." AND
15 THAT'S WHAT THIS PROPOSAL IS ABOUT TODAY. IT'S ABOUT WORKING
16 HARD AT IT, AND BEING WHERE WE WANT TO BE TO END HOMELESSNESS.
17 THANK YOU SO MUCH.

18

19 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. NEXT
20 SPEAKER, PLEASE. [APPLAUSE.]

21

22 **YVETTE KELLY:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS YVETTE KELLY. I AM
23 THE C.E.O. AND PRESIDENT OF NEW DIRECTIONS FOR VETERANS, AND A
24 30-YEAR ARMY VETERAN. WE, AS A COMMUNITY, ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE
25 LONG-TIME SUPPORT OF THE SUPERVISORS, FOR OUR VETERANS, AND



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1 OUR HOMELESS VETERANS. MANY OF YOU HAVE BEEN FIGHTING FOR
2 VETERANS' RIGHTS FOR MANY DECADES, AND WE THANK YOU. WE ARE
3 GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND THE VOTERS' SUPPORT FOR H.H.H.,
4 AND WE ARE HERE TO REQUEST SUPPORT FOR SERVICES TO GO WITH THE
5 HOUSING THAT H.H.H. WILL MAKE POSSIBLE. TODAY, OUR BEST
6 ESTIMATES ARE THAT NEARLY HALF OF TODAY'S HOMELESS VETERANS,
7 HERE IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY, ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO WORK WITH
8 VETERANS AFFAIRS RESOURCES. IT'S PART OF OUR JOB AT NEW
9 DIRECTIONS TO SUPPORT EFFORTS TO EXPAND ELIGIBILITY FOR THOSE
10 RESOURCES TO MORE VETERANS. HOWEVER, IT STILL WON'T BE ENOUGH.
11 LOCAL SUPPORT IS NECESSARY TO CONTINUE THE GREAT WORK WE DO.
12 THE FUNDING WILL SUPPORT MANY VETERANS, THEIR FAMILIES, AND
13 THEIR WIDOWS AND LOVED ONES. WE ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN MOVING
14 THIS SPECIAL TAX TO THE BALLOT. WE HAVE BROUGHT A NUMBER OF
15 FORMERLY HOMELESS VETERANS HERE TODAY, MANY OF WHOM THEMSELVES
16 WOULD HAVE BENEFITED FROM THIS RESOURCE IF IT WERE AVAILABLE
17 WHEN THEY MOVED INTO HOUSING. WE MUST WORK TOGETHER TO END
18 HOMELESSNESS. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'D LIKE TO CALL THE
21 FOLLOWING PEOPLE UP, PLEASE, TO TAKE THEIR PLACE IN LINE TO
22 SPEAK: PATTI BERMAN, PASTOR LE VELLE GATES, AND ELLIE HIDALGO.
23 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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1 **GARY BLASI:** MY NAME IS GARY BLASI. I AM A PROFESSOR OF LAW
2 EMERITUS AT THE U.C.L.A. SCHOOL OF LAW. HAVE MANY FRIENDS AT
3 U.S.C. [LAUGHTER.] ON THIS TRULY HISTORIC DAY, HISTORIC IN
4 MANY WAYS, IT'S REALLY GOOD TO BE HERE. I'M REMINDED THAT I
5 FIRST SPOKE ABOUT HOMELESSNESS IN THIS ROOM, TO THIS BOARD,
6 MORE THAN 30 YEARS AGO. A LOT HAS CHANGED SINCE THEN. SOME
7 THINGS HAVEN'T CHANGED. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT HAS NOT CHANGED
8 IS THAT LOS ANGELES STILL LEADS THE COUNTRY, EVEN IN
9 CONSIDERATION OF ITS SIZE, IN THE NUMBER OF HOMELESS PEOPLE
10 WHO ARE UNSHELTERED, AND THAT INCLUDES PEOPLE WITH SERIOUS
11 MENTAL DISABILITIES. WHAT HAS CHANGED IS THAT, DESPITE MANY
12 OTHER THINGS NOT GOING SO WELL, THIS BOARD IS PROBABLY THE
13 MOST PROGRESSIVE AND SOPHISTICATED, AND THOSE ARE NOT ALWAYS
14 COINCIDENTAL BOARDS IN THE HISTORY OF THE COUNTY, OR AT LEAST
15 IN MY HISTORY. ALSO, THE BREADTH AND DEPTH OF SUPPORT ON THIS
16 ISSUE, IT WAS HIGH WHEN THIS WAS THE FIRST BIG ISSUE IN THE
17 80S, BUT THERE'S NEVER BEEN AS MANY PEOPLE IN THIS BUILDING
18 TALKING ABOUT THIS ISSUE, OR AS DIVERSE AND BROAD A GROUP, AS
19 ARE HERE TALKING ABOUT THIS ISSUE. WE'VE NEVER HAD THE FUNDING
20 STREAM THAT H.H.H. AND THE CITY VOTERS PROVIDED. WE NEED THE
21 SERVICES TO MAKE THAT HOUSING TRULY SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, AND WE
22 NEED SOME MORE HOUSING IN THE COUNTY OUTSIDE OF THE CITY OF
23 LOS ANGELES. THIS INITIATIVE, WHICH I HOPE THE VOTERS WILL
24 SUPPORT-- I THINK THEY WILL-- THIS WILL ADD A HALF A CENT TO
25 THE PRICE OF A STARBUCKS CUP OF COFFEE. I HAVE TO ALSO, JUST



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1 IN THE FINAL SECONDS, SAY THAT THIS ADDRESSES ONE PART OF THE
2 HOMELESS POPULATION-- THOSE WITH SERIOUS MENTAL DISABILITIES--
3 AND IT'S FANTASTIC ON THAT POINT, BUT NOT ALL OF IT.

4

5 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, PROFESSOR. NEXT SPEAKER,
6 PLEASE.

7

8 **ADAM MURRAY:** MY NAME IS ADAM MURRAY, AND I AM THE EXECUTIVE
9 DIRECTOR OF INNER CITY LAW CENTER. I'M HERE TO ADD MY VOICE,
10 AND THAT OF INNER CITY LAW CENTER, TO THE CHORUS OF VOICES
11 THAT YOU ARE HEARING IN SUPPORT OF THESE MEASURES BEFORE YOU.
12 EACH OF THE 47,000 PEOPLE WHO WILL EXPERIENCE HOMELESSNESS
13 TONIGHT, IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, IS NOT JUST A HUMAN BEING, BUT
14 THEY ARE ALSO SOMEBODY'S SON OR SOMEBODY'S DAUGHTER. I HAVE A
15 YOUNG SON AND DAUGHTER AT HOME. AND IF, HEAVEN FORBID, EITHER
16 OF THEM WOULD EVER BECOME HOMELESS, I WOULD WANT ANYONE WHO
17 COULD TO DO ABSOLUTELY ANYTHING THAT THEY COULD TO ADDRESS
18 THAT, AND TO HELP THEM. I FIND THAT, TOO OFTEN, THAT IS NOT
19 THE APPROACH THAT WE BRING TO OUR HOMELESSNESS CRISIS IN THIS
20 COUNTY. I DO THINK THAT IS THE APPROACH THAT YOU ARE BRINGING
21 TODAY, BY PUTTING THESE TWO MEASURES FORWARD, AND I COMMEND
22 YOU FOR THAT. BUT TOO OFTEN, WE DO NOT RECOGNIZE THAT THE
23 PEOPLE WHO ARE HOMELESS ARE OUR NEIGHBORS, ARE OUR FAMILY
24 MEMBERS, ARE OUR CHILDREN; THAT THEY ARE US. AND UNTIL WE
25 CHANGE THAT AND SEE IT DIFFERENTLY, I DON'T THINK THAT WE WILL



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1 HAVE THE POLITICAL WILL THAT IS NEEDED, OVERALL, TO ADDRESS
2 THIS. SO I COMMEND YOU FOR PUTTING THESE MEASURES FORWARD
3 TODAY. I LOOK FORWARD, BOTH ON BEHALF OF INNER CITY LAW
4 CENTER, AND I THINK I CAN COMFORTABLY SPEAK ON BEHALF OF MANY
5 OF THE FOLKS HERE TODAY, THAT WE WILL STAND SHOULDER-TO-
6 SHOULDER WITH YOU, IN MAKING SURE THAT THIS MEASURE PASSES IN
7 MARCH, AND ALSO THAT ONCE IT PASSES, THAT WE WILL MAKE SURE
8 THAT THESE FUNDS ARE USED IN A WAY THAT WILL, AS EFFECTIVELY
9 AS POSSIBLE, END HOMELESSNESS FOR PEOPLE, AND STOP
10 HOMELESSNESS FROM EVEN HAPPENING. SO, WELCOME TO THE NEW
11 SUPERVISORS ON THIS EXCITING FIRST DAY FOR YOU, AND THANK YOU
12 FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP, ALL OF YOU, ON THIS ISSUE.

13

14 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

15

16 **MARK LORANGER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS MARK
17 LORANGER. I'M THE PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. OF CHRYSALIS. WE'RE A
18 NONPROFIT AGENCY THAT'S BEEN AROUND FOR 30 YEARS, HELPING MEN
19 AND WOMEN IN POVERTY, AND THE HOMELESS, TO GET ON THE PATH TO
20 SELF-SUFFICIENCY, THROUGH EMPLOYMENT. AND THIS YEAR, WE'LL DO
21 THAT 2200 TIMES, WHICH IS GREAT. BUT AS WE KNOW, WE'RE IN A
22 CRISIS SITUATION, WITH 47,000 MEN AND WOMEN ON THE STREETS. I
23 WAS PROUD TO BE PART OF THE GROUP OF COMMUNITY LEADERS AND
24 OTHER INTERESTED MEMBERS OF THE SERVICE PROVIDER NETWORK THAT
25 WORKED WITH MR. ANSELL AND OTHERS ON THE COUNTY STAFF TO



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1 DEVELOP THIS GREAT SET OF STRATEGIES. AND AS MR. ROBERTS, FROM
2 P.A.T.H., MENTIONED EARLIER, WE'VE SEEN LOTS OF PLANS COME AND
3 GO. THIS IS THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE ONE, THE ONE THAT OUTLINES
4 WHAT WE NEED IN LOS ANGELES TO MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE. AND NOW
5 IT'S TIME FOR THE MONEY. AT CHRYSALIS, WE BELIEVE THAT A JOB
6 IS ONE OF THE KEYS TO ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS. AND WHILE
7 INCOME IS IMPORTANT, IT'S THE DIGNITY. IT'S THE SELF-RESPECT.
8 IT'S THE PRIDE THAT COMES WITH A JOB, THAT MAKES THE REAL
9 DIFFERENCE TO ENABLING MEN AND WOMEN TO THRIVE AND TO BECOME
10 CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS OF THEIR COMMUNITY. NOW, WHEN THIS
11 MEASURE IS PASSED BY THE VOTERS OF THE COUNTY, MY AGENCY,
12 ALONG WITH OUR OTHER PARTNERS IN THE COMMUNITY, ARE GOING TO
13 BE ABLE TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO SO MANY MORE PEOPLE BEFORE, AND
14 ACTUALLY MAKE A DENT, ACTUALLY SOLVE THIS PROBLEM. SO I THANK
15 YOU FOR YOUR BOLD LEADERSHIP ON THIS. I THANK YOU FOR YOUR
16 SUPPORT ON THIS VERY IMPORTANT PROJECT. NOW'S THE TIME. LET'S
17 GET IT DONE. THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

22

23 **PATTI BERMAN:** HELLO. MY NAME IS PATTI BERMAN, AND I'M COMING
24 TO YOU FROM A VARIETY OF ASPECTS TODAY. FIRST OF ALL, I HAVE
25 BEEN, FOR THE LAST 16 YEARS, A RESIDENT IN THE HISTORIC CORE



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1 ADJACENT TO SKID ROW. THESE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN MY NEIGHBORS FOR
2 16 YEARS, AND I HAVE LEARNED A LOT ABOUT THE NEEDS AND SOME OF
3 THE HORRORS THAT WE ARE NOT TAKING CARE OF. AND SECONDLY, I AM
4 THE PRESIDENT OF THE DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD
5 COUNCIL; I HAVE BEEN, FOR THE PAST 10 YEARS. [APPLAUSE.] MY
6 FAN CLUB. [LAUGHTER.] AND I BELIEVE THAT IT HAS GIVEN ALL OF
7 US WHO WORK WITH THAT COUNCIL A GREAT PERSPECTIVE ON THIS. BUT
8 THIRD, AND MOST IMPORTANT TO MYSELF, I AM THE ADOPTIVE MOTHER
9 OF A CHILD, FORMERLY HOMELESS AND FORMERLY LIVING ON SKID ROW,
10 AND I BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE A MORAL OBLIGATION AT THIS TIME TO
11 GET THIS MONEY, AND TO SPEND IT WISELY. SO, ABSOLUTELY IN
12 FAVOR OF PUTTING THIS ON THE BALLOT. LET ME KNOW WHAT I CAN DO
13 TO HELP GET IT PASSED, AND THEN PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT WHEN
14 YOU'RE SPENDING IT, THAT YOU'RE TAKING CARE OF EVERYONE; NOT
15 JUST THOSE WHO COME TO YOU EAGERLY FOR HELP, BUT THOSE WHO
16 CHOOSE NOT TO GIVE UP THEIR BAD HABITS, THOSE WHO CHOOSE NOT
17 TO GIVE UP THEIR PUPPY DOGS, THOSE WHO CHOOSE NOT TO GIVE UP
18 THEIR LIFE PARTNERS SO THAT THEY CAN LIVE IN A NICE ROOM THAT
19 WAS MEANT FOR ONLY ONE PERSON. PLEASE, SPEND THIS MONEY ON
20 EVERYONE, AND GIVE EVERYONE A FAIR CHANCE TO GET OFF THE
21 STREETS, TO HAVE A REASONABLE LIFE, AND TO HAVE THE DIGNITY
22 THAT COMES WITH KNOWING WHO YOU ARE, WHAT YOUR CAPABILITIES
23 ARE, WHO CAN HELP YOU, AND THAT THERE IS PLUMBING AVAILABLE IN
24 THE NEXT ROOM. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** I THINK THE FAN CLUB EXPANDED WHILE YOU WERE
2 TALKING.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** RIGHT.

5

6 **SUP. KUEHL:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

7

8 **DEACON JASON WELLE:** I'M SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF ELLIE HIDALGO,
9 PASTORAL ASSISTANT AT DOLORES MISSION CHURCH. I AM DEACON
10 JASON WELLE, AT DOLORES MISSION IN BOYLE HEIGHTS. EVERY NIGHT,
11 OUR CHURCH HOSTS SEVERAL DOZEN MEN AND WOMEN, SOME IN THE
12 CHURCH ITSELF, OTHERS AT A NEARBY WOMEN'S SHELTER, BUT WE HAVE
13 LIMITED BEDS. WE NEED PERMANENT HOUSING. WE'RE GRATEFUL THAT
14 WE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO PASS H.H.H. BUT REALLY, I'M HERE
15 TODAY BECAUSE I WANT TO ADVOCATE FOR THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN
16 OUR DOLORES MISSION BOYLE HEIGHTS COMMUNITY WHO ARE AT MOST
17 RISK OF HOMELESSNESS, MANY OF WHOM, ALTHOUGH THEY MAY HAVE
18 HOUSING RIGHT NOW, ARE COMING TO US EVERY DAY, BECAUSE AFTER
19 THEY HANDLE THEIR RENT, THEY DON'T HAVE ENOUGH MONEY FOR OTHER
20 SERVICES OR NEEDS THAT THEY HAVE: EVERYDAY NEEDS THAT WOMEN
21 TRYING TO RAISE YOUNG CHILDREN HAVE. WE HAVE SOME RESOURCES
22 THAT WE CAN OFFER THEM. WE HAVE A DAILY SOUP KITCHEN, AND MANY
23 FAMILIES ARE COMING TO US EVERY DAY. WE HAVE OTHER SMALL FUNDS
24 THAT WE CAN HELP PEOPLE OUT WITH EXTRA EXPENSES, BUT THOSE
25 FUNDS ARE NECESSARILY LIMITED. SO WE ABSOLUTELY SUPPORT THIS



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1 MEASURE TO RAISE THE QUARTER-CENT SALES TAX, TO PROVIDE
2 SUPPORTIVE WRAPAROUND HOUSING FOR THOSE WHO ARE HOMELESS, OR
3 MOST AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS. AND PLEASE KNOW THAT DOLORES
4 MISSION CONTINUES TO SUPPORT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN YOUR
5 WORK TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS IN OUR COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.

8 [APPLAUSE.] MR. CHAIRMAN?

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME PRO
11 TEM. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MAY I INVITE YOU TO PICK UP THE
12 PACE A BIT, AT THIS POINT? WE HAVE MUCH MORE TO DO. SOFYA
13 PREGER, HARVEY SHELLS, REBA STEVENS, HERB HATANAKA, PLEASE
14 COME FORWARD. ALAN RICHARDS, IF YOU WOULD COME FORWARD.
15 NATALIE KOMURO, PLEASE COME FORWARD. ANITA NELSON. [CHEERS AND
16 APPLAUSE.] MIKE ALVIDREZ, PLEASE COME FORWARD. MARSHA TEMPLE,
17 IF YOU WOULD COME FORWARD. NOW, LET ME JUST SAY, IF YOU WOULD
18 HANG IN, WE'LL GET THIS DONE. READY TO TRY TO GET IT DONE?
19 WELL, HANG IN WITH US, AND LET'S JUST PICK UP THE PACE A
20 LITTLE BIT. AND IF I CAN ASK EVERYONE IF THEY COULD KEEP THE
21 VOLUME LOWERED? I MEAN, THIS IS WHAT PASSING LEGISLATION--
22 THIS IS WHAT THE DELIBERATIVE PROCESS ENTAILS. THIS IS WHAT
23 PUBLIC INPUT REQUIRES. SO, CAN I ASK EVERYBODY TO JUST LOWER
24 THE VOLUME AND BE QUIET, AND WE'LL PICK UP THE PACE. THANK
25 YOU. YES, PLEASE.



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2 **SOFYA PREGER:** SOFYA PREGER. I'M WITH CORPORATION FOR
3 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF
4 NONPROFIT HOUSING, AS WELL AS THE RESIDENTS UNITED NETWORK. I
5 ORIGINALLY EXPERIENCED HOMELESSNESS WHEN I WAS ABOUT 15 YEARS
6 OLD. I RAN AWAY FROM HOME. I HAD EXPERIENCED SOME TRAUMA THAT
7 COMPOUNDED MY MENTAL ILLNESS, AND I ENDED UP IN THE JUVENILE
8 MENTAL HEALTH COURT AT CENTRAL JUVENILE HALL. AND FROM THERE,
9 I WENT TO VISTA DEL MAR CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES. BEFORE
10 THAT, I WAS AT NORWALK METRO STATE HOSPITAL. BUT THROUGH
11 MEDICATION, THERAPY, AND ALL THAT, I MANAGED TO STAY OUT OF
12 IT. BUT THE PROBLEM IS, WITH MENTAL ILLNESS AND TRAUMA, IT
13 GETS TRIGGERED ALONG THE WAY, AND I ENDED UP HOMELESS AGAIN IN
14 MY MID-20S, SO I WENT BACK TO REHAB. AND I'M REALLY, REALLY
15 GLAD, BECAUSE I WAS IN FOSTER CARE. THE TRANSITIONAL-AGE WAS
16 21 AT THE POINT WHERE I WAS IN THERE, AND IT'S BEEN RAISED TO
17 25, WHICH, DEVELOPMENTALLY, THE BRAIN OF YOUNG ADULTS IS NOT
18 REALLY FULLY DEVELOPED. I WENT BACK TO SCHOOL TO STUDY ABOUT
19 THAT, AND IT'S TRUE: WHEN YOU'RE TRYING TO REACH THE BOTTOM
20 RUNG OF MASLOW'S HIERARCHY OF NEEDS, YOU'RE NOT THINKING ABOUT
21 PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT. BUT WHAT THIS HAS ALLOWED ME TO DO WITH
22 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, IT'S GIVEN ME MY LIFE BACK. I'VE BEEN ABLE
23 TO BECOME AN ADVOCATE FOR THOSE WHO DON'T HAVE A VOICE, AND IT
24 GIVES ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO REACH OUT TO THOSE WHO HAVE HAD
25 SIMILAR EXPERIENCES TO MINE, BECAUSE WHEN I WAS UNMEDICATED



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1 AND UNTREATED, THEY THOUGHT THAT I WOULD NEVER BE ABLE TO
2 MAINTAIN HOUSING. BUT THROUGH HOUSING FIRST, I WAS ABLE TO
3 HANDLE THE MAJORITY OF MY OTHER ISSUES, AND BE ABLE TO SEEK
4 TREATMENT AND MAINTAIN A PLATFORM OF STABILITY. SO, THROUGH
5 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING AND THE FUNDS THAT WERE ALLOTTED FOR THAT,
6 I URGE YOU TO VOTE YES ON THE MEASURES, BECAUSE IT'LL SAVE
7 MANY, MANY LIVES, SUCH AS IT DID FOR ME. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR
8 ALL YOUR CONCERN.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. WE'LL
11 PICK UP THE PACE. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

12

13 **REBA STEVENS:** YES. GOOD AFTERNOON, AND THANK YOU, HONORABLE
14 SUPERVISORS, FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK, AND WELCOME TO OUR
15 NEW SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS REBA STEVENS, AND I AM A FORMERLY
16 HOMELESS PERSON. I AM ALSO A MEMBER OF THE INTEGRATION
17 ADVISORY BOARD, AND ONE OF THE 8 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES, THAT
18 ARE YOUR PRIORITIES, HAPPENS TO BE HOMELESSNESS. I WAS HERE
19 SOME MONTHS AGO, IN REGARDS TO THIS SAME MOTION, AND I'M BACK
20 AGAIN BECAUSE IT'S WHAT I BELIEVE IN. I BECAME HOMELESS AT THE
21 AGE OF 19, AND FOR 21 YEARS OF MY LIFE, I EXPERIENCED
22 HOMELESSNESS. AS A RESULT OF MY HOMELESSNESS, I FOUND ALCOHOL
23 AND OTHER SUBSTANCES. BUT I THINK WHAT'S IMPORTANT IS TO
24 HIGHLIGHT THAT I WAS FIRST HOMELESS, AND THEN I MET ALCOHOL,
25 AND THEN I MET SUBSTANCE, AND THEN I MET CRIME, AND THEN I WAS



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1 INTRODUCED TO JAILS. AND AT THE END, I WAS FACING 4-1/2 YEARS
2 IN PRISON, WITH A 3-YEAR JOINT SUSPENSION AND AN ENHANCEMENT
3 FOR PETTY THEFT. AND IT ALL STEMMED FROM BEING HOMELESS. THAT
4 WAS THE BEGINNING STAGES FOR ME. AND THE REASON WHY I SUPPORT
5 THIS MOTION TODAY IS BECAUSE IT IS SO IMPORTANT TO RECOGNIZE
6 THAT THERE ARE SO MANY OF US WHO ARE CURRENTLY INCARCERATED,
7 NOT BECAUSE OF THE CRIMES THAT THEY CREATED, BUT BECAUSE OF
8 WHAT THE ROOT CAUSE WAS. AND IT STEMMED FROM HOMELESSNESS. AND
9 I ENCOURAGE YOU, EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU, TO PROVE TO ME WHO
10 YOU REALLY ARE, IN REFERENCE TO SUPPORTING THIS MOTION,
11 BECAUSE THIS IS NOT ABOUT ME. I'VE BEEN HOUSED FOR 18 YEARS.
12 I'VE BEEN SOBER FOR 18 YEARS. I HAVEN'T BEEN ARRESTED FOR 18
13 YEARS. [APPLAUSE.] BUT PEOPLE ARE STILL HOMELESS TODAY. AND
14 WE'RE TALKING ALMOST 40 YEARS AGO, AND THIS IS WHAT IS STILL
15 GOING ON. AND AS THE TIME CLICKS OUT ON ME, I'M BEGGING YOU, I
16 DON'T WANT TO HAVE TO COME BACK HERE AGAIN TO SUPPORT THIS
17 MOTION, BECAUSE IT'S SOMETHING WHICH WE NEED TO DO. IT'S WHAT
18 WE MUST DO. WE ARE COUNTING ON YOU. THIS IS WHY WE'RE HERE: TO
19 SUPPORT YOU IN DOING SOMETHING THAT IS SO RIGHT FOR ALL OF US.
20 I HAVE A 16-YEAR-OLD SON WHO'S GOT FRIENDS WHO ARE HOMELESS. I
21 WANT TO BE ABLE TO BRING HOME TO HIM, WHEN I GET HOME. THANK
22 YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. VA LECIA ADAMS, KATHY
25 LEDESMA COOPER, HILARY NORTON, JOSH BUTLER, IF YOU CAN COME



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1 FORWARD. AND DENISE SMITH, CHRISTINE GLASCO, MARY JACKSON.
2 THAT COMPLETES THE FIRST ROUND, AND WE CAN PROCEED WITH THE
3 SPEAKERS WHO ARE BEFORE US. HERB?

4

5 **DR. HERB HATANAKA:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M DR. HERB HATANAKA, THE
6 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL SERVICE FOR GROUPS, S.S.G., HERE
7 TODAY TO SUPPORT THE MOTIONS. I'M HERE REPRESENTING THE
8 S.S.G./H.O.P.I.C.S. DIVISION OF PROGRAMS. MANY OF MY
9 COLLEAGUES ARE HERE TODAY. WE ARE THE LARGEST PROVIDER OF
10 HOMELESS SERVICES IN THE SECOND DISTRICT-- MENTAL HEALTH,
11 SUBSTANCE ABUSE, HOUSING, CASE MANAGEMENT, THE RESIDENTIAL
12 TREATMENT-- AND WE ARE THE OPERATORS OF THE COORDINATED ENTRY
13 SYSTEM IN THE SECOND DISTRICT. THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS, FOR
14 YOUR LEADERSHIP, WITH REGARD TO THESE TWO MOTIONS. THIS
15 INITIATIVE IS CRITICALLY NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THE IMPORTANT
16 WORK OF THE COUNTY AND AGENCIES LIKE US, WORKING TO ADDRESS
17 THE MULTIFACETED NATURE OF HOMELESSNESS IN THE COUNTY; AND
18 IMPORTANTLY, TO DO SO WITHOUT COMPROMISING THE FUNDING FOR THE
19 NEEDED SERVICES FOR THE THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE THE COUNTY SERVES
20 THAT ARE NOT HOMELESS. MY COLLEAGUES AND I ARE PLEASED TO
21 REPORT TO YOU THAT WE ARE ACHIEVING EXTRAORDINARY RESULTS WITH
22 THE ONE-TIME SUPPORT THAT YOU PROVIDED EARLY THIS YEAR. THE
23 INNOVATIVE OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT EFFORTS, THE BEHAVIORAL
24 HEALTH SERVICES, THE INTEGRATED HOUSING, AND PRIMARY CARE
25 SERVICES ARE HAVING A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT. I'D LIKE TO CLOSE BY



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1 PERSONALLY THANKING YOU, MR. CHAIR, MARK, FOR YOUR WISDOM AND
2 INSPIRATIONAL LEADERSHIP IN ORGANIZING THE COALITION
3 COMMUNITIES UNITED TO END HOMELESSNESS. AS AN AGENCY MEMBER OF
4 THE COALITION, I WANT TO TELL YOU THAT WE'RE ALL IN ON THE
5 MOST IMPORTANT NEXT STEP OF THIS INITIATIVE, AND THAT IS THE
6 CAMPAIGN TO GET IT SUCCESSFULLY PASSED IN MARCH. THANK YOU
7 VERY MUCH.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. PLEASE.

10

11 **NATALIE KOMURO:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M NATALIE PROFANT KOMURO.
12 THANK YOU FOR THE INVITATION TO SPEAK TODAY. I'M THE EXECUTIVE
13 DIRECTOR OF ASCENCIA, WHICH OPERATES IN THE CITY OF GLENDALE,
14 BUT WE OPERATE, ALSO, IN SORT OF THE NOOKS AND THE CRANNIES OF
15 THE COUNTY THAT AREN'T TYPICALLY THOUGHT OF AS HAVING A
16 HOMELESS PROBLEM. WE HAVE SERVICES IN BURBANK AND GLENDALE AND
17 NORTHEAST LOS ANGELES. WE OPENED THE WINTER SHELTER LAST WEEK,
18 IN HIGHLAND PARK. WE ALSO OPENED AN OUTREACH PROGRAM IN WEST
19 HOLLYWOOD, IN THE THIRD DISTRICT, AS WELL. IN THE INTEREST OF
20 BEING BRIEF, I'M GOING TO CUT OUT SOME OF MY REMARKS, BUT I DO
21 NEED TO SAY THIS: FROM 1997 TO 2007, I WAS THE DIRECTOR OF
22 POLICY AND PLANNING FOR THE LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES
23 AUTHORITY. I WAS ASSIGNED A STAFF, THE 10-YEAR PLAN TO END
24 HOMELESSNESS. THAT WAS A PLAN THAT DID NOT GET FULLY
25 IMPLEMENTED, AND IT DID NOT, CLEARLY, SUCCEED. IT LACKED



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1 SUFFICIENT POLITICAL WILL, IT LACKED PUBLIC SUPPORT, AND IT
2 LACKED A DEDICATED REVENUE STREAM. NOW YOU'RE FACING A
3 HISTORIC MOMENT WHERE YOU HAVE POLITICAL WILL, YOU HAVE PUBLIC
4 SUPPORT, AND THIS WOULD GIVE YOU THAT DEDICATED REVENUE
5 STREAM, TOTALLY ESSENTIAL TO MAKING SURE THAT THIS PLAN WORKS.
6 IT'S ALSO ABUNDANTLY CLEAR THAT WE'RE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO
7 RELY ON THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR A LOT OF LEADERSHIP ON
8 THIS ISSUE OF HOMELESSNESS, NOR CAN WE EXPECT IT COMING FROM
9 THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. THIS PROBLEM IS LOCAL, THE LEADERSHIP
10 NEEDS TO BE LOCAL, AND I THANK YOU FOR SHOWING THAT
11 LEADERSHIP. WE NEVER QUESTION THE NEED FOR FUNDING POLICE OR
12 FIRE SERVICES TO PROTECT THE LIFE AND PROPERTY OF THE COUNTY'S
13 10 MILLION RESIDENTS. BUT EACH NIGHT, 47,000 OF OUR NEIGHBORS
14 HAVE NO HOME, AND ARE VULNERABLE TO ASSAULT, RAPE, AND
15 DEGRADATION TO THEIR MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH. BY VIRTUE OF
16 THEIR HOMELESSNESS, THEY ARE NOT PROTECTED. WE MUST PLAN FOR
17 THE EXPENSE OF HELPING PEOPLE WHEN THEIR LIVES ARE ON FIRE. ON
18 BEHALF OF ASCENCIA'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS, STAFF, AND CLIENTS,
19 WE STRONGLY ADVOCATE FOR YOUR UNANIMOUS SUPPORT OF THIS
20 MEASURE, AND LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THE COUNTY TO ENSURE
21 THE SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF YOUR STRATEGY. THANK YOU.

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23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** AND WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR
24 TESTIMONY, VERY MUCH. ALL RIGHT, WE'LL PROCEED TO THE BALANCE
25 OF THOSE WHO HAVE TESTIMONY, AT THIS POINT.



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2 **ALAN RICHARDS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIRMAN, AND MEMBERS OF THE
3 BOARD. MY NAME IS ALAN RICHARDS. I'M THE DIRECTOR OF JUST IN
4 REACH SERVICES FOR AMITY FOUNDATION. WE ARE CURRENTLY WORKING
5 IN COLLABORATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, AND
6 THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND RE-ENTRY, ON ONE OF THE
7 COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGIES THAT HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED BY THE
8 HOMELESSNESS INITIATIVE. AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I REALLY
9 WANT TO, IN THE INTEREST OF TIME, IS JUST TO SAY THAT WE'RE IN
10 THE JAIL RIGHT NOW. WE'RE ACTUALLY PROVIDING THE SERVICES FOR
11 THE FOLKS THAT HAVE BEEN REFERRED, THROUGH THE TWO DIFFERENT
12 STREAMS THAT WE'RE WORKING WITH. IT'S TAKING THE INTENSIVE
13 CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES TO REALLY PROVIDE THE NECESSITIES
14 THAT THEY NEED, ONCE THEY REACH THE COMMUNITY, TO START TO
15 STABILIZE THEM PRIOR TO PUTTING THEM IN LINE FOR PERMANENT
16 HOUSING PLACEMENT. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE'RE FINDING OUT
17 RIGHT NOW IS THAT THE INTERIM HOUSING, OR BRIDGE HOUSING, IS
18 STARTING TO BOTTLENECK, BECAUSE OF THE LIMITED PERMANENT
19 HOUSING THAT WE HAVE IN OUR COMMUNITIES. SO, WITH THE PASSING
20 OF THE H.H.H., I'M VERY PLEASED THAT WE HAVE THE COMMON GOAL,
21 CONCERNING CONSTRUCTING FURTHER PERMANENT HOUSING FOR THIS
22 PARTICULARLY TARGETED POPULATION. BUT ALSO, ONE OF THE THINGS
23 THAT I WANTED TO MENTION IS THAT AMITY FOUNDATION IS IN FULL
24 SUPPORT OF THE QUARTER-CENT SALES TAX, BECAUSE WE REALIZE JUST
25 HOW IMPERATIVE THE SERVICES THAT ARE GOING TO BE NEEDED TO



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1 HELP STABILIZE OUR FOLKS THAT ARE RE-ENTERING OUR COMMUNITIES,
2 AND WHAT WE'RE FINDING OUT IS THAT IT SOMETIMES IS LIKE A
3 HANDHOLDING SESSION. YOU REALLY HAVE TO WALK PEOPLE THROUGH
4 ALMOST EVERY ASPECT, AS THEY'RE HEADING TOWARDS THEIR
5 PERMANENT HOUSING PLACEMENT, AND IT JUST TAKES AN EXTRA CHARGE
6 FOR THE FOLKS THAT ARE DOING THIS WORK. WE HAVE A "DO WHATEVER
7 IT TAKES" ATTITUDE, AND I'M THANKFUL THAT OUR BOARD HAS A "DO
8 WHATEVER IT TAKES" ATTITUDE. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
11 TESTIMONY. WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKERS, PLEASE.

12

13 **ANITA NELSON:** GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF
14 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME'S ANITA NELSON, AND I'M THE CHIEF
15 EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR S.R.O. HOUSING CORPORATION, AND I AM
16 PROUD TO BE HERE WITH 50 OF OUR 2,400 RESIDENTS, WHO RESIDE IN
17 OUR 29 PROPERTIES.

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WONDERFUL.

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21 **ANITA NELSON:** S.R.O. HOUSING HAS PROVIDED HOUSING AND
22 SUPPORTIVE SERVICES TO HOMELESS MEN AND WOMEN IN THE CENTRAL
23 CITY EAST COMMUNITY OF DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES, AN AREA MORE
24 COMMONLY KNOWN AS SKID ROW, FOR THE PAST 33 YEARS, AND WE ARE
25 COMMITTED TO ENDING HOMELESSNESS. WE ARE HERE TODAY TO ASK



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1 YOU, AND TO BE WITH OUR PARTNERS, RESIDENTS, AND FRIENDS, TO
2 ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN HELPING US END HOMELESSNESS. WE CAN
3 END HOMELESSNESS. EVERY DAY, WHEN WE COME TO WORK, WE SEE THE
4 DESPAIR OF HOMELESSNESS. BUT WE'RE ALSO VERY, VERY FORTUNATE
5 TO BE ABLE TO SEE THE RESTORATION OF HOPE WHEN WE SEE SOMEONE
6 RECEIVE THE KEYS TO THEIR NEW HOME, AND THE SUPPORTIVE
7 SERVICES NECESSARY TO KEEP THEM HOUSED. WE KNOW IT WORKS,
8 BECAUSE WE SEE THE TRANSFORMATION PROCESS PLAY OUT DAILY, IN
9 OUR RESIDENTS AND IN OUR EMPLOYEES. WE'RE VERY FORTUNATE TO
10 HAVE 40 PERCENT OF OUR STAFF WHO HAVE COME FROM THE SKID ROW
11 COMMUNITY, WHO ARE NOW HOUSED AND STABILIZED, DUE TO THE
12 SUPPORTIVE SERVICES THEY HAVE RECEIVED. SO I'M ASKING FOR YOUR
13 SUPPORT IN PUTTING THIS MEASURE BEFORE THE VOTERS, AND I'M
14 THANKING YOU FOR HELPING US END HOMELESSNESS.

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16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WELL, THANK YOU, AND A SHOUT-OUT TO
17 S.R.O. HOUSING. [CHEERS AND APPLAUSE.] THAT'S JUST FINE. THANK
18 YOU VERY MUCH. [LAUGHTER.] MISS TEMPLE, THANK YOU.

19

20 **MARSHA TEMPLE:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS, AND WELCOME, TO
21 THE NEW MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. I AM MARSHA TEMPLE, EXECUTIVE
22 DIRECTOR OF THE INTEGRATED RECOVERY NETWORK. WE HELP PEOPLE
23 WHO HAVE BEEN HOMELESS WITH HOUSING, HEALTHCARE, AND JOBS. THE
24 PROPOSED MOTION IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT, BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT
25 THE COST OF NOT PROVIDING SERVICES IS TOO HIGH. THE PEOPLE WHO



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1 ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, WHO ARE SEVERELY DISABLED BY
2 MENTAL INCAPACITY, ARE COSTING THE COUNTY WELL OVER A BILLION
3 DOLLARS A YEAR FOR OUR FIRST RESPONDERS, PARAMEDICS, SHERIFF,
4 POLICE, OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM, AND OUR HOSPITAL
5 EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS. JUST LAST FRIDAY, AS I WAS DRIVING HOME
6 FROM THE BANK, I LOOKED FOR A HOMELESS PERSON LYING ON THE
7 SIDEWALK, THE TELLER HAD TOLD ME ABOUT. I LOOKED BEYOND A
8 SHOPPING CART FLIPPED OVER, SPILLING POSSESSIONS, AND SAW A
9 WOMAN ABOUT MY AGE, OF SIMILAR DESCRIPTION, LYING ON THE
10 SIDEWALK. SHE WASN'T MOVING. I CALLED THE PARAMEDICS AND TOLD
11 THEM ABOUT THE WOMAN. THEY SAID THEY WOULD SEND SOMEONE FOR
12 HER. WHEN I HUNG UP WITH THE PARAMEDICS, I WAS TREMBLING, MY
13 SKIN CHILLING, BECAUSE I KNEW THE WOMAN WAS DEAD. AND
14 THROUGHOUT THIS COUNTY, THOUSANDS OF WOMEN JUST LIKE HER, AND
15 JUST LIKE ME, WILL DIE ON THE SIDEWALK, UNTIL A SUFFICIENT
16 NUMBER OF US FEEL ENOUGH SHAME TO END THIS ASSAULT ON OUR
17 HUMANITY. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ALL RIGHT.
20 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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22 **DR. VA LECIA ADAMS KELLUM:** MR. CHAIRMAN, SUPERVISORS, MY NAME
23 IS DR. VA LECIA ADAMS KELLUM. I'M THE PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. OF
24 ST. JOSEPH'S CENTER. ST. JOSEPH'S CENTER HAS BEEN PROVIDING
25 SERVICES TO LOW-INCOME INDIVIDUALS AND HOMELESS FOLKS ON THE



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1 WEST SIDE FOR OVER 40 YEARS, AND WE NOW HAVE OFFICES IN SOUTH
2 L.A., AS WELL. I'M HERE TODAY TO URGE YOU, AS MANY HAVE
3 ALREADY DONE, TO VOTE YES ON THIS MOTION THAT WILL PUT A
4 QUARTER-CENT TAX MEASURE ON THE BALLOT IN MARCH. YOU'VE HEARD
5 SO MUCH ALREADY TODAY ABOUT HOW IMPORTANT THIS IS. WE, TOO,
6 ARE ON THE FRONT LINES. WE'RE IN VENICE. WE'RE IN SOUTH L.A.
7 EVERY DAY, WE'RE TRYING TO SAVE LIVES, AND EVERY DAY, WE'RE
8 WATCHING CHILDREN FALL INTO DESPAIR, AS A RESULT OF POVERTY
9 AND HOMELESSNESS. AS AN AGENCY THAT HAS SEEN THIS FIRSTHAND,
10 WE PARTNER WITH YOU. WE URGE YOU TO TAKE THE NEXT STEP, AND TO
11 ENSURE THAT WE HAVE THE RESOURCES THAT WE NEED TO GET IT DONE.
12 PEOPLE ARE DYING. WE'VE SAVED SO MANY IN THE LAST YEAR, AS A
13 RESULT OF YOUR ACTIONS AND YOUR LEADERSHIP, BUT WE CAN'T STOP
14 HERE. WE MUST CONTINUE THE FIGHT. WE'RE HERE, STANDING ON
15 BEHALF OF SO MANY PEOPLE WHO'VE LOST THEIR HOPE, WHO'VE LOST
16 THEIR WAY. SO, ST. JOSEPH'S CENTER IS WITH YOU. WE ENCOURAGE
17 YOU TO ACT, AND WE THANK YOU AGAIN AND AGAIN FOR ALL YOU'VE
18 DONE, AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO, IN THIS ENDEAVOR. THANK YOU
19 VERY MUCH.

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21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
22 TESTIMONY. [APPLAUSE.] ALL RIGHT. LAST THREE SPEAKERS ON ROUND
23 1.

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1 **DENISE SMITH:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS DENISE SMITH, AND I
2 AM A HEALTH PEER LEADER FROM THE DOWNTOWN WOMEN'S CENTER. NOT
3 LONG AGO, I WAS LIVING WITH UNRESOLVED ISSUES, SO I BEGAN
4 USING DRUGS AS A COPING MECHANISM. I LIVED THIS WAY, ADDICTED
5 TO DRUGS, FOR MORE THAN 15 YEARS. FINALLY, I FOUND A PLACE
6 THAT TREATED ME WITH COMPASSION, AND PROVIDED SERVICES I
7 NEEDED TO GET MY LIFE BACK. I RECEIVED MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR
8 MY MENTAL ILLNESS AND MY ADDICTION. I WENT TO THERAPY, WORKED
9 THROUGH THE TRAUMA I EXPERIENCED. TODAY I LIVE IN PERMANENT
10 HOUSING, AND I STILL MAKE REGULAR APPOINTMENTS WITH MY
11 THERAPIST AND CASE MANAGER. WITHOUT MY FAITH AND THEIR
12 SUPPORT, I KNOW I WOULD BE BACK WHERE I WAS BEFORE. TODAY I
13 URGE YOU TO PLEASE APPROVE A BALLOT MEASURE THAT WILL PROVIDE
14 FUNDING FOR THESE SERVICES THAT HAVE TRANSFORMED LIVES.
15 HOUSING ALONE IS NOT ENOUGH. SUPPORTIVE SERVICES ARE WHAT KEEP
16 SOMEONE HOUSED. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR TIME. THANK YOU.

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18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY, VERY
19 MUCH. YES?

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21 **MARIA LOPEZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
22 MARIA LOPEZ. I'M SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF JOSH BUTLER, THE
23 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING LONG BEACH. I'M COMMUNITY
24 ORGANIZER OF HOUSING LONG BEACH, FIRST-GENERATION UNDOCUMENTED
25 COLLEGE ENTRANT, AND, AT A VERY YOUNG AGE, A HEAD OF



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1 HOUSEHOLD. HOUSING LONG BEACH IS A LEADING NONPROFIT,
2 ADDRESSING HOUSING ISSUES IN THE CITY OF LONG BEACH, WITH NO
3 JUST CAUSE EVICTION, NO RENT CONTROL, BUT INSTEAD, CRIPPLING
4 DISPLACEMENT, A 20-PERCENT INCREASE IN RENT, IN THE LAST TWO
5 YEARS, AND A 2-PERCENT VACANCY RATE. IN LONG BEACH, SIMPLY
6 SAYING WE HAVE A HOUSING CRISIS IS AN UTMOST UNDERSTATEMENT.
7 WE HAVE A HOUSING DEVASTATION, AND WE HOPE TO ONLY GET BETTER.
8 WITH THAT SAID, I WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME SUPERVISOR HAHN, AND I
9 LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING THE IMPORTANT WORK YOU DO FOR OUR
10 COMMUNITY, AND PERSONALLY BELIEVE THAT WE COULDN'T HAVE VOTED
11 A BETTER PERSON. SO, CONGRATULATIONS. IN NOVEMBER, AN
12 IMPORTANT MEASURE WAS PASSED FOR L.A. CITY, THAT WOULD HELP ON
13 HOMELESSNESS. BUT AT LEAST 60 PEOPLE EVERY MONDAY ATTEND OUR
14 LEGAL CLINICS, BECAUSE THEY'RE BEING EVICTED. THERE'S WITHOUT
15 A DOUBT THAT WE NEED MORE. THAT IS WHY HOUSING LONG BEACH IS
16 SUPPORTIVE OF THIS MEASURE, THAT WILL CREATE FUNDING TO DEAL
17 WITH SERVICES SIDE ON THE HOMELESSNESS. ON THE HOUSING NOTE, I
18 AM SURE WE ALL AGREE THAT LONG BEACH'S LACK OF AFFORDABLE
19 HOUSING, NO TENANT PROTECTIONS OR RIGHTS, EXACERBATES
20 HOMELESSNESS. AND THAT IS WHY HOUSING LONG BEACH, CURRENTLY,
21 WE ARE FIGHTING TO PASS PROTECTIONS ON EVICTIONS, BY THE NAME
22 OF RESPONSIBLE RENTER'S ORDINANCE. SO WE HOPE THAT YOU ALL
23 WOULD SUPPORT RESPONSIBLE RENTERS, AND ULTIMATELY PREVENT
24 HOMELESSNESS. OVERALL, I LOOK FORWARD TO PROACTIVELY WORKING



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1 WITH YOU ALL, TO BEST HELP OUR RESIDENTS, OUR NEIGHBORS, AND
2 OUR FAMILIES. THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MA'AM?

