



THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT OF  
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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1                   [THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DID NOT MEET IN  
2                   CLOSED SESSION TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2017.]

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6   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRESENCE THIS  
7 MORNING AT THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING FOR THE LOS ANGELES  
8 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. WE ARE PREPARED TO PROCEED WITH  
9 THE BUSINESS AT HAND. WE TAKE NOTE OF THE PRESENCE OF OUR  
10 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, OUR COUNTY COUNSEL, OUR EXECUTIVE  
11 OFFICER, THE SERGEANT AT ARMS ARE HERE, A FULL COMPLEMENT OF  
12 THE BOARD IS PRESENT CONSTITUTING A QUORUM. THIS MORNING'S  
13 INVOCATION WILL BE DELIVERED BY PASTOR REGINALD C. PAYNE OF  
14 FULL GOSPEL BAPTIST CHURCH AT THE INVITATION OF THE SECOND  
15 DISTRICT. THE PLEDGE VETERAN, ROBIN COTE, FORMER PETTY  
16 OFFICER, UNITED STATES NAVY, AT THE INVITATION OF THE FIRST  
17 DISTRICT. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, PLEASE RISE FOR THE MORNING'S  
18 INVOCATION. PASTOR PAYNE.

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20   **PASTOR REGINALD PAYNE:** WILL YOU BOW YOUR HEAD AS I PRAY? DEAR  
21 WISE AND LOVING FATHER, FIRST LET ME SAY THANK YOU ON BEHALF  
22 OF ALL WHO ARE GATHERED HERE TODAY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR MANY  
23 AND AN ABUNDANT BLESSINGS. THANK YOU FOR LIFE ITSELF, FOR THE  
24 MEASURE OF HEALTH WE NEED TO FULFILL OUR CALLINGS, FOR  
25 SUSTENANCE AND FRIENDSHIP. THANK YOU FOR THE ABILITY TO BE



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1 INVOLVED IN USEFUL WORK AND FOR THE HONOR OF BEARING  
2 APPROPRIATE RESPONSIBILITIES. THANKS, AS WELL, FOR THE FREEDOM  
3 TO EMBRACE YOU OR THE FREEDOM TO REJECT YOU. THANK YOU FOR  
4 LOVING US EVEN SO FROM YOUR BOUNDLESS AND GRACIOUS NATURE. IN  
5 THE SCRIPTURE YOU HAVE SAID THAT CITIZENS OUGHT TO OBEY THE  
6 GOVERNING AUTHORITIES SINCE YOU HAVE ESTABLISHED THOSE VERY  
7 AUTHORITIES TO PROMOTE PEACE AND ORDER AND JUSTICE. AND  
8 THEREFORE I PRAY FOR THIS ASSEMBLED COUNCIL, THESE SUPERVISORS  
9 AND THEIR STAFFS. I'M ASKING THAT YOU WOULD GRACIOUSLY GRANT  
10 THEM WISDOM TO GOVERN AMID THE CONFLICTING INTERESTS AND THE  
11 ISSUES OF OUR TIMES, A SENSE OF WELFARE AND TRUE NEEDS OF OUR  
12 PEOPLE, A KEEN THIRST FOR JUSTICE AND RIGHTNESS, CONFIDENCE IN  
13 WHAT IS GOOD AND FITTING, THE ABILITY TO WORK TOGETHER IN  
14 HARMONY EVEN WHEN THERE IS HONEST DISAGREEMENT, PERSONAL PEACE  
15 IN THEIR LIVES AND JOY IN THEIR TASKS. I PRAY FOR THE AGENDA  
16 SET BEFORE THEM TODAY. PLEASE GIVE THEM AN ASSURANCE OF WHAT  
17 WOULD PLEASE YOU AND WHAT WOULD BENEFIT THOSE WHO LIVE AND  
18 WORK IN AND AROUND OUR BELOVED LOS ANGELES COUNTY. IT IS IN  
19 YOUR MOST BLESSED NAME I PRAY, AMEN.

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21 **ROBIN COTE:** FACE THE FLAG AND PLEASE JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE OF  
22 ALLEGIANCE. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

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24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, YOU MAY BE  
25 SEATED. THANK YOU. WE'RE DELIGHTED NOW TO BRING TO YOUR



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1 ATTENTION THE PASTOR REGINALD C. PAYNE, WHO SINCE 1993 HAS  
2 SERVED AS THE LEAD PASTOR OF THE FULL GOSPEL BAPTIST CHURCH AT  
3 TWO LOCATIONS IN THE FLORENCE-FIRESTONE AREA. HE IS ALSO THE  
4 LEAD PASTOR AT THE TRUE SAMARITAN MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH,  
5 THE FOURTH PASTOR TO SERVE THIS CONGREGATION IN SOME 60 YEARS.  
6 PASTOR PAYNE WAS BORN IN MONROE, LOUISIANA, AND RAISED IN LOS  
7 ANGELES. HE IS AN ALUMNUS OF RESEDA HIGH AND WILEY COLLEGE.  
8 PASTOR PAYNE BEGAN MINISTERING THE GOSPEL IN 1987 AFTER  
9 RECEIVING HIS BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN THEOLOGY. UNDER HIS  
10 LEADERSHIP, THE FULL GOSPEL CONGREGATION HAS GROWN FROM SOME  
11 25 MEMBERS TO NOW NEARLY 500. IN 2008, PASTOR PAYNE COMPLETED  
12 PASSING THE MANTLE PROGRAM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AND  
13 CURRENTLY HAS SOME 50 HOURS TOWARDS HIS MASTER'S DEGREE IN  
14 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION. HE'S THE VICE PRESIDENT OF BOTH THE  
15 WESTERN BAPTIST STATE CONFERENCE AND THE BAPTIST MINISTERS  
16 CONFERENCE OF LOS ANGELES AND THE VICE PRESIDENT AT LARGE OF  
17 THE WESTERN BAPTIST STATE CONGRESS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.  
18 PASTOR PAYNE HAS BEEN MARRIED TO HIS WIFE DEBORAH FOR 21  
19 YEARS, AND TOGETHER THEY HAVE A DAUGHTER RYANNE. PASTOR PAYNE,  
20 WE'RE HONORED TO HAVE YOUR PRESENCE HERE TODAY AND I THANK YOU  
21 FOR GIVING THIS MORNING'S INVOCATION. IT'S ON BEHALF OF THE  
22 ENTIRE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THAT WE EXTEND TO YOU OUR SPECIAL  
23 GRATITUDE AND WISH YOU GODSPEED. PASTOR PAYNE, LADIES AND  
24 GENTLEMEN. [APPLAUSE.] SUPERVISOR SOLIS, THE PLEDGE VETERAN.  
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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE.  
2 I'M PLEASED TO INTRODUCE AGAIN MRS. ROBIN COTE FOR GUIDING US  
3 THROUGH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE THIS MORNING. ROBIN HONORABLY  
4 SERVED IN THE U.S. NAVY FROM 2006 TO 2014 AS A PETTY OFFICER.  
5 AND DURING HER SERVICE, SHE PARTOOK IN OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM  
6 AND OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM WHILE STATIONED IN KUWAIT. SHE  
7 ALSO SERVES AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE INDUSTRY CLUB OF THE  
8 FASHION INSTITUTE OF DESIGN AND MERCHANDISING ON THE LOS  
9 ANGELES CAMPUS. SHORTLY AFTER LEAVING THE NAVY, ROBIN PURSUED  
10 A CAREER WITHIN THE FASHION AND BEAUTY INDUSTRY, NOW WORKING  
11 AS A CELEBRITY MAKEUP ARTIST IN ADDITION TO BEING A PUBLISHED  
12 FASHION WRITER AND STYLIST. ROBIN IS CURRENTLY IN THE PROCESS  
13 OF DEVELOPING HER OWN MAGAZINE THAT WILL FEATURE NATIVE  
14 AMERICAN ARTISTS IN A HIGH FASHION PUBLICATION THAT WILL COVER  
15 RELEVANT ISSUES AFFECTING THE NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNITY.  
16 THROUGH HER MAGAZINE, SHE STRIVES TO RAISE CULTURAL AWARENESS  
17 AMONG THE GENERAL PUBLIC BY SHARING THEIR STORIES. SHE IS  
18 CURRENTLY A VISUAL COMMUNICATIONS STUDENT AT THE FASHION  
19 INSTITUTE OF DESIGN AND MERCHANDISING AND IS DUE TO GRADUATE  
20 IN JUNE OF THIS YEAR. SHE IS THE EDITOR IN CHIEF OF COTE  
21 MAGAZINE. ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES BOARD OF  
22 SUPERVISORS, WE APPRECIATE HER TAKING THIS TIME TO HELP LEAD  
23 US IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE THIS MORNING. THANK YOU SO MUCH  
24 FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP, AND CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.]  
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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE.

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



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1 CONDUCT OF THE MEETING. ANY PERSON ENGAGING IN CONDUCT THAT  
2 DISRUPTS THE MEETING IS SUBJECT TO BEING REMOVED FROM THE  
3 BOARD MEETING. AND, FINALLY, IF YOU WITNESS CONDUCT OR  
4 BEHAVIOR BY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT DISRUPTS YOUR  
5 ABILITY TO REMAIN ENGAGED OR PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING,  
6 PLEASE NOTIFY THE SERGEANT AT ARMS OR OTHER COUNTY STAFF.  
7 THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. WE  
10 WILL PROCEED WITH THE READING OF AGENDA. MADAME EXECUTIVE  
11 OFFICER, PLEASE.

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13 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN AND  
14 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON PAGE 3,  
15 PUBLIC HEARINGS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 8 WILL BE HELD FOR PUBLIC  
16 HEARING. ON ITEM 1, SUPERVISOR KUEHL ALSO REQUESTS TO HOLD  
17 THIS ITEM. AND ON ITEM NO. 4, THIS ITEM RELATES TO ITEM NO. 11  
18 AND 4 AND 11 WILL BE TAKEN UP TOGETHER. ON PAGE 7, CONSENT  
19 CALENDAR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 9 THROUGH 23. ON ITEM  
20 NO. 9, THIS INCLUDES ADDITIONS POSTED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL  
21 AGENDA, AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED THAT THIS  
22 ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 10, SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND MEMBERS OF  
23 THE PUBLIC HAVE REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO.  
24 11, THIS ITEM RELATES TO NO. 4 AND WILL BE TAKEN UP WITH THE  
25 PUBLIC HEARING ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 12, SUPERVISOR HAHN AND



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1 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HAVE REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD.  
2 ON ITEM NO. 13, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED THAT THIS  
3 ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 16, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT  
4 THIS ITEM BE AMENDED TO ALSO INSTRUCT THE INVOLVED COUNTY  
5 AGENCIES TO INCLUDE A PLAN FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND INPUT  
6 IN THEIR REPORT BACK. AND SUPERVISOR HAHN AND MEMBERS OF THE  
7 PUBLIC HAVE REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 17  
8 AND 18, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HAVE REQUESTED THAT THESE ITEMS  
9 BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 19, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED  
10 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 20, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-  
11 THOMAS REQUESTS THAT THIS MOTION BE AMENDED TO INCLUDE THE  
12 ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER ON THE AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE AND  
13 SUPERVISORS RIDLEY-THOMAS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HAVE  
14 REQUESTED THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 21, SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND  
15 BARGER HAVE REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 22,  
16 SUPERVISORS RIDLEY-THOMAS AND BARGER AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC  
17 HAVE REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 16,  
18 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, ITEM 24 THROUGH 30. ON ITEM 24, 26 AND  
19 27, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HAVE REQUESTED THAT THESE ITEMS BE  
20 HELD. ON PAGE 18, THIS INCLUDES MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE  
21 AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE  
22 MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. SUPERVISOR  
23 BARGER HAS REQUESTED THAT ITEM 28-A BE HELD. THE REMAINING  
24 ITEMS THROUGH 28-B ARE BEFORE YOU.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.  
2 YOU'VE HEARD THE READING OF THE AGENDA. SUPERVISOR HAHN MOVES.  
3 SUPERVISOR BARGER SECONDS. IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS, PLEASE  
4 RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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6 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 20, NOTICES OF CLOSED  
7 SESSION. ON ITEM C.S.-1, COUNTY COUNSEL AND THE CHIEF  
8 EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO  
9 WEEKS TO FEBRUARY 7, 2017. ON ITEM C.S.-3, THIS ITEM IS POSTED  
10 ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA AND COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS THAT  
11 THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO HER OFFICE. AND A MEMBER OF THE  
12 PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEM C.S.-2. THAT  
13 COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
14 SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 3. AND  
15 PRESENTATIONS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 4.

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17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. IN  
18 VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THERE ARE NO PRESENTATIONS FROM SECOND  
19 OR THE THIRD DISTRICT, SUPERVISOR HAHN, THE FLOOR IS YOURS.  
20 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, PLEASE TURN YOUR ATTENTION ACCORDINGLY.

21

22 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR. TODAY I WOULD LIKE TO  
23 RECOGNIZE THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ASSESSOR'S OFFICE, LED BY  
24 ASSESSOR JEFFREY PRANG, BY DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF JANUARY  
25 2017 AS "HOMEOWNERS' EXEMPTION AWARENESS MONTH." BY APPLYING



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1 FOR THE HOMEOWNERS' EXEMPTION, HOMEOWNERS MAY BE ABLE TO  
2 REDUCE THEIR PROPERTY TAX BILL ON THEIR PRIMARY PLACE OF  
3 RESIDENCE BY UP TO \$7,000. FOR SOME INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES  
4 WHO ARE BUYING THEIR FIRST HOME, THIS TAX REDUCTION MAY  
5 SIGNIFICANTLY HELP WITH THEIR FINANCIAL SITUATION. SO ANY TIME  
6 WE CAN TALK ABOUT SAVING PEOPLE SOME MONEY, I KNOW WE'VE GOT  
7 THE ATTENTION OF EVERYONE. SO THANK YOU. AND TO YOUR OFFICE,  
8 ASSESSOR PRANG, FOR THE GOOD WORK THAT YOU DO FOR US HERE IN  
9 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, AND I WANT THE PRESENT TO YOU THIS  
10 SCROLL RECOGNIZING THAT THIS IS HOMEOWNER PROPERTY TAX  
11 EXEMPTION MONTH. [APPLAUSE.] WOULD YOU LIKE TO SAY A FEW  
12 WORDS?

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14 **JEFFREY PRANG:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR. GOOD MORNING,  
15 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, SUPERVISORS. I KNOW YOU'RE ALL THINKING  
16 THAT "PROPERTY TAX AWARENESS MONTH," SUPER BOWL, WE'VE GOT TWO  
17 GREAT THINGS TO CELEBRATE COMING UP. BUT THIS IS ACTUALLY  
18 REALLY IMPORTANT. I APPRECIATE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND  
19 SUPERVISOR HAHN HELPING US TO PROMOTE THIS IMPORTANT PROPERTY  
20 TAX SAVING MEASURE. EVEN THOUGH WE ARE DECLARING JANUARY AS  
21 "HOMEOWNERS' EXEMPTION AWARENESS MONTH," THE FACT IS THAT  
22 HOMEOWNERS CAN APPLY FOR THIS EXEMPTION THROUGHOUT THE COURSE  
23 OF THE YEAR. BY APPLYING FOR A HOMEOWNERS' EXEMPTION, YOU CAN  
24 HELP REDUCE YOUR PROPERTY TAXES. EVERYBODY WHO OWNS A HOME AND  
25 LIVES IN THAT HOME QUALIFIES FOR IT. BUT THERE ARE STILL



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1 400,000 HOMEOWNERS IN L.A. COUNTY WHO HAVE NOT APPLIED. THE  
2 GOOD NEWS FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS THE MONEY DOES NOT  
3 COME OUT OF YOUR BUDGET. IT COMES FROM THE STATE. SO WE WANT  
4 TO PROMOTE EVERYBODY IN L.A. COUNTY, PARTICULARLY LOW INCOME  
5 PEOPLE, TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE HOMEOWNERS'  
6 EXEMPTION. YOU CAN GET A FORM ON MY WEBSITE AT  
7 ASSESSOR.LACOUNTY.GOV OR YOU CAN CALL OUR OFFICE AND WE'LL  
8 MAIL ONE TO YOU. PLEASE, IMPORTANTLY, BE ALERT AT THIS TIME OF  
9 YEAR, YOU MIGHT GET A PIECE OF MAIL FROM SOMEBODY CLAIMING TO  
10 BE THE ASSESSOR WHO SAYS SEND US \$135 BUCKS AND WE'LL FILE  
11 THIS FOR YOU. THEY'LL CHARGE YOU MORE MONEY TO FILE IT THAN  
12 WILL ACTUALLY SAVE YOU IN PROPERTY TAXES. WE DO THIS FOR FREE.  
13 SO WE APPRECIATE THE BOARD'S EFFORTS TO HELP THE ASSESSOR'S  
14 OFFICE PROMOTE THIS IMPORTANT PROGRAM AND ENCOURAGE EVERYBODY  
15 TO CALL MY OFFICE TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU GET THIS EXEMPTION.  
16 SUPERVISOR, THANK YOU SO MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

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18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** MR. JEFF PRANG, SEE HIM ABOUT THE  
19 BUSINESS AT HAND. WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT PERSON UP, WHO IS  
20 SUPERVISOR KATHERYN BARGER, WHO HAS THREE PRESENTATIONS.  
21 SUPERVISOR, THE FLOOR IS YOURS.

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23 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU. IT IS REALLY MY HONOR TODAY TO  
24 RECOGNIZE KATE WINDELL AND HER STAFF FROM CHERISHED, A  
25 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION BASED IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. CHERISHED



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1 IS COMPRISED OF RESIDENTIAL AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS THAT SERVE  
2 SURVIVORS OF COMMERCIALIZED SEXUAL EXPLOITATION, HUMAN  
3 TRAFFICKING AND ADDICTION. THE TWO-YEAR PROGRAM ALLOWS WOMEN  
4 TO STAY IN CHERISHED HOMES WITHOUT CHARGE. WHILE IN THE  
5 PROGRAM, RESIDENTS ARE PROVIDED JOB TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT  
6 MAKING JEWELRY AND SKINCARE PRODUCTS SOLD ONLINE. THIS IS ONE  
7 OF TWO PROGRAMS IN THE NATION THAT PROVIDES THIS RANGE OF  
8 SERVICES TO SURVIVORS OF EXPLOITATION. I ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO  
9 VISIT CHERISHEDHIGHDESERT.COM , THAT'S  
10 CHERISHEDHIGHDESERT.COM, TO LEARN MORE AND GET INVOLVED. KATE,  
11 THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIRELESS EFFORTS FOR THOSE THAT ARE  
12 VULNERABLE AND NEED TO LEAD PRODUCTIVE LIVES. YOU SERVE A  
13 VERY, VERY VALUABLE ROLE NOT ONLY FOR ANTELOPE VALLEY BUT THE  
14 COUNTY AS A WHOLE SO THANK YOU VERY, VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

15

16 **KATE WINDELL:** I'M VERY HONORED. AND I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY  
17 THANK YOU. AND ALSO THANK YOU TO KAYLA. SHE TIRELESSLY WORKS  
18 IN OUR ENVIRONMENT. WORKING WITH THIS DEMOGRAPHIC IS VERY  
19 CHALLENGING. AND I CAN SAY THAT MY NEED TO START THIS SORT OF  
20 AN ORGANIZATION COMES FROM MY OWN PAST AS A SURVIVOR MYSELF.  
21 SO WE STARTED THE RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM. AND GIVING THE GIRLS A  
22 PLACE TO LIVE, TWO YEARS RENT-FREE WHILE THEY WORK ON THEIR  
23 RECOVERY. AND WITH THAT, WE BEGAN WORKING IN THE JEWELRY AND  
24 ORGANIC BATH AND BODY PRODUCTS. OUR JEWELRY IS SOLD IN A FAIR-  
25 TRADE CATALOG, AND WE ARE THE ONLY U.S. ORGANIZATION IN THIS



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1 INTERNATIONAL CATALOG CALLED "TRADES OF HOPE." AND WE'RE JUST  
2 REALLY HONORED AND JUST SO BLESSED TO BE ABLE TO GIVE THESE  
3 GIRLS A JOB AND HOPE FOR THEIR FUTURE. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

4 [APPLAUSE.]

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6 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** IT IS NOW MY HONOR TO RECOGNIZE WALK FOR  
7 ALZHEIMER'S. THIS IS A GROUP THAT IS GOING TO HAVE A WALK I  
8 THINK IN THE ROSE BOWL, IS IT CORRECT? THIS GREAT ORGANIZATION  
9 PROVIDES INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES WITH HANDS-ON SUPPORT,  
10 INFORMATION, AND RESOURCES WHILE ADVANCING CRITICAL LOCAL  
11 RESEARCH FOR A CURE FOR ALZHEIMER'S. THEIR SERVICES INCLUDE  
12 CARE COUNSELING, COMMUNITY OUTREACH, CAREGIVER EDUCATION,  
13 PROFESSIONAL TRAINING, EARLY STAGE SUPPORT, ADVOCACY, FAMILY  
14 SUPPORT GROUPS, AND A 24/7 HELP LINE, WHICH IS 844-HELP-ALZ.  
15 IN CALIFORNIA ALONE, MORE THAN 580,000 PEOPLE ARE LIVING WITH  
16 ALZHEIMER'S OR ANOTHER FORM OF DEMENTIA. IT IS FOR THESE  
17 INDIVIDUALS AND THEIR FAMILIES THAT ALZHEIMER'S OF GREATER LOS  
18 ANGELES IS ORGANIZING WALK FOR ALZHEIMER'S AT THE ROSE BOWL IN  
19 PASADENA ON FEBRUARY 11TH. AS SOMEONE WHO HAS A DEAR, DEAR  
20 FRIEND WHO LOST HER MOTHER TO ALZHEIMER'S, I COMMEND YOU FOR  
21 THE WORK YOU ARE DOING AND I KNOW THAT WE WILL BE THERE IN  
22 FORCE TO SUPPORT THIS CAUSE. AND WE THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE  
23 TODAY. [APPLAUSE.]

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1 **JENNIFER TEUFEL:** I'M JENNIFER TEUFEL FROM ALZHEIMER'S GREATER  
2 LOS ANGELES. WE APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ONCE AGAIN BRING  
3 AWARENESS TO THE ISSUE OF ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE. THE SERVICES  
4 ALZHEIMER'S GREATER LOS ANGELES PROVIDES THE COMMUNITY AND THE  
5 WAYS IN WHICH THE COMMUNITY CAN SUPPORT THIS IMPORTANT WORK.  
6 IN CALIFORNIA ALONE THERE ARE MORE THAN 580,000 RESIDENTS THAT  
7 LIVE WITH ALZHEIMER'S OR ANOTHER FORM OF DEMENTIA. YET SO MANY  
8 FAMILIES ARE UNAWARE OF THE FREE SERVICES THAT WE OFFER THE  
9 COMMUNITY. AS SUPERVISOR BARGER MENTIONED, OUR SERVICES  
10 INCLUDE A 24/7 HELP LINE, CARE COUNSELING, COMMUNITY OUTREACH,  
11 CAREGIVER EDUCATION, PROFESSIONAL TRAINING, EARLY STAGE  
12 SUPPORT, ADVOCACY AND FAMILY SUPPORT GROUPS. WE URGE EVERYONE  
13 IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA, ESPECIALLY THE UPCOMING PASADENA WALK  
14 ON FEBRUARY 11TH, SO THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, COME AND JOIN US.  
15 BRING YOUR FRIENDS, YOUR FAMILY, CAREGIVERS, CONCERNED  
16 COMMUNITY MEMBERS, AND RAISE AWARENESS AND FUNDS TO SUPPORT  
17 LOCAL PROGRAMS AND NATIONAL INCENTIVES. WE'D LIKE TO THANK  
18 MICHAEL WARNER AND MARA LAKE WHO ARE HERE. THEY ARE SOME OF  
19 OUR TOP FUNDRAISERS FOR THIS UPCOMING WALK. THEY HAVE OVER 18  
20 MEMBERS ON THEIR TEAM. MIKE HAS PERSONALLY RAISED OVER \$2,000  
21 AND THEIR TEAM HAS RAISED ALMOST \$4,000, AND I'M SURE THEY'LL  
22 RAISE MUCH MORE IN THE UPCOMING WEEKS BEFORE THE WALK.

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1 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** I JUST TALKED TO MIKE AND I'VE GOT A  
2 PROCLAMATION AS WELL. HE SAID HE'S WALKING FOR THE QUEEN,  
3 WHICH IS HIS WIFE. OUR PRAYERS ARE FOR YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** LET'S GIVE THEM ANOTHER ROUND OF  
6 APPLAUSE. THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

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8 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST WE'VE GOT AGGIE.

9  
10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ONE OF OUR SPECIAL CONSTITUENTS,  
11 YOU KNOW.

12  
13 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** I KNOW, I KNOW. THIS IS AGGIE. AND AGGIE  
14 IS LOOKING FOR A HOME. AGGIE IS A THREE-YEAR-OLD SPAYED FEMALE  
15 WHO'S HAD A LITTER. SO SHE'S A GOOD MOM. AND SHE'S VERY  
16 LOVING. IF YOU WANT TO ADOPT AGGIE, CALL 562-728-4610. AND  
17 AGAIN THERE'S MANY LIKE AGGIE LOOKING FOR HOMES, AND THEY GIVE  
18 LOVE BACK. AND THEY KNOW WHEN THEY'RE ADOPTED. CAN YOU SAY HI?

19  
20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, AGGIE.

21  
22 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** WE'RE NOT DONE. WE'RE JUST WARMING UP.

23  
24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** AGGIE'S WARMING UP.

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1 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** NOW I HAVE FABIO. AND FABIO IS A THREE  
2 MONTH OLD KITTEN AND IS A DOMESTIC SHORT HAIR. AND, AGAIN,  
3 THERE'S MANY LIKE FABIO LOOKING FOR PERMANENT HOMES, SPAYED  
4 AND NEUTERED, READY TO GO AND WILL SHOW YOU LOVE IF YOU FEED  
5 THEM, RIGHT?

6

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

8

9 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** FOR FOOD. 562-728-4610 AND AGAIN THERE  
10 ARE MANY, MANY, MANY LIKE FABIO LOOKING FOR HOMES. SO PLEASE  
11 ENCOURAGE YOUR FRIENDS, YOUR FAMILY TO ADOPT.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** AW. ALL RIGHT. AGGIE AND FABIO IN  
14 THE HOUSE. GIVE THEM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE, LADIES AND  
15 GENTLEMEN.

16

17 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** I'M GLAD THEY WERE ON GOOD BEHAVIOR  
20 TODAY. WE NOW TURN TO THE FIRST DISTRICT. SUPERVISOR SOLIS HAS  
21 THREE PRESENTATIONS. SUPERVISOR?

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR. GOOD MORNING.  
24 AND HAPPY LUNAR NEW YEAR. YOU CAN APPLAUD. [APPLAUSE.] TODAY  
25 I'M VERY EXCITED TO HELP RECOGNIZE TWO VERY GREAT



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1 ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE A PART OF OUR COUNTY FAMILY. AND AS  
2 MANY OF YOU KNOW, THIS SATURDAY WILL MARK THE LUNAR NEW YEAR  
3 AND THE YEAR OF THE ROOSTER SO TODAY WE HAVE WITH US THE BOARD  
4 OF DIRECTORS FOR THE CHINESE EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION AND THE  
5 VIETNAMESE EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. BOTH  
6 ARE MORE COMMONLY RECOGNIZED BY THEIR ACRONYMS. C.L.A.C. AND  
7 V.L.A.C. GIVE THEM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE. WOW. [APPLAUSE.]  
8 V.L.A.C. WAS FOUNDED IN 1986 TO PROMOTE THE FRIENDSHIP, MUTUAL  
9 INTEREST AND RECREATION OF THE VIETNAMESE EMPLOYEES OF LOS  
10 ANGELES COUNTY. THEY AIM TO PRESERVE AND PROMOTE VIETNAMESE  
11 CULTURE THROUGH THEIR ANNUAL TET LUNAR NEW YEAR EVENT. BESIDES  
12 RECREATIONAL GATHERINGS, V.L.A.C. MEMBERS ALSO DONATE THEIR  
13 TIME AND MONEY TO THOSE IN NEED SUCH AS TUTORING AT THE ASIAN  
14 YOUTH CENTER AND PROVIDING GIFTS FOR D.P.S.S. ADOPT A FAMILY.  
15 C.L.A.C. WAS FOUNDED IN 2011, AND ITS PURPOSE IS TO WORK FOR  
16 THE PROMOTION AND PRESERVATION OF CULTURAL HERITAGE AND  
17 TRADITION, AND ALSO WORK TO OBTAIN SOCIAL JUSTICE AND  
18 GUARANTEES FOR EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES. THEY AIM TO PRESERVE AND  
19 PROMOTE CHINESE CULTURE THROUGH MANY DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES IN  
20 THE COMMUNITY, INCLUDING THEIR ANNUAL CHINESE NEW YEAR'S  
21 DINNER. THEY ALSO ENCOURAGE AND FOSTER PROFESSIONAL GROWTH OF  
22 THEIR MEMBERS IN COUNTY-WIDE SERVICE. WITH THAT, I WOULD LIKE  
23 TO INVITE NEIL MOK AND TY NGUYEN TO SAY A FEW WORDS.  
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1 **NEIL MOK:** I'D LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR  
2 RECOGNIZING US AS AN ASSOCIATION. AND I'D LIKE TO THANK ALL  
3 THE VOLUNTEERS THAT MAKE ALL OF OUR EVENTS SUCH A SUCCESS,  
4 INCLUDING MY BOARD MEMBERS AND MY OFFICERS. AND HAPPY LUNAR  
5 NEW YEAR, EVERYONE. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

6  
7 **TY NGUYEN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. I'D LIKE TO THANK ALL THE  
8 BOARD MEMBERS, ALL THE SUPPORTERS, FORMER PRESIDENTS, OUR  
9 FRIENDS AND FAMILY. V.L.A.C. IS THE SAME AGE AS ME. THAT'S  
10 FOOD FOR THOUGHT RIGHT THERE. WE ARE A VERY CULTURALLY  
11 EMBRACING ORGANIZATION. SO IN AN EVER MELTING POT, EACH EVENT  
12 WE'D LIKE TO EMBRACE CULTURAL DIVERSITY BY RECOGNIZING ALL  
13 ETHNICITIES AND TO FURTHER BUILD A CULTURE OF DIVERSITY AND  
14 CULTURAL AWARENESS WITHIN L.A. COUNTY. THANK YOU AND HAPPY NEW  
15 YEAR. [APPLAUSE.]

16  
17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT.

18  
19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. TODAY WE HAVE WITH US THE  
20 ARROYO HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM. [APPLAUSE.] IT'S MY HONOR TO  
21 PRESENT THE ARROYO HIGH SCHOOL KNIGHTS C.I.F. SOUTHERN SECTION  
22 DIVISION 12 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS. NOW WE CAN CLAP. [APPLAUSE.]  
23 WITH US HERE TODAY IS OUR SUPERINTENDENT OF THE EL MONTE UNION  
24 HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, EDWARD ZUNIGA. HE'S NEWLY APPOINTED,  
25 RIGHT HERE, OKAY. WELCOME. AND ALSO CARLOS SALSEDA, WHO IS A



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1 BOARD MEMBER FOR THE EL MONTE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT. WE  
2 ALSO HAVE HEAD COACH JIM SESSINGER. DID I SAY THAT RIGHT?  
3 SINGHEISER. OKAY. AND OUR PRINCIPAL ANGELITA GONZALEZ,  
4 ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF ACTIVITIES, OSCAR GOMEZ AND ASSISTANT  
5 COACHES JOSH KNIGHT AND CHRIS MCMILLEN. AND, LASTLY, AND MOST  
6 CERTAINLY THE TEAM, RIGHT? THE WINNERS, YAY. WE'RE  
7 TREMENDOUSLY PROUD OF THE KNIGHTS WHO HAVE WON THEIR FIRST  
8 CHAMPIONSHIP SINCE 1986. WOW. ON THE NIGHT OF DECEMBER 3RD,  
9 THE KNIGHTS PLAYED AGAINST RANCHO MIRAGE AT ARROYO HIGH  
10 SCHOOL, THE CITY OF EL MONTE. THE GAME HAD EVERYTHING ONE  
11 WOULD EXPECT FROM A CHAMPIONSHIP GAME, FROM A BIG OFFENSIVE  
12 PLAYS TO CRUCIAL DEFENSIVE STOPS AND EVEN OVERTIME. THE  
13 KNIGHTS ENTERED OVERTIME TIED AT 27 WHEN RANCHO MIRAGE SCORED  
14 TO MAKE THE SCORE 34-27. IN RESPONSE, THE KNIGHTS SCORED TO  
15 COME WITHIN 1 POINT OF TYING THE GAME. INSTEAD OF GOING FOR  
16 THE TIE, COACH SINGHEISER BELIEVED IN HIS PLAYERS OR COACH AND  
17 WENT TWO POINTS FOR THE WIN. THE KNIGHTS BROUGHT THE C.I.F.  
18 SOUTHERN SECTION DIVISION 12 CHAMPIONSHIP TO OUR GREAT CITY OF  
19 EL MONTE WITH THE GAME-ENDING TWO POINT CONVERSION TO WIN BY A  
20 FINAL SCORE OF 35-34. THIS WAS A WIN NOT ONLY FOR THE TEAM BUT  
21 ALSO FOR THEIR COACHES WHO HAVE SPENT COUNTLESS HOURS WITH  
22 THEM TEACHING THEM THE GAME OF FOOTBALL BUT ALSO TEACHING THEM  
23 HOW TO BECOME MEN WITH CHARACTER, RESPECT AND DIGNITY. WE WANT  
24 TO CONGRATULATE ARROYO HIGH, THE COACHES AND ALL THAT HAVE



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1 HELPED THE MAKE THIS DAY POSSIBLE. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF  
2 YOU. [APPLAUSE.] WHERE'S THE COACH?

3

4 **COACH JIM SINGHEISER:** I JUST WANT TO THANK THE L.A. BOARD OF  
5 SUPERVISORS, OUR OWN SCHOOL DISTRICT, MR. SALSED0, THE  
6 SUPERINTENDENT, MR. ZUNIGA, MY INCITE ADMINISTRATION, MISS  
7 GONZALES AND MR. GOMEZ FOR BEING HERE, THE PLAYERS THAT  
8 COULDN'T MAKE IT AND THE COACHES. TRULY AN HONOR. THIS WIN, WE  
9 SAID ALL ALONG, IT WASN'T JUST FOR THE TEAM AND THE COACHES,  
10 IT WAS A WIN FOR OUR SCHOOL, FOR OUR SCHOOL DISTRICT AND FOR  
11 OUR COMMUNITY OF EL MONTE. JUST THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR  
12 PROVIDING US THE EXPERIENCE AND COMING TO MEET WITH YOU PEOPLE  
13 TODAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** YEAH, YOU OUGHT TO GIVE THEM  
16 ANOTHER ROUND OF APPLAUSE. THEY DID GOOD. THANK YOU,  
17 SUPERVISOR. [APPLAUSE.]

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THIS IS MY LAST PRESENTATION. AND IT  
20 IS ONE THAT I AM VERY, VERY PROUD OF TO PRESENT TODAY. WITH US  
21 THIS MORNING WE HAVE ASIAN AMERICANS ADVANCING JUSTICE. WE  
22 HAVE BEFORE US AMAN BIN, PROJECT DIRECTOR FOR IMMIGRATION AND  
23 TEAM OF ATTORNEYS THAT FOCUS ON IMMIGRATION AND D.A.C.A.-  
24 RELATED ISSUES. ASIAN AMERICANS ADVANCING JUSTICE LOS ANGELES  
25 HAVE SUPPORTED THE UNDOCUMENTED COMMUNITIES OF LOS ANGELES



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1 COUNTY THROUGH ADVOCACY, POLICY AND LEGAL SERVICES SINCE 2012.  
2 SINCE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE D.A.C.A. PROGRAM, THE  
3 INTEGRATION PROJECT AS ASIAN AMERICANS ADVANCING JUSTICE LOS  
4 ANGELES HAVE SERVED 6,200 UNDOCUMENTED INDIVIDUALS THROUGH  
5 FREE LEGAL SERVICES AND COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSIONS. THE  
6 IMMIGRATION PROJECT AT ASIAN AMERICANS ADVANCING JUSTICE LOS  
7 ANGELES HAS ALSO REPRESENTED AND RECEIVED APPROVALS FOR OVER  
8 400 D.A.C.A. CASES SINCE 2012. THE IMMIGRATION PROJECT HAS  
9 ALSO TRAINED OVER 250 VOLUNTEERS AND PRO BONO ATTORNEYS IN  
10 D.A.C.A. AND HAS BEEN ONE OF THE NATION'S LEADING EXPERTS ON  
11 OUTREACH TO THE UNDOCUMENTED ASIAN-PACIFIC ISLANDER  
12 COMMUNITIES. THE IMMIGRATION PROJECT HAS RECEIVED PRAISE FROM  
13 MANY PEOPLE AND INCLUDING PROVIDING SUPPORT TO L.A. UNIFIED  
14 SCHOOL DISTRICT AND A NUMBER OF D.A.C.A. STUDENTS. PUBLIC,  
15 FREE-- ACTUALLY THE SERVICES ARE PROVIDED FREE OF CHARGE TO  
16 THOSE IN NEED OF THIS ASSISTANCE. ASIAN AMERICANS ADVANCING  
17 JUSTICE LOS ANGELES STANDS TOGETHER WITH NUMEROUS OTHER  
18 NONPROFIT COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS  
19 OF UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS AND TO ENSURE THAT ALL OF THEIR  
20 VOICES ARE HEARD. FOR THAT, WE WISH TO RECOGNIZE THEM. AND  
21 IT'S A GREAT HONOR FOR ME TO HAVE THEM HERE WITH US TODAY. AND  
22 I'D LIKE TO ASK THEIR REPRESENTATIVE TO PLEASE SAY A FEW  
23 WORDS. THANKS.  
24



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1 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR RECOGNIZING OUR  
2 WORK. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. MY TEAM IS HERE WITH US.  
3 MARTHA, KEVIN AND JIMMY. THEY WORK TIRELESSLY ADVOCATING FOR  
4 THE UNDOCUMENTED IN LOS ANGELES. WE HAVE A LOT OF WORK AHEAD  
5 OF US. NOW IS THE TIME FOR US ALL TO STAND TOGETHER WITH OUR  
6 BROTHERS AND SISTERS WHO FEEL LIKE THEY MAY HAVE TO GO INTO  
7 HIDING AGAIN. WE WANT TO REMIND THEM THAT THEY HAVE A  
8 COMMUNITY OF FRIENDS AND ADVOCATES HERE IN LOS ANGELES THAT  
9 ARE READY TO FIGHT FOR THEM. WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK ON  
10 GETTING GOOD BILLS THROUGH FOR FIGHTING FOR D.A.C.A. AND FOR  
11 FIGHTING FOR IMMIGRANT RIGHTS. AND THANK YOU, BOARD OF  
12 SUPERVISORS, FOR RECOGNIZING US. [APPLAUSE.]

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, THANK YOU FOR  
15 YOUR PRESENTATIONS. WE'LL NOW TURN TO THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
16 FOR THE READING OF THE BALANCE OF THE AGENDA SO THAT WE CAN  
17 APPROPRIATELY DELIBERATE AND DISPOSE OF THE ITEMS AS THEY COME  
18 TO OUR ATTENTION. MS. GLASGOW.

19

20 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. THE FIRST  
21 ITEM OF BUSINESS IS FOR SPEAKERS WHO SIGNED UP FOR ITEMS NOT  
22 HELD BY SUPERVISORS. THE FOLLOWING SIX INDIVIDUALS SIGNED UP  
23 TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 17, WHICH IS A MOTION TO GATHER  
24 INFORMATION REGARDING THE SHERIFF'S USE OF UNMANNED AIRCRAFT.  
25 WOULD THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD, AND YOU



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1 WILL BE DIRECTED TO THE SPEAKERS' WELL. HAMID KHAN. JAIME  
2 GARCIA, TIFFANY GUERRA, MELLO DESIRE, SYLVIA HERNANDEZ AND  
3 MARIELLA SABA. THE FOLLOWING TWO INDIVIDUALS SIGNED UP TO  
4 SPEAK ON ITEMS NOT HELD BY SUPERVISORS BUT ITEMS OTHER THAN  
5 NO. 17. WOULD YOU ALSO PLEASE COME FORWARD? DR. GENEVIEVE  
6 CLAVREUL AND ARNOLD SACHS. SO THOSE INDIVIDUALS PLEASE MAKE  
7 YOUR WAY TO THE FRONT.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, AS YOUR NAME  
10 WAS CALLED, PLEASE COME FORWARD. WE SEE ONE SUCH PERSON. THE  
11 EXECUTIVE OFFICER SAID THERE ARE ADDITIONAL INDIVIDUALS. SIR,  
12 LET'S PROCEED. AT THIS POINT YOU'RE DELAYING THE PROCEEDINGS.

13

14 **HAMID KHAN:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS HAMID KHAN  
15 WITH THE STOP L.A.P.D. SPYING COMMISSION. I'M HERE TODAY TO  
16 SPEAK ABOUT THE USE OF DRONES BY THE L.A. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
17 THAT WAS ANNOUNCED ON JANUARY 12TH. WE APPRECIATE SUPERVISOR  
18 SOLIS'S MOTION TO SEND IT TO THE INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR FURTHER  
19 INVESTIGATION AND FOR THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION TO  
20 INVESTIGATE IT. BUT I THINK THE REALITY ALSO REMAINS THAT THE  
21 SHERIFF HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE DRONES HAVE BEEN DEPLOYED. THE  
22 DRONE HAS BEEN DEPLOYED, SO IT'S OPERATIONAL AND IT'S BEING  
23 USED. SO WE HAVE REALLY VERY DEEP CONCERN THAT THE DRONE  
24 SHOULD NOT OPERATE AT ALL. IT SHOULD BE GROUNDED. BECAUSE IN  
25 ESSENCE THE MESSAGE THAT WE ARE SENDING TO THE COMMUNITY IS--



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1 AND WE HAVE PASSED OUT A REPORT THAT WE RELEASED IN DECEMBER  
2 OF 2015. WE ALSO DID COMMUNITY EXTENSIVE OUTREACH AND TOWN  
3 HALLS AND FOCUS GROUPS, AND WE HAVE OVER 3,000 PEOPLE WHO  
4 SIGNED THE PETITION, REJECTING THE USE OF DRONES BY LAW  
5 ENFORCEMENT. WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO KEEP THIS GROUNDED WITH THE  
6 L.A.P.D. SO I THINK IT'S EXTREMELY, EXTREMELY CRITICAL THAT  
7 THIS ISSUE DOESN'T GET LOST INTO REPORTS AND REPORT BACK,  
8 BECAUSE IN ESSENCE WHAT'S HAPPENING IS THAT PEOPLE AT THE  
9 STREET ARE LOOKING AT IT AND QUITE FRANKLY, AS THE DEVELOPMENT  
10 OF LOCAL AIR FORCES, BECAUSE THE DRONES SIGNIFY VIOLENCE. THE  
11 DRONES SIGNIFY BRUTALITY, AND AS MUCH AS THE SHERIFF HAS SAID  
12 THAT IT WOULD BE USED FOR LIMIT PURPOSES, WE KNOW THAT MISSION  
13 CREEP IS REAL. WE KNOW WHAT HAPPENED WITH THE S.W.A.T. TEAM.  
14 WE KNOW WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH ALL THE COUNTERTERRORISM  
15 SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMS, HOW THEY ARE BEING USED FOR EVERYDAY  
16 POLICING. WE KNOW THE SHERIFF USES STINGRAY TECHNOLOGY. WE  
17 KNOW THE SHERIFF USES HIGH DEFINITION CAMERA TECHNOLOGY. AND  
18 THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE SPIED ON THE CITY OF COMPTON FOR TWO  
19 WEEKS IN A FIXED-WING AIRPLANE WHERE THE PEOPLE OF COMPTON  
20 DIDN'T EVEN KNOW ABOUT IT. AND THEN THE SHERIFF COMES BACK AND  
21 SAID IT'S AN AGREEMENT WITH THE F.A.A. WELL THE F.A.A. DOES  
22 NOT REGULATE-- IT ONLY REGULATES THE AIR SPACE BUT IT STILL  
23 HAS NO JURISDICTION ON HOW IT'S GOING TO BE USED. SO WE ARE  
24 VERY CONCERNED AND ABSOLUTELY REJECT THE USE OF DRONES AND WE  
25 HOPE YOU WILL LOOK AT YOUR LEADERSHIP FOR TAKING ACTION.



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

4

5 **TIFFANY GUERRA:** HI, MY NAME IS TIFFANY GUERRA. I'M HERE TO  
6 REQUEST THAT REGARDLESS OF WHAT THE SHERIFF STATES THAT THESE  
7 UNMANNED AERIAL DEVICES WILL BE USED FOR, THAT THEY BE BANNED  
8 FROM USING THEM. WE KNOW THAT THE SHERIFF ALREADY HAS A LARGE  
9 ARSENAL OF PEOPLE AND WEAPONRY THAT CAN BE CALLED UPON IN  
10 SITUATIONS LIKE THEY PROPOSE USING THE DRONES FOR. SO THAT  
11 WOULD BE FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE, BOMB INVESTIGATION, HOSTAGE  
12 SITUATIONS AND BARRICADED INDIVIDUALS. THEY CURRENTLY USE  
13 RESCUE HELICOPTERS, ROBOTS, CAMERAS AND TELESCOPING,  
14 SURVEILLANCE DEVICES, CANINE UNITS, TEAR GAS AS WELL AS GROUND  
15 UNITS WITH EVERY KIND OF WEAPONRY CARRIED ON THEIR PERSON. TO  
16 THINK THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT NEEDS TO ADD DRONES TO THIS  
17 ARSENAL FOR THE SAFETY OF THE CITIZENS OF LOS ANGELES IS NAIVE  
18 AND WRONG. WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY WILL USE THE DRONES FOR  
19 ONCE THEY HAVE THE GO AHEAD TO USE THEM, NO MATTER WHAT THEY  
20 TELL US THEY WILL BE FOR, AND WE CANNOT TRUST THEIR JUDGMENT.  
21 CONSIDERING THIS IS A DEPARTMENT THAT HAS HISTORICALLY  
22 SURVEILLED AND TARGETED BLACK AND BROWN COMMUNITIES  
23 SPECIFICALLY, MY CONCERN IS THIS WOULD BE JUST ONE MORE TOOL  
24 IN THEIR ARSENAL USED TO INVAD E THOSE COMMUNITIES WHEN REALLY  
25 WE SHOULD BE CONSIDERING HOW TO INVEST IN THEM. DO NOT ALLOW



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1 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO USE THE DRONES. IT WILL BE JUST  
2 ANOTHER TOOL IN THEIRS ARSENAL IN THEIR INCREASINGLY  
3 MILITARIZED RESPONSE TO A PUBLIC THAT THEY ARE ALREADY  
4 FAILING.

5

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

8

9 **MELLO DESIRE:** HELLO MY NAME IS MELLO DESIRE, KINGDOM'S WARRIOR  
10 FOUNDATION. GOVERNMENTS AND MILITARIES HAVE USED DRONES AND  
11 CLAIMED THAT THEY BRING PUBLIC SAFETY BUT IN REALITY, DRONES  
12 CAN CRASH AND SIMPLY FALL FROM THE SKY. IT IS MORE ACCIDENTS,  
13 400 LARGE U.S. MILITARY DRONES HAVE CRASHED ROUND THE WORLD  
14 SINCE 2001, DUE TO MALFUNCTION, HUMAN ERROR, WEATHER  
15 CONDITIONS AND OTHER REASONS. OF THESE, 194 HAVE CAUSED OVER  
16 \$2 MILLION IN DAMAGE, INCLUDING PROPERTY DAMAGE. NOW WITH THE  
17 LOCAL POLICE USING THEM INCREASINGLY IN VARIOUS JURISDICTIONS,  
18 THERE WILL BE MANY MORE DRONES IN THE SKY, WHICH MEANS THERE'S  
19 MORE ACCIDENTS AND MORE LIKELY TO HAPPEN. WE NEED MORE OF AN  
20 OVERSIGHT FOR THESE DRONES BEFORE YOU DEPLOY THEM BECAUSE IT'S  
21 CAUSING MORE DAMAGE THAN GOOD. RECENT REPORTS BY THE FEDERAL  
22 AVIATION ADMINISTRATION HAVE HIGHLIGHTED THAT THE INCREASED  
23 MINUTES IN OUR SKIES BY PRIVATE USERS OF DRONES RESULTING IN  
24 DANGEROUSLY CLOSE CALLS WITH AIRLINERS. 700 JUST BETWEEN  
25 JANUARY AND AUGUST OF 2015. THE F.A.A. HAS ALSO ACKNOWLEDGED



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1 GROWING CONCERN ABOUT THE PROBLEM AND ITS INABILITY TO DO MUCH  
2 TO TAME IT. L.A.U.S.D. HAS A LONG HISTORY OF BRUTALITY,  
3 ESPECIALLY AMONGST OUR URBAN NEIGHBORHOODS. AND WE ASK THAT  
4 EVEN MORE EQUIPMENT SUCH AS DRONES TO ENFORCE THEIR BRUTALITY  
5 IS UNCALLED-FOR. WE ASK FOR A RECALL OF THIS. WE ASK FOR YOU  
6 TO LOOK INTO THIS BEFORE YOU DEPLOY MORE DRONES INTO OUR  
7 NEIGHBORHOODS, WHICH IS CAUSING MORE DAMAGE THAN GOOD. THANK  
8 YOU.

9

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

12

13 **SYLVIA HERNANDEZ:** MY NAME IS SYLVIA HERNANDEZ. AND I'M HERE TO  
14 URGE YOU TO DON'T SUPPORT THE DEPLOYMENT OF THOSE DRONES WITH  
15 THE LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. WE KNOW THAT DRONES ARE  
16 USED FOR MILITARY TACTICS. WHY DO WE NEED THOSE DRONES ON A  
17 CIVILIAN BASIC USE? WE DON'T NEED TO BE SURVEILLED AND CREATE  
18 REPORTS ABOUT OUR PEOPLE, CREATING MORE PROFILING AND  
19 DIVISION. THAT'S NOT SAFETY. WE CANNOT MASK A COMMUNITY  
20 SERVICE FOR COUNTER INSURGENCY. WE CANNOT TRUST THE POLICE  
21 DEPARTMENT TO HAVE THIS TYPE OF MACHINERY KNOWING THAT THEY  
22 HAVE HISTORY OF VIOLENCE. HOW ARE YOU GOING TO PUT MORE  
23 ARSENAL ON A DEPARTMENT THAT IS VERY UNTRUSTWORTHY FOR THE  
24 COMMUNITY? AS A MEMBER OF LOS ANGELES, AS A RESIDENT, AS A  
25 MOTHER, I CARE FOR A FAMILY, AND I THINK THAT A LOT OF



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1 FAMILIES, THEY THINK LIKE ME. THAT'S NOT ACCEPTABLE.  
2 COMMUNITIES CAN'T TRUST LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WITH  
3 THIS TYPE OF ARSENAL. AS AN UNTRUSTWORTHY AND UNACCOUNTABLE  
4 INSTITUTION, WE DEMAND L.A.S.D. NOT TO BE ALLOWED TO ADD DRONE  
5 TECHNOLOGY TO ITS EXTENSIVE ARSENAL OF WEAPONS AND  
6 SURVEILLANCE EQUIPMENT. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR  
9 TESTIMONY. MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER?

10

11 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** THE FOLLOWING THREE INDIVIDUALS  
12 ALSO SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM NO. 17. PLEASE COME  
13 FORWARD. VANESSA DELEON, KIM MCGILL AND GLORIA GONZALEZ.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHTY. MA'AM, PLEASE PROCEED.

16

17 **JAMIE GARCIA:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS JAMIE GARCIA. SO I JUST  
18 WANTED TO START BY SAYING I DO APPRECIATE THE PUSH FOR THE  
19 CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THIS POLICY AND THIS  
20 PROGRAM REGARDING THE USE OF DRONES. IT'S ONE OF THEIR FIRST  
21 TASKS AND AS A COMMUNITY WE'RE GOING TO SEE IF THIS CIVILIAN  
22 OVERSIGHT IS ACTUALLY GOING TO WORK TO REPRESENT OUR OPINIONS  
23 AS WE'RE STARTING TO SEE A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE SPEAKING OUT  
24 AGAINST THESE DRONES. THE STOP L.A.P.D. SPYING COALITION  
25 ALREADY SPENT A LOT OF TIME COMBATING THE DRONES L.A.P.D.



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1 ACQUIRED, TWO DRAGONFLY X-6 DRONES. SO IT WAS KIND OF  
2 SURPRISING TO SEE IN "THE LOS ANGELES TIMES" L.A. SHERIFFS  
3 ACTUALLY DENY AND NOT KNOW WHO THE STOP L.A.P.D. SPYING  
4 COALITION IS AND HOW WE ACTUALLY DID COME OUT AGAINST THE TWO  
5 DRAGONFLY X-6 DRONES L.A.P.D. HAD ACQUIRED, SEEING THAT ALL  
6 THE MEDIA HAD REACHED OUT TO US AND ASKED US WHAT OUR OPINIONS  
7 WERE ABOUT IT. SO I JUST WANT TO START BY SAYING THAT IF L.A.  
8 SHERIFFS ARE ACTUALLY DOING THEIR JOB AND ARE AWARE OF WHAT'S  
9 GOING ON IN THE COMMUNITY, IT'S REALLY SAD TO SEE THEM  
10 ACTUALLY DENY WHAT THE COMMUNITY HAS BEEN SAYING, WHEN WE WERE  
11 VERY VOCAL AND VERY MUCH IN THE PUBLIC EYE, COMING OUT AGAINST  
12 DRONES FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT. HOWEVER, I'M HERE TO SAY THAT I  
13 COMPLETELY REJECT THE USE OF DRONES OVER THE SKIES OF LOS  
14 ANGELES, THE NATION AND WORLDWIDE. I FEEL IT'S STILL VERY  
15 NECESSARY, EVEN THOUGH THIS IS GOING TO THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT  
16 COMMITTEE, TO ADDRESS THE BOARD IN REGARDS TO THE DETRIMENT OF  
17 DRONES TO THE COMMUNITY. SO WE SEE DRONES AS A FORM-- HAVING  
18 THE POTENTIAL OF MISSION CREEP. WE KNOW THE USE OF DRONES WILL  
19 EXPAND BEYOND ITS INTENDED PURPOSES. WE KNOW THAT NORTH  
20 DAKOTA, A DOMESTIC LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY HAS ALREADY ARMED  
21 THEIR DONS WITH TASERS, MACE, RUBBER BULLETS. WE KNOW WITH THE  
22 RISE OF THE SURVEILLANCE STATE, WE CAN ALSO COUNT ON AERIAL  
23 DATA COLLECTION TO BECOME A PART OF THIS PROCESS AND USE OF  
24 DRONES. WE KNOW THE SHERIFF'S ALREADY USED A SMALL AIRCRAFT  
25 WITH A HIGH DEFINITION CAMERA TO TAKE IMAGES OF COMPTON. AND



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1 THEN LASTLY I WANTED TO TALK ABOUT MILITARIZATION. UNDER THIS  
2 TRUMP PRESIDENCY, WE HAVE TO REALIZE THAT THIS ANTI-- THIS  
3 RHETORIC AGAINST COMMUNITIES THAT ARE COMING OUT AGAINST  
4 POLICING IS VERY DANGEROUS. WE ARE DEMANDING THAT THERE'S AN  
5 END TO MILITARIZATION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT. I'M A NURSE IN THE  
6 COMMUNITY OF BOYLE HEIGHTS. \$10,000 COULD DO A LOT FOR THE  
7 COMMUNITY. SO WE NEED TO REALIZE THAT INSTEAD OF CONTINUALLY  
8 MAKING LAW ENFORCEMENT SUBJECT TO MORE FUNDS INSTEAD OF LESS  
9 FUNDS, WE NEED TO REALIZE WE COULD BE PUTTING THIS MONEY  
10 TOWARDS THE COMMUNITY.

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

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15 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES, GOOD MORNING, DR. GENEVIEVE  
16 CLAVREUL. I'M SPEAKING ON ITEM 18, NOT 17. JUST WANT TO MAKE  
17 SURE THAT I AM TOTALLY IN FAVOR OF SCALING THE IN-CUSTODY  
18 SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM. I THINK IF WE ARE GOING TO REALLY  
19 WORK FOR WORLD REHABILITATION, WE NEED TO BE MUCH MORE  
20 AGGRESSIVE ON THE TREATMENT WE GIVE PEOPLE WITH SUBSTANCE  
21 ABUSE. SO I WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE MONEY ALLOCATED TO THAT.  
22 MAYBE YOU CAN ALSO CREATE A FUND WHERE RELATIVES OF PRISONERS  
23 ARE WILLING ALSO TO GIVE MONEY TOWARD THAT PROGRAM. YOU CAN  
24 ALWAYS ASK. THEY CAN ALWAYS SAY NO.

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

2

3 **VANESSA DELEON:** HELLO. MY NAME IS VANESSA DELEON. I'M HERE AS  
4 A RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES AND ALSO HERE WITH THE YOUTH JUSTICE  
5 COALITION TO SPEAK AGAINST THE MOTION ON DRONES, AND SPENDING  
6 AND ALLOCATING MONEY TO BRING DRONES INTO THE COUNTY OF LOS  
7 ANGELES. WITH THOSE FUNDS THAT ARE GOING TO BE SPENT ON MORE  
8 TECHNOLOGY OF SURVEILLING COMMUNITIES, WE COULD USE THAT MONEY  
9 FOR OTHER, MORE POSITIVE THINGS IN OUR COMMUNITIES. INSTEAD OF  
10 LOOKING AT PUBLIC SAFETY AS A WAY TO INVEST MORE IN POLICE, WE  
11 NEED TO LOOK AT PUBLIC SAFETY AND OTHER WAYS WE COULD USE  
12 MONEY FOR COMMUNITY SUCH AS INVESTING IN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND  
13 INVESTING IN MORE POSITIVE OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH, FOR  
14 FAMILIES, FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS. WITH THE ESTIMATED \$10,000  
15 THAT IT MIGHT COST TO BUY ONE DRONE, WE COULD INVEST THAT  
16 MONEY TOWARDS OPENING, FOR EXAMPLE, A YOUTH CENTER, OR  
17 INVESTING IN SPACES THAT WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR UTILIZATION TO  
18 PROVIDE SUPPORT, TO PROVIDE MORE OPPORTUNITIES INSTEAD OF, YOU  
19 KNOW, THE ANSWER SEEMS TO ALWAYS BE, LET'S INVEST MORE MONEY  
20 IN SUPPRESSION AND LAW ENFORCEMENT. REALLY, IF YOU WERE TO ASK  
21 COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHAT THEY WOULD WANT, WHICH WE HAVE DONE IN  
22 THE PAST, THEY DO NOT ASK FOR MORE POLICING OR MORE  
23 SURVEILLANCE, THEY ASK FOR MORE POSITIVE THINGS SUCH AS YOUTH  
24 CENTERS, INVESTING IN YOUTH JOBS, INVESTING IN INTERVENTION  
25 WORKERS OR PEACE BUILDERS THAT WOULD TRY TO SOLVE OR ADDRESS



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1 ISSUES IN ALTERNATIVE WAYS RATHER THAN, LIKE I MENTIONED,  
2 SUPPRESSION OR LOCKING PEOPLE UP OR FINDING REASONS TO PUT  
3 THEM AWAY. THANK YOU.

4

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

6

7 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** WHILE THAT SPEAKER IS ADJUSTING,  
8 WOULD SHERI DIGGS PLEASE COME FORWARD, AS WELL, TO SPEAK ON  
9 THIS ITEM.

10

11 **MARIELLA SABA:** GOOD MORNING, FELLOW COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND  
12 BOARD MEMBERS. MY NAME IS MARIELLA SABA AND I'D LIKE TO GROUND  
13 IN THE MOMENT THAT WE FOUND OURSELVES IN. TWO FRIDAYS AGO, WE  
14 LEARNED THAT THE L.A. COUNTY SHERIFFS ACQUIRED DRONES. THIS IS  
15 THE WEEK BEFORE THE INAUGURATION OF A TRUMP ADMINISTRATION AND  
16 REALITY THAT WE HAVE ALREADY BEEN EXISTING IN AND IS JUST  
17 BECOMING MORE AND MORE UNMASKED, MORE AND MORE BOLD IN ITS  
18 VIOLENCE. THE SHERIFF'S ACTION TO ACQUIRE DRONES ONE WEEK  
19 BEFORE IS A CLEAR EXAMPLE OF THAT BOLD ESCALATION OF VIOLENCE.  
20 WE, OF COURSE, FOUND OUT ABOUT THIS BECAUSE WE ARE ORGANIZED  
21 IN LOS ANGELES AND WORLDWIDE, WE ARE ORGANIZED. AND WE HAVE A  
22 COALITION IN LOS ANGELES FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS THAT HAS BEEN  
23 KEEPING AN EYE ON THE HEIGHTENED SURVEILLANCE STATE,  
24 ESPECIALLY ON THE BODIES THAT HAVE BEEN EXPERIENCING THIS FOR  
25 GENERATIONS AND GENERATIONS. SO WE MOVE TO MAKE SURE THAT WE



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1 WERE HEARD, THAT THE SHERIFFS AND THE COUNTY KNOWS THAT WE ARE  
2 AWARE, AND THAT AS A LARGE COMMUNITY, WE SAY NO. WE SAY NO  
3 DRONES IN OUR SKY. WE ECHO OUR FELLOW COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO  
4 HAVE SPOKEN TODAY REPRESENTING THOUSANDS.

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** JUST A MOMENT. THOSE ON THE LEFT--

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8 **MARIELLA SABA:** CAN WE HOLD THE TIME?

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10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** YES, WE WILL. DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.

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12 **MARIELLA SABA:** IN THE MOMENT.

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14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.

15

16 **MARIELLA SABA:** I'M NOT WORRIED. I'M PRESENT.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** I KNOW YOU ARE. I'M TRYING TO CAUSE  
19 PEOPLE TO HEAR YOU.

