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THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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1 [REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON

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5 SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR: GOOD MORNING. I DIDN'T KNOW THAT EACH CHAIR
6 GETS THEIR VERY OWN GAVEL. IN CASE YOU WONDER WHERE CHAIR
7 RIDLEY-THOMAS IS, HE IS JUST THIS VERY INSTANT FORMER CHAIR
8 RIDLEY-THOMAS, AND HE'S SITTING OVER THERE, AND WE'RE GOING TO
9 HEAR A BIT ABOUT HIM LATER ON. GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU TO
10 EVERYONE FOR BEING HERE. THIS IS THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED
11 MEETING OF THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, TODAY,
12 DECEMBER 5TH. WE TAKE NOTE THAT A FULL COMPLEMENT OF THE BOARD
13 IS PRESENT. OUR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND COUNTY COUNSEL ARE
14 BOTH DOWN WITH THE FLU, OR SOMETHING, SO THEY ARE ABLY
15 REPRESENTED BY THEIR SECOND-IN-COMMAND, BECAUSE THEY BOTH
16 SAID, "OH, NO, WE WANT TO BE THERE FOR YOU, SHEILA." AND I
17 SAID, "GOOD. YOU CAN BE THERE FOR ME BY STAYING HOME, SO WE
18 DON'T ALL GET SICK." WE ALSO HAVE, OF COURSE, OUR CHIEF
19 EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND HER VERY, VERY ABLE STAFF, WHO HAS SET
20 EVERYTHING UP FOR TODAY. OUR SERGEANT-AT-ARMS IS HERE TO
21 ASSIST, AND WE BEGIN WITH OUR INVOCATION, PRESENTED TODAY BY
22 RABBI HEATHER MILLER, OF BETH CHAYIM CHADASHIM; AND THEN OUR
23 PLEDGE VET, EVELYN RODRIGUEZ, FORMER SPECIALIST, U.S. ARMY, LA
24 PUENTE. SO PLEASE RISE FOR THE INVOCATION AND THE PLEDGE.

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1 **RABBI HEATHER MILLER:** FIRST, LET ME THANK SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND
2 HER TEAM FOR INVITING ME HERE TODAY. IT'S A DEEP HONOR HERE TO
3 LEAD THIS INVOCATION IN THIS FIRST DECEMBER MEETING OF THE
4 L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. ACROSS LOS ANGELES, THE COLD
5 WINDS WHIPPED IN LAST NIGHT. WE FIND OURSELVES HERE IN THE
6 DAYS OF WINTER, A SEASON IN THE CALENDAR WHEN DAYLIGHT HOURS
7 ARE LIMITED, WITH THE SUN SETTING EARLIER, AND THE SUN RISING
8 LATER. IN THESE TIMES, DARKNESS IS A LARGER PART OF OUR
9 REALITY. 300 YEARS AGO, RABBI SHNEUR ZALMAN OF LIADI SHARED A
10 MESSAGE OF LOVE AND LIGHT AND HOPE IN DARK TIMES. HE SAID, "A
11 LITTLE BIT OF LIGHT DISPELS A LOT OF DARKNESS." THIS
12 SCIENTIFIC FACT OF THE POWER OF A SMALL LIGHT TO ILLUMINE
13 SPACE REVEALS A DEEPER SPIRITUAL TRUTH. ONE PERSON OF
14 INSPIRATION CAN, IN TURN, ILLUMINATE MANY. THIS IS WHY JEWS
15 ACROSS THE WORLD LIGHT THE CANDLES OF THE HANUKKAH MENORAH AT
16 THIS SEASON. THIS SYMBOLIZES THE WARM GLOW OF HOPE,
17 INSPIRATION, AND LIGHT AGAINST THE DARKNESS. AND ONE CANDLE ON
18 A MENORAH, THE ONE THAT IS SLIGHTLY HIGHER THAN THE OTHERS, IS
19 GIVEN A PARTICULAR NAME, THE SHAMASH, THE HELPER CANDLE,
20 BECAUSE IT'S A HELPER, AND IT HELPS TO LIGHT THE REST. ON THIS
21 SPECIAL DAY, WE GATHER TO HONOR THE LIGHT OF EACH OF THE
22 ESTEEMED SUPERVISORS ASSEMBLED HERE, FOR THEIR SERVICE AND
23 DEDICATION TO ALL OF THE RESIDENTS OF OUR BELOVED COUNTY. WE
24 EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO OUR OUTGOING CHAIRMAN, MARK RIDLEY-
25 THOMAS, FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE. AND WE TAKE A MOMENT TODAY

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1 TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE INCOMING ELEVATED SERVICE OF
2 SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL, AS SHE IS INSTALLED AS CHAIR OF THIS
3 IMPORTANT BODY. AS SUCH, SHE NOW BECOMES CHARGED WITH THE
4 RESPONSIBILITY TO BE THAT HELPER CANDLE THAT HELPS ILLUMINE
5 AND INSPIRE THE REST TO UPHOLD VISIONARY LEADERSHIP, THE
6 VALUES OF FREEDOM, EQUITY, AND FAIRNESS, AND ACCOUNTABILITY TO
7 THE PEOPLE. MAY YOUR LIGHT ALWAYS KINDLE NOBLE VALUES; AND BY
8 YOUR LIGHT AND THE ACTIVITIES IT INSPIRES, MAY THIS COUNTY BE
9 BLESSED, AND LET US SAY AMEN. AND MAZEL TOV. [LAUGHTER.]

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11 **EVELYN RODRIGUEZ:** RAISE YOUR HAND. PLACE IT OVER YOUR HEART.
12 [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

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14 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** PLEASE REMAIN STANDING. SUPERVISOR HAHN IS
15 CARRYING ON WITH A TRADITION THAT WAS BROUGHT TO US BY HER
16 PREDECESSOR. SUPERVISOR HAHN.

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18 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.
19 THAT SOUNDS GOOD. THIS HOLIDAY SEASON, WE'RE REMINDED BY JUST
20 HOW FORTUNATE WE ARE TO BE SURROUNDED BY OUR FAMILY AND OUR
21 LOVED ONES. UNFORTUNATELY, NOT EVERYONE IS SO BLESSED.
22 TOMORROW, THE COUNTY WILL HOLD A SPECIAL CEREMONY TO BURY THE
23 REMAINS OF 1500 INDIVIDUALS. THESE ARE PEOPLE WHO PASSED AWAY
24 IN 2014, AND HAVE NO ONE BUT THE COUNTY TO PROVIDE THEM WITH A
25 RESPECTFUL AND DIGNIFIED BURIAL. SOME WERE HOMELESS. MANY WERE

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1 POOR. SOME WERE CHILDREN. AND TRAGICALLY, MANY OF THEM HAVE NO
2 ONE ALIVE TO GRIEVE THEIR LOSS. AT ONE POINT, THESE PEOPLE
3 PROBABLY HAD PARENTS. AT ONE POINT, THESE PEOPLE HAD FRIENDS.
4 AT ONE POINT, THESE PEOPLE LAUGHED AND LOVED AND CRIED, LIKE
5 THE REST OF US. AND I'M SURE MANY OF THESE INDIVIDUALS LED
6 VERY HARD LIVES. I HOPE THAT THEY ARE RESTING IN A MORE
7 PEACEFUL PLACE NOW. THEIR LIVES MATTERED, AND MATTERED, STILL,
8 TO US. I WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST THAT WE ALL STAND AND HONOR
9 THESE 1500 L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS WITH A MOMENT OF SILENCE.
10 THANK YOU. YOU MAY ALL BE SEATED.

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12 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. IT'S MY GREAT PLEASURE TO
13 INTRODUCE TO YOU THE WOMAN WHO GAVE OUR INVOCATION TODAY, A
14 FRIEND AND AN ESTEEMED RABBI, RABBI HEATHER MILLER, WHO SERVES
15 BETH CHAYIM CHADASHIM, THE WORLD'S FIRST LESBIAN, GAY,
16 BISEXUAL, AND TRANSGENDER-FOUNDED JEWISH CONGREGATION, WHICH
17 IS LOCATED IN THE PICO-ROBERTSON AREA. SHE'S SERVED ON A
18 NUMBER OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY INSTITUTIONS, INCLUDING U.C.L.A.
19 MEDICAL CENTER, THE MILKEN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS, TEMPLE ISRAEL OF
20 HOLLYWOOD, THE AMERICAN JEWISH UNIVERSITY, AND CURRENTLY
21 SERVES ON OUR SHERIFF'S CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION. RABBI
22 MILLER'S THOUGHTS ARE FREQUENTLY FEATURED IN THE JEWISH
23 JOURNAL AND THE L.A. TIMES, AND SHE WAS NAMED ONE OF THE
24 LIBERTY HILL FOUNDATION'S LEADERS TO WATCH. PLEASE THANK AND

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1 CONGRATULATE RABBI HEATHER MILLER. [APPLAUSE.] SUPERVISOR
2 SOLIS.

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4 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I'D LIKE TO REINTRODUCE
5 FORMER ARMY SPECIALIST EVELYN RODRIGUEZ, WHO LED US IN THE
6 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, BUT I ALSO WANT TO MENTION IT'S A VERY
7 SPECIAL DAY FOR HER. IT HAPPENS TO BE HER BIRTHDAY. RIGHT? SO
8 LET'S WISH HER A HAPPY BIRTHDAY. [APPLAUSE.] MS. RODRIGUEZ WAS
9 BORN AND RAISED IN LA PUENTE-- SOUNDS FAMILIAR, THAT'S WHERE
10 I'M FROM-- AND JOINED THE ARMY JUST A YEAR AFTER GRADUATING
11 HIGH SCHOOL. SHE SERVED FOR NINE YEARS, AND ROSE TO THE RANK
12 OF SPECIALIST. DURING HER SERVICE, MS. RODRIGUEZ WAS DEPLOYED
13 TO BAGHDAD, IRAQ, AND DURING THE HEIGHT OF BATTLES IN
14 KANDAHAR, AFGHANISTAN, AND BAGHDAD, IRAQ. THAT'S WHERE SHE
15 WAS. SHE EARNED THE IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN CAMPAIGN MEDALS,
16 GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM MEDAL, NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL,
17 AND THE ARMY SERVICE RIBBON. MS. RODRIGUEZ EARNED HER BACHELOR
18 OF ARTS FROM FAYETTEVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY, AND SHE IS
19 CURRENTLY A CLERK AT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
20 SOCIAL SERVICES. WE WANT TO THANK HER FOR HER SERVICE, HER
21 DEDICATION, AND FOR HER LEADING US TODAY IN THE PLEDGE OF
22 ALLEGIANCE. THANK YOU SO MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

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24 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. TODAY, AS YOU PROBABLY
25 NOTICED, IS A BIT OF A SPECIAL DAY, AND SO THOSE OF YOU WHO

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1 ARE HERE FOR THE REAL BUSINESS OF THE COUNTY WILL JUST BE
2 SPENDING A FEW MINUTES WITH US AS WE SORT OF CHANGE THE GUARD
3 HERE. WE'RE REQUIRED TO DO THIS ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF
4 DECEMBER, EVERY YEAR, AND SO WE DO. A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO, WE
5 VOTED THAT THERE WOULD NOT BE ANY STRUGGLE ABOUT WHO WAS GOING
6 TO BE THE NEXT CHAIR. WE'RE JUST DOING IT BY DISTRICT: 1, 2,
7 3, 4, 5. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 SEEMS LIKE A WAY TO EXEMPLIFY FAIRNESS
8 AND COMITY-- NOT COMEDY, BUT COMITY-- THAT WE EXPERIENCE ON
9 THE BOARD. AND IN THE NAME OF COMITY, WE HAVE A SURPRISE FOR
10 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, TO HONOR HIS YEAR OF SERVICE TO US
11 AS CHAIR. HOPE YOU ENJOY IT, MARK. [VIDEO PLAYS.]

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13 **SPEAKER:** MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, YOU ARE GOING TO BE THE NEW CHAIR
14 OF THE BOARD OF AN ALL-FEMALE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AND I KNOW
15 YOU'RE UP FOR THE JOB, BECAUSE I THINK YOU ARE 100-PERCENT A
16 TERRIFIC HUMAN BEING. SO, CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU, TOO, MARK.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND SO TODAY, WE USHER IN A NEW CHAPTER
19 FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AND IT IS INDEED A VERY, VERY
20 NEW CHAPTER. THE COMPOSITION OF THIS BOARD IS SIMPLY
21 UNPRECEDENTED. IT IS HISTORIC. IT IS MEANINGFUL. IT IS
22 PURPOSEFUL. IT IS WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO DESCRIBE AS THE
23 FULFILLMENT OF THE PROMISES OF DEMOCRACY. [APPLAUSE.] THE
24 RULES OF THE BOARD ARE THAT IF YOU WISH TO AFFIRM SPEAKERS OR
25 COMMENTS, YOU DO SO BY SIMPLY GIVING AN INDICATION THAT YOU

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1 ARE SEEKING TO RAISE THE ROOF. JUST SIMPLY RAISE THE ROOF. WE
2 WILL GET THE MESSAGE. THE ROOF, THE ROOF.

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4 **SPEAKER:** COME ON, PUT YOUR HAND IN THE AIR. MAKE THE NOISE.
5 THE BEST IS YET TO COME. TODAY IS THE FIRST DAY OF THE BEST
6 DAYS OF YOUR LIFE. TODAY IS THE FIRST DAY OF THE--

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8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AS WE UNDERSTAND THE GRAVITY OF THE
9 PROBLEM WITH THIS PARTICULAR POPULATION, THE COMMUNITY STEPPED
10 UP, AND NOW WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO STEP UP. IT'S A UNANIMOUS
11 VOTE FOR ALL OF YOU. THANK YOU ALL FOR THE WORK THAT YOU'VE
12 DONE. [APPLAUSE.] BIAS IS NOT TO BE LIMITED TO RACE, BUT
13 APPLIED MORE BROADLY TO GENDER, TO SEXUAL ORIENTATION, AND ANY
14 OTHER IMMUTABLE DIFFERENCE. AS THE ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH WE
15 WORK AND SERVE BECOMES MORE DIVERSE, MIGHT I SAY, SOMEWHAT
16 COLLOQUIALLY, WE SIMPLY NEED TO UP OUR GAME. THE BOARD, LADIES
17 AND GENTLEMEN, HAS DEMONSTRATED TIME AND TIME AGAIN THAT
18 REFORMING THE COUNTY'S PROBATION DEPARTMENT IS VERY IMPORTANT.
19 WE NEED TO SET IN PLACE A PROCESS THAT WILL LET THE SUN SHINE
20 IN.

21

22 **SPEAKER:** MAKE SOME NOISE. COME ON, Y'ALL. MAKE SOME NOISE.
23 MAKE SOME NOISE. EVERYBODY, COME ON, LET'S ROCK. EVERYBODY,
24 COME ON, PUT YOUR HANDS UP THERE. MAKE SOME NOISE. HOLD ON, MY
25 SISTERS. [MUSIC CONTINUES.]

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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. ANYONE OBJECTING ON THE BOARD
3 TO ADJOURNMENT, BE MY GUEST TO STAY HERE AS LONG AS YOU WISH.
4 WE ARE OTHERWISE NOW ADJOURNED. [GAVEL.] [APPLAUSE.]

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6 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** MR. SUPERVISOR, PERHAPS YOU WOULD HAVE A
7 FEW WORDS FOR US.

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR.
10 AND MIGHT I SAY THAT I LOVE THE SOUND OF THAT PHRASEOLOGY:
11 MADAM CHAIR. LET'S GIVE SHEILA KUEHL A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE.
12 SHE IS THE NEW CHAIR. [APPLAUSE.] WE MAKE THESE REMARKS AT THE
13 CONCLUSION OF WHAT HAS CLEARLY BEEN A HISTORIC YEAR, AS IS
14 EVIDENCED BY THIS REALLY RATHER LOVELY PRESENTATION THAT WAS
15 PULLED TOGETHER, AND I THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE POLITY AND
16 THE COMITY. IT'S A GOOD THING. MAY I GIVE A SHOUTOUT TO SACHI
17 HAMAI, LORI GLASGOW, AND MARY WICKHAM AND THEIR TEAMS, FOR
18 THEIR EXCEPTIONAL WORK OVER THE PAST YEAR. PLEASE GIVE THEM A
19 BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE, WON'T YOU? [APPLAUSE.] SO MUCH OF THE
20 FACILITATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF OUR WORK IS GUIDED BY THE
21 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE, THE COUNTY COUNSEL, AND THE EXECUTIVE
22 OFFICE, AND I BELIEVE WE ARE INCREDIBLY WELL SERVED IN EACH
23 CAPACITY. I ALSO WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO ALL THE DEPARTMENTS,
24 THE OFFICES, AND COMMISSIONS, AS WELL AS MY FOUR OUTSTANDING
25 COLLEAGUES, FOR THEIR WORK, THEIR SERVICE, TO THE COUNTY OF

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1 LOS ANGELES. WE'VE GOTTEN A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF WORK DONE,
2 COLLECTIVELY AND INDIVIDUALLY, AND IT IS NOTEWORTHY. AND WE DO
3 IT ALL IN THE SERVICE OF THE MORE THAN 10 MILLION RESIDENTS OF
4 LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND THE MILLIONS MORE WHO VISIT, WHO DO
5 BUSINESS, WHO WORK, WHO WORSHIP, AND WHO ATTEND SCHOOLS IN
6 THIS COUNTY. MADAM CHAIR, MAY I OFFER THE FOLLOWING
7 OBSERVATIONS: THIS IS A HISTORIC TIME IN OUR NATION. I THINK
8 IT'S AN UNDERSTATEMENT, IN MANY RESPECTS, TO SAY THAT THE
9 CHALLENGES ARE DAUNTING. A YEAR AGO, WE WELCOMED OUR NEWLY
10 ELECTED COLLEAGUES TO THE BOARD. BOTH YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND
11 THE PREVIOUS CHAIR, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, WELCOMED SUPERVISORS
12 HAHN AND BARGER TO THE DAIS, AND WE ROLLED UP OUR SLEEVES. WE
13 WENT TO WORK RATHER IMMEDIATELY. AND THAT WAS A HIGH POINT, A
14 GOOD DAY FOR US. BUT THE NOVEMBER ELECTION ALSO COMPELLED US
15 TO KEEP A WATCHFUL EYE ON IMMINENT CHANGES AT THE FEDERAL
16 LEVEL. THAT AGENDA HAS BEEN CHALLENGED. IT'S THREATENED TO
17 ENDANGER THE HEALTH AND THE ECONOMIC WELLBEING OF OUR
18 RESIDENTS, AND WE'VE HAD TO SHIFT THAT VIGILANCE INTO ACTION
19 ON MULTIPLE OCCASIONS, ON A VARIETY OF FRONTS. WE HAVE JUST
20 HAD TO GO TO WORK. WHEN THE WHITE HOUSE-- THAT IS TO SAY, THE
21 HOUSE BILL TO REPEAL AND REPLACE THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT WAS
22 FIRST INTRODUCED-- THAT WAS LAST MARCH-- WE WERE READY,
23 LARGELY BECAUSE THIS BOARD HAD UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED A MOTION
24 TO DEVELOP OPTIONS FOR MAINTAINING HEALTH INSURANCE AND THE
25 COVERAGE THAT IT CONSIDERS WITHIN THE COUNTY, IN THE FACE OF A

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1 FEDERAL REPEAL. AND DESPITE A STREAM OF HARMFUL POLICIES AND
2 THREATS THAT HAVE EMANATED FROM WASHINGTON, RANGING FROM
3 IMMIGRATION TO TAX REFORM, THIS BOARD HAS ENACTED INCLUSIVE
4 AND PROGRESSIVE POLICIES THAT STRENGTHEN THE SOCIAL-SERVICES
5 SAFETY NET FOR ALL OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS
6 ANGELES, AND I'M AS PROUD OF THAT AS I POSSIBLY CAN BE. AND WE
7 HAVE DONE SO WHILE RESPONSIBLY OVERSEEING A \$30.1 BILLION
8 BALANCED BUDGET, THE LARGEST IN THE COUNTY'S HISTORY.
9 [APPLAUSE.] AND MIGHT I REMIND THE BOARD AND THOSE WHO HAVE
10 YET TO KNOW IT, OUR FISCAL PRUDENCE WAS REINFORCED BY STELLAR
11 RATINGS FROM THREE MAJOR RATING AGENCIES: STANDARD & POOR'S,
12 FITCH, AND MOODY'S, EARLIER THIS YEAR. MOODY'S, FOR EXAMPLE,
13 UPGRADED US FROM AA1 TO AA2, REPRESENTING THE HIGHEST RATING
14 OF L.A. COUNTY IN OVER A DECADE. AND I WANT TO SAY, EVERY
15 UPGRADE ALLOWS US TO OBTAIN LOWER INTEREST RATES THAT
16 TRANSLATES, IN REAL SAVINGS, OF LITERALLY MILLIONS AND
17 MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. LET IT HEREBY THEN BE DECLARED, DON'T
18 EVER SAY THAT PROGRESSIVES CAN'T BALANCE A BUDGET AND IMPROVE
19 A CREDIT RATING. THAT DESERVES AN APPLAUSE RIGHT THERE, RIGHT
20 THERE, RIGHT THERE. [APPLAUSE.] WE ARE HISTORY-MAKERS ON THIS
21 BOARD, AND WE ARE MYTH-BUSTERS ON THIS BOARD. AND SO WHEN I
22 ASSUMED THE CHAIRMANSHIP, I ASKED THE BOARD TO JOIN ME IN
23 CHAMPIONING THREE PRIORITIES: THE HOMELESSNESS INITIATIVE, THE
24 BIOSCIENCE WORK, AS WELL AS CULTIVATING A RENAISSANCE IN THE
25 ARTS. IT'S A MATTER OF HISTORY THAT WE HAVE MADE SUBSTANTIAL

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1 STRIDES IN THAT AREA OF HOMELESSNESS. THE COUNTY OF LOS
2 ANGELES'S RESIDENTS OPENED ITS HEART AND WALLET TO DO WHAT
3 NEEDED TO BE DONE. AND I CAN TELL YOU, PROGRESS IS BEING MADE
4 IN A BIG WAY, IN TERMS OF OUR MULTIDISCIPLINARY STREET
5 ENGAGEMENT TEAMS, THE BENEFITS TO DISABILITY ADVOCATES, THE
6 M.O.U.S WITH SEVERAL CITIES THAT HAVE SIGNED UP, AND 16 OTHER
7 CITIES WHO HAVE JUMPED IN TO SAY, "WE ARE PART OF THIS EFFORT.
8 LET'S DO IT, AND DO IT WELL." HOMELESSNESS IS ON THE AGENDA OF
9 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, AND WE HAVE GOTTEN THE ATTENTION OF
10 THE NATION, AND WE SHOULD BE VERY, VERY PROUD OF THAT. WELL,
11 IF YOU WANT JOBS, YOU NEED TO LOOK TO THE BIOSCIENCE SECTOR.
12 AND OVER THE PAST YEAR, WE HAVE MADE PROGRESS IN ESTABLISHING
13 BIOSCIENCE HUBS AT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AND I'VE SAID
14 THAT IT IS MY OBJECTIVE, ALONG WITH MY COLLEAGUES, TO PUT
15 BOSTON, SAN FRANCISCO, AND SAN DIEGO, IN OUR REARVIEW MIRROR,
16 WITH RESPECT TO THE BIOSCIENCE INDUSTRY. IT IS THE FASTEST
17 GROWING INDUSTRY IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. WE HAVE MOVED
18 INTO SECOND POSITION. JUST LEARNED THIS THE OTHER DAY: WE
19 BESTED SAN DIEGO, WITH RESPECT TO OUR CAPACITY AND OUR
20 PERFORMANCE, AND THAT'S A BIG DEAL ANY WAY YOU LOOK AT IT.
21 IT'S A HUGE, HUGE UNDERTAKING. AND EVEN AT OUR OWN HOSPITAL,
22 HARBOR-U.C.L.A., AFTER 25 YEARS, WE NOW HAVE THE FIRST-TIME
23 DRUG TREATMENT FOR SICKLE CELL ANEMIA, DONE BY DR. NIIHARA,
24 AND IT IS A FASCINATING OPPORTUNITY TO SEEK HIGHER QUALITY OF
25 LIFE, OF HEALTH, AND WELLNESS FOR SUFFERERS FROM SICKLE CELL,

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1 THE DISEASE AND THE TRAIT. I WANT TO SAY, IN THE AREA OF THE
2 ARTS, A LOT GOING ON. THE CHAIRMAN AND I-- THE CHAIRPERSON AND
3 I-- ARE COLLABORATING, AS WELL AS WITH THE OTHER MEMBERS OF
4 THE BOARD, ON AN ARTS AGENDA OF CONSEQUENCE. THE CREATIVE
5 ECONOMY IS ALL ABOUT LOS ANGELES. AND THE WORK THAT IS DONE,
6 THAT WAS INITIATED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, IN TERMS OF EQUITY AND
7 DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION, IS TAKING OFF IN A BIG WAY. AND SO
8 WE'VE SEEN A LOT GOING ON. WE ARE POISED TO TAKE A STRONG LOOK
9 AT WHETHER WE MOVE FROM A COMMISSION TO A DEPARTMENT. WE'RE
10 POISED TO NAME A NEW COMMISSION HEAD. PROGRESS IS BEING MADE.
11 AND I JUST SIMPLY WANT TO SAY, WHAT A DIFFERENCE A YEAR CAN
12 MAKE. WELL, OUR UNFINISHED BUSINESS IS WHAT IT IS. WE'RE
13 WORKING HARD ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING. WE'RE WORKING HARD ON
14 MENTAL HEALTH. WE'RE WORKING HARD ON THE RATIONAL USE AND SAFE
15 PLACES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, WITH RESPECT TO SEXUAL EXPLOITATION
16 OF CHILDREN. WE'RE WORKING ON JUVENILE JUSTICE IN A BIG WAY,
17 AND WELFARE REFORM, STILL. WE ARE WORKING ON HOW WE MAKE SURE
18 THAT CANNABIS REGULATIONS DO NOT BECOME A DOWNER FOR
19 COMMUNITIES, IN TERMS OF MAKING LIFE WORSE. WE'RE WORKING ON
20 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, THE ENVIRONMENT, THE CIVILIAN
21 OVERSIGHT, AND MORE. THIS IS JUST SIMPLY A SHORT LIST. I
22 CONCLUDE BY SAYING I WANT TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE TO THE
23 EXECUTIVE OFFICE, AND IN PARTICULAR, MADAM CHAIR. HER TEAM HAS
24 BEEN STELLAR IN SUPPORTING THE BOARD CHAIR. THEY ARE
25 INDISPENSABLE. DR. GLASGOW HAS BEEN EXEMPLARY IN THIS

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1 CONNECTION. MY STAFF AND I HAVE APPRECIATED THE CONSISTENT
2 PROFESSIONALISM, THE RESPONSIVENESS, AND LEADERSHIP DISPLAYED
3 BY THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE. THE INNOVATIONS MADE BY THE EXECUTIVE
4 OFFICE OVER THE PAST YEAR, TO INCREASE TRANSPARENCY AND
5 ENHANCE THE EXPERIENCE OF OUR CONSTITUENTS AT THESE MEETINGS,
6 THEY ALL HAVE BEEN QUITE IMPRESSIVE AND LONG OVERDUE. I'M NOT
7 AT ALL SHY ABOUT SPREADING THE WORD THAT THIS BOARD BELIEVES
8 IN INTEGRITY AND INCLUSIVITY AND DIVERSITY. AND I'M CONFIDENT
9 THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO PRACTICE THE INTENTIONAL CIVILITY
10 WITH ONE ANOTHER AND OUR CONSTITUENTS, AS WE REMAIN RESOLUTE
11 IN TACKLING THE WIDE RANGE OF ISSUES BEFORE US. I HAVE THE
12 UTMOST CONFIDENCE IN OUR NEW BOARD CHAIR, SHEILA JAMES KUEHL,
13 TO GUIDE US. I HAD THE BENEFIT OF SERVING WITH HER IN THE
14 SENATE, WHEN SHE CHAIRED, AND SHE IS AN EFFICIENT CHAIR. SHE'S
15 A VERY CAPABLE CHAIR, AND WE HAVE MUCH TO LOOK FORWARD. BEFORE
16 I RELINQUISH THE MICROPHONE, I WANT TO FIGURATIVELY AND MORE
17 FORMALLY PASS THE GAVEL TO OUR NEW CHAIR. IT IS MY PLEASURE
18 NOW TO NOMINATE SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN, MADAM CHAIR, TO THE
19 POSITION OF CHAIR PRO TEM. AND I THANK YOU FOR THIS
20 OPPORTUNITY AND THESE REMARKS.

21
22 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** AND I SECOND, AND WE WOULD GIVE YOU A BIG
23 ROUND OF APPLAUSE.

24
25 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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2 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** BUT IF YOU THINK YOU'RE GETTING AWAY WITH
3 JUST THAT, THERE ARE SOME OF YOUR COLLEAGUES THAT WANT TO TALK
4 ABOUT YOU; I'M ASSUMING PRAISE YOU, BUT WE'LL SEE.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE SHALL SEE.

7

8 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR HAHN.

9

10 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND I ACCEPT THAT
11 NOMINATION THAT YOU MADE EARLIER, MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS. I JUST
12 WANT TO TAKE A MOMENT TO SALUTE YOU, AS WELL, AND THANK YOU
13 FOR YOUR SERVICE AS OUR CHAIR, THIS PAST YEAR. IT WAS GREAT
14 FOR ME. I, OF COURSE, HAVE KNOWN YOU A VERY LONG TIME. I KNEW
15 YOU WHEN YOU WERE WITH SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP
16 CONFERENCE. I SERVED WITH YOU ON THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL.
17 SO, REALLY GREAT FOR ME, IN MY FIRST YEAR BEING A MEMBER OF
18 THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, TO HAVE YOU BE THE CHAIR. AND I
19 WILL ALWAYS BE GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY THAT YOU GAVE ME
20 TO CO-AUTHOR THE MOTION ON OUR VERY FIRST MEETING A YEAR AGO,
21 TO PLACE MEASURE H ON THE BALLOT FOR THE VOTERS OF L.A.
22 COUNTY. AND CLEARLY, YOU AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,
23 BEFORE I GOT HERE, WORKED TIRELESSLY TO GET LOS ANGELES COUNTY
24 TO THE POINT OF REALIZING HOW SERIOUS THE ISSUE OF
25 HOMELESSNESS WAS AND IS. AND THEN I WATCHED YOU DURING THE

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1 TIME BEFORE THE VOTERS VOTED, REALLY GETTING OUT THERE AND
2 EDUCATING ALL THE VOTERS OF L.A. COUNTY ON WHY THIS WAS OUR
3 MOMENT IN TIME TO TACKLE HOMELESSNESS LIKE WE HAD NEVER DONE
4 BEFORE. AND I THINK IT WAS YOUR LEADERSHIP, AND CERTAINLY THE
5 STEWARDSHIP OF THE BOARD, THAT CONVINCED THE VOTERS TO HAVE
6 TRUST IN US AND BE WILLING TO TAX THEMSELVES, KNOWING THAT WE
7 WOULD SPEND THEIR MONEY WISELY IN TACKLING THIS PROJECT. I
8 KNOW BEING CHAIR IS A TOUGH JOB, BUT YOU MADE IT LOOK EASY.
9 AND EVERY WEEK, YOU WERE VERY GOOD AT KEEPING US ON SCHEDULE
10 AND TO THE TASK AT HAND. BUT I REALLY APPRECIATED THE WAY YOU,
11 YOU KNOW, RESPECTED AND GAVE DIGNITY TO THE PUBLIC. EVERY TIME
12 SOMEONE CAME BEFORE US TO TESTIFY, TO PRAISE, OR COMPLAIN, YOU
13 TREATED EVERYONE EQUALLY, EVERYONE WITH RESPECT, EVERYONE WITH
14 DIGNITY. AND WHEN PEOPLE HAD PROBLEMS THAT THEY FELT THERE WAS
15 NOWHERE ELSE TO GO BUT HERE, ON A TUESDAY, YOU ALWAYS MADE
16 SURE THAT SOMEONE MET WITH THEM AFTERWARDS, TRIED TO HELP
17 SOLVE THEIR PROBLEMS, AND I THINK THAT WAS AN EXAMPLE TO ALL
18 OF US. SO I'VE ENJOYED-- ONE OF MY FAVORITE MOMENTS WAS, OF
19 COURSE, THE DAY WITHOUT WOMEN, WHEN, UNBEKNOWNST TO YOU, ALL
20 THE WOMEN ON THE DAIS UP HERE EXITED STAGE RIGHT, RIGHT WHEN
21 YOU WERE TRYING TO BEGIN THE MEETING, AND YOU REALIZED THAT
22 COUNTY BUSINESS COULD NOT GO FORWARD WITHOUT THE WOMEN. AND I
23 KNOW THAT WAS TOUGH FOR YOU TO ACKNOWLEDGE, BUT YOU DID IT
24 WITH GREAT GRACE AND APLOMB, SO WE THANK YOU FOR THAT. I
25 ENJOYED MY FIRST YEAR. YOU WILL ALWAYS BE MY FIRST CHAIRMAN,

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1 AND I'LL NEVER FORGET THAT. BUT I DO LOOK FORWARD TO A
2 CHAIRWOMANSHIP. AND, SHEILA, YOUR GRACE AND WIT AND GRIT WILL
3 BE SO REFRESHING TO HAVE HERE ON THE BOARD, SO CONGRATULATIONS
4 TO YOU. I LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR YEAR AS CHAIR.

5

6 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR BARGER.

7

8 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. FIRST OF ALL, TODAY IS OUR ONE-YEAR
9 ANNIVERSARY, JANICE. ON THIS DAY A YEAR AGO, WE WERE SWORN IN.
10 AND FROM DAY ONE, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, YOU'VE MADE ALL OF
11 US FEEL WELCOME. AS SOMEONE WHO'S NEW ON THIS BOARD, YOU WERE
12 INCLUSIVE. AND ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE BOARD MEETING, HAVING
13 HOMELESS BE THE FIRST CHALLENGE THAT WE FACED, AND COMING
14 TOGETHER AS A BOARD, AS A WHOLE, WAS NOT A SMALL
15 ACCOMPLISHMENT, AND IT WAS YOUR LEADERSHIP THAT BROUGHT US ALL
16 TOGETHER. AND I PERSONALLY WANT TO THANK YOU FOR MAKING MY
17 FIRST YEAR AS AN ELECTED OFFICIAL THE SUCCESS THAT I FEEL IT
18 WAS, BECAUSE I COULD NOT HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOUR LEADERSHIP,
19 YOUR COUNSEL, YOUR MENTORING, YOUR FRIENDSHIP. AND I DO NOT
20 TAKE THAT LIGHTLY. WE ALL KNOW THAT THIS WILL BE THE LAST TIME
21 THAT WE ACTUALLY SAY "MR. CHAIR." WE ARE TRULY INDEBTED TO
22 YOU, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU THIS YEAR, AS WE
23 MAKE SUPERVISOR KUEHL, NOW CHAIRWOMAN KUEHL'S JOB, EFFORTLESS
24 AND EASY. BUT YOU STAND FOR SO MUCH, AND PEOPLE IN THE
25 AUDIENCE NEED TO UNDERSTAND, THIS IS A MAN WHO DOES NOT ONLY

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1 TALK IT, HE WALKS IT. AND HE WALKS IT EVERY SINGLE DAY. WHEN I
2 LEAVE AT NIGHT, HE IS STILL HERE. HE TRULY IS A SUPERVISOR OF
3 THE PEOPLE. AND SO I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP
4 THIS YEAR, BUT ALSO FOR EVERYTHING YOU DO ON A CONTINUAL
5 BASIS. SO THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** I WANT TO CHIME IN, TOO. DO YOU WANT TO
8 APPLAUD AFTER EACH ONE, OR DO YOU WANT TO DO THIS IN HIS
9 HONOR? [APPLAUSE.] WELL, I WANT TO THANK YOU. NOBODY KNOWS
10 WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE CHAIR UNTIL THEY'RE CHAIR.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THAT'S TRUE.

13

14 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** AND WE SAW THAT IN THE LEGISLATURE. AND,
15 YOU KNOW, YOU CARE A LOT ABOUT YOUR COLLEAGUES, AND WHETHER
16 THEY'RE SUCCEEDING. THAT'S GOOD. BUT AS CHAIR, IT'S LIKE YOU
17 SUDDENLY HAVE TO CARE ABOUT ALL OF IT AT A HIGHER LEVEL. ARE
18 THEY DOING ALL RIGHT? ARE THEY ABLE TO DO THEIR WORK? ARE THEY
19 THRIVING? ARE THEIR STAFFS HAVING WHAT THEY NEED? WHEN THEY
20 DON'T AGREE, RIGHT UP TO THE LAST MINUTE, CAN YOU HELP THEM
21 WORK IT OUT SO THAT WE COME TO THE RIGHT WIN-WIN SOLUTION? ALL
22 OF THAT, I LEARNED FROM YOU, AND HOPE TO CARRY IT FORWARD THIS
23 YEAR. AND I'LL BET YOU HOPE SO, TOO, BECAUSE IT WAS EXTREMELY
24 HELPFUL. YOUR TENACITY AND GRACE-- MAY I SAY, YOUR FAITH,
25 ALSO-- HAS REALLY ELEVATED SO MUCH OF THE DISCUSSION HERE,

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1 MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR US TO ACCOMPLISH THE KINDS OF THINGS THAT
2 WE SPEAK ABOUT WHEN WE'RE SWORN IN; YOU KNOW, "HERE ARE THE
3 THINGS I WANT TO DO." BUT NO ONE PERSON GETS ANYTHING DONE
4 HERE, AND YOU MADE CERTAIN THAT WE COULD SUCCEED AS A BODY
5 THAT HAS TO RUN A COUNTY THAT IS THE LARGEST IN THE NATION. SO
6 THANK YOU FOR YOUR CHAIRPERSONSHIP, THANK YOU FOR YOUR
7 FRIENDSHIP SINCE WAY BACK, AND I MAY SAY A FEW WORDS AFTER, AS
8 WELL. BUT IT'S BEEN A GREAT PLEASURE WATCHING YOU CHAIR,
9 EXPERIENCING YOUR CHAIRMANSHIP, AND I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO THE
10 NEXT YEAR, AS WELL. SO, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. [APPLAUSE.]

11

12 **SUP. SOLIS:** WELL, A LOT HAS BEEN SAID, AND I CONCUR WITH MOST
13 OF WHAT HAS BEEN SAID. BUT I ALSO WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR
14 RIDLEY-THOMAS AND HIS STAFF, BECAUSE BEHIND THE SCENES, THAT'S
15 REALLY WHAT MAKES US LOOK GOOD. AND HE KNOWS IT, AND I KNOW
16 IT, AND MANY OF US WHO'VE BEEN IN PUBLIC OFFICE KNOW HOW
17 IMPORTANT OUR STAFF ARE TO HELP WORK OUT THE KINKS, AND WORK
18 OUT ON ISSUE AREAS THAT WE CARE ABOUT. AND I WANT TO SAY THAT
19 IT'S IMPORTANT TO HAVE A VOICE LIKE YOURS PRESENT, BECAUSE WE
20 KNOW THAT OUR COMMUNITIES MAY NOT HAVE THE ABILITY TO COME TO
21 THESE MEETINGS OFTEN, BUT THEY EXPECT SO MUCH OF US, AND THEY
22 ENTRUST THEIR GOODWILL TO US. AND I KNOW YOU HAVE BEEN DOING
23 THIS FOR MANY YEARS, AND THE FIGHT GOES ON. SO I'M PLEASED TO
24 BE HERE TO SALUTE YOU, AND KNOW THAT THERE'S MORE FOR US TO
25 GET DONE HERE ON THE BOARD. AND I ALSO WANT TO CONGRATULATE

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1 YOU AND YOUR STAFF AND YOUR FAMILY, BECAUSE IT TAKES, ALSO,
2 OUR FAMILY, THAT SUPPORTS US IN THESE ENDEAVORS. SO GOD BLESS.
3 THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SUPERVISOR
6 KUEHL, MADAM CHAIR, IF I'VE HAD SUCCESS IN PUBLIC LIFE, IT IS
7 LARGELY BECAUSE I'VE BEEN BLESSED WITH ABLE PEOPLE WHO ARE, IN
8 MORE INSTANCES THAN MIGHT BE KNOWN, MUCH SMARTER THAN I. THE
9 SAME IS TRUE NOW. WOULD YOU PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE THE TEAM THAT
10 KEEPS ME MOVING AND HELPS ME TO ELEVATE MY GAME: THE SENIOR
11 STAFF OF THE SECOND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT, LED BY OUR CHIEF
12 DEPUTY, DORINNE JORDAN, AND OUR ASSISTANT CHIEF DEPUTY, RANDI
13 TAHARA, AND OUR ASSOCIATE CHIEF DEPUTY, KARLY KATONA. THE
14 WHOLE TEAM IS IN THE HOUSE. YOU NOTE THAT THEIR GENDER IS NOT
15 UNLIKE THAT OF THE COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD, SO I'M IN GOOD
16 SHAPE. GIVE THEM A BIG, BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. THEY WORK HARD
17 FOR THEIR MONEY. [APPLAUSE.] THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** WE HAVE ONE REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON
20 THE REORGANIZATION. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE
21 SPEAKER FORWARD.

22

23 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** WOULD ERIC PREVEN PLEASE COME
24 FORWARD?

25

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1 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** WELCOME.

2

3 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AND GOOD MORNING. IT
4 IS ERIC PREVEN, FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT. I LIVE IN STUDIO
5 CITY, AND I DO FOLLOW THE BOARD QUITE CLOSELY. FIRST OF ALL,
6 THANK YOU TO MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR HIS ESTEEMED LEADERSHIP
7 OVER THE YEARS. AND I'LL FOCUS ON ENCOURAGING YOU, BECAUSE I
8 ADMIRE YOUR WORK, AND I THINK IT IS EXCITING THAT WE NOW HAVE
9 FOUR WOMEN ON THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, FOR THE FIRST
10 TIME EVER, AND NOW A CHAIR. AND I THINK THIS WOULD BE A GREAT
11 TIME TO ROLL BACK THE PLANS TO INCARCERATE WOMEN IN MIRA LOMA.
12 SO I ASK YOU, OUT FRONT OF EVERYBODY, TO LOOK CLOSELY AT
13 FINDING AN ALTERNATIVE SOLUTION, BECAUSE IT IS A BAD, BAD
14 IDEA. AND IN TERMS OF THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS THAT ARE BEING
15 ASSIGNED THIS WAY AND THAT, I KNOW YOU'RE IN CHARGE OF THE
16 DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, AND THEY JUST INCREASED THEIR FEES
17 FOR RECORDING BY ALMOST \$4 MILLION A YEAR, AND WE DIDN'T EVEN
18 SEE THE NUMBER. SO, REGARDING TRANSPARENCY, I KNOW YOU'RE
19 TRYING, BUT WE DO NEED TO SORT OF SEE THE MATH ON SOME OF
20 THESE ITEMS AS THEY COME BEFORE THE COUNTY BOARD OF
21 SUPERVISORS. I WOULD APPRECIATE THAT. ALSO, FOR THE FOURTH
22 DISTRICT, REGULATING MASSAGE PARLORS IS AN INTERESTING AREA. I
23 HAVE TWO MINUTES, I BELIEVE. YEAH.

24

25 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** YOU WANTED TWO MINUTES ALLOCATED FOR THIS?

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1

2 **ERIC PREVEN:** MY MISTAKE.

3

4 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** START THE ONE-MINUTE CLOCK AGAIN, PLEASE.

5 GO AHEAD.

6

7 **ERIC PREVEN:** THAT'S FINE. AND REGARDING THE JOB ORDER
8 CONTRACTING, WHICH IS SOMETHING THAT WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT
9 FOR A VERY LONG TIME, I DON'T SEE THE C.E.O. PROPER, MS.
10 HAMAI, TODAY, OR MARY WICKHAM. BUT WE REALLY DO HAVE TO LOOK
11 CLOSELY AT THAT, BECAUSE IT'S ENORMOUS. IT'S HUNDREDS OF
12 MILLIONS OF DOLLARS, THAT WE FOUND BY OUR OWN AUDITOR, THAT
13 THERE WAS SOME FRAUD. SO WE SHOULD TRY TO TAKE A CLOSE LOOK AT
14 THAT. AND THERE'S SO MANY OPPORTUNITIES IN PARKS AND REC, WITH
15 THESE PARKS. WE WROTE RECENTLY ABOUT CONVERTING A COUNTY GOLF
16 COURSE INTO, PERHAPS, A PARK, SOMETHING LIKE CENTRAL PARK. I
17 THINK THOSE THINGS HAVE TO BE DONE WITH OPEN BIDDING AND
18 R.F.P.S, NOT EXCLUSIVE NEGOTIATING AGREEMENTS AND SOLE SOURCE
19 CONTRACTS. AND TODAY WE'RE GOING TO HONOR MR. PRANG, WHO IS
20 COMING IN AS THE ASSESSOR FOR ANOTHER YEAR, BUT WE'VE NOT YET
21 QUITE FINISHED DEALING WITH MR. NOGUEZ. SO YOU'RE IN CHARGE OF
22 A LOT: THE D.A., THE PROBATION. YOU'RE BASICALLY THE NEW
23 JUSTICE DEPUTY FOR THE COUNTY, SO WE LOOK FORWARD TO TAKING
24 SOME STRONG ACTIONS, AND I WISH YOU ALL A GOOD TIME. AND

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1 REGARDING COMITY AND FAIRNESS, WE MUST HAVE ONE SYSTEM, NOT
2 TWO TIERS OF PUBLIC SPEAKERS. AND I APPRECIATE. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I WAS A LITTLE BIT LAX ON THE
5 SUBJECT MATTER PIECE, BECAUSE ALL OF THAT DOES RELATE TO
6 LEADERSHIP. BUT I WANT TO LET SPEAKERS KNOW THAT WE EXPECT
7 THAT WHEN YOU COME TO SPEAK ON AN ITEM, NOT COUNTING THE END
8 OF THE SESSION, WHERE WE DO HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANYTHING
9 YOU WANT, BUT WHEN YOU COME TO SPEAK ON A SPECIFIC ITEM, YOU
10 WILL BE HELD TO BE SPEAKING ON THAT ITEM. SO THANK YOU VERY
11 MUCH. THAT EXHAUSTS PUBLIC COMMENT. NO, WE HAVE ONE MORE.
12 PLEASE CALL THE SPEAKER.

13

14 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** MR. DAN GUSS HAS SIGNED UP TO SPEAK
15 ON THE REORGANIZATION.

16

17 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** ON THE REORGANIZATION? ALL RIGHT. WELCOME.

18

19 **DAN GUSS:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS DANIEL GUSS. I
20 WRITE FOR CITYWATCH L.A. AND MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS TALKED ABOUT
21 THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN, AMONG OTHER THINGS, AND SEXUAL
22 EXPLOITATION. I WANTED TO BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION AN ABSOLUTE
23 CRISIS YOU HAVE RIGHT NOW, THAT I HOPE MS. KUEHL WILL BRING TO
24 THE FOREFRONT. I HAVE AN ARTICLE, PRESENTLY IN CITYWATCH L.A.,
25 ABOUT REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS WHO'VE ACCESSED ELEMENTARY

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1 SCHOOLS, BECAUSE THEY ARE VOTING POLL WORKERS. THE L.A. COUNTY
2 REGISTRAR-RECORDER HAS EVADED ME FOR SIX MONTHS. THERE IS A
3 REGISTERED SEX OFFENDER IN AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN MS. KUEHL'S
4 DISTRICT-- A CHILD RAPIST. THERE'S HIS PAGE, ON THE MEGAN'S
5 LAW WEBSITE. THE L.A.U.S.D. HAS NOT BEEN HONEST WITH PARENTS
6 ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED. AND I, AFTER SIX MONTHS, FINALLY FOUND
7 OUT FROM THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER'S OFFICE THAT YOU HAVE
8 ABSOLUTELY ZERO SCREENING PROCESS FOR ANYBODY WHO WISHES TO
9 WORK AS A POLL WORKER IN MR. LOGAN'S OFFICE. IN RED LETTERS ON
10 HIS PAGE, IT SAYS SEX OFFENDERS ARE PROHIBITED. I HAVE FOUND
11 ONE. DEAN LOGAN HAS EVADED AN INTERVIEW WITH ME. I AM ASKING
12 FOR ANY ONE OF YOU OR YOUR REPRESENTATIVES TO TELL ME WHAT
13 YOU'RE GOING TO DO TO MAKE SURE THAT REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS--
14 - CHILD RAPISTS, PEDOPHILES; AND OTHER PEOPLE-- PEOPLE WITH
15 ARMED ROBBERY CONVICTIONS, IDENTITY THEFT CONVICTIONS-- ARE
16 GOING TO BE SCREENED. RIGHT NOW, THE COUNTY HAS ZERO SCREENING
17 PROCESS. AND THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER, WHO HAS MADE MY JOB NOT
18 EASIER BUT MUCH MORE DIFFICULT, SOMEBODY PLEASE TELL ME WHAT
19 YOU'RE GOING TO DO ABOUT IT. I'D BE GLAD TO SHOW YOU THE
20 INFORMATION. I DON'T WANT TO CREATE A MOB MENTALITY, AND
21 ENDANGER THIS PERSON.