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6 **CHRISTINE MIRASY-GLASCO:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS CHRISTINE
7 MIRASY-GLASCO, AND I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF UPWARD BOUND
8 HOUSE, A PROVIDER OF HOUSING AND SERVICES ON THE WEST SIDE,
9 AND IN SOUTH LOS ANGELES. I'M ALSO HERE PROVIDING TESTIMONY
10 TODAY AS THE CO-CHAIR OF THE WEST SIDE COALITION, WHICH IS AN
11 ALLIANCE OF OVER 45 ORGANIZATIONS IN THE AREAS OF HOUSING,
12 HEALTH, AND HUNGER. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR
13 HISTORIC MOTION TO FUND HOMELESS SERVICES TODAY. WE ALL KNOW
14 THAT HOUSING WITHOUT SERVICES IS INADEQUATE. YOUR LEADERSHIP
15 AND COMMITMENT IN THIS AREA IS VERY COMMENDABLE. AND WE
16 UNDERSTAND THAT HOMELESSNESS IS A LOCAL PROBLEM, AND THE
17 RESPONSE NEEDS TO BE LOCAL. THOUSANDS OF HOMELESS FAMILIES AND
18 THEIR CHILDREN HAVE MOVED TO HOUSING. CHILDREN ARE OUR FUTURE,
19 AND WE NEED TO END HOMELESSNESS FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN. THEY
20 GET LOST IN THE SHUFFLE, JUST BECAUSE THEY'RE NOT VISIBLE. BUT
21 I'M HERE TODAY TO THANK YOU AND COMMEND YOU FOR MAKING
22 HISTORY, BECAUSE I THINK YOU ARE TAKING THE COURAGE TO BE ON
23 THE RIGHT SIDE OF HISTORY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MA'AM? MS.
2 NORTON?

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4 **HILARY NORTON:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIRMAN MARK
5 RIDLEY-THOMAS, AND SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS HILARY NORTON, AND
6 I AM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF F.A.S.T.: FIXING ANGELINOS
7 STUCK IN TRAFFIC. I AM HERE TO URGE YOUR SUPPORT TO PUT THE
8 HOMELESS SALES TAX MEASURE ON THE MARCH 2017 BALLOT. WE
9 COMMEND YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES FOR CREATING THE MOST
10 COMPREHENSIVE AND FAR-REACHING PLAN TO END OUR HOMELESSNESS,
11 WHICH IS ONE OF OUR MOST IMPORTANT MORAL OBLIGATIONS. WE THANK
12 YOU FOR MAKING THIS NOT ONLY ABOUT HOUSING, BUT ABOUT
13 TRANSPORTATION, ABOUT ENDING SUFFERING FROM DOMESTIC ABUSE,
14 ABOUT CARING FOR OUR CHILDREN, AND ABOUT MAKING SURE THAT
15 PEOPLE HAVE A PATH TO A LIFE OF DIGNITY. WE ESPECIALLY COMMEND
16 YOU FOR CHOOSING TO TAKE ON HOMELESSNESS AND ITS ERADICATION
17 AS ONE OF THE FIRST ACTIONS OF THIS SUPERVISORIAL TEAM. AS
18 ALSO AN ELDER IN MY CHURCH, AT LA CRESCENTA PRESBYTERIAN
19 CHURCH, IN THE MEMORABLE WORDS OF CHAIRMAN MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS,
20 GOD'S JUSTICE IS ALWAYS ON TIME. TODAY, THAT TIME IS NOW. WE
21 ENCOURAGE YOU TO MAKE THAT JUSTICE SWIFT, AND TO VOTE FOR THIS
22 MEASURE, AND PUT IT ON THE BALLOT TODAY. THANK YOU.

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24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. LADIES AND
25 GENTLEMEN, THAT CONCLUDES THE LIST OF THOSE WHO WERE



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1 SCHEDULED, PREVIOUSLY, AS SPEAKERS, FOR WHICH THEY WERE
2 AFFORDED 2 MINUTES PER PRESENTATION. THERE ARE OTHERS WHO HAVE
3 ASKED TO BE HEARD. WE DO HAVE A SET ITEM AT 3:00. THERE IS A
4 SENTIMENT ON THE BOARD TO DISPOSE OF THIS MATTER. I WOULD
5 CHOOSE TO ACKNOWLEDGE ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE ASKED FOR THE
6 OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD. IT IS YOUR RIGHT TO BE HEARD.
7 HOWEVER, IF WE CALL YOUR NAME, AND YOU JUST STAND AND SAY THAT
8 YOU WOULD PASS, WE WILL NOTE THE FACT THAT YOU HAVE SAID THAT
9 YOU ARE IN SUPPORT OF THIS MATTER, THESE TWO ITEMS BEFORE US.
10 I'M CONFIDENT THAT THERE ARE SOME OF YOU WHO WILL STILL INSIST
11 ON BEING HEARD. THAT IS YOUR RIGHT. I'M SIMPLY ELECTING TO
12 EXPEDITE THE MATTER, WITH YOUR CONSENT. IS THAT REASONABLE?
13 ALL RIGHT. TO THE EXTENT THAT IT IS, WE'LL SEE. ALL RIGHT, DR.
14 CLAVREUL: PASS OR PLAY? BASIL KIMBREW? IF YOU'D COME FORWARD
15 QUICKLY. CATHERINE CLAY. DAVE GILLOTTE. WILLIAM HUANG.

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17 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
18 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I LIKE THAT MEASURE, AND I AM IN FAVOR
19 OF IT. BUT ONE THING THAT KIND OF WORRIES ME IS THAT IT'S ONE
20 THING TO FIND A HOME FOR THE HOMELESS, BUT THE ONLY WAY THEY
21 ARE GOING TO BE ABLE TO SUSTAIN IS TO FIND A JOB. AND IN ALL
22 OF YOUR PROPOSALS HERE, NOBODY IS TALKING ABOUT THAT. SO IT
23 MIGHT BE GREAT TO FIND THEM A HOME, BUT IF THEY DON'T HAVE A
24 JOB, THEY WILL BE BACK HOMELESS. SO I WANT TO LOOK AT THAT



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1 ISSUE A LITTLE MORE IN DETAIL, AND MAKE SURE THAT IS ALSO
2 TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION. THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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6 **CHEF BASIL KIMBREW:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I'M HERE TO SUPPORT IT.
7 FIRST OF ALL, I WAS VOTED THE NUMBER-1 VOLUNTEER CHEF IN THE
8 WORLD THIS YEAR, AND SUNDAY, I WAS VOTED IN THE NATION. I FED
9 6,000 VETERANS AT THE V.A. IN YOUR DISTRICT. AND I SAY THAT TO
10 YOU, BUT WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW IS I'M A BROKEN SOLDIER. I HAD
11 P.T.S.D. I DID 13 MONTHS IN PRISON. I HIT ROCK-BOTTOM.
12 HOMELESS. I LOST EVERYTHING. DIVORCED. BUT THE VETERANS, AS WE
13 SAY, WE NEVER LEAVE A MAN OR A WOMAN BEHIND. I'M VERY
14 THANKFUL, TO THIS DAY. NOT ONLY WAS I ABLE TO GO TO CULINARY
15 SCHOOL, LE CORDON BLEU, AND BE A CLASSICAL CHEF; LAST YEAR,
16 WITH THE HELP OF MRS. HAHN, WE FED 109,653 HOMELESS VETERANS.
17 THIS YEAR, WE'RE AT 253,000 HOMELESS VETERANS. AND I SAY THAT
18 BECAUSE A LOT OF US VETERANS THAT HAVE FALLEN BY THE WAYSIDE,
19 SOMETIMES THEY FEEL THERE'S NO ROOM TO GET BACK UP, BUT I'M
20 PROUD TO SAY THAT THERE IS HOPE. I'M LIVING PROOF. I AM LIVING
21 PROOF THAT THERE IS HOPE, AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK MR.
22 RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR GIVING US THIS OPPORTUNITY TO COME BEFORE
23 YOU AND SAY WE SUPPORT YOU 100 PERCENT. MY OFFER STILL STANDS.
24 I WILL TEACH, FOR FREE, ANY AND EVERY HOMELESS PERSON THAT
25 WANTS TO BE TAUGHT. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
3 TESTIMONY. [APPLAUSE.] LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WE'RE GOING TO
4 PICK UP THE PACE. MAY I ASK YOU TO PROCEED? THANK YOU.

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6 **CATHERINE CLAY:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
7 CATHERINE CLAY, AND I AM A CONSUMER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
8 MENTAL HEALTH, AND I ALSO SURVIVED AND BEEN HOMELESS--
9 CHRONICALLY HOMELESS-- FOR OVER A 20-YEAR SPAN, ALSO LIVING IN
10 THE UNION RESCUE MISSION. I'M ALSO A MENTAL HEALTH
11 COMMISSIONER FOR THE INTEGRATED ADVISORY BOARD, AND I'M ALSO
12 THE REPRESENTATIVE TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE WOMEN OF A JAIL
13 LINKAGE SYSTEM, THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, WHERE
14 I ADVOCATE FOR WOMEN WHO ARE A PART OF THE COURT SYSTEM. AND I
15 WANT TO BE ABLE TO SAY, THIS IS GOING TO GIVE THE OPPORTUNITY,
16 FOR A LOT OF WOMEN WHO HAVE LOST CUSTODY OF THEIR CHILDREN,
17 THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE REUNIFIED BACK WITH THEIR CHILDREN,
18 BECAUSE A LOT OF WOMEN LOSE CUSTODY OF THEIR CHILDREN FOR NOT
19 BEING ABLE TO HAVE A HOUSE. AND SO, ON BEHALF OF A NEW WAY OF
20 LIFE, AND ALL OF US OR NONE, WE'RE IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS
21 MOTION. AND SO WE'RE HAPPY THAT YOU'RE GOING TO HELP CONNECT A
22 LOT OF WOMEN BACK WITH CHILDREN. THANK YOU. ALL OF US OR NONE.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER,
25 PLEASE.



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2 **DAVE GILLOTTE:** GOOD MORNING.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** PLEASE.

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6 **DAVE GILLOTTE:** MY NAME IS DAVE GILLOTTE. I'M THE PRESIDENT OF
7 THE L.A. COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS UNION, LOCAL 1014. I REPRESENT
8 3,200 MEN AND WOMEN THAT ARE FIREFIGHTERS AND PARAMEDICS IN
9 THE GREAT COUNTY OF L.A. WE'RE THE FRONT LINE OF DEFENSE, AND
10 THE FIRST POINT OF CONTACT WITH HOMELESS PEOPLE IN L.A.
11 COUNTY. I'VE BEEN A FIRE CAPTAIN FOR 30 YEARS. I PUT IN 56
12 HOURS A WEEK AT COMPTON AND 80TH. IF YOU KNOW THE AREA, IT'S
13 ONE OF THE MOST UNDERPRIVILEGED AREAS AROUND, AND I TOUCH
14 HOMELESS PEOPLE EVERY DAY AT WORK. I JUST WANT YOU ALL TO KNOW
15 THAT ON BEHALF OF THE FIREFIGHTERS-- THE MEN AND WOMEN THAT DO
16 THIS, THE UNION-- WE'RE GOING TO BRING OUR MONEY, MARBLES, AND
17 CHALK TO MAKE A DENT ON THIS, IN HELPING YOU BOTH PERSONALLY
18 AND PROFESSIONALLY TO GET THIS MEASURE PASSED. WE KNOW HOW TO
19 WIN. WE KNOW WHAT TWO-THIRDS MEANS. AND YOU KNOW WHAT? L.A.
20 COUNTY FINALLY MADE A DECISION TODAY, WITH THESE FIVE GREAT
21 LEADERS, TO SAY WE'RE NOT GOING TO WALK PAST ANOTHER HOMELESS
22 PERSON AND PRETEND LIKE THEY DON'T EXIST. I DROVE IN HERE
23 TODAY AND SAW TENTS EVERYWHERE. THOSE ARE HUMAN BEINGS ON
24 THOSE STREETS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT. WE STAND IN
25 SOLIDARITY WITH YOU ON 7 AND 8.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** 1014 IS IN THE HOUSE. THANK YOU,
3 DAVE. ALL RIGHT. MILDRED BROWN, NANCY OZEAS, TORI KJER, OLIVER
4 BUIE, TIFFANY JOHNSON. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, AT 2:55, IF NOT
5 BEFORE, WE'RE GOING TO APPEAL TO YOU TO AFFORD US THE
6 OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE ON THIS MATTER. WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO
7 BEFORE. THOSE PERSONS WHO I CALLED NEED TO COME FORWARD.
8 MICHAEL WATKINS, DR. PERRY CROUCH. ANYONE WHO SIMPLY WANTS TO
9 SAY THAT THEY PASS ON THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD IS INVITED
10 TO DO SO. BUT FOR RIGHT NOW, LET'S PROCEED QUICKLY.

11

12 **BILL HUANG:** I THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR. BILL HUANG, THE HOUSING
13 DIRECTOR FOR THE CITY OF PASADENA. I APPLAUD THE BOARD OF
14 SUPERVISORS FOR THESE MOTIONS. BUT WITH RESPECT TO ITEM NO. 8,
15 THE QUARTER-CENT SALES TAX, WHICH THE CITY OF PASADENA HASN'T
16 BEEN ABLE, YET, TO TAKE AN OFFICIAL POSITION ON. BUT I AM HERE
17 TO REMIND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THAT THERE ARE FOUR
18 CONTINUUMS OF CARE IN THE COUNTY. BESIDES L.A.H.S.A., THE
19 CITIES OF LONG BEACH, GLENDALE, AND PASADENA HAVE THEIR OWN
20 CONTINUUMS OF CARE. AND THE FACT THAT THESE THREE CITIES HAVE
21 THEIR OWN CONTINUUM OF CARE DEMONSTRATES THAT THESE THREE
22 CITIES HAVE AND ARE WILLING TO DO MORE THAN THEIR FAIR SHARE
23 TOWARDS HOMELESSNESS. WE ALL HAVE AN OUTSTANDING TRACK RECORD
24 IN PROACTIVELY ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS, INCLUDING THE
25 PRODUCTION OF PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. ALL THREE CITIES



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1 HAVE SEEN SIGNIFICANT DROPS IN HOMELESSNESS. AND SO WE ASK
2 THAT IF THIS MEASURE IS APPROVED, THAT AT LEAST A MINIMUM OF
3 THE FUNDS RAISED WOULD, IN THE CONTINUUMS OF CARE, WOULD STAY
4 WITHIN THE CONTINUUM OF CARE AREAS.

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR
7 TESTIMONY. WE'RE GOING TO MOVE TO THE NEXT SPEAKER.

8

9 **MILDRED BROWN:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MILDRED BROWN, AND I
10 SIT HERE BEFORE YOU TODAY, AND I CAN'T TELL YOU THAT I AM A
11 C.E.O., OR I SIT ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ANY FACILITY OR
12 ORGANIZATION, BUT I CAN TELL YOU THAT I HAVE PERSONALLY
13 EXPERIENCED HOMELESSNESS FOR SIX YEARS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
14 AND I SIT HERE BEFORE YOU TODAY, AND I THANK YOU, AND I URGE
15 YOU TO CONTINUE TO HELP SUPPORT HOMELESSNESS. BECAUSE OF
16 HOMELESSNESS, I WAS A BROKEN PERSON. I WAS LOST. I HAD NO
17 DIGNITY, AND I HAD NO PRIDE. BUT BECAUSE OF SUPPORTIVE
18 HOUSING, TODAY, I HAVE DEALT WITH MY MENTAL ISSUES, I HAVE A
19 SAFE PLACE TO CALL HOME, I HAVE MY ADVOCATE FOR HOMELESSNESS,
20 THROUGH C.S.H., AND I DO VOLUNTEER WORK AT THE DOWNTOWN
21 WOMEN'S CENTER. AND I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR
22 ADDRESSING THIS HOMELESSNESS, AND I URGE YOU ALL TO PUT 7 AND
23 8 ON THE BALLOT. THANK YOU.

24



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'RE GOING TO
2 CALL LIDIA NOEL, ZAHID KHAN, FRANCISCO SONNEK, KEVIN MCCARDLE.

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4 **KEVIN MCCARDLE:** I PASS.

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6 **SUP RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** PASS? GIVE THAT MAN A ROUND OF
7 APPLAUSE. THANK YOU, SIR. [APPLAUSE.] ANYBODY ELSE WHO WOULD
8 WANT A ROUND OF APPLAUSE, WE CAN OBLIGE YOU. [LAUGHTER.]
9 JOSEPH MAIZLISH, RICHARD SIGMAN.

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11 **RICHARD SIGMAN:** PASS, BUT NO APPLAUSE, PLEASE.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. A PASS WITHOUT APPLAUSE.
14 GIVE HIM AN APPLAUSE ANYHOW, ALL RIGHT? [APPLAUSE.] BRITTNEY
15 WEISSMAN, WAITING ON YOU. LARA LARRAMENDI, YOLANDA BROWN. ALL
16 RIGHT? PLEASE COME FORWARD. LARA?

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18 **LARA LARRAMENDI. LARA.**

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20 **>>SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** LARA? LARA? LAURA? ALL RIGHT, COME.
21 PLEASE. SIR?

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23 **REV. OLIVER BUIE:** YES. REVEREND OLIVER BUIE, FROM HOLMAN
24 UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, AND I'D SIMPLY LIKE TO SAY THAT I AM
25 IN FAVOR OF THE QUARTER-CENT SALES TAX. AND I WANT TO THANK



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1 YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP, AND SIMPLY SAY THAT THIS IS AN ISSUE
2 THAT I'M CONFRONTED WITH ON A DAILY BASIS, THAT THERE'S
3 SOMEONE CONTACTING THE CHURCH, OR WHAT HAVE YOU. AND ALSO,
4 THIS EPIDEMIC IS CONTINUING TO GROW. I BELIEVE THAT WE'RE ON
5 THE RIGHT TRACK. AND AS WE CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD AND COMBAT
6 HOMELESSNESS, I, MYSELF, AS WELL AS A MINISTER, I'M HERE TO
7 SUPPORT YOU, AND JUST CONTINUE TO PARTNER WITH YOU IN WHATEVER
8 WAY WE CAN. GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS ALL OF YOU. THANK YOU FOR
9 THE NEW SUPERVISORS. I'VE WORKED WITH JANICE HAHN AND HER
10 VISIONARY LEADERSHIP, SO I BELIEVE THAT WE'RE MOVING IN THE
11 RIGHT DIRECTION, AND GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER,
14 PLEASE. CALLING ON BRITTNEY WEISSMAN TO COME FORWARD, AS WELL.
15 ALL RIGHT? PLEASE. BRITTNEY?

16

17 **BRITTNEY WEISSMAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS BRITTNEY
18 WEISSMAN. I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE
19 ON MENTAL ILLNESS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, N.A.M.I. L.A. COUNTY,
20 AND I JUST WANT TO OFFER ALL OF N.A.M.I.'S SUPPORT FOR THIS
21 INITIATIVE. AND WE REPRESENT OVER 1,000 PEOPLE IN L.A. COUNTY
22 WHO ARE COMMITTED TO MAKING SURE PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS
23 GET THE HELP THEY NEED, WHEN THEY NEED IT. SO, THANK YOU VERY
24 MUCH.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. GIVE BRITTNEY
2 A ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR RECORD TESTIMONY, ALL RIGHT?
3 [APPLAUSE.] NEXT SPEAKER.

4

5 **LIDIA NOEL:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS LIDIA NOEL, AND I'VE
6 BEEN LISTENING TO EVERYTHING, AND IT'S JUST AN AWESOME DAY.
7 BUT I WANTED TO SUGGEST MY SERVICES TO YOU FOR THE STRONG
8 OVERSIGHT FOR THE CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE. I AM VERY
9 INTERESTED, AND I WOULD DO THIS ENTIRELY FOR FREE, AS LONG AS
10 YOU NEED ME. THAT'S IT. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. LET THE RECORD
13 REFLECT, ANYONE ELSE WHO'S ON THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE WILL HAVE
14 TO DO IT FOR FREE, AS WELL. THANK YOU SO MUCH. [LAUGHTER.]
15 LET'S MOVE TO OUR NEXT ITEM. NEXT SPEAKER. LARA?

16

17 **LARA LARRAMENDI:** HI. THIS IS LARA LARRAMENDI, ADVOCACY
18 DIRECTOR FOR L.A. COUNTY BIZFED, REPRESENTING MORE THAN 160
19 TOP BUSINESS GROUPS, WITH OVER 325,000 EMPLOYERS, AND 3
20 MILLION EMPLOYEES. WE URGE YOU TO INCLUDE TWO IMPORTANT
21 PROVISIONS TO THIS MEASURE. BIZFED RECOGNIZES THE PRESSING
22 NEED TO HELP PROVIDE SERVICES FOR THE HOMELESS. WE SUPPORTED
23 VERY STRONGLY MEASURE H.H.H. IN THE 2016 ELECTION. THE TWO
24 POINTS THAT WE'D LIKE TO EMPHASIZE IS THE MAINTENANCE OF
25 CURRENT EFFORTS WITH THE EXISTING GENERAL FUNDING, TO MAKE



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1 SURE THAT THE SALES TAX MONEY WILL GO TO NEW SERVICES. SO
2 WE'RE ASKING YOU TO DO AN INVENTORY OF THE SERVICES THAT YOU
3 CURRENTLY HAVE, AND CONTINUE FUNDING, AND SO THAT THIS NEW
4 MONEY GOES TOWARDS NEW SERVICES. WE DON'T WANT BACKFILL. AND
5 THE OTHER IS THE ACCOUNTABILITY. WE'VE BEEN HEARING A LOT FROM
6 THE DIFFERENT SPEAKERS ABOUT THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE AND
7 ACCOUNTABILITY, AND WE WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE TO MAKE SURE
8 THAT THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE IS BALANCED AND EFFECTIVE, AND
9 THAT THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE BE STRENGTHENED TO MAKE
10 RECOMMENDATIONS BEFORE THEY'RE BEING SET; SO, NOT AFTERWARDS,
11 BUT BEFORE. AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUE WORKING WITH YOU
12 ON THIS ISSUE.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

15

16 **LARA LARRAMENDI:** AND WE APPLAUD YOU ON YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THE
17 INITIATIVE THAT WAS ADOPTED IN FEBRUARY.

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
20 TESTIMONY. BECKY DENNISON, EVA WILLIAMS, MEREDITH MCCARTHY.
21 WHO IS THAT? EVA? THANK YOU, EVA! GIVE EVA A ROUND OF
22 APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.] VERONICA LEWIS, MYRON WOLLIN, DANTE
23 MAXION, RITA NARBUTAS, L.V. PORTER, MARY JACOBS, TREVOR DAVIS,
24 ZONDRE JOHNSON, PATRICIA ANN RUSSELL, RABBI JOHNATHAN KLEIN,
25 GUSTAVO RAMIREZ, QUEEN SEARLES.



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2 **QUEEN SEARLES:** I PASS.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, QUEEN. [APPLAUSE.] NADIA
5 PERAFA, WAYNE FROM ENCINO, ARNOLD SACHS. THAT CONCLUDES THOSE
6 WHO WISH TO BE HEARD. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, LET'S PROCEED
7 ACCORDINGLY.

8

9 **DR. YOLANDA BROWN:** SO, MR. CHAIRMAN, AND L.A. COUNTY
10 SUPERVISORS, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS DR. YOLANDA BROWN, AND
11 I HAVE THE SENIOR PASTOR RESPONSIBILITIES AT BLESSED SACRAMENT
12 IN HOLLYWOOD, AND REPRESENT L.A. VOICE AND HOLLYWOOD FORWARD.
13 YOU KNOW, FOR DECADES, ON THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CAMPUS, IS A
14 CENTER THAT HAS EFFECTIVELY TRANSITIONED HOMELESS TO PERMANENT
15 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, WITH SERVICES INCLUDING MENTAL HEALTH.
16 HOWEVER, RIGHT ACROSS THE STREET IS AN ENCAMPMENT. NORTH,
17 SOUTH, EAST, AND WEST OF US, HERE IN HOLLYWOOD, ARE
18 ENCAMPMENTS. AND OUR CHALLENGE IS THAT IT'S BEYOND OUR
19 CAPACITY. IT NOT ONLY AFFECTS OUR COMMUNITY, BUT OBVIOUSLY THE
20 ENTIRE COUNTY. SO, ON BEHALF OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
21 COMMUNITY OF 3,000 FAMILIES, AND THE 55,000 FAMILIES
22 REPRESENTED BY L.A. VOICE, WE WANTED TO EXTEND A WELCOME TO
23 THE TWO NEW SUPERVISORS OF THIS BOARD: SUPERVISOR BARGER, AS
24 WELL AS HAHN. AND I SINCERELY PERSONALLY WANT TO THANK
25 SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR HIS OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP,



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1 AND CHAMPIONING THE HOMELESS MOTION THAT'S BEFORE THE BOARD
2 TODAY. I MUST ALSO THANK MY DEAR SHEILA KUEHL, OF MY DISTRICT,
3 FOR HER LEADERSHIP IN IMMIGRATION AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING--
4 I'LL NEVER FORGET THAT, SHEILA-- THAT ARE ALSO IMPORTANT TO
5 OUR COMMUNITIES. WE ENCOURAGE AND THANK THE OTHER BOARD
6 MEMBERS WHO SUPPORT THIS BOLD HOMELESS INITIATIVE OF AN
7 EMERGENCY DECLARATION, DUE TO HOMELESS CRISIS, WELL-NEEDED
8 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, AND PLACING A COUNTYWIDE SALES TAX
9 MEASURE ON THE MARCH BALLOT IN 2017. DURING THIS SEASON OF
10 HOPE-- THAT MEANS HOPE OF WHAT IS TO COME-- WE, CATHOLIC
11 CHRISTIANS, SOME TAUGHT BY THE IMMACULATE HEART SISTERS,
12 REMEMBER THAT JESUS WAS HOMELESS, AND GAVE HIS LIFE TO GIVE US
13 AN ETERNAL, PERMANENT HOME, AS WE WORK ON BEHALF OF OUR
14 HOMELESS BROTHERS AND SISTERS. THANK YOU, AND PLEASE PRAY FOR
15 US.

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17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY, VERY
18 MUCH. RICARDO ZELADA, ERIC PREVEN, AND FINALLY, OSCAR
19 MUHAMMAD. LET ME SIMPLY SAY, COME HELL OR HIGH WATER, AT 2:55,
20 SOMEBODY'S GOING TO MAKE A MOTION, SO LET ME ENCOURAGE YOU TO
21 MOVE ACCORDINGLY. THE FLOOR IS YOURS, MA'AM.

22

23 **ZONDRE JOHNSON:** OKAY, MY NAME IS ZONDRE JOHNSON, AND I JUST
24 WANTED TO NOT BE PASSED, BECAUSE I JUST NEEDED TO TELL THIS
25 BOARD, THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH. I MEAN, YOU PUT UP WITH A LOT OF



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1 THINGS TO THINK ABOUT. AND BECAUSE YOU DO IT SO DILIGENTLY, I
2 JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT I LOVE YOU, AND THANK YOU. I'M AN
3 IMPLEMENT OF WHAT THAT CHANGE IS, AND I'M JUST SO HAPPY THAT
4 IT'S ALL HAPPENING. AND WHATEVER I HAVE TO DO AS AN ADVOCATE,
5 AS A PERSON THAT HAS WENT THROUGH ALL OF THIS, I AM WILLING TO
6 DO IT. LET'S DO IT. THAT'S WHAT I WANT TO SAY.

7

8 **SUP. KUEHL:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

9

10 **PATRICIA RUSSELL:** MY NAME IS PATRICIA RUSSELL. I'M CO-CHAIR
11 FOR SERVICE AREA 2. I'M A MEMBER OF N.A.M.I., AND I'VE BECOME
12 AN ADVOCATE, IN ORDER TO TRY TO HELP PEOPLE THAT SUFFER FROM
13 CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS, SUCH AS MY SON JOHN, WHO'S BEEN
14 SUFFERING WITH THESE DISORDERS FOR 16 YEARS. BEFORE THAT, HE
15 HAD TWO 4.0S, HIS FRESHMAN YEAR IN COLLEGE. HE SELF-MEDICATES
16 IN A DOOMED EFFORT TO FEEL BETTER. BECAUSE OF HIS DISORDERS,
17 HE BECOMES MANIC. HE CAN'T STOP TALKING, VERY LOUDLY.
18 SOMETIMES HE'S BEATEN UP AND KICKED IN THE HEAD, TO THE CURB.
19 HE'S SOMETIMES FALLEN ASLEEP IN DUMPSTERS, BECAUSE HE'S SO
20 COLD, AND THE DUMPSTER IS GETTING PICKED UP TO THROW HIM INTO
21 THE TRUCK, AND HE WAKES UP JUST IN TIME. HE BECOMES EMACIATED,
22 NOT EATING OR SLEEPING FOR DAYS. HE ENDS UP IN E.R.S. HIS
23 ELECTROLYTES AND POTASSIUM, SODIUM, ARE DANGEROUSLY LOW, AND
24 HIS HEART IS ALMOST POUNDING AND BREAKING. HE IS PLACED ON
25 5150 HOLDS, AND DISCHARGED TO THE STREET WITH BUS TOKENS TO



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1 NOWHERE. MANY TIMES, HE IS OUT OF REALITY. BASICALLY, WE NEED
2 PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, AND TO HELP PEOPLE WHEN THEY'RE
3 THERE, FOR CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS; TRAINING IN CO-OCCURRING
4 DISORDERS. THE SILOS ARE TOO MUCH.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, AND YOU CAN
7 SUBMIT YOUR WRITTEN TESTIMONY. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. LADIES
8 AND GENTLEMEN, WE WANT TO ASK THAT YOU EITHER BE SEATED--
9 HELLO? SEATED AND QUIET, AND WE'LL BE DONE SHORTLY. PLEASE
10 PROCEED.

11

12 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, CHAIRMAN RIDLEY-THOMAS. I'M A FAMILIAR FACE. I
13 AM SPEAKING BECAUSE I WANTED TO OFFER MY STORY, THAT
14 HOMELESSNESS IS NOT A MINORITY ISSUE. I WAS A MIDDLE-AGED
15 CARETAKER, PROFESSIONAL, AND I CHOSE TO TAKE CARE OF MY MOM
16 UNTIL THE VERY END, AND MY REWARD WAS HOMELESSNESS. AND WE
17 CANNOT DEPEND ON FAMILY. I HAVE A BROTHER WHO'S A HOSPITAL
18 ADMINISTRATOR, WHO DID NOTHING DURING HER ILLNESS OR MY
19 HOMELESSNESS. SO THE ONLY SOURCE I HAD WAS YOUR OFFICE, AND
20 THE COUNTY AND CITY. AND PLEASE DO MORE, BECAUSE YOU CANNOT
21 DEPEND ON ANYONE BUT THE STATE, CITY, AND COUNTY. AND I'M
22 PROOF POSITIVE OF WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU DO GET HELP. AND I
23 SPEAK OUT ON BEHALF OF ALL THE CARETAKERS THAT MIGHT BE
24 EXPERIENCING THIS IN THE FUTURE, WHERE THEY BASE THEIR LIVES
25 ON CARE, INSTEAD OF MONETARY GAIN. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
3 TESTIMONY, INDEED. ALL RIGHT, WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKERS.

4

5 **MARY JACOBS:** HI. MY NAME IS MARY JACOBS, AND I HAVE A COMPANY,
6 NONPROFIT, CALLED LOVE ONE ANOTHER ANTINUCLEAR CLUB, AND WE
7 HAVE A CLUBHOUSE. I CALL IT THE LOVE ONE ANOTHER CLUBHOUSE,
8 BECAUSE JESUS SAID, "LOVE ONE ANOTHER." AND TZEDAKAH-- IT'S
9 LIKE THE JEWISH VERSION. WE HAVE TO HELP EACH OTHER. THIS IS A
10 PICTURE OF WHAT USED TO BE C&R AUTO SHOP. AND BECAUSE THIS
11 COUNTY DOESN'T SEEM TO HAVE CONNECTION WITH OTHER VERSIONS OF
12 THE COUNTY, BUILDING AND SAFETY AND ZONING ARE ON MY CASE. AND
13 I COULD END UP BEING HOMELESS, STILL, BECAUSE THEY WON. ZONING
14 MADE IT SO THAT I COULD NO LONGER KEEP MY \$1,600-A-MONTH IN
15 RENT, AND I AM DESPERATELY IN NEED OF FUNDING. IF ANYBODY
16 WANTS TO HELP ME, HERE'S MY STUFF, BECAUSE ON \$1,600 LESS PER
17 MONTH, I HAVE TO PAY FOR WATER, ELECTRICITY, FOOD, WHEN WE RUN
18 OUT OF FOOD STAMPS AFTER TWO DAYS, AND ELECTRICITY, AND CABLE
19 T.V.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** AND WHAT DISTRICT DO YOU LIVE IN,
22 MA'AM?

23

24 **MARY JACOBS:** WHAT?

25



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WHAT DISTRICT DO YOU RESIDE IN?

2

3 **MARY JACOBS:** SOLIS. FIRST.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. PERHAPS THERE'S SOMEONE
6 FROM THE DEPARTMENT, OR, AS SUPERVISOR SOLIS MAY REQUEST,
7 INSTRUCT SOMEONE TO HELP. ALL RIGHT?

8

9 **MARY JACOBS:** THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

12

13 **RABBI JONATHAN KLEIN:** HI. RABBI JONATHAN KLEIN.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** I'M GOING TO ASK EVERYBODY IN THE
16 AUDIENCE, AND ASK THE PERSONNEL TO HAVE EVERYONE SEATED. AND
17 THE VOLUME HAS TO SUBSIDE, PLEASE, SO STAFF NEEDS TO ADDRESS
18 THAT. PROCEED, MA'AM. SIR.

19

20 **RABBI JONATHAN KLEIN:** YES, HI. RABBI JONATHAN KLEIN-- C.L.U.E.:
21 CLERGY AND LAITY UNITED FOR ECONOMIC JUSTICE. WELCOME, JANICE,
22 AND WELCOME, KATHRYN, WHO I HAVEN'T GOTTEN TO KNOW YET, BUT
23 LOOK FORWARD TO. WE'RE HOPING FOR A UNANIMOUS APPROVAL OF THIS
24 MOTION. IT SEEMS THAT EVERYONE'S ON BOARD, AND C.L.U.E., I
25 WANT YOU TO KNOW, WILL WORK WITH YOU TO ACTUALLY PUT THIS INTO



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1 LAW, AS WELL, ONCE IT'S ON THE BALLOT. WE'RE NOT GOING TO
2 WASTE TIME HERE, BUT ONE REQUEST I HAVE IS THAT YOU HELP GUIDE
3 US, AS COMMUNITY ADVOCATES, TO MINE THE PROCESS FOR
4 ESTABLISHING STATE FUNDING FOR HOUSING AND WRAPAROUND
5 SERVICES, IF FOR NO OTHER REASON THAN TO ENSURE COMMUNITIES
6 OUTSIDE OF LOS ANGELES CAN BE AS COMPASSIONATE AS THE COUNTY
7 OF LOS ANGELES. THANK YOU FOR THIS DAY.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. 8 MINUTES REMAINING.
10 PLEASE COME FORWARD. THERE ARE VACANT SEATS. MA'AM, YOU SHOULD
11 BE HEARD.

12

13 **NADIA PARADA:** HI. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS NADIA PARADA, AND
14 I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT IT'S SO REFRESHING TO SEE SO MANY
15 PEOPLE WHO ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT HELPING PEOPLE, WHETHER IT'S
16 YOU GUYS RIGHT THERE, OR US RIGHT HERE, OR SOMEBODY IN THE
17 STREET, WHO CANNOT MAKE IT. IT'S WONDERFUL TO SEE SO MANY
18 PASSIONATE PEOPLE. MY NAME IS NADIA, AS I SAID. I'M HERE,
19 REPRESENTING THE LOS ANGELES MISSION, ONE OF THE THREE MAJOR
20 SHELTERS IN THE SKID ROW AREA, AND WE'RE JUST HERE TO TELL YOU
21 THAT WE'RE GOING TO KEEP SHELTERING PEOPLE, WAITING ON THIS TO
22 PASS, AND THE AGENCIES TO PUT PERMANENT HOUSING. WE'RE GOING
23 TO KEEP DOING OUR JOB. AND AS MOTHER TERESA ONCE SAID, THAT WE
24 WERE JUST A PENCIL, AND GOD IS WRITING THE STORY. SO I JUST
25 ENCOURAGE YOU, AND I THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR APPROVING THIS



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1 MEASURE. AND WE ARE SIMPLY WRITING A CHAPTER IN THE LIVES OF
2 PEOPLE WHO ARE IN THE STREETS RIGHT NOW. AND THIS IS GOING TO
3 BE A GOOD CHAPTER, WITH A HAPPY ENDING. THANK YOU SO MUCH, AND
4 GOD BLESS YOU.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER,
7 PLEASE. AND THOSE WHO ARE STANDING, PLEASE COME FORWARD. WE'RE
8 DOWN TO THE NEXT 6 MINUTES.

9

10 **TREVOR DAVIS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
11 TREVOR DAVIS. I AM A NATIVE ANGELINO AND A COMMUNITY ORGANIZER
12 ON LEADERSHIP WITH THE WESTWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, AS WELL
13 AS CO-CHAIRING THE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMITTEE FOR THE
14 EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS. I'LL MAKE IT BRIEF, BUT I JUST WANTED TO
15 REALLY THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP HERE, AND TO REALLY
16 ASSERT THE IMPORTANCE OF SUPPORTING AS MANY CREATIVE MEASURES
17 AS POSSIBLE. REIGNITING PEOPLE'S CREATIVITY IS REALLY HUGE AND
18 IMPORTANT FOR PEOPLE TO FEEL A SENSE OF AGENCY IN THE WORLD,
19 AND WRITING THEIR OWN STORY. IT ALSO HELPS WITH VISIBILITY.
20 THE HOMELESS FOLKS ARE INCREDIBLE ARTISTS. THEY'RE INCREDIBLE
21 CREATIVE FORCES THAT CAN BE SEEN. FINALLY, HOMEBOY INDUSTRIES-
22 - MY CHURCH, WESTWOOD PRESBYTERIAN, HELPED TO FOUND P.A.T.H.,
23 AND IS A BIG FAN OF HOMEBOY INDUSTRIES. THEY TALK ABOUT
24 KINSHIP A LOT. IN THIS MOMENT OF NATIONAL REDEFINING OUR



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1 CHARACTER, I WOULD HOPE THAT WE CAN BE AN AMAZING VOICE FOR
2 COMPASSION AND KINSHIP IN THE WORLD.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** AND WE THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
5 TESTIMONY. ALL RIGHT. SIR, AND THE BALANCE OF THE SPEAKERS
6 WHO'S WISHING TO BE HEARD? MR. SACHS, YOU SHOULD TAKE A SEAT
7 OR BE EXCUSED. YOUR CALL. PLEASE HAVE A SEAT. LADIES AND
8 GENTLEMEN, WE'RE PROCEEDING. SIR?

9

10 **GUSTAVO RAMIREZ:** GUSTAVO RAMIREZ. FIRST OF ALL, THANK YOU SO
11 MUCH, AND IT'S AN HONOR TO BE HERE IN FRONT OF THE BOARD OF
12 SUPERVISORS, AS WELL AS SHEILA KUEHL. YOU'VE BEEN MY HERO FROM
13 WHEN I WAS LIKE 19 YEARS OLD, WHEN I WAS GOING TO MOUNT SAN
14 ANTONIO COLLEGE IN THIS COUNTY, AND LIVING IN POMONA. I WAS A
15 NATIVE ANGELINO, BUT RAISED IN POMONA, AND IT'S AN HONOR TO BE
16 THIS CLOSE TO YOU. AND WITHOUT PUTTING YOU ON TOO MUCH OF A
17 PEDESTAL, BUT I'VE BEEN MEANING TO TELL YOU THAT WHEN NO ONE
18 WAS STANDING UP FOR THE L.G.B.T.Q., AND I DID NOT KNOW THAT
19 THERE WAS EVEN ANYONE STANDING UP FOR US, OR EVEN THAT WE
20 SHOULD BE STOOD UP FOR, BECAUSE I JUST DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT ANY
21 DIGNITY AT THAT POINT, YOU WERE THERE AS A PILLAR, AND YOU
22 SAVED MY LIFE, SO... [APPLAUSE.] AND I KNOW WE'RE SUPPOSED TO
23 BE BRIEF. THANK YOU, OUR SUPERVISOR FROM POMONA, HILDA SOLIS.
24 I'M JUST GOING TO KEEP THAT READ FOR THE RECORD.

25



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SIR? SIR? THANK YOU.
2 YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED.

3

4 **GUSTAVO RAMIREZ:** SO, YOU KNOW WHERE I STAND ON THE HOMELESS
5 ISSUE, AND I WILL BE BACK WITH YOUR HONOR, AND IN ALL
6 HUMILITY, IN A FEW MINUTES, FOR ITEM NO. 3, AS WELL. I CAN?
7 FOR ITEM NUMBER 3?

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** NO. NO. YOU REALLY CAN'T. SO, THANK
10 YOU VERY MUCH. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. STAY AROUND FOR A WHILE.
11 WE'LL GET TO IT.

12

13 **GUSTAVO RAMIREZ:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING
14 THE HOMELESS IN EVERY SINGLE COMPREHENSIVE WAY. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. GIVE HIM A HAND.
17 THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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19 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YOU HAVE APPROXIMATELY 400 SPEAKERS, AND THE
20 LAST 6 SPEAKERS GET ONE MINUTE? WHAT IS THAT?

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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** YOU'RE DOWN TO 55 SECONDS, AT THIS
23 POINT.

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1 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I KNOW WHAT I'M DOWN TO, SIR, AND I KNOW WHAT
2 I'M UP AGAINST. I KNOW WHAT I'M UP AGAINST. THIS IS SO TOTALLY
3 UNFAIR. PEOPLE WHO DON'T AGREE WITH YOUR POLICY--

4

5 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** SIR, YOU'RE OFF TOPIC. SIR?

6

7 **ARNOLD SACHS:** MA'AM, QUIET. WE'RE SUPPOSED TO GET 2 MINUTES.
8 EVERYBODY IN THIS ROOM GOT TWO MINUTES.

9

10 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** SIR, YOUR TIME IS RUNNING, AND I ASK
11 YOU GET BACK ON TOPIC.

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13 **ARNOLD SACHS:** WE'RE SUPPOSED TO GET 2 MINUTES.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** FOR THE PURPOSES OF CHARFICATION,
16 THE PERSONS WHO HAD BEEN ASKED TO PRESENT WERE AFFORDED 2
17 MINUTES, AND THE BALANCE-- HOLD IT FOR A MOMENT. FOR THE
18 BALANCE--

19

20 **ARNOLD SACHS:** EVERY PERSON WHO CAME UP TO THIS SPEAKER WHILE I
21 WAS ONLINE GOT 2 MINUTES, SIR.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ARNOLD, EVERYTHING HAS GONE
24 REASONABLY SMOOTHLY UNTIL YOU CAME UP WITH HERE WITH THIS
25 NONSENSE. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.



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2 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I'LL SAY THIS: CIRCLE YOUR CALENDAR FOR APRIL.
3 CIRCLE YOUR CALENDAR FOR APRIL, BECAUSE APRIL IS WHEN--

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.
6 ARNOLD, JUST HOLD ON. WE'RE GOING TO GIVE YOU YOUR MINUTE IN A
7 MOMENT. ARNOLD! ALL RIGHT. MR. MUHAMMAD, YOU MAY PROCEED.
8 QUICKLY.

9

10 **OSCAR MUHAMMAD:** WELL, WE SHOULD TRY TO END THE HOMELESS ON
11 SKID ROW. WE HAVE MISMANAGEMENT OF THE RESOURCES. WE SHOULD
12 NOT PROMOTE FAILURE IN SOCIETY. BUT ANYWAY, THE DOMINATION AND
13 EXPLOITATION STARTED WITH THE AMERICAN ECONOMIC SYSTEM. THAT
14 MEANS DESTRUCTION AND GENOCIDE. BUT ANYWAY, THE UNITED STATES
15 OF AMERICA TREAT THEIR MINORITY OUTCASTS INHUMAN. THE JUSTICE
16 DEPARTMENT SYSTEM DISRESPECT THEIR OBLIGATION FOR JUSTICE. WE
17 SHOULD BE FOR POLITICAL RESPONSIBILITY. A PRODUCTIVE SOCIETY
18 CAN MAKE A BETTER SOCIETY. A FAILURE SOCIETY WOULD BRING A
19 FAILURE SOCIETY. ONE RACE SHOULD NOT HAVE AUTHORITY OVER OTHER
20 RACE. ANOTHER RACE SHOULDN'T HAVE OTHER PEOPLE'S DESTINATION,
21 SHOULDN'T BE CONTROLLING OTHER PEOPLE'S DESTINATION. BUT
22 ANYWAY, THE GOVERNMENT IS THE ENEMY, AND NOT THE SOLUTION. THE
23 CITIZEN NEEDS CHECKS AND ARTISTS. BIG GOVERNMENT HAVE TAXES.
24 MORE GOVERNMENT AND HIGHER TAXES. A PLAN AND A PLOT WAS
25 CREATED, FOR BLACK AMERICA FAILED IN THIS CONDITION.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY,
3 MR. MUHAMMAD. MR., MUHAMMAD, WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
4 ALL RIGHT, NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. THANK YOU. SIR?