20

21 **MARIELLA SABA:** I APPRECIATE THAT. WE'LL DO THAT TOGETHER.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** NO, NO, I CAN DO THIS, ALL RIGHT?  
24 NO, NO, MA'AM? ALL THOSE HERE? YOU CAN TAKE YOUR CONVERSATIONS  
25 OUTSIDE FOR THE PURPOSE OF OUR BEING ABLE TO HEAR THE



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1 PRESENTERS. IF YOU'RE NOT ON THIS MATTER, WHETHER YOU'RE STAFF  
2 OR NOT, PLEASE GO INTO THE EXECUTIVE MEETING ROOM AND  
3 ELSEWHERE SO THAT WE CAN CONDUCT BUSINESS. ALL RIGHT, WOULD  
4 YOU RESTORE HER MINUTES? GIVE HER HER TIME BACK. NO, SHE GETS  
5 A MINUTE AND THEN PROCEED. ALL RIGHT?

6

7 **MARIELLA SABA:** MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, I APPRECIATE THAT AND  
8 FOLKS, YOU'RE WELCOME TO STAY AND LISTEN--

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** YOU'RE LOSING YOUR TIME. STAY  
11 FOCUSED ON THE EVENT AT HAND. NO, I'M GOING TO TELL YOU WHAT  
12 YOU NEED TO DO.

13

14 **MARIELLA SABA:** I'M IN MY TIME.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** YOU'RE ABOUT TO LOSE IT.

17

18 **MARIELLA SABA:** I'M OKAY WITH MY TIME AND I DON'T LOSE TIME. I  
19 AM SHARING WITH A-- THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR HELPING, AND  
20 ADDING MORE TIME. I DID NOTICE THAT. SO I'M HERE. I'M PRESENT.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** YOU'RE ON A PARTICULAR ITEM.

23

24 **MARIELLA SABA:** I'M ON DRONES.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ADDRESS THAT.

2

3 **MARIELLA SABA:** EVERYTHING IS CONNECTED, FOLKS, AND I'M ON THE  
4 ITEM ABOUT DRONES BEING IN OUR SKIES. AND WE GOT SEMI  
5 INTERRUPTED BUT IN A GOOD WAY FOR US TO LISTEN MORE DEEPLY,  
6 AND I APPRECIATE THAT. I'M ON THE SAME PAGE, ON THE GOOD SIDE,  
7 ON THE FREEDOM SIDE, FOLKS. SO PLEASE, THE COMMUNITY OPPOSE  
8 THESE DRONES. I WANT TO SAY THAT WHEN I CALLED THE SHERIFFS  
9 YESTERDAY TO LET THEM KNOW THAT WE KNOW YOU HAVE DRONES, THEY  
10 SAID, "WE DON'T HAVE DRONES. HOLD ON, WE HAVE," AND WE WENT  
11 INTO SOME MUSIC. THEY CAME BACK AND SAID, "WE HAVE UNMANNED  
12 AIRCRAFTS." OH THAT'S THE DEFINITION OF DRONES AND AS AN  
13 EXAMPLE OF HOW SHERIFF WILL SPEAK.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. TIME'S EXPIRED. NEXT  
16 SPEAKER. THANK YOU.

17

18 **SHERI DIGGS:** I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY THE FACT THAT WE'RE--

19

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

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22 **SHERI DIGGS:** DIGGS. THE FACT THAT WE'RE EVEN LIKE HAVING  
23 DRONES EXIST IS TERRIFYING. THIS IS BECOMING MORE AND MORE OF  
24 AN ORWELLIAN STATE. AND WE HAVE FOR YEARS USED FEAR AND THE  
25 PROMISE OF SAFETY TO TAKE AWAY PEOPLE'S FREEDOM. WE CONTINUE



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1 TO DO THAT. WE'VE DONE THAT FOR THE MAJORITY OF THE EXISTENCE  
2 OF AMERICA. WHEN 9/11 HAPPENED, WE USED THAT AS AN EXCUSE TO  
3 STRIP AMERICANS OF THEIR FREEDOM, AND WE'RE DOING THAT TODAY.  
4 THE PRESENCE OF DRONES IN COMMUNITY TAKES AWAY THE ABILITY FOR  
5 PEOPLE TO HAVE PRIVACY. YOU ARE NOW TAKING AWAY THE RIGHT TO  
6 PRIVACY SO THAT WE CAN ALL HAVE THIS ILLUSION OF SAFETY.  
7 SAFETY DOES NOT EXIST WHEN YOU DO. SAFETY DOES NOT EXIST WITH  
8 THE ULTRA PRESENCE OF POLICE VIOLENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY. AND  
9 DRONES IS THE PRESENCE OF POLICE VIOLENCE. AND INSISTING ON  
10 HAVING DRONES IS A WAY OF TAKING AWAY OUR SAFETY, IS A WAY OF  
11 TAKING AWAY OUR PRIVACY AND IS A WAY OF TAKING AWAY OUR  
12 FREEDOM. I AM TERRIFIED OF THE IDEA OF LIVING IN AN ORWELLIAN  
13 STATE. THAT IS SCARY. AND THAT BOOK WAS MEANT TO BE A HORROR  
14 BOOK, RIGHT? THAT WAS A TERRIFYING BOOK. AND IF WE ALL READ  
15 IT, WE WITH NOT WANT TO BE A PART OF THAT. WHY IS IT OKAY TO  
16 GET CLOSER AND CLOSER TO THAT IN THE PRESENCE OF KEEPING  
17 EVERYONE SAFE? WHY IS IT ACCEPTABLE TO WAGE WAR ON OUR  
18 COMMUNITY IN THIS WAY? THE PRESENCE OF VIDEOTAPING PEOPLE IS  
19 NOT IN ANY WAY, SHAPE, OR FORM OKAY. I DON'T CARE IF YOU TRY  
20 TO PRESENT THOSE PEOPLE AS CRIMINALS. I DON'T CARE IF YOU TRY  
21 TO PRESENT THOSE PEOPLE BASED ON RACE, WHICH IS MOSTLY AS  
22 TERRORISTS, THE PRESENCE OF DRONES MAKES YOU THE TERRORIST.  
23 YOU HAVING THINGS LIKE THIS MAKE YOU THE TERRORIST. AND SO WE  
24 CANNOT CONTINUE HAVING THESE THINGS IN OUR COMMUNITY. IT'S



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1 TERRIFYING. I DO NOT WANT TO BE IN SOME SCARY WORLD WHERE IT'S  
2 OKAY FOR YOU TO SPY ON PEOPLE.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. AND  
5 WE WILL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER. PROCEED.

6

7 **GLORIA GONZALEZ:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME  
8 IS GLORIA GONZALEZ. AND I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF ITEM 17, THE  
9 DRONES. I'M ALSO HERE AS A YOUNG PERSON. AND I REALLY WANTED  
10 TO EMPHASIZE ON THE FACT THAT L.A. STILL HAS NO YOUTH  
11 DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, BUT YET WE'RE CONSIDERING AND POSSIBLY  
12 ALREADY DO HAVE DRONES AND HAVE GONE INTO SPENDING THAT MONEY  
13 INSTEAD OF TAKING ACTION TO ESTABLISHING AND CREATING THE  
14 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT SO THAT WE CAN ACTUALLY BETTER  
15 OUR YOUNG PEOPLE AND NOT HAVE SO MANY PEOPLE GOING TO CAMPS  
16 AND NOT HAVE PEOPLE GOING INTO THE SCHOOL TO JAIL TRACK. SO IF  
17 WE COULD BUILD ALTERNATIVES BECAUSE WE HAVE THE FUNDS. IF WE  
18 HAVE FUNDS TO FUND DRONES, I BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE THE FUNDS TO  
19 ESTABLISH A YOUTH DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT. AND AS A YOUNG  
20 PERSON, I THINK THAT IF YOU GUYS CONSIDER EVEN SPENDING THE  
21 MONEY AND PUTTING THE TIME AND EFFORT INTO CREATING THE WHOLE  
22 SYSTEM TO HAVE DRONES VERSUS CREATING THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT  
23 DEPARTMENT OR YOUTH CENTERS OR YOUTH PROGRAMS OR YOUTH SUMMER  
24 JOBS, THAT'S NOT RIGHT. YOU KNOW, IF YOU GUYS WANT TO BETTER  
25 L.A. AND BETTER YOUTH, THEN I THINK THAT WE NEED TO REALLY



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1 FOCUS ON THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT AND REALLY CREATING  
2 THAT. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. NEXT  
5 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

6

7 **KIM MCGILL:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS KIM MCGILL, ALSO WITH THE  
8 YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. WE'RE ALSO HERE, WHILE WE SUPPORT  
9 YOUR EFFORTS TO HAVE THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION OF THE  
10 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT OVERSEE THESE POLICIES, IT'S TOO LITTLE,  
11 TOO LATE BECAUSE THE DRONES HAVE ALREADY BEEN PURCHASED. WE  
12 WANT TO EMPHASIZE TO EXPAND THE POWERS OF THE SHERIFF'S  
13 OVERSIGHT COMMISSION, TO OVERSEE AND CHANGE L.A.'S SHERIFF'S  
14 DEPARTMENT POLICY AND BUDGET. THAT THE BUDGET SHOULD GO FIRST  
15 TO THE COMMISSION AND THEN COME TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.  
16 AND THAT IN ORDER TO HAVE TEETH AND REAL AUTHORITY, THESE  
17 THINGS HAVE TO HAPPEN BEFORE PURCHASES ARE MADE AND BEFORE  
18 PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES ARE IMPLEMENTED. WE'RE CONCERNED THIS  
19 IS PART OF A LARGER TREND FOR GREATER MILITARIZATION OF LAW  
20 ENFORCEMENT. THIS IS PARTICULARLY TROUBLING GIVEN THAT IN LOS  
21 ANGELES, NEARLY 700 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN KILLED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT  
22 SINCE 2000. WE ARE BY FAR NUMBER ONE IN THE NATION IN USE OF  
23 FORCE RESULTING IN HOMICIDE. AND L.A.P.D. IS NUMBER ONE AND  
24 L.A. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT NUMBER TWO IN THE NATION IN TERMS OF  
25 USE OF FORCE. WHEN WE LOOKED AT STANDING ROCK, AND SEE THAT



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1 DRONES ARE NOW USED FOR WEAPONRY, FOR RUBBER BULLETS, FOR THE  
2 EMISSION OF PEPPER SPRAY, FOR THE USE OF OTHER TOXINS ON  
3 PROTEST GROUPS, WE KNOW THAT IT'S POSSIBLE FOR THIS TO BE USED  
4 IN COMMUNITIES. WE KNOW THAT DRONES WERE ALSO EXPERIMENTED IN  
5 TERMS OF A SURVEILLANCE MECHANISM OVER ALL OF COMPTON, WITHOUT  
6 COMPTON RESIDENTS' KNOWLEDGE OR INVOLVEMENT. SO WE URGE THAT  
7 IN ORDER TO HAVE SHERIFF'S OVERSIGHT, WE NEED A COMMISSION  
8 WITH TEETH, WITH REAL AUTHORITY TO SEE POLICY AND SET POLICY  
9 BEFORE IT HAPPENS AND TO SET THE BUDGET BEFORE IT'S  
10 IMPLEMENTED. FINALLY, WE THINK THAT THE COST OF LAW  
11 ENFORCEMENT, THE INCREASED MILITARIZATION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT  
12 IN L.A. COUNTY IS NOT NEW. WE WERE THE FIRST COUNTY TO HAVE  
13 HELICOPTERS, THE FIRST COUNTY TO HAVE S.W.A.T. IN THE NATION  
14 AND THE WORLD, THE FIRST COUNTY TO INVEST SO HEAVILY IN COUNTY  
15 JAILS AND ARE NOW SEEING AGAIN ALREADY OUR COUNTY JAIL SYSTEM  
16 THE LARGEST IN THE WORLD, GROWING EVEN MORE AT \$2.3 BILLION  
17 EXPANSION. IT'S TIME THAT WE LOOK AT OUR ADDICTION TO  
18 SUPPRESSION AND SOME OF THE POLICING AND JAILING OF PEOPLE AND  
19 INCARCERATION AND BUILD DIFFERENT FUTURES FOR LOS ANGELES AND  
20 OUR COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU.

21

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

23 [APPLAUSE.] LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WE SIMPLY RAISE OUR HANDS SO  
24 THAT WE CAN PROCEED. MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE.

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1 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** MR. CHAIRMAN, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS  
2 ARE BEFORE YOU. ITEMS 9, 13, 17, 18, 19, 24, 26 AND 27.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. THEY ARE  
5 BEFORE US. SUPERVISOR SOLIS MOVES. SUPERVISOR KUEHL SECONDS.  
6 IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS?

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** MR. CHAIR? THERE WAS-- YOU MOVED VERY  
9 QUICKLY. I WANTED TO RESPOND JUST QUICKLY TO SOME OF THE  
10 COMMENTS THAT WERE MADE. I THANK THE AUDIENCE FOR COMING ON  
11 THE ITEM THAT WAS BEFORE US.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ON 17, OKAY?

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** 17, YEAH. SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOLLOWED  
16 BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, THANKS.

17

18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT THE PURPOSE  
19 OF THE MOTION WAS TO HELP PROVIDE FOR A LAYER OF TRANSPARENCY.  
20 AND WHILE I'M HEARING FROM THE COMMUNITY THEY HAVE VARIOUS  
21 CONCERNS, MANY OF US UNDERSTAND THAT. AND I THINK THIS IS AT  
22 LEAST ONE STEP IN THE DIRECTION TO PROVIDE MORE TRANSPARENCY  
23 FOR THE PUBLIC AS WELL AS FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THAT'S  
24 WHY I'VE ASKED THE INSPECTOR GENERAL TO HELP COMPILE THIS  
25 INFORMATION AND THEN SHARE THE INFORMATION WITH THE CIVILIAN



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1 OVERSIGHT COMMISSION. AND WE SPOKE WITH THE SHERIFF ABOUT  
2 THIS. SO THIS WASN'T INITIALLY THE IDEA, BUT NOW IT IS  
3 SOMETHING THAT WE WANT TO MOVE FORWARD WITH. AND I WANT TO  
4 THANK THE PUBLIC AND FOLKS FOR COMING OUT THIS AFTERNOON, THIS  
5 MORNING. IT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO HEAR WHAT YOU HAVE TO SAY. AND  
6 AS THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT BEGINS ITS WORK, WE REALLY DO MEAN  
7 WHAT WE SAY, THAT WE WANT PEOPLE TO SPEAK TO THEM WITH THEIR  
8 CONCERNS AND TO LET US KNOW WHAT OTHER CONCERNS THAT COME UP  
9 REGARDING THIS PARTICULAR COMMISSION. IT IS IMPORTANT. AND I  
10 WANT TO, WITH THAT, I UNDERSTAND SUPERVISOR HAHN HAS A  
11 FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR?

14

15 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR  
16 SOLIS, AND THANK YOU TO THE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY THAT HAVE  
17 EXPRESSED THEIR CONCERNS ABOUT THIS. I KNOW THAT WHILE, YOU  
18 KNOW, WE REALLY WANT TO SUPPORT OUR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, OUR  
19 LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES HERE IN OUR REGION, I ALSO SHARE SOME  
20 CONCERNS ABOUT THE USE OF DRONES. I REPRESENTED THE CITY OF  
21 COMPTON IN CONGRESS WHEN THEY WERE SURPRISED AT THE  
22 SURVEILLANCE THAT WAS HAPPENING IN THEIR CITY UNBEKNOWNST TO A  
23 LOT OF PEOPLE. SO I SHARE THAT CONCERN. I THANK THE MAKER OF  
24 THIS MOTION FOR ACCEPTING MY FRIENDLY AMENDMENT. I WOULD LIKE  
25 THE INSPECTOR GENERAL'S FINDINGS AND REPORTS TO ALSO BE GIVEN



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1 TO THE BOARD SIMULTANEOUSLY. BECAUSE I'M VERY INTERESTED IN  
2 THE FINDINGS OF THIS REPORT ON THE USE OF DRONES. SO THANK YOU  
3 FOR THAT. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THAT REPORT, AS WELL AS THE  
4 OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE HAS.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. AMENDED WITHOUT  
7 OBJECTION. MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER?

8

9 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** EXCUSE ME, MR. CHAIRMAN, THERE WAS  
10 ONE SPEAKER, ARNOLD SACHS THAT WAS CALLED EARLIER, AND NOW HE  
11 IS ARRIVING TO SPEAK.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. YOU MAY TAKE A SEAT OR,  
14 SERGEANTS, I THINK WE'RE DONE WITH THIS PARTICULAR PORTION.

15

16 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** HE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK FOR ITEMS  
17 THAT WERE NOT HELD BY ANY SUPERVISOR. AND WE CALLED HIS NAME  
18 EARLIER.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** YOU KNOW, WE SIMPLY ARE NOT GOING  
21 TO HAVE AN EXCHANGE LIKE THIS. SO THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE CAN  
22 SETTLE THIS. WE'RE GOING TO PROCEED. LET ME TELL YOU WHAT  
23 YOU'RE GOING TO DO. YOU'RE GOING TO SIT OR BE ESCORTED OUT,  
24 YOUR PLEASURE. ALL RIGHT. MR. COBLENTZ. HE HAS SOME DIFFICULTY  
25 STANDING STRAIGHT. SO PERHAPS HE CAN BE AFFORDED AN



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1 OPPORTUNITY TO EXERCISE OUTSIDE ON THE PAVEMENT. LET'S  
2 PROCEED.

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4 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.  
5 ITEM 9, 13, 17, 18, 19, 24, 26 AND 27.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THEY ARE BEFORE US. ARE  
8 THERE ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS, COMMENTS OR AMENDMENTS TO THAT  
9 WHICH IS BEFORE US? SUPERVISOR SOLIS MOVES. IT HAS BEEN HER  
10 ITEM. 17 HAS BEEN AMENDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. SEEING NO  
11 FURTHER DISCUSSION ON ANY OF THOSE ITEMS, PLEASE RECORD A  
12 UNANIMOUS VOTE. LET'S PROCEED.

13

14 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** THE NEXT ITEM BEFORE YOU IS AGENDA  
15 ITEM NO. 20. THIS IS A MOTION REGARDING YOUTH DIVERSION. THE  
16 FOLLOWING PRESENTERS ARE HERE TO SPEAK BEFORE THE BOARD. THE  
17 FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WILL EACH HAVE TWO MINUTES TO MAKE THEIR  
18 PRESENTATIONS. WOULD YOU PLEASE COME FORWARD AS YOU HEAR YOUR  
19 NAME CALLED? DR. ROBERT ROSS, STEVE GOLDSMITH, JOSEPH DUVAL,  
20 PATRICIA SUNG, AND CYN YAMASHIRO. AND MR. CHAIRMAN, THERE ARE  
21 ALSO COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES ALSO SEATED UP HERE ON THE DAIS  
22 THAT WILL SPEAK AFTER THE PRESENTERS.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.  
25 ITEM NO. 20 IS BEFORE US. IT IS ESSENTIALLY DESIGNED TO



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1 ADVANCE COUNTY-WIDE APPROACH TO YOUTH DIVERSION. BOTH MEMBERS  
2 OF THE BOARD HAVE BROUGHT IT FORWARD, THAT WOULD BE SUPERVISOR  
3 HAHN AND SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. WE'LL TURN NOW TO OUR  
4 SPEAKERS. DR. ROSS? DR. ROSS, THE FLOOR IS YOURS.

5

6 **DR. ROBERT ROSS:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIR, GOOD MORNING, ALL  
7 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I JUST HAVE TO SAY I BEG YOUR  
8 INDULGENCE. COMING OFF THE WOMEN'S MARCH THIS WEEKEND, MR.  
9 CHAIR, I SEE FOUR WOMEN SEATED HERE AT THE BOARD OF  
10 SUPERVISORS. IT GIVES ME GREAT PRIDE TO SEE THAT. AND I HOPE  
11 THIS DEVELOPMENT DOES NOT CAUSE YOU UNDUE ANXIETY, SIR.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. JUST REMIND YOU  
14 THAT YOU ARE OFF POINT. THANK YOU SO MUCH. [LAUGHTER.]

15

16 **DR. ROBERT ROSS:** GOOD MORNING. DR. BOB ROSS, PRESIDENT C.E.O.  
17 OF THE CALIFORNIA ENDOWMENT. AND GLAD TO BE HERE SPEAKING  
18 TOWARDS THE MOTION ON YOUTH DIVERSION, AGENDA ITEM 20. SEVERAL  
19 YEARS AGO, OUR FOUNDATION LAUNCHED A BUILDING HEALTHY  
20 COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE, A STATEWIDE EFFORT WORKING WITH 14  
21 UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE STATE LISTENING TO YOUNG  
22 PEOPLE ABOUT THEIR IDEAS FOR A HEALTHY COMMUNITY. WE HEARD A  
23 LOT OF THINGS THAT WE EXPECTED TO HEAR, SUCH AS ACCESS TO  
24 HEALTHCARE, NUTRITIOUS FOODS, PLACES TO EXERCISE, AND LIVING  
25 IN SAFE COMMUNITIES FREE OF VIOLENCE. BUT ONE THING THAT



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1 CAUGHT US A BIT OFF GUARD AND BY SURPRISE WAS OVER AND OVER  
2 AND OVER AGAIN HEARING FROM YOUNG PEOPLE FROM NORTH TO SOUTH  
3 ACROSS THE STATE STEPPING FORWARD WITH REMARKABLY SOME OF THE  
4 STORIES, BEING PUNISHED AND KICKED OUT OF SCHOOL, STORIES FOR  
5 BEING PUNISHED AS SIMPLE AS SHOWING UP LATE, A FEW MINUTES  
6 LATE FOR SCHOOL, PLAYGROUND FIGHTS THAT IN TIMES PAST USED TO  
7 BE HANDLED BY PRINCIPALS AND SCHOOL COUNSELORS AND GUIDANCE  
8 COUNSELORS NOW TURNED OVER TO SCHOOL POLICE. THIS WAS AN  
9 INDICATION AND EMBODIMENT OF THE SCHOOL-TO-PRISON PIPELINE IN  
10 ACTION, BECAUSE WE'VE SEEN THAT WHEN KIDS ARE SUSPENDED FROM  
11 SCHOOL, THEY FALL BEHIND, THEY ARE MORE LIKELY TO END UP IN  
12 THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM AND, IN TURN, MORE LIKELY TO END  
13 UP IN PRISON. THE DATA TELL US THAT YOUTH OF COLOR FROM  
14 UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES ARE THE ONES PUNISHED MOST HARSHLY AND  
15 MOST OFTEN. AS YOU KNOW IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, 95 PERCENT OF  
16 YOUNG PEOPLE UNDER THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT ARE INCARCERATED  
17 ARE YOUTH OF COLOR SO AS WE DIG MORE DEEPLY INTO THE DATA AND  
18 THE RESEARCH, WE SEE THAT THE DRIVERS OF SCHOOL PUSHOUT, CRIME  
19 AND INCARCERATION, ARE VERY MUCH HEALTH-RELATED. THEY ARE  
20 RELATED TO CHILDHOOD TRAUMA EXPOSURE, PHYSICAL AND SEXUAL  
21 ABUSE, WITNESSING FAMILY OR COMMUNITY VIOLENCE, EMOTIONAL  
22 NEGLECT, SEPARATION FROM PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS SUCH AS ISSUES  
23 OF INCARCERATION AND DEPORTATION. TRAUMA IMPAIRS THE  
24 DEVELOPMENT OF HEALTHY MINDS AND BODIES, INCREASING THE  
25 CHANCES THAT YOUNG PEOPLE WILL BEHAVE INAPPROPRIATELY WHEN



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1 THEY'RE INSTINCTUAL, INSTINCTIVE FIGHT OR FLIGHT MECHANISMS  
2 ARE TRIGGERED NEUROPHYSIOLOGICALLY. AND EXPOSURE TO CHILDHOOD  
3 TRAUMA COMES AT A TIME WHEN YOUNG BRAINS ARE STILL MATURING,  
4 IMPAIRING THEIR ABILITY TO MAKE RATIONAL DECISIONS. SO IT'S NO  
5 SURPRISE THAT THE HIGHEST RATES OF TRAUMA ARE FOUND AMONG  
6 INCARCERATED YOUTH. IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, ONE STUDY SHOWED  
7 THAT 92 PERCENT OF YOUTH IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM HAD BEEN  
8 EXPOSED TO TRAUMA. AMONG ADULTS, YOU'RE WELL AWARE 80 PERCENT  
9 OF THE PEOPLE ARRESTED HAVE A SUBSTANCE ABUSE ISSUE. 50  
10 PERCENT OF PEOPLE IN JAIL HAVE A MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEM OF SOME  
11 TYPE. AND IT'S PLAIN TO SEE THAT HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SAFETY  
12 ARE TWO SIDES OF THE VERY SAME COIN. WITH THIS UNDERSTANDING,  
13 OUR FOUNDATION IS IN SUPPORT OF THREE KEY STRATEGIES,  
14 STRATEGIES THAT ARE CAPTURED IN THE WORK OF THIS COUNTY BOARD  
15 OF SUPERVISORS AND IN THIS MOTION IN PARTICULAR. ONE, WE NEED  
16 SOLUTIONS FOR HEALTH PROBLEMS. WE HAVE CRIMINALIZED TOO MUCH  
17 OF WHAT AILS YOUNG PEOPLE ACROSS THIS COUNTRY. SECONDLY, WE  
18 MUST PRIORITIZE WAYS OF HELPING TO HOLD YOUNG PEOPLE  
19 ACCOUNTABLE WHILE KEEPING THEM OUT OF THE JUSTICE SYSTEM.  
20 THERE'S NO QUESTION THAT YOUNG PEOPLE NEED TO BE HELD  
21 RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR ACTIONS BUT IN A WAY THAT'S SUPPORTIVE  
22 AND PUNISHMENT AND INCARCERATION ARE NOT THE ONLY WAYS. FOR  
23 THE PAST FOUR YEARS, THE CALIFORNIA ENDOWMENT HAS SUPPORTED  
24 RESTORATIVE JUSTICE DIVERSION PROGRAMS ACROSS THE STATE IN  
25 PLACES LIKE LONG BEACH, SAN DIEGO, OAKLAND AND HERE IN L.A.,



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1 DIVERTING YOUNG PEOPLE FROM THE JUSTICE SYSTEM AT THE POINT OF  
2 ARREST AND MAKING SURE THAT YOUNG PEOPLE COME TO THE RIGHT  
3 KIND OF SUPPORTIVE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. AND THESE KINDS  
4 OF APPROACHES HAVE DEMONSTRATED A REDUCTION IN RECIDIVISM  
5 RATES AND BETTER OUTCOMES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE. AND OBVIOUSLY  
6 WE'RE LOOKING AT COSTS OF UPWARDS, AS YOUR MOTION NOTES,  
7 UPWARDS OF \$247,000 A YEAR TO INCARCERATED YOUTH IN L.A.  
8 COUNTY. MANY OF THE PROGRAMS THAT HEAR ABOUT FROM MY  
9 COLLEAGUES, AS MUCH AS \$7,000 PER YOUTH PER YEAR IN  
10 COMPARISON. AND THEN LASTLY INVESTING MORE IN PREVENTION  
11 SUPPORTS AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT. WE HEARD FROM SPEAKERS ALREADY  
12 ON ANOTHER ITEM. WE NEED TO MOVE DOLLARS AWAY FROM  
13 INCARCERATION AND PUNISHMENT AND JAILS. THE STATE JAIL BUDGET  
14 IS STILL 11 BILLION TO \$12 BILLION. BUT YET WE HAVE NO STATE  
15 LINE ITEM BUDGET FOR HEALTHY YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORTS.  
16 WE NEED TO REDUCE THAT LINE ITEM BUDGET IN THE STATE FOR  
17 INCARCERATION AND MOVE IT TO PREVENTION. SO JUVENILE DIVERGENT  
18 STRATEGIES LIKE THE ONE YOU'RE CONSIDERING TODAY ARE CENTRAL  
19 TO THIS NEW VISION. IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, WE MUST  
20 MOVE TOWARDS ENDING THE INCARCERATION OF JUVENILES. WE ARE ONE  
21 OF THE FEW DEVELOPED NATIONS THAT CONTINUES TO INCARCERATE  
22 JUVENILES. WE MUST MOVE MORE TOWARDS A VISION OF ENDING THIS  
23 PRACTICE IN THE NATION. THIS KIND OF ACTION YOU'RE TAKING  
24 TODAY POSITIONS THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AS A NATIONAL LEADER  
25 IN THE VANGUARD OF THAT MOVEMENT. THAT WE CAN COME UP WITH



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1 MORE HUMANE, DIGNIFIED, SMARTER, CHEAPER, BETTER WAYS TO  
2 APPROACH THE PROBLEMS OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. AND I JUST WANT TO  
3 APPLAUD YOU, SUPERVISOR, SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOR AUTHORIZING THIS  
4 MOTION, THAT THE LEADERSHIP YOU ARE DEMONSTRATING IN THIS  
5 COUNTY WILL BE THE BELLWETHER INDICATOR FOR THE REST OF THE  
6 NATION. THEY WILL SEE THAT IF LOS ANGELES COUNTY CAN DO THIS,  
7 THE REST OF THE NATION CAN DO IT, AS WELL. AND I APPLAUD YOU  
8 FOR CONSIDERING THIS MOTION. THANK YOU.

9

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

12

13 **STEVE GOLDSMITH:** STEVE GOLDSMITH. I'M REPRESENTING CENTINELA  
14 YOUTH SERVICES WHO HAVE BEEN PROVIDING EVIDENCE-BASED  
15 RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PROGRAMS SINCE 1975 AND ESPECIALLY SINCE  
16 1992. I COULDN'T HAVE SAID IT BETTER THAN THE REPRESENTATIVE  
17 OF THE CALIFORNIA ENDOWMENT, AND WE ARE A PAST FUNDEE OF THEM.  
18 WE'RE HERE TO SUPPORT THE MOTION. AND WANT TO COMMEND THE  
19 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE GREAT WORK OF ASSESSING WHAT ARE  
20 THE BEST PRACTICES AND DOING A GREAT JOB IN TRANSITIONING THE  
21 COUNTY TO A MORE UPDATED AND MORE EFFECTIVE METHODOLOGY. WE'RE  
22 VERY HAPPY ALSO TO HEAR THAT THERE'S A NEW DEPUTY CHIEF IN  
23 PROBATION FOCUSED ON JUVENILE SERVICES. AND WE ARE VERY MUCH  
24 IN SUPPORT OF EXPANDING THE QUALITY OF DIVERSION OPPORTUNITIES  
25 TO THE NEXT FRONTIER SO WE CAN TRULY KEEP AS MANY PEOPLE AND



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1 PARTICULARLY YOUTH OUT OF THE JUSTICE SYSTEM AS POSSIBLE. AS  
2 OUR DATA AND THE DATA IN THE FIELD STRONGLY BACKS UP, BOTH IN  
3 TERMS OF SCIENCE AND IN HUMANITY, HAS DEMONSTRATED THAT WHAT  
4 WORKS FOR YOUTH AND TO ADDRESS JUVENILE BEHAVIOR THAT IS TRULY  
5 ACTING OUT AND COMES FROM INJURY THEMSELVES, OUR SERVICES, NOT  
6 INCARCERATION, NOT THE RETRIBUTIVE APPROACH BUT THE  
7 RESTORATIVE APPROACH. SO WE STRONGLY SUPPORT THE MOTION TODAY.

8

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

11

12 **JOSEPH DUVAL:** GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS  
13 JOSEPH DUVAL WITH CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION. LET ME BE  
14 SURE TO SEND GREETINGS ON BEHALF OF OUR C.E.O. AND PRESIDENT  
15 ANTONIA HERNANDEZ AND OUR VICE PRESIDENT OF PROGRAMS NICKY  
16 IRVIN. WE'RE HER TO OFFER OUR SUPPORT ON THE MOTION AND THANK  
17 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND HAHN FOR THEIR EFFORTS TO  
18 INSTITUTIONALIZE YOUTH DIVERSION EFFORTS IN COORDINATION FROM  
19 A PUBLIC LENS. SIX YEARS AGO AT CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY  
20 FOUNDATION, THE FOUNDATION CONVENEED COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO  
21 CREATE A PROGRAM DESIGNED TO SUPPORT A PIPELINE OF OPTIONS AND  
22 OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG MEN WITH SYSTEM INVOLVEMENT AND DIVERT  
23 THEM FROM INVOLVEMENT WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT. SINCE 2012, THE  
24 B.L.O.O.M. PROGRAM, BUILDING A LIFETIME OF OPTIONS AND  
25 OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEN, HAS SERVED MORE THAN 500 YOUNG MEN,



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1 PARTNERING WITH BROTHERHOOD CRUSADE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE  
2 LEARNING INSTITUTE, LOCAL COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS, TO INCREASE  
3 HIGH SCHOOL COMPLETION AND POST SECONDARY OPTIONS.  
4 ADDITIONALLY, B.L.O.O.M. LINKS YOUTH TO WRAPAROUND SUPPORTIVE  
5 SERVICES THAT INCLUDE MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE  
6 SUPPORT. WHAT WE'VE LEARNED IS THAT A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA  
7 OVERWHELMINGLY DECREASES YOUNG BLACK MEN'S CHANCES OF  
8 INCARCERATION. IN CALIFORNIA ALONE, 90 PERCENT OF BLACK MEN  
9 WITHOUT A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR G.E.D. WILL FACE  
10 INCARCERATION IN HIS LIFETIME. THAT PERCENTAGE DROPS  
11 PRECIPITOUSLY TO 12 PERCENT WITH A DIPLOMA OR G.E.D. C.C.F.  
12 HAS INVESTED FUNDS TO STRENGTHEN OUR PARTNERS' WORK BEYOND  
13 GENERAL GRANT MAKING AND WE INVITE THE COUNTY TO CONSIDER  
14 EFFORTS TO SUPPORT DATA MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS AND COLLECTION,  
15 STAFF DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT. BASED ON THE EVIDENCE  
16 FROM OUR EVALUATION PROVIDED BY U.C.L.A., WE KNOW THE  
17 DIVERSION PROGRAMS WORK AND THAT COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS  
18 WITH THE RIGHT RESOURCES AND TOOLS CAN HELP YOUTH THRIVE AND  
19 AVOID CONTACT WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT. WE AGREE WITH MUCH OF THE  
20 RATIONALE OF THE MOTION, BUT WHILE IT MAY SAVE MONEY, IT WOULD  
21 BE FOOLISH TO APPROACH THIS SIMPLY AS A COST SAVING MEASURE.  
22 TO MORE FULLY ADDRESS THE CHALLENGES, AN ENVIRONMENTAL  
23 PERSPECTIVE IS IN ORDER, WHICH AT MANY TIMES MEAN CONSIDERING  
24 WAYS TO PARTNER WITH AND/OR SUPPORT SOCIAL CHANGE EFFORTS  
25 DESIGNED TO IMPACT THE COMMUNITY CONDITIONS YOUNG MEN AND



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1 THEIR FAMILIES FACE. FROM MY OWN EXPERIENCE, IT CAN BE VERY  
2 DISCOURAGING TO MOVE ON TO THE PATH FOR GROWTH AND PROGRESS  
3 YET HAVE TO TRAVEL EVERY DAY INTO THE SAME NEIGHBORHOODS WITH  
4 THE CHALLENGES THAT LED YOU DOWN IT IN THE PAST. SINCE 2012,  
5 B.L.O.O.M. HAS HELPED MORE THAN 500 YOUNG MEN AGES 14 TO 18.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** MR. DUVAL, YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. DO  
8 YOU WANT TO WRAP UP?

9

10 **JOSEPH DUVAL:** YES, SIR.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** YOU HAVE ABOUT 20 MORE PAGES THERE.

13

14 **JOSEPH DUVAL:** NO, LAST PAGE. COUPLE OF ITEMS HERE. ABOUT 90  
15 PERCENT OF THE YOUNG MEN IN B.L.O.O.M. HAVE UPHELD THE TERMS  
16 OF THEIR PROBATION. 65 PERCENT OF B.L.O.O.M. YOUTH HAVE  
17 APPLIED TO A COLLEGE AND WERE ACCEPTED. 84 PERCENT OF YOUTH  
18 STAYED ENROLLED IN SCHOOL AND ARE WORKING TOWARDS HIGH SCHOOL  
19 COMPLETION. SO WE'RE ENCOURAGED BY THE COUNTY EFFORT AND WE  
20 ENCOURAGE THE COUNTY PARTNERS TO VIEW US AND OUR PARTNERS AS A  
21 RESOURCE AND WE'RE AVAILABLE TO CONSIDER WAYS IN WHICH WE CAN  
22 SUPPORT THE EFFORT. THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
25 I'M GOING TO CALL NOW ON PATRICIA SUNG, IF SHE WOULD GIVE HER



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1 TESTIMONY AND SHE WILL BE FOLLOWED BY JUDGE PETER ESPINOSA,  
2 SHEILA MITCHELL, DR. MARK GHALY, CYN YAMASHIRO AND KELLY  
3 EMLING, IN THAT ORDER, PLEASE. MISS SUNG.

4  
5 **PATRICIA SUNG:** GOOD MORNING. PATRICIA SUNG, THE CHILDREN'S  
6 DEFENSE FUND WHERE I AM SENIOR STAFF ATTORNEY AND POLICY  
7 ASSOCIATE. WE WORK TO TRANSFORM JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEMS TO  
8 BETTER OUTCOMES FOR YOUTH, FAMILIES AND WHOLE COMMUNITIES. I  
9 AM SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION. DIVERSION IS A  
10 NECESSARY PART OF OUR CONTINUUM OF RESPONSES TO YOUNG PEOPLE  
11 WHEN THEY VIOLATE THE LAW. THERE IS LONG-OVERDUE ATTENTION  
12 NEEDED FOR DIVERSION. BECAUSE DIVERSION RECOGNIZES THAT YOUTH  
13 CONTACTS WITH THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM AND ESPECIALLY  
14 FORMAL PROCESSING CAN OFTEN BE INEFFECTIVE AND HAVE NEGATIVE  
15 COUNTERPRODUCTIVE CONSEQUENCES, SO SYSTEM CONTACT MUST BE A  
16 LAST RESORT. DIVERSION ALSO RECOGNIZES THAT LONG TERM  
17 COMMUNITY SAFETY CAN BE BETTER ACHIEVED THROUGH OTHER MEANS,  
18 INCLUDING CONNECTING YOUNG PEOPLE TO CARING ADULTS IN THEIR  
19 COMMUNITIES, SAFE AND STABLE HOUSING, APPROPRIATE MEANINGFUL  
20 SCHOOL PLACEMENTS, MENTAL HEALTHCARE AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE  
21 TREATMENT. IN RECENT YEARS, ENCOURAGINGLY, THERE HAS BEEN MORE  
22 PARTICIPATION AND ATTENTION AND GROWING EFFORTS TO DIVERSION  
23 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. HOWEVER, THE MOTION IS STILL IMPORTANT  
24 TO EXPANDING THOSE EFFORTS AND ALSO TO CHALLENGING THEM. I  
25 WANT TO FLAG TWO CONCERNS ABOUT THE EFFORTS THAT I'M EXCITED



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1 THIS MOTION AND CONSULTANTS MAY ADDRESS. ONE IS PAYING MORE  
2 ATTENTION TO HOW WE DO DIVERSION. DIVERSION HAS EVOLVED INTO  
3 WIDE RANGING APPROACHES BY DIVERSE ACTORS, RANGING FROM HEALTH  
4 AGENCIES TO COURTS, TO DISTRICT ATTORNEYS TO LAW ENFORCEMENT  
5 AGENCIES AS WELL AS COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS. WE NEED TO  
6 BETTER UNDERSTAND WHAT RESEARCH AND EVIDENCE TEACHES US ABOUT  
7 BEST PRACTICES, INCLUDING WHAT POPULATIONS TO FOCUS ON, WHO  
8 DECIDES TO DIVERT, AND WHAT THE CONSEQUENCES ARE. WE ALSO NEED  
9 TO PAY MORE ATTENTION TO THE IMPACT OF DIVERSION. ULTIMATELY,  
10 RESEARCH HAS SHOWN THAT SOME DIVERSION PRACTICES HAVE  
11 LIMITATIONS OR EVEN NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES, INCLUDING AN IDEA  
12 OF NET WIDENING WHEREBY GREATER NUMBERS OF YOUNG PEOPLE END UP  
13 HAVING CONTACT WITH THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM. ULTIMATELY  
14 DIVERSION MUST BE DRIVEN BY PRINCIPLES OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AS  
15 MANY SPEAKERS HAVE ALLUDED TO. WHEREBY YOUNG PEOPLE ARE  
16 POSITIVELY INCENTIVIZED AND SUPPORTED, AND NOT SURVEILLED AND  
17 SUPERVISED UNDER A DIFFERENT NAME. THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
18 LEADERSHIP ON THIS MOTION. WE SUPPORT IT.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
21 WE'LL NOW TURN TO JUDGE ESPINOSA ALL RIGHT. CAN WE GIVE HIM A  
22 LITTLE AMPLIFICATION?

23

24 **HON. PETER ESPINOZA:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS PETER ESPINOZA.  
25 I'M THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND RE-ENTRY. I'M



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1 HAPPY TO BE HERE TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF TODAY'S MOTION ON  
2 JUVENILE DIVERSION. I COME TO THIS WORK AS YOU KNOW WITH 25  
3 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM, MUCH OF IT IN ADULT  
4 CRIMINAL JUSTICE, BUT AT LEAST SOME OF IT IN THE JUVENILE  
5 JUSTICE SYSTEM. I CAN'T OVEREMPHASIZE HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO  
6 AVOID THAT FIRST EXPOSURE TO THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM BY  
7 THESE YOUNG PEOPLE BEFORE THEY'VE BECOME OVERLY FAMILIAR WITH  
8 IT AND COMFORTABLE WITH THE ROLE THEY PLAY IN JUVENILE  
9 JUSTICE. I ALSO WANT TO REPEAT WHAT HAS BEEN SAID BY OTHER  
10 SPEAKERS TODAY ABOUT THE INTERSECTION BETWEEN EDUCATIONAL  
11 FAILURE AND JUSTICE SYSTEM INVOLVEMENT. IT'S UNDENIABLE. I  
12 HAVE BEEN INVOLVED OVER THE YEARS WITH A NUMBER OF DIVERSION  
13 EFFORTS THAT DEAL DIRECTLY WITH THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES, FOR  
14 EXAMPLE, AND DIVERTING YOUNG PEOPLE FROM THE SYSTEM INTO  
15 EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS. IT'S IMPORTANT TO EXPOSE THEM TO  
16 LIFESTYLES AND IDEAS AND ATTITUDES OTHER THAN THOSE THEY'RE  
17 ABLE TO ACQUIRE IN THEIR ENVIRONMENTS WHERE THEY LIVE. IT'S  
18 LIFE CHANGING AND VERY, VERY IMPORTANT. IT'S A DIVERSION  
19 STRATEGY THAT'S INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT. I ALSO WANT TO SAY THAT  
20 THE IDEA OF CREATING A DEPARTMENT OR A LOCATION FOR THIS WORK  
21 IS IMPORTANT. I DON'T KNOW WHERE THAT DEPARTMENT OR LOCATION  
22 SHOULD BE. I LEAVE THAT UP TO THE SUPERVISORS. BUT I WILL CITE  
23 O.D.R. AS AN EXAMPLE. IN THE WORK OF ADULT DIVERSION THAT WE  
24 ARE ENGAGED IN, O.D.R., THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND RE-ENTRY,  
25 HAS COME TO BE KNOWN AS THE PLACE TO GO FOR ANSWERS TO SEEK



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1 SOLUTIONS, AND TO PRESENT PROGRAMMING IDEAS. SO WHEREVER YOU  
2 DECIDE TO PUT IT, IT'S IMPORTANT I THINK THAT YOU CREATION A  
3 LOCATION IN THE DEPARTMENT FOR THIS WORK. I'M AVAILABLE TO  
4 ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR HAVING ME.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
7 TESTIMONY, JUDGE ESPINOZA. WE WILL NOW TURN TO SHEILA  
8 MITCHELL. WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO YOU. THIS IS YOUR FIRST  
9 OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT TO THE BOARD IN YOUR NEW ROLE. AND  
10 PERHAPS, MISS MCDONALD, YOU WANT TO SET THAT UP.

11

12 **TERRI MCDONALD:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. I  
13 AM THRILLED TO PRESENT MISS MITCHELL TODAY. MISS MITCHELL'S A  
14 NATIONALLY RENOWNED EXPERT IN JUVENILE SUPERVISION. SHE HIT  
15 THE GROUND RUNNING LAST WEEK. SHE'S ALREADY BEEN CHALLENGING  
16 HER TEAM TO THINK DIFFERENTLY AND MORE PROFOUNDLY ABOUT THE  
17 WORK THAT WE DO WITH OUR JUVENILES. SO I'LL HAND THE MIC. OVER  
18 TO MISS MITCHELL WHO I THINK WE'LL ALL BE PLEASED TO JOIN OUR  
19 AMAZING TEAM HERE. MISS MITCHELL.

20

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

22

23 **SHEILA MITCHELL:** THANK YOU, CHIEF. SO IT'S A TRUE PLEASURE TO  
24 BE HERE THIS MORNING. AND THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO  
25 SPEAK ON THIS MOTION. WE ARE IN FULL SUPPORT OF THE MOTION AS



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1 IT'S WRITTEN BECAUSE IT FURTHER GIVES US THE OPPORTUNITY TO  
2 KEEP CHILDREN OUT OF THE JUSTICE SYSTEM OR TO MINIMIZE THEIR  
3 INVOLVEMENT IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM. AS WAS PREVIOUSLY SPOKEN,  
4 WHAT WE KNOW IS THAT WHEN CHILDREN ARE IN THE JUVENILE JUSTICE  
5 SYSTEM, WHILE WE WANT TO DO IT AND WE DO GOOD WORK, WITH THOSE  
6 CHILDREN THAT DON'T POSE A RISK TO PUBLIC SAFETY, THEY NEED  
7 NOT BE IN THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM. OVER THE PAST NINE  
8 YEARS, I'VE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO EITHER BENCHMARK, LEAD OR  
9 EXAMINE MANY DIVERSION PROGRAMS ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SO THERE'S  
10 A LOT OF CUTTING EDGE WORK THAT'S BEING DONE, INCLUDING HERE  
11 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. SO IN PORTLAND, OREGON, WHAT THEY  
12 FOUND, THEY STARTED OUT LOOKING AT THE SCHOOL SYSTEM AS THE  
13 JUDGE ALLUDED TO, THE WHOLE NOTION OF EXPULSIONS AND  
14 SUSPENSIONS. WHAT THAT LEADS TO IF NOT DONE CORRECTLY IS IT  
15 LEADS TO KIDS MOVING ALONG THE CONVEYOR BELT AND HEADING INTO  
16 OUR JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM. SO THERE IS GREAT WORK THERE FOR  
17 US TO EXAMINE. ALSO IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA, THEY CREATED  
18 MANY, MANY YEARS AGO SOMETHING CALLED THE JUVENILE ASSESSMENT  
19 CENTERS. AND WHAT THAT DOES, IT LOOKS AT CHILDREN AT THE VERY  
20 ONSET WHEN THERE'S INTERACTION WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT. AND IT  
21 MAKES THE DETERMINATION BASED ON RISKS AND NEEDS, WHO SHOULD  
22 COME INTO THE SYSTEM AND WHO SHOULD NOT. AND THEN IN SANTA  
23 CLARA COUNTY WHERE I LED AN EFFORT, FOR MANY, MANY YEARS AND  
24 WAS A JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM COLLABORATIVE, IT HAD 22  
25 MEMBERS. WE ALWAYS SAID THAT WAS 20 TOO MANY. BUT IT WAS A



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1 GREAT INITIATIVE, GREAT COLLABORATIVE BECAUSE IT INCLUDED ALL  
2 OF OUR JUSTICE SYSTEM PARTNERS, ALL OF OUR COMMUNITY-BASED  
3 ORGANIZATIONS AND JUST EVERY SINGLE STAKEHOLDER THAT HAD A  
4 VESTED INTEREST IN WHAT WAS HAPPENING IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM.  
5 COUPLE OF THINGS THAT WE DID, WE IMPLEMENTED SOMETHING CALLED  
6 THE DIRECT REFERRAL PROGRAM. THAT WAS AN INITIATIVE THAT WE  
7 HAD WITH SAN JOSE P.D. IF THE CHILD GOT IN TROUBLE IN SCHOOL,  
8 THE POLICE, THEY ACTUALLY CALLED THE COMMUNITY-BASED  
9 ORGANIZATION. THEY DID NOT BRING THE CHILD TO THE FRONT DOOR  
10 OF JUVENILE HALL. THESE CHILDREN NEVER GOT AN ARREST RECORD.  
11 THAT IS STILL WORKING TODAY. ONE OF THE GOALS THAT WE HAD WITH  
12 THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM COLLABORATIVE AS WAS SPOKEN, IS  
13 THAT WE KNOW THE MAJORITY OF KIDS IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM ARE  
14 EITHER BLACK OR BROWN. SO WE REALLY FOCUS ON  
15 DISPROPORTIONALITY AND HOW THAT HAPPENS, LOOKING AT IT EARLY  
16 ON. RIGHT BEFORE COMING AND ME SERVING AS ASSISTANT CHIEF  
17 HERE, HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH A NONPROFIT, A NONPROFIT  
18 THAT'S WORKING IN GROUP HOMES. AND I WAS ASTONISHED BECAUSE  
19 THESE ARE KIDS SOME AS YOUNG AS 10 THAT IF WE WERE NOT DOING  
20 REALLY GOOD WORK THERE, THEY WOULD END UP INEVITABLY WITH OUR  
21 JUSTICE SYSTEM. AND IT JUST PAINED ME DEARLY WHEN I  
22 INTERVIEWED SOME OF THESE YOUNG CHILDREN. AND WE JUST NEEDED  
23 TO CREATE BETTER AVENUES FOR THEIR SUCCESS. ONE OF THE THINGS  
24 THAT WE DID-- AND THIS WAS AN EFFORT LED BY THE PUBLIC  
25 DEFENDER IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY. AND THAT WAS WORKING DEEPLY



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1 INTO LOOKING AT WHAT WAS HAPPENING IN OUR SCHOOLS. SO A LOT OF  
2 WORK, A LOT OF GREAT PRACTICES. HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY,  
3 PROUDLY SAY, 15 YEARS AGO WE HAD OVER 1,800 YOUNG PEOPLE IN  
4 OUR JUVENILE HALLS. TODAY THAT NUMBER IS A LITTLE OVER 600.  
5 THAT DOES NOT MEAN THAT THERE'S STILL NOT A LOT OF WORK TO DO  
6 BECAUSE WHAT WE KNOW IS WE HAVE A TOOL THAT WE USE. IT'S  
7 CALLED THE LAW. AND WHEN A CHILD COMES TO OUR FRONT DOOR, WE  
8 ASSESS THEIR RISK. WE WANT TO GET BETTER AT IT AND ASSESS  
9 THEIR NEEDS BECAUSE WE THINK THAT-- NOT THAT WE THINK. WE KNOW  
10 THAT THERE ARE OPPORTUNITIES FOR US TO BETTER LOOK AT HOW WE  
11 BASE OUR INTAKE DECISIONS ON WHO COMES INTO JUVENILE HALL. SO  
12 THERE'S OPPORTUNITIES THERE FOR IMPROVEMENT. IN THE LAST EIGHT  
13 MONTHS, WE SUCCESSFULLY DIVERTED OVER 2,100 YOUTH. AND WE'RE  
14 VERY PROUD OF THAT. AND ARE DOING REALLY WELL. BUT THAT NUMBER  
15 CAN IMPROVE. SO WE SUPPORT THE MOTION. AND WE'LL WORK VERY  
16 HARD IN MAKING SURE THAT LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS VIEWED AS WAS  
17 DESCRIBED AS A COUNTY THAT IS NUMBER ONE IN DIVERTING KIDS OUT  
18 OF THE SYSTEM AND DOING EXTREMELY WELL BY THEM AND FOR THEM.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR  
21 TESTIMONY. WE'LL PROCEED TO DR. MARK GHALY. SIR?

22

23 **DR. MARK GHALY:** GOOD MORNING, DR. MARK GHALY WITH L.A. COUNTY  
24 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES AND HEALTH AGENCY. THANK YOU FOR  
25 HAVING ME. AGAIN, ECHOING THE PRIOR COMMENTS, IN GREAT DEAL OF



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1 SUPPORT FOR THIS MOTION. I THINK IT GIVES US A FANTASTIC  
2 OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE IDEAS THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN IN PLACE THAT  
3 NEED TO BE SCALED IN L.A. AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO CREATE MORE  
4 DIVERSION OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH AT THAT CRITICAL MOMENT IN  
5 TIME TO FIND THEMSELVES IN MEANINGFUL PROGRAMS, CONNECTIONS TO  
6 FAMILIES, COMMUNITY, REALLY THERE'S NO BETTER TIME. I'M A  
7 CARD-CARRYING PEDIATRICIAN. I SPEND A LOT OF MY TIME WITH OUR  
8 COUNTY'S AT-RISK YOUTH AND YOUNG PEOPLE AND BELIEVE THAT THE  
9 SOLUTIONS HELD WITHIN THE DIVERSION PROGRAMS THAT WE SEE  
10 FLOURISHING ON A SMALL-SCALE IN THE COUNTY REALLY HOLD SOME OF  
11 THE MOST IMPORTANT ANSWERS. I DO WANT TO FOCUS, THOUGH, ON  
12 ANOTHER PART OF THE POPULATION THAT WE NEED TO ADDRESS WITHIN  
13 OUR EFFORTS WITH DIVERSION. AS YOU ALL KNOW, MENTAL ILLNESS  
14 REALLY STARTS TO TAKE SEED IN THOSE EARLY TO LATE TEEN YEARS,  
15 RIGHT? TODAY, A 15-YEAR-OLD SOMEWHERE IN THE COUNTY IS GOING  
16 TO HAVE THEIR FIRST PSYCHOTIC BREAK. IT MIGHT LEAD THEM TO  
17 SOME BEHAVIOR THAT WILL BE MISUNDERSTOOD AND MISINTERPRETED  
18 AND MAYBE LAND THEM IN A JUVENILE HALL, GOD FORBID, DOWN THE  
19 ROAD, A CAMP. AND I THINK OUR FOCUS HERE, JUST LIKE WE'VE DONE  
20 ON THE ADULT SIDE, TO TAKE A LOOK AT EARLY MENTAL ILLNESS,  
21 EARLY SUBSTANCE USE, TRY TO ADDRESS THEM WITH OUR BEST  
22 SOLUTIONS. AND REALLY INVEST. IT'S SMALL. IT'S NOT THE LARGEST  
23 NUMBER OF KIDS, RIGHT? BUT IT'S A SMALL AND IMPORTANT NUMBER.  
24 AND I BELIEVE THE THOUGHTFULNESS OF THE COMMITTEE THAT MIGHT  
25 COME OUT OF THE MOTION THAT THE ENERGY THAT REALLY BUILDS



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1 PROGRAMS FOR THIS GROUP OF YOUTH MAY UNLEASH AN ANSWER THAT WE  
2 DON'T HAVE TODAY. MIGHT SAY THAT PROGRAM IS WORKING THERE BUT  
3 IT'S ONLY ADDRESSING IT FOR 10 KIDS. HOW CAN WE SCALE IT AND  
4 HAVE IT AVAILABLE FOR 100? SO I APPRECIATE BOTH THE OFFICE OF  
5 DIVERSION AND THE HEALTH AGENCIES' INVOLVEMENT AND BEING PART  
6 OF THE TEAM TO SOLVE THESE HARD PROBLEMS FOR L.A. AND BRING  
7 THEM TO SCALE IN A WAY I THINK OUR BOARD AND OUR COUNTY CAN BE  
8 PROUD. SO THANK YOU FOR INVOLVING US.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'LL TAKE THE  
11 NEXT SPEAKER. CYN YAMASHIRO.

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13 **CYN YAMASHIRO:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS  
14 CYN YAMASHIRO. I AM THE CURRENT DIRECTING ATTORNEY OF THE  
15 INDEPENDENT JUVENILE DEFENDER OFFICE. BUT I'M ALSO SPEAKING TO  
16 YOU AS A CURRENT PROBATION COMMISSIONER, AS A FORMER PUBLIC  
17 DEFENDER, AND AS THE DIRECTOR, FOUNDING DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER  
18 FOR JUVENILE LAW AND POLICY AT LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL. I WANT TO  
19 START BY, AT THE RISK OF BEING A NITPICKER, I'D LIKE TO  
20 ENCOURAGE THE BOARD TO RATHER THAN FOCUS ON THE WORD DIVERSION  
21 TO MAYBE REORIENT IN A MORE AMBITIOUS WAY TO CONSIDER THIS AS  
22 DELINQUENCY PREVENTION. BECAUSE WHILE THERE'S NO QUESTION THAT  
23 THERE IS A ROLE FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT, THERE'S NO QUESTION  
24 THERE'S A ROLE FOR THE COURT SYSTEM, THE DIVERSION PROGRAMS  
25 TYPICALLY ASSUME IN MANY CASES THAT THE MINOR HAS ALREADY



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1 ENTERED THE SYSTEM. AND MANY OF THE PROGRAMS THAT EXIST THAT  
2 HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED FOR YEARS GO TO GREAT LENGTHS TO ENSURE  
3 THAT THERE IS NO PENETRATION INTO THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM  
4 AT ALL. AND WITHIN THE TAXONOMY OF THE JUVENILE JUSTICE  
5 COMMUNITY AND THE NATIONAL DIALOGUE, REALLY THE FOCUS IS ON  
6 DELINQUENCY PREVENTION. SO I WOULD ENCOURAGE US TO DO WHAT WE  
7 CAN IN OUR POLICYMAKING TO PREVENT YOUTH FROM ENTERING IT IN  
8 ANY WAY.

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10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** POINT MADE. POINT MADE.

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12 **CYN YAMASHIRO:** I THINK IT'S WORTHY OF NOTE THAT A COUNTY THE  
13 SIZE OF LOS ANGELES, WHICH IN MANY CASES IS MORE THAN SOME  
14 STATES, WE DO NOT HAVE A SINGLE OFFICE THAT'S RESPONSIBLE FOR  
15 JUVENILE JUSTICE POLICY. THERE IS NO LEADERSHIP. WITH ALL DUE  
16 RESPECT TO THE BOARD, THAT IS CERTAINLY SOMETHING THE BOARD  
17 HAS TAKEN UP. WE'VE ATTEMPTED IT IN A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT  
18 DEPARTMENTS TO TAKE THAT MANTLE UP. BUT THERE IS REALLY NO  
19 SINGULAR PERSON WHO'S RESPONSIBLE AND ACCOUNTABLE TO THE BOARD  
20 FOR THE ENTIRE JUVENILE JUSTICE APPROACH THAT THE COUNTY  
21 EMPLOYS. AND I APPLAUD THIS MOTION BECAUSE I FEEL BURIED IN  
22 THIS MOTION IS THE POSSIBILITY THAT THAT MIGHT EMERGE. AND ONE  
23 OF THE PROBLEMS THAT THE COUNTY HAS IDENTIFIED, THAT THE BOARD  
24 HAS IDENTIFIED IN THE MOTION IS THAT THERE IS CURRENTLY A  
25 PATCHWORK OF DIVERSION PROGRAMS THAT IS IN MANY WAYS



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1 PROBLEMATIC BECAUSE FROM AN EQUITY STANDPOINT, YOU COULD BE A  
2 YOUTH IN ONE COMMUNITY, COMMIT AN OFFENSE, AND BE THE SAME  
3 YOUTH OR THAT PERSON'S BROTHER, COMMIT THE SAME OFFENSE IN A  
4 CITY RIGHT NEXT DOOR AND YOU'RE TREATED VERY DIFFERENTLY. ONE  
5 MAY HAVE A PROGRAM, ONE MAY NOT. ONE MAY HAVE A VERY RIGOROUS  
6 PROGRAM THAT REQUIRES A LOT OF INVOLVEMENT, ONE COULD JUST BE  
7 A SLAP ON THE WRIST AND SOME COMMUNITY SERVICE. SO THERE IS NO  
8 UNIFORMITY. AND I THINK THAT'S ALSO A SYMPTOM OF THE LACK OF  
9 LEADERSHIP IN THE COUNTY. AND AGAIN I THINK THAT THIS MOTION  
10 GOES A LONG WAY TO ADDRESS THAT. I WANTED TO FOLLOW UP WITH  
11 SOMETHING THAT ONE OF THE SPEAKERS EARLIER MENTIONED ABOUT THE  
12 COSTS. AND I HAVE BEEN DEALING RECENTLY WITH THE ISSUE OF  
13 COSTS IN THE COUNTY, I'M MINDFUL OF THE FACT THAT WE HAVE TO  
14 BE CAREFUL ABOUT HOW MONEY IS SPENT. BUT I REALLY WANT TO  
15 ENCOURAGE THE POLICYMAKERS AND STAKEHOLDERS, TO CONSIDER THAT  
16 THERE ARE GENUINE, MEANINGFUL COST SAVINGS. I WOULDN'T SAY  
17 THAT IT'S A MONEY MAKER BECAUSE I THINK THAT'S CRASS. BUT THE  
18 EXTENT TO WHICH THE COUNTY INVESTS IN PREVENTING YOUTH FROM  
19 ENTERING INTO THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM RENDERS HUGE COST  
20 SAVINGS ON THE BACK END. MANY TIMES, PEOPLE TELL POLICYMAKERS,  
21 YOU EITHER PAY NOW OR YOU PAY LATER, AND YOU REALLY WILL SEE.  
22 JUST TO INFORM THE BOARD, BACK IN 2008 WHEN I WAS A DIRECTOR  
23 OF THE CENTER FOR JUVENILE LAW AND POLICY, WE HELD A SYMPOSIUM  
24 ABOUT JUVENILE JUSTICE PROGRAMMING. AND WE REALLY HIGHLIGHTED  
25 THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE COSTS REALLY RENDER HUGE SAVINGS ON



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1 THE BACK END. I HAVE A SYLLABUS. I'VE MENTIONED THAT HAD  
2 SYLLABUS TO A NUMBER OF JUSTICE DEPUTIES. WE BROUGHT IN  
3 EXPERTS FROM ALL AROUND THE COUNTRY. WE BROUGHT IN EXPERTS  
4 FROM MIAMI- DADE, MY FRIEND WHO RAN THAT PROGRAM AT MIAMI-  
5 DADE, WE BROUGHT PEOPLE IN FROM THE C.A.R.T. PROGRAM IN SAN  
6 FRANCISCO. WE BROUGHT PEOPLE FROM THE VERA INSTITUTE WHICH  
7 LENDED TECHNICAL SUPPORT FOR ALL THOSE PROGRAMMINGS. AND THE  
8 STATE OF WASHINGTON HAD DONE MEANINGFUL DATA COLLECTION OVER  
9 LONG, LONG PERIODS OF TIME AND SHOWED THAT THERE WAS MASSIVE  
10 SAVINGS TO THIS INVESTMENT. SO TO THE EXTENT THAT THAT IS  
11 MEANINGFUL TO THE BOARD, I HOPE IT IS, I GUESS I WILL CLOSE  
12 WITH THAT. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRESENTATION.  
15 AND WE'LL NOW TURN TO KELLY EMLING, OUR ACTING PUBLIC  
16 DEFENDER.