22
23 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. JUST GIVE US THE INFORMATION,
24 AND WE'LL BE HAPPY TO SHARE IT AMONG THE BOARD.

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1 **DAN GUSS:** THANK YOU.

2

3 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ONE MORE SPEAKER SIGNED UP, AND
4 NOW THE SIGN-UPS ARE CUT OFF. THANK YOU.

5

6 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** THE LAST PERSON TO SIGN UP FOR THIS
7 ITEM IS MELLO DESIRE. PLEASE COME FORWARD TO SPEAK ON
8 REORGANIZATION.

9

10 **REV. DR. MELLO DESIRE:** HI. GOOD EVENING, BOARD; OR GOOD
11 MORNING, RATHER. I AM SO GLAD TO SEE YOU, MS. KUEHL, AT THE
12 CHAIR. IT REALLY IS A REFRESHING BREATH OF FRESH AIR. I HOPE
13 THAT WE HAVE RESOURCES THAT ARE NOW MORE AVAILABLE FOR YOUTH
14 AND WOMEN THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY. ONE OF THE MAJOR
15 THINGS HAS BEEN THE LACK OF CREATIVE SPACES FOR OUR YOUTH;
16 FOSTER YOUTH, PARTICULARLY. I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING AN INFLUX
17 IN OUTREACH COORDINATION, AS FAR AS DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL
18 HEALTH, AS FAR AS THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM, ESPECIALLY IN URBAN
19 L.A.: SOUTH L.A., PARTICULARLY, AND HOMELESS SHELTERS
20 THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY. THERE IS A VERY HIGH NEED FOR
21 OVERSIGHT COMMITTEES. OVERSIGHT COMMITTEES ARE TAKEN LIGHTLY.
22 THEY'RE NOT BEING ADMINISTERED IN AREAS OF D.C.F.S., OF MENTAL
23 HEALTH, HOMELESSNESS, AND SO ON AND SO FORTH. BUT PRIMARILY,
24 THE SAFE SPACES THAT ARE NEEDED FOR THE YOUTH, SO THEY CAN
25 CREATE PROGRAMS FOR THEIR PEERS, IS WHAT'S NEEDED MOST OF. AND

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1 IN THE PAST, YOU HAVE REALLY FOUGHT FOR SEX TRAFFICKING AND
2 THE RIGHTS FOR OUR YOUTH, AND THAT IS DULY NOTED. SO WE LOOK
3 FORWARD TO 2018 AND WHERE WE'RE SEEING SIGNIFICANT CHANGES:
4 CHANGES THAT ARE NEEDED TO BREATHE IN LIFE IN THE AREAS OF
5 PEOPLE WHO REPEATEDLY ARE ASKING FOR HELP, THAT THEIR CRIES
6 ARE NOT FALLING ON DEAF EARS, THAT WE ACTUALLY SEE A CHANGE OF
7 STRUCTURE, ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE INCORPORATION, FACIAL
8 RECOGNITION, AND REALLY BE ON THE FOREFRONT, ON THE CUTTING
9 EDGE OF TECHNOLOGY, IN THESE VERY OLD, DUSTY BUILDINGS
10 THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY. A LOT OF THEM NEED TO BE
11 BROUGHT DOWN. AND ALONG WITH THE PHYSICAL CHANGES, I LOOK
12 FORWARD TO THE VISUAL CHANGES, AS WELL. SO THANK YOU FOR YOUR
13 SERVICE.

14

15 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. THAT
16 CONCLUDES PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE CHANGE IN LEADERSHIP. IT'S
17 BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED TO APPOINT SUPERVISOR HAHN AS THE
18 CHAIR PRO TEM. SHALL WE DO IT BY ACCLAMATION?

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SO MOVED.

21

22 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. IT IS MOVED TO ACCEPT THE
23 NOMINATION BY ACCLAMATION, SO PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

24

25 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** GOOD. [APPLAUSE.]

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1

2 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** CONGRATULATIONS. SO THIS IS THE POINT WHERE
3 THE INCOMING CHAIR ALSO SAYS A FEW REMARKS, AND I KNOW
4 EVERYBODY'S SAYING, "OH, MY GOD, THOSE PEOPLE LOVE TO TALK,"
5 WHICH IS TRUE. THEY DO LOVE TO TALK. [LAUGHTER.] HOWEVER, IF
6 YOU LOOK AT YOUR WATCH, YOU'LL NOTICE THAT WE WILL HAVE
7 LISTENED A LOT MORE THAN WE TALK AT EVERY MEETING. SO I JUST
8 WANT TO SAY, I GREW UP IN L.A. AND AS A KID, ACTUALLY ON MY
9 WAY TO MY FIRST TELEVISION SERIES JOB, WE WOULD DRIVE EVERY
10 DAY PAST THE OLD HELMS BAKERY IN CULVER CITY. AND EMBLAZONED
11 ACROSS THE TOP OF THE HELMS BAKERY, IT SAID, "WHERE THERE IS
12 NO VISION, THE PEOPLE PERISH." NOW, I THOUGHT THAT MR. HELMS
13 HAD SAID THAT, THROUGH MY CHILDHOOD. SURPRISINGLY ENOUGH, IT'S
14 IN THE BIBLE, IN PROVERBS. AND IN THESE TIMES, ESPECIALLY, IT
15 IS SO IMPORTANT TO TRY TO ARTICULATE A VISION, TO TRY TO ENACT
16 A VISION, TO HAVE SOME CONGRUITY, IN TERMS OF THE WAY WE LOOK.
17 AND IN THESE TIMES, NATIONALLY, MANY PEOPLE HAVE USED THE WORD
18 "DARKNESS," BECAUSE HUMAN BEINGS WERE ALWAYS SO AFRAID, AS THE
19 DAYS GOT SHORTER, THAT THE SUN WAS JUST GOING TO DISAPPEAR,
20 AND THERE WOULD NEVER BE LIGHT AGAIN; WHICH IS WHY, IN EVERY
21 FAITH AROUND THIS TIME OF YEAR, YOU HAVE A FESTIVAL THAT
22 INVOLVES LIGHT, NO MATTER WHAT THE FAITH IS, AS THE RABBI
23 INDICATED TO US TODAY. AND TO REFLECT ON THE YEAR PAST, AS
24 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS DID SO ELOQUENTLY, AND LOOK TO THE
25 YEAR AHEAD, ONE THING REALLY STANDS OUT FOR ME: THE COUNTY IS

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1 WHERE THE BUCK STOPS. THE CONGRESS IS VERY IMPORTANT TO US. WE
2 LOSE A LOT OF FUNDING-- IT SEEMS LIKE EVERY DAY, ACTUALLY-- BY
3 VOTES, NATIONALLY. THE STATE IS VERY IMPORTANT TO US, ALSO ON
4 ISSUES OF FUNDING AND POLICY. BUT IF YOU LOOK AT IT, THIS IS
5 WHERE THE RUBBER HITS THE ROAD. THIS IS WHERE INDIVIDUAL
6 PEOPLE. WE REFER TO 10 MILLION PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN L.A. COUNTY.
7 THINK ABOUT WHAT THAT MEANS. 1 OUT OF EVERY 35 AMERICANS LIVES
8 IN L.A. COUNTY. AND NOT ONLY THAT, BUT SINCE WE HAVE 106,000
9 EMPLOYEES, 1 OUT OF EVERY 100 PEOPLE WHO LIVES IN THE COUNTY
10 WORKS FOR THE COUNTY. WHY IS THAT? BECAUSE WE CAN'T TAKE CARE
11 OF 10 MILLION PEOPLE AS A GROUP. BUT OUR JOB IS TO DO
12 EVERYTHING WE CAN FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL PERSON: THEIR SPECIFIC
13 NEED, THEIR SPECIFIC TALENT, THEIR SPECIFIC HISTORY. HOPE IS
14 PLACED IN US TO CARE FOR EACH AND EVERY ONE. BUT WHAT WE
15 DISCOVER, AS WE LOOK AT EACH PERSON IN OUR COUNTY, IS THAT
16 THEY HAVE MANY FACETS. THEY DO NOT SIMPLY NEED HEALTHCARE.
17 THEY DO NOT SIMPLY NEED MENTAL HEALTH OR PUBLIC HEALTH
18 PROTECTION. THEY DO NOT SIMPLY NEED A WAY TO GET TO WORK. THEY
19 DO NOT SIMPLY NEED HELP WHEN THEIR FAMILY'S SPLINTERED. IN
20 MANY FAMILIES, THEY NEED ALL THESE THINGS AT DIFFERENT TIMES.
21 SO WE NEED TO PAY ATTENTION TO WHERE OUR DEPARTMENTS, OUR
22 SERVICE, OUR CARING INTERSECTS WITH EACH OTHER, BECAUSE IT IS
23 THE PERSON THAT IS THE CENTER OF WHAT WE DO; NOT THE
24 DEPARTMENT, NOT EACH SUPERVISOR, NOT THE DISTRICT, BUT THE
25 PERSON. OUR DEPARTMENTS ARE WORKING BETTER TOGETHER THAN THEY

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1 EVER HAVE. WE HAVE SAID, "YOU MUST, OR WE CAN'T CARE FOR ALL
2 THE PEOPLE FOR WHOM WE HAVE TO CARE." OUR POLICIES TAKE THIS
3 INTO ACCOUNT. WE ESTABLISHED A NUMBER OF THINGS UNDER
4 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS'S WATCH, WHICH I CALL THE ADHOCRACY.
5 THAT IS, THERE ARE THINGS IN THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE THAT COVERED
6 SO MANY DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS, LIKE HOMELESSNESS, WE HAD TO
7 ESTABLISH THEM IN THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE, OR THE OFFICE OF CHILD
8 PROTECTION. SO WHY DO WE DO ALL OF THIS? I WOULD SAY, AT LEAST
9 IN MY YEAR, I WOULD LIKE TO EMPHASIZE A NUMBER OF HOPES THAT I
10 HAVE FOR WHAT OUR SERVICES WILL MEAN FOR EACH OF THE 10
11 MILLION PEOPLE. THE FIRST WORD THAT CAME TO MIND FOR ME WAS
12 "STABILITY." I LOOK AT OUR CHILDREN, I LOOK AT OUR YOUNG
13 PEOPLE, SO MANY OF THEM WHO HAVE SOUGHT HELP FROM US, SO MANY
14 OF THEIR FAMILIES, AND WE TRY TO HELP. BUT IF THEY'RE IN THIS
15 PARTICULAR PLACE, THEY MIGHT GET THIS COUNSELOR. SUDDENLY,
16 PERHAPS THEY COMMIT A CRIME, THEY HAVE TO GO SOMEWHERE ELSE,
17 THEY HAVE A DIFFERENT COUNSELOR. THEIR HOMES MAY CHANGE. THEIR
18 SCHOOLS CHANGE. AND IT'S THE SAME FOR OUR WORKERS, WHO MANY
19 TIMES HAVE TWO OR THREE JOBS. SAME FOR OUR HOMELESS
20 POPULATION, WHO ARE NOT ALWAYS HOMELESS. THEY'RE HOUSED, THEN
21 HOMELESS, THEN HOUSED. IT'S STABILITY THAT I WOULD LIKE TO
22 TAKE AS ONE OF OUR TENETS FOR THIS YEAR IN THE COUNTY. THE
23 SECOND, I WOULD SAY "SAFETY." I THINK A LOT ABOUT THE
24 EXPERIENCE OF WOMEN THAT WE'RE HEARING ABOUT TODAY, BUT WE
25 KNOW, OVER THE YEARS, IT'S NOT JUST WOMEN. PEOPLE OF COLOR,

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1 IMMIGRANTS, ALL PEOPLE, L.G.B.T. PEOPLE, WHO FACE ANY KIND OF
2 HARASSMENT OR DISCRIMINATION, THEY ARE NOT SAFE. AND IN THIS
3 COUNTY, WE WANT THEM TO BE SAFE. MY THIRD WORD: "OPPORTUNITY."
4 PEOPLE REALLY WANT TO DO BETTER. THEY DON'T PARTICULARLY WANT
5 US TO HELP THEM DO BETTER, UNLESS THEY NEED THE HELP. SO LET
6 US HELP THEM HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO BETTER, NO MATTER WHO
7 WE ARE HELPING, PROTECTING, SERVING. MY FOURTH WORD, I WOULD
8 SAY "CREATIVITY." OUR FORMER CHAIR MENTIONED THE ARTS. IT'S
9 NOT JUST THE ARTS IN WHICH WE NEED TO BE CREATIVE. THINK ABOUT
10 THE ARTICLE THIS MORNING ABOUT HOUSING FOR HEALTH. WHO WOULD
11 HAVE THOUGHT THAT YOU COULD USE HEALTH DOLLARS TO PUT PEOPLE
12 IN HOUSING, AND THEY WOULD BE MORE HEALTHY? THAT KIND OF
13 CREATIVITY IS, I HOPE, ONE OF THE HALLMARKS FOR THIS YEAR. AND
14 THERE IS HOPE. TAKE A LOOK AT THIS DAIS. I'VE KNOWN THESE
15 PEOPLE, PROBABLY, COLLECTIVELY, FOR MORE THAN 100 YEARS. I'M
16 JUST SAYING. [LAUGHTER.] SUPERVISOR BARGER, WHOSE SERVICE TO
17 THE COUNTY IS APPROACHING 30 YEARS, HAS BEEN SO KEY IN WAYS
18 THAT THE CHAIRMAN, IN PRAISING HIS STAFF-- WE COULD TALK FOR
19 AN HOUR ABOUT HOW MUCH MORE IMPORTANT THE STAFF IS THAN WE
20 ARE. I KNOW NOTHING UNLESS MY STAFF TELLS ME WHAT IT IS, WHAT
21 IT'S ABOUT, WHAT WE NEED TO DO. SUPERVISOR BARGER-- CREATIVE,
22 COMMITTED, COMPASSIONATE-- A PLEASURE TO HAVE YOU SERVE THE
23 FIFTH DISTRICT. MY COLLEAGUE, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, I'VE KNOWN HER
24 THROUGH THE STATE ASSEMBLY, THE STATE SENATE, WHERE SHE SET
25 SOME FIRSTS HERSELF IN CONGRESS, AND IN THE CABINET OF

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1 PRESIDENT OBAMA. A DISTINGUISHED CAREER, DISTINGUISHED IN THE
2 COUNTY. A PLEASURE TO SERVE WITH YOU, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO
3 THE COMING YEAR. MY COLLEAGUE, SUPERVISOR HAHN, WHOM I KNEW--
4 EVERYBODY TALKS ABOUT HER DISTINGUISHED FAMILY. AND I ASKED
5 HER THE OTHER DAY, "DON'T YOU GET TIRED OF HEARING ABOUT YOUR
6 DAD?" AND SHE SAID, "NO." VERY PROUD OF HER DAD, OF HER
7 BROTHER THE JUDGE, OF ALL THE HAHNS. AND, YET, JANICE HAHN,
8 POSSIBLY THE BEST OF THEM ALL. [LAUGHTER.] WE'LL SEE. JUST
9 STARTING OUT, BUT ALREADY A DISTINGUISHED CAREER IN THE CITY
10 COUNCIL AND IN CONGRESS. AND I'M VERY, VERY PLEASED THAT YOU
11 DECIDED TO MOVE BACK AND JOIN US. AND, OF COURSE, MY-- I'M
12 JUST GOING TO SAY-- WE SAY THIS IN POLITICS A LOT, BUT MY GOOD
13 FRIEND, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, WHOM I'VE KNOWN BEFORE HE
14 KNEW ME, WHEN HE WAS A LOCAL CIVIL RIGHTS ICON, A LEADER, A
15 BRIGHT LIGHT IN THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT, ADAMANT ABOUT
16 FAIRNESS, ADAMANT ABOUT OPPORTUNITY; AND THEN A DISTINGUISHED
17 CAREER IN THE CITY COUNCIL, IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE, AND OF
18 COURSE HERE. MY FOUR COLLEAGUES, I AM SO PLEASED TO SERVE WITH
19 YOU. THE NEW LEADERSHIP THAT YOU SAW, THAT WE ARE BRINGING ON,
20 I'M EXCITED. WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE COMPOSITE, WE HAVE REMADE
21 THE LEADERSHIP IN THIS COUNTY, ALREADY. WE HAD THE
22 OPPORTUNITY, AND WE TOOK IT. AND WHAT DID WE DO? WE SELECTED
23 FOR EXCELLENCE. I HOPE THAT YOU WILL FIND THAT WE SELECTED
24 WELL. OUR STAFF IN THE COUNTY? I THOUGHT, "OH, YOU KNOW,
25 COUNTY WORKERS." EVERYBODY ALWAYS TALKED ABOUT COUNTY WORKERS.

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1 AND THEN I CAME TO WORK HERE. I HAVE NEVER MET SUCH DEDICATED
2 AND HONESTLY COMPASSIONATE PEOPLE. THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS AN
3 EIGHT-HOUR DAY FOR PRETTY MUCH EVERYBODY. AND I DON'T MEAN
4 JUST OUR STAFF; I MEAN THE 106,000 THAT ARE OUT THERE CARING
5 FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, CARING FOR THE PARKS, CARING FOR THE
6 BEACHES, CARING FOR THE CHILDREN, CARING FOR THE FAMILIES,
7 CARING, CARING, CARING. IT IS BIG. AND FINALLY, FOR MYSELF,
8 I'VE ALWAYS TRIED TO BE, AND HOPED TO BE, A SERVANT LEADER.
9 FRANKLY, LEADING IN A GROUP OF EQUALS, YOU DON'T HAVE A LOT OF
10 POWER, I'M JUST GOING TO SAY. YOU KNOW, IT TAKES THREE VOTES,
11 NO MATTER WHICH CHAIR YOU'RE SITTING IN, AND I LOVE THAT PART.
12 I LOVE NOT BEING A GOVERNOR THAT HAS TO WAKE UP AND GO, "OH,
13 I'M GOING TO MAKE UP WHAT WE DO TODAY." NO. YOU NEED YOUR
14 COLLEAGUES, AND YOU NEED YOUR STAFF. SO I HOPE TO BE THE
15 SERVANT LEADER. BUT MOST, I WANT TO SAY I'M KIND OF THE
16 CATCHER IN THE RYE. FOR THOSE OF YOU THAT HAVEN'T READ THE
17 BOOK, READ IT. [LAUGHTER.] ONE OF THE THINGS THAT THE HERO, I
18 GUESS YOU WOULD SAY, OR THE ANTIHERO, THINKS ABOUT HIMSELF IS
19 HE WILL STAND AT THE EDGE OF A FIELD, WHERE PEOPLE ARE RUNNING
20 OFF THE EDGE OF A CLIFF, AND TRY TO CATCH THEM BEFORE THEY ARE
21 DAMAGED. I FEEL LIKE, IN ASPIRATION, A COMIC SUPERHERO WITH
22 ACTUALLY NO POWERS, BUT WHO WOULD USE HER POWERS FOR GOOD. BUT
23 MOSTLY, I AM THE DREAMER AND THE DREAM. I'M THE DREAM BECAUSE
24 MY FOLKS WERE POOR-- WORKING POOR. THEY FINISHED THE EIGHTH
25 GRADE, AND MY SISTER AND I FINISHED LAW SCHOOL. I MEAN, WHAT A

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1 DREAM IS THAT, THANKS TO THEM. [APPLAUSE.] YOU DON'T HAVE TO
2 APPLAUD. THANK YOU. BUT IT WAS REALLY THEM, MAY THEIR SOULS
3 REST IN PEACE. THEY SET US ON OUR WAY. AND BEING THE FIRST GAY
4 PERSON IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE, WHEN THE REPUBLICANS HAD JUST
5 TAKEN POWER, I GUESS PEOPLE SAY, "THAT WAS INTERESTING." IT
6 WAS INTERESTING. BUT I WOULD HAVE NEVER IN MY LIFE THOUGHT
7 THAT ONE OF US COULD SERVE IN THE LEGISLATURE OR, FRANKLY, ON
8 THIS BODY; AND THE MORE IMPORTANT MINORITY, A FORMER SITCOM
9 ACTRESS. [LAUGHTER.] I MEAN, THINK ABOUT IT. NOBODY WOULD
10 THINK, YOU KNOW, TAKE YOU SERIOUSLY. SO I AM THE DREAM, OR I
11 HAVE LIVED IT, AND I AM ALSO THE DREAMER. I DREAM ABOUT ALL
12 THE THINGS THAT WE WILL DO. I DREAM ABOUT THE THINGS WE CAN DO
13 TOGETHER. I DREAM THAT, AT THE END OF MY YEAR, THINGS WILL BE
14 SLIGHTLY BETTER, AT LEAST. AND I THANK YOU ALL VERY, VERY MUCH
15 FOR THE OPPORTUNITY. [APPLAUSE.] THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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17 **SUP. SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR. BOY, WHERE DO I START? I KNOW THE
18 HOUR IS UPON US, BUT THERE'S SO MUCH TO BE SAID, AND I AM JUST
19 THRILLED, AND I KNOW SO MANY PEOPLE ARE, THAT YOU HAVE TAKEN
20 YOUR RIGHTFUL PLACE NOW AS THE CHAIRWOMAN OF THE BOARD OF
21 SUPERVISORS. I'VE KNOWN YOU FOR MORE THAN 20, MAYBE 25 YEARS,
22 AND YOU'VE WORKED TIRELESSLY, BACK THEN WORKING ON DOMESTIC
23 VIOLENCE, WOMEN'S ISSUES, CLEANING UP THE ENVIRONMENT; AND
24 ALWAYS ABOUT CIVIL RIGHTS AND DEFENDING PEOPLE AGAINST
25 DISCRIMINATION. AND THAT'S WHY I LOVE YOU: BECAUSE YOU'VE

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1 NEVER BEEN FEARFUL OF THE UNKNOWN. AND WHEN PEOPLE CHALLENGE
2 YOU OR THE THINGS YOU BELIEVE IN, IN A FIGHT, YOU'RE RIGHT
3 THERE. AND I HAVE A STORY. MANY YEARS AGO-- THIS WAS AROUND
4 THE TIME WHEN WE WERE GOING TO BE ELECTING A NEW GOVERNOR--
5 YOU CAME TO MY DISTRICT, EL SERENO, AND YOU DROVE UP IN YOUR
6 PORSCHE-- YOUR LITTLE RED PORSCHE. AND I THOUGHT, "OH, MY GOD,
7 SHE'S COMING TO EAST L.A., OR BOYLE HEIGHTS, IN A LITTLE
8 PORSCHE, AND THEY'RE THINKING, 'WHAT IN THE WORLD IS GOING
9 ON?'" WE GO TO A MIDDLE OF AN INTERSECTION, AND WE'RE OUT
10 THERE, AND WE'RE TALKING ABOUT DEFENDING WOMEN'S RIGHTS, AND
11 FIGHTING AND COMBATING SEXUAL HARASSMENT, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.
12 AND LOOK AT US TODAY. HERE WE ARE, SEATED AGAIN TOGETHER. I
13 SERVED WITH YOU IN THE ASSEMBLY, IN THE SENATE. YOU HELPED TO
14 PUSH FORWARD MANY INITIATIVES THAT I CARED ABOUT, AND STILL
15 CARE ABOUT, THAT YOU CARE ABOUT: THE ENVIRONMENT, PRESERVING
16 OPEN SPACE. YOU ALSO STOOD UP TO THE CHARGE, HERE ON THIS
17 BOARD, ON THIS DAIS, HELPING US MOVE FORWARD OUR PARK MEASURE,
18 WHICH NOW, AS A RESULT, PARK-POOR PLACES WILL NOW BE ABLE AND
19 ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE OVER \$94 MILLION ANNUALLY, UNTIL WE SAY
20 NO. AND THAT IS AN ACCOMPLISHMENT FOR ALL OF L.A. COUNTY, IN
21 PRESERVING OPEN SPACE. ALSO, ON HEALTHCARE, YOU'VE BEEN THERE
22 ON H.I.V. AND A.I.D.S., AND ALSO MAKING SURE THAT CHILDREN ARE
23 CARED FOR: THOSE THAT ARE IN DIRE NEED OF OUR PROTECTION AND
24 SAFETY. YOU'RE THERE TO BATTLE FOR THAT, AND I SALUTE YOU FOR
25 THAT. I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU ON COUNTLESS OTHER

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1 INITIATIVES, AND KNOW THAT AS WE MOVE AHEAD IN THE COMING
2 YEAR, THAT WE'LL ALL BE WORKING ON THE SAME LEVEL, TRYING TO
3 MOVE OUR AGENDA IN THE RIGHT COURSE. AND I THINK THE COUNTY IS
4 SO MUCH BETTER OFF FOR THIS NEW BOARD. I REALLY AM. I THINK
5 IT'S QUITE REMARKABLE. I DON'T THINK ANYONE REALLY PLANNED TO
6 SEE SO MANY WOMEN ELECTED, WHEN YOU SAW, JUST A YEAR AGO,
7 HOW... FORGIVE ME, BUT LAST YEAR, HOW PEOPLE DIDN'T ALL AGREE
8 THAT WOMEN COULD TAKE ON LEADERSHIP ROLES AT THE HIGHEST
9 LEVEL. AND NOW WE KNOW THAT HERE, AT A VERY IMPORTANT LEVEL,
10 WHERE WE COMMAND AND OVERSEE 10 MILLION PEOPLE, IF NOT MORE,
11 AND A BIG BUDGET, THE SIZE OF THE EIGHTH LARGEST STATE IN
12 POPULATION, BUT HERE WE ARE. AND IT'S A TESTIMONY, I THINK, TO
13 YOU, TO ALL OF US, TO PREVIOUS BOARD MEMBERS, BUT THAT WE ARE
14 MOVING IN A GOOD DIRECTION. SO I APPLAUD YOU AND YOUR STAFF,
15 WHO I KNOW WORKS TIRELESSLY, AS WELL. GOD BLESS THEM AND YOUR
16 FAMILY, AND LET'S KEEP MOVING. AND GIVE IT, AS THEY SAY IN
17 SPANISH, GANAS. ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. AND SI, SE PUEDE.

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19 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU ALL, AND
20 THANK YOU ALL FOR SITTING THROUGH THAT. WE'LL ONLY DO IT ONCE
21 A YEAR, I PROMISE. SO, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE
22 AGENDA.

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24 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS
25 OF THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN WITH PAGE 4, SPECIAL

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1 DISTRICT AGENDAS. THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE
2 HOUSING AUTHORITY. ON ITEM 1-H, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS
3 REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 5, CONSENT CALENDAR,
4 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 1 THROUGH 12. ON ITEM NO. 3, THIS
5 INCLUDES A CORRECTION, AS POSTED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.
6 SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HAVE REQUESTED THAT
7 THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 4, SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND MEMBERS
8 OF THE PUBLIC HAVE REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM
9 NO. 6, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED
10 BACK TO HER OFFICE. ON ITEM 7, THERE ARE THE FOLLOWING
11 ABSTENTIONS: ON SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 9 AND SANITATION
12 DISTRICT NO. 17, SUPERVISOR BARGER HAS STATED THAT SHE HAS A
13 PERSONAL FINANCIAL INTEREST BECAUSE SHE WOULD RECEIVE A
14 STIPEND FOR SERVING ON THESE DISTRICT BOARDS, AND THEREFORE
15 SHE WILL BE ABSTAINING FROM VOTING ON THOSE TWO APPOINTMENTS.
16 HER ABSTENTIONS ARE NOTED FOR THE RECORD. REGARDING THE
17 APPOINTMENTS TO THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF
18 GOVERNMENTS, SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND HAHN HAVE STATED THAT THEY
19 HAVE A PERSONAL FINANCIAL INTEREST, BECAUSE THEY WOULD RECEIVE
20 A STIPEND FOR SERVING ON THIS BODY, AND THEREFORE WILL BE
21 ABSTAINING FROM VOTING ON THIS APPOINTMENT. THEIR ABSTENTIONS
22 ARE NOTED FOR THE RECORD. ON ITEM NOS. 8 AND 9, MEMBERS OF THE
23 PUBLIC HAVE REQUESTED THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ITEM NO. 10
24 INCLUDES A REVISION, AS POSTED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, AND
25 A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD.

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1 ON ITEM NO. 12, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED THAT THIS
2 ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 9, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, ITEMS 13
3 THROUGH 38. ON ITEM NO. 13, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
4 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO JANUARY 30TH, 2018, AS
5 POSTED ON THE REGULAR AGENDA. ON ITEM NO. 16, A MEMBER OF THE
6 PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 18,
7 COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO JANUARY
8 30TH, 2018, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. ON ITEM NO. 20,
9 SUPERVISOR HAHN AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED THAT
10 THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEMS 23 AND 24, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
11 HAVE REQUESTED THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM 26,
12 SUPERVISOR BARGER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. AND ON ITEM
13 28, 29, AND 34, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HAVE REQUESTED THAT
14 THESE ITEMS BE HELD. THE REMAINING ITEMS, THROUGH 36-A, ARE
15 BEFORE YOU.

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17 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. FOR THOSE ITEMS, MOVED BY
18 SUPERVISOR SOLIS. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER. WITHOUT
19 OBJECTION, A UNANIMOUS VOTE SHOULD BE RECORDED.

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21 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 24, ORDINANCES FOR
22 INTRODUCTION. ITEM 39 IS AN ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION
23 AMENDING COUNTY CODE TITLE 6, SALARIES, BY ADDING SALARY
24 MOVEMENT FOR FIVE UNCLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE CLASSIFICATIONS, AND
25 ADDING AND/OR DELETING AND CHANGING CERTAIN CLASSIFICATIONS

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1 AND NUMBERS OF ORDINANCE POSITIONS IN VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS.

2 THIS ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

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4 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-

5 THOMAS. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN. ADOPTED WITHOUT

6 OBJECTION, UNANIMOUSLY.

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8 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 25, SEPARATE MATTER. THIS

9 IS A RECOMMENDATION TO APPOINT MS. AMY BODEK TO THE POSITION

10 OF DIRECTOR OF PLANNING, AT AN ANNUAL SALARY OF \$250,000,

11 EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1ST, 2018, AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS

12 REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 26, PUBLIC HEARINGS:

13 ITEMS 41 THROUGH 43 WILL BE HELD FOR PUBLIC HEARING. ON PAGE

14 29, NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION: ITEM CS-2 IS AN ADDITION, AS

15 POSTED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. THAT COMPLETES THE READING

16 OF THE AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS AND

17 PRESENTATIONS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 5

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19 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THE PRESENTATIONS BEGIN WITH

20 SUPERVISOR BARGER.

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22 **SUP. BARGER:** MADAM CHAIR, BEFORE I START MY PRESENTATIONS, I

23 WANTED TO BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF THE BOARD THE FIRES THAT

24 ARE TAKING PLACE RIGHT NOW.

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1 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** YES, PLEASE.

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3 **SUP. BARGER:** AND AS OF RIGHT NOW, THE FIRE IS GROWING, AND
4 ACTUALLY OUR D.C.F.S. OFFICE IN SANTA CLARITA IS BEING
5 EVACUATED. AND OLIVE VIEW MEDICAL CENTER, WHICH WAS IN THE
6 PROCESS OF BEING EVACUATED, THEY'RE ASKING THEM TO STAY IN
7 PLACE. THIS FIRE IS MOVING QUICKLY. IT'S JUMPED THE 5 FREEWAY,
8 AND IS NOW IN SANTA CLARITA, MOVING TOWARD THE 126, TOWARD THE
9 VENTURA FIRE. AND IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO REMEMBER THAT
10 DURING THIS PERIOD WITH THE HIGH WINDS, WE NEED TO BE
11 VIGILANT. AND THIS FIRE STARTED ABOUT 3:30 IN THE MORNING, AND
12 ALL OF OUR SERVICES WERE UP, FOCUSED ON THE FIRE UP IN VENTURA
13 COUNTY. AND WE ARE WORKING WITH THE CITY OF L.A., AS WELL AS
14 THE COUNTY, WITH BEING LEAD. AND CHIEF OSBY IS OUT THERE AS WE
15 SPEAK, REPRESENTING THE COUNTY, ALONG WITH MAYOR GARCETTI AND
16 COUNCILWOMAN MONICA RODRIGUEZ, WHO ARE ALSO WORKING UP IN THAT
17 AREA. KAGEL CANYON IS CURRENTLY UNDER EVACUATION ORDERS. FOR
18 THOSE OF YOU THAT DON'T KNOW, KAGEL CANYON HAS VERY SMALL
19 STREETS. IT'S IMPORTANT FOR PEOPLE TO LISTEN WHEN THEY'RE
20 ASKED TO EVACUATE, BECAUSE THE FIREFIGHTERS NEED TO GET UP
21 INTO THAT CANYON TO FIGHT THESE FIRES. BUT I PERSONALLY WANT
22 TO THANK ALL OF OUR FIRST RESPONDERS FOR THE JOB THAT THEY ARE
23 DOING, PUTTING THEIR LIFE AT RISK. WE HAVE BOTH SUPER SCOOPERS
24 UP IN THE AIR, AS WELL AS ALL OF OUR FIRE WATER-DROPPING
25 EQUIPMENT, AND L.A. CITY, AS WELL. SO I JUST WANT TO TAKE THE

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1 OPPORTUNITY TO BRING YOU ALL UP TO DATE ON WHAT IS GOING UP.
2 AND AGAIN, I WANT TO THANK CHIEF OSBY FOR HIS LEADERSHIP. HE
3 WAS TEXTING ME, EARLY, EARLY MORNING, GIVING ME AN UPDATE ON
4 WHAT'S GOING ON. SO IF PEOPLE NEED MORE INFORMATION, THEY CAN
5 CALL 211, OR THEY CAN GO TO THE SHELTER OUT THERE, WHICH IS IN
6 PACOIMA. THERE IS INFORMATION UP ON OUR SITE. BUT THE ANIMALS
7 CAN BE BROUGHT TO PIERCE COLLEGE. AND THERE'S A LOT OF HORSES
8 UP THERE, SO I WOULD ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO NOT ASSUME YOU'RE
9 GOING TO GET EVACUATED. IF YOU FEEL IT'S CLOSE, START
10 EVACUATING THE ANIMALS NOW, BECAUSE THAT TAKES A LOT OF TIME,
11 AND BETTER SAFE THAN SORRY. BETTER TO HAVE THEM OUT THAN TO,
12 AT THE LAST MINUTE, TRYING TO GET THEM OUT. SO WITH THAT, I
13 JUST WANTED TO BRING THAT TO EVERYONE'S ATTENTION.

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15 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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17 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND NOW, ON A LIGHTER NOTE...

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19 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** ON A LIGHTER NOTE.

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21 **SUP. BARGER:** ON A LIGHTER NOTE, WE HAVE JOY. JOY MAY HAVE A
22 NEW HOME, I THINK. THIS IS JOY, AND JOY IS A SHIH TZU MIX, 3-
23 MONTH-OLD FEMALE, THAT CAN BE ADOPTED BY CALLING OUR DOWNEY
24 SHELTER AT 562-723-4610. AND THERE ARE MANY MORE JOYS THAT ARE
25 LOOKING FOR PERMANENT HOMES, BUT THIS ONE MAY ALREADY HAVE

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1 FOUND ONE. I DON'T KNOW. OH, MY GOSH. CAN YOU SEE THIS? OH,
2 JOY, I KNOW. LIFE IS CRUEL. HE WOULD LOVE YOU, TOO, JANICE.
3 EQUAL-OPPORTUNITY LOVER, I KNOW. AND FOR THE CAT LOVERS OUT
4 THERE, WE HAVE JASPER. JASPER IS A DOMESTIC SHORTHAIR FOUR-
5 MONTH OLD MALE, ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE DOWNEY SHELTER: 562-728-
6 4610. AND THERE ARE MANY MORE LOOKING FOR FOREVER HOMES. I
7 WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO GO ON OUR WEBSITE, OR TO VISIT ONE OF
8 OUR SHELTERS. THANK YOU. I KNOW, I KNOW.

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10 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER. IS THAT IT,
11 FOR YOUR PRESENTATIONS?

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13 **SUP. BARGER:** YES.

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15 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** SMILE. BOTH OF YOU, SMILE. OKAY. SUPERVISOR
16 SOLIS.

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18 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. TODAY I'D LIKE TO BRING UP
19 OUR VERY OWN ASSESSOR, JEFFREY PRANG, AND THE INTERNATIONAL
20 ASSOCIATION OF ASSESSING OFFICERS: ALLEN JOLLEY, PRESIDENT;
21 CHRISSY ANDERSON, VICE PRESIDENT; AND DONNA FRAZIER, PAST
22 PRESIDENT. I'D LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
23 ASSESSOR, JEFFREY PRANG, AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF
24 THE ASSESSOR. RECENTLY, THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE WAS AWARDED THE
25 PRESTIGIOUS INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ASSESSING OFFICERS

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1 CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE IN ASSESSMENT ADMINISTRATION. THIS
2 AWARD IS THE TOP AWARD OF PUBLIC ASSESSMENT AGENCIES AROUND
3 THE WORLD. THIS AWARD HAS BEEN GIVEN TO MORE THAN-- WELL, LET
4 ME EXPLAIN. IT'S A LITTLE BIT MORE THAN JUST AN AWARD. THE
5 C.E.A.A. IS AN ACCREDITATION THAT STANDS AS THE BENCHMARK FOR
6 MEASURING THE MERIT OF AN ASSESSMENT AGENCY. SPANNING A 12-
7 MONTH PERIOD, OVER 85 EMPLOYEES CONTRIBUTED TO THE C.E.A.A.
8 SELF-ASSESSMENT PROCESS. THE PROCESS RESULTED IN 250 PAGES OF
9 ORIGINAL CONTENT, AND SEVERAL THOUSAND PAGES OF SUPPORTING
10 DOCUMENTATION. THE C.E.A.A. ACCREDITATION PROVIDES OTHER
11 PUBLIC BENEFITS, INCLUDING THE INCREASE IN TRANSPARENCY, AND
12 THE ASSURANCE THAT TAXPAYER FUNDS ARE BEING UTILIZED
13 EFFICIENTLY AND EFFECTIVELY, AND THAT THE ASSESSMENT AGENCY IS
14 DELIVERING THE QUALITY OF SERVICE EXPECTED BY THE PUBLIC. FOR
15 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF THE ASSESSOR, THE C.E.A.A.
16 ACCREDITATION REAFFIRMS THE DEPARTMENT'S MISSION STATEMENT: TO
17 BE THE PREMIERE PROPERTY ASSESSMENT AGENCY IN THE NATION. WE
18 WANT TO CONGRATULATE OUR ASSESSOR, JEFFREY PRANG, AND ASK HIM
19 TO SAY A FEW WORDS. [APPLAUSE.]

20

21 **JEFFREY PRANG:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR. IT'S A
22 PLEASURE TO BE HERE TODAY. I'D BE REMISS IF I DID NOT FIRST
23 THANK OUR OUTGOING CHAIR FOR HIS LEADERSHIP OVER THE COURSE OF
24 THE LAST YEAR, AND TO CONGRATULATE OUR NEW CHAIR, MY GOOD
25 FRIEND SHEILA KUEHL. LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR LEADERSHIP. AND

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1 I'M JOINED TODAY BY TWO OF MY EMPLOYEES, WHO ALSO HAPPEN TO BE
2 IN LEADERSHIP OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ASSESSING
3 OFFICERS, THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT, RESPECTIVELY:
4 ALLEN JOLLEY AND CHRISSY ANDERSON, OF THE LOS ANGELES CHAPTER.
5 THIS AWARD IS A REALLY BIG DEAL, AND SOMETIMES IT'S HARD TO
6 EXPRESS THAT, BECAUSE WE'RE THE ASSESSOR. WE'RE NOT THE MOST
7 GLAMOROUS OFFICE, ALTHOUGH WE ARE MORE GLAMOROUS THAN JOE
8 KELLY, IN THE TREASURER'S OFFICE. [LAUGHTER.] IS JOE HERE? BUT
9 THIS IS REALLY THE ACADEMY AWARD FOR ASSESSMENT AGENCIES. IT
10 IS THE HIGHEST AWARD THAT IS AVAILABLE TO PUBLIC ASSESSMENT
11 AGENCIES. AND OUT OF 18,000 ASSESSMENT AGENCIES IN THE NATION,
12 ONLY ABOUT 30 HAVE EARNED THIS AWARD. AND I THINK IT BEARS
13 MENTIONING THAT IT WAS JUST FIVE YEARS AGO WHEN THIS AGENCY
14 WAS IN A CRISIS OF LEADERSHIP. AND HERE IT IS FIVE YEARS
15 LATER, AND WE ARE ACKNOWLEDGED BY OUR PEERS FROM AROUND THE
16 COUNTRY, THAT THE PEOPLE, THE WOMEN AND MEN OF THE LOS ANGELES
17 COUNTY ASSESSOR'S OFFICE, REPRESENT THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF
18 INTEGRITY AND PROFESSIONALISM, AND ARE DELIVERING PUBLIC
19 SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTY TO BE VERY PROUD OF. AND
20 I WANTED TO, IF I MAY, SUPERVISOR, ASK THE WOMEN AND MEN FROM
21 THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE WHO ARE HERE TODAY TO PLEASE STAND UP
22 AND BE ACKNOWLEDGED. [APPLAUSE.] I AM DEEPLY PROUD OF EACH AND
23 EVERY ONE OF THE 1400 WOMEN AND MEN WHO WORK FOR THIS OFFICE.
24 I HOPE THAT ALL OF YOU ARE, AS WELL. THEY'RE DOING A GREAT JOB
25 FOR YOU, AND I'M PLEASED THAT OUR PEERS FROM ACROSS THE

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1 COUNTRY HAVE ACKNOWLEDGED US, AS WELL. IT'S A GREAT HONOR, AND
2 THANK YOU FOR RECOGNIZING US TODAY. THANK YOU ALL. [APPLAUSE.]

3

4 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR.
7 WOULD YOU JOIN ME IN ACKNOWLEDGING ONE WHO HAS DISTINGUISHED
8 HERSELF ON A WIDE VARIETY OF WAYS? SHE IS NONE OTHER THAN
9 INGRID NUGENT, A VOLUNTEER EXTRAORDINAIRE, SERVING IN THE
10 SOUTH BAY. YOU MIGHT WANT TO NOTE THAT MS. NUGENT, AT A SPRY
11 90 YEARS YOUNG, IS THE RECENT RECIPIENT OF THE CUMULATIVE
12 SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS LIFETIME
13 SUSTAINABILITY LEADER AWARD, IN RECOGNITION OF 2150 VOLUNTEER
14 HOURS OF SERVICE. GIVE HER A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE, WON'T YOU?
15 [APPLAUSE.] THAT NEARLY 2200 VOLUNTEER HOURS OF SERVICE IS IN
16 A WIDE VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES. MAY I SAY, SHE WAS BORN IN
17 GERMANY, AND EVEN IN HER YOUTH WAS ENVIRONMENTALLY CONSCIOUS,
18 AND MADE EVERY EFFORT TO SAVE ENERGY AND RECYCLE BOTTLES,
19 PAPER, AND CARDBOARD. HER BELIEF IN THE POWER OF POSITIVE
20 THOUGHT HAS LED HER TO ENCOURAGE THOSE AROUND HER TO ALWAYS
21 PRACTICE GOOD DEEDS. AND MS. NUGENT IS FLUENT IN GERMAN,
22 FRENCH, POLISH, AND ENGLISH, AND IS THEREFORE FOUR TIMES AS
23 LIKELY TO BE OF ASSISTANCE TO THOSE IN NEED. IN ADDITION TO
24 HER VOLUNTEER WORK AT THE SOUTH BAY C.O.G., SHE HAS
25 VOLUNTEERED AT THE CARSON SHERIFF'S STATION FOR OVER 23 YEARS.

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1 SHE BECAME A VOLUNTEER MEMBER OF THE VOLUNTEERS ON PATROL
2 UNIT. HER DUTIES INCLUDED PATROLLING MOBILE HOME PARKS,
3 SHOPPING MALLS, AND RESIDENTIAL AREAS, AND SERVED AS THE EYES
4 AND EARS FOR THE DEPARTMENT, IN KEEPING RESIDENTS AND THEIR
5 PROPERTY SAFE. OVER THE YEARS, SHE HAS RECEIVED A GREAT NUMBER
6 OF RECOGNITIONS AND AWARDS FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
7 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, AS WELL AS FROM THE CITIES OF TORRANCE
8 AND INGLEWOOD. MS. NUGENT, I WISH TO PERSONALLY COMMEND YOU
9 FOR ALL THAT YOU DO, ALL THAT YOU HAVE DONE, AND THOSE THINGS
10 THAT YOU CONTINUE TO DO, AND IT'S ON BEHALF OF THE SOUTH BAY
11 COMMUNITY. YOU ARE AN INSPIRATION AND A REMINDER OF HOW WE
12 SHOULD ALL PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE IN MAKING OUR COMMUNITIES
13 BETTER THAN WE FOUND THEM. WHY DON'T WE GIVE A BIG ROUND OF
14 APPLAUSE TO THIS STELLAR INDIVIDUAL, INGRID NUGENT?

15 [APPLAUSE.]

16

17 **INGRID NUGENT:** HE SAID IT ALL. NO, I LOVE VOLUNTEERING. I HAVE
18 NO MORE FAMILY LEFT. THEY'RE ALL GONE. AND I WORK FOR THE
19 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, AS HE SAID, AND I WORK FOR THE SOUTH BAY
20 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE CENTER. WHAT YOU SEND OUT COMES BACK.
21 ANY TIME THEY NEED ME, 24/7, I AM AVAILABLE. I STILL DRIVE,
22 EVEN SO I TURNED 90 FIVE MONTHS AGO. [APPLAUSE.] AND THAT'S
23 ALL I HAVE TO SAY. I DON'T TAKE MEDICATION, I EAT RIGHT, AND
24 I'M HEALTHY. [LAUGHTER.] [APPLAUSE.] THANK YOU. IT'S MY
25 PLEASURE.

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2 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THAT CONCLUDES OUR
3 PRESENTATIONS. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE PLAY THE CODE
4 OF CONDUCT.

5

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

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

11
12 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SO THE POLICY MATTERS WILL
13 BEGIN. WE DO THEM IN NUMERICAL ORDER, FOR THOSE IN THE
14 AUDIENCE. SO WE'LL BEGIN WITH ITEM NO. 3, WHICH WAS HELD BY
15 SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

16
17 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I KNOW THIS HAS BEEN AN
18 ITEM THAT MANY OF US HAVE BEEN DRAWN TO RECENTLY, GIVEN THE
19 NUMEROUS ACCOUNTS OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT IN THE WORKPLACE. THESE
20 REPORTS, AS YOU KNOW, HAVE INTENSIFIED WITH BOTH FREQUENCY AND
21 NATURE SINCE OCTOBER OF THIS YEAR. WHAT BEGAN AS A SET OF
22 CLAIMS RELATED TO A HOLLYWOOD PRODUCER HAS ENABLED MANY WOMEN
23 AND MEN TO FEEL COURAGEOUS ENOUGH TO STEP FORWARD AND SHARE
24 THEIR PERSONAL STORIES. THE BRAVERY OF THESE WOMEN AND MEN
25 CAN'T BE OVERSTATED. THE CURRENT FOCUS ON THE ISSUE HAS

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1 CREATED AN OPPORTUNITY TO EFFECTUATE POSITIVE CHANGE
2 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY AND THE COUNTRY. THE COUNTY HAS, AS YOU
3 KNOW, FOR SEVERAL YEARS, HAD A STRONG PROGRAM TO ADDRESS THE
4 SEXUAL HARASSMENT AND OTHER FORMS OF INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR IN
5 THE WORKPLACE. HOWEVER, I DO BELIEVE IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US, AT
6 THIS TIME, TO REVIEW LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S REPORTING PROCESS,
7 TO DETERMINE ITS EFFECTIVENESS AND APPLICABILITY DURING THESE
8 TIMES. I'D LIKE TO FIRST OF ALL THANK COUNTY COUNSEL AND THE
9 C.E.O.P. AND D.H.R. FOR LOOKING INTO ANY OPPORTUNITIES THAT WE
10 MIGHT FIND TO HELP IMPROVE UPON THIS POLICY, AND I LOOK
11 FORWARD TO THE REPORT-BACK NEXT WEEK, ON THE DECEMBER 12TH
12 BOARD MEETING. BUT I'VE ASKED COUNTY COUNSEL TO BRIEFLY
13 PROVIDE JUST A BASIC, BRIEF PRESENTATION ON HOW WE GO ABOUT
14 REPORTING, AND WHAT THAT PROCESS LOOKS LIKE, SO THAT THE
15 PUBLIC MIGHT BETTER UNDERSTAND WHAT WE'RE LOOKING AT HERE.

16

17 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. SO RIGHT NOW, THE WAY THE
18 C.E.O.P.--

19

20 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** PLEASE SPEAK RIGHT INTO THE MIC. AND ALSO,
21 IF EACH OF YOU WOULD INTRODUCE YOURSELF, SO WE KNOW WHO'S
22 ANSWERING THE QUESTIONS.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. ROSE VELDA, WITH THE COUNTY COUNSEL'S
25 OFFICE.