5

6 **SPEAKER:** SUPERVISORS, I WANT TO GIVE YOU MY TESTIMONY ABOUT
7 THE HOMELESS AND PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN THE STREETS. I WENT TO
8 CUBA IN 2004, WITH PASTORS FOR PEACE, AND WE WERE IN THE
9 CENTRAL PART OF HAVANA. AND SOME YOUNG PEOPLE COME TO US, AND
10 ASK US, "YOU COME FROM THE UNITED STATES?" "YES," WE TOLD
11 THEM. IT'S A SHAME FROM YOU THAT YOU HAVE PEOPLE LIVING AND
12 SLEEPING IN THE STREETS. WE, HERE IN CUBA, WE ABOLISHED THAT
13 THING IN 1959. OUR COMMANDER, FIDEL CASTRO, ABOLISHED THAT
14 SHAME. WE BELIEVE IN DEMOCRACY. WE BELIEVE IN HUMAN RIGHTS.
15 YOU DON'T. YOU ARE TAKING ABUSE WITH THE PEOPLE. THEY TOLD ME.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. YOUR
18 TIME HAS EXPIRED.

19

20 **SPEAKER:** WE NEED A POLITICAL REVOLUTION IN THE UNITED STATES.
21 LONG LIVE FIDEL CASTRO!

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
24 TESTIMONY. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THAT CONCLUDES THE PUBLIC
25 HEARING ON THE MATTER THAT'S BEFORE US. MADAME EXECUTIVE



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1 OFFICER, WE HAVE ITEMS 7 AND 8 BEFORE US. IF IT'S THE PLEASURE
2 OF THE BOARD, WE CAN PROCEED ACCORDINGLY. ITEM NUMBER 7.
3 SUPERVISOR BARGER, DO YOU WISH TO BE THE MAKER OF THE MOTION,
4 IN THIS REGARD?

5

6 **SUP. BARGER:** I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY THAT WHAT WE'VE HEARD
7 TODAY REALLY DOES HIGHLIGHT THE FACT THAT WE DO HAVE A CRISIS,
8 AND THIS IS AN EMERGENCY. AND I WOULD MOVE THAT WE DECLARE A
9 STATE OF EMERGENCY, AS IT RELATES TO THE HOMELESS.

10

11 **SUP RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. IT'S BEEN PROPERLY MOVED
12 BY SUPERVISOR BARGER, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. IF THERE'S
13 NO FURTHER DISCUSSION, MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL
14 THE ROLL.

15

16 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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18 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** AYE.

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20 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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22 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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24 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR HAHN?

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1 SUP. HAHN: AYE.

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3 LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR BARGER?

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5 SUP. BARGER: AYE.

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7 LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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9 SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR: AYE.

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11 LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.: THE MOTION CARRIES.

12

13 SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR: PLEASE DECLARE A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

14

15 LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.: UNANIMOUS. [APPLAUSE.]

16

17 SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR: ITEM NO. 8. HOLD ON JUST A MOMENT.

18 ITEM NUMBER 8. THIS IS A ONE-TWO PUNCH TODAY. WE HAVE TO TAKE

19 THE NEXT VOTE. SUPERVISOR HAHN, THE FLOOR IS YOURS.

20

21 SUP. HAHN: THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, AND I ENTHUSIASTICALLY

22 MOVE THAT WE VOTE TO PLACE A QUARTER-CENT SALES TAX ON THE

23 MARCH BALLOT. AND I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE WHO CAME DOWN TO

24 THE BOARD THIS MORNING TO TESTIFY. IT HAS BEEN REMARKABLE, THE

25 SUPPORT, THE ENCOURAGEMENT, THE TESTIMONY, THE AFFIRMATION,



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1 THAT THIS IS THE TIME TO ACT, TO PROVIDE A DEDICATED REVENUE
2 STREAM TO BEGIN TO ADDRESS THE INCREDIBLE CRISIS WHICH WE
3 HAVE, WITH 47,000 PEOPLE SLEEPING ON OUR STREETS. AND I AM
4 OVERJOYED THAT, AS I SAID EARLIER, THAT THIS IS THE FIRST
5 MOTION AS YOUR NEW COUNTY SUPERVISOR THAT HAS MY NAME ON IT.
6 AND I AM PROUD OF THAT, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH
7 EVERYONE TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS MEASURE PASSES IN MARCH. BUT I
8 HAVE A FEELING THAT THE VOTERS WILL BE WITH US, BECAUSE I DO
9 THINK THE TIME IS NOW, AND THEY WANT US TO ACT. THEY WANT US
10 TO ADDRESS THIS CRISIS, AND I BELIEVE THIS IS A GOOD START.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THE MATTER'S
13 BEFORE US. IS THERE A SECOND?

14

15 **SUP. SOLIS:** SECOND.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** IT'S BEEN MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN,
18 AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. THE MATTER IS NOW BEFORE US.
19 MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

20

21 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

22

23 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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1 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR
2 KUEHL?

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4 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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6 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR
7 HAHN?

8

9 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

10

11 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR
12 BARGER?

13

14 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

15

16 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR
17 RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** AYE.

20

21 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, AYE. THE
22 MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** IT'S UNANIMOUS. THANK YOU.

25 [APPLAUSE.] OH, MY, MY, MY. WE THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR PRESENCE



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1 HERE. THE TIME IS NOW 3:00 SHARP. ITEM NUMBER 3 IS BEFORE US,
2 MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER. NOW, LET ME JUST SIMPLY SAY, WE HAVE
3 ANOTHER ITEM TO TAKE UP AT THIS MOMENT. WE'RE GOING TO ASK
4 THAT THOSE WHO ARE NOT ON ANY OTHER ITEM, WHO MAY WISH TO
5 LEAVE, DO SO AS QUIETLY, ALTHOUGH AS ENTHUSIASTICALLY, AS
6 POSSIBLE. PLEASE RESPECT THE DECORUM OF THE BOARDROOM. ITEM
7 NUMBER 3 IS BEFORE US.

8

9 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** MR. CHAIRMAN, ITEM NO. 3 AND S-1
10 ARE BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS HAS REQUESTED TO SPEAK, AND
11 YOU HAVE A NUMBER OF PRESENTERS.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE'RE GOING TO TURN NOW
14 TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS. PLEASE GIVE HER YOUR UNDIVIDED ATTENTION.
15 AND THERE ARE SEVERAL PERSONS WHO WISH TO BE HEARD. I WILL
16 CALL THEM. AND THE PERSONS THAT I CALL WILL BE AFFORDED TWO
17 MINUTES, AND THE BALANCE OF THE SPEAKERS WILL BE ACCORDED ONE
18 MINUTE, PER THE REQUEST AND SUGGESTION OF THE EXECUTIVE
19 OFFICER. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

20

21 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, AND CONGRATULATIONS TO
22 YOU ON YOUR HARD WORK FOR PASSAGE OF THIS EMERGENCY MEASURE ON
23 HOMELESSNESS, AND ALSO THE QUARTER-CENT SALES TAX. I KNOW
24 YOU'VE WORKED DILIGENTLY IN THE PAST TWO YEARS, SO I DO WANT
25 TO PERSONALLY CONGRATULATE YOU. BUT THERE ARE SO MANY PRESSING



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1 ISSUES BEFORE US TODAY, AND THIS IS A MOTION THAT I BROUGHT
2 BEFORE THE BOARD, AND I'D LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR
3 ALSO CO-AUTHORING THIS WITH ME, BECAUSE IT IS A SPECIAL TIME
4 FOR US HERE. THIS IS A MOTION THAT WILL HELP TO ADDRESS THE
5 IMMIGRATION PROTECTION, SECURITY, AND SAFETY OF OUR RESIDENTS
6 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. TODAY, I AM BRINGING TO YOU THIS
7 MOTION, BECAUSE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, WE KNOW THAT WE
8 ARE HOME TO 3.4 MILLION IMMIGRANTS, AND THAT NEARLY 1 MILLION
9 OF THOSE IMMIGRANTS ARE CONSIDERED UNDOCUMENTED. THAT MEANS
10 THAT WHEN PRESIDENT-ELECT THREATENS TO DEPORT UP TO 3 MILLION
11 OF OUR NATION'S IMMIGRANTS, HE HAS TARGETED THE VERY RESIDENTS
12 THAT WE REPRESENT IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND THIS IS A VERY
13 REAL THREAT. MANY OF OUR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES HAVE BEEN
14 LIVING IN FEAR OF BEING SEPARATED FROM THEIR LOVED ONES, FROM
15 BEING SENT BACK TO A PLACE THAT THEY NO LONGER CALL HOME, AND
16 OF HAVING THEIR ENTIRE EXISTENCE TURNED UPSIDE DOWN. I HAVE
17 NUMEROUS LETTERS THAT WERE SUBMITTED TO ME BY SOME
18 SCHOOLCHILDREN IN MY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, FROM EAST LOS ANGELES,
19 TELLING ME, "HOW IS IT, SUPERVISOR, THAT WE COULD HAVE SEEN
20 THIS ELECTION TAKE PLACE IN THE MANNER THAT IT DID, AND NOW I
21 DON'T KNOW IF I WILL HAVE MY MOTHER OR FATHER WITH ME IN MY
22 HOME? I DON'T KNOW IF I'LL BE ABLE TO COME TO SCHOOL ANYMORE.
23 I DON'T KNOW WHY PEOPLE ARE PICKING ON ME BECAUSE MY PARENTS
24 WERE BORN IN MEXICO, AND I WAS BORN HERE." I HAVE THOSE
25 LETTERS HERE, AND I'D BE HAPPY TO SHARE THEM WITH THE BOARD.



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1 BUT I ALSO HAVE, AND I'M VERY PROUD, OF OVER 47 LETTERS THAT I
2 RECEIVED FROM LOCAL NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE STANDING
3 WITH US ON THIS MOTION TODAY. AND I ALSO WANT TO CALL OUT THE
4 MAYOR OF OUR CITY, GARCETTI, KEVIN DE LEON, AND ALSO OTHER
5 STATEWIDE OFFICE HOLDERS, INCLUDING 8 OF OUR HOUSE MEMBERS,
6 SIGNATURES BY KAREN BASS AND OTHER FRIENDS: GRACE NAPOLITANO,
7 JUDY CHU-- PEOPLE THAT WERE JUST HERE YESTERDAY, THAT ARE
8 SIGNING ON BOARD, ON THIS MOTION. I'M HERE TO SAY THAT TODAY
9 IS A DAY ABOUT THE BEGINNING: THE BEGINNING OF L.A. COUNTY
10 STANDING UP FOR OUR RESIDENTS. WE SEE THIS HAPPENING
11 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. SAN FRANCISCO HAS ALREADY TAKEN A
12 POSITION TO HELP PUT MONEY TOWARDS THE REPRESENTATION-- LEGAL
13 REPRESENTATION-- FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE IMMIGRANTS. I'M NOT SAYING
14 WE'RE THERE YET, BUT THIS IS A BEGINNING. WHAT I'M ASKING IN
15 THIS MOTION IS THAT WE GATHER INFORMATION FROM OUR COUNTY
16 DEPARTMENTS; THAT IS, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES,
17 DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, OUR L.A. SHERIFF'S
18 OFFICE-- ALL OF THE OFFICES THAT TOUCH, ONE WAY OR ANOTHER,
19 OUR FAMILIES. AND THE VERY FACT THAT WE HAVE SO MANY YOUNG
20 PEOPLE-- YOUNG PEOPLE, D.A.C.A. AND OTHERS-- THAT ARE
21 CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS, WE NEED TO STAND
22 FIRM AND NOT ALLOW FOR THIS RHETORIC TO BE ESPOUSED, THAT
23 SOMEHOW 3 MILLION PEOPLE ARE GOING TO BE DEPORTED, MANY OF
24 WHOM ARE IN THE D.A.C.A. PROGRAM. THE D.A.C.A. PROGRAM, AS YOU
25 KNOW, IS THE DEFERRED ACTION PROGRAM THAT WAS DEVELOPED BY



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1 PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA, TO HELP SAFEGUARD YOUNGSTERS AFTER
2 BEING EDUCATED HERE, GOING TO SCHOOL HERE, MAYBE BROUGHT HERE
3 UNDER NO FAULT OF THEIR OWN, WERE ALLOWED TO ESTABLISH A WORK
4 PERMIT AND TO GO TO COLLEGE. AND I KNOW SUPERVISOR HAHN AND
5 OTHERS WORKED FEARLESSLY ON BEHALF OF THAT EXECUTIVE ORDER, TO
6 SEE THAT IT STAYED IN PLACE. NOW, AFTER TWO YEARS THAT IT HAS
7 BEEN IN PLACE, WE KNOW THAT THERE ARE OVER 700,000 INDIVIDUALS
8 ENROLLED IN THE PROGRAM, 214,000 IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
9 ALONE, AND AT LEAST 70,000 THAT RESIDE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
10 WE NEED TO STAND UP FOR THESE YOUNG PEOPLE, SOME OF WHOM YOU
11 WILL HEAR TODAY, WHO HAVE MADE IT; WHO HAVE, THROUGH WHATEVER
12 FIERCE CHALLENGE THAT THEY'VE BEEN FACED WITH, THEY'VE BEEN
13 ABLE TO FACE THAT CHALLENGE. AND THEY'RE HERE BECAUSE THEY
14 WANT TO BE A PART OF THE AMERICAN DREAM, OUR FABRIC. AND I, AS
15 A DAUGHTER, FIRST GENERATION OF IMMIGRANTS, FEEL PERSONALLY
16 INSULTED WHEN I HEAR RHETORIC ABOUT MY RACE OR MY ETHNICITY OR
17 MY CULTURE. I FEAR WHEN I HEAR WORDS ABOUT PEOPLE WHO HAVE A
18 DIFFERENT RELIGION, OTHER THAN MINE, THAT ARE ALSO BEING
19 SCAPEGOATED. THIS IS ABOUT PROTECTING NOT JUST PEOPLE WHO
20 SPEAK SPANISH OR LOOK LIKE HILDA SOLIS; THIS IS ABOUT PEOPLE
21 WHO COME FROM OTHER COUNTRIES, WHO'VE MADE THEIR HOME HERE:
22 STUDENTS, WORKERS, FAMILIES, PEOPLE WHO SUPPORT OUR ECONOMY.
23 THEY COME FROM EUROPE, FROM GERMANY, FROM IRELAND, FROM
24 CANADA, FROM SOUTH AFRICA, FROM THE MIDDLE EAST, FROM LATIN
25 AMERICA AND CENTRAL AMERICA. THESE ARE THE PEOPLE THAT I'M



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1 TALKING ABOUT WHEN I'M TALKING ABOUT THIS MOTION THAT'S BEFORE
2 US. SO IT IS ABOUT L.A. COUNTY, AND IT IS ABOUT COLLECTING
3 DATA, AND GETTING OUR ARMS AROUND THAT, AND WORKING WITH THAT,
4 AND THEN UNDERSTANDING WHAT PROTECTIONS WE NEED TO ESTABLISH,
5 ONE OF WHICH, I WOULD URGE THE SHERIFF TO CONTINUE TO UPHOLD
6 THE CURRENT PRACTICES THAT ARE IN PLACE NOW, TO PROTECT AND
7 DEFEND OUR COMMUNITIES AND NEIGHBORHOODS, BUT NOT TO ACT AS
8 I.C.E. AGENTS. THAT IS SOMETHING THAT IS SO, SO VERY IMPORTANT
9 FOR OUR COUNTY. I WOULD ALSO SAY THAT THE COUNTY OFFICE OF
10 EDUCATION NEEDS TO HELP BE A SAFE HAVEN FOR OUR CHILDREN. JUST
11 AS L.A. UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS SAID THAT, I HOPE THAT WE
12 COULD STAND TALL, AND THAT WE CAN WORK TOWARDS THAT. OF
13 COURSE, MUCH OF THIS IS UNDETERMINED, BECAUSE IT WILL COME TO
14 BEAR AFTER JANUARY THE 20TH, WHEN PRESIDENT TRUMP THEN
15 ESTABLISHES HIS CABINET, AND WE'LL SEE WHAT ACTIONS THEY WILL
16 TAKE. I HOPE THAT HE COULD BE PERSUADED, OR HIS CABINET
17 MEMBERS TO BE REASONABLE, TO THINK ABOUT THE ECONOMIC IMPACT
18 THAT IT WOULD HAVE IN L.A. COUNTY IF WE WERE TO DEPORT EVEN 3
19 MILLION PEOPLE. IT WOULD BE HORRENDOUS. IT WOULD AFFECT OUR
20 PORTS. IT WOULD AFFECT OUR GROWING ECONOMY, OUR MANUFACTURING.
21 THE DOWNTOWN TOWERS THAT ARE BEING BUILT RIGHT NOW ARE BEING
22 BUILT BY IMMIGRANTS. IF YOU WERE TO TAKE AWAY THOSE JOBS AND
23 THOSE LIVES, YOU WOULD SEE OUR UNEMPLOYMENT RATE GO UP. I CAN
24 ALMOST GUARANTEE IT. BUT I WOULD ASK TODAY THAT ALL OF YOU
25 SIGN ON BOARD, IF YOU CAN, AND JOIN US-- NOT JUST HILDA SOLIS,



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1 BUT ALL OF US IN THE COUNTY-- TO MOVE FORWARD ON THIS VERY
2 IMPORTANT ITEM. IT'S A NATIONAL ISSUE. LAST WEEK, I HAD THE
3 PRIVILEGE OF VISITING OUR FRIENDS IN THE WHITE HOUSE, AND ALSO
4 IN WASHINGTON, AND HEARD FIRSTHAND FROM SENATOR FEINSTEIN,
5 SENATOR DICK DURBIN, AND OTHERS THAT REPRESENT OUR CALIFORNIA
6 DELEGATION, TELLING ME THAT THEY WERE COMPELLED TO DO
7 SOMETHING, AND WANTED TO HEAR FIRSTHAND FROM THE COUNTY, FROM
8 PEOPLE, TO KNOW WHAT IT IS THAT OUR FAMILIES ARE HAVING TO
9 FACE. AND THEY ALSO AGREED TO, HOPEFULLY, COME FORWARD AND
10 HOST A FORUM HERE WITH US, BECAUSE WE ARE, IN MY OPINION, THE
11 INCUBATOR. WE HAVE IT ALL HERE, AND COULD DEFINITELY HELP TO
12 INFORM A BETTER DISCUSSION AND DEBATE AROUND THIS ITEM. SO I
13 HOPE YOU WILL JOIN ME IN THAT. WE HAVE SEVERAL PRESENTERS
14 TODAY, BUT I DO WANT TO ASK IF THE CO-AUTHOR WOULD LIKE TO SAY
15 ANYTHING: SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL, WHO'S JOINED ME, WHO'S BEEN
16 WITH ME, WORKING ON D.A.C.A. AND D.A.P.A. THIS LAST YEAR, AS
17 WELL AS SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. BUT TO SEE THIS COME TO
18 FRUITION IN THAT MANNER, THAT INSTITUTION, THAT STRUCTURE,
19 THAT COULD NOW BE A NEW TASK FORCE FOR IMMIGRANT FAMILIES, IS
20 JUST MONUMENTAL FOR US. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. [APPLAUSE.]

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT.
23 ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU. WE THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'RE NOW GOING
24 TO HEAR FROM THE CO-AUTHOR OF THE MOTION, SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** I WAS JUST THINKING... I THINK WE SHOULD TAKE A
2 DEEP BREATH HERE, FOR A MINUTE. THIS IS AN EXTRAORDINARY DAY
3 IN MANY WAYS. CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CHAIR AND TO OUR TWO NEW
4 SUPERVISORS, WHO WORKED TOGETHER; ESPECIALLY, I WOULD SAY,
5 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, ON THE LONG, ARDUOUS WORK THAT
6 CULMINATED IN THE SUCCESSFUL ADOPTION TODAY OF TWO MOTIONS
7 RELATED TO HOMELESSNESS. IT WAS EXTRAORDINARY. AND TO MY--
8 THAT'S ALL RIGHT. HE ALREADY GOT PLENTY OF APPLAUSE. AND TO MY
9 COLLEAGUE, HILDA SOLIS, WHO HAS TAKEN THE LEAD ON THIS ISSUE,
10 ON THIS BOARD, OF IMMIGRATION. WE DID A PRESS CONFERENCE NOT
11 TOO LONG AGO, AND I SAID, NOT A PHRASE THAT I HAVE MADE UP,
12 BUT I HEARD: WE ALL CAME HERE ON DIFFERENT SHIPS, BUT WE'RE IN
13 THE SAME BOAT NOW. AND IN THIS COUNTY, IT SEEMS SURER TO ME
14 THAN ALMOST ANYWHERE ELSE IN THE WORLD. THERE ARE A COUPLE OF
15 HUNDRED DIFFERENT ETHNICITIES, DIFFERENT ORIGINS FROM
16 DIFFERENT COUNTRIES, AND WE HAVEN'T JUST GONE FROM ONE
17 UNCONNECTED ISSUE TO ANOTHER, BECAUSE WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT
18 HOME. WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT HOME. WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT
19 THOSE WHO DON'T HAVE A HOME, BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE A PLACE
20 TO LIVE. AND NOW WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THOSE OF US WHO LEFT OUR
21 HOME, EITHER IN CHAOS OR WITH HOPE TO JOIN A FAMILY, TO MAKE A
22 FAMILY, TO FIND WORK, WHATEVER IT WAS. I'M A SECOND-
23 GENERATION, BUT MY MOTHER WAS THE FIRST IN HER FAMILY BORN IN
24 THE UNITED STATES. HER SISTER WAS NOT. AND IT IS SO IMPORTANT
25 FOR US TO STAND TOGETHER, AS WE HAVE OVER SO MANY YEARS, TO



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1 DEFEND THOSE WHO COUNT ON US, BECAUSE WE SIT UP HERE IN THESE
2 BIG CHAIRS, AND WE'VE GOT, EVERYONE THINKS, A LOT OF POWER,
3 THOUGH ESSENTIALLY, WE SAY, "MAKE IT SO," AND THEN HOPE
4 SOMEONE WILL, IN OUR DEPARTMENTS. BUT WE ALSO KNOW, THROUGH
5 OUR CONSTITUENTS, THROUGH OUR FAMILIES, THROUGH OUR FRIENDS,
6 HOW VULNERABLE POPULATIONS ARE SCARED ALL THE TIME. ONE
7 GENTLEMAN WAS JUST VERY KIND TO TALK ABOUT MY WORK IN THE
8 L.G.B.T.Q. COMMUNITY. WE HAVE TALKED ABOUT EVERYONE'S WORK IN
9 OUR VARIOUS VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES, AND NOW WE'RE TALKING
10 ABOUT, REALLY, A COMMUNITY THAT'S THE PRIME TARGET OF THE
11 PRESIDENT-ELECT, AND MANY ON HIS CABINET. SO IT'S INCUMBENT ON
12 US TO BE BRAVE, WHICH WE'RE PREPARED TO DO: TO STEP UP, TO SAY
13 TO HIM, "NOT IN MY HOUSE. NOT IN MY COUNTY. NOT IN MY STATE."
14 [APPLAUSE.] AND WE WILL STAND TOGETHER, BECAUSE AS MUCH AS
15 PEOPLE SOMETIMES COME UP AND TESTIFY, "YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT MY
16 LIFE'S BEEN LIKE," I HAVE TO TELL YOU THAT WE KNOW WHAT A LOT
17 OF LIVES HAVE BEEN LIKE, AND WE HEAR YOU, AND WE HAVE HEARD
18 YOU. SO, PRAISE TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR BRINGING THIS. I LOOK
19 FORWARD TO THE TESTIMONY. THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, FOR GIVING
20 ME THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. BEFORE WE GO TO THE
23 AUDIENCE THAT MAY WISH TO BE HEARD, I WILL ASK IF THERE ARE
24 ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM OUR COLLEAGUES. SUPERVISOR HAHN,
25 SUPERVISOR BARGER? ALL RIGHT, SUPERVISOR BARGER.



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1
2 **SUP. BARGER:** EARLIER, WHEN WE WERE TALKING ABOUT THE HOMELESS,
3 I THINK, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, YOU POINTED OUT THAT ONE OF EVERY
4 35 PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES LIVE IN L.A. COUNTY. AND WHAT'S
5 MISSING FROM THIS MOTION IS THE FACT THAT WITH ONE OF EVERY 35
6 PEOPLE LIVING IN L.A. COUNTY, WE HAVE A VOICE AND THE POWER TO
7 EFFECT IMMIGRATION REFORM. WE SHOULD NOT BE AT A LOCAL LEVEL,
8 TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WAYS TO CIRCUMVENT THE LAWS, AND EVEN
9 UNDERMINE THE CONSTITUTION. WE SHOULD BE LOOKING AT HOW ARE WE
10 GOING TO ADDRESS THE FACT THAT WASHINGTON HAS FAILED TO
11 ADDRESS IMMIGRATION REFORM, OVER THE YEARS. AND AS I'VE TOLD
12 PEOPLE, I FIND IT... I DON'T EVEN KNOW, REALLY, WHAT THE WORD
13 IS, OTHER THAN SHAMEFUL, THAT ON ONE HAND, THE FEDERAL
14 GOVERNMENT WILL REIMBURSE US FOR THE COST OF PEOPLE
15 INCARCERATED, THAT ARE HERE IN THIS COUNTRY ILLEGALLY, BUT
16 THEY WILL NOT REIMBURSE US FOR BASIC HEALTHCARE FOR THOSE THAT
17 ARE TRYING TO GET BASIC HEALTHCARE, ESPECIALLY IN THE PUBLIC
18 HEALTH. AND I TELL PEOPLE THAT DISEASE DOES NOT KNOW PLACE OF
19 ORIGIN. SO I WOULD ASK THAT, IN ADDITION TO CONSIDERING WHAT
20 WE'RE TALKING ABOUT TODAY, THAT WE ALSO BE LEADERS. AND I KNOW
21 IT'S BEEN POINTED OUT THAT I'M THE LONE REPUBLICAN ON THE
22 BOARD, FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH, BUT I AM WILLING TO USE MY VOICE
23 TO PUSH THIS ISSUE IN WASHINGTON. BECAUSE AGAIN, SUPERVISOR
24 SOLIS, I HEAR WHAT YOU'RE SAYING. PEOPLE SHOULD NOT BE MADE TO
25 LIVE IN THE SHADOWS, NOR SHOULD WE ALLOW THEM TO LIVE IN FEAR



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1 THAT SOMEONE'S GOING TO KNOCK ON THEIR DOOR. AND I APPRECIATE
2 THE FACT THAT THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF RHETORIC, AND NOW WE'VE
3 SEEN THE PRESIDENT-ELECT KIND OF BACK DOWN, IN TERMS OF WHAT
4 HE'S TALKING ABOUT, ALTHOUGH NO ONE'S QUITE SURE WHAT THAT IS.
5 AND SO THERE'S A FEAR IN THE COMMUNITY, AND I UNDERSTAND THAT:
6 A FEAR IN THE COMMUNITY. BUT AT THE SAME TIME, WE ARE MERELY
7 KICKING THE CAN, AND I THINK IT'S TIME FOR US, AS A BOARD, TO
8 STAND UNITED AND SAY THAT WELFARE REFORM-- WELFARE. WELL,
9 THAT, TOO. IMMIGRATION REFORM NEEDS TO BE FRONT AND CENTER, AS
10 IT RELATES TO THIS BOARD AND WHAT WE ARE GOING TO TACKLE THIS
11 YEAR. AND SO WITH THAT, I WOULD JUST ASK THAT YOU ALL CONSIDER
12 AN AMENDMENT THAT WOULD DIRECT OUR WASHINGTON, D.C., ADVOCATES
13 TO REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD REGULARLY ON CONGRESSIONAL
14 ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS, POLICIES, EXECUTIVE ORDERS, AND
15 LEGISLATION PERTAINING TO IMMIGRATION. I'D ALSO DIRECT OUR
16 WASHINGTON, D.C., ADVOCATES TO DEVELOP AND COORDINATE
17 LEGISLATIVE AND ADVOCACY STRATEGIES FOR THE COUNTY TO BE
18 PRODUCTIVE IN IMMIGRATION REFORM DISCUSSIONS; AND NUMBER 3, TO
19 DIRECT OUR WASHINGTON, D.C., ADVOCATES TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE
20 COUNTY'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION THAT THE BOARD VIEWS
21 IMMIGRATION REFORM AS A CRITICAL ISSUE, AND AS A HIGH PRIORITY
22 FOR THE COUNTY. AND LAST, BUT NOT LEAST, I WOULD ASK THAT WE
23 DIRECT THE BOARD OR THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE TO CREATE A STANDING
24 AGENDA ITEM FOR FUTURE AGENDAS, FOR THE BOARD TO BE ABLE TO
25 RECEIVE IMMEDIATE UPDATES FROM STAFF REGARDING ACTIONS TAKEN



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1 BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, RELATING TO IMMIGRATION POLICIES,
2 DIRECTIONS, ACTIONS, AND ACTIVITIES.

3

4 **SUP. KUEHL:** AND I THINK THERE'S A NUMBER 5, IF I'M NOT
5 MISTAKEN.

6

7 **SUP. BARGER:** YES, THERE IS. LAST, BUT NOT LEAST, THEN, DIRECT
8 THE C.E.O., IN CONJUNCTION WITH RELEVANT COUNTY DEPARTMENTS
9 AND BOARD OFFICES, TO REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD IN WRITING, IN
10 45 DAYS, WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS ON ADVOCACY POSITIONS THE
11 BOARD CAN TAKE, IN SUPPORT OF IMMIGRATION REFORM. WITH THAT, I
12 WOULD SO SUBMIT THAT, AS WELL, TO BE CONSIDERED. [APPLAUSE.]

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THE ITEM IS... I
15 INTERPRET THAT IS AN ACCEPTANCE OF THE AMENDMENT, SUPERVISOR.

16

17 **SUP. SOLIS:** I WOULD PREFER TO HEAR THE TESTIMONY FIRST, AND I
18 WOULD JUST--

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20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WELL, WE'RE NOT GOING TO ACT ON IT.
21 WE WON'T ACT ON IT UNTIL WE HEAR THE TESTIMONY.

22

23 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, YES. AND I ALSO-- WELL, I MEAN, NOT JUST
24 ACTING ON IT, BUT FOR ME TO SAY THAT I ACCEPT IT AS A FRIENDLY
25 AMENDMENT. I WANT TO HEAR FROM FOLKS. AND I DO WANT TO JUST



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1 REITERATE, THIS LAST WEEK THAT I SPENT IN WASHINGTON, I MET
2 WITH OUR ADVOCATES. IT'S THEIR JOB TO DO THIS NOW. THEY DON'T
3 HAVE TO BE TOLD, NECESSARILY. IF YOU WANT TO SAY IT IN
4 WRITING, THAT'S ONE THING. BUT I THINK THAT THAT'S A PART OF
5 THEIR JOB NOW, AND THEIR RESPONSIBILITY. I DO AGREE THAT WE
6 NEED TO HAVE THIS AS AN ITEM, FOR EVERY TIME THAT WE NEED TO
7 BRING IT UP. BUT THERE IS SO MUCH NEGOTIATION AND SO MUCH
8 THAT'S GOING TO CHANGE, THAT I DON'T WANT TO JUST PRESCRIBE
9 THAT OUR LEGISLATIVE TEAM BE THE ONLY ONE, BECAUSE THERE'S A
10 LOT OF US HERE THAT ALSO INTERACT WITH OUR LAWMAKERS, AND CAN,
11 IN DIFFERENT WAYS, INTERACT. FOR EXAMPLE, I SERVE ON THE
12 BIPARTISAN COMMISSION, NATIONALLY, RIGHT NOW, WITH FORMER
13 CABINET, BOTH REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRAT, TO TALK ABOUT THIS
14 ISSUE. SO THERE ARE MANY VENUES THAT I THINK WE COULD TAKE.
15 BUT I WOULD JUST SAY THAT, RIGHT NOW, I WOULD CAUTION, AND
16 JUST SAY OUR LEGE TEAM SHOULD BE DOING THIS NOW, AND I BELIEVE
17 THAT THEY ARE. SO I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING THE TESTIMONIES.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
20 SUPERVISOR HAHN, AND THEN WE'LL GO TO YOUR TESTIMONY.

21

22 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND I AM HERE, CERTAINLY,
23 SUPPORTING THE MOTION BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. AND WHILE I
24 SECONDED THE FRIENDLY AMENDMENT BY SUPERVISOR BARGER, I WILL
25 SAY, HAVING JUST COME FROM WASHINGTON, D.C., AND SPENDING THE



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1 LAST 5-1/2 YEARS THERE, THAT IS ALL WE WERE ASKING AND BEGGING
2 THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE, WAS PLEASE LET US VOTE ON
3 IMMIGRATION REFORM. WE FELT LIKE THERE WERE VOTES ON THE HOUSE
4 FLOOR TO PASS A COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM, WHICH WAS A
5 BIPARTISAN EFFORT. WE NEVER GOT THAT CHANCE TO VOTE ON THAT.
6 WE HAD PEOPLE COME FROM ALL OVER THIS COUNTRY, PRAYING,
7 FASTING. THERE WAS A GROUP THAT FASTED AND PRAYED ON THE
8 CAPITOL MALL IN TENTS FOR 40 DAYS, HOPING THAT THEY WOULD
9 SOFTEN THE HEART OF THE SPEAKER TO BRING IMMIGRATION REFORM TO
10 A VOTE. IT NEVER HAPPENED. SO WE KNOW OUR IMMIGRATION SYSTEM
11 IS BROKEN. WE KNOW THERE NEEDS TO BE COMPREHENSIVE REFORM. BUT
12 IN THE MEANTIME, I THINK THIS IS THE OPPORTUNITY FOR LOS
13 ANGELES COUNTY TO PLANT A FLAG, THAT WE WILL PROTECT OUR
14 IMMIGRANT FAMILIES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AT ALL COST. AND IN
15 MY INAUGURAL ADDRESS YESTERDAY, I SAID THAT MY STAFF IN
16 CONGRESS, WE WORKED OVERTIME TO IMPLEMENT D.A.C.A. WE BROUGHT
17 THESE YOUNG PEOPLE OUT OF THE SHADOWS. THESE ARE THE YOUNG
18 PEOPLE THAT CAME TO THIS COUNTRY, AND KNOW NO OTHER COUNTRY
19 BUT AMERICA, AND ARE AMERICAN IN EVERY WAY, EXCEPT ON PAPER.
20 THEY ARE OUR VALEDICTORIANS. THEY ARE OUR VETERANS. AND I AM
21 FEELING A MAJOR PANG OF-- I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S GUILT, BUT TO
22 THINK THAT I MIGHT HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO BRINGING FORTH DATA AND
23 INFORMATION ABOUT THESE YOUNG PEOPLE, THAT NOW COULD BE TURNED
24 AGAINST THEM, BREAKS MY HEART. SO YOU KNOW THAT I AM GOING TO
25 DO EVERYTHING I CAN TO PROTECT THEM. THERE WAS A MOMENT WHEN



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1 THE POPE WAS RIDING THROUGH THE STREETS OF WASHINGTON, D.C.,
2 BEFORE HIS FIRST JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS, AND A YOUNG WOMAN
3 FROM SOUTH GATE WAS LIFTED UP TO HIS POPEMOBILE, AND SHE HAD A
4 T-SHIRT THAT SAID "PLEASE SAVE D.A.P.A.," AND THAT WAS THE
5 DEFERRED ACTION FOR PARENTS OF AMERICAN CHILDREN. SO THIS HAS
6 RISEN UP ACROSS THIS COUNTRY, AND I KNOW THAT WE NOW HAVE AN
7 OPPORTUNITY. AND WHILE I HOPE TO GOD OUR ADVOCATES IN D.C.
8 WILL PREVAIL, AND THAT IMMIGRATION-- COMPREHENSIVE
9 IMMIGRATION-- REFORM WILL SOMEDAY BE A REALITY, IN THE
10 MEANTIME, WE MUST PROTECT THE IMMIGRANT FAMILIES HERE IN LOS
11 ANGELES COUNTY, IF WE HAVE TO BUILD A WALL AROUND LOS ANGELES
12 COUNTY TO PROTECT THEM FROM... [APPLAUSE.]

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. OKAY. THANK YOU VERY
15 MUCH. I THINK THAT GIVES US THE GREEN LIGHT TO GO TO THOSE OF
16 YOU WHO WISH TO BE HEARD. MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER, ARE THERE
17 ANY INSTRUCTIONS YOU WISH TO SHARE WITH US, AT THIS TIME?

18

19 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** AT THIS TIME, MR. CHAIRMAN, YOU
20 HAVE A LIST OF PRESENTERS, AND THEN AFTER THAT, WE WILL HAVE
21 FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS, BASED ON THE NUMBER OF SPEAKERS THAT
22 HAVE SIGNED UP.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MAY
25 I THEN ASK THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSONS COME FORTH:



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1 COUNCILMEMBER DAVID RYU, MARAL KARACCUSIAN, HANS LIANG, PERLA
2 HERNANDEZ, DAVE GILLOTTE, LINDA LOPEZ, JAN PERRY, RUSTY HICKS,
3 JOSEPH VILLELA, ARLENE INOUYE, DIEGO SEPULVEDA, CINTHIA
4 FLORES, SISSY TRINH, AND SUNETTE AMASOL. ALL RIGHT. THOSE
5 PERSONS ARE INVITED TO BE HEARD. THE TIME IS YOURS, MR.
6 COUNCILMAN. THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE, AND PROCEED.

7

8 **DAVID RYU:** HELLO? THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR, AND GOOD AFTERNOON,
9 SUPERVISORS. AND AGAIN, CONGRATULATIONS TO SUPERVISOR JANICE
10 HAHN AND SUPERVISOR KATHRYN BARGER. AND OF COURSE, I WANT TO
11 SAY HELLO TO MY SUPERVISOR, SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL. I AM LOS
12 ANGELES CITY COUNCILMEMBER DAVID RYU, SPEAKING IN STRONG
13 SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION. LOS ANGELES IS A PLACE OF REFUGE FOR
14 PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE, REGARDLESS OF ONE'S BACKGROUND,
15 INCOME, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION, OR EVEN
16 IMMIGRATION STATUS. I, PERSONALLY, IMMIGRATED FROM SOUTH KOREA
17 WHEN I WAS SIX YEARS OLD. I AM BOTH A PRODUCT AND THE
18 BENEFICIARY OF THE INCLUSIVENESS AND DIVERSITY THAT WE
19 CELEBRATE HERE IN LOS ANGELES. OVER 3 MILLION IMMIGRANTS LIVE,
20 WORK, AND CONTRIBUTE TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY. LIKE MY PARENTS,
21 THESE ARE HARDWORKING PEOPLE WHO CAME TO OUR SHORES TO GIVE
22 THEIR CHILDREN A BRIGHTER FUTURE. THEY ARE NOT MURDERERS OR
23 RAPISTS, BUT RATHER LOVING FAMILIES, SEEKING TO BENEFIT FROM
24 THE AMERICAN DREAM. WHILE THE PRESIDENT-ELECT QUESTIONS THE
25 GREATNESS OF OUR COMMUNITIES, ANGELINOS HAVE ALWAYS KNOWN WE



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1 ARE STRONGER TOGETHER. BEFORE YOU TODAY IS A MOTION AUTHORED
2 BY SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS, WHICH AIMS TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF
3 HARDWORKING IMMIGRANTS AND THEIR FAMILIES: ADULTS WHO HAVE
4 DEDICATED THEIR LIVES TO BUILDING, INVENTING, AND MAKING A
5 DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY, AND THEIR CHILDREN, WHO HAVE
6 ALWAYS CALLED LOS ANGELES HOME. I REALLY WANT TO THANK
7 SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS FOR INITIATING THIS COMPASSIONATE
8 MOTION, AND I URGE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO PASS IT, SO
9 THESE FAMILIES CAN LIVE THEIR LIVES WITHOUT FEAR AND
10 SEPARATION. THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT
13 SPEAKER. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WITH YOUR CONSENT, WE'RE GOING
14 TO TRANSITION TO RAISING THE ROOF AGAIN. ALL RIGHT? ALL RIGHT,
15 THANKS SO MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

16

17 **MARAL KARACCUSIAN:** MY NAME IS MARAL KARACCUSIAN. I'M
18 CONGRESSWOMAN KAREN BASS'S DISTRICT DIRECTOR, AND I'M HERE TO
19 REPRESENT THE L.A. DELEGATION. WE HAD 8 MEMBERS OF CONGRESS
20 SIGN ONTO THIS JOINT LETTER, INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVE LUCILLE
21 ROYBAL-ALLARD, REPRESENTATIVES SCHIFF, CHU, WATERS, BECERRA,
22 SANCHEZ, AND REPRESENTATIVE CARDENAS. SO LET ME READ THEIR
23 STATEMENTS, SO I DON'T MISCONSTRUE ANYTHING, VERBATIM. SO,
24 "DEAR SUPERVISORS, WE WRITE IN SUPPORT AND SOLIDARITY OF THE
25 MOTION PROPOSED BY SUPERVISOR HILDA L. SOLIS, THAT CALLS ON



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1 LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO PREPARE FOR SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN
2 FEDERAL POLICY BY DEVELOPING STRATEGY FOR PROTECTING OUR
3 RESIDENTS, REGARDLESS OF IMMIGRATION STATUS. THE PRESIDENT-
4 ELECT HAS SPENT COUNTLESS MONTHS VOWING TO END OBAMACARE, TO
5 DEPORT MILLIONS OF OUR NATION'S IMMIGRANTS, TO BUILD A WALL ON
6 THE BOARDER WITH MEXICO, AND SO MUCH MORE THAT AFFECTS THE
7 VERY FABRIC OF OUR COMMUNITY. HIS ACTIONS AND UNPREDICTABILITY
8 HAS PROVOKED ANXIETY AND FEAR AMONG MANY RESIDENTS OF LOS
9 ANGELES COUNTY, WHICH IS HOME TO MORE THAN 3 MILLION
10 IMMIGRANTS. IT IS CRITICAL THAT THE COUNTY ACT NOW TO REASSURE
11 ALL COUNTY RESIDENTS THAT ITS LEADERS ARE COMMITTED TO TAKING
12 CONCRETE STEPS--

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** PARDON ME, JUST FOR A MOMENT. WE'RE
15 TRYING TO HEAR YOU.

16

17 **MARAL KARACCUSIAN:** OH, SORRY.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** NOT TRYING TO HEAR WHATEVER THAT IS
20 OVER THERE.

21

22 **MARAL KARACCUSIAN:** WE GOOD? I'M BACK? OKAY.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, LET'S MAKE SURE THAT THE
25 SPEAKERS WHO ARE HERE CAN BE HEARD. THAT GOES FOR THOSE WHO



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1 ARE AFFORDED THE TIME HERE, AS WELL AS THE MEMBERS OF THE
2 BOARD.

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4 **MARAL KARACCUSIAN:** THANK YOU.

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

7

8 **MARAL KARACCUSIAN:** THANK YOU. SO IT IS CRITICAL THAT THE
9 COUNTY ACT NOW TO REASSURE ALL COUNTY RESIDENTS THAT ITS
10 LEADERS ARE COMMITTED TO TAKING CONCRETE STEPS TO DIFFUSE
11 POTENTIALLY DEVASTATING CONSEQUENCES, NOT ONLY FOR IMMIGRANT
12 COMMUNITIES, BUT ALSO FOR OUR ECONOMY, SAFETY NET, AND SOCIAL
13 COHESION. LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS UNIQUELY POSITIONED TO
14 FACILITATE AND HELP LEAD THIS REGIONAL EFFORT THAT CAN SET THE
15 TONE FOR THE REST OF THE COUNTRY. THE MOTION AUTHORED BY
16 SUPERVISOR SOLIS LEVERAGES THE COUNTY'S EXISTING DEPARTMENTS
17 TO ACT AS RESOURCES FOR IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES, CITIES, AND
18 SERVICE PROVIDERS, BY BREAKING THE SILOS AND WORKING TO
19 PROTECT OUR COMMUNITIES. WE URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THIS
20 LEGISLATION TO ENSURE THAT THE COUNTY DOES EVERYTHING WITHIN
21 ITS POWER TO PROTECT AND SERVE EVERY ONE OF ITS RESIDENTS. WE
22 LOOK FORWARD TO PARTNERING WITH YOU, TO IMPLEMENTING THESE
23 CHANGES, TO DEFEND AND SHOW SOLIDARITY WITH OUR IMMIGRANT
24 COMMUNITIES, AND STRENGTHEN OUR COUNTY AND OUR NATION. THANK
25 YOU.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. WE'LL
3 TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER. SIR?