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18 **KELLY EMLING:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. IT IS AN HONOR TO BE  
19 ABLE TO SPEAK ABOUT THIS MOTION TODAY. AS ACTING PUBLIC  
20 DEFENDER, I KNOW STARTED OUT OVER 30 YEARS AGO WORKING IN  
21 COMPTON JUVENILE COURT AND I'VE ALSO WORKED IN DOWNEY AND LONG  
22 BEACH JUVENILE COURT. AND THE THINGS THAT I SAW OF COURSE  
23 BROKE MY HEART AND CHALLENGED ALL OF MY LEGAL SKILLS. THIS  
24 MOTION TODAY BRINGS US FULL CIRCLE IN A WAY THAT I FIND VERY  
25 IMPORTANT AND REWARDING. SOME OF THE OTHER THINGS THAT



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1 SPEAKERS HAVE SPOKEN ABOUT HERE IS, IT IS ALL COMPLETELY TRUE.  
2 IT IS IMPORTANT TO KEEP CHILDREN OUT OF THE COURT SYSTEM. OUT  
3 OF CUSTODY. AND OUT OF THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM ENTIRELY. I  
4 AM SURE THAT AS THIS MATTER IS LOOKED INTO MORE DEEPLY, MANY  
5 OF THE THINGS THAT THE SPEAKERS HAVE SAID HERE WILL RING TRUE.  
6 WHAT IS MOST IMPORTANT IS THAT THIS BE A DEEP REACH INTO THE  
7 COMMUNITY SO THAT CHILDREN DO NOT END UP IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM  
8 BUT, INSTEAD, END UP GETTING THE SERVICES THAT THEY, THEIR  
9 GUARDIANS, THEIR CARETAKERS AND THEIR PARENTS ARE SEEKING. WHY  
10 IS JUVENILE DIVERSION SO IMPORTANT? WELL, FOR STARTERS, THE  
11 OUTCOMES HAVE BEEN SHOWN TO IMPROVE WITH ANY TYPE OF  
12 DIVERSIONARY EFFORT OUTSIDE THE COURT SYSTEM. THE STIGMA ALONE  
13 OF BEING ATTACHED TO A COURT CASE OR BEING ATTACHED TO  
14 PROBATION IS A VERY DEEP STIGMA FOR A CHILD. A TEENAGER WHO IS  
15 ON THE ONE HAND, THEIR FRIENDS ARE APPLYING TO COLLEGE LOOKING  
16 FOR JOBS AND INSTEAD THEY ARE DEALING WITH THE STIGMA AND THE  
17 TRAUMA OF HAVING TO DEAL WITH THE COURT SYSTEM. IT'S ALSO  
18 EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT THESE PROGRAMS BE CULTURALLY AND  
19 LINGUISTICALLY APPROPRIATE. I VOLUNTEER WITH THE SHORTSTOP  
20 DIVERSION PROGRAM IN LONG BEACH. AND THAT PROGRAM BRINGS IN  
21 INTERPRETERS TO HELP THE PARENTS AND TO OBVIOUSLY WORK WITH  
22 THE FAMILY SO THAT THE SERVICES MEET THE NEEDS OF THE  
23 COMMUNITY. IT'S ALSO EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO REDUCE RECIDIVISM.  
24 AND THESE PROGRAMS THAT ARE IN THE COMMUNITY OFFER AN ONGOING  
25 TIE TO THE CHILDREN. SO AFTER A CHILD GRADUATES FROM THE



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1 SHORTSTOP PROGRAM-- THE SHORTSTOP PROGRAM DOES NOT SET THEM OR  
2 THEIR FAMILY ASIDE, BUT THE FAMILY CAN REACH BACK OUT INTO THE  
3 PROGRAM FOR ADDITIONAL RESOURCES IF NEEDED. ONE OF THE THINGS  
4 THAT HAS COME UP HERE THAT IS SO IMPORTANT FOR ALL OF US TO  
5 REMEMBER IS THAT DEVELOPMENTALLY,, CHILDREN ARE DIFFERENT. THE  
6 MATURE BRAIN OBVIOUSLY IS NOT-- A CHILD, THEIR BRAIN DOES NOT  
7 MAY YOUR THE UNTIL THEY ARE 25 YEARS OF AGE. SO THAT'S AN  
8 ONGOING PROCESS. TO HOLD PEOPLE ACCOUNTABLE IS IMPORTANT, BUT  
9 IT IS ALSO VERY IMPORTANT TO RECOGNIZE THAT THESE ARE  
10 CHILDREN. AND PART OF WHAT WE SHOULD BE DOING IS PROVIDING  
11 THEM WITH THE RESOURCES THEY NEED TO MEET THEIR GOALS. ONE OF  
12 THE MOST CRITICAL PROBLEMS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAS BEEN  
13 REVEALED BY DATA FROM THE OFFICE OF JUVENILE JUSTICE AND  
14 DELINQUENCY PREVENTION. THIS IS A FEDERAL OFFICE, BUT THEY  
15 LOOK CLOSELY AT DATA THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE COUNTRY. AND THE  
16 DATA FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHOWS SOMETHING THAT IS VERY  
17 TROUBLING AND SHAMEFUL, AND THAT IS THAT ONLY 8 PERCENT OF THE  
18 YOUTH IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARE BLACK BUT THEY REPRESENT  
19 APPROXIMATELY 30 PERCENT OF THE CHILDREN WHO ARE REFERRED TO  
20 COURT BETWEEN THE YEARS OF 2007 AND 2014, WHICH THE DATA SAID  
21 THEY WERE LOOKING AT. NOW, WHY IS THIS HAPPENING? THERE ARE  
22 MANY REASONS FOR THIS THAT WE CAN SURMISE, BUT IT IS SOMETHING  
23 THAT REQUIRES US, IN ORDER TO ACTUALLY BRING EQUITY AND  
24 JUSTICE TO OUR CHILDREN, TO LOOK AT THIS VERY CLOSELY AND TO  
25 FIGURE OUT HOW TO FIX THAT PROBLEM. THERE ARE ISSUES OF



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1 IMPLICIT BIAS WHICH THE COUNTY IS STUDYING AND LOOKING AT  
2 DEEPLY AT THIS TIME. THOSE THINGS ARE VERY IMPORTANT. BUT IF  
3 YOU LOOK ACROSS ALL OF THE DATA SETS, CHILDREN IN CUSTODY,  
4 CHILDREN THROUGH THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT, WHATEVER IT IS,  
5 HOWEVER YOU LOOK AT IT, IT'S 8 PERCENT OF OUR POPULATION OF  
6 CHILDREN WHO ARE BLACK BUT EVERY TIME THE NUMBERS ARE  
7 STAGGERING, 25 PERCENT, 30 PERCENT. THOSE ARE THE TYPES OF  
8 NUMBERS THAT WE'RE LOOKING AT FOR CHILDREN BEING INVOLVED IN  
9 THE SYSTEM. WHAT ARE SOME OF THE OTHER PROBLEMS WITH THE  
10 SYSTEM AS IT WORKS NOW AND DOES NOT REALLY DIVERT CHILDREN AND  
11 GET THEM INTO THE SERVICES THEY NEED AT EARLIER TIMES? WELL,  
12 AS MANY OF YOU REALIZE, CHILDREN ARE OFTEN TRAUMATIZED BY THE  
13 TIME THEY GET TO THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM. WHEN WE'RE  
14 LOOKING AT CHILDREN WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, THE MODEL  
15 THAT IS USED IS TO TRY TO SEEK THE LEAST RESTRICTIVE  
16 ALTERNATIVE. WHAT WE WOULD BE DOING IS LOOKING TO BUILD THE  
17 SUPPORTS FOR THAT CHILD, NOT TAKING THE CHILD AS THEY  
18 CURRENTLY ARE AND THEN EXPECTING THEM TO BE ABLE TO LAUNCH  
19 INTO A SUCCESSFUL FUTURE. WE SHOULD BE LOOKING AT THE LEAST  
20 RESTRICTIVE ALTERNATIVES FOR CHILDREN ACROSS-THE-BOARD AND  
21 ALSO IN EVERY WAY TRYING TO OBVIOUSLY PROTECT PUBLIC SAFETY,  
22 BUT RECOGNIZING THE SPECIAL NEEDS OF CHILDREN. THERE ARE A  
23 COUPLE OF OTHER DEEP PROBLEMS THAT WILL BE RAISED AS WE WORK  
24 ON THIS DIVERSION MOTION TOGETHER. THE SCHOOLS IN LOS ANGELES  
25 COUNTY ARE NOT EQUALLY RESOURCED. AND CHILDREN ARE OFTEN



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1 EXPECTED AS PART OF THEIR CONTACT WITH THE JUSTICE SYSTEM TO  
2 ATTEND SCHOOLS. ASKING CHILDREN TO ATTEND SCHOOLS WHERE WE ARE  
3 NOT PROVIDING SUPPORTS THAT THEY NEED AND THEN ALSO NOT  
4 LOOKING AT HOW WE CAN TRY TO SUPPORT THOSE CHILDREN IN THOSE  
5 EDUCATIONAL PURSUITS WOULD REALLY BRING US TO A POSITION WHERE  
6 WE ARE FAILING THOSE CHILDREN. ALSO THE JUVENILE JUSTICE  
7 SYSTEM IS NOT SET UP TO SERVE GIRLS. HISTORICALLY IT JUST WAS  
8 NOT DESIGNED TO DO THAT. AND WE STILL SUFFER THOSE HISTORICAL  
9 RAMIFICATIONS AS TIME MOVES ON. SO I APPRECIATE THE  
10 OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION. AND OBVIOUSLY THE PUBLIC  
11 DEFENDER'S OFFICE IS EXTREMELY ENTHUSIASTIC AND THANKFUL THAT  
12 THE BOARD HAS SEEN ITS WISDOM TO BRING THIS. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THAT CONCLUDES  
15 THE PRESENTERS FOR ITEM NO. 20. I DO TAKE NOTE OF THE FACT  
16 THAT THERE ARE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD WHO WISH TO BE  
17 ACKNOWLEDGED. SO WE'LL PROCEED IN THAT MANNER. MEMBERS OF THE  
18 BOARD, BE COGNIZANT OF THE FACT THAT THERE ARE PERSONS WHO ARE  
19 PREPARED TO SPEAK ON THE ITEM, AND THEY WILL BE AFFORDED THAT  
20 OPPORTUNITY AFTER A ROUND OF INTERACTION WITH OUR COUNTY  
21 EXPERTS. I NOTE THE HAND OF SUPERVISOR KUEHL, SUPERVISOR HAHN,  
22 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SUPERVISOR BARGER. I THINK THAT'S THE ENTIRE  
23 BOARD. THANK YOU SO MUCH. [LAUGHTER.] IN THAT ORDER, THANK  
24 YOU.

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1 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. FIRST OF ALL,  
2 THANKS TO THE MAKERS OF THE MOTION. IT'S EXTREMELY IMPORTANT  
3 OBVIOUSLY THAT WE PAY SEPARATE AND SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE  
4 ISSUE OF DIVERSION FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY IN TERMS  
5 OF THE MOVE TO REDUCE CONTACT WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT. I'M VERY,  
6 VERY HAPPY TO WELCOME OUR NEW TEAM AT PROBATION. OF COURSE  
7 WE'VE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO WELCOME OUR CHIEF AND OUR  
8 ASSISTANT CHIEF MITCHELL, I THINK, JUST THE WAY PEOPLE ARE  
9 REFERRING TO, THOUGH I THINK YOU ARE THE CHIEF DEPUTY  
10 PROBATION OFFICER. VERY, VERY, VERY HAPPY TO HAVE YOU ON  
11 BOARD, BOTH OF YOU. AND, YOUR HONOR, ALWAYS HAPPY TO HAVE YOU  
12 HEADING UP OUR EFFORTS OF DIVERSION. I THINK IN A WAY, THOUGH,  
13 BECAUSE PROBATION IS ALWAYS THE PLACE THAT THE STATE LOOKS TO  
14 FUND ANYTHING HAVING TO DO WITH JUVENILE JUSTICE, A LOT OF THE  
15 MONEY RUNS THROUGH PROBATION. AND IN A WAY, CONTACT WITH  
16 PROBATION IS CONTACT WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT. AND SO THE QUESTION  
17 OF HOW WE REDUCE CONTACT WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT REALLY HAS TO DO  
18 WITH WHAT WE DO EARLY ON WITH OUR YOUNG PEOPLE THAT REDUCES  
19 THEIR INCARCERATION OR THE WAYS IN WHICH THEY ARE KEPT IN  
20 CUSTODY AND INCREASE THE WAYS IN WHICH THEY ARE SERVED. AND I  
21 THINK WHAT I'VE HEARD FROM BOTH OF YOU, THAT IS SOMETHING THAT  
22 YOU SEE AS BEING EXTREMELY IMPORTANT AT PROBATION, AS WELL. I  
23 THINK WHAT YOU SAID, MISS MITCHELL, I THINK IT WAS YOU, ABOUT  
24 THE ASSESSING THE NEEDS RATHER THAN THE RISKS, WE'VE BEEN A  
25 LITTLE BIT WARY ABOUT THE L.A.R.C. ASSESSMENT TOOL THAT WE



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1 USE. IT'S NOT VALIDATED AND IT'S ALL ABOUT RISK. WE'RE LOOKING  
2 AT THIS WITH OUR BAIL REFORM. WE'RE LOOKING AT ALL KINDS OF  
3 ISSUES ABOUT HOW WE ASSESS WHAT WE EXPECT FROM PEOPLE AND  
4 WHETHER THEY'RE GOOD CANDIDATES FOR SOMETHING. AS YOU SAID,  
5 DR. GHALY, WE'RE VERY SCATTERED. AND YOU, PROFESSOR, AS WELL,  
6 IN TERMS OF THE WAYS IN WHICH WE PROVIDE SERVICES RELATED TO  
7 DIVERSION. AND I THINK WE'LL WANT TO LOOK AS WE GO ALONG TO  
8 SEE IF THERE'S ANYTHING TO BE GAINED BY SORT OF A SEPARATE WAY  
9 OF TREATING JUVENILES IN DIVERSION, EITHER IN PROBATION OR OUT  
10 OF PROBATION OR IN O.D.R. OR WHEREVER. THE IDEA BEING AT THE  
11 VERY LEAST COLLABORATION THAT WORKS. I WANTED ESPECIALLY TO  
12 EMPHASIZE AND TO ASK ABOUT SERVICES RELATED TO GIRLS. AS YOU  
13 KNOW, WE ARE ENTERING INTO AN INITIATIVE IN THE COUNTY ON  
14 WOMEN AND GIRLS. I'M TOLD BY MOST PEOPLE THERE ARE SERVICES  
15 FOR GIRLS, THERE ARE THINGS WE ARE PAYING ATTENTION TO OUR  
16 GIRLS IN THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM. AND I WANT TO APPRECIATE  
17 THOSE EFFORTS AND MAKE CERTAIN THAT WE'RE ALWAYS LOOKING  
18 FORWARD IN TERMS OF THAT, NOT IGNORING OUR BOYS, OF COURSE,  
19 BUT THINKING ABOUT HOW GIRLS AND BOYS ARE DIFFERENT IN THEIR  
20 NEEDS, MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS, THEIR PHYSICAL NEEDS, ET CETERA. I  
21 DO HAVE A QUESTION, THOUGH, ABOUT MONEY. WE HAVE-- AT LEAST IN  
22 THE THIRD DISTRICT WE'VE BEEN VERY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT SOME OF  
23 OUR C.B.O.S GETTING MONEY OUT THE DOOR TO CENTINELA YOUTH WHO  
24 YOU HEARD FROM EARLIER, OUR VALLEY RESTORATION DIVERSION  
25 PROGRAMS, THEY HAVE A GREAT TRACK RECORD. BUT IT'S BEEN A



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1 PROBLEM GETTING MONEY OUT THE DOOR. AS SORT OF A DESPERATION  
2 MEASURE, MONEY WAS ALLOCATED TO THE VARIOUS SUPERVISORIAL  
3 DISTRICTS. WE MADE SOME DECISIONS. AND SOME OF THOSE FUNDS,  
4 EVEN WHEN WE SAID THIS IS WHERE WE WANT IT TO GO, STILL  
5 HAVEN'T GOTTEN OUT THE DOOR. THEY NEED TO TALK TO THE C.E.O.  
6 ABOUT THAT OR SOMEONE TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT WHEN WE THINK A  
7 THING IS DONE AND THEN WE FIND OUT LATER STILL DIDN'T GET  
8 THERE, BUT ESPECIALLY THE J.J.C.P.A. MONEY SEEMS TO BE REALLY  
9 CLOGGED IN A VAST AMOUNT. AND I WANT TO, WHEN WE HEAR BACK, OR  
10 IF YOU'VE ALREADY LOOKED INTO IT, REALLY UNDERSTAND WHY WE ARE  
11 NOT ABLE TO SPEND MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. AND THE DECISIONS THAT  
12 WE MADE EARLIER ABOUT SPENDING OUR MONEY LIKE THROUGH NEW  
13 DIRECTIONS, WHICH I THINK PERSONALLY HAS BEEN FAR LESS  
14 EFFECTIVE THAN SOME OF THE USE WE'VE MADE OF OUR C.B.O.S, I  
15 REALLY, REALLY WANT TO ASK IN THE REPORT BACK TO REALLY  
16 UNDERSTAND HOW A PROGRAM PERHAPS RUN BY PROBATION CAN BE  
17 EQUALLY EFFECTIVE BECAUSE AT THE MOMENT I'M NOT CONVINCED THAT  
18 THAT'S THE BEST WAY TO DO IT. NOW I MAY BE A LITTLE BIT  
19 PREJUDICED ABOUT C.B.O.S AND THEIR ABILITY TO PROVIDE  
20 SERVICES, BUT HISTORICALLY, AND NOT WITH THIS LEADERSHIP, BUT  
21 HISTORICALLY IT HAS BEEN A PROBLEM. GETTING MONEY OUT, GETTING  
22 EFFECTIVE, SEEING ANY RESULTS. SO WE DO WANT TO UNDERSTAND HOW  
23 THAT MONEY WILL GET OUT THE DOOR, WHAT'S THE HOLD UP ON THE  
24 J.J.C.P.A. MONEY AND WHAT'S THE PLAN? THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.  
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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MADAME PRO TEM. THOSE  
2 QUESTIONS ARE BEFORE YOU. MAYBE WE'LL PROCEED TO A ROUND OF  
3 QUESTIONS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD AND AFFORD THE  
4 MEMBERS OF OUR STAFF AND THE TEAM AS A WHOLE TO RESPOND. THE  
5 CHAIR RECOGNIZES SUPERVISOR HAHN, THE CO-AUTHOR OF THE MOTION.

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7 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU, CHAIRMAN RIDLEY-THOMAS. IT'S  
8 GREAT THAT WE ARE EMBARKING ON A CONCERTED EFFORT TO TAKE A  
9 LOOK AT HOW WE MIGHT REALLY CHANGE OUR BEHAVIOR THROUGHOUT THE  
10 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES SO THAT THIS DOES BECOME A FOCUS TO  
11 DIVERT OR FIND ALTERNATIVES FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE BESIDES BEING  
12 PART OF OUR JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM. MY WORK ON THE CITY  
13 COUNCIL OF LOS ANGELES, I SPENT A LOT OF TIME WITH THE WATTS  
14 GANG TASKFORCE. I SPENT A LOT OF TIME UNDERSTANDING GANG  
15 INJUNCTIONS AND HOW THAT BECAME A REVOLVING DOOR FOR YOUNG  
16 PEOPLE WHO JUST BECAUSE THEIR NAME HAPPENED TO BE A PART OF  
17 THE GANG INJUNCTION FOR A PARTICULAR AREA, JUST ROUTINELY  
18 WOULD HAVE INTERACTIONS IN A NEGATIVE WAY WITH LAW  
19 ENFORCEMENT. WE FOUND OUT THAT THERE HAD BEEN YOUNG PEOPLE  
20 WHOSE NAME WAS ON THE GANG INJUNCTION LIST FOR 13 YEARS. THEY  
21 WERE NOW LIKE 40 YEARS OLD TRYING TO, YOU KNOW, CHANGE THEIR  
22 LIVES. AND, STILL, THAT BECAME A REVOLVING DOOR FOR THEM. WE  
23 ENDED UP HAVING A PROCESS WHERE FOLKS COULD ACTUALLY HAVE A  
24 WAY TO GET OFF OF THAT LIST AND BEGIN TO LEAD PRODUCTIVE  
25 LIVES. I HOPE THAT AS WE MOVE FORWARD, WE CAN LOOK AT



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1 ORGANIZATIONS LIKE G.A.P. I'M A BIG FAN OF G.A.P., GANG  
2 ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS. THIS WAS AN ORGANIZATION THAT BEGAN TO  
3 GO INTO OUR SCHOOLS. THEY STARTED IN THE FIFTH GRADE AND THEN  
4 THEY STARTED TO GO INTO THE FOURTH GRADE BECAUSE THEY REALIZED  
5 YOUNG PEOPLE WERE ALREADY BEING RECRUITED TO JOIN GANGS AS  
6 YOUNG AS FOURTH GRADE. IT SEEMED LIKE A REALLY GOOD  
7 PARTNERSHIP WITH SCHOOLS TO ALLOW THAT TO HAPPEN WITHIN THE  
8 CURRICULUM OF L.A.U.S.D. YOU KNOW, SAFE PASSAGE IS I THINK  
9 CRITICALLY IMPORTANT TO BE FUNDED. I DON'T THINK A LOT OF  
10 PEOPLE REALIZE THAT A LOT OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE ARE BEING  
11 RECRUITED TO JOIN GANGS JUST TO-- SO THEY COULD GET TO AND  
12 FROM SCHOOL SAFELY. AND IT SEEMS CRAZY THAT GANGS CAN PERFORM  
13 THAT SORT OF SAFE PASSAGE WHEN WE'VE BEEN UNABLE TO LOOK AT  
14 ACTUALLY FUNDING SOMETHING LIKE THAT SO KIDS GET TO AND FROM  
15 SCHOOL SAFELY. I'M REALLY INTERESTED IN THE PIECE ABOUT MENTAL  
16 HEALTH AND HOW, AS YOU MENTIONED, 15 YEARS OLD, YOU KNOW, THEY  
17 COULD HAVE A SERIOUS ISSUE WITH A MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGE. MY  
18 COLLEAGUE IN CONGRESS, GRACE NAPOLITANO, ACTUALLY FUNDED  
19 MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS IN HER HIGH SCHOOLS, IN ABOUT 25  
20 SCHOOLS, AND FELT LIKE THAT WAS A KEY PIECE OF REALLY HELPING  
21 TO DETECT, DIAGNOSE AND BEGIN TO HELP KIDS IN HIGH SCHOOL. OUR  
22 TEACHERS SHOULDN'T BE ASKED TO ACTUALLY PROVIDE THAT SORT OF  
23 EXPERTISE. THEY HAVE SO MUCH ON THEIR PLATES. THEY'RE PROBABLY  
24 NOT TRAINED TO DEAL WITH THAT. WE'VE TAKEN ALL OF OUR-- MOST  
25 OF OUR SCHOOL NURSES OUT OF OUR SCHOOLS. I WAS WONDERING IF



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1 YOU COULD COMMENT ON IF YOU THOUGHT THAT WAS SOMETHING WORTH  
2 FUNDING, MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS IN OUR HIGH SCHOOLS ON A  
3 REGULAR BASIS TO BEGIN TO DETECT WHAT YOU WERE ALLUDING TO.

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5 **DR. MARK GHALY:** SURE, THANK YOU. I'LL TAKE THE QUESTION NOW IF  
6 THAT'S OKAY, SUPERVISOR? CHAIRMAN?

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** BUT WE WILL HAVE OTHERS.

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10 **DR. MARK GHALY:** OKAY. I WILL ANSWER BRIEFLY. THE DEPARTMENT OF  
11 MENTAL HEALTH ALREADY DOES HAVE INVESTMENTS IN OUR SCHOOLS.  
12 AND THESE ARE DONE IN PART AND PARCEL WITH THE SCHOOL  
13 DISTRICTS ACROSS THE COUNTY. BUT THE POINT IN L.A. IS HOW DO  
14 YOU SCALE IT? HOW DO YOU MAKE SURE THAT ANY KID WITH AN EARLY  
15 MENTAL HEALTH ISSUE, AND FOR THAT MATTER SUBSTANCE USE  
16 DISORDER ISSUE, BECOMES IDENTIFIED AND WE PULL THEM INTO  
17 PROGRAMS? I'LL TAKE A MOMENT TO HIGHLIGHT THAT WE'RE MOVING  
18 INTO THE SOON-TO-BE-ROLLED-OUT DRUG MEDICAID WAIVER WHERE  
19 WE'LL HAVE MORE SERVICES. AND I KNOW OUR WORK IS FOCUSED ALSO  
20 ON WHAT WE CAN DO FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, NOT JUST ADULTS WITH  
21 SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER ISSUES. AND THOSE ARE OFTEN IDENTIFIED  
22 IN THE SCHOOLS AND BY SCHOOL PERSONNEL AND CLINICIANS THERE.  
23 SO I THINK, SUPERVISOR HAHN, THE INVESTMENT IN BOTH MENTAL  
24 HEALTH SUPPORT AND IDENTIFICATION IN SCHOOLS AND SUBSTANCE USE  
25 DISORDER SERVICES IN SCHOOLS IS A KEY PART TO PREVENT KIDS



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1 FROM GETTING TO THE POINT WHERE THEY INTERACT WITH THE JUSTICE  
2 SYSTEM.

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4 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** YES.

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6 **DR. MARK GHALY:** AND THERE IS A GOOD BIT OF INFORMATION ON HOW  
7 THOSE SERVICES CAN HELP SUPPORT KIDS AND FAMILIES AS THEY GROW  
8 UP.

9

10 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU. I APPRECIATE THAT. AGAIN, I WOULD  
11 HOPE THAT THAT COULD BE, YOU KNOW, ONGOING AND NOT JUST WHEN  
12 THERE'S A PROBLEM. BECAUSE I THINK I'VE SPOKEN TO MANY IN OUR  
13 SCHOOLS WHO, THAT'S NOT A REGULAR PRESENCE ON OUR HIGH SCHOOL  
14 CAMPUSES, AND I THINK IT SHOULD BE. SO THANK YOU. MR.  
15 CHAIRMAN.

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17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SUPERVISOR  
18 SOLIS FOLLOWED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER.

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20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND KUDOS TO THE MAKER OF  
21 THE MOTION AND THE CO-AUTHOR. THIS IS GREAT. A LOT OF US HAVE  
22 BEEN WAITING TO SEE SO MUCH OCCUR IN THIS VENUE, PARTICULARLY  
23 AS IT RELATES TO THE YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN THAT ARE IN OUR CARE.  
24 AND I AM VERY HAPPY TO HAVE OUR NEW TEAM IN PROBATION. EXCITED  
25 TO HEAR ABOUT SOME OF THE THINGS THAT ARE ALREADY BEGINNING.



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1 AND JUST THE FACT THAT WE'RE GETTING MORE REPORTS IS WELCOMED  
2 AND SOMETHING VERY IMPORTANT. SO TRANSPARENCY I THINK IS  
3 ULTIMATELY GOING TO HELP ALL OF US IN OUR DECISION-MAKING. I  
4 WANT TO JUST TOUCH BASE ON SOME TWO OR THREE ITEMS THAT WERE  
5 BROUGHT UP. ONE IS CULTURAL COMPETENCY AND MAKING SURE THAT  
6 WHATEVER CARE IS GIVEN, THAT WE APPROPRIATELY EMBED THAT IN  
7 OUR PRACTICES. SO WHETHER IT'S MENTAL HEALTH OR COUNSELING OR  
8 PROBATION STAFF AND EVEN OUR C.B.O.S THAT PROVIDE THE  
9 SERVICES, THAT WE REALLY TRY TO MAINTAIN SOME INTEGRITY. AND  
10 THEN SOME ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THAT, AS WELL, BECAUSE SOME  
11 PEOPLE WILL SAY "WELL, WE HAVE FOLKS WHO ARE OF THIS  
12 PARTICULAR POPULATION THAT WE SERVE. WE HAVE STAFF THAT COULD  
13 TALK TO THEM. BUT HOW WELL? HOW EXPERIENCED ARE THESE  
14 INDIVIDUALS? SO LOOKING AT THAT. BECAUSE I, TOO, AM VERY  
15 CONCERNED THAT WE'RE NOT GETTING ENOUGH OF OUR MONEY, OUR  
16 GRANT MONEY THAT WE GET THAT GOES TO PROBATION OUT IN A  
17 STEADFAST WAY. BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY MAKING SURE THAT THERE ARE  
18 COMMUNITY-BASED GROUPS THAT ARE OUT THERE THAT ARE WILLING TO  
19 BE A PART OF THIS BUT JUST NEED TO HAVE THAT ADDITIONAL  
20 DIRECTION FROM PROBATION STAFF AND OUR OFFICE OF DIVERSION. SO  
21 ANYTHING THAT I'M SURE WE CAN DO TO HELP MAKE THAT AVAILABLE  
22 AND TRY TO EXPEDITE THAT I THINK IS GOING TO BE CRITICAL FOR A  
23 LOT OF US BECAUSE THE WAY I SEE IT, PROBATION CAN'T DO  
24 EVERYTHING. AND YOU'RE NOT EXPECTED TO. I THINK SOME OF US  
25 WANT TO BELIEVE THAT. BUT THERE'S SO MUCH THAT HAS TO GO



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1 THROUGH THIS PROCESS. AND SOMETHING THAT WEIGHS ON ME IS THE  
2 PARENTS. IN PARTICULAR BECAUSE THE POPULATION HAS CHANGED.  
3 YES, YOU HAVE A HIGH NUMBER OF COMMUNITIES OF COLOR THAT ARE  
4 INCARCERATED. LATINO POPULATION, I DON'T KNOW IF ANYONE HAS  
5 THAT FIGURE, BUT I'D BE INTERESTED IN HEARING WHAT THAT IS AT  
6 THE CAMPS NOW OR IN OUR CARE BECAUSE IT'S INCREASING. AND  
7 WE'VE GOT ALSO, I THINK, THE NOTION THAT WE'VE SEEN MORE YOUNG  
8 GIRLS, PARTICULARLY FROM THE LATINO POPULATION. TRYING TO GET  
9 TO THE CENTER OF WHAT THAT UNIVERSE IS AND HOW AND WHY IT'S  
10 INCREASING. AND OF COURSE THERE'S DIFFERENT MANIFESTATIONS  
11 THAT ARE HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITIES. BUT AGAIN TRYING TO GET  
12 AHEAD OF IT. SO FOR ME, PREVENTION IS REALLY IMPORTANT. THE  
13 MESSAGE OF TRYING TO HAVE APPROPRIATE OUTREACH SERVICES,  
14 GUIDANCE COUNSELING, AND JUST LIKE WE DON'T HAVE MENTAL HEALTH  
15 OR PROBATION OFFICERS AT EVERY SCHOOL, WE DON'T EVEN HAVE  
16 CAREER OR COLLEGE COUNSELORS IN EVERY SCHOOL ANYMORE. AND I  
17 THINK THAT WE ALMOST HAVE TO TAKE IT A STEP FURTHER BECAUSE  
18 L.A. COUNTY OFFICE OF ED, WE HAVE A NEW SUPERINTENDENT THERE,  
19 TOO, CAN HELP OUT IN FIGURING OUT EXACTLY WHAT TOOLS ARE  
20 NECESSARY FOR THOSE INSTRUCTORS TO BE ABLE TO GIVE. WE'RE  
21 TALKING ABOUT MANY OF OUR YOUNGSTERS THAT HAVE LESS THAN A  
22 THIRD GRADE EDUCATION. THAT'S IN MANY CASES IS A FACT.  
23 MULTIPLY THAT ON TOP OF OTHER PHYSICAL AILMENTS OR WHATEVER IT  
24 MIGHT BE. SO IT REALLY DOES TAKE A SPECIAL EFFORT TO LOOK AT  
25 THE YOUNG PERSON IN WHOLE, NOT JUST AS-- I DON'T EVEN LIKE THE



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1 WORD RISK. SOMEONE SAID RISK? AND I FEEL LIKE WE'VE ALREADY  
2 MADE A DECISION ABOUT THEM WHEN YOU SAY THAT. SO THINKING  
3 ABOUT OUR LANGUAGE I THINK IS REALLY IMPORTANT, AS WELL. SO  
4 THAT STUDENTS-- OR YOUNG PEOPLE DON'T GET THAT LABEL AND HAVE  
5 THAT KIND OF ON THEIR FOREHEAD EVERYWHERE THEY GO. I THINK  
6 THAT IS SOMETHING THAT ALL OF US HAVE TO REALLY CONSIDER. AND  
7 I REALLY AM LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH ALL OF YOU. I  
8 THINK YOU HAVE SOME GREAT IDEAS AND TO SEE HOW WE CAN WORK  
9 COLLECTIVELY TO BRING DOWN THE \$247,000 THAT IT COSTS TO  
10 INCARCERATE ONE YOUTH. BOY, WHAT I COULD DO WITH THAT MONEY,  
11 IN SO MANY DIFFERENT WAYS. TO GET OUT THERE TO THE COMMUNITY  
12 AND HOPEFULLY INCENTIVIZE SOME PEOPLE THAT WANT TO WORK IN  
13 THIS INDUSTRY TO REALLY DO A GOOD JOB. THAT'S REALLY ALL I  
14 HAVE. THANK YOU.

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16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

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18 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU AND  
19 WELCOME. IN EVERY DARK CLOUD THERE'S A SILVER LINING AND I  
20 THINK RIGHT IN FRONT OF US TODAY WE HAVE THAT SILVER LINING.  
21 THERE'S NO QUESTION, YOU TALK ABOUT HIGH SCHOOL AND MENTAL  
22 HEALTH. ACTUALLY WE DID A STUDY THAT SHOWED THE PASADENA  
23 SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT IT STARTS IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. AND IT  
24 CAN BE SOMETHING AS BASIC AS PROBLEMS IN THE FAMILY. AND BY  
25 PROVIDING SERVICES, WE FOUND THAT THERE WERE LESS KIDS



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1 DROPPING OUT OF SCHOOL IN HIGH SCHOOL AND BEING EXPELLED. THE  
2 STUDIES SHOWED THAT IN FACT THEY WOULD EXPLAIN BEHAVIOR THAT  
3 WAS QUESTIONABLE IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AS YOUNG AS THIRD GRADE,  
4 AND SO I APPRECIATE WHAT YOU'RE SAYING. I THINK WE HAVE TO DIG  
5 DEEPER. THE WHOLE DISCUSSION REGARDING PREVENTION VERSUS  
6 DIVERSION, NOTHING WOULD MAKE ME HAPPIER THAN PREVENTING THESE  
7 KIDS FROM COMING INTO OUR SYSTEM. GIVING THEM THE SERVICES,  
8 THE FAMILY THE SERVICES NECESSARY TO KEEP THEM OUT OF OUR  
9 SYSTEM. HAVING SAID THAT, THE ONLY ISSUE I HAVE HEARTBURN WITH  
10 IS THE USE OF A CONSULTANT BECAUSE I THINK BEFORE US WE HAVE  
11 INDIVIDUALS THAT CONSULTANTS WOULD KILL TO HIRE WHOSE  
12 KNOWLEDGE FAR EXCEEDS WHAT I BELIEVE THE PRIVATE SECTOR HAS.  
13 WHEN WE LOOK AT SHEILA MITCHELL, WHO JOINED OUR TEAM, WHAT  
14 YOU'VE DONE IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY IS UNBELIEVABLE. I'M TOLD  
15 THAT UNDER YOUR LEADERSHIP, THE JUVENILE HALL POPULATION  
16 DROPPED 60 PERCENT FROM 370 TO 140. AND YOU IMPLEMENTED AN  
17 ENHANCED THERAPEUTIC ENVIRONMENT THAT REDUCED PROBATION  
18 VIOLATIONS BY 60 PERCENT. AND WHAT WAS EVEN MORE IMPRESSIVE  
19 WAS, YOU INCREASED USE OF COMMUNITY ALTERNATIVES BY 500  
20 PERCENT. WHILE I KNOW IT'S THE WILL OF THE BOARD TO HIRE A  
21 CONSULTANT, MY CONCERN AND I TALKED TO TERRI MCDONALD ABOUT  
22 THIS YESTERDAY, IS THAT WE CAN GET TO A POINT WHERE WE HIRE SO  
23 MANY CONSULTANTS AND WE DON'T ROLL UP OUR SLEEVES AND REALLY  
24 GET DOWN TO THE BASICS. AND I THINK IN TALKING TO YOU, TERRI,  
25 YESTERDAY, YOU'VE GOT A VISION AND YOU'VE GOT A ROAD MAP AND



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1 NOW YOU'VE GOT A TEAM IN PLACE TO CARRY OUT THAT VISION. SO I  
2 WILL SUPPORT THE MOTION WITH A CONSULTANT, BUT I PERSONALLY  
3 FEEL THAT IT'S PROBABLY NOT NECESSARY. I BELIEVE AGAIN THAT  
4 THIS TEAM HERE IN FRONT OF US HAS "THE" KNOWLEDGE AND  
5 EXPERTISE WHICH THAT FAR EXCEEDS ANY CONSULTANT THAT WE'RE  
6 GOING TO HIRE. I'D RATHER SEE THAT MONEY INVESTED IN SERVICES  
7 THAT DO THE PREVENTION COMPONENT VERSUS DIVERSION COMPONENT.  
8 BUT I WOULD ASK THAT A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT JUST SO WE CAN GET A  
9 HANDLE. I THINK IT'S BEEN TOUCHED ON IN TERMS OF SERVICES OUT  
10 IN THE COMMUNITY. I WOULD ASK THAT THE C.E.O. PROVIDE A REPORT  
11 TO THE BOARD IN 30 DAYS WITH A COMPREHENSIVE INVENTORY OF  
12 EXISTING YOUTH DIVERSION PROGRAMS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED  
13 TO A DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM, GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION, LEAD AGENCY  
14 DEPARTMENT, BUDGET, FUNDING SOURCE AND OUTCOME DATA WHERE  
15 AVAILABLE. I THINK THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO THIS BOARD TO GET  
16 A FEEL FOR THAT. AND, AGAIN, TO THE OFFICE'S MOTION, I WILL  
17 SUPPORT, EVEN THOUGH I DO FEEL THAT SPENDING MONEY ON A  
18 CONSULTANT AT THIS POINT WHEN WE HAVE CURRENT GROUPS OUT THERE  
19 DOING A LOT OF CONSULTING TO TRY TO IDENTIFY ISSUES WITHIN  
20 PROBATION, THAT THAT MONEY WOULD BE BETTER INVESTED IN  
21 FOCUSING MORE ON THE PREVENTION COMPONENT OF WHAT WE'RE  
22 TALKING ABOUT. BUT I WILL SUPPORT THE MOTION AND JUST ASK THAT  
23 THIS BE INCLUDED AS PART OF THE REPORT. THANK YOU.  
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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE  
2 HEARD FROM ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. PARDON ME. ALL MEMBERS OF  
3 THE BOARD. AND THERE MAY BE SOME FINAL REMARKS THAT THE STAFF  
4 MAY WISH TO MAKE IN RESPONSE TO SOME OF THE QUESTIONS THAT YOU  
5 MAY NOT HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND TO. CHIEF  
6 MCDONALD?

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8 **TERRI MCDONALD:** MR. CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, WE CONCUR  
9 WITH WHAT YOU TALKED ABOUT, YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS TO US. WHAT I  
10 MENTIONED TO MISS BARGER. MY ONE REQUEST, IF WE HAVE A  
11 CONSULTANT THAT ROLLS THEIR SLEEVES UP AND HELPS US INITIATE.  
12 THAT'S WHAT WE WOULD ASK FOR. WE VERY MUCH UNDERSTAND THE  
13 REQUESTS FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. WE WILL BE ACCOUNTABLE  
14 IN RESPONDING BACK ON THE FUNDING AND HOW WE'RE SPENDING THE  
15 MONEY SO THAT YOU'RE MORE COMFORTABLE, THAT WE KNOW WHERE THE  
16 MONEY IS GOING AND WE'RE TRANSPARENT IN THAT. SO THANK YOU.  
17 WE'RE FULLY SUPPORTIVE OF ENHANCING DIVERSION EFFORTS. THANK  
18 YOU.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. JUDGE ESPINOZA, MISS  
21 MITCHELL, MISS EMLING, DR. GHALY DR. YAMASHIRO? ALL GOOD. WE  
22 THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY AND YOUR PRESENCE AND WE WILL GET  
23 TO WORK. MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE.

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1 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** MR. CHAIRMAN, YOU HAVE NEARLY 30  
2 SPEAKERS SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM, BUT IN ADDITION TO  
3 THAT, YOU HAVE 8 PUBLIC HEARINGS AND 6 ITEMS ON THE AGENDA  
4 HELD FOR DISCUSSION AND DEBATE BY BOARD MEMBERS. SO AT THIS  
5 TIME WE'RE RECOMMENDING A MINUTE AND A HALF FOR EACH OF THE  
6 SPEAKERS.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,  
9 THE RECOMMENDATION IS MADE, UNLESS THERE ARE OBJECTIONS ON THE  
10 PART OF THE BOARD, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. LET'S PROCEED.

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12 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** WOULD THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS  
13 PLEASE PROCEED TO THE FRONT SO THAT YOU CAN ADDRESS THE BOARD.  
14 ALEJANDRO HAZAR CARVERO. ARNOLD SACHS. CHERYL BINACCI. DANNY  
15 MONTEZ. DIANA ZUNIGA. CHERI DIGS. DONALD LAVEER. EDDIE FLORES.  
16 ALITA LADESMA. ERIC PREVEN, EUNICES HERNANDEZ. GLORIA  
17 GONZALES, HAMID KHAN. JAMIL FORTUNE TURNER AND JAMIE GARCIA.

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** PLEASE COME FORWARD QUICKLY AS YOUR  
20 NAME IS CALLED AND WE CAN PROCEED ACCORDINGLY. THANK YOU.  
21 PLEASE TAKE YOUR SEAT AND BEGIN YOUR TESTIMONY. SIR?

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23 **ALEJANDRO HAZAR:** HELLO, GOOD MORNING, EVERYBODY.

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25 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING.



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2 **ALEJANDRO HAZAR:** MY NAME IS ALEJANDRO HAZAR, AND I WORK IN  
3 C.C.E.J., THE CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE FOR EQUALITY AND JUSTICE  
4 AS A DIVERSION CASE MANAGER I'M HERE WITH MY COLLEAGUES FROM  
5 THE RESTORATIVE PRACTICES AND COMMUNITY DEPARTMENT I'VE HAD  
6 THE PRIVILEGE TO WORK WITH LONG BEACH YOUTH IN OUR RESTORATIVE  
7 DIVERSION PROGRAM FOR A WHILE NOW. I'VE SERVED YOUNG PEOPLE  
8 WHO HAVE COMMITTED HARM TO MEET THE PERSON THEY HARMED TO MAKE  
9 A MEANINGFUL AGREEMENT TO TAKE ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THEIR  
10 ACTIONS RATHER THAN ACCEPT THE PUNISHMENT. THROUGH OUR  
11 RESTORATIVE CIRCLE WORK, WE BRING PARTIES TOGETHER AND TAKE  
12 OWNERSHIP OF THE SITUATION AND ARRIVE AT AN AGREEMENT WHERE  
13 EVERYONE HAS A VOICE AND IS HEARD. IF I MAY, I WOULD LIKE TO  
14 QUOTE A YOUTH WHO I WORKED WITH IN OUR PROGRAM. THIS YOUTH WAS  
15 INVOLVED IN ALTERCATION AT HER SCHOOL AND WAS CITED. SHE  
16 DIVERTED INTO OUR PROGRAM, APOLOGIZED FOR WHAT SHE DID AND  
17 TOOK RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE HARM SHE CAUSED. SHE MADE AN  
18 AGREEMENT TO MAKE AMENDS TO HER VICTIM, HER FAMILY, HER  
19 COMMUNITY AND HERSELF, AS WELL. WHEN ASKED ABOUT HER SITUATION  
20 IN OUR PROGRAM, I QUOTE, "I JUST CAN'T IMAGINE ME DETOURING  
21 FROM MY WHOLE LIFE'S GOALS, FOR THIS ONE MISTAKE MESSING ME UP  
22 FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE. I GOT TO DO SOMETHING I COULD NEVER  
23 EXPERIENCE IN MY LIFE, EVER. I FEEL MORE CONFIDENT AND  
24 STRONGER FROM GOING THROUGH THIS PROGRAM. IT STARTED FROM  
25 SOMETHING SMALL AND MADE SOMETHING LIKE A BEAUTIFUL FLOWER FOR



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1 ME." THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME AND FOR SUPPORTING THIS  
2 MOTION.

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

6

7 **CHERYL BINACCI:** HI, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS CHERYL BINACCI,  
8 AND I'M THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR FOR THE ANTI RECIDIVISM  
9 COALITION. I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD FOR ALWAYS MAKING THE  
10 HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF ALL OF OUR CHILDREN A TOP PRIORITY IN  
11 THE COUNTY'S EFFORTS. AS A CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN FOR THE OFFICE OF  
12 RESTORATIVE JUSTICE FOR 15 YEARS, I HAVE SAT WITH TOO MANY 12  
13 AND 13-YEAR-OLDS WHO DON'T BELONG IN JUVENILE HALL AND WHO  
14 WOULD HAVE BENEFITED MUCH MORE FROM A RESTORATIVE PATHWAY THAN  
15 PUNISHMENT WITHOUT PROPER SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE. I HAVE SEEN  
16 TOO MANY TEENAGERS WHO HAD BEEN LOCKED UP OVER AND OVER AND  
17 MOVED AROUND THE PROBATION CAMP SYSTEM WITH NO SUCCESS ONLY TO  
18 END UP IN ADULT COURT AT THE AGE OF 16 ON A CASE THAT HAS THEM  
19 SET TO BE THROWN AWAY. I FEEL WE HAVE TOO OFTEN MISSED THE  
20 OPPORTUNITY TO HELP A CHILD BEFORE THEY END UP ON THE PIPELINE  
21 TO PRISON. I CURRENTLY REPRESENT SUPERVISOR KUEHL'S OFFICE ON  
22 THE PERMANENT STEERING COMMITTEE FOR THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION  
23 AND RE-ENTRY AND FEEL STRONGLY THAT THIS BROAD SPECTRUM OF  
24 SUPPORT, EXPERTISE AND COLLABORATION WITH C.B.O.S THAT I'VE  
25 SEEN TODAY AND IN THE LAST COUPLE YEARS OFFERS US A GREAT



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1 OPPORTUNITY TO WORK TOGETHER TO DO SOME INCREDIBLE WORK ON  
2 BEHALF OF OUR CHILDREN AND SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. WE  
5 WILL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER.

6

7 **JAMIL FORTUNE TURNER:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JAMIL FORTUNE  
8 TURNER AND I WORK WITH CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE FOR EQUALITY AND  
9 JUSTICE AS A CASE MANAGER IN OUR JUVENILE JUSTICE DIVERSION  
10 PROGRAM. TODAY I WOULD LIKE TO READ A QUOTE FROM A PARENT WHO  
11 PARTICIPATED IN ONE OF THE RESTORATIVE JUSTICE CIRCLES WITH  
12 HER SON WHO RECEIVED A CITATION. QUOTE, "I APPRECIATE THE  
13 COMMITMENT THIS DIVERSION PROGRAM HAS IN HELPING THE CHILD AND  
14 FAMILY RESOLVE THE ISSUE IN HAND. IT SHOWS HOW ONE'S ACTIONS  
15 AFFECT OTHER THINGS IN SO MANY WAYS AND HOLDING THE CHILD  
16 ACCOUNTABLE FOR HIS OR HER ACTIONS. IT HELPS TO OPEN THEIR  
17 EYES AND MIND IN MAKING RESPECTABLE DECISIONS IN THE FUTURE  
18 AND HOW THEY CAN MOVE ON FROM ACTIONS THEY HAVE HAD IN THE  
19 PAST. IN SUPPORTING MORE COMMUNITY-BASED DIVERSION PROGRAMS,  
20 OUR YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES WILL HAVE VALUABLE OPPORTUNITIES  
21 TO PAUSE WITH EACH OTHER AND REFLECT ON HOW TO HEAL AND  
22 PROBLEM SOLVE WHEN A MISTAKE HAS BEEN MADE SO THAT WE CAN  
23 STEWARD A MORE CONSCIOUS AND JUST COMMUNITY TOGETHER." THANK  
24 YOU FOR HEARING ME.

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1 SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR: . THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. HI.

2

3 SHERI DIGGS: MY NAME IS DIGGS, SHERI. I THINK THAT WHEN WE ARE  
4 ALSO TALKING ABOUT THIS, WE ALSO HAVE TO LOOK INTO THE KIND OF  
5 SUPPORT THAT THEY'RE GETTING. WHEN WE THINK ABOUT THE IN ANY  
6 MENTAL HEALTH, THE WAY MENTAL HEALTH WORKS NOW, I HAVE A  
7 MENTAL ILLNESS. WHEN I WAS ABOUT A YEAR AGO, I ATTEMPTED TO  
8 COMMIT SUICIDE IN THE HOSPITAL. I HAD A BAG OVER MY HEAD. AND  
9 PEOPLE THAT WERE SUPPOSED TO BE LOOKING OUT FOR MY MENTAL  
10 HEALTH TACKLED ME, TIED ME UP ON A BED. I WOKE UP CONFUSED AND  
11 AFRAID. BEFORE THAT HAPPENED, THEY ISOLATED ME FROM EVERYONE  
12 AND PUT ME IN A ROOM. IF WE ARE REFORMING THIS SYSTEM WITH THE  
13 SAME AMOUNT OF VIOLENCE THAT EXISTS IN THE SYSTEM, WE'RE NOT  
14 REALLY DOING OUR JOBS. ALSO, A LOT OF THE TIMES WHEN I WERE  
15 DEALING WITH MENTAL HEALTH FOLKS, STAFF, THEY WERE WHITE. THEY  
16 DID NOT UNDERSTAND CULTURE. I WAS CALLED PARANOID FOR SAYING  
17 THAT I'M AFRAID TO WALK IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD AT NIGHT. THEY  
18 CALLED ME PARANOID. THIS MISUNDERSTANDING OF THE ACTUAL  
19 CULTURE OF BEING BLACK, THE CULTURE OF BEING BROWN, THE  
20 CULTURE OF BEING TRAUMATIZED AND THE CULTURE OF LIVING IN  
21 NEIGHBORHOODS LIKE MINE, IF WE DON'T ACTUALLY TIE INTO THAT,  
22 AS WELL, AND GET ACTUAL BLACK STAFF MEMBERS AND BROWN STAFF  
23 MEMBERS THAT UNDERSTAND THAT CULTURE, WE ARE DOING NOTHING.  
24 THERE IS NO POINT TO IT. CHILDREN ARE TRAUMATIZED. THEY HAVE



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1 ESPECIALLY BLACK AND BROWN CHILDREN. IT'S GENETIC. SO HOW DO  
2 WE ACTUALLY DEAL WITH THAT IN A WAY THAT'S NOT THE SAME?

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
5 WE'LL PROCEED WITH THE BALANCE OF THE SPEAKERS. SIR?

6

7 **DONALD LAVEER:** HELLO, EVERYONE. I'M OFFICER DONALD LAVEER,  
8 REPRESENTING THE L.A.P.D. HOLLENBECK POLICE ACTIVITIES LEAGUE.  
9 I'M HERE TODAY WITH DR. KATHLEEN VAN ANSWERT. I JUST WANT TO  
10 SAY I'M BOTH VERY BLESSED AND VERY PROUD TO WEAR THIS UNIFORM  
11 AND TO WORK IN THE CAPACITY THAT I DO BECAUSE I HAVE THE  
12 ABILITY ON A DAILY BASIS TO REALLY AFFECT THE LIVES OF THE  
13 YOUTH THAT I WORK WITH IN A POSITIVE MANNER AND REALLY BUILD  
14 THE BOND BETWEEN COPS AND KIDS. WE'RE JUST HERE TO COMMUNICATE  
15 OUR SUPPORT OF THIS PROPOSAL AND ARTICULATE HOW EFFECTIVE OUR  
16 COLLABORATIVE WORK IN YOUTH DIVERSION THROUGH OUR PANEL AND  
17 OUR YELL PROGRAMS HAS BEEN FOR THE L.A. COUNTY AND WE STRONGLY  
18 BELIEVE IN JUVENILE JUSTICE DIVERSION THROUGH A DEVELOPMENTAL  
19 APPROACH. THANK YOU.

20

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

23

24 **ALITA LADESMA:** HI, MY NAME IS ALITA LADESMA. I AM REPRESENTING  
25 THE ARTS FOR INCARCERATED YOUTH NETWORK. WE JUST WANT TO



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1 APPLAUD SUPERVISORS RIDLEY-THOMAS AND HAHN FOR THEIR  
2 LEADERSHIP WITH THIS MOTION AND THE INCREDIBLE LEADERSHIP OF  
3 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN MAKING LOS ANGELES A MODEL IN  
4 JUVENILE JUSTICE. WE WANT THE MOTION TO EXPLORE A COUNTYWIDE  
5 STRATEGY FOR YOUTH DIVERSION AND FURTHER SUPPORT THE  
6 INTEGRATION AND INCLUSION OF COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS,  
7 FAMILIES AND YOUTH THAT ARE DIRECTLY IMPACTED IN THIS EFFORT  
8 TO FIND A COMPREHENSIVE, RESTORATIVE AND INNOVATIVE SOLUTION.  
9 THANK YOU.

10

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

12

13 **EDDIE FLORES:** MY NAME'S EDDIE FLORES AND I'M WITH THE YOUTH  
14 JUSTICE COALITION. ONE OF THE THINGS I WANT TO TALK ABOUT ON  
15 DIVERSION IS, IS TOWARDS NOT HAVING DIVERSION, ONE OF THE WAYS  
16 NOT TO HAVE DIVERSION, YOU HAVE PREVENTION AND HAVE  
17 INTERVENTION AND SO TO ALSO HAVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND SO TO  
18 HAVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT WILL ACTUALLY GO AHEAD AND CREATE  
19 PROGRAMS THAT WILL IMPACT YOUNG PEOPLE IN ORDER TO GO AHEAD  
20 AND IMPACT THEM WHO HAVE ALL THESE PROGRAMS THAT WILL INVOLVE  
21 YOUNG PEOPLE THAT HAVE BEEN SYSTEM IMPACTED. SO TOWARDS TO  
22 GOING AHEAD AND HIRING A CONSULTANT WITH EXPERIENCE? THEY  
23 SHOULD HIRE SOMEONE THAT HAS BEEN FORMERLY INCARCERATED AND  
24 HAS BEEN INSIDE THE JUVENILE HALLS AND HAS ALREADY WENT AHEAD  
25 AND TRANSFORMED THEIR LIFE, NOT RESTORED THEIR LIFE BUT



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1 TRANSFORMED THEIR LIFE TO A POSITIVE AND HOLD THIS UP FOR  
2 YOUNG PEOPLE BECAUSE THEY ARE THE ONES THAT HAVE THE  
3 EXPERIENCE AND UNDERSTAND WHAT THE YOUNG PERSON BEING INSIDE  
4 THE JUVENILE HALL. MYSELF, I HAVE BEEN INSIDE THE JUVENILE  
5 HALLS. I WAS IN CENTRAL JUVENILE HALL. SO FOR ME GOING AHEAD  
6 AND COMING FROM EXPERIENCE, I KNOW WHAT YOUNG PEOPLE INSIDE  
7 THE JUVENILE HALLS ARE COMING WITH FIRST HAND THINGS, GOING  
8 AHEAD AND COMING WITH CONDITION OF CONFINEMENT, GOING AHEAD  
9 AND COMING WITH THE TREATMENT, GOING AHEAD AND TRYING TO GET  
10 THE RESOURCES AND TOWARDS TRYING TO GO AHEAD AND GET WHAT YOU  
11 NEED AND GO AHEAD AND COME BACK AND NOT BEING RESTORED BUT BE  
12 TRANSFORMED AS A YOUNG PERSON BECAUSE WE NEED TO REHABILITATE  
13 YOUNG PEOPLE NOT INCARCERATE THEM EVEN MORE. SO TOWARDS HAVING  
14 SOMEONE THAT ACTUALLY HAS BEEN SYSTEM IMPACTED, HAS EXPERIENCE  
15 TO BE INSIDE THE JUVENILE HALLS, TO ACTUALLY GO AHEAD AND  
16 SUPPORT THOSE YOUNG PEOPLE THE MOST. THANK YOU.

17

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

20

21 **DIANA ZUNIGA:** HELLO, MY NAME IS DIANA ZUNIGA, AND I'M WITH  
22 CALIFORNIANS UNITED FOR A RESPONSIBLE BUDGET. FIRST I WANT TO  
23 ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THIS CONSULTANT SHOULD REALLY LEAN ON THE  
24 YEARS OF RESEARCH OF THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION AND SEVERAL  
25 DIFFERENT GRASSROOTS ORGANIZATIONS HAVE DONE TO HIGHLIGHT



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1 DIFFERENT ALTERNATIVES AND DIVERSION PRACTICES THAT COULD BE  
2 UTILIZED IN THE COUNTY. I ENCOURAGE THIS CONSULTANT TO  
3 ACTUALLY DO THAT AND TO LISTEN TO THE COMMAND FOR THE YOUTH  
4 DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT. THIS IS KEY IN ORDER TO ACTUALLY  
5 CREATE PROGRAMS THAT WILL TARGET THE FOLKS THAT ARE MOST  
6 IMPACTED BY THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. ANOTHER THING THAT I  
7 THINK IS NECESSARY IS TO THINK ABOUT THE YOUTH THAT WON'T BE  
8 IMPACTED BY PROPOSITION 57 AND WILL GO THROUGH THE DIRECT FILE  
9 PROCESS AND THROUGH THE ADULT SYSTEM. AS THE COUNTY THINKS OF  
10 DIVERSION OPTIONS, OPTIONS FOR YOUTH, WE CAN'T IGNORE YOUNG  
11 PEOPLE TRIED AS ADULTS AND ACTIVELY DECREASE THE LIKELIHOOD  
12 THAT COULD HAPPEN IN THE COUNTY. I ASK THIS POSITIVE STEP  
13 TOWARD DIVERSION ALSO ANALYZE SERVICES TO SUPPORT AND CONNECT  
14 ALTERNATIVES FOR PEOPLE THAT HAVE BEEN CONVICTED OF MORE  
15 SERIOUS OFFENSES AND NOT TO LEAVE OUT THOSE YOUNG PEOPLE THAT  
16 WILL ENTER THE ADULT SYSTEM. I ALSO APPRECIATE THE PUBLIC  
17 DEFENDER'S OFFICE' MENTION OF ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE  
18 CONNECTING FAMILIES TO SUPPORTIVE SERVICES AND AGAIN ENCOURAGE  
19 THAT THIS IS A HUGE PRIORITY FOR THE CONSULTANT TO LOOK AT.  
20 AND, LASTLY, I'VE WORKED IN ALTERNATIVE PLACEMENT FACILITIES  
21 IN THE PAST, AND WHAT I'VE SEEN IS THE CYCLE OF YOUTH COMING  
22 IN AND OUT OF THOSE ALTERNATIVE PLACEMENTS. AND ONE OF THE KEY  
23 BARRIERS IS THAT THERE'S NOT ENOUGH INVOLVEMENT WITH THE  
24 COMMUNITY AND FAMILIES. SO I REALLY HOPE THAT THIS CONSULTANT  
25 LOOKS AT THAT POSSIBILITY. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
3 MA'AM, WE'LL START WITH YOU.

4

5 **ALIAS HERNANDEZ:** HELLO. GOOD MORNING OR GOOD AFTERNOON. MY  
6 NAME IS ALIAS HERNANDEZ. I'M WITH DRUG POLICY ALLIANCE AND  
7 TODAY I WANT TO SAY I THINK THIS MOTION FALLS IN LINE WITH A  
8 LOT OF THE OTHER STEPS THAT THE COUNTY IS TAKING, PARTICULARLY  
9 IN DEALING WITH PEOPLE WHO HAVE MENTAL HEALTH DISORDERS AND  
10 SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDERS PARTICULARLY ADULTS. BUT THE YOUTH  
11 IS A COMPLEX POPULATION. AND I HIGHLIGHT WHAT PETER ESPINOZA  
12 SAID AND DR. GHALY IN REGARDS TO CREATING A DEPARTMENT THAT  
13 CAN REALLY KEEP AN EYE ON THE FUNDS THAT GO TO YOUTH AND THE  
14 SERVICES THAT WILL BE DEVELOPED FOR YOUTH AS WELL AS IN  
15 THINKING ABOUT THE SERVICES PROVIDED, TO THINK ABOUT A  
16 COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY-BASED SPECTRUM THAT OFFERS ALL TYPES  
17 OF SERVICES FOR YOUTH NOT JUST ABSTINENCE PROGRAMS OR PROGRAMS  
18 LIKE D.A.R.E. THAT ARE NOT REALLY EVIDENCE BASED. WHAT I ALSO  
19 WANT TO SAY IS THAT THIS MOTION CALLS FOR THE COUNTY TO LOCATE  
20 FUNDING. UNDER PROP 64, AN INITIATIVE THAT PASSED LAST YEAR  
21 THAT LEGALIZED MARIJUANA FOR ADULTS 21 AND OVER, 60 PERCENT OF  
22 THAT BUDGET IS DEDICATED TOWARDS DEVELOPMENT OF YOUTH SERVICES  
23 WITHIN OUR COMMUNITIES. WITHIN THAT INITIATIVE THERE IS REALLY  
24 SPECIFIC LANGUAGE ON WHAT TYPE OF SERVICES CAN BE FUNDED  
25 THROUGH THIS. AND IT'S A LARGE SPECTRUM OF SERVICES. SO IT'S



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1 NOT JUST SUBSTANCE USE BUT IT'S ALSO AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS.  
2 PROGRAMS THAT REALLY DEVELOP THE SKILLS AND CONNECTIONS TO  
3 FURTHER PROGRAMS AND TO THE ADVANCEMENT OF YOUTH. SO LOOKING  
4 INTO THAT AND LOOKING INTO THOSE FUNDS, JUST MAKE SURE THAT  
5 STEPS BEING TAKEN NOW ARE COMPREHENSIVE SO THAT WE DON'T HAVE  
6 TO GO BACK AND FIX SOMETHING THAT WE NEEDED TO DO TO GET THIS  
7 KIND OF GRANT FUNDING. SO JUST THINK BIG BUT ALSO THINK ABOUT  
8 THE POPULATION. JUST ONE LAST THING. THE COMMITTEE IS GREAT  
9 BUT I DON'T SEE ANY COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES ON HERE. AND I  
10 DON'T SEE THAT THERE'S A SLOT FOR PEOPLE THAT HAVE BEEN  
11 IMPACTED BY THE SYSTEM LIKE EDDIE. SO I THINK THAT DEFINITELY  
12 NEEDS TO BE INCORPORATED BECAUSE WHAT OTHER PERSPECTIVE DO YOU  
13 NEED THAN THE PERSON THAT HAS BEEN THROUGH THE SYSTEM? THANK  
14 YOU.