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1

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

3

4 **SPEAKER:** THE C.E.O.P., WHICH HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE SINCE 2011,
5 WHAT'S UNIQUE ABOUT IS, IT IS A PROCESS FOR THE ENTIRE COUNTY
6 THAT ALLOWS FOR ONLINE REPORTING, IN-PERSON REPORTING, PHONE-
7 CALL REPORTING, ANONYMOUS REPORTING, FOR ANY EQUITY-BASED
8 COMPLAINT IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. SO THOSE ARE ALL
9 REPORTS OF DISCRIMINATION, HARASSMENT, RETALIATION, BASED ON
10 ANY PROTECTED CHARACTERISTIC: RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, SEX,
11 SEXUAL HARASSMENT, GENDER-- EVERYTHING PROTECTED IN THE STATE
12 OF CALIFORNIA AND UNDER TITLE VII. ONCE A COMPLAINT COMES IN,
13 THE C.E.O.P. UNIT DOES SORT OF A TRIAGE, INVESTIGATES, DOES A
14 PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION, AND DETERMINES WHETHER A FURTHER
15 INVESTIGATION IS WARRANTED, BASED UPON WHETHER IT LOOKS LIKE
16 THERE'S A POLICY VIOLATION THAT COULD WARRANT DISCIPLINE.
17 THERE'S A SYSTEM OF CHECKS AND BALANCES THROUGHOUT, SO THAT
18 THE DESIGNATION THAT'S MADE IS REVIEWED BY A NEUTRAL,
19 INDEPENDENT PANEL MEMBER THAT'S NOT A COUNTY EMPLOYEE--
20 USUALLY, IT'S AN EMPLOYMENT LAWYER-- AT EVERY STAGE, TO MAKE
21 SURE WE'RE ON TRACK. IT WILL THEN GO FOR A FURTHER
22 INVESTIGATION WITH D.H.R. ONCE THAT INVESTIGATION IS DONE, IT
23 RETURNS BACK TO THE PANEL, TO C.E.O.P., FOR A BRIEFING BY A
24 PANEL OF EXPERTS, AND DETERMINATIONS ARE MADE, AND
25 RECOMMENDATIONS, IF WARRANTED, FOR DISCIPLINE ARE MADE. AND

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1 THE KEY FACTOR IS, I THINK, THAT SET THIS PRACTICE APART ARE
2 THAT WE ALLOW REPORTING. WE ENCOURAGE REPORTING. ALL MANAGERS
3 ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT. THEY HAVE AN AFFIRMATIVE DUTY TO
4 REPORT. AND IF THEY FAIL TO REPORT, THEY'RE SUBJECT TO
5 DISCIPLINE. IT'S NOT JUST WITHIN THE CHAIN OF COMMAND. ANY
6 MANAGER THAT SEES A POTENTIAL VIOLATION, OR IS AWARE OF ONE,
7 WHETHER IT'S THEIR CHAIN OF COMMAND OR NOT, HAS AN AFFIRMATIVE
8 DUTY TO REPORT. WE ALLOW ANONYMOUS REPORTING, AS I SAID. WE
9 HAVE A CHECK-AND-BALANCE SYSTEM, AND WE HAVE A STANDARD THAT'S
10 LOWER THAN REQUIRED BY LAW, CALLED INAPPROPRIATE CONDUCT
11 TOWARDS OTHERS, WHERE THE PANEL WILL TAKE ACTION AND MAKE
12 RECOMMENDATIONS ON EVEN A ONE-TIME COMMENT OR JOKE OR ACTION
13 THAT MIGHT NOT RISE TO THE LEVEL OF A LAWSUIT OR A LEGAL
14 CHALLENGE. AND THAT'S THE PURPOSE OF THAT, IS TO CORRECT
15 BEHAVIOR AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY, BEFORE IT GROWS INTO A
16 PROBLEM.

17
18 **SUP. SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR, JUST A QUICK QUESTION. HOW READILY IS
19 THIS INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO EMPLOYEES, AND IS THERE TRAINING
20 THAT GOES ON? IS THERE ONLINE TRAINING, OR WHAT KIND OF
21 TRAINING IS AVAILABLE?

22
23 **VICKEY BANE:** AND IF I MAY, I AM VICKEY BANE. I AM THE
24 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OVER THE COUNTY INTAKE SPECIALIST UNIT, AND
25 THE COUNTY EQUITY OVERSIGHT PANEL. JUST TO KIND OF TAG UPON

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1 WHAT ROSE JUST MENTIONED, WE HAVE A VERY ROBUST COMPLAINT AND
2 INVESTIGATIONS PROCESS IN EXISTENCE, SINCE 2011. WE HAVE A
3 CENTRAL POINT OF CONTACT, THE INTAKE SPECIALISTS UNIT, WHICH
4 HAS HISTORICALLY BEEN UNDER THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE BOARD
5 OF SUPERVISORS. ALL COUNTY EMPLOYEES RECEIVE MANDATORY
6 TRAINING, INCLUDING SPECIALIZED TRAINING FOR MANDATORY
7 REPORTERS, FOR MANAGERS AND SUPERVISORS IN THE COUNTY. IT IS
8 WIDELY KNOWN IN THE COUNTY, FOR SOME TIME, THAT THIS PROCESS
9 IS IN PLACE, AND THAT THERE'S A PLACE TO GO TO FILE A
10 COMPLAINT; THAT THERE'S A PLACE THAT WILL CONDUCT A FAIR AND
11 IMPARTIAL INVESTIGATION, AND WILL UNDERGO SEVERAL LAYERS OF
12 REVIEW, AS THAT SYSTEM OF CHECKS AND BALANCES, THAT ALSO
13 INVOLVES AN INDEPENDENT REVIEW BY A PANEL OF LEGAL EXPERTS.

14

15 **WANDA HAZEL:** IF I MAY ADD, GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME
16 IS WANDA HAZEL, AND I AM THE H.R. MANAGER OF THE COUNTY EQUITY
17 INVESTIGATIONS UNIT, UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES.
18 AND I WOULD JUST LIKE TO ADD, IN REGARDS TO THE TRAINING, THAT
19 WE ALSO HAVE MANDATORY REFRESHER TRAINING EVERY TWO YEARS, IN
20 COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAW, FOR SUPERVISORS AND MANAGERS, IN
21 ADDITION TO ONLINE TRAINING THAT'S AVAILABLE TO ALL EMPLOYEES.

22

23 **SUP. SOLIS:** ONE LAST QUESTION, MADAM CHAIR. JUST WITH RESPECT
24 TO OUR OTHER AUXILIARY EMPLOYEES, PEOPLE THAT WE CONTRACT

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1 WITH, HOW ARE THEY COVERED BY THIS POLICY, IF AT ALL? SO, SAY
2 WE'RE CONTRACTING WITH SOMEONE TO PROVIDE LAUNDRY SERVICES.

3

4 **VICKEY BANE:** AND IF I MAY, SO AS A CENTRAL POINT OF CONTACT
5 FOR ALL SUCH COMPLAINTS, WE DO RECEIVE COMPLAINTS THAT INVOLVE
6 ANYTHING INVOLVING THE COUNTY WORKPLACE, WHETHER IT INVOLVES
7 SOMEONE WHO WORKS UNDER A CONTRACT-- SAY, THEY HAVE A
8 COMPLAINT AGAINST A COUNTY EMPLOYEE-- WE WILL ABSOLUTELY TAKE
9 A LOOK AT THAT COMPLAINT, A VERY COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE
10 COMPLAINT, IF IT ABSOLUTELY INVOLVES THE COUNTY WORKPLACE.

11

12 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

13

14 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** JUST AS A COMMENT, I HAVE TWO REQUESTS TO
15 SPEAK, AS WELL, BUT THE MOTION DOES ASK FOR A FULL REPORT-BACK
16 NEXT WEEK. SO, ANYTHING THAT YOU THINK HAS NOT BEEN COVERED,
17 IN TERMS OF CURRENT PROCESS, BUT ALSO, THE MOTION ASKS FOR ANY
18 IMPROVEMENTS THAT, COLLECTIVELY, YOU EVALUATE MIGHT BE MADE.
19 SUPERVISOR HAHN.

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21 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND I APPRECIATE WHAT HAS
22 BEEN DONE ALREADY, AND I APPRECIATE THE TRAINING ASPECT OF
23 THIS. BUT I THINK WHAT WE FOUND IS, TRAINING IS JUST ONE PIECE
24 OF IT. FOR ME, IT'S THE ABILITY TO REPORT. IT'S THE
25 ENVIRONMENT THAT WE PROVIDE THAT MAKES IT SAFE, NONJUDGMENTAL,

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1 NONPRESSURING, FOR SOMEONE TO COME FORWARD AND REPORT WHAT
2 THEY BELIEVE HAS BEEN SEXUAL HARASSMENT, OR EVEN UNWANTED
3 SEXUAL BEHAVIOR. I THINK HARASSMENT AND UNWANTED BEHAVIOR ARE
4 KIND OF TWO DIFFERENT THINGS. BUT I WAS IN CONGRESS FOR 5-1/2
5 YEARS, AND THE SYSTEM THAT CONGRESS HAS IS HORRIBLE. WHEN
6 SOMEONE COMES FORWARD TO REPORT SOMETHING, APPARENTLY THEY HAD
7 TO GO FOR 30 DAYS, FOR COUNSELING AND MEDIATION. AND THEN
8 SOMETIMES WHAT HAPPENED WAS, THERE WAS AN UNDER-THE-TABLE
9 AGREEMENT OR SETTLEMENT, AND THE ACCUSED REMAINED IN CONGRESS.
10 SO I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WHAT WE HAVE HERE-- TRAINING,
11 YES. BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, ALMOST, TO ME IS THAT IT IS A
12 PROCESS WHERE THE PERSON IS NOT IN ANY WAY REPORTING IT TO
13 SOMEONE WHO'S IN THEIR CHAIN OF COMMAND, OR IN ANY WAY FEELS
14 LIKE THERE MIGHT BE SOME RETALIATION, OR THAT THEIR JOB IS IN
15 JEOPARDY. I MEAN, I THINK WHAT WE'RE HEARING NOW IS SO
16 WIDESPREAD IN THIS COUNTRY, AND WHY IT'S TAKEN WOMEN SOMETIMES
17 20 AND 30 YEARS TO COME FORWARD, IS BECAUSE THE SYSTEM WAS
18 UNKIND TO WOMEN WHO FELT THAT THEY WERE BEING TREATED BADLY.
19 THEY WERE INTIMIDATED. THEY FELT RETALIATED AGAINST. THEY FELT
20 THEIR JOBS WERE IN JEOPARDY. AND THEY FELT LIKE MOST OF THE
21 TIME, THAT PEOPLE PRESUMED THEY WERE NOT TELLING THE TRUTH.
22 AND I THINK WHAT YOU'RE HEARING NOW IS PEOPLE AUTOMATICALLY
23 SAYING WE BELIEVE THE WOMEN. WE BELIEVE THE PERSON WHO IS NOW
24 MAKING THESE ACCUSATIONS. AND I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE WE,
25 HERE IN THE COUNTY, HAVE THAT ENVIRONMENT, WHERE WOMEN, OR

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1 WHOEVER COMES FORWARD, IS PRESUMED TO BE TELLING THE TRUTH. I
2 KNOW, FOR THE ONE BEING ACCUSED, CERTAINLY, YOU'RE INNOCENT
3 UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY, BUT IT'S ALMOST AS IMPORTANT TO ME TO
4 MAKE SURE THAT WE BELIEVE THE ACCUSER, AND THEY FEEL BELIEVED.

5

6 **VICKEY BANE:** ABSOLUTELY. I COULD NOT AGREE WITH YOU MORE, AND
7 I'M SURE THE REST OF THE PANEL HERE COULD NOT AGREE WITH YOU
8 MORE. WE CAN ASSURE YOU THAT WE HAVE A VERY STRONG SYSTEM IN
9 PLACE THAT DOES PROTECT EVERYONE INVOLVED. UNDER THE POLICY,
10 AS WE MENTIONED EARLIER, THERE IS A REQUIREMENT FOR MANAGERS
11 AND SUPERVISORS IN THE COUNTY TO REPORT POTENTIAL EQUITY
12 ISSUES, AND IT DOESN'T NECESSARILY MEAN THAT YOU HAVE TO BE IN
13 THE COMPLAINING PARTY'S CHAIN OF COMMAND. YOU CAN GO TO ANY
14 SUPERVISOR IN ANY DEPARTMENT, AND BRING THAT ISSUE TO THEM,
15 AND THAT WILL GET FILED IMMEDIATELY WITH THE INTAKE SPECIALIST
16 UNIT FOR A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW. THERE IS ALSO A PROHIBITION
17 UNDER THE POLICY AGAINST RETALIATION FOR FILING A COMPLAINT OR
18 PARTICIPATING IN AN INVESTIGATION. THE POLICY ABSOLUTELY
19 PROHIBITS THAT.

20

21 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR BARGER.

22

23 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. AND I AGREE WITH SUPERVISOR HAHN. BUT
24 IT'S INTERESTING, BECAUSE THIS MORNING IN THE PAPER, IT TALKED
25 ABOUT, AT THE STATE, SOMEONE WHO FELT THAT WHEN SOMEONE IN A

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1 POSITION OF POWER INVITED THEM OUT TO DINNER, THAT WAS A FORM
2 OF HARASSMENT. AND TO YOUR POINT, ROSE, WHEN YOU TALKED ABOUT
3 IF SOMEONE FEELS THREATENED OR FEELS UNCOMFORTABLE, IT'S
4 IMPORTANT TO ADDRESS THAT. AND I DO BELIEVE THAT YOU ARE
5 INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY. I THINK THAT ANYONE THAT COMES
6 FORWARD SHOULD BE BELIEVED, BUT AT THE SAME TIME, WE NEED TO
7 HAVE AN OBJECTIVE PROCESS THAT THOROUGHLY VETS THIS. AND I
8 COMMEND THE COUNTY, BECAUSE WE'VE BEEN AHEAD OF THE CURVE.
9 YOUR DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE SINCE 2011, BECAUSE WE
10 SAW A NEED TO GET AHEAD OF THIS, AND TO GIVE PEOPLE A PLACE
11 WHERE THEY CAN CALL ANONYMOUS, OR IF THEY FEEL THAT THERE'S
12 SOMETHING GOING ON AND NOT FACE RETALIATION, NOT FACE FEAR OF
13 LOSING THEIR JOB. SO I THINK THAT WE NEED TO HAVE A BALANCE,
14 AND THAT'S WHAT YOU ARE. YOU ARE THAT BALANCE. YOU ARE THE
15 UNIT WORKING TOGETHER, THAT'S GOING TO MAKE SURE THAT IF
16 SOMEONE PERCEIVES THEMSELVES AS BEING THREATENED, IT'S
17 IMPORTANT TO CORRECT THE BEHAVIOR OF THE INDIVIDUAL; BUT AT
18 THE SAME TIME, IF THERE IS A HISTORY OF DISCRIMINATION TAKING
19 PLACE, OR HARASSMENT, ACTING SWIFTLY. AND THIS BOARD, AS A
20 WHOLE, HAS ACTED SWIFTLY WHEN WE'VE HEARD ABOUT SITUATIONS
21 INVOLVING DISCRIMINATION AND HARASSMENT. SO I WANT TO COMMEND
22 YOU, AND I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THIS MOTION, BECAUSE I THINK
23 IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO DO A SELF-REVIEW, AND FIND OUT, ARE
24 THERE THINGS WE COULD DO BETTER, KNOWING WHAT WE KNOW? BECAUSE
25 WHEN I READ THAT ARTICLE, IT SAID THAT A WOMAN FELT THREATENED

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1 WHEN SOMEONE IN A POSITION OF POWER INVITED THEM OUT TO
2 DINNER. AND YET, FROM A LEGAL STANDPOINT, THAT IS NOT
3 CONSIDERED HARASSMENT. BUT TO THIS WOMAN, SHE FELT THREATENED.
4 SO I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO DO A SELF-REVIEW AND GET A
5 REPORT-BACK, AND SEE WHERE WE CAN DO BETTER. BUT I WANT TO
6 COMMEND YOU ALL, BECAUSE I KNOW THAT WE'VE HAD MANY A CASE
7 COME BEFORE YOU, AND YOU'VE DONE A TREMENDOUS JOB IN BEING
8 OBJECTIVE, FAIR, AND REALLY ADDRESSING THE PROBLEM ON A
9 HOLISTIC, SYSTEMATIC WAY. SO THANK YOU.

10

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

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THE QUESTION I
14 WISH TO POSE IS, WHAT ARE THE BEST PRACTICES FOR SEXUAL
15 HARASSMENT REPORTING PROCESSES? THE MOTION CALLS FOR CURRENT
16 PRACTICES, AND IT SEEMS TO ME THAT A LOT OF GOOD WORK IS BEING
17 DONE. BUT PERHAPS, MADAM CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES, WE SHOULD TASK
18 STAFF WITH A REVIEW OF BEST PRACTICES, AND SEE HOW WE COMPARE.
19 IT MAY BE THAT WE ARE THE STANDARD. AND TO THE EXTENT THAT WE
20 ARE, THAT WOULD BE A GOOD THING, BUT I WOULD ASK THAT THAT BE
21 CONSIDERED. MAY I ALSO SUGGEST, GIVEN THE CURRENT ENVIRONMENT
22 THAT WE FIND OURSELVES IN, THAT THE USE OF OUR TOOLS-- SOCIAL
23 MEDIA, TRADITIONAL MEDIA, OUR CABLE CHANNEL, IN TERMS OF AN
24 INTERVIEW SET UP BY THOSE DEEMED APPROPRIATE-- THANK YOU VERY
25 MUCH, SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOR YOUR TIMELY INTERVENTION. I JUST

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1 THINK THAT WE CAN BE PROACTIVE ON THE EDUCATIONAL FRONT, ON
2 THE PREVENTION FRONT. AND IF THE CHAIR DEEMS APPROPRIATE, I
3 WOULD HEREBY MAKE THE REQUEST THAT WE THINK THROUGH
4 IMPLEMENTATION OF SUCH IDEAS.

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6 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** LET'S SEE IF WE CAN HAVE THAT BE PART OF
7 THE REPORT-BACK, IN TERMS OF ANYTHING WE CAN DO BETTER OR GO
8 FURTHER, NEXT WEEK. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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10 **SUP. SOLIS:** JUST IN CLOSING, I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT WE REALLY
11 HAVE TO BE THOUGHTFUL ABOUT CULTURE. IN TERMS OF THE CULTURE,
12 THE ENVIRONMENT THAT WE FIND, WHERE THERE ARE INSTANCES WHERE
13 SEXUAL HARASSMENT OR HARASSMENT IS HAPPENING, I THINK IT'S
14 TRUE: WE HAVE TO EDUCATE OUR WORKFORCE, OUR SUPERVISORS, AND
15 MANAGERS; BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, TO AT LEAST SHED A LIGHT ON
16 WHAT IS APPROPRIATE AND WHAT IS NOT. AND I THINK IT'S GOOD FOR
17 THE PUBLIC, AND I AGREE THAT WE DO HAVE TO DO AN OUTREACH
18 EFFORT, BUT ONE THAT IS REAL, AND THAT PEOPLE FEEL WELCOMED
19 AND NOT INTIMIDATED. BECAUSE IF THERE IS ANYTHING TO BE SAID
20 HERE, IS IF WOMEN-- IT'S PARTICULARLY WOMEN, IN THIS CASE--
21 THEY FEEL THAT THEY'RE GOING TO BE RETALIATED AGAINST, THERE'S
22 A SILENCE THAT PERMEATES THE WORKPLACE INTO ALLOWING FOR THAT
23 KIND OF BEHAVIOR. I THINK THAT'S SOMETHING WE NEED TO TAKE A
24 LOOK AT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE PRESENTATION. LOOK
25 FORWARD TO THE REPORT-BACK.

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2 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** WAIT. AS A CO-AUTHOR, I THOUGHT I WOULD
5 JUST SAY A FEW WORDS. AND ALSO, WE AUTHORED QUITE A FEW OF THE
6 SEXUAL HARASSMENT BILLS IN THE LEGISLATURE, WHEN IT WAS NOT AN
7 ACTIONABLE ITEM, AND WENT THROUGH A WHOLE LOT OF TALK ABOUT
8 HOW IT WAS GOING TO RUIN THE WORKPLACE, BECAUSE SOMEBODY
9 COULDN'T COME OVER AND GRAB ME AND GIVE ME A HUG, WHEN THEY
10 ONLY MEANT TO BE FRIENDLY, AND I WAS GOING, "THANK GOD. I WAS
11 HOPING SOMEBODY WOULD STOP THEM FROM DOING THAT." BECAUSE, YOU
12 KNOW, IT'S REALLY INVASIVE INTO YOUR OWN SPACE. IT DOESN'T
13 MEAN I DON'T LIKE YOU, BUT IT WAS ALSO A VERY INTERESTING
14 STUDY THAT SHOWED THAT IT WAS ONLY A PERSON WITH MORE POWER
15 THAT FELT COMFORTABLE IN TOUCHING A PERSON, LIKE WE DO WITH
16 CHILDREN, BECAUSE THEY HAVE THE LEAST POWER OF ALL. WE'LL
17 RUFFLE THEIR HAIR, WE'LL SHAKE THEM, WE'LL PINCH THEIR CHEEK.
18 WE DON'T THINK ABOUT IT. WE JUST SAY, "OH, I'M JUST SHOWING
19 THEM LOVE." BUT IT'S REALLY-- OR TICKLING THEM, WHICH TO THEM
20 WAS A FORM OF TORTURE. AND EVERYBODY SAID, "NO, NO, NO. I
21 DON'T MEAN ANYTHING BY IT." THIS WAS THE FIRST LAW IN THE
22 UNITED STATES THAT TOOK HOW A THING WAS RECEIVED BY A VICTIM
23 AS THE STANDARD. AND TO SAY, "OH, WELL, I'M JUST ASKING HER
24 OUT TO DINNER. WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT?" WELL, YOU'RE MY BOSS.
25 DO I HAVE A CHOICE? CAN I REALLY SAY NO TO YOU? AND THAT'S

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1 WHY-- YOU KNOW, YOU USE THE WORD "THREATENED," AND PEOPLE SAY,
2 "WHY DOES SHE FEEL THREATENED? I JUST ASKED HER TO DINNER."
3 BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE A CHOICE, IF YOU HAVE POWER OVER ME. AND
4 IT WAS KIND OF THE SAME THING WHEN WE TALKED ABOUT VIOLENCE
5 AGAINST WOMEN, OR OTHER ISSUES IN THE AREA OF WOMEN: "WELL,
6 THAT'S NOT AS SERIOUS AS THAT OTHER KIND, SO WE SHOULDN'T
7 PUNISH IT THE SAME WAY." BUT THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS A LITTLE
8 BIT OF VIOLENCE. THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS A LITTLE BIT OF
9 OPPRESSION. AND IF I MAY SAY SO, REMEMBER, THEY USED TO TELL
10 US THAT VIOLENCE WAS ENDEMIC IN CERTAIN CULTURES, AND
11 THEREFORE WE SHOULD, YOU KNOW, KIND OF EXCUSE THAT. AND WE DID
12 A LOT OF EDUCATION ABOUT IT. THIS IS REALLY IMPORTANT. AND I
13 HAVE TO SAY, I GET COMPLIMENTS FROM PEOPLE IN OTHER
14 JURISDICTIONS ABOUT WHAT THE COUNTY STARTED DOING IN 2011. IT
15 WAS ONE OF THE FIRST PLACES TO REALLY TAKE THIS SERIOUSLY: THE
16 FACT THAT YOU DON'T HAVE TO REPORT TO YOUR OWN SUPERVISOR, YOU
17 CAN REPORT SOMEWHERE ELSE, AND IT'S STILL TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT,
18 AND BECOMES, ACTUALLY, A RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE COUNTY,
19 LEGALLY, WHEN IT'S REPORTED. SO I LOOK FORWARD TO THE REPORT
20 NEXT WEEK. WE'LL PROBABLY HAVE FURTHER TALK ABOUT IT. THERE
21 ARE OTHER ENTITIES IN THE COUNTY THAT ARE TALKING TO US ABOUT,
22 PERHAPS, CONTRACTING WITH US TO USE OUR C.E.O.P., BECAUSE THEY
23 HAVE NOTHING. AND SO I'M VERY PROUD OF THAT. AND I SEE NO
24 OTHER REQUESTS TO SPEAK. DO WE HAVE SPEAKERS FROM THE PUBLIC,
25 ON THIS MATTER?

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2 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** YES, MADAM CHAIR.

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4 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** PLEASE CALL THEM FORWARD.

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6 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** WOULD DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL AND
7 ERIC PREVEN PLEASE COME FORWARD TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEM
8 NO. 3?

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10 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** YES, PLEASE. WELCOME.

11

12 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. GENEVIEVE HAS ASKED
13 ME TO GO FIRST, SO I'LL BE HAPPY TO DO THAT. YOU KNOW, THIS IS
14 A TERRIBLE SCOURGE, AND IT'S A GREAT THING THAT SO MUCH HAS
15 COME OUT ABOUT SEXUAL HARASSMENT. I APPLAUD THE BOARD FOR
16 LOOKING CLOSELY AT MAKING SURE THAT COUNTY EMPLOYEES CAN BLOW
17 THE WHISTLE, SO TO SPEAK. I WOULD SAY THAT THE IDEA OF SELF-
18 REVIEW IS INTERESTING, BUT I THINK WE HAVE TO LOOK AT THE
19 LARGER PICTURE. TODAY, ITEM 13 AND 18 ARE THE COUNTY'S COST OF
20 LITIGATION AND RISK, AND THOSE REPORTS ARE VERY LATE, AND ARE
21 CONTINUED FOR ANOTHER MONTH. THE REASON WHY THERE'S BEEN SUCH
22 MOVEMENT IN THIS LONGTIME PROBLEM WITH HARASSMENT AMONG MEN
23 AND WOMEN IS BECAUSE OF THE PUBLIC SCRUTINY. THERE HAVE BEEN
24 NO LEGAL FINDINGS AGAINST HARVEY WEINSTEIN, BUT THAT GUY HAS
25 BEEN BLOWN OUT OF THE WATER. SO THAT'S WHY I ENCOURAGE YOU TO

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1 DO SOMETHING SIMILAR, WHEN YOU GO INTO THE BACK ROOM ON THESE
2 LEGAL BATTLES, BRING THEM OUT. AND EVERYONE GETS A FAIR
3 DEFENSE, BUT THE PUBLIC IS HERE TO GIVE A FAIR DEFENSE, TOO.
4 SO I THINK THAT'S REASONABLE. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** GOOD POINT. THANK YOU. DR. CLAVREUL.

7

8 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
9 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I AM GLAD THAT YOU'RE BRINGING THAT
10 ISSUE, BECAUSE I HAVE BROUGHT THAT ISSUE MANY TIMES BEFORE,
11 AND NEVER GOT ANY RESPONSE. ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2015, I BROUGHT
12 THE ISSUE THAT WE HAVE HAD TWO LAWSUITS AGAINST D.H.S. ON
13 SEXUAL HARASSMENT. AND THE SECOND LAWSUIT, NOT ONLY WE HAD TO
14 PAY, BUT WE PAY AN EXTRA \$600,000, BECAUSE NOTHING HAD BEEN
15 DONE TO CHANGE THE BEHAVIOR. I HAVE ASKED THAT QUESTION
16 REPEATEDLY: WHAT HAS BEEN DONE TO CHANGE THAT BEHAVIOR? FOR
17 ME, 600,000 IS A PRETTY BIG DEAL, ESPECIALLY FROM A DEPARTMENT
18 OF D.H.S. THAT'S THE SAME DEPARTMENT WE HAVE HAD COMPLAINTS
19 FROM NURSES, THAT THEY ARE BEING BRUTALIZED. YOU KNOW, BETTER
20 LATE THAN NEVER, AND YOU ARE BRINGING THAT ISSUE NOW. BUT TO
21 HAVE WAITED THAT LONG, AND TO HAVE OTHER PEOPLE FROM THE
22 PUBLIC TALKING ABOUT SEXUAL HARASSMENT, WHEN IN OUR OWN HOUSE
23 WE HAVE HAD SUCH DEPRAVITY, AND ESPECIALLY FROM A DEPARTMENT
24 OF HEALTH, A DEPARTMENT WHO'S SUPPOSED TO MAKE PEOPLE WELL,
25 NOT SICK, NOT TO INJURE THEM. SO I AM VERY PLEASED TO SEE YOU

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1 ACT ON THAT. AND PERSONALLY, MYSELF, I THINK WE SHOULD HAVE
2 MADE THE HEAD OF D.H.S. PAY THE \$600,000, BUT THAT'S ME. THANK
3 YOU.

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5 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THAT CONCLUDES TESTIMONY FROM
6 THE PUBLIC. A THANK-YOU TO THE PRESENTING PANEL. DO I HAVE A
7 MOTION? A MOTION BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. SECONDED BY
8 SUPERVISOR SOLIS. ANY OBJECTION TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE ON ITEM 3?
9 SEEING NONE, ITEM 3 IS APPROVED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE. THE NEXT
10 ITEM UP IS NO. 4. IT WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, BUT I AM
11 TOLD THAT SUPERVISOR HAHN HAS A MOTION THAT SHE WANTS TO READ
12 IN FOR A VOTE NEXT WEEK, AND SO THE PUBLIC CAN HEAR BEFORE
13 THEY MAKE COMMENT ON THIS ITEM, FOR BOTH OF THESE CONCEPTS.
14 BUT TO BE CLEAR, ONLY ITEM 4 WILL BE VOTED ON TODAY, AND THE
15 MOTION THAT SUPERVISOR HAHN IS READING IN WILL COME UP FOR A
16 VOTE NEXT WEEK. SO, SUPERVISOR HAHN, IF YOU WOULD READ IN YOUR
17 PROPOSED MOTION FOR NEXT WEEK, WHICH IS RELATED TO THIS ITEM?

18

19 **SUP. HAHN:** YES, THANK YOU. AND I WANTED TO THANK YOU AND
20 SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR BRINGING UP THIS IMPORTANT TOPIC OF FOOD
21 INSECURITY. HOWEVER, I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THE HEALTH AND
22 WELLBEING OF OUR LOW-INCOME AND HOMELESS STUDENTS IN THE
23 COUNTY. THIS ISSUE WAS BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION DURING MY
24 CAMPAIGN, BY SUNNY ZIA, WHO IS HERE TODAY, ONE OF THE TRUSTEES
25 OF THE LONG BEACH COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT. AND I'M SAD TO

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1 SAY THAT STUDIES ON THIS SUBJECT REINFORCE OUR CONCERNS. A
2 RECENT STUDY SHOWED THAT 1 IN EVERY 5 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY
3 COLLEGE DISTRICTS' 230,000 STUDENTS IS HOMELESS, AND NEARLY
4 TWO-THIRDS ARE NOT ABLE TO AFFORD ADEQUATE NUTRITIOUS FOOD.
5 AND I THINK WE NEED TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR OUR STUDENTS TO BE
6 CONNECTED TO FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS. THE PROBLEM OF FOOD
7 INSECURITY DOES NOT ONLY AFFECT OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS. I'M ALSO
8 CONCERNED ABOUT OUR LOW-INCOME STUDENTS IN OUR 81 SCHOOL
9 DISTRICTS. MANY OF OUR SCHOOL DISTRICTS PARTICIPATE IN THE
10 NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM AND SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM;
11 HOWEVER, MANY LOW-INCOME STUDENTS STILL LACK ACCESS TO
12 NUTRITIOUS MEALS DURING THE SUMMER AND WINTER BREAKS, AND WE
13 NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL STUDENTS HAVE ACCESS TO FOODS ALL
14 YEAR LONG. IT'S ESPECIALLY CRITICAL FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG
15 ADULTS, BECAUSE WE KNOW IT CAN LEAD TO HEALTH ISSUES, REDUCE
16 THE IMMUNE SYSTEM, STUNT THEIR GROWTH, AND MAKE IT HARDER FOR
17 CHILDREN TO LEARN AS QUICKLY AS THEIR WELL-FED PEERS. WITH
18 THAT, I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE A MOTION REGARDING FOOD
19 INSECURITY AMONG STUDENTS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WHICH WILL BE
20 VOTED ON AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE
21 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS INSTRUCT D.P.S.S. TO REPORT BACK IN 90
22 DAYS ON A COMPREHENSIVE FOOD NUTRITION ACCESS PROGRAM FOR ALL
23 STUDENTS, WHICH INCLUDES, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, NUMBER ONE,
24 WORKING WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION ON A
25 FOOD NUTRITION ACCESS PLAN FOR OUR 81 SCHOOL DISTRICTS; NUMBER

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1 2, WORKING WITH ALL COMMUNITY COLLEGES IN THE COUNTY TO HELP
2 ALL ELIGIBLE STUDENTS GAIN ACCESS TO FOOD NUTRITION PROGRAMS,
3 INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO CALFRESH; AND NUMBER 3, WORKING
4 WITH THE CAL STATE UNIVERSITY TO COMPLEMENT THEIR EFFORTS TO
5 EXPAND NUTRITION ASSISTANCE TO STUDENTS WHO ARE FOOD-INSECURE.
6 WITH THAT, I THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. THAT WILL
9 BE VOTED ON NEXT WEEK. NOW TURN TO THE AUTHOR OF THE MOTION TO
10 BE CONSIDERED TODAY, WHICH RELATES TO SCREENING FOR FOOD
11 INSECURITY: SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

12

13 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU, ALSO,
14 CHAIRWOMAN KUEHL, FOR ALSO CO-AUTHORING THIS MOTION. IT'S
15 SOMETHING THAT I KNOW YOU AND I CARE DEEPLY ABOUT ON THIS
16 BOARD, AND WE'VE WORKED ON THESE ISSUES IN THE LEGISLATURE.
17 BUT IT'S COME TO MY ATTENTION THAT A RECENT D.P.H. REPORT
18 ISSUES THAT MORE THAN 500,000 HOUSEHOLDS IN LOS ANGELES
19 COUNTY, EARNING LESS THAN 300 PERCENT OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY
20 LEVEL, LACK, AGAIN, ACCESS TO NECESSARY MEANS TO PURCHASE
21 NUTRITIOUS FOODS. WE KNOW THAT. AND ESPECIALLY IN PLACES WHERE
22 THERE ARE FOOD DESERTS, IT'S EVEN MORE COMPOUNDED. MANY OF
23 THEM, AS YOU KNOW, COME FROM IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES. AND IN
24 THIS REPORT, WE NOTE THAT 67 PERCENT OF THOSE IMPACTED HAPPEN
25 TO BE LATINOS. IT'S TRULY DISHEARTENING THAT DESPITE OUR

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1 EFFORTS-- AND THERE HAVE BEEN EFFORTS MADE BY THIS BOARD IN
2 PREVIOUS YEARS, AND ACROSS THE STATE, BUT NONETHELESS WE STILL
3 HAVE TO COMBAT THIS ISSUE OF HUNGER IN OUR OWN COUNTY. FOOD
4 INSECURITY, AS IT IS NOW NAMED, IS DIRECTLY LINKED TO CHRONIC
5 HEALTH CONDITIONS, MANY THAT ARE EXACERBATED IN OUR
6 UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES. AND YOU SEE IT WHEN YOU REPORT ON
7 HIGH LEVELS OF DIABETES, OBESITY, CANCER, AND EVEN ASTHMA. IF
8 YOU'RE NOT OUT THERE EXERCISING AND RECREATING, IT'S NOT
9 HEALTHY FOR OUR COMMUNITIES. JUST AS WE ARE COMBATTING
10 HOMELESSNESS AND ENVIRONMENTAL INJUSTICE IN THE COUNTY, FOOD
11 INSECURITY IS ALSO AN EQUITY ISSUE THAT NEEDS OUR ATTENTION
12 NOW. MANY OF OUR RESIDENTS DON'T HAVE THE MONEY OR THE BUYING
13 POWER TO APPROPRIATELY BUY THE GOOD FOOD, HEALTHY FOODS, AND
14 THEY'RE LIMITED, ALSO, IN TERMS OF THAT ACCESS. THAT'S WHY THE
15 BOARD, I THINK, HAS MOVED IN PREVIOUS OCCASIONS TO MAKE SURE
16 THAT EVEN SOME OF OUR COMMERCIAL AND RETAIL ENTITIES THAT ARE
17 IN OUR UNINCORPORATED AREAS DO AS MUCH AS THEY CAN TO PUT
18 FORWARD FRUITS AND VEGETABLES ON THE FRONT LANE, INSTEAD OF
19 THE BACK LANE, AND MAKING SURE THAT THERE'S ACCESS THAT'S
20 PROMINENT AND DISPLAYED TO ALL OF OUR RESIDENTS. BUT THE KEY
21 IS TO CONNECT THE PEOPLE TO THE RIGHT PROGRAMS, AND WE NEED TO
22 TAKE SOME POSITIVE STEPS, AND THOSE ARE TO IDENTIFY AND TRACK
23 PEOPLE IN NEED. SO WE NEED TO KNOW WHO THAT POPULATION IS,
24 WHERE THEY'RE LOCATED, CREATE MORE OF A ROBUST REFERRAL
25 PROCESS ACROSS THE SYSTEM, AND TRAIN OUR COUNTY STAFF TO GUIDE

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1 AND CONNECT PEOPLE ALONG THE WAY. THAT'S ONE OF THE MOST
2 IMPORTANT TOOLS, I THINK, THAT THE COUNTY CAN OFFER. I BELIEVE
3 THAT THESE ARE SMALL STEPS. THEY'RE LOW-HANGING FRUIT. BUT IT
4 WILL HELP TO IMPROVE OUR SYSTEM, OVERALL, SO WE DON'T HAVE TO
5 BEAR THE SHAME OF HAVING THE COUNTY WITH THE LARGEST NUMBER OF
6 INDIVIDUALS THAT CAN'T FIND ADEQUATE NUTRITION AND FOOD IN OUR
7 COUNTY-- A COUNTY THAT IS SO RICH, AS WAS UNDERScoreD
8 PREVIOUSLY. SO, COLLEAGUES, I ENCOURAGE YOU TO SUPPORT THE
9 MOTION. I THANK CO-AUTHOR, AND I THANK THOSE THAT ARE GOING TO
10 BE SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE MEASURE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

11

12 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. AS THE CO-
13 AUTHOR, I WANT TO SAY, IN MY REMARKS EARLIER, I TALKED ABOUT
14 HOW WE WORK ACROSS DEPARTMENTS, AND WANT TO DO IT EVEN MORE.
15 THIS IS ONE OF THOSE EXAMPLES WHERE WE HAVE PEOPLE IN SOCIAL
16 SERVICES THAT ARE ELIGIBLE FOR CALFRESH, BUT 1 OUT OF EVERY 3
17 DOESN'T EVEN TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THAT. AND THAT IS A GOOD WAY TO
18 GET FRUITS AND VEGETABLES AND HEALTHY FOOD. AND WE ALSO KNOW
19 THAT PEOPLE WHO ARE FOOD-INSECURE ARE AT HIGHER RISK FOR
20 CHRONIC HEALTH CONDITIONS, LIKE OBESITY AND DIABETES,
21 HYPERTENSION, HIGH CHOLESTEROL. SO ASKING PUBLIC HEALTH,
22 HEALTH SERVICES, AND D.P.S.S. TO WORK TOGETHER AND COME BACK
23 WITH A REPORT IS ONE OF THOSE WAYS I THINK WE CAN INCREASE
24 CALFRESH ENROLLMENT, AND ALSO HAVE THEM SAY, "AND THERE ARE
25 THREE OTHER THINGS YOU HAVEN'T THOUGHT OF." SO, GIVEN THAT,

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1 I'M CERTAIN THAT PEOPLE HAVE SIGNED UP-- OH, SORRY. SUPERVISOR
2 RIDLEY-THOMAS.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** VERY QUICKLY, MADAM CHAIR. ACKNOWLEDGMENT
5 TO THE AUTHOR AND THE CO-AUTHOR OF THIS MOTION. WE CAN'T DO
6 ENOUGH TO LIFT ON THIS ISSUE, IN MY VIEW. LOOK FORWARD TO
7 SUPERVISOR HAHN'S REPORT, OUR MOTION NEXT WEEK, AND THE
8 FOLLOW-UP WORK THERE. JUST A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS THAT NEEDN'T
9 BE ANSWERED BY STAFF NOW, BUT IN THE FOLLOW-UP WORK PURSUANT
10 TO THE MAIN MOTION, IF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS CAN BE
11 ENTERTAINED, IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED. IN LIGHT OF THE FACT
12 THAT THERE ARE LITERALLY TONS OF FOOD THAT ARE DISCARDED ON AN
13 ANNUAL BASIS-- BAKERIES AND RESTAURANTS AND STORES THAT ARE,
14 FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER, OBLIGED TO DISCARD EDIBLE FOOD ON A
15 DAILY BASIS-- THE QUESTION I'D LIKE THE WORKING GROUP, OR THE
16 DEPARTMENT, TO CONSIDER: ARE THERE ANY EFFORTS TO REACH OUT TO
17 THESE BUSINESSES AND BETTER EDUCATE THEM ABOUT THE BENEFITS OF
18 DONATING, AND MAKING THIS A MORE VIABLE SET OF CIRCUMSTANCES?
19 I'D LIKE FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO EDUCATE US ON THIS STATE OF
20 LAW. YOU RECALL THE WORK OF THE CATHOLIC WORKER IN THE SOUP
21 KITCHENS, ALL OF WHAT THEY DO. THEY HAD TO ENGAGE IN CIVIL
22 DISOBEDIENCE, JUST TO SHOUT OUT TO DOROTHY DAY, JUST TO MAKE
23 SURE THAT PEOPLE WERE FED. I WONDER HOW FAR OUR CODES HAVE
24 EVOLVED, IN A WAY THAT WE MIGHT SEE THIS IN OUR EFFORT TO
25 ADDRESS FOOD INSECURITY, AND OBVIOUSLY THE ISSUE OF

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1 HOMELESSNESS AND HUNGER. MY NEXT QUESTION, MADAM CHAIR, IS
2 WITH RESPECT TO A MOTION THAT WAS INTRODUCED IN MAY. D.P.S.S.
3 CREATED THE CALFRESH ADVISORY STEERING COMMITTEE, AS YOU MAY
4 RECALL, WHICH WILL HAVE ITS FIRST MEETING THIS MONTH. AND I
5 WONDER IF IT SHOULDN'T BE THE CASE THAT D.P.H. WOULD FIND
6 ITSELF IN COLLABORATION THERE, OR EITHER AS A PARTICIPANT ON
7 THAT COMMITTEE. NEEDN'T BE ANSWERED NOW, BUT CERTAINLY I WOULD
8 LIKE FOR SUCH CONSIDERATION TO BE GIVEN TO BOTH QUESTIONS.
9 THANK YOU.

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11 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. I HAVE A QUESTION, I
12 GUESS. IN THE REPORT-BACK, WE'VE DIRECTED THREE DEPARTMENTS TO
13 WORK TOGETHER. BUT GIVEN YOUR REALLY APPROPRIATE
14 IDENTIFICATION OF THE ISSUE OF COLLECTING FOOD, IS THERE
15 ANOTHER DEPARTMENT? I KNOW D.P.H. DEFINITELY RATES THE
16 RESTAURANTS, AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT HAS TO DO WITH THEM. IS
17 THERE ANY OTHER DEPARTMENT THAT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO ADD? I
18 DIDN'T ASK ANYBODY IN ADVANCE, BUT I DON'T KNOW WHETHER--

19

20 **SUP. SOLIS:** D.C.F.S. AND L.A.H.S.A., MAYBE.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** RIGHT.

23

24 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** BUT I'M THINKING ABOUT THOSE THAT MIGHT
25 WORK WITH OUR BUSINESSES. IT MIGHT JUST BE PUBLIC HEALTH. BUT

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1 LET ME ASK THE THREE WHO ARE ASKED TO REPORT BACK IF THERE'S
2 ANY OTHER DEPARTMENT THAT SHOULD BE INVITED. DR. FERRER?

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I THINK A SURVEY COULD APPROPRIATELY BE
5 DONE. OFTEN, WE FIND THAT A LOT OF DEPARTMENTS ARE TOUCHING
6 THESE THINGS, AND IT'S NOT COORDINATED. SO, D.P.S.S., IT SEEMS
7 TO ME THAT W.D.A.C.S., YOU COULD HAVE BUSINESS AND CONSUMER
8 AFFAIRS, L.A.H.S.A., AND SO A BIG TENT.

9

10 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** I'M JUST THINKING, BECAUSE A LOT OF
11 JURISDICTIONS HAVE FOUNDERED ON THIS ISSUE OF HOW YOU GET FOOD
12 TO PEOPLE WHO NEED IT. SUPERVISOR BARGER.

13

14 **SUP. BARGER:** I WAS JUST GOING TO SAY, D.C.F.S., WHEN YOU THINK
15 ABOUT IT, THAT'S ONE FORM OF NEGLECT. SO THEY PROBABLY SEE
16 FIRSTHAND, ON THE FRONT LINE, BUT ALSO PARKS AND REC. WE HAVE
17 A LOT OF AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS. AND WHEN I TALK TO SOME OF THE
18 PEOPLE THAT WORK AT THEM, A LOT OF THOSE CHILDREN ARE COMING
19 THERE TO GET A FREE MEAL, BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE IT. SO, I
20 MEAN, WITHIN THE COUNTY, THAT'S TO YOUR POINT, WHEN YOU WERE
21 TALKING, TAKING OVER AS CHAIR. IT'S IMPORTANT TO BREAK DOWN
22 THESE SILOES, BECAUSE EACH DEPARTMENT WILL TOUCH THE LIVES, IN
23 ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, SO YEAH.

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1 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** YEAH, LET'S JUST THINK. I MEAN, WE'RE NOT
2 ASKING YOU, DR. FERRER, TODAY, TO TELL US, UNLESS YOU...

3

4 **DR. BARBARA FERRER:** I HAVE A LITTLE BIT OF AN ANSWER, BECAUSE
5 WE ACTUALLY DO HAVE A BIG FOOD RECLAIMING PROJECT THAT WE'RE
6 COORDINATING, OBVIOUSLY INVOLVING MANY OTHER DEPARTMENTS. BUT
7 ALSO, WE'RE WORKING REALLY CLOSELY WITH A LOT OF COMMUNITY-
8 BASED AGENCIES WHO DEAL WITH FOOD INSECURITY ISSUES. AND WE'D
9 BE HAPPY TO INCLUDE, IN THE REPORT-BACK, DETAILS. BUT IT'S A
10 FAIRLY EXPANSIVE INITIATIVE, WITH A LOT OF GOOD WORK THAT'S
11 BEEN HAPPENING. WE'RE ABOUT TO, I THINK, PILOT TEST AN
12 APPLICATION THAT ALLOWS INSTITUTIONS OR RESTAURANTS WHO HAVE
13 EXCESS FOOD, EXTRA FOOD, TO BE ABLE TO CONNECT WITH FEEDING
14 PROGRAMS, ET CETERA, THAT NEED THAT FOOD. SO, ONE ISSUE WITH A
15 COUNTY THIS LARGE WAS, HOW DO WE FIND THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE
16 EXCESS FOOD, AND CONNECT THEM TO THE PEOPLE WHO ARE IN NEED OF
17 FOOD? SO WE'VE BEEN WORKING PRETTY DILIGENTLY AND, I WANT TO
18 ACKNOWLEDGE, WITH A LOT OF SUPPORT FROM D.H.S. AND D.P.S.S.,
19 OBVIOUSLY ON SORT OF THE FOOD INSECURITY SIDE, AND WHAT WE
20 CALL RECLAIMING FOOD; ALSO, WORKING AROUND WITH OUR HOSPITALS
21 AND WITH OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS, WHERE THERE CAN BE SOME ENORMOUS
22 WASTE, TO TRY TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO MINIMIZE THAT WASTE. THE
23 BIG PLACE-- AND I THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, FOR
24 NOTING THIS-- IS, WE'VE HAD TO CHANGE OUR INSPECTIONAL
25 REGULATIONS TO REALLY BE ABLE TO SUPPORT THIS MOVEMENT AROUND

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1 RECLAIMING FOOD, SO THAT IN FACT IT'S NOT OUR VERY OWN
2 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH INSPECTORS THAT WERE STANDING IN THE WAY
3 OF BEING ABLE TO RECLAIM FOOD. BUT WE'RE HAPPY TO INCLUDE ALL
4 THAT BACK IN THE REPORT.

5

6 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THE ADDITIONAL REQUESTS WOULD BE
7 TREATED AS AN AMENDMENT TO THIS. SO WHEN WE VOTE ON IT LATER,
8 WE'LL DO IT AS AMENDED. I BELIEVE THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO'VE
9 REQUESTED TO SPEAK. PLEASE CALL THEM FORWARD, AT THIS TIME.

10

11 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** WOULD THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS
12 PLEASE COME FORWARD TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON AGENDA ITEM NO. 4:
13 DR. LARRY YIN, PLEASE COME FORWARD, AND STAFF WILL DIRECT YOU.
14 YOU CAN SEE STAFF WAVING THEIR HANDS. PLEASE COME FORWARD.
15 KIRAN SALUJA, JARED CALL, MICHAEL FLOOD. PLEASE COME FORWARD,
16 SABRINA SANDERS, JIM CROSS, SUNNY ZIA, DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL,
17 JOHN WALSH, AND RED CHIEF HUNT.

18

19 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** WELCOME. SOMEONE BEGIN.