4

5 **HANS LIANG:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS HANS LIANG.
6 I SERVE AS A COUNCILMEMBER AND FORMER MAYOR OF THE CITY OF
7 MONTERREY PARK. NOT ONLY AM I HERE TO REPRESENT OUR CITY, BUT
8 I ALSO SERVE AS THE FIRST VICE PRESIDENT FOR A.F.S.C.M.E.
9 LOCAL 365, THE L.A. COUNTY DEPUTY PROBATION OFFICERS UNION.
10 I'M HERE TO SPEAK IN STRONG SUPPORT OF THE MOTION PROPOSED BY
11 SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS, AND ALSO SECONDED BY SHEILA KUEHL,
12 WHICH CALLS ON THE COUNTY TO PREPARE FOR THE SIGNIFICANT
13 CHANGES IN FEDERAL POLICY, AND TO DEVELOP A STRATEGY FOR
14 PROTECTING OUR RESIDENTS, REGARDLESS OF IMMIGRATION STATUS. AS
15 YOU HAVE HEARD EARLIER, PRESIDENT-ELECT HAS VOWED TO DEPORT
16 MILLIONS OF OUR NATION'S IMMIGRANTS, AND THAT THREAT HAS
17 PROVOKED ANXIETY AND FEAR AMONG MANY RESIDENTS. AND FOR THOSE
18 OF YOU THAT KNOW, THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK HAS A VERY LARGE
19 IMMIGRANT POPULATION-- 67-PERCENT ASIAN, ABOUT 30-PERCENT
20 LATINO-- AND THAT FEAR AND ANXIETY HAS RESONATED IN OUR
21 COMMUNITY, AS WELL. SO I'M HERE TO URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THIS
22 MOTION THAT WAS BROUGHT FORTH BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND ALSO TO
23 OFFER OUR SUPPORT, NOT ONLY FROM MYSELF, FROM THE CITY, BUT
24 ALSO FROM OUR UNION, TO ENSURE THAT WE HAVE FAIR AND EQUAL
25 TREATMENT FOR EVERYONE HERE, REGARDLESS OF THEIR IMMIGRATION



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1 STATUS. THANK YOU. AND CONGRATULATIONS TO KATHRYN BARGER AND
2 JANICE HAHN FOR THEIR SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGNS AND APPOINTMENTS.
3 THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
6 PRESENCE AND YOUR TESTIMONY. WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER,
7 PLEASE.

8

9 **PERLA HERNANDEZ TRUMKUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS PERLA
10 HERNANDEZ TRUMKUL, DISTRICT DIRECTOR FOR CONGRESSWOMAN GRACE
11 NAPOLITANO. FIRST AND FOREMOST, I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR
12 SOLIS FOR INVITING US HERE TODAY. YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS
13 ISSUE IS UNLIKE NO OTHER. WE REALLY APPRECIATE IT. AND I HAVE
14 A LETTER TO READ ON BEHALF OF CONGRESSWOMAN GRACE NAPOLITANO,
15 TODAY. "I WRITE IN SUPPORT OF YOUR MOTION TO PROTECT LOS
16 ANGELES RESIDENTS, REGARDLESS OF THEIR IMMIGRATION STATUS.
17 PROVIDING PROTECTION AND STABILITY FOR IMMIGRANTS IS A SHARED
18 GOAL, ESPECIALLY AT THE TIME WHEN FEAR AND UNCERTAINTY IN OUR
19 COMMUNITIES IS AT AN ALL-TIME HIGH. SINCE THE PRESIDENTIAL
20 ELECTION NEARLY ONE MONTH AGO, OUR OFFICE HAS RECEIVED
21 COUNTLESS CALLS, E-MAILS, AND OTHER MESSAGES, VOICING DEEP
22 CONCERNS ABOUT THE INCOMING PRESIDENT AND HIS ADMINISTRATION.
23 WE EVEN RECEIVED A NOTE FROM THE EIGHTH-GRADE STUDENT FROM SAN
24 DIMAS, ASKING FOR ADVICE ON WHAT TO SAY TO CLASSMATES WHO ARE
25 CHILDREN OF IMMIGRANTS. GIVEN THE INTENSE ANTI-IMMIGRANT



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1 RHETORIC THAT HAS DOMINATED OVER THE PAST YEAR, IT SHOULD NOT
2 BE A SHOCK TO ANYONE THAT OUR COMMUNITIES ARE FILLED WITH
3 UNCERTAINTY ABOUT THEIR FUTURE, AND THEIR NEED FOR GREATER
4 PROTECTION. AS YOUR MOTION STATES, L.A. COUNTY IS HOME TO 3
5 MILLION IMMIGRANTS. NEARLY HALF OF THEM ARE CITIZENS. THE
6 REMAINDER INCLUDES LEGAL RESIDENTS, REFUGEES, ASYLEES,
7 IMMIGRANTS GRANTED TEMPORARY RELIEF UNDER D.A.C.A., UNDER
8 D.A.P.A., UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS, PEOPLE OF ALL CREEDS,
9 BACKGROUNDS, AND NATIONALITIES. WE MUST CONTINUE TO EMBRACE
10 AND CELEBRATE DIVERSITY, WHILE PROTECTING THE IDENTITY AND
11 DIGNITY OF ALL L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS. I PROUDLY JOIN MY FELLOW
12 LOS ANGELES DELEGATION COLLEAGUES, LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD, JUDY
13 CHU, IN CALLING PRESIDENT OBAMA TO CONSIDER ANY AND ALL
14 OPTIONS TO PROTECT IMMIGRANTS, WHILE HE'S STILL IN THE OFFICE.
15 SO I THANK YOU, AND I APPRECIATE YOU FOR LETTING US TALK
16 TODAY.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
19 TESTIMONY. WE'LL MOVE TO THE NEXT SPEAKER. MA'AM?

20

21 **JAN PERRY:** I'M THE NEXT SPEAKER? OKAY, MY NAME IS JAN PERRY.
22 I'M THE GENERAL MANAGER FROM THE ECONOMIC AND WORKFORCE
23 DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT FOR THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. AND THANK
24 YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR INTRODUCING THIS MOTION.
25 I AM ALSO YOUR SMALL-BUSINESS COMMISSIONER, ON THE SMALL



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1 BUSINESS COMMISSION. SO THIS IS OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO ME,
2 BECAUSE WE ARE AT GROUND ZERO FOR IMMIGRATION REFORM, BECAUSE
3 OF THE SHEER NUMBERS OF PEOPLE WE HAVE, NOT ONLY IN OUR STATE,
4 BUT IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. JUST TO HAVE A REALITY
5 CHECK, THAT IF WE ALLOW ONE GROUP TO BE ADVANCED UPON, WITHOUT
6 CHECKING THOSE WHO WOULD PERPETRATE THAT, THAT OPENS THE DOOR
7 FOR OTHERS TO BE SWEEP ASIDE, TOO. AND SO WE CANNOT ALLOW
8 PEOPLE TO STAND ALONE. JUST TO GIVE YOU SOME FACTS AND
9 FIGURES, FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE UNDOCUMENTED IN L.A. COUNTY, THEY
10 CONTRIBUTE MORE THAN \$8.3 BILLION IN PERSONAL SALES AND
11 BUSINESS TAXES, WHILE UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS IN THE STATE OF
12 CALIFORNIA CONTRIBUTE NEARLY \$21.5 BILLION IN THE SAME TAXES,
13 RESPECTIVELY. UNDOCUMENTED PEOPLE CONTRIBUTED 100.9 BILLION IN
14 PERSONAL BUSINESS AND SALES TAXES ACROSS THE COUNTRY,
15 NATIONALLY. MORE THAN 5.2 MILLION UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS,
16 PEOPLE WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR EITHER D.A.C.A. OR D.A.P.A., 1.57
17 OF THOSE LIVE IN CALIFORNIA; 466,000 LIVE IN LOS ANGELES
18 COUNTY. AND MORE THAN THOSE, WHO ARE EITHER ELIGIBLE FOR
19 D.A.C.A. OR D.A.P.A., CONTRIBUTE \$274.8 BILLION TO OUR
20 ECONOMY. \$83 BILLION OF THIS COMES FROM PEOPLE LIVING IN
21 CALIFORNIA. \$24.6 BILLION OF THAT COMES FROM RESIDENTS OF LOS
22 ANGELES COUNTY. AS ONE WHO RUNS THE ECONOMIC AND WORKFORCE
23 DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT FOR THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, I KNOW
24 FULL WELL WHAT IT MEANS TO REBUILD OUR COMMUNITIES: THE
25 COMMUNITIES WHERE, OFTEN, FAMILY-OWNED BUSINESSES, PEOPLE



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1 WHO'VE JUST STARTED OUT WITH A RESTAURANT OR A SMALL STORE, A
2 FLORIST, WHATEVER, THEY ARE THE FIRST PEOPLE-- THE BARBER
3 SHOPS, THE BEAUTY SALONS, THE NAIL SALONS, THE DRY CLEANERS,
4 THE CAR WASHES-- TO EMPLOY PEOPLE FROM THE COMMUNITIES. ALL
5 RIGHT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. ALL
8 RIGHT. THE NEXT SPEAKER IS-- HANDS UP. ALL RIGHT, NEXT SPEAKER
9 IS MR. GILLOTTE. DAVE, THE FLOOR IS YOURS.

10

11 **DAVE GILLOTTE:** GOOD AFTERNOON, AGAIN. LONG DAY. FIRST BOARD
12 MEETING. WHY NOT TACKLE TWO HUGE ISSUES RIGHT OFF THE BAT?
13 SHOULD BE VERY PROUD OF YOURSELF. WE SHOULD BE PROUD, AS L.A.
14 COUNTY CITIZENS. I TOLD YOU THIS IS A TWO-WAY RELATIONSHIP,
15 ALWAYS. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, I SPEAK TO YOU DIRECTLY, AND ALL OF
16 YOUR PARTNERS UP HERE. AND I PROUDLY STAND HERE AS THE
17 REPRESENTATIVE OF THE L.A. COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS, 3,200 MEN AND
18 WOMEN OUT ON THE STREETS OF L.A. COUNTY. YOU WOULDN'T EXPECT
19 TO SEE A LABOR LEADER FROM FIRE UP HERE, TESTIFYING ON THIS.
20 WELL, I AM, PROUDLY. I'LL PROBABLY HEAR ABOUT IT FROM SOME OF
21 MY MEMBERS, BUT IT'S THE RIGHT THING. AND I'M HERE BECAUSE,
22 LISTEN, THIS ITEM, NO. 3, WHICH I RISE TO SUPPORT, SIMPLY
23 SEEKS PROTECTIONS FOR IMMIGRANTS, AS LONG-STANDING MEMBERS OF
24 OUR COMMUNITY. AND LET US NOT FORGET-- AND HERE'S WHERE WE'RE
25 GOING TO BRIDGE THE GAP-- OF OUR ECONOMIES. IN ARIZONA, WHEN



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1 AN ELECTED OFFICIAL SAID, "LET'S CRACK DOWN ON ALL THE
2 UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS"-- ILLEGAL ALIENS, THEY CALLED THEM--
3 THANK GOD BUSINESS OWNERS, LIKE THE PHOENIX SUNS IN THE
4 N.B.A., ROSE UP AND SAID NO. HELL NO. THEY'RE A MULTIMILLION-
5 DOLLAR PART OF OUR ECONOMY. THEY WORE JERSEYS THAT SAID "LOS
6 SUNS." I DON'T KNOW IF YOU REMEMBER IT, BUT I'M TELLING YOU
7 SOMETHING: IT BROKE THE BACK OF THE ELECTED OFFICIALS TRYING
8 TO DO WHAT THEY DID. SO WE SHOULD STAND IN SUPPORT OF SIMILAR
9 ACTIONS. I THINK, ALSO, WE SHOULD SEEK TO QUANTIFY OUR L.A.
10 COUNTY IMMIGRANTS, IN TERMS OF THEIR IMPACT ON THE ECONOMY. I
11 THINK THAT'S A BIG PART OF BRINGING IN BUSINESS OWNERS, AND WE
12 CAN BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN REPUBLICANS, DEMOCRATS, LIBERALS,
13 AND CONSERVATIVES. THESE FOLKS ARE IN OUR COMMUNITIES, AND
14 THEY'RE PART OF OUR LABOR FORCE. NOTHING BUT GOOD HAS COME
15 FROM SHORING UP IMMIGRANTS. FIREFIGHTERS ARE THOUGHT OF HIGHLY
16 TODAY. IT WASN'T ALWAYS SO. THE IRISH AND ITALIAN IMMIGRANTS
17 WERE FORCED TO TAKE THE LOWEST OF THE LOW JOBS. RENT "GANGS OF
18 NEW YORK," AND WATCH IT. WE WERE THE SCOURGE OF THE LABOR
19 FORCE. ONE OF THE BEST THINGS I COULD DO IS NOT TO FORGET HOW
20 I GOT HERE, TO MAKE SURE I STAY HERE. SO WE STAND WITH YOU ON
21 THIS, AND WE SUPPORT YOUR MOTION. [APPLAUSE.]

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23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT
24 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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1 **LINDA LOPEZ:** LINDA LOPEZ.

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3 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** HI.

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5 **LINDA LOPEZ:** HI. HOW ARE YOU, CHAIRMAN? LINDA LOPEZ, WITH THE
6 OFFICE OF IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS, WITH MAYOR ERIC GARCETTI. I LEAD
7 THE MAYOR'S IMMIGRATION AGENDA AND POLICY. AND I WANT TO TAKE
8 THIS OPPORTUNITY TO, FIRST OF ALL, RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR HILDA
9 SOLIS FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP, AND FOR TAKING THIS ISSUE ON IN A
10 WAY THAT IS REMARKABLE AND UNPRECEDENTED. YOU KNOW, LAST WEEK,
11 THE MAYOR MET WITH STUDENTS AT ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL. A LOT OF
12 THESE STUDENTS WERE D.A.C.A. STUDENTS, STUDENTS THAT ALSO HAVE
13 PARENTS THAT ARE UNDOCUMENTED. AND THE MAIN THING THAT WE
14 LEARNED FROM THAT EXPERIENCE IS THAT THESE CHILDREN ARE
15 FEARFUL. THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO THEM. THEY
16 DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO THEIR PARENTS. IT'S
17 IMPERATIVE THAT TODAY WE MOVE FORWARD ON AN AGENDA THAT THE
18 COUNTY AND THE CITY-- THAT PROTECTS OUR IMMIGRANT POPULATIONS,
19 AND THAT THEY THRIVE IN THE REGION. I AM ALSO A MEMBER OF THE
20 U.S.C. COUNCIL ON THE CENTER FOR IMMIGRANT INTEGRATION, WITH
21 THE CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, AND WE HAVE BEEN WORKING
22 VERY HARD TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES ARE
23 INTEGRATED FULLY INTO THE CIVIC, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL FABRIC OF
24 THE CITY, AND HOPEFULLY THE COUNTY. THE ESTABLISHMENT, ALSO,
25 OF THIS OFFICE OF IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS AT THE CITY LEVEL HAS BEEN



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1 IMPORTANT IN NUMEROUS WAYS, AND WE WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO
2 COLLABORATE WITH THE COUNTY ON A COUNTY OFFICE OF IMMIGRANT
3 AFFAIRS, IN THE FUTURE. AT THIS MOMENT IN TIME AND HISTORY, IT
4 IS IMPERATIVE THAT WE WORK TOGETHER WITH THE COUNTY TO MAKE
5 SURE THAT IMMIGRANTS ARE NOT FEARFUL, AND THAT WE WORK
6 TOGETHER TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY SERVICES AND INFORMATION TO
7 OUR COMMUNITIES. NOW, MORE THAN EVER, WE NEED TO PROTECT OUR
8 STUDENTS, OUR FAMILIES, AND OUR CHILDREN. ON BEHALF OF MAYOR
9 ERIC GARCETTI, I URGE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO ENSURE THAT
10 THIS LEGISLATION IS ENACTED, TO PROTECT THE VULNERABLE AND
11 FAMILIES AND CHILDREN IN OUR CITY, AND IN OUR COUNTY. THANK
12 YOU VERY MUCH.

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14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
15 WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, AND WE'LL ALLOW THE PERSON IN
16 LINE TO COME FORWARD. SIR?

17

18 **JOSEPH VILLELA:** HI. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS JOSEPH VILLELA,
19 POLICY DIRECTOR. I CHAIR THE COALITION FOR HUMANE IMMIGRANT
20 RIGHTS. FIRST, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR
21 INDUCING THIS MOTION; ALSO, WELCOME THE TWO NEW MEMBERS AND
22 NEW CHAIRMAN. WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU ALL. DESPITE
23 THE ELECTION, THIS BOARD HAS TAKEN KEY STEPS TO FURTHER
24 INTEGRATE IMMIGRANTS, FIRST BY REPEALING 287(G) A COUPLE OF
25 YEARS AGO; ALSO, CREATING THE TASK FORCE AROUND D.A.C.A. AND



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1 D.A.P.A., TO ENSURE THAT THE COUNTY WAS READY, ONCE THOSE
2 PROGRAMS WERE IMPLEMENTED. FURTHERMORE, A COUPLE OF WEEKS, WE
3 ALSO INTRODUCED A MOTION IN REGARDS TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR
4 COUNTY WAS AGAINST HATE AND HATE CRIME. WE SHOULD URGE THE
5 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO TAKE ACTION, BUT THAT SHOULD NOT PREVENT
6 US FROM ACTING, AND WE NEED TO BE PROACTIVE IN REGARDS TO
7 THAT. THIS MOTION CONTINUES IN THAT TRAJECTORY, TO BE
8 PROACTIVE. IT IS APPROPRIATE FOR THE MOST DIVERSE COUNTY IN
9 THE NATION TO BE PREPARED ABOUT THE UPCOMING ADMINISTRATION,
10 AND THE CONSEQUENCES TO OUR COUNTY. THE CAMPAIGN TONE BY
11 PRESIDENT-ELECT WAS DIVISIVE, TO SAY THE LEAST. WE HAVE TO
12 TAKE HIS WORD ABOUT WHAT HE PLANS TO DO. HE SAID THAT HE
13 WANTED TO CREATE A DEPORTATION FORCE. HE SAID THAT HE WANTS TO
14 INCREASE I.C.E. COLLABORATION WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND ALSO
15 END D.A.C.A. THESE POPULATIONS HAVE DEEP ROOTS IN OUR COUNTY
16 AND IN OUR STATES. THE MIGRATION POLICY INSTITUTE INDICATED
17 THAT THOSE ELIGIBLE FOR D.A.P.A. HAVE A MINIMUM 10 YEARS
18 LIVING IN OUR COUNTRY, MORE THAN 80 PERCENT OF THOSE. IF THOSE
19 PLANS BY PRESIDENT-ELECT WERE TO ACTUALLY COME TO FRUITION, IT
20 WILL SEPARATE FAMILIES, IT WOULD CREATE FEAR AMONG OUR
21 COMMUNITIES, BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY, IT WOULD ALSO HARM OUR
22 ECONOMY. WE SUPPORT AND VIEW THIS MOTION AS BEING THE STARTING
23 POINT FOR THE COUNTY TO CONSIDER, TO PROTECT THE ADVANCEMENT
24 OF THIS COMMUNITY. WE SUPPORT THE CREATION OF AN OFFICE OR
25 DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS, WITH COLLABORATION WITH



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1 NONPROFITS. BUT WE ALSO WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE'S
2 INVESTMENT, AS THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA HAS DONE IN REGARDS TO
3 COORDINATION OF LEGAL SERVICES. THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA HAS
4 INVESTED ABOUT \$45 MILLION IN REGARDS TO SOME OF THOSE
5 SERVICES, AND WE HOPE THAT THE COUNTY CAN ALSO DO THAT, AS
6 WELL. AND LASTLY, WE ALSO WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE P.E.P.,
7 THE PRIORITY ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM, IS ADDRESSED, AND THIS IS
8 PART OF THIS MOTION. THANK YOU AGAIN FOR INTRODUCING THIS, AND
9 WE URGE THE BOARD TO PASS THIS.

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11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. WE'LL
12 TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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14 **DIEGO SEPULVEDA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME
15 IS DIEGO SEPULVEDA, AND I AM A RESIDENT OF HUNTINGTON PARK, A
16 CITY IN SOUTHEAST LOS ANGELES, AND WHICH I LIVED IN FOR THE
17 PAST 24 YEARS. I AM HERE IN FULL SUPPORT OF THE MOTION, OF
18 HILDA SOLIS'S MOTION. MY MOM BROUGHT MY BROTHER AND I HERE TO
19 THE UNITED STATES 25 YEARS AGO, WITH THE IDEA THAT SHE COULD
20 GIVE US A BETTER LIFE. AND EVER SINCE I WAS A CHILD, I'VE
21 WORKED REALLY, REALLY HARD TO MAKE IT THROUGH THE K-12 SYSTEM.
22 I AM A GRADUATE OF U.C.L.A., I HAVE STARTED AN M.B.A., MY
23 SISTER IS A SECOND-YEAR AT U.C.L.A., AND MY BROTHER HAS
24 STARTED HIS OWN ART GALLERY. I AM PART OF A MIXED-STATUS
25 HOUSEHOLD THAT IS COMPOSED OF GREEN CARD HOLDERS, UNDOCUMENTED



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1 PARENTS, CITIZENS. EVERY SINGLE DAY GROWING UP, WE FEARED
2 DEPORTATION, WE FEARED FAMILY SEPARATION, AND WE FEARED
3 DETENTION, SIMPLY FOR GOING TO SCHOOL, FOR GOING TO THE
4 DOCTOR, AND GOING TO THE MARKET. OVER THE PAST EIGHT YEARS,
5 OBAMA HAS DEPORTED OVER 2.5 MILLION PEOPLE, MORE THAN ANY
6 PRESIDENT IN THE UNITED STATES. UNDOCUMENTED BLACK INDIVIDUALS
7 IN THIS COUNTRY ARE FIVE TIMES MORE LIKELY TO BE DEPORTED THAN
8 NON-BLACK COMMUNITIES, AND SOUTHEAST ASIAN COMMUNITIES ARE 3
9 TO 4 TIMES MORE LIKELY TO BE DEPORTED FOR OLD CONVICTIONS THAN
10 ANY OTHER POPULATIONS. WE'VE BEEN SAYING ON THE GROUND, NOT
11 ONE MORE DEPORTATION. EDUCATION, NOT DEPORTATION, AND
12 EDUCATION FOR UNDERSTANDING THAT PEOPLE LIKE MY PARENTS, EVERY
13 SINGLE DAY, FEAR DEPORTATION, AND THAT I MIGHT BE SEPARATED
14 FROM THEM, REGARDLESS IF I'M A GREEN CARD HOLDER. SO THE BOARD
15 HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO SAY THAT IMMIGRANTS ARE PART OF THE
16 FABRIC OF OUR SOCIETY, THAT WE WILL STAND FOR OUR IMMIGRANT
17 COMMUNITIES, THAT WE WILL RESIST A RHETORIC THAT CRIMINALIZES
18 AND DEHUMANIZES IMMIGRANTS, WOMEN, MUSLIMS, AND THAT HATE,
19 INTOLERANCE, AND RACISM HAVE NO PLACE IN OUR STATE, IN OUR
20 COUNTY, AND IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES. SO I THANK YOU VERY MUCH
21 FOR YOUR TIME, AND I'M IN FULL SUPPORT OF THE MOTION.

22 [APPLAUSE.]

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24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER,
25 PLEASE.



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2 **CINTHIA FLORES:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS CINTHIA FLORES. I
3 AM AN ATTORNEY WITH THE U.C.L.A. LABOR CENTER, AND A NATIVE
4 ANGELINO. I COME BEFORE YOU TODAY IN SUPPORT OF THE IMMIGRANT
5 PROTECTION TASK FORCE MOTION. AS NOTED IN THE MOTION, 57
6 PERCENT OF LOS ANGELES AREA CHILDREN HAVE AT LEAST ONE
7 NONCITIZEN PARENT. I'M ONE OF THOSE CHILDREN. MY MOTHER
8 MIGRATED FROM EL SALVADOR IN THE MID-1980S, AS A CONSEQUENCE
9 OF A CIVIL WAR. FOR A MAJORITY OF HER LIFE, SHE WORKED IN THE
10 L.A. GARMENT INDUSTRY, AND AS A HOUSEKEEPER. OFTENTIMES, I
11 CLEANED HOUSES WITH MY MOTHER AND MY AUNT DURING THE WEEKENDS.
12 I'M GRATEFUL TO HAVE HAD THIS EXPERIENCE, FOR IT TAUGHT ME THE
13 VALUE OF HARD WORK AND DEDICATION. WITH MY MOTHER AS MY
14 PRIMARY SOURCE OF INSPIRATION, I BECAME THE FIRST PERSON IN MY
15 FAMILY TO GRADUATE HIGH SCHOOL, I BECAME THE FIRST PERSON IN
16 MY FAMILY TO GO TO A UNIVERSITY, AND ACTUALLY WAS THE FIRST
17 LATINA STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT AT U.C.L.A. I GRADUATED FROM LAW
18 SCHOOL, AND I SERVED ON THE U.C. BOARD OF REGENTS. I SHARE
19 THIS WITH YOU ALL TO PUT A FACE TO THE MILLIONS OF IMMIGRANTS,
20 AND CHILDREN OF IMMIGRANTS, WHO WILL BE DIRECTLY IMPACTED BY
21 YOUR DECISION TODAY. THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES OCCUPIES A UNIQUE
22 AND INFLUENTIAL ROLE IN THE PURSUIT FOR IMMIGRANT JUSTICE. IT
23 IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES THRIVE.
24 WE MUST PROTECT THE HUMAN AND CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF
25 IMMIGRANTS. IN PARTICULAR, WE MUST ENSURE THAT IMMIGRANT



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1 COMMUNITIES HAVE ACCESS TO ADEQUATE LEGAL REPRESENTATION. WE
2 MUST INCORPORATE THE EXPERIENCES OF THOSE DIRECTLY IMPACTED
3 IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES, IN DRAFTING IMMIGRANT INTEGRATION
4 STRATEGIES. LASTLY, WE MUST CHALLENGE THE PERVASIVE ANTI-
5 IMMIGRANT RHETORIC PLAGUING NATIONAL DISCOURSE. I THANK YOU
6 FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND YOUR SUPPORT.

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8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. WE'RE
9 PROCEEDING. I WANT TO CALL UP ALMIRA GARZA. ALMIRA GARZA, IF
10 YOU WOULD COME FORWARD? MA'AM, THE FLOOR IS YOURS.

11

12 **SENAIT ADMASSU:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS SENAIT ADMASSU. I'M
13 THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE AFRICAN COMMUNITIES PUBLIC
14 HEALTH COALITION. THE COALITION WAS FORMED TO ADVOCATE THE
15 ISSUE OF MENTAL-HEALTH IMMIGRATION IN AFRICAN AND CARIBBEAN
16 IMMIGRANTS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. ALTHOUGH OUR OFFICES ARE
17 LOCATED IN DISTRICT 2, BUT AS YOU KNOW, OUR COMMUNITY IS ALL
18 OVER, IN DISTRICTS. FIRST, ON BEHALF OF THE AFRICAN DIASPORA,
19 I'D LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR TAKING ACTION TO
20 PROTECT THE AFRICAN COMMUNITIES IN L.A. COUNTY. UNLIKE THE
21 OTHER IMMIGRANT GROUPS, THE AFRICAN AND THE CARIBBEAN
22 IMMIGRANTS' NUMBER AND VOICE SEEMS TO BE UNDERESTIMATED. BUT
23 WE ALSO LET YOU KNOW WE ARE FACING THE SAME ISSUE AS ANY OTHER
24 IMMIGRANTS IN L.A. COUNTY. WE ARE BEING DEPORTED, AND WE'RE
25 BEING ALSO FEARED. CURRENTLY, THE AFRICAN AND CARIBBEAN



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1 IMMIGRANTS IN L.A. COUNTY PRESENT CONFUSION, FEAR, AND ALSO
2 BEING TRAUMATIZED, DUE TO THE NEW ADMINISTRATION POLICIES.
3 THEREFORE, WE'RE HERE TO SUPPORT AND TO SAY YES FOR THE
4 IMMIGRANT INTEGRATION TASK FORCE INITIATIVE, AND TO SAY NO TO
5 I.C.E.'S 287(G) PROGRAM. WE'RE ALSO SAYING THAT IT IS
6 IMPORTANT, AND A MUST, TO CREATE A COUNTY-LEVEL OFFICE AND
7 DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION AFFAIRS, IN ORDER TO FEEL SAFE AND
8 PROTECTED AGAIN. I'M TELLING YOU, AS A MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCATE
9 FOR THE COMMUNITY, THE COMMUNITY IS GOING THROUGH A LOT OF
10 TRAUMA. WE DON'T KNOW HOW TO DEAL WITH THIS NEW ISSUE; NOT
11 ONLY IMMIGRATION. THE MENTAL HEALTH ISSUE TENDS TO RISE WITHIN
12 OUR IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY. SO WE'RE HOPING AND COUNTING ON YOU
13 TO PASS THIS MOTION. THANK YOU.

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15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'LL TAKE THE
16 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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18 **SISSY TRINH:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS SISSY
19 TRINH. I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE SOUTHEAST ASIAN
20 COMMUNITY ALLIANCE, AND I'M REALLY PROUD TO BE HERE TODAY, TO
21 WITNESS A REAFFIRMATION OF L.A. VALUES; OF NOT ONLY DIVERSITY
22 AND INCLUSION, BUT ALSO, AS WITNESSED BY THE PREVIOUS VOTE,
23 THAT WE PROTECT THE MOST VULNERABLE IN OUR COMMUNITIES. I CAME
24 HERE AT TWO YEARS OLD, AS A REFUGEE. WE WERE FLEEING POLITICAL
25 PERSECUTION, AND L.A. PROVIDED A SANCTUARY FOR US. IT PROVIDED



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1 OPPORTUNITY FOR MY DAD TO FIND A UNION JOB THAT ALLOWED HIM TO
2 SEND ME AND MY BROTHER TO COLLEGE, AND IT GAVE ME THE
3 OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE BACK, IN THE FORM OF CREATING OUR
4 NONPROFIT, S.E.A.C.A., WHICH DOES COMMUNITY ORGANIZING AND
5 YOUTH ORGANIZING IN CHINATOWN AND LINCOLN HEIGHTS, WHICH IS
6 TWO OF THE MOST DIVERSE AND RICH NEIGHBORHOODS IN THE CITY.
7 IT'S FULL OF IMMIGRANTS, AND FULL OF REFUGEES. AND SO FOR
8 THEM, SANCTUARY HAS A PARTICULAR RESONANCE, SINCE MANY OF
9 THEIR PARENTS FLED GENOCIDE AND POLITICAL PERSECUTION AND
10 EXTREME POVERTY. THESE ARE THE KIDS THAT DONALD TRUMP
11 CHARACTERIZES AS MURDERERS AND RAPISTS. THESE ARE THE KIDS WHO
12 GAVE UP A DAY OF THEIR SPRING BREAK, EARLIER THIS YEAR, TO
13 LOBBY CITY HALL AROUND ISSUES OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING. THESE ARE
14 ALSO THE KIDS WHO GAVE UP THEIR HALLOWEEN, IN ORDER TO DO GET-
15 OUT-THE-VOTE ACTIVITIES FOR THE NOVEMBER ELECTIONS. THEY'RE
16 LOOKING TO GIVE BACK. THEY SEE THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT THIS
17 COUNTRY HAS PROVIDED, AND THEY JUST WANT TO BE FEELING LIKE
18 THEY ARE PROTECTED, THAT THEY WILL BE CARED FOR, AND THAT THEY
19 WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONTRIBUTE. AND SO THIS MOTION
20 MEANS SO MUCH TO THEM, AND TO ME, PERSONALLY, BECAUSE
21 SANCTUARY IS WHAT OUR COUNTRY WAS FOUNDED UPON. AND SO THIS
22 REAFFIRMATION OF THOSE VALUES ARE WHAT I AM URGING YOU GUYS TO
23 VOTE ON TODAY. THANK YOU.
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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
2 TESTIMONY. LAST SPEAKER FOR THIS PORTION OF THE ITEM. MA'AM?

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4 **ALMIRA GARZA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
5 ALMIRA GARZA, AND I AM AN EMERGENCY RESPONSE WORKER FOR THE
6 DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES. I'M HERE TODAY TO
7 SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S MOTION TO PROTECT L.A.
8 COUNTY CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, REGARDING THE IMMIGRATION
9 STATUS. EVERY DAY, SOCIAL WORKERS LIKE MYSELF ARE ON THE FRONT
10 LINES, CARING FOR L.A. COUNTY'S FAMILIES. TOGETHER, WE
11 REPRESENT THE FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE FOR CHILDREN IN NEED, AND
12 OUR DEEP COMMITMENT TO CHILDREN'S SAFETY IS UNWAVERING. FOR
13 YEARS, WE HAVE WORKED TIRELESSLY TO TACKLE L.A. COUNTY'S CHILD
14 SAFETY CRISIS. IT'S NO SECRET: L.A. COUNTY STILL DOES NOT HAVE
15 ENOUGH SOCIAL WORKERS TO RESPOND TO CHILDREN IN NEED. OUR
16 COUNTY IS ALSO CONSTANTLY STRUGGLING TO FIND ENOUGH HOMES TO
17 PLACE CHILDREN IN. BUT TOGETHER WITH OUR COUNTY SUPERVISORS,
18 WE HAVE WORKED TO ENACT REAL SOLUTIONS THAT WILL PROTECT THE
19 THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN WHO RELY ON THE CRITICAL SERVICES WE
20 PROVIDE. TOGETHER, WE'VE MADE GREAT PROGRESS. JUST WEEKS AGO,
21 IN THIS VERY ROOM, L.A. COUNTY SOCIAL WORKERS, LIKE MYSELF,
22 PRESENTED OUR ROADMAP TO CHILD SAFETY TO THE BOARD OF
23 SUPERVISORS. OUR ROADMAP TO CHILD SAFETY WAS WELL-RECEIVED,
24 AND ALREADY WE'VE SEEN COMMITMENTS FROM THE COUNTY'S C.E.O.
25 AND D.C.F.S. TO IMPLEMENT THE CRITICAL REFORMS. BUT NOW THE



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1 DANGEROUS IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT STRATEGIES PROPOSED BY THE
2 INCOMING TRUMP ADMINISTRATION THREATEN TO UNDO ALL THE
3 PROGRESS WE'VE MADE, AND TO PROMISE DEVASTATING CONSEQUENCES
4 FOR MILLIONS OF L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS. MOTHERS AND FATHERS
5 ACROSS L.A. COUNTY, WHOSE ONLY CRIME IS TO WORK AND PUT FOOD
6 ON THE TABLE, WILL BE FACED WITH THE THREAT OF IMMEDIATE
7 DEPORTATION, FORCING THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN, IN A CHILD WELFARE
8 SYSTEM ALREADY OVERBURDENED AND UNDERSTAFFED. AS A FRONTLINE
9 SOCIAL WORKER, WE ARE DEDICATED TO PROTECTING CHILDREN FROM
10 DANGEROUS AND ABUSIVE SITUATIONS, PROVIDING RESOURCES
11 NECESSARY TO ENSURE THEIR SAFETY. THE RAMPED-UP ENFORCEMENT
12 PROMISED UNDER A TRUMP ADMINISTRATION RUNS COUNTER TO THAT
13 MISSION. INSTEAD OF FOCUSING OUR EFFORTS ON CHILDREN SUFFERING
14 FROM ABUSE AND NEGLECT, OUR DEPARTMENT WILL BE TASKED WITH THE
15 PLACEMENT OF THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN PULLED FROM SAFE AND LOVING
16 HOMES. MAKE NO MISTAKE: THESE ARE HARDLINE STRATEGIES WE
17 CANNOT AFFORD TO TAKE, AND ANY STEP BACKWARD IN OUR FIGHT FOR
18 CHILD SAFETY, AS SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S MOTION REPRESENTS A KEY TO
19 FIRST STEP TOWARD ENSURING THE PROMISE WE'VE MADE ISN'T UNDONE
20 BY THE PRESIDENT-ELECT'S DANGEROUS AND DECISIVE AGENDA. AS A
21 D.C.F.S. CHILDREN'S SOCIAL WORKER, AND A MEMBER OF S.E.I.U.
22 721, I STRONGLY URGE THE BOARD TO VOTE YES TO THIS IMPORTANT
23 MOTION. [APPLAUSE.]
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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.

2 ALL RIGHT. THANKS VERY MUCH. MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER?

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4 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
5 BOARD, THERE ARE OVER 180 SPEAKERS THAT HAVE SIGNED UP TO
6 SPEAK ON THIS ITEM. THEREFORE, WE ARE RECOMMENDING THAT EACH
7 SPEAKER BE GIVEN ONE MINUTE TO SPEAK.

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. DID EVERYONE HEAR THE
10 EXECUTIVE OFFICER? TRY IT AGAIN, MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

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12 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
13 BOARD, THIS ITEM HAS OVER 180 SPEAKERS THAT HAVE SIGNED UP TO
14 SPEAK. THEREFORE, WE ARE RECOMMENDING AT THIS TIME THAT EACH
15 SPEAKER BE GIVEN ONE MINUTE TO SPEAK; HOWEVER, WE RESERVE THE
16 RIGHT TO RECOMMEND ANOTHER NUMBER LATER ON.

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18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. [LAUGHTER.]

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20 **SUP. SOLIS:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THAT'S THE EDITED VERSION.
23 SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES. I AM VERY PLEASED AND MOVED BY THE TESTIMONY
2 THAT I'VE HEARD AND SEEN AND WITNESSED TODAY. TODAY HAS BEEN
3 SUCH AN EVENTFUL DAY FOR SO MANY OF US, EMOTIONALLY, AS WELL
4 AS HISTORIC FOR MANY OF US. AND I KNOW MANY OF YOU TOOK THE
5 TIME OUT OF YOUR DAY TO COME HERE TO BE WITH US ALL DAY, AND
6 SOME OF YOU CAME IN SHIFTS, AND I APPRECIATE THAT. BUT I WOULD
7 ASK, BECAUSE THE HOUR IS GETTING LATE, AND WE STARTED AT 9:30,
8 IF IT'S POSSIBLE IF WE CAN JUST GROUP PEOPLE TOGETHER, AND IF
9 ONE SPOKESPERSON CAN STAND UP FOR YOUR GROUP. AS WE JUST HEARD
10 FROM S.E.I.U., WE PROBABLY HAVE OTHER GROUPS. AND IF YOU CAN
11 JUST STAND AND BE RECOGNIZED, COME HERE. WE'LL GIVE YOU A
12 MINUTE, MR. CHAIRMAN, I WOULD RECOMMEND. AND FOR THOSE OF YOU
13 THAT WOULD LIKE TO LEAVE YOUR NAME OR LETTER OR ANYTHING WITH
14 US, PLEASE DO SO, BECAUSE THIS WILL BE CIRCULATED WITH THE
15 REST OF THE BOARD, FOR THE RECORD. AND I JUST WANT TO, IN
16 TERMS OF BREVITY, AND REALLY TRYING TO HONOR THE BOARD OFFICES
17 HERE, BECAUSE IT HAS BEEN AN UNUSUAL DAY FOR US-- HISTORIC.
18 NOT TO MINIMIZE AT ALL THE TOPIC AT HAND, BECAUSE IT IS VERY
19 IMPORTANT. AND I KNOW THAT WE'LL PROBABLY HAVE MORE
20 OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE OTHER DAYS WHERE WE WILL HAVE MORE
21 DISCUSSION. AS WE GET THE REPORT BACK ON THIS MOTION, THERE
22 WILL BE MORE THAT WE WILL HEAR, AND MORE THAT WE WILL DO, AND
23 IT WILL GO BEYOND THE BOARD OFFICE ITSELF HERE, THIS ROOM,
24 BECAUSE THERE'S MUCH WORK TO BE DONE IN OUR COMMUNITY. SO, MR.
25 CHAIRMAN, I WOULD RETURN THE MIC.



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SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THAT WAS ESSENTIALLY AN APPEAL TO YOU TO HONOR THE HOUR. BUT MIGHT I SAY TO YOU, AS I SAID EARLIER, TO THE EXTENT THAT YOU HAVE REQUESTED THAT OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD, WE'RE OBLIGED TO GRANT IT. I'M GOING TO CALL EACH NAME THAT'S BEFORE ME, AND YOU CAN EITHER BE HEARD, OR YOU CAN PASS. AND SIMPLY DO AS WAS DONE EARLIER, IF YOU'RE SO INCLINED, JUST TO SAY, "I PASS," BUT I WANT YOU TO MAKE SURE THAT WE RECOGNIZE YOU, BECAUSE IT CREATES A RECORD. WE APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT THAT WOULD BE AFFIRMATIVE. IF WE WERE TO DO OTHERWISE, IT WOULD BE OUT OF COMPLIANCE WITH OUR RULES, OUR REGULATION, AND THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE BROWN ACT. ALL RIGHT? EVERYBODY CLEAR? READY TO GO? LET'S DO THIS. ALL RIGHT, LILIANA PEREZ. WHAT'S YOUR PLEASURE, MS. PEREZ? ARE YOU HERE? ALL RIGHT, COME ON UP. BORIS VILLACORTA, TERESA MARQUEZ, MARIO MENENDEZ, HONORIA GARCIA, IRMA DIAZ, VICTOR GARCIA, MARCO CALDERA, DAMACIO MANQUEROS, MONSERRAT BARRAZA, ELENA JUDD, JASMINE GONZALEZ, JACKY CHENG, ANGELA SANBRANO, AARON LLANUSA, AND LUIS MOLINA. FIRST ROUND. ANY SUCH PERSONS WHOSE NAME I CALLED, YOU HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD, AND/OR SIMPLY SAY, "I WAIVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD." FOR NOW, THE BALANCE OF THE SPEAKERS HAVE ONE MINUTE TO BE HEARD, AND WE BEGIN WITH YOU. THANK YOU.



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1 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIRMAN,
2 AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH, ESTEEMED BODY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH
3 FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP. I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF THE SPEAKER OF THE
4 CALIFORNIA STATE ASSEMBLY, ANTHONY RENDON, AND ALSO HAVE THE
5 HONOR TO REPRESENT HIM AS A FORMER UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANT, NOW
6 A U.S. CITIZEN AND A VOTER, AND A VERY PROUD PAYING TAXPAYER.
7 I'M HERE TO READ A LETTER ON BEHALF OF MR. RENDON, AND THE
8 LETTER READS AS THIS WAY: "DEAR SUPERVISORS, I WRITE IN STRONG
9 SUPPORT OF THE MOTION OF MY GREAT FRIEND AND PARTNER,
10 SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS, AND THANK HER FOR LEADING LOS ANGELES
11 COUNTY'S EFFORTS TO PROTECT OUR IMMIGRANT POPULATIONS.
12 IMMIGRANTS ARE PART OF CALIFORNIA'S HISTORY, OUR CULTURE, AND
13 OUR SOCIETY. IMMIGRANTS HELP DRIVE THE ENGINE THAT MAKES
14 CALIFORNIA THE SIXTH LARGEST ECONOMY OF THE WORLD. IMMIGRANTS
15 MATTER IN CALIFORNIA. WHILE WE DON'T KNOW WHAT SPECIFIC HARM
16 THE NEXT ADMINISTRATION'S PROPOSALS WILL CAUSE, WE DO HAVE A
17 ROUGH IDEA OF WHAT WE'RE DEALING WITH. WE HAVE ALL HEARD THE
18 INSULTS, WE HAVE ALL HEARD THE LIES, AND WE HAVE ALL HEARD THE
19 THREATS. PRESIDENT-ELECT PROMISED HIS BASE THAT HE WOULD BEGIN
20 THE PROCESS OF DEPORTING MILLIONS OF IMMIGRANTS ON DAY ONE.
21 SO, ON THE LEGISLATURE'S DAY ONE, YESTERDAY, WE INTRODUCED
22 LEGISLATION THAT WOULD ENSURE DUE PROCESS AND A LEGAL
23 REPRESENTATION FOR THOSE FACING DEPORTATION. OUR ACTIONS AND
24 PARTNERSHIP WITH THOSE BEING TAKEN TODAY, BY THE COUNTY OF LOS
25 ANGELES, SENDS A CLEAR SIGNAL TO THE NEXT ADMINISTRATION AND



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1 CONGRESS: IF YOU WANT TO GET TO THEM, YOU HAVE TO GO THROUGH
2 US FIRST. SIGNED, SPEAKER OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE ASSEMBLY,
3 ANTHONY RENDON." THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

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5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND GIVE OUR
6 REGARDS TO THE SPEAKER. WE THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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8 **TERESA MARQUEZ:** TERESA MARQUEZ, PRESIDENT OF MOTHERS OF EAST
9 L.A., AND I AM SO PROUD, LET ME TELL YOU. AND I WANT TO THANK
10 YOU, HILDA SOLIS, FOR THIS MOTION, BECAUSE THIS IS THE ONLY
11 WAY THAT WE ARE GOING TO BE ABLE TO PROTECT THE MAJORITY OF
12 THE PEOPLE HERE IN CALIFORNIA. AND I HOPE THAT IT IS NOT ONLY
13 FOR L.A. COUNTY, BUT TO SPREAD THIS SAME MOTION THROUGHOUT
14 CALIFORNIA. MY FAMILY'S BEEN HERE OVER 100 YEARS, BUT YET,
15 I'VE BEEN TOLD TO GO BACK TO MY COUNTRY. I'VE BEEN TOLD-- THEY
16 HAVE ASKED ME FOR MY GREEN CARD. AND LET ME TELL YOU, THOSE
17 ARE JUST LITTLE THINGS. BUT I COULD IMAGINE A FAMILY THAT DOES
18 NOT HAVE THEIR LEGAL STATUS, AS TO THE FEARS THAT THEY MUST
19 GO. AND I AM HERE TO SUPPORT YOU, AND SUPPORT THE IMMIGRANTS.
20 THANK YOU.

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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. WE'LL
23 TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER.