15

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

18

19 **DANNY MONTEZ:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS  
20 DANNY MONTEZ. I'M THE ALLIANCE DIRECTOR FOR CALIFORNIANS FOR  
21 SAFETY AND JUSTICE, ONE OF THE STATE'S LEADING CRIMINAL  
22 JUSTICE REFORM ORGANIZATIONS WITH SEVERAL OFFICES ACROSS  
23 CALIFORNIA, INCLUDING RIGHT HERE IN LOS ANGELES. I WANT TO  
24 COMMEND AND THANK SUPERVISORS HAHN AND RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR  
25 INTRODUCING THIS IMPORTANT MOTION THAT WILL NOT ONLY HELP



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1 PROTECT CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES FROM THE HARMS RESULTING  
2 FROM NEEDLESS INCARCERATION BUT ALSO TO ENSURE LOS ANGELES  
3 COUNTY REMAINS A STATEWIDE AND NATIONAL LEADER IN CREATING A  
4 COMPREHENSIVE AND COORDINATED CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM THAT  
5 REFLECTS A COMMITMENT FOR SHARED SAFETY. RESEARCH IS CLEAR  
6 THAT WHEN YOUNG PEOPLE ARE PROCESSED INTO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
7 SYSTEM, THE RISK OF THEM REOFFENDING ACTUALLY INCREASES. BY  
8 SUPPORTING THE DIVERSION OF YOUNG PEOPLE AWAY FROM THE SYSTEM  
9 WHENEVER POSSIBLE, WHILE STILL HOLDING THEM ACCOUNTABLE  
10 THROUGH DIVERSION PROGRAMS, WE ARE ACTING IN THE BEST INTEREST  
11 OF BOTH OUR YOUTH AND OUR COLLECTIVE DESIRE TO LIVE IN  
12 COMMUNITIES THAT ARE BOTH HEALTHY AND SAFE. THIS IS A MODEL  
13 THAT WE NEED TO STRIVE FOR ACROSS THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM  
14 IF WE ARE GOING TO ACHIEVE THE OUTCOMES THAT REFLECT THE  
15 VALUES OF MAJORITY OF PEOPLE IN LOS ANGELES AND ACROSS THE  
16 STATE OF CALIFORNIA. I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS  
17 YOU TODAY AND THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR INVALUABLE AND FORWARD  
18 THINKING WORK. WE ALSO WANT TO CONGRATULATE THE TWO NEW BOARD  
19 OF SUPERVISORS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU ALL ON  
20 LOCAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE EFFORTS MOVING FORWARD AS WELL AS THE  
21 OTHER OFFICERS. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

22

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

24 SIR?

25



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1 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES. IT IS ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT.  
2 AND I AM RUNNING FOR THE OFFICE OF MAYOR IN LOS ANGELES AND I  
3 WOULD LIKE TO APPLAUD THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR LOOKING AT  
4 ONE OF THE MORE DIFFICULT PROBLEMS THAT WE HAVE BEEN FACING.  
5 OF COURSE WE HAVE BEEN FACING IT FOR A LONG PERIOD OF TIME. IN  
6 DECEMBER OF 2014, THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND THE COUNTY  
7 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AMENDED THEIR AGREEMENT WITH PARAGRAPH 73  
8 WHICH MORE OR LESS SAYS ALL THE THINGS WE'RE SAYING NOW, WHICH  
9 IS ONLY DANGEROUS PEOPLE HAVE TO GO INSIDE. EVERYTHING SHOULD  
10 BE DONE IN THE COMMUNITY. THE SERVICES SHOULD BE PROVIDED. THE  
11 CENTERS, EVERYTHING. AND OF COURSE WE HAVE LEFT \$7.4 MILLION  
12 IN THE KITTY AMONG STATE FUNDING SO THIS IS A GREAT  
13 DISAPPOINTMENT. I WOULD URGE THE COUNTY COUNSEL WHO EVIDENTLY  
14 ARE CHARGED WITH HELPING GET THAT STUFF APPROVED AND MOVE  
15 FORWARD, WHAT ARE THEY DOING THAT THAT HAS NOT BEEN DONE? IT'S  
16 ASTONISHING MONEY COULD BE LEFT BEHIND IN THIS SPACE. ON A  
17 POSITIVE NOTE, MENTAL HEALTH AMONG YOUTH IS CRITICAL AND IT'S  
18 SO HARD. EVEN AMONG KNOW-IT-ALLS, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, WE DON'T  
19 KNOW EXACTLY WHAT TO DO, SO WHEN YOU HAVE A KID WHO'S PULLING  
20 ASIDE OR GETTING LOST IN THE SHUFFLE, SO I THINK SUPERVISOR  
21 HAHN'S MESSAGE, WHICH IS CLEAR THAT HIGH SCHOOLS AND SCHOOLS  
22 SHOULD BE VIGILANT AND ARMED WITH-- NOT ARMED WITH WEAPONS BUT  
23 ARMED WITH KNOWLEDGE AND RECIPIENTS OF-- PEOPLE WHO CAN GIVE  
24 INFORMATION AND HELP FAMILIES AND HELP TEACHERS UNDERSTAND AND  
25 IDENTIFY THESE PEOPLE IS A VERY, VERY GOOD INITIATIVE. AND I



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1 THINK THAT THE FIVE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, RATHER THAN HAVING  
2 PRESENTATIONS IN WHICH WE AWARD ONE ANOTHER PLAQUES AND  
3 VARIOUS THINGS DURING YOUR MEETING, MAYBE EVERY FOR THE YEAR  
4 COULD GO TO THE HIGH SCHOOL AND LEAVE BEHIND MR. GHALY OR A  
5 MENTAL HEALTH PERSON TO EXPLAIN HOW TO HELP THE RESIDENTS IN  
6 THOSE COMMUNITIES. WE NEED THIS. AND WE NEED THE FINAL POINT  
7 AT THE END OF YOUR DOCUMENT NUMBER 5 IS PRIVATE-PUBLIC  
8 PARTNERSHIPS. THIS SHOULD BE AT THE TOP.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. NEXT  
11 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** WE CANNOT HAVE REAL DIVERSION IN L.A. COUNTY UNLESS  
14 IT INCLUDES THE CREATION OF A YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, INFUSION OF  
15 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES INTO ALL COUNTY RUN  
16 AND CONTRACTED PROGRAMS THAT IMPACT YOUTH AND WOULD ADMINISTER  
17 ALL PROGRAMS FOR SYSTEMS-INVOLVED YOUTH UP TO AGE 24, AS  
18 SEVERAL OTHER COUNTIES AND STATES WHERE YOUTH DETENTION AND  
19 SUPERVISION SYSTEMS ARE NO LONGER UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF  
20 LAW ENFORCEMENT. YOUTH DETENTION AND SUPERVISION SYSTEMS UNDER  
21 JURISDICTION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT WILL JUST CONTINUE THE  
22 TRACKING AND TRACING OF INDIVIDUALS AND THE FUTURE  
23 CRIMINALIZATION OF THE YOUTH. IT IS INFORMATION COLLECTED BY  
24 PROBATION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS THAT IS USED IN  
25 PREDICTIVE POLICING PROGRAMS TO PREDICT WHO HAS CRIMINAL



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1 POTENTIAL. AS THE L.A.P.D. OFFICER WAS HERE TESTIFYING, HE  
2 SHOULD BE AWARE OF A PROGRAM CALLED OPERATION L.A.S.E.R. L.A.  
3 STRATEGIC EXTRACTION AND RESTORATION PROGRAM, WHICH DOES JUST  
4 THIS. IT TAKES INFORMATION FROM PROBATION OFFICERS AND IS A  
5 POINTS SYSTEM TO DETERMINE WHO HAS CRIMINAL POTENTIAL IN  
6 COMMUNITIES. SO WITH THE AGE OF DATA-DRIVEN, EVIDENCE-BASED  
7 POLICING, WE NEED TO BE COMPLETELY AGAINST LAW ENFORCEMENT  
8 HAVING ACCESS OR WORKING WITH SYSTEMS THAT WORK WITH OUR MOST  
9 PRIVATE ASPECTS OF OUR LIVES LIKE MENTAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE  
10 ABUSE EDUCATION. THESE ARE PEOPLE'S LIVES AND STORIES. PUBLIC  
11 HEALTH DATA IS PRIVATE AND PRECIOUS. PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW LAW  
12 ENFORCEMENT INTO DIVERSION PROGRAMS.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY AND  
15 TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER. THE LADY?

16

17 **GLORIA GONZALEZ:** MY NAME IS GLORIA GONZALEZ AND I'M PART OF  
18 THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION AND I JUST WANTED TO TAKE YOU BACK  
19 TO WHEN I WAS 12 YEARS OLD AND I WAS TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER  
20 SCHOOL BECAUSE OF AN ALTERCATION BETWEEN ME AND ANOTHER  
21 STUDENT THAT HAD BEEN BULLYING ME FOR WEEKS. I WAS ARRESTED  
22 AND HAD MY FIRST ENCOUNTER WITH POLICE. I WAS NEVER ASKED IF  
23 THIS WAS WHAT I WANTED TO DO. I MEAN, I WAS NEVER ASKED, YES,  
24 THIS IS WHAT I WANTED TO DO. OR IF I WANTED TO STAY IN THE  
25 SAME SCHOOL. IN THIS FORM OF DIVERSION, I GOT CLASSIFIED AS A



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1 TROUBLED CHILD AND HAD MY FIRST CONTACT WITH THE POLICE SYSTEM  
2 AND GOT CITED FOR \$500. ALSO AT 12 I WAS NEVER ABLE TO RETURN  
3 TO A COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL NOR HIGH SCHOOL, SO I NEVER GOT AN A  
4 THROUGH G REQUIREMENTS NEEDED TO GO TO DIRECTLY TO A U.C. OR  
5 CAL STATE. DIVERSION, IN ORDER FOR IT TO BE REAL, HAS TO BE  
6 COMMUNITY LED.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. SIR?

9

10 **FRANCISCO MARTINEZ:** MY NAME FRANCISCO MARTINEZ AND I'M WITH  
11 THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION AS WELL. YOUTH DIVERSION CAN ONLY  
12 WORK IF THE YOUTH DIVERSION IS CREATED AND RUN BY YOUNG  
13 PEOPLE. THE DIVERSION PROGRAM SHOULD BE OWNED AND OPERATED BY  
14 THE COMMUNITY. I AM A YOUNG PERSON, A YOUTH THAT HAS BEEN IN  
15 THE SYSTEM, HAS BEEN LOCKED UP AND EXPERIENCED CONFINEMENT AT  
16 THE AGE 17. AND AT THAT TIME I HAD A BAD DRUG ADDICTION. AND  
17 DURING MY TIME THERE I NEVER GOT HELP FOR MY DRUG ADDICTION  
18 ESPECIALLY WHEN I WAS GOING THROUGH MY WITHDRAWALS. TO MAKE  
19 MATTERS WORTH, I WAS PUT INSIDE THROUGH MY WITHDRAWALS. THE  
20 SYSTEM IS NOT HERE TO HELP OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. IT'S DESTROYING  
21 THEM, ESPECIALLY THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM. YOU GET LOCKED UP,  
22 YOU DON'T GET THE EDUCATION SYSTEM THAT YOU NEED. I WOULD LIKE  
23 TO CLOSE WITH THAT MANY OF THE JUVENILE HALLS AND HALF OF THE  
24 CAMPS SHOULD BE CLOSED DUE TO THE FACT THAT THEY ARE HALF  
25 EMPTY. IT TOOK THE COMMUNITY TO END THE [INAUDIBLE]



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1 CONFINEMENT AND IT'S SAFER FOR THE DIVERSION PROGRAM TO BE RUN  
2 BY THE COMMUNITY BECAUSE THEY KNOW WHAT IS NEEDED DUE TO MOST  
3 OF THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS HAVE BEEN LOCKED UP AND KNOW WHAT THE  
4 SYSTEM IS DOING THE AND HOW I MENTIONED THE SYSTEM IS ONLY  
5 DESTROYING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, NOT CREATING, NOT HELPING THEM TO  
6 ENLIGHT THEIR MINDS WITH EDUCATION SYSTEM SHOULD BE HELPING  
7 THEM AND HOW BEING IN COLLEGE IS REWARDING. I'M IN COLLEGE  
8 RIGHT NOW. I'M GOING TO TWO DIFFERENT COLLEGES AS WELL, RIGHT  
9 NOW BECAUSE I WANT TO GET MY ADULT EDUCATION. BUT I COULDN'T  
10 HAVE DONE THAT WITH THE HELP OF THE SYSTEM. THE SYSTEM DIDN'T  
11 HELP ME. IT JUST PUT ME IN ANOTHER BOX. WHEN I GOT RELEASED,  
12 IT PUT ME BACK ON PROBATION, AND EXPECTED ME TO DO ALL THESE  
13 THINGS THAT WERE REQUIRED, BUT WITHOUT THE HELP OF ANYBODY.  
14 THANK YOU.

15

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

17

18 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** EXCUSE ME. I'M SORRY, BEFORE THE  
19 NEXT SPEAKER STARTS I'D LIKE TO CALL THE FOLLOWING  
20 INDIVIDUALS. PLEASE COME FORWARD WHEN YOU HEAR YOUR NAME.  
21 VANESSA MICHELLE PETTY. VANESSA DELEON. SEYMOUR AMSTER. RACHEL  
22 BAKER. MELLO DESIRE. MARSHA TEMPLE. MARIELLA SABA. KENNY  
23 MANIQUES. KIM MCGILL. KENT MENDOZA AND HAMID KHAN. PLEASE COME  
24 FORWARD.

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1 **HAMID KHAN:** HI, MY NAME IS HAMID KHAN. I GUESS I'M ALREADY  
2 HERE WITH THE STOP L.A.P.D. SPYING COALITION. I'M HERE TO  
3 FULLY SUPPORT THE CAMPAIGN THAT THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION  
4 HAS BEEN RUNNING IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. WHERE DIVERSION  
5 HAS TO BE REALLY COMMUNITY-BASED AND NOT BY SYSTEM THAT  
6 CRIMINALIZES THE YOUTH IN THE FIRST PLACE. AND I THINK ONE  
7 THING THAT WE DIDN'T HEAR IN ALL THE PRESENTATIONS WAS THAT  
8 HOW SYSTEMS ON THE GROUND HAVE BEEN CREATED WHERE THE YOUTH  
9 ARE GOING TO BE CONTINUALLY CRIMINALIZED. SUPERVISOR JANICE  
10 HAHN TALKED ABOUT GANG INJUNCTIONS AND GANG DATABASES, BUT NOW  
11 WHAT WE HAVE IS THIS NEW FORM OF POLICING WHICH IS VERY MUCH  
12 CRIMINALIZING YOUTH. MY COLLEAGUE, JAMIE GARCIA SPOKE ABOUT  
13 PREDICTIVE ALGORITHMS. PREDICTIVE ALGORITHMS ARE BEING  
14 INCLUDED IN CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES. PREDICTIVE ALGORITHMS  
15 ARE BEING USED IN SENTENCING GUIDELINES, AND CLEARLY IT IS A  
16 PROXY FOR RACISM. SO IN ESSENCE WHAT WE ARE SEEING IS THAT HOW  
17 THIS TYPE OF POLICING IS BEING INCORPORATED INCREASINGLY IN  
18 THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR WHICH ENDS UP CRIMINALIZING,  
19 PARTICULARLY CRIMINALIZING YOUTH OF COLOR. WE'VE HAD THIS  
20 DEVASTATING IMPACT OF GANG DATABASES. WE'VE HAD THIS  
21 DEVASTATING IMPACT OF THE WAR ON CRIMES AND THE WAR ON DRUGS,  
22 SO UNLESS THESE CONDITIONS AND THESE TACTICS ARE THOROUGHLY  
23 EXAMINED AND REMOVED AND ABOLISHED, WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE TO  
24 SEE MASS INCARCERATION AND MASS CRIMINALIZATION OF OUR YOUTH.  
25 PLEASE PAY HEED TO WHAT YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION HAS TO SAY.



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1 AND WE NEED TO DEVELOP A YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM RATHER THAN  
2 INVESTING IN MORE POLICING OF OUR YOUTH. THANK YOU.

3

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

5

6 **VANESSA PETTY:** HI, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS VANESSA MICHELLE  
7 PETTY. I DIRECT OUR RESTORATIVE JUSTICE DIVERSION PROGRAM  
8 WITHIN THE CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE FOR EQUALITY AND JUSTICE. I  
9 WANT TO THANK THE BOARD FOR TAKING THIS OPPORTUNITY SERIOUSLY.  
10 AND I WANT TO SHARE THAT WE ARE A COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION  
11 THAT OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS HAS BEEN OFFERING A JUVENILE  
12 DIVERSION PROGRAM FOR POLICE AND PROBATION, DEPENDENCY AND  
13 DELINQUENCY COURTS, FOR JUDGES AND NONPROFITS WORKING WITH  
14 YOUTH. FROM GROUP HOME SETTINGS TO JUST SIMPLY COMMUNITY-BASED  
15 ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS, PARTICULARLY WE'RE SERVING DISTRICTS 2  
16 AND 4 WITH AND WOULD LOVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH YOU  
17 MORE IN DETAIL. IN JUST THIS PAST YEAR OUR PROGRAM HAS BROUGHT  
18 OVER 900 COMMUNITY MEMBERS TOGETHER. JUST ONE YEAR. WE'VE  
19 BROUGHT PEOPLE TOGETHER IN CIRCLES TO RESPOND TO ISSUES  
20 RANGING FROM LOW LEVEL CITATIONS TO VIOLENT FELONIES. I WANT  
21 TO REITERATE THAT. VIOLENT FELONIES ALSO SHOULD BE PROPOSED  
22 FOR RESTORATIVE JUSTICE. THIS IS NOT JUST A FIRST-TIME  
23 OFFENDER, TRUANCY OR FAIR VISION OPPORTUNITY. EVERYONE CAN  
24 SERVE AND PARTICIPATE IN THIS WORK. RESTORATIVE JUSTICE SERVES  
25 AS A MEANINGFUL TOOL FOR EFFECTIVE PREVENTION, HOLISTIC



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1 INTERVENTION AND SUSTAINABLE HEALING IN THE LIVES OF YOUNG  
2 PEOPLE, OUR FAMILIES AND OUR COMMUNITIES AT LARGE. WE WITNESS  
3 DAILY HOW CONDITIONS OF COMPLEX TRAUMA NOT ONLY IMPACT THE  
4 BEHAVIOR OF YOUNG PEOPLE BUT ALSO OUR FAMILIES. ADULTS ALSO  
5 NEED TO PARTICIPATE IN RESTORATIVE JUSTICE ALTERNATIVES.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WE THANK YOU. IF THERE'S WRITTEN  
8 TESTIMONY THAT YOU WISH TO SUBMIT FOR THE BOARD'S  
9 CONSIDERATION, YOU SHOULD FEEL FREE TO DO SO. THANK YOU. HOW?  
10 YOU HAVE IT WITH THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND SHE WILL ASSIST  
11 YOU. WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, SIR?

12

13 **SEYMOUR AMSTER:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME  
14 IS SEYMOUR AMSTER. I AM HERE IN MY CAPACITY AS EXECUTIVE  
15 DIRECTOR OF PARENTS, EDUCATORS, TEACHERS AND STUDENTS IN  
16 ACTION, KNOWN AS P.E.T.S.A. I'M ALSO HERE TO ADVOCATE ON  
17 BEHALF OF THE 83 SUPERIOR- COURT JUDGES WHO ARE INVOLVED IN  
18 THE TEEN COURT PROGRAM, BUT BECAUSE OF CANONS OF ETHICS,  
19 CANNOT APPEAR IN FRONT OF YOU, SO THEY HAVE GIVEN ME  
20 PERMISSION TO SPEAK ON THEIR BEHALF. FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO  
21 ADDRESS TWO THINGS. AS FAR AS THE J.J.P.C.A. FUNDS TO GET, WE  
22 ARE ONE OF THE GRANTORS ON IT. WITHIN SIX WEEKS I HAD IT DONE.  
23 JUST HAD TO BE ON TOP OF IT. AS FAR AS SAFE PASSAGE PROGRAMS I  
24 HAVE SIX OF THEM UP GOING. PRESENTLY WE'LL HAVE 20 MORE. THEY  
25 CAN BE DONE. JUST HAS TO BE TAKEN CARE OF. IN THE TEEN COURT



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1 PROGRAM WE ARE THE LARGEST PREFILING DIVERSION PROGRAM IN THE  
2 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH DID A  
3 STUDY ON OUR PROGRAM AND AS A RESULT OF ONE OF THE GRANTS THAT  
4 WE RECEIVED, WE HAVE PUT INTO PLACE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE  
5 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. TO DO THAT, WE HAVE PARTNERED  
6 WITH THE CENTER FOR COURT INNOVATION IN NEW YORK AND WE HAVE  
7 ALSO PARTNERED WITH THE U.S.C. MASTER'S SOCIAL WORKER PROGRAM.  
8 THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I WANT TO EMPHASIZE IS FOR US TO GET  
9 THIS DONE. AND I DO SPEAK IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. THOSE HAS TO  
10 BE A TEAM. YOU HAVE WONDERFUL PEOPLE SPEAK THIS MORNING. I  
11 DON'T THINK THERE'S A SINGLE ONE THAT I DISAGREE WITH. IF WE  
12 COME TOGETHER AS A TEAM, WE CAN DO THIS. IF WE COULD ADHERE TO  
13 THE LEADERSHIP THAT WE HAVE ALREADY, WE CAN DO THIS. WE ARE IN  
14 38 HIGH SCHOOLS. 38. AND WE ARE WORKING WITH THE SCHOOLS. I'M  
15 A FORMER SCHOOL PSYCH COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON AND I WORKED THIS.  
16 I'D LIKE TO HAVE MORE TIME TO TALK TO YOU.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** I'M SORRY?

19

20 **SEYMOUR AMSTER:** ONE LAST THING.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** IF IT'S WRITTEN, YOU CAN FEEL FREE  
23 TO SHARE IT WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.

24

25 **SEYMOUR AMSTER:** I WILL LEAVE PUBLICATION HERE ON OUR PROGRAM.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** EXCELLENT. WE APPRECIATE IT. THANK  
3 YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

4

5 **RACHEL BAKER:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS RACHEL BAKER AND I'M  
6 HERE WITH THE CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE FOR EQUALITY AND JUSTICE  
7 WITH OUR RESTORATIVE PRACTICES COMMUNITY PROGRAM. I'M A CASE  
8 MANAGER AND HAVE ALSO WORKED ALONGSIDE OUR RESTORATIVE JUSTICE  
9 AND SCHOOLS TEAM FOR SEVERAL YEARS. I WANT TO REITERATE THE  
10 CONNECTION THAT YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE EXPRESSED TODAY BETWEEN OUR  
11 SCHOOLS AND THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM AND THE ROLE OF  
12 SUPPORTING PROGRAMMING AND SCHOOLS THAT SUPPORT YOUNG PEOPLE  
13 AND PREVENTS THEM FROM ENTERING IN THE SCHOOL TO PRISON  
14 PIPELINE IN TWO YEARS WORKING WITH THE CONTINUATION HIGH  
15 SCHOOL THAT HAS AN ACTIVE RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PROGRAMMING,  
16 I'VE SEEN SIGNIFICANT DECREASES IN SUSPENSIONS AND EXPULSION,  
17 FIGHTS ON CAMPUS AND TEACHERS REMOVING STUDENTS FROM CLASS  
18 DURING INSTRUCTIONAL TIME. WE KNOW THAT RESTORATIVE JUSTICE  
19 PROGRAMS CAN DRAMATICALLY REDUCE THE NUMBER OF SUSPENSIONS AND  
20 EXPULSIONS ON OUR SCHOOL CAMPUSES AND I PERSONALLY WITNESSED  
21 THE MEANINGFUL IMPACT OF RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PROGRAMMING, AND  
22 POSITIVELY SHIFTING SCHOOL CULTURE NOT ONLY FOR STUDENTS BUT  
23 ALSO IN PERSPECTIVES OF BEHAVIOR OF TEACHERS AND STAFF. WHEN  
24 AN INCIDENT OF HARM OCCURS ON OUR SCHOOL CAMPUS, STUDENTS  
25 IMPACTED ARE SENT TO THE RESTORATIVE JUSTICE ROOM INSTEAD OF



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1 INTERACTING WITH SCHOOL POLICE. RESTORATIVE JUSTICE IN SCHOOLS  
2 IS A KEY COMPONENT OF THE JUVENILE JUSTICE DIVERSION  
3 PROGRAMMING. R.J. ALLOWS YOUNG PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND HARMS THAT  
4 OCCUR ON THEIR CAMPUSES AND THEY ARE EMPOWERED TO TAKE  
5 MEANINGFUL ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THEIR ACTION. THIS ALLOWS FOR A  
6 MORE SUSTAINABLE SOLUTION TO REPAIR DAMAGE AND SHARE GREATER  
7 INVESTMENT TO THE CONNECTIONS WITH EACH OTHER. L.A. COUNTY  
8 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAS AN INCREDIBLE OPPORTUNITY TO  
9 INTERRUPT SCHOOL-TO-PRISON PIPELINE BY VOTING YES ON THIS  
10 PROPOSITION, TO CREATE MORE DIVERSION PROGRAMS FOR EVERY  
11 SCHOOL IN L.A. COUNTY CAN HAVE A ROBUST RESTORATIVE JUSTICE  
12 SYSTEM OF SUPPORT.

13

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

16

17 **MARSHA TEMPLE:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN, SUPERVISORS I AM  
18 MARSHA TEMPLE. THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE INTEGRATED  
19 RECOVERY NETWORK. I SUPPORT THE MOTION TO EXAMINE THE  
20 POSSIBILITY OF BRINGING MORE SERVICES FOR JUVENILE DIVERSION  
21 PROGRAMS. BUT THE COUNTY HAS A LONG WAY TO GO ON DIVERSION.  
22 SPEAKING OF PREVENTION, FOR EVERY CUSTODIAL PARENT THAT GOES  
23 TO JAIL FOR A NONVIOLENT FELONY, AT LEAST ONE CHILD WILL GO  
24 INTO THE CUSTODY OF THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM. AND THAT PERSON  
25 WILL HAVE A 50 PERCENT CHANCE OF BEING HOMELESS BEFORE THEY'RE



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1 21. AND IF IT'S A YOUNG MAN, HE WILL HAVE A 70 PERCENT CHANCE  
2 OF BEING JUSTICE INVOLVED. SOMETHING BETWEEN 70 AND 80 PERCENT  
3 OF THE PEOPLE IN CALIFORNIA STATE PRISON WERE IN THE FOSTER  
4 CARE SYSTEM. SO IF YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT PREVENTION AND YOU'RE  
5 THINKING ABOUT DIVERSION, THINK ABOUT THE CUSTODIAL PARENTS  
6 THAT COULD BE DIVERTED SO FAMILIES STAY INTACT AND THE  
7 CHILDREN DO NOT GO IN FOSTER CARE. THANK YOU.

8

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

11

12 **MELLO DESIRE:** HELLO MY NAME IS MELLO DESIRE FROM THE KINGDOM  
13 WARRIORS' FOUNDATION AND I'M SEEKING AS A DIVERSION SPECIALIST  
14 FOR YOUTH. I HAVE A NONPROFIT TO HELP REDUCE VIOLENCE AND  
15 INCARCERATION THROUGH PERFORMING ARTS. ONE OF OUR PROGRAMS,  
16 WE'VE GOT TALENT, IS OUTSTANDING UNIQUE AND INSPIRATION. IT'S  
17 AN ANTI-GANG PROGRAM IMPLEMENTED SINCE 2013 FOR AT RISK  
18 YOUTHS. THE EFFORTS ARE FOR YOUNG CHILDREN 10 TO 17 WHO ARE  
19 AFFILIATED WITH GANGS OR RECRUITED BY GANGS, AND FOR PARENTS  
20 AND GUARDIANS AT RISK OF CHILDREN WHO ARE UNAWARE OF THEIR  
21 DELINQUENCY. THE THING IS, THERE'S LACK OF PROGRAMMING IN  
22 SOUTH L.A. WE HAVE GIVEN THIS PROPOSAL TO OUR SUPERVISORS  
23 SINCE 2013, AND ANTONOVICH IS THE ONLY ONE WHO HAS GIVEN US A  
24 LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION OR ACKNOWLEDGMENT. BUT WE ARE NOT IN  
25 ANTONOVICH'S DISTRICT. UNFORTUNATELY WE ARE IN A DISTRICT THAT



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1 HAS NOT FUNDED US SINCE DAY ONE. SO CURRENTLY WHILE WE ARE  
2 BURYING OUR CHILDREN AND CONTINUING TO SEE FAMILIES BEING TORN  
3 APART AND WE SEE FUNDING GOING TO L.A.P.D. AND SHERIFFS RATHER  
4 THAN BASIC PROGRAMMING IN SOUTH L.A. IS RIDICULOUS. WE HAVE \$1  
5 MILLION THAT'S BEEN TAKEN OUT OF CRENSHAW, DORSEY, WASHINGTON  
6 PREP. CRENSHAW AT ONE TIME HAD ONE BATHROOM FOR THE WHOLE  
7 STUDENT BODY. SO L.A.U.S.D. APPARENTLY IS NOT EVEN BEING HELD  
8 ACCOUNTABLE. SO I GIVE YOU THIS PROPOSAL AND I ASK YOU TO  
9 PLEASE REVIEW IT. I THANK YOU, MISS BARGER, I THANK YOU MISS  
10 KUEHL AND JANICE HAHN AND MISS SOLIS FOR BEING THE EARS AND  
11 EYES FOR ESPECIALLY OUR WOMEN AND CHILDREN WHO NEED NEW  
12 PROGRAMMING. WE HAVE SOLUTION-BASED PROGRAMMING READY TO GO  
13 AND I'M READY.

14

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

17

18 **VANESSA DELEON:** HELLO, MY NAME IS VANESSA DELEON WITH THE  
19 YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION AND I ASK THAT YOUTH DEVELOPMENT  
20 STRATEGIES ALSO BE CONSIDERED AND ALSO, THE CREATION OF A  
21 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT WHICH WOULD HOUSE YOUTH SERVICES  
22 AND YOUTH CONTRACTED SERVICES AND FOR THOSE YOUTH THAT ARE  
23 AGES UP TO 24 YEARS OLD. AND THERE HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL MODELS  
24 THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES WHERE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT  
25 DEPARTMENTS HAVE BEEN CREATED, SUCH AS NEW YORK, SAN



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1 FRANCISCO, CHICAGO, WHERE YOUTH ALSO PLAY A ROLE IN DECISION-  
2 MAKING, IN THE FUNDING OF SERVICES. IF WE WERE TO INVEST 5  
3 PERCENT OF SUPPRESSION FUNDING THAT CURRENTLY GOES TOWARDS  
4 THINGS LIKE SHERIFF, PROBATION, THE COURTS, WE WOULD BE ABLE  
5 TO DIVERT AROUND \$280 MILLION TOWARD YOUTH DEVELOPMENT THAT  
6 COULD OPEN 70 YOUTH CENTERS. IT COULD CREATE 35,000 NEW YOUTH  
7 JOBS. AND IT COULD ALSO EMPLOY 650 PEACE BUILDERS OR  
8 INTERVENTION WORKERS WHICH COULD CREATE OPPORTUNITIES,  
9 POSITIVE OPPORTUNITIES, NEW OPPORTUNITIES THAT ARE MUCH NEEDED  
10 IN OUR COMMUNITIES. AND AS I HAVE MENTIONED SOMETHING  
11 SUCCESSFULLY DONE WHICH WE COULD MODEL WITHIN THIS COUNTY, SO  
12 I CALL ON DIVERSION TO ALSO LOOK AT THAT DEPARTMENT BEING  
13 CREATED, WHICH WOULD SERVE THE SYSTEM IMPACTED YOUTH AND THOSE  
14 WHO ARE IN THE JUVENILE AND JUSTICE SYSTEM. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.  
17 WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, YOUNG MAN, THANK YOU.

18

19 **KENNY MENIQUES:** GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIRMAN RIDLEY-THOMAS AND  
20 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS KENNY MENIQUES AND I'M THE  
21 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF C.C.E.J., THE CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE FOR  
22 EQUALITY AND JUSTICE. OUR ORGANIZATION HAS SERVED THE LOS  
23 ANGELES COMMUNITY FOR OVER 50 YEARS IN HUMAN RELATIONS WORK BY  
24 PROVIDING COMMUNITY DIALOG, CONFLICT RESOLUTION AND BIAS  
25 REDUCTION TRAINING AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS. FOR THE



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1 PAST FIVE YEARS, WE'VE ENGAGED DEEPLY IN WORKING WITH  
2 RESTORATIVE JUSTICE AND ARE CURRENTLY WORKING WITH OVER 30  
3 SCHOOLS TO TRANSFORM SCHOOL CLIMATE, AND WE'RE OPERATING IN  
4 JUVENILE DIVERSION PROGRAMS SUPPORTING YOUTH THROUGHOUT LOS  
5 ANGELES COUNTY. ON BEHALF OF C.C.E.J., I COMMEND THE WRITERS  
6 OF THIS MOTION AND THE BOARD FOR CONSIDERING THE CREATION OF A  
7 ROBUST AND COORDINATED EFFORT COUNTYWIDE TO ADDRESS JUVENILE  
8 DIVERSION AND ENCOURAGE YOUR SUPPORT IN SUCH AN EFFORT. SO OUR  
9 STAFF HAS TALKED BEFORE ME. AS THEY'VE EXPRESSED, OUR  
10 DIVERSION PROGRAM UTILIZES RESTORATIVE JUSTICE MODELS,  
11 SPECIFICALLY, RESTORATIVE COMMUNITY CONFERENCING, FAMILY GROUP  
12 CONFERENCING AND CIRCLES OF SUPPORT AND ACCOUNTABILITY TO  
13 RESOLVE THE CRIME THAT HAS OCCURRED AND ALLOWS THE YOUTH TO  
14 MAKE IT RIGHT AND TO MAKE RIGHT THE HARM THAT THEY HAVE  
15 CAUSED. WHEN APPLIED TO YOUTH CRIMES, RESTORATIVE COMMUNITY  
16 CONFERENCING MODEL OFFERS NOT ONLY AN ALTERNATIVE TO  
17 INCARCERATION, BUT ADDRESSES THE NEEDS OF VICTIMS AND THEIR  
18 FAMILIES AND SEEKS ACCOUNTABILITY, AND PROVIDES SUPPORT FOR  
19 THE YOUTH. SO AS YOU'RE CONSIDERING THE DEVELOPMENT MUCH A  
20 MODEL, I ASK YOU TO CONSIDER A RESTORATIVE JUSTICE MODEL,  
21 PARTICULARLY RESTORATIVE COMMUNITY CONFERENCING WHICH HAS  
22 DEMONSTRATED SUCCESS IN ALAMEDA COUNTY, SAN FRANCISCO,  
23 BALTIMORE AND HERE IN L.A. AND LONG BEACH. CONSIDER WORKING  
24 WITH A CONSULTANT AND TRAUMA-INFORMED PRACTICES AS PART OF  
25 YOUR MODEL.



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

4

5 **MARIELLA SABA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYBODY PRESENT, MY NAME IS  
6 MARIELLA SABA. AS WE ENGAGE THE CONVERSATION ON DIVERSION, WE  
7 ARE FORCED TO LOOK AT THE SETUPS THAT YOUTH ENCOUNTER ON A  
8 DAILY BASIS. HOW IT IS THAT FROM THE STREETS FROM THE SCHOOLS,  
9 FROM EVERY ANGLE THEY ARE WALKING IN, THEN SET UP ON A PATH OF  
10 CRIMINALIZATION. SO LOOKING AT A WIDE RANGE OF SETUPS, WE ALSO  
11 HAVE TO HAVE A MOTION AND A MODEL THAT HAS THIS WIDE RANGE  
12 APPROACH TO THE SOLUTIONS. I WAS FORTUNATE TO GROW UP IN YOUTH  
13 PROGRAMS. AND I WAS FORTUNATE TO WITNESS A LOT OF YOUTH NOTICE  
14 THAT OUR LIVES WERE SAVED BY OUR PARTICIPATION IN PROGRAMS  
15 THAT SAW US, THAT RESPECTED US AND THAT WAS SIMPLE AS THAT.  
16 YOUTH ARE NOT RESPECTED IN OUR SOCIETY. YOUTH ARE SET UP IN  
17 THIS WAY TO BE CRIMINALIZED. I WANT TO ECHO FOLKS WHO HAVE  
18 ALREADY SHARED THE MAIN SOLUTIONS. YOUTH NEED TO BE PART OF  
19 THAT MODEL. YOUTH ARE THE EXPERTS IN THEIR LIVES. AND THE  
20 SUBCOMMITTEE THAT IS BEING NAMED HERE IS COMPLETELY MISSING  
21 THAT YOUTH SPIRIT. YOUTH WILL HAVE THE SOLUTIONS. YOUTH WILL  
22 HAVE THAT VISION. I ECHO COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO HAVE NAMED THAT  
23 A YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, A YOUTH DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS  
24 MISSING. THAT'S THE KIND OF VISION THAT WE NEED TO HAVE. AND  
25 WE ARE ABLE TO ALSO SHUT DOWN JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER AND WE



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1 WERE ALSO ABLE TO SHUT DOWN A LOT OF CAMPS BECAUSE THEY ARE  
2 HALF EMPTY AND WE NEED TO ACTUALLY BE OPENING A WHOLE LOT OF  
3 COMMUNITY CENTERS THAT WILL DIVERT FROM THIS CRIMINALIZATION.  
4 THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. WE  
7 HAVE TWO REMAINING SPEAKERS AND WE ARE GOING TO BEGIN WITH  
8 YOU, SIR. THEN WE WILL CONCLUDE WITH YOU, MA'AM. SIR?

9

10 **KEN MENDOZA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD. I WANT TO THANK EVERYBODY  
11 FOR LETTING ME SPEAK TODAY. MY NAME IS KEN MENDOZA. I AM A  
12 MEMBER AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COORDINATOR AT THE  
13 ANTIRECIDIVISM COALITION. I WAS FIRST ARRESTED WHEN I WAS 13  
14 YEARS OLD. FROM THE AGE OF 13 TO 15, I WAS IN AND OUT OF  
15 JUVENILE HALL, CENTRAL L.P., SYLMAR UNTIL I WAS 15 WHERE I WAS  
16 SENTENCED TO A NINE-MONTH PROBATION CAMP. FORTUNATELY I MAXED  
17 OUT AND ENDED UP DOING 8 MONTH IN CAMP. AT THE AGE OF 17 I WAS  
18 ARRESTED AND TRIED AS ADULT. I WAS A DIRECT FILE. SO I WENT  
19 FROM JUVENILE HALLS IN L.A. COUNTY TO THE COMPOUND, TO MEN'S  
20 CENTRAL JAIL AND ALL THE WAY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE  
21 JUSTICE WHERE I ENDED UP SERVING FIVE YEARS AND A STRIKE. I  
22 SERVED A TOTAL OF FIVE YEARS WITHIN BOTH THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
23 SYSTEM, JUVENILE AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. TODAY I'M 23  
24 YEARS OLD. I BELIEVE THAT MY ACTIONS COULD HAVE BEEN PREVENTED  
25 AS A YOUNG KID IF I WOULD HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE PROPER GUIDANCE



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1 AND PROGRAMS THAT I NEEDED AT THAT TIME. UNFORTUNATELY, IT  
2 DIDN'T TURN OUT LIKE THAT FOR ME. BUT I KNOW THAT THERE'S  
3 PLENTY OF YOUNG KIDS INSIDE THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM THAT  
4 PROBABLY WOULD HAVE NEVER BEEN THERE IF WE WOULD HAVE  
5 PREVENTED THEM WHILE THEY WERE ON PROBATION AND BEFORE THEM  
6 COMMITTING MORE CRIMES AND MAKING BAD DECISIONS. AND HERE IN  
7 SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISORS RIDLEY-  
8 THOMAS AND HAHN FOR INTRODUCING THIS. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. FINAL SPEAKER  
11 ON ITEM NUMBER 20.

12

13 **KIM MCGILL:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME'S KIM MCGILL WITH THE YOUTH  
14 JUSTICE COALITION. WHILE WE APPRECIATE THE EFFORTS OF  
15 DIVERSION AND FEEL LIKE IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME COMING, WE'RE  
16 REMAINING NEUTRAL ON THIS PARTICULAR MOTION FOR THESE REASONS.  
17 WE BELIEVE TO HAVE REAL DIVERSION IN L.A. COUNTY WE HAVE TO  
18 CREATE A YOUTH DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT AND INFUSE YOUTH  
19 DEVELOPMENT PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES INTO ALL COUNTY-RUN AND  
20 CONTRACTED PROGRAMS THAT IMPACT YOUTH AND THAT THESE WOULD BE  
21 ADMINISTERED FOR ALL SYSTEM IMPACTED YOUTH UP TO AGE 24. TWO,  
22 THAT WE ENSURE THAT DIVERSION PROGRAMS BE COMMUNITY-BASED,  
23 OWNED AND OPERATED, NOT SYSTEM RUN. FREE OF CHARGE TO YOUTH  
24 AND THEIR FAMILIES. AND INVOLVE FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY FULLY  
25 IN YOUTH LIVES. THIS WOULD INCLUDE TRANSFER PROGRAMMING FOR



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1 W.I.C. 236 YOUTH. AS MANY AS 17,000 YOUTH A YEAR WHO HAVE NOT  
2 BEEN ARRESTED BUT ARE UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF PROBATION  
3 OFFICERS, DISTRICT ATTORNEYS, AND POSSIBLY L.A.P.D. AND L.A.  
4 COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES. THREE, THAT WE WOULD ENSURE THAT  
5 DIVERSION DOESN'T REQUIRE A GUILTY PLEA AS MANY DO OR RETURN  
6 TO DETENTION OR HARSHER PENALTIES IF YOU REFUSE TO PARTICIPATE  
7 OR COMPLETE THE PROGRAM'S REQUIREMENTS. FOUR, AS FRANCISCO  
8 SAID, AND ALSO MARIELLA, IMMEDIATELY CLOSE ONE JUVENILE HALL  
9 AND AT LEAST HALF THE CAMPS MAKING A DIVERSION A PRIORITY FOR  
10 ALL YOUTH IN THE SYSTEM DUE TO THE FACT THEY ARE HALF EMPTY  
11 AND ESTABLISH A GOAL TO ELIMINATE YOUTH INCARCERATION IN LOS  
12 ANGELES. UNTIL THAT TIME, EVEN OUR JUVENILE HALLS AND CAMPS  
13 SHOULD BE ADMINISTERED BY COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS, LABOR  
14 UNIONS AND COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO ENSURE THAT WHEN YOUTH RETURN  
15 HOME, THEY ARE ALREADY CONNECTED TO UNION APPRENTICESHIPS,  
16 COLLEGE ENROLLMENT AND AN ACTUAL COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION  
17 TO WALK THEM THROUGH THE RE-ENTRY PROCESS. FIVE, INVOLVE  
18 SYSTEM IMPACTED YOUTH THEIR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES IN  
19 DEVELOPING AND MONITORING IMPLEMENTATION OF DIVERSION EFFORTS  
20 AS WELL AS IN SERVING AS PEER ADVOCATES TO ASSIST OTHER YOUTH  
21 AND FAMILIES THROUGH THE PROCESS OF RE-ENTRY HEALING AND  
22 PROGRESS. AND IF I MAY I JUST WANT TO TAKE ONE LAST MINUTE.  
23 THE TRANSFER OF SYSTEM IMPACTED YOUTH LIKE MANY OF US IN THE  
24 YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION TO THE CARE OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT  
25 ORGANIZATIONS AND AGENCIES IS NO LONGER A RADICAL CONCEPT



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1 ALTHOUGH WE NEVER EXPERIENCED IT HERE IN L.A. IN NEW YORK  
2 CITY, THEY HAVE TURNED ADMINISTRATION OF ALL THEIR DAY  
3 REPORTING CENTERS OVER TO COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS. IN  
4 CANADA, UNITED KINGDOM, NEW ZEALAND AND OAXACA, NEARLY ALL  
5 YOUTH ARE DIVERTED TO COMMUNITY BASED TRANSFORMATIVE JUSTICE  
6 PROGRAMS OUT OF COURT, FOR EVEN SERIOUS CONVICTIONS. FOR THOSE  
7 YOUTH IMPACTED BY PROP 57 AS DIANA MENTIONED, ENSURE THAT  
8 TRANSFERS TO ADULT COURT ARE ALSO ELIMINATED IN THE JUVENILE  
9 COURT PROCESS. IN SOUTH AFRICA AND BRAZIL, NO YOUTH SERVES  
10 MORE THAN THREE YEARS BEFORE RETURNING HOME TO COMMUNITY  
11 DIVERSION. THAT INCLUDES EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING FOR YOUTH WHO  
12 NEED IT. IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC NO YOUTH SERVES MORE THAN 7  
13 YEARS AND THEIR COURT SYSTEM AND DETENTION CENTERS ALL INCLUDE  
14 A SIGNIFICANT PERCENTAGE OF STAFF, THERE IS SOCIAL WORKERS NOT  
15 LAW ENFORCEMENT. THIS VISION THAT WE'RE SEEING IS NOT JUST IN  
16 OUR HEADS. IT'S REALITY FOR THE REST OF THE WORLD AND L.A.'S  
17 YOUTH DESERVE IT ALSO.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR  
20 YOUR TESTIMONY. THAT CLOSES THE PUBLIC HEARING PORTION ON ITEM  
21 NUMBER 20. IT IS BEFORE US AS AMENDED. MADAME EXECUTIVE  
22 OFFICER. PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

23

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

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1 SUP. HILDA SOLIS: AYE.

2

3 LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR SOLIS AYE. SUPERVISOR  
4 KUEHL?

5

6 SUP. SHEILA KUEHL: AYE

7

8 LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR KUEHL AYE. SUPERVISOR  
9 HAHN?

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11 SUP. JANICE HAHN: AYE.

12

13 LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR  
14 BARGER?

15

16 SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: AYE.

17

18 LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR BARGER AYE. SUPERVISOR  
19 RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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21 SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: AYE.

22

23 LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AYE. THE  
24 MOTION CARRIES.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR  
2 TESTIMONY AND YOUR PRESENCE TODAY. WE'LL PROCEED. MEMBERS OF  
3 THE BOARD, LET ME SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING AS A METHOD FOR US TO  
4 MOVE THROUGH THE BALANCE OF THE AGENDA. PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF  
5 THE FOLLOWING ITEMS. ITEM NUMBER 10, ITEM NUMBER 12, ITEM  
6 NUMBER 16, ITEM NUMBER 21, AND NUMBER 22 AND ITEM NUMBER 28 IN  
7 THAT ORDER. WE CAN PROCEED THROUGH THOSE ITEMS. AND I THINK WE  
8 CAN DO THIS WITHIN AN HOUR'S TIME IF EVERYONE IS COOPERATIVE.  
9 SO ITEM NUMBER 10 IS BEFORE US. IT'S A FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER  
10 INTRODUCED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. SUPERVISOR, BREAK A RECORD.

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12 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** WELL I HOPE SO ALTHOUGH WE HAVE A RECORD OF  
13 PROVIDING VERY GOOD HEALTH SERVICES FOR WOMEN, MEN AND TEENS  
14 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, IN PART PROVIDED BY PLANNED PARENTHOOD.  
15 AND DESPITE THE FACT THAT ABORTIONS ONLY ACCOUNT FOR LESS THAN  
16 3 PERCENT OF ALL THE NATIONWIDE SERVICES RENDERED BY PLANNED  
17 PARENTHOOD, THEY HAVE BECOME, I THINK, A TOOL OF THE  
18 OPPOSITION, A CONTROVERSIAL SYMBOL IN THE DEBATE, SOMEWHAT, I  
19 THINK, POTENTIALLY TO THE DETRIMENT OF OUR CLIENTS IN LOS  
20 ANGELES COUNTY. BECAUSE THEY PROVIDE VITAL SERVICES, CANCER  
21 SCREENINGS, DIABETES TESTING, BIRTH CONTROL, PAP SMEARS, SEX  
22 EDUCATION, S.T.D. TESTS. TO MORE THAN 184,000 PATIENTS IN 23  
23 HEALTH CENTERS THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY. PLANNED  
24 PARENTHOOD STATE OF CALIFORNIA AFFILIATES STAND TO LOSE ABOUT  
25 \$260 MILLION IN FEDERAL FUNDING IF THEY'RE DEFUNDED. 1 MILLION



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1 PEOPLE ACROSS A NETWORK OF 115 HEALTH CENTERS COULD BE  
2 IMPACTED. SO ALL WE'RE ASKING IS FOR THIS BOARD TO ACCEPTED A  
3 FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER TO THE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS WHO REPRESENT  
4 THIS COUNTY IN CONGRESS TO SUPPORT THE PRESERVATION OF PLANNED  
5 PARENTHOOD'S FUNDING. THANK YOU MR. CHAIRMAN.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THE MATTER IS  
8 BEFORE US. PERSONS WHO WISH TO BE HEARD, MADAME EXECUTIVE  
9 OFFICER, IF YOU WOULD SIMPLY, YES, I'M CALLING THEM NOW. YES.  
10 THE PERSONS WHO WISH TO BE HEARD.

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12 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** WOULD THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS  
13 PLEASE COME FORWARD TO ADDRESS THE BOARD. ANDREA HANCOCK  
14 KRIER. ARICELI RODRIGUEZ, SELINDA VASQUEZ. CYNTHIA CARMONA.  
15 DIANA ZUNIGA. DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, ERIC PREVEN, ERICA  
16 JAQUEZ, JEANETTE ROBINSON FLINT, JERILYNN STAPLETON. MANIRA  
17 GARDISI AND WENDY CARIO, PLEASE COME FORWARD.

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.  
20 YOUR NAME, PROCEED.

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22 **SELINDA VASQUEZ:** SELINDA VASQUEZ. I'M WITH PLANNED PARENTHOOD  
23 LOS ANGELES AND A PROUD CONSTITUENT OF CHAIRMAN RIDLEY-THOMAS.  
24 I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF THE 185,000 WOMEN, MEN AND YOUNG PEOPLE  
25 WHO PLANNED PARENTHOOD SERVES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY EACH YEAR



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1 THROUGH THE 23 HEALTH CENTERS THAT PLANNED PARENTHOOD LOS  
2 ANGELES AND PLANNED PARENTHOOD PASADENA AND SAN GABRIEL VALLEY  
3 SERVES. WE URGE YOU TO STAND UP AND ACT ON BEHALF OF ALL  
4 COUNTY RESIDENTS TO ACCESS BASIC PREVENTATIVE HEALTHCARE LIKE  
5 BIRTH CONTROL, S.T.D. TESTING AND TREATMENT, CANCER SCREENINGS  
6 AND BREAST EXAMS. AND, YES, EVEN PRENATAL CARE. AS I MARCHED  
7 ON SATURDAY THROUGH DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES WITH MY CHILDREN BY  
8 MY SIDE ALONG WITH HALF A MILLION WOMEN AND MEN, I WAS PROUD  
9 OF LOS ANGELES, OF OUR COUNTY, AND OUR STATE. BUT I ALSO  
10 REMEMBER THAT WHILE THERE'S MUCH SUPPORT FOR WOMEN'S RIGHTS  
11 AND REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS HERE IN CALIFORNIA, WE'RE NOT IMMUNE  
12 TO WHAT GOES ON IN WASHINGTON, D.C. IF THE MEAN SPIRITED AND  
13 MISGUIDED ATTEMPTS BY CONGRESS TO DEFUND PLANNED PARENTHOOD  
14 AND PREVENT MILLIONS OF WOMEN FROM GETTING PREVENTATIVE AND  
15 REPRODUCTIVE HEALTHCARE FROM A PROVIDER THEY KNOW AND TRUST,  
16 PLANNED PARENTHOOD, IS NOT STOPPED, THERE WILL BE DIRE  
17 CONSEQUENCES FOR THE WOMEN IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, OUR STATE  
18 AND OUR NATION. THE REPRODUCTIVE HEALTHCARE THAT PLANNED  
19 PARENTHOOD PROVIDES TO ALMOST 200,000 COUNTY RESIDENTS IS  
20 COMPLETELY AT RISK. FOR MANY WOMEN, PLANNED PARENTHOOD IS THE  
21 ONLY HEALTHCARE PROVIDER. IF THIS CONGRESS AND ADMINISTRATION  
22 IS SUCCESSFUL IN CLOSING OUR DOORS, MILLIONS OF WOMEN WILL NO  
23 LONGER HAVE ACCESS TO PREVENTATIVE SERVICES LIKE BIRTH CONTROL  
24 OR CANCER SCREENINGS. MAKE NO MISTAKE ABOUT IT, THIS IS A VERY



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1 REAL THREAT. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP, AND I URGE YOU  
2 TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION.

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

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7 **ANDREA HANCOCK KRIER:** HELLO, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ANDREA  
8 HANCOCK KRIER AND I'M HERE REPRESENTING ESSENTIAL ACCESS  
9 HEALTH, WHICH IS AN ORGANIZATION BASED IN LOS ANGELES. AND WE  
10 CHAMPION AND PROMOTE QUALITY SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE  
11 HEALTHCARE FOR ALL. I'M HERE TO URGE YOU TODAY TO ADOPT THE  
12 MOTION BEFORE YOU IN SUPPORT OF PLANNED PARENTHOOD AND IN  
13 OPPOSITION TO ANY EFFORT TO DEFUND THE ORGANIZATION. PLANNED  
14 PARENTHOOD IS A VITAL PART OF L.A.'S HEALTHCARE SAFETY NET.  
15 AND ESSENTIAL ACCESS HEALTH ADMINISTERS THE FEDERAL TITLE 10  
16 FUNDS THAT COME INTO CALIFORNIA TO SERVE TITLE 10 PATIENTS  
17 THROUGHOUT THE STATE. AND IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, 274,194  
18 PATIENTS ARE SEEN THROUGH TITLE 10, AND OF THAT YOU HEARD  
19 185,000 OF THOSE ARE SERVED THROUGH PLANNED PARENTHOOD SITES.  
20 SO IT'S VITALLY IMPORTANT THAT WE ACTUALLY LOOK AT PLANNED  
21 PARENTHOOD AS A VITAL PROVIDER OF HEALTHCARE.

22

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

24

25 **ANDREA HANCOCK KRIER:** I HAVE 15 SECONDS LEFT.



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

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4 **ANDREA HANCOCK KREIR:** SO WHAT I'D LIKE TO SAY IS THAT  
5 REPRODUCTIVE HEALTHCARE IS ESSENTIAL HEALTHCARE FOR OUR  
6 COMMUNITIES AND ESSENTIAL ACCESS HEALTH IS PROUD TO STAND WITH  
7 PLANNED PARENTHOOD AND WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THIS  
8 MOTION.

9

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

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13 **ARICELI RODRIGUEZ:** MY NAME IS ARICELI RODRIGUEZ. I AM AN L.A.  
14 COUNTY RESIDENT. I'M HERE TO SPEAK OUT IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION  
15 TO SUPPORT PLANNED PARENTHOOD AND DENOUNCE DEFUNDING. PLANNED  
16 PARENTHOOD SERVES MORE THAN 180,000 INDIVIDUALS IN OUR COUNTY  
17 WITH VITAL SERVICES. AND IT'S AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE FABRIC  
18 OF OUR COMMUNITIES. PLEASE, I ASK YOU TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION  
19 AND PROTECT OUR HEALTHCARE. THANK YOU.

20

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

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24 **CYNTHIA CARMONA:** GOOD MORNING. CYNTHIA CARMONA WITH THE  
25 COMMUNITY CLINIC ASSOCIATION OF L.A. COUNTY, ON BEHALF OF OUR



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1 59 MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS WITH OVER 300 FULL-TIME SITES. WE  
2 THROW OUR SUPPORT SQUARELY BEHIND PLANNED PARENTHOOD AND THE  
3 VITAL SERVICES IT PROVIDES. WE SHARE THE COMMON MISSION OF  
4 QUALITY, ACCESS AND PREVENTION FOR ALL REGARDLESS OF ABILITY  
5 TO PAY. AND IN L.A., PLANNED PARENTHOOD PLAYS A VITAL ROLE  
6 SERVING NEARLY 10 PERCENT OF THE 1.5 MILLION ANGELINOS SERVED  
7 BY NONPROFIT COMMUNITY CLINICS AND HEALTH CENTERS. WE BELIEVE  
8 THAT ANY ATTACK ON PLANNED PARENTHOOD THREATENS TO DESTABILIZE  
9 L.A.'S ENTIRE SAFETY NET. SO WE STRONGLY URGE YOUR AYE VOTE ON  
10 THIS MOTION. THANK YOU.

11

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

14

15 **DR. ERICA JACQUEZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON. THANK YOU, CHAIR RIDLEY-  
16 THOMAS AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR YOUR CONTINUED  
17 LEADERSHIP. MY NAME IS DR. ERICA JACQUEZ. I'M A PROUD  
18 CONSISTENT OF FIRST DISTRICT AS WELL AS THE LOS ANGELES CITY  
19 HEALTH COMMISSIONER AND THE ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT FOR  
20 ULTIMATE HEALTH SERVICES, WHICH IS THE LARGEST FEDERALLY  
21 QUALIFIED HEALTHCARE CENTER. I CAN ATTEST FIRSTHAND THAT  
22 PLANNED PARENTHOOD IS A CRITICAL COMMUNITY PARTNER. WITHOUT  
23 THEM, THERE WOULD BE NOT ENOUGH CAPACITY IN THE SYSTEM TO MEET  
24 THE DEMANDS FOR CRITICAL SERVICES THEY PROVIDE, INCLUDING  
25 CANCER SCREENINGS, EDUCATION AND OUTREACH. IN LOS ANGELES,



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1 PLANNED PARENTHOOD CONTINUES TO PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN OUR  
2 SAFETY NET AND WE DEFINITELY NEED THEIR CONTINUED PARTNERSHIP  
3 TO MOVE FORWARD, SO WE CAN CONTINUE TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF  
4 LIFE FOR THE UNDERSERVED POPULATION THAT WE SERVE. THEREFORE  
5 WE RESPECTFULLY SEEK YOUR SUPPORT OF THIS CRITICAL MOTION TO  
6 SUPPORT PLANNED PARENTHOOD AND CONTINUE THE COUNTY'S  
7 COMMITMENT TO WOMEN'S RIGHTS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
8 CONSIDERATION.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
11 WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT TWO SPEAKERS WHO ARE THE FINAL SPEAKERS ON  
12 THE ITEM. ALL RIGHT.

13

14 **DIANA ZUNIGA:** MY NAME IS DIANA ZUNIGA. AND I APPRECIATE IF YOU  
15 ALL WOULD PASS THIS. I APPRECIATE YOU ALL SUPPORTING PLANNED  
16 PARENTHOOD. I THINK THIS IS THE FIRST MOTION THAT I HAVE NO  
17 RESERVATIONS ABOUT. SO THANK YOU FOR MOVING IT FORWARD. THANK  
18 YOU SO MUCH.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THE FIRST TIME FOR  
21 EVERYTHING. [LAUGHTER.] YEAH.

22

23 **JERILYNN STAPLETON:** MY NAME IS JERILYNN STAPLETON. I'M THE  
24 PRESIDENT OF CALIFORNIA N.O.W. THAT'S THE NATIONAL  
25 ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN, THE LARGEST WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION. I'VE



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1 ALSO BEEN ASKED BY MARGO BENNETT TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF WOMEN  
2 AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE BECAUSE THEY'RE BUSY OVER AT THE LOS  
3 ANGELES CITY COUNCIL WITH THEIR SUICIDE PREVENTION MOTION. WE  
4 ARE HERE IN WHOLE HEART, VERY STRONG SUPPORT OF THE MOTION  
5 MADE BY SHEILA KUEHL AND HILDA SOLIS FOR THE PRESERVATION OF  
6 PLANNED PARENTHOOD FUNDING. I BELIEVE IT WAS M.L.K. SAID THAT  
7 THE WORST FORM OF VIOLENCE WAS NOT HAVING ACCESS TO  
8 HEALTHCARE. AND THEY DO SERVE BOTH MEN AND WOMEN. THE FACT  
9 THAT THEY COULD LOSE LIKE 80 PERCENT OF THEIR FUNDING COMES  
10 FROM FEDERAL FUNDING, IT IS ABSOLUTELY CRITICAL THAT WE  
11 SUPPORT THIS MOTION AND WE DO THE BEST THAT WE CAN BACK THERE  
12 IN WASHINGTON, D.C. SO PLEASE, WE URGE YOUR YES VOTE. THANK  
13 YOU.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
16 SIR?