20

21 **LARRY YIN:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME'S LARRY YIN. I'M A
22 PEDIATRICIAN AT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL LOS ANGELES. AND FOR THOSE
23 WHO DON'T KNOW, WE WERE THE FIRST AND THE LARGEST CHILDREN'S
24 HOSPITAL IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, AND RANKED NUMBER 1 BY U.S.
25 NEWS & WORLD REPORT, FOR CALIFORNIA. SO I WANTED TO USE THIS

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1 TIME TO TALK ABOUT FOOD INSECURITY, LIKE THOSE WHO HAVE COME
2 BEFORE, TO TALK ABOUT THE IMPACTS, SPECIFICALLY, ON CHILD
3 HEALTH. WE KNOW THAT 1-1/2 MILLION INDIVIDUALS IN THIS COUNTY
4 DON'T HAVE ENOUGH FUNDS TO BUY SUFFICIENT AMOUNTS OF FOOD. WE
5 ALSO KNOW THAT THIS RESULTS IN A TRADEOFF BETWEEN WHAT A
6 FAMILY SHOULD BUY AND WHAT THEY CAN BUY. AND THIS DOWNSTREAM
7 EFFECT THEN AFFECTS 25 PERCENT OF THE KIDS WHO LIVE IN THE
8 COUNTY. AND ALMOST 25 PERCENT OF THE KIDS WHO LIVE IN THIS
9 COUNTY LIVE IN FOOD-INSECURE HOUSEHOLDS. FOOD-INSECURE
10 FAMILIES, AS YOU ALREADY HEARD, ARE AT GREATER RISK FOR
11 CHRONIC DISEASES THAT BEGIN IN CHILDHOOD AND CONTINUE INTO
12 ADULTHOOD, AND THOSE INCLUDE OVERWEIGHT, OBESITY, AND ASTHMA.
13 AND SO THIS OBESITY-HUNGER PARADOX IS SOMETIMES HARD TO
14 UNDERSTAND, BUT LET ME PUT IT QUICKLY IN THE CONTEXT OF
15 PATIENTS. AND WHEN YOU HAVE PATIENTS LIKE I DO, WHO LIVE IN
16 FOOD-INSECURE ENVIRONMENTS, THEY TEND TO EAT MORE WHEN FOOD IS
17 AVAILABLE. AND WHEN THE SITUATION IMPROVES, THEY DON'T EAT
18 LESS. THEY CONTINUE TO EAT MORE. AND THAT'S WHAT CAUSES THE
19 CYCLE OF OVERWEIGHT AND OBESITY. FOOD INSECURITY IS ALSO AN
20 INVISIBLE PROBLEM THAT NEGATIVELY IMPACTS MANY OF MY PATIENTS.
21 AND SO WE REALLY NEED TO THINK ABOUT HOW TO IMPLEMENT
22 SCREENING TOOLS THAT APPROPRIATELY IDENTIFY FOOD-INSECURE
23 PATIENTS, WHICH THEN OPENS UP THE CONVERSATION IN OUR MEDICAL
24 HOME ABOUT HOW TO BEST SERVE FAMILIES AND PROVIDE RESOURCES.
25 AND SO I FULLY SUPPORT THE BOARD IN PASSING THIS MOTION, AND I

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1 HOPE THAT WE CAN CONTINUE ON IN THIS PROCESS OF IDENTIFYING
2 FAMILIES. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

5

6 **KIRAN SALUJA:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS KIRAN SALUJA, AND I'M
7 THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE P.F.H.E. W.I.C. PROGRAM. IT'S
8 THE LARGEST LOCAL PROGRAM IN THE COUNTRY. I'M ACTUALLY
9 SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE 7 OTHER W.I.C. PROGRAMS, THAT
10 TOGETHER SERVED ALMOST HALF A MILLION L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS IN
11 2013 TODAY WE ARE SERVING UNDER 400,000.00 I'M HERE TO EXPRESS
12 MY SUPPORT FOR THE BOARD TO PASS THIS MOTION ON FOOD
13 INSECURITY SCREENING AND CLINICS. IT MAY SURPRISE YOU TO HEAR
14 THAT TWO-THIRDS OF BABIES BORN IN L.A. COUNTY ARE ACTUALLY
15 SERVED BY W.I.C. 66 PERCENT OF OUR INFANTS ARE ON THE W.I.C.
16 PROGRAM. W.I.C. TAKES CARE OF THE MOST VULNERABLE POPULATIONS.
17 IT'S CHILDREN UNDER AGE FIVE, IT'S PREGNANT WOMEN, POSTPARTUM
18 WOMEN, AND BREASTFEEDING WOMEN, AND WE ALSO SERVE WOMEN WHO'VE
19 HAD A PREGNANCY LOSS, FOR SIX MONTHS, SO THAT THEY GET GOOD
20 NUTRITION. W.I.C. HAS BECOME THE EXTENDED FAMILY FOR MOST OF
21 OUR PARTICIPANTS. WE GIVE ADVICE ON HOW TO DEAL WITH TODDLER
22 TANTRUMS, FOOD TANTRUMS, HELPING FIND CRITICAL RESOURCES, LIKE
23 HOUSING, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTERS, FOOD PANTRIES, REGIONAL
24 CENTERS, AND THESE DAYS, IMMIGRANT RESOURCES. W.I.C. HAS
25 BECOME SYNONYMOUS WITH SUPPORT AND CARING. OF COURSE, WE ARE

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1 BEST KNOWN AS THE GOVERNMENT PROGRAM THAT WALKS THE TALK. THE
2 W.I.C. FOOD BENEFIT, IN THE FORM OF MONTHLY VOUCHERS OR
3 CHECKS, ARE REDEEMED BY FAMILIES AT RETAIL STORES FOR
4 SPECIFICALLY PRESCRIBED HEALTHY FOODS. SO IF YOU'RE EVER
5 LOOKING FOR A HEALTHY CEREAL, LOOK FOR THE W.I.C. LOGO, AND
6 YOU'LL KNOW THAT'S GOING TO BE REALLY HEALTHY. THAT'S YOUR
7 CHECKMARK. SO THESE VOUCHERS NOT ONLY HELP FAMILIES INFORM
8 BUYING HABITS THAT ARE HEALTHY, AND SET HEALTHY EATING
9 PATTERNS, BUT THEY INFLUENCE FAMILIES IN THE LONG TERM, AND
10 THEY RELEASE ECONOMIC RESOURCES THAT CAN THEN GO TO PAY RENT,
11 THAT CAN THEN GO FOR UTILITY BILLS AND TRANSPORTATION.
12 DISTURBINGLY, THE PARTICIPATION IN OUR PROGRAM HAS REALLY
13 DROPPED. WE DON'T KNOW, ESPECIALLY SINCE JANUARY, WHAT THE
14 CURRENT CLIMATE IS, BUT WE HAVE FOUND OUT THAT THERE'S 40,000
15 CALFRESH FAMILIES THAT ARE NOT PARTICIPATING IN W.I.C. THAT
16 MEANS THEY'RE FULLY ELIGIBLE. AND I AM HOPING THAT SOMETHING
17 LIKE THIS RESOLUTION IS GOING TO HELP CONNECT US.

18
19 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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21 **KIRAN SALUJA:** THANK YOU.

22
23 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** YOU COULD FINISH THAT SENTENCE.

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1 **KIRAN SALUJA:** I JUST WANTED TO COMMEND YOU, ALSO, ON THE
2 OFFICE OF IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS THAT YOU HAVE ESTABLISHED
3 RECENTLY.

4

5 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, BUT THAT'S SLIGHTLY OFF TOPIC.

6

7 **KIRAN SALUJA:** I BEG YOUR PARDON?

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9 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** SLIGHTLY OFF TOPIC, BUT THANK YOU.

10

11 **KIRAN SALUJA:** WELL, IT'S SORT OF RELATED, BECAUSE IT'S THE
12 IMMIGRANT FAMILIES. CALFRESH IS FOR PEOPLE WHO WERE BORN IN
13 THIS COUNTRY. THERE'S A LOT OF MISUNDERSTANDING. W.I.C. IS FOR
14 EVERYBODY WHO FITS THE CATEGORY. AND I'M THINKING THAT WITH
15 THIS RESOLUTION, WE CAN HELP GET SOME OF THOSE MYTHS, AND WE
16 CAN GET FAMILIES THE CARE. AND ALSO, WITH IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS
17 BEING SO SUCCESSFUL, LIKE THEY WERE WITH THE D.A.C.A. ISSUE,
18 WHERE THEY HAD THAT LIVE CHAT, I'M HOPING THAT YOU CAN ASK
19 THEM TO DO MORE TO CONNECT W.I.C. FAMILIES BACK TO THOSE MUCH-
20 NEEDED SERVICES.

21

22 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** POINT TAKEN. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT
23 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

24

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1 **JAMES CROSS:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS JAMES
2 CROSS, AND I'M WITH L.A.C.O. AND I'VE NEVER BEEN HUNGRY. WHAT
3 I MEAN BY THAT, REALLY, IS THAT I'VE NEVER BEEN HUNGRY BECAUSE
4 I DIDN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO EAT. I'VE NEVER BEEN HUNGRY, WHEN I
5 DIDN'T KNOW WHEN I WOULD EAT AGAIN, OR IF I COULD EAT UNTIL I
6 WAS FULL; YOU KNOW, HOW YOU FEEL AFTER THANKSGIVING DINNER.
7 WELL, FOR TENS OF THOUSANDS OF KIDS AND THEIR FAMILIES IN LOS
8 ANGELES COUNTY, GOING WITHOUT FOOD IS COMMON. FOR SOME, IT'S A
9 DAILY OCCURRENCE. AT L.A.C.O., WE'RE ALL ABOUT EDUCATION. WE
10 STRIVE TO BE SURE THAT WE ARE BUILDING THE BEST FUTURES
11 POSSIBLE FOR OUR KIDS, BY PROVIDING THE BEST EDUCATION. I
12 THINK WE ALL APPRECIATE THAT PEOPLE DO NOT DO THEIR BEST WHEN
13 THEY'RE HUNGRY, OR EVEN STARVING. MASLOW'S HIERARCHY OF NEEDS
14 IDENTIFIED FOOD AS THE SECOND MOST IMPORTANT NEED AFTER
15 SAFETY. KIDS CAN'T DO THEIR BEST IN SCHOOL, NO MATTER HOW
16 GREAT THE TEACHER, HOW NICE THE FACILITY, OR HOW GOOD THE
17 TEXTBOOKS, IF THEY ARE HUNGRY. THEREFORE, I SUPPORT THIS
18 MOTION AS A LOGICAL STEP FOR HELPING OUR CHILDREN, AND I KNOW
19 THAT L.A.C.O. LOOKS FORWARD TO WORKING COOPERATIVELY ON A PLAN
20 TO HELP THESE KIDS. THANK YOU.

21

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

23

24 **JARED CALL:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS JARED CALL, AND
25 I'M THE MANAGING NUTRITION POLICY ADVOCATE AT CALIFORNIA FOOD

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1 POLICY ADVOCATES. WE ARE A STATEWIDE PUBLIC POLICY ADVOCACY
2 ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO IMPROVING THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING
3 OF LOW-INCOME CALIFORNIANS, BY INCREASING THEIR ACCESS TO
4 NUTRITIOUS, AFFORDABLE FOOD. I REALLY WANT TO THANK THE BOARD
5 FOR TAKING ON THIS VERY IMPORTANT AND VITAL ISSUE OF FOOD
6 INSECURITY. IN MY CAPACITY AT CALIFORNIA FOOD POLICY
7 ADVOCATES, I LEAD OUR WORK TO INCREASE ACCESS AND
8 PARTICIPATION TO THE CALFRESH PROGRAM, IN PARTICULAR. AND THIS
9 CONCEPT OF SCREENING AND REFERRAL IN HEALTHCARE SETTINGS IS A
10 PROVEN PRACTICE IN INCREASING PARTICIPATION IN THE CALFRESH
11 PROGRAM, AND THEREBY, OF COURSE, REDUCING FOOD INSECURITY
12 OVERALL, IMPROVING OVERALL HEALTH OUTCOMES. SO I AM HERE TO
13 EXPRESS MY SUPPORT FOR THE BOARD TO PASS THIS MOTION ON FOOD
14 INSECURITY SCREENINGS IN CLINICS IN L.A. COUNTY. IN SEPTEMBER
15 OF LAST YEAR, WE RELEASED A REPORT SCREENING IN INTERVENTIONS
16 FOR FOOD INSECURITY IN HEALTHCARE SETTINGS, AND THIS REPORT
17 FOUND THAT ALTHOUGH FOOD INSECURITY SCREENING AND REFERRAL IS
18 A VERY PROMISING PRACTICE, FAR TOO FEW HOSPITALS AND CLINICS
19 IN CALIFORNIA ARE IMPLEMENTING THE SYSTEM. WE IDENTIFIED
20 NUMEROUS BARRIERS, AND PROVIDED SOME RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW TO
21 IMPROVE THAT PERFORMANCE. AND WE'RE REALLY PLEASED TO SEE IN
22 THIS MOTION MANY OF THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS BEING INCLUDED. WE
23 RECOMMENDED ADOPTING FOOD INSECURITY SCREENING AND REFERRAL AS
24 A SYSTEMWIDE PRACTICE IN HEALTHCARE SETTINGS, INCLUDING, OF
25 COURSE, EMBEDDING THE SCREENING TOOL INTO THE ELECTRONIC

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1 HEALTH RECORD, SUPPORTING FINANCIAL INCENTIVES TO MEDICAL
2 PROVIDERS TO ENCOURAGE SCREENING, IMPLEMENTING FOOD INSECURITY
3 SCREENING AS A QUALITY IMPROVEMENT STRATEGY, AND, PERHAPS MOST
4 IMPORTANTLY, PROVIDING ONSITE ENROLLMENT INTO FOOD ASSISTANCE
5 PROGRAMS, SUCH AS CALFRESH AND, OF COURSE, W.I.C. SO, AS I'VE
6 SAID, THE CURRENT BOARD MOTION IS ALIGNED WITH OUR REPORT
7 RECOMMENDATIONS, AND WE THINK THIS IS AN IMPORTANT FIRST STEP
8 IN IMPLEMENTING THIS PRACTICE SYSTEMWIDE. SO WE WOULD LIKE TO
9 COMMEND THE COUNTY AND THE BOARD FOR BEING A PIONEER IN
10 SUPPORTING THESE COLLABORATIONS BETWEEN THE HEALTHCARE SECTOR,
11 PUBLIC HEALTH, AND SOCIAL SERVICES. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

14

15 **MICHAEL FLOOD:** GOOD MORNING. I'M MICHAEL FLOOD, WITH THE LOS
16 ANGELES REGIONAL FOOD BANK. I ALSO SERVE ON THE PUBLIC SOCIAL
17 SERVICES COMMISSION, AS APPOINTED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND I'M
18 SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF THE MOTION. I THINK THAT, IN ADDITION
19 TO THIS MOTION, THE DISCUSSION THAT THE BOARD HAS JUST HAD ON
20 FOOD INSECURITY, AND THE BROAD BASE OF HOW IT'S AFFECTING SO
21 MANY PEOPLE, IS ENCOURAGING, AND I WOULD ASK YOU TO CONTINUE
22 TO FOCUS ON THIS ISSUE. ONE THING THAT WE'VE NOTICED, THAT
23 EVEN WITH AN IMPROVED ECONOMIC SITUATION, LOCALLY, AND AN
24 IMPROVED EMPLOYMENT SITUATION, AS THIS PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT
25 THAT RECENTLY WAS RELEASED SHOWED, AND WHAT OUR WORK WITH THE

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1 L.A. REGIONAL FOOD BANK AND THE MORE THAN 600 PARTNER AGENCIES
2 WE WORK WITH SHOW, IS THAT THE DEMAND FOR FOOD ASSISTANCE AND
3 THE RATE OF FOOD INSECURITY IS NOT DECREASING. IN PAST
4 ECONOMIC RECOVERIES, WE WOULD SEE A FAIRLY SIGNIFICANT DECLINE
5 IN THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE SEEKING FOOD ASSISTANCE, AND THAT'S
6 NOT WHAT WE'RE SEEING IN THIS SITUATION. SO THE LINK OF
7 HEALTH, FOOD INSECURITY, HOUSING, THE EDUCATION PIECE-- THESE
8 ARE ALL LINKED TOGETHER. THESE ARE ALL PEOPLE WHO NEED HELP
9 AND NEED FOOD ASSISTANCE. THE ONE OTHER ITEM I WOULD MENTION
10 IS THAT THE BOARD'S MOTION, BACK IN MAY, OR THE SUMMER, WITH
11 REGARDS TO D.P.S.S. SERVING ON THE PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES
12 COMMISSION, AND WILL BE SERVING ON THIS CALFRESH ADVISORY
13 GROUP, IS MAKING INROADS. D.P.S.S., AS YOU SEE IN THE REPORTS
14 COMING BACK TO THE BOARD, IS MAKING PROGRESS IN THAT REGARD.
15 AND THEN ONE OTHER FINAL THING IS, YES, CERTAINLY TALKING
16 ABOUT SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS'S FOCUS ON FOOD THAT'S OUT
17 THERE, ABSOLUTELY. THIS FOCUS IS NEEDED. THE FOOD BANK LAST
18 YEAR DISTRIBUTED MORE THAN 70 MILLION POUNDS OF FOOD TO THE
19 COMMUNITY. THIS YEAR WILL BE MORE. BUT THE FOCUS ON THAT ISSUE
20 IS DEFINITELY ALSO REQUIRED. THANK YOU.

21

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

23

24 **SABRINA SANDERS:** GOOD MORNING. I'M SABRINA SANDERS, AT
25 CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, REPRESENTING OVER 145,000

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1 STUDENTS AT OUR CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY DOMINGUEZ HILLS,
2 LONG BEACH, LOS ANGELES, CAL POLY, POMONA, NORTHRIDGE
3 CAMPUSES. WE RECENTLY COMPLETED OUR OWN RESEARCH STUDY, AND
4 WE'RE IN AWE AT THE AMOUNT OF STUDENTS DEALING WITH FOOD
5 INSECURITY AND HOUSING SECURITY. SINCE THEN, OUR CAMPUSES HAVE
6 STEPPED UP AND CREATED A NUMBER OF PROGRAMS THAT HAVE BECOME
7 NATIONAL MODELS. SOME OF OUR CAMPUSES ARE DEVELOPING
8 PARTNERSHIPS WITH OUR LOCAL FOOD BANKS, WHERE OTHERS ARE
9 SETTING ASIDE EMERGENCY HOUSING IN THE DORMS, OR BUYING
10 HOUSING VOUCHERS FROM LOCAL HOTELS. NONE OF THIS IS GOING TO
11 BE SUSTAINABLE, AND IT'S NOT GOING TO MEET THE DEMANDS OF OUR
12 STUDENT NEEDS. AND SO WE ARE HERE TO BE PARTNERS IN THIS
13 AMENDMENT WITH THE COUNTY'S SOCIAL SERVICES, AS WE KNOW THE
14 NEGATIVE IMPACT ON PERSONAL AND ACADEMIC GROWTH, IMPEDING A
15 STUDENT'S ABILITY TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN ACHIEVING THEIR ACADEMIC
16 GOALS. AT A SYSTEM LEVEL, WE ARE FOCUSED ON SUSTAINABILITY AND
17 SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS, BUT WE CAN'T DO THIS ALONE,
18 COLLABORATING WITH LOCAL, COUNTY, STATE, FEDERAL PARTNERS, AND
19 INCORPORATING SUSTAINABLE HIGH-IMPACT PRACTICES TO IMPROVE
20 EXISTING SERVICES AND ENSURING ALL STUDENTS WILL BE
21 SUCCESSFUL. WE ARE AWARE THAT THE CALFRESH NUTRITION PROGRAMS
22 ARE NOT MAXIMIZED. WE WANT TO KNOW HOW WE CAN BE PARTNERS IN
23 INCREASING OUR OUTREACH TO OUR FACULTY, STAFF, AND STUDENTS,
24 HOW FEDERAL PROGRAMS CAN BE RE-EVALUATED TO BE SPECIFIC TO
25 COLLEGE STUDENTS, HOW WE'RE USING TECHNOLOGY TO MAKE IT MORE

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1 EFFICIENT FOR STUDENTS TO APPLY, AND WHAT OBSTACLES ARE IN THE
2 WAY; FOR EXAMPLE, A STUDENT HAVING TO WORK 20 HOURS TO BE
3 ELIGIBLE FOR CALFRESH PROGRAM. AND WE ALSO WANT TO IMPLEMENT
4 E.B.T. PROGRAMS INTO OUR CAMPUS DINING OUTLETS. WE FEEL THAT
5 CAN BE PARTNERS IN SUPPORT OF THIS AMENDMENT, AND WE ARE EAGER
6 TO BE AT THE TABLE TO HAVE THIS CONVERSATION, AND IMPLEMENT
7 MORE STRATEGIES TO SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS' BASIC NEEDS. AND WE
8 ARE IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS, IN ORDER TO SUPPORT THE
9 SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF COLLEGE EDUCATION FOR OUR STUDENTS.

10

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

12

13 **SUNNY ZIA:** GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF
14 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS SUNNY ZIA. I'M THE VICE PRESIDENT OF
15 THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF LONG BEACH COMMUNITY COLLEGE
16 DISTRICT. IN RECENT NEWS REPORTING, 52 PERCENT OF THE STUDENTS
17 NATIONWIDE ARE STRUGGLING WITH FOOD INSECURITY, HOUSING
18 INSECURITY, OR BOTH. AND 1 IN 5 STUDENTS, AS MADAM CHAIR PRO
19 TEM MENTIONED, ARE GOING HUNGRY WHILE ATTENDING COLLEGE, AND
20 CHOOSING EDUCATION OVER A MEAL. AT LONG BEACH CITY COLLEGE,
21 THE REPORTED NUMBERS ARE 1 OUT OF 6 STUDENTS WHO ARE
22 EXPERIENCING FOOD INSECURITY AND HOMELESSNESS. WHILE I'M PROUD
23 OF THE WORK THAT WE'VE DONE AT OUR DISTRICT, IN PROVIDING
24 SCHOLARSHIPS TO OUR STUDENTS AND ALLEVIATING SOME OF THE COSTS
25 OF FOOD, BOOKS, AND TUITION, IT HAS NOT NEARLY BEEN ENOUGH TO

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1 ADDRESS THE DEPTH OF THE ISSUE WE ARE DEALING WITH. YOUR VOTE
2 TODAY AND NEXT WEEK, WITH THE AMENDMENT THAT SUPERVISOR HAHN
3 HAS BROUGHT FORWARD, WILL HELP OUR STUDENTS THRIVE AND HAVE
4 SECURITIES THEY DESERVE. THEY ARE HARDWORKING MEMBERS OF OUR
5 COMMUNITY, WHO ARE STRIVING TO CHANGE THEIR ECONOMIC STATUS
6 VIA EDUCATION, AND BECOME CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS OF OUR SOCIETY.
7 I URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THIS ITEM AND THE AMENDMENT, AND THANK
8 YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP. GOD BLESS YOU FOR BEING THE ONES
9 WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR. THANK YOU.

10

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

12

13 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
14 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I AM IN FAVOR OF THAT MOTION. I THINK
15 IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE SHARE THAT AVAILABILITY,
16 ESPECIALLY OF FOOD. AND WE NEED TO REALLY COME TO THE HELP OF
17 THOSE PEOPLE WHO DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO IT. BUT WHEN IT COMES TO
18 DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD, THERE ARE VERY STRICT LAWS, IN THE STATE
19 OF CALIFORNIA, IN PARTICULAR. AND MANY PEOPLE-- RESTAURANTS,
20 AND SO ON-- WILL GIVE THE FOOD AWAY, BUT IT'S VERY
21 RESTRICTIVE. SO I THINK, MAYBE, YOU SHOULD ALSO LOOK AT WHAT
22 CAN BE DONE ON THAT ISSUE, BECAUSE A LOT OF THE FOOD IS BEING
23 DISCARDED BECAUSE THERE IS PROHIBITION TO DELIVER IT. SO I
24 WOULD REALLY APPRECIATE IF YOU LOOK ON WHAT CAN BE DONE,
25 BECAUSE OFTEN THAT'S THE SITUATION. I KNOW MANY RESTAURANTS

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1 AND EVEN HOSPITALS WILL GIVE THE FOOD AWAY, BUT CAN'T. THANK
2 YOU.

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4 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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6 **JOHN WALSH:** JOHN WALSH, BLOGGING AT HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG OR
7 JWALSHCONFIDENTIAL, TWEETING AT @HOLLYWOODDEMS. LET'S TAKE A
8 CLOSER LOOK AT THE FOOD. THE FOOD THAT THE COUNTY SUPPLIES IS
9 PRACTICALLY INEDIBLE. IT'S TERRIBLE. THE REASON PEOPLE DON'T
10 EAT IT IS BECAUSE IT TASTES BAD. I COULD GO ON AND ON FOR
11 ANOTHER 33 SECONDS, BUT YOU GET THE PICTURE.
12 HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG.

13

14 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. WALSH. DO WE HAVE OTHER
15 SPEAKERS THAT WERE CALLED?

16

17 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** THOSE WERE ALL THE INDIVIDUALS WHO
18 REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THIS ITEM.

19

20 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SO, JUST TO REVIEW, ITEM 4 IS UP
21 FOR VOTE. IT IS AS AMENDED, AND IT IS AMENDED NOT BY
22 SUPERVISOR HAHN'S MOTION FOR NEXT WEEK, BUT BY THE REQUEST
23 MADE BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, TO EXPAND IT SLIGHTLY. SO
24 I'LL SHOW IT AS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY
25 SUPERVISOR HAHN. ANY OBJECTION TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE ON ITEM 4,

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1 AS AMENDED? SEEING NONE, THAT WILL BE THE VOTE. MADAM E.O.,
2 PLEASE CALL THE NEXT ITEM.

3

4 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** THE NEXT ITEM BEFORE YOU IS ITEM
5 NO. 20. THIS IS AN AMENDMENT TO A CONTRACT WITH THE NATIONAL
6 COUNCIL ON CRIME AND DELINQUENCY. THIS ITEM WAS HELD BY
7 SUPERVISOR HAHN, AND BOBBY CAGLE IS HERE, FROM D.C.F.S., TO
8 ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS, AND BRANDON NICHOLS.

9

10 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** WELCOME TO BOTH.

11

12 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** MR. CAGLE'S BEEN HERE FOR A MINUTE AND A
15 HALF. MR. NICHOLS HAS BEEN WITH US LONGER. SUPERVISOR HAHN.

16

17 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND, MR. CAGLE, WELCOME, AT
18 YOUR FIRST OFFICIAL BOARD MEETING. WELCOME TO L.A. COUNTY.
19 WE'RE EXTREMELY HAPPY TO HAVE YOU HERE WITH US. AND, BRANDON,
20 I WANTED TO TAKE THIS TIME TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP
21 DURING YOUR TENURE AS THE ACTING DIRECTOR. I KNOW THAT SOCIAL
22 WORKERS MUST MAKE LIFE-CHANGING DECISIONS FOR KIDS EVERY DAY,
23 OFTEN IN VERY CHALLENGING AND EMOTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES.
24 STRUCTURED DECISION-MAKING HAS BEEN AN INSTRUMENT THAT THE
25 DEPARTMENT HAS USED FOR MANY YEARS TO HELP SOCIAL WORKERS MAKE

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1 THOSE DECISIONS. BUT ONE OF THE DOWNSIDES, OF COURSE, IS THAT
2 EVEN THE VERY BEST INSTRUMENTS AND TOOLS THAT WE USE CAN BE
3 SKEWED, IF THE USER IS NOT PROPERLY TRAINED, AND THE
4 INFORMATION ABOUT THE FAMILY IS NOT ACCURATELY ENTERED. SO I
5 WAS JUST HOPING THAT TODAY, AS WE MOVE FORWARD IN RENEWING
6 THIS CONTRACT, THAT ONE OR BOTH OF YOU COULD SPEAK TO HOW
7 WE'RE TRAINING OUR STAFF TO USE THIS. WHAT CAN YOU TELL ME TO
8 ASSURE ME THAT THE DATA, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, IS NOT BEING
9 MANIPULATED OR SKEWED? AND HOW OFTEN DO WE KEEP WORKING WITH
10 STAFF TO MAKE SURE THAT THAT'S NOT HAPPENING? AND ARE THERE
11 ANY SAFEGUARDS AT THIS POINT, IN THIS KIND OF A SYSTEM, THAT
12 COULD REALLY LOWER THE RISK OF DATA BEING MANIPULATED?

13

14 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. I THINK YOUR COMMENTS ARE
15 SPOT-ON. IN THE DEPARTMENT, WHEN WE TALK ABOUT S.D.M., ONE OF
16 THE ADAGES WE USE IS "GARBAGE IN, GARBAGE OUT." THE TOOL IS
17 ONLY AS GOOD AS THE ASSESSMENT THAT THE SOCIAL WORKER WHO'S
18 USING IT MAKES, AND THE INFORMATION THAT HE OR SHE PUTS INTO
19 THE TOOL. AND IF WE PUT BAD INFORMATION IN, THE UTILITY OF THE
20 TOOL IS BAD, AND DOESN'T REALLY HELP US. SO, ONE OF THE THINGS
21 WE'VE DONE OVER THIS LAST YEAR, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE
22 OFFICE OF CHILD PROTECTION, IS REVISIT HOW OUR DEPARTMENT USES
23 S.D.M. AND WE'RE JUST ABOUT TO COME BACK TO THE BOARD. IN
24 FACT, WE EXPECT TO DO IT EARLY NEXT YEAR WITH AN ENHANCED
25 TRAINING CONTRACT, TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR SOCIAL WORKERS ARE IN

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1 FACT USING THE TOOL IN A CORRECT WAY. SO I WILL TELL YOU
2 TODAY, WORKERS RECEIVE ONE DAY OF TRAINING ON THE TOOL IN THE
3 ACADEMY, AND THEN THEY'RE ASSESSED ON HOW THEY USE THE TOOL IN
4 OUR SIMULATIONS AT THE ACADEMY, WHICH I'M GLAD YOU CAME DOWN
5 AND GOT TO SEE WHAT ONE OF THOSE SIMULATIONS LOOK LIKE. SO,
6 PART OF THAT SIMULATION INCLUDES A DISCUSSION AND A REVIEW OF
7 HOW THE TOOL WAS USED, BUT WE DON'T REALLY DO A LOT OF IN-
8 FIELD, IN-SERVICE SUPPORT AFTER THE ACADEMY, AND SO THAT'S A
9 PLACE WHICH, NOW, WE RECOGNIZE WE WANT TO COME BACK AND
10 REVISIT. SO THE CONTRACT WILL BE RETURNING, TOO, WITH THE
11 BOARD IN THIS NEXT YEAR. WE'LL HAVE A RETRAINING AND A
12 REORIENTATION FOR ALL OF OUR SOCIAL WORKERS. BUT I THINK, MORE
13 IMPORTANTLY, WE'RE ALSO GOING TO BE FOCUSING ON SUPERVISORS
14 AND COACHES, BECAUSE IT HAS TO BE ACCEPTED AND ADOPTED AT THE
15 SUPERVISORIAL LEVEL, IN ORDER FOR THE WORKERS TO CONTINUE TO
16 USE IT. SO WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR SUPERVISORS ALSO
17 UNDERSTAND THE TOOL, UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF IT, AND
18 UNDERSTAND HOW TO USE IT. IN ADDITION, WE'RE WORKING WITH THE
19 DEVELOPER OF THE TOOL TO GIVE US SOME MANAGEMENT REPORTS, SO
20 WE CAN SEE WHO'S USING THE TOOL, WHO'S NOT USING THE TOOL, SO
21 THAT WE'LL KNOW WHERE THERE'S A DEFICIT, AND WE CAN HOME IN
22 AND ADDRESS IT. BEYOND THAT, THOUGH, I JUST WANT TO REMIND YOU
23 THAT FOR US, THE TOOL IS AN ASSISTANT. THE CRITICAL THINKING,
24 THE COMMON SENSE, THE JUDGMENT OF THE WORKER IS WHERE WE THINK
25 BEST DECISIONS ARE MADE. AND THE TOOL JUST SERVES AS A PROMPT

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1 TO THEM, TO LOOK A LITTLE FURTHER, TO MAYBE PAUSE BEFORE THEY
2 MAKE A DECISION IF THE TOOL SAYS THERE'S RISK. BUT ULTIMATELY,
3 IT'S THAT JUDGMENT, THAT DISCRETION, THAT COMMON SENSE OF THE
4 WORKER, WHERE WE WANT TO MAKE THE MOST INVESTMENT.

5

6 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

7

8 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES. THANK YOU. AND WELCOME, ALSO, MR. CAGLE, TO
9 OUR NEW APPOINTMENT THERE. AND I KNOW I HAD QUESTIONS AROUND,
10 DOES THE SYSTEM, THE S.D.M., ACCOUNT FOR MEDICAL CARE, IN ANY
11 WAY? AND PART OF THAT, I'M JUST THINKING THAT SOMEONE CAN SEE
12 A CHILD, AND MAYBE SEE SOME MARKINGS, BUT NOT IMMEDIATELY TAKE
13 ACTION. DOES THIS SYSTEM TAKE THAT INTO CONSIDERATION?

14

15 **SPEAKER:** SO, THE TOOLS ARE VERY SPECIFIC. THEY'RE DEVELOPED BY
16 AN OUTSIDE VENDOR, AND THEY ARE KEYED TO SPECIFIC DECISION
17 POINTS. AND I WILL TELL YOU THAT NONE OF THE TOOLS
18 SPECIFICALLY ADDRESS REFERRALS TO MEDICAL CARE. THAT SAID, WE
19 DO HAVE INTERNAL DEPARTMENT POLICY THAT WE OURSELVES HAVE
20 DEVELOPED, AND IT GUIDES SOCIAL WORKERS WHEN IT'S APPROPRIATE
21 TO REFER A CHILD FOR A MEDICAL EVALUATION. IN ADDITION TO
22 THAT, WE'VE WORKED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO
23 COLLOCATE PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES IN OUR REGIONAL OFFICES. SO IF
24 A SOCIAL WORKER HAS SOME DOUBT OR SOME QUESTION, THEY SHOULD
25 BE ABLE TO TURN TO A MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL THERE IN THE OFFICE,

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1 WHICH WILL HELP GUIDE THEM IN A DECISION AS TO WHETHER A FULL
2 EXAM IS NECESSARY.

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS:** SO YOU'RE MOVING IN THAT DIRECTION?

5

6 **SPEAKER:** YES, MA'AM.

7

8 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I WANT TO ADD MY WELCOME TO YOU,
11 MR. CAGLE. I'M DELIGHTED THAT YOU'RE HERE. WE LOOK FORWARD TO
12 WORKING WITH YOU. AND, BRANDON, THANK YOU AGAIN. I THANKED YOU
13 AT THE SWEARING-IN, BUT IN THIS VERY PUBLIC PLACE, I WANT TO
14 THANK YOU FOR STEPPING IN. THIS HAS BEEN AN ISSUE THAT WE'VE
15 BEEN LOOKING AT FOR QUITE A WHILE. WE HAD SOME CRITIQUES OF
16 THIS SYSTEM, BECAUSE IT'S USED BY A WHOLE LOT OF DIFFERENT
17 JURISDICTIONS, AND IT DOESN'T REALLY FOCUS ON AN URBAN
18 ENVIRONMENT, NECESSARILY; AND THE KINDS OF FACTORS THAT ARE
19 TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT ARE NOT PERFECT FOR L.A. COUNTY, BECAUSE
20 THEY'RE MUCH BROADER, SORT OF, IN THE UNIVERSE. SO WE STARTED
21 LOOKING AT PREDICTIVE ANALYTICS, AND WE FOUND A LOT OF
22 CONCERNS, PROBLEMS-- THINGS THAT MAYBE, DOWN THE LINE, WE CAN
23 WORK WITH-- BUT FOR NOW, MADE THE DECISION, COLLECTIVELY, TO
24 RENEW THIS CONTRACT, KEEP WORKING WITH IT, WITH MORE TRAINING.
25 BUT IT WOULD BE GOOD TO KNOW, MAYBE-- AND THIS IS NOT A DEMAND

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1 FOR A REPORT, JUST INFORMALLY, IN YOUR DEPARTMENT-- WHAT YOUR
2 THOUGHTS ARE, AFTER A YEAR AND THE TRAINING, AGAIN RETURNING
3 TO WHETHER THERE'S A WAY TO REFINE IT MORE, OR WHAT WE MIGHT
4 NEED TO DO. BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW ENOUGH ABOUT IT TO SAY,
5 EXACTLY, BUT I KNOW THERE WERE SOME CRITIQUES. AND WORKING
6 WITH JUDGE NASH, I WOULD HOPE THAT WE COULD FIT IT EVER MORE
7 APPROPRIATELY TO OUR COUNTY.

8

9 **SPEAKER:** SO, JUST BRIEFLY ON THAT POINT: IT IS NOT A PERFECT
10 TOOL, AND I THINK SOME OF THE CRITICISMS ARE WELL-FOUNDED. IT
11 IS THE BEST TOOL THAT WE HAVE TODAY, AND IT'S A TOOL THAT THE
12 STATE REQUIRES US TO USE. BUT ON A PARALLEL TRACK, WE'VE
13 CONTINUED TO PURSUE PREDICTIVE ANALYTICS, WORKING WITH THE
14 STATE, AND I THINK THAT IS GOING TO BE THE FUTURE OF NOT ONLY
15 OUR COUNTY, BUT THE STATE. BUT BUILDING THOSE SYSTEMS,
16 BUILDING THOSE ALGORITHMS, IS A MAJOR UNDERTAKING, AND IT'S
17 NEW AND UNCHARTED TERRITORY, SO IT'S TAKING A LITTLE BIT OF
18 TIME. BUT I WILL TELL YOU, WORKING WITH THE STATE, AND I
19 BELIEVE IT'S U.C. BERKELEY, WE'VE ALREADY STARTED TO DEVELOP
20 SOME ALGORITHMS WHICH SHOW A PRETTY GOOD PREDICTIVE ABILITY
21 FOR INDICATING WHEN A CRITICAL INCIDENT WOULD HAPPEN, WHEN A
22 CHILD WOULD BE SERIOUSLY HURT.

23

24 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. I BELIEVE WE'VE HAD
25 PEOPLE SIGN UP FOR THIS ITEM.

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1

2 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** YES, MA'AM. TWO INDIVIDUALS HAVE
3 REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

4

5 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, GENTLEMEN. PLEASE GO AHEAD AND
6 CALL THE NAMES.

7

8 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** WOULD ERIC PREVEN AND JOHN WALSH
9 PLEASE COME FORWARD? THEY'VE PASSED.

10

11 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THEN THERE ARE NO PERSONS
12 SEEKING TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM, NO REQUESTS FROM THE BOARD TO
13 SPEAK, SO I WOULD ASK FOR A MOTION. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS.
14 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER. ANY OBJECTION TO A UNANIMOUS
15 VOTE ON ITEM 20? SEEING NONE, THAT WILL BE THE ACTION. WE MOVE
16 NEXT, I BELIEVE, TO ITEM 26, AS HELD BY SUPERVISOR BARGER.

17

18 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU. IS CHRISTINA GHALY HERE? I HAVE A
19 QUESTION, BECAUSE IN GETTING BRIEFED ON THIS, AND TALKING
20 ABOUT THIS CONTRACT, IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THE COUNTY HOLDS OUR
21 CONTRACT PROVIDERS TO A HIGH STANDARD, TO ENSURE THE EFFICIENT
22 DELIVERY OF QUALITY SERVICE. AND IN THIS CARE, WE'RE TALKING
23 ABOUT RESPONSE TIMES. AND WHILE THIS CONTRACT IS NONEMERGENCY
24 ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT-- I'M SORRY, NONEMERGENCY SUPPORT--
25 THERE STILL ARE STANDARD OF RESPONSE TIMES THAT ARE

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1 APPLICABLE. AND I'M BEING TOLD THAT, IN FACT, THAT'S NOT BEING
2 WATCHED CAREFULLY, AND IN FACT THE RESPONSE TIME IS FAR
3 GREATER THAN IS ALLOWED IN THE CONTRACT. AND SO I JUST WANTED
4 TO FIND OUT WHAT IS GOING ON WITH THAT, AND HOW WE ARE GOING
5 TO ADDRESS THAT, BECAUSE I'M BEING TOLD THAT AT TIMES, THE
6 RESPONSE TIME WAS 120 MINUTES.

7

8 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** DO WE HAVE STAFF FROM D.H.S. THAT CAN
9 ANSWER THIS QUESTION? PLEASE COME TO THE TABLE IN FRONT.

10

11 **SUP. BARGER:** AND 120 MINUTES IS ACTUALLY UNACCEPTABLE,
12 ESPECIALLY FOR A CONTRACT THAT'S IN PLACE. AND WHILE THIS IS
13 NOT EMERGENCY, IT STILL HAS STANDARDS SET INTO PLAY IN ITS
14 CONTRACT. SO MY OFFICE HAD MADE AN ADDITION TO THE CONTRACT
15 STATEMENT OF WORK, TO IMPLEMENT REQUIREMENTS TO IMPROVE THE
16 RESPONSE TIME AND ACCEPTANCE VIA THE INCLUSION OF LANGUAGE
17 THAT COMMITS A CONTRACTOR TO ACCEPT A MINIMUM OF 25 CALLS FOR
18 TRANSPORT PER MONTH, AND SUBJECTING CONTRACT TO TERMINATION
19 FOR FAILING TO ACCEPT AT LEAST 50 PERCENT OF THE CALLS PER
20 QUARTER. SO, CAN YOU KIND OF GO OVER WHAT THE ISSUE IS, AND
21 HOW WE ARE GOING TO HOLD ACCOUNTABLE OUR CONTRACTORS?

22

23 **CHRISTINA GHALY:** SURE, SUPERVISOR. THANK YOU FOR THE QUESTION.
24 I'M CHRISTINA GHALY. I'M THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT

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1 OF HEALTH SERVICES. I'LL LET THE OTHERS INTRODUCE THEMSELVES,
2 AND THEN I'LL BE HAPPY TO RESPOND.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. DREW ELAMAR, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR THE
5 E.M.S. AGENCY FOR D.H.S.

6

7 **BRIAN CHU:** GOOD MORNING. BRIAN CHU, PRINCIPAL DEPUTY, COUNTY
8 COUNSEL.

9

10 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU.

11

12 **CHRISTINA GHALY:** SO, SUPERVISOR, THANK YOU FOR THE QUESTION,
13 AND THANK YOU FOR HELPING TO LEAD THE PROCESS OF PUTTING MORE
14 LANGUAGE INTO THE CONTRACT THAT CAN HELP WITH THE ISSUE OF
15 RESPONSE TIME AND RESPONSIVENESS BY THE CONTRACTED AMBULANCE
16 COMPANIES. AS YOU MENTIONED, THE CONTRACT DOES NOW CALL FOR A
17 MINIMUM CALL VOLUME PER MONTH OF 25, AND REQUIRES THE RESPONSE
18 TIME AT LEAST 50 PERCENT PER QUARTER. AND IF THAT DOESN'T
19 HAPPEN, THEN THERE'S A PROCESS FOR THE AMBULANCE COMPANIES TO
20 HAVE TO SUBMIT A CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN THAT HAS TO BE
21 SUBMITTED WITHIN 15 TO 30 DAYS. AND IF THEY'RE NOT ABLE TO
22 SUBMIT AN ACCESSIBLE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN, AND INCREASE THE
23 RESPONSE TIMES AND THE NUMBER OF CALLS, THEN THERE'S A
24 TERMINATION CLAUSE IN THE CONTRACT THAT WOULD ALLOW US TO
25 TERMINATE, SO THAT WE COULD MOVE ON TO OTHER AMBULANCE

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1 COMPANIES THAT ARE ABLE TO PROVIDE ACCEPTABLE RESPONSE TIMES
2 AND SUPPORT SERVICES.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER:** AND IS THIS BUILT INTO THE CONTRACT?

5

6 **SPEAKER:** YES, IT IS.

7

8 **SUP. BARGER:** OKAY. MADAM CHAIR, I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE,
9 BECAUSE, AGAIN, THIS HAS BEEN AN ISSUE. IN EMERGENCY,
10 OBVIOUSLY, THE RESPONSE TIME IS VITAL. BUT IF IT'S BUILT INTO
11 A CONTRACT, THERE'S A REASON WHY, EVEN FOR NONEMERGENCY. AND I
12 JUST WANT US TO HOLD THEM ACCOUNTABLE, IN TERMS OF THE NUMBER
13 OF CALLS, AS WELL AS THE RESPONSE TIME. AND THAT REALLY IS
14 WHAT I WANTED TO GET ON THE RECORD.

15

16 **CHRISTINA GHALY:** ABSOLUTELY.

17

18 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND I THINK WE REVISIT EACH OF
19 THESE, AND I HOPE THAT DURING THIS YEAR, WE'LL PAY MORE
20 ATTENTION TO SORT OF UPDATES, SO THAT WE KNOW, BECAUSE
21 SOMETIMES ONE OF US WILL GET INFORMATION, BUT THE REST OF US
22 KIND OF WON'T KNOW, SO WE MAY HAVE A FEW MORE QUESTION-AND-
23 ANSWER AT THE BOARD MEETINGS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. SO THANK YOU
24 VERY MUCH FOR THAT. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER. SUPERVISOR
25 HAHN?

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2 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WHEN I LOOKED AT THIS
3 REPORT AND TRIED TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THIS WAS ALL ABOUT, IT
4 SOUNDS LIKE 60 PERCENT OF THE CALLS ARE THESE OVERFLOW CALLS,
5 WHICH THEN GO TO THE CONTRACTORS-- AMBULANCES. AND I WAS
6 SURPRISED THAT THE MAJORITY OF THESE CALLS WERE NOT COVERED BY
7 THE ONES THAT WE HAVE GIVEN THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENTS TO. ALSO,
8 WHILE RESPONSE TIME IS CERTAINLY IMPORTANT, AND I AGREE WITH
9 SUPERVISOR BARGER ON THAT, I THINK THE OTHER ISSUE WAS THAT
10 WE'RE USING AMBULANCES FOR SOME PATIENTS WHO DON'T NEED THIS
11 LEVEL OF TRANSPORT. AND I THINK ONE OF THE ISSUES IS THAT WE
12 DON'T REALLY HAVE A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR NONEMERGENT
13 TRANSPORTATION. AND I'M REALLY CONCERNED, AND FEEL LIKE WE
14 NEED TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE DURING THIS EXTENSION PERIOD OF
15 THIS CONTRACT BEFORE US, SO THAT WE DON'T END UP IN THIS
16 POSITION 7 YEARS FROM NOW. AND I UNDERSTAND, DR. GHALY, THAT
17 YOU ALSO SHARE THESE CONCERNS, AND THAT YOU'RE WORKING TOWARDS
18 A SOLUTION. SO MAYBE YOU CAN EXPLAIN TO US WHAT'S BEING DONE
19 TO FIX THIS PROBLEM WITH THESE NONEMERGENT TRANSPORTATION
20 CALLS THAT WE'RE GETTING, AND HOW MAYBE WE CAN BRING SOME OF
21 THESE TRANSPORTS BACK INTO THE COUNTY, BY INCREASING OUR
22 COUNTY FLEET OR HIRING MORE EMPLOYEES.

23

24 **CHRISTINA GHALY:** YES, SUPERVISOR. THANK YOU. I DO SHARE THE
25 CONCERN THAT YOU RAISE. IN SOME CASES, THE OVERFLOW CONTRACT

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1 IS BEING USED BECAUSE THEY'RE CASES WHERE THE HEALTH PLANS
2 SHOULD BE PROVIDING TRANSPORT OF THE PATIENTS, BECAUSE THE
3 PATIENTS ARE UNDER MANAGED CARE. AND SO PART OF OUR WORK IS TO
4 CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THE HEALTH PLANS, INCLUDING HEALTH NET
5 AND L.A. CARE, TO MAKE SURE THAT THEIR CONTRACTORS ARE
6 PROVIDING THE REQUIRED LEVELS OF SERVICE. AND I KNOW THIS
7 ISSUE HAS BEEN IN THE NEWS. IT'S BEEN IN THE MEDIA, OF
8 CHALLENGES THAT ARE ONGOING, WITH RESPECT TO CONTRACTED
9 TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS BY THE PLANS. BUT THIS IS A PORTION
10 OF THE PROBLEM, AND IT WOULD HELP TO REDUCE THE VOLUME OF
11 OVERFLOW USE OF THE CONTRACT, IF WE ARE ABLE TO HAVE THE
12 MANAGED CARE PLANS PROVIDE THE LEVELS OF SERVICE THAT I KNOW
13 THEY ALSO WANT TO PROVIDE. IN ADDITION TO THAT, WE'RE WORKING
14 TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF WHEELCHAIR VANS THAT ARE AVAILABLE
15 WITHIN E.M.S., SO THAT THOSE PATIENTS WHO DON'T REQUIRE
16 EMERGENCY TRANSPORT, BUT STILL NEED WHEELCHAIR TRANSPORT, CAN
17 BE PROVIDED BY COUNTY STAFF. WE'RE WORKING TO BETTER USE
18 PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, WHEN AVAILABLE, INCLUDING THE M.T.A.
19 SYSTEM, WHEN THAT'S APPROPRIATE FOR THE PATIENT. WE ARE
20 LOOKING AT INCREASING CENTRAL DISPATCH STAFFING WITH THE
21 E.M.S. AGENCIES, SO THAT WE CAN RELY ON OUR COUNTY STAFF TO DO
22 THAT EFFICIENTLY. AND THEN, AS YOU KNOW, WE'RE ALSO LOOKING IN
23 SELECT CASES WHEN PATIENTS REQUIRE NONMEDICAL TRANSPORTATION;
24 SO, NOT JUST NONEMERGENCY, BUT NONMEDICAL TRANSPORT. THEY NEED
25 A RIDE TO CLINIC, OR THEY NEED A RIDE HOME, TO BE ABLE TO

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1 LEVERAGE AVAILABLE OPTIONS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY IN AN
2 EFFICIENT WAY, THAT CAN COVER THE GEOGRAPHIC SPREAD OF THE
3 COUNTY TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE THAT IN A COST-EFFECTIVE MANNER.