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1 **BORIS VILLACORTA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAME SUPERVISORS AND
2 CHAIRMAN. MY NAME IS BORIS VILLACORTA. I WORK AS A PREVENTION
3 CASE MANAGER IN THE PICO-UNION AREA, AND I'M HERE REPRESENTING
4 THE UNACCOMPANIED MINORS WHO ARE PART OF OUR PROGRAM. I HAVE
5 SEEN TEARS ON THEIR EYES, FIRSTHAND, BECAUSE OF FEAR OF
6 DEPORTATION. FOR THEM, I AM ASKING YOU TO SUPPORT SUPERVISOR
7 SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL, TO PASS THIS MOTION THAT WILL
8 PROTECT THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'LL TAKE THE
11 NEXT SPEAKERS, PLEASE. BE MINDFUL OF THOSE WHOSE NAMES I
12 ALREADY CALLED. I'M GOING TO CALL SOME ADDITIONAL NAMES.
13 PLEASE STAND IN LINE. OFELIA MAGALLON, MARIA DOMINGUEZ, MIRNA
14 LANDAVERDE, MONICA FIGUEROA, RHONDA ORTIZ, MEREDITH GRAHAM,
15 ANDRES KWON, JENNIE PASQUARELLA, KARLA CRUZ, TROY ELDER. ARE
16 ANY OF THE PERSONS WHOSE NAMES I'M CALLING HERE? IF SO, YOU
17 SHOULD BE LINING UP. ANA PEREZ, FRANCIJA CRUZ SILVA, RABEYA
18 SEN, SCOTT SVONKIN, LINDA LOCKWOOD. ALL RIGHT. IF YOU CAN LINE
19 UP, WE CAN MOVE THROUGH THIS. LADIES, THE MIC IS YOURS. PLEASE
20 PROCEED.

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22 **ANA PEREZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ANA PEREZ, AND I'M HERE
23 ON BEHALF OF SENATOR TONY MENDOZA. SENATOR MENDOZA JUST SENDS
24 HIS STRONG SUPPORT OF SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S PROPOSED LEGISLATION.
25 AS A MATTER OF FACT, SENATOR MENDOZA CO-AUTHORED A SENATE



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1 RESOLUTION NO. 7, AUTHORED FOR THE PRESIDENT PRO TEM, DE LEON,
2 WHICH CALLS ON THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO IMPROVE THE CURRENT
3 IMMIGRATION SYSTEM, AND EXTEND D.A.C.A., AMONG OTHER ACTIONS
4 RELATED TO IMMIGRATION. SO, AGAIN, ON BEHALF OF SENATOR TONY
5 MENDOZA, HE THANKS YOU FOR YOUR EFFORTS AND FOR WORKING
6 TOWARDS THIS LEGISLATION. AND CONGRATULATIONS AGAIN TO BOTH
7 SUPERVISOR HAHN AND SUPERVISOR BARGER. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER,
10 PLEASE.

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12 **ANGELICA HERNANDEZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME'S ANGELICA
13 HERNANDEZ, AND I AM SENATOR DR. ED HERNANDEZ'S IMMIGRATION
14 POLICY DEPUTY, AND I WILL BE READING A LETTER ON HIS BEHALF.
15 "DEAR SUPERVISORS, THROUGHOUT HIS CAMPAIGN, PRESIDENT-ELECT
16 DONALD TRUMP HAS VOWED TO DEPORT MILLIONS OF OUR NATION'S
17 IMMIGRANTS, A THREAT THAT HAS PROVOKED ANXIETY AND FEAR AMONG
18 MANY RESIDENTS OF MY DISTRICT. MY STAFF AND I HAVE BEEN
19 PROACTIVE IN ASSISTING MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY SINCE I WAS
20 ELECTED TO THE STATE LEGISLATURE IN 2010, THROUGH VARIOUS TOWN
21 HALLS, CITIZENSHIP WORKSHOPS, DIFFERENT ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD
22 ARRIVALS AND A.B. 60, THE SAFE DRIVERS ACT. AS A RESULT, MANY
23 MEMBERS OF MY COMMUNITY HAVE BENEFITED FROM DEFERRED ACTION
24 FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS, AND CAN NOW DRIVE TO SCHOOL AND TO
25 WORK WITHOUT ANY FEAR. FURTHERMORE, THE 22ND SENATE DISTRICT



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1 INCLUDES COMMUNITIES LIKE THE CITY OF AZUSA, EL MONTE, LA
2 PUENTE, AND BALDWIN PARK, THAT WOULD HAVE BENEFITED FROM
3 PRESIDENT OBAMA'S 2014 EXECUTIVE ACTIONS ON IMMIGRATION,
4 THROUGH EXTENDED DEFERRED ACTION, AND DEFERRED ACTION FOR
5 PARENTS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS. WITH THE SUPREME COURT DEADLOCK
6 ON TEXAS V. U.S. THIS PAST SUMMER, MANY OF MY CONSTITUENTS
7 REACHED OUT TO MY OFFICE AND OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO SEEK
8 HELP. MY SENATE COLLEAGUES AND I STAND PREPARED TO CONTINUE
9 OUR LEADERSHIP AT THE STATE LEVEL, NOT ONLY FOR IMMIGRANT
10 COMMUNITIES, BUT ALSO FOR OUR ECONOMY, SAFETY NET, AND SOCIAL
11 COHESION. I URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION, TO ENSURE THAT
12 THE COUNTY DOES EVERYTHING WITHIN ITS POWER TO PROTECT AND
13 SERVE EACH ONE OF ITS RESIDENTS. I LOOK FORWARD TO PARTNERING
14 WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, TO IMPLEMENT THESE CHANGES, TO
15 DEFEND AND SHOW SOLIDARITY WITH OUR IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES, AND
16 STRENGTHEN OUR COUNTY, OUR STATE, AND OUR NATION." ON BEHALF
17 OF SENATOR DR. ED HERNANDEZ, THANK YOU.

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'LL PROCEED.
20 NOW, ANY OTHER LETTERS THAT YOU MAY HAVE TO READ, MAY I
21 REQUEST THAT YOU CAUSE THEM TO CONFORM TO THE ONE-MINUTE RULE?
22 OKAY? THANKS SO MUCH. I KNOW THAT IT'S A LITTLE DIFFICULT, BUT
23 WE ARE SEEKING TO ACCOMMODATE EVERY SPEAKER WHO WISHES TO BE
24 HEARD. ALL RIGHT, LET THE ADDITIONAL PERSONS COME FORWARD:



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1 FATHER RICHARD ESTRADA, MARY JACOBS, AMEENA QAZI, TIM RYDER,
2 ADELE ANDRADE STADLER. AND, MA'AM, THE FLOOR IS YOURS.

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4 **ANA GARCIA:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON MY NAME IS ANA GARCIA,
5 POLICY COORDINATOR WITH THE CENTRAL AMERICAN RESOURCE CENTER.
6 C.A.R.E.C.E.N. IS IN STRONG SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION, AND WE
7 WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND THE REST OF THE BOARD
8 FOR TAKING THIS IMPORTANT FIRST STEP TO PROTECT OUR
9 COMMUNITIES. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO URGE THE BOARD TO GO
10 FURTHER, AND TAKE ADDITIONAL STEPS TO PROTECT OUR IMMIGRANT
11 COMMUNITY FROM THE VERY REAL THREAT THAT THE PRESIDENT-ELECT
12 AND HIS PROPOSED POLICIES POSE TO OUR COMMUNITIES. WE URGE
13 THAT THE BOARD PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE LEGAL REPRESENTATION
14 FOR THOSE IN REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS, IN ORDER TO SAFEGUARD
15 AGAINST THE VIOLATION OF DUE PROCESS, AND AGAINST UNFAIR
16 DEPORTATION POLICIES. WE ALSO URGE THAT THE BOARD COMMAND ALL
17 COUNTY AGENCIES TO CEASE THE USES OF ANY RESOURCES FOR
18 IMMIGRATION PURPOSES, AND TO END ALL COLLABORATION WITH I.C.E.
19 THESE ADDITIONAL STEPS WILL HELP PROTECT OUR COMMUNITIES, WHO
20 HAVE BECOME VICTIMS OF A DIRECT ATTACK BY THE NEW PRESIDENT-
21 ELECT. AGAIN, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR TAKING THIS FIRST STEP,
22 AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUE TO WORK WITH YOU, IN ORDER TO
23 PROTECT OUR COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** PERFECT. ONE MINUTE, ON THE BUTTON.
2 OKAY. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE, AND I'M GOING TO ASK MAYOR ANDRE
3 QUINTERO IF HE WOULD COME FORWARD. I THINK I GOT THAT RIGHT.
4 THE MAYOR OF EL MONTE.

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6 **ILSE ESCOBAR:** HI. MY NAME IS ILSE ESCOBAR. I'M HERE AS PARENT
7 COMMUNITY ORGANIZER, ON BEHALF OF UNITED TEACHERS LOS ANGELES,
8 AND READING A LETTER FROM THE OFFICERS OF U.T.L.A. "U.T.L.A.
9 STANDS IN STRONG SUPPORT OF THE MOTION PROPOSED BY HILDA
10 SOLIS, THAT CALLS ON THE COUNTY TO PREPARE FOR SIGNIFICANT
11 CHANGES IN FEDERAL POLICY, AND TO DEVELOP A STRATEGY TO
12 PROTECTING ALL RESIDENTS. U.T.L.A. IS PROVIDING INFORMATIONAL
13 WORKSHOPS ABOUT EDUCATOR RIGHTS, DURING THIS POST ELECTION
14 PERIOD, TO OUR MEMBERS AND THE BROADER COMMUNITY. WE CONTINUE
15 TO HEAR FROM EDUCATORS, STUDENTS, AND FAMILIES ABOUT THE
16 REASONABLE ANXIETY AND FEAR THAT HAVE BEEN ACCELERATED AFTER
17 THE NOVEMBER ELECTION OF TRUMP. THE PRESIDENT-ELECT HAS VOWED
18 TO DEPORT MILLIONS OF OUR NATION'S IMMIGRANTS, AND LOS ANGELES
19 IS HOME TO MORE THAN 3 MILLION IN L.A. LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS
20 UNIQUELY POSITIONED TO FACILITATE AND HELP LEAD THIS REGIONAL
21 EFFORT, ON BEHALF OF IMMIGRANTS. THE MOTION, AUTHORED BY
22 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, LEVERAGES THE COUNTY'S EXISTING DEPARTMENTS
23 TO ACCESS RESOURCES FOR IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES, CITIES, AND
24 SERVICES PROVIDERS. I LOOK FORWARD TO PARTNERING WITH YOU, TO



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1 IMPLEMENT THESE CHANGES TO DEFEND AND SHOW SOLIDARITY FOR OUR
2 IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** AND WE THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. NEXT
5 SPEAKER, PLEASE. MA'AM?

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7 **LINDA LOCKWOOD:** YES. I THINK I'M NEXT.

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9 **SUP RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** YOU ARE.

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11 **LINDA LOCKWOOD:** I AM LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSIONER, LINDA
12 LOCKWOOD. I AM AN APPOINTEE OF HILDA SOLIS. I'M APPOINTED TO
13 I.C.A.N., OR THE INTERAGENCY COUNCIL. SO I AM HERE MAINLY FOR
14 CHILDREN, AT MY HEART. I AM ALSO THE AMBASSADOR TO LITTLE
15 BANGLADESH, THAT SERVES A GREAT DEAL OF OUR COMMUNITIES THAT
16 ARE UNDER ATTACK RIGHT NOW. I AM-- AS OPPOSED TO OUR
17 SUPERVISORS THAT HAVE SPOKEN THAT THEY WERE FIRST-GENERATION
18 HERE, I AM 14TH. MY ANCESTOR, ROGER WILLIAMS, MY DIRECT
19 GRANDFATHER, SETTLED THIS COUNTRY, CAME HERE AND BOUGHT RHODE
20 ISLAND FROM THE INDIANS IN THE 1600S. MY FAMILY SETTLED THIS
21 COUNTRY TWO GENERATIONS BEFORE IT BECAME AMERICA. THIS IS NOT
22 WHAT THEY HAD IN MIND. WE CANNOT DO THIS. WE HAVE TO GO BACK
23 TO WHAT AMERICA REALLY IS. MR. TRUMP DOESN'T UNDERSTAND, AND
24 WE MUST SEND HIM THE MESSAGE. THANK YOU FOR STARTING THIS. IT
25 IS ONLY THE BEGINNING. THIS IS AMERICA. WE HAVE TO FIGHT FOR



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1 IT EVERY GENERATION. AND I'M SPEAKING FOR ALL OF THE ANCESTORS
2 THAT GO BACK TO THE ORIGINAL FORMATION OF THIS COUNTRY AND ITS
3 IMMIGRANT POLICIES. WE ARE AMERICA. WE WILL STAND AND BE
4 AMERICA, IF WE STAND TOGETHER. AND THE MAN WHO SAID, "THEY
5 HAVE TO GO THROUGH US TO GET TO IT," IS RIGHT. WE HAVE TO
6 STAND ON THIS. I'M HERE TODAY WITH A BROKEN HAND, AND IN A LOT
7 OF PAIN, TO SAY THIS, BECAUSE I THINK IT'S THAT IMPORTANT.

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WELL, WE THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR
10 BEING HERE, ALL RIGHT?

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12 **LINDA LOCKWOOD:** YOU'RE WELCOME.

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14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ALL RIGHT.
15 THANK YOU, AND WE'LL TAKE YOUR TESTIMONY NOW. AND THE BALANCE
16 OF THE SPEAKERS WILL BE COMING FORWARD IMMEDIATELY.

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18 **RHONDA ORTIZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M RHONDA ORTIZ. I'M THE
19 MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE U.S.C. CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF
20 IMMIGRANT INTEGRATION, AND WE REPRESENT THE COUNCIL ON
21 IMMIGRANT INTEGRATION, WHICH IS A CROSS-SECTOR GROUP OF ABOUT
22 35 LEADERS FROM MANY SECTORS, LIKE COMMUNITY-BASED
23 ORGANIZATIONS, EDUCATION, BUSINESS, THAT WORKS TOGETHER TO
24 LIFT UP THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF IMMIGRANTS THROUGHOUT L.A.
25 COUNTY, AND WE STRONGLY SUPPORT SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S MOTION,



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1 ESPECIALLY THE CREATION OF A COUNTY OFFICE OR DEPARTMENT OF
2 IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS, BECAUSE, AS WE KNOW, 1 IN 3 RESIDENTS ARE
3 IMMIGRANTS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY; NEARLY HALF OF ALL WORKERS.
4 2 IN 3 KIDS HAVE AT LEAST ONE IMMIGRANT PARENT, MY KIDS
5 INCLUDED, AND 90 PERCENT OF THOSE KIDS ARE NATIVE-BORN. SO
6 IMMIGRANTS AREN'T GOING ANYWHERE. IF WE IMPROVE CONDITIONS FOR
7 IMMIGRANTS, WE IMPROVE THEIR FAMILIES, COMMUNITIES, AND THE
8 COUNTY, OVERALL. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THERE BE A COORDINATED
9 EFFORT ACROSS THE COUNTY, ACROSS AGENCIES, TO PROTECT
10 IMMIGRANTS, AND HELP THEM CONTINUE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THEIR
11 FULLEST IN THE COUNTY. THANK YOU.

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13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
14 AND WE'RE GOING TO TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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16 **SCOTT SVONKIN:** THANK YOU, CHAIRMAN. MY NAME IS SCOTT SVONKIN,
17 PRESIDENT OF THE LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD. I WANT
18 TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS. ON BEHALF OF THE 200,000 STUDENTS
19 ACROSS LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AT OUR COMMUNITY COLLEGES, WE STAND
20 IN SUPPORT OF THIS ACTION TONIGHT. WE URGE AN AYE VOTE. OUR 9
21 COLLEGES AND EDUCATION CENTERS WILL REMAIN AS BEACONS OF
22 DEMOCRACY, AND AS SAFE HAVENS FOR EVERY STUDENT IN LOS ANGELES
23 COUNTY. THE LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT AND ALL
24 CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES ARE OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS. ALL
25 STUDENTS. WE ARE THE PEOPLE'S COLLEGE. STUDENTS FROM EVERY



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1 WALK OF LIFE, EVERY ZIP CODE, EVERY LANGUAGE, EVERY CAPABILITY
2 ARE HERE, AND L.A.C.C.D. WELCOMES THEM. IN ADDITION, WE ARE
3 COMMITTED TO PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF OUR UNDOCUMENTED
4 STUDENTS WHO ATTEND OUR INSTITUTIONS, RECEIVING STATE AID
5 UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF A.B. 540, ENACTED IN 2001. THE
6 CALIFORNIA DREAM ACT WAS SIGNED INTO EFFECT. NO CONFIDENTIAL
7 STUDENT RECORDS. NO CONFIDENTIAL STUDENT RECORDS WILL BE
8 RELEASED WITHOUT A JUDICIAL WARRANT, SUBPOENA, COURT ORDER,
9 UNLESS AUTHORIZED BY THE STUDENT THEMSELVES. OUR DISTRICT HAS
10 LAW ENFORCEMENT UNDER THE SHERIFFS, AND WE HAVE INSTRUCTED
11 THEM NOT TO DETAIN, QUESTION, OR ARREST ANY INDIVIDUAL ON OUR
12 COLLEGES, ON THE BASIS OF THE UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRATION STATUS.
13 TOMORROW I WILL APPOINT A TASK FORCE TO MAKE SURE WE CAN
14 IMPLEMENT OUR ACTION TOMORROW, TO PROTECT EVERY STUDENT, AND
15 THEIR RIGHTS ON OUR CAMPUSES TO AN EDUCATION, SO THEY CAN GET
16 A BRIGHTER FUTURE AND A BETTER LIFE FOR THEMSELVES AND THEIR
17 FAMILY. I WANT TO URGE AN AYE VOTE. I WISH YOU WELL. GOD BLESS
18 YOU ALL. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK. AND I'M GLAD THAT THIS
19 BOARD IS SEATED HERE TODAY, BECAUSE I AM CONFIDENT YOU WILL
20 PASS THIS, AND WE WILL STAND TOGETHER TO PROTECT THE STUDENTS
21 ACROSS OUR COUNTY. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. ALL RIGHT?
24 [APPLAUSE.] ALL RIGHT, WE'VE HEARD FROM THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
25 DISTRICT. ALL RIGHT. NOW WE'RE GOING TO TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER,



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1 PLEASE. AND I SEE ABOUT 10 PERSONS IN LINE. WE'RE GOING TO
2 SEEK TO ACCOMMODATE THEM AS QUICKLY AS IS REASONABLE. ALL
3 RIGHT, MA'AM, DO YOU WANT TO PROCEED?

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5 **MEREDITH GRAHAM:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS MEREDITH GRAHAM. I'M A
6 MEMBER OF C.L.U.E.: CLERGY AND LAITY UNITED FOR ECONOMIC
7 JUSTICE. I STAND IN SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION, AND I DEFER TO OUR
8 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, RABBI JONATHAN KLEIN.

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10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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12 **RABBI JONATHAN KLEIN:** AND IF I COULD HAVE A FEW MORE SECONDS,
13 THE THREE OF US WILL TAKE MY COMMENTS AS THE COMMENTS.

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15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. IS THAT OKAY WITH THE
16 TWO OF YOU? YOU'RE DEFERRING TO RABBI KLEIN?

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18 **RABBI JONATHAN KLEIN:** YES.

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20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THEN, RABBI, THAT GIVES
21 YOU ABOUT 50 MINUTES. GO AHEAD. [LAUGHTER.]

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23 **RABBI JONATHAN KLEIN:** IT'LL BE QUICK AND CLEAR. I WANT TO
24 THANK YOU, ESPECIALLY MISS SOLIS AND MISS KUEHL, FOR BRINGING
25 THIS FORWARD. C.L.U.E. HAS THE WILL TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN DO



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1 TO PROTECT IMMIGRANTS FROM A FEDERAL GOVERNMENT GONE AWRY, IN
2 WHICH THE PRESIDENT-ELECT, ON THE DAY THAT HE WAS ELECTED,
3 THANKED THE SECRET SERVICE IN HIS SPEECH-- IN HIS ACCEPTANCE
4 SPEECH. PHASE 1 OF A MEGALOMANIAC'S GRIP ON POWER IS TO
5 SCAPEGOAT A GROUP. HE'S DONE THAT TO MANY GROUPS. PHASE 2 IS
6 TO OBLITERATE THE DISTINCTIONS BETWEEN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE,
7 BETWEEN LOCAL AND NATIONAL. IF WE DO NOT DISMANTLE THE TIES
8 BETWEEN LOCAL AND FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT COMPLETELY, WE FACE
9 A VERY REAL THREAT THAT THIS SECRET SERVICE THAT WE THANKED,
10 THE SECRET POLICE THAT HE THANKED, WILL EMBODY ITS GERMAN
11 TRANSLATION, QUITE HONESTLY-- GESTAPO-- WHICH MY PEOPLE KNOW
12 ALL TOO WELL. PLEASE PASS THIS AS A STARTING POINT. FUND
13 UNIVERSAL REPRESENTATION FOR ALL THOSE WHO CAN GET OUT OF HIS
14 WEB. AND PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE ENSURE THAT WE ESTABLISH A
15 REAL FIREWALL BETWEEN OUR VALUES AND THOSE WHO SEEK TO HURT
16 THE VULNERABLE, THE IMMIGRANTS, THE A.M.E.M.S.A. COMMUNITIES,
17 AND SURELY, EVENTUALLY, EVEN MY OWN PEOPLE, THE JEWISH PEOPLE.
18 THANK YOU AGAIN, MISS SOLIS, THANK YOU, MISS KUEHL, AND THANK
19 YOU TO, I THINK, THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTES THAT WILL COME THIS
20 MORNING, OR THIS EVENING. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'M GOING TO
23 CALL GABRIELLA BARBOSA, JACQUELINE COTO, DR. JANINA LORD
24 MORRISON, AND VIVIAN ROMERO, WHO IS THE MAYOR OF MONTEBELLO.



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1 IF THOSE PERSONS WOULD JOIN US, WE'D APPRECIATE IT. ALL RIGHT,
2 WE'LL GO TO THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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4 **VIVIAN ROMERO:** JUST WANT TO SAY, MAYOR PRO TEM. NOT UNTIL
5 TOMORROW. NOT UNTIL TOMORROW, SO...

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7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** OKAY.

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9 **VIVIAN ROMERO:** JUST LET ME CLARIFY THAT. FIRST, I WANT TO SAY
10 THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** YOUR NAME?

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14 **VIVIAN ROMERO:** VIVIAN ROMERO.

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16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** OKAY.

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18 **VIVIAN ROMERO:** LET ME FIRST START BY SAYING THANK YOU,
19 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP, AND ALSO TO SUPERVISOR
20 KUEHL. CONGRATULATIONS, JANICE. CONGRATULATIONS, SUPERVISOR
21 BARGER. THANK YOU FOR TAKING ACTION TODAY THAT WILL CALL ON
22 THE PROTECTION OF THE DATA, THE IDENTITIES OF THE COUNTY
23 RESIDENTS, IN RESPONSE TO THE RELENTLESS THREATS TO THE
24 IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY BY PRESIDENT-ELECT. AS YOU KNOW, LOS
25 ANGELES COUNTY'S HOME TO SO MANY IMMIGRANTS AND CHILDREN OF



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1 IMMIGRANTS, MORE THAN ANY OTHER COUNTY IN THIS COUNTRY, AND WE
2 MUST PROTECT THE DIVERSE SOCIAL FABRIC OF OUR COMMUNITIES AND
3 OUR NATION. THERE'S SO MANY LATINOS, ASIANS, EUROPEANS,
4 ARMENIANS, JEWISH, AND SO MANY OTHERS, WHO ARE COUNTING ON ALL
5 OF YOU TO PROTECT THE RESIDENTS OF OUR COUNTY. IT'S IMPERATIVE
6 THAT WE WORK TOGETHER NOW, MORE THAN EVER, TO PROTECT THE
7 VULNERABLE, AND TO PROMOTE OPPORTUNITY, AND TO PROMOTE
8 INCLUSION. WE CANNOT LET THE PROGRESS WE'VE MADE IN THIS
9 COUNTRY BE JEOPARDIZED BY THE NEW ADMINISTRATION, AND BY
10 CONGRESS. SO MANY RESIDENTS IN OUR COMMUNITIES ARE NOW PLAGUED
11 WITH FEAR AND WITH ANXIETY BECAUSE OF THE ANTI-IMMIGRANT
12 RHETORIC. SO I URGE YOU TODAY TO PLEASE PROTECT THEM. I STAND
13 IN SOLIDARITY WITH YOU ON THIS ISSUE, AND I SUPPORT YOU IN
14 YOUR MOTION, AND I URGE THE BOARD TO VOTE YES.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
17 TESTIMONY. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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19 **JENNIE PASQUARELLA:** GOOD AFTERNOON. JENNIE PASQUARELLA, FOR
20 THE A.C.L.U. I'M A DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRANT RIGHTS FOR THE
21 A.C.L.U. OF CALIFORNIA. THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND
22 KUEHL, FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS, AND WE SUPPORT THE MOTION.
23 WE CALL ON THE SUPERVISORS TO DO MORE THAN THIS MOTION: TO
24 ENACT REAL PROTECTIONS THAT CAN PROTECT THE COMMUNITY, AND TO
25 DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE TWO MOST IMPORTANT WAYS TO



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1 PROTECT THE COMMUNITY AGAINST A MASS DEPORTATION IS, "A," FOR
2 THE COUNTY TO FUND A PROGRAM TO FUND LAWYERS TO REPRESENT
3 PEOPLE IN DEPORTATION PROCEEDINGS. NO PERSON IN AMERICA MUST
4 FACE CRIMINAL CHARGES WITHOUT A LAWYER. THE SAME MUST BE TRUE
5 FOR DEPORTATION. [APPLAUSE.] THE SECOND THING THAT IS CRITICAL
6 THAT THE COUNTY DO, IS EXAMINE THE WAY IN WHICH THE COUNTY IS
7 PARTICIPATING IN A PIPELINE FOR DEPORTATION. THE SINGLE MOST
8 IMPORTANT TOOL THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS FOR DEPORTATION
9 IS THE CONSCRIPTION OF OUR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AND OUR
10 COUNTY AGENCIES AND STATE AGENCIES INTO THE PROCESS OF
11 DEPORTATION. WE NEED TO TURN OFF THAT VALVE. WE NEED TO STOP
12 COOPERATING WITH OUR FEDERAL IMMIGRATION AGENTS, AND ENSURE
13 THAT OUR COUNTY REMAINS PROTECTED. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. WE'LL
16 TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

17

18 **ANDRES KWON:** GOOD AFTERNOON. ANDRES KWON. I'M A RESIDENT OF
19 SUPERVISOR KUEHL'S DISTRICT. I'M A RECENT IMMIGRANT FROM
20 ARGENTINA. MY PARENTS SACRIFICED TREMENDOUSLY FOR US TO BE
21 HERE, TO PROVIDE ME THE OPPORTUNITIES THEY NEVER HAD, GROWING
22 UP IN A WAR-RAVAGED KOREA, AFTER THE KOREAN WAR. NEVERTHELESS,
23 AS RECENT IMMIGRANTS, WE STRUGGLED. WE WERE IMMERSED AND
24 ENTANGLED IN AN IMMIGRATION SYSTEM THAT CAN BE UNFORGIVING,
25 THAT WAS HIGHLY COMPLEX. AND WE FELT POWERLESS AS WE STRUGGLED



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1 TO FIND A DECENT LAWYER. THAT'S WHAT LED ME TO COME TO LAW
2 SCHOOL, BECOME A LAWYER; NOT ONLY FOR MYSELF, BUT FOR MY
3 FAMILY, AND FOR THOSE WHO ARE IN THEIR TIMES OF GREATEST NEED,
4 AND THEY NEED A LAWYER. WITHOUT A LAWYER FOR ALL, THERE'S NO
5 JUSTICE FOR ALL. OUR COUNTRY, OUR CONSTITUTION, OUR BILL OF
6 RIGHTS, PROMISES JUSTICE FOR ALL. WITHOUT A LAWYER FOR ALL,
7 THERE'S NO DUE PROCESS FOR ALL, THERE'S NO JUSTICE FOR ALL.

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHARI:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY, AND
10 WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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12 **GRISELDA MENDOZA:** BUENOS TARDES. [SPEAKS SPANISH.]

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14 **TRANSLATOR FOR GRISELDA MENDOZA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF
15 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS GRISELDA MENDOZA. I AM HERE
16 REPRESENTING P.A.L.S: PARENTS AND LEADERS OF SUPPORT.
17 RESPECTFULLY, I COME BEFORE YOU, SUPERVISORS, AND TODAY I'M
18 HERE REPRESENTING MY IMMIGRANT FAMILY, WITH MY PRESENCE AND MY
19 VOICE. AND I CALL-- WE ARE NOT CRIMINALS. WE ARE NOT RAPISTS.
20 WE ARE GOOD PEOPLE. WE ARE MOTHERS, FATHERS, SONS, BROTHERS.
21 WE ONLY ARE ASKING FOR AN OPPORTUNITY: AN OPPORTUNITY TO
22 OBTAIN AN EDUCATION, TO HAVE A BETTER CAREER, TO BE ABLE TO
23 PROVIDE OUR FAMILIES WITH A BETTER AND DESERVING LIFE. WE WANT
24 TO LIVE WITHOUT FEAR. I WANT TO LIVE WITHOUT FEAR, BECAUSE
25 LIVING IN FEAR IS NOT LIVING. THANK YOU SO MUCH TO ALL OF YOU



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1 FOR GIVING US THE OPPORTUNITY TO COME HERE AND TALK TO YOU,
2 AND I DO SEE IN YOU THAT YOU WILL HELP US. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT
5 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

6

7 **GABRIELLA BARBOSA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY
8 NAME IS GABRIELLA BARBOSA. I AM POLICY DIRECTOR FOR LOS
9 ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER DR. REF
10 RODRIGUEZ, AND I SPEAK HERE TODAY ON HIS BEHALF, AND ON BEHALF
11 OF BOARD DISTRICT 5. THANK YOU TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND
12 SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR PUTTING FORTH THIS INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT
13 MOTION. UNDERSTANDING THAT STUDENTS NEED TO FEEL SAFE AND
14 WELCOMED INSIDE THEIR CLASSROOMS TO BE ABLE TO LEARN, LAST
15 YEAR, DR. RODRIGUEZ CO-AUTHORED A RESOLUTION THAT WAS PASSED
16 UNANIMOUSLY, AND DECLARED L.A.U.S.D. SCHOOLS AS SAFE SPACES,
17 AS SANCTUARIES WHERE STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES DO NOT FEEL
18 STRESS OR CONCERN ABOUT BEING TARGETED BY IMMIGRATION
19 AUTHORITIES. AS A PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT SERVES OVER
20 600,000 STUDENTS, MANY WHO ARE IMMIGRANTS THEMSELVES, OR COME
21 FROM IMMIGRANT FAMILIES, THIS MOTION IS VITAL TO HELPING
22 STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES FEEL SAFE AND PROTECTED OUTSIDE OF
23 CLASSROOM WALLS. THANK YOU AGAIN, SUPERVISORS, FOR DOING YOUR
24 PART AND BRINGING THIS MOTION. I URGE EACH OF YOU TO SUPPORT
25 IT.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
3 WE'RE GOING TO CALL MIGUEL LUNA, KAREN LUNA, LUZ RUIZ, RAUL
4 MACIAS. TWO OTHER PERSONS, WHOSE NAMES ARE-- DESCRIBED AS THE
5 CHILDREN. YOU ALL COME UP AND STAND IN LINE, AND THEN WE'LL BE
6 GLAD TO ACCOMMODATE YOUR REQUEST TO BE HEARD. RIGHT NOW, THERE
7 ARE INDIVIDUALS BEFORE ME WHO WISH TO BE HEARD, AND I'M READY
8 TO HEAR FROM YOU. PROCEED.

9

10 **JACQUELINE COTO:** HI. GOOD EVENING. MY NAME IS JACQUELINE COTO.
11 I AM THE FIELD DIRECTOR FOR THE SOUTHEAST CITIES, REPRESENTING
12 BOARD MEMBER DR. REF RODRIGUEZ, WITH L.A.U.S.D. I BRIEFLY JUST
13 WANT TO THANK YOU FOR PUTTING THIS MOTION FORWARD, SUPERVISOR
14 SOLIS. I WANTED TO SHARE HOW MUCH OUR STUDENTS ARE EXPRESSING
15 A LOT OF ANGST AND FEAR IN THE CLASSROOMS; ALSO, THE TEACHERS
16 WHO ARE EMPLOYED UNDER D.A.C.A. THEY ARE REALLY LOOKING FOR US
17 TO SHELTER THEM AND PROVIDE A SPACE FOR SAFETY. A LOT OF THE
18 STUDENTS IN HIGH SCHOOL ARE EXPRESSING FEAR OF APPLYING TO GO
19 TO UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGES, BECAUSE OF THIS CURRENT SITUATION.
20 SO I STRONGLY AM HERE ON BEHALF OF THEM, IN SUPPORT OF THIS
21 MOTION, AND I REALLY THANK YOU FOR PUTTING THIS FORTH AND
22 PROVIDING A SAFE SPACE FOR OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
2 TESTIMONY, AND WE'LL TAKE THE BALANCE OF THE SPEAKERS BEFORE
3 US.

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5 **ELVY PEREZ:** OKAY. GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY
6 NAME IS ELVY PEREZ, AND I'M REPRESENTING A GROUP OF PARENTS
7 NAMED PARENTS IN LEARNING, FOR BEST START, SOUTH EL MONTE/EL
8 MONTE, AND FIRST 5 L.A., AND THE S.P.I.R.I.T.T. FAMILY
9 SERVICES. WE ARE A COMMUNITY OF LOW-INCOME PARENTS AND
10 RESIDENTS, BUT THAT'S NOT PREVENTING US TO WORK TOGETHER IN
11 UNITY. WE ARE VERY HARD WORKERS, AND SOME OF US HOLD ONE, TWO,
12 OR THREE JOBS, TO BE ABLE TO MAKE IT THROUGH. IT DOESN'T
13 MATTER WHETHER WE ARE DOCUMENTED OR UNDOCUMENTED. CURRENTLY,
14 WE LIVE IN A CIRCLE OF FRIGHT, WHERE OUR CHILDREN FEAR THAT
15 THEIR PARENTS MIGHT BE DEPORTED. WE ARE NOT CRIMINALS. WE LIVE
16 IN A DREAM WHERE WE WANT THE BEST FOR FAMILIES IN OUR
17 COMMUNITIES, BECAUSE WE WANT OUR CHILDREN TO STRIVE EVEN
18 HIGHER THAN WE GOT TO. PLEASE PROTECT OUR CHILDREN, BECAUSE
19 OUR CHILDREN ARE THE FUTURE OF THIS NATION. I WOULD LIKE TO
20 END MY STATEMENT SAYING THAT, WORKING TOGETHER, WE WILL MAKE A
21 DIFFERENCE. PLEASE APPROVE THIS MOTION. THANK YOU, AND GOD
22 BLESS YOU.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** GOD BLESS YOU. THANK YOU. AND WE'LL
25 TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER.



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2 **RABEYA SEN:** HI. MY NAME IS RABEYA SEN, AND I'M WITH ESPERANZA
3 COMMUNITY HOUSING CORPORATION, IN SOUTH CENTRAL. I KNOW THAT
4 WE ARE ALL AWARE OF THE DANGEROUS INTENTIONS FACING OUR BLACK
5 AND BROWN COMMUNITIES RIGHT NOW, SUCH AS THE MUSLIM REGISTRY
6 AND THE DEPORTATION FORCE THAT IS BEING PLANNED AS WE SPEAK,
7 RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW. WE NEED OUR ELECTEDS TO ACT NOW, TO
8 PROTECT ALL OUR COMMUNITIES. SO, THANK YOU FOR THIS INITIAL
9 STEP, AND WE NEED TO DO MUCH MORE, SUCH AS UNIVERSAL
10 REPRESENTATION. WE NEED THE COUNTY TO PRIORITIZE FUNDING TO
11 REPRESENT ALL PEOPLE FACING DEPORTATION HEARINGS RIGHT NOW. WE
12 CANNOT FALL INTO THE TRAP OF TRUMP'S DICHOTOMY OF GOOD
13 IMMIGRANTS VERSUS BAD IMMIGRANTS. THIS IS A BASIC ISSUE OF
14 HUMAN DIGNITY, OF VALUES, OF JUSTICE. [APPLAUSE.] AND WE MUST
15 ENSURE THAT THE COUNTY IS NOT COMPLICIT WITH FEDERAL
16 IMMIGRATION LAWS AND THE DEPORTATION TASK FORCE THAT TRUMP IS
17 PROPOSING. SO WE STRONGLY URGE YOU TO MAKE SURE THAT NO COUNTY
18 RESOURCES ARE USED FOR THIS. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER,
21 PLEASE.

22

23 **ISABEL CARDENAS:** HELLO. GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
24 MY NAME IS ISABEL CARDENAS.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THE HONORABLE ISABEL CARDENAS.

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3 **ISABEL CARDENAS:** I AM COFOUNDER AND PRESIDENT OF MULTI-ETHNIC

4 PEACE AND RECONSTRUCTION FUND. THE WORD "RECONSTRUCTION" IN

5 OUR ORGANIZATION IS NOT OF BUILDINGS, BUT OF THE HUMAN BEING.

6 AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT OUR ORGANIZATION STANDS FOR IS

7 AGAINST EVERYTHING THAT PRESIDENT-ELECT DONALD TRUMP IS FOR.

8 WE ARE AGAINST RACISM, WE ARE AGAINST HATRED, AND WE BELIEVE

9 THAT THERE IS NO MORE THAN ONE RACE IN THE UNIVERSE.

10 REGARDLESS OF OUR COLOR, OUR ETHNICITY, WHERE WE WERE BORN,

11 AND OUR LANGUAGE, WE ARE ALL OF ONE RACE: THE HUMAN RACE.

12 [APPLAUSE.] OUR CONCERNS ARE THE SAME AS WHAT HAS BEEN STATED

13 BY THE PREVIOUS SPEAKERS, SO I WILL NOT GO INTO THAT. THANK

14 YOU, SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS, FOR ALL OF YOUR EFFORTS ON BEHALF

15 OF THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE. I THOUGHT IT WAS IMPORTANT,

16 HOWEVER, TO LET YOU KNOW THAT OUR ORGANIZATION IS A MEMBER OF

17 THE LATINO COALITION, PRESIDED BY A YOUNG MAN, RAUL CLAROS.

18 AND WE HAVE BEEN OUTREACHING TO THE BANGLADESH COMMUNITY, THE

19 SOUTH CENTRAL COMMUNITY, SAN FERNANDO, ALL OVER THE COUNTY,

20 BECAUSE WE ARE PLANNING TOWN HALL MEETINGS. OKAY. AND WE WOULD

21 LIKE EVERY SUPERVISOR WHO REPRESENTS CERTAIN DISTRICTS TO

22 PLEASE, PLEASE SUPPORT US, AND BE AT OUR TOWN HALL MEETING

23 WHEN WE SEND YOU THE ADVICE. WE ARE HAVING THE FIRST ONE. WE

24 ARE PLANNING THE FIRST ONE FOR NEXT WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14.

25 PLEASE SUPPORT. I KNOW THAT YOU WILL SUPPORT US.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, ISABEL CARDENAS.
3 NOW...

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5 **ISABEL CARDENAS:** AND THANK YOU, MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, FOR
6 EVERYTHING YOU'VE DONE FOR OUR COMMUNITY. I LOVE YOU.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** OOH. SHE SAID SHE LOVED ME IN
9 PUBLIC. HOW ABOUT THAT? NOW...

10

11 **SPEAKER:** WHAT A TOUGH ACT TO FOLLOW.

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13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ANYBODY HERE WHO'S 80-PLUS, WHO CAN
14 TELL ME THAT, AS WELL, ALL RIGHT? GIVE HER ANOTHER ROUND OF
15 APPLAUSE. SHE IS SPECIAL. [APPLAUSE.] AND SHE'S ON THE FIRING
16 LINE A LONG TIME. ALL RIGHT. SHALL WE PROCEED?

17

18 **SPEAKER:** THAT'S A TOUGH ACT TO FOLLOW. THANK YOU, CHAIRMAN
19 RIDLEY-THOMAS, HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. CONGRATULATIONS
20 TO BOTH BARGER AND HAHN. I JUST WANT TO SAY, I'M A SCHOOL
21 BOARD MEMBER FOR ALHAMBRA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND I
22 APPRECIATE THE PROACTIVE ACTION BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. AND I
23 COMPLETELY SUPPORT THE MOTION TO CONVERT THE D.A.C.A. TASK
24 FORCE TO THE IMMIGRANT PROTECTION TASK FORCE. AS A SCHOOL
25 BOARD MEMBER IN ALHAMBRA, WE COVER BOTH THE FIRST AND THE



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1 FIFTH DISTRICT, PROUDLY. WE ARE A SECOND HOME TO 18,000
2 STUDENTS, THE MAJORITY OF THEM IMMIGRANT, COMING FROM
3 IMMIGRANT POPULATIONS. AND TODAY, AND MANY DAYS, I'VE HAD
4 DISCUSSIONS WITH PARENTS FROM OUR MIGRANT ED. ALL SCHOOL
5 DISTRICTS HAVE MIGRANT ED PROGRAMS, NO MATTER WHERE THEY ARE
6 IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AND DISCUSSING WITH THE MIGRANT ED
7 FAMILIES, THEY'RE FRIGHTENED, AND THEY'RE FRIGHTENED FOR
8 THEMSELVES AND THEIR CHILDREN. AND I KNOW YOU HEARD THAT STORY
9 HERE TODAY. SO I JUST WANT TO SAY ONE OF THE OTHER ISSUES THAT
10 I THINK IS REALLY SUPER-IMPORTANT TO HEAR IS THAT I'M
11 CONCERNED ABOUT THIS POTENTIAL CHANGE THAT WILL ALLOW I.C.E.,
12 OR ALLOW OUR LOCAL LAW-ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO TAKE ON I.C.E.
13 DUTIES. I THINK THAT'S INAPPROPRIATE FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS. WE
14 ARE IN THE MIDDLE OF DEVELOPING SUCH GOOD RELATIONSHIPS WITH
15 OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT, AS WE MOVE TO LEAVE KIDS OUT OF THOSE--
16 YOU KNOW, THEY JUST NEED TO BE IN BETTER RELATIONS WITH OUR
17 OFFICERS. AND SO TO MAKE THEM I.C.E. OFFICERS INCOGNITO IS A
18 WRONG THING TO DO. I SUPPORT YOUR MEASURE, AND HOPE WE
19 CONTINUE TO MOVE ON. THANK YOU.

20

21 **TIM RYDER:** OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME
22 IS TIM RYDER. I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AT AMANECER COMMUNITY
23 COUNSELING SERVICE. WE'RE A PREMIERE PROVIDER OF INNOVATIVE
24 AND COMPASSIONATE MENTAL-HEALTH SERVICES, IN SERVICE AREA 4
25 AND 6, IN METRO L.A. AND SOUTH L.A., AND WE HAVE ABOUT 85



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1 PERCENT OF OUR CLIENTELE ARE LATINO, SO WE UNDERSTAND THE
2 COMMUNITY. WE ARE HERE TO APPLAUD AND SUPPORT SUPERVISOR HILDA
3 SOLIS'S FORWARD-THINKING MOTION. WE THINK IT'S CRITICALLY
4 NEEDED TO TAKE A FIRM STAND, AND PROJECT A CALM AND A
5 CONFIDENCE FOR LATINOS, FOR MUSLIMS, FOR OTHER IMMIGRANTS, WHO
6 HAVE SUFFERED THE DETRIMENTAL EFFECT OF THE HATE SPEECH THAT
7 HAS OCCURRED DURING THIS CAMPAIGN. THIS IS REAL AND PERSONAL
8 FOR OUR CLIENTS, AND I'LL JUST GIVE YOU A VERY QUICK EXAMPLE.
9 AT 9 A.M., THE DAY-- WEDNESDAY-- FOLLOWING THE ELECTION, WE
10 HAD 3 CLIENTS IN THE WAITING ROOM SOBBING UNCONTROLLABLY,
11 FEARING FOR THEIR FUTURE. SINCE THEN, OUR CHILDREN HAVE FELT
12 THE STING OF PEOPLE SAYING, "WE'RE GOING TO DEPORT YOU AND
13 YOUR FAMILY. PACK YOUR BAGS. TRUMP'S GOING TO SEND YOU HOME."
14 THIS MOTION IS FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE, AS WELL, BECAUSE WE WON'T
15 BE DEPORTING PARENTS WHO MIGHT NOT HAVE IMMIGRANT STATUS, AND
16 PUT THEIR CHILDREN ON D.C.F.S.'S EXPENSIVE CASELOAD. WE'RE
17 HERE TO SUPPORT. WE ALSO SERVE 500 UNACCOMPANIED MINORS, AND
18 SENDING THEM HOME WOULD BE A DEATH SENTENCE. SO WE FULLY
19 SUPPORT THE PROPOSAL AND THE MOTION. THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
22 TESTIMONY. NOW, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IT'S 4:30.

23

24 **MARY JACOBS:** HI. CAN I TALK YET?