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18 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT'S ERIC PREVEN FOR THE THIRD DISTRICT AND  
19 OF COURSE I'M RUNNING FOR THE OFFICE OF MAYOR OF LOS ANGELES.  
20 AND I AM A BIG SUPPORTER OF PLANNED PARENTHOOD AND I THINK  
21 THAT IT'S APPALLING THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MIGHT BE IN  
22 FACT IF THIS MOTION IS CORRECT CONSIDERING DEFUNDING. I DID  
23 READ THAT. IT'S EXTREMELY WORRISOME. AND I DON'T QUITE KNOW  
24 WHAT TO SAY. IF \$260 MILLION IN STATE AFFILIATES FUNDING,  
25 FEDERAL FUNDING IS GOING TO HAVE TO BE REPLACED SOMEHOW IF



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1 THEY DO MOVE IN THAT DIRECTION, WE NEED TO MOBILIZE  
2 IMMEDIATELY TO FILL THAT SHORTFALL TO COME UP WITH THE SUPPORT  
3 FOR THIS ORGANIZATION THAT PROVIDE NOT JUST REPRODUCTIVE  
4 RIGHTS WHICH WE CAN SAY WITH PRIDE IN AMERICA THAT WOMEN HAVE  
5 A RIGHT TO CHOOSE BUT ALSO QUITE FRANKLY, THE BIRTH CONTROL  
6 AND OUTREACH TO YOUTH WHO CAN BENEFIT FROM THE SERVICES THAT  
7 ARE PROVIDED BY THIS GROUP. SO I WOULD SAY LIKE WITH ISSUES OF  
8 LEGAL DEFENSE FOR IMMIGRATION OR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TRYING  
9 TO TAKE AWAY THIS VERY THING, WE NEED TO MOBILIZE OURSELVES IN  
10 AMERICA TO RAISE THE FUNDS TO PROVIDE THESE SERVICES IF  
11 THEY'LL BE TAKEN AWAY BY POLITICS, BY NAKED AND APPALLING  
12 POLITICS. IT AUTO'S NOT SOMETHING THAT IS SOMETHING TO BE  
13 DECIDED IN WASHINGTON. THESE ARE WOMEN WHO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY  
14 TO CHOOSE FOR THEMSELVES HOW THEY GET SERVICES. AND YOUNG MEN,  
15 AS WELL, WHO NEED ACCESS TO BIRTH CONTROL AND OTHER THINGS  
16 HAVE SO I SUPPORT THE BOARD ON THIS AND I HOPE THAT WE CAN  
17 MAKE SOME PROGRESS. I DON'T KNOW THAT WRITING A FIVE-SIGNATURE  
18 LETTER IS GOING TO CUT IT IN TERMS OF ALL WE CAN DO, BUT WE  
19 HAVE TO DO THIS AND MORE. THANK YOU.

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21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

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23 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I AM IN  
24 SUPPORT OF PLANNED PARENTHOOD. BUT CONTRARY TO WHAT MANY  
25 PEOPLE HAVE CLAIMED, THEY DO VERY LITTLE ABOUT PREVENTION FOR



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1 CANCER AND SO ON. THAT IS DONE BY OUTSIDE CONTRACTORS, SO I  
2 APPRECIATE IF THEY WOULD STAY AWAY FROM POLITICS. BUT THEIR  
3 MAIN FUNCTION AND WHAT THEY ARE ESTABLISHED FOR I AM IN  
4 SUPPORT OF. BUT TO SAY THAT THEY PROVIDE MILLIONS OF  
5 PREVENTATIVE CARE AND SO ON FOR CANCER, THIS IS NOT TRUE.  
6 THANK YOU.

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8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THAT CLOSES THE PUBLIC  
9 HEARING.

10

11 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** ACTUALLY, MR. CHAIRMAN, THERE WERE  
12 THREE ADDITIONAL PEOPLE THAT SIGNED UP DURING THE TESTIMONY.

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

15

16 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SELINA VASQUEZ, EDITH RAMIREZ AND  
17 MELLO DESIRE.

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU. IF THE THREE  
20 OF YOU WOULD COME FORWARD. PLEASE, THE FLOOR IS YOURS.

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22 **SELINA VASQUEZ:** HI, I'M SELINA VASQUEZ, PRESIDENT-ELECT OF THE  
23 PLANNED PARENTHOOD YOUNG PROFESSIONALS. I FIRST BEGAN  
24 VOLUNTEERING WITH P.P.L.A. ABOUT THREE YEARS AGO, TABLING AT  
25 NEIGHBORHOOD FAIRS. AND FROM THAT VERY FIRST DAY, I COULD SEE



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1 HOW IMPORTANT PLANNED PARENTHOOD IS TO OUR COMMUNITY. THE  
2 PEOPLE WHO CAME TO MY TABLE, A TABLE OFFERING INFORMATION,  
3 BOOKLETS AND FREE CONDOMS, WERE OF ALL AGES, ETHNICITIES AND  
4 SOCIOECONOMIC BACKGROUNDS. THERE WERE TEENS WITH QUESTIONS  
5 THEY WERE HAPPY TO HAVE ANSWERED WITH NO JUDGMENT. THEY WERE  
6 PARENTS GRATEFUL FOR INFORMATION BOOKLETS ON TALKING TO YOUR  
7 SON OR DAUGHTER ABOUT SEX AND SO MANY MORE. I STAND WITH  
8 PLANNED PARENTHOOD BECAUSE NOT ONLY DO THEY SERVE THE 150,000  
9 PATIENTS IN OUR COUNTY YEAR BUT THEY PROVIDE EDUCATION AND  
10 RESOURCES TO OUR COMMUNITY THAT WE CANNOT AFFORD TO LOSE. I  
11 WOULD LIKE TO THANK THIS BOARD FOR RECOGNIZING THE HARD WORK  
12 OF PLANNED PARENTHOOD LOS ANGELES AND HOPE THEY WILL CONTINUE  
13 FIGHTING WITH ME TO PROTECT THIS GREAT ORGANIZATION.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
16 WE'LL TAKE YOUR COMMENTS NOW.

17

18 **EDITH RAMIREZ:** HI, MY NAME IS EDITH RAMIREZ AND I'M SPEAKING  
19 ON BEHALF OF HEALTH ACCESS. OUR COALITION INCLUDES OVER 100  
20 ORGANIZATIONS RANGING FROM CHILDREN'S GROUPS, COMMUNITY  
21 CLINICS, HEALTH ADVOCATES, L.G.B.T.Q. ORGANIZATIONS, IMMIGRANT  
22 RIGHT GROUPS, FAITH GROUPS, LABOR, ANTIPOVERTY GROUPS AND  
23 DISEASE GROUPS. PLANNED PARENTHOOD STATE COUNCIL IS ON OUR  
24 BOARD OF DIRECTORS. WE STAND TO ASK YOU TO DO EVERYTHING IN  
25 YOUR POWER TO SUSTAIN, MAINTAIN AND RENEW AND EXPAND FUNDING



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1 FOR PLANNED PARENTHOOD. PLANNED PARENTHOOD PROVIDES VITAL AND  
2 NEEDED SERVICES NOT ONLY TO LOS ANGELES RESIDENTS BUT TO  
3 CALIFORNIANS OF ALL GENDERS AND GENDER IDENTITIES, YOUNG AND  
4 OLD. PLANNED PARENTHOOD IS A VITAL PART OF OUR HEALTHCARE  
5 SAFETY NET. THEY PROVIDE HIGH QUALITY AFFORDABLE CARE FOR  
6 WOMEN, MEN AND YOUNG PEOPLE, ALONG WITH VARIETY OF MEDICAL,  
7 EDUCATIONAL AND SUPPORT SERVICES, INCLUDING SEXUAL AND  
8 REPRODUCTIVE HEALTHCARE, CONTRACEPTIVE SERVICES, PROMOTORA  
9 TRAININGS, CANCER SCREENINGS AND SUPPORT GROUPS, ALSO  
10 EDUCATION. THEY SERVE OUR LOW INCOME COMMUNITIES AND PATIENTS  
11 WHO WOULD OTHERWISE NOT HAVE ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE SERVICES. AT  
12 PLANNED PARENTHOOD NO ONE IS TURNED AWAY FOR INABILITY TO PAY.  
13 PLANNED PARENTHOOD, ITS MEMBERS, ITS PROMOTORAS, ITS STAFF ARE  
14 DEDICATED TO CONTRIBUTING AND IMPROVING NEIGHBORHOODS AND  
15 FAMILIES VIA COLLABORATION AND PARTNERSHIP WITH NUMEROUS  
16 SOCIAL SERVICES, CIVIL RIGHTS AND ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS  
17 STRIVING TO SERVE AND EMPOWER CALIFORNIA. WE STAND AMONG THE  
18 MANY COMMUNITY PARTNERS THAT VOUCH FOR THEIR INVOLVEMENT AND  
19 DEDICATION TO CAUSES THAT SAFEGUARD AND IMPROVE THE LIVES OF  
20 FAMILIES. IN DOING SO, THEY MAKE FAMILIES HEALTHIER, THEY LIFT  
21 WOMEN UP, THEY EMPOWER YOUTH, THEY AUGMENT SELF-ESTEEM, THEY  
22 EDUCATE COMMUNITIES AND THEY BRING HOPE TO FAMILIES IN NEED.  
23  
24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
25 ALL RIGHT. GOOD JOB. FINAL SPEAKER.



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2 **MELLO DESIRE:** I'M MELLO DESIRE FOR KINGDOM WARRIORS'

3 FOUNDATION, ALSO REPRESENTING PEER ACTION FOR CHANGE. IT'S A

4 YOUTH ORGANIZATION IN SOUTH L.A. WHERE S.T.D.S IS ON THE RISE.

5 AT LEAST 40 PERCENT OF OUR TEENS IN SOUTH L.A. HAS CONTRACTED

6 AN S.T.D. THE FUNDING THAT'S BEEN GIVEN TO PLANNED PARENTHOOD

7 AND WHAT IS PLANNED ON BEING CUT FROM PLANNED PARENTHOOD IS

8 VERY VITAL FUNDING TO REMAIN THERE AS WELL AS INCREASE BECAUSE

9 THE EDUCATION THESE KIDS NEED, ESPECIALLY FOR PREVENTATIVE SEX

10 MEASURES, THIS IS SOMETHING THAT IS NOT ONLY INCORPORATED WITH

11 ANTI-GANG AND ANTI-VIOLENCE, BUT SEX PREVENTION IS SOMETHING

12 THAT IS NOT BEING TOLD TOO MUCH WHICH IS FOR OUR KIDS IN SOUTH

13 L.A. ARE THE NUMBER ONE TO HAVE S.T.D.S. 42 PERCENT OF YOUNG

14 LADIES ACTUALLY ARE NOT SEXUALLY ACTIVE AND WOULD LIKE TO

15 REMAIN ABSTINENT BUT BECAUSE THE ENVIRONMENT THAT THEY LIVE

16 IN, THEY CAN'T. SO THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR SUPPORTING PLANNED

17 PARENTHOOD AND CONTINUE ON WITH THIS MOTION.

18

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

20 TESTIMONY. THAT CONCLUDES THOSE WHO WISH TO BE HEARD ON ITEM

21 NUMBER 10. CHAIR RECOGNIZES SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I JUST WANT TO THANK

24 SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR ASKING ME TO CO-SPONSOR. I KNOW MANY OF

25 US HAVE BEEN ON THIS SAME MANTLE FOR A LONG TIME TRYING TO



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1 FIGHT THIS FIGHT EVERY SINGLE YEAR, EVERY TIME THERE'S A  
2 CHANGE IN ADMINISTRATION, WHETHER IT'S IN THE STATE OR IN THE  
3 FEDERAL LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT. BUT I STAND WITH THE WOMEN THAT  
4 ARE HERE AND THE ONES THAT 720,000 AND MORE THAT WERE OUT  
5 THERE LAST WEEKEND IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. IT MADE US VERY  
6 PROUD. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT, CRITICAL SINCE WE'RE TALKING  
7 ABOUT CUTBACKS IN THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT. THIS IS THE  
8 LIFELINE. THIS IS THE LIFELINE FOR MANY LOW INCOME WOMEN OF  
9 COLOR AND ESPECIALLY YOUNG WOMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES. I  
10 WHOLEHEARTEDLY KNOW THIS IS A ONE PART OF WHAT WE HAVE TO DEAL  
11 WITH AND THERE WILL BE MUCH MORE. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL MOVES. SUPERVISOR  
14 SOLIS SECONDS. SUPERVISOR HAHN WISHES TO BE HEARD.

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16 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** I KNOW. I WAS TRYING TO BE COOPERATIVE. BUT  
17 I JUST HAVE TO SAY SOMETHING. THANK YOU TO THE MAKERS OF THIS  
18 MOTION. I APPRECIATE IT. IT WAS SORT OF DISHEARTENING AFTER AN  
19 INAUGURAL SPEECH THAT SAID WE'RE NOW RETURNING YOUR GOVERNMENT  
20 TO THE PEOPLE, AND THEN ON SATURDAY, WE WITNESSED "THE PEOPLE"  
21 MARCHING PEACEFULLY ALL ACROSS THIS COUNTRY, OVER 3 MILLION AT  
22 LEAST PEACEFULLY HAVING OUR VOICES HEARD. AND ONE OF THE  
23 LOUDEST VOICES, OF COURSE, WAS WOMEN WHO WERE URGING THAT WE  
24 CONTINUE TO HAVE A RIGHT TO THESE KINDS OF HEALTHCARE CHOICES.  
25 AND THEN TO HAVE ONE OF THE VERY FIRST EXECUTIVE ORDERS DONE



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1 YESTERDAY BY THE NEW PRESIDENT WAS TO NOT JUST TAKE AWAY  
2 FEDERAL FUNDING FROM ANY KIND OF ABORTION SERVICE IN THIS  
3 COUNTRY, WHICH IS BY THE WAY ALREADY ILLEGAL AND DOES NOT  
4 HAPPEN. BUT TO GO SO FAR AS TO SAY FEDERAL FUNDING WILL BE CUT  
5 FROM ANY ORGANIZATION THAT EVEN MENTIONS IT, USES IT AS A PART  
6 OF AN OVERALL COMPREHENSIVE HEALTHCARE INFORMATION SESSION  
7 WITH A CLIENT, WAS REALLY DISTURBING AND UNFORTUNATE. SO I  
8 APPRECIATE US TAKING A STAND TO SAY THIS IS AN IMPORTANT  
9 SERVICE. PLANNED PARENTHOOD IS AN ORGANIZATION THAT HAS THE  
10 TRUST OF THE PUBLIC AND HAS REALLY BEEN SUCH AN IMPORTANT PART  
11 OF THE FABRIC OF OUR COMMUNITY'S HEALTHCARE FOR AS LONG AS I  
12 CAN REMEMBER. SO I'M GLAD WE'RE FIGHTING BACK. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR  
15 KUEHL MOVES. SUPERVISOR SOLIS SECONDS. PLEASE RECORD A  
16 UNANIMOUS VOTE. WE'LL NOW MOVE TO-- AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
17 TESTIMONY. WE'LL NOW MOVE TO THE NEXT ITEM, WHICH IS ITEM  
18 NUMBER 12. SUPERVISOR HAHN IN RECORD TIME, ALL RIGHT?

19

20 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. I WANTED TO HOLD  
21 THIS ITEM AND HEAR FROM DR. KATZ BECAUSE IT WAS SHOCKING TO ME  
22 TO FIND OUT THAT THE STATE LAW PREVENTS PARAMEDICS AND E.M.T.S  
23 FROM BRINGING PEOPLE WHO ARE HAVING A MENTAL HEALTH EPISODE  
24 AND/OR ARE INTOXICATED TO APPROPRIATE PLACES FOR CARE, MENTAL  
25 HEALTH, URGENT CARE CENTERS AND SOBERING CENTERS. WE KNOW THAT



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1 SOBERING CENTERS PROVIDE A NICE SAFE PLACE FOR THOSE WITH  
2 SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDERS TO RECOVER. AND SIMILARLY MANY  
3 PEOPLE SUFFERING FROM MENTAL HEALTH CRISES MIGHT BE  
4 OVERWHELMED BY THE EMERGENCY ROOM ENVIRONMENT AND MAY WAIT  
5 HOURS BEFORE RECEIVING APPROPRIATE CARE. CERTAINLY THIS  
6 PRACTICE ADDS TO OUR OVERCROWDING IN EMERGENCY ROOMS. BOTTOM  
7 LINE TO ME IS IF PEOPLE LIKE YOU AND ME CAN ACTUALLY TAKE AN  
8 INDIVIDUAL SUFFERING FROM SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDERS OR MENTAL  
9 HEALTH ISSUES TO A SOBERING CENTER, WHY CAN'T HIGHLY TRAINED  
10 EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS AND PARAMEDICS DO THE SAME? SO I  
11 THINK IT'S TIME TO ALTER THAT LAW. AND I WOULD LIKE TO HEAR  
12 FROM DR. KATZ ON WHY YOU THINK THE PRACTICE EXISTS AND IF YOU  
13 THINK IT'S APPROPRIATE THAT WE BEGIN TO URGE A CHANGE IN OUR  
14 STATE LEGISLATION TO ALLOW THIS.

15

16 **DR. MITCHELL KATZ:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN, MEMBERS.  
17 SUPERVISOR HAHN, YOU'VE DONE SUCH A GOOD JOB OF EXPLAINING IT,  
18 I DON'T HAVE A WHOLE LOT MORE TO SAY.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** AND THE CHAIR HAS NO OBJECTION TO  
21 THAT. THANK YOU SO MUCH. [LAUGHTER.]

22

23 **DR. MITCHELL KATZ:** YOU'RE VERY WELCOME, SIR.

24

25 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD.



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1  
2 **DR. MITCHELL KATZ:** THIS BOARD HAS BEEN EXTREMELY SUPPORTIVE OF  
3 CREATING SOBERING CENTERS AND URGENT CARE FACILITIES,  
4 RECOGNIZING THAT THEY ARE MORE HUMANE PLACES TO BRING PEOPLE.  
5 THEY ARE LESS EXPENSIVE PLACES. THEY ADDRESS THE SPECIFIC  
6 ISSUE. FOR EXAMPLE, IN THE SOBERING CENTER, WE HAVE SUBSTANCE  
7 TREATMENT COUNSELORS WHO ARE THERE IN THE MORNING TO DIRECT  
8 PEOPLE TO TREATMENT. SO IT'S THE RARE CASE WHERE IT'S BOTH  
9 BETTER AND LESS EXPENSIVE IN HEALTH CARE. AND WE'VE HIT UPON  
10 THIS SIMPLY OUTDATED PROVISION. AND IT'S NOTHING MORE THAN  
11 THAT. THE PROVISION STATES THAT PARAMEDICS CAN ONLY BRING  
12 PEOPLE TO THE HOSPITAL. AND IT'S PRETTY AMAZING, AS SUPERVISOR  
13 HAHN MENTIONED, SOME OF THE THINGS THEY CAN DO WHILE BRINGING  
14 US TO THE HOSPITAL. THEY CAN INTUBATE US. THEY CAN GIVE US  
15 MEDICATIONS BY VEIN THAT WOULD START OUR HEART OR STOP OUR  
16 HEART. SO WE OBVIOUSLY RECOGNIZE AND PUT HUGE INVESTMENT IN  
17 THEIR TRAINING. AND SO I FEEL VERY CONFIDENT THAT THIS WOULD  
18 WORK. I'D ALSO ADD IN EITHER PLACE, MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY OR  
19 A SOBERING FACILITY OR A HOSPITAL THE FIRST PERSON THAT IS  
20 GOING TO SEE THE PATIENT IS A REGISTERED NURSE. SOME PEOPLE  
21 MISTAKEN THINK THIS IS GOING TO AFFECT THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE.  
22 IN EITHER INSTANCE, THE FIRST PERSON WHO IS GOING TO SEE THE  
23 PERSON IS A REGISTERED NURSE. AND HE OR SHE THEN HAS THE  
24 OPTION OF RETRIAGING THE PATIENT, AS ANY GOOD NURSE WOULD. IF  
25 SOMEONE COMES TO THE HOSPITAL, THE NURSE SAYS, "WELL THIS



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1 PERSON REALLY DOESN'T NEED HOSPITAL CARE, THEY CAN GO TO THE  
2 SOBERING CENTER." THE NURSE CAN RETRIAGE AND SIMILARLY IF  
3 SOMEONE COMES TO THE SOBERING CENTER AND THE NURSE SAYS, "WELL  
4 THIS PERSON MUST GO TO THE HOSPITAL," THEY CAN DO THAT. BUT  
5 YOU DON'T WANT THAT TO BE THE REGULAR PRACTICE. YOU WANT THE  
6 NURSE TO USE THEIR JUDGMENT ON THOSE SITUATIONS WHERE THINGS  
7 ARE WRONG. SO I THINK THIS IS SIMPLY AN OUTDATED PROVISION.  
8 HAVING YOUR BOARD SUPPORT THIS LEGISLATION, I THINK WILL MAKE  
9 A HUGE DIFFERENCE. THERE IS NO COST FOR THIS TO THE STATE.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, THANKS VERY MUCH. ARE  
12 THERE ANY QUESTIONS OR ANY COMMENTS? SUPERVISOR HAHN, YOU GOOD  
13 TO GO?

14

15 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** LET ME JUST SAY THANK YOU. I LOVE MOMENTS  
16 LIKE THIS FOR ME PERSONALLY OBVIOUSLY BECAUSE IT WAS MY DAD IN  
17 THE LATE '60S WHO AUTHORED STATE LEGISLATION TO ALLOW  
18 FIREFIGHTERS TO DO ALL THOSE THINGS WHICH YOU JUST DESCRIBED.  
19 GOVERNOR REAGAN ACTUALLY SIGNED THAT BILL, OVER MUCH OBJECTION  
20 OF THE MEDICAL PROFESSION. NO ONE BELIEVED THAT THAT WAS A  
21 GOOD WAY TO GO. NOW OF COURSE WE KNOW IT'S BEEN SUCH A  
22 SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM. SO IT GIVES ME PERSONAL SATISFACTION TO BE  
23 ALTERING SOMETHING THAT MY DAD AUTHORED SO MANY YEARS AGO FOR  
24 THE BETTERMENT OF OUR CONSTITUENTS. SO THANK YOU. I HAD TO SAY  
25 THAT.



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

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4 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** THREE INDIVIDUALS SIGNED UP TO  
5 SPEAK ON THIS ITEM. DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. ERIC PREVEN. AND  
6 EUNICES HERNANDEZ. PLEASE COME FORWARD.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANKS SO MUCH. AS THEY COME, LET  
9 ME JUST ALERT YOU THAT WE ARE MOVING QUICKLY TOWARD ITEM 16,  
10 SUPERVISOR HAHN, YOUR ITEM THAT YOU HELD.

11

12 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT IS ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT  
13 RUNNING FOR THE MAYOR OF LOS ANGELES. THANKS, THIS IS A GOOD  
14 AREA. BUT THE QUESTION I HAVE IS, SO COPS CAN TAKE PEOPLE TO A  
15 SOBERING CENTER PRESUMABLY, BUT NOT PARAMEDICS AND I THINK  
16 OBVIOUSLY WE'VE AGREED PARAMEDICS SHOULD BE ABLE TO. ONE  
17 CONCERN THAT I HAVE IS WE HAVE TO MIND THE STORE HERE IN THE  
18 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, BECAUSE THERE ARE 88 CITIES AND ONE OF  
19 THE CITIES OF LOS ANGELES ITSELF, THE BIG ONE, THE 4 MILLION  
20 POPULATION, HAS A NEW PROGRAM CALLED THE ADMINISTRATIVE  
21 CITATION ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM WHICH THEY'VE COME UP WITH. AND  
22 WHAT I NOTED AS I REVIEWED THEIR FIRST YEAR OUT OF THE GATE  
23 WAS THAT AMONG ALL OF THE CITATIONS THAT THEY ARE WRITING, 41  
24 PERCENT OF THEM ARE FOR PUBLIC DRUNKENNESS. NOW OBVIOUSLY  
25 THERE'S A LITTLE DISCONNECT THERE, BECAUSE FINDING A PENALTY



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1 FINANCIALLY FOR PEOPLE IS NOT A GREAT WAY TO DEAL WITH  
2 ALCOHOLISM OR SUBSTANCE ABUSE. SO I JUST DON'T KNOW WHAT  
3 SPECIFICALLY WE CAN DO TO ENSURE THAT THE OTHER CITIES ARE  
4 HELPING WITH THE MISSION OF GETTING PEOPLE TREATED NOT  
5 PENALIZING THEM.

6

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

8

9 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
10 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I THINK THAT THIS IS AN EXCELLENT IDEA  
11 TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN, BECAUSE THE COSTS OF EMERGENCY ROOM IS  
12 HUMONGOUS. BUT ONE OF THE ISSUES IS WITH THE AMBULANCE  
13 TRANSPORT. THOSE AMBULANCES ARE GOING TO MAKE DEALS WITH THOSE  
14 PEOPLE TO WHERE THEY SEND PEOPLE AND WHERE NOT. THAT'S AN  
15 ISSUE THAT YOU NEED TO DEAL WITH. NOTHING ELSE. AND MAKE SURE  
16 THAT AMBULANCES ARE NOTIFIED OF THAT ACTION. IT HAS TO DO WITH  
17 MONEY, ALWAYS.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. FINAL  
20 SPEAKER.

21

22 **EUNICES HERNANDEZ:** HELLO. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS EUNICES  
23 HERNANDEZ, POLICY ADVOCATE WITH DRUG POLICY ALLIANCE. I'M HERE  
24 TO SPEAK IN STRONG SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION. THANK YOU,  
25 SUPERVISOR HAHN. THIS MOTION IS SETTING THE FOUNDATION TO



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1 BEGIN THE DECRIMINALIZATION OF SUBSTANCE USE. UNDER PROP 47,  
2 FROM NOVEMBER 5, 2014 TO OCTOBER 31, 2016, 72 PERCENT OF ALL  
3 ARRESTS WERE FOR THE PROP 47 DRUG OFFENSES, MEANING THAT A  
4 SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF PEOPLE ARE STILL GETTING CRIMINALIZED  
5 FOR SUBSTANCE USE. SO THIS ALLOWS FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES TO  
6 TAKE PEOPLE INTO SOBERING CENTERS. LAST WEEK, I WENT INTO THE  
7 SOBERING CENTER ON SKID ROW. THE DR. DAVID L. MURPHY SOBERING  
8 CENTER. AND THERE WAS ACTUALLY PEOPLE IN IT USING THE  
9 SERVICES. AND JUST THE ENTIRE BUILDING WAS VERY WELCOMING. THE  
10 ENVIRONMENT, THE COLORS, THE STAFF. IT WAS JUST AWESOME TO  
11 SEE. AND I'M SUPER EXCITED TO SEE THAT THIS LEGISLATION IS  
12 MOVING FORWARD SO WE CAN PUT MORE PEOPLE INTO THOSE CENTERS.  
13 ONE THING HIGHLIGHTED VERY BRIEFLY WAS THE FACT THAT LAW  
14 ENFORCEMENT CAN TAKE FOLKS IN THERE. THIS IS NOT ONLY COSTLY  
15 TO OUR HOSPITAL AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BUT IT'S ALSO  
16 COSTLY ON OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM, SO THANK YOU FOR THIS  
17 MOTION.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. ALL  
20 RIGHT, THERE'S ANOTHER PERSON WHO DECIDED THAT THEY WANTED TO  
21 BE HEARD. OUR RULES REQUIRE THAT WE ACKNOWLEDGE THEM. AND WHO  
22 MIGHT THAT BE?

23

24 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** MR. OSCAR MOHAMMAD?

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** SIR, WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE HEARD ON  
2 THIS ITEM OR DID YOU WANT TO BE HEARD ON PUBLIC COMMENT? THIS  
3 IS ITEM NUMBER 12. THIS IS ITEM NUMBER 12? NO? THIS IS ITEM  
4 NUMBER 12, MR. MOHAMMAD. YOU WISH TO BE HEARD ON 12?

5

6 **OSCAR MOHAMMAD:** NO, I WAS SIGNED UP FOR 16.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, WE'LL GET BACK TO THAT.  
9 SIT TIGHT, ALL RIGHT? THANK YOU. WHEN HE WANTS TO BE HEARD ON  
10 16, DON'T PUT HIM ON 12, THANK YOU. HE KNOWS WHAT HE WISHES TO  
11 BE HEARD ON. ALL RIGHT. HAVING ESTABLISHED THAT, SUPERVISOR  
12 HAHN MOVES. SUPERVISOR KUEHL SECONDS. WE SEE NO OBJECTIONS.  
13 WE'VE HEARD FROM ALL SPEAKERS. PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE.  
14 SUPERVISOR HAHN, ITEM NUMBER 16.

15

16 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU. I WAS WONDERING IF WE HAD SOMEONE  
17 HERE, DR. BAILEY AND WES FORD ARE YOU HERE?

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THERE ARE SEVERAL PERSONS THAT WISH  
20 TO BE HEARD ON THIS, AS WELL, AS MANY AS 10. IF YOU WOULD LIKE  
21 TO COME FORWARD, MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE PROCEED,  
22 WHILE THE STAFF FINDS THEIR WAY TO THE CENTER TABLE.

23

24 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE  
25 COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME. MARSHA TEMPLE, DIANA



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1 ZUNIGA. FRANCISCO MARTINEZ. GLORIA GONZALEZ. EUNICES  
2 HERNANDEZ. DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. KIM MCGILL. OSCAR MOHAMMED.  
3 THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** MS. TEMPLE, PLEASE PROCEED.

6

7 **MARSHA TEMPLE:** GOOD AFTERNOON, I AM MARSHA TEMPLE, THE  
8 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE INTEGRATED RECOVERY NETWORK. MUCH  
9 MORE THAN A YEAR AGO THIS BOARD PASSED A MOTION TO DIVERT  
10 1,000 MENTALLY ILL HOMELESS PEOPLE A YEAR FROM THE CRIMINAL  
11 JUSTICE SYSTEM IN COMMUNITY-BASED TREATMENT. THE ROLLOUT OF  
12 THIS PROGRAM HAS BEEN EXCRUCIATINGLY SLOW. I APPLAUD THE  
13 MOTION TO LOOK FOR MORE RESOURCES FOR THE PROGRAM TO HELP  
14 PEOPLE DIVERTED, BUT I WANT TO URGE THAT MORE CAN BE AND  
15 SHOULD BE DONE NOW. THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. LET'S PROCEED  
18 WITH THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

19

20 **EUNICES HERNANDEZ:** HELLO, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS EUNICES  
21 HERNANDEZ, POLICY ADVOCATE WITH DRUG POLICY ALLIANCE. I'M HERE  
22 IN STRONG SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.  
23 I KNOW THAT THIS MOTION SEEKS TO GET FUNDING FROM TWO GRANT  
24 PROGRAMS TO DEVELOP TRANSITIONAL SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR THOSE  
25 PEOPLE INVOLVED IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM WHICH IS



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1 FANTASTIC. THE BEST THING I THINK ABOUT IT IS THAT IT'S A LOT  
2 OF THE STUFF THAT WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON, WHICH IS FUNDING IN  
3 THE COMMUNITY, COMMUNITY-BASED. SO THAT'S FANTASTIC TWICE. BUT  
4 ALSO WE WANT TO ENSURE THAT THE SERVICES THAT ARE DEVELOPED  
5 ARE HARM REDUCTION-BASED AND THAT THEY'RE TAILORED TO THE  
6 COMMUNITY THEY WILL BE IN. IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT PUTTING A  
7 CENTER THERE, BUT IT'S ABOUT REALLY REACHING OUT TO THE  
8 COMMUNITY TO FIND OUT WHAT ARE THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY.  
9 ALSO THIS MOTION WILL LOOK TO IDENTIFY FUNDING MOVING FORWARD  
10 ON A LONG-TERM BASIS, AND WE URGE THE BOARD TO TAKE A SERIOUS  
11 LOOK AT HOW THE COUNTY IS SPENDING A.B.109 FUNDING. SLOWLY PUT  
12 SURELY MORE OF THE A.B.109 FUNDING HAS GONE TO SERVICES. BUT  
13 IF YOU'RE REALLY LOOKING AT THE MONEY IT'S UNDER THE NOSE AND  
14 IN A.B.109 FUNDING. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THIS MOTION,  
15 SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MR. MOHAMMAD, PLEASE.

18

19 **OSCAR MOHAMMAD:** I OPPOSE THIS MOTION. I OPPOSE ALL GOVERNMENT  
20 WASTE. I'M AGAINST ALL GOVERNMENT WASTE. I'M AGAINST BIG  
21 GOVERNMENT. BIGGER GOVERNMENT HAVE TAXES. HAVE TAXES THAT LET  
22 TO DEBTS. WE SHOULD END ALL GRANT FOREIGN AWARDS-- WE SHOULD  
23 END ALL GRANTS FOREIGN AWARD FOR THE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING  
24 DIVERSION PROGRAM. ALL GRANT PROGRAMS HAVE BEEN FAILURES.  
25 CHANGE THE SYSTEM THAT CAN BENEFIT ALL THE PEOPLE.



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1 MISMANAGEMENT OF THE RESOURCES. NO CHECKS IN GOVERNMENT. NO  
2 ORDER IN GOVERNMENT. WE HAVE NO ACCOUNTABILITY IN GOVERNMENT.  
3 WE ARE LEFT IN THE DARK. THE MASSES AND US PEOPLE IN AMERICA,  
4 WE ARE VERY UNEDUCATED AND GOVERNMENT SPEAK THROUGH A LOT OF  
5 DIFFERENT CODE LANGUAGE AND WE DID NOT UNDERSTAND THE LANGUAGE  
6 YOU ARE USING. YOU'RE SPEAKING OVER OUR HEAD. WE HAVE A  
7 GOVERNMENT THAT MINORITIES ARE-- MINORITIES IN GOVERNMENT ARE  
8 TREATED VERY UNFAIR. GET A FAIR SHAKE. WE SHOULD HAVE THESE  
9 RACIAL PEOPLE SHOULD HAVE BE IN CHARGE OF THEIR OWN, BLACKS  
10 SHOULD HAVE BLACK AUTHORITIES. BLACK FOSTER SYSTEM SHOULD HAVE  
11 BLACK MORAL CARE FOSTER PEOPLE IN FRONT OF THEM. SAME WITH  
12 OTHERS RACES SHOULD HAVE THEIR OWN. AMERICA SAYS, CONSTITUTION  
13 SAYS SEPARATE BUT EQUAL. THIS WOULD BE A DIFFERENT LAND IF WE  
14 COULD TRY TO LIVE BY THE CONSTITUTION THAT GOVERN US.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

17

18 **DIANA ZUNIGA:** HI, MY NAME IS DIANA ZUNIGA. I'M WITH C.U.R.B. I  
19 KNOW THE IN CUSTODY SUBSTANCE USE SUPPORT ALREADY PASSED. I DO  
20 HAVE SOME RESERVATIONS ABOUT THAT BUT SINCE IT IS CLEARLY  
21 MOVING FORWARD, I'D LIKE TO SUGGEST THAT THIS PROGRAM ALLOW  
22 PEOPLE TO RECEIVE AN EXTENDED AMOUNT OF GOOD TIME CREDIT OR  
23 EARLY RELEASE PROGRAM THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT CAN  
24 IMPLEMENT TO DECREASE THEIR SENTENCE OR REDIRECT THEM TO THE  
25 COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES ON THE GROUND WHICH IS ALSO, WHICH IS



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1 THE MOTION I'M TRYING TO GET INTO RIGHT NOW. I SUPPORT THEIR  
2 MOTION TO INCREASE THE SUBSTANCE USE PROGRAMMING IN THE  
3 COMMUNITY. AND AS YOU MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS GREAT SOLUTION TO  
4 INCARCERATION, PLEASE FOCUS EFFORTS ON CASEWORKERS AND  
5 ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE EXPERIENCED SUBSTANCE ABUSE ISSUES OR  
6 INCARCERATION. I HOPE THAT NEW AND INNOVATIVE OUTPATIENT AND  
7 INPATIENT PROGRAMS ARE FUNDED AND THAT HARM REDUCTION OPTIONS  
8 ARE EXPANDED IN THE COMMUNITY, AS WELL. ADDITIONALLY, LIKE  
9 EUNICES WAS SAYING, RESOURCES ARE HERE IN OUR BUDGET, IN OUR  
10 COMMUNITY ALREADY. LET'S WORK TOGETHER AND UTILIZE A.B.109  
11 FUNDING AND DIRECT IT TOWARDS THESE PROGRAMS THAT ARE  
12 PROVIDING SERVICES FOR OUR LOVED ONES AND OUR COMMUNITY  
13 MEMBERS ON THE GROUND. SO I HOPE THAT WE CAN WORK TOGETHER TO  
14 DIVERT A.B.109 FUNDING AWAY FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT AND TOWARDS  
15 THESE SERVICES AND THESE POSITIVE PROGRAMMING OPTIONS THAT  
16 THIS MOTION ACTUALLY SUPPORTS. THANK YOU.

17

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

19

20 **KIM MCGILL:** GOOD MORNING, OR GOOD AFTERNOON. KIM MCGILL AGAIN  
21 WITH THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. WE SUPPORT THIS MOTION TO  
22 BRING SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT MUCH NEEDED TO THE COMMUNITY.  
23 BUT WE HAVE SOME RESERVATIONS THAT WE REALLY WANT TO URGE  
24 INCLUSION IN EITHER FUTURE MOTION OR IN THIS MOTION IF IT'S  
25 POSSIBLE. ONE, THAT PROGRAMS BE REQUIRED TO BE COMMUNITY-BASE,



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1 OWNED AND OPERATED. WE HAVE SEEN STATE MONEY HAS COME DOWN FOR  
2 RE-ENTRY AND OTHER ALTERNATIVES THAT MOST OF IT IS SYSTEM RUN  
3 AT A HUGE COST TO TAXPAYERS AND NOT WITH GREAT OUTCOMES FOR  
4 THE COMMUNITY. MEANWHILE, WE HAVE DOZENS OF PROGRAMS IN THE  
5 COMMUNITY THAT HAVE BEEN OPERATING WITHOUT ANY REAL SUPPORT  
6 FOR DECADES, HAVE PROVEN OUTCOMES AND HAVE MADE A TREMENDOUS  
7 IMPACT ON OUR COMMUNITIES. TWO, PLEASE BLOCK THE ABILITY OF  
8 PRIVATE PRISON AND DETENTION CORPORATIONS TO RECEIVE THESE  
9 FUNDS. AN INCREASING NUMBER OF PRIVATE PRISON MANUFACTURERS  
10 ARE MOVING INTO COMMUNITIES INCLUDING ONE IN L.A. LAST YEAR  
11 AND TRYING TO OPEN NOW DRUG TREATMENT AND OTHER DIVERSION  
12 EFFORTS. THESE ARE AGAIN COSTLY BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY VERY  
13 INHUMANE AND INEFFECTIVE PROGRAMS. THREE, CREATE A TECHNICAL  
14 ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING COMPONENT TO SUPPORT THE SMALL  
15 GRASSROOTS GROUPS, MANY OF WHOM COME BEFORE YOU REGULARLY AT  
16 THESE MEETINGS WHO HAVE LONG PROVIDED THESE SERVICES IN A WAY  
17 THAT IS FAMILY CENTERED, AND COST-EFFECTIVE. FINALLY WHILE  
18 MOTION NO. 18 WENT SO QUICKLY AND MANY OF US THAT SIGNED UP TO  
19 SPEAK WEREN'T CALLED. I URGE THE MONEY FOR SERVICES IN THE  
20 COUNTY JAILS BOTH FOR TREATMENT AND OTHER SERVICES NOT COME  
21 OUT OF THE INMATE WELFARE FUND WHICH IS BASED ON INCREDIBLY  
22 HIGH COMMISSARY COSTS AND OTHER COSTS TO FAMILIES. IT SHOULD  
23 COME OUT OF EITHER RE-ENTRY MONIES OR THE JAIL FUNDS. THANK  
24 YOU.

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

2

3 **FRANCISCO MARTINEZ:** FRANCISCO MARTINEZ ONCE AGAIN FROM THE  
4 YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. ME SPEAKING, ME BEING AN ADDICT, I  
5 STARTED USING DRUGS AT 13 YEARS OLD AND IN THE PROGRAMS THAT I  
6 WAS PUT INTO, BECAUSE I WAS ON PROBATION FOR DRUGS, THEY WERE  
7 NOT REALLY EFFECTIVE, UNTIL LIKE UNTIL 20 MONTHS AGO THAT I'M  
8 SOBER NOW 20 MONTHS, WHEN I STARTED ORGANIZING WITH THE YOUTH  
9 JUSTICE COALITION THAT THEY HELPED ME ACTUALLY ACHIEVE BEING  
10 SOBER NOW AND GET BACK INTO SCHOOL. AND WHEN I HAD BEING  
11 MENTIONED EARLIER THAT BEING LOCKED UP DIDN'T HELP ME GET  
12 SOBER, IT JUST MADE IT WORSE. I WANTED TO SAY IT'S GREAT THAT  
13 THESE PROGRAMS ARE REALLY CREATED FOR THE COMMUNITY BECAUSE IT  
14 IS MUCH NEEDED. BECAUSE I STILL GO INTO MY OLD NEIGHBORHOOD  
15 AND SEE MANY OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE STILL USING DRUGS. AND I  
16 STILL TRY TO DO MY PART TO HELP THEM AS MUCH AS I CAN. ONE  
17 PERSON ALONE CANNOT DO AS MUCH. SO I WANTED TO SEE IF THESE  
18 PROGRAMS CREATED TO FUND GRASSROOTS ORGANIZATIONS THAT ALREADY  
19 HELPING LIKE WHAT YOU SEE THAT IS HELPING PEOPLE TO GET SOBER.  
20 THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, FINAL  
23 SPEAKER.

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1 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** BEFORE DR. CLAVREUL SPEAKS, I'D  
2 LIKE TO CALL THE LAST TWO SPEAKERS THAT HAVE SIGNED UP. GLORIA  
3 GONZALEZ AND ERIC PREVEN, PLEASE COME FORWARD.

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5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** DR. CLAVREUL.

6

7 **ERIC PREVEN:** WHAT'S HAPPENING? AM I SPEAKING?

8

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

10

11 **ERIC PREVEN:** OKAY, FAIR ENOUGH. IT'S ERIC PREVEN FROM THE  
12 THIRD DISTRICT. I WAS CAUGHT A LITTLE OFF GUARD THERE. BUT  
13 THIS IS EXPANDING COMMUNITY-BASED DIVERSION REHAB AND RE-ENTRY  
14 PROGRAMS. WELL ONE GREAT WAY TO DIVERT PEOPLE FROM FACILITIES  
15 AND EVERYBODY IS AWARE NOW BECAUSE A RECENT COMMENT IN "THE  
16 NEW YORK TIMES" BEHIND NICK KRISTOF AND CASSIE MCDONALD, ITEM  
17 ABOUT WOMEN IN RECOVERY POINTED OUT, WHAT WE POINTED OUT TO  
18 THIS BODY, THAT THE WOMEN AND GIRLS INITIATIVE, THAT ALL OF  
19 THESE GREAT INITIATIVES FOR DIVERSION WOULD BE BENEFITED MOST  
20 EFFECTIVELY BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BY TAKING A  
21 GOOD LONG LOOK AT WHAT DR. GHALY MANEUVERED QUICKLY AROUND,  
22 WHICH IS SENDING WOMEN TO MIRA LOMA, A FACILITY ALMOST 75  
23 MILES AWAY FROM LOS ANGELES IS A HORRIBLE ABNEGATION OF YOUR  
24 PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY TO ALL ANGELINOS. AND THE COUNTY  
25 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OUGHT TO THROW THAT ONE RIGHT BACK ON THE



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1 TABLE AND KILL IT. IT IS NOT APPROPRIATE TO INCARCERATE WOMEN  
2 OF LOS ANGELES SO FAR AWAY. IT IS A DEVASTATING, HORRIBLE IDEA  
3 THAT WILL HURT YOUTH. IT WILL HURT EVERYBODY. SO THANK YOU.

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5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER.

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7 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
8 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I AM TOTALLY IN SUPPORT OF THAT  
9 MOTION. I THINK WE NEED TO REALLY LOOK AT THE ORGANIZATION WE  
10 HAVE NOW, THAT WE ARE ALREADY PAYING BECAUSE SOME OF THEM ARE  
11 NOT PERFORMING TO THE LEVEL THEY SHOULD BE PERFORMING. I THINK  
12 SOMETIME IT IS MAYBE LACK OF FUNDS OR SO BUT ALSO LACK OF  
13 LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT. I ALSO KNOW THAT WHEN THOSE  
14 NONPROFITS HAVE SOME COMPLAINTS, THEY DON'T KNOW WHERE TO GO  
15 TO THE BOARD TO BE LISTENED AND NOT TO GET THEIR FUNDS CUT  
16 OFF. SO I THINK MAYBE WE NEED TO DEVELOP SOME PROGRAMS LIKE  
17 OMBUDSMAN WHERE PEOPLE CAN COME AND EXPRESS WHAT'S GOING ON.  
18 SOME INDIVIDUALS CAME TO ME AND WERE OBLIGED TO SIGN SOME  
19 PAPERS THEY DID NOT WANT TO BECAUSE THE PEOPLE WERE NOT READY.

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21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
22 SUPERVISOR HAHN, YOU HELD THE ITEM. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, YOU  
23 INTRODUCED THE ITEM. I THINK THERE ARE PERSONS, STAFF WHO WISH  
24 TO BE HEARD. AND WE'RE GOING TO APPEAL TO YOU TO MAKE YOUR



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1 RESPONSES AS BRIEF AS IS REASONABLE AND THOROUGH AS IS  
2 REQUIRED. MA'AM?

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4 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. YEAH, I JUST HAD A  
5 FEW QUESTIONS FOR DR. GHALY AND WES. WHILE THIS IS A POSSIBLE  
6 GOOD DIRECTION TO GO, THE COMMUNITIES THAT I REPRESENT WILL  
7 WANT SOME ANSWERS TO THEIR QUESTIONS OF THESE SOBER LIVING  
8 FACILITIES. I'VE DEALT WITH THAT FOR MANY YEARS ON THE CITY  
9 COUNCIL OF LOS ANGELES AND I HAVE SOME VERY UPSET COMMUNITY  
10 MEMBERS, MAINLY BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF ABILITY FOR THE LOCAL  
11 JURISDICTION TO REGULATE. SO I WOULD JUST LIKE TO HEAR FROM  
12 BOTH OF YOU, ONE, HOW CAN THE COUNTY REGULATE THESE RECOVERY  
13 RESIDENCES? AND REALLY MORE IMPORTANTLY, HOW DO WE MEASURE THE  
14 SUCCESS OF THESE? HOW DO WE KNOW THAT THOSE WHO HAVE SUBSTANCE  
15 ABUSE NEEDS ARE GETTING THE SERVICES THEY NEED? AND THIS DOES  
16 NOT-- MANY OF THESE IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD, PEOPLE FOUND THEY WERE  
17 JUST SMALL BUSINESSES, PEOPLE CAN MAKE A LOT OF MONEY BY BEING  
18 INVOLVED IN THIS, AND YET THERE WAS NO REAL CARE FOR THE  
19 ACTUAL RESIDENCES IN TERMS OF WHETHER OR NOT THEY WERE GETTING  
20 WHAT THEY NEEDED AND THEY WERE ACTUALLY BEING ABLE TO GET BACK  
21 ON THEIR FEET. SO JUST HOW CAN WE REGULATE THEM? AND HOW DO WE  
22 KNOW THEY'RE GETTING THE SERVICES THEY NEED IN TERMS OF  
23 SUBSTANCE ABUSE HELP?

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1 **WESLEY FORD:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, I THINK TO YOUR QUESTION, WHICH  
2 IS A VERY GOOD QUESTION, THE SOBER- LIVING HOUSING IS NOT  
3 REGULATED IN ANY WAY. THERE ARE SOME ASSOCIATIONS THAT SUPPORT  
4 THAT, BUT AGAIN THEY'RE SELF-REGULATED. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT  
5 WE ARE LOOKING AT TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH AS WE MOVE FORWARD WITH  
6 THE DRUG MEDI-CAL WAIVER, WHICH WILL FREE UP SOME OF OUR  
7 CURRENT RE-ALIGNMENT FUNDING, IS TO WORK WITH OUR CURRENT  
8 PROVIDERS THAT WE HAVE HAD A GOOD WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH  
9 FOR FIVE YEARS THAT PROVIDE RESIDENTIAL DRUG TREATMENT NOW AND  
10 HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL AT IT, AND THAT WE'RE LOOKING AT TRYING  
11 TO OPEN UP ANOTHER 500 BEDS, WITH WHICH WE ARE LOOKING AT  
12 CALLING RECOVERY--

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14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** PARDON ME FOR JUST A MOMENT.  
15 WHATEVER IS GOING ON OVER THERE NEEDS TO NOT DISTRACT. YOU'LL  
16 HAVE ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD, BUT YOU CANNOT DISRUPT  
17 THE MEETINGS. IF YOU DISRUPT THE MEETING, I WILL ASK THAT THE-  
18 - (AUDIENCE DISTURBANCE). NO, YOU HAVE TO BE GOVERNED BY THE  
19 RULES. THANK YOU SO MUCH. YOU MAY LEAVE NOW. WE WILL PROCEED.  
20 THANK YOU FOR YOUR PERMISSION. NO MORE OUTBURSTS. ANYMORE  
21 OUTBURSTS-- (AUDIENCE DISTURBANCE). MISS DESIRE, IF YOU  
22 CONTINUE, SERGEANTS, JUST SIMPLY DO YOUR JOB RIGHT NOW. ALL  
23 RIGHT. IF YOU COULD DO ALL THAT RIGHT OUTSIDE. SERGEANT? THANK  
24 YOU. LET'S PROCEED. THANK YOU.

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1 **WESLEY FORD:** WE'RE LOOKING AT GETTING OUR FUNDING,  
2 APPROXIMATELY 500 BEDS THROUGH OUR CURRENT SUBSTANCE ABUSE  
3 PROVIDERS THAT WE CONTRACT WITH RESIDENTIAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE  
4 TREATMENT. WHAT THIS WOULD ALLOW FOR THAT UNDER THE DRUG MEDI-  
5 CAL WAIVER, PEOPLE, DRUG MEDI-CAL WOULD PAY UP TO 120 DAYS OF  
6 RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT BASED ON MEDICAL NECESSITY. AND WE  
7 UNDERSTAND THAT FOR THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE POPULATION AND THE  
8 HOMELESS POPULATION, THAT IN SOME CASES, THEY'RE GOING TO NEED  
9 MORE THAN THAT. AND THAT WHILE WE TRY TO FIND HOUSING FOR THEM  
10 WHILE THEY'RE IN TREATMENT, SOMETIMES THE TREATMENT THAT DRUG  
11 MEDI-CAL WILL PAY FOR WILL COME TO AN END. SO WE WANT TO  
12 ESTABLISH RECOVERY BRIDGE HOUSING, THESE 500 BEDS. IT WOULD  
13 ALLOW SOMEONE TO MOVE INTO A SOBER LIVING SITUATION IN WHICH  
14 THERE WOULD BE ONGOING TREATMENT, WOULD BE A REQUIREMENT OF  
15 THAT AND THAT WE WOULD ALSO SET STANDARDS FOR WHAT HAD TO  
16 HAPPEN WITHIN THOSE ENVIRONMENTS THROUGH OUR CONTRACTS. AND  
17 EXPECT THAT WE WOULD GET-- HOLD THEM ACCOUNTABLE FOR OUTCOMES  
18 THAT WE WOULD SEE, CLINICAL OUTCOMES AS WELL AS OTHER KINDS OF  
19 OUTCOMES RELATED TO THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THAT TYPE OF HOUSING.  
20 SO I THINK THE HOUSING'S NEEDED. I THINK ALL THE COMMENTS THAT  
21 I HEARD EARLIER, THERE CERTAINLY IS A NEED FOR MORE DRUG  
22 TREATMENT OUT IN THE COMMUNITY. BUT AGAIN I THINK IN RESPONSE  
23 TO WHAT YOU HAD SAID, I MEAN WE HAVE TO BE CAREFUL ABOUT  
24 PLACES THAT ARE UNREGULATED, AND THEY BASICALLY JUST TAKE A  
25 BUNCH OF PEOPLE AND PUT THEM IN A HOUSE AND THAT'S KIND OF



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1 WHAT HAPPENS, WHICH DOESN'T REALLY SERVE ANYBODY IN THE LONG  
2 RUN. SO I THINK WE NEED TO STEP INTO THAT SPACE BECAUSE WE  
3 HAVEN'T AND TRY AND HAVE MORE REGULATED PLACE, YEAH.

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5 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** I JUST FEEL LIKE THE ACCOUNTABILITY HAS BEEN  
6 LACKING.

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8 **DR. MARK GHALY:** I WOULD JUST ADD ON THIS POINT, I THINK WE ARE  
9 GROWING IN OUR EXPERIENCE WITH WHAT WE CALL INTERIM HOUSING.  
10 HOW DO YOU MOVE PEOPLE WHO REALLY NEED PERMANENT HOUSING INTO  
11 SOMETHING IN THE MIDDLE WHILE THEY'RE MOVING OUT OF A CLINICAL  
12 ENVIRONMENT, WHETHER IT'S A HOSPITAL, A MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY  
13 OR ONE OF OUR DRUG TREATMENT CENTERS, RESIDENTIAL DRUG  
14 TREATMENT CENTERS. AND WITH ALL OF THOSE INTERIM HOUSING  
15 OPPORTUNITIES, WE ARE MAKING THEM CLINICALLY ENRICHED. AND I  
16 THINK THAT ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WILL DISTINGUISH THE HOUSING  
17 THAT WE DEVELOP IN THIS ARENA WILL BE THE ADDITIONAL CLINICAL  
18 SERVICES, WHETHER IT'S NAVIGATION TO OUTSIDE SERVICES OR  
19 SERVICES IN THOSE UNITS THAT I THINK WILL DISTINGUISH THEM  
20 FROM WHAT WE'VE SEEN TRADITIONALLY. AND, LASTLY, THE WHOLE  
21 NOTION OF SUPPORTING FOLKS IN THOSE INTERIM HOUSING UNITS TO  
22 BE GOOD TENANTS, GOOD PARTS OF THE COMMUNITY, WE'VE HAD SOME  
23 SUCCESS IN DOING THAT IN OTHER AREAS AND WE HOPE TO EXPAND  
24 THAT HERE. SO BOTH OF THOSE WILL ALLOW THE COUNTY CONTRACTED  
25 UNITS TO BE I THINK RICHER IN THEIR SERVICE MIX. IT DOESN'T



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1 NECESSARILY ADDRESS, THOUGH, YOUR QUESTION OF BROADER  
2 REGULATION. AND I THINK OUR EXPERIENCE HERE HOPEFULLY WILL  
3 INFORM A LARGER STATE DISCUSSION ON WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE TO  
4 REGULATE THESE OUTFITS, BECAUSE THERE WILL BE PLENTY MORE OUT  
5 THERE IN OUR COMMUNITIES THAT AREN'T NECESSARILY PUSHING  
6 FORWARD AN AGGRESSIVE TREATMENT AGENDA.

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8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THE  
9 CHAIR RECOGNIZES SUPERVISOR BARGER, SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND  
10 SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO CLOSE.

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12 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** I WILL BE SHORT AND SWEET. I WANT TO  
13 THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR INCLUDING THE COMPONENT OF  
14 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT INPUT, ESPECIALLY IN THE FIFTH DISTRICT  
15 WHERE WE'VE GOT A LOT OF UNINCORPORATED AREAS AND TOWN  
16 COUNCILS. I FIND THAT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IS VITAL. YOU TALK  
17 ABOUT RESISTANCE TO THESE BEING LOCATED IN THEIR AREAS. BUT I  
18 FIND-- AND IT'S NOT A PERFECT SCIENCE, BUT WHEN YOU DO  
19 COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND YOU INCLUDE THE COMMUNITY AND EDUCATE  
20 THEM IN TERMS OF WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT, IT CAN OFTENTIMES  
21 END UP BEING A POSITIVE OUTCOME. SO I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR  
22 INCLUDING THAT BECAUSE I WAS GOING TO ACTUALLY AMEND IT BUT  
23 YOU ALL INCLUDED IN THAT SO I WANT TO THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR  
2 KUEHL.

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4 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. I THINK IT'S  
5 IMPORTANT TO DISTINGUISH AMONG THE VARIOUS KINDS OF THINGS  
6 WE'RE TALKING ABOUT. SUPREME COURT SAID THAT WHEN SIX PEOPLE  
7 LIVE TOGETHER, EVEN IF THEY'RE ALL LIVING TOGETHER TO KEEP  
8 EACH OTHER SOBER, THAT THAT DOESN'T NEED TO BE REGULATED. IT'S  
9 NOT DIFFERENT FROM A FAMILY BECAUSE THERE WASN'T ENOUGH REASON  
10 SHOWN FOR CONTROLLING THEM DIFFERENTLY FROM A FAMILY. WHAT  
11 WE'RE TALKING ABOUT IS SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT. I THINK CLINICALLY  
12 ENHANCED INTERIM HOUSING. I WONDER, ONE OF THE ISSUES THAT I  
13 THINK WE ALL HAVE IN OUR DISTRICTS RELATES TO SITING. THERE  
14 ARE PARTS OF MY DISTRICT, ALTHOUGH THEY'RE PRETTY EXPENSIVE  
15 TREATMENT CENTERS, WHERE THERE'S SUCH AN OVERCONCENTRATION. I  
16 MEAN THERE'S ONE CUL-DE-SAC WITH 10 HOUSES ON IT AND 9 OF THEM  
17 ARE REALLY RECOVERY HOUSES. SO THERE'S ALWAYS CONCERN IN THE  
18 COMMUNITY. ARE WE TALKING ABOUT SITING NEW TREATMENT CENTERS  
19 AS WELL IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS SO THAT WE WOULD BE THE ENTITY  
20 THAT SAYS THIS CAN'T HAPPEN? BECAUSE IT'S A DIFFERENT KIND OF  
21 THING WHERE WE'RE DECIDING WE WILL BE THE PLANNING PEOPLE WE  
22 WILL BE THE PERMITTING PEOPLE. THEN SIMPLY TO THINK ABOUT OUR  
23 PART IN ALL OF THESE CLINICS. IS THERE AN INTENTION HERE TO DO  
24 THAT AS WELL? I DIDN'T SEE ANYTHING REALLY ABOUT SITING UNITS  
25 IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** RIGHT. SUPERVISOR?

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** I WOULD JUST SAY IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US  
5 TO LOOK AT A NEW SOURCE OF FUNDING TO HELP EXPAND WHAT WE'RE  
6 DOING. AND IT DOES PROVIDE, THROUGH THIS COMMUNITY-BASED  
7 TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM THAT'S COMING TO LOCAL  
8 GOVERNMENT, \$2 MILLION, TO RETAIN CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS OR  
9 OTHER LOCAL ENTITLEMENTS TO A FACILITY THAT WOULD PROVIDE  
10 TRANSITIONAL HOUSING FOR AT LEAST 10 YEARS. 6 PERCENT OF THE  
11 MONEY WOULD GO TO PUBLIC SAFETY AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS, THE  
12 REMAINING 40 PERCENT WOULD GO TOWARDS TREATMENT AND RE-ENTRY  
13 SERVICES. SO YES WE WOULD, I THINK HAVE THAT CONTROL. AND I'M  
14 SURE WE'D WANT TO PUT IN SOME STRONG PROVISIONS. AND I ALSO  
15 THINK WE DO NEED TO HAVE A MECHANISM TO LOOK AT AUDITING THESE  
16 PROGRAMS. BECAUSE THERE IS AN ASSOCIATION THAT EXISTS NOW THAT  
17 PROVIDES FOR THAT AND WE OUGHT TO BE CONNECTING OURSELVES WITH  
18 THOSE TYPES OF ENTITIES THAT LEGALLY CAN PROVIDE SOME  
19 ASSURANCES THAT WE HAVE ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY IN  
20 THESE PROGRAMS. I AGREE. TWO DECADES AGO THERE WERE A LOT OF  
21 THESE PLACES THAT WERE POPPING UP ALL OVER THE PLACE AND THEY  
22 DID NOTHING. THEY DID NOTHING TO CHANGE THE BEHAVIOR OR  
23 CLINICALLY PROVIDE ANY REAL SUBSTANCE OR CONTRIBUTE TO  
24 SOMEONE'S WELLNESS SO I THINK WE ARE ON A DIFFERENT TRAJECTORY  
25 NOW. I WOULD LISTEN TO WHAT THE PUBLIC SAYS AND THE BOARD.



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1 BECAUSE I SEE THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET MORE MONEY TO DO  
2 THE KINDS OF THINGS WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT FOR THE LAST  
3 COUPLE OF YEARS, AT LEAST SINCE WE'VE BEEN HERE, SOME OF US.

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5 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU.

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7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. FOR  
8 YOUR CLOSE?

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10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I WOULD JUST ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT. AS  
11 WAS STATED BY DR. GHALY, THIS IS KIND OF A NEW PHASE FOR US.  
12 AND CERTAINLY WE WANT TO DO THE RIGHT THING AND MAKE SMALL  
13 STEPS WHAT WE HAVE TO START WITH BUT I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD  
14 LEAVE ANY MONEY ON THE TABLE IN SACRAMENTO. AS IT IS, WE DON'T  
15 HAVE A LOT. SO FIND WHERE WE CAN GET RESOURCES.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU.

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19 **WESLEY FORD:** IF I CAN, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, IF I CAN JUST  
20 RESPOND. WE ARE WORKING IN THIS MODEL THAT I TALKED ABOUT THAT  
21 WE'RE TRYING TO DEVELOP. WE ARE WORKING WITH THE SOBER LIVING  
22 NETWORK.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** I THINK THAT WAS SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S  
25 CLOSE. THANK YOU SO MUCH. SUPERVISOR SOLIS MOVES.



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2 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** AS AMENDED.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** AND SUPERVISOR HAHN SECONDS. AND  
5 ITEM NUMBER 16 MOVES FORWARD AS AMENDED WITHOUT OBJECTION. WE  
6 THANK THE DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES FOR THEIR RESPONSES. WE  
7 SHALL MOVE NOW TO ITEM NUMBER 21. IT WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR  
8 KUEHL AND BARGER.

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10 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** DR. GHALY'S PRESENCE IS REQUESTED.