4

5 **SUP. HAHN:** AND WHEN DO YOU THINK WE'LL HAVE THAT COMPREHENSIVE
6 PLAN IN PLACE, THAT YOU'RE WORKING ON?

7

8 **CHRISTINA GHALY:** WHEN?

9

10 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH.

11

12 **CHRISTINA GHALY:** WE ANTICIPATE HAVING A MASTER AGREEMENT IN
13 PLACE FOR THAT LAST COMPONENT THAT I REFERRED TO, THE RIDE
14 SHARING OPTIONS, BY SPRINGTIME. AND AROUND THE SAME TIME, I
15 WOULD IMAGINE, WE'RE WORKING ON THE NUMBERS OF ANTICIPATED
16 VOLUMES IN ALL OF THE DIFFERENT SUBSETS. AND I ANTICIPATE
17 BEING ABLE TO COME BACK TO THE BOARD WITH A FULL ASSESSMENT
18 AND PLAN ABOUT HOW WE WOULD MANAGE THOSE DIFFERENT
19 POPULATIONS, AT THAT TIME.

20

21 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU. AND THEN I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT THERE'S
22 A PROBLEM WITH OFFLOADING THE PATIENTS, ONCE TRANSPORTED,
23 WHICH IS PART OF THE PROBLEM BECAUSE OF THE LONG WAIT, OR EVEN
24 THE ABILITY TO TRANSFER THEM TO SOME ENTITY. WHAT ARE WE DOING

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1 TO ENSURE THAT PATIENTS ARE APPROPRIATELY TRANSPORTED AND
2 TRANSITIONED TO A NEW FACILITY, WITHOUT MAJOR TIME WASTED?

3

4 **CHRISTINA GHALY:** YES. ABSOLUTELY. IT'S A COMPLICATED PROBLEM.
5 NO ONE WANTS AMBULANCES TO HAVE TO WAIT IN AN E.R. TO OFFLOAD
6 THE PATIENT. IT'S NOT GOOD FOR THE AMBULANCES. WE WANT TO GET
7 THEM BACK OUT ON THE STREETS, TAKING CARE OF PATIENTS. IT'S
8 NOT GOOD FOR THE STAFF, WHO HAVE TO SPEND THEIR TIME WAITING.
9 THAT'S NOT WHAT THEY ARE TRAINED TO DO, OR WANT TO DO, AND
10 IT'S NOT GOOD FOR THE PATIENTS. IT'S NOT A GOOD SITUATION FOR
11 ANYBODY. AND THERE'S TWO REAL MAIN THINGS THAT WE'RE WORKING
12 ON. ONE IS TO START WITH JUST, IF WE COULD LIMIT THE DEGREE TO
13 WHICH WE USE AMBULANCES FOR PATIENTS THAT DON'T REALLY REQUIRE
14 AN AMBULANCE, THEN THAT WILL HELP LIMIT THE WALL TIME, BECAUSE
15 THERE WILL JUST BE FEWER AMBULANCES THAT ARE TRANSPORTING
16 THOSE PATIENTS, AND THEN HAVE TO WAIT. SO THAT'S REALLY
17 RELYING ON THAT BROADER NETWORK OF TRANSPORTATIONS OPTIONS
18 THAT I MENTIONED BEFORE, AND I THINK THAT WILL HELP. AND THEN
19 WE'RE ALSO LOOKING AT OUR OWN INTERNAL PROCESSES FOR
20 OFFLOADING AMBULANCES, AND LOOKING AT WHAT WE OURSELVES CAN
21 DO. THAT MIGHT INVOLVE, FOR EXAMPLE, PUTTING STAFF AT THE
22 OFFLOAD POINTS-- ADDITIONAL STAFF AT THE OFFLOAD POINTS-- IN
23 THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT, SO THAT THEY CAN EVALUATE THE
24 PATIENTS AT THE POINT OF TRANSITION, AND SEE IF THEY MIGHT BE
25 APPROPRIATE TO BE ABLE TO BE RELEASED FROM PARAMEDIC OR E.M.T.

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1 SUPERVISION, AT THAT POINT, AND THAT WOULD RELEASE THE
2 AMBULANCE EARLIER.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ARE THERE PERSONS WISHING TO
7 SPEAK ON THIS ITEM?

8

9 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** YES, MADAM CHAIR. DR. GENEVIEVE
10 CLAVREUL HAS REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEM 26.

11

12 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. PLEASE COME FORWARD. WELCOME.

13

14 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON. DOCTOR GENEVIEVE
15 CLAVREUL. I AM REALLY CONCERNED OF THE PRICE. 5 MILLION A YEAR
16 IS QUITE A STEEP PRICE, AND THAT'S THE THING THAT GOT ME
17 REALLY CONCERNED. AND I JUST WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO LOOK AT
18 THAT, BECAUSE 5 MILLION A YEAR IS A STEEP AMOUNT.

19

20 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, DOCTOR.

21

22 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** AND I CAN'T SEE THE NUMBER OF
23 TRANSPORTATIONS WARRANT THAT. THANK YOU.

24

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1 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, DOCTOR. ALL RIGHT. NO OTHER
2 PERSONS HAVE REQUESTED TO SPEAK ON THE ITEM, SO WE'LL MOVE TO
3 A VOTE. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
4 HAHN. IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE ON ITEM 26?
5 SEEING NONE, THAT ITEM IS APPROVED. ALL RIGHT. WE'LL NOW MOVE
6 TO THE THREE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA: FIRST, NO.
7 41, THEN NO. 42, THEN NO. 43. SO LET US BEGIN WITH NO. 41.

8

9 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** ALL THOSE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY
10 BEFORE THE BOARD ON THESE PUBLIC HEARINGS, 41, 42, AND 43,
11 PLEASE STAND AND RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND TO BE SWORN IN. IN THE
12 TESTIMONY YOU MAY GIVE BEFORE THIS BOARD, DO YOU SOLEMNLY
13 SWEAR TO TELL THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH, AND NOTHING BUT THE
14 TRUTH, SO HELP YOU GOD? THANK YOU. YOU MAY BE SEATED. ITEM 41
15 IS A HEARING ON AMENDMENTS TO THE PROPRIETARY PETROLEUM
16 FRANCHISE RIGHTS GRANTED TO TEXACO EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION
17 INCORPORATED, IN UNINCORPORATED WHITTIER NARROWS, TO REFLECT
18 THE BOARD'S CONSENT TO TRANSFER THE FRANCHISE RIGHTS TO
19 CHEVRON U.S.A. INCORPORATED, AND EXTEND THE TERM OF THE
20 FRANCHISE THROUGH DECEMBER 31ST, 2022. THERE IS NO
21 DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT, AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

22

23 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. I SEE NO REQUESTS TO SPEAK FROM
24 MY COLLEAGUES, SO WE CAN GO TO THOSE WHO WISH TO GIVE PUBLIC
25 TESTIMONY ON ITEM 41.

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2 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** WOULD ROD SPACKMAN PLEASE COME
3 FORWARD TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEM 41?

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5 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** WELCOME.

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7 **ROD SPACKMAN:** THANK YOU. CHAIRWOMAN KUEHL, MEMBERS OF THE
8 BOARD, MY NAME'S ROD SPACKMAN. I'M THE REGIONAL MANAGER OF
9 PUBLIC AND GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS FOR CHEVRON. I'M ONLY GOING TO
10 JUST TAKE A SECOND TO SAY THANK YOU, AND FIRST TO SUPERVISOR
11 SOLIS'S OFFICE, FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE, ALONG WITH THE C.E.O.'S
12 OFFICE, IN TRYING TO WORK THROUGH THE DETAILS OF THIS
13 PARTICULAR FRANCHISE RENEWAL. THIS IS A VERY COMPLEX SITE WITH
14 A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT ASSETS THAT, FRANKLY, WE DIDN'T HAVE ANY
15 RELATIONSHIP TO, IN ITS OPERATING HISTORY. THEY WERE OWNED BY
16 TEXACO, AND WE'VE INHERITED THOSE. AND IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE
17 HAVE SOME NECESSARY FLEXIBILITY TO BE ABLE TO REALLY EVALUATE
18 IN DETAIL THE STRUCTURE AND THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THIS
19 PARTICULAR SITE, AND MAKE SURE WE DO IT IN A WAY THAT'S
20 CONSISTENT WITH THE INTERESTS OF THE COUNTY. AND THIS WORK WE
21 DID WITH THE SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE AND THE C.E.O., I THINK, WILL
22 GIVE US THAT FLEXIBILITY OVER THE NEXT COUPLE OF YEARS. I
23 WOULD ALSO JUST LIKE TO FINALLY SAY THAT WE REALLY DO APPLAUD
24 THE EFFORTS OF THE COUNTY TO ENSURE THE INTEGRITY OF THE
25 PIPELINE INFRASTRUCTURE THAT YOU ALL FRANCHISE. WE THINK, AS A

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1 COMPANY AND A RESPONSIBILITY OPERATOR, THAT'S A VERY IMPORTANT
2 TASK THAT YOU'VE UNDERTAKEN, IN THAT YOU'RE WORKING TO IMPROVE
3 YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THAT INFRASTRUCTURE, AND MAKE SURE THAT
4 IT'S OPERATED IN A WAY THAT'S REASONABLE AND APPROPRIATE. SO
5 WE JUST WANT TO SAY, WE APPLAUD THAT EFFORT, AS WELL. SO THANK
6 YOU. APPRECIATE IT.

7

8 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. SPACKMAN. WE'RE ALSO VERY
9 PLEASED TO IMPOSE SOME NEW SAFETY AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS,
10 AND WE'LL BE EXTREMELY HAPPY TO WORK WITH CHEVRON ON THEIR
11 COMPLYING. AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANKS TO ALL THE OFFICES
12 THAT WORKED TOGETHER TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN. I DON'T BELIEVE WE
13 HAVE ANY OTHER REQUESTS FOR PUBLIC TESTIMONY. I HAVE NO
14 REQUESTS FROM THE BOARD TO SPEAK. SO, WILL YOU READ THE
15 CLOSING OF THE HEARING?

16

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

19

20 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THE ITEM IS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
21 SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. ANY OBJECTION TO
22 A UNANIMOUS VOTE ON ITEM 41? SEEING NONE, THAT WILL BE THE
23 VOTE. ALL RIGHT. WE MOVE NOW TO ITEM 42. THERE IS A
24 DEPARTMENTAL PRESENTATION. SO WE'LL BEGIN WITH THAT, AND THEN,
25 I BELIEVE, GO TO SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. PLENTY OF TIME FOR

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1 PUBLIC TESTIMONY, BUT LET'S START WITH OUR DEPARTMENTAL
2 PRESENTATION.

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4 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** ITEM 42 IS A HEARING TO ACQUIRE, BY
5 EMINENT DOMAIN, THE REAL PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF
6 THE 8400 AND 8500 BLOCKS OF SOUTH VERMONT AVENUE IN THE CITY
7 OF LOS ANGELES, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THE
8 VERMONT AND MANCHESTER TRANSIT PRIORITY JOINT DEVELOPMENT
9 PROJECT.

10

11 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. PLEASE INTRODUCE YOURSELVES AND
12 LET US SEE WHAT YOU HAVE TO SHOW. YOU SHOULD SPEAK RIGHT INTO
13 A MICROPHONE THAT HOPEFULLY IS TURNED ON. I DON'T HEAR YOU.

14

15 **JOYCE CHANG:** HELLO?

16

17 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** THERE YOU GO.

18

19 **JOYCE CHANG:** GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIR KUEHL AND MEMBERS OF THE
20 BOARD. I AM JOYCE CHANG, WITH THE REAL ESTATE DIVISION OF THE
21 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE.

22

23 **THOMAS FAUGHNAN:** THOMAS FAUGHNAN, SENIOR ASSISTANT COUNTY
24 COUNSEL.

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1 **BRIAN BERGMAN:** BRIAN BERGMAN, OUTSIDE COUNSEL FOR THE COUNTY.

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3 **JOYCE CHANG:** THE PURPOSE OF THIS PUBLIC HEARING IS TO
4 DETERMINE THE NECESSITY FOR THE ACQUISITION OF 16 INDIVIDUAL
5 PARCELS, TOTALING APPROXIMATELY 4,203 ACRES, LOCATED ON THE
6 EAST SIDE OF THE 8400 AND 8500 BLOCKS OF SOUTH VERMONT AVENUE
7 IN SOUTH LOS ANGELES, AS IDENTIFIED IN THE BOARD LETTER AND
8 THE ATTACHED RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY, THE PROPERTIES REQUIRED
9 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THE VERMONT AND
10 MANCHESTER TRANSIT PRIORITY JOINT DEVELOPMENT PROJECT. THE
11 PROPERTY HAS BEEN COMPLETELY VACANT FOR SEVERAL YEARS, AND
12 SUBJECT TO NUMEROUS NOTICES OF VIOLATIONS OVER THE PAST 21
13 YEARS. BEHIND YOU ON THE SCREEN ARE IMAGES OF THE CURRENT
14 CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY. THE PROJECT CONSISTS OF THE
15 FOLLOWING: A SIX-STORY, MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT COMPRISED OF 180
16 AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS, PUBLIC-SERVING RETAIL, AND COMMUNITY
17 SPACE; A TRANSIT CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION CENTER, A PUBLIC
18 CHARTER BOARDING SCHOOL FOR HIGH-NEED MIDDLE- AND HIGH-SCHOOL
19 STUDENTS, A PARKING STRUCTURE, A PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE TRANSIT
20 PLAZA, AND A BUS TRANSFER CENTER. THE PROJECT IS DETERMINED TO
21 BE A TRANSIT PRIORITY PROJECT ELIGIBLE FOR THE SUSTAINABLE
22 COMMUNITIES PROJECT EXEMPTION, PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 2155 AND
23 2155.1 OF THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE. AN EXEMPTION CHECKLIST
24 WAS PREPARED FOR THE PROJECT, AND IS ATTACHED TO THE BOARD
25 LETTER. THE BOARD LETTER AND ITS ATTACHMENTS DESCRIBE THE

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1 PROJECT, AND COLLECTIVELY SET FORTH THE JUSTIFICATION FOR THE
2 ACQUISITION AND THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CALIFORNIA EMINENT
3 DOMAIN LAWS, INCLUDING THE NECESSARY FINDINGS THAT MUST BE
4 MADE TO MITIGATE EMINENT DOMAIN PROCEEDINGS. THE BOARD LETTER
5 AND ATTACHMENTS WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF
6 THE PUBLIC HEARING. STAFF HAS COMPLIED WITH THE ACTIONS
7 REQUIRED BY CALIFORNIA LAW FOR THE ACQUISITION OF THE
8 PROPERTY. THE PROPERTY WAS APPRAISED, AND AN OFFER OF JUST
9 COMPENSATION WAS MADE TO EACH OWNER OF RECORD. THE OFFERS HAVE
10 NOT BEEN ACCEPTED. FOR THE REASONS DISCUSSED IN THE BOARD
11 LETTER AND ITS ATTACHMENTS, STAFF RECOMMENDS THAT THE BOARD
12 FIND THAT THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND NECESSITY REQUIRE THE
13 PROJECT; THE PROJECT IS PLANNED OR LOCATED IN THE MANNER THAT
14 WILL BE MOST COMPATIBLE WITH THE GREATEST PUBLIC GOOD AND THE
15 LEAST PRIVATE INJURY; THE PROPERTY PROPOSED TO BE ACQUIRED IS
16 NECESSARY FOR THE PROJECT; THE ACQUISITION OFFERS HAD BEEN
17 MADE IN COMPLIANCE WITH GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 7267.2; AND
18 THE PROPOSED PROJECT IS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA
19 ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT, PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 21155 AND
20 21155.1 OF THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE. IN
21 CONCLUSION, AFTER THE CLOSING OF THE PUBLIC HEARING, STAFF
22 RECOMMENDS THAT YOUR BOARD APPROVE THE RECOMMENDED ACTIONS IN
23 THE BOARD LETTER, WHICH INCLUDE THE C.E.Q.A. EXEMPTION
24 FINDINGS, ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY, INSTRUCTION
25 TO FILE CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS, ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CAPITAL

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1 PROJECT ACCOUNT, AND APPROVAL OF THE NECESSARY APPROPRIATIONS
2 TO FUND ACQUISITION OF THE PROPERTY.

3

4 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU. IS THAT THE CONCLUSION OF YOUR
5 PRESENTATION?

6

7 **JOYCE CHANG:** YES.

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9 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'D LIKE TO NOW CALL ON MY
10 COLLEAGUE, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AS
13 ALL OF MY COLLEAGUES KNOW, THE CIVIL UNREST OF APRIL 1992
14 DEVASTATED THE VERMONT MANCHESTER COMMUNITY. AS A RESULT, THE
15 THRUST OF ACTIVITIES TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT IN THIS AREA
16 HAVE FOCUSED ON THE REESTABLISHMENT OF COMMERCE AND PUBLIC
17 AMENITIES NECESSARY TO SUPPORT A THRIVING, A DEVELOPING
18 COMMUNITY. THE PROPERTY THAT THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE HAS JUST
19 DESCRIBED FOR THE BOARD TODAY WAS DECIMATED DURING THE CIVIL
20 UNREST. AND DESPITE SIGNIFICANT PUBLIC INVESTMENT IN THE
21 SURROUNDING AREA, THIS PROPERTY HAS REMAINED LARGELY
22 UNDEVELOPED AND VACANT FOR NOW SOME 25 YEARS. IT HAS
23 CONSISTENTLY ATTRACTED PUBLIC NUISANCES, DESPITE ITS PROXIMITY
24 TO CHILDCARE FACILITIES, HOMES, AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS. THIS IS
25 REFLECTED IN THE FACT THAT THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HAS ISSUED

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1 AT LEAST 37 NOTICES OF VIOLATION ON THE PROPERTY OVER THE PAST
2 TWO DECADES. IN FACT, IT WAS ROUGHLY A YEAR AND A HALF AGO
3 THAT THE MAYOR OF THE CITY, THE COUNCILMAN OF THE DISTRICT,
4 SEVERAL STATE OFFICIALS, AND I SOUGHT TO HIGHLIGHT THE
5 SERIOUSNESS OF THE MATTER AT AN EVENT WHERE THIS HAD BECOME
6 ONE OF THE MOST ODIUS AND/OR OFFENSIVE HOMELESS ENCAMPMENTS
7 ANYWHERE TO BE FOUND IN THE SOUTHWEST PORTION OF THE COUNTY.
8 THIS HAS CAUGHT OUR ATTENTION FOR MANY YEARS. THE CITY HAS
9 TRIED TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SITE. HOWEVER, WITH
10 THE DISSOLUTION OF THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY, FOR EXAMPLE,
11 EFFORTS HAVE BEEN STALLED. LOCAL RESIDENTS HAVE BEEN LET DOWN
12 REPEATEDLY, TIME AND TIME AGAIN. MADAM CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES,
13 THE COUNTY NOW HAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONSTRUCT WHAT WILL BE A
14 CATALYTIC PROJECT ON THIS SITE, THAT WOULD MEET MANY OF THE
15 NEEDS OF THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY. SPECIFICALLY, THE PROJECT
16 WOULD INCLUDE 180 UNITS OF HOUSING, WHICH WILL BE 100-PERCENT
17 AFFORDABLE, ONE OF THE ASPIRATIONS THAT HAS BEEN ARTICULATED
18 BY THIS BOARD, OVER AND OVER AGAIN. THIS INVESTMENT IN HOUSING
19 IS TIMELY, AS POPULATIONS LIKE OUR SENIORS AND YOUNG FAMILIES
20 ARE BEING SQUEEZED OUT OF THE HOUSING MARKET, A CHALLENGE
21 PARTICULARLY FELT, AND YOU MIGHT SAY PECULIARLY FELT, IN SOUTH
22 LOS ANGELES. MOREOVER, THIS PROJECT WOULD CREATE NEEDED SOCIAL
23 SERVICES: EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT CENTERS, AS WELL
24 AS ENHANCED PUBLIC TRANSIT AMENITIES. IT'S A FABULOUS PROJECT.
25 IT'S A CREATIVE PROJECT. IT'S AN IMAGINATIVE PROJECT. THIS IS

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1 A DESERVING PROJECT, BY ANY STANDARD OF MEASUREMENT.
2 SIGNIFICANT RETAIL AMENITIES ARE ALSO ANTICIPATED.
3 COLLECTIVELY, THE PROPOSED USES WILL CREATE JOBS AND AN
4 ATMOSPHERE FOR ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY. AND IN DOING SO, THIS
5 PROJECT WILL ELIMINATE THE LEGACY OF PUBLIC NUISANCES THAT
6 HAVE EXISTED FOR MORE THAN TWO DECADES. THE LOCATION OF THE
7 PROJECT MAKES IT UNIQUELY SUITED FOR PUBLIC INVESTMENT. I WANT
8 TO NOTE THAT IT IS UNINCORPORATED ADJACENT. IT'S ON A
9 PROMINENT CORRIDOR, WHERE IT CAN CATALYZE ADDITIONAL
10 INVESTMENTS IN ALL DIRECTIONS. AND THE PROJECT CAN SERVE AS AN
11 ATTRACTIVE BUFFER BETWEEN THE MAJOR TRAFFIC CORRIDORS AND THE
12 SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES; NOT AN ATTRACTIVE NUISANCE, BUT AN
13 ATTRACTIVE BUFFER. CLEARLY, THERE WILL BE MINIMAL DISRUPTION,
14 AS THERE WILL NOT BE ANY DISPLACEMENT OF EXISTING OCCUPANTS OR
15 TENANTS FROM THE SITE. WE CONSIDER THAT TO BE A BIG PLUS.
16 SIMPLY PUT, COLLEAGUES, THIS COMMUNITY DESERVES SUCH A
17 PROJECT, AND MORE. UNFORTUNATELY, I HAVE TO SAY THAT THIS
18 NEIGHBORHOOD, THIS COMMUNITY, CONTINUES TO EXPERIENCE AN
19 INEXPLICABLE LEVEL OF TRAUMA THAT FEW OTHER COMMUNITIES ACROSS
20 THE COUNTY HAS HAD TO ENDURE. YOU MIGHT RECALL THE ARTICLE IN
21 THE LOS ANGELES TIMES, 2014, THAT REFERRED TO THE TWO-MILE
22 AREA BETWEEN MANCHESTER AND IMPERIAL, ALONG THE VERMONT
23 CORRIDOR, AS DEATH VALLEY, SOMETHING THAT I FOUND MOST DEEPLY
24 OFFENSIVE, BUT THEY DOCUMENTED IT WITH RESPECT TO THE HIGHEST
25 RATES OF HOMICIDE IN L.A. COUNTY. WE CAN AND WE MUST DO

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1 BETTER. THEREFORE, MY OFFICE IS COMMITTED TO ELEVATING THE
2 QUALITY OF LIFE IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD, AND WE'RE DOING SO
3 THROUGH A VARIETY OF INITIATIVES: FACADE IMPROVEMENTS FOR
4 THOSE BUSINESSES THAT ARE THERE, GRINDING IT OUT, PROVIDING
5 THE AMENITIES THAT THOSE COMMUNITIES THAT SURROUND IT LOVE.
6 WE'RE WORKING WITH OUR PROPERTY OWNERS, LIKE THE 88TH STREET
7 CHURCH, TO LOOK AT DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES ON THEIR
8 PROPERTY. WE'VE PLANTED TREES AND ARE DESIGNING PARKS AND
9 STREET IMPROVEMENTS THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO COMMUNITIES THAT
10 ARE DEVELOPING AND SEEKING TO THRIVE. WE ARE INITIATING MORE
11 ARTS AND CULTURAL PROGRAMMING RIGHT THERE IN THE VERMONT-
12 MANCHESTER AREA. NOW, THE ELEMENTS OF THIS PROJECT REFLECT THE
13 PRIORITIES OF THIS COMMUNITY, AS YOU WILL HEAR. AFFORDABLE
14 HOUSING, REVITALIZING COMMERCIAL CORRIDORS, AND ENHANCING
15 TRANSIT AMENITIES WERE ALL IDENTIFIED AS PRIORITIES, AND THE
16 CITY'S RECENTLY ADOPTED THIS SOUTH LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY PLAN.
17 AND ENHANCED EDUCATIONAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT FACILITIES WERE
18 EMPHASIZED IN RECENT INPUT, FACILITATED BY OUR OWN PUBLIC
19 HEALTH DEPARTMENT; SO, FROM A VARIETY OF VANTAGE POINTS--
20 PUBLIC HEALTH ON THE ONE HAND, PLANNING ON THE OTHER-- THIS,
21 THEN, IS IN ALIGNMENT. WITH MEANINGFUL AND COMMUNITY
22 ENGAGEMENT MOVING FORWARD, WE CAN DESIGN TREMENDOUS AMENITIES
23 THAT WILL MAKE THE CORNER OF VERMONT AND MANCHESTER A SOURCE
24 OF PRIDE ONCE AGAIN, RATHER THAN A LONGSTANDING EXAMPLE OF
25 STAGNATION, AND EVEN WORSE. I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD FOR YOUR

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1 CONSIDERATION, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO THE HEARING THAT WILL
2 ENSUE, THE TESTIMONY THAT WILL BE OFFERED, AND FROM
3 STAKEHOLDERS-- INDIGENOUS STAKEHOLDERS-- WHO HAVE COME TO BE
4 HEARD ON ITEM NO. 42, THE REVITALIZATION OF THE VERMONT-
5 MANCHESTER COMMUNITY. MADAM CHAIR, I THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. LET ME TELL YOU WHAT'S
8 NEXT. WE WILL MOVE TO HEAR FROM THE OWNER, WHO HAS FOUR
9 MINUTES ALLOCATED UNDER OUR RULES. AND BECAUSE WE HAVE
10 RECEIVED MORE THAN 30 REQUESTS TO SPEAK, IT IS THE ORDER OF
11 THE CHAIR THAT EACH PERSON WILL BE LIMITED TO ONE MINUTE, AS
12 IS ALSO IN OUR PROCEDURES, WHERE THERE ARE MORE THAN 29
13 REQUESTS. I TELL YOU THIS AHEAD OF TIME, BECAUSE WHILE THE
14 OWNERS ARE SPEAKING FOR FOUR MINUTES, YOU CAN PREPARE YOUR
15 REMARKS TO MORE OR LESS FIT INTO THAT ONE-MINUTE TIMEFRAME.
16 THANK YOU SO MUCH. PLEASE CALL THE OWNER FORWARD.

17

18 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** MR. ROBERT SILVERSTEIN IS
19 REPRESENTING THE OWNER IN THIS MATTER. PLEASE COME FORWARD.
20 [APPLAUSE.]

21

22 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** WE DON'T USUALLY APPLAUD, AS YOU MAY HAVE
23 SEEN FROM THE VIDEO, IF YOU WERE HERE. IF YOU WISH TO TELL MR.
24 SILVERSTEIN YOU THINK HE'S A HERO, THEN RAISE THE ROOF.
25 ANYTHING QUIET WOULD BE GREAT. WELCOME, SIR.

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2 **ROBERT SILVERSTEIN:** THANK YOU, HONORABLE CHAIR AND

3 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ROBERT SILVERSTEIN. I'M APPEARING ON

4 BEHALF OF THE PROPERTY OWNER, VERMONT ENTERTAINMENT VILLAGE,

5 ELI SASSON, AND RELATED ENTITIES. I'M HERE TO OPPOSE YOUR USE

6 OF EMINENT DOMAIN TO TAKE TWO BLOCKS OF PROPERTY THAT HAS BEEN

7 ASSEMBLED OVER THE YEARS, IN ORDER TO CREATE WHAT IS AND WILL

8 BE A TRULY TRANSFORMATIVE RETAIL PROJECT CALLED THE VERMONT

9 ENTERTAINMENT VILLAGE PROJECT. JUST THREE WEEKS AGO, MY CLIENT

10 OBTAINED, SECURED, AND CLOSED ESCROW ON THE FINAL THREE

11 PARCELS THAT HAD BEEN OWNED BY THE C.R.A./L.A., AND IS NOW

12 READY WITH SITE ASSEMBLAGE TO MOVE FORWARD. THIS PROJECT HAS

13 BEEN FULLY ENVIRONMENTALLY REVIEWED. THIS PROJECT IS FULLY

14 ENTITLED FROM THE CITY. THIS PROJECT HAS HAD BUILDING PLANS

15 SUBMITTED TO THE CITY. NOBODY KNEW TWO YEARS GO, 2-1/2 YEARS

16 AGO, WHEN THERE WAS A GROUNDBREAKING, THAT THERE WOULD BE THIS

17 ONGOING LITIGATION WITH THE C.R.A. BUT MY CLIENT PERSEVERED

18 AND HAS OBTAINED THOSE PARCELS, AND IS MOVING FORWARD

19 EXPEDITIOUSLY, IN ORDER TO CREATE THIS PROJECT. NOW, OUT OF

20 NOWHERE, THE COUNTY, WITH NO PUBLIC INPUT, WITH NO PUBLIC

21 OUTREACH, HAS ANNOUNCED, AS OF LAST THURSDAY NIGHT, THE FIRST

22 PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF ANY DETAIL OF THIS MYSTERIOUS PROJECT,

23 THAT THEY INTEND TO TAKE PRIVATE PROPERTY THAT HAS BEEN

24 CAREFULLY ASSEMBLED AND READY TO MOVE FORWARD. THAT IS A

25 MISUSE OF THE POWER OF EMINENT DOMAIN. THAT IS A MISUSE OF

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1 MILLIONS OF DOLLARS OF TAXPAYER FUNDS. UNFORTUNATELY, BUT THE
2 REALITY IS SO, THERE ARE MANY UNDERUTILIZED PROPERTIES AROUND
3 THAT PROPERTY, AROUND THE SITE. ANY OF THOSE UNDERUTILIZED
4 PROPERTIES THAT ARE NOT ENTITLED, THAT DON'T HAVE ALL THE
5 APPROVALS, SHOULD BE USED IF THE COUNTY IS SERIOUS ABOUT GOING
6 FORWARD WITH ITS PROJECT. WE DON'T THINK THE COUNTY IS SERIOUS
7 ABOUT THIS PROJECT, BECAUSE THE COUNTY NEVER ATTEMPTED TO
8 CONTACT THE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS, AND NOBODY KNEW ABOUT IT
9 UNTIL, LITERALLY, A COUPLE OF DAYS AGO. WE ARE VERY PLEASED
10 THAT CONGRESSWOMAN MAXINE WATERS HAS SUBMITTED A LETTER TO
11 YOU, AND HAS A REPRESENTATIVE HERE TODAY TO SPEAK TO YOU IN
12 STRONG OPPOSITION TO YOUR ATTEMPTED USE OF THE POWER OF
13 EMINENT DOMAIN TO SEIZE THESE PROPERTIES, AND IN STRONG
14 SUPPORT OF THE PROJECT THAT MY CLIENT IS CARRYING FORWARD. I
15 WOULD LIKE THE RECORD TO REFLECT THAT LAST WEEK, WE FILED AN
16 OBJECTION LETTER AND EIGHT OF THESE BINDERS. SO YOU HAVE ABOUT
17 5,000 PAGES OF EXHIBITS THAT WE SUBMITTED LAST WEEK. AND
18 TODAY, WE'VE SUBMITTED ADDITIONAL OBJECTIONS, AS WE'VE
19 DESPERATELY BEEN TRYING TO REVIEW ALL OF THE MATERIAL THAT WAS
20 PUT OUT BY THE COUNTY ON THURSDAY NIGHT. AND YOU NEED TO TAKE
21 A STEP BACK AND REVIEW THESE MATERIALS, BECAUSE IF YOU DON'T,
22 IT IS SIMPLY A RUBBER STAMP OF A PREDETERMINED RESULT. AND
23 THAT IS A VIOLATION OF THE EMINENT DOMAIN LAW, INCLUDING UNDER
24 THE NORM SLAUSON CASE. THERE ARE SO MANY FLAWS WITH THIS
25 PROPOSED RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY, NOT THE LEAST OF WHICH IS

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1 THAT YOU HAVE NOT MADE THE REQUISITE OFFER-- PRE-CONDEMNATION
2 OFFER-- TO THE OWNERS OF RECORD. THE THREE PARCELS THAT WERE
3 RECENTLY ACQUIRED, NOBODY HAS MADE AN OFFER FROM THE COUNTY TO
4 MY CLIENT FOR THOSE PROPERTIES. AND UNDER GOVERNMENT CODE
5 7267.2, AS WELL AS THE EMINENT DOMAIN LAW, THAT IS A MANDATORY
6 PREREQUISITE. BUT YOU HAVE NOT EVEN COMPLIED WITH THAT. THERE
7 ARE NUMEROUS OTHER FLAWS WITH THIS PROCESS, AND WE URGE YOU TO
8 TAKE A STEP BACK, BECAUSE IT REQUIRES FOUR VOTES TO APPROVE.
9 SO IF ONLY TWO OF YOU SAYS, "YOU KNOW WHAT, LET'S JUST GIVE
10 THIS A LITTLE MORE TIME AND TABLE IT, LET'S HAVE STAFF
11 RECONSIDER IT," WE WOULD ASK YOU TO DO THAT, BEFORE THIS
12 BECOMES ANOTHER PROCESS THAT FURTHER DELAYS WHAT THIS
13 COMMUNITY HAS WAITED FOR, FOR SO LONG, WHICH IS THIS
14 CATALYTIC, REVITALIZING RETAIL PROJECT.

15

16 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, COUNSEL.

17

18 **ROBERT SILVERSTEIN:** I'M SORRY?

19

20 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, COUNSEL.

21

22 **ROBERT SILVERSTEIN:** THANK YOU. CAN I CLOSE WITH ONE SENTENCE
23 ABOUT THE INVOCATION THAT WE HAD, WHICH WAS, AT THE BEGINNING
24 OF THIS MEETING, THE RABBI SAID, "A LITTLE LIGHT CAN DISPEL A
25 LOT OF DARKNESS." AND, CHAIR KUEHL, YOU ALSO TALKED ABOUT

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1 LIGHT AND VISION. MY CLIENT'S PROPERTY AND MY CLIENT'S PROJECT
2 IS THE LIGHT THAT WILL DISPEL THAT DARKNESS.

3

4 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** WE UNDERSTAND YOUR OPINION. THANK YOU VERY
5 MUCH. NO APPLAUDING, PLEASE. ALL RIGHT.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAM CHAIR?

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9 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** YES, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WITH YOUR PERMISSION, I THINK COUNSEL MAY
12 WISH TO CLARIFY A COUPLE OF MATTERS THROUGH THE CHAIR.

13

14 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. LET US CALL, THEN, ON COUNTY
15 COUNSEL.

16

17 **ATTORNEY:** YES. JUST TO CLARIFY, APPROPRIATE OFFERS WERE MADE
18 TO THE OWNERS OF RECORD OF THE 16 PARCELS. AND IN FACT, BOTH
19 OF THE OWNERS RECEIVED BOTH OF THE OFFERS. SO WE BELIEVE THAT
20 WE'VE COMPLIED WITH THE LEGAL REQUIREMENTS, WITH RESPECT TO
21 THE EMINENT DOMAIN LAW, IN TERMS OF THE MAKING OF THE OFFERS
22 IN ADVANCE OF THIS YEAR.

23

24 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, COUNSEL. ANY OTHER INFORMATION
25 FROM STAFF, AT THIS POINT? ALL RIGHT, PLEASE CALL THOSE WHO

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1 HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK. WHAT IS THAT? [SOUND SYSTEM CRACKLES]
2 I LOVE TECHNOLOGY. I REALLY DO. ALL RIGHT, WE'LL JUST BLAZE
3 THROUGH. PLEASE CALL THE FIRST SET OF PEOPLE ASKING TO TESTIFY
4 ON THIS ITEM.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAM CHAIR, MAY I CALL TO THE ATTENTION
7 OF THE BOARD THAT THE COUNCILMEMBER FROM THE EIGHTH DISTRICT,
8 WHO REPRESENTS THIS AREA, IS HERE? AND IF THE CHAIR WOULD BE
9 SO INCLINED, A COURTESY SHOULD BE AFFORDED HIM AND HIS
10 PRESENTATION.

11

12 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** TO CALL HIM FIRST? THAT WOULD BE FINE,
13 BECAUSE-- ACTUALLY, WE'RE BOTH AT THE MERCY OF THE E.O., BUT I
14 BET THEY'LL LISTEN TO YOU.

15

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

17

18 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD THE FOLLOWING
19 INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD, AND THE STAFF WILL ASSIST
20 YOU: COUNCILMEMBER MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON, ROBERT RUBIN, DR.
21 JACKIE KIMBROUGH, FERNANDO REYES, PASTOR E.L. WILLIAMS, JOYCE
22 FANTROY, DANIELLE STRICKLAND, DENNIS OJOGHO, JOSE ESTRADA, AND
23 BERT WHITFIELD.

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1 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** MY FAVORITE COUNCILMEMBER SITTING AT THIS
2 TABLE.

3

4 **MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON:** AH, THANK YOU SO MUCH. THANK YOU SO
5 MUCH, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF
6 SUPERVISORS. AGAIN, MY NAME IS MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON. I'M
7 PROUD TO REPRESENT THE EIGHTH COUNCIL DISTRICT IN THE CITY OF
8 LOS ANGELES. I HAVE GREAT JOY TO BE HERE TODAY, TO PROUDLY
9 SUPPORT THE VERMONT-MANCHESTER TRANSIT PRIORITY JOINT
10 DEVELOPMENT PROJECT. HAVING SPENT THE LAST 25 YEARS IN AND
11 AROUND THESE PARTICULAR SET OF PARCELS, THIS PROPOSAL COMES AS
12 A GREAT RELIEF TO ME AND THOUSANDS OF OTHER FOLKS. MANY OF YOU
13 KNOW I WAS DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY COALITION, WHICH WAS LOCATED
14 ACROSS THE STREET FROM THIS PARCEL, BEGINNING IN 1998, AND
15 THEN BECAME COUNCILMEMBER IN 2015. UPON BECOMING
16 COUNCILMEMBER, ONE OF THE MOST PRESSING THINGS THAT WE HAD TO
17 DO WAS DEAL WITH THE PROBLEMS AT THIS PARTICULAR LOCATION.
18 JUST LAST SUMMER, WE HAD AN OCCURRENCE WHERE THE LAST STANDING
19 BUILDING ON THE PARCEL, BECAUSE OF NEGLECT-- I BELIEVE,
20 CRIMINAL NEGLECT-- HAD BEEN TAKEN OVER BY HOMELESS PEOPLE.
21 FOLKS HAD BEEN SET ON FIRE. WE CAME OUT OF OUR OFFICE ONE DAY
22 TO SEE TWO PEOPLE BEING CHASED BY A MAN WITH A MACHETE. AND
23 PILES AND PILES OF TRASH, ENCAMPMENTS ON A REGULAR BASIS. A
24 SIGNIFICANT DRAIN OF CITY RESOURCES IS HAPPENING ON A REGULAR
25 BASIS, TO THIS MOMENT, BECAUSE OF THE NEGLECT OF THIS

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1 PROPERTY, AGAIN, THAT HAS GONE ON FOR DECADES. IN THE TIME
2 THAT THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN HELD, CHILDREN HAVE BEEN BORN.
3 THEY'VE GONE THROUGH KINDERGARTEN AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, HIGH
4 SCHOOL, ON TO COLLEGE, GRADUATED, AND HAVE A CAREER. JUST IN
5 THE LAST CRIME REPORTING PERIOD, WE HAD SIX ROBBERIES, THREE
6 AGGRAVATED ASSAULTS, THREE AUTO BURGLARIES, TWO SHOOTINGS AT
7 THIS LOCATION. AND THESE ARE THE CRIMES THAT HAVE BEEN
8 REPORTED TO POLICE. SO, EFFECTIVELY, AS LONG AS WE ALLOW THIS
9 PROPERTY TO STAND IN THE CONDITION THAT IT IS, WE EFFECTIVELY
10 ARE WAITING FOR ONE OF THESE BULLETS TO HIT SOMEBODY, AND FOR
11 THERE TO BE A FUNERAL. I HAVE A NUMBER OF PICTURES THAT I WANT
12 TO SUBMIT TO THE RECORD: BOTH THE BLIGHT THAT YOU SEE AT THIS
13 PARTICULAR PROPERTY, AND THE OTHER PROPERTIES-- SOME IN THE
14 EIGHTH COUNCIL DISTRICT, OTHERS OUTSIDE THE EIGHTH COUNCIL
15 DISTRICT-- THAT ARE HELD BY THE MAIN OWNER OF THE TRACTS THAT
16 WE'RE DISCUSSING TODAY. I WANT TO FORMALLY SUBMIT ALL THOSE
17 PHOTOS. THERE ARE ABOUT A DOZEN OF THOSE.

18

19 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** WE'LL ACCEPT THE PHOTOS, AND WONDER IF YOU
20 MIGHT CONCLUDE IN A FEW SECONDS.

21

22 **MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON:** YOU'RE SO GRACEFUL, MADAM CHAIR.

23

24 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** I'M TRYING, YOU KNOW?

25

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1 **MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON:** WELL, WE COULD GO ON AND ON ABOUT THE
2 SITUATION AT THE PROPERTY, AND I KNOW THAT YOU ALL ARE NOT
3 CONSIDERING THIS AS AN ACTION TO ABATE A NUISANCE. BUT I ALSO
4 THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO TALK ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITY. VERMONT-
5 MANCHESTER'S ABSOLUTELY A KEY CORRIDOR IN SOUTHWEST LOS
6 ANGELES. VERMONT IS THE SECOND BUSIEST TRANSIT LINE IN ALL OF
7 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. IT IS WALKING DISTANCE FROM THE
8 SILVER LINE, WHICH THE STATE AND THE CITY ARE MAKING
9 SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENTS IN CONNECTING, AND WE NEED PEOPLE TO
10 BE CONNECTED TO SOMETHING THAT CONNECTS THEM TO THE LARGER
11 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ECONOMY AND CULTURE. AND SO WE STRONGLY
12 REQUEST THAT YOU CONSIDER THIS, AND CONSIDER IT IN A FAVORABLE
13 FASHION. AND WE THANK OUR SUPERVISOR FOR BRINGING IT FORWARD.

14

15 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER. NEXT SPEAKER,
16 PLEASE.

17

18 **ROBERT RUBIN:** HELLO. MY NAME IS ROBERT RUBIN. I AM THE
19 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF VERMONT VILLAGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
20 CORPORATION IN SOUTH CENTRAL. I HAVE WORKED IN SOUTH CENTRAL
21 SINCE 1992. I WAS THERE DURING THE CIVIL UNREST. I HELPED
22 BUILD OVER 400 UNITS OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE AREA. WE'VE
23 ALSO PARTICIPATED IN CREATING TOWNHOUSES ON VERMONT, AND WE
24 HAVE SET AND WATCHED THIS NUISANCE PROPERTY SIT SINCE 1992,
25 AND I'VE BEEN ON BOTH SIDES. I'VE BEEN INVOLVED WITH THE

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1 DEVELOPER OVER THE COURSE OF THE YEARS, TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS
2 PROJECT GETS DONE, AND STILL NOTHING. WE SAW IT HAPPEN WITH
3 MAJESTIC, WHEN HE WAS THERE. WE'VE HAD TWO GROUNDBREAKINGS AND
4 NO RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONIES. WE REALLY NEED TO TAKE THIS
5 MOTION FORWARD TO IMPROVE OUR COMMUNITY, SO THAT COMMUNITY
6 RESIDENTS AND PEOPLE IN SOUTH L.A. ARE AFFORDED THE SAME
7 AMENITIES THAT OTHERS ARE IN OTHER COMMUNITIES. AND WE DON'T
8 THINK OR DON'T BELIEVE THAT THE CAPACITY OF THIS PARTICULAR
9 DEVELOPER AND OWNER HAS THE ABILITY TO COMPLETE THIS PROJECT.
10 AND I THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

11

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

13

14 **PASTOR E.L. WILLIAMS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS PASTOR EDWIN
15 L. WILLIAMS, JR. I SERVE THE COMMUNITY. I'M A LONG-TERM
16 RESIDENT. AND THIS PIECE OF PROPERTY HAS CONTINUED TO BE
17 BLIGHTED AND VACANT, THIS PARTICULAR PROPERTY HAS, AND WE
18 SHARE NO CONFIDENCE IN THE DEVELOPER. THE DEVELOPER HAS HAD
19 THIS PROPERTY VACANT FOR MORE THAN 25 YEARS. IT'S ABANDONED,
20 AND IT REALLY IS SERVING NO PURPOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY. SO WE
21 URGE THAT YOU WOULD MOVE FORWARD WITH THE EMINENT DOMAIN
22 PROCESS, SO THAT OUR COMMUNITY CAN MOVE FORWARD WITH A GREATER
23 DIMENSION.

24

25 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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1

2 **JOYCE FANTROY:** MY NAME IS JOYCE FANTROY, AND I'M THE
3 CHAIRPERSON OF 90TH STREET PLUS BLOCK CLUB, AND WE ARE IN
4 SUPPORT OF THE COUNTY OBTAINMENT OF THIS PROPERTY. FOR FAR TOO
5 MANY YEARS, THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN UNDEVELOPED AND UNKEMPT. WE
6 WITNESSED AND TOOK PART OF A GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY, TO NO
7 AVAIL. AND SO NOW THE PROPERTY IS AN EYESORE TO THE COMMUNITY.
8 AND SO YOU MENTIONED EARLIER ABOUT PEOPLE PERISHING BECAUSE OF
9 LACK OF KNOWLEDGE OR NO VISION. WELL, OUR COMMUNITY IS
10 PERISHING NOT BECAUSE OF LACK OF VISION, BUT BECAUSE WE'RE
11 BEING HELD HOSTAGE BY PROPERTY OWNERS WHO DO NOT LIVE IN THE
12 COMMUNITY. SO WE URGE YOU TO APPROVE THIS AMENDMENT.

13

14 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
15 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

16

17 **DENNIS OJOGHO:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS DENNIS OJOGHO. I AM
18 A YOUTH ORGANIZER WITH COMMUNITY COALITION, LOCATED RIGHT
19 ACROSS FROM THE PROPERTY, AND I JUST WANT TO ECHO EVERYTHING
20 THAT THE COMMUNITY LEADERS BEFORE ME HAVE MENTIONED IN SUPPORT
21 OF ITEM 42. ON MY WAY TO WORK EVERY DAY, I SEE THIS PROPERTY,
22 AND IT COMMUNICATES TO ME JUST ONE WORD, AND THAT'S "NEGLECT."
23 IT'S BEEN VACANT FOR OVER 25 YEARS, AND THE REASON WHY IT IS
24 SO IS BECAUSE OF NEGLECT. MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY, THEY
25 INITIATED THE CIVIL UNREST BECAUSE OF THE FEELING OF NEGLECT,

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1 AND THAT FEELING HAS NOT LEFT. IT'S CONTINUED. AND SO I
2 STRONGLY URGE SUPERVISORS TO SUPPORT THIS MEASURE, SO THAT WE
3 CAN BUILD OUR COMMUNITY, SO THAT WE CAN HAVE AFFORDABLE
4 HOUSING, SO WE CAN HAVE A JOB TRAINING CENTER, SO THAT WE CAN
5 HAVE A SCHOOL. THIS IS A PRIORITY FOR THE COMMUNITY, AND THIS
6 IS SOMETHING THAT CAN REALLY MOVE OUR COMMUNITY FORWARD. SO
7 THANK YOU VERY MUCH, AND I URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THIS
8 RESOLUTION.

9

10 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
11 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. YOU'RE SPEAKING WITH AN INTERPRETER, SO
12 THAT IS TWO MINUTES.

13

14 **JOSE ESTRADA:** [SPEAKS SPANISH.]