25



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** NO, NOT YET. THANK YOU. IT'S 4:30,
2 AND WE HAVE QUITE A WAYS TO GO. YOU CAN WAIVE YOUR OPPORTUNITY
3 TO BE HEARD. IF YOU WOULD LIKE, I'LL STILL CALL YOUR NAME AND
4 ACKNOWLEDGE YOU. MY ASSUMPTION IS THAT YOU ARE HERE IN SUPPORT
5 OF THE ITEM BEFORE US, AND WE SIMPLY AFFORD YOU THE
6 OPPORTUNITY TO EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT, AT THIS POINT, TO SPEAK,
7 OR YOUR RIGHT TO WAIVE. EITHER ONE IS YOUR PREROGATIVE. ALL
8 RIGHT, WE'LL PROCEED. MA'AM?

9

10 **MARY JACOBS:** MY NAME IS MARY JACOBS, AND I WAS A SUBSTITUTE
11 TEACHER FOR PROBABLY 30 YEARS. SO, OBVIOUSLY, I THINK STUDENTS
12 SHOULD NOT BE FORCED TO BE IN FEAR. BUT I THINK WHAT YOU
13 SHOULD DO IS SOMETHING LIKE CATECHISM CLASSES, BUT CALL IT
14 CITIZENSHIP CLASSES, AND GIVE THEM LEGAL ADVICE SO THAT THEY
15 CAN AUTOMATICALLY BECOME CITIZENS JUST BY BEING IN THE SCHOOL
16 DISTRICT, SO THAT WE DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THEM, ONCE THEY
17 GET TO COLLEGE. I DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S POSSIBLE, BUT IT ISN'T
18 FAIR IF THEY CAME HERE NOT BY CHOICE. MY HUSBAND AND I,
19 HOWEVER, ARE-- I'M 67, MY HUSBAND'S 84, AND WE ARE LITERALLY
20 FINANCIAL ELDER ABUSE VICTIMS. AND THIS IS BECAUSE
21 IMMIGRATION, AND SANCTUARY CITY SANTA MONICA, HAS LET THIS
22 ROMANIAN IMMIGRANT CONTINUE TO SUCK MONEY OUT OF PEOPLE. SHE
23 HAS NO WAY TO MAKE MONEY, BECAUSE SHE HAS NO GREEN CARD, AND
24 SHE JUST MAKES CHILDREN, AND COLLECTS-- LIKE A WELFARE MOTHER,
25 EXCEPT SHE'S AN IMMIGRANT WELFARE MOTHER. THESE PEOPLE THAT



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1 STAY HERE FOR OVER 20 YEARS SHOULD BE FORCED TO GET A
2 CITIZENSHIP, OR GET A GREEN CARD, OR GO. I LIKE TRUMP. I DO. I
3 VOTED FOR HIM.

4

5 **SUP. KUEHL:** OKAY, HANG IN THERE.

6

7 **FRANCIA CRUZ:** HI. MY NAME IS FRANCI A CRUZ. I AM HERE WITH
8 LIZBETH VENTURA AND KARLA CRUZ, REPRESENTING EAST LOS ANGELES
9 COLLEGE. I CAME TO THE UNITED STATES WHEN I WAS 8 YEARS OLD. I
10 AM AN UNDOCUMENTED STUDENT AT EAST LOS ANGELES COLLEGE.
11 E.L.A.C. IS HOME TO MORE THAN 6,000 UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS, AND
12 300 OF THOSE BEING D.A.C.A. RECIPIENTS. PRESIDENT-ELECT TRUMP
13 STATED THAT HE WOULD REPEAL THE D.A.C.A. PROGRAM, WHICH
14 PROTECTS MORE THAN 750,000 UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS, AS SOON AS
15 HE STEPS INTO OFFICE. IMMIGRANTS HAVE BENEFITED THE U.S.
16 ECONOMY THROUGHOUT DECADES NOW. IT IS TIME TO PROTECT THEM, AS
17 A COUNTY. I SUPPORT THIS MOTION, AND I WILL LIKE TO THANK THIS
18 TIME TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR BEING THE VOICE OF MILLIONS
19 OF UNDOCUMENTED FOLKS RESIDING IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE ARE
20 LOUD, WE ARE BROWN, AND WE ARE PROUD. AND WE ENCOURAGE AND
21 URGE EVERYBODY, AND THE BOARD, TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION. THANK
22 YOU.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT, WE'LL
25 PROCEED.



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2 **AMEENA QAZI:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS AMEENA QAZI. I'M THE
3 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD LOS ANGELES.
4 I REPRESENT A COALITION OF ATTORNEYS AND LAW STUDENTS
5 COMMITTED TO SOCIAL JUSTICE. AND BECAUSE WE UNDERSTAND THAT
6 OUR LAWS DON'T GO FAR ENOUGH, WE WOULD ALSO ENCOURAGE YOU TO
7 GO FURTHER THAN THIS RESOLUTION SAYS, TO ACTUALLY ENCOURAGE
8 UNIVERSAL REPRESENTATION; AND ALSO, AS OUR COLLEAGUE SAID,
9 TOO, AND THE PIPELINE FUNNELING IMMIGRANTS INTO THE IMMIGRANT
10 SYSTEM THROUGH CRIMINAL JUSTICE. THE OTHER POINTS I'D LIKE TO
11 MAKE, I YIELD, AS BEING REPRESENTED BY MY COLLEAGUE HERE.

12

13 **MASIH FOULADI:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MASIH FOULADI. I'M A
14 LEGAL ADVOCATE AT THE COUNCIL ON AMERICAN ISLAMIC RELATIONS,
15 AND A MEMBER OF THE SHURA COUNCIL OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, A
16 MUSLIM ORGANIZATION THAT REPRESENTS OVER 500,000 MUSLIMS IN
17 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. I AM HERE TODAY BECAUSE THE ANTI-
18 IMMIGRANT AND ANTI-MUSLIM RHETORIC THROUGHOUT THIS ELECTION
19 CYCLE HAS NEGATIVELY IMPACTED THE SAFETY OF SO MANY
20 IMMIGRANTS. THIS RHETORIC HAS REAL IMPACT ON THE LIVES OF
21 FAMILIES THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AS THE PRESIDENT-ELECT
22 WORKS TOWARDS HIS INAUGURATION AND HIS 100-DAY PLAN, THE
23 PROSPECT THAT HIS RHETORIC WILL BE REFLECTED IN IMMIGRATION
24 POLICIES IS IMMINENT. WE IN LOS ANGELES MUST LEAD THE WAY IN
25 IMPLEMENTING PROTECTIONS FOR ALL IMMIGRANTS. THIS MOTION BY



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1 SUPERVISOR SOLIS IS A GOOD STARTING POINT. WE MUST ENSURE NO
2 COUNTY RESOURCES ARE ALLOCATED FOR FEDERAL IMMIGRATION
3 ENFORCEMENT. WE CANNOT ALLOW FOR THE SELECTIVE SPECIAL
4 REGISTRATION OF MUSLIM IMMIGRANTS. AS A COUNTY, WE CANNOT
5 VIOLATE THE PRIVACY OF OUR COMMUNITIES. WE CANNOT ALLOW FOR
6 ILLEGAL SEARCHES AND DETENTIONS, BASED ON NATIONAL ORIGIN OR
7 RELIGION. WE CANNOT ALLOW FOR THE SECURITIZATION OF OUR
8 DIVERSE POPULATIONS. WE NEED COUNTY RESOURCES TO ENABLE
9 UNIVERSAL REPRESENTATION, AND NO DISTINCTION FOR CRIMINAL
10 ALIENS. AND THESE PROTECTIONS NEED TO BE IN PLACE, AS SOON AS
11 POSSIBLE. L.A. COUNTY IMMIGRANTS SHOULD BE AS PROTECTED AS
12 POSSIBLE WHEN TRUMP ENTERS OFFICE ON JANUARY 20TH. L.A. COUNTY
13 NEEDS TO LEAD THE WAY. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. WE'RE
16 PROCEEDING. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. COME FORWARD.

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18 **REBECCA TROTZKY:** HI. I'M REBECCA TROTZKY. I'M A DOCTOR IN THE
19 EMERGENCY ROOM AT L.A.C.+U.S.C., AND WE'RE CONSOLIDATING TO
20 REPRESENT A LOT OF THE HEALTHCARE.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** CONSOLIDATING. ALL RIGHT. THAT'S
23 MUSIC.

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1 **LESLIE ALMEIDA:** HI. LESLIE ALMEIDA, COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER
2 FOR DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, EL MONTE.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WONDERFUL.

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6 **GERSON SORTO:** HI. MY NAME IS GERSON SORTO. I'M AN ATTORNEY
7 WITH NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL SERVICES OF LOS ANGELES, AND I PARTNER
8 WITH A MEDICAL-LEGAL PARTNERSHIP, HERE AT THE WELLNESS CENTER.

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10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WONDERFUL.

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12 **DR. JANINA MORRISON:** HI. MY NAME IS DR. MORRISON. I'M A
13 PRIMARY-CARE DOCTOR AT THE L.A.C.+U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER, AND
14 THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR OF THE WELLNESS CENTER. PEOPLE ALWAYS ASK
15 ME WHAT IT'S LIKE TO WORK FOR THE COUNTY, AS A DOCTOR, AND I
16 THINK THEY EXPECT ME TO SAY THAT IT'S SO HARD. AND WHAT I LIKE
17 TO TELL THEM IS THAT I THINK I'M THE LUCKIEST PHYSICIAN IN THE
18 COUNTRY, BECAUSE OF THE POLICIES OF THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
19 THAT MAKE DOING MY JOB INCREDIBLY REWARDING, AND I CAN HELP
20 PEOPLE IN WAYS THAT I'VE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO, IN OTHER
21 SETTINGS. AS WE LOOK FORWARD TO JANUARY, I THINK WE HAVE A LOT
22 OF WORK TO DO, TO MAKE SURE THAT THAT CONTINUES, AND TO REALLY
23 GO FORWARD WITH PROGRESSIVE IMMIGRATION PROTECTION FOR OUR
24 PATIENTS AND OUR PEOPLE. CAN I HAVE A LITTLE MORE TIME, SINCE
25 WE INTRODUCED OURSELVES?



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** I GOT YOU. DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
3 KEEP MOVING.

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5 **DR. JANINA MORRISON:** OKAY. SORRY. SO, BASICALLY, THE ELEPHANT
6 IN THE ROOM, WHEN WE SEE PATIENTS, IS IMMIGRATION. WHEN I SEE
7 A PATIENT WHO I CAN'T CONTROL THEIR DIABETES OR THEIR HEART
8 DISEASE, THEIR MENTAL HEALTH CONCERNS ARE NOT BEING ADDRESSED,
9 WHAT THEY DON'T TELL ME IS THAT SOMEONE AT HOME IS
10 UNDOCUMENTED, SOMEONE AT HOME IS BEING DEPORTED, SOMEONE IS
11 INCARCERATED FOR REASONS THAT WERE RELATED TO IMMIGRATION. AND
12 I CAN'T TAKE CARE OF THESE PATIENTS. SO THERE'S THREE THINGS
13 I'D LIKE TO ASK FOR YOU TODAY. I SUPPORT EVERYTHING THAT'S
14 GOING FORWARD, AND I THINK WE NEED MORE. WE NEED TO MAKE SURE
15 THAT WE HAVE UNIVERSAL REPRESENTATION FOR EVERYONE, BECAUSE I
16 CAN'T TAKE CARE OF MY PATIENTS UNLESS WE GUARANTEE THAT
17 EVERYONE HAS ACCESS TO REPRESENTATION WHEN THEY'RE AT RISK FOR
18 DEPORTATION. WE ALSO NEED TO PROTECT INFORMATION. I CANNOT
19 HAVE MY PATIENTS FEARING THAT THEIR INFORMATION, THINGS THEY
20 TELL ME, IS GOING TO MEAN THEY GET DEPORTED. AND FINALLY, WE
21 HAVE TO GET READY BEFORE JANUARY 20TH. WE NEED THESE THINGS IN
22 PLACE. IT'S ALREADY AFFECTING THE HEALTH OF MY PATIENTS,
23 BECAUSE OF THE ANXIETY. SO I APPLAUD YOU FOR GETTING STARTED
24 NOW, AND I HOPE WE CAN HAVE THINGS IN PLACE BEFORE
25 INAUGURATION DAY. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY, ALL
3 FOUR OF YOU. SIR, YOU WISH TO BE HEARD?

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5 **GERSON SORTO:** YES, PLEASE, IF I COULD JUST ADD A FEW THINGS.
6 SO, AGAIN, I'M WITH NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL SERVICES, AND WE'RE THE
7 LEGAL PARTNER OF THE WELLNESS CENTER'S MEDICAL-LEGAL
8 PARTNERSHIP. AND WE STRONGLY SUPPORT SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S
9 MOTION, BECAUSE IT REALLY AIMS TO PROTECT SOME OF OUR MOST
10 VULNERABLE CLIENTS: INDIVIDUALS IN NEED OF HEALTH SERVICES,
11 AND ALSO VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. AND WE ENCOURAGE THE
12 COUNTY'S ESTABLISHMENT OF MY HEALTH L.A., BECAUSE WE KNOW
13 HEALTHCARE FOR ALL CREATES HEALTHIER FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES.
14 BUT AFTER MUCH EFFORT TO INFORM AND ENROLL PATIENTS INTO THIS
15 PROGRAM, MANY ARE NOT RETURNING TO US, IN FEAR, ASKING,
16 "ABOGADO, ATTORNEY, WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO MY HEALTH L.A.?
17 WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO MY CHILD'S MEDI-CAL NEXT YEAR?" SO I
18 ENCOURAGE YOU ALL TO REALLY MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS MOTION. THE
19 WELLNESS CENTER, LIKE HOSPITALS AND COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS,
20 ARE KNOWN AS SAFE SPACES AND HUBS WHERE THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS
21 CAN RECEIVE CRITICAL INFORMATION AND VITAL SERVICES. SO IT'S
22 IMPERATIVE THAT THE COUNTY HEALTH PROGRAMS AND HEALTH SERVICES
23 MAINTAIN SAFE AND WELCOMING ENVIRONMENTS FOR ALL. THANK YOU.

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25 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. HERE WE ARE.



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2 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, CHAIR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS...

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** YES.

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6 **SPEAKER:** FOR ALLOWING MY FAMILY TO BE HERE. I WANTED TO MODEL
7 THAT, WHEN NECESSARY, WE NEED TO SHOW UP, AND WE NEED TO SPEAK
8 UP. I AM HERE AS A LEGAL RESIDENT TODAY, BUT I, LIKE MY MOM
9 AND MY FRIEND HERE, RAUL, CAME HERE UNDOCUMENTED. AND I WANTED
10 TO SAY THAT WE ARE UNASHAMED OF OUR JOURNEY HERE, THAT WE ARE
11 UNAPOLOGETIC FOR MAKING THE JOURNEY. OUR PARENTS LEFT THEIR
12 FAMILY AND LOVED ONES A LONG TIME AGO, AND MADE THEIR
13 SACRIFICES TO PROVIDE A BETTER OPPORTUNITY FOR US. MANY EVEN
14 LEFT THEIR COUNTRY AS REFUGEES OF VIOLENCE AND PERSECUTION, SO
15 WE ALSO WILL NOT APOLOGIZE FOR SEEKING A BETTER LIFE. MANY OF
16 US ARE ENGINEERS, DOCTORS, TEACHERS, ORGANIZERS, STUDENTS, AND
17 EVEN POLITICIANS, AS RECENTLY HIGHLIGHTED WHEN THE HONORABLE
18 ADRIANO ESPAILLAT BECAME THE FIRST PREVIOUSLY UNDOCUMENTED
19 PERSON TO BECOME A CONGRESS MEMBER. AS A SMALL-BUSINESS OWNER,
20 I KNOW FIRSTHAND THE CONTRIBUTIONS WE MAKE TO THIS CITY, TO
21 THIS COUNTY, AND TO THIS COUNTRY. WE MAKE THESE CONTRIBUTIONS
22 WITH OUR SWEAT, WITH THE SACRIFICED TIME THAT WE SPEND AWAY
23 FROM OUR FAMILIES TO BUILD THIS BUSINESS, AND WE CERTAINLY DO
24 IT WITH THE TAXES THAT WE PAY. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, WE THANK YOU
25 FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP. WE STAND HERE UNIFIED TODAY, TO SUPPORT



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1 YOUR MOTION. WE UNITE OUR VOICES TO THOSE THAT ARE STILL
2 CURRENTLY UNDOCUMENTED, AND WE MAKE OURSELVES AVAILABLE TO
3 WORK WITH YOU, TO ENSURE THAT OUR IMMIGRANT FAMILIES ARE
4 AFFORDED THE TOOLS, THE RESOURCES, AND SERVICES, SO WE MAY ALL
5 LIVE IN A HEALTHY AND SAFE ENVIRONMENT IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS,
6 OUR SCHOOLS, WHERE WE WORK, AND ANYWHERE WE CHOOSE TO LIVE IN
7 THIS COUNTY, AND IN THIS GREAT NATION THAT WE NOW CALL HOME.
8 THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WE

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12 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU.

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14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. AND
15 THE TESTIMONY OF THOSE LITTLE ONES. GIVE THOSE LITTLE ONES A
16 LITTLE ROUND OF APPLAUSE, WON'T YOU? [APPLAUSE.] YEAH, THEY'RE
17 HERE. THEY'RE REPRESENTING. THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT, WE'LL
18 PROCEED. I'M GOING TO DO ANOTHER TIME CHECK WITH YOU AT 5:00.
19 THANK YOU.

20

21 **CYNTHIA CARMONA:** GOOD EVENING. CYNTHIA CARMONA, AND WE'RE ALSO
22 CONSOLIDATING THIS EVENING. I AM FROM THE COMMUNITY CLINIC
23 ASSOCIATION OF L.A. COUNTY, SO I'D LIKE TO ASK ALL OF THE
24 CLINIC FOLKS IN THE ROOM, IF YOU COULD JUST STAND UP SO THEY
25 CAN SEE YOU, SO WE DON'T TAKE UP TOO MUCH TIME. WE DO



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1 REPRESENT 59 CLINICS, WITH OVER 300 SITES AND 1.5 MILLION
2 PATIENTS IN THE COUNTY. THIS INCLUDES THE 150,000 INDIVIDUALS
3 ON THE MY HEALTH L.A. PROGRAM. IT ALSO INCLUDES SURVEYING SOME
4 OF THE 55,000 INDIVIDUALS THAT HAVE GONE ONTO MEDI-CAL THROUGH
5 S.B. 75, D.A.C.A. RECIPIENTS, AND MANY, MANY, MANY OTHER
6 IMMIGRANT FOLKS THAT GO TO THE CLINICS FOR CARE. WE CERTAINLY
7 SUPPORT THIS MOTION, AND IN PARTICULAR, THE HEALTHCARE RIGHTS
8 OF L.A. COUNTY'S IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY. WE ASK THAT THIS BOARD
9 DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO ENSURE THAT THE ELIGIBILITY
10 INFORMATION THAT YOU HOLD BE PROTECTED, THAT YOU HAVE FOR
11 COUNTY PROGRAMS. AND WE ALSO, AGAIN, STRONGLY SUPPORT THAT
12 LEGAL RESOURCES BE MADE TO EVERY IMMIGRANT IN THIS COMMUNITY.
13 SO, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'LL TAKE THE
16 NEXT SPEAKERS. LET ME CALL ON JULIA GOMEZ, ANDRE QUINTERO. ALL
17 RIGHT. I'M JUST CALLING HIS NAME FOR THE RECORD, RIGHT? MIGUEL
18 PAREDES, MALEK BENDELHOURN, PABLO BARRIOS, MAISH FLOU... HELP
19 ME. ALL RIGHT. MASIH FOULADI. OKAY. LIZBETH VENTURA, KIM
20 MCGILL, PASTOR CUE, FRED ALI, LAURA SANTOS, REBECCA TROTZKY. I
21 THINK REBECCA WAS HEARD. VIVIAN ROMERO, BILL PRZYLICKI. LAST
22 NAME, PAREDES, FIRST NAME, X-O-C... XOCHI? THANK YOU,
23 SUPERVISOR. LETICIA LOPEZ. LET'S TRY THOSE. PROCEED, SIR.

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1 **HUGO SOTO:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS HUGO SOTO.
2 I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF MARIA ELENA DURAZO, OUR GENERAL VICE
3 PRESIDENT OF IMMIGRATION, CIVIL RIGHTS, AND DIVERSITY, WITH
4 U.N.I.T.E. H.E.R.E. INTERNATIONAL. I'M SUBMITTING A MUCH
5 LENGTHIER LETTER BY MARIA ELENA DURAZO, BUT TO KEEP IT BRIEF,
6 WE COME HERE REPRESENTING OVER 20,000 COOKS, HOUSEKEEPERS,
7 DISHWASHERS, FROM DIFFERENT SERVICE SECTORS ACROSS TWO
8 COUNTIES: LOS ANGELES AND ORANGE. AND ON BEHALF OF ALL THOSE
9 WORKERS WHO MAKE OUR CITY GREAT, WE URGE THE SUPERVISORS TO
10 PLEASE PASS THIS MOTION. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY, AND
13 WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT U.N.I.T.E. H.E.R.E., H-E-R-E, IS STANDING
14 TALL IN RED. ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
15 WE'LL PROCEED TO THE NEXT SPEAKER, THEN.

16

17 **DIANA VARGAS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS DIANA
18 VARGAS. I AM THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT AT ACADEMIA AVANCE,
19 AND I HAVE ALREADY SUBMITTED MY APPLICATIONS TO HARVARD,
20 STANFORD, U.C.L.A., AND 9 OTHER UNIVERSITIES. I AM HERE BEFORE
21 YOU TODAY AT THE INVITATION OF SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FROM A
22 CHARTER SCHOOL IN HIGHLAND PARK THAT HELPS STUDENTS ATTEND A
23 FOUR-YEAR UNIVERSITY. AND IN THE AUDIENCE IS SOME STUDENTS
24 FROM OUR SCHOOL. FIRST OFF, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD
25 FOR ITS PRIOR SUPPORT OF D.A.C.A.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WHERE ARE THOSE STUDENTS? LET'S SEE
3 THOSE STUDENTS. ALL RIGHT? WELCOME. WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE.
4 [APPLAUSE.] DEMOCRACY IN ACTION. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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6 **DIANA VARGAS:** WITH D.A.C.A., STUDENTS LIKE MY COUSIN, GRECIA
7 VARGAS, HAD THE CHANCE TO ATTEND COLLEGE AND HAVE A BRIGHTER
8 FUTURE. HOWEVER, THE THREATS OF DEPORTATION MADE BY THE
9 PRESIDENT-ELECT THREATENED HER FUTURE, AND THAT OF SEVERAL
10 OTHER STUDENTS AND EMPLOYEES AT OUR SCHOOL. I AM HERE
11 REPRESENTING THE AVANCE COMMUNITY, IN STRONG SUPPORT OF YOUR
12 RESOLUTION TO PROTECT AND ADVANCE IMMIGRANTS' RIGHTS. THIS
13 RESOLUTION WILL HELP THE IMPACT TO HELP STUDENTS AND THEIR
14 FAMILIES FEEL PROTECTED, SO WE CAN STAY FOCUSED ON OUR
15 STUDIES. I AM GRATEFUL FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP, FOR THE BETTERMENT
16 OF ALL RESIDENTS IN LOS ANGELES, AND I'M GRATEFUL THAT I DO
17 NOT LIVE IN ARIZONA OR ALABAMA. THANK YOU FOR MAKING THAT
18 STATEMENT, AND FOR PRESERVING THE RIGHTS FOR EVERYONE.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** GIVE HER A ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR
21 THAT GOOD TESTIMONY. [APPLAUSE.] OKAY.

22

23 **MARTHA JIMENEZ:** MY NAME IS MARTHA JIMENEZ. I AM A U.S.
24 CITIZEN. I'M A PROUD MEXICAN IMMIGRANT, AND I HAPPEN TO HAVING
25 THE FIRST UNDOCUMENTED STUDENT TO EVER ENTER U.C.L.A. IT WAS A



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1 LONG STRUGGLE. I LEARNED THAT I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT
2 CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS, HUMAN RIGHTS, TO PROTECT MYSELF. SO,
3 THEREFORE, I URGE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO LAUNCH A
4 CAMPAIGN, IF POSSIBLE, IN 2017, TO CREATE THE CONSTITUTIONAL
5 RIGHTS YEAR, SO THAT EVERYONE IN OUR COUNTY CAN KNOW WHAT THE
6 MECHANISMS OF PROTECTING HUMAN RIGHTS IS ALL ABOUT, AND ALSO
7 CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS. I AM HERE ON BEHALF OF DR. VICTOR
8 CARABELLO, FROM WHITE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL. HE SUPPORTS YOUR
9 MOTION FOR THE CREATION OF THE TASK FORCE. ALSO, I'M A
10 CONSTITUENT UNDER SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS'S DISTRICT. I URGE
11 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO CREATE A MOTION TO MAKE LOS
12 ANGELES COUNTY A SANCTUARY ACROSS THE ENTIRE COUNTY. AS A
13 FORMER U.C.L.A. STUDENT, I STUDIED ABROAD-- INTERNATIONAL LAW--
14 - TO LEARN ALL ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL MECHANISMS AND
15 PROTECTION PROTOCOLS OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN FRANCE, IN ORDER TO BE
16 ABLE TO ORGANIZE A COMMUNITY UNDER PETE WILSON'S REGIME. WHILE
17 STUDYING THERE, I SAW, WITH MY HEART AND EARS, HOW--

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

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21 **MARTHA JIMENEZ:** PLEASE DO EVERYTHING, WITH YOUR MIGHT, TO
22 PROTECT OUR IMMIGRANTS FROM THE COMING OF PRESIDENT-ELECT
23 DONALD TRUMP.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. WE'LL
2 TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER.

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4 **GABRIELA HERNANDEZ GONZALEZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS
5 GABRIELA HERNANDEZ GONZALEZ. I'M A RESIDENT OF EAST LOS
6 ANGELES. I WORK FOR ALMA FAMILY SERVICES, A NONPROFIT
7 ORGANIZATION THAT PROVIDES MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. OUR AGENCY
8 PROVIDES SERVICES TO A POPULATION OF CLIENTS. OVER 90 PERCENT
9 OF OUR CLIENTS ARE OF THE IMMIGRANT POPULATION. I COME TO LEND
10 MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY OF THE HORROR AND FEARS AND ANXIETIES
11 THAT I HAD AS A CHILD, WHEN THERE WAS A DEFINITE HUNT, IN THE
12 1970S, FOR IMMIGRANTS. AND I REMEMBER MY MOTHER TREKKING
13 ACROSS TOWN TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO MY BROTHER, WHO WAS
14 UNDOCUMENTED AT THE TIME. MY BROTHER WAS BORN WITH CEREBRAL
15 PALSY, AND MY MOTHER MADE A STRATEGIC PLAN EVERY DAY TO AVOID
16 LA MIGRA. AND I'M HOPING THAT THIS WILL NOT HAPPEN IN THIS DAY
17 AND AGE, SO THAT WE DON'T RECYCLE THESE FEARS THAT ARE BEING
18 ADDRESSED AT OUR AGENCY, AT ALMA FAMILY. BUT THESE FEARS ARE
19 REAL, THESE FEARS ARE CLINICAL, AND AT ALMA, WE ADDRESS THEM,
20 AND I JUST HOPE IT DOESN'T HAPPEN AGAIN. SO, PLEASE PROTECT
21 OUR CHILDREN. THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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1 **JULIA GOMEZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS JULIA GOMEZ. I'M A
2 STAFF ATTORNEY AT M.A.L.D.E.F., THE MEXICAN AMERICAN LEGAL
3 DEFENSE AND EDUCATION FUND. I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF M.A.L.D.E.F.
4 TO URGE THIS BOARD TO ADOPT SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S MOTION. FOR
5 SOME BACKGROUND, M.A.L.D.E.F. IS A NOT-FOR-PROFIT LATINO
6 ORGANIZATION. WE PROMOTE SOCIAL CHANGE THROUGH ADVOCACY,
7 COMMUNITY EDUCATION, AND LITIGATION. WE BELIEVE THAT THE
8 COUNTY SHARES OUR GOALS OF, FOR EXAMPLE, PROVIDING BETTER
9 EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO LATINOS, ENCOURAGING THEIR
10 PARTICIPATION IN ALL ASPECTS OF SOCIETY, AND OFFERING A
11 POSITIVE VISION FOR THEIR FUTURE, REGARDLESS OF IMMIGRATION
12 STATUS. PRESIDENT-ELECT'S PROPOSED POLICIES, HOWEVER, THREATEN
13 OUR SHARED GOALS. DURING HIS CAMPAIGN, THE PRESIDENT-ELECT
14 LABELED NEARLY ALL MEXICAN IMMIGRANTS AS CRIMINALS, AND
15 INDICATED THAT HE WOULD RESCIND THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION'S
16 D.A.C.A. AND D.A.P.A. INITIATIVES, AMONG OTHER THINGS. FOR
17 THESE REASONS, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THE BOARD ADOPT
18 SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S MOTION. BEYOND SENDING A STRONG MESSAGE OF
19 SUPPORT TO IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES, ADOPTING SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S
20 MOTION NOW BEGINS WHAT WILL SURELY BE A LONG AND DIFFICULT
21 PROCESS OF ADDRESSING A TAX ON THE LARGE PART OF THE COUNTY'S
22 RESIDENTS. THANK YOU.

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24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT
25 SPEAKER.



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2 **XOCHI PAREDES:** HELLO. MY NAME'S XOCHI PAREDES. I AM THE OLDEST
3 DAUGHTER OF XOCHI HERNANDEZ. MY FOUR SIBLINGS AND I WERE BORN
4 IN LOS ANGELES, BUT MY MOTHER WAS BORN IN MEXICO. SHE CAME
5 HERE WHEN SHE WAS 10 YEARS OLD, AND HAS LIVED IN LOS ANGELES
6 FOR 30 YEARS. NOW I'M AFRAID I MIGHT LOSE MY MOM, AND MY
7 CHILDREN MIGHT LOSE THEIR GRANDMA. I'M HERE TODAY TO SAY THAT
8 I HOPE THAT YOU ACT TO MAKE SURE THAT IMMIGRANTS WHO MIGHT BE
9 DEPORTED HAVE LAWYERS WHO CAN HELP THEM. I KNOW HOW IMPORTANT
10 THAT HAS BEEN IN MY EXPERIENCE. MY FAMILY DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH
11 MONEY TO HIRE A LAWYER TO PROTECT MY MOM. WHEN SHE WAS
12 ARRESTED, THERE WERE A LOT OF PEOPLE-- THERE ARE A LOT OF
13 PEOPLE LIKE US. I WATCH IN COURT WHEN THE GOVERNMENT MADE LIES
14 ABOUT MY MOM BEING CONNECTED TO A GANG. THE JUDGE GAVE HER A
15 \$60,000 BOND, WHICH SHE COULDN'T PAY. LATER, WE GOT A LAWYER
16 AND COULD FIGHT BACK. THERE ARE A LOT OF OTHER PEOPLE LIKE MY
17 MOM, WHO NEED A LAWYER TO FIGHT BACK. ACCESS TO A LAWYER
18 SHOULD NOT DEPEND ON WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT SAYS SOMEONE IS A
19 GOOD OR BAD PERSON. EVERYONE SHOULD HAVE ACCESS TO A LAWYER.

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21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY, AND
22 WE WILL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. [APPLAUSE.]

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24 **LESLIE ZALDIVAR:** I'M SCARED.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** HI. OKAY?

2

3 **LESLIE ZALDIVAR:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS LESLIE ZALDIVAR.

4 I'M 11 YEARS OLD, AND I'M IN FIFTH GRADE AT HOOPER AVENUE

5 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. I'M HERE BECAUSE, FOR SIX MONTHS THIS YEAR,

6 I LOST MY MOM, AND I'M AFRAID I MIGHT LOSE MY MOM FOREVER. I

7 DON'T WANT TO HAPPEN TO MY FAMILY OR TO ANY OTHER FAMILY. I

8 THINK THIS IS EVEN SCARIER, NOW THAT TRUMP IS GOING TO BECOME

9 PRESIDENT. IN FEBRUARY, THE POLICE ARRESTED MY MOM FOR NO

10 REASON. SHE WAS NOT CHARGED WITH ANY CRIME, BUT THE POLICE

11 TURNED HER OVER TO IMMIGRATION FOR SIX MONTHS. SHE WAS IN

12 JAIL. SHE WAS RELEASED FROM JAIL, BUT SHE COULD STILL BE

13 DEPORTED. NOW I'M SCARED TO LEAVE MY MOM AT HOME. I'M AFRAID

14 THAT THE POLICE OR I.C.E. WILL COME AND TAKE MY MOM AWAY FROM

15 ME AGAIN. I HOPE YOU PROTECT MY FAMILY AND OTHER FAMILIES.

16 [APPLAUSE.]

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18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** CHAIR: OKAY, THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] ALL

19 RIGHT. YVONNE WATSON, LESLIE ZALDIVAR, ELVA FLORES, HILDA

20 MENDEZ, MARTHA MEJIA, BRIANNA VASQUEZ, BETTY SAMANIEGO,

21 NATALIE RAGUZ, IRMA DELGADO. PLEASE LINE UP. PLEASE COME

22 FORWARD. I'LL DO A TIME CHECK WITH YOU IN FIVE MINUTES. IT

23 WILL BE 5:00. ALL RIGHT? PLEASE.

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1 **PAUL TSO:** MY NAME IS PAUL TSO. I ARRIVED IN THE U.S. WHEN I
2 WAS 61 DAYS OLD. I WAS BROUGHT FROM THAILAND, AND I'M
3 CURRENTLY IN REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS, AS WE SPEAK. MY CASE WAS
4 REOPENED ON THE HELP OF IMMIGRATION AND NONPROFIT ATTORNEYS,
5 UNDER ASIAN AMERICANS ADVANCING JUSTICE. AND I'M CURRENTLY
6 ALSO UNDER AN IMMIGRATION BOND. AND THE DEPORTATION
7 PROCEEDINGS ARE VERY DIFFICULT, BECAUSE THERE ARE NO
8 ATTORNEYS. THERE'S NOBODY TO HELP US, AND WE'RE BATTLING
9 AGAINST THE RESOURCES OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. PEOPLE IN THE
10 COMMUNITY THAT DON'T HAVE ANYTHING, IT'S VERY HARD TO GET
11 SOMEBODY. AND I WOULD JUST ENCOURAGE THIS BOARD TO DO WHATEVER
12 THEY CAN. AND ME, PERSONALLY, I UNDERSTAND I'M AN ALIEN, BUT I
13 DON'T BELIEVE THAT ANY HUMAN BEING IS ILLEGAL. AND SO I WOULD
14 LIKE TO JUST STAND ON THAT. AND AS FAR AS WHY I'M BEING
15 DEPORTED, WHEN MY DAD PASSED AWAY, WHEN I WAS 16, I GOT CAUGHT
16 UP AND MADE SOME REALLY TERRIBLE CHOICES, AND THAT'S THE
17 REASON I'M FACING DEPORTATION NOW, AT AGE 35, TO A COUNTRY
18 I'VE NEVER EVEN BEEN IN. SO, HERE I AM. I JUST WANT TO SHARE
19 IT OUT WITH YOU ALL.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** YOU ARE, AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR
22 TESTIMONY, SIR. OKAY. SHALL WE? MA'AM?

23

24 **ELVA FLORES:** [SPEAKS SPANISH.]

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1 **TRANSLATOR FOR ELVA FLORES:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ELVA
2 FLORES, AND I'M HERE FROM SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. AND I'M A
3 MEMBER OF P.O.W.E.R. THE PRESIDENCY OF DONALD TRUMP REPRESENTS
4 A THREAT TO OUR COMMUNITIES AND IMMIGRANTS OF LOS ANGELES. WE
5 NEED OUR ELECTED POLITICIANS TO ACT WITH URGENCY, AND PROTECT
6 THE IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY OF LOS ANGELES. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ALL RIGHT.

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10 **LETICIA LOPEZ:** [SPEAKS SPANISH.]

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12 **TRANSLATOR FOR LETICIA LOPEZ:** MY NAME IS LETICIA LOPEZ. I'M
13 HERE FROM PACOIMA. I AM ALSO A MEMBER OF P.O.W.E.R. I THANK
14 ALL THE SUPERVISORS FOR FIGHTING. AND THANK YOU FOR
15 EVERYTHING, FOR HELPING ALL THE IMMIGRANTS. LET'S FIGHT. IT'S
16 POSSIBLE. IT'S POSSIBLE. THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING, TO ALL OF
17 YOU.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
20 TESTIMONY. ALL RIGHT, WE'RE PROCEEDING. I DID CALL RUSTY
21 HICKS, EARLIER. HE'S HERE. PLEASE COME FORWARD, MR. HICKS,
22 IRWIN BARRAGAN AND PAOLA VASQUEZ, SANDRA OROZCO, JAN MANGIA,
23 YVONNE WATSON, CYNTHIA CARMONA, ANDREA MARCHETTI, CORRINNE
24 SANCHEZ, JOSE MANUEL GONZALEZ CEDILLO, OLIVER BUIE, RANDALL
25 SERNA, BRIAN HUIDOR. ALL RIGHT. THOSE ARE PERSONS WHOSE NAME



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1 I'VE CALLED. IF YOU'RE HERE, YOU CAN COME FORWARD. IF NOT, GOD
2 BLESS YOU. PROCEED.

3

4 **BILL PRZYLUCKI:** MY NAME IS BILL PRZYLUCKI. I'M THE EXECUTIVE
5 DIRECTOR OF P.O.W.E.R., PEOPLE ORGANIZED FOR WEST SIDE
6 RENEWAL. WE REPRESENT LOW-INCOME COMMUNITY MEMBERS ON THE WEST
7 SIDE OF THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, AND IN SAN PEDRO. WE ORGANIZE
8 ESPECIALLY IN PUBLIC HOUSING, IN RANCHO SAN PEDRO, SAN
9 FERNANDO GARDENS, AND MAR VISTA GARDENS. AND THOSE PUBLIC
10 HOUSING SITES HAVE LEADERSHIP BOARDS, RESIDENT ADVISORY
11 COUNCILS. AND IN MY TIME, 10 YEARS WITH P.O.W.E.R., ORGANIZING
12 WITH THOSE SITES, SOMETIMES ALL FIVE OF THE FIVE ELECTED
13 MEMBERS HAVE BEEN UNDOCUMENTED FOLKS, WHO ARE LEADERS, WHO ARE
14 DECISION-MAKERS IN THEIR COMMUNITY. IT IS CRITICAL THAT WE
15 PROTECT ALL OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS, AND ALL OF OUR COMMUNITIES'
16 LEADERS. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND THANK YOU, ALL THE
17 SUPERVISORS, FOR CONSIDERING THIS. WE REALLY ENCOURAGE YOU TO
18 REPRESENT ALL UNDOCUMENTED FOLKS, AND CAST THE NET AS WIDELY
19 AS POSSIBLE, AND SUPPORT OUR ENTIRE COMMUNITY. OUR ENTIRE
20 COMMUNITY DESERVES THIS SUPPORT. THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU. WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER,
23 PLEASE. IT'S NOW 5:00. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE HEARD. YOU
24 HAVE THE RIGHT TO WAIVE. ANYBODY WANT TO WAIVE, AT THIS POINT?
25 IF YOU'VE SIGNED UP AND WISH TO WAIVE, WHY DON'T YOU STAND UP



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1 AND JUST GIVE INDICATION, ALL RIGHT? ALL RIGHT, HE WISHES TO
2 WAIVE. FOLLOW HIS LEAD, WILL YOU, IF YOU'RE SO INCLINED.
3 ANYONE ELSE? I DON'T MEAN W-A-V-E. I MEAN W-A-I-V-E. YOU GET
4 ME. ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR?

5

6 **SUP. SOLIS:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MIGHT I SUGGEST THAT-- I KNOW A LOT
7 OF PEOPLE WANT TO BE HEARD. THEY WAITED. BUT CAN THEY PERHAPS,
8 MAYBE, COME UP, STATE THEIR NAME, IF THEY'RE WITH AN
9 ORGANIZATION, WHETHER YOU'RE IN SUPPORT OR NOT? BECAUSE THE
10 TIME IS GETTING LATE. AND I WOULD ASK YOU, BECAUSE I RESPECT
11 ALL OF YOU, AND I REALLY APPRECIATE YOU. BUT I REALLY THINK,
12 IF WE CAN MOVE THIS QUICK, IT WOULD BE NICE. STATE YOUR NAME,
13 IF YOU'RE FOR IT OR AGAINST IT, AND THAT CAN BE SATISFACTORY
14 FOR MANY OF US. OKAY?

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ALL RIGHT. YOU ARE
17 BEFORE US. MA'AM? OKAY. YOUR NAME AGAIN?

18

19 **PETRA CABRERA:** [SPEAKS SPANISH.]

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21 **TRANSLATOR FOR PETRA CABRERA:** MY NAME IS PETRA CABRERA, AND I
22 AM REPRESENTING SOUTH CENTRAL LOS ANGELES... FOR MOTHERS WHOSE
23 CHILDREN HAVE BEEN TAKEN AWAY FROM THEM, AND DEPORTED TO
24 MEXICO. I WANT TO THANK HILDA SOLIS, BECAUSE SHE'S HELPING US.
25 AND I WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU TO CONTINUE TO HELP US MORE WITH



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1 PROVIDING US LAWYERS, BECAUSE I HAD A CHILD WHO WAS DEPORTED
2 FROM ME, BECAUSE HE DIDN'T HAVE A LAWYER. I'M THE MOTHER OF 8
3 CHILDREN, AND I HAVE 21 GRANDCHILDREN, AND ONLY THAT ONE CHILD
4 HAS BEEN DEPORTED. AND I'M ALSO FACING DEPORTATION, BECAUSE I
5 WAS INVOLVED IN A CONVICTION, AND I HAVE MY PERMANENT
6 RESIDENCY, AND THEY WANT TO TAKE IT AWAY FROM ME. AND I WANT
7 TO THANK YOU FOR ALL OF THE WORK THAT YOU HAVE DONE FOR US,
8 AND I WANT TO BE THE VOICE FOR ALL OF THE MOTHERS WHO ARE NOT
9 ABLE TO BE HERE, BECAUSE THEY'RE AFRAID OF WHAT WILL HAPPEN.
10 THANK YOU. THAT'S ALL.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'LL TAKE THE
13 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. YES. HI.

14

15 **BETTY SAMANIEGO:** MY NAME IS BETTY. I'M AN UNDOCUMENTED MOTHER
16 LIVING IN LOS ANGELES FOR ALMOST 30 YEARS. I MAY BE ABLE TO
17 APPLY FOR A GREEN CARD THROUGH MY RESIDENT DAUGHTER. HOWEVER,
18 WHEN I BEGAN TO PREPARE MY PAPERS, I FOUND OUT THAT I HAVE A
19 MISDEMEANOR FROM MANY YEARS AGO. I DID NOT HAVE A LAWYER TO
20 PROTECT ME. I DID NOT UNDERSTAND ANYTHING WHAT WAS HAPPENING
21 IN MY CASE. NOW I MIGHT BE ABLE TO QUALIFY FOR A GREEN CARD. I
22 MIGHT EVEN BE A TARGET FOR DEPORTATION BY TRUMP. SUPERVISOR
23 HILDA SOLIS, WHEN YOU ANNOUNCED YOURSELF AS SUPERVISOR IN L.A.
24 COUNTY, YOU TALKED PROUDLY ABOUT YOUR D.A.C.A. LEGACY AND YOUR
25 WORK WITH OBAMA. WHEN YOU ENDED YOUR SPEECH, I APPROACHED YOU,



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1 TO LET YOU KNOW HOW I APPRECIATED ALL YOUR WORK AND ALL THAT
2 YOU SAID YOU WILL DO FOR OUR COMMUNITY. UNFORTUNATELY, I HAVE
3 NOT SEEN ENOUGH ACTION FROM THE COUNTY TO PROTECT IMMIGRANTS,
4 AND NOW ACTION IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER. THAT DAY, I TOLD
5 YOU HOW YOU COULD SPEAK FOR YOURSELF. I WANT TO REPRESENT
6 UNDOCUMENTED COMMUNITIES. YOU PROMISED ME OBAMA WAS MAKING A
7 PROMISE TO ENSURE NO FAMILIES WERE LEFT BEHIND, BUT INSTEAD
8 THEY DEPORT 3 MILLIONS. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, MOTION IS FIRST
9 STEP, BUT THE COUNTY ACTIONS CANNOT END IN THIS MOTION. DO THE
10 RIGHT THING, AND DON'T SEPARATE OUR FAMILIES. THANK YOU.

11 [APPLAUSE.]

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER,
14 PLEASE. THOSE IN LINE, PLEASE COME FORWARD.

15

16 **YVONNE MARTINEZ WATSON:** HELLO. MY NAME IS YVONNE MARTINEZ
17 WATSON, AND I AM A VOLUNTEER WITH THE SIERRA CLUB ANGELES
18 CHAPTER. I'M HERE TODAY TO EXPRESS THE CHAPTER'S SUPPORT FOR
19 THIS MOTION. AS A LATINA HISPANIC WOMAN, I CAN TELL YOU RIGHT
20 NOW, IN THE COMMUNITY OF MONTEBELLO, THERE IS A GREAT DEAL OF
21 FEAR. AND THE DAY AFTER THE ELECTION IS WHEN SOME OF OUR
22 STUDENTS IN MONTEBELLO WALKED OUT OF CLASS. AND I CAN TELL YOU
23 RIGHT NOW THAT THERE ARE PEOPLE THAT ARE TERRIFIED THAT THEIR
24 FAMILIES ARE GOING TO BE TORN APART. AND I CAN TELL YOU RIGHT
25 NOW THAT, AS A SIERRA CLUB MEMBER, I WAS VERY PROUD TO HEAR



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1 THAT THE CLUB HAS TAKEN A POSITION TO SUPPORT IMMIGRANTS.
2 IMMIGRANTS ARE IMPORTANT TO THE ENVIRONMENT, AS WELL, BECAUSE
3 THERE IS A VERY STRONG COMMITMENT AMONG IMMIGRANT FAMILIES TO
4 PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT. AND WE NEED TO STAND TOGETHER AS A
5 UNITED PEOPLE, AND OPPOSE ANY TYPE OF EFFECT THAT WOULD TEAR
6 PEOPLE APART AND SEND PEOPLE BACK, WHEN THEY DON'T DESERVE IT.
7 THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
10 PLEASE PROCEED, MA'AM.