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14 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** A LOT OF THESE ISSUES ARE CLOSELY RELATED.  
15 AND I THINK-- I HAVE SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT ITEM 21 BECAUSE THE  
16 LANGUAGE IN THE ACTUAL DIRECTIVES PART OF THE MOTION SEEMS  
17 VERY OPEN TO ME. I THINK THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE MOTION IS TO  
18 ALLOW THE KIND OF FACILITIES THAT WE HAVE KIND OF JUST BEEN  
19 TALKING ABOUT, BROADLY SPEAKING, TO BE BUILT TO A PROGRAM  
20 D.H.S. IS SUCCESSFULLY USING AND IT TALKS ABOUT USING THESE  
21 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING SERVICES MASTER AGREEMENT FOR PROPERTY-  
22 RELATED TENANT SERVICES SO THAT THE RECIPIENTS CAN SERVE AS  
23 THE C.I.I.S, THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS INTERMEDIARIES, SO THAT  
24 THEY CAN ACTUALLY HIRE CONSULTANTS, DO FEASIBILITY ANALYSES,  
25 ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES, BUT ALSO TO FUND CONSTRUCTION,



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1 INCLUDING RENOVATION AND NEW CONSTRUCTION. AND THEN POPULATE  
2 IT WITH FURNITURE, ET CETERA. THE PROBLEM THAT I HAVE-- AND I  
3 GUESS THE QUESTION I WANT TO ASK ABOUT IT AND PERHAPS FLOAT  
4 THE IDEA OF AN AMENDMENT OR AMENDMENTS IS THAT WE HAVE TWO  
5 VERY LARGE PROGRAMS THROUGH C.D.C. AND D.M.H. FOR PERMANENT  
6 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. AND THERE ARE VARIOUS NONPROFIT DEVELOPERS  
7 AND BUILDERS AND ARCHITECTS WORKING WITH US IN THOSE PROGRAMS.  
8 AND THOSE PROGRAMS ARE NOT AS FAST TRACKED THROUGH C.D.C. AND  
9 D.M.H. PARTLY BECAUSE PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING REQUIRES,  
10 IN THE SUPPORTIVE PART, THAT WE COLLABORATE A LOT IN TERMS OF  
11 WHO'S GOING TO BE PROVIDING A LOT OF DIFFERENT KINDS OF  
12 SERVICES TO PEOPLE THAT MOVE INTO THIS HOUSING. AND IT'S BEEN  
13 SORT OF A KEY ELEMENT OF WHAT WE WANTED TO DO ABOUT  
14 HOMELESSNESS. PERMANENT, SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. IT SEEMS TO ME  
15 THAT THIS MOTION WOULD ALLOW FAST TRACKING THROUGH THIS  
16 PROCESS OF PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, WHICH I THINK WAS NOT  
17 THE INTENTION BECAUSE POTENTIALLY GOING THROUGH THIS FAST  
18 TRACK PROCESS, WE WOULDN'T HAVE THE KIND OF REQUIREMENTS FOR  
19 COLLABORATION AND FULL SERVICES IN PERMANENT HOUSING. WHAT I  
20 HEARD DR. GHALY TALKING ABOUT AND WHAT I THINK THIS WAS ABOUT  
21 IS QUICKLY GETTING PEOPLE INTO INTERIM HOUSING. AND IF WE NEED  
22 TO, BUILDING OR REHABBING TO HAVE MORE BEDS. THERE'S ALSO NO  
23 LIMITATION, REALLY, ON THE AMOUNT THAT COULD BE AUTHORIZED  
24 THROUGH THIS FOR EACH PROJECT. SO I WANTED TO ASK IF THE  
25 AUTHOR MIGHT CONSIDER LIMITING THE AMOUNT THAT COULD BE SPENT



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1 ON EACH PROJECT TO 8 MILLION AND SO THAT WE WOULD UNDERSTAND,  
2 ESSENTIALLY, HOW THE EXPENDITURES WERE BEING MADE. AND ALSO TO  
3 USE LANGUAGE THAT WITH NOT BE TOTALLY PRESCRIPTIVE BUT TO  
4 INDICATE OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT PROJECTS SHOULD BE FOCUSED ON  
5 THE EXPANSION OF CLINICALLY ENHANCED INTERIM HOUSING SO THAT  
6 IT DOESN'T ALLOW OUR DEVELOPERS OF PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE  
7 HOUSING TO SOMEHOW FAST TRACK AND NOT PROVIDE THE KINDS OF  
8 SERVICES THAT WE ARE REQUIRING THAT THEY PROVIDE. I THINK IT'S  
9 INADVERTENT. THE LANGUAGE IS PRETTY GENERAL. SO I WONDERED IF  
10 THE AUTHOR MIGHT CONSIDER THOSE TWO ADDITIONS.

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12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR  
13 BARGER AND THEN I WILL SEEK TO RESPOND TO SOME OF WHAT'S BEEN  
14 SUGGESTED.

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16 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THANK YOU. I FULLY SUPPORT THIS MOTION,  
17 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. BUT I WOULD ASK THAT IT BE AMENDED  
18 TO "INSTRUCT THE C.E.O. AND OTHER APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENTS SUCH  
19 AS COUNTY COUNSEL AND PUBLIC WORKS TO PROVIDE OVERSIGHT AND  
20 CONSULTATION TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT INTERMEDIARIES. SUCH  
21 OVERSIGHT SHOULD SERVE TO ASSIST IN EXPEDITING PROJECTS AND  
22 ENSURE THAT THE COUNTY INTERESTS ARE BEING MET, PARTICULARLY  
23 ANY PROPERTY THAT IS OWNED BY THE COUNTY." AS A FRIENDLY  
24 AMENDMENT, SUPERVISOR.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. NOTED. MY COMMENTS ARE  
2 NECESSARILY BRIEF IN THIS REGARD. I THINK IT'S BEEN ROUGH.  
3 IT'S BEEN A COLD AND WET WINTER AND IT'S BEEN BRUTAL FOR MANY  
4 OF OUR FAMILIES AND WOMEN ON THE STREETS IN PARTICULAR. I  
5 DON'T NEED TO CONVINCEN ANYBODY OF THAT. WE NEED TO PULL ALL  
6 STOPS TO DELIVER ON OUR HOUSING PROMISES AS QUICKLY AS  
7 POSSIBLE. THAT'S THE THRUST OF THE MOTION. IT EMANATES FROM  
8 THE DEPARTMENT ITSELF. AND SO MAYBE FURTHER ELUCIDATION, DR.  
9 GHALY WOULD BE APPROPRIATE. AIM YOUR REMARKS TO THE EXTENT  
10 THAT YOU CAN TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS: WHAT ARE THE VARIOUS  
11 HOUSING DELIVERABLES THAT THE HEALTH AGENCY IS UNDER PRESSURE  
12 TO MEET FOR THE EDIFICATION OF THE BOARD IN ITS ENTIRETY AS  
13 WELL AS THOSE WHO ARE LISTENING TO THE PROCEEDINGS? WHAT  
14 HAPPENS IF WE DON'T MEET THOSE REQUIREMENTS OR FULFILL THE  
15 COMMITMENTS PURSUANT TO THE PRESSURE. WHY DO WE NEED THAT  
16 WHICH IS BEING PROPOSED IN TERMS OF THOSE INTERMEDIARIES.  
17 THIRD QUESTION I WANT TO POSE. WHY SHOULD WE EXCLUDE PERMANENT  
18 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING? TO THE EXTENT THAT D.H.S. COULD FIGURE OUT  
19 A WAY TO FUND IT, IS AN ADDITIONAL QUESTION I WANT YOU TO  
20 ANSWER FOR EVERYONE'S UNDERSTANDING. AND WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF  
21 WE LIMIT THE SCOPE IN BOTH PROJECTS THAT COULD BE FUNDED  
22 AND/OR THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PROJECTS IN YOUR MIND? AND FINALLY  
23 WHAT PROJECTS WOULD AND COULD GET DONE AND WHICH TYPES OF  
24 PROJECTS WOULD NOT? IF I NEED TO REPEAT ANY OF THOSE  
25 QUESTIONS, I'M WILLING TO DO SO BECAUSE I THINK THE BOARD



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1 NEEDS TO HAVE A FULL SENSE OF THIS AS YOU'VE HEARD IN BRIEF  
2 FROM SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND AN AMENDMENT FROM SUPERVISOR BARGER.  
3 DR. GHALY?

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5 **DR. MARK GHALY:** SURE, THANK YOU. AGAIN, DR. MARK GHALY FROM  
6 THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES AND TO THE BOARD, THANK YOU  
7 FOR ALLOWING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES AND THE HEALTH  
8 AGENCY TO PARTICIPATE SO ACTIVELY IN ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS  
9 FOR SOME OF OUR SICKEST ON THE STREETS, IN OUR HOSPITALS, IN  
10 OUR JAILS. AND I, TOO, THINK ABOUT THE RAIN AND THE WET THAT  
11 WE'RE ENCOUNTERING. AND I IMAGINE THE MOST EXTREMELY MENTALLY  
12 ILL PERSON IN OUR RIVER BED WHO CAN'T FIND THEIR WAY OUT AND  
13 IS FRANKLY UP TO THEIR KNEES IN RAIN AND CAN'T FIND A SHELTER  
14 OR THE PLACE THAT NIGHT, AND THIS NOTION OF CONNECTING FOLKS  
15 TO CLINICALLY ENHANCED INTERIM HOUSING IS AN IMPORTANT STEP.  
16 AND WE MAKE THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN INTERIM HOUSING AND  
17 PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR MANY REASONS, BUT IT'S REALLY  
18 PART OF A CONTINUUM. AND I THINK THAT THE OPPORTUNITY THAT THE  
19 BOARD HAS PUT IN FRONT OF US BY ENDORSING OUR WHOLE PERSON  
20 CARE APPLICATION, WHICH ASKS US TO DELIVER IN THE NEXT 12  
21 MONTHS ANOTHER 100 BEDS OF SOBERING, ALMOST ANOTHER 150 TO 200  
22 BEDS OF RECUPERATIVE CARE, WE JUST DISCUSSED SOME OF THE  
23 CLINICALLY ENHANCED BEDS FOCUSED ON SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS  
24 AND ALLOWING PEOPLE WHO ARE COMING OUT OF OUR SCARCE  
25 RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS TO FIND A ROOF OVER THEIR HEAD FOR



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1 ONGOING CLINICAL SERVICE ON THEIR WAY TO PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE  
2 HOUSING, THAT, MR. CHAIRMAN, IS THE REASON WHY WE HAVE THE  
3 NEED TO DO THIS. WE KNOW THAT THE COUNTY WORKS HARD EVERY DAY  
4 THROUGH OUR PROCESSES AND OUR CONNECTIONS TO FIND LOCATIONS  
5 WHERE WE CAN BUILD THESE PROGRAMS, THAT THE COMMUNITY WILL  
6 ACCEPT, THAT WE THINK WE CAN DELIVER SERVICE WITHIN. AND WE  
7 OFTEN NARROW OUR FOCUS ON WHO'S INVOLVED IN THAT CONVERSATION  
8 TO THOSE THAT WE HAVE WITHIN THE COUNTY. I THINK THIS IS AN  
9 OPPORTUNITY WITHIN THIS MOTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT A NUMBER OF  
10 OTHER PARTNERS ARE HELPING US DELIVER THIS SERVICE, RIGHT? AND  
11 THEY ALSO HAVE ACCESS TO SOME OF THE CAPITAL ASSETS THAT WE  
12 CAN CAPITALIZE ON TO DELIVER ON THESE PROMISES SOONER. SO  
13 WE'VE-- I ALLUDED TO SOME OF THE DELIVERABLES UNDER WHOLE  
14 PERSON CARE. SUPERVISOR, WE HAVE ROUGHLY BETWEEN \$8 MILLION  
15 AND \$10 MILLION OF INCENTIVE FUNDING ON THE TABLE IF WE MISS  
16 OUR TIMELINES ON SOME OF THOSE DELIVERABLES. SO BY JULY, WE  
17 ARE SUPPOSED TO HAVE SOME NEW PROJECTS UP, NEW BEDS AVAILABLE.  
18 SOME OF THOSE CAN BE DONE IN EXISTING BUILDINGS WITH MINIMAL  
19 REHAB. AND OTHERS, BECAUSE WE WANT TO SITE THEM IN THE PLACES  
20 THAT THEY ARE MOST IMPACTFUL, WHETHER IT'S ON THE WEST SIDE IN  
21 VENICE OR SANTA MONICA, IN LONG BEACH, WE NEED TO FIND THE  
22 LOCATIONS. AND SOMETIMES WE FIND A BUILDING THAT NEEDS MORE  
23 THAN JUST A LITTLE TOUCH UP IN PAINT. AND BEING ABLE TO GET  
24 THAT WORK DONE QUICKLY THROUGH OUR OPERATORS AND THE FOLKS WHO  
25 HAVE ACCESS TO THOSE BUILDINGS IS ONE OF OUR PRIORITIES. AND



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1 THIS MOTION ALLOWS US TO GET THAT WORK DONE QUICKLY. SO I'VE  
2 COVERED SORT OF WHY WE NEED TO DO THIS. I THINK IT'S A  
3 PATIENT-FIRST, FOCUSED INITIATIVE. IT ALLOWS US TO THIS ON THE  
4 BOARD PRIORITIES. AND, FRANKLY, IT ALSO ALLOWS US TO HAVE THE  
5 OTHER COUNTY ASSETS, WHETHER IT'S OUR SITE URGENT CARE  
6 CENTERS, EMERGENCY ROOMS, HOSPITALS, FUNCTION TO THEIR TOP. WE  
7 DON'T WANT TO SEE OUR HOMELESS PATIENTS WHO COULD BE  
8 DISCHARGED EFFECTIVELY SPEND ONE MORE DAY IN THE HOSPITAL IF  
9 WE CAN AVOID IT. I TALKED A BIT ABOUT, SUPERVISOR, SOME OF THE  
10 INCENTIVE DOLLARS THAT WE COULD BE LEAVING ON THE TABLE IF WE  
11 MISS THESE DELIVERABLES. I DISCUSSED WHAT WE HOPE ARE THE  
12 MECHANISM, WHAT WE COULD PARTNER WITH OUR EXISTING SERVICE  
13 PROVIDERS TO DELIVER ON SOME OF THESE CAPITAL ISSUES, AND THEN  
14 I WILL CLOSE, AND I HOPE I HIT ON MOST ALL OF THE ISSUES, WITH  
15 THE TYPES OF PROJECTS, WHAT WE'RE CONSIDERING. SO WE WOULD  
16 LIKE TO LOOK AT BUILDING AT LEAST TWO SOBERING CENTERS. WE'VE  
17 BEEN IN CONVERSATION WITH BOTH SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND SUPERVISOR  
18 HAHN, YOUR BOARD OFFICES, YOUR DEPUTIES TO TALK ABOUT  
19 POTENTIAL SITES WITHIN YOUR DISTRICTS. WE SPENT TIME,  
20 SUPERVISOR BARGER, TALKING ABOUT SOMETHING IN THE AREA OF  
21 MENTAL-- INTERIM HOUSING FOR THOSE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS AND  
22 THOSE WITH SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS UP IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY,  
23 AND, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, WE'VE TALKED A BIT ABOUT A RECUPERATIVE  
24 CARE CENTER NEAR L.A.C.+U.S.C. THAT REPLICATES SOMETHING SO  
25 THAT THAT HOSPITAL, OUR BIGGEST ASSET IN THE COUNTY, HOSPITAL



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1 SYSTEM, HAS A PLACE TO REFER PEOPLE WHO ARE HOMELESS AND  
2 REALLY DON'T NEED TO STAY IN THE HOSPITAL ANY LONGER. AND,  
3 CHAIRMAN, WE'VE TALKED A BIT ABOUT THE EXPANSION ON M.L.K. OF  
4 ADDITIONAL RECUPERATIVE CARE OPTIONS THAT ARE ALSO A NUMBER OF  
5 OTHER LOCATIONS JUST LIKE WE DID THE SOUTH L.A. RECOUP AT  
6 SOLAR. THERE ARE OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPAND. SO I THINK  
7 THIS IS A COUNTY-WIDE OPPORTUNITY. IT ISN'T FOCUSED IN ANY ONE  
8 DISTRICT. AND AS SUPERVISOR KUEHL YOU RAISED, IT REALLY  
9 CAPITALIZES ON THIS NOTION THAT WE CAN PROVIDE HOUSING WITH  
10 CLINICALLY ENRICHED SERVICES IN A MEANINGFUL WAY AND WE SHOULD  
11 TRY TO SCALE THAT AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, DR. GHALY, FOR THE  
14 THOROUGH RESPONSE. IT IS RESPONSIVE TO THE QUESTIONS. I THINK  
15 THE ISSUES RAISED BY BOTH SUPERVISOR BARGER AND SUPERVISOR  
16 KUEHL WARRANT OUR ONGOING MONITORING AND CONCERN. SO WHAT I  
17 WOULD PROPOSE IS THAT WE HAVE THIS MOTION INTACT PURSUANT TO  
18 WHAT HAS BEEN EXPLAINED, BUT I WISH TO SEE MONTHLY REPORT  
19 BACKS SO THAT WE CAN KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON, TEST THE QUESTIONS  
20 THAT HAVE BEEN RAISED WITH THE KIND OF FREQUENCY THAT WOULD  
21 PROVIDE FURTHER CLARIFICATION SHOULD THE ITEMS BE TWEAKED. I  
22 WISH TO RESTATE THAT FOR ME WE NEED TO BE MORE ASSERTIVE THAN  
23 NOT. NOT UNTHOUGHTFUL, BUT IT TAKES QUITE A LOT TO GET THESE  
24 PROJECT UP AND RUNNING. AND THEY ARE IMPACTING THE VERY PEOPLE  
25 ABOUT WHOM WE ARE CONCERNED. YOU MAKE THE POINT THAT THIS IS



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1 PATIENT FOCUSED, PATIENT CENTERED. I BUY THAT. THESE ARE  
2 BRICKS AND STICKS. IT TAKES A LOT TO GET IT MOVING. AND THEN  
3 THE PROGRAMMATIC PIECES THAT ATTACHED TO IT. BUT ENOUGH HAS  
4 BEEN RAISED IN TERMS OF THE BOARD KEEPING THEIR EYE ON THIS,  
5 AND SO IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THERE IS A CASE TO BE MADE FOR US  
6 PROCEEDING. BUT IN ORDER FOR US TO HAVE FULL KNOWLEDGE AND BE  
7 COGNIZANT OF HOW THINGS ARE PROCEEDING, I WISH TO SUGGEST THAT  
8 WE HAVE MONTHLY REPORT BACKS TO THE BOARD SO THAT WE CAN KNOW  
9 THAT WE ARE ACCOMPLISHING THOSE THINGS IN A MANNER IN WHICH WE  
10 WISH TO ACCOMPLISH THEM. AND IF THAT'S ACCEPTABLE TO EVERYONE,  
11 WE CAN PROCEED. ALL RIGHT?

12

13 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** SO, MR. CHAIRMAN, THE AMENDMENTS ARE NOT  
14 ATTRACTIVE TO YOU.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** NOT THAT I UNDERSTAND. BUT I WANT  
17 TO CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE THRUST OF WHAT YOU ARE SUGGESTING.  
18 SO RATHER TO ALLOW THIS TO GO AND JUST HAPPEN, WE WILL HAVE  
19 REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD REPORT BACKS FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL  
20 MEMBERS TO UNDERSTAND. I DO NOT WISH TO DO ANYTHING THAT  
21 IMPEDES THE PROGRESS OF US GETTING THINGS DONE PURSUANT TO DR.  
22 GHALY'S SUGGESTION OR RECOMMENDATION. TO THE EXTENT THAT THIS  
23 HAS COUNTY-WIDE IMPACTS, IT WOULD SEEM TO ME WE OUGHT TO MOVE  
24 FORWARD AND KEEP A CLOSE EYE ON IT.

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1 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I VERY MUCH WANT TO MOVE FORWARD. I VERY  
2 MUCH WANT TO KEEP A CLOSE EYE. I HEARD DR. GHALY SPEAK OF THIS  
3 AS INTERIM HOUSING. I DON'T BELIEVE IT IS MEANT TO BUILD  
4 PERMANENT HOUSING, BUT I DON'T KNOW WHETHER THERE IS AN  
5 INTENTION TO DO PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING THROUGH THIS  
6 PROGRAM. LET ME ASK DR. GHALY YOUR INTENT?

7

8 **DR. MARK GHALY:** SO OUR INITIAL FOCUS ABSOLUTELY IS ON THE  
9 INTERIM HOUSING. WE DELIVER-- THOSE ARE WHERE THE DELIVERABLES  
10 ARE. I THINK THAT THE MECHANISM AROUND PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE  
11 HOUSING COULD AND SHOULD BE EXPLORED. AT THE MOMENT THE  
12 PROJECTS WE ARE CONTEMPLATING CERTAINLY ARE NOT IN THE  
13 PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING REALM. THE COUNTY, OUR  
14 DEPARTMENT, D.H.S., DOES NOT HAVE FUNDING FOR PERMANENT  
15 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. WE HAVE NO PLANS TO INDEPENDENTLY BUILD  
16 PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. WE'VE BEEN INVITED INTO THE  
17 CONVERSATIONS ON A NUMBER OF PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING  
18 PROJECTS, A FEW OF WHICH YOU HAVE ALREADY DISCUSSED, THE  
19 C.D.C. PROJECTS AROUND THE SUPPORT SERVICE COMPONENT. YOUR  
20 BOARD HAD ASKED US TO BE PART OF THE REPORT BACK LOOKING AT  
21 POTENTIAL MODULAR PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING OPTIONS. AND SO  
22 WE PARTICIPATE IN THOSE CONVERSATIONS. AND WE HOPE THAT THE  
23 LESSONS LEARNED IN THESE PROCESSES MIGHT INFORM THAT. BUT NO,  
24 AT THE MOMENT WE DON'T HAVE A PLAN FOR A PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE  
25 HOUSING FOR THE DEPARTMENT.



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1  
2 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I THINK THE REPORT BACK IS  
3 GOOD. I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S THE \$8 MILLION THAT GAVE ME A  
4 LITTLE HEARTBURN TO THE MAKER OF THE MOTION. THAT WAS A FIGURE  
5 I ASKED DR. GHALY WHAT WOULD BE A REASONABLE CAP? I MEAN, THIS  
6 IS GRANTING A LOT OF AUTHORITY. AND I SHARE THE CONCERN ABOUT  
7 GETTING THESE PROJECTS UP AND GOING. AND BUILDING AND  
8 REHABBING, ET CETERA. MY ONLY CONCERN, WHICH I REITERATE, IS  
9 THAT WHEN YOU GRANT AUTHORITY IN A VERY BROAD WAY, EVEN WITH A  
10 REPORT BACK, WE OFTEN HAVE NOT SAID "WELL, WE REALLY WANTED TO  
11 LIMIT IT." SO I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN-- DONE MY BEST TO  
12 COLLABORATE, AS YOU KNOW, ON THIS BOARD. I THINK WE'RE ALL ON  
13 THE SAME PAGE ABOUT WHAT WE WANT TO DO. AND IF WE HAVE A  
14 REPORT BACK EVERY MONTH, I WILL CONTINUE TO INSIST THAT WE NOT  
15 ALLOW OUR LIKE-MINDED DEVELOPERS, IN MANY CASES, TO SOMEHOW  
16 SKIRT WHAT WE HAVE ESTABLISHED IS NECESSARY FOR A PERMANENT  
17 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROJECT. IT'S VERY IMPORTANT BECAUSE  
18 OTHERWISE, AS YOU KNOW, WE FIND HOMELESS PEOPLE DON'T GET THE  
19 HELP THEY NEED. AND THAT'S WHY WE'VE BEEN CONCENTRATING ON IT.  
20 THESE HAVE DIFFERENT, ACTUALLY DIFFERENT GOALS. THIS IS AN  
21 INTERIM, CLINICALLY ENHANCED PROJECT, AS DR. GHALY TALKED  
22 ABOUT IT, SOBERING CENTERS, RECUPERATIVE CENTERS. SO IF WE  
23 PASS THIS MOTION AS IS, I'M GOING TO HAVE TO INSIST EVERY  
24 MONTH. I'M GOING TO EXPECT THAT WE WILL NOT BE BUILDING  
25 PERMANENT HOUSING OR REHABBING, OR ESTABLISHING ON OUR OWN



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1 THROUGH D.H.S-- OR NOT D.H.S., THROUGH THE AGENCY BECAUSE THAT  
2 IS NOT WHERE WE'RE HEADED. I WANT TO KEEP A CLOSE EYE ON IT  
3 BECAUSE WE DON'T WANT ANYBODY TO SKIRT THE REQUIREMENTS.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** I THINK THAT'S ABSOLUTELY  
6 REASONABLE, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. AND I WOULD BE SUPPORTIVE OF  
7 THAT. BUT NOTHING CAN GET BUILT, REALLY, ABSENT IT GOING  
8 THROUGH THE APPROPRIATE PROCESSES AND OUR RESPECTIVE DISTRICT  
9 OFFICES ANYWAY. AND SO WHATEVER THE AGENCY MIGHT CONTEMPLATE  
10 DOES HAVE TO COME TO ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR AND FIVE FOR  
11 ULTIMATE SUPPORT AND SIGN OFF. AND TO THE EXTENT THAT THAT IS  
12 THE CASE, THERE WILL BE AMPLE OPPORTUNITY FOR EACH OF US TO  
13 WEIGH IN. SO I AM REASONABLY CONFIDENT THAT WE'LL HAVE OUR  
14 ADDITIONAL BITE AT THE APPLE FROM A DISTRICT OFFICE  
15 PERSPECTIVE AND WE WILL HAVE THE BOARD AS A WHOLE ABLE TO HEAR  
16 ON A MONTHLY BASIS WHAT PROGRESS BEING MADE. SO, MEMBERS OF  
17 THE BOARD, I'M REASONABLY COMFORTABLE AT THAT POINT. AND EACH  
18 MONTH WE WILL SEE HOW WE MAKE PROGRESS HERE.

19

20 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** REALLY QUICK QUESTION, MR. HOWARD. I HAVE  
21 A QUESTION MY MOTION, AND SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, IT WAS  
22 MEANT TO ADDRESS THE ISSUES ESPECIALLY WHEN IT COMES TO  
23 EXPEDITING THE PROJECTS, BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO LEAVE ANY  
24 MONEY ON THE TABLE. CAN YOU, WITH YOUR 30-DAY REPORT BACK TO  
25 THE BOARD, TOUCH ON THE ISSUES THAT I BROUGHT UP IN THE



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1 MOTION? BECAUSE, AGAIN, IT WAS TO COMPLEMENT, NOT TO CREATE  
2 BARRIERS OR PROBLEMS. WOULD THAT BE POSSIBLE? WHEN IT COMES  
3 BACK, I TAKE IT, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE IT AT THE BOARD? YOU  
4 WILL HAVE IT AT THE BOARD?

5

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

7

8 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** SO WE CAN MAKE SURE WE ARE EXPEDITING AND  
9 THE DEPARTMENT'S COORDINATING?

10

11 **DR. MARK GHALY:** YES, SUPERVISOR, WE COULD ADDRESS THAT IN THE  
12 REPORT BACK.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** FULL TRANSPARENCY.

15

16 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** DID I ALSO HEAR THE CHAIR INDICATE THAT WE  
17 WOULD BE SEEING THE PROJECTS THAT WERE PROPOSED?

18

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

20

21 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** BECAUSE AUTHORITY IS ACTUALLY GRANTED IN  
22 THE MOTION TO FUND CONSTRUCTION.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** YES. AND I'M SIMPLY SAYING THAT ANY  
25 DEPARTMENT THAT'S DOING ITS BUSINESS IN THE WAY IT OUGHT TO DO



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1 ITS BUSINESS, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE SPECIFIC DISTRICT, FOR  
2 AN EXAMPLE, THAT'S BEING IMPACTED, THEY NEED TO BE IN  
3 CONVERSATION. I HAVE NO EVIDENCE THAT THE HEALTH AGENCY HAS OR  
4 WOULD DO OTHERWISE. AND CERTAINLY AFTER THIS CONVERSATION, I  
5 WOULD HOPE THAT THERE WOULD BE MORE DUE DILIGENCE AND  
6 ACCOMMODATING THAT CONCERN.

7

8 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** HAVING HEARD WHAT DR. GHALY SAID ABOUT  
9 THEIR INTENTION, AT LEAST IN THE SHORT-TERM, WHICH I'M  
10 ASSUMING IS AT LEAST HALF OF THIS YEAR, I'LL SUPPORT THE  
11 MOTION.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANKS VERY MUCH. AND LET ME JUST  
14 SAY IN CONNECTION WITH THAT, WHEN WE TALK ABOUT GRANTING  
15 AUTHORITY, DR. GHALY, THAT WOULD BE A SMALL "A." THE ITEM IS  
16 BEFORE US. ANY PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD IN ADDITION TO WHAT  
17 WE'VE ALREADY HEARD?

18

19 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** YES, MR. CHAIRMAN. MELLO DESIRE AND  
20 ERIC PREVEN, PLEASE COME FORWARD. THEY SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON  
21 THIS ITEM.

22

23 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT'S ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT.  
24 I'M RUNNING FOR THE OFFICE OF MAYOR OF LOS ANGELES. I MUST  
25 TELL YOU I DO NOT LIKE THE MANSPLAINING GOING ON AROUND HERE.



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1 I DO NOT LIKE WHEN SUPERVISOR KUEHL BRINGS UP A VERY IMPORTANT  
2 POINT ABOUT THE CAMEL'S NOSE COMING UNDER THE TENT. MR.  
3 RIDLEY-THOMAS POPS UP AND ENFORCES THIS IDEA THAT DR. GHALY,  
4 WHO I HAVE TO SAY SIMPLY NICELY, MAKES A SPECTACULAR  
5 PRESENTATION, HE'S THE ONE WHO PUSHED THROUGH MIRA LOMA AS  
6 EVERYBODY WAS FALLING OVER IN DISBELIEF. SO I AM CONCERNED. I  
7 AM ABSOLUTELY CONCERNED. I THINK THE SUPERVISOR IS CORRECT  
8 THAT IN FACT PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING IS VERY DIFFERENT IN  
9 TERMS OF SOBER. AND WHEN YOU ALLOW DEVELOPERS TO BE THE  
10 DECIDERS, YOU'RE NOT HELPING THE SITUATION. I FIND IT  
11 BULLYING, QUITE FRANKLY, THAT THE CHAIRMAN WHO KNOWS FROM SO  
12 MANY YEARS-- THE DEVIL IS IN THE DETAILS, AS WE ALL KNOW, SIR.  
13 IF YOU LIKE TO USE JUST BRICKS AND STICKS, THE DEVIL IS IN THE  
14 DETAILS. I DON'T KNOW. I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THIS. I THINK THAT  
15 THE IDEA THAT YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE SOME CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT,  
16 THAT BARGER SUGGESTED, GREAT.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

19

20 **MELLO DESIRE:** HI. I APOLOGIZE FOR THE OUTBURST EARLIER. I WAS  
21 ROBBED OF A MINUTE SO I AM GOING TO MAKE THIS QUICK. THERE ARE  
22 166 PROPERTIES IN SKID ROW ALONE, 166. AND SKID ROW'S ONLY 4  
23 MILES WIDE. SO IF MARK GHALY NEEDS PROPERTIES TO HELP BUILD  
24 INTERIM CARE, THEN WE HAVE 166 AVAILABLE. NOT INCLUDING THE 42  
25 THAT'S IN SOUTH L.A. SO OVERALL, THE PROP H.H.H. WAS PASSED



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1 WHERE 40 PERCENT OF THE FUNDING IS GOING INTO DEVELOPERS'  
2 HANDS, WHAT DIFFERENT THAN THIS? WE NEED FUNDING TO GO  
3 DIRECTLY TO THE PEOPLE. THERE ARE TWO BUILDINGS ON SKID ROW  
4 THAT CAN HOUSE AT LEAST 262 PEOPLE AS WE SPEAK RIGHT NOW. AND  
5 IT DOESN'T TAKE THAT MUCH TO REALLY FIX. SO IF THAT'S REALLY A  
6 PROBLEM SEARCHING FOR PROPERTY, MARK GHALY, I GOT YOU. I GOT  
7 YOU ON THAT. SO I ASK YOU TO PLEASE TAKE WHAT WE ASK SERIOUSLY  
8 AS CONSTITUENTS OF DISTRICT 1 AND DISTRICT 2 WHERE MAJORITY OF  
9 THE FUNDING IS GOING INTO CAREGIVERS INSTEAD OF THE PEOPLE.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE WILL NOW  
12 MOVE FORWARD WITH THE ITEM AS AMENDED. SO WE PROCEED. MOTION  
13 BEING MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER.  
14 ANY ADDITIONAL? THE AMENDMENT THAT BARGER MADE AND  
15 DISTRIBUTED. AS AMENDED. ALL RIGHT? THANKS VERY MUCH. PLEASE  
16 RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE. SHALL WE PROCEED TO THE NEXT ITEMS?  
17 ITEM NUMBER 22 IS BEFORE US. THIS IS A MOTION BEING HELD BY  
18 CHAIR AND SUPERVISOR BARGER. IT ENTAILS THE REQUEST FOR A  
19 FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER TO OPPOSE THE ELIMINATION OF C.C.I. AND  
20 I.H.S.S. I AM GOING TO ASK THE C.E.O. TO WEIGH IN ON THIS  
21 BECAUSE FOR US IN PART IT'S FISCAL, COLLEAGUES. IT IS FISCAL  
22 AS WE WELL APPRECIATE. THERE ARE PERSONS WHO WISH TO BE HEARD  
23 ON THE ITEM, BUT I'M GOING TO START WITH COUNTY COUNSEL. GO  
24 RIGHT AHEAD. WELL, WAIT A MINUTE. YOU CAME OVER HERE. WERE YOU  
25 COMING TO DISTRACT ME OR YOU'RE COMING TO SPEAK?



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2 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** IN CASE THE BOARD HAS QUESTIONS. JUDY  
3 WHITEHURST IN MY OFFICE IS AN EXPERT IN THIS AREA SO I'M HERE  
4 TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THE BOARD MAY HAVE AND SO IS JUDY.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MADAME EXPERT. PLEASE  
7 RESUME YOUR POSITION. MADAME C.E.O., A WORD.

8

9 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** YES, MR. CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.  
10 I THINK ALL OF YOU HAVE HEARD ABOUT THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED  
11 PLAN TO ELIMINATE THE COORDINATED CARE INITIATIVE, OTHERWISE  
12 KNOWN AS C.C.I. AND THE I.H.H.S. M.O.U. FROM MY PERSPECTIVE,  
13 AND PRIMARILY, I'M LOOKING AT IT MORE FROM A FISCAL  
14 PERSPECTIVE. THIS WOULD GO INTO EFFECT ON JULY 1ST OF THIS  
15 YEAR. AND OUR PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES ARE ABOUT \$220 MILLION  
16 THAT THE COUNTY WOULD NOW HAVE TO FUND FOR THE I.H.S.S.  
17 PROGRAM. THAT NUMBER ESCALATES ALL THE WAY UP TO ABOUT \$450  
18 MILLION IN 2020. SO AS FAR AS THE FISCAL IMPACT, THERE IS A  
19 BIG CONCERN, AT LEAST FROM THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE AND FROM THE  
20 COUNTY.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO  
23 KEEP FOCUS ON PRECISELY THAT. THIS HOLE IS GOING TO GET  
24 DEEPER. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT SACRAMENTO, SPECIFICALLY THE  
25 GOVERNOR, NEEDS TO ENGAGE WITH US IN TERMS OF TRYING TO LESSEN



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1 OUR BURDEN RATHER THAN COMPOUNDING IT. THAT'S ESSENTIALLY  
2 WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE. MAYBE IT'S USEFUL TO ADD TO THIS THE  
3 IMPLICATIONS THAT ITS FISCAL IMPACTS POTENTIALLY, PURSUANT TO  
4 THE SABER RATTLING AROUND THE REPEAL OF THE A.C.A. MADAME  
5 C.E.O., ANY DATA IN THAT REGARD?

6

7 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** WITH RESPECT TO THE A.C.A. AT THIS TIME,  
8 WE HAVE NOT RUN THE NUMBERS. BUT TOGETHER THE COMBINED IMPACT  
9 COULD POTENTIALLY BE A PRETTY LARGE IMPACT, ESPECIALLY IF THE  
10 REPEAL GOES THROUGH, WE WOULD HAVE AT LEAST TWO YEARS BEFORE  
11 THERE WOULD BE ANY TYPE OF CUTS TO OUR SYSTEM. BUT CURRENTLY  
12 AT HAND WITH RESPECT TO THE C.C.I. AND I.H.S.S., THIS IMPACT  
13 WOULD GO INTO EFFECT AGAIN WITHIN THE NEXT SIX MONTHS. AND SO  
14 AS WE PUT TOGETHER THE COUNTY'S PROPOSED BUDGET, WE CLEARLY  
15 NEED TO FIND APPROXIMATELY \$220 MILLION. NOW, I WAS UP AT THE  
16 STATE LAST WEEK, AND THERE WAS A PRETTY ROBUST CONVERSATION. I  
17 THINK STATEWIDE THE NUMBER WAS ESTIMATED TO BE ABOUT \$626  
18 MILLION OR SO. AT THE MEETING I WAS AT, THAT NUMBER HAD  
19 ESCALATED TO OVER \$700 MILLION STATEWIDE. SO WE'RE STILL  
20 WORKING THE NUMBERS ALONG WITH THE STATE. WE ANTICIPATE THAT  
21 EVEN THOUGH WE ARE PROJECTING \$220 MILLION TO OUR BUDGET, THAT  
22 NUMBER COULD BE SLIGHTLY HIGHER.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.  
25 ANY QUESTIONS FOR C.E.O.? SUPERVISOR BARGER AND MISS



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1 WHITEHURST, ANY LEGAL MATTERS YOU SEEK TO EDIFY US ON OR  
2 ABOUT, FEEL FREE TO JUMP IN.

3

4 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** OKAY. SO YOU TALKED ABOUT OVER \$700  
5 MILLION. BECAUSE I HAD A FIGURE OF 625 COST TO ALL 58  
6 COUNTIES.

7

8 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** THAT WAS THE INITIAL PRELIMINARY NUMBER.  
9 BUT AS THE STATE HAS BEEN LOOKING AT THE NUMBERS ALONG WITH  
10 THE COUNTYWIDE STATE ASSOCIATION, THE NUMBER SEEMS TO BE  
11 ESCALATING TO A LITTLE OVER \$700 MILLION.

12

13 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** DO YOU KNOW WHAT OUR CASELOAD IS RIGHT  
14 NOW UNDER I.H.S.S.? AND I KNOW IT'S PROBABLY INCREASED OVER  
15 THE LAST YEAR, CORRECT?

16

17 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** THE AVERAGE MONTHLY CASELOAD IS  
18 APPROXIMATELY 214,000. A LITTLE OVER 214,000. THE AVERAGE  
19 MONTHLY.

20

21 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** IF NOT UNDER I.H.S.S., WHERE WOULD THE  
22 INDIVIDUALS GET THEIR CARE?

23

24 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** THAT WOULD BE-- WELL AT THIS POINT IN  
25 TIME BECAUSE OF THE NEGOTIATED M.O.U. WITH THE STATE, THEY'RE



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1 CURRENTLY GETTING IT THROUGH I.H.S.S. THAT BURDEN WOULD SHIFT  
2 BACK TO THE COUNTY.

3

4 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** AS I RECALL, AT LEAST WHEN I WAS HANDLING  
5 HEALTHCARE, THE CHOICE WAS KEEPING IT HOME, YOU GET HOME  
6 HEALTHCARE OR PUT THEM IN CONVALESCENT.

7

8 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** CORRECT.

9

10 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THE SAVINGS WAS SHOWN FROM BOTH A  
11 FINANCIAL AS WELL AS A COMPASSION STANDPOINT, IT WAS BETTER TO  
12 KEEP THEM AT HOME AND GET IN-HOME HEALTHCARE, IS THAT CORRECT?

13

14 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** CORRECT.

15

16 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** SO IS THERE A WAY TO QUANTIFY WHAT THE  
17 COST WILL BE IF WE WERE TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE GOING  
18 INTO CONVALESCENT HOSPITALS?

19

20 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** WE COULD CERTAINLY WORK WITH THE  
21 DEPARTMENT, THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS FOR THAT IMPACT. I THINK,  
22 SUPERVISOR, THAT'S ONE OF THE QUESTIONS THAT IS CURRENTLY AT  
23 HAND AT A STATEWIDE LEVEL IS WHETHER THE COST-EFFECTIVENESS OF  
24 THIS PROGRAM WAS ACTUALLY RUN APPROPRIATELY. AND THAT'S REALLY  
25 THE TRIGGER FOR THE C.C.I. IN TERMS OF WHY THE GOVERNOR IS



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1 CANCELING IT, SAYING IT'S NOT A COST-EFFECTIVE PROGRAM. SO I  
2 THINK OUR COUNTY COUNSEL AND JUDY WHITEHURST AND MARY MAY WANT  
3 TO SPEAK ABOUT. BUT THAT GOES RIGHT INTO YOUR QUESTION.

4

5 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** I GUESS MY FRUSTRATION IS THAT WHEN THIS  
6 WHOLE PROGRAM WAS BEING ROLLED OUT AND THE NUMBERS INCREASED,  
7 IT WAS BECAUSE THERE WAS A REASON. THIS WAS A VOID IN THE  
8 COMMUNITY. AND WE WERE MOVING INTO SOMEONE WHO HAD A PARENT IN  
9 A CONVALESCENT HOSPITAL, BUT WE WANTED TO BRING THEM HOME, IF  
10 THE CHOICE WAS GIVEN TO A LOT OF FAMILIES, THEY'D WANT THEIR  
11 FAMILIES, THEIR LOVED ONES AT HOME. I THINK IT'S HEALTHY  
12 ACROSS-THE-BOARD. IT'S ALSO, FROM A FINANCIAL STANDPOINT I  
13 STILL BELIEVE, COST-EFFECTIVE. I THINK THE STATE HAS BENEFITED  
14 MORE THAN THE COUNTY AS IT RELATES TO I.H.S.S. SO HAVING SAID  
15 THAT, I FULLY SUPPORT THIS MOTION AND FEEL STRONGLY THAT  
16 ANYTHING THE STATE DOES TO ELIMINATE FUNDING SHOULD BE FOUGHT  
17 NOT ONLY BY THIS COUNTY BUT I WOULD ARGUE THROUGH THE COUNTIES  
18 THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE STATE SHOULD GET TOGETHER AND VOICE  
19 CONCERN ABOUT THE IMPACT THIS IS GOING TO HAVE ON THE  
20 COMMUNITY, AND BY THE WAY ON THOSE INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE  
21 CURRENTLY THE PROVIDERS, THAT MANY DEPEND UPON THIS AS THEIR  
22 JOB. AND I THINK THAT ALSO SHOULD BE A CONCERN TO ALL OF US.  
23 SO THANK YOU.

24

25 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MADAME COUNTY COUNSEL.



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2 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** THE ONLY THING I WOULD ADD, SUPERVISOR,  
3 IS THAT I WANT THE BOARD TO KNOW THAT LAWYERS FROM MY OFFICE  
4 HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH OTHER COUNTY COUNSELS THROUGHOUT THE  
5 STATE OF CALIFORNIA THIS WEEK AND HAVE PARTICIPATED IN SOME  
6 CALLS TO SEE WHAT LEGAL ACTION OTHERS ARE TAKING AND WHAT  
7 OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE. WE ANTICIPATE BEING IN A POSITION TO  
8 HAVE THAT DISCUSSION WITH CLOSED SESSION WITH YOU NEXT WEEK.  
9 WE DO FEEL THERE ARE SOME LEGAL CHALLENGES THAT COULD BE  
10 TAKEN. WE BELIEVE THE STATE DID HAVE THE RIGHT TO DO AS THEY  
11 DID, BUT AS THE C.E.O. POINTED OUT, THE METHODOLOGY THEY USED,  
12 WE WITH WANT TO QUESTION THAT, TAKE A DEEPER LOOK AT THAT.  
13 JUDY, DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO ADD?

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** . ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.  
16 ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE BOARD?  
17 PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD BY WAY OF PUBLIC COMMENT OR  
18 TESTIMONY.

19

20 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** WOULD THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS  
21 PLEASE COME FORWARD TO SPEAK. BARBARA BONDARONT. DR. GENEVIEVE  
22 CLAVREUL. ROCHELLE LEWIS AND PATRICIA SANTANA, PLEASE COME  
23 FORWARD.

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1 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, DR. GENEVIEVE  
2 CLAVREUL. I THINK YOU SHOULD INSIST TO GOVERNOR BROWN NOT TO  
3 GET RID OF THIS PROGRAM, ESPECIALLY THE IN-HOME SERVICES. I  
4 THINK IT'S ESSENTIAL YOU ALLOW PEOPLE TO KEEP THEIR DIGNITY  
5 AND BE AT HOME TO RECEIVE THE CARE. I THINK THE SAVINGS ARE  
6 BOTH IN FINANCIAL BUT MORE IN DIGNITY AND CARE OF ESPECIALLY  
7 THE ELDERLY AND PEOPLE WHO ARE DISABLED. SO I THINK YOU SHOULD  
8 REALLY FIGHT FOR THAT. I WOULD LIKE TO HELP YOU IN THAT.

9

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

11

12 **BARBARA BONDARONT:** HELLO, MY NAME IS BARBARA BONDARONT. I LIVE  
13 IN LA VERNE. WHEN MY SON MICHAEL WAS BORN, HE WAS BORN WITH  
14 DOWN'S SYNDROME. HE IS 38 YEARS OLD TODAY. AND HE HAS A MENTAL  
15 DEVELOPMENT OF A 2 TO 3-YEAR-OLD. HE REQUIRES 24-HOUR  
16 SUPERVISION AND NEEDS ME TO HELP HIM WITH GROOMING, EATING AND  
17 PRETTY MUCH ANYTHING A TODDLER OR PRE-SCHOOLER WOULD NEED HELP  
18 WITH. DISMANTLING THE I.H.S.S. PROGRAM WOULD MEAN THAT I WOULD  
19 NO LONGER BE ABLE TO CARE FOR HIM AT HOME. I DO NOT HAVE THE  
20 RESOURCES TO DO THAT. AND HE WOULD HAVE TO GO IN AN  
21 INSTITUTION FOR HIS CARE, WHICH WILL COST THE STATE AND THE  
22 COUNTY MUCH MORE THAN IT COSTS FOR ME TO CARE FOR HIM AT HOME.  
23 A YEAR AND A HALF AGO, THERE WAS A NATIONWIDE SURVEY DONE OF  
24 THE COST OF NURSING HOME CARE IN EACH STATE. CALIFORNIA AND  
25 WASHINGTON D.C. ARE THE TWO LOWEST, AND AT THAT TIME THE



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1 AVERAGE COST FOR ONE PERSON IN A NURSING HOME FOR ONE YEAR WAS  
2 \$97,000 PER YEAR. I'M NOT GETTING THAT. AND I'M KEEPING MY SON  
3 OUT OF AN INSTITUTION. SO AS A SINGLE MOM, MORE THAN EVER, I  
4 NEED REASSURANCE THIS GREAT PROGRAM WILL STAY IN PLACE. SO I  
5 THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR VOTING ON THIS MOTION TODAY. AND URGING  
6 THE ADMINISTRATION IN SACRAMENTO TO WORK TOWARD A SOLUTION  
7 THAT DOES NOT LEAVE THE COUNTY'S MOST VULNERABLE CITIZENS IN  
8 THE DUST. THANK YOU.

9

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

12

13 **RACHELLE LEWIS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS RACHELLE LEWIS.  
14 GOOD AFTERNOON TO THE BOARD MEMBERS, MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, AND  
15 BOARD MEMBERS. I LIVE IN THE CITY OF WEST COVINA. I AM THE  
16 MOTHER OF A MENTALLY ILL CHILD, AND SHE IS AT THE AGE NOW OF  
17 39 YEARS OLD. I WANT TO THANK YOU CHAIRMAN FOR TAKING ON THIS  
18 FIGHT. MY DAUGHTER WAS ATTACKED IN 2002. SHE THINKS THIS WORLD  
19 IS AN AWESOME PLACE. EVERYBODY LOVES EVERYBODY, BUT THAT'S NOT  
20 TRUE. AND SHE NEEDS 24 HOUR SUPERVISION AND I DO MY VERY BEST,  
21 BELIEVE ME. WE CAN'T ALL BE HOME CARE PROVIDERS BUT WE DO THE  
22 BEST WE CAN. WE NOW EDUCATE OUR HOME CARE PROVIDERS TO MAKE  
23 SURE THAT WE TAKE CARE OF OUR CONSUMERS THE BEST WE KNOW HOW.  
24 WE HAVE TRAINING FACILITIES. I JUST WANT TO SAY I THANK YOU  
25 ALL FOR TAKING UP THIS CHALLENGE AND FOR CAMPAIGNING FOR THE



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1 C.I.I. AND FOR THE HOME CARE PROVIDERS. YOU'RE DOING AN  
2 AWESOME JOB AND I HOPE YOU CONTINUE TO HELP US OUT. THANK YOU.

3

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

6

7 **PATRICIA SANTANA (VIA INTERPRETER):** MY NAME IS PATRICIA  
8 SANTANA. I WORK WITH I.H.S.S. I'M HERE REPRESENTING S.E.I.U.  
9 LOCAL 215. I COME HERE ASKING YOUR SUPPORT. I DO THIS FOR MY  
10 HUSBAND. HE'S THE ONE THAT NEEDS THE CARE. WE ARE SCARED NOW  
11 BEING THAT PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP IS TRYING TO CHANGE THE  
12 SYSTEM OF HEALTHCARE HOW IT WORKS. HE WANTS TO STOP THE C.C.I.  
13 PROGRAM. IT IS WORRISOME BECAUSE IT HAS A DOMINO EFFECT. IT'S  
14 GOING TO COME UP IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT AND  
15 WILL DESTROY OUR FAMILIES. I'M HERE ASKING FOR ALL THOSE  
16 PEOPLE. THAT CAN HAVE A DECENT RETIREMENT THAT HAVE BEEN  
17 WORKING. IT'S SAD THAT MY HUSBAND WOULD HAVE TO WORK FOR 50  
18 YEARS WITHOUT STOPPING. WE ARE SCARED. HAVING ALMOST TO LOSE  
19 THIS PROGRAM, ALL MY COMPANIONS HERE HAVE THE SAME WORRIES. I  
20 KNOW THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAS ALWAYS SUPPORTED THE  
21 IN-HOME CARE SUPPORT. WE COME HERE TO SEEK ASSISTANCE AND SEEK  
22 GUIDANCE IN LETTING US KNOW WHAT WE CAN DO TO MAKE THIS  
23 HAPPEN. IF YOU GUYS NEED ANYTHING FROM US. WE ARE THERE FOR  
24 YOU.

25



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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3 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** (SPEAKING IN SPANISH).

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5 **PATRICIA SANTANA:** (SPEAKING IN SPANISH)

6

7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** GRACIAS. OKAY, THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** JUST A LITTLE TRANSLATION, PLEASE.

10

11 **INTERPRETER:** SHE SAID IF YOU NEED US TO SEND LETTERS TO THE  
12 GOVERNOR, WE ARE THERE. WE HAVE PEOPLE BEHIND ME.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** EXCELLENT. ALL RIGHT. ALL THOSE WHO  
15 ARE IN AGREEMENT WITH HER, I SEE YOU RAISING THE ROOF. THANK  
16 YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR SOLIDARITY ON THE ITEM. THE MATTER IS  
17 BEFORE US. IT IS PROPERLY MOVED. THE SECONDS ARE IN PLACE. I  
18 SEE NO OBJECTION. THEREFORE, PLEASE RECORD THE UNANIMOUS VOTE.  
19 MOVING NOW TO AN ITEM HELD BY SUPERVISOR BARGER, 28-A.

20

21 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** IS PUBLIC HEALTH HERE? I JUST HAVE A FEW  
22 QUESTIONS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH. AS MANY ON THIS BOARD KNOW, I  
23 FEEL LIKE THIS IS DEJA VU AS IT RELATES TO THE GAS COMPANY.  
24 THIS MOTION TODAY IS ASKING THAT WE SEND A FIVE-SIGNATURE  
25 LETTER TO THE STATE LEGISLATURE IN SUPPORT OF SENATOR STERNS'



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1 BILL, WHICH PRIOR TO AUTHORIZING THEM TO BEGIN REINJECTING THE  
2 WELL, WE FIND OUT WHAT THE CAUSE IS OF THE ORIGINAL LEAK AND  
3 ALSO WE HAVE A HEARING IN THE COMMUNITY TO DISCUSS THIS  
4 BECAUSE I DON'T THINK IT'S TOO UNREASONABLE. IN FACT I DON'T  
5 THINK IT'S UNREASONABLE AT ALL. IT'S THE VERY LEAST WE CAN DO  
6 FOR THE RESIDENTS UP IN THAT AREA THAT WAS IMPACTED OVER A  
7 YEAR AGO. I JUST WAS WONDERING, ONE OF THE QUESTIONS THAT'S  
8 COME UP FROM THE COMMUNITY AND I DON'T HAVE AN ANSWER AT THIS  
9 POINT AND I KNOW WELL TALK ABOUT IT, BUT WHAT'S GOING ON WITH  
10 THE HEALTH STUDY? AND I KNOW THERE WAS A QUESTION ABOUT  
11 LETTING SOMEONE LIKE A.Q.M.D., SUPERVISOR KUEHL, CONDUCT THAT  
12 HEALTH STUDY SO WE CAN GET SOME BENCHMARKS AND HAVE THE GAS  
13 COMPANY REIMBURSE FOR THOSE COSTS. DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE STATUS  
14 OF THAT MOVING FORWARD IS?

15

16 **CYNTHIA HARDING:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISOR, CYNTHIA HARDING,  
17 INTERIM DIRECTOR FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND I'M HERE WITH ANGELO  
18 BELLOMO, OUR DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR HEALTH PROTECTION AND DR.  
19 CYRUS RANGIN, WHO OUR MEDICAL DIRECTOR FOR THE DIVISION. SO IN  
20 TERMS OF THE HEALTH STUDY, I JUST WANT TO FIRST SAY I AGREE  
21 WITH YOU ABOUT THE COMMUNITY HEARING COME UP. IT'S REALLY  
22 IMPORTANT THAT WE HEAR FROM THE COMMUNITY ABOUT THE ISSUES  
23 THAT THEY'RE FACING. AND THE HEALTH STUDY, WE HAVE ALWAYS  
24 REITERATED WE FELT EXTREMELY STRONGLY THAT WE NEED TO HAVE A  
25 HEALTH STUDY BOTH TO PROTECT, TO UNDERSTAND WHAT HAPPENED TO



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1 THIS COMMUNITY. WE DO NOT, IN THE HISTORY OF THIS COUNTRY,  
2 THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A DISASTER OF THIS MAGNITUDE. AND GIVEN  
3 THAT, IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT THAT WE UNDERSTAND THE IMPACTS OF  
4 SUCH A DISASTER OF THIS SIZE. IN TERMS OF THE HEALTH STUDY,  
5 THE HEALTH STUDY WAS TO BE PAID FOR BY SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS  
6 COMPANY. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, THEY HAVE NOT HONORED THAT  
7 COMMITMENT. THAT'S WHERE WE HAVE HAD NUMEROUS CONVERSATIONS  
8 WITH THE A.Q.M.D. WHO HAVE BEEN VERY HELPFUL ABOUT THINKING  
9 THROUGH HOW WE MIGHT PULL TOGETHER AN IMPORTANT PANEL OF  
10 SCIENTISTS TO GUIDE SUCH A STUDY. BUT S.C.G. IS ON THE HOOK TO  
11 PAY FOR THIS.

12

13 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** I WOULD REQUEST, THEN, COUNTY COUNSEL,  
14 NEXT WEEK, COULD YOU PROVIDE US A STATUS OF THE ONGOING  
15 LITIGATION AS IT PERTAINS TO THE HEALTH STUDY FOR US NEXT  
16 WEEK? AND THEN WE'LL GATHER INFORMATION. BUT, AGAIN, I KNOW,  
17 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, WITH THAT SIDE, DIFFERENT SETS OF  
18 CIRCUMSTANCES, BUT THE IMPACT IS STILL TO THE COMMUNITY. AND  
19 AS THE REPRESENTATIVES FOR THESE DISTRICTS, WE HAVE AN  
20 OBLIGATION TO THE PUBLIC. AND MONEY TALKS AND I THINK THE GAS  
21 COMPANY AS WELL AS EXIDE, QUITE FRANKLY, NEED TO STAND UP AND  
22 DO WHAT'S RIGHT FOR THE COMMUNITY. SO WE'LL GET THAT REPORT  
23 BACK NEXT WEEK. BUT I WOULD URGE SUPPORT ON THIS MOTION TODAY  
24 TO SUPPORT SENATOR STERN, WHO I COMMEND FOR BRINGING FORWARD



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1 THIS AND CARRYING ON WITH SENATOR PAVLEY DID PRIOR TO HER  
2 BEING TERMED OUT. SO WITH THAT, SUPERVISOR.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ANY  
5 ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD? ANY PERSONS  
6 WISHING TO BE HEARD? THERE'S ONE INDIVIDUAL?

7

8 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** YES, DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. DR. CLAVREUL,  
11 DO YOU WISH TO BE HEARD ON ITEM 28-A? ALL RIGHT. COME FORWARD,  
12 PLEASE.

13

14 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I  
15 TOTALLY SUPPORT THAT MOTION. I THINK THEY HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO  
16 EXCUSE TO STILL POUR SOME GAS WHEN THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT'S  
17 GOING ON. AND TO HAVE WAITED SO LONG TO ACTUALLY EXPLAIN THE  
18 SITUATION AND PAY REALLY REFLECTS VERY BAD ON THEM. SO THANK  
19 YOU FOR HAVING THAT MOTION, AND MAKE SURE THEY PAY. THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. THAT  
22 CONCLUDES THOSE WHO WISH TO BE HEARD BY WAY OF COMMENT, PUBLIC  
23 HEARING PORTION OF THIS ITEM. SUPERVISOR BARGER, ARE YOU GOOD  
24 TO GO? ALL RIGHT. ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? THEN



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1 LET'S MOVE FORWARD WITH ITEM 28-A AS WE HAVE READ IN. THANK  
2 YOU. PROCEED.

3

4 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** THE NEXT ITEMS BEFORE YOU ARE THE  
5 PUBLIC HEARINGS. ALL THOSE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE  
6 BOARD ON THE PUBLIC HEARINGS, PLEASE STAND AND RAISE YOUR  
7 RIGHT HAND TO BE SWORN IN. IN THE TESTIMONY YOU MAY GIVE  
8 BEFORE THIS BOARD, DO YOU SOLEMNLY SWEAR TO TELL THE TRUTH,  
9 THE WHOLE TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH SO HELP YOU GOD? THE  
10 FIRST PUBLIC HEARING ITEM IS ITEM NUMBER 1. THAT IS A HEARING  
11 ON THE 2015 URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLANS OF THE LOS ANGELES  
12 COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 29, MALIBU, THE MARINA DEL REY  
13 WATER SYSTEM, AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT  
14 NO. 40, ANTELOPE VALLEY. THERE IS NO DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT,  
15 NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL REQUESTED  
16 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. AND THERE IS ONE PUBLIC SPEAKER.

17

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

19

20 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I JUST WANTED TO POINT  
21 OUT BRIEFLY THE IMPORTANCE OF THESE PLANS BECAUSE THEY REQUIRE  
22 US TO THINK MORE LONG TERM ABOUT OUR WATER NEEDS. AND THE  
23 CUSTOMERS OF DISTRICT 29, WHICH MALIBU AND TOPANGA IN MY  
24 DISTRICT AS WELL AS MARINA DEL REY CURRENTLY GET THEIR WATER  
25 FROM THE WEST BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT, WHICH IN TURN



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1 GETS MUCH OF ITS WATER FROM THE STATE WATER PROJECT THROUGH  
2 THE DELTA. AND SO IT MEANS THAT OUR WATER CUSTOMERS ARE KIND  
3 OF RELIANT ON WATER FROM FAR AWAY, WHICH MAY OR MAY NOT BE  
4 TOTALLY RELIABLE. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS IS CURRENTLY  
5 DEVELOPING A WATER RESILIENCE PLAN FOR THE REGION TO HELP US  
6 BETTER PREPARE FOR THE LONG TERM EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND  
7 ANY OTHER FACTORS THAT MIGHT CHALLENGE OUR WATER SUPPLY AS  
8 WELL AS THE QUALITY OF THE WATER. SO AS WE PLAN FOR OUR WATER  
9 FUTURE, IT IS IMPORTANT TO DIVERSIFY OUR WATER SUPPLIES TO  
10 INCLUDE GREATER RELIANCE ON LOCAL WATER. IN PARTICULAR, WE'RE  
11 ALREADY CAPTURING STORM WATER, BUT WE HAVE TO DOUBLE DOWN ON  
12 CAPTURING EVEN MORE WATER WHEN IT FALLS FROM THE SKY. I THINK  
13 SOME PEOPLE ARE AWARE AT HOW WELL WE DID IN THESE LAST STORMS  
14 IN CAPTURING WATER, BUT PEOPLE ARE NOT NECESSARILY AS AWARE OF  
15 HOW MUCH OF IT STILL CONTINUES TO POUR INTO THE OCEAN. THE  
16 MOST RECENT STORM DRENCHED THE COUNTY 4, 5, EVEN 6 INCHES IN  
17 THE HILLS, DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE COUNTY. AND WE DO HAVE  
18 INFRASTRUCTURE IN PLACE THAT CAPTURED ENOUGH WATER FOR ABOUT  
19 11,000 PEOPLE FROM THIS STORM ALONE, FOR THIS WHOLE YEAR. BUT  
20 THAT'S ONLY A FRACTION OF THE WATER THAT FELL. MUCH MORE NEEDS  
21 TO BE CAPTURED. SO RECYCLED WATER, STORM WATER CAPTURE, GROUND  
22 WATER AND IMPORTED WATER ALL NEED TO BE PART OF THE EQUATION.  
23 AND I WANT TO CONTINUE TO WORK WITH PUBLIC WORKS ON PLANNING  
24 RESPONSIBLE SUSTAINED FUNDING AND LOOKING AT THE OPTIONS THAT  
25 MIGHT GET US THERE. THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ADDITIONAL  
3 QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD AT THIS POINT? PERSONS  
4 WHO WISH TO BE HEARD PURSUANT TO BROWN ACT.

5

6 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** MR. ERIC PREVEN.