15

16 **TRANSLATOR:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I APPRECIATE THE TIME YOU'RE
17 GIVING ME. MY NAME IS JOSE ESTRADA. I LIVE NEAR WHERE THE
18 PROPERTY IS LOCATED. AS LEADERS OF THE COMMUNITY, AND ALSO THE
19 PARISH OF ST. MICHAEL, WE ARE IN APPRECIATION OF THE MOTION
20 PRESENTED BY MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS, TO MAKE A CHANGE FOR THE
21 PROPERTY, BECAUSE WE'VE BEEN CONCERNED OVER THAT PROPERTY FOR
22 SEVERAL YEARS, AND ITS ABANDONMENT. THE PROPERTY DOES NOT
23 THRIVE, BECAUSE THERE'S NO MATTERS TO HELP IT THRIVE. I'M PART
24 OF THE INITIATIVE THAT ALLOWED THE PARK ON VERMONT TO
25 FLOURISH, BECAUSE THE OWNERS OF THE PROPERTY DO NOT WANT TO DO

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1 ANYTHING, NOR DO THEY WANT TO SELL. THAT'S WHY WE MEMBERS OF
2 THE COMMUNITY URGENTLY ASK THAT SOMETHING HAPPENS WITH THE
3 PROPERTY, BECAUSE SOUTH CENTRAL IS ALSO LOS ANGELES. AND IT'S
4 HUMILIATING THAT PEOPLE WHO OWN SEVERAL PROPERTIES IN THE AREA
5 DO NOT WANT TO DO ANYTHING WITH THEM. IT'S SAD TO VISIT OTHER
6 AREAS, SUCH AS SANTA MONICA OR GLENDALE, AND WHEN WE COME BACK
7 TO SOUTH CENTRAL, IT'S SOMETHING DIFFERENT. WE NEED TO
8 URGENTLY HELP THE NEIGHBORHOOD. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** MUCHAS GRACIAS. MR. EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
11 PLEASE CALL THE NEXT SET OF SPEAKERS, AND THEN WE'LL GO TO THE
12 TWO AT THE TABLE.

13

14 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD THE FOLLOWING
15 INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD, AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU:
16 JACQUELINE HAMILTON, ANTHONY WILLIAMS, BLANCA JIMENEZ, CLAUDIA
17 GENYARD, DR. MELLO DESIRE, ELISA MCGHEE, E.P. CHARLES, EVELYN
18 BRUMMELL, GARY KOVACIC, AND JAMES HARRIS.

19

20 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

21

22 **JACKIE KIMBROUGH:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAM CHAIR AND BOARD
23 MEMBERS. I'M JACKIE KIMBROUGH, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE
24 CHILDREN'S COLLECTIVE. WE OPERATE THE RITA WALTERS LEARNING
25 COMPLEX AT THE CORNER OF MANCHESTER AND VERMONT, INCLUDING A

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1 CHILD CARE CENTER, YOUTH AND FAMILY CENTER, AND AN ALTERNATIVE
2 HIGH SCHOOL, AND WE SUPPORT THE COUNTY'S PLAN TO ACQUIRE THE
3 PROPERTY, BECAUSE ITS CURRENT OWNERSHIP HAS LEFT IT AS A
4 BLIGHT TO THE COMMUNITY, AND IT POSES HEALTH AND SAFETY
5 HAZARDS FOR THE CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES THAT WE SERVE
6 THERE. FOR EXAMPLE, THE CHILD CARE CENTER'S DIRECTLY ADJACENT
7 TO THE PROPERTY. PEOPLE CONGREGATE THERE. THEY'VE CREATED
8 UNHEALTHY ENCAMPMENTS. THEY LOITER. THEY LEAVE TRASH. THEY
9 LEAVE DRUG PARAPHERNALIA, AND IN FACT THERE HAVE BEEN FIRES.
10 IT'S A VERY UNHEALTHY ENVIRONMENT FOR CHILDREN. THEY ALSO USE
11 THE AREA FOR SLEEPING AND FOR TOILETING. THE CHILD CARE CENTER
12 PARENTS WHO COME IN HAVE TO WALK AROUND THAT AND THROUGH THAT,
13 AND THEY'RE NOT HAPPY, AND WE'RE NOT HAPPY WITH IT. WE'VE
14 FREQUENTLY COMPLAINED ABOUT THESE ISSUES AND HAVE SOUGHT
15 CLEANUP, AND NOW WE'RE LOOKING TO THE COUNTY FOR SUPPORT IN
16 PROVIDING SOME ALTERNATIVES FOR OUR FAMILIES. THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. NEXT SPEAKER,
19 PLEASE.

20

21 **FERNANDO REYES:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAM CHAIR AND BOARD MEMBERS.
22 MY NAME IS FERNANDO REYES, AND I'M THE COMMUNITY PROGRAMS
23 MANAGER FOR THE CHILDREN'S COLLECTIVE. I'VE ACTUALLY HAD THE
24 PLEASURE OF WORKING IN THAT COMMUNITY THE WHOLE 17 YEARS THAT
25 I'VE BEEN WITH THE COLLECTIVE. AND OVER THOSE YEARS, THE PLOTS

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1 OF LAND HAVE REMAINED THE SAME, WHICH IS VACANT, AND THAT'S
2 WHY WE'RE HERE TO SUPPORT TODAY THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION BY THE
3 SUPERVISOR. WE BELIEVE THAT THE MIX OF SERVICES THAT ARE BEING
4 PROPOSED ARE THE BEST USE OF THE FACILITY, BEST USE OF THE
5 LAND. IT'S A NATURAL EXTENSION OF THE FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES
6 THAT WE CURRENTLY OFFER, AND IT CAN LEAD TO BETTER OUTCOMES
7 FOR THE COMMUNITY AND ITS MEMBERS. THEY WILL PROMOTE
8 PROFESSIONAL GROWTH. IT WILL STIMULATE THE LOCAL ECONOMY AND
9 INCREASE THE ABILITY OF THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO IMPROVE THEIR
10 INCOME AND ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT. SO WE STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT
11 IT'S THE BEST BENEFIT FOR THE COMMUNITY, AND LIKE THE
12 SUPERVISOR SAID, IT WILL ELEVATE THE QUALITY OF LIFE. THANK
13 YOU.

14

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

16

17 **DANIELLE STRICKLAND:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY
18 NAME IS DANIELLE STRICKLAND. I'M THE OUTREACH CHAIR FOR
19 SOUTHWEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL. I'VE ALSO BEEN A COMMUNITY
20 MEMBER FOR 19 YEARS, AND MY SON ATTENDS A SCHOOL NEARBY. WE
21 PASS BY THERE EVERY DAY. WHEN WE HAVE OUR MEETINGS, THERE'S
22 CONSTANTLY SOME TYPE OF CHAOS GOING ON ACROSS THE STREET. IT'S
23 BEEN EMPTY FOR DECADES, BASICALLY. AND AS THE SUPERVISOR
24 RIDLEY-THOMAS SAID, WE DESERVE TO HAVE A PLACE WITH MIXED USE,
25 WHERE WE CAN GO AND WE CAN STAY IN OUR COMMUNITY, AND ENJOY

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1 SOME AMENITIES IN OUR OWN COMMUNITY, INSTEAD OF HAVING TO LOOK
2 AT THIS EYESORE THAT'S BEEN THERE FOR FOREVER. I'VE ALSO
3 SPOKEN WITH OUR P.L.U.M. CHAIR, PLANNING AND LAND USE CHAIR.
4 HE WISHES THAT HE COULD BE HERE, BUT HE'S ALSO IN FAVOR OF
5 MOVING FORWARD WITH EMINENT DOMAIN, BECAUSE THEY'VE HAD
6 NUMEROUS MEETINGS. THEY'VE TRIED TO SCHEDULE MEETINGS WITH THE
7 PROPERTY OWNER, AS WELL, JUST TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT, AND
8 NOTHING HAS HAPPENED. NOTHING HAS HAPPENED FOR YEARS, AND I
9 THINK IT'S ABOUT TIME. THANK YOU.

10

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

12

13 **BERT WHITFIELD:** MY NAME IS BERT WHITFIELD, AND WE ALL KNOW THE
14 PROPERTY IN THE CORRIDOR, THE ONE THEY CALL THE DEATH VALLEY,
15 BUT WE MOVED IN 1992, AFTER THE INSURRECTION. AND WE HAVE LOTS
16 OF FRIENDS AND FAMILY THAT LIVE THERE. MANY OF THEM MOVED,
17 ALSO. BUT THE BLIGHT HAS BEEN THERE FOR SUCH A LONG TIME. WE
18 USED TO GO THERE TO SHOP IN THE AREA, BUT IT'S BEEN THERE SO
19 LONG, AND WE KNOW THAT NOTHING'S GOING TO HAPPEN IF WE DON'T
20 GET IT AND LET THE COUNTY TAKE OVER. SO I'M IN FAVOR OF MOVING
21 FORWARD. AND I UNDERSTAND THAT THE OWNER JUST DOESN'T WANT TO
22 SELL.

23

24 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.

25

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1 **BERT WHITFIELD:** THANK YOU.

2

3 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

4

5 **PASTOR ANTHONY WILLIAMS:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS PASTOR ANTHONY
6 WILLIAMS. I PASTOR THE 80TH STREET TEMPLE CHURCH ON THE CORNER
7 OF 89TH AND VERMONT. WE'VE BEEN THERE SINCE 1984. I ALSO AM
8 THE PROPERTY OWNER OF THE WHOLE BLOCK. IT'S ESTIMATED ABOUT \$8
9 MILLION NOW; A FEW YEARS AGO, THE NUMBER-ONE MURDER RATE IN
10 THE COUNTY. I DID SEVERAL FUNERALS; SEEMED LIKE EVERY OTHER
11 DAY. AND THROUGH THE PROCESS OF THE COUNTY WORKING WITH US,
12 WE'VE LOWERED THE CRIME RATE ABOUT 50 PERCENT. THERE'S AN
13 EMOTIONAL UPLIFT IN THE COMMUNITY, BUT THAT AREA IS A BLIGHTED
14 AREA. I KNOW HE'S A PROPERTY OWNER, BUT NOW IT SEEMS LIKE HE'S
15 THE OWNER OF BLIGHT AND DEPRESSION. WE NEED DEVELOPMENT THERE,
16 AND I THINK THIS PROGRAM THAT THE SUPERVISOR'S PUTTING FORTH
17 IS WHAT WE NEED, AND I WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT IT, AND ALL
18 THOSE THAT WANT TO PARTNER TO MAKE OUR COMMUNITY BETTER. IF
19 YOU DON'T LIVE THERE, YOU DON'T HAVE A VESTED INTEREST IN IT.
20 BUT WE LIVE THERE. WE SERVE THERE. WE'RE MEETING THE MOTHERS
21 AND THE PARENTS OF THOSE THAT ARE SUFFERING AND GOING THROUGH.
22 SO WE NEED SOMETHING: A LIGHT OF HOPE TO GIVE THEM HOPE TO DO
23 BETTER IN THE COMMUNITY. SO I'M FOR THIS, 100 PERCENT.

24

25 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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1

2 **JAMES HARRIS:** MY NAME IS JAMES HARRIS, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF
3 THE COMMUNITY. I NORMALLY WOULDN'T GO ALONG WITH EMINENT
4 DOMAIN, BUT WE'VE HAD SO MANY PROMISES. THIS HAS BEEN GOING ON
5 SINCE '92. AT SOME POINT, YOU HAVE TO SAY IT'S NOT GOING TO
6 HAPPEN IN ITS CURRENT STATE. SO I WANT TO SEE SOMETHING
7 HAPPENING. I WOULD PUT ON THE RECORD, I WOULD LIKE TO SEE
8 CONDOS IN THIS MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT. SO I'M JUST PUTTING THAT
9 ON THE RECORD. BUT SOMETHING HAS TO HAPPEN AT THAT CORNER. AND
10 THE CURRENT OWNER, FOR WHATEVER REASON, CAN'T MAKE IT HAPPEN,
11 AND SO WE HAVE TO MOVE FORWARD, BECAUSE SOME OF US ARE GETTING
12 OLD. [LAUGHTER.]

13

14 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** WELL, CONSIDERING THE ALTERNATIVE,
15 ACTUALLY, I PREFER IT, IN MY CASE. THANK YOU, SIR. THANK YOU
16 FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

17

18 **BLANCA JIMENEZ:** HI. GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF
19 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS BLANCA JIMENEZ. I'M THE
20 DISTRICT DIRECTOR FOR CONGRESSWOMAN MAXINE WATERS. I'LL TRY TO
21 BE AS QUICK AS I CAN IN READING THE LETTER THAT THE
22 CONGRESSWOMAN SUBMITTED LAST NIGHT TO THE BOARD, ON THIS
23 MATTER. SHE'D BE HERE, OBVIOUSLY, HERSELF, IF SHE DIDN'T HAVE
24 TO BE IN WASHINGTON. BUT IT READS, "TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF
25 SUPERVISORS, I SEND THIS LETTER TO REGISTER MY STRONG

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1 OBJECTIONS TO THE COUNTY'S PROPOSED USE OF EMINENT DOMAIN TO
2 SEIZE MR. ELI SASSON'S PROPERTIES FOR A RECENTLY ANNOUNCED
3 COUNTY PROJECT CALLED THE VERMONT AND MANCHESTER TRANSIT
4 PRIORITY JOINT DEVELOPMENT PROJECT. I AND MANY MEMBERS OF THE
5 COMMUNITY HAVE BEEN AWARE OF MR. SASSON'S CONCEPT FOR THE
6 VERMONT ENTERTAINMENT VILLAGE PROJECT FOR MANY YEARS. AT THE
7 TIME OF THE GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY OF HIS PROJECT, EVERYONE
8 BELIEVED MR. SASSON'S CLOSING ON THE FINAL THREE C.R.A./L.A.
9 PARCELS WOULD HAPPEN QUICKLY. NO ONE KNEW A DISPUTE WITH THE
10 C.R.A./L.A. AND LITIGATION WOULD TAKE ANOTHER 2-1/2 YEARS TO
11 RESOLVE. BUT MR. SASSON PERSEVERED, CLOSING ON THOSE PARCELS
12 THREE WEEKS AGO, AND COMPLETING THE LONG-AWAITED SITE
13 ASSEMBLY. THAT IS EVIDENCE OF HIS TOTAL COMMITMENT TO THE
14 VERMONT ENTERTAINMENT VILLAGE PROJECT AND OUR COMMUNITY. I'M
15 SORRY?

16

17 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME'S EXPIRED. DO YOU WANT TO SAY ONE
18 MORE SENTENCE?

19

20 **BLANCA JIMENEZ:** WOULD I BE ALLOWED TO JUST FINISH THE LETTER?

21

22 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** SIT DOWN. THANK YOU. EVERYONE GETS ONE
23 MINUTE, AND THE TIME HAS EXPIRED. AND YOU, TOO!

24

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1 **BLANCA JIMENEZ:** I'M SORRY. MADAM CHAIR, THE COUNCILMAN WAS
2 EXTENDED FOUR MINUTES.

3

4 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** THAT'S TRUE, AND HE WAS ELECTED BY SEVERAL
5 THOUSAND VOTES, AND I USED MY DISCRETION ON THAT ONE. HOWEVER,
6 YOU NOTICE THAT OTHER PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY HAVE STUCK VERY
7 RIGIDLY TO THE ONE MINUTE, AND THEY ARE JUST AS INTERESTED IN
8 THIS PROJECT AS YOU ARE. SO I BELIEVE THE ONE-MINUTE TIME
9 LIMIT IS SET. HOWEVER, I ASKED YOU IF YOU WISHED TO CONCLUDE
10 WITH A FINAL SENTENCE.

11

12 **BLANCA JIMENEZ:** I WILL TRY TO FIND THAT FINAL SENTENCE IN THIS
13 LETTER.

14

15 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** WE WOULD BE VERY HAPPY TO ACCEPT YOUR
16 WRITTEN TESTIMONY, AND MAKE IT PART OF THE RECORD.

17

18 **BLANCA JIMENEZ:** YES, AND I HAVE COPIES. [MAN SPEAKS INAUDIBLY
19 FROM THE AUDIENCE.]

20

21 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** COUNSEL? WE DON'T NECESSARILY HAVE PEOPLE
22 YELLING AT US FROM THE AUDIENCE, BUT LET ME ASK IF, SINCE
23 PEOPLE HAVE SIGNED UP, ARE THOSE PEOPLE HERE, THAT WISH TO
24 CEDE THEIR TIME?

25

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1 **SPEAKER:** YES.

2

3 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. LET ME INTERRUPT FOR JUST ONE
4 MOMENT, IF I MAY. MAY I ASK THE NAME OF THE PERSON WHO IS
5 CEDING HER TIME, AND TO WHOM SHE IS CEDING IT? [OFF-MIC
6 COMMENT.]

7

8 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. YOUR LAST NAME, AGAIN? WE JUST
9 NEED TO FIND IT ON THE LIST. ALL RIGHT, THAT MINUTE SHALL BE
10 CEDED TO CONGRESSWOMAN MAXINE WATERS' REPRESENTATIVE. IS THERE
11 SOMEONE ELSE THAT WISHES TO CEDE THEIR TIME? [OFF-MIC
12 COMMENT.] SO WE HAVE HER NAME, AND TO WHOM SHE'S CEDING TIME?
13 ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. PLEASE BE SEATED.

14

15 **BLANCA JIMENEZ:** I DON'T THINK I'LL NEED THAT MUCH TIME.

16

17 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** GENERALLY, THE BOARD RULE IS TWO CEDED TO A
18 PARTICULAR SPEAKER. HOWEVER, IF THEY WISH TO CEDE TO SOMEONE
19 ELSE, WE WOULD ALLOW THAT. ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR
20 YOUR PATIENCE. YOU KNOW, ON MY FIRST BOARD MEETING, I DO LIKE
21 TO TRY TO OBEY THE RULES. SO, TWO MINUTES HAVE BEEN CEDED TO
22 YOU. PLEASE SET TWO MINUTES ON THE CLOCK, AND PLEASE CONTINUE.

23

24 **BLANCA JIMENEZ:** THANK YOU. AS I WAS READING THIS, "THAT IS
25 EVIDENCE OF MR. SASSON'S TOTAL COMMITMENT TO THE VERMONT

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1 ENTERTAINMENT VILLAGE PROJECT AND OUR COMMUNITY. THE PROJECT
2 IS ENTITLED, ENVIRONMENTALLY APPROVED, AND HAS BUILDING PLANS
3 ALREADY SUBMITTED TO THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. BY COMPARISON,
4 THE COUNTY PROJECT CALLS FOR A CHARTER BOARDING SCHOOL WITH A
5 BUS TRANSFER CENTER, ALSO SERVING AS OPEN SPACE AND LOW-INCOME
6 HOUSING UNITS. ON THE COUNTY'S SITE PLAN, EVEN ITS SMALL
7 GROUND-FLOOR COMMERCIAL AREA MAY NOT PROVIDE COMMERCIAL RETAIL
8 USES. INSTEAD, THAT SPACE COULD BECOME A TRANSIT VOCATIONAL
9 TRAINING CENTER. IS THAT WHAT THE COUNTY HAS DETERMINED THE
10 COMMUNITY NEEDS, INSTEAD OF A GROCERY STORE, SIT-DOWN
11 RESTAURANT, PHARMACY, 200,000 SQUARE FEET OF RETAIL GOODS AND
12 SERVICES, JOBS, AND MILLIONS IN TAX REVENUE, THAT THE VERMONT
13 ENTERTAINMENT VILLAGE PROJECT WOULD BRING, COMPARED TO ZERO OF
14 THE ABOVE UNDER THE COUNTY'S PROJECT? I UNDERSTAND AND SUPPORT
15 THE NEED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF LOW-INCOME HOUSING; HOWEVER,
16 THIS NEIGHBORHOOD CONSISTS OF BOTH LOW-INCOME HOUSING
17 APARTMENT UNITS AND SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES. AND WHILE THERE'S A
18 NEED FOR LOW-INCOME HOUSING THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY, I
19 DO NOT SUPPORT CONTINUED IMPACTION OF LOW-INCOME HOUSING IN
20 THE SOUTH L.A. AREA, WITHOUT THE COMMERCIAL AND ENTERTAINMENT
21 DEVELOPMENT THAT MAKES FOR WELL-ROUNDED NEIGHBORHOODS. THE
22 RESIDENTS OF THIS COMMUNITY SHOULD HAVE ACCESS TO QUALITY
23 GROCERY STORES, RESTAURANTS, THEATERS, SHOE STORES, CLOTHING
24 OUTLETS, COMMUNITY CENTERS, AND RECREATIONAL OPTIONS FOR
25 FAMILIES, SUCH AS SKATING RINKS AND PARKS. I QUESTION UNDER

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1 WHAT AUTHORITY THE COUNTY HAS TO SEIZE THIS PROPERTY, THAT IS
2 IN THE JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, BY EMINENT
3 DOMAIN. IT SEEMS HIGHLY INAPPROPRIATE FOR THE COUNTY TO SEIZE
4 THIS PROPERTY THROUGH SUCH EXTREMES, AND POTENTIALLY PAY TENS
5 OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN TAXPAYER FUNDS, AS THE BOARD IS NOW
6 CONTEMPLATING DOING. IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE THE TREMENDOUS
7 NEED FOR LOW-INCOME HOUSING, THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS HOUSING
8 MUST BE SPREAD ACROSS THE ENTIRE COUNTY. I WOULD ENCOURAGE THE
9 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO HELP IDENTIFY LAND AND SPACE IN ALL OF
10 THE SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS THAT NEED AND COULD BENEFIT FROM
11 THE DEVELOPMENT OF LOW-INCOME HOUSING IN THEIR COMMUNITIES.
12 HOMELESSNESS IS A PROBLEM THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY, AND NO ONE
13 AREA SHOULD BE OVERLY IMPACTED, WHEN IN FACT THE NEED EXISTS
14 EVERYWHERE.

15

16 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. THANK YOU
17 ALL. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

18

19 **JACQUELINE HAMILTON:** MY NAME IS JACQUELINE HAMILTON. I'M
20 SENIOR COUNSEL WITH THE OFFICE OF CONGRESSMEMBER KAREN BASS,
21 READING A LETTER FROM THE CONGRESSWOMAN IN SUPPORT, AND THE
22 FULL TEXT HAS BEEN GIVEN TO YOU.

23

24 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** GOOD. READ IT FAST.

25

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1 **JACQUELINE HAMILTON:** "WHEN I SERVED AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
2 THE COMMUNITY COALITION, MY OFFICE WAS THREE BLOCKS NORTH OF
3 THE LOCATION UNDER CONSIDERATION HERE. I KNOW THE
4 NEIGHBORHOOD, ITS HISTORY, AND ITS HIDDEN TREASURES. OVER AND
5 OVER, RESIDENTS HAVE BEEN PROMISED VARIOUS DEGREES OF
6 REDEVELOPMENT, RESOURCES, JOBS, AND HOUSING ON THAT SITE, YET
7 THERE IT SITS, 25 YEARS LATER, FILLING WITH TRASH AND
8 TRESPASSERS. I HAVE A HARD TIME IMAGINING THIS KIND OF NEGLECT
9 WOULD HAVE BEEN TOLERATED FOR SO LONG IN MORE AFFLUENT PARTS
10 OF THE CITY, ENCOMPASSING TWO FULL CITY BLOCKS LOCATED AT THE
11 INTERSECTION OF TWO MAJOR THOROUGHFARES. IT WOULD BE
12 INTOLERABLE IN, FOR EXAMPLE, WEST LOS ANGELES, WHICH I ALSO
13 REPRESENT. FOR 11 YEARS, FIRST AS A MEMBER OF THE CALIFORNIA
14 ASSEMBLY, AND NOW AS A MEMBER OF CONGRESS, I'VE HAD COUNTLESS
15 COMPLAINTS AND INQUIRIES FROM CONSTITUENTS WHO WONDER WHY THIS
16 EYESORE IS ALLOWED TO PERSIST AS A DAILY REMINDER OF NEGLECT
17 TO THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN PROMISED AND DESERVE BETTER."

18

19 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANKS TO THE
20 REPRESENTATIVES OF BOTH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, WHO DO NOT AGREE,
21 WHICH IS THE WAY THINGS GO AROUND HERE. SO WE'RE ALWAYS
22 PLEASED FOR THAT TESTIMONY. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

23

24 **EVELYN BRUMMELL:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS EVELYN BRUMMELL.
25 I'M A MEMBER OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION. THE COMMUNITY

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1 HAD A PRESENTATION OF WHAT THE VERMONT VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT
2 WOULD LOOK LIKE, PRESENTED BY THE SASSON DEVELOPMENT COMPANY.
3 THE PRESENTATION THAT WAS PRESENTED WAS APPRECIATED AND
4 APPROVED BY THE CONSTITUENTS. THE PRESENTATION STATED THAT WE
5 WILL HAVE MUCH-NEEDED GROCERY STORES, SIT-DOWN RESTAURANTS,
6 PHARMACIES, AND AN ENTERTAINMENT AREA, WHICH WILL CREATE JOBS
7 THAT IS MUCH NEEDED FOR OUR COMMUNITY, AND WILL MAKE IT A MUCH
8 BETTER PLACE. THE AREA HAS BEEN VACANT FOR MANY YEARS. WE HOPE
9 THAT THIS PRESENTATION FROM THE SASSON COMPANY WILL BE
10 APPROVED. THANK YOU.

11

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

14

15 **E.P. CHARLES:** MY NAME IS E.P. CHARLES. WE'RE HERE TODAY, BUT
16 WE HAD A PRESENTATION A FEW YEARS AGO THAT THEY WERE GOING TO
17 PUT A GROCERY STORE, A PHARMACY, AND RESTAURANTS, AND WE
18 DIDN'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT. AND WE JUST FOUND OUT ABOUT
19 THREE DAYS AGO THAT THIS HAS BEEN CHANGED. SO WE WOULD ASK,
20 MAYBE, THAT A COUNCILMEMBER COME OUT AND TALK TO US, AND SEE
21 WHAT THE PROBLEM IS.

22

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

24

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1 **CLAUDIA GENYARD:** MY NAME IS CLAUDIA GENYARD, AND I'M ALSO A
2 MEMBER OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION. AND I AGREE WITH MR.
3 CHARLES. NO ONE HAD COME OUT TO OUR COMMUNITY TO TALK TO US
4 ABOUT ANYTHING LIKE THIS. AND YES, I AGREE THAT WE NEED
5 SOMETHING THERE, BUT WE NEED WHAT YOU SAY WE'RE GOING TO GET
6 THERE. WE DON'T NEED THAT. WHAT WE NEED IS, WE NEED A PHARMACY
7 AND A COMMUNITY CENTER. WE DON'T EVEN HAVE A COMMUNITY CENTER
8 IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. WE NEED THAT, INSTEAD OF THE SCHOOL. WE
9 HAVE ENOUGH SCHOOLS. AND PLEASE, SOMEONE COME OUT AND TALK TO
10 US. WE'RE OPEN. LIKE I SAID, WE JUST HEARD ABOUT THIS A COUPLE
11 OF DAYS AGO, A FEW DAYS AGO. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. OH,
14 DO WE NEED TO CALL SOME MORE SPEAKERS? JUST ONE SECOND, MA'AM.
15 PLEASE CALL MORE SPEAKERS.

16

17 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD THE FOLLOWING
18 INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME FORWARD, AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU:
19 JOHN WALSH, KAREN LAWRENCE, KATIA DAMIAO, MARILEA OWENS, MILAN
20 GARRISON, NORRIS BYRD, RITA FLOWERS, ERIC PREVEN, WAYNE
21 SPINDLER, AND ANTHONY JUAREZ.

22

23 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. GO AHEAD, MA'AM.

24

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1 **ELISA MCGHEE:** GOOD EVENING. MY NAME IS ELISA MCGHEE, FROM
2 SOUTHEAST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL, WHICH WE ARE PART OF THE
3 BOUNDARY AREAS THAT ARE IN QUESTION TODAY. HOWEVER, WE HAVEN'T
4 RECEIVED ANY INFORMATION FROM ANYONE PERTAINING TO THE CHANGES
5 THAT ARE CURRENTLY ON THE AGENDA TO TAKE PLACE. I PERSONALLY
6 FOUND OUT ABOUT THIS THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA ON FRIDAY, AND
7 IMMEDIATELY MADE ARRANGEMENTS TO SHOW UP TO SUPPORT THE
8 COMMUNITY NEEDS. YES, THIS LANDMARK HAS BEEN A BLIGHT FOR MANY
9 YEARS. HOWEVER, WE'VE JUST HEARD SOME INFORMATION THAT SASSON
10 HAS REQUIRED SOME NEW PARCELS TO GO FORWARD. THE COMMUNITY IS
11 IN DESPERATE NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT, LACK OF RESOURCES SUCH AS
12 A C.V.S. DRUGSTORE, A COMMUNITY CENTER. SO IF THE COUNTY WOULD
13 LIKE TO DO THIS BEAUTIFUL PROJECT THEY HAVE, WE WOULD LIKE FOR
14 THEM TO CONSIDER ANOTHER LOCATION, SUCH AS BROADWAY. AND WE
15 WOULD LOVE FOR SOMEONE TO COME OUT TO SPEAK WITH US ABOUT THIS
16 MATTER.

17

18 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

19

20 **GARY KOVACIC:** MADAM CHAIR, MY NAME IS GARY KOVACIC. I BELIEVE
21 THAT KATIA DAMIAO IS GOING TO CEDE ME HER ONE MINUTE, SO I'D
22 REQUEST TWO MINUTES FOR MY PRESENTATION.

23

24 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** I WOULD NEED TO HEAR FROM HER. IS SHE HERE?

25

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1 **KATIA DAMIAO:** YES.

2

3 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. YOUR LAST NAME, PLEASE?

4

5 **KATIA DAMIAO:** DAMIAO.

6

7 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE THAT. THANK YOU VERY
8 MUCH. TWO MINUTES FOR THIS GENTLEMAN.

9

10 **GARY KOVACIC:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. MY NAME'S
11 GARY KOVACIC. I'M EMINENT DOMAIN COUNSEL FOR THE PROPERTY
12 OWNERS. THE OWNER IS READY TO GO WITH HIS DEVELOPMENT, SO THIS
13 HEARING IS NOT ABOUT DEVELOPMENT; IT'S ABOUT THE USE OF THE
14 POWER OF EMINENT DOMAIN. THE PROPOSED USE OF EMINENT DOMAIN IS
15 ILLEGAL. THIS IS A POORLY DISGUISED REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT,
16 WELL AFTER THE LEGISLATURE DID AWAY WITH REDEVELOPMENT. THE
17 COUNTY CITES NO PROPER STATUTORY BASIS TO CONDEMN OUR CLIENT'S
18 PROPERTY. THE RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY PROVIDES A BIZARRE
19 ASSORTMENT OF STATUTES THAT ARE EITHER GROSSLY OVERBROAD,
20 INCLUDING CITING THE ENTIRE CALIFORNIA EMINENT DOMAIN CODE, OR
21 CLEARLY INAPPLICABLE, BECAUSE THEY RELATE TO USES THAT ARE NOT
22 PROPOSED, OR THEY RELATE TO REPEALED REDEVELOPMENT STATUTES.
23 THE PROJECT DESCRIPTION IN THIS RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY IS SO
24 VAGUE, UNCERTAIN, AND SWEEPING IN SCOPE, THAT IT FAILS TO
25 ESTABLISH ANY LEGITIMATE PUBLIC USE OR NECESSITY. NOT

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1 SURPRISINGLY, THE STATUTES THAT ARE MOST HELPFUL, CITED IN THE
2 RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY, GIVE YOU THE BEST DIRECTION TO
3 ENCOURAGE PROJECTS THROUGH PRIVATE ENTERPRISE ALONE. CLEARLY,
4 THE COUNTY SHOULD NOT BE GETTING INTO THE BUSINESS OF RUNNING
5 OR LEASING PRIVATE COMMERCIAL BUSINESSES OR BOARDING SCHOOL
6 OPERATIONS. AND AS STATED BEFORE, A VALID OFFER HAS NOT BEEN
7 MADE, CONCERNING ALL OF THE PARCELS TO ALL OF THE OWNERS. AS A
8 RESULT, THIS BOARD CANNOT LEGITIMATELY MAKE THE REQUIRED
9 FINDINGS OF PUBLIC USE, NECESSITY, GREATEST PUBLIC GOOD, LEAST
10 PRIVATE INJURY, AND A VALID OFFER. ENGRAVED RIGHT BEHIND YOU
11 IS, "THIS COUNTRY IS FOUNDED ON FREE ENTERPRISE. CHERISH AND
12 HELP TO PRESERVE IT." I URGE YOU TO CHERISH AND HELP PRESERVE
13 FREE ENTERPRISE, AND LET THE DEVELOPER DEVELOP HIS OWN
14 PROPERTY. I HAVE PETITIONS SIGNED BY 790 PEOPLE SUPPORTING A
15 NO VOTE, AND I WOULD ASK THAT YOU ACCEPT THESE AS FURTHER
16 EVIDENCE.

17
18 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** WE'D BE HAPPY TO. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR
19 YOUR TESTIMONY AND THE PETITIONS. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

20
21 **REV. DR. MELLO DESIRE:** HI.

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23 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** HI.

24
25 **REV. DR. MELLO DESIRE:** MY NAME IS REVEREND DR. MELLO DESIRE.

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1

2 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** YES.

3

4 **REV. DR. MELLO DESIRE:** IT WAS A PLEASURE MEETING MS. LINA
5 TODAY. I'VE BEEN REQUESTING FROM LYNELL WASHINGTON-- I'M SURE
6 WE ALL KNOW LYNELL WASHINGTON, FROM MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON'S
7 OFFICE-- ON THE INQUIRY OF THE PROPERTY: WHAT'S GOING ON WITH
8 IT, AND HOW WE'D LIKE TO DEVELOP IT AS A SUICIDE PREVENTION
9 FOR OUR TEENS, ESPECIALLY ALANYA ECCLES, WHO PASSED AWAY THIS
10 YEAR. WE WERE TOLD, EXACTLY VERBATIM, THAT THE OWNER DOES NOT
11 WANT TO DO ANYTHING WITH THE PROPERTY, AND THAT HE IS A CHEAP,
12 SELFISH MAN. THAT IS NOT ONLY A LIE, BUT THAT WAS A BLATANT
13 LIE. AND THE COUNTY AND THE CITY NEEDS TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR
14 WHEN THEY ARE DOING THEIR BEHIND-THE-SCENES DEAL, AND NOT
15 LETTING THE COMMUNITY KNOW WHAT EXACTLY THEIR AGENDA IS FOR 2-
16 1/2 YEARS, AND YOU NEED TO COME CLEAN TODAY. WE DID NOT KNOW
17 WHAT WAS GOING ON, BECAUSE YOU HAD ALTERNATIVE PLANS. AND YOU
18 CANNOT HIDE FOR LONG AND DISPARAGE SOMEBODY'S GOOD CHARACTER.
19 MR. SASSON LOVES THE COMMUNITY, AND WE'RE GOING TO WORK
20 TOGETHER TO BUILD IT FOR US.

21

22 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
23 TESTIMONY. JUST FOR YOUR INFORMATION, THE LAST PERSON WHO
24 TESTIFIED, THAT HAD THE WOMAN CEDE HER TIME TO THEM, SHE HAD

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1 ALREADY CEDED HER TIME TO SOMEONE ELSE. SO LET'S KEEP TRACK OF
2 THIS. OBVIOUSLY, WE CAN'T--

3

4 **SPEAKER:** MADAM CHAIR, THAT'S NOT CORRECT.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** POINT OF ORDER, MADAM CHAIR. INDIVIDUALS
7 WHO ARE IN THE AUDIENCE, COMMUNICATING TO THE CHAIR, ARE OUT
8 OF ORDER.

9

10 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** I HEAR THAT THEY DO NOT AGREE WITH THE
11 CHAIR. I'M NOT ASKING THE GENTLEMAN TO TAKE HIS TESTIMONY
12 BACK, WHICH WOULD NOT BE VERY PRACTICAL. SO I'M ONLY
13 COMMENTING THAT WHEN SOMEONE DONATES THEIR TIME, TRY TO
14 REMEMBER WHETHER YOU'VE ALREADY DONE IT OR NOT. THAT'S ALL.
15 NEXT SPEAKER.

16

17 **KAREN LAWRENCE:** OKAY. GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND
18 MADAM CHAIR. MY NAME IS KAREN LAWRENCE. I AM AN ACTIVE MEMBER
19 OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, AND A HOMEOWNER IN COUNCIL
20 DISTRICT 8. I SUPPORT THE PROJECT THAT SASSON DEVELOPMENT HAS
21 PROPOSED. WE HAVE A HIGHLY TRAFFICKED VERMONT CORRIDOR THAT IS
22 VACANT OF BASIC SERVICES. FROM CENTURY BOULEVARD TO GATE
23 AVENUE ON VERMONT AVENUE, THERE ARE NO MAJOR GROCERY STORES,
24 PHARMACIES, RESTAURANTS, BANKS, OFFICE SUPPLIES, SUCH AS
25 STAPLES, DEPARTMENT STORES, ET CETERA, ET CETERA. IT'S

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1 UNFORTUNATE THAT WE HAVE TO LOBBY FOR BASIC NEEDS IN OUR
2 COMMUNITY, BUT WE DO, SO I AM. I AM ASKING THAT YOU ALLOW THE
3 SASSON GROUP TO BUILD THESE BUSINESSES IN OUR AREA VIA THE
4 ENTERTAINMENT VILLAGE. WE'VE WAITED A LONG TIME FOR THIS
5 DEVELOPMENT TO COME TO FRUITION, SO PLEASE LET THE SASSON
6 GROUP COMPLETE THEIR PROMISE TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD, TO THE
7 COMMUNITY. WE NEED THE JOBS. WE NEED THE ACCESS TO SERVICES
8 THAT THIS THING PROVIDES FOR US. WE THANK YOU SO MUCH.

9

10 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. NEXT SPEAKER,
11 PLEASE. ANYBODY. JUST JUMP RIGHT IN.

12

13 **MARILEA OWENS:** I WAS WAITING FOR MY TIME TO START. OKAY.
14 MARILEA OWENS, HOMEOWNER. I WANT OUR VERMONT ENTERTAINMENT
15 VILLAGE TO BE KNOWN AS L.A. LIVE, JR. WE DESERVE THE SAME AS
16 OTHERS IN THE COMMUNITY. I WANT TO STOP TRAVELING TO
17 INGLEWOOD, TORRANCE, HAWTHORNE, AND OTHER SURROUNDING CITIES,
18 TO GO TO A PHARMACY, A GROCERY STORE, OR JUST FOR THE PURPOSE
19 OF ENTERTAINING MYSELF. I'D LIKE TO BE ABLE TO GO DOWN THE
20 STREETS IN MY OWN COMMUNITY, AND TAKE MY GRANDCHILDREN THERE,
21 WHERE I CAN ENTERTAIN THEM. I CAN WALK. I COULD DRIVE, OR I
22 CAN TAKE THE BUS DOWN THE STREETS TO ENTERTAIN MY OWN
23 CHILDREN. WE HAVE PLENTY OF SCHOOLS. I'VE SEEN PLENTY OF
24 SCHOOLS THAT HAVE ARRIVED SINCE THE RIOTS, AND BEFORE. WE HAVE
25 ENOUGH SCHOOLS. WE NEED ENTERTAINMENT, ALSO. I THINK THAT

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1 WOULD BRING PRIDE BACK IN THE COMMUNITY, THAT PEOPLE CARE
2 ABOUT US. THANK YOU.

3

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

6

7 **MILAN GARRISON:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. MILAN GARRISON,
8 PRESIDENT OF MAXSUM DEVELOPMENT. I WAS THE LEAD CONSULTANT AND
9 PROJECT MANAGER FOR THE SASSON DEVELOPMENT, THE VERMONT
10 ENTERTAINMENT VILLAGE. I HAVE INTIMATE FAMILIARITY, GIVEN FROM
11 THAT STANDPOINT, THAT WE HAVE DONE ALL OF THE NECESSARY PUBLIC
12 OUTREACH, NUMEROUS PUBLIC MEETINGS WITH ALL OF THE ENTITIES
13 INVOLVED, TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION WHAT THEIR BENEFITS ARE,
14 WHAT THEIR NEEDS ARE, INCORPORATING THAT INTO OUR PROJECT,
15 MOVING THAT PROJECT THROUGH THE ENTITLEMENT PROCESS, GETTING
16 UNANIMOUS DECISIONS, APPROVAL DECISIONS FROM BOTH THE PLANNING
17 COMMISSION AND THE CITY COUNCIL, AND THEN SUBSEQUENTLY MOVING
18 THAT PROJECT FORWARD THROUGH THE BUILDING ENTITLEMENT PROCESS.
19 OUR PLANS ARE AT 90 PERCENT COMPLETION THROUGH THE BUILDING
20 PERMIT AND ENTITLEMENT PROCESS, DEALING WITH PUBLIC WORKS AND
21 THE TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP AND TRACK MAP. SO ALL OF OUR
22 ENTITLEMENTS ARE SET TO MOVE FORWARD. THE DELAY CAME AS A
23 SURPRISE TO US, WHEN IT GOT STALLED BY THE C.R.A. AND THEIR
24 INABILITY TO COME TO AN AGREEMENT WITH US, A REASONABLE
25 AGREEMENT, FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE LAST THREE PARCELS. SO WE

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1 HAVE NOW MOVED FORWARD, AND WOULD LIKE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH
2 THAT PROJECT.

3

4 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

5

6 **RITA FLOWERS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD AND CHAIR.

7

8 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** WOULD YOU GET A LITTLE CLOSER TO THE
9 MICROPHONE? THAT'S THE ONLY WAY WE CAN ACTUALLY HEAR YOU.

10

11 **RITA FLOWERS:** MY NAME IS RITA FLOWERS, AND I AM HERE AS A
12 STAKEHOLDER IN THE COMMUNITY, A REPRESENTATIVE AND A VOLUNTEER
13 OF THE SOUTHEAST POLICE DEPARTMENT. I WAS CONCERNED, BECAUSE
14 IN 2015 WE DID HAVE THE GROUNDBREAKING, AND WE DID GO FORTH
15 WITH CHECKING TO SEE WHEN THINGS WERE GOING ON, BUT THEY DID
16 NOT. SO NOW I'M HERE TODAY TO SAY I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THIS
17 CONTINUE, AND THAT THE MANCHESTER ENTERTAINMENT VILLAGE BE
18 DONE. AND ALSO, MS. MAYBELLE PITTMAN, WHO I SPOKE TO
19 YESTERDAY, WHO IS NOT ABLE TO BE HERE THIS AFTERNOON, GAVE HER
20 YES, THAT THIS IS WHAT WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE DONE. WE WOULD
21 LIKE TO HAVE THIS SASSON PROJECT CONTINUED AND COMPLETED, AS
22 IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN DONE.

23

24 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM, FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. NEXT
25 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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1

2 **NORRIS BYRD:** MY NAME IS NORRIS BYRD, AND I'M A COMMUNITY
3 ACTIVIST AND A HOMEOWNER. I STARTED WITH THIS PROJECT MANY
4 YEARS AGO, WHEN MY HAIR WAS BLACK, AND SOMEWHERE IT'S TURNED
5 DOWN THE LINE. BUT ANYWAY, I STARTED WITH THE C.R.A., AND THE
6 THINGS THAT WE HAD DISCUSSED, IN TRYING TO MAKE IT BETTER. BUT
7 I SEE, SOMETIME IN LIFE, IF YOU'RE GOING TO DO IT BETTER, YOU
8 HAVE TO MAKE SOME KIND OF EFFORTS. AND WE HAVE TRIED SO MANY
9 TIMES, TILL MOST OF US JUST HAVE GIVEN UP HOPE. BUT I SEE,
10 SOMETIME, WE HAVE TO KEEP PUSHING. AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT
11 I REALLY ENJOY VERY MUCH IS THE EXPERIENCE THAT I HAVE AND THE
12 TEACHING THAT I HAVE RECEIVED, BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE ANY
13 DROPOUTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO MAKING COMPLAINTS AGAINST ME. SO I
14 WISH THAT SOMETHING WOULD GO FORWARD TO MAKE THIS PROJECT
15 WORK, BECAUSE IT'S BEEN AROUND TOO LONG. THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANKS TO YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

18

19 **ANTHONY JUAREZ:** HELLO. MY NAME IS ANTHONY JUAREZ, AND I AM A
20 MARKETING ASSISTANT AT SASSON DEVELOPMENT, AND I'VE WORKED
21 DIRECTLY UNDER JENNIFER DUENEZ. IN THE SHORT TIME THAT I'VE
22 WORKED THERE, I HAVE SEEN NOTHING BUT THE ENTIRE OFFICE WORK
23 WAY PAST 9 TO 5, TILL 10:00 AT NIGHT, JUST TRYING TO GET THIS
24 PROJECT GOING. WE'VE BEEN ON VERMONT AND MANCHESTER ALL
25 WEEKEND, TALKING TO ANYBODY THAT'S PASSED BY, AND EVERYBODY

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1 THAT WE'VE TALKED TO HAS BEEN IN FAVOR OF THIS. THEY SAID THAT
2 THEY NEED THESE PROPERTIES BACK IN THIS AREA. I SPOKE TO AN
3 OLDER LADY. SHE SAID THAT HER KIDS WILL BENEFIT FROM THIS. THE
4 NEXT GENERATION WILL BENEFIT FROM THIS. I HAVE SEEN THE ENTIRE
5 OFFICE ON EMERGENCY MODE, AND EVERYBODY'S WORKING WAY MORE
6 THAN THE DESIGNATED TIME, 9 TO 5. I HAVE BEEN OUT THERE
7 PASSING OUT FLYERS AND GETTING SIGNATURES FROM ALL THESE
8 PEOPLE THAT REALLY BELIEVE THAT THIS IS THE KIND OF PROJECT WE
9 NEED IN THIS AREA. I'VE SEEN JENNIFER DUENEZ WORK ANYWHERE
10 FROM 7 TO 12 TO 2 IN THE MORNING, AND SHE HAS BEEN COMPLETELY
11 DEDICATED TO THIS PROJECT FOR YEARS. AND I KNOW SHE WILL NOT
12 GIVE UP, AND THE ENTIRE OFFICE AND SASSON WILL NOT GIVE UP.

13

14 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. MR. EXECUTIVE
15 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE LAST SPEAKER WHO SIGNED UP.

16

17 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. WOULD LINA ASOUAD PLEASE COME
18 FORWARD, AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU?

19

20 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MR. WALSH, I BELIEVE YOU WERE
21 NEXT.

22

23 **JOHN WALSH:** JOHN WALSH, BLOGGING AT HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG OR
24 JWALSHCONFIDENTIAL, TWEETING AT @HOLLYWOODDEMS. IF YOU VOTE
25 YES FOR THIS PROJECT, IT WILL MOST LIKELY TRIGGER A HUGE

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1 LAWSUIT WHICH COULD DELAY IT FOR YEARS. AS YOU HEARD FROM THE
2 ATTORNEY, MR. SILVERSTEIN, THEY HAVE VIOLATED THE LAW. WHAT
3 THEY MUST DO IS, THEY MUST COMPLY WITH EMINENT DOMAIN LAW. YOU
4 HAVE NOT COMPLIED WITH EMINENT DOMAIN LAW, AND YOU ARE NOT IN
5 THE POSITION TO BE A JUDGE OF WHETHER THEY'VE COMPLIED WITH
6 EMINENT DOMAIN LAW. YOU CAN'T JUST SEIZE PROPERTY. YOU MUST DO
7 IT LEGALLY. SO LET'S NOW PULL BACK AND RENEGOTIATE, AND DO IT
8 LEGALLY.

9

10 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MR. PREVEN.

11

12 **ERIC PREVEN:** IT'S ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT, AND I
13 CONCUR THAT EMINENT DOMAIN IS A VERY SERIOUS MATTER. AND WHEN
14 YOU DO IT ON A THURSDAY AFTERNOON, WITHOUT NOTIFYING THE
15 COMMUNITY, THE PEOPLE WHO CAME DOWN INDIVIDUALLY FROM THE
16 NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL WERE ON THE INSIDE, BUT THE NEIGHBORHOOD
17 COUNCIL DIDN'T HAVE IT ON THEIR AGENDA. THE PEOPLE DID NOT
18 HAVE A CHANCE TO EXPRESS THEMSELVES. SO I FIND THIS
19 PROBLEMATIC. NOW, WHY WE NEED A BOARDING SCHOOL IN THAT
20 ENVIRONMENT, AS OPPOSED TO SOME OF THE AMENITIES, IS ANOTHER
21 QUESTION, BUT THERE'S A MILLION DETAILS THAT I HAVE NOT BEEN
22 ABLE TO STUDY, BECAUSE OF THIS LATE-BREAKING KIND OF AN IDEA.
23 NOW, I WILL SAY THIS: THAT THERE'S ALSO MONEY AT H.H.H. I
24 DON'T KNOW IF PEOPLE ARE AWARE, OR IF THIS PROJECT IS THE ONE
25 THAT'S GOING TO BE CONSIDERED FOR CAP-AND-TRADE. THEY'VE BEEN

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1 SO MURKY OVER THERE. WE HAVE BEEN BEGGING MAYOR GARCETTI AND
2 HIS CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION TO MAKE CLEAR WHAT WE'RE
3 TALKING ABOUT, AND THEY HAVE SAID, "OH, IT'S COMING TO AN
4 AGENDA SOMETIME SOON," FOR A MAJOR PROJECT WITH \$50 MILLION
5 WORTH OF STATE FUNDING FOR THIS, AND H.H.H. MONEY FOR THAT.
6 THE PUBLIC NEEDS TO BE INCLUDED IN THESE DECISIONS ACROSS
7 JURISDICTIONS. AND TO PUT MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON UP ON BACK
8 OF MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, AS A CHICKEN FIGHT AGAINST THE PEOPLE,
9 WHO ARE DOWN ON THE GROUND-- NOT FAIR.

10

11 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MR. SPINDLER.