11

12 **GRACIELA GEYER:** MY NAME IS GRACIELA GEYER. I'M ALSO HERE ON
13 BEHALF OF THE SIERRA CLUB, AND I JUST WANTED TO BRIEFLY SAY
14 THAT, IN ADDITION TO SUPPORTING THIS, THAT THE SIERRA CLUB'S
15 MISSION, IN ADDITION TO EXPLORE, ENJOY, AND PROTECT THE WILD
16 PLACES OF THE EARTH, IS TO EDUCATE AND ENLIST HUMANITY IN
17 PROTECTING AND RESTORING OUR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT. AND JUST
18 LIKE OUR LEADER, YVONNE, SAID, THIS COMMUNITY, LOS ANGELES, IS
19 ALL OF US. AND SO WE'RE HERE TO SUPPORT YOUR LEADERSHIP.
20 ESPECIALLY, THANKS TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND KUEHL FOR TAKING
21 THIS ACTION TO PROTECT IMMIGRANT FAMILIES AND YOUTH, A LOT OF
22 YOUTH THAT ARE INVOLVED IN THE MY GENERATION CAMPAIGN. WE'RE
23 FIGHTING CLIMATE CHANGE. WE NEED EVERYONE TO BE TOGETHER. AND
24 WE'RE HERE TO STAND IN SUPPORT OF OUR OWN COMMUNITY AND OF ALL



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1 OF YOU, BECAUSE THIS IS REALLY SUCH AN INCREDIBLE OPPORTUNITY
2 TO SHOW WHAT LOCAL LEADERSHIP REALLY CAN DO.

3

4 **KIM MCGILL:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME'S KIM MCGILL, WITH THE
5 YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. I APOLOGIZE THAT I CAN'T JUST SAY I'M
6 IN SUPPORT. WE ARE, BUT WE HAVE SOME IMPORTANT THINGS TO SAY.
7 AND I WANT TO ASK ALL THE ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS THAT
8 ARE HERE, THAT HELPED TO FIGHT FOR THE PASSING OF SENATE BILL
9 458 AND ASSEMBLY BILL 2298 TO START TO DISMANTLE THE WAR ON
10 GANGS, WHICH WE KNOW IS A WAR ON PEOPLE OF COLOR, TO PLEASE
11 STAND. SO WE ARE URGING YOU FOR SEVERAL THINGS. ONE, WE KNOW
12 THAT TRUMP HAS ALREADY SAID THAT PRIORITIZATION FOR
13 DEPORTATION WILL BE PEOPLE WITH ANY ARRESTS, NOT A CONVICTION,
14 AS WELL AS ANYONE WHO'S BEEN DESIGNATED A GANG MEMBER,
15 QUOTE/UNQUOTE, INCLUDING MAJORITY OF PEOPLE WHO'VE NEVER BEEN
16 ARRESTED. THIS MEANS ANYONE WHO HAS FAMILY MEMBERS, FRIENDS,
17 ET CETERA. SO WE ENCOURAGE YOU, WE URGE YOU, NOT TO FALL INTO
18 THE TRAP OF POLICIES OR RHETORIC THAT HAVE A GOOD IMMIGRANT
19 VERSUS BAD IMMIGRANT IMPLICATIONS FOR OUR COMMUNITIES. TWO, WE
20 URGE YOU TO ELIMINATE AND REJECT ANY FUTURE COLLABORATION
21 BETWEEN I.C.E. AND L.A. COUNTY AGENCIES, OR OUR LOCAL CITY
22 AGENCIES, INCLUDING MANDATING THAT I.C.E. GET COMPLETELY OUT
23 OF THE JAIL, AND FROM IN AND AROUND THE JAILS, AS WELL AS
24 REACHING OUT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, AND ENDING ALL
25 COLLABORATION AND MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN LOCAL



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1 LAW ENFORCEMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND THE CAL GANG
2 SYSTEM, WITH THE F.B.I. AND THE IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS
3 ENFORCEMENT. RIGHT NOW, F.B.I. AND I.C.E. HAS FULL ACCESS TO
4 GANG DATABASES, AND CAN PRIORITIZE FOR DEPORTATION,
5 IMMEDIATELY, ANYONE WHO, AGAIN, IS DESIGNATED AS AN ALLEGED
6 GANG MEMBER. NEXT, WE URGE YOU TO ENSURE THE FULL
7 IMPLEMENTATION OF SENATE BILL 458, WHICH WAS NEVER IMPLEMENTED
8 WHEN IT WAS ENACTED, AS WELL AS THE NEWLY CREATED ASSEMBLY
9 BILL 2298, AND PUSH LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TO HOLD THOSE BILLS
10 TO THE HIGHEST STANDARDS OF WHAT THEY WERE MEANT TO BE PUSHED
11 FOR. AND FINALLY, WE PUSH YOU TO PUSH ALL THE CITIES IN L.A.
12 COUNTY NOT TO BE SANCTUARY CITIES, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, BE
13 REBEL CITIES, TO PUSH THAT SPECIAL ORDER 40 STAYS IN PLACE FOR
14 L.A. CITY AND L.A.P.D., AND THAT THESE KIND OF ORDERS ARE
15 EXPANDED TO CREATE SIMILAR PROTECTIONS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY,
16 AND FOLLOW SAN FRANCISCO'S EFFORTS TO FUND DEFENSE FOR PEOPLE
17 IN DEPORTATION PROCEEDINGS, AS WELL AS TO GO FURTHER, AND
18 ELIMINATE BAIL REQUIRED FOR PEOPLE IN DEPORTATION, WHICH
19 ELIMINATES THE ABILITY OF MOST PEOPLE TO BAIL OUT AND FIGHT
20 THEIR OWN CASES. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

23

24 **BELINDA FAUSTINOS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. BELINDA FAUSTINOS, SAN
25 GABRIEL MOUNTAINS FOREVER. IN THE INTEREST OF BREVITY AND



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1 SUPPORT FOR THIS MEASURE, WE REPRESENT 13 ENVIRONMENTAL
2 ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING THE SIERRA CLUB, AND WE FULLY SUPPORT
3 THIS INITIATIVE. IT'S CRITICALLY IMPORTANT THAT ALL CITIZENS
4 THAT CARE ABOUT OUR ENVIRONMENT SUPPORT THIS, AND WE NEED TO
5 RESPECT THEM AND BE A SOCIETY THAT IS ACCEPTABLE FOR ALL
6 AMERICANS. SO, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER,
9 PLEASE.

10

11 **WENDY RAMALLO:** THANK YOU. WENDY RAMALLO, WITH THE COUNCIL FOR
12 WATERSHED HEALTH. AND THE IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES OF LOS ANGELES
13 COUNTY HAVE LONG BEEN THE CHAMPIONS OF CLEAN WATER AND AIR,
14 RESTORING OUR RIVERS AND STREAMS, AND PROTECTING OUR WILDLIFE,
15 ADVOCATING FOR ACCESSIBLE PARKS. THE WORK OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL
16 COMMUNITY IS THEIR WORK. IT'S THEIR STRENGTH AND THEIR VALUES
17 THAT PUSH THAT WORK FORWARD. TODAY, WHEN ENVIRONMENTAL
18 NONPROFITS ARE BEING ASKED TO ENGAGED COMMUNITIES TO BUILD
19 COALITIONS TO ADVANCE RIVER RESTORATION, ADVANCING AN
20 INCLUSIVE PROCESS IS ALL WE KNOW HOW TO DO. IT'S WHAT WORKS.
21 AT TIMES LIKE THESE, WE KNOW THAT STRONG PUBLIC STATEMENTS ARE
22 IMPORTANT. THEY'RE NECESSARY TO ENCOURAGE OUR RESIDENTS TO LET
23 THEM KNOW THAT THEY'RE SAFE, THAT THEY CAN COME OUT, AND WE
24 CAN BE TOGETHER AND WORK TOGETHER TO ADVANCE THE ENVIRONMENTAL
25 AGENDA. AND I JUST NEED TO SAY, AS A WOMAN, AS A PROFESSIONAL



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1 WOMAN TODAY, LOOKING UP AT THIS BOARD, IT'S QUITE SPECTACULAR.
2 WHEN WOMEN LEAD, WE ALL WIN. AND YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENS WHEN
3 WOMEN AND CHILDREN ARE FORCED INTO THE SHADOWS, AND ARE AFRAID
4 TO COME OUT AND SPEAK OUT. THANK YOU FOR THIS MOTION TODAY,
5 AND WE FULLY SUPPORT THIS ACTION.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. WE WILL
8 PROCEED. MR. HICKS?

9

10 **RUSTY HICKS:** MR. CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, RUSTY HICKS,
11 WITH THE L.A. COUNTY FEDERATION OF LABOR. I KNOW THE HOUR IS
12 LATE, BUT AS I SAID THIS MORNING, I APPLAUD THE VISION THAT
13 YOU ARE PUTTING FORWARD FOR OUR COUNTY. WE COME IN STRONG
14 SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION. IT IS SUCH AN IMPORTANT MEASURE, NOT
15 JUST TO ASSESS, BUT THEN TO ACT. I CERTAINLY THINK THERE'S A
16 GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR THE COUNTY TO LEAD, TO ENSURE THAT
17 IMMIGRANTS HAVE THE RIGHT TO HAVE LEGAL SUPPORT TO PROTECT
18 THEMSELVES, ARE FULLY EQUIPPED TO PROTECT THEIR RIGHTS, THAT
19 THEY ARE COMMUNICATED WITH AND KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON, AND THAT
20 THE COUNTY'S RESOURCES AREN'T ABUSED BY FEDERAL AGENCIES THAT
21 GO FAR BEYOND THE REACH OF THEIR JURISDICTION. I THINK, IN
22 THIS PARTICULAR MOMENT, IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO REMEMBER THAT
23 IN THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT, THAT IT WAS THE USE OF FEDERAL
24 POWER TO GIVE RIGHTS TO FOLKS ON THE LOCAL LEVEL. AND IN THIS
25 PARTICULAR MOMENT, WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE THE POWER



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1 AND THE STRENGTH AND THE FOUNDATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, TO
2 PROTECT MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY,
5 MR. HICKS, AND WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. MR. MEEK?

6

7 **BLAINE MEEK:** YES. BLAINE MEEK, ON BEHALF OF THE COALITION OF
8 COUNTY UNIONS, INCLUDING C.A.P.E. I'M THE CHAIR OF THE
9 COALITION, AND COUNSEL TO C.A.P.E. ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE
10 COALITION COULD NOT BE HERE, BUT THEY STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS
11 MOTION. THEY BELIEVE AND KNOW THAT IMMIGRANTS ARE A VITAL PART
12 OF OUR SOCIETY. UNFORTUNATELY, THIS IS NOT A NEW STORY. IT'S
13 BEEN PART OF OUR HISTORY FOR A LONG TIME. HISTORICALLY,
14 THERE'S ALWAYS BEEN A PUSHBACK AGAINST IMMIGRANTS, IN ONE FORM
15 OR ANOTHER. BUT WE'VE ALWAYS LEARNED FROM THAT, THAT
16 IMMIGRANTS MAKE US STRONGER. THEY'RE THE SOURCE OF CREATIVITY,
17 DYNAMIC GROWTH. AND SO THE COALITION STRONGLY SUPPORTS THIS
18 FIRST STEP IN MOVING FORWARD ON THIS CRITICAL ISSUE. THANK
19 YOU.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

22

23 **JOSE MANUEL GONZALEZ CEDILLO:** GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE
24 MEMBERS. MY NAME IS JOSE MANUEL GONZALEZ CEDILLO, AND I CAME
25 TODAY WITH [INAUDIBLE.]. I'M HERE BECAUSE I'M A D.A.C.A.



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1 RECIPIENT, AND ALSO REPRESENTING THE L.G.B.T. COMMUNITY.
2 D.A.C.A. GAVE ME THE HOPE TO GET THE TOOLS THAT I NEED TO GET
3 A LEGAL JOB. I ALSO WAS HOMELESS. AND BECAUSE OF THAT, BECAUSE
4 OF D.A.C.A., NOW I HAVE MY SETUP. THE NONPROFIT THAT WE HAVE
5 HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR 10 YEARS, AND CERTAINLY, NO ONE IS AN
6 ALIEN. WE ALL BELONG HERE, IN THESE, OUR INTERCONNECTED
7 ECONOMIES AND SOCIETIES. THERE'S NO WORD FOR THAT. WE ARE NOT
8 ALIENS. WE ALL BELONG HERE IN THIS NATION. AND I STRONGLY
9 BELIEVE THAT THERE'S A NEED FOR MEASURES TO PROTECT THE
10 INFORMATION THAT WE HAVE ENTRUSTED TO THE U.C.I.A.S. OFFICES,
11 AND NOW THEY HAVE TO GIVE US BACK THAT TRUST THAT WE ENTRUSTED
12 THEM. SO I'M HERE NOT TO COMPLAIN, BUT TO GIVE SOLUTIONS, AND
13 THAT WE ARE NOT AFRAID. I'M NOT AFRAID. AND I'M HERE JUST TO
14 SAY THAT-- TO JOIN FORCES IN WHATEVER MOVEMENT WE CAN. SO,
15 THANKS.

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17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

18

19 **ANDREA MARCHETTI:** GOOD EVENING. ANDREA MARCHETTI, JOVENES,
20 INC. THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP, AND FOR WHAT HAPPENED THIS
21 MORNING AND WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW. SO, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
22 JOVENES, INC., MEANS "YOUTH" IN SPANISH, AND DURING THE 25
23 YEARS OF OPERATION, WE HAVE HELPED HUNDREDS OF YOUTH BY
24 PROVIDING A SAFE PLACE FOR THEM TO STAY WHILE MANY WERE
25 WAITING FOR THE LEGALIZATION PROCESS TO GO THROUGH. THESE



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1 YOUTH HAVE FACED, AND CONTINUE TO FACE, GREAT RISK IN THEIR
2 COUNTRIES. IN MANY CASES, THEIR LIFE IS AT RISK, AND BEING
3 HERE IS THE ONLY WAY THEY CAN HAVE HOPE FOR THE FUTURE. WE
4 HAVE WITNESSED SO MUCH SUCCESS IN SEEING HOW THESE YOUTH CAN
5 BECOME INTEGRATED, OBTAIN A DEGREE, AND MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS TO
6 OUR COMMUNITIES, AND WE HOPE THAT SUCH OPPORTUNITIES WILL
7 CONTINUE TO BE AVAILABLE TO THEM. FOR THIS REASON, I'M IN
8 SUPPORT OF THE MOTION PROPOSED BY SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS AND
9 SHEILA KUEHL, AND THE ACTION CONTAINED IN IT, TO PROVIDE THE
10 NECESSARY PROTECTION TO LOS ANGELES RESIDENTS, REGARDLESS OF
11 IMMIGRATION STATUS, AT A TIME OF UNCERTAINTY AND POLITICAL
12 CHANGE, TO GUARANTEE THIS HUMANITARIAN EFFORT TO CONTINUE, TO
13 MAKE SURE FAMILIES WILL NOT BE SEPARATED, TO AVOID THE
14 MILLIONS OF PEOPLE WHO FEEL THE NEED TO LIVE IN THE SHADOWS.
15 THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

18

19 **PATRICIA SUAREZ:** [SPEAKS SPANISH.]

20

21 **TRANSLATOR FOR PATRICIA SUAREZ:** MY NAME IS PATRICIA SUAREZ,
22 AND I'M A MOTHER WHO JUST WANTS TO COME AND SHARE WHY IT'S SO
23 IMPORTANT TO HAVE LEGAL REPRESENTATION FOR PEOPLE IN
24 DEPORTATION PROCEEDINGS. BECAUSE WHEN PEOPLE DON'T HAVE
25 LAWYERS, AND EVEN PEOPLE WHO HAVE NOT HAD MANY STRONG



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1 CONVICTIONS, MANY SERIOUS CONVICTIONS, HAVE HAD TO PAY FOR--
2 AND WHO HAVE ALREADY PAID FOR THE TIME THAT THEY HAVE SERVED.
3 I'VE WORKED VERY HARD, AND I'VE TAUGHT MY CHILDREN TO FOLLOW
4 THE SAME PATH. AND I FEEL LIKE I HAVE THE RIGHT TO SAY THAT,
5 UNDER THE CONSTITUTION, EVERY HUMAN BEING DESERVES TO BE
6 REPRESENTED AND HAVE A DIGNIFIED REPRESENTATION, SO THAT THEY
7 CAN CONTINUE ACCOMPLISHING THEIR DREAMS. I DON'T EVEN WANT TO
8 IMAGINE WHAT IT WOULD BE LIKE TO HAVE MY SON DEPORTED FROM ME,
9 AND THEN HAVE HIM BE KILLED, THE WAY THAT IT HAS HAPPENED TO
10 MANY MOTHERS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR ALL OF YOUR HELP, AND I
11 HOPE THAT I HAVE TOUCHED YOUR HEARTS, SO THAT YOU WILL DO MORE
12 FOR OUR IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU.

15

16 **MARCELA HERNANDEZ:** HI. MY NAME IS MARCELA HERNANDEZ. I GREW UP
17 IN BALDWIN PARK, AND MY WHOLE FAMILY LIVES THERE RIGHT NOW, A
18 LOT OF THEM UNDOCUMENTED. AND I'M HERE AS AN ORGANIZER FOR THE
19 IMMIGRANT YOUTH COALITION. WE'RE AN UNDOCUMENTED L.G.B.T. AND
20 WOMAN-LED ORGANIZATION THAT HAS REALLY FOCUSED AGAINST THE
21 CRIMINALIZATION OF OUR COMMUNITIES. A LOT OF OUR MEMBERS HAVE
22 BEEN IN DETENTION OR HAVE HAD CONTACT WITH THE POLICE. SO, FOR
23 US, WE THINK THIS IS A FIRST STEP TO PROTECTING OUR COMMUNITY.
24 BUT ALSO, WE WANT TO ENCOURAGE THE BOARD TO ALSO SUPPORT
25 UNIVERSAL REPRESENTATION, AND ALSO STAND AGAINST THE



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1 COLLABORATION BETWEEN POLICE AND I.C.E., BECAUSE OUR
2 COMMUNITIES RIGHT NOW, ESPECIALLY A LOT OF THE YOUTH IN THE
3 SCHOOLS THAT WE WORK WITH, ARE REALLY AFRAID OF THE POLICE,
4 ARE REALLY AFRAID OF THE COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE POLICE AND
5 I.C.E. AND ALSO, WE EVEN HAVE HAD TO HELP FAMILIES FUNDRAISE,
6 TO GET AN ATTORNEY FOR LEGAL FEES. SO WE REALLY THINK THIS
7 WOULD MAKE CONCRETE STEPS TO PROTECT OUR COMMUNITIES. THANK
8 YOU.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT
11 SPEAKER.

12

13 **MARIA BRENES:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
14 MARIA BRENES. I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF INNERCITY
15 STRUGGLE, BASED IN THE EAST SIDE OF L.A., AND REPRESENTING THE
16 1,200 YOUTH AND FAMILY MEMBERS, MANY WHO ARE REELING FROM THE
17 RESULTS OF THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION, AND MANY WHO, DAYS AFTER
18 THE ELECTION, WALKED OUT OF THEIR SCHOOLS IN PROTESTS,
19 REJECTING HATE, CALLING FOR UNITY, AND STANDING WITH THEIR
20 FAMILIES, THEIR PARENTS, MANY WHO ARE UNDOCUMENTED. OTHERS
21 MARCHED IN DEFENSE OF D.A.C.A.-- FOR MANY, THEIR ONE PATHWAY
22 FOR OPPORTUNITY. HEARING ABOUT THIS MOTION, CHAMPIONED BY
23 SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND KUEHL, GIVES OUR COMMUNITY HOPE. THANK
24 YOU FOR HEARING THEM, PROVIDING A VOICE, AND WE URGE ALL OF
25 YOU TO STAND IN FULL SUPPORT, AS WELL. THANK YOU SO MUCH.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT
3 SPEAKER.

4

5 **NANCY ALCARAZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS NANCY ALCARAZ,
6 DIRECTOR OF RESIDENT SERVICES, AND I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF
7 LITTLE TOKYO SERVICE CENTER, TO EXPRESS OUR SUPPORT TO
8 SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS' IMMIGRATION PROTECTION MOTION. WE FEEL
9 THAT THIS MOTION IS CRUCIAL TO HELP EASE SOME OF THE FEAR THAT
10 THE OUTCOME OF THE ELECTION HAS INSTILLED IN THE CITY. IT WILL
11 HELP REASSURE ALL MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY THAT WE STAND
12 BEHIND THEM, AND WE WILL WORK DILIGENTLY TO PROTECT THEIR
13 RIGHTS. WE ARE PROUD TO CONTINUE TO SERVE THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE
14 THROUGH BILINGUAL SERVICES, AND THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT OF
15 OVER 950 AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS, AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO
16 PROVIDE SERVICES TO THOSE IN GREATEST NEED, AND PROVIDE EQUAL
17 ACCESS TO ALL. DOESN'T MATTER IMMIGRATION STATUS, ETHNICITY.
18 SO, ALL OF US AT LITTLE TOKYO SERVICE CENTER PLEDGE TO
19 CONTINUE TO FIGHT FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EQUALITY FOR
20 EVERYONE. AND BECAUSE OF THIS, WE ARE PROUD TO STAND IN
21 SOLIDARITY WITH OTHERS HERE, AND TO STRONGLY SUPPORT
22 SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS' IMMIGRATION PROTECTION MOTION. THANK
23 YOU.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER. ANYONE
2 ELSE IN THE QUEUE RIGHT NOW?

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4 **ALEJANDRA RAMIREZ-ZARATE:** GOOD EVENING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME
5 IS ALEJANDRA RAMIREZ-ZARATE. I AM WITH ADVANCEMENT PROJECT, A
6 CIVIL RIGHTS ORGANIZATION THAT WORKS TO IMPACT LOW-INCOME
7 COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. AND ADVANCEMENT PROJECT SUPPORTS THE
8 MOTION PUT FORTH BY THE BOARD AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS, TO PROTECT
9 OUR COMMUNITIES. WE, HOWEVER, ALSO URGE YOU TO CONSIDER COUNTY
10 HEALTH SAFETY-NET PROGRAMS, LIKE MY HEALTH L.A., TO BE A KEY
11 PARTNER IN THE TASK FORCE, AND REPORT BACK ON HOW THEY CAN
12 SUPPORT AND PROTECT IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES. WE THANK THE BOARD
13 IN CREATING A CULTURE OF TRUST IN L.A. COUNTY, AND WE APPLAUD
14 THE BOARD FOR RAISING THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE, AND STRONGLY
15 SUPPORT THE CREATION OF THE TASK FORCE, AND PASSAGE OF THIS
16 MOTION. AND LASTLY, AS A FORMER UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANT, I
17 THANK ALL OF YOU FOR WANTING TO PROTECT MY COMMUNITY, AND
18 GIVING EVERY SINGLE ONE OF US A CHANCE AT THE AMERICAN DREAM.
19 THANK YOU.

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21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

22

23 **CORRINNE SANCHEZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON. CORRINNE SANCHEZ. I'M C.E.O.
24 AND PRESIDENT OF EL PROYECTO DEL BARRIO. I'M GOING TO FOLLOW
25 HILDA'S ADVICE. I WANT TO PAY TRIBUTE TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND



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1 ALSO TO SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL, IN PROMOTING THIS. AND EL
2 PROYECTO STANDS READY IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, THE SAN
3 FERNANDO VALLEY, THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, TO FIGHT THIS ALL
4 THE WAY, AND I HONOR YOU.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. NOW
7 WE'RE NEARING 5:30. THE OTHER PERSONS WHO HAVE SUBMITTED A
8 CARD, WHO WISH TO BE HEARD, ALL RIGHT? ALL RIGHT. NATALIA
9 HENNINGTON, AMERICA NAVARRO, AREKEL CARRANCO, RICARDO MONTERO,
10 FRANK MUNOZ, MARTIN SOLTERO, JUAN GARCIA, CHRISTINA TRUJILLO,
11 ROSY GALLEGOS, MATHEW VILLELA, CRISTINA RIVAS, NORA JACOB,
12 DIOSELINA VARGAS, PATRICIA DE LEON, JENNY GONZALEZ, JOHN
13 MURILLO, DESTINY RAMIREZ, ERIK PEREZ, AMANDA BARRAGAN,
14 CARMELITA MIGUEL, EDUARDO ESTRADA, CATALINA FONSECA, DREW
15 DILLON, LIZETTE VEGA, YASMEEN RAMIREZ, CLAUDIA GARCIA, JEFFREY
16 LATT, JOANNA MIRANDA, EFRAN MIRANDA, MARILYN SAMANIEGO,
17 AURELIA CEBALLOS, JOHN PEREZ, JOSEFINA YOLED, ALONDRA TOLEDO,
18 MARIA GARCIA, JACINTA MERCADO, ALICIA ESCALANTE, HERMANINIO
19 ESCALANTE, DANIEL OAXACA, LEONARDO QUEZADA, ISABEL CARDENAS,
20 PEDRO TRUJILLO, ANGELICA HERNANDEZ, DAVID ABUD, ALEJANDRA
21 RAMIREZ-ZARATE, CHANELL TEMPLE, MIGUEL LUNA, JOHN MURILLO,
22 BELINDA FAUSTINOS, JEANETTE ROYSTON, GRISELDA MEDOZA, ELVY
23 PEREZ, HUGO SOTO, AN PEREZ, GUSTAVO RAMIREZ, JOSEPH MAIZLISH,
24 VINCENT CHANG, DIANA VARGAS, JENNIFER CARCAMO, GERSON SORTO,
25 JANINA LORD MORRISON, LUIS GUTIERREZ, MIKE JOHNSON, ANA



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1 GARCIA, ALISON GONZALEZ, MARK MASAOKA, LESLIE ALMEIDA, ALEX
2 SANCHEZ, VICTOR NARRO, CYNTHIA ANDERSON-BARKER, ELIZABETH
3 BILLE, JESSICA HANSON, CARLOS AMADOR, MAYRA JOACHIN, ALEXANDRA
4 MENJIVAR, GABRIELA HERNANDEZ, MARIA BRENES, CLAUDIA BAUTISTA,
5 PATRICIA SUAREZ, JACQUE ROBINSON BAISLEY, EMILIA GONZALEZ, EMI
6 MACLEAN, CAITLIN BELLIS, GUILLERMO TORRES, GRACIELA GEYER,
7 DOROTHY HAMILTON, ANA GRANDE, ERNEST MORE, WENDY RAMALLO, PHAL
8 SOK, ANTHONY PEREZ, NEAL DONNELLY, DENNY ZANE, ANTHONY NG,
9 ILSE ESCOBAR, IRMA ARCHULETA, MARCELA HERNANDEZ, JACQUELINE
10 COTO, JESUS HERMOSILLO, FRANK VILLALOBOS, FATIMA MURRIETA,
11 RAUL CLAROS, VINCENT CHANG, GABRIELLA BARBOSA, WAYNE FROM
12 ENCINO, DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, ERIC PREVEN, ARNOLD SACHS,
13 PETRA CABRERA, CARMEN IGUINA, BETTY JASPEADO, WILLIAM
14 VILLALOBOS, MARTHA JIMENEZ, CAROLINA JUAREGUI, EDDIE GONZALEZ,
15 EDNA MONROY, AND RAMON ZALDUSKY. NOW, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,
16 THAT'S THE BEST WE CAN DO FOR YOU TODAY. WE CALLED EVERYBODY'S
17 NAME. WE ARE IN FULL COMPLIANCE WITH THE BROWN ACT. ALL RIGHT?
18 NOW, IF I DIDN'T CALL YOUR NAME, DON'T YOU DARE STAND UP AND
19 COME AND TRY TO TALK, ALL RIGHT, WHATEVER YOU DO. OTHERWISE,
20 LET'S PROCEED.

21

22 **DAVID ABUD:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MY NAME IS DAVID ABUD. I WANT
23 TO BE HERE IN SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION, BUT I ALSO WANT TO SAY
24 THAT PIECEMEAL LEGISLATIONS THAT ESTABLISH TASK FORCE, THAT
25 COME BACK AND GIVE YOU RECOMMENDATIONS WITH NO TEETH, WILL NOT



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1 BE ENOUGH TO SERVE AS ACTION AGAINST WHAT'S COMING FOR US, AND
2 IT WON'T BE ENOUGH FOR YOU ALL TO GET OFF THE HOOK. THIS IS
3 ESPECIALLY FOR SUPERVISOR SOLIS, BUT ALSO TO THE NEW
4 SUPERVISORS AND SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, THAT WE'RE WATCHING,
5 AND THAT WE HAVE SUBMITTED CONCRETE DEMANDS FOR THE COUNTY AND
6 THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. WE HAVE SUBMITTED BY 30
7 ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING UNIVERSAL REPRESENTATION, INCLUDING
8 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO STOP COLLABORATING WITH I.C.E.,
9 AND THE L.A.P.D. TO STOP COLLABORATING WITH THEM, WHICH THEY
10 CONTINUE TO DO. SO I URGE YOU ALL THAT THIS IS THE BEGINNING
11 OF SOMETHING THAT HAS TO BE MUCH STRINGENT ACTION FROM ALL OF
12 YOU ALL, AND WE WILL BE WATCHING, AND WE WILL BE PUTTING THE
13 PRESSURE ON ALL OF YOU TO DO THE WORK THAT YOU ARE SUPPOSED TO
14 BE DOING, AND TO BE RESPONSIBLE TO THE COMMUNITIES THAT YOU
15 SAY YOU REPRESENT.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. ALL
18 RIGHT, SHALL WE PROCEED?

19

20 **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** SURE. MY NAME'S JOSEPH MAIZLISH. MAY BE LEGAL
21 COMPLIANCE WITH THE BROWN ACT, BUT I DON'T THINK WITH THE
22 SPIRIT OF IT, BECAUSE ALL OF THOSE NAMES ARE PEOPLE WHO WERE
23 DISCOURAGED FROM PROVIDING THEIR COMMENT, BY THE FACT OF THE
24 CHOICE OF TWO MONSTER TOPICS FOR ONE DAY. I'LL PROCEED. I'M
25 HERE. I'LL INTRODUCE MYSELF: JOE MAIZLISH, THE SON OF RUTH,



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1 IMMIGRATED IN 1912, AT AGE 8, WHEN NOBODY CARED. YOU SHOWED
2 UP, YOU WERE IN. THAT WAS THE LAW THEN, PRETTY MUCH. AND HARRY
3 MAIZLISH IMMIGRATED IN 1905, AT AGE 3, SAME THING; LATER TO
4 BE, BY THE WAY, APPOINTED AN HONORARY DEPUTY SHERIFF IN THIS
5 COUNTY, BY SHERIFF BISCAILUZ, AND MANY PUBLIC SERVICES. SO MY
6 POINT HERE: THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN THIS, IT MAY HAVE SOME
7 LEGAL RIGHTS, BUT IT HAS A VERY WEAK MORAL STANCE. WHY?
8 BECAUSE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, IN COOPERATION WITH SOME OF
9 THE CORPORATE SYSTEM, HAS A SHARE OF THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR
10 THE DESPERATION OF MANY PEOPLE WHO'VE COME HERE FROM THE
11 AMERICAS. AND SO LET'S REMEMBER THAT THE MORAL STRENGTH IS
12 REALLY WITH YOU FOLKS, IN WORKING THIS NEW RESOLUTION, AND
13 EVERYTHING THAT FOLLOWS, TO THE MAXIMUM. THEY'RE NOT ON STRONG
14 MORAL GROUNDS AT ALL. YOU HAVE THAT GROUND.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** EXCUSE ME. THANK YOU. WE APPRECIATE
17 YOUR TESTIMONY. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. DAVID LAU. GO AHEAD,
18 SIR.

19

20 **ALEX SANCHEZ:** GOOD EVENING, OR AFTERNOON. EVENING. MY NAME'S
21 ALEX SANCHEZ. I'M WITH HOMIES UNIDOS. WE DO VIOLENCE
22 PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION IN THE COMMUNITY, AND WE'RE
23 WORKING SPECIFICALLY WITH UNACCOMPANIED MINORS. AND FIRST, I
24 WANT TO SAY THAT I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF THE 600-PLUS IMMIGRANT
25 YOUTH THAT CAME TO THE CONFERENCE, SUPPORTED BY HILDA SOLIS,



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1 ON FRIDAY, IN WHICH THEY CAME AND CHALLENGED THAT FEAR, THE
2 RHETORIC THAT HAS BEEN PLACED IN OUR COMMUNITY, THAT PEOPLE
3 ARE GOING TO COME AFTER THEM AND DEPORT THEM. AND I THINK THAT
4 THAT'S WHERE WE NEED TO FOCUS ON THAT. WE NEED TO NOT FALL
5 INTO THE RHETORIC, TO LET THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT USE SCARE
6 TACTICS, SUCH AS, "WE'RE GOING AFTER GANG MEMBERS, WE'RE GOING
7 AFTER CRIMINALIZED IMMIGRANTS," TO GIVE THEM THE PASS FOR
8 COMING INTO OUR COMMUNITIES, TO TERRORIZE OUR COMMUNITIES.
9 I'VE BEEN A WITNESS OF HOW IMMIGRATION COMES IN, AND JUST GOES
10 AND ASKS FOR SOMEBODY, AND THEN GRABS THE WHOLE FAMILY. SO WE
11 NEED TO STOP HAVING THAT. WE NEED TO FORCE THEM TO RESPECT
12 SPECIAL ORDER 40.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

15

16 **CAITLIN BELLIS:** HELLO. MY NAME IS CAITLIN BELLIS, AND I AM
17 HERE ON BEHALF OF A GROUP OF LAWYERS WHO-- WE HAVE AGREED TO
18 CONSOLIDATE OUR TESTIMONY.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

21

22 **CAITLIN BELLIS:** AND I'M AN ATTORNEY WITH PUBLIC COUNSEL, AND I
23 ALSO WORK CLOSELY WITH THE CALIFORNIA COALITION FOR UNIVERSAL
24 REPRESENTATION. WE FIRST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO SUPERVISORS
25 KUEHL AND SOLIS, FOR RAISING THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE, BUT WE URGE



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1 YOU TO TAKE MORE CONCRETE ACTION AND MORE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO
2 ADDRESS THE IMPENDING TRUMP ADMINISTRATION. THERE ARE TWO
3 PROPOSALS, SPECIFICALLY, THAT YOU'VE HEARD RAISED A NUMBER OF
4 TIMES, THIS EVENING. FIRST, WE URGE THAT YOU PROVIDE FREE
5 LEGAL REPRESENTATION, LEGAL AID, FOR IMMIGRANTS IN REMOVAL
6 PROCEEDINGS, AND WE URGE THAT YOU DO SO ACROSS THE BOARD.
7 EVERY PERSON WHO IS HELD IN IMMIGRATION DETENTION AND
8 THREATENED WITH PERMANENT SEPARATION FROM THEIR FAMILY SHOULD
9 HAVE A LAWYER. AND I AM IN THE DETENTION CENTERS EVERY WEEK,
10 AND I CAN TELL YOU THAT THE SITUATION IS DIRE. AND SECONDLY,
11 WE URGE YOU TO ENSURE THAT NO COUNTY RESOURCES ARE USED IN
12 FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT. THIS IS CRITICAL, BECAUSE WE
13 NEED TO PREVENT PEOPLE FROM GETTING CAUGHT UP IN THIS HORRIBLE
14 SYSTEM, IN THE FIRST PLACE. SO, ON BEHALF OF A NUMBER OF
15 ATTORNEYS AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AND OUR COALITION, THANK
16 YOU, AND PLEASE, PLEASE, TAKE THESE URGENT STEPS.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. WE'LL
19 TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER.

20

21 **JESSICA HANSON:** MY NAME IS JESSICA HANSON. I'M AN ATTORNEY
22 WITH THE NATIONAL IMMIGRATION LAW CENTER, AND I SUPPORT
23 CAITLIN'S MESSAGE.

24

25 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.



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2 **MAYRA JOACHIN:** MAYRA JOACHIN, STAFF ATTORNEY AT NATIONAL
3 IMMIGRATION LAW CENTER, ALSO IN SUPPORT OF CAITLIN'S MESSAGE.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** EXCELLENT. THAT'S THE WAY TO DO IT.
6 ALL RIGHT, THE BALANCE, PLEASE COME FORWARD. SO YOU'RE GOING
7 TO SPEAK FIRST, AND THE BALANCE OF YOU ARE GOING TO AFFIRM HIS
8 POSITION. ALL RIGHT, PROCEED.

9

10 **CARLOS AMADOR:** GOOD AFTERNOON. CARLOS AMADOR, WITH THE
11 CALIFORNIA IMMIGRANT POLICY CENTER, A FORMER UNDOCUMENTED
12 IMMIGRANT, RESIDENT OF L.A. COUNTY. I JUST WANTED TO THANK YOU
13 ALL FOR TAKING THIS MOTION UP, AND ALSO STATE THAT WE NEED TO
14 DO, AND I ASK YOU TO DO MORE, BEFORE THE 30 DAYS THAT ARE
15 PUTTING IN THIS MOTION, ESPECIALLY ENACTING LEGAL
16 REPRESENTATION FOR PEOPLE FIGHTING DETENTION AND DEPORTATION,
17 AS WELL AS ENDING ALL TYPE OF RESOURCES AND ENERGY THAT IS PUT
18 BETWEEN THE I.C.E. COLLABORATION WITH THE SHERIFF'S
19 DEPARTMENT. SO I REALLY ASK YOU TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS
20 OPPORTUNITY THAT WE HAVE, AND ENACT THOSE PROGRAMS BEFORE
21 PRESIDENT-ELECT TRUMP TAKES OVER OFFICE. THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. SIR?

24



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1 **GUSTAVO RAMIREZ:** GUSTAVO RAMIREZ. I AM REPRESENTING 7
2 DIFFERENT MAJOR NONPROFITS, AS WELL AS ABOUT 17 PEOPLE THAT
3 JUST HAVE LEFT THROUGHOUT THE DAY. EVERY SECOND COUNTS. TIME
4 IS OF THE ESSENCE, AND SO I'M JUST GOING TO GO FOR IT, AS MUCH
5 AS I CAN. THEY ALL TOLD ME TO SAY SOMETHING. SO I'M
6 REPRESENTING THE N.A.A.C.P., CLAREMONT-POMONA MOSQUE, TEMPLE
7 BETH ISRAEL, LATINO ROUNDTABLE, AND U.P.W.A.R.D-- UNITING
8 PEACE WITH ACTIONS, RESPECT, AND DIGNITY-- WHICH UNITES ALL
9 THESE DIFFERENT ORGANIZATIONS. WE RECEIVED A LETTER, A HATE
10 LETTER, AT THE POMONA MOSQUE, AT THE CLAREMONT MOSQUE, WHICH
11 IS IN POMONA. AND IT SAID, AND I QUOTE, "TRUMP IS GOING TO DO
12 TO YOU MUSLIMS AS HITLER DID TO THE NAZIS." END QUOTE, BUT IT
13 GETS WORSE THAN THAT, AND I WON'T SAY THAT-- THE REST.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
16 TESTIMONY, SIR.

17

18 **GUSTAVO RAMIREZ:** OH, I JUST STARTED.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** YES? NO, I THINK YOU JUST ENDED.
21 THANK YOU. WE APPRECIATE IT. SUBMIT THE BALANCE OF YOUR
22 TESTIMONY FOR US.

23

24 **GUSTAVO RAMIREZ:** I'LL WRITE IT IN THE LETTER.

25



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** YES, THAT'S FINE. AND WE'LL WELCOME
2 IT, OKAY? THANK YOU.

3

4 **GUSTAVO RAMIREZ:** OKAY, THANK YOU. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.
5 THANK YOU, EVERYBODY, AND WELCOME, AND PLEASE BE HEROES, JUST
6 LIKE SHEILA KUEHL, AND THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU, SIR.

9

10 **DOROTHY HAMILTON:** MY NAME IS DOROTHY HAMILTON, NATIVE LOS
11 ANGELINO, ALSO SECOND-GENERATION IRISH IMMIGRANT. I AM GOING
12 TO SAY THE WORD THAT PEOPLE ARE DANCING AROUND AND HAVE BEEN
13 TOO POLITE TO SAY, THAT THIS IS A FASCIST STATE. WE SEE THAT
14 WITH THE APPOINTMENT OF STEVE BANNON, OPEN WHITE NATIONALIST.
15 AS A GENTLEMAN JUST SAID, THE ATTACK ON THE MOSQUE IN HIS
16 COMMUNITY. WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT WITH THIS IS GOING TO
17 HAPPEN, IS THAT TRUMP IS GOING TO DECIDE, OR IS GOING TO
18 ATTEMPT TO REDEFINE, WHO IS A CITIZEN AND WHO IS NOT. HE'S
19 GOING TO SEND PEOPLE IN THE DEAD OF NIGHT, AND PEOPLE IN THE
20 MIDDLE OF THE DAY, TERRORIZING FAMILIES, RIPPING THEM APART,
21 PUTTING THEM IN DETENTION CENTERS. THINK ABOUT THIS. THAT'S
22 THE SAME AS THEY DID IN THE CAMPS, DURING WORLD WAR II: ROUND
23 PEOPLE UP, DEFINE WHO'S LEGAL AND WHO'S NOT LEGAL. THIS IS NOT
24 ACCEPTABLE. WE NEED TO TAKE ACTION AND DEFEND, GIVE PEOPLE THE
25 LEGAL RIGHTS AND HUMAN RIGHTS THAT THEY DESERVE, THAT THEY



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1 NEED, SUCH AS LEGAL REPRESENTATION. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT
2 SYMBOLIC ACT, BUT GIVE IT TEETH, AND FIGHT STRONGER FOR WHAT'S
3 ABOUT TO HAPPEN. THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME SPEAK.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, NEXT SPEAKER. THANK YOU.

6

7 **ANTHONY NG:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ANTHONY NG. I'M WITH
8 ASIAN-AMERICANS ADVANCING JUSTICE LOS ANGELES. FIRST OF ALL,
9 WE'D LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND KUEHL FOR INTRODUCING
10 THIS MOTION, AND I'D LIKE TO ECHO A LOT OF THE COMMENTS THAT
11 MY COLLEAGUES HAVE MENTIONED, AROUND REALLY NEEDING TO PROTECT
12 OUR IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES, BY ENSURING THAT ANYONE THAT'S A
13 RESIDENT OF L.A. COUNTY, WHETHER THEY'RE IMMIGRANTS, OR
14 WHETHER THEY'VE ENCOUNTERED THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM, IS
15 ENSURED LEGAL REPRESENTATION, TO ENSURE THAT OUR COMMUNITIES
16 FEEL PROTECTED. IN ADDITION, WE MUST ENSURE THAT NO COUNTY
17 RESOURCES GOES INTO THE COLLABORATION BETWEEN LOCAL LAW
18 ENFORCEMENT AND I.C.E., WHETHER THAT BE RESOURCES AROUND
19 PEOPLE, DATABASES, OR PHYSICAL SPACES. WE LOOK FORWARD TO
20 WORKING WITH YOU ALL AND OUR COMMUNITY IN L.A., TO ENSURE THAT
21 EVERYONE IS PROTECTED; THAT WE SEND A MESSAGE THROUGHOUT THE
22 NATION THAT WE VALUE IMMIGRANTS, AND THAT WE THRIVE BECAUSE OF
23 IMMIGRANTS. THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WE THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. LADIES AND
2 GENTLEMEN, WE'RE ABOUT TO WIND DOWN. WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A
3 VOTE VERY SOON. AND WE WILL BE ADJOURNED, HOPEFULLY, BEFORE
4 6:00. THAT'S OUR OBJECTIVE. WE HAVE A BIT MORE, MEMBERS OF THE
5 BOARD, OF CLEAN-UP BUSINESS TO DO, THAT WE ARE OBLIGED TO TAKE
6 CARE OF, AND SO BE MINDFUL OF THAT. BUT BEFORE 6:00, THE GAVEL
7 IS GOING TO ADJOURN US, ALL RIGHT? PLEASE. MA'AM?

8

9 **EMILIA GONZALEZ:** HELLO. MY NAME IS EMELIA GONZALEZ. I'M A
10 COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER FOR DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES. AND
11 I WANT TO ASK TO PLEASE VOTE FOR HILDA SOLIS'S MOTION. IT'S
12 VERY IMPORTANT IN OUR COMMUNITY. I'M FROM EAST LOS ANGELES. WE
13 ALSO ASK THAT YOU MAKE A CLEAR-CUT AGENDA, A CONCRETE AGENDA,
14 HILDA SOLIS, TO PLEASE REPRESENT US. AND ALSO, PLEASE GIVE
15 REPRESENTATION TO THE PEOPLE IN IMMEDIATE DEPORTATION. THANK
16 YOU SO MUCH.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND YOUR
19 TESTIMONY. GENTLEMEN?