7

8 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. IT IS ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD  
9 DISTRICT AND I AM RUNNING FOR THE OFFICE OF MAYOR OF LOS  
10 ANGELES. I AM A STAKEHOLDER ALSO IN THE MALIBU AREA. AND I  
11 APPRECIATE THE SUPERVISOR'S REMARKS. I GENERALLY AGREE. AND I  
12 WANT TO POINT OUT THAT THERE ARE TWO PIECES OF THIS SYSTEM.  
13 THERE'S THE MALIBU PIECE THAT WE'RE LOOKING AT BUT THEN  
14 THERE'S ALSO THE MARINA WHICH HAS 300 SERVICE CONNECTIONS ON  
15 ITS OWN. AND IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING, CORRECT ME IF I'M WRONG,  
16 THAT THERE'S CURRENTLY A REPLACEMENT WATER SYSTEM UNDER  
17 CONSTRUCTION THAT WILL BE DONE SOMETIME THIS YEAR. IS THE  
18 DEPARTMENT INTERESTED, DO YOU KNOW IF THAT'S THE CASE? HAS THE  
19 MARINA SYSTEM BEEN TUNED UP? I KNOW THERE WAS A BIG ISSUE  
20 ABOUT THE WATER MAIN. THIS IS BECAUSE THERE ARE A LOT MORE  
21 INDIVIDUALS THAN WERE ORIGINALLY ANTICIPATED IN THE MARINA SO  
22 A LARGER, BOTH ON THE SANITATION SIDE AND ON THE INPUT SIDE,  
23 SYSTEM IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING HAS BEEN PUT IN PLACE. AND  
24 WHEREAS THE CHAIR OBVIOUSLY DOESN'T CARE, SINCE HE JUST WALKED  
25 OUT IN THE MIDDLE BUT I DON'T KNOW IF ANYBODY ELSE DOES. BUT



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1 IT IS OF INTEREST AND I DO AGREE THIS IS ALSO CALIFORNIA  
2 PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION TERRITORY WHERE WE HAVE MULTIPLE  
3 LITTLE WATER COMPANIES IN THE COUNTY THAT DO BUSINESS AND ARE  
4 REGULATED BY THAT GROUP. PEOPLE HAVE WONDERED IS THAT  
5 REGULATION EFFECTIVE AND IS IT DOING WELL IN THE INTEREST OF  
6 RESIDENTS IN THEIR VARIOUS COMMUNITIES? THERE'S AN EXAMPLE OF  
7 A GROUP CALLED PARK WATER. BUT AS YOU PROBABLY KNOW, SERVES  
8 PART OF COMPTON. THIS GROUP WAS ACQUIRED BY CARLISLE CAPITAL,  
9 PRIVATE EQUITY FIRM, NOT TO SHOCK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
10 ONCE AGAIN BY VEERING IN THAT DIRECTION, BUT IT IS THE BOARD  
11 OF SUPERVISORS' RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS SYSTEM  
12 IS RESPONSIVE. AND I JUST WOULD ASK THAT IF THE WORK IN THE  
13 MARINA IS BEING DONE, IF WE GET A PROJECTION AS TO WHEN THAT'S  
14 BEING DONE.

15

16 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU. MR. PREVEN. WE HAVE NO OTHER  
17 SPEAKERS, THEN, FOR THIS ITEM?

18

19 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** THAT'S CORRECT. AT THIS TIME IT  
20 WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND MOVE THE  
21 ITEM.

22

23 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** ALL RIGHT. EVEN THOUGH I DON'T HAVE THE  
24 SCRIPT IN FRONT OF ME, I ASSUME THE MOTION IS TO CLOSE THE



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1 PUBLIC ITEM AND MOVE THE ITEM. CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND  
2 MOVE THE ITEM.

3

4 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** YES, MADAME CHAIR PRO TEM.

5

6 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** SO MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. SECONDED BY  
7 SUPERVISOR SOLIS. ANY OBJECTION TO A UNANIMOUS APPROVAL OF  
8 ITEM 1? IT IS APPROVED.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU MADAME CHAIR PRO TEM.  
11 MEMBER, MAY I HEREBY NOTIFY YOU, ANY TIME YOU NEED TO STEP OFF  
12 THE PODIUM FOR MATTERS THAT DON'T NEED TO BE SPECIFIED, PLEASE  
13 CHECK IN WITH ERIC PREVEN SINCE HE SEEMS TO HAVE AN UNUSUALLY  
14 KEEN INTEREST IN SUCH MATTERS. MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER?

15

16 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** THE NEXT ITEM BEFORE YOU IS ITEM  
17 NUMBER 2. THIS IS A HEARING TO CONSUMMATE THE PURCHASE OF  
18 PROPERTY LOCATED AT 251 EAST AVENUE K6 IN THE CITY OF  
19 LANCASTER. THERE IS NO DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT, NO  
20 CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. AND THERE IS ONE PUBLIC SPEAKER.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. THAT PUBLIC  
23 SPEAKER IS?

24

25 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** MR. ERIC PREVEN.



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

3

4 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. IT IS ERIC  
5 PREVEN FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT. OBVIOUSLY I THINK THE  
6 GRATITUDE SHOULD BE EXPRESSED TOWARDS MR. FRANK VISCO. AS YOU  
7 KNOW, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, THANK YOU FOR THOSE REMARKS,  
8 15,200 SQUARE-FOOT BUILDING LOCATED AT 251 EAST AVENUE K-6 IN  
9 THE CITY OF LANCASTER, THAT IS YOUR OLD CHUM MAYOR  
10 ANTONOVICH'S DISTRICT. I ASSUME KATHRYN BARGER HAS APPROVED  
11 THIS AND OBVIOUSLY THIS IS A GREAT DEAL. HE'S GOING TO MAKE  
12 THAT FACILITY AVAILABLE FOR THE PURCHASE PRICE OF, REMAIN  
13 SEATED, SIR, \$1. SO THIS IS FANTASTIC. OBVIOUSLY THIS IS A  
14 GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO-- I THINK THAT THERE'S SOME FACILITIES TO  
15 BE USED INSIDE THE BUILDING NOW. THERE MUST BE SOMETHING IN IT  
16 FOR HIM, SAYS THE PUBLIC. I THINK WE DO KNOW, IF YOU NOTICE  
17 CLOSELY, IT IS BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO, CORRECT ME IF I'M  
18 WRONG, ROLL BACK THE TAXES THAT HE HAS TO PAY, IF I'VE GOT  
19 THAT RIGHT. IF NOT, DO FEEL FREE TO CORRECT ME. IT'S A LITTLE  
20 BIT CONFUSING FOR AN ORDINARY ANGELINO TO UNDERSTAND WHY FRANK  
21 VISCO WOULD DO SUCH A GESTURE. SO, THANK YOU, I WOULD SAY,  
22 WOULD BE THE FINAL COMMENT. AND THIS IS THE ASSESSOR WHO WILL  
23 BE TAKING CARE, AND THAT IS JEFFREY PRANG YOUR COLLEAGUE AND  
24 TREASURY PARTNER WHO WILL ARRANGE FOR THE REMOVAL FROM THE TAX  
25 ROLL. AND I'VE OBSERVED REMOVALS FROM THE TAX ROLLS IN THE



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1 PAST AND IT ALWAYS RAISES THE BROW SLIGHTLY AS WE ARE SO  
2 DESPERATE FOR FUNDING. I.H.S.S WORKERS, WHO I COMPLETELY  
3 SUPPORT, SHOULD BE FUNDED. SO WHEN PEOPLE GET INTO DIFFICULTY,  
4 THEY LOOK AND THEY POKE ROUND. I JUST HOPE THAT THIS IS IN OUR  
5 INTEREST. I ASSUME IT IS. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THAT CLOSES THE PUBLIC  
8 HEARING. MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER?

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10 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** AT THIS TIME IT WOULD BE  
11 APPROPRIATE TO MOVE THE ITEMS SINCE YOU CLOSE THE PUBLIC  
12 HEARING.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** SO MOVED. ANY OBJECTIONS? THAT WILL  
15 BE THE ORDER. PROCEED TO THE NEXT ITEM, PLEASE.

16

17 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** ITEM NUMBER 3 IS A HEARING TO  
18 CONFIRM THE AMENDED PROGRAM REPORT TO INCLUDE THE ADDITION OF  
19 SEISMIC STRENGTHENING IMPROVEMENT AND ELECTRICAL VEHICLE  
20 CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE AS ELIGIBLE PROJECTS FOR PROPERTY  
21 ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY OR P.A.C.E. FINANCING, THROUGH THE LOS  
22 ANGELES COUNTY ENERGY PROGRAM TO REFLECT AN INCREASE IN THE  
23 MAXIMUM AGGREGATE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF VOLUNTARY CONTRACTUAL  
24 ASSESSMENTS FROM \$1 BILLION TO \$2 BILLION. THERE IS NO  
25 DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT. NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.



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1 SUPERVISOR BARGER REQUESTS TO BE RECORDED AS A NO VOTE. AND  
2 THERE IS ONE PUBLIC SPEAKER, MR. ERIC PREVEN.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE  
5 LAW.

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7 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU, AND ALSO COMMON DECENCY.

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** NO, THE COMMON DECENCY IS  
10 RECIPROCAL. ANY TIME ANYONE NEEDS TO RELIEVE HIM OR HERSELF,  
11 YOU FIND IT NECESSARY TO COMMENT ON IT. SO IF YOU WANT TO BE  
12 GOVERNED BY COMMON DECENCY, THEN PRACTICE IT. PROCEED WITH  
13 YOUR TESTIMONY. OTHERWISE, YOU WILL BE ASKED TO STAND DOWN.  
14 PLEASE PROCEED.

15

16 **ERIC PREVEN:** I'M PROCEEDING. BUT I HAD NO PROBLEM.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THE ITEM BEFORE YOU IS ITEM NUMBER  
19 3. ADDRESS IT OR PLEASE STAND DOWN.

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21 **ERIC PREVEN:** I'M TRYING. YOU'RE BLOWING HARD, SIR.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** LET ME JUST SAY SOMETHING TO YOU.

24

25 **ERIC PREVEN:** HOLD ON SIR.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** NO, NO, NO, NO, NO, YOU HOLD ON.

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4 **ERIC PREVEN:** OKAY, GO AHEAD. SURE.

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** YOU TAKE GRATUITOUS SHOTS AT EACH  
7 MEMBER OF THIS BOARD. I'M GOING THE PERSONALLY APPEAL TO YOU  
8 TO STOP IT. PROCEED WITH YOUR TESTIMONY. I'LL GIVE YOU A  
9 MINUTE BACK.

10

11 **ERIC PREVEN:** WHEREAS I APPRECIATE YOUR INTEREST--

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** I DON'T CARE TO HEAR MORE FROM YOU  
14 ABOUT THAT. ADDRESS ITEM NUMBER 3. OTHERWISE I WILL MOVE TO  
15 THE NEXT ITEM. YOUR CHOICE. I'LL GIVE YOU A MOMENT.

16

17 **ERIC PREVEN:** I'M ADDRESSING NUMBER 3. THE QUESTION, THE  
18 P.A.C.E. PROGRAM IS WELL UNDERSTOOD AND APPRECIATE YOUR  
19 GIGGLING ALONG THERE, SIR. BUT \$2 BILLION AN INCREASE FROM \$1  
20 BILLION TO \$2 BILLION WITHOUT EVEN A DEPARTMENT STATEMENT TO  
21 ME FALLS BENEATH THE PUBLIC STANDARD. SO I WOULD LIKE THE  
22 DEPARTMENT TO EXPLAIN WHAT THIS MEANS BECAUSE I AM CONFUSED. I  
23 AM A GUY WHO LIKES TO LOOK AT THESE THINGS AND UNDERSTAND WHAT  
24 IS GOING ON. YOU LIKE TO PUSH THEM THROUGH AND GIVE EVERYBODY  
25 THE IMPRESSION THAT WE'RE IN A RUSH, THAT WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT



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1 OF HERE, THAT IF EVERYBODY SPEAKS FOR A LITTLE TIME AND ASKS  
2 NO QUESTIONS YOU WILL BE A HAPPY SUPERVISOR. SO HAPPILY I ASK  
3 YOU, WHAT IS GOING ON? WHY IS IT BEING INCREASED BY A FULL  
4 MEASURE OF \$1 BILLION AND WHAT DOES IT MEAN? THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** INDEED. AND THOSE DOCUMENTS ARE TO  
7 BE MADE AVAILABLE TO YOU SO THAT YOU CAN SCOUR THEM LIKE YOU  
8 DO EVERY OTHER DOCUMENT THAT YOU DEEM APPROPRIATE. THE ITEM IS  
9 BEFORE US. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS OR  
10 COMMENTS?

11

12 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** AT THIS TIME IT WOULD BE  
13 APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND MOVE THE ITEM.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED. IS THERE A MOTION TO  
16 MOVE IT FORWARD? SUPERVISOR SOLIS MOVES. SUPERVISOR KUEHL  
17 SECONDS. IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS, PLEASE PROCEED.

18

19 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 4. THIS IS A  
20 HEARING ON AMENDMENTS TO THE COUNTY CODE TITLE 32, FIRE CODE,  
21 WHICH INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE THE 2013 EDITION OF THE  
22 CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE, ADOPTS BY REFERENCE THE 2016 EDITION OF  
23 THE CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE, THE 2015 EDITION OF THE  
24 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE WHICH HAS BEEN INCORPORATED INTO THE  
25 2016 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE. THIS ITEM IS RELATED



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1 TO AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 11. THERE IS NO DEPARTMENTAL  
2 CORRESPONDENCE-- THERE IS NO DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT. NO  
3 CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL HAS ASKED TO  
4 SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, THE FLOOR'S  
7 YOURS.

8

9 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, VERY BRIEFLY. WE  
10 TOOK A LOOK AT ALL THE PROPOSALS FOR THE CODES. WE FIND THEM  
11 FINE. BUT AT THE SAME TIME, WE WERE LOOKING AT HOW THE FIRE  
12 DEPARTMENT RECOUPS ITS EXPENSES AND NOTICED THAT IN THE CASE  
13 OF FILMING FEES, OF ALL KINDS, THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS  
14 RECOUPING ABOUT 96, 95 PERCENT OF ITS EXPENSES. BUT FOR OTHER  
15 KIND OF PERMITS AND OTHER ACTIONS, THEY WERE RECOUPING MAYBE  
16 60, 65 PERCENT. SO WE'VE ASKED THEM TO TAKE A STEP TO RECOUP  
17 FULLY OR AS FULLY AS POSSIBLE ON THESE OTHER THINGS WHILE  
18 HOLDING THE FILMING FEES AT THE CURRENT LEVEL RATHER THAN  
19 RAISING THEM SINCE THEY WERE RECOUPING QUITE A BIT. IT ALSO  
20 GOES, I THINK, TO OUR COMMITMENT TO WORKING WITH THE STATE TO  
21 BRING AS MUCH FILMING BACK INTO CALIFORNIA AS POSSIBLE. AND OF  
22 COURSE AS SUPERVISORS, WE CARE ABOUT FILMING IN THE COUNTY.  
23 THE COUNTY'S OWN FILMING FEES ARE QUITE HIGH COMPARED TO  
24 CITIES IN THE JURISDICTION. WHICH MEANS WE GET BYPASSED, BUT  
25 ALSO, WE'RE NOT HELPING. SO IT SEEMED TO ME BE TO A FAIR



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1 SOLUTION. WE'RE NOT REDUCING THE FEES EXCEPT FOR ONE THAT WAS  
2 REALLY OVER WHAT THEY NEEDED TO RECOVER. BUT JUST TO KEEP THE  
3 FILM FEES WHERE THEY ARE AND ASK THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO RECOUP  
4 FROM OTHER ENTITIES. THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. LET ME JUST  
7 SIMPLY OFFER FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE BOARD THAT WHICH  
8 SUPERVISOR KUEHL WISHES TO ACCOMPLISH FORTHWITH HERE BUT ALSO  
9 I WANT TO READ IN AN ITEM THAT SPEAKS TO WHAT'S BEFORE US. BUT  
10 IT'S BEEN SOMETIME SINCE THE BOARD RECEIVED A COMPREHENSIVE  
11 ANALYSIS OF THE COUNTY'S FILM FEES. BY COMPREHENSIVE, I MEAN A  
12 REVIEW OF ALL FILM FEES AND HOW THESE FEES COMPARE TO OTHER  
13 JURISDICTIONS ACROSS THE NATION WHERE FILM PRODUCTIONS ARE  
14 MOST FREQUENTLY SITED. A MORE RECENT ANALYSIS OF FEES, THOUGH  
15 HELPFUL, MOSTLY FOCUSED ON LOCAL VENUES, THAT IS, IN SOUTHERN  
16 CALIFORNIA. BUT WE ALL KNOW THAT THERE ARE A NUMBER OF OTHER  
17 LOCATIONS, NEW YORK, ATLANTA, ET CETERA, WHERE PRODUCTIONS ARE  
18 FREQUENTLY SITED. AS WE CONTINUE TO CONSIDER THE IMPACT OF  
19 FILM FEES IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO THE BOARD TO BE FULLY  
20 INFORMED BY THE MOST CURRENT INFORMATION AVAILABLE. I SUBMIT  
21 THAT FOR THE BOARD'S CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION AS WE MOVE THE  
22 ITEM BEFORE-- ITEM NUMBER 11 AND 4 IN TANDEM, I SIMPLY WISH TO  
23 SUGGEST THAT THAT BE PART OF OUR CONSIDERATIONS. ALL RIGHT.  
24 PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE ITEM?

25



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1 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** YES, SIR. WOULD THE FOLLOWING  
2 INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD? DEANDRE VALENCIA. SARAH  
3 WALSH. ILLIAN MORGAN KITCHERMAN. DAVID PHELPS. AND ERIC  
4 PREVEN.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR  
7 BEING HERE. PLEASE PROCEED.

8

9 **DEANDRE VALENCIA:** HELLO. MY NAME IS DEANDRE VALENCIA AND I'M  
10 WITH THE BUILDING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA,  
11 LOS ANGELES-VENTURA COUNTY CHAPTER. I THOUGHT I HAD THREE  
12 MINUTES, SO I'LL HURRY UP AND GET TO THE POINT. WE'RE HERE TO  
13 EXPRESS OUR OPPOSITION TO THIS EXTREME FEE INCREASE CURRENTLY  
14 DRAFTED. THE UPDATED INCREASE WOULD TOTAL AN AMOUNT OF FEES  
15 COLLECTED BY THE COUNTY BY AN ASTONISHING 400 PERCENT WITHOUT  
16 PROVIDING BACKUP DOCUMENT DETAILING A NEXUS BETWEEN THE  
17 SERVICE AND THE AMOUNT OF THE FEE INCREASE. WITHOUT PROVIDING  
18 PROFICIENT STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH. SECONDLY, THEY DID NOT  
19 PROVIDE PROFICIENT STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH. BY NOT PROVIDING THE  
20 CORRECT DOCUMENT THAT OUTLINES THE NEXUS BETWEEN THE SERVICE  
21 AND THE FEE INCREASE DURING STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS, RESULTS IN A  
22 NONPROFICIENT STAKEHOLDER EDUCATION ON THE FEES. THAT BEING  
23 SAID WE REQUEST THAT THE COUNTY BE TRANSPARENT TO THE BUSINESS  
24 COMMUNITY AND RESIDENTS AND PROVIDE DOCUMENT THAT PROVIDES A  
25 DETAILED EXPLANATION FOR SUCH INCREASE THAT WILL AFFECT THE



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1 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND STIFLE HOUSING PRODUCTION. AS WE ALL  
2 KNOW, THE COUNTY IS IN A HOUSING CRISIS AND FOR EVERY \$1,000  
3 INCREASE ON HOUSING, APPROXIMATELY 153,000 INDIVIDUALS ARE  
4 PRICED OUT OF THE HOUSING MARKET ACCORDING TO A N.A.H.D.  
5 STUDY. ALSO WE ALSO HAVE AN ISSUE REGARDING THE SINGLE-FAMILY  
6 AMOUNT OF FEE. RIGHT NOW, CURRENTLY IT'S ABOUT \$1,500 PER  
7 UNIT. SO IF WE CALCULATE A SUBDIVISION ABOUT 50 UNITS TIMES  
8 THE FEE, IT'S GOING TO BE EXTREMELY HIGH. AND THE AMOUNT OF  
9 TIME THAT YOU GUYS PUT FOR THE HOURS, WE DON'T BELIEVE IS  
10 CORRECT, IN CONSIDERING THE SAME DESIGN WOULD BE AMONG ALL  
11 THESE OTHER UNITS. SO WE JUST ASK FOR THE COUNTY TO PROVIDES  
12 DOCUMENTATION TO PROVE THE FEE AMOUNTS.

13

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

16

17 **SARAH WALSH:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD  
18 HAVE MY NAME IS SARAH WALSH. I'M HERE TO SAY ON BEHALF OF THE  
19 MOTION PICTURE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA AND OUR MEMBER  
20 COMPANIES, DISNEY, FOX, N.B.C.-UNIVERSAL, PARAMOUNT, SONY AND  
21 WARNER BROTHERS TO SUPPORT SUPERVISOR KUEHL'S MOTION TO AMEND  
22 THE FIRE CODE ORDINANCE. AS YOU ARE AWARE, THE AMENDMENTS  
23 WOULD MAINTAIN THE EXISTING FEES FOR GENERAL FILM PERMITS,  
24 PYROTECHNICS PERMITS AND STILL PHOTOGRAPHY PERMITS AND REDUCE  
25 THE FUEL TRUCK FEE PERMIT FROM \$223 TO \$208. AS MEMBERS OF THE



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1 BOARD KNOW THE DECISION ON WHERE TO LOCATE THE PRODUCTION OF A  
2 MOTION PICTURE OR TELEVISION SERIES AND THE ACCOMPANYING JOBS  
3 IS VERY SENSITIVE TO COSTS. ANY INCREASE TO COST MAY IMPACT  
4 LOCATION DECISIONS, WHICH IN TURN IMPACT THE LOCAL CAST, CREW  
5 AND OUR VENDORS THAT OUR COMPANIES HIRE. THIS MOTION IS AN  
6 IMPORTANT STEP IN THE EFFORT TO MAKE THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
7 MORE FILM FRIENDLY AND COMPETITIVE WITH JURISDICTIONS NEAR AND  
8 FAR. WE URGE AN AYE VOTE ON THIS MEASURE.

9

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

12

13 **ILIAN MORGAN KITCHAVEN:** GOOD AFTERNOON SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS  
14 ILIAN MORGAN KITCHAVEN. I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE LOS  
15 ANGELES LOCAL OF THE SCREEN ACTORS' GUILD, AMERICAN FEDERATION  
16 OF TELEVISION AND RADIO ARTISTS, ALSO KNOWN AS S.A.G.-  
17 A.F.T.R.A. I'M HERE TODAY REPRESENTING 80,000 LOS ANGELES  
18 LOCAL MEMBERS COMPRISED OF ACTORS, BROADCASTERS, SINGERS,  
19 DANCERS AND RECORDING ARTISTS WHO RESIDE ALL THE WAY FROM  
20 SANTA BARBARA TO ORANGE COUNTY TO PALM SPRINGS. ACTORS EVOKE  
21 IMAGES OF BIG STARS WITH MILLION-DOLLAR PAYCHECKS BUT THE  
22 REALITY IS THAT HIGH SALARY PERFORMERS REPRESENT ONLY A  
23 FRACTION OF OUR MEMBERSHIP. MOST ACTORS TODAY ARE DAY PLAYERS  
24 AND BACKGROUND ACTORS COBBLING TOGETHER A LIVELIHOOD BY GOING  
25 JOB TO JOB, COMBINING WORK IN COMMERCIAL, TELEVISION, FILM AND



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1 NEW MEDIA PROJECTS. THE ACTUALITY IS THAT A MAJORITY OF DAY  
2 PLAYERS AND BACKGROUND ACTORS DON'T WORK ENOUGH TO QUALIFY FOR  
3 THE TWO-TIER HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS OR THE LOWEST THRESHOLD TO  
4 QUALIFY IS A MINIMUM OF \$17,000 A YEAR ANNUALLY. THEY ARE  
5 FIRST TO FORGO HEALTH COVERAGE OR SEEK OTHER OPTIONS WITH HIGH  
6 PREMIUMS. THE ADDITION OF EVEN ONE NETWORK TELEVISION SHOW  
7 FILMED IN LOS ANGELES CAN EMPLOY THOUSANDS OF ACTORS, CREWS,  
8 VENDORS, THROUGH ITS LIFE CYCLE AND CARRIES A SIGNIFICANT  
9 IMPACT TO EVERYONE IN THE INDUSTRY. THAT ALLOWS WORKERS TO  
10 KEEP A ROOF OVER THEIR HEAD, PUT FOOD ON THE TABLE, CLOTHE  
11 THEIR CHILDREN AND OF COURSE HEALTH BENEFITS TO FAMILIES.  
12 THAT'S WHY S.A.G.-A.F.T.R.A. IMPLORES YOU TO PLEASE CONSIDER  
13 AND ADOPT SUPERVISOR KUEHL'S MOTION TO PROVIDE MORE INCENTIVES  
14 TO PRODUCERS ENCOURAGING THEM TO KEEP FILMING IN OUR CITY.  
15 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

16

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

18

19 **DAVID PHELPS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I NAME IS DAVID PHELPS. THE  
20 DIRECTOR OF EXTERNAL RELATIONS FOR THE ASSOCIATION OF  
21 INDEPENDENT COMMERCIAL PRODUCERS. WE'RE A TRADE ASSOCIATION  
22 THAT REPRESENTS OVER 350 SMALL AND MEDIUM SIZED PRODUCTION  
23 COMPANIES AND OVER 175 VENDORS THAT SERVICE THE COMMERCIAL  
24 PRODUCTION INDUSTRY. ONE OF THE UNIQUE THINGS ABOUT OUR  
25 INDUSTRY, ASIDE FROM ITS TRUNCATED TIMELINES AND THE FREQUENCY



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1 OF SHOOTS, IS THAT WE ARE NOT INCENTIVIZED BY THE STATE TO  
2 FILM HERE. BECAUSE OF THAT, THE INFRASTRUCTURE THAT IS  
3 PROVIDED BY MUNICIPALITIES INCLUDING L.A. COUNTY AND THROUGH  
4 THAT, THE FEES CHARGED ARE EXTREMELY SENSITIVE TO OUR MEMBERS.  
5 AND ANYTHING THAT MUNICIPALITIES CAN DO TO BE SENSITIVE TO  
6 THAT ISSUE IN TRYING TO KEEP FEES AT A REASONABLE RATE ARE  
7 VERY MUCH APPRECIATED BY OUR SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED  
8 BUSINESSES. I ALSO WANT TO THANK TWO ENTITIES, ONE INDIVIDUAL  
9 AND ONE ENTITY FOR THE GREAT WORK THEY ARE DOING. I WANT TO  
10 THANK SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR TAKING A LEADERSHIP POSITION ON  
11 THIS ISSUE AND FOR THE ASSISTANCE YOU AND YOUR OFFICE HAVE  
12 PROVIDED, THANK YOU. AND I ALSO WANT TO MENTION WHAT AN HONOR  
13 AND PLEASURE IT IS TO WORK WITH THE L.A. FIRE DEPARTMENT OVER  
14 THESE LAST SEVERAL YEARS. THEY HAVE MADE AN EXTRAORDINARY  
15 EFFORT TO BUILD A RELATIONSHIP WITH THE INDUSTRY. AND THEY  
16 HAVE JUST BEEN VERY GOOD PARTNERS WITH US AND VERY SENSITIVE  
17 TO THE FILM INDUSTRY'S NEEDS. AND WE LIKE TO SEE THAT IN  
18 WORKING WITH ALL THE DEPARTMENTS IN THE COUNTY. WE'D LIKE TO  
19 SEE THAT RELATIONSHIP BLOSSOM. THANK YOU.

20

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

22

23 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT IS ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT,  
24 AND A RESIDENT OF STUDIO CITY. A LONGTIME ENTERTAINMENT  
25 PROFESSIONAL, AND MY FIRST FORAY INTO THE FIELD WAS AS A LINE



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1 PRODUCER SO I DO HAVE SOME FAMILIARITY WITH BEING NAILED WITH  
2 VARIOUS PERMIT FEES AND COSTS FROM VARIOUS JURISDICTIONS, AND  
3 THIS SPEAKS TO THE FIRE PERMITTING. OF COURSE WE DO NOT WANT A  
4 DANGER. SO WE HAVE TO ENSURE SAFETY. WHEN I LOOKED AT THIS  
5 INITIALLY, I THOUGHT OH, THE FILM COMPANIES ARE BEING  
6 PROTECTED WHEREAS THE OTHER RESIDENTS, THAT GENTLEMAN MADE A  
7 VERY ARTICULATE POINT ABOUT WHERE'S THE CONNECTION BETWEEN THE  
8 INCREASE AND THE INCREASE IN ANY SERVICE? OR IS IT JUST AN  
9 OPPORTUNITY, TO USE AN EXPRESSION THAT WE HEARD, ANOTHER  
10 MATTER FROM SOLIS TO PICK UP THE MONEY, TO NOT LET ANYTHING  
11 GET AWAY. NOW, LOOK, WE WANT THE KEEP JOBS HERE WE WANT TO  
12 KEEP PRODUCTIONS HERE. AND THE MOTION PICTURE INDUSTRY IS  
13 ALREADY PAYING FRANKLY THROUGH THE NOSE. THAT WAS MY  
14 ASSUMPTION. MY ASSUMPTION IS THEY'RE ALREADY OVER PAYING.  
15 LET'S DO A TOKEN ROLLBACK FROM \$223 TO \$208. THAT WOULD MAKE  
16 IT IF ANYBODY SAYS HOW COME-- AND THAT'S UNBELIEVABLY SMALL  
17 REDUCTION FOR A FILM PERMIT, I GUESS FOR A FILM FUEL TRUCK  
18 PERMIT. SO I GUESS THE QUESTION IS, COULD THE PUBLIC RECORD  
19 SUPPORT SERVICE BEING ADDED BE MADE PUBLIC? THIS BODY, UNDER  
20 THE CHAIR'S LEADERSHIP, DOES A SO-SO TO VERY, VERY BAD JOB OF  
21 PROVIDING PUBLIC RECORDS ON A TIMELY BASIS. SO I WOULD ASK  
22 THAT THEY PROVIDE THOSE RECORDS AS WE MOVE FORWARD WITH  
23 SOMETHING THAT PROTECTS ANGELINOS. THANK YOU.

24



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THAT CONCLUDES THOSE WHO  
2 WISH TO BE HEARD, CORRECT?

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4 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** YES, SIR, MR. CHAIRMAN. AT THIS  
5 TIME IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING ON  
6 ITEM NUMBER 4.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

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10 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** AND MOVE THE TWO AMENDMENTS TO ITEM  
11 NUMBER 11 AND ITEM NUMBER 4.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR BARGER,  
14 PLEASE?

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16 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** YES, IS CHIEF OSBY HERE? I NEED TO ASK  
17 YOU A COUPLE QUESTIONS. I APPRECIATE THE WORK THAT THE FIRE  
18 [INAUDIBLE] DOES. AND WHILE YOU'RE WALKING UP. I HAVE TO  
19 COMMEND PUBLIC WORKS, L.A. COUNTY FIRE, L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF,  
20 ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL AND ALL OUR OTHER DEPARTMENTS FOR THE  
21 WORK THEY DID THIS WEEKEND WITH THE RAINS IN OUR DISTRICT AND  
22 I KNOW IN SUPERVISOR KUEHL'S DISTRICT. AND ACTUALLY I THINK A  
23 LITTLE BIT IN YOURS, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. ACTUALLY I THINK IN  
24 EVERY DISTRICT. THE WATER AND THE RAIN IMPACTED. AND YOU ALL  
25 DID AN INCREDIBLE JOB. AND I REALLY COMMEND YOU AND YOUR STAFF



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1 FOR THE WORK THAT YOU DID AND THAT GOES TO PUBLIC WORKS, AS  
2 WELL. BUT ON THIS ISSUE, ONE OF THE CONCERNS THAT I HAVE IS  
3 THE ABILITY TO PAY, AND THE ABILITY TO GET THE FEES BY THE  
4 CONSTITUENTS TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. AND IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING  
5 THAT THERE IS LOCATIONS THAT ARE NOT NECESSARILY CONVENIENT  
6 FOR CERTAIN PARTS OF THE COUNTY, IS THAT CORRECT?

7

8 **CHIEF DARYL OSBY:** HONORABLE CHAIR, SUPERVISOR, DARYL OSBY,  
9 FIRE CHIEF, LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT. CURRENTLY THE  
10 FIRE DISTRICT HAS A PROCESS RIGHT NOW WITH OUR FEES FOR  
11 FILMING, THAT THEY'RE ONLINE. AND IF THE BOARD APPROVES OUR  
12 INCREASE OF FEES FOR THE OTHER AREAS OF FIRE PREVENTION, THEN  
13 WE WILL EXPAND THAT PROCESS THAT'S CURRENTLY IN PLACE WHERE WE  
14 COLLECT FILM FEES. THEREFORE TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTION, WE  
15 ALREADY HAVE A PROCESS IN PLACE RIGHT NOW THROUGHOUT THE  
16 COUNTY TO COLLECT FEES ONLINE.

17

18 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THEN I WOULD JUST ASK FOR YOU TO PROVIDE  
19 A REPORT BACK ON THE COLLECTION MECHANISM WHEREBY FIRE FEES  
20 CAN BE PAID THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY WITHOUT NEEDLESSLY DELAYING  
21 THE PROJECTS OF OUR END USERS. SO IF THAT'S IN PLAY, I'D LIKE  
22 A REPORT BACK ON WHEN THAT IS TOTALLY IN PLACE SO THAT ALL  
23 PARTS OF THE COUNTY HAVE ACCESS TO THAT.

24



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1 **CHIEF DARYL OSBY:** IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT MY STAFF,  
2 I.S.D., IT WILL TAKE APPROXIMATELY 60 DAYS TO IMPLEMENT THAT  
3 PROCESS BUT IN REFERENCE TO YOUR REQUEST, WE'LL GET THAT TO  
4 THE BOARD IN WRITING.

5

6 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** THOSE ARE MY QUESTIONS. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANKS. SHE EXPRESSES THE SENTIMENT  
9 OF THE ENTIRE BOARD WITH REGARD TO THE QUALITY OF THE WORK AND  
10 THE WAY IN WHICH FIRE SERVICE HAS PERFORMED. SO LET ME, ON  
11 BEHALF OF THE BALANCE OF THE BOARD. SO INDICATE. ANY  
12 ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS OTHER MEMBERS? SEEING NONE,  
13 MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER?

14

15 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SO ITEM 4 AND 11 ARE BEFORE YOU. AS  
16 AMENDED.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. 4 AND 11 ARE BEFORE US  
19 AS AMENDED. WE HAVE THE DOCUMENTS THAT SUPPORT THAT.  
20 SUPERVISOR KUEHL MOVES AND SUPERVISOR HAHN SECONDS.

21

22 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

23

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

25



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1 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** COULD I ASK A QUESTION? BECAUSE I THINK  
2 THAT SUPERVISOR BARGER HAD THE AMENDMENT THAT WAS JUST PASSED  
3 OUT IN TERMS OF COLLECTION MECHANISM? DID YOU HAVE ANOTHER  
4 AMENDMENT? RELATED TO THE BUILDING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION? OKAY,  
5 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ITEMS ARE BEFORE US.  
8 THERE ARE TWO AMENDMENTS. THEY ARE APPROPRIATELY DOCUMENTED.  
9 3?

10

11 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** 3 AMENDMENTS.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. EVERYBODY GOOD?

14

15 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** EXCUSE ME, MR. CHAIRMAN, THE THIRD  
16 AMENDMENT IS BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL, WHO DIRECTS THE FIRE  
17 DEPARTMENT TO DEVELOP AN OUTREACH PLAN THAT INCLUDES WORKING  
18 WITH THE BUILDING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
19 AS WELL AS THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
20 CORPORATION AND OTHER RELEVANT ASSOCIATIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS.

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22 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** I'LL TAKE CREDIT.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I THINK YOU SHOULD. I FORGOT HOW  
2 ACCOMMODATING I WAS AND JUST INCORPORATED THAT AMENDMENT.  
3 THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. AS AMENDED IT IS BEFORE  
6 US. SUPERVISOR KUEHL MOVES AND SUPERVISOR HAHN SECONDS. PLEASE  
7 RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE ON THE ITEMS BEFORE US. THANK YOU.

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9 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** THANK YOU. THE NEXT ITEM IS AGENDA  
10 ITEM NUMBER 5, WHICH IS A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROJECT NUMBER R-  
11 2014-03527 LOCATED IN THE SECOND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT  
12 LOCATED AT 24710 AND 24906 SOUTH NORMANDIE AVENUE IN THE  
13 UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF WEST CARSON WITHIN THE CARSON  
14 ZONED DISTRICT TO AUTHORIZE 111 RESIDENTIAL CONDOMINIUMS ON  
15 TWO LOTS AND A SEPARATE UNDEVELOPED RESIDENTIAL LOT APPLIED  
16 FOR BY LA TERRA DEVELOPMENT. THERE IS A DEVELOPMENTAL  
17 STATEMENT. NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. THERE IS ONE  
18 APPLICANT THAT SIGNED UP AND TWO PUBLIC SPEAKERS. AND JUST AS  
19 A REMINDER, IT IS THE POLICY OF THE BOARD TO ALLOW 4 MINUTES  
20 FOR APPLICANTS OF PUBLIC HEARING PROJECTS.

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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** PLEASE PROCEED, SIR.

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1 **TYLER MONTGOMERY:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE  
2 BOARD. MY NAME IS TYLER MONTGOMERY WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF  
3 REGIONAL PLANNING.

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5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WELL IT WAS MORNING WHEN WE  
6 STARTED.

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8 **TYLER MONTGOMERY:** THAT'S CORRECT. GOOD AFTERNOON. THE PROPOSED  
9 PROJECT WOULD CREATE 111 RESIDENTIAL CONDOMINIUMS ON TWO LOTS  
10 AND A SEPARATE UNDEVELOPED RESIDENTIAL LOT FOR THREE LOTS  
11 TOTAL ON 11.27 GROSS ACRES. THE PROPOSED LOT 1 WOULD HAVE AN  
12 AREA OF 0.44 NET ACRES AND BE RESERVED FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT  
13 OF MODERATE INCOME HOUSING UNDER A SEPARATE PERMIT AND  
14 INCLUDING THE USE OF THE LOCAL HIRING PLAN. THE PROPOSED LOT 2  
15 WOULD HAVE AN AREA 2.55 NET ACRES AND CONTAIN 39 ATTACHED  
16 RESIDENTIAL CONDOMINIUM UNITS. AND THE PROPOSED LOT 3 WOULD  
17 HAVE AN AREA OF 6.39 NET ACRES AND CONTAIN 72 DETACHED  
18 RESIDENTIAL CONDOMINIUM UNITS. THE APPLICANT ALSO PROPOSES TO  
19 CHANGE THE ZONE OF THE PROJECT SIDE FROM M1, LIGHT  
20 MANUFACTURING, TO RESIDENTIAL PLANNED DEVELOPMENT, R.P.D. A  
21 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR THE R.P.D. ZONE WOULD BE ADOPTED  
22 THROUGH A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT. THROUGH THIS DEVELOPMENT  
23 PROGRAM, THE APPLICANT REQUESTS FLEXIBILITY IN PROJECT DESIGN  
24 REGARDING SETBACKS, HEIGHT AND OPEN SPACE AND HAS VOLUNTEERED  
25 TO DEDICATE TWO DWELLING UNITS ON LOT 2 FOR SALE TO LOWER



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1 INCOME HOUSEHOLDS. A PARKING PERMIT IS ALSO REQUESTED TO ALLOW  
2 FOR PARALLEL GUEST PARKING SPACES ON LOT 2, AS PARALLEL ON-  
3 SITE PARKING IS NORMALLY NOT PERMITTED. THE TRACT MAP, C.U.P.  
4 AND PARKING PERMIT WERE APPROVED BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING  
5 COMMISSION ON NOVEMBER 9, 2016. ON THIS DATE, THE R.P.C. ALSO  
6 ADOPTED A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT THE BOARD OF  
7 SUPERVISORS ADOPT A REQUESTED ZONE CHANGE. BECAUSE THE ZONE  
8 CHANGE IS A LEGISLATIVE ACTION, IT REQUIRES APPROVAL OF THE  
9 BOARD, WHICH MAY ALSO CONSIDER ALL OTHER ASPECTS OF THE  
10 PROJECT THROUGH A DE NOVO PUBLIC HEARING. THE PROJECT WOULD BE  
11 CONSISTENT WITH THE APPLICABLE POLICIES AND LAND USE POLICIES  
12 OF THE 1980 COUNTYWIDE GENERAL WIDE PLAN. THE PROJECT SITE  
13 CURRENTLY CONTAINS SEVERAL AUTO REPAIR BUSINESSES AND A TRUCK  
14 STORAGE LOT WHICH HAS BEEN VACANT SINCE 2013. THE APPLICANT  
15 REQUEST TO CHANGE THE ZONING OF THE PROJECT SITE FROM M1 TO  
16 R.P.D. IS WARRANTED AS THE APPLICABLE COUNTYWIDE LAND USE PLAN  
17 DESIGNATES THE SITE FOR LOW-MEDIUM RESIDENTIAL USE. THE  
18 PROJECT IS SURROUNDED BY COMPATIBLE RESIDENTIAL ZONES AND USES  
19 TO NORTH, EAST AND WEST. THE UNUSUAL SHAPE AND OTHER  
20 CONSTRAINTS OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY ALSO WARRANT THE  
21 MODIFICATIONS TO SETBACK AND HEIGHTS REQUESTED BY THE  
22 APPLICANT. THE R.P.D. ZONE REQUIRES THAT NOT LESS THAN 30  
23 PERCENT OF A PROJECT'S SITE NET AREA BE DEDICATED AS OPEN  
24 SPACE. CURRENTLY THE APPLICANT PROPOSES TO PROVIDE 2.54 ACRES  
25 OF OPEN SPACE OR 28.4 PERCENT OF THE NET AREA. HOWEVER, THE



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1 PROJECT WOULD CONTAIN THE REQUIRED CHARACTERISTICS TO ALLOW  
2 LESS THAN THE REQUIRED AMOUNT OF OPEN SPACE. THE FACT THAT THE  
3 DEVELOPMENT WOULD PROVIDE TWO DWELLING UNITS FOR LOWER INCOME  
4 HOUSEHOLDS WOULD BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY GREATER THAN THE  
5 PROVISION OF AN ADDITIONAL 0.14 ACRES OF OPEN SPACE. IN  
6 ADDITION, THE APPLICANT HAS AGREED TO RESERVE LOT 1 FOR FUTURE  
7 DEVELOPMENT OF AT LEAST FIVE MODERATE INCOME DWELLING UNITS.  
8 AS A RESULT, THE PROJECT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE REQUIREMENTS  
9 OF THE R.P.D. ZONE. THE DEPARTMENT HAS DETERMINED BY WAY OF AN  
10 INITIAL STUDY AND A NOTICE OF PREPARATION WAS SENT TO AGENCIES  
11 THAT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION IS THE APPROPRIATE  
12 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FOR THE PROJECT. MITIGATION MEASURES  
13 ARE ALSO INCLUDED IN THE M.M.R.P. ASSOCIATED WITH THIS  
14 PROJECT. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD, AFTER THE PUBLIC  
15 HEARING, INDICATE ITS INTENT TO ADOPT THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE  
16 DECLARATION AND INDICATE ITS INTENT TO APPROVE THE PROJECT AND  
17 INSTRUCT COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE THE NECESSARY FINDINGS TO  
18 ADOPT THE ZONE CHANGE AND TO APPROVE INVESTING TENTATIVE TRACT  
19 MAP, C.U.P. AND PARKING PERMIT. THIS CONCLUDES MY  
20 PRESENTATION.

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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MADAME  
23 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, LET'S PROCEED TO THOSE WHO WISH TO BE HEARD  
24 BY WAY OF PUBLIC COMMENT.

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1 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** THE APPLICANT, MR. DARYL SIKIRA, HE  
2 HAS SIGNED UP TO SPEAK. HE IS GIVEN FOUR MINUTES AS THE  
3 APPLICANT. AND MR. ERIC PREVEN, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC, HAS  
4 SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM. BOTH PLEASE COME FORWARD.

5

6 **DARYL SIKIRA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS DARYL  
7 SIKIRA. I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF THE APPLICANT LA TERRA  
8 DEVELOPMENT. THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING OUR PROPOSAL THIS  
9 AFTERNOON. THE [INAUDIBLE] COMMUNITY AS PLANNED WILL TRANSFORM  
10 AN INCOMPATIBLE AND UNDERUSED SITE IN THE HARBOR CITY AREA OF  
11 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AND IT WILL TRANSFORM THE AREA INTO  
12 A VIBRANT RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY, WHICH WILL PROVIDE NOT ONLY  
13 ENTRY-LEVEL FOR SALE HOUSING BUT WOULD ALSO INCLUDE AFFORDABLE  
14 HOUSING AND WOULD ALSO COMPLIMENT THE SURROUNDING RESIDENTIAL  
15 NEIGHBORHOOD. AS MR. MONTGOMERY POINTED OUT EARLIER, THE SITE  
16 IS CURRENTLY BEING USED, HAS BEEN USED AS A VARIETY OF USES,  
17 MOSTLY AUTOMOBILE-RELATED USES, CAR REPAIR AND ALSO TRUCK AND  
18 CAR STORAGE. THE SURROUNDING LAND USES ARE ALL RESIDENTIAL.  
19 AND SO WHAT WE SEEK TO DO IS TO REDEVELOP THE AREA INTO A  
20 VIBRANT RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY. WE'VE WORKED REALLY HARD WITH  
21 REGIONAL PLANNING. WE'VE DONE A LOT OF OUTREACH WITH THE  
22 COMMUNITY, WITH THE NEIGHBORING HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS. WE  
23 RECEIVED UNANIMOUS COMMUNITY SUPPORT. AND WE ALSO RECEIVED  
24 UNANIMOUS PLANNING COMMISSION SUPPORT, AS WELL. MY TEAM AND I



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1 ARE HERE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE ON OUR PROPOSAL,  
2 AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR APPROVAL. THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER,  
5 PLEASE?

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7 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. IT IS ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD  
8 DISTRICT COMMENTING ON THIS ITEM, HEARING NUMBER 5 WHICH I  
9 BELIEVE IS A PROJECT FROM THE SECOND DISTRICT. IF I'M NOT  
10 MISTAKEN, CARSON IS DOWN IN M.R.T.'S DISTRICT. I APPRECIATE  
11 WHAT IS HAPPENING HERE BECAUSE-- WE'RE EXPERIENCING SOMETHING  
12 IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES WHERE ZONE  
13 CHANGES, AS YOU KNOW, THERE'S A BIG MEASURE ON THE CITY BALLOT  
14 MEASURE S-- INVESTIGATE HOW THESE CHANGES TO THE GENERAL PLAN  
15 OF WHATEVER JURISDICTION ARE DONE AND WHAT'S INVOLVED. AND IT  
16 IS A ZEITGEIST ISSUE. SO IN THIS CASE, YOU COULD SEE THE  
17 COUNTY IS WORKING WITH THE DEVELOPER AND TWO STARTER UNITS  
18 GOING TO BE INCLUDED AND SOME 72 CONDOS WHICH I ASSUME WILL BE  
19 AT MARKET VALUE. BUT THEN THERE WAS THE CATEGORY OF MODERATELY  
20 PRICED. AND I'M JUST CURIOUS FOR BENCHMARKING WHAT THAT MEANS  
21 IF BRUCKNER OR ONE OF HIS TEAM COULD EXPLAIN BECAUSE I THINK  
22 THAT'S AN INTERESTING AREA AND I DO THINK THAT CONVERTING  
23 SPACES THAT CAN'T BE USED PROPERLY-- THE OTHER QUESTION OF  
24 COURSE THAT COMES UP WHEN YOU HEAR ABOUT AUTOMOTIVE WORK IS I  
25 ASSUME THERE'S SOME REMEDIATION THAT HAS TO BE DONE, BUT THAT



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1 WILL BE TAKEN CARE OF OBVIOUSLY AT THE DEVELOPER'S EXPENSE, I  
2 ASSUME. AND HARBOR CITY IS GOING TO HAVE A FRESHENING UP HERE,  
3 I ASSUME. AND I THINK THAT'S WHAT PEOPLE NEED. TO BE SURE THAT  
4 WE ARE NOT CONTINUING THE MESSAGE, WHICH IS THAT WHAT THE  
5 PERSON FROM EARLIER SAID THAT FOR EVERY \$100,000 IN PROPERTY  
6 VALUE THAT GOES UP, 153,000 PEOPLE ARE DISPLACED. I HOPE THAT  
7 A NICE NEW SET OF CONDOS WILL IN FACT--

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE ARE GOING  
10 TO PROCEED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,  
11 THE PROJECT BEFORE YOU TODAY IS A STEP FORWARD IN ADDRESSING  
12 THE CRITICAL SHORTAGE OF HOUSING IN OUR COUNTY. THE PROJECT  
13 WILL PROVIDE A MINIMUM OF 111 UNITS OF FOR SALE HOUSING,  
14 REDEVELOPING A CURRENTLY UNDERUTILIZED TRUCK STORAGE YARDS, AN  
15 INCOMPATIBLE USE YOU MIGHT ARGUE, IN A RESIDENTIAL  
16 ENVIRONMENT. IN ADDITION TO THE MARKET RATE HOUSING, THE  
17 DEVELOPER HAS AGREED TO DEDICATE TWO OF THE CONDOMINIUM UNITS  
18 TO LOWER INCOME HOUSEHOLDS AND FIVE UNITS FOR MODERATE INCOME  
19 HOUSEHOLDS AT NO COST TO THE COUNTY. ADDITIONALLY, THE  
20 DEVELOPER HAS AGREED TO IMPLEMENT A LOCAL HIRE PROGRAM  
21 CONSISTENT WITH THE COUNTY'S LOCAL AND TARGET HIRE PROGRAMMING  
22 POLICY, AGAIN AT NO COST TO THE COUNTY. WHEN I SPEAK TO THE  
23 ISSUE OF THE HOUSING SHORTAGE OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND  
24 IT'S COMPREHENSIVE, AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS A PIECE OF THAT  
25 IN TERMS OF RENTAL UNITS. BUT IT DOES NOT EXCLUDE OR PRECLUDE



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1 OPPORTUNITIES FOR HOME OWNERSHIP. THOSE ARE THE ELEMENTS THAT  
2 HELP STABILIZE COMMUNITIES AND CREATE WEALTH THAT IS  
3 TRANSFERRED INTERGENERATIONALLY, THANK YOU. TRYING TO GET  
4 THERE. IT'S 3 O'CLOCK ALMOST. THE POINT I WISH TO MAKE, THIS  
5 OFTEN MEANS THAT IT IS A CHANCE FOR FIRST-TIME HOME OWNERSHIP.  
6 IT SEEMS TO ME THAT WE OUGHT TO SUPPORT THAT. SO THEREFORE I  
7 APPEAL TO YOUR SUPPORT. THAT HAVING BEEN SAID, STRATEGIC  
8 ASSISTS ON MY FAILING VOCABULARY, LET ME MOVE THAT WE ADOPT  
9 THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION PREPARED FOR THIS PROJECT,  
10 TO INDICATE ITS INTENT TO APPROVE THE PROJECT AND INSTRUCT THE  
11 COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE NECESSARY FINDINGS AND CONDITIONS  
12 FOR APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT INCLUDING THE VESTING TENTATIVE  
13 MAP FOR LOTS 2 AND 3, THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND PARKING  
14 PERMITS FOR ALL LOTS INCLUDING AUTHORIZATION FOR BUILDING  
15 HEIGHT TO EXTENT TO A MAXIMUM OF 36 FEET AND 10 INCHES.  
16 PREPARE THE NECESSARY ORDINANCE TO ENACT THE ZONE CHANGE  
17 ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROJECT FOR ALL THREE LOTS. PREPARE ANY  
18 OTHER NECESSARY DOCUMENTS FOR THE BOARD'S CONSIDERATION.  
19 MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER?

20

21 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** THIS MATTER IS BEFORE YOU, MR.  
22 CHAIRMAN. IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE AT THIS TIME TO CLOSE THE  
23 PUBLIC HEARING, TO MOVE THE AMENDMENT AND APPROVE THE ITEM.

24



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. PURSUANT TO THE READING  
2 THAT YOU ALL HAVE HEARD, PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

3

4 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** THE NEXT ITEM BEFORE YOU IS NUMBER  
5 6. THIS IS A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROJECT NUMBER R-2015-2-02448  
6 LOCATED IN THE SECOND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT, LOCATED AT 14803  
7 SOUTH STANFORD AVENUE IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF WEST  
8 RANCHO DOMINGUEZ-VICTORIA WITHIN THE WILLOWBROOK ENTERPRISE  
9 ZONED DISTRICT, TO AUTHORIZE AN 85-UNIT AFFORDABLE HOUSING  
10 COMPLEX APPLIED FOR BY HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY HOUSING  
11 CORPORATION. THERE IS A DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT, AND NO  
12 CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

13

14 **KEVIN FINKEL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, MY NAME  
15 IS KEVIN FINKEL AND I'M WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL  
16 PLANNING. THE ITEM BEFORE YOU IS A REQUEST BY THE HOLLYWOOD  
17 HOUSING COMMUNITY CORPORATION FOR A GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT  
18 ZONE CHANGE, ADMINISTRATIVE HOUSING PERMIT AND SITE PLAN  
19 REVIEW WITH A CONSTRUCTION OF AN 85 UNIT MULTI-FAMILY  
20 RESIDENTIAL COMPLEX, WITH UNITS RESTRICTED TO EXTREMELY LOW,  
21 VERY LOW AND LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLDS. THE REQUESTED GENERAL PLAN  
22 AMENDMENT WOULD CHANGE THE LAND USE CATEGORY ON THE PROJECT  
23 SITE FROM H9 TO H3. THE REQUESTED ZONE CHANGE WOULD CHANGE THE  
24 ZONING FROM R1 TO R3. YOUR REQUESTED ADMINISTRATIVE HOUSING  
25 PERMIT WILL ALLOW FOR A 5 PERCENT DENSITY BONUS AND TWO



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1 DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES AND THE REQUESTED SITE PLAN REVIEW WILL  
2 PERMIT THE DEVELOPMENT. STAFF HAS FOUND THAT THE PROJECT IS  
3 SUPPORTED BY NUMEROUS GENERAL PLAN POLICIES AND WOULD BE  
4 COMPATIBLE WITH THE SURROUNDING AREA. THE REGIONAL PLANNING  
5 COMMISSION HEARD AND RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT AT A  
6 PUBLIC HEARING ON DECEMBER 14TH, 2016. THANK YOU. THIS  
7 CONCLUDES MY STATEMENT AND STAFF IS AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS.

8

9 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** THE APPLICANT HAS REQUESTED TO BE  
10 HEARD, MISS ELEANOR ATKINS. AND TWO PUBLIC SPEAKERS, DEIRDRE  
11 HURST AND SARAH LETTS, PLEASE COME FORWARD.

12

13 **ELEANOR ATKINS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS  
14 ELEANOR ATKINS AND I'M A PROJECT MANAGER AT HOLLYWOOD  
15 COMMUNITY HOUSING CORPORATION. I'D LIKE TO TELL YOU A LITTLE  
16 BIT MORE ABOUT THE BENEFITS THAT THE DEVELOPMENT WILL PROVIDE  
17 TO THE FUTURE TENANTS AS WELL AS TO THE COMMUNITY. STANFORD  
18 AVENUE APARTMENTS WILL BE RESERVED FOR HOUSEHOLDS EARNING AT  
19 OR BELOW 60 PERCENT OF AREA MEAN MEDIAN INCOME. OUT OF THE 85  
20 UNITS, 53 UNITS WILL BE RESERVED FOR HOMELESS HOUSEHOLDS. THE  
21 DEVELOPMENT WILL PROVIDE TWO RESIDENT MANAGERS WHO WILL LIVE  
22 ON SITE AND APPROXIMATELY FOUR FULL-TIME SERVICES STAFF THAT  
23 WILL BE ON SITE DAILY. THESE STAFF WILL PROVIDE SUPPORTIVE  
24 SERVICE PROGRAMMING TO TENANTS NO CHARGE. WE WILL HAVE  
25 PARTNERSHIPS WITH SERVICE AGENCIES IN THE COMMUNITY TO PROVIDE



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1 HEALTH CARE SERVICES, VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND JOB LINKAGES,  
2 EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, PARENTING EDUCATION AND CHILDCARE. THE  
3 DEVELOPMENT WILL ALSO PROVIDE HIGH QUALITY HOUSING ON THREE  
4 PARCELS WHICH HAVE BEEN VACANT SINCE THE '90S. IT WILL PROVIDE  
5 LANDSCAPED AREAS WITH FRUIT TREES, GARDENING SPACE FOR TENANTS  
6 AND A COMMUNITY ROOM THAT CAN BE RESERVED BY THE COMMUNITY.  
7 THE DEVELOPMENT WILL PROMOTE TENANTS' ECONOMIC STABILITY AND  
8 PROVIDE JOB OPPORTUNITIES ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTION AND  
9 OPERATIONS. IT WILL ALSO ACHIEVE ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE  
10 DESIGN STANDARDS AS IT IS DESIGNED TO MEET THE 2016 CAL GREEN  
11 CODE AND IS TARGETING A L.E.E.D. GOLD CERTIFICATION. I ALSO  
12 WANT TO ADD THAT WE HAVE HELD SEVERAL COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND  
13 MET WITH THE LOCAL HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION AND TWO LOCAL  
14 NONPROFITS, INCLUDING COLLECTIVE PEOPLE TOGETHER AND THE WATTS  
15 LABOR COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE. WE INCORPORATED FEEDBACK  
16 RECEIVED AT THESE MEETINGS INTO OUR DESIGN AND PROGRAM. FOR  
17 EXAMPLE, COMMUNITY MEMBERS ASKED US TO RESPECT THE LOWER  
18 DENSITY OF SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES TO THE NORTH AND HAVE CONCERNS  
19 ABOUT PRIVACY IN THEIR BACK YARDS. WE ADDRESSED THESE CONCERNS  
20 BY PLACING OUR BUILDINGS TOWARDS THE SOUTH OF THE SITE AND  
21 USING THE VEHICULAR ACCESS AS A 68-FOOT BUFFER TO THE SINGLE-  
22 FAMILY HOMES. THIS MORNING WE SPOKE TO MISS HURST WHO IS A  
23 LOCAL RESIDENT WHO IS HERE TODAY, AND WE COMMITTED TO HOSTING  
24 ANOTHER MEETING IN MARCH AT A CONVENIENT LOCATION JUST ACROSS  
25 THE STREET FROM THE SITE AT CAMPANELLA PARK. AND WE LOOK



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1 FORWARD TO MEETING WITH COMMUNITY AGAIN. SO I'M HERE AS WELL  
2 AS MY WHOLE TEAM TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE. THANK  
3 YOU.

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5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY,  
6 MA'AM. WE'LL NOW TURN TO YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.

7

8 **DEIRDRE HURST:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MR.  
9 THOMAS, IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU. LAST TIME I SAW YOU WAS AT  
10 TRINITY. SO IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU TODAY. YOU'RE LOOKING VERY  
11 WELL. LIKE SHE SAID, MY NAME IS DEIRDRE HURST AND I'M  
12 CONCERNED COMMUNITY MEMBER OF THE WEST RANCHO DOMINGUEZ  
13 VICTORIA WITHIN THE WILLOWBROOK ENTERPRISE ZONE DISTRICT. THE  
14 COMMUNITY IS OPPOSED TO THE 85-UNIT HOUSING COMPLEX, PERMANENT  
15 HOUSING COMING INTO THE COMMUNITY. FIRST OF ALL, THEY WANT TO  
16 ASK IF THIS MEETING COULD BE POSTPONED OR RESCHEDULED. THEY  
17 WANTED TO MAKE A MOTION, ACTUALLY MAKE A MOTION, IF I COULD TO  
18 MAKE A MOTION, THAT THIS HEARING BE POSTPONED DUE TO THE FACT  
19 THAT THE OUTREACH WASN'T DONE IN A PROPER MANNER. THEY SAID  
20 THAT THEY DID OUTREACH TO LIKE 500 FEET OF THE AREA. AND  
21 THAT'S LIKE ME FROM WALKING OUT MY HOUSE TO DOWN THE STREET,  
22 WHICH THE OUTREACH OF THEM LETTING THEM KNOW THAT THIS MEETING  
23 WAS-- THIS HEARING WAS TAKING PLACE WASN'T DONE PROPERLY TO  
24 GET OUT TO THE OTHER COMMUNITIES, THE OTHER COMMUNITY MEMBERS  
25 THAT WERE CONCERNED. WE HAVE A LOT OF SENIOR CITIZENS IN THE



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1 COMMUNITY THAT ARE DISABLED AND UNABLE TO ACTUALLY COME TO A  
2 MEETING OF THIS IMPACT. AND SO THEY WERE CONCERNED THAT THE  
3 DEVELOPERS WOULD ACTUALLY-- COULD THEY RE-POSTPONE THIS  
4 MEETING TO ANOTHER DATE. AND SO THAT THEY CAN MAKE  
5 ARRANGEMENTS TO COME. I RECEIVED THIS NOTICE ON THE 23RD OF  
6 DECEMBER, WHICH GAVE US LIKE THREE WEEKS TO ACTUALLY GET-- TO  
7 ARRANGE TO HAVE THE MEETING TO TAKE PLACE. SO IF YOU'RE  
8 DEALING WITH SENIOR CITIZENS, THE VULNERABLE COMMUNITY, IT'S  
9 DIFFICULT FOR THEM TO ARRANGE TO COME TO A MEETING OF THIS  
10 IMPACT.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** RIGHT. THERE WILL BE FOLLOW-UP  
13 MEETINGS AT THE PARK SO THAT ALL THOSE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN  
14 HAVING ALL THEIR QUESTIONS ANSWERED, THAT WILL HAPPEN, ALL  
15 RIGHT?

16

17 **DEIRDRE HURST:** SO THIS IS A MEETING THAT WILL SAY YEA OR NAY.  
18 THAT'S WHAT MY UNDERSTANDING OF THE DEVELOPMENT TAKING PLACE.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** YEAH, BUT IT'S NOT THE CONCLUDING  
21 EFFORT ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROJECT. THERE ARE MANY MORE  
22 STEPS TO BE TAKEN, ONE OF WHICH IS THAT THE DEVELOPERS ARE  
23 OBLIGED TO HAVE A MEETING IN THE COMMUNITY WITH THE  
24 STAKEHOLDERS TO FURTHER EXPLAIN THE PROJECT AND THE QUESTIONS  
25 THAT ARE RAISED CAN BE RAISED IN THAT CONTEXT.



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2 **DEIRDRE HURST:** WILL WE BE COMING BACK HERE FOR A MEETING?