12

13 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** YES. SO, WAYNE SPINDLER, NINTH CIRCUIT WINNER
14 SUING THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. NINTH CIRCUIT WINNER. SO,
15 AGAIN, WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN IS ARTICLE 5. AN UNJUST TAKING
16 WITHOUT JUST COMPENSATION IS A VIOLATION OF THE FIFTH
17 AMENDMENT. IT'S ALSO CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTIONAL VIOLATION. YOU
18 DIDN'T COMPLY WITH THE LAW. SO WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO DO IS,
19 THEY'RE GOING TO TAKE YOU TO COURT. THEY'RE GOING TO SEEK
20 SUMMARY JUDGMENT. THEY'RE GOING TO WIN SUMMARY JUDGMENT, AND
21 THEN THAT PROJECT'S NEVER GOING TO GET BUILT. THESE GUYS ARE
22 SHOVEL-READY. LET'S GET THEM TO BUILD. GET A COMMITMENT FROM
23 THEM THAT THEY'RE GOING TO BUILD THIS THING WITHIN A
24 TIMETABLE. IF THEY'RE NOT GOING TO BUILD IT WITHIN THAT
25 TIMETABLE, AGREE ON A PRICE, TAKE IT, SELL IT, AND BUILD YOUR

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1 STUFF. BUT THAT COMMUNITY NEEDS THOSE SERVICES, ESPECIALLY
2 SUPERMARKETS. AND MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON IS SITTING HERE, AND
3 HE'S NOT TELLING YOU SOMETHING. HE WANTS MORE SUPERMARKETS.
4 THESE PEOPLE ARE WILLING TO DO THAT. SO, A NO VOTE ON THIS,
5 POR FAVOR. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. LAST SPEAKER, PLEASE.

8

9 **LINA ASOUAD SASSON:** MY NAME IS LINA ASOUAD SASSON. HELLO,
10 EVERYBODY.

11

12 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** HELLO.

13

14 **LINA ASOUAD SASSON:** IT'S VERY EMOTIONAL, THIS MATTER. AND MY
15 HUSBAND IS ELI SASSON; BEEN FIGHTING FOR THIS PROJECT FOREVER.
16 AND AS THEY SAID TO EVERYBODY, MR. SASSON HOLDING THOSE
17 PROPERTY AS A HOSTAGE. I'M SORRY. THE C.R.A. WAS HOLDING US A
18 HOSTAGE FOR 2-1/2 YEARS, DRAGGING US TO BUY THE THREE PARCELS.
19 FINALLY, WE CLOSED ESCROW IN NOVEMBER 15. WE'RE READY TO GO.
20 BUT WE NEVER GET ANY NOTICE FOR EMINENT DOMAIN ON THOSE THREE
21 PARCELS. THIS IS NOT FAIR, AND WE KNOW THIS HAS BEEN PLANNING
22 TO TAKE THE PROPERTY FOR TWO YEARS. IT'S INSIDE DEAL, CLOSED
23 DOOR. AND I WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT THE PROJECT, AND WE'RE GOING
24 TO STILL FIGHT FOR IT, FOR THE COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

25

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1 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THAT EXHAUSTS THOSE
2 PERSONS WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS,
3 DID YOU WISH TO CLOSE, OR SHALL WE MOVE TO THE CLOSING
4 STATEMENT HERE?

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I DO WISH TO THANK EVERYONE WHO HAS
7 TESTIFIED, BUT TODAY I THINK THE COMMENTS GENERALLY UNDERScore
8 THE FACT THAT INVESTMENT IS SORELY NEEDED AT THIS LOCATION,
9 THAT THIS COMMUNITY HAS WAITED WAY TOO LONG, AND NOW IS THE
10 TIME FOR US TO MOVE FORWARD. I APPRECIATE THE MEMBERS OF THIS
11 BOARD'S CONSIDERATION OF THE GRAVITY OF THE SITUATION, AND THE
12 OPPORTUNITY THAT WE HAVE TO RIGHT A WRONG FOR WHICH THIS
13 COMMUNITY HAS SUFFERED-- YEA, EVEN ENDURED-- FOR DECADES. I
14 THINK IT SHOULD BE THE CASE THAT THIS IS A PROJECT THAT IS
15 IMAGINATIVE, IT IS COMPREHENSIVE, IT IS INCLUSIVE: THE VERY
16 THINGS THAT THOSE WHO HAVE COME TO TESTIFY-- EVEN ALL THOSE
17 WHO HAVE COME TO TESTIFY-- HAVE EXPRESSED. THERE ARE MANY
18 STEPS NECESSARY TO ALLOW THIS PROJECT TO BECOME A REALITY, BUT
19 THE STEP BEFORE THE BOARD TODAY IS THE MOST CRITICAL ONE. AND
20 I MOVE THAT WE CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPT THE STAFF
21 RECOMMENDATIONS. MADAM CHAIR?

22

23 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR. I BELIEVE
24 IT'S TIME, THEN, TO READ THE LANGUAGE TO CLOSE THE HEARING.

25

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

3

4 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THE ITEM IS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
5 RIDLEY-THOMAS, SECONDED BY MYSELF. AND SHALL WE HAVE A ROLL-
6 CALL VOTE, SINCE SUPERVISOR BARGER'S NOT HERE?

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT.

9

10 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** I THINK THAT WOULD BE OKAY. PLEASE CALL THE
11 ROLL.

12

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

14

15 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

16

17 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC OFCR:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR
18 RIDLEY-THOMAS?

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AYE.

21

22 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, AYE.
23 SUPERVISOR HAHN?

24

25 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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1

2 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR
3 KUEHL?

4

5 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** AYE.

6

7 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. THE MOTION
8 PASSES.

9

10 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THAT'S A FOUR-VOTE ITEM, AND IT
11 RECEIVED FOUR VOTES. ITEM 42 IS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF
12 SUPERVISORS.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR AND
15 COLLEAGUES. I'LL TAKE NOTE OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO THANK THE
16 COUNCILMAN OF THE DISTRICT, MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON. WE ALSO
17 THANK CONGRESSWOMAN KAREN BASS FOR WEIGHING IN, AS WELL. THANK
18 YOU VERY KINDLY.

19

20 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** AND SINCE WE'VE BEEN FRIENDS FOR DECADES,
21 I'LL JUST THANK CONGRESSWOMAN MAXINE WATERS' STAFF FOR
22 WEIGHING IN, AS WELL.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AS THE CHAIR HAS A PREROGATIVE OF DOING.

25

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1 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** WE WERE TALKING ABOUT COMITY, ANYWAY. THANK
2 YOU ALL FOR COMING HERE TO TESTIFY. I KNOW WE'LL BE TALKING
3 ABOUT THIS AGAIN SOMETIME. SO LET US MOVE, THEN, TO ITEM 43
4

5 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** ITEM 43 IS A HEARING ON PROJECT NO.
6 2017-005014, IN THE FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT, AMENDING
7 COUNTY CODE TITLE 22, PLANNING AND ZONING, TO PROHIBIT FUTURE
8 DRIVE-THROUGH ESTABLISHMENTS WITHIN THE ACTON COMMUNITY
9 STANDARDS DISTRICT. THERE IS A DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT BY SUSAN
10 TAE, SUPERVISING REGIONAL PLANNER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF
11 PLANNING, AND BY RICHARD MARSHALIAN, COMMUNITY STUDIES NORTH,
12 WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING, AND THREE
13 INDIVIDUALS HAVE REQUESTED TO SPEAK.

14
15 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** I BELIEVE THAT THE BOARD WOULD WAIVE
16 PRESENTATION, AND GO DIRECTLY TO... SUPERVISOR BARGER, DO YOU
17 WISH TO MAKE A STATEMENT BEFORE WE CALL THE SPEAKER?
18

19 **SUP. BARGER:** YEAH. MADAM CHAIR, I'M SORRY I WASN'T DOWN HERE,
20 BUT I WAS GOING TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE LAST ITEM THAT CAME
21 BEFORE US. SO I KNOW YOU TOOK A VOTE, BUT I JUST WANTED TO
22 MAKE SURE THAT I WAS RECORDED AS A YES.
23

24 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** I WOULD ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO REOPEN THE
25 VOTE.

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1

2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MOVE RECONSIDERATION, MADAM CHAIR.

3

4 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, I'D SECOND. IS THERE ANY
5 OBJECTION TO RECONSIDERATION OF ITEM 42? HEARING NONE, PLEASE
6 CALL THE ABSENT MEMBERS.

7

8 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER?

9

10 **SUP. BARGER:** AYE.

11

12 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. THE MOTION
13 CARRIES, UNANIMOUS.

14

15 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

18

19 **SUP. BARGER:** AND THEN, MADAM CHAIR, ON THIS ITEM, WE'VE HAD
20 SEVERAL PRESENTATIONS THAT RELATE TO THIS ISSUE, SO I WOULD
21 ASK THAT WE JUST GO, UNLESS IT'S REQUIRED, THAT WE GO IF
22 THERE'S ANYONE IN THE PUBLIC THAT HAS SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON
23 THIS.

24

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1 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** A PRESENTATION BY THE DEPARTMENT IS NOT
2 REQUIRED; ONLY PUBLIC TESTIMONY. IS THERE ANYONE SIGNED UP?

3

4 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** YES. TWO INDIVIDUALS ARE IN THE
5 LANCASTER OFFICE, AND ONE INDIVIDUAL IS HERE.

6

7 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WHILE WE'RE WAITING FOR THOSE TO
8 TAKE THEIR SEAT AT THE LANCASTER OFFICE, LET US CALL THE
9 PERSON WHO'S HERE, AND ANNOUNCE WHO THEY ARE, IN LANCASTER.

10

11 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** WAYNE SPINDLER, PLEASE COME
12 FORWARD. AND WHILE HE'S COMING FORWARD, RUTH BROCK AND
13 JACQUELINE AYER ARE IN THE LANCASTER OFFICE. OH, OKAY. THEY
14 ARE HERE.

15

16 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** BOTH ARE HERE?

17

18 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** YES. ALL THREE OF THEM ARE HERE.

19

20 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** EXCELLENT. PLEASE COME FORWARD, ALL THREE.
21 OKAY, MR. SPINDLER, YOU'RE FIRST IN THE SEAT, AND THEREFORE
22 FIRST TO TESTIFY. AND FIRST IN THE OUR HEARTS, LET ME JUST
23 SAY.

24

25 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** OH, I THANK YOU.

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1

2 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** YOU BET.

3

4 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** I LOVE KAREN BASS. OKAY. ALL RIGHT. SO,
5 ANYWAY, WHAT I'LL DO IS, ON THIS ONE, THE MOST IMPORTANT THING
6 IS TO REFER TO THE LOCALS, WHO ARE COMING HERE TO PREPARE THIS
7 ORDINANCE. SO NOW WE SEE THAT WE'RE DOING SOME LAND-GRABBING
8 TODAY, WHICH IS GOOD. BUT THIS ONE HERE, I THINK, IS GOING TO
9 BE A LITTLE MORE AMICABLE, UNLESS THIS IS ANOTHER EMINENT
10 DOMAIN. I DON'T THINK SO. SO, I THINK THAT THINGS ARE GETTING
11 A LOT MORE PROGRESSIVE SINCE ANTONOVICH DEPARTED. I DON'T
12 THINK I WOULD HAVE SAW A 5-0 VOTE ON A TAKING. SO I THINK THAT
13 THINGS ARE CHANGING, MOSTLY FOR THE GOOD. BUT ANYWAY, ONE OF
14 THE THINGS THAT IS HAPPENING IS, IN THESE COMMUNITIES, ACTON
15 AND EVERYTHING, IS THAT THE OLD HORSE COMMUNITIES ARE BEING
16 THREATENED. THEY'RE BEING ENCROACHED ON. PEOPLE WANT TO KEEP
17 THE OLD WAY, BUT THERE'S ALSO A LOT OF DEVELOPMENT UP THE 14
18 CORRIDOR. BUT WE DON'T HAVE A WIDENING OF THE 14 FREEWAY. WE
19 DON'T HAVE A DOUBLE-DECKING OF THE 5 FREEWAY. WE DON'T HAVE
20 NEW TRAINS. WE DON'T HAVE NEW PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION. WHERE ARE
21 ALL THESE PEOPLE GOING TO GO TO WORK DOWN HERE, AND GET BACK
22 HOME UP THERE? EVERY TIME YOU PUT THESE DEVELOPMENTS IN,
23 THAT'S THE QUESTION WE GOT TO ANSWER. AND THE ANSWER IS, WE
24 NEED TO DOUBLE-DECK THE 5 FREEWAY, AND WE NEED TO WIDEN THE
25 14. AND IF YOU DO THAT, YOU CAN BUILD ALL THIS STUFF, BUT

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1 WE'RE NOT DOING IT. SO WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN IS, IS THAT THE
2 PLUG-UP ON THE FREEWAY'S GOING TO GET EVEN WORSE, WITH MORE OF
3 THIS DENSIFICATION. SO THAT'S WHY I THINK WE GOT TO LIMIT THE
4 DEVELOPMENT SEVERELY, BECAUSE OF THAT, UNTIL WE HAVE A PLAN
5 AND A GUARANTEE, WITHIN A 10-YEAR PERIOD, TO DOUBLE-DECK AND
6 WIDEN THOSE FREEWAYS, BECAUSE PEOPLE IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY,
7 ACTON, AND THESE AREAS, ARE NOT GOING TO GET OUT OF THEIR
8 CARS, UNLESS THEY'RE GOING TO RIDE TO WORK ON A HORSE. AND YOU
9 COULD RIDE A HORSE FASTER TO WORK THAN YOU CAN DRIVING THERE,
10 THESE DAYS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

11

12 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

13

14 **RUTH BROCK:** HI. MY NAME IS RUTHIE BROCK, AND I'M WITH THE
15 ACTON TOWN COUNCIL, AND I'M HERE REPRESENTING THE VOICES OF
16 OUR COUNCIL, AND ALSO THE PEOPLE OF OUR COMMUNITY. WE'RE IN
17 FULL SUPPORT OF THIS C.S.D. AMENDMENT. THIS AMENDMENT WILL GO
18 A LONG WAY TO HELP US IN OUR GOALS OF RETAINING A MORE RURAL
19 PROFILE FOR OUR COMMUNITY. WE'RE A VERY UNIQUE COMMUNITY, BUT
20 BEING BISECTED BY THE STATE ROUTE 14 PUTS US IN A VERY
21 PRECARIOUS SITUATION, AND FREEWAY-SERVING BUSINESSES ARE JUST
22 A STEP IN THE WRONG DIRECTION FOR US. SO WE'RE VERY HAPPY WITH
23 THE PROPOSAL OF THIS AMENDMENT TODAY, AND WE'RE HOPING THAT
24 YOU VOTE YES, IN SUPPORT. THANK YOU.

25

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

2

3 **JACQUELINE AYER:** YES. MY NAME IS JACQUELINE AYER. I'M WITH THE
4 ACTON TOWN COUNCIL, AND I JUST WANTED TO SAY HOW MUCH I TRULY
5 APPRECIATE THAT THIS IS NOW BEFORE YOU, AND I SUPPORT IT
6 WHOLEHEARTEDLY, AS DOES THE ACTON TOWN COUNCIL. WHAT IS
7 EMBODIED IN THIS ORDINANCE THAT'S BEFORE YOU IS A COMMUNITY
8 VISION THAT WE HAVE STRIVEN FOR, FOR YEARS, AND FOR 15 YEARS.
9 AND I AM VERY GRATEFUL THAT IT'S HERE, AND AND I AM EXTREMELY
10 GRATEFUL TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING-- MR. CHILD,
11 MS. TAE, MR. MARSHALIAN, AND OTHERS. WE'VE SENSED A SEA CHANGE
12 IN THE COMMUNITY'S RELATIONSHIP WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
13 REGIONAL PLANNING AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, AND I AM
14 BEYOND GRATEFUL FOR THAT, AS WELL. AND I JUST WANT TO EXPRESS
15 TO YOU, ALL YOU SUPERVISORS-- SUPERVISOR BARGER, IN
16 PARTICULAR, AND ALSO ALL OF YOU-- HOW GRATEFUL I AM, AND HOW
17 GRATEFUL THE COMMUNITY IS. SO THANK YOU. AND HOW GRATEFUL WE
18 ARE TO THE REGIONAL PLANNING. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I APPRECIATE THE
21 TESTIMONY. SUPERVISOR BARGER, DID YOU WISH TO SAY ANYTHING IN
22 CLOSING?

23

24 **SUP. BARGER:** YEAH. THANK YOU. I WANT TO THANK THE TOWN
25 COUNCILMEMBERS THAT HAVE COME TODAY, AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK

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1 REGIONAL PLANNING FOR THE WORK THAT YOU'VE DONE, BRINGING THIS
2 FORWARD. THE RURAL COMMUNITY OF ACTON HAS WORKED DILIGENTLY TO
3 PRESERVE THEIR RURAL CHARACTER. THE RESIDENTS MOVED THERE TO
4 PURSUE A PARTICULAR LIFESTYLE, AND HAVE FOUGHT TO PROTECT IT.
5 THE STRIKINGLY RURAL AREA IS PARTICULARLY UNIQUE, AS IT IS
6 CLOSE TO THE CONTEMPORARY LOS ANGELES METROPOLIS ON ONE SIDE,
7 AND THE EXPANDING ANTELOPE VALLEY ON THE OTHER. STATE ROUTE 14
8 CONNECTS BOTH THESE METROPOLITAN AREAS, AND TRAVELS DIRECTLY
9 THROUGH ACTON. RESIDENTS ARE CONCERNED ABOUT AN
10 OVERCONCENTRATION OF FAST FOOD AND COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS
11 THAT MAY THREATEN THE TOWN'S RURAL CHARACTER. AND THE BOARD
12 RESPONDED IN JULY OF 2016, BY DIRECTING THE REGIONAL PLANNING
13 TO PREPARE THIS AMENDMENT TO BAN NEW DRIVE-THROUGHS WITHIN THE
14 ACTON C.S.D. AREA. I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING OUR WORK WITH
15 THE ACTON COMMUNITY TO PROTECT THEIR HERITAGE. AND AGAIN, I
16 WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING DOWN HERE ON WHAT TURNED OUT
17 TO BE A RATHER LONG DAY. SO WE APPRECIATE YOU STICKING AROUND
18 AND TESTIFYING. WITH THAT, I'D LIKE TO MOVE THE ITEM.

19
20 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. NO ONE ELSE HAS REQUESTED TO
21 SPEAK ON THE BOARD, SO THE ITEM IS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER,
22 SECONDED--

23
24 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** CAN WE HAVE A MOTION TO CLOSE THE
25 PUBLIC HEARING?

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1

2 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** OH, I'M SORRY. OF COURSE. THIS IS ANOTHER
3 HEARING. PLEASE, DO YOU WANT TO READ THE PROPER MOTION?

4

5 **SUP. BARGER:** I MOVE THAT WE CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND MOVE
6 THIS ITEM.

7

8 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER, IN A
9 TOTALLY CORRECT WAY. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. IS THERE
10 ANY OBJECTION TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO CLOSE THE HEARING AND
11 APPROVE THE ITEM? SEEING NONE, THAT WILL BE THE ACTION. AT
12 THIS TIME, IT'S APPROPRIATE TO HEAR FROM SUPERVISORS ON ITEMS
13 NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA, TO BE PRESENTED OR REFERRED TO
14 STAFF. WE ONLY HAVE ONE REQUEST FOR A SPECIAL, RELATED TO A
15 DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY BY SUPERVISOR BARGER. THIS WILL BE A
16 READ-IN, BUT IT IS AN EMERGENCY DECLARATION, SO WE CAN APPROVE
17 IT TODAY, IF WE WISH. SUPERVISOR BARGER, PLEASE GO AHEAD.

18

19 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I WOULD LIKE TO READ OUR
20 CO-AUTHORED URGENCY MOTION, AND ADD IT TO THE CONSENT
21 CALENDAR. BEGINNING ON THE MORNING OF DECEMBER 5TH, 2017,
22 CONDITIONS OF DISASTER AND EXTREME PERIL TO THE SAFETY OF
23 PERSONS AND PROPERTY AROSE, AS A RESULT OF THE CREEK FIRE AND
24 RYE FIRE, WHICH HAVE CREATED CONDITIONS THAT ARE BEYOND THE
25 CONTROL OF LOCAL RESOURCES. BASED ON THE FOREGOING FACTS, AND

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1 PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54954.2 B2, WE MOVE THAT
2 THE BOARD DETERMINE THAT, ONE, THERE IS A NEED TO TAKE
3 IMMEDIATE ACTION TO PROCLAIM A LOCAL EMERGENCY EXISTS; AND,
4 NUMBER TWO, THAT THE NEED TO TAKE THIS ACTION CAME TO THE
5 ATTENTION OF THE BOARD SUBSEQUENT TO THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA
6 FOR TODAY'S MEETING. WE FURTHER MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF
7 SUPERVISORS APPROVE THE PROCLAMATION FOR THE CREEK FIRE, THAT
8 BEGAN IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND MOVED TO THE CITY OF
9 LOS ANGELES ON DECEMBER 5TH, 2017 THIS PROCLAMATION SHALL
10 REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL ITS TERMINATION IS PROCLAIMED BY THE
11 BOARD. NUMBER 2, APPROVE THE PROCLAMATION FOR THE RYE FIRE,
12 THAT BEGAN IN THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY ON DECEMBER 5TH, 2017.
13 THIS PROCLAMATION SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL ITS TERMINATION
14 IS PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD. AND NUMBER 3, FORWARD A COPY OF
15 THE PROCLAMATION TO THE DIRECTOR OF CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S
16 OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES, WITH THE REQUEST THAT THE
17 DIRECTOR FIND THEM ACCEPTABLE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE
18 LAW, AND REQUEST THAT A GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION BE PROVIDED,
19 UNDER THE CALIFORNIA DISASTER ASSISTANCE ACT, TO INCLUDE THE
20 ASSESSMENT AND ABILITY TO SEEK FINANCIAL AND ALL OTHER
21 RELEVANT ASSISTANCE FROM THE STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. AND
22 LAST, DIRECT COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO CONTINUE TO IMPLEMENT ALL
23 ASSESSMENT, ASSISTANCE, AND MONITORING EFFECTS, AS APPLICABLE.
24 I MOVE THAT.

25

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1 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER.
2 SECONDED BY MYSELF, AS THE CO-AUTHOR. THESE FIRES TOUCH BOTH
3 OF OUR DISTRICTS. ANY DISCUSSION? SEEING NONE, LET US MOVE TO
4 A VOTE. ANY OBJECTION TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE ON THIS ITEM? SEEING
5 NONE, THAT WILL BE THE ACTION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
6 SUPERVISOR.

7

8 **SUP. BARGER:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, AS WELL.

9

10 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** AT THIS TIME, IT'S APPROPRIATE TO HEAR FROM
11 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD
12 ON ITEMS NOT HELD BY SUPERVISORS. MADAM E.O., PLEASE LET US
13 KNOW WHO WISHES TO SPEAK, AND ON WHAT.

14

15 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** WOULD THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS
16 PLEASE COME FORWARD, AND STAFF WILL DIRECT YOU TO THE
17 SPEAKERS' WELL: DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL HAS REQUESTED TO
18 ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEMS 19, 23, 24, AND 28. ERIC PREVEN,
19 PLEASE COME FORWARD. HE HAS REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON
20 ITEMS 8 THROUGH 10, 12, 16, 23, 28, 29, 34, 40, AND CS-2. RED
21 CHIEF HUNT HAS REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEM 34. JOHN
22 WALSH HAS REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEMS 8 THROUGH
23 10, 12, 16, 19, 23, 24, 28, 29, 34, AND 40. WAYNE SPINDLER HAS
24 REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ALL REMAINING ITEMS, AND DAN
25 GUSS HAS REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEM 1-H.

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2 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ALL THOSE PERSONS WHOSE NAMES
3 WERE CALLED, PLEASE COME FORWARD. THREE OF YOU CAN FILL THE
4 CHAIRS IN THE FRONT HERE. MR. PREVEN, YOU MAY BEGIN.

5

6 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. IT'S ERIC PREVEN, FROM THE THIRD
7 DISTRICT. ITEM 29 IS SIX MONTHS FOR INSIDE OUT, A WRITERS'
8 PROGRAM FOR PROBATION. \$110,000.00 BUT THE WAY IT READS-- OH,
9 BUT THEN SIX YEARS, AT 220,000 A YEAR. SO I THINK WE HAVE TO
10 DO A LITTLE-- LET'S NOT BE DECEPTIVE. IT'S A LOT OF MONEY.
11 IT'S \$1.4 MILLION FOR A WRITING PROGRAM AT PROBATION. I
12 PROBABLY WOULD SUPPORT IT, BUT LET'S BE OUT ABOUT WHAT WE'RE
13 DOING. ON NUMBER 10, KUDOS TO SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR BRINGING IN
14 IN-N-OUT, IF IT IS, TO THE LIBRARIES. I JUST WANT TO POINT OUT
15 THAT LIBRARIES ARE IMPORTANT. WE HAVE, AT THE CITY OF LOS
16 ANGELES, INSIDE THE COUNTY, WE HAVE O.T. L.A.P.D. GUYS MAKING
17 1400 A DAY TO GUARD THE LIBRARY, BECAUSE OF THE HOMELESS
18 POPULATION. LET'S CORRECT THAT AND PUT IN SECURITY FOLKS WHO
19 ARE APPROPRIATELY AT THE RIGHT LEVEL FOR THAT KIND OF GUIDING
20 PEOPLE TO THE RESTROOMS, BECAUSE IT'S A GOUGE, AND IT'S NOT
21 HELPING THE PUBLIC. 18 AND 13 ARE YOUR RISK ITEMS. THE COUNTY
22 LISTS COSTS OF LITIGATION, AS WELL AS THE RISK NOW. I KNOW
23 YOU'RE DELAYING THEM AGAIN, BUT THAT WAS SOMETHING THAT
24 SUPERVISOR MOLINA WAS VERY ADAMANT ABOUT, THAT WE HAVE TO STAY
25 ON TOP OF IT. BUT YET HERE WE ARE, AND WE CAN THROW ON THE

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1 PILE THE PUBLIC RECORD ACTION AGAINST MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AND
2 THE BOARD FOR THIS MATTER THAT WE JUST HEARD, REGARDING THE
3 VERMONT CORRIDOR, AND MANY OTHER LAWSUITS THAT ARE COMING,
4 BECAUSE WE'RE NOT DOING A VERY GOOD JOB OF KEEPING TRACK OF IT
5 IN A WAY THAT THE PUBLIC CAN BE HELPFUL. YOU GOT ITEM 4 THIS
6 MORNING. YOU HAD THE PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER DOWN HERE, DOING A
7 GREAT JOB. BUT LET'S TRY TO WORK TOGETHER TO STOP THE VALLEY
8 FEVER PROJECT UP IN MIRA LOMA, WHERE COCCI IS HARMFUL TO ALL
9 KINDS OF WOMEN-- PREGNANT WOMEN, AFRICAN-AMERICAN, AND
10 FILIPINOS-- AT A HIGHER RISK FACTOR. YOU CAN'T UNDO THAT. AND
11 MR. AL "TRICKY" BROWN, ITEM 34, IT'S \$300,000. THIS IS A WEIRD
12 STORY, WHERE MAX HUNTSMAN COMES DOWN HERE AND TALKS ABOUT THE
13 GOOD NEWS OR THE BAD NEWS ABOUT THE SHOOTING. THIS IS A WEIRD
14 ONE. THE JUDGE FOUND THAT THE GUY WAS INNOCENT, THE D.A. FOUND
15 THAT THE COP WAS INNOCENT, SO \$300,000 OUT THE DOOR. I DON'T
16 KNOW WHAT TO SAY ABOUT THAT. ITEM 12 IS 15 PERCENT OF THE
17 GROSS FEES. I'LL HAVE TO COME BACK.

18

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

20

21 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** OKAY. YEAH, SO WE START WITH ITEM 34. THIS IS
22 THE RIGHT WAY TO DO IT: YOU GOT A FEDERAL CIVIL RIGHTS 42
23 U.S.C. 1983 FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT, BROWN VERSUS THE COUNTY OF
24 LOS ANGELES. \$300,000, AND IT COMES OUT OF THE SHERIFF'S
25 DEPARTMENT BUDGET. NOW, I'M SUING THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE

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1 L.A.P.D., AND THE FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT, RIGHT OVER THERE, IS
2 ALLOWING ME TO GO PERSONALLY AGAINST HERB WESSON, TWO L.A.P.D.
3 DETECTIVES, AND THE DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY. YOU'RE SHOWING THE
4 RIGHT WAY OF HOW YOU HANDLE THIS. THIS IS WHAT THE CITY
5 COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES NEEDS TO DO. THEY NEED TO
6 BE SCHOOLED IN HOW YOU DO THINGS LIKE ITEM 34, BECAUSE THIS IS
7 THE WAY TO DO IT. THE COUNTY COUNSEL ACTS VERY PROFESSIONAL
8 ABOUT IT. IF THEY NEED OUTSIDE COUNSEL FOR PERSONAL
9 DEFENDANTS, THEY GO AND THEY GET IT. AND THEN THEY DON'T BLOW
10 A BUNCH OF MONEY AND TIME. IN THIS CASE, THIS WAS FILED IN
11 2016, THE C.V. 2016. THE GUY'S NOT GOING TO HAVE TO WAIT 7, 8,
12 9 YEARS. YOU'RE NOT GOING TO LITIGATE HIM TO DEATH. YOU'RE
13 GOING TO TAKE IT OUT OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET. NOW,
14 WHAT THAT SAYS IS, TO EVERY COP IN THE FIELD, "FINE. YOU WANT
15 TO DO ALL THAT GARBAGE, YOU WANT TO DO RODNEY KING, YOU WANT
16 TO DO ALL THIS STUFF, WE'RE GOING TO SETTLE IT FOR YOU AND
17 TAKE IT OUT OF YOUR BUDGET." SO EVERY COP IN THE FIELD KNOWS
18 THAT SHEILA KUEHL'S GOING TO SAY, "HEY, IF YOU WANT TO VIOLATE
19 CIVIL RIGHTS, WE'RE GOING TO TAKE IT OUT OF YOUR LUNCH MONEY."
20 TRANSLATION: THE AVERAGE COP ON THE STREET GOT TO BEHAVE
21 HIMSELF. THE L.A.P.D. DOESN'T DO THAT. THE L.A.P.D. TAKES IT
22 OUT OF THE GENERAL FUND, SO L.A.P.D. HAS NO INCENTIVE TO
23 FOLLOW FEDERAL LAW OR STATE LAW. AND THAT'S WHY L.A.P.D.'S OUT
24 OF CONTROL, AND THAT'S WHY I WANT JACKIE LACEY'S OFFICE. I
25 WANT YOU GUYS TO MAKE A MOTION TO HAVE JACKIE LACEY'S OFFICE

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1 PUT THE L.A.P.D. UNDER A COUNTY CONSENT DECREE, WHERE YOU GUYS
2 COME IN, YOU GUYS TAKE OVER OPERATIONS, AUDIT THEM, AND GET
3 THEM ON BOARD. GOOD JOB ON THE 34, AND THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

6

7 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES, GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF
8 SUPERVISORS. DOCTOR GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I AM GOING TO FOCUS ON
9 ITEM 19. I AM GLAD TO SEE THAT WE ARE GOING TO START TO LOOK
10 AT THE D.C.F.S. A LITTLE MORE OFTEN, AND KEEP THEIR FEET TO
11 THE FIRE. I THINK THAT'S VERY IMPORTANT. BUT ONE THING WHERE I
12 AM REALLY UPSET ABOUT IS THAT LATELY, MORE AND MORE, WE'RE
13 HAVING ITEMS, NOT ONLY THEY ARE SOLE VENDORS-- I'M TALKING TO
14 ITEM 33. BUT NOW WE ARE-- IN THE PAST, THEY COULD INCREASE THE
15 COST BY 10 TO 20 PERCENT WITHOUT COMING BACK TO THE BOARD.
16 THIS CONTRACT-- I'M GLAD I WAS SITTING DOWN WHEN I WAS READING
17 IT-- IS 40 PERCENT. HOW CAN YOU ALLOW THIS TO OCCUR, THAT IT
18 CAN INCREASE BY 40--? AND WE'RE TALKING ABOUT 3 MILLION, SO
19 THAT'S A PRETTY GOOD AMOUNT. NOT TO HAVE TO COME BACK TO THE
20 BOARD IS JUST BEYOND MY COMPREHENSION. AND IT'S ALWAYS-- VERY
21 OFTEN, I SHOULD ACTUALLY SAY-- ABOUT THE ISSUE OF HAVING
22 HEALTH SERVICES. BUT HOW CAN YOU DO THAT? HOW CAN YOU INCREASE
23 THE MAXIMUM AGREEMENT BY 40 PERCENT, WITHOUT COMING BACK TO
24 THE BOARD, WHEN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT OVER \$3 MILLION? WILL THEY

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1 COME BACK? THAT'S A PRETTY HIGH AMOUNT. I WOULD LIKE FOR YOU
2 TO LOOK AT IT. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, DOCTOR.

5

6 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** ALL INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE REQUESTED
7 TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, THEIR NAMES HAVE BEEN CALLED.

8

9 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THEN THAT WILL CONCLUDE
10 TESTIMONY ON THE ITEMS THAT WERE HELD BY THE PUBLIC, AND NOT
11 BY... I THINK I HAVE-- ARE YOU WAVING BECAUSE YOU DID SIGN UP?

12

13 **SPEAKER:** PUBLIC COMMENT?

14

15 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** NOT YET. WE'LL GET TO THAT NEXT.

16

17 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SO, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEFORE
18 YOU.

19

20 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** PLEASE.

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22 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** ITEM 1-H, 8, 9, 10, 12, 16, 19, 23,
23 24, 28, 29, 34, AND 40.

24

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1 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THOSE ITEMS ARE MOVED BY
2 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. DO
3 I SEE ANY OBJECTION TO A UNANIMOUS VOTE? SEEING NONE, THOSE
4 ITEMS ARE APPROVED. ALL RIGHT. WE'LL MOVE NOW TO PUBLIC
5 COMMENT. NORMALLY, WE DID ADJOURNMENTS BEFORE PUBLIC COMMENT,
6 BUT I'VE DECIDED THAT WE'RE GOING TO DO ADJOURNMENTS AFTER
7 PUBLIC COMMENT. WHY SHOULD EVERYBODY HAVE TO STAY AND LISTEN
8 TO ALL THE PEOPLE WE'RE ADJOURNING FOR, THOUGH WE LOVE THEM?
9 SO WE WILL MOVE TO PUBLIC COMMENT, AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS
10 OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEMS OF INTEREST.
11 REMEMBER, THOSE ITEMS MUST BE WITHIN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THE
12 BOARD. PLEASE CALL THE NAMES OF THOSE WHO SIGNED UP FOR PUBLIC
13 COMMENT.

14

15 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** WOULD THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS
16 PLEASE COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME, AND STAFF WILL
17 ASSIST YOU: DAN GUSS, DANIEL JONES, DAVID ARMSTRONG, DR. MELLO
18 DESIRE, ERIC PREVEN, JOHN WALSH, RED CHIEF HUNT, RICHARD
19 ROBINSON, STEVE LAMB, WAYNE SPINDLER, WILLARD UNDERBURG, AND
20 WINN WILLIAMS.

21

22 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** WELCOME. FIRST SPEAKER, PLEASE.

23

24 **DANIEL JONES:** GOOD MORNING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MADAM CHAIR.
25 MY NAME IS DANIEL JONES. MY FATHER TAUGHT ME THE BOOK, THE

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1 CONSTITUTION. MY MOTHER DECODED IT FOR ME IN CROW. I'M HERE TO
2 FIND OUT AN UPDATE ON OUR COURTHOUSES. MY MOM SAID, AFTER SHE
3 PASSES AWAY, THAT I'M TO COUNT THEM USING BOTH LETTERS AND
4 NUMBERS. THAT'S PER CAPITA. I KNOW WHICH LAST COURTHOUSE WAS
5 CLOSED. I'M JUST CURIOUS AS TO WHICH ONE THE FIRST ONE WAS, SO
6 I CAN FIND OUT WHICH WAY THE CROW FLIES IN THIS COUNTY. AND
7 ONE OTHER COMMENT: THE ONLY COUNTRIES ON THIS PLANET THAT HAVE
8 A 20-PERCENT TAX RATE ARE COMMUNISTS. THIS TAX BILL IS
9 DESIGNED TO DO ONE THING, AND THAT'S TO BANKRUPT THE UNITED
10 STATES TREASURY. I WILL BE BACK.

11

12 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

13

14 **DAVID ARMSTRONG:** YES, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS DAVID
15 ARMSTRONG. I'M SURE I LOOK FAMILIAR TO MOST OF YOU, BECAUSE
16 I'VE BEEN DOWN HERE FIVE TIMES IN REGARDS TO RELENTLESS
17 HARASSMENT BY A THUG SENT OUT BY CAPTAIN HORACE BOATWRIGHT, OF
18 THE SAN MARINO COUNTY SHERIFF. I JUST WANT TO GO ON RECORD TO
19 ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I'M A LAW-ABIDING CITIZEN. I'M 75 YEARS OLD.
20 THAT'S 525 YEARS IN DOG'S YEARS, OKAY? I HAVE GENUINE RESPECT
21 FOR THE OFFICERS IN GREEN, AND I CONSIDER MYSELF AS A MEMBER
22 OF THEIR FAMILY, BECAUSE I HAVE A MEMBER OF MY FAMILY WHO WAS
23 ON THE FORCE. I APPRECIATE THE ASSISTANCE FROM THIS BOARD TO
24 ALLEVIATE MY PROBLEM WITH THIS PSYCHO POLICE OFFICER, BUT
25 SOMEHOW HE IS NOT GETTING THE MESSAGE. IF I SHOULD GET SUCKER

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1 PUNCHED BY ONE OF HIS THUGS, OR I'M STOPPED BY A MEMBER OF ANY
2 OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT SENT OUT BY HIM, AND I'M MORTALLY
3 WOUNDED OR MAIMED, AND IF I'M IN CHURCH, THE MALL, THE GYM,
4 THE ENTERTAINMENT VENUES, AND I HAVE TO DEFEND MYSELF, IT IS
5 TOTALLY LIABLE. AND I WANT \$15 MILLION FOR MEDICAL EXPENSES
6 AND DAMAGES FROM THE SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, WHERE HE IS
7 EMPLOYED. AN ATTEMPT HAS ALREADY BEEN MADE ON MY LIFE, WHEN I
8 WAS REAR-ENDED, MARCH THE 12TH, 2017, IN A MOTOR VEHICLE
9 ACCIDENT, AND MY CAR WAS TOTALED. I KNOW HE HAD SOMETHING TO
10 DO WITH IT, BUT I CAN'T PROVE IT. BUT I JUST WANT TO GO ON
11 RECORD TO LET EVERYBODY KNOW HE IS LIABLE. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

14

15 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. IT'S ERIC PREVEN. I APPRECIATE YOUR
16 FLIPPING THE ADJOURNMENTS AND THE PUBLIC COMMENTS; A DECENT
17 IDEA. AND I WOULD JUST SIMPLY ASK, BECAUSE OF THAT WEIRD
18 PUBLIC HEARING ABOUT THE EMINENT DOMAIN, WHERE IS COUNTY
19 COUNSEL WICKHAM AND C.E.O. HAMAI? BECAUSE I'M CONCERNED THAT
20 THEY'RE ABSENT BY DESIGN. I DON'T LIKE THAT KIND OF BEHAVIOR.

21

22 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** THEY APPRECIATE YOUR CONCERN.

23

24 **ERIC PREVEN:** NO WORRIES. DON'T INTERRUPT, PLEASE. AND I WOULD
25 SAY THAT, REGARDING THE BEACHES AND HARBORS DIVISION, THEY'VE

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1 ASKED ME TO BRING THIS FORWARD SO YOU'RE ALL AWARE OF IT: THEY
2 ARE CONDUCTING AN AUDIT OF THE MALIBU TRIATHLON, AND THEY ARE
3 DRAGGING THEIR FEET. THEY'RE NOTHING LIKE THE CITY OF L.A.,
4 WHERE WE WROTE AN ARTICLE THIS MORNING IN CITYWATCH. THEY ARE
5 FOUR YEARS PLUS, SO THAT GARCETTI IS BEING AUDITED FROM 2013,
6 AFTER HE'S BEEN ELECTED IN 2017, WHICH OBVIOUSLY MEETS NO
7 STANDARD. WE'RE NOT LOOKING FOR THE SAME KIND OF RESULT. WE'RE
8 LOOKING FOR A MORE TIMELY AND EFFECTIVE AUDIT, SINCE WE
9 BROUGHT IT TO YOUR ATTENTION A VERY LONG TIME AGO, AND IT IS
10 EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT WE GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THOSE ISSUES.
11 AND THE COUNTY COUNSEL IS OFFERING HERSELF \$2,000 FOR A FORMER
12 AND CURRENT EMPLOYEE HOLIDAY CELEBRATION, AND I WISH THEM
13 WELL. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.
16 ANY ONE OF YOU GENTLEMEN CAN JUST JUMP RIGHT IN.

17

18 **RICHARD ROBINSON:** HONORABLE CHAIRWOMAN, MEMBERS, RICHARD
19 ROBINSON. GOD IS NOT HOMOPHOBIC. MA'AM, I DOUBT THAT THE LADY
20 STANDING WITH A TORCH IN HER RIGHT HAND, IN THE HARBOR OF NEW
21 YORK CITY, IS PEEKING THROUGH THE KEYHOLES IN OUR NATION'S
22 BEDROOM DOORS, IN ORDER TO SEE WHO IS SLEEPING WITH WHOM.
23 SHE'S NOT A VOYEUR. GAY AND LESBIAN MARRIAGE DEFENDS MARRIAGE.
24 IF THERE'S ANYTHING THAT CAN DEFEND THE SACREDNESS OF MARRIAGE
25 IN OUR COUNTRY, IT IS THE SANCTITY OF THE BEDROOM. IN THE

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1 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, OUR NATION'S CONSTITUTION IS
2 INVIOATE IN ITS WRITTEN GUARANTEE OF OUR RIGHT TO PRIVACY.
3 MADAM CHAIR, THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** I THANK YOU, MR. ROBINSON. THAT WAS VERY
6 NICE. TOTALLY APPRECIATE IT. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

7

8 **WILLARD UNDERBURG:** MAY I SPEAK NOW?

9

10 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** YOU MAY, SIR. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

11

12 **WILLARD UNDERBURG:** MY NAME IS WILLARD SAGE UNDERBURG III, AND
13 I'M GOING TO SAY MY E-MAIL ADDRESS. IT'S WVN314@GMAIL.COM. I
14 DON'T WANT TO SAY MUCH. I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT I AM CAUGHT IN
15 THIS PARADOXICAL SITUATION, AND I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF
16 SOMEBODY WOULD CONTACT ME ABOUT IT, BECAUSE ALL I CAN SAY IS
17 THAT I NEED TO SPEAK TO SOMEBODY, YOU KNOW, IN GOVERNMENT
18 ABOUT IT, AND THAT'S ALL I CAN REALLY TELL YOU NOW. IF YOU CAN
19 SEND ME AN E-MAIL ABOUT IT, I'LL RESPOND TO THE E-MAIL. AND
20 THAT'S ALL I CAN REALLY DO AT THIS POINT, BECAUSE THAT'S ALL I
21 CAN REALLY SAY ABOUT IT. IT'S A PARADOXICAL SITUATION, AND I'M
22 SURE THAT YOU FOLKS ARE FAMILIAR WITH WHAT A PARADOX IS, AND
23 THAT IS WHAT I AM CAUGHT IN. SO THAT'S REALLY ALL I CAN DO AT
24 THIS POINT, IS JUST REQUEST TO HAVE SOMEONE FROM YOUR ELECTED
25 OFFICE, MAYBE, TO CONTACT ME, AND THAT I CAN TALK TO, SORT OF

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1 LIKE IN A SEMIPRIVATE SITUATION, BECAUSE IF I SPEAK ABOUT IT
2 PUBLICLY, IT'S ONLY GOING TO HURT ME. AND THEN, WHEN I SPEAK
3 TO SOMEBODY IN PRIVATE, IT'S GOING TO HAVE TO BE IN A KIND OF
4 A SITUATION WHERE IT'S GOING TO BE LIKE... ALL I CAN SAY IS,
5 IT NEEDS TO BE SORT OF LIKE IN A PRETTY PRIVATE SITUATION,
6 WITH ME SPEAKING WITH SOMEBODY WHO MAY KNOW A LITTLE BIT ABOUT
7 THE LAW, BECAUSE IT HAS TO DO WITH LEGAL MATTERS. AND THAT'S
8 REALLY ALL I CAN DO AT THIS POINT, AND JUST REQUEST YOUR
9 ASSISTANCE IN THIS MATTER. AND OBVIOUSLY I'M HERE NOW, AND I'M
10 REQUESTING YOUR ASSISTANCE. IF YOU CAN HAVE SOMEONE SEND ME AN
11 E-MAIL, THEN I'LL CONTACT THEM BACK. AND THEN AFTER THAT, IF I
12 DON'T HEAR FROM YOU, THEN I MIGHT COME BACK AGAIN AT A LATER
13 DATE. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

14

15 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** AND DID YOU SAY WHICH SUPERVISORIAL
16 DISTRICT YOU LIVE IN?

17

18 **WILLARD UNDERBURG:** I'M IN L.A., RIGHT IN HERE, IN THE LOCAL
19 AREA.

20

21 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** BUT DO YOU KNOW WHICH OF YOUR SUPERVISORS--
22 ?

23

24 **WILLARD UNDERBURG:** 90013 IS MY ZIP CODE.

25

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1 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** 90013, IN MAR VISTA? IS THAT MR. RIDLEY-
2 THOMAS?

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MS. AUSTRIA, IF YOU'D BE KIND ENOUGH TO
5 HAVE A CONVERSATION WITH THE GENTLEMAN?

6

7 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** YOU COULD GIVE HER YOUR E-MAIL. THEY COULD
8 E-MAIL BACK, IF YOU WOULD FEEL BETTER DOING THAT. JUST SIT IN
9 THE FRONT ROW, AND A PERSON FROM MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS'S OFFICE
10 WILL COME AND SPEAK TO YOU IMMEDIATELY.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU. MS. AUSTRIA IS CURRENTLY
13 WORKING.

14

15 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** OKAY. THEY'LL BE RIGHT THERE. NEXT SPEAKER,
16 PLEASE.

17

18 **WINN WILLIAMS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS WINN WILLIAMS, AND
19 I'M A USER OF THE AIRPORT AT BRACKETT AIRPORT. I WAS WONDERING
20 WHICH SUPERVISOR THAT DISTRICT IS. BRACKETT AIRPORT, IN SAN
21 DIMAS. CLOSE TO SAN DIMAS.

22

23 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** THAT WOULD BE THE FIFTH DISTRICT, BUT HER
24 STAFF IS ALL PRESENT, SO GO AHEAD AND TESTIFY, PLEASE.

25

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1 **WINN WILLIAMS:** 20 YEARS AGO, WE HAVE HANGARS-- THEY'RE CALLED
2 PORTABLE HANGARS-- THAT COVER AIRPLANES, AND WE WERE INVITED
3 TO COME TO BRACKETT AIRPORT. AND WE SIGNED A LEASE, AND
4 EVERYTHING. AND NOT THESE SUPERVISORS HERE, BUT THE
5 SUPERVISORS DID APPROVE THE LEASE AND EVERYTHING, 20 YEARS
6 AGO. AND THAT LEASE HAS SINCE EXPIRED. AND RICHARD SMITH, WHO
7 IS THE AIRPORT DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS, IS NOT GOING TO ALLOW
8 US TO RENEW THAT LEASE. HE HAS NO USE FOR THE LAND. HE DOESN'T
9 INTEND TO DO ANYTHING WITH IT. HE DOESN'T INTEND TO PUT
10 ANYTHING THERE, BUT HE'S KICKING US OFF THE AIRPORT. AND WE
11 NEED SOME HELP TO GET THAT TAKEN CARE OF. AND WE'RE WORKING ON
12 IT. WE'RE GOING TO THE AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETINGS, WHICH YOU
13 GUYS APPOINT, AND SO ON, AND TRYING TO GET THIS RESOLVED. AND
14 THERE'S NO REAL REASON FOR IT, OTHER THAN HE'S FORCING US TO
15 GO TO CHINO AIRPORT, BACK TO CHINO, WHICH IS WHERE WE CAME
16 FROM. AND IT'S ALMOST LIKE THE EMINENT DOMAIN ISSUE THAT YOU
17 HAD UP HERE. HE HAS NO USE FOR THE LAND. HE JUST WANTS US
18 GONE. WE WERE GOOD TENANTS. WE PAID OUR RENT FAITHFULLY. WE
19 WERE TOLD THAT WE WERE GOOD TENANTS. EVERYBODY LIKED US. THERE
20 WAS NO UPKEEP, OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT, FOR US. AND WE REALLY DO
21 NEED HELP. IT'S REALLY HARD. I MEAN, YOU GUYS ARE BUSY, AND
22 IT'S HARD TO GET YOUR EAR.