20

21 **VINCENT CHANG:** GOOD AFTERNOON, OR IS IT GOING TO BE GOOD
22 EVENING? VINCENT CHANG. I'M THE ELECTED CITY CLERK FOR THE
23 CITY OF MONTEREY PARK, A COMMUNITY THAT REALLY CONSISTS OF
24 MAJORITY IMMIGRANTS, ASIAN AS WELL AS LATINOS. I AM ALSO THE
25 CO-FOUNDING CHAIR FOR AN ORGANIZATION CALLED BIKE S.U.V.,



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1 WHICH WE PROVIDE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, SERVICES TO HELP PEOPLE
2 FIX THEIR BIKES, MOSTLY FROM THE LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES. AND
3 WE ARE FULLY IN SUPPORT OF THIS PROPOSAL BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS,
4 AS WELL AS SUPERVISOR KUEHL. ALSO, THE OTHER THING IS, I'M A
5 PRACTICING ATTORNEY. I'VE BEEN PRACTICING IMMIGRATION SINCE
6 1993. AND THIS TIME, I SEE THE FEAR. THE FEAR IS UNLIKE THOSE
7 YEARS PAST. FAMILIES COMING IN WITH THEIR CHILDREN. A LOT OF
8 AMERICAN-BORN CHILDREN, LITTLE KIDS, 6, 7, 8, 10 YEARS OLD.
9 THEY'RE SCARED. THEY'RE SCARED. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

12

13 **FRANK VILLALOBOS:** YES. MY NAME'S FRANK VILLALOBOS, AND I WOULD
14 LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO HANG AROUND SO
15 LATE FOR THIS. I REPRESENT BARRIO PLANNERS. THERE ARE MEMBERS
16 HERE THAT CAME WITH ME. THERE'S ALSO MEMBERS FROM THE EAST
17 L.A. COMMUNITY YOUTH CENTER, IN EAST LOS ANGELES. BUT I'M HERE
18 TO MAINLY TALK FROM THE HEART, AND TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE
19 BUSINESS COMMUNITY OF THE LATINO COMMUNITY, THE LATINO
20 BUSINESS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. CONGRATULATIONS, SUPERVISOR
21 BARGER, FOR YOUR ELECTION. I WANT TO LEAVE YOU WITH A MESSAGE
22 THAT THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY NEEDS TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION. WE
23 NEED TO GET BEHIND IT, BECAUSE WE NEED TO PROVIDE THE
24 AFFIDAVITS THAT ARE GOING TO BE REQUIRED TO IMMIGRATE PEOPLE
25 LEGALLY INTO THIS COUNTRY, AND I WANT TO PLEDGE MY SUPPORT



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1 TOWARDS THAT END, TO DO WHATEVER I CAN TO CONVINCING MY
2 COLLEAGUES IN THE LATINO BUSINESS CHAMBER TO FOLLOW THROUGH
3 WITH THIS MOTION.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, FRANK, AND ALL
6 THOSE FOR YOUR ORGANIZATION, FOR BEING HERE AND STAYING FOR
7 THE DISTANCE. MA'AM?

8

9 **ALEXANDRA MENJIVAR:** HELLO. GOOD EVENING. MY NAME IS ALEXANDRA
10 MENJIVAR, AND I CAME HERE TODAY WITH PARENT REVOLUTION,
11 REPRESENTING THE FAMILIES IN SOUTH L.A. THAT WORK WITH THIS
12 ORGANIZATION. AS AN IMMIGRANT FROM HONDURAS AND A SOUTH L.A.
13 RESIDENT, MOM OF TWO CITIZENS, I SUPPORT SUPERVISOR HILDA
14 SOLIS' MOTION. I URGE THE BOARD TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION AND
15 HELP THE IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY, BECAUSE WE, THE IMMIGRANTS, COME
16 HERE TO HELP MAKE AMERICA GREAT EVERY DAY. WE ARE HARDWORKING
17 FAMILIES, AND OUR KIDS THAT ARE BORN HERE DO NOT DESERVE TO
18 LIVE IN FEAR, AND FEARING THAT THEY WON'T FIND MOM AND DAD
19 HOME WHEN THEY COME BACK FROM SCHOOL, OR EVEN SEE THEIR
20 PARENTS BEING TAKEN FROM THEM IN THE SCHOOLS. WE CAN'T MOVE
21 AROUND IN OUR COMMUNITIES. IT'S VERY HARD FOR US TO WORK. IT'S
22 VERY HARD FOR US TO PROVIDE TO OUR FAMILIES, IF ALL THIS FEAR
23 AND HATE IS AROUND US. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY, AND
2 WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKERS, PLEASE. MA'AM?

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4 **EDNA MONROY:** YES. HI, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS EDNA MONROY, PART
5 OF C.I.Y.J.A., CALIFORNIA IMMIGRANT YOUTH JUSTICE ALLIANCE,
6 AND [INAUDIBLE.] COALITION, ORIGINALLY FROM GUERRERO, MEXICO,
7 AND A PROUD RESIDENT OF SOUTH CENTRAL L.A. I'M HERE TO SUPPORT
8 THE MOTION, BUT ALSO TO REMIND YOU ALL THAT, AS L.A. COUNTY,
9 WITH THE LARGEST NUMBER OF UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS-- AND, OF
10 COURSE, DEPORTATIONS THAT ARE HAPPENING EVERY DAY-- THIS IS
11 JUST A VERY FIRST STEP. AND SO IT'S ABOUT TIME THAT WE, AS
12 L.A. COUNTY, TAKE A MAJOR STEP TO MAKE SURE THAT PEOPLE WITH
13 PRIOR CONVICTIONS ARE NOT FURTHER PUSHED UNDER THE BUS, THROWN
14 INTO THE SHADOWS, INTO THE CLOSETS, AND ON THE MARGINS. AND SO
15 WE DEFINITELY NEED TO SPEAK FOR EVERYONE: PEOPLE LIKE MY
16 UNCLE, THAT'S CURRENTLY IN MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, THAT MOST
17 LIKELY WILL BE TRANSFERRED OVER TO I.C.E. AND DEPORTED,
18 BECAUSE OF P.E.P. AND THE COLLABORATION THAT CURRENTLY EXISTS
19 BETWEEN I.C.E. AND THE POLICE. SO IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE
20 SET THE MODEL FOR OTHER COUNTIES TO FOLLOW, AND DON'T JUST
21 PASS SOMETHING HALFWAY, BUT REALLY, REALLY MEAN IT, AND PUSH
22 ALL THE WAY THROUGH. THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT, WE'LL TAKE
25 THE NEXT SPEAKERS.



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2 **EDDIE GONZALEZ:** YES, HI. GOOD EVENING. MY NAME IS EDDIE
3 GONZALEZ. I'M AN ORGANIZER WITH THE POMONA ECONOMIC
4 OPPORTUNITY CENTER, AND I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF THE DAY
5 LABORERS, UNDOCUMENTED YOUTH, AND ALL IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES.
6 I'M A SON OF IMMIGRANT PARENTS, AND I'VE BEEN PRIVILEGED TO BE
7 BORN AND RAISED HERE IN L.A., AND A PROUD ANGELINO. I WANT TO
8 THANK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS FOR THE MOTION TO
9 ADVOCATE FOR THE DAY LABORERS WHO WORK TREMENDOUSLY HARD TO
10 PROVIDE FOR THEIR FAMILIES AND PUT FOOD ON THE TABLE, BUT ALSO
11 TO SUPPORT THEIR CHILDREN, D.A.C.A. RECIPIENTS, WHOSE
12 INTENTIONS ARE TO BETTER THEMSELVES WITH A HIGHER EDUCATION,
13 AND PURSUE A CAREER, TO CONTRIBUTE LIKE THEIR PARENTS HAVE.
14 I'VE COMMITTED MYSELF TO SOCIAL JUSTICE, AND I'M FULLY IN
15 SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION, AND I URGE YOU TO PASS THIS MOTION.
16 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. SIR?

19

20 **DAVID LAU:** HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS DAVID
21 LAU, A MEMBER OF THE L.A. COUNTY ASSESSMENT APPEALS BOARD, AS
22 WELL AS THE FORMER MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK, FOR
23 THREE TERMS. I'M HERE TO SUPPORT SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S MOTION. I
24 WANT TO REALLY THANK HER FOR HER PASSION, HER FORESIGHT, AND
25 HER COMMITMENT TO BRING THIS ISSUE. L.A. COUNTY HAS A LOT OF



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1 IMMIGRANTS, AND I THINK WE, AS IMMIGRANTS, ALL COME FROM
2 SOMEWHERE, UNLESS YOU ARE NATIVE AMERICAN. SO WE NEED TO
3 REALLY RESPECT, VALUE, AND UTILIZE THE RESIDENTS. AND WE NEED
4 TO REALLY TREAT DIVERSITY NOT AS A LIABILITY, BUT AS AN ASSET.
5 AND I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT L.A. COUNTY WILL REALLY
6 PROTECT ALL THE RESIDENTS, REGARDLESS OF LEGAL STATUS. I THINK
7 THEY ARE PART OF THE COMMUNITY, AND HAVE BEEN MAKING GREAT
8 CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ECONOMY. SO WE URGE THE SUPERVISORS TO
9 APPROVE THIS MOTION, TO REMOVE ANY FEARS, UNCERTAINTY, OR
10 DEPORTATION, AND SEPARATION FROM THE FAMILIES, FOR THE
11 IMMIGRANTS. AS A RESULT, THE MOTION, IF IMPLEMENTED, WILL
12 BENEFIT THE COUNTY FOR A MORE HARMONIOUS, MORE PRODUCTIVE,
13 PROGRESSIVE FUTURE FOR ALL RESIDENTS. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. ALL RIGHT,
16 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THIS IS THE LAST SPEAKER ON THIS ITEM.

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18 **SPEAKER:** FIRST OF ALL, THANK YOU.

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20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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22 **SPEAKER:** GRACIAS, OBRIGADO, ARIGATO, AND I WILL SAY XIEXIE,
23 AND WILL CONTINUE SAYING IT MORE THAN THAT, LIKE NAMASTE.
24 THAT'S THE BEAUTY OF LIVING IN THIS NATION, A MELTING POT, A
25 NATION WITH DIFFERENT CULTURES, A NATION WHO HAS BEEN BUILT OF



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1 PURE IMMIGRANTS. CORRECT ME IF I'M WRONG, BUT LET'S JUST
2 REMIND OUR ELECTED PRESIDENT THAT HIS LOVING MOTHER WAS ALSO
3 AN IMMIGRANT, WHO SEARCHED FOR A BETTER LIFE; OR PERHAPS THE
4 MOTHER OF HIS LOVING FAMILY, SEARCHING FOR THE SAME THING AS
5 MY MOTHER, WHO BROUGHT ME FROM EL SALVADOR IN 1981, AN
6 IMMIGRANT. IN 1989, I COMMITTED A CRIME, AND I PLED GUILTY,
7 20-SOMETHING YEARS AGO. IT'S HAUNTING ME NOW. I'M IN THE
8 PROCESS OF DEPORTATION. LISTENING TO MY ATTORNEY AT THAT TIME,
9 I PLED GUILTY. I THOUGHT THAT IT WAS NOT GOING TO AFFECT ME,
10 UNTIL NOW. SO FOR THAT, I THANK YOU ALL FOR HELPING US TO MAKE
11 A DIFFERENCE. AND FOR THAT, GOD BLESS YOU, AND GRACIAS. CIAO.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. THAT WAS THE
14 LAST SPEAKER ON THIS ITEM. THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. MADAME
15 EXECUTIVE OFFICER?

16

17 **SUP. BARGER:** I WOULD LIKE TO WITHDRAW MY AMENDMENT, FOR THE
18 TIME BEING, AND REVISIT IT AT A LATER DATE.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SO NOTED. IF THERE'S NO
21 FURTHER DISCUSSION, THE ITEM'S BEFORE US.

22

23 **SUP. KUEHL:** CAN I JUST SAY ONE THING?

24

25 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** YOU MAY, SUPERVISOR KUEHL.



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2 **SUP. KUEHL:** I WENT TO NEW YORK ONE TIME, AND I SAW THIS
3 STATUE. AND AT THE BOTTOM OF THE STATUE, IT SAID, "GIVE ME
4 YOUR TIRED, YOUR POOR, YOUR HUDDLED MASSES YEARNING TO BREATHE
5 FREE, THE WRETCHED REFUSE OF YOUR TEEMING SHORE. SEND THESE,
6 THE HOMELESS, TEMPEST-TOSSED, TO ME. I LIFT MY LAMP BESIDE THE
7 GOLDEN DOOR." I THINK THAT'S L.A. COUNTY. [APPLAUSE.]

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. MADAME EXECUTIVE
10 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL ON THE ITEM.

11

12 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
13 BOARD, AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

14

15 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** AYE.

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17 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR
18 KUEHL?

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20 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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22 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR
23 HAHN?

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25 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.



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2 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR
3 BARGER?

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5 **SUP. BARGER:** ABSTAIN.

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7 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, ABSTAIN.
8 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** AYE.

11

12 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, AYE. THE
13 MOTION PASSES, 4-0.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ALL RIGHT.
16 THANK YOU. NOW, IF YOU'D BE KIND ENOUGH TO HELP US WITH THE
17 BALANCE OF OUR AGENDA, MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WE'RE RAPIDLY
18 TRYING TO MOVE TOWARDS 6:00 P.M.

19

20 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** YES, SIR, MR. CHAIRMAN. I
21 UNDERSTAND. ITEM 61 IS A PUBLIC HEARING ON APPEAL OF PROJECT
22 NUMBER R2014- 024115. THE DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT WAS MADE LAST
23 TUESDAY.

24

25 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.



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2 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I NEED TO--

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WE NEED YOUR UNDIVIDED ATTENTION,
5 IF YOU WILL, AND WE'LL BE DONE VERY SHORTLY.

6

7 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** I NEED TO ASK IF THERE ARE ANY
8 INDIVIDUALS IN THE BOARDROOM WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY ON THE APPEAL
9 OF THIS PROJECT. OKAY.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT?

12

13 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SO I WOULD NEED THOSE INDIVIDUALS
14 TO PLEASE STAND, AND RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND TO BE SWORN.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** IDENTIFY YOURSELVES SO THAT WE CAN
17 ACKNOWLEDGE. WE ARE TRYING TO COMPLY HERE, IN THE BOARDROOM.
18 PROCEED.

19

20 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** IN THE TESTIMONY YOU MAY GIVE
21 BEFORE THIS BOARD, DO YOU SOLEMNLY SWEAR TO TELL THE TRUTH,
22 THE WHOLE TRUTH, AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH, SO HELP YOU GOD?

23



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. LET'S PROCEED. ARE WE
2 OBLIGED TO PROCEED WITH THE STAFF REPORT? WE HAD IT LAST WEEK.
3 IS THAT NOT CORRECT?

4
5 **SUP. BARGER:** YES.

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7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ARE WE IN ORDER, MADAME COUNTY
8 COUNSEL? ALL RIGHT. THEN WE'LL HEAR FROM THOSE WHO WISH TO BE
9 HEARD. THE APPELLANT, PLEASE. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER.
10 THIS IS A MATTER IN THE FIFTH DISTRICT. WE'LL HEAR FROM YOU
11 NOW.

12
13 **SUP. BARGER:** I'D LIKE TO BRING THIS IN, AND MAYBE THAT WILL
14 ANSWER SOME OF THE QUESTIONS OF THE PEOPLE THAT MAY WANT TO
15 TESTIFY. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ADOPT
16 THE NEGATIVE DECLARATION, AND DENY THE APPEAL AND APPROVE THE
17 PROJECT, THEN INSTRUCT COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE THE NECESSARY
18 FINDINGS OF APPROVAL FOR MINOR C.U.P. NUMBER 2014-00014, AND
19 OAK TREE PERMIT NUMBER 2014-0035; AND NUMBER 3, REDUCE THE
20 HEIGHT OF THE PROPOSED SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE FROM 34 FEET TO
21 25 FEET, AS AGREED BY THE APPLICANT. I FURTHER MOVE THAT THE
22 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO
23 REQUIRE THAT THE APPLICANT PROVIDE A CONSTRUCTION PLAN THAT,
24 ONE, MAINTAINS THE VEHICULAR ACCESS ON CANYON CREST AT ALL
25 TIMES, DURING ON-SITE AND UTILITY CONSTRUCTION; AND NUMBER



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1 TWO, REQUIRES THAT ALL STORAGE OF BUILDING MATERIAL AND
2 EQUIPMENT BE RESTRICTED TO PRIVATE PROPERTY ONLY, AND NOT THE
3 PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY. I WOULD SUBMIT THAT FOR CONSIDERATION.

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5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, IT'S SUBMITTED FOR OUR
6 CONSIDERATION. THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE HERE, WHO WISH TO BE
7 HEARD, AT THIS POINT IN TIME, ON THIS ITEM, YOU HAVE THE
8 OPPORTUNITY, IF YOU WOULD QUICKLY COME FORWARD. SO, THREE
9 INDIVIDUALS STAND. QUICKLY, PLEASE. ALL RIGHT, WE SEE ONLY ONE
10 SUCH PERSON. ARE THERE TWO OTHER INDIVIDUALS? ALL RIGHT. WE
11 WERE TOLD THAT THERE WERE THREE INDIVIDUALS STILL REMAINING.
12 ALL RIGHT. SIR, YOUR NAME, YOUR RANK, AND YOUR SERIAL NUMBER.
13 [LAUGHTER.]

14
15 **MITCHELL TSAI:** THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
16 THOMAS, AND FELLOW SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU FOR A TIME TO SPEAK
17 BEFORE YOU TODAY. MY NAME IS MITCHELL TSAI. I'M HERE ON BEHALF
18 OF CANYON CREST CONSERVANCY, A LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL NONPROFIT.
19 CANYON CREST CONSERVANCY HAS PREVIOUSLY ALREADY REITERATED
20 CERTAIN OBJECTIONS TO THIS PROJECT, UNDER BOTH C.E.Q.A., THE
21 ALTADENA COMMUNITY STANDARDS, THE HILLSIDE PROTECTION
22 ORDINANCE, AND THE OAK WOODLANDS AND OAK TREE PROTECTION
23 ORDINANCE. WE WOULD LIKE TO REASSERT THOSE OBJECTIONS, BUT
24 NONETHELESS, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH CONTINUED THIS ITEM FROM
25 LAST WEEK, BECAUSE HE HAD CONCERNS ABOUT ROAD ACCESS AND



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1 SAFETY. I DO BELIEVE THAT SUPERVISOR BARGER'S CONDITIONS OF
2 APPROVAL WOULD ADDRESS THOSE ISSUES, AND THAT I SUPPORT THESE
3 CONDITIONS TO ADEQUATELY PROTECT THE ROAD ACCESS AND EMERGENCY
4 ACCESS FOR THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
7 TESTIMONY. SIR, YOUR NAME?

8

9 **STEPHEN KUHN:** MY NAME IS STEPHEN KUHN, AND I'M THE APPLICANT.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** YES, SIR.

12

13 **STEPHEN KUHN:** AND GIVEN SUPERVISOR BARGER'S MOTION, I THINK,
14 AND THE LATENESS OF THE HOUR, I THINK WE'LL RELINQUISH ANY
15 STATEMENT WE HAD PREPARED TO MAKE. THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. MA'AM? ANY COMMENTS? ALL RIGHT.
18 ALL GOOD. THAT CLOSES THE PUBLIC COMMENT. MADAME EXECUTIVE
19 OFFICER?

20

21 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** MR. CHAIRMAN, WE NEED A SECOND FOR
22 THE AMENDMENT THAT WAS INTRODUCED.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, IT'S BEEN PROPERLY MOVED
25 BY SUPERVISOR BARGER, SECONDED BY THE CHAIR. ANY ADDITIONAL



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1 DISCUSSION OR CONCERNS IN THIS CONNECTION, AT THIS POINT IN
2 TIME?

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4 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** OKAY, AT THIS TIME, MR. CHAIRMAN,
5 IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND MOVE
6 THE ITEM.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. IT'S BEEN CLOSED,
9 PURSUANT TO OUR PROCEDURES AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAW. IF
10 THERE ARE NO FURTHER COMMENTS TO BE MADE BY THIS BODY ON THIS
11 MATTER, PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE. ALL RIGHT. MADAME
12 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, YOU HAVE THREE MINUTES TO DO WHATEVER ELSE
13 IS ON THE CALENDAR.

14

15 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** THAT DISPENSES WITH ALL THE ITEMS
16 ON THE AGENDA. THE ONLY THING LEFT IS PUBLIC COMMENT, MR.
17 CHAIRMAN.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THE PUBLIC-COMMENT
20 INDIVIDUALS ARE CONSPICUOUSLY ABSENT, AND WE HAVE NO OBJECTION
21 TO THAT. WELL, WELL, WELL, NOT SO FAST, MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS. MR.
22 MUHAMMAD. AND, MA'AM, YOUR NAME? ALL RIGHT, COME FORWARD.
23 THOSE ARE THE TWO PERSONS WHO WISH TO BE HEARD. MEMBERS, ARE
24 YOU COMFORTABLE WITH DISPENSING WITH ANY SPECIALS OR
25 ADJOURNING MOTIONS, AND WE CAN PICK THEM UP NEXT WEEK, OR DO



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1 YOU WANT TO DO ADJOURNING MOTIONS TODAY? THAT'S OKAY. IT'S
2 OKAY. THAT'S FINE. ALL RIGHT, WE'LL DO IT. ALL RIGHT. MA'AM?
3 MA'AM. OSCAR, JUST A MOMENT. YOU MAY GO FIRST, MA'AM.

4

5 **QUEEN SEARLES:** HI. I'M QUEEN SEARLES, AND THANK YOU SO MUCH
6 FOR STAYING, AND I'M HERE REGARDING THE ISSUE OF HOMELESSNESS.
7 AND WHAT I CAME TO SAY TO YOU IS THAT WE NEED TO TAKE HEED TO
8 MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE NOT EXACERBATING THE SITUATION OF MENTAL
9 ILLNESS, AND EVERYTHING, BY NOT FOLLOWING THROUGH, OR BY
10 TELLING PEOPLE THAT WE'RE GOING TO GIVE YOU A COUNTY VOUCHER,
11 AND NEVER GIVING IT TO THEM; TELLING THEM TO GO LOOK, AND
12 THEN, WHEN YOU LOOK, YOU DO NOT HAVE IN YOUR HAND THAT
13 VOUCHER. OKAY? AND THIS HAS HAPPENED TO ME, AND THAT'S VERY,
14 VERY FRUSTRATING. I'VE BEEN HOMELESS FOR ALMOST THREE YEARS,
15 AND THIS-- I MEAN, TEMPORARY HOUSING WAS GIVEN TO ME BY ONE OF
16 THE ORGANIZATIONS, AND THEY SAID THAT IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE
17 PERMANENT HOUSING, BUT PERMANENT HOUSING CANNOT LOOK LIKE NO
18 KITCHEN, NO BEDROOM, AND NO VISITORS. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR
19 HEARING ME. AND IF THERE'S ANYBODY WHO KNOWS SOMEPLACE WHERE
20 THEY'RE ACCEPTING COUNTY 8 VOUCHERS, PLEASE LET ME KNOW, EVEN
21 THOUGH I STILL DON'T HAVE IT IN MY HAND.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. I THINK MISS AUSTRIA IS
24 HERE. SHE'LL BE ABLE TO ASSIST YOU RATHER IMMEDIATELY. MR.
25 MUHAMMAD?



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2 **OSCAR MUHAMMAD:** BUT BABYLON REPRESENT AMERICA IN THE BABYLON,
3 IN SCRIPTURE. AND BABYLON SAYS THAT BABYLON HAD BECOME A HAVEN
4 FOR EVERY FILTHY AND UNCLEAN BIRD TO LIE IN. AND AMERICA ONLY
5 INVITES THOSE IMMIGRANTS HERE TO GO ALONG WITH THEIR EVIL
6 SCHEME, WITH THEIR WICKED AND THEIR EVIL SCHEME. THERE'S A
7 SCHEME THEY GOT GOING. AND THEY ONLY INVITE THE PEOPLE WITH
8 HORNS ON THEIR HEAD TO IDENTIFY WITH THEM, TO GO ALONG WITH
9 THEIR EVIL SCHEME. BUT ANYWAY, WE LOOK AT AMERICA SPENDING IN
10 GOVERNMENT TODAY. THE MORE THE GOVERNMENT SPENDS, THE BIGGER
11 THE DEBT. THE BIGGER THE DEBT, MORE BANKRUPT. AMERICA'S
12 BANKRUPT. AND DONALD TRUMP, HE'S GOING TO FINISH IT, TOO. BUT
13 ANYWAY, WE READ ABOUT POLICE BRUTALITY. POLICEMEN SHOOT ON OUR
14 MEN IN THE BACK OF THE HEAD, SHOOT ON OUR MEN IN THE BACK. THE
15 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT SHOOT ON OUR MEN AND BLACK MEN IN THE
16 BACK OF THE HEAD, AND SHOOT THEM IN THE BACK, WITH NO PUBLIC
17 TRIAL.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY, MR.
20 MUHAMMAD. ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE A COUPLE OF ITEMS. THIS IS A
21 READ-IN THAT'S SIMPLE, THAT WAIVE FEES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20
22 FOR A CAR, FOR THE ADDITIONAL NUMBER OF PARKING SPACES FOR THE
23 MEETING OF TUESDAY, DECEMBER THE SIXTH, FOR LOT 14, EXCLUDING
24 THE COST OF LIABILITY INSURANCES. THAT'S THE READ-IN OF



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1 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, FOR THE RECORD. THE CHAIR RECOGNIZES
2 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, WHO HAS AN ADJOURNING MOTION.

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES. AND I APOLOGIZE, BUT THIS IS A SPECIAL
5 ADJOURNMENT. TODAY, I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
6 CONCEPCI N MOLINA. BORN ON MARCH 15, 1927, CONCEPCION MOLINA
7 WAS BORN AND RAISED IN CASAS GRANDES, CHIHUAHUA, MEXICO, WHERE
8 SHE ALSO MARRIED HER HUSBAND, LEONARDO MOLINA, WHO HAS BEEN
9 MARRIED FOR 65 YEARS. THEY MOVED TO CALIFORNIA, WHERE THEIR 10
10 CHILDREN WERE BORN AND RAISED. THE ELDEST INCLUDES FORMER LOS
11 ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA, FOLLOWED BY
12 IRMA, GRACIELA, DOMINGO, LEONARDO, BERTHA, MARIO, SERGIO,
13 DANNY, LISA, AND OLGA. CONCEPCI N MOLINA WAS A DEVOTED WIFE
14 AND MOTHER, WHO RAISED HER CHILDREN WITH THE VALUES OF
15 DEDICATION TO FAMILY, INTEGRITY, IN ALL THAT THEY DO; THE
16 IMPORTANCE OF LOYALTY AND STRONG WORK ETHICS. SHE WAS
17 DEDICATED TO HER CHILDREN'S WELLBEING, AND ALSO ENSURED THEY
18 DID WELL IN SCHOOL, BY DOING WHATEVER IT TOOK TO HELP THEM
19 SUCCEED IN THEIR STUDIES. A STRONG BELIEVER IN CULTURE AND THE
20 ARTS, CONCEPCION MOLINA ALSO INSTILLED THIS PASSION IN HER
21 CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN, AND GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN. VISITING
22 THEIR GRANDPARENTS' RANCH IN MEXICO, SO THAT THEY WOULD ALWAYS
23 REMEMBER THEIR HERITAGE, WAS AN ANNUAL RITUAL, AS CONCEPCION
24 AND LEONARDO PACKED ALL 10 MOLINA CHILDREN AND THEMSELVES IN
25 THE FAMILY'S CROWDED STATION WAGON FOR THE 15-HOUR DRIVE TO



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1 MEXICO. FAMILY WAS HER FIRST PRIORITY IN LIFE. CONCEPCION
2 MOLINA RAN A LOVING YET STRICT HOUSEHOLD, GIVING HER, IN
3 RETURN, THE RESPECT, ADMIRATION, AND LOVE OF HER FAMILY. HER
4 HOME WAS ALWAYS OPEN TO ANYONE, AND MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY
5 COULD BE FOUND, GATHERED AT HER HOME IN PICO RIVERA, ANY DAY
6 OF THE WEEK. HER FAMILY WILL MISS HER GREATLY, AND WE WILL
7 ALSO MISS HER HOMEMADE TORTILLAS, AROS, AND FRIJOLES, AND THE
8 ABUNDANCE OF LOVE SHE SPREAD EQUALLY AMONG HER ENTIRE FAMILY.
9 SHE'S SURVIVED BY 10 CHILDREN, 26 GRANDCHILDREN, AND 22 GREAT-
10 GRANDCHILDREN, AND 2 GREAT-GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. MAY SHE REST
11 IN PEACE.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
14 WE'LL HEAR FROM SUPERVISOR KUEHL, IN TERMS OF HER ADJOURNING
15 MOTIONS. ALL MEMBERS, ON THIS ITEM.

16

17 **SUP. KUEHL:** THESE USUALLY ONLY TAKE A FEW MINUTES, AND I THINK
18 THEY'RE IMPORTANT TO THE FAMILIES. SO I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
19 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF AARON FRIEDMAN. HE WAS
20 A YOUNG MAN WHO DIED QUITE SUDDENLY, FIRST CHILD AND ONLY SON
21 OF GAIL AND DAVID FRIEDMAN, WHO HAD INHERITED CRESCENT
22 JEWELERS IN WESTWOOD VILLAGE FROM THEIR PARENTS, PEOPLE THAT
23 WE KNEW FOR 50, 60 YEARS. HE STUDIED AT ARIZONA STATE
24 UNIVERSITY. HE WAS ACTIVE IN CHABAD. LATER, DISCOVERED HIS
25 PASSION FOR COOKING. GRADUATED FROM CORDON BLEU COLLEGE OF



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1 CULINARY ARTS. FOR FIVE YEARS, HE WAS THE EXECUTIVE CHEF AT
2 GOLD CANYON COUNTRY CLUB, IN ARIZONA. RECENTLY RETURNED TO
3 L.A. TO JOIN HIS FAMILY'S BUSINESS, SARAH LEONARD FINE
4 JEWELERS, IN WESTWOOD VILLAGE. HE WAS THE THIRD GENERATION TO
5 WORK IN THE FAMILY BUSINESS. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS PARENTS,
6 GAIL AND DAVID, HIS WIFE BRANDY, HIS CHILDREN, BLAKE AND
7 RYLAN, AND HIS SISTERS, JORDANA AND RISA. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN
8 WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF GRANT TINKER, WHO
9 PRODUCED MANY T.V. HIT SERIES IN THE 1970S, AND DIED ON
10 NOVEMBER 28TH. HE WAS CELEBRATED, AS AN N.B.C. EXECUTIVE AND
11 AN INDEPENDENT PRODUCER, FOR THE CREATIVE LATITUDE HE PROVIDED
12 WRITERS IN DEVELOPING SITCOMS AND DRAMAS, INCLUDING "RHODA,"
13 "LOU GRANT," "THE COSBY SHOW," "CHEERS," "HILL STREET BLUES,"
14 "FAMILY TIES," "ST. ELSEWHERE," AND "MIAMI VICE." HE'S
15 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, BROOKE KNAPP, AND HIS CHILDREN AND HIS
16 SISTER. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN
17 MEMORY OF RUSSELL PETER FRIEDMAN. HE CO-AUTHORED SEVERAL
18 BESTSELLING BOOKS, INCLUDING "WHEN CHILDREN GRIEVE," "THE
19 GRIEF RECOVERY HANDBOOK FOR PET LOSS," "MOVING ON," "MOVING
20 BEYOND LOSS." IT'S BEEN TRANSLATED INTO 22 LANGUAGES. AND IN
21 THE AFTERMATH OF NATIONAL TRAGEDIES, MOST NOTABLY IN THE WAKE
22 OF 9/11, HE BECAME THE GO-TO GRIEF RECOVERY EXPERT ON C.N.N.
23 HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, ALICE BORDEN YARMY; HIS DAUGHTER,
24 KELLY LOGAN; STEPDAUGHTER, CLAUDIA YARMY; TWIN SISTERS; AND A
25 BROTHER. AND FINALLY, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE



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1 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF A GOOD FRIEND, JEAN TRUEBLOOD, WHO DIED
2 AT THE AGE OF 97. SHE WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE U.C.L.A.
3 FACULTY WOMEN'S CLUB; WORKED AND VOLUNTEERED FOR PLANNED
4 PARENTHOOD, PRACTICALLY HER WHOLE LIFE; SUPPORTED MANY OTHER
5 FEMINIST, ENVIRONMENTAL, AND ANTI-WAR CAUSES, INCLUDING BEING
6 ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF WOMEN FOR, THE SIERRA CLUB, AND BEYOND
7 WAR. SHE WAS AN AMAZING WOMAN, AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE
8 DEMOCRATIC PARTY. EVERY SUMMER, SHE SPENT WITH HER HUSBAND IN
9 MAINE, WHERE THEY SUPPORTED CONSERVATION AND COMMUNITY
10 DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING THE BELGRADE LAKES ASSOCIATION, AND
11 BELGRADE REGIONAL CONSERVATION ALLIANCE. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER
12 NIECES, DIANE AND JEANNIE RUSSELL, AND SUSANNE WATSON. THANK
13 YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

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17 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU. I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN OUR MEETING TODAY
18 IN THE MEMORY OF MY AUNT, DONNA LOUISE SUNKLER HAHN, WHO
19 PASSED AWAY A COUPLE FRIDAYS AGO, ON NOVEMBER 25TH. THE CAUSE
20 OF DEATH WAS CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE. SHE WAS 83. SHE WAS A
21 44-YEAR RESIDENT OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, PRIOR TO LIVING THE
22 LAST YEAR IN STANTON, CALIFORNIA. SHE'S THE WIDOW OF FORMER
23 STATE ASSEMBLYMAN AND LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCILMAN GORDON HAHN,
24 WHO PASSED AWAY IN 2001. SHE'S THE LAST SURVIVING WIFE OF THE
25 7 HAHN BROTHERS OF LOS ANGELES, WHICH INCLUDED MY DAD, KENNY



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1 HAHN. SHE IS MY AUNT, AND OBVIOUSLY THE AUNT OF MY BROTHER,
2 JUDGE JAMES HAHN. HER SON DAVID WAS HERE YESTERDAY, FOR MY
3 SWEARING IN. DONNA AND GORDON LOVED VACATIONING, WHEN THEY
4 COULD. SHE LOVED ATTENDING CIVIC LIGHT OPERA SHOWS, LOVED
5 BARBERSHOP MUSIC, ENJOYED GOING TO DISNEYLAND, AND WAS A HUGE
6 FAN OF THE LOS ANGELES DODGERS. SHE WAS A SEASON TICKET HOLDER
7 FOR 27 YEARS. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER YOUNGER SISTER, JEANETTE,
8 OF EUGENE, OREGON; HER SON, DAVID HAHN, OF MORENO VALLEY; HER
9 DAUGHTER, DEBBY HAHN ANDREWS, OF LOS ALAMITOS; FIVE
10 GRANDCHILDREN, TWO GREAT-GRANDDAUGHTERS, MANY NIECES AND
11 NEPHEWS THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA AND OREGON; AND MANY OTHER LONG-
12 TIME FRIENDS AND LOVED ONES. THERE WILL BE A MEMORIAL SERVICE
13 HELD ON DECEMBER 19TH, AT THE CORNERSTONE CHURCH IN LONG
14 BEACH. SHE WILL BE BURIED AT RIVERSIDE NATIONAL CEMETERY,
15 ALONGSIDE MY UNCLE GORDON, WHO SERVED IN THE MERCHANT MARINES
16 IN WORLD WAR II, AND IN THE NAVAL RESERVES. THE FAMILY HAS
17 REQUESTED THAT IN LIEU OF FLOWERS, DONATIONS BE MADE TO HOPE
18 INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY'S MUSIC DEPARTMENT. I ALSO ASK THAT
19 WE ADJOURN TODAY IN MEMORY OF CAPTAIN JIM LARKINS, WHO WAS
20 BORN IN 1939, AND SADLY, PASSED AWAY OCTOBER 31ST. HE GREW UP
21 IN REDONDO BEACH, AND WAS A RESIDENT OF PALOS VERDES ESTATES.
22 HE PROUDLY SERVED OUR UNITED STATES ARMY FROM 1957 TO 1961, AS
23 A FIRST LIEUTENANT, AND LATER PLAYED SEMI-PRO FOOTBALL. HE
24 THEN BEGAN HIS SEAFARING CAREER, TAKING HIM AROUND THE GLOBE.
25 HE WORKED HIS WAY THROUGH THE RANKS AND BECAME AN OIL-TANKER



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1 CAPTAIN, EMPLOYED BY KEYSTONE SHIPPING COMPANY, AND LATER THE
2 CHEVRON CORPORATION, AS A MOORING MASTER IN EL SEGUNDO. HE WAS
3 EMPLOYED BY THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AS A PORT PILOT FOR 19
4 YEARS, RETIRING IN 2009, AND DURING THIS TIME, HE SERVED TWO
5 TERMS AS THE PORT PILOT PRESIDENT, TWO TERMS AS ITS VICE
6 PRESIDENT, FOR LOCAL 68 I.L.W.U. HE LED THE WAY OVERSEEING
7 MULTIPLE CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES,
8 AND HE OBTAINED BETTER WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR HIS
9 FELLOW UNION BROTHERS. HE WAS PROUD TO AFFILIATE THE PILOTS
10 UNION WITH I.L.W.U. HE WAS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE SAILORS' UNION
11 OF THE PACIFIC, AND THE MASTERS, MATES & PILOTS. HE IS
12 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, CAROLE; HIS TWO CHILDREN, TARA LANTZ AND
13 DEREK; THREE GRANDCHILDREN, NOAH, JEREMIAH, AND MARLEE. AND MY
14 LAST ONE, I'D LIKE FOR US TO ADJOURN TODAY IN THE MEMORY OF
15 MARGARET ANN DEFRANCE, ALSO KNOWN AS PEGGY, WHO PASSED AWAY AT
16 THE AGE OF 81. SHE WAS BORN IN BERESFORD, SOUTH DAKOTA, AND
17 CAME TO LOMITA, CALIFORNIA, AS A CHILD, WHERE SHE WAS A
18 RESIDENT FOR 80 YEARS. SHE ATTENDED ORANGE STREET ELEMENTARY
19 SCHOOL, NARBONNE HIGH SCHOOL, AND STUDIED IN THE NURSING
20 PROGRAM AT CAL STATE FULLERTON. SHE AND HER HUSBAND, LARRY
21 DEFRANCE, WERE LONGTIME PARISHIONERS AT ST. MARGARET MARY
22 CATHOLIC CHURCH, AND THEIR FAMILY WAS HONORED IN 1982 WITH THE
23 TITLE OF FAMILY OF THE YEAR, BY THE CALIFORNIA STATE ASSEMBLY.
24 SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER CHILDREN, MICHAEL, DEBORAH, KATHLEEN,
25 AND MARGARET; HER BROTHERS, CLARK AND DAVID; HER COUSIN JAN;



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1 AS WELL AS 10 GRANDCHILDREN AND 6 GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN. THANK
2 YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR;** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MAY I ASK THAT
5 YOU JOIN ME IN ADJOURNING IN MEMORY OF DR. SAMMY LEE, BORN
6 AUGUST 1, 1920, IN FRESNO, AND PASSED ON DECEMBER THE SECOND,
7 IN NEWPORT BEACH. HE DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF AS BEING THE FIRST
8 ASIAN-AMERICAN MAN TO WIN AN OLYMPIC GOLD MEDAL FOR THE UNITED
9 STATES, AND THE FIRST AMERICAN TO WIN, CONSECUTIVELY, GOLD
10 MEDALS IN THE OLYMPIC PLATFORM DIVING, BOTH IN LONDON AND IN
11 HELSINKI, IN 1948 AND '52, RESPECTIVELY. UNDERGRADUATE WORK AT
12 OCCIDENTAL COLLEGE, A MEDICAL DEGREE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF
13 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. HIS SPECIALTY WAS EAR, NOSE, AND THROAT.
14 DR. LEE WAS AN EXTRAORDINARY PERSON. HE'LL BE REMEMBERED FOR A
15 VARIETY OF REASONS, NOT THE LEAST OF WHICH WAS HIS COACHING
16 SKILLS, WHICH HE APPLIED TO MORE THAN ONE OLYMPIC TEAM. AND
17 YOU SHOULD KNOW HIS NAME ADORNS SEVERAL BUILDINGS AND SQUARES,
18 SUCH AS THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL
19 SPORTS HALL OF FAME, AND A SQUARE IN LOS ANGELES'S KOREATOWN.
20 THE SAMMY LEE MEDICAL AND HEALTH SCIENCES MAGNET ELEMENTARY
21 SCHOOL IS LOCATED IN THE SECOND DISTRICT, IN THE KOREATOWN
22 COMMUNITY, AND WAS NAMED IN HIS HONOR IN 2013. HE AND HIS WIFE
23 ROSALYN WERE MARRIED FOR SOME 66 YEARS, AND TOGETHER THEY
24 RAISED TWO CHILDREN. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, TWO ADULT
25 CHILDREN, SAMMY AND PAMELA, THREE GRANDCHILDREN, A HOST OF



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1 FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND FELLOW OLYMPIANS, WHO WILL MISS DR.
2 SAMUEL "SAMMY" LEE, FOR ALL THAT HE DID FOR OUR COMMUNITIES
3 AND BEYOND. AND THEN, FINALLY, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, MAY I ASK
4 THAT YOU JOIN ME, SADLY, IN REMEMBERING DR. BOSCO TJAN. YOU'LL
5 KNOW THAT HE WAS THE PROFESSOR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN
6 CALIFORNIA WHO WAS STABBED TO DEATH BY ONE OF HIS STUDENTS.
7 IT'S A VERY, VERY TRAGIC STORY, BUT WE DIDN'T WANT TO LET IT
8 GO UNNOTICED BY THIS BODY. HE SERVED ON THE TRAINING FACULTY
9 IN U.S.C.'S SCHOOL OF NEUROSCIENCE, THAT GRADUATE PROGRAM, AND
10 FOUNDED THAT PROGRAM IN COGNITIVE NEUROSCIENCE IMAGING CENTER.
11 JUST AN EXTRAORDINARY ACADEMIC. BLESSED MANY STUDENTS, WAS AN
12 OUTSTANDING TEACHER, A PROLIFIC RESEARCHER, AND AN EXCEPTIONAL
13 COLLABORATOR, ACCORDING TO HIS COLLEAGUES, AND MORE. HE'S
14 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, SON, EXTENDED FAMILY, THE U.S.C.
15 STUDENTS, STAFF, AND FACULTY MEMBERS, AND HIS ACADEMIC PEERS
16 THROUGHOUT THE NATION, WHO WILL MISS HIM DEARLY. DR. BOSCO
17 TJAN. AND WE ADJOURN, SADLY, IN HIS MEMORY. ALL MEMBERS OF THE
18 BOARD WISH TO BE ADDED TO THAT ADJOURNING MOTION. WITH THAT,
19 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, WE CONCLUDE. SIR, YOU WANTED TO BE
20 HEARD? MR. GAITER? IS THAT YOUR NAME? WOULD YOU PLEASE
21 PROCEED? AND THIS WILL BE THE FINAL SPEAKER.

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23 >>MR. GAITER: YES. I'M JUST HERE TO TALK ABOUT SOMETHING THAT
24 NO ONE ELSE MENTIONED: THE FORCED IMMIGRATION OF AFRICAN
25 AMERICANS, WHICH NOW YOU'RE FEELING THIS BITE, BECAUSE WE'VE



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1 BEEN FIGHTING FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS TO GET WHAT WAS GIVEN TO
2 SOME OF YOU SO FREELY. AND WE'RE STILL FIGHTING FOR THOSE
3 RIGHTS. AND IT SHOULDN'T EVEN BE LIKE THIS, AS FAR AS ALL OF
4 US ARE SUPPOSED TO BE ON EQUAL GROUND, HELPING EACH OTHER
5 BUILD, HELPING EACH OTHER COME UP, HELPING PUSH PEOPLE
6 FURTHER, SO THAT THEY CAN REACH THEIR GOALS. BUT THE AFRICAN
7 AMERICAN, THERE HAS ALWAYS BEEN A BARRIER THERE. SOME MAKE IT
8 OVER THE BRIDGE; SOME ARE STOPPED AT THE GATE. NOW, WE NEED TO
9 OPEN UP A LITTLE BIT MORE FOR UNDERSTANDING, SO THAT EVERYBODY
10 CAN GET INTO THIS, AND GROW AS ONE. AND ALSO, PRAISE THE
11 NATIVE TRIBES EVERY TIME THAT YOU WALK THESE STREETS. EVERY
12 TIME YOU LOOK AT THE MOUNTAINS, REMEMBER THE ORIGINAL TRIBES
13 THAT WERE HERE.

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15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY,
16 SIR.

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18 **MR. GAITER:** THANK YOU.

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20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER?

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22 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
23 BOARD, ITEM NUMBERS CS-1 AND CS-2 ARE CONTINUED ONE WEEK.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WITH THAT HAVING BEEN
2 ESTABLISHED, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, WE NOW STAND ADJOURNED, AND
3 WITH OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW MEMBERS, AND WE WILL SEE
4 YOU ON NEXT TUESDAY.

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