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** I DON'T KNOW THAT THERE IS A NEED  
5 TO HAVE ANOTHER MEETING HERE, BUT THEY ARE OBLIGED TO MEET  
6 WITH YOU, NOT HERE, BUT IN THE COMMUNITY ADJACENT TO THE  
7 PROJECT.

8

9 **DEIRDRE HURST:** BUT WHEN WILL A FINAL DECISION BE MADE?

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WELL, THE GREEN LIGHT IS BEING  
12 GIVEN FOR THE STEPS TO BE TAKEN TODAY. HOWEVER, THERE'S A LOT  
13 MORE WORK THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE IN ORDER FOR THE PROJECT TO  
14 ACTUALLY BE BUILT, ALL RIGHT?

15

16 **DEIRDRE HURST:** OKAY.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. MA'AM?

19

20 **SARAH LETTS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS SARAH  
21 LETTS. I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY  
22 HOUSING CORPORATION, THE DEVELOPER OF STANFORD AVENUE  
23 APARTMENTS AND IT'S IN THE SECOND DISTRICT. I JUST WANTED TO  
24 ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE'VE BEEN DEVELOPING AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR  
25 MORE THAN 20 YEARS. WE'VE BEEN PROVIDING SERVICES TO OUR



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1 RESIDENTS FOR MORE THAN 15 YEARS. AND SO THIS DEVELOPMENT IS  
2 EXACTLY WHAT WE ARE FOCUSED ON, WHICH IS, IT'S A COMBINATION  
3 OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLDS AND IT'S ALSO  
4 PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. AND WE'RE REALLY LOOKING FORWARD  
5 TO PARTNERING WITH AN EXCELLENT SERVICE PROVIDER CALLED  
6 HOUSING WORKS. I FEEL LIKE THEIR SLOGAN IS ALSO SYMBOLIC OF  
7 THIS PROJECT, WHICH IS, WE'RE GOING TO DO WHATEVER IT TAKES  
8 FOR AS LONG AS IT TAKES TO HELP EVERY RESIDENT SUCCEED IN  
9 THEIR HOUSING, AND WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR ALL THIS BODY DOES TO  
10 SUPPORT THE HOMELESS IN LOS ANGELES AND WE WANT TO THANK YOU  
11 VERY MUCH.

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13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WE THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MADAME  
14 EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

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16 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** AT THIS TIME IT WOULD BE  
17 APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND MOVE THE ITEM.

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE WANT TO CLOSE THE  
20 PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPT THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION  
21 AND MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM ASSOCIATED  
22 WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT. INDICATE THAT THE BOARD OF  
23 SUPERVISORS INTENDS TO APPROVE THE GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT, THE  
24 ZONE CHANGE AND THE HOUSING PERMIT AS SPECIFIED IN THE MOTION.  
25 WE DIRECT COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE THE NECESSARY FINDINGS AND



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1 CONDITIONS AND ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS FOR THE APPROVAL OF THIS  
2 PROJECT AND ITS REQUIRED ENTITLEMENTS AND TO RETURN TO THE  
3 BOARD WITH THESE PROPOSED DOCUMENTS NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 21  
4 OF THIS YEAR. AND WE WILL TAKE THE MATTER UP AT THAT POINT.  
5 MAY I SUGGEST, THEN, THAT THE COMMUNITY MEETING THAT I MADE  
6 REFERENCE TO HAPPEN PRIOR TO FEBRUARY 21. ALL RIGHT. WITH THAT  
7 HAVING BEEN SAID, IF THERE'S NO FURTHER DISCUSSION, ANY OTHER  
8 QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, PLEASE RECORD A  
9 UNANIMOUS VOTE. NEXT ITEM, PLEASE.

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11 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** THE NEXT ITEM BEFORE YOU IS AGENDA  
12 ITEM NUMBER 7. THIS IS A HEARING ON PROJECT NO. 2016-000933,  
13 LOCATED IN THE SECOND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AT 1600 TO 1610  
14 TO 1616 EAST FLORENCE AVENUE IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY  
15 OF FLORENCE-FIRESTONE WITHIN THE COMPTON-FLORENCE ZONED  
16 DISTRICT, TO REQUEST A ZONE CHANGE FROM NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS  
17 ZONE TO MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT ZONE FOR TWO PARCELS AND A ZONE  
18 CHANGE FROM INSTITUTIONAL ZONE TO MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT ZONE  
19 FOR ONE PARCEL APPLIED FOR BY AMCAL MULTIHOUSING. THERE IS A  
20 DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT. CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. THE  
21 APPLICANT IS HERE. AND THERE ARE TWO ADDITIONAL PUBLIC  
22 SPEAKERS ON THIS ITEM.

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24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. STAFF?

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1 **TRAVIS SEAWARDS:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE BOARD OF  
2 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS TRAVIS SEAWARDS AND I'M WITH THE  
3 DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING. IS PROJECT IS A REQUEST FOR A  
4 ZONE CHANGE OF THREE PARCELS TO THE MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT ZONE  
5 LOCATED AT 1600 EAST FLORENCE AVENUE IN THE UNINCORPORATED  
6 COMMUNITY OF FLORENCE-FIRESTONE. THE PROJECT SITE IS LOCATED  
7 ONE BLOCK WEST OF THE FLORENCE METRO BLUE LINE STATION. IN  
8 2015, THE COUNTY GENERAL PLAN CHANGED THE COMMERCIAL PARCELS  
9 ALONG FLORENCE AVENUE TO A MIXED USE LAND USE DESIGNATION TO  
10 SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW HOUSING, COMMERCIAL USES AND  
11 COMMUNITY SERVICES. THE PROJECT REQUESTS FOR A ZONE CHANGE OF  
12 THE THREE PARCELS TO A MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT ZONE WOULD  
13 THEREFORE BRING THE PROJECT SITE INTO CONFORMANCE WITH THE  
14 EXISTING GENERAL PLAN LAND USE POLICY DESIGNATION. ONCE THE  
15 ZONE CHANGE IS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THE  
16 APPLICANT SEEKS THE APPROVAL TO CONSTRUCT A NEW MIXED USE  
17 BUILDING THAT WILL CONTAIN A NEW 10,000 SQUARE FOOT PUBLIC  
18 LIBRARY AND 116 AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS. WITH A ZONE CHANGE  
19 TO THE MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT ZONE, THE PROPOSED MIXED USE  
20 BUILDING PROJECT WOULD REQUIRE ONLY A PLOT PLAN APPROVAL BY  
21 REGIONAL PLANNING. STAFF BELIEVES THAT THE ZONE CHANGE REQUEST  
22 AND MIXED USE PROJECT ARE STRONGLY SUPPORTED BY GENERAL PLAN  
23 POLICIES THAT ENCOURAGE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES NEAR  
24 TRANSIT STATIONS. THEREFORE, STAFF RECOMMENDS THAT THE BOARD



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1 OF SUPERVISORS APPROVE THIS PROJECT. THIS CONCLUDES MY  
2 PRESENTATION.

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4 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** WOULD THE FOLLOWING SPEAKERS PLEASE  
5 COME FORWARD. MR. ALEX PRATT IS THE APPLICANT. JAY JONES AND  
6 TRENT NYMAN. PLEASE COME FORWARD.

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8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** PLEASE PROCEED.

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10 **ALEX PRATT:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH  
11 FOR THIS TIME. AMCAL MULTIHOUSING IS THRILLED TO BE HERE AND  
12 HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH THE COUNTY AND WITH THE  
13 COUNTY LIBRARY GROUP TO DO A VERY UNIQUE THING, AND THAT IS TO  
14 DO A COMBINATION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND TO EXPAND AND  
15 IMPROVE ON THE LIBRARY THAT CURRENTLY EXISTS. WE'VE BEEN TO  
16 THAT LIBRARY. I DON'T KNOW IF PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY KNOW HOW  
17 VIBRANT SOME OF OUR LIBRARIES ARE TODAY. EVEN THE CURRENT  
18 LIBRARY, WHICH IS GOING TO BE HALF THE SIZE OF THE LIBRARY  
19 THAT WE ARE GOING TO BE DEVELOPING IS FILLED WITH CHILDREN  
20 EVERY DAY, USING ALL KIND OF TECHNOLOGY AND ALL WE'RE GOING TO  
21 DO IS GREATLY EXPAND UPON THAT OPPORTUNITY FOR THEM. IN  
22 ADDITION TO THAT, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE 117 UNITS OF AFFORDABLE  
23 HOUSING. 58 UNITS OF THOSE WILL BE SPECIAL NEEDS HOUSING WHICH  
24 WILL BE PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE MOST DESPERATE PEOPLE  
25 IN OUR COMMUNITY TO HAVE HOUSING AND ADDITIONAL SERVICES WITH



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1 THEM. SO IF THERE ARE NO QUESTIONS, WE JUST ARE THRILLED TO  
2 HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO THIS. AMCAL HAS BEEN IN THE  
3 AFFORDABLE HOUSING BUSINESS FOR 38 YEARS. WE HAVE DONE 25  
4 DEVELOPMENTS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD  
5 TO WORKING WITH THE COUNTY AND WITH THE LIBRARY TO DO THIS  
6 VERY EXCITING PROJECT.

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8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR  
9 TESTIMONY HAVE WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER.

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11 **JAY ROSS:** I'M JAY ROSS. I'M ALSO WITH AMCAL. I JUST WANT TO  
12 SAY IT'S BEEN A PLEASURE AND HONOR TO WORK WITH YOUR HIGHLY  
13 QUALIFIED, INTELLIGENT, COMPASSIONATE STAFF AND YOUR  
14 SUPERVISORIAL OFFICE WITH AND WITH THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT AND  
15 PUBLIC WORKS.

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17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'LL TAKE  
18 ADDITIONAL SPEAKERS. THERE ARE NONE AT THIS POINT IN TIME. ALL  
19 RIGHT, WITH THAT, WE'LL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVE  
20 THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION'S FINDINGS. THE PROPOSED  
21 PROJECT IS ENTITLED TO A CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT  
22 EXEMPTION AND INDICATE ITS INTENT TO APPROVE THE REQUESTED  
23 ZONE CHANGE. WE DIRECT COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE THE NECESSARY  
24 DOCUMENTS FOR THE APPROVAL OF THIS ZONE CHANGE AND TO RETURN  
25 TO THE BOARD THE FINAL ORDINANCE NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 21 OF



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1 THIS YEAR AND AT THAT TIME THE BOARD WILL BE OBLIGED TO  
2 CONSIDER THE ITEM THAT'S BEFORE US. ANY OTHER ADDITIONAL  
3 QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS OR CONCERNS IN THIS REGARD? SEEING NONE,  
4 PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE. MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

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6 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** BEFORE YOU IS AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 8.  
7 PUBLIC HEARING ON PROJECT NUMBER R-2015-01529 LOCATED IN THE  
8 FOURTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AT 15734 GALE AVENUE IN THE  
9 UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF HACIENDA HEIGHTS WITHIN THE  
10 HACIENDA HEIGHTS ZONE DISTRICT TO AUTHORIZE A ZONE CHANGE FROM  
11 THE NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS ZONE TO THE GENERAL COMMERCIAL  
12 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM ZONE IN ORDER TO DEMOLISH AN EXISTING CAR  
13 WASH AND CONSTRUCT AN AUTOMATIC CAR WASH. APPLIED FOR BY  
14 HACIENDA HEIGHTS CAR WASH L.L.C. THERE IS NO DEPARTMENTAL  
15 STATEMENT, NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. THE APPLICANT, MR.  
16 DAVID ZAHN, IS HERE TO SPEAK. PLEASE COME FORWARD.

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18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** MR. ZAHN?

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20 **DAVID ZAHN:** HELLO, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS DAVID ZAHN WITH  
21 BURNS AND BOUCHARD REPRESENTING THE APPLICANT. I'M HERE MORE  
22 TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS ANYBODY HAS. I WANTED TO THANK THE  
23 PLANNING DEPARTMENT. CHRISTINA HAS BEEN WONDERFUL TO WORK  
24 WITH. AND JUST WANTED TO COME UP AND SAY THANK YOU VERY MUCH



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1 FOR EVERYTHING AND FOR HEARING THE ITEM. IF THERE ARE ANY  
2 QUESTIONS OR ANY INFORMATION YOU WOULD LIKE, PLEASE.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** NO. NOT AT THIS POINT. SUPERVISOR  
5 HAHN MAY. BUT YOU'VE ANSWERED SOME OF OUR QUESTIONS WHEN YOU  
6 SAID DAVID ZAHN. NOT DAVID ZONE. I THOUGHT DAVID ZONE WAS  
7 SEEKING A ZONE CHANGE. WE CLARIFIED THAT. SUPERVISOR?

8

9 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU. THIS WAS OBVIOUSLY WAY IN MOTION  
10 BEFORE I BECAME SUPERVISOR FOR THIS DISTRICT, AND I HAVE HEARD  
11 FROM THE HACIENDA HEIGHTS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT WHO WROTE A  
12 SORT OF APPROVAL LETTER. BASICALLY IT SAID IF THE INFORMATION  
13 WAS ACCURATE THAT WAS PRESENTED TO THEM AT A PUBLIC MEETING,  
14 THEY WERE SUPPORTIVE OF IT. IT WASN'T EXACTLY A GLOWING  
15 APPROVAL LETTER. HOWEVER, IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THIS IS  
16 A COMPLETE. NOT JUST AN UPGRADE.

17

18 **DAVID ZAHN:** IT IS COMPLETE REMODEL.

19

20 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AND YOU'RE TAKING SORT OF AN OLD FASHIONED  
21 CAR WASH?

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23 **DAVID ZAHN:** WHICH IS HIGHLY WATER AND ENERGY INEFFICIENT.

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1 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** AND TURNING IT TO THE ONES YOU JUST DRIVE  
2 THROUGH. EXPRESS.

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4 **DAVID ZAHN:** STATE-OF-THE-ART, EXPRESS, EXACTLY.

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6 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** I CAN SEE HOW THAT'S PROBABLY THE WAVE OF  
7 THE FUTURE. I DO KNOW THAT THESE KINDS OF CHANGES IN THE CAR  
8 WASH CERTAINLY AFFECTS A LOT OF PEOPLE'S JOBS. I SORT OF HATE  
9 THIS TREND. WHILE I KNOW IT'S MORE EFFICIENT AND IT'S FASTER,  
10 THERE'S A LOT OF JOBS THAT ARE LOST WHEN WE CHANGE FROM SOME  
11 OF OUR OLD FASHIONED CAR WASHES TO THESE EXPRESS MODELS. SO  
12 IT'S UNFORTUNATE. BUT THAT'S WHERE WE'RE MOVING IN THE FUTURE.  
13 BUT I DO FEEL BADLY FOR A LOT OF FOLKS WHOSE LIVELIHOOD WAS  
14 WORKING FOR CAR WASHES.

15

16 **DAVID ZAHN:** WE UNDERSTAND THAT CONCERN, ABSOLUTELY. THERE WILL  
17 STILL BE STAFF. WHILE NOT AS MANY.

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19 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** VERY LITTLE.

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21 **DAVID ZAHN:** I BELIEVE ONE OF OTHER SITES, WE HAVE THREE OR  
22 FOUR STAFF THAT ARE DIFFERENT THAN THE 8 OR 7, BUT IT SEEMS TO  
23 BE THE DIRECTION THAT WE NEED TO MOVE IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN A  
24 BUSINESS THAT IS VIABLE AND PROFITABLE.

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1 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** ALL RIGHT.

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3 **DAVID ZAHN:** BUT I DO ACKNOWLEDGE THE CONCERNS AND UNDERSTAND.

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5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THERE IS A WAY TO ADDRESS THE  
6 WORKFORCE SHORTAGE. BUILD ANOTHER CAR WASH.

7

8 **DAVID ZAHN:** THAT'S CORRECT.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** KEEP BUILDING, THERE WILL BE MORE  
11 PEOPLE HIRED. ALL RIGHT, SUPERVISOR HAHN, YOUR PLEASURE.

12

13 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** YES, I HAVE NO FURTHER.

14

15 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** AT THIS TIME, IT WOULD BE  
16 APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND MOVE THE ITEM.

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18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** PROPERLY MOVED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN  
19 AND IF THERE IS NO OBJECTIONS, PURSUANT TO THE EXECUTIVE  
20 OFFICER'S READING, PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

21

22 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** AT THIS TIME, MR. CHAIRMAN AND  
23 MEMBERS, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO MOVE TO SPECIAL ITEMS AND  
24 ADJOURNMENTS BEGINNING WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 3.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SUPERVISOR  
2 KUEHL?

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4 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. I WANT TO GO  
5 THROUGH MY ADJOURNMENTS AND THEN HAVE AGREED ALSO TO READ A  
6 FEW FOR SUPERVISOR BARGER WHO HAD TO LEAVE. I MOVE THAT WHEN  
7 WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MIGUEL FERRER, WHO  
8 DIED ON JANUARY 19TH. A CONSUMMATE ACTOR, A GREAT CHARACTER  
9 ACTOR WHO PLAYED BOB MORTON, THE MAN WHO CAME UP WITH THE IDEA  
10 FOR A ROBOTIC POLICE OFFICER IN THE 1987 FILM "ROBOCOP." HE'S  
11 HAD A RUNNING ROLE AS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR GRANGER ON "N.C.I.S.  
12 L.A." DR. GARRET MACY ON "CROSSING JORDAN, AND ALBERT  
13 ROSENFELD ON "TWIN PEAKS." HAD A NUMBER OF VOICE ROLES OVER  
14 THE COURSE OF HIS CAREER, CHARACTERS IN "MULAN," "RIO 2,"  
15 "ROBOT CHICKEN" AND MORE. BUT I THINK HE'LL BE REMEMBERED, AS  
16 ARE SEVERAL PEOPLE FROM HIS FAMILY, AS A FINE CHARACTER ACTOR  
17 WHO BROUGHT REAL INTELLIGENCE TO ALL THE ROLES THAT HE PLAYED.  
18 HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE LORI, HIS SONS LUKAS AND RAFI AND  
19 HIS BROTHER RAFAEL FERRER. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY  
20 WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF DAVE DUTTON WHO DIED ON JANUARY  
21 13TH. HE WAS THE OWNER OF DUTTON'S BOOKS, AN L.A. LANDMARK  
22 WHICH WAS KNOWN FOR ITS LABYRINTHINE LAYOUT AND TOWERING  
23 STACKS OF BOOKS. HE WAS LOVED BY MANY CUSTOMERS WHO PEPPERED  
24 HIM WITH QUESTIONS ABOUT BOOKS AND LITERATURE. AND PRIOR TO  
25 RUNNING THE BOOKSTORE, HE WAS A WRITER AND AN EDITOR AT



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1 "WESTWAYS" MAGAZINE. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE JUDY AND HIS  
2 CHILDREN DIRK AND JULIET. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN  
3 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF CARLYN BENJAMIN, WHO GREW UP IN  
4 THE ICONIC AMBASSADOR HOTEL IN LOS ANGELES WHERE HER FATHER  
5 WAS THE MANAGER OF THE COCONUT GROVE NIGHTCLUB. I DON'T THINK  
6 ANYONE EVER WROTE AN ARTICLE OR STORY ABOUT THE AMBASSADOR  
7 THAT DIDN'T TALK TO HER ABOUT WHAT IT WAS REALLY LIKE TO LIVE  
8 THERE. SHE WAS A GO-TO SOURCE OF INVALUABLE INFORMATION FOR  
9 HISTORIANS AND PRESERVATIONISTS WHO WERE ATTEMPTING TO SAVE  
10 THE AMBASSADOR HOTEL FROM DEMOLITION. HER GREATEST PASSION  
11 PROJECT WAS THE CHILDREN'S BOOKLIFT FUND WHICH GAVE AWAY TENS  
12 OF THOUSANDS OF BOOKS TO ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS IN THE CITY'S MOST  
13 UNDERSERVED AREAS. SHE WAS A POLITICAL ACTIVIST AND PROUDLY  
14 MARCHED AGAINST A WAR IN VIETNAM IN THE 1960S. SHE'S SURVIVED  
15 BY HER DAUGHTER LISA GILMOUR. I'D SIMPLY LIKE TO MENTION THE  
16 NAMES OF OTHERS IN THE THIRD REQUESTING WE ADJOURN IN THEIR  
17 HONOR. JOSEPH MOOREFIELD ABRAMO, RON REISNER, GAIL BRAUN  
18 SILVER, CAROL BETH GOLDMAN KORN. AND I MOVE FINALLY FOR THE  
19 THIRD THOUGH SHE WASN'T A RESIDENT OF THE THIRD BUT RATHER A  
20 RESIDENT OF SAN DIEGO, A WOMAN THAT I THINK WE ALL KNEW AND  
21 ADMIRER, MANY OF US SERVED WITH THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF  
22 LUCY KILLEA WHO DIED ON JANUARY 18TH. SHE WAS FIRST ON THE SAN  
23 DIEGO CITY COUNCIL FOR FIVE YEARS AND THEN SPENT 14 YEARS IN  
24 THE STATE ASSEMBLY AND SENATE. WE KNEW SENATOR KILLEA FOR MANY  
25 STANDS ON IMPORTANT ISSUES BUT ALSO FOR THE WAY IN WHICH SHE



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1 CONDUCTED THOSE STANDS. I DON'T THINK THERE WAS ANYONE THAT  
2 DIDN'T REFER TO HER AS A CLASS ACT. BEST REMEMBERED FOR THE  
3 TIME IN 1987 WHEN LEO T. MAHER, THEN THE BISHOP OF THE SAN  
4 DIEGO ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE, BANNED HER FROM RECEIVING  
5 COMMUNION BECAUSE OF HER SUPPORT FOR ABORTION RIGHTS. AFTER  
6 RETIRING FROM PUBLIC SERVICE, SHE LED A DECADES-LONG EFFORT TO  
7 IMPROVE CROSS-BORDER RELATIONS WITH MEXICO. SHE'S SURVIVED BY  
8 HER SONS JAY AND PAUL.

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10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I JUST WANT TO SAY SHE WAS JUST A  
11 SPECIAL WOMAN. I HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF SERVING WITH HER WHEN I  
12 WAS ELECTED AS A SENATOR. AND SHE KIND OF TOOK ME UNDER HER  
13 WING, SHE AND THERESA HUGHES, BOTH WHO ARE NOW REMOVED. BUT  
14 THEY WERE SPECIAL PEOPLE. AND SHE WAS A CLASS ACT. SHE WAS  
15 ALSO FORMALLY A SISTER, A NUN. I DON'T THINK A LOT OF PEOPLE  
16 REALLY KNEW THAT. BUT SHE WAS ONE TOUGH COOKIE. AND SMARTER  
17 THAN I COULD EVEN BEGIN TO DESCRIBE. WONDERFUL. THANK YOU.

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19 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** SHE WAS ALSO WONDERFUL AN AT RECRUITING AND  
20 SUPPORTING WOMEN WHO WERE RUNNING FOR OFFICE. IN HER DISTRICT,  
21 SHE RECRUITED AND SUPPORTED DEDE ALFORD WHO BECAME A SENATOR,  
22 CHRIS CAHILL WHO BECAME A SENATOR. TONI ATKINS WHO IS NOW A  
23 SENATOR. QUITE A DISTRICT FOR WOMEN IN SAN DIEGO. AND ON  
24 BEHALF OF SUPERVISOR BARGER, I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE  
25 MEMORY OF DICK GAUTIER, A RESIDENT OF ARCADIA WHO PASSED AWAY



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1 AT THE AGE OF 85 WHO WAS BEST KNOWN FOR HIS ROLE AS JAIME THE  
2 ROBOT ON THE T.V. SERIES "GET SMART." AND AS AN ACTOR AND A  
3 VOICE ACTOR IN MANY OTHER TELEVISION SHOWS AND MOVIES. HE IS  
4 SURVIVED BY DAUGHTERS DENISE AND CHRIS, HIS SON RAND, FOUR  
5 GRANDCHILDREN AND FIVE GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. AND SUPERVISOR  
6 BARGER ALSO ASKS THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF HOWARD PITT, OF  
7 PHILIP HOLMES, WAYNE VOGEL, WILLIAM JOSEPH ZEUTZIUS AND I  
8 BELIEVE THAT WAS IT FOR THE FIFTH.

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10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

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12 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE  
13 ADJOURN TODAY WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF RAFAEL ENRIQUE  
14 PEREZ, JR. WHO PASSED AWAY ON JANUARY 5TH. HE GREW UP IN  
15 WILMINGTON. HE LIVED IN SAN PEDRO WHERE HE WAS ONE OF THE  
16 PROUD BUSINESS OWNERS OF THE 710 GRILL, WHICH WAS A BELOVED  
17 RESTAURANT IN SAN PEDRO. HE WAS BELOVED BY ALL, WAS A GREAT  
18 INFLUENCE AND MENTOR TO MANY PEOPLE. HE WAS AN ENTREPRENEUR, A  
19 COACH, A STRONG COMMUNITY MEMBER AND A FRIEND TO ALL. BUT HE  
20 WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED FOR HIS LOVE OF HIS COMMUNITY AND  
21 HIS LOVE THAT HE HAD FOR HIS GRANDCHILDREN WHO HE WORSHIPPED  
22 WITH ALL HIS HEART. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE STEPHANIE, HIS  
23 CHILDREN CARLOS, PETER, EVELIS, HIS GRANDCHILDREN, JOSEPH,  
24 LOLA AND NOAH, HIS THREE SISTERS, YOLANDA, IDA AND MONICA, AND  
25 MANY NIECES, NEPHEWS AND FRIENDS. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN



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1 TODAY WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF FRANK JOSEPH PAGNANO, WHO  
2 PASSED AWAY ON JANUARY 1ST. HE WAS BORN AND RAISED IN OMAHA,  
3 NEBRASKA. FRANK JOINED THE NAVY AT THE AGE OF 17 AND PROUDLY  
4 SERVED HIS COUNTRY IN THE VIETNAM WAR. HE CONTINUED TO SERVE  
5 FOR 12 YEARS IN ACTIVE DUTY AS WELL AS 12 ADDITIONAL YEARS IN  
6 THE NAVAL RESERVE. AFTER SERVING IN THE MILITARY, HE WORKED AS  
7 A MACHINIST AND A SECURITY GUARD. HE WAS A LONG TIME RESIDENT  
8 OF WILMINGTON AND A LOVING HUSBAND, FATHER, GRANDFATHER, AND  
9 GREAT GRANDFATHER. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE HELEN, HIS TWO  
10 DAUGHTERS, LAVINIA AND DEBRA. HIS SON DENNIS AND GARTH. HIS  
11 EIGHT GREAT GRANDCHILDREN, ONE GREAT GRANDDAUGHTER, THREE  
12 BROTHERS AND THREE SISTERS. THANK YOU.

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14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'LL TAKE YOUR  
15 ADJOURNING MOTIONS NOW, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR. I MOVE TODAY  
18 THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL MINASIAN. MICHAEL  
19 MINASIAN WAS BORN IN 1931 AND PASSED AWAY ON JANUARY 12, 2017  
20 AT THE AGE OF 85. MR. MINASIAN WAS A RESIDENT OF MONTEBELLO,  
21 CALIFORNIA AND AN IMPORTANT MEMBER OF THE LOCAL ARMENIAN  
22 COMMUNITY. HE HELPED BUILD THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE MARTYRS  
23 MONUMENT IN MONTEBELLO AND WAS INVOLVED IN THE FOUNDING OF THE  
24 AMERICAN [ARMENIAN] MESROBIAN SCHOOL AMONG MANY OTHER THINGS.  
25 HE'S REMEMBERED AS A FAMILY MAN AND A LEADER TO THE COMMUNITY.



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1 MR. MINASIAN IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, LYDIA, CHILDREN ANI  
2 GOHAR, RAFI KOMITAS, MARAD, MURAD MHER, VART TAMAR SIX  
3 GRANDCHILDREN AND A HOST OF EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS AND  
4 FRIENDS WHO WILL MISS HIM DEARLY. NEXT I MOVE--

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6 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** I WOULD LIKE TO BE ADDED TO THAT ONE. I KNEW  
7 HIM VERY WELL.

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

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11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN TODAY IN  
12 MEMORY OF MR. PEDRO ROBLES BANUELOS. MR. PEDRO ROBLES BANUELOS  
13 WAS BORN JANUARY 18TH, 1929 IN ANTEMAJ DEL VALLE, GUADALAJARA,  
14 JALISCO, MEXICO. PASSED AWAY ON JANUARY 16, 2017 AT THE AGE OF  
15 87. HE RELOCATED TO LOS ANGELES IN 1965 AND WORKED AT  
16 A.M.J.A.C. AND WAS A MEMBER OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CHURCH  
17 AND THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AT ST. LUCY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH. HE  
18 WAS AN ACTIVE COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER FOR MANY YEARS AND  
19 SUPPORTIVE AND PROUD FATHER OF MARTHA JIMENEZ, COMMUNITY  
20 LEADER IN EAST LOS ANGELES. MR. ROBLES WILL BE REMEMBERED BY  
21 HIS FAMILY FOR BEING AN AMAZING FATHER, GRANDFATHER AND GREAT  
22 GRANDFATHER. MR. ROBLES ALWAYS INSPIRED LOVE, HOPE BUT ALSO  
23 SET A GOOD EXAMPLE BY ALWAYS STANDING UP FOR HIS BELIEFS. MR.  
24 ROBLES IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, NINE CHILDREN, 18  
25 GRANDCHILDREN, 12 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN AND A HOST OF EXTENDED



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1 FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WHO WILL MISS HIM DEARLY. THOSE ARE  
2 MINE.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU. I'D LIKE FOR US TO ADJOURN IN M  
5 MEMORY OF DONNA MARIA FULBRIGHT, BORN NOVEMBER 16, 1959 IN LOS  
6 ANGELES AND SHE PASSED AT THE AGE OF 57 ON DECEMBER THE 15TH.  
7 SHE ATTENDED CRENSHAW HIGH SCHOOL AND CALIFORNIA STATE  
8 UNIVERSITY LONG BEACH WHERE SHE RECEIVED A BACHELOR'S OF  
9 SCIENCE DEGREE IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION. SHE WORKED FOR THE LOS  
10 ANGELES PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR MANY YEARS. SHE  
11 ALSO WORKED FOR THE CULVER CITY RECREATION AND PARKS  
12 DEPARTMENT AND THE Y.W.C.A. HERE IN LOS ANGELES. SHE LOVED TO  
13 READ, PAINT, COOK, SWIM AND SPEND TIME WITH FAMILY AND  
14 FRIENDS. MISS FULBRIGHT WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HER KIND AND  
15 GENTLE SPIRIT WHO MADE EVERYONE AROUND HER FEEL COMFORTABLE  
16 AND LOVED. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER SON ALLAN, HER DAUGHTER  
17 LINDSAY AND HER SISTERS NANCY AND JENNY WHO WILL MISS HER  
18 DEARLY. DONNA MARIE FULBRIGHT. I ASK THAT SUPERVISOR HAHN JOIN  
19 ME IN ADJOURNING IN MEMORY OF THEODORE "TED" ALEXANDER, BORN  
20 AUGUST 29, 1962 IN CALIFORNIA PASSED ON JANUARY THE 11TH AT  
21 THE AGE OF 54. HE WAS A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF  
22 GARDENA. IN 1986, HE BEGAN HIS CAREER IN TRANSIT AS A BUS  
23 OPERATOR DRIVING THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT  
24 DISTRICT. MR. ALEXANDER CONTINUED WORKING IN TRANSIT AS AN OWL  
25 SERVICE OPERATOR IN METRO DIVISION II FOR MANY YEARS. HE WILL



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1 BE REMEMBERED BY HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND CO-WORKERS AND  
2 REGULAR PASSENGERS WHO WILL MISS HIM. HIS SON TED ALEXANDER,  
3 PREMIER EDUCATOR AND SUPERINTENDENT OF L.A. UNIFIED SCHOOL  
4 DISTRICT. SO HIS SON, TED THOMAS ALEXANDER, WE WOULD ADJOURN  
5 IN HIS MEMORY AND ALSO THINKING FONDLY OF HIS FATHER WHO  
6 PRECEDED HIM IN DEATH BY SEVERAL YEARS. THOSE ARE MY  
7 ADJOURNING MOTIONS, MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER. MAY I TAKE THE  
8 OPPORTUNITY TO REMIND EVERYONE THAT TONIGHT BEGINS THE PROCESS  
9 OF THE COUNT OF THE HOMELESS IN OUR COUNTY. AND THOSE OF YOU  
10 WHO SEEK TO BE ON HAND TO VOLUNTEER, THIS IS A GARGANTUAN  
11 TASK, A HERCULEAN TASK, I SHOULD SAY, OF SOME 6,000  
12 INDIVIDUALS PLUS WILL BE WORKING THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTY FROM  
13 ONE END TO THE NEXT TO GET AN ACCURATE COUNT. TONIGHT IT  
14 BEGINS AND WE WANT TO COMMEND L.A.H.S.A. AND ITS BOARD FOR ITS  
15 SUPPORT IN PUSHING THAT FORWARD. SO WITH THAT, MADAME  
16 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, I TURN THE GAVEL NOW TO OUR CHAIR PRO TEM.

17

18 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. AT THIS  
19 TIME IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CALL THE SPEAKERS WHO SIGNED  
20 UP TO SPEAK FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. WHEN I SAY YOUR NAME, PLEASE  
21 COME TO THE FRONT AND YOU WILL BE DIRECTED TO THE SPEAKERS'  
22 WELL. THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD. DIGGS  
23 CHERRY. EDDIE FLORES. ERIC PREVEN. FRANCISCO MARTINEZ. GLORIA  
24 GONZALEZ. JERRY DEITRICH. JOSE MARTINEZ. KIM MCGILL. MAUREEN  
25 MELISSA KEOWEN. MINIA BAKER. OMAR BALDWIN. OSCAR MOHAMMAD.



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1 VANESSA DELEON. YVONNE AUTRY. WALTER BECHTEL. AND JAN MILLER.  
2 THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE STAFF WILL DIRECT YOU TO THE DAIS.

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4 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU. GIVEN THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO  
5 HAVE REQUESTED TO SPEAK, WE'D ASK YOU TO LIMIT YOUR COMMENTS  
6 TO 90 SECONDS, A MINUTE AND A HALF. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR  
7 WAITING FOR THIS TIME. WHO WISHES TO SPEAK FIRST?

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9 **MINIA BAKER:** ME, PLEASE.

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11 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** OH, PLEASE. WELL THEN YOU START.

12

13 **MINIA:** HI, MY NAME IS MINIA BAKER. I AM A REGISTERED NURSE. I  
14 WORK AT LOS ANGELES COUNTY U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER. I'M 31 YEARS  
15 OLD. I'M A SINGLE MOTHER OF ONE 12-YEAR-OLD SON. I'M HERE  
16 BECAUSE I'M NOT SURE IF PEOPLE ARE AWARE OF THE INJUSTICES  
17 THAT LOTS OF FROM MY PERSONAL EXPERIENCE AS AN AFRICAN-  
18 AMERICAN NURSE THAT I AM BE OSTRACIZED AND RAN OUT OF MY JOB  
19 WITH LOTS OF HARASSMENT AND FRIVOLOUS AND UNMERITED  
20 ALLEGATIONS. I HAVE NOT BEEN RECEIVING DUE PROCESSES DURING  
21 THE ALLEGATIONS. I FEEL LIKE I'M NOT WANTED. I DON'T FEEL  
22 WELCOMED. I'M JUST HEARTBROKEN AS A PROFESSIONAL NURSE THAT MY  
23 GROWTH PROFESSIONALLY HAS STAGNATED. I CAN'T TELL YOU THE  
24 EXACT REASON WHY, BUT THE INJUSTICES ARE HUGE. AND I JUST  
25 ENCOURAGE YOU GUYS TO LOOK INTO THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESSES



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1 AT L.A.C.+U.S.C., SPECIFICALLY THE FOURTH FLOOR  
2 ADMINISTRATORS. THEY'RE THE ONES THAT ARE ABLE TO DICTATE AND  
3 DELEGATE THINGS OR HOWEVER THEY WANT THE FACILITY TO BE RAN. I  
4 JUST DON'T FEEL LIKE I'M GETTING A FAIR CHANCE AS A  
5 PROFESSIONAL NURSE. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** DO YOU LIVE IN SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S DISTRICT?

8

9 **MINIA BAKER:** I LIVE NEAR LOS ANGELES SOUTHWEST COLLEGE.

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11 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** BECAUSE IT'S U.S.C., SUPERVISOR SOLIS  
12 INDICATED SHE'LL ASK HER STAFF TO SPEAK WITH YOU. LET ME  
13 REMIND SOME OF THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE SPOKEN MULTIPLE TIMES THAT  
14 GIVEN THE 6 MINUTE OVERALL LIMIT, SOME OF YOU MAY HAVE ONE  
15 MINUTE, NOT 1-1/2 MINUTES. SO WE WILL INDICATE AS EACH SPEAKER  
16 COMES UP WHO HAS WHAT. MR. PREVEN, DO YOU WANT TO GO NEXT? I  
17 BELIEVE YOU HAVE A MINUTE LEFT IN YOUR 6.

18

19 **ERIC PREVEN:** I NEVER ASKED FOR 90 SECONDS, I ASKED FOR TWO  
20 MINUTES IN PUBLIC COMMENT.

21

22 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THAT IS CORRECT. BUT IN WHAT YOU'VE ALREADY  
23 TESTIFIED, NOT COUNTING THE PUBLIC HEARINGS, YOU HAVE A  
24 MINUTE.

25



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1 **ERIC PREVEN:** OKAY, HAVE HER RESTORE IT. LET IT BE A TRUE  
2 MINUTE. THANK YOU. I DISAGREE WITH THAT BUT I'LL ACCEPT IT. IT  
3 IS ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT AGAIN RUNNING FOR THE  
4 MAYOR OF LOS ANGELES. THAT WOMAN'S STORY IS HEARTBREAKING. AND  
5 WHEN THE PUBLIC INTEGRITY IS COMPROMISED, THE STATE OF  
6 CALIFORNIA HAS ARRANGED BECAUSE WE HAVE THESE GREAT COUNTIES,  
7 THE COUNTY HAS ARRANGED THAT THERE'S A DISTRICT ATTORNEY. AND  
8 THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, JACQUELINE LACEY, HAS ARRANGED THAT  
9 THERE'S THE GROUP CALLED THE PUBLIC INTEGRITY DIVISION. NOW I  
10 CAN ONLY SAY TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY LACEY THAT IT IS NOT WORKING  
11 WELL AT ALL. THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE INVESTIGATION AT THE  
12 CITY OF LOS ANGELES WAS VIRTUALLY BURIED UNDERNEATH THE  
13 CALIFORNIA PUBLIC RECORD REQUIREMENTS. WE PULLED IT OUT, WROTE  
14 THE CITY ABOUT IT. BUT WORSE IN THE PUBLIC HALL, MITCHELL  
15 ENGLANDER IS UNDER THE COLOR OF AUTHORITY DIRECTING L.A.P.D.  
16 TO DO TERRIBLE THINGS. AND WHY WAS MR. SACHS DRIVEN FROM THIS  
17 HALL TODAY? ARE YOU ALSO ENGAGED IN CLEANSING PEOPLE FROM  
18 PARTICIPATING IN OPEN GOVERNMENT? I WOULD ASK THAT JACKIE  
19 LACEY TAKE A LONG LOOK AT THIS. THIS IS NOT AN ACCEPTABLE TURN  
20 OF EVENTS, GUYS. I THINK YOU KNOW YOU CAN'T GET AWAY WITH IT.  
21 THANKS.

22

23 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU. MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WOULD  
24 YOU LET HE KNOW WHICH OF THE SPEAKERS COMING UP HAS ONE  
25 MINUTE? AND THEY WOULD KNOW, THEN, AS WELL?



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2 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** YES, MA'AM. MAUREEN ELISSA KEOWEN  
3 HAS A MINUTE AND A HALF. MR. OSCAR MOHAMMAD HAS ONE MINUTE AND  
4 A HALF. THE OTHER SPEAKERS OUT IN THE AUDIENCE.

5

6 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. WELL TAKE THEM A  
7 COUPLE AT A TIME.

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9 **MAUREEN ELISSA KEOWEN:** MY NAME IS MAUREEN ELISA KEOWEN. I AM  
10 MAUREEN ELISSA, QUEEN OF PUERTO RICO. AND I UNDERSTAND THAT  
11 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES STILL THINKS THAT THEY HAVE  
12 PURCHASED CAJON RANCH AND THEY HAVE CHANGED ONE OF MY GATES.  
13 THE SIGN HAS BEEN REMOVED. THAT IS THE PROPERTY OF EAST LOS  
14 ANGELES. I WOULD LIKE YOU ALSO TO KNOW THAT THERE IS NO FREE  
15 LAND IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. THAT ALL OF IT IS OWNED  
16 BY THE QUEEN OF PUERTO RICO OR SOME OVERLAY, WHICH I AM THE  
17 PERSON IN CHARGE OF. AND THAT IS AN ENCROACHMENT FEE OF  
18 \$20,000 PER SQUARE FOOT ON UNUSED LAND. AND I WOULD LIKE YOU  
19 TO KNOW THAT THERE IS A COMPANY CALLED C.W., WHICH DOES NOT  
20 REPRESENT ME. AND THERE ARE MEMBERS OF THE BOULDER FAMILY IN  
21 THAT COMPANY. AND THEY ARE NOT ALLOWED TO LIVE WITHIN 100  
22 MILES OF ME OR WITHIN THE UNITED STATES BY PRESIDENTIAL DECREE  
23 OF HARRY TRUMAN. AND I DID ASK FOR AMALGAMATION EARLIER LAST  
24 YEAR AND NO ONE HAS CONTACTED ME. AND I UNDERSTAND YOU ARE  
25 SELLING SOVEREIGN LANDS AND THAT MY SOVEREIGN LANDS ARE BEING



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1 USED BY CITY AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND THERE'S SQUATTING IN  
2 THE HOUSES AND THEY'RE SELLING ARTIFACTS OF THE HOUSES ALSO  
3 AND ALLOWING OTHER PEOPLE WHO HAVE NO OWNERSHIP IN MY HOMES,  
4 IN MY LANDS TO SELL THEM AND THE COUNTY REFUSES TO GIVE ME ANY  
5 INFORMATION ON IT.

6

7 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU. OSCAR MOHAMMAD, PLEASE.

8

9 **OSCAR MOHAMMAD:** YES. I SEE WHERE THE MAYOR OF LOS ANGELES  
10 RECEIVES FEDERAL GRANT MONEY, \$1 MILLION ANNUALLY TO HELP THE  
11 HOMELESS. WE SHOULD END THE HOMELESS ON SKID ROW. WE SHOULD  
12 PUT PEOPLE BEFORE PROFIT. AND NOT PROFIT BEFORE PEOPLE AND WE  
13 SHOULDN'T PROFIT WITH PEOPLE. WE NEED ECONOMIC DIGNITY. WE  
14 NEED SELF-RESPONSIBILITY, SELF-GOVERNMENT. WE SHOULD END  
15 ECONOMIC INJUSTICE. THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT, THEY  
16 RECEIVE FEDERAL FUNDS OF \$300,000 EVERY THREE OR FOUR MONTHS  
17 FOR WHATEVER THEY SAY THEY'RE DOING. THAT SHOULD COME TO AN  
18 END. THE MAYOR OF LOS ANGELES, HE ALSO RECEIVES \$300,000 FOR  
19 FEDERAL GRANT MONEY EVERY THREE OR FOUR MONTHS. THAT SHOULD  
20 END. WE SHOULD-- BUT WE SHOULD CHANGE THIS PLAY AND SPORT  
21 ENVIRONMENT TO A SERIOUS ENVIRONMENT. WE SEE WHERE THE JEWS,  
22 THEY LIVE IN THE HIGH RISES AND THE MAJORITY OF AMERICA LIVE  
23 IN SUBZERO PROPERTY. SOMETHING HAS CHANGED IN OUR CULTURE  
24 TODAY. WE HAVE BEEN TRANSFORMED FROM THE SLAVE BLOCK TO THE  
25 POLITICAL HOOD BLOCK. THAT SHOULD CHANGE. I WAS SEEING WHERE



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1 MADONNA, SHE SPOKE AT THE INAUGURATION OF DONALD TRUMP AT THE  
2 WHITE HOUSE, THAT SINGER WITH THE MILLION-WOMEN MARCH. MISS  
3 MADONNA SAID THE UNITED STATES WHITE HOUSE SHOULD BE BLOWN UP.  
4 I THINK THE MAJORITY OF THE WORLD WOULD AGREE WITH THAT.

5

6 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, SIR. MISS YVONNE AUTRY HAS A  
7 MINUTE AND A HALF. MISS MELLO DESIRE, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE  
8 REMAINING IN YOUR TIME. SO MISS AUTRY FIRST, PLEASE.

9

10 **YVONNE AUTRY:** WHY DON'T I GET TWO MINUTES?

11

12 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** WE LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT FOR 1-1/2 FOR  
13 EVERYBODY.

14

15 **YVONNE AUTRY:** WHY?

16

17 **MELLO DESIRE:** I WAS ROBBED FROM AGENDA ITEM 16 AND I SIGNED UP  
18 TO SPEAK. SO I WANTED THAT TIME ADDED TO MY PUBLIC COMMENT  
19 WHICH THEY TOLD ME I CAN'T

20

21 **YVONNE AUTRY:** I HAVE NOT SPOKEN PREVIOUSLY TODAY.

22

23 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THAT IS CORRECT. PUBLIC COMMENT IS 1-1/2  
24 MINUTES EACH FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NOT SPOKEN. AND FOR THOSE WHO



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1 ARE HEADING UP TO THEIR 6 MINUTE LIMIT, IT'S LESS IF THEY'VE  
2 ALREADY HAD FIVE MINUTES.

3

4 **YVONNE AUTRY:** WHY DON'T I GET MY TWO MINUTES? I OPPOSE THAT  
5 AND I REQUEST OFFICIALLY TWO MINUTES BECAUSE I HAVEN'T SPOKEN  
6 PREVIOUSLY.

7

8 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MISS AUTRY, I HEAR YOUR REQUEST,  
9 BUT OFFICIALLY EVERY ONE IS GETTING A MINUTE AND A HALF.

10

11 **YVONNE AUTRY:** I'D LIKE ON THE RECORD AGAIN TO OPPOSE THIS. I  
12 OBJECT BECAUSE YOU'RE LIMITING PUBLIC CONTINUE COMMENT. THIS  
13 IS A DEMOCRACY AND WE HAVE EVERY RIGHT TO BE HEARD.

14

15 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** WE'LL START YOUR TIME RIGHT NOW YOU CAN  
16 COMPLAIN WITHIN THE MINUTE AND A HALF OR SAY WHAT YOU CAME TO  
17 SAY.

18

19 **YVONNE AUTRY:** I'VE ALREADY, FOR THE RECORD DOCUMENTED MY  
20 COMPLAINT IN OPPOSITION TO LIMITING THE PUBLIC COMMENT. WE  
21 HAVE A RIGHT TO PUBLISH. WE HAVE A RIGHT TO FREEDOM OF SPEECH  
22 AND EXPRESSION. THAT GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE  
23 AND FOR THE PEOPLE SHALL NOT PERISH FROM THE EARTH WHILE  
24 YOU'RE UNDER ATTACK BECAUSE YOU'RE IN VIOLATION. YOU HAVE TO  
25 REMEMBER THIS IS A DEMOCRACY. AND WHO ARE YOU GETTING PAID



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1 FOR? YOU'RE GETTING PAID BY THE PEOPLE. REMEMBER THAT WHEN YOU  
2 GET YOUR SIX FIGURES EVERY YEAR. OKAY. FIRST OF ALL ON THE  
3 RECORD I'D LIKE TO SPEAK I'M IN OPPOSITION OF THE DRONES FOR  
4 LOS ANGELES. WELL I'M NOT REPRESENTING THE STOP L.A.P.D.  
5 SPYING. BUT I'D LIKE IT ON THE RECORD. I'D ALSO LIKE TO SPEAK  
6 IN SUPPORT AND IN DEFENSE OF WOMEN. I'M ALSO UNDER ATTACK. A  
7 LOT OF THE IMMIGRANTS ARE SEXUALLY HARASSING BLACK PEOPLE,  
8 THERE ARE FEWER JOBS FOR BLACK PEOPLE. MAINTENANCE, I'VE  
9 SPOKEN TO TWO OR THREE BLACK WOMEN, AND THEIR MAINTENANCE,  
10 HISPANIC MEXICAN MAINTENANCE MEN COMING IN OUR ROOMS, TAKING  
11 OUR NICE CLOTHING, PUTTING HOLES IN OUR CLOTHING, LEAVING  
12 CALLING CARDS WITH FECES, URINE, SEMEN. AND ONE OF MY FRIENDS  
13 CAUGHT THIS ON TAPE. THIS MUST STOP. THEY ARE CANNIBALS.  
14 VAMPIRES, THEY SERVE DIFFERENT GODS AND THEY SACRIFICE WOMEN.  
15 MANY MISOGYNISTS. SO YOU NEED TO LIMIT THE IMMIGRATION. AND  
16 I'M NOT A RACIST. IT'S A DIFFERENT CULTURE.

17

18 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** WE HEAR YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

19

20 **YVONNE AUTRY:** WELL CAN YOU DO SOMETHING?

21

22 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** MISS DESIRE?

23

24 **YVONNE AUTRY:** NOT PAY FOR THEIR HEALTHCARE IT'S RIDICULOUS.

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1 **MELLO DESIRE:** I HAVE ONE MINUTE. WHY ONE MINUTE?

2

3 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** BECAUSE YOU'VE ALREADY USED FIVE MINUTES UP  
4 OF YOUR 6 MINUTE LIMIT OF THE DAY.

5

6 **MELLO DESIRE:** BUT THERE'S 23 AGENDAS. WHAT IF I WANTED TO  
7 SPEAK ON ALL 23, I WOULD ONLY HAVE 5 MINUTES TO SAY THAT AND  
8 PLUS I WAS ROBBED FROM THE AGENDA 16. I WAS NEVER ABLE TO  
9 SPEAK ON AGENDA 16.

10

11 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** YOU ARE USING UP YOUR TIME NOW.

12

13 **MELLO DESIRE:** IT DOESN'T MATTER IF I USE IT UP OR NOT. IT  
14 DOESN'T MATTER. YOU'RE NOT GOING TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT. SO I  
15 WILL USE MY 30 SECONDS TO FINISH SPEAKING BECAUSE I'M TIRED OF  
16 COMING HERE AND USING OUR VOICES AND GIVING PROPOSALS AFTER  
17 PROPOSAL AFTER PROPOSAL KNOWING THAT YOU'RE NOT GOING TO FUND  
18 OUR KIDS. YOU ARE NOT COMING FROM OUR NEIGHBORHOODS YOU  
19 UNDERSTAND. EVEN IF YOU GRADUATE FROM DORSEY, YOU STILL DON'T  
20 COME TO OUR FUNERALS. WE BURIED 16 KIDS IN THE LAST TWO YEARS.  
21 NONE OF THEM ARE YOUR CHILDREN. SO IT DOESN'T MATTER. I'M  
22 GOING TO USE THE MEDIA TO FINISH WHAT I'M DOING BECAUSE YOU  
23 DON'T GIVE A [EXPLETIVE] YOU DON'T. YOU'RE STANDING THERE WITH  
24 A SMIRK ON YOUR FACE, KUEHL, AND IT IS NOT COOL. I'M TIRED OF



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1 THE OUTBURST. YOU FUND US SO WE CAN DO WHAT WE CAN FOR OUR  
2 KIDS, GOD DAMN YOU.

3

4 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I UNDERSTAND IT AND IT IS NOT A SMIRK.  
5 (AUDIENCE DISTURBANCE).

6

7 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** MADAME, WE HEARD YOU TODAY. WE'VE HEARD YOU  
8 TODAY. MISS DESIRE? WE'VE HEARD YOU TODAY. YOU HAVE TO STOP.  
9 (AUDIENCE DISTURBANCE CONTINUES)

10

11 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I HAVE OTHER PEOPLE THAT WISH TO SPEAK.  
12 OKAY. I KNOW YOU'RE ANGRY, BUT WE'LL HAVE TO ESCORT YOU OUT.  
13 DONE.

14

15 **MELLO DESIRE:** PUT SOME MONEY WHERE YOUR MOUTH IS. (AUDIENCE  
16 DISRUPTION).

17

18 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THAT'S ENOUGH! THAT'S ENOUGH! (AUDIENCE  
19 DISRUPTION CONTINUES).

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21 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE OTHER SPEAKERS.  
22 (AUDIENCE DISRUPTION CONTINUES).

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1 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** ALL RIGHT, SHERIFF, I THINK WE HAVE TO  
2 ESCORT MISS DESIRE OUT BECAUSE WE CAN'T FINISH OUR BUSINESS.  
3 (AUDIENCE DISRUPTION CONTINUES).

4

5 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** WE NEED TO MOVE A LITTLE FASTER, SHERIFF.  
6 THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE HAVE OTHER  
7 SPEAKERS. MISS AUTRY, DO YOU WISH TO BE ESCORTED OUT, AS WELL?  
8 MISS AUTRY, YOU'RE ALSO FINISHED, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

9 (AUDIENCE DISRUPTION CONTINUES). WE HAVE OTHER SPEAKERS AND  
10 YOU ARE BEING QUITE RUDE TO THEM. I KNOW YOU DON'T CARE. WE'LL  
11 BE RIGHT WITH YOU. (AUDIENCE DISRUPTION CONTINUES).

12

13 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** SHERIFF, I DO THINK WE NEED TO ESCORT OUR  
14 GUESTS OUT. (AUDIENCE DISRUPTION CONTINUES). I UNDERSTAND THAT  
15 THERE'S A SENSITIVITY TO NOISE, SO I WAS WAITING UNTIL THE  
16 ROOM WAS CLEARED. I UNDERSTAND.

17

18 **SPEAKER:** I APPRECIATE THAT. SO SHE JUST BECAUSE OF THE DEGREE  
19 OF THE NOISE LEVEL, SHE'S GOT EAR PHONES AND EVERYTHING. IF  
20 YOU COULD GIVE HER A MINUTE. THE NOISE LEVEL CAUSES HER TO GO  
21 INTO CONVULSIONS.

22

23 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I UNDERSTAND. AS YOU CAN SEE WE'VE BEEN  
24 TRYING TO CLEAR THE ROOM. (AUDIENCE DISRUPTION CONTINUES).

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1 **SPEAKER:** CAN WE PHYSICALLY REMOVE HER? SO SHE'S BEEN WAITING  
2 FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO HER. IF  
3 YOU COULD BE PATIENT FOR A SECOND, I'D REALLY APPRECIATE IT.

4  
5 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** OF COURSE. CLOSE THE DOOR, PLEASE.

6  
7 **SPEAKER:** SO SHE MAY BE A LITTLE BIT SKIPPING IN HER SPEECH.  
8 SHE'LL DO THE BEST SHE CAN.

9  
10 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** WE'RE FINE.

11  
12 **JAN MILLER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISOR. HELLO MY NAME IS JAN  
13 MILLER AND I'M A DEPUTY SHERIFF OF L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S  
14 DEPARTMENT. AS A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, I HAVE A FUNDAMENTAL  
15 DUTY TO RESPECT THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF ALL MEN, TO  
16 LIBERTY, EQUALITY AND JUSTICE. ALTHOUGH I HAVE REQUESTED FOR  
17 YEARS FOR TOP RANKING MEMBERS OF OUR DEPARTMENT TO HEED THE  
18 CALL OF OUR SHERIFF JIM MCDONNELL, THEY HAVE REFUSED. ALTHOUGH  
19 HE HAD BEEN REFERRING TO THE CIVILIAN COMMISSION, ITS CALLS TO  
20 ARMS REMAINS THE SAME AND I QUOTE. IT'S KIND OF A CLARION  
21 CALL. IF THEY'RE CALLING OUT SOMETHING THAT'S WRONG, WE HAVE  
22 AN OBLIGATION TO FIX IT. THEREFORE, I AM HERE TO INFORM THIS  
23 BOARD WHO HAS LONG CHAMPIONED TRANSPARENCY, RESTORATION AND  
24 REFORM THAT OUR DEPARTMENT HAS ENGAGED IN A LONG-STANDING  
25 CONSPIRATORIAL EFFORT WITH THE L.A. COUNTY EMPLOYEES



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1 RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION AS WELL AS WITH LEGAL MEDICAL INSURANCE  
2 ENTITIES IN ORDER TO DEPRIVE L.A. COUNTY PERMANENT CIVIL  
3 SOURCE EMPLOYEES OF THEIR CIVIL RIGHTS UNDER THE COLOR OF LAW.  
4 I SUBMIT THAT THESE EVIDENCES ARE BASED UPON DISCRIMINATORY  
5 AND RETALIATORY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES WHICH HAVE LONG BEEN  
6 EMPLOYED WITHIN THE DISABILITY RETIREMENT AND WORKER'S  
7 COMPENSATION SYSTEMS IN ORDER TO DENY BENEFITS. ALTHOUGH I  
8 HAVE PERSONALLY BEEN DEFAMED, DEFRAUDED AND DISCRIMINATED  
9 AGAINST FOR YEARS. I BELIEVE MY PERSONAL SITUATIONS HAS BEEN A  
10 MICROCOSM OF THE OVERALL MALFEASANCE THAT HAS OCCURRED WITHIN  
11 THE AFOREMENTIONED SYSTEMS, WHICH HAS DEPRIVED MANY OF THEIR  
12 CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS, INCLUDING PROPER DUE PROCESS, A FAIR  
13 HEARING, FAIR REPRESENTATION, AND PROPER BENEFITS. THEREFORE I  
14 ASK FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK AGAIN WITH A HIGH RANKING  
15 OFFICIAL OUTSIDE OF THIS FORUM IN ORDER THAT THE TRUTH MAY BE  
16 HEARD AND A RESOLUTION OBTAINED. ACCORDING TO JIM COLLINS THE  
17 AUTHOR OF "GOOD TO GREAT," ONE OF THE ELEMENTS THAT'S  
18 NECESSARY FOR AN ORGANIZATION TO GO FROM GOOD TO GREAT IS TO  
19 CONFRONT THE BRUTAL FACTS BUT NEVER LOSE FAITH. THEREFORE I  
20 ALSO REQUEST, I'M SORRY. THEREFORE I ALSO REQUEST THE BOARD  
21 SOUND THE CLARION CALL THAT SHERIFF JIM MCDONNELL HERALDED  
22 WHEN HE FIRST TOOK OFFICE, SO THAT THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS  
23 OF ALL L.A. COUNTY EMPLOYEES MAY BE UPHELD. ALTHOUGH I HAVE  
24 MET THE BURDEN OF PROOF REQUIRED FOR SERVICE CONNECTED TO,  
25 DISABILITY, THE DEPARTMENT, PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT



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1 CODE 31724, THE DEPARTMENT HAS YET TO PROPERLY COMPLY WITH  
2 CALIFORNIA CODE SECTION 31721, AND EVEN THOUGH LOS ANGELES  
3 COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE PROVIDES THE DEPARTMENT WITH A  
4 SPECIFIC DIRECTIVE REGARDING THE PROCEDURAL DUE PROCESS THEY  
5 WERE TO FOLLOW, THEY REFUSED. IN ADDITION, ALTHOUGH  
6 L.A.C.E.R.A. WAS NOTIFIED BY MY UNION ATTORNEY IN WRITING THAT  
7 THE C.E.O. DIRECTIVE WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED IT HAS YET TO COME  
8 TO PASS. INSTEAD SHORTLY THEREAFTER THE DEPARTMENT BEGAN THE  
9 RE-EMPLOY THE PRE DEPRIVATION, THE PROCEDURAL DUE PROCESS OF  
10 SKELLY IN YET ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO IMPOSE DISCIPLINE UPON ME,  
11 BASED SOLELY UPON MY MEDICAL DISABILITY. ALTHOUGH MY DENIAL OF  
12 THE SERVICE CONNECTED DISABILITY RETIREMENT WAS BASED ON  
13 MALFEASANCE ACCORDING TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE 31725, THE  
14 DEPARTMENT'S REQUIRED TO REINSTATE ME AS DEPUTY SHERIFF.  
15 HOWEVER THE DEPARTMENT CANNOT ACCOMMODATE ME AS A DEPUTY  
16 SHERIFF BASED UPON MY QUALIFIED INJURED WORKER STATUS.  
17 THEREFORE SINCE 2011, I'VE BEEN LEFT TO LANGUISH IN A STATE OF  
18 MIDDLE GROUND AS I HAVE NEITHER A JOB, NOR A RETIREMENT  
19 INCOME, WHICH ACCORDING TO THE GRAND FIRST COUNTY OF LOS  
20 ANGELES IS VIRTUALLY A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH. AND IN  
21 CLOSING, SINCE HIGH RANKING MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT HAVE  
22 REPEATEDLY REFUSED TO TAKE CORRECTIVE MEASURE COMMENSURATE  
23 WITH THEIR RANK AND AUTHORITY, IN ORDER THAT THIS MATTER BE  
24 RESOLVED--

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1 **SPEAKER:** MA'AM, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

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3 **JAN MILLER:** ONE LAST PAGE. WHICH HAS AFFECTED MY PHYSICAL  
4 WELL-BEING AS WELL AS MY QUALITY OF LIFE. WHAT I HAVE  
5 PRESENTED HERE IS BUT A FRACTION OF THE MISCONDUCT THAT HAS  
6 TAKEN PLACE AND THEREFORE I REQUEST THE BOARD DIRECT ME TO MY  
7 NEXT STEPS TO ENSURE THAT ALL THE BRUTAL FACTS ARE BROUGHT TO  
8 LIGHT AND SO THAT THE OPPRESSION AND MISCONDUCT MAY CEASE,  
9 ALLOWING FOR THE CIVIL RIGHTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY EMPLOYEES  
10 TO BE RESTORED.

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12 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU.

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14 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU.

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16 **SPEAKER:** WHO CAN SHE MAKE SURE THE REPORT GOES TO?

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18 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** IF YOU GIVE IT TO THE SHERIFF, HE'LL SHARE  
19 IT WITH US OR TO THE BAILIFF. THE OTHER FOLKS WHO WERE CALLED  
20 TO SPEAK ARE NOT HERE, DIDN'T COME UP, SO WE ARE NOW FINISHED  
21 WITH OUR SPEAKERS LIST. MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER?

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23 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** THERE IS A REQUEST BEFORE THE BOARD  
24 TO CONTINUE ITEM C.S.-2 ONE WEEK TO JANUARY 3 1, 2017.

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1 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THAT WILL BE CONTINUED. SEEING NO FURTHER  
2 BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD WE'RE ADJOURNED.

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