23

24 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** NO. AS A MATTER OF FACT, THAT'S WHY WE HAVE
25 STAFF, AND STAFF IN THE DISTRICTS, SO SUPERVISOR BARGER'S

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1 STAFF WILL BE RIGHT OUT TO TALK TO YOU. COULD YOU IDENTIFY
2 YOURSELF, WHOEVER IS GOING TO...? THIS WOMAN HERE. IF YOU TAKE
3 A SEAT IN THE FRONT ROW, SHE'LL COME AND TALK TO YOU, TAKE THE
4 FACTS, AND BRING THIS TO THE ATTENTION OF SUPERVISOR BARGER.

5

6 **WINN WILLIAMS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

7

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

9

10 **STEVE LAMB:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS STEVE
11 LAMB. I LIVE IN THE FIFTH DISTRICT. A COUPLE WEEKS AGO, I CAME
12 HERE AND ASKED YOU TO WRITE A LETTER TO GOVERNOR BROWN,
13 DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY REGARDING THE HEPATITIS
14 OUTBREAK, AND TO REQUEST THE NATIONAL GUARD FOR SHOWERS. SINCE
15 THEN, THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HAS OPENED UP SOMETHING THEY
16 CALL A REFRESH SPOT, AND IT'S OPEN FOUR DAYS A WEEK. IT HAS 8
17 TOILETS AND SIX SHOWERS. AND IF YOU BELIEVE THE ESTIMATES OF
18 THE POPULATION AT ROUGHLY 2,000 PEOPLE, THAT'S ONE TOILET FOR
19 EVERY 250 PEOPLE. THE ACTIVISTS IN THE HOMELESS COMMUNITY HAVE
20 ASKED FOR 164 TOILETS. THAT'S 1 PER 12. THAT GETS THEM WITHIN
21 THE UNITED NATIONS GUIDELINES FOR REFUGEES. THIS PROBLEM HAS
22 BEEN GOING ON SINCE MAYOR TOM BRADLEY PULLED THE TOILETS OUT,
23 THAT THE CITY USED TO PROVIDE UNDER THE PRIOR MAYOR, IN
24 DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES. NOW, 38 YEARS IS A LONG TIME TO NOT
25 RESOLVE THIS ISSUE. SOME MIGHT EVEN SAY THAT WOULD BE

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1 NEGLIGENCE. THE FINAL BODY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH,
2 WHEN THE LOCAL CITY FAILS-- AND THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HAS
3 FAILED-- IS THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. AND I'M ASKING YOU TO
4 PLEASE GET GOVERNOR BROWN TO GET THESE TOILETS IN PLACE FOR
5 OUR CITIZENS. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

8

9 **SPEAKER:** MADAM CHAIR, HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, FIRST I
10 WOULD LIKE TO GIVE HONOR AND ALL PRAISES TO GOD, MY HEAVENLY
11 FATHER, MY LORD AND SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST. IT'S AN HONOR AND A
12 PRIVILEGE TO BE HERE TODAY. I WOULD JUST LIKE TO COMMEND THE
13 BOARD FOR THE REMARKABLE JOB THAT YOU'VE DONE IN THE VERY
14 SHORT PERIOD OF TIME THAT YOU'VE BEEN HERE. YOU'VE BEEN STRONG
15 AND STEADFAST IN YOUR ISSUES. JUST ONE THING I HAVE: I'VE BEEN
16 LISTENING TO YOU DOWN THROUGH THE YEARS, AND SOMEHOW YOU TRY
17 TO CREATE THIS NARRATIVE THAT PEOPLE THAT COME TO THE UNITED
18 STATES ARE SUCH LOVING AND COMPASSIONATE PEOPLE, AND THAT'S
19 TOTALLY FALSE. I CAN TAKE A POLYGRAPH EXAM UPSTAIRS RIGHT NOW,
20 UNDER THE PENALTY OF PERJURY, AND I CAN BET MY LIFE, IF
21 SOMEONE ASKS ME, "HAVE YOU EVER GONE A YEAR IN THIS STATE, IN
22 CALIFORNIA, IN YOUR ADULT LIFE, WITHOUT BEING CALLED A
23 [EXPLETIVE] OR GO BACK TO AFRICA," I WILL BET MY LIFE IN SAN
24 QUENTIN PRISON, I PASS. MANY TIMES, I'M OUT THERE. I'M A
25 PASTOR. I WITNESS, "JESUS LOVES YOU." "SO-AND-SO [EXPLETIVE],

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1 GO BACK TO AFRICA." THIS IS WHAT I HEAR FROM HISPANIC PEOPLE.
2 SO YOU CREATE THIS NARRATIVE THAT SOMEHOW THAT PEOPLE THAT
3 COME TO THE UNITED STATES ARE SUCH LOVING AND COMPASSIONATE
4 PEOPLE. THAT'S NOT TRUE AT ALL. AND NOT ONLY HAVE I BEEN
5 CALLED THAT, BUT MY MOTHER WAS CALLED THAT AT VONS MARKET LAST
6 YEAR. IN THE 90S, I WAS BEAT TO A PULP AT MACARTHUR PARK, OVER
7 AT BURLINGTON, SO I CAN RELATE STRONG WITH WHAT OUR PRESIDENT,
8 DONALD TRUMP, IS SAYING ABOUT ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION. AND I FEEL
9 PEOPLE HAVE A RIGHT TO COME LIVE WHEREVER THEY WANT TO LIVE,
10 BUT WHEN PEOPLE COME TO THE UNITED STATES, THEY SHOULD SHOW
11 LOVE AND RESPECT FOR THE PEOPLE HERE. YOU KNOW, I JUST WANT TO
12 LIVE MY LIFE IN PEACE. I GO OUT, TRY TO TELL PEOPLE ABOUT THE
13 LORD, AND I RUN INTO THIS: "F-YOU, NIGGER, GO BACK TO AFRICA,"
14 AND ALL THIS STUFF, FROM HISPANIC PEOPLE, AND THEN I LISTEN TO
15 THE CITY AND THE COUNTY, AND YOU CREATE THIS FALSE NARRATIVE.

16

17 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR.

18

19 **SPEAKER:** OKAY.

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21 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

22

23 **JOHN WALSH:** THE CITY COUNCIL AWARDED TODAY \$875,000 TO A
24 VICTIM OF POLICE BRUTALITY FROM JULY 4TH, 2012. AS WAS SAID BY
25 WAYNE SPINDLER, THAT WOULD BE PAID OUT OF THE POLICE BUDGET.

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1 NO, IT WOULD BE PAID OUT OF THE CITY BUDGET. OVER HERE, IF
2 THERE'S ANY POLICE BRUTALITY, THE SHERIFFS PAY FOR IT. WAYNE
3 SPINDLER WILL COME UP HERE AND TELL YOU ABOUT HIS GIGANTIC
4 LEGAL VICTORY THE OTHER DAY IN FEDERAL COURT, AND THE L.A.
5 TIMES REFUSES TO DO THE STORY. TODAY IN THE L.A. TIMES, CRIME
6 IS ON THE RISE. FOR THE LAST THREE OR FOUR YEARS, CRIME IS ON
7 THE RISE IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND IN L.A. COUNTY. THIS
8 IS SOMETHING THAT YOU'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR. I MEAN, VIOLENT
9 CRIME IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES IS UP 27 PERCENT. ALL YOU
10 HAVE TO DO IS GO AND GOOGLE IT, AND YOU WILL FIND THE STUDY IN
11 THE L.A. TIMES WEBSITE. THE STUDY IS THERE, AND YOU CAN READ
12 THE STUDY. INCIDENTALLY, CRIME IN THE REST OF THE STATE IS ON
13 THE DROP. IT'S FALLING IN THE REST OF THE STATE, AND RISING IN
14 L.A. AND I DON'T SEE ANYTHING-- HERE, THE ISSUE'S ALMOST ALL
15 DEVELOPMENTAL ISSUES. YOU HAVE CONTRACTORS UP HERE TRYING TO
16 GET YOU TO AGREE TO THEIR PROJECTS. HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG OR
17 JWALSHCONFIDENTIAL, TWEETING AT @HOLLYWOODDEMS.

18

19 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. PLEASE CALL THE LAST SPEAKER.

20

21 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** JAMES ESSEX, PLEASE COME FORWARD.

22

23 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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1 **RED CHIEF HUNT:** GO AHEAD. THE RED CHIEF HUNT, FOR THE RECORD.
2 THANK YOU, GUYS, FOR DOING A GOOD JOB, AND THANK YOU, GUYS,
3 FOR PROTECTING PUBLIC COMMENT. THAT MEANS A LOT TO ME. THANK
4 YOU, GUYS, AGAIN, FOR BEING A GREAT BOARD. THE RED CHIEF HUNT.
5 THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

8

9 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** SO, MY FEDERAL CIVIL RIGHTS LAWSUIT, AND IN
10 NOVEMBER, A 30-PAGE RULING BY THE FEDERAL COURT. I DID NOT
11 THREATEN HERB WESSON. NOTHING I DID WAS A THREAT, UNDER
12 FEDERAL LAW, AND THE L.A. TIMES WILL NOT REPORT THIS STORY. NO
13 MAJOR MEDIA WILL REPORT THIS STORY: THE SCANDAL OF HOW THE LOS
14 ANGELES CITY COUNCIL, HERB WESSON AND HUGO ROSSITER, DEPUTY
15 CITY ATTORNEY, HAVE SLANDERED AND SMEARED MY NAME. THEY EVEN
16 WENT SO FAR AS TO NAME HERB WESSON AN EMPLOYEE OF THE OFFICE
17 OF THE CITY ATTORNEY, AND FILED A RESTRAINING ORDER AGAINST
18 ME, AND OBTAINED IT UNDER THAT FRAUD. AND RIGHT NOW, I'M
19 APPEALING THAT. AND ONE OF THE BASES IS, IS THAT THERE WAS A
20 JUDGE NAMED CAROL BOAS GOODSON, WHO MYSTERIOUSLY RETIRED
21 SHORTLY AFTER I APPEALED THIS ORDER LAST YEAR, THAT THERE'S A
22 PAPER MILL. SO, ESSENTIALLY, MIKE FEUER HAS THESE DEPUTY CITY
23 ATTORNEYS, LIKE HUGO ROSSITER AND VIVIAN SWANIGAN, IN A THREAT
24 MANAGEMENT UNIT THAT CAN GET A THREE-YEAR RESTRAINING ORDER
25 AND TAKE AWAY THEIR RIGHT TO OBTAIN A FIREARM FOR THREE YEARS,

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1 AGAINST ANYBODY, BECAUSE THEY HAVE A PAPER MILL. THEY JUST GO
2 IN THERE AND STAMP LIES, AND THEY TELL LIES. AND THEN YOU GO
3 TO THE HEARING, THEN THEY DON'T LISTEN TO YOU. THEY TELL YOU
4 JUST TO KEEP QUIET. THEY TELL YOU TO SHUT UP, AS THEY GO AND
5 RUIN YOUR LIFE. THE L.A. TIMES, THE DAILY NEWS, THE SENTINEL--
6 ALL THE MAJOR MEDIA ADVERTISE THIS, THIS LIE. DESTROYED MY
7 REPUTATION, MY CAREER. AND NOW I'VE BEEN VINDICATED, NO ONE
8 WANTS TO TALK ABOUT IT. THE L.A. TIMES STINKS. THE LOCAL MEDIA
9 STINKS. AND K.C.B.S., ON THE NIGHT THAT I WAS ARRESTED, MAY
10 13TH, 2016, FALSELY STATED THAT I WAS WEARING A HOOD AND
11 HANDED A DEATH THREAT. SO I AM GOING TO AMEND MY LAWSUIT TO
12 NAME K.C.B.S. AS A DEFENDANT. BUT THANK GOD FOR THE FEDERAL
13 COURTS. THANK YOU, JUDGE STATON.

14

15 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. LAST SPEAKER, PLEASE. WELCOME.

16

17 **JAMES ESSEX:** THANK YOU. I FEEL WELCOME.

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19 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** GOOD.

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21 **JAMES ESSEX:** ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I ENJOY ABOUT THIS
22 EXPERIENCE IS THE LOVE THAT I GET FROM EACH ONE OF YOU. I'VE
23 BEEN TALKING TO YOU NOW FOR PROBABLY TWO YEARS, OFF AND ON;
24 DIFFERENT STATES OF BEING, WELLBEING. WHAT I WANTED TO DO IS
25 TALK TODAY ABOUT FIRE. THERE'S A FIRE BURNING QUITE CLOSE TO

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1 HERE. IN 1993, I STAYED IN TOPANGA AND FOUGHT THE FIRE. AND I
2 WROTE A POEM. AND THE POEM GOES LIKE THIS: "TRIBULATIONS
3 TRICKLE INTO THE FACES SURROUNDING ME. A NIGHTMARE. FIRE AND
4 TINDER DRY OFF OF HIGH 90 TEMPERATURES, SANTA ANA WINDS.
5 HOWLING DEATH IS POSSIBLE TODAY." NOW, THE FOLKS UP AROUND
6 VENTURA, NO ONE'S DIED THERE YET, BUT FURTHER NORTH, NORTH OF
7 SAN FRANCISCO, 43 SOULS WERE LOST IN FIRE-- HOWLING DEATH. A
8 COUPLE TIMES BEFORE, I TALKED TO YOU ABOUT MY FRIEND DOLORES
9 JACKSON, AND HOW WHEN SHE WAS 97, SHE WAS IN THE HOSPITAL. AND
10 I WAS THERE WITH HER, AND SHE GAVE ME A LOOK. THAT LOOK IN HER
11 EYE WAS SO PROFOUND, IT TOOK ME BACK 75 YEARS, WHEN I WAS A
12 CHILD LIVING WITH MY MOTHER AND MY GRANDMOTHER. NOW, THE
13 PEOPLE WHO DIED IN THE FIRE IN VENTURA, THEY DIDN'T HAVE A LOT
14 OF TIME TO BRING A RESOLUTION TO THE SUM OF THEIR LIFE. BUT
15 WITH DOLORES JACKSON, SHE WAS 97. SHE HAD PLENTY OF TIME. AND
16 THE COURAGE SHE BROUGHT THERE WAS A PROFOUND INSPIRATION TO
17 ME. AND IT SEEMS LIKE IT'S SORT OF A BIRTHRIGHT, IF WE HUMAN
18 BEINGS HAVE A BIRTHRIGHT, TO BE ABLE TO PASS OUT OF THIS LIFE
19 IN A DIGNIFIED WAY. I'LL GIVE YOU ANOTHER LITTLE POEM, A
20 HAIKU. I'LL HAVE TO DO IT NEXT TIME, BUT IT SURE IS A JOY, AND
21 I APPRECIATE YOUR TIME.

22

23 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. ESSEX. I BELIEVE WE HAVE ONE
24 MORE REQUEST TO SPEAK. WELCOME. GRAB A MIC.

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1 **REV. DR. MELLO DESIRE:** OKAY. TESTING.

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3 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** IT'S ON.

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5 **REV. DR. MELLO DESIRE:** YES. SO, IT WAS A VERY INTERESTING DAY
6 TODAY. BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY, WHY I'M GOING TO USE THIS PUBLIC
7 COMMENT IS FOR AN EVENT THAT HAPPENED SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2ND.
8 WE HAD A MEETING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
9 EMPLOYEES, IN WHICH WE JUST HAD PEER SPECIALISTS' GRADUATION
10 AND TRAINING. AND I PRESENTED A PROJECT FOR ALANYA ECCLES
11 CENTER TO THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION, AS I MENTIONED LAST MONTH,
12 AND THIS WAS GOING TO BE ON THE AGENDA FOR D.M.H. MEETING. I
13 WAS ASKED BY THIS CERTAIN EMPLOYEE, WHICH I PREFER NOT TO NAME
14 YET, ASKED ME, "IS TRUMP GOING TO STILL FINANCE YOU FOR THIS
15 PROJECT?" AND BEFORE I EVEN FINISHED, ANOTHER D.M.H. EMPLOYEE
16 CAME UP TO MY FACE AND SPAT IN MY FACE, AND TOOK A GLASS PLATE
17 AND THREW IT AT ME, AND SAID, "DO YOU THINK YOU'RE ALL THAT?"
18 THIS IS D.M.H. EMPLOYEES, DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, THAT
19 ASSAULTED ME BECAUSE I'M A TRUMP SUPPORTER. IS THIS THE
20 MESSAGE THAT WE'RE SENDING OUT? SO NOW I HAVE TO TAKE SOME
21 TIME OFF TO FILE A REPORT, GET A RESTRAINING ORDER AGAINST
22 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, BECAUSE I WAS SPAT UPON AFTER I
23 BORE MY BLOOD, SWEAT, AND TEARS FOR THE YOUTH. I DEDICATE MY
24 LIFE TO MENTAL HEALTH, AND I KEEP BEING REFERRED TO DR.
25 SHERIN, WHO DOESN'T NEED OUR HELP, IN HIS OWN WORDS, WHILE OUR

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1 CHILDREN ARE SUFFERING. BUT I GOT SPAT UPON, LIKE AN ANIMAL.
2 AND I KNOW THAT'S WHAT SOME OF YOU ALL PROBABLY WANTED TO DO,
3 BECAUSE YOU THINK I'M TOO LOUD. BUT WE ARE JUST TIRED. AND I
4 FIND IT VERY DISRESPECTFUL THAT THIS BEHAVIOR IS NOT ONLY
5 CONDONED, BUT THE OTHER WITNESSES THAT WERE THERE QUICKLY
6 CLEANED UP THE MESS. I'M APPALLED, AND I'M DISGUSTED BY
7 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I BELIEVE THAT EXHAUSTS THE
10 REQUESTS TO SPEAK IN PUBLIC COMMENT. WE'LL TURN NOW TO
11 ADJOURNMENTS. START WITH THE FIRST DISTRICT, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

12

13 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I HAVE TWO ADJOURNMENTS. I
14 MOVE TODAY THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DR.
15 SERGIO FUENZALIDA. DR. SERGIO FUENZALIDA WAS BORN APRIL 25TH,
16 1939; PASSED AWAY PEACEFULLY ON NOVEMBER 16TH, 2017. HE WAS 78
17 YEARS OLD. HE GRADUATED WITH A MEDICAL DEGREE FROM THE
18 UNIVERSIDAD CATOLICA IN CHILE, IN 1963 FROM THERE, HE WAS A
19 FELLOW AT U.C.L.A. HOSPITAL IN 1970, AND COMPLETED HIS
20 RESIDENCY AT THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
21 IN 1973. DR. FUENZALIDA WAS A NEUROSURGEON FOR OVER 50 YEARS,
22 AND PRIMARILY WORKED IN MONTEREY PARK. HE HAD HIS OWN PRIVATE
23 PRACTICE, AND WAS ALSO A TREMENDOUS ASSET TO MONTEREY PARK
24 HOSPITAL, AS HE WAS ONE OF TWO DOCTORS WHO SPECIALIZED IN
25 NEUROLOGY. DR. FUENZALIDA IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE ROSE, AND

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1 HIS CHILDREN PABLO, GABRIEL, MONICA, AND PAUL, AND FIVE
2 GRANDCHILDREN. HE WILL BE TRULY MISSED. SECONDLY, I MOVE THAT
3 WHEN WE ADJOURN, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ROSA DIAZ VILLALOBOS.
4 ROSA DIAZ WAS BORN JULY 28, 1924, MEXICO CITY, MEXICO. GROWING
5 UP IN MEXICO CITY, ROSA AND HER SISTERS LOVED THE MUSIC OF THE
6 40S, AND WOULD GO DANCING. SHE MET HER HUSBAND, FRANCISCO
7 VILLALOBOS, AT THE HARDWARE STORE WHERE SHE WORKED. ROSA AND
8 FRANCISCO HAD FIVE CHILDREN: FRANCISCO JAVIER, JULIA LETICIA,
9 SAMUEL BERNARDO, ROSALINDA, AND GUILLERMO. AS A HOMEMAKER,
10 ROSA WORKED HARD TO MAINTAIN HER HOME AND TO MAKE ENDS MEET.
11 IN 1977, THE FAMILY MOVED FROM BOYLE HEIGHTS TO MONTEBELLO.
12 EVEN IN HER 90S, ROSA KEPT FRANCISCO'S DESIRE TO HELP
13 COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS THROUGH PHILANTHROPY. IN 2016, ROSA
14 RECEIVED THE EAST LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY YOUTH CENTER COMMUNITY
15 LEADER ANGEL AWARD. SHE PASSED AWAY PEACEFULLY ON SUNDAY,
16 NOVEMBER 26TH, IN THE COMPANY OF HER FIVE CHILDREN. SHE WAS 93
17 YEARS OF AGE. ROSA IS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HER HUSBAND
18 FRANCISCO, AND SURVIVED BY FIVE CHILDREN, 16 GRANDCHILDREN,
19 AND 17 GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN. I WOULD JUST LIKE TO MENTION THAT
20 BEFORE SHE PASSED, SHE SPENT SATURDAY ATTENDING OUR EAST L.A.
21 PHILHARMONIC CONCERT. AND I HAD ASKED HER TO GO ALMOST TWO
22 WEEKS AGO, AND SHE WENT WITH HER FAMILY. AND THE NEXT DAY,
23 UNFORTUNATELY, SHE PASSED AWAY. BUT SHE WAS THERE TO ENJOY THE
24 MUSIC, AND I GOT TO SPEAK TO HER. THANK YOU. THOSE ARE MY
25 ADJOURNMENTS.

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2 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WITHOUT OBJECTION. WE'LL RECORD
3 A UNANIMOUS VOTE IN FAVOR OF THOSE MOTIONS. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
4 THOMAS?

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I'D ASK THAT YOU
7 JOIN ME IN ADJOURNING IN MEMORY OF RODNEY BRIMBERRY, BORN
8 AUGUST 14, 1956. HE PASSED IN SEPTEMBER OF THIS YEAR, AT THE
9 AGE OF 61. HE MOVED TO CALIFORNIA IN THE YEAR OF 1971 WITH HIS
10 MOTHER AND SIBLINGS, AND ATTENDED HOLLYWOOD HIGH SCHOOL. AFTER
11 HIGH SCHOOL, MR. BRIMBERRY WORKED AS A COOK TO PUT HIMSELF
12 THROUGH BARBER COLLEGE AND COSMETOLOGY SCHOOL, RECEIVING HIS
13 BARBER CERTIFICATION IN 1988. AFTER WORKING IN SEVERAL WELL-
14 KNOWN BARBERSHOPS, HE OPENED BRIMBERRY BARBER AND BEAUTY
15 SALON, LOCATED IN LEIMERT PARK. HIS SALON BECAME AN INTEGRAL
16 PART OF THE LEIMERT PARK COMMUNITY, WHERE CUSTOMERS GATHERED
17 NOT ONLY TO RECEIVE GROOMING SERVICES, BUT TO DISCUSS
18 POLITICS, LEARN ABOUT COMMUNITY ISSUES AND EVENTS, AND RECEIVE
19 INSPIRATION AND GUIDANCE FROM RODNEY BRIMBERRY HIMSELF. HE'S
20 ALSO A LONGTIME MEMBER OF THE WEST ANGELES CHURCH OF GOD IN
21 CHRIST, WHERE HE SERVED AS AN AMBASSADOR AND A MEMBER OF THE
22 OVERCOMERS. HE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR MINISTERING TO HIS
23 BARBERSHOP CLIENTELE, HIS CARING AND GENEROUS NATURE TO HELP
24 OTHERS, AND HIS LOVE OF GOD. MR. BRIMBERRY IS SURVIVED BY HIS
25 WIFE OF 16 YEARS, ERNESTINE. HE HAS TWO DAUGHTERS AND FOUR

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1 SONS, SIX SIBLINGS, 10 GRANDCHILDREN, FOUR GREAT-
2 GRANDCHILDREN, AND OF COURSE HIS WEST ANGELES CHURCH FAMILY,
3 THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY OF BARBERS AND BEAUTICIANS AND FRIENDS,
4 WHO WILL MISS HIM DEARLY. RODNEY BRIMBERRY. AND THEN, MADAM
5 CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES, I WOULD LIKE TO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
6 KUWASHI EDWARD IWATAKI, BORN IN 1920, SPECIFICALLY MARCH 6TH.
7 AND HE PASSED ON NOVEMBER THE 27TH, HERE IN LOS ANGELES, AT
8 THE AGE OF 97. HE WAS PROUD OF BEING A NATIVE ANGELINO, AS
9 WELL AS BEING A LIFELONG MEMBER OF ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL
10 CHURCH. HE SERVED WITH DISTINCTION WITH THE LEGENDARY 100TH
11 BATTALION, THE 442 REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM, AND RECEIVED A
12 CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL FOR HIS SERVICE. A TRUE RENAISSANCE
13 MAN, HE PLAYED THE CONGAS, AS WELL AS GOLF, WAS A GOURMET
14 COOK, AND A CONNOISSEUR OF FINE WINES. HE WILL BE REMEMBERED
15 FOR HIS LOVE OF THE OUTDOORS, DEMONSTRATED BY THE YEARS OF
16 FAMILY CAMPING TRIPS AND FISHING ADVENTURES, AND HIS
17 UNCONDITIONAL LOVE FOR HIS FAMILY. MR. IWATAKI IS SURVIVED BY
18 HIS WIFE SADAE; FOUR CHILDREN: LINDA MIYA-- SOME OF US KNOW
19 MIYA IWATAKI-- DALE, DAVID, AND JOEL; TWO GRANDCHILDREN, ANA
20 AND IAN; AND AN EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO WILL MOST
21 ASSUREDLY MISS HIM DEARLY. JOIN ME IN ADJOURNING IN MEMORY OF
22 CAROLYN JACKSON, BORN DECEMBER 3, 1951. SHE PASSED ON OCTOBER
23 27 IN LONG BEACH, AT THE AGE OF 65. SHE WAS THE WELL-RESPECTED
24 VICE PRESIDENT OF GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS FOR MACY'S,
25 INC. PRIOR TO THIS POSITION, SHE WAS A BUYER, A REGIONAL

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1 DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES, AND THE VICE PRESIDENT OF
2 EXTERNAL AFFAIRS FOR THE SAME COMPANY; THAT IS, MACY'S. AS A
3 MACY'S VICE PRESIDENT OF GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS, SHE
4 WAS FOCUSED ON KEY ISSUES FOR THE COMMUNITY FOR THE COMPANY'S
5 WESTERN STATES' MARKETS, AND OF COURSE THAT INCLUDED SOUTHERN
6 CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO, SEATTLE, AS WELL AS SACRAMENTO,
7 HONOLULU, AND PORTLAND. SHE CARED DEEPLY FOR MACY'S CUSTOMER
8 BASE, AND SERVED AS A SPOKESPERSON AND THE FACE OF MACY'S FOR
9 MANY YEARS, AND DEVELOPED A STRONG RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE
10 COMMUNITIES AND THE STORE ITSELF. ONE OF MS. JACKSON'S
11 PASSIONS WAS TO PARTICIPATE ON BOARDS, TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN
12 ADDRESSING A VARIETY OF SOCIAL NEEDS. SHE THEREFORE SERVED ON
13 THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE LOS ANGELES AREA CHAMBER OF
14 COMMERCE AND THE LOS ANGELES URBAN LEAGUE; AS A BOARD MEMBER
15 OF SEVERAL OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, AS THE AMERICAN CANCER
16 SOCIETY, ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER, AMERICAN SCHOLARSHIP
17 FUND, THE UNITED WAY OF GREATER LOS ANGELES, TO LIST BUT A FEW
18 OF THEM. SHE WILL BE REMEMBERED AS AN ADVOCATE, AN AGENT FOR
19 TRANSFORMATIVE ORGANIZATIONS, HER INTELLECT AND HER PASSION TO
20 MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS. SHE IS SURVIVED BY
21 HER IMMEDIATE AND EXTENDED FAMILY, ALL OF WHOM WILL MISS HER
22 DEARLY. I SHOULD SAY SHE HAD A LOVELY MEMORIAL THIS PAST
23 SUNDAY, AT THE AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM, LOCATED ON THE THIRD
24 FLOOR OF MACY'S IN THE CRENSHAW DISTRICT, AND IT WAS NO DOUBT
25 A RESULT OF HER TENACITY THAT THE MUSEUM REMAINS THERE TO THIS

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1 DAY. ROBERT-- OTHERWISE KNOWN AS BOB-- LORSCH, BORN MARCH
2 11TH, 1950, AND PASSED AWAY EARLY THIS YEAR, AT THE AGE OF 67.
3 HE WAS THE FOUNDER AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE R.H.L.
4 GROUP OF BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND INVESTMENT HOLDING FIRM,
5 WHICH PROVIDED MARKETING, ADVERTISING, AND INTERACTIVE SALES
6 SERVICES FOR TELEVISION NETWORKS AND OTHER NATIONAL BRAND
7 PRODUCTS. HE WAS A GREAT SUPPORTER OF THE CALIFORNIA SCIENCE
8 CENTER IN EXPOSITION PARK, AND SAT ON OTHER BOARDS, SUCH AS
9 CEDARS-SINAI MEDICAL CENTER, D.A.R.E. AMERICA, AND THE
10 SHERIFF'S YOUTH FOUNDATION. HE WILL BE REMEMBERED AS A
11 BUSINESSMAN, ENTREPRENEUR, AND PHILANTHROPIST TO MANY LOCAL
12 AND NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. MR. LORSCH IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE
13 KYRA, AN EXTENDED FAMILY, AND FRIENDS WHO WILL MISS HIM
14 DEARLY. AND FINALLY, MADAM CHAIR, MAY I ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
15 DR. JOSEPH L. WHITE, BORN DECEMBER 19, 1932, IN LINCOLN,
16 NEBRASKA, AND HE PASSED AWAY ON NOVEMBER THE 21ST, AT THE AGE
17 OF 84, WHILE TRAVELING TO VISIT HIS FAMILY; THAT IS, OVER THE
18 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS. HE WAS A PIONEER IN THE FIELD OF
19 PSYCHOLOGY, AND A MENTOR TO MANY STUDENTS. DR. WHITE GREW UP
20 IN MINNEAPOLIS, AND AT A VERY YOUNG AGE WORKED AS A WAITER AT
21 A DOWNTOWN HOTEL. AND AFTER GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL, HIS
22 MOTHER SENT HIM TO SAN FRANCISCO TO LIVE WITH AN AUNT, WHO
23 ENCOURAGED HIM TO ENROLL IN COLLEGE. DR. WHITE EARNED BOTH HIS
24 BACHELOR'S AND MASTER'S DEGREES FROM SAN FRANCISCO STATE
25 UNIVERSITY, AND BRIEFLY SERVED IN THE ARMY BEFORE ENROLLING IN

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1 MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY, WHERE HE RECEIVED HIS DOCTORATE IN
2 CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY. HE STATED THAT WHEN HE EARNED HIS PH.D.
3 IN 1962, HE WAS ONE OF ONLY FIVE AFRICAN AMERICANS IN THE
4 NATION WITH A DOCTORATE IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY. YET, HE
5 STRUGGLED TO FIND SOMEONE TO RENT HIM A HOME IN LONG BEACH,
6 WHERE HE WAS OFFERED A TEACHING POSITION AT CAL STATE LONG
7 BEACH, WHERE HE DID FINALLY LAND, AND SUBSEQUENTLY TAUGHT SIX
8 YEARS. HE ESTABLISHED CALIFORNIA'S EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES
9 PROGRAM TO INCREASE MINORITY STUDENTS' ACCESS TO HIGHER
10 EDUCATION THROUGH MENTORSHIP, ACADEMIC PROGRAMS, FINANCIAL
11 ASSISTANCE, AND COUNSELING, WHICH ALLOWED MORE THAN 250,000
12 STUDENTS TO ATTEND COLLEGE. IN '68, DR. WHITE FOUNDED THE
13 ASSOCIATION OF BLACK PSYCHOLOGISTS, AS A RESULT OF THE LACK OF
14 RACIAL DIVERSITY IN THE AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION.
15 THAT WAS IN, AGAIN, 1968. HE BEGAN TEACHING AT U.C.I. IN 1969,
16 AND OBTAINED A POSITION OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN STUDIES DIRECTOR
17 IN '91, BEFORE RETIRING. DR. WHITE WAS TAKEN VERY SOON AND
18 VERY SUDDENLY. HE HAD PLANS TO WRITE MORE BOOKS AND COMPILE
19 RECORDINGS OF HIS PAST LECTURES. HE WILL BE REMEMBERED AS A
20 CELEBRATED AUTHOR, A GIFTED LECTURER, A PIONEER IN THE AREA OF
21 BLACK PSYCHOLOGY, AND A VALUED MENTOR. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS
22 WIFE OF 30 YEARS, LOIS; THREE DAUGHTERS, LISA, LAURIE, AND
23 LYNN; COLLEAGUES, STUDENTS, AND AN EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS
24 WHO WILL MISS HIM VERY DEARLY. THANK YOU VERY KINDLY, MADAM
25 CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES.

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2 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. WITHOUT OBJECTION.
3 WE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVE THOSE MOTIONS. SUPERVISOR HAHN.

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5 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND I KNOW THAT YOU'RE
6 JOINING ME IN THIS ADJOURNMENT, HONORING THE LIFE OF HELEN
7 YOUNG, WHO WAS THE FOUNDER AND FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE
8 ASSOCIATED WOMEN FOR PEPPERDINE, AND THE FORMER FIRST LADY OF
9 PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY. SHE DIED ON NOVEMBER 30TH. SHE WAS 99
10 YEARS OLD. HELEN GREW UP IN OKLAHOMA CITY, AND WAS WELL KNOWN
11 FOR HER FAITH IN CHRIST, DEDICATED SERVICE, AND GENEROUS
12 HEART. SHE WAS THE SIXTH IN A FAMILY OF SEVEN SIBLINGS, AND
13 GREW UP IN A HOUSEHOLD THAT WAS DEDICATED TO PROMOTING
14 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION. HELEN AND HER HUSBAND, M. NORVEL YOUNG,
15 MINISTERED FOR 13 YEARS WITH THE BROADWAY CHURCH OF CHRIST, IN
16 LUBBOCK, TEXAS, WHERE IT GREW TO BE ONE OF THE LARGEST
17 CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN THE UNITED STATES. HELEN ALSO HOSTED AND
18 PARTICIPATED IN MANY PLANNING SESSIONS THAT BIRTHED LUBBOCK
19 CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY. IN 1957, THE COUPLE RETURNED TO
20 PEPPERDINE TO SERVE AS THE UNIVERSITY'S THIRD PRESIDENT AND
21 FIRST LADY. AND OF COURSE, PEPPERDINE WAS THEN AT 79TH AND
22 VERMONT, NOT FAR FROM THE PROPERTY THAT WE WERE DISCUSSING
23 THIS MORNING. AND I SPENT MANY, MANY, MANY HOURS ON THAT
24 CAMPUS, HAVING SLUMBER PARTIES AT THE PRESIDENT'S HOME,
25 BECAUSE HELEN AND NORVEL'S DAUGHTERS, MARILYN AND SARAH, WERE

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1 TWO OF MY BEST FRIENDS, EVEN TO THIS DAY. HELEN ESTABLISHED
2 THE ASSOCIATED WOMEN FOR PEPPERDINE, TO USE THE POWER OF WOMEN
3 IN SUPPORT OF CHRISTIAN HIGHER EDUCATION, RAISING FUNDS FOR
4 STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS, AND INFLUENCING YOUNG STUDENTS TO
5 CONSIDER PEPPERDINE AS THEIR COLLEGE CHOICE. HELEN IS SURVIVED
6 BY HER DAUGHTERS, EMILY AND SARAH, AND SON MATT, 13
7 GRANDCHILDREN, AND 16 GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN. SHE'S PRECEDED IN
8 DEATH BY HER HUSBAND OF 59 YEARS, NORVEL, AND HER DAUGHTER,
9 MARILYN STEWART, WHO WAS MY BEST FRIEND AND COLLEGE ROOMMATE,
10 WHO DIED WAY TOO YOUNG; HER GRANDDAUGHTER MONICA, AND HER SIX
11 SIBLINGS. HELEN YOUNG LIVED A LIFE SO WELL. SHE WILL BE
12 GREETED IN HEAVEN BY, "WELL DONE, THOU GOOD AND FAITHFUL
13 SERVANT." SHE LED A GREAT LIFE, AND SHE WILL BE REMEMBERED AND
14 LOVED BY ALL.

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16 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, AND I JOIN IN THAT
17 ADJOURNMENT.

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19 **SUP. HAHN:** ACTUALLY, I HAVE TWO MORE. I'D LIKE TO ADJOURN IN
20 THE MEMORY OF RENATO DE REZA. RENATO DE REZA, A SOUTH BAY
21 RESIDENT FOR 42 YEARS, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 76. HE WAS
22 BORN IN FRESNILLO, ZACATECAS, MEXICO, IN 1941. HE IMMIGRATED
23 TO THE UNITED STATES IN 1958, SETTLING IN SAN PEDRO, WHERE HE
24 MET HIS WIFE, IRENE MADRIGAL, WHILE WORKING IN THE FISH
25 CANNERIES. RENATO LEAVES BEHIND A LEGACY OF LOVE AND SERVICE

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1 TO HIS COMMUNITY. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 47 YEARS,
2 IRENE; THEIR FIVE CHILDREN, HENRY, OFELIA, MARICELA, BLANCA,
3 AND ESTELA; AND 12 GRANDCHILDREN. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE
4 ADJOURN, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF OTENIEL AVILA-- WARRIOR
5 AVILA-- WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 63. HE WAS A RESIDENT OF
6 ROWLAND HEIGHTS FOR OVER 30 YEARS. OTENIEL WAS A SELF-EMPLOYED
7 PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHER SINCE 1985, AND ESTABLISHED HIS
8 BUSINESS WITH HIS FAMILY'S SUPPORT. HE ENJOYED SPENDING TIME
9 WITH HIS FAMILY, TRAVELING, AND DEVOTING HIS TIME TO ST.
10 ELIZABETH ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN ROWLAND HEIGHTS. HE IS
11 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE REINA AVILA; HIS THREE CHILDREN, OTENIEL
12 AVILA, JR., GIOVANI AVILA, CHRISTOPHER AVILA; AND THREE
13 GRANDCHILDREN, VALENTINO, GAVIN, AND JOCELYN. HIS NIECE, LYDIA
14 CARDENAS, IS A COUNTY EMPLOYEE, AND WORKS IN YOUR OFFICE,
15 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. I'M SURE YOU'RE GOING TO SUPPORT ME
16 IN JOINING THIS, AS WELL.

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18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** INDEED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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20 **SUP. KUEHL, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION. WE'LL RECORD A UNANIMOUS
21 VOTE IN FAVOR OF THOSE MOTIONS. I'D LIKE TO READ THE
22 ADJOURNMENTS FROM THE FIFTH DISTRICT FOR SUPERVISOR BARGER. I
23 MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF SANDY
24 CAMARO, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF ANTELOPE VALLEY, WHO PASSED
25 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 56. SHE WAS A MACHINIST FOR LOCKHEED

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1 MARTIN, AND THEN A LEGAL SECRETARY FOR SHEPPARD MULLIN, BEFORE
2 EARNING HER CERTIFICATE IN PARALEGAL STUDIES IN 2014. SHE WAS
3 AN AVID VOLUNTEER AT HER CHILDREN'S SCHOOL, AND A BLACK BELT
4 IN OKINAWA-TE KARATE. SANDY IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, TWO
5 SONS, A MOTHER, AND SISTER. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
6 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ROSEMARY DUNCAN, A RESIDENT OF
7 PASADENA, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 90. IN THE LATE 1940S,
8 SHE WORKED FOR W.B.S.R. IN PENSACOLA, FLORIDA, WHERE SHE
9 HOSTED A RADIO SHOW ON WEEKDAY AFTERNOONS, CALLED "A DATE WITH
10 ROSEMARY." MORE RECENTLY, SHE VOLUNTEERED AS A DOCENT IN THE
11 ROSE GARDEN AT THE HUNTINGTON LIBRARY AND GARDENS IN PASADENA.
12 ROSEMARY'S SURVIVED BY HER CHILDREN, MELISSA, BABETTE, ROBERT,
13 AND SCOTT. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN
14 IN MEMORY OF ANDRE "DRE" JONES, A RETIRED PASADENA FIREFIGHTER
15 WHO PASSED AWAY NOVEMBER 13TH. PRIOR TO HIS NEARLY 30 YEARS OF
16 PUBLIC SERVICE, HE ATTENDED MARSHALL HIGH SCHOOL, CAL STATE
17 NORTHRIDGE, AND CAL POLY, WHERE HE PLAYED FOOTBALL. DRE IS
18 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, THEIR THREE DAUGHTERS, AND FOUR
19 SIBLINGS. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN
20 MEMORY OF RICHARD MADRID. LIEUTENANT RICHARD MADRID, A
21 LONGTIME RESIDENT OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY, PASSED AWAY ON
22 DECEMBER 2ND. HE'S THE SON OF AL MADRID, A 25-YEAR BURBANK
23 POLICE OFFICER, AND SPENT 30-PLUS YEARS AS AN OFFICER, ALSO,
24 FOR THE BURBANK POLICE. HE HAD TREMENDOUS OUTREACH IN THE
25 COMMUNITY AND WAS VERY WELL RESPECTED. AFTER RETIRING IN 2006,

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1 HE BECAME INVOLVED IN THE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY, SPECIFICALLY
2 AS A CHIEF INVESTIGATOR AT PARAMOUNT STUDIOS. HE'S SURVIVED BY
3 HIS PARENTS AL AND PAT, HIS SIBLINGS BOBBY AND KATHY, HIS WIFE
4 MARY, HIS SON KENNY, AND HIS DAUGHTER DREW. AND FINALLY, I
5 MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ISAAC
6 WALKER, JR., A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF ALTADENA, WHO PASSED AWAY
7 AT THE AGE OF 91. A U.S. ARMY WORLD WAR II VETERAN AND
8 TUSKEGEE AIRMAN, ISAAC OWNED AND OPERATED WALKER DRUGS FOR
9 OVER 30 YEARS, THE FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN-OWNED PHARMACY IN
10 ALTADENA. AFTER HIS RETIREMENT, ISAAC CONTINUED THE PRACTICE
11 HE STARTED IN HIS STORE, OF PROVIDING FOOD TO THOSE IN NEED BY
12 ASSISTING IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FOOD PANTRIES AT SEVEN
13 DIFFERENT AREA CHURCHES. ISAAC IS SURVIVED BY HIS DAUGHTER SHE
14 SHE YANCY, AND HIS SONS ISAAC WALKER III AND JAVIER WALKER.
15 WITHOUT OBJECTION, THOSE ADJOURNMENTS WILL BE APPROVED
16 UNANIMOUSLY. AND FOR THE THIRD DISTRICT, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
17 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF RONALD KATSKY. HE
18 PRACTICED CORPORATE LAW IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA FOR OVER 50
19 YEARS. THROUGHOUT HIS LIFE, HE DISPLAYED A STRONG COMMITMENT
20 AND ENTHUSIASM TO COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL INVOLVEMENT. HE SERVED
21 THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, INCLUDING ON HIS PARISH'S FINANCE
22 COMMITTEE, AND ST. VICTOR'S PARISH COUNCIL. HE WAS A KNIGHT
23 GRAND CROSS IN THE EQUESTRIAN ORDER OF THE HOLY SEPULCHER OF
24 JERUSALEM, AND A KNIGHT OF MAGISTRAL GRACE IN THE ORDER OF
25 MALTA. HE WAS RECENTLY AWARDED THE PRO ECCLESIAM ET PONTIFICE,

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1 THE HIGHEST MEDAL AWARDED TO THE LAITY BY THE POPE, FOR HIS
2 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH. HE'S SURVIVED BY
3 HIS PARTNER OF 19 YEARS, MARVIN ACOSTA. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN
4 WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF SOMEONE THAT WE ALL
5 KNOW, THOUGH WE MAY NOT HAVE KNOWN HIS NAME: MITCH MARGO, WHO
6 DIED ON NOVEMBER 24TH. HE WAS 13 WHEN HE AND HIS BROTHER
7 JOINED THE DOO-WOP GROUP THAT CAME TO BE KNOWN AS THE TOKENS.
8 THEIR BIG HIT: "THE LION SLEEPS TONIGHT." THE GROUP'S BIGGEST
9 HIT TOPPED THE BILLBOARD HOT 100 FOR THREE WEEKS IN THE EARLY
10 1960S. HE CONTINUED TO WRITE SONGS AND SCORES FOR THE NEXT
11 THREE DECADES. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS SONS DAMIEN AND ARI, A
12 BROTHER PHIL, AND A SISTER MAXINE. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
13 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MELVIN DOUGLAS ANGLIN,
14 THE FOUNDING DIRECTOR OF THE U.C.L.A. DRUG ABUSE RESEARCH
15 CENTER, AND ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF THE INTEGRATED SUBSTANCE
16 ABUSE PROGRAMS FROM 1998 TO 2010. HE WAS SENIOR ADVISOR TO THE
17 DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY AND BIOBEHAVIORAL SCIENCES, AND WROTE
18 AND CO-AUTHORED HUNDREDS OF PAPERS ON THE SUBJECT. HE'S
19 SURVIVED BY SIBLINGS PRISCILLA, STEPHEN, AND KENT. AND I MOVE
20 THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF SANDRA
21 JEAN BLOOM. IN THE 1950S, UNDER CONTRACT TO PARAMOUNT, SHE
22 PERFORMED IN NUMEROUS FILM AND T.V. SERIES, BUT LEFT ACTING
23 AFTER HER MARRIAGE. LATER IN LIFE, SHE VOLUNTEERED AT CEDARS-
24 SINAI EMERGENCY ROOM FOR 18 YEARS. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER
25 STEPDAUGHTERS, BONNIE AND VIRGINIA. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE

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1 ADJOURN TODAY-- AND I BELIEVE THE FOURTH WANTS TO JOIN IN
2 THIS-- THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF A COUPLE WHO DIED VERY
3 CLOSE IN TIME TO EACH OTHER, GLORIA AND HANK CARUSO. GLORIA
4 ORISTANIO CARUSO DIED ON AUGUST 27TH. HER HUSBAND, HENRY
5 JOSEPH CARUSO, DIED ON NOVEMBER 26TH. THEY WERE BOTH FIRST-
6 GENERATION AMERICANS WHO WORKED HARD TO GET AHEAD. HANK HAD
7 SERVED IN THE NAVY, AS A PILOT DURING WORLD WAR II, AND WAS
8 SHOT DOWN DURING AN AIR BATTLE AND STRANDED AT SEA FOR THREE
9 DAYS. AFTER THE WAR, HE BEGAN TO PURCHASE CAR DEALERSHIPS. HE
10 PIONEERED CAR ADVERTISING ON TELEVISION; AND LATER, IN HIS
11 PROFESSIONAL LIFE, HE FOUNDED DOLLAR RENT A CAR. THEY'RE
12 SURVIVED BY THEIR DAUGHTER CHRISTINA, AND THEIR SONS, RICK AND
13 MARK. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN
14 MEMORY OF EDGAR DE LA FUENTE, A COMMUNITY LEADER IN THE SAN
15 FERNANDO VALLEY. HE STRUGGLED WITH MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES, BUT
16 WAS DEVOTED TO HELPING OTHERS WITH SIMILAR CHALLENGES. HE WAS
17 A LATINO FACILITATOR AT PROJECT RETURN, THE NEXT STEP, AND THE
18 VICTORY CLUBHOUSE. HE WAS ALSO PART OF THE SAN FERNANDO
19 VALLEY'S BREAKFAST CLUB FOR MENTAL HEALTH. HE'S SURVIVED BY
20 HIS CHILDREN, HIS SISTER MARIA, AND OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS. AND
21 FINALLY, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN
22 MEMORY OF STUART IRWEN BARTH. HE REPRESENTED THOUSANDS OF
23 INJURED WORKERS, THROUGH HIS WORKERS' COMP LAW PRACTICE. HE
24 WAS PRESENTED THE ABOVE AND BEYOND AWARD BY THE CALIFORNIA
25 APPLICANTS' ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION, FOR HIS WORK ON THE

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1 LANDMARK CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT CASE VALDEZ VERSUS WORKERS '
2 COMP. HE SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF TEMPLE B'NAI HAYIM FOR EIGHT
3 YEARS, AND WAS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD AT THE TEMPLE FOR MANY
4 YEARS. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS STEPCHILDREN, AVA AND MARK
5 POVRAZNIK. AND THAT CONCLUDES MY ADJOURNMENTS. WITHOUT
6 OBJECTION. LET US RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE IN FAVOR OF THOSE
7 MOTIONS. WITH NO OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE US, CAN WE BE
8 READ INTO CLOSED SESSION?

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10 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT
11 REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF
12 SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NO.
13 CS-1, DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS; ITEM NO. CS-2,
14 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS SACHI A. HAMAI AND
15 DESIGNATED STAFF, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AND SUPPLEMENTAL
16 AGENDAS.

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5 CS-1. DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS
6 (Government Code Section 54957)

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8 Department Head performance evaluations. (11-1977)

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10 **No reportable action was taken.**
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13 CS-2. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
14 (Government Code Section 54957.6)

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16 Agency designated representatives: Sachi A. Hamai, Chief
17 Executive Officer and designated staff

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19 Unrepresented employees (all). (13-4431)

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21 **No reportable action was taken.**
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2 6029/RPR/CRR qualified in and for the State of California, do
3 hereby certify:

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11 me.

12 I further certify that I am neither counsel for, nor
13 related to any party to the said action; nor
14 in anywise interested in the outcome thereof.

15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this
16 15th day of December 2017, for the County records to be used